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Blues View with George Burley

I'd like to welcome supporters of both sides to Portman Road for what is something of a local derby match for our two clubs.

Despite the fact that it is a Sunday game, and 'live' on television, I am still expecting a good sized crowd and a cracking atmosphere for this afternoon's contest.

Our last match here at Portman Road ended up in disappointment as we lost 2-1 to Wolves.

I felt that in the first-half of that game we played as well as we have done all season, scored an excellent goal through Steve Sedgley and looked as though we were well capable of winning the game.

Then we lost Mauricio Taricco shortly before half-time and they scored from the resultant corner, against ten men. So that changed things a little bit.

But I thought we played very well in patches, especially considering the number of injuries we have at the moment.

Young Richard Wright and James Scowcroft have come in and certainly haven't let the side down at all.

It was good to see them step up, but you are always going to miss players of the calibre of Ian Marshall and Craig Forrest.

We followed the Wolves game with a trip to Brescia, which made a nice break from the League programme for the players.

The club was criticised a bit for entering the Anglo-Italian Cup, but so far we have enjoyed two good games against quality Italian opposition and at the moment we are sitting at the top of our group table, so that is pleasing.

It's a good experience for the lads and they have to learn to adapt to a whole new way of playing the game which can only benefit their football in the long run.

At Derby last Saturday I was pleased to come away with a point, although I felt we could easily have had all three.

But Derby is a difficult place to go to and the crowd really got behind them once they came back into the match, so I think we did well and showed a lot of commitment.

Another big happening since I last spoke to you is that we have completed the signing of Tony Mowbray from Celtic.

As many of you will know, I have been interested in Tony since the summer, and I think that Ipswich Town Football Club will definitely benefit from having him here.

He is a very good motivator who talks a lot and organises things well at the back. He showed against Derby a lot of the qualities I signed him for and we all think he'll do a good job for us.

When you are building a side it is vital to have a solid platform, and I firmly believe that Tony helps give us that solidity. The games he has played in we have already looked stronger at the back.

We're going in the right direction and the spirit and attitude of the players is excellent.

The one big problem has been the number of players we've had out injured, so we could really do with a bit more consistency as far as players' availability is concerned.

And as if our injury list wasn't long enough, we have now lost Claus Thomsen for about a month after he broke a toe in training with Denmark.

Looking at today's opponents, Luton have been playing fairly well this season but maybe not getting the results they deserve and it is sure to be a closely fought game this afternoon.

They've got some good players, including our old friends Bontcho and Gavin Johnson, so it should be an entertaining match.

Enjoy the game.



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FA Law

Continuing our look at some of the questions that frequently arise surrounding the Laws of the Game... this week, 'Offside - Do you know the Law?'

Fouls free-kick awards, red and yellow cards and penalty kicks are all emotive factors in any football season. However beyond these examples, one other section of the Laws of the Game probably causes more heated argument and discussion than any other.

Yes, offside (or not).

It is, perhaps, surprising that this should be so because Law Eleven (Offside) is actually one of the shorter Laws, yet it does seem to cause opinions to differ and tempers to rise.

A minor re-wording introduced recently has simplified the application for match officials and, provided

players halt only on a whistle signal and don't stop on seeing a linesman's flag - which is meant only as advice for the referee - they too should benefit.

A player can only be in an offside position if he is in front of the ball - i.e. he is nearer to his opponent's goal line than the ball. Even then he cannot be offside if he is in his own half of the field of play or if he is not nearer to his opponent's goal line than at least two of his opponents. So much for his position at the moment the ball is played or touched by one of his own team.

To decide whether a player in an offside position is

actually guilty of an offside offence in any phase of play, a referee must make judgement concerning the player's activity in that position.

If the player, in the opinion of the referee, is considered to be involved in active play by actually interfering with play or an opponent, or, if he gains an advantage by being in that offside position,

then an indirect free-kick will be awarded to his opponents, unless he

received the ball direct from a goal-kick, a corner kick or a throw-in.

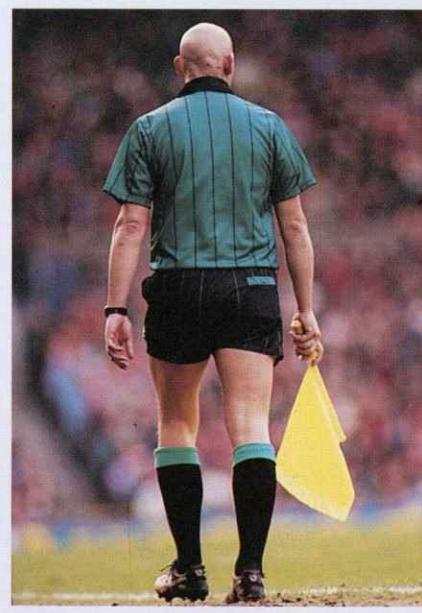
Play is considered as a sequence of consecutive phases and each time the ball is played by a player a quick re-appraisal of the two aspects, position and activity, has to be undertaken by the match officials.

Particular care has to be exercised by a linesman to ensure that he does not offer a flag signal prematurely and all linesmen are advised to pause briefly and think through each phase as it occurs, before only flagging if the signal will, in his view, assist the referee.

A further point is that, even after a flag signal from a linesman, only the referee can decide whether play shall be stopped or whether it will be more advantageous to the non-offending team to allow play to continue.

The mobility and rapidly changing pattern of play makes offside judgements particularly difficult when players are almost aligned across the field because a player who is absolutely level with the second last opponent, or with the last two opponents, is not in an offside position.

Yes, a simple Law in word form, but one that calls for expertise in making judgements and for understanding from those who might be critical of decisions made and yet not be in an ideal position in order to confirm the correctness of the decision makers.



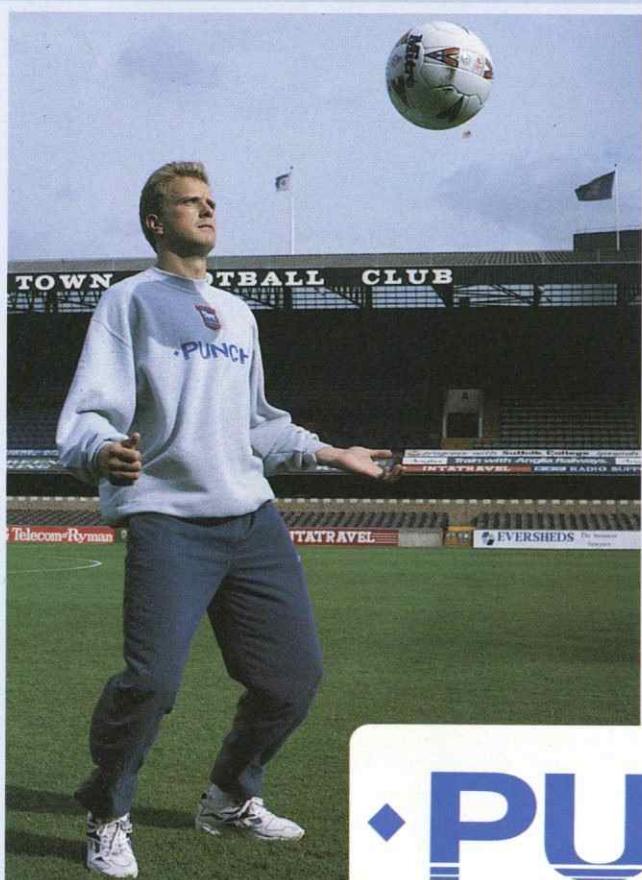
"Are you watching the same game as me, lino?" But spare a thought for the linesmen, who have one of the most thankless jobs in football

This afternoon sees the start of a new era here at Ipswich Town Football Club as we launch our own exclusive range of sports wear.

Simply known as Punch, the all-new collection will include a huge selection of clothing, from T-shirts to waterproof training suits, and is on sale from today.

Local middleweight boxing champ David Starie, from Pakenham, is on hand to help launch the Punch range - and also to assist with the half-time 50/50 Draw - and the team will warm up for this afternoon's clash with Luton wearing some of the new collection.

In addition, the players will be distributing hundreds of specially branded Punch playballs to the crowd.



The reasons for the switch to our own brand name are threefold:

- ◆ The Football Club itself will make more money from every article sold, as no percentage has to be paid to a third party as would be the case using a company such as Umbro or Nike
- ◆ The Football Club has more flexibility concerning the manufacturers used
- ◆ The Football Club has complete control over the brand image

"Travelling down the path of creating our own brand image makes a great deal of sense for the club," explains Commercial

Manager Clive Turner. "We can generate more revenue to plough back into the club, and also have complete control over what is manufactured.

"The reason we decided to name the range Punch was partly to tie-in with the Suffolk Punch image on the club badge and also to give us the same direct and powerful image as some of the other brand names such as Nike and Umbro.

"The Punch range goes on sale from today, although we only have a limited stock at present. But one of the benefits we have is that we can turn orders round very quickly, so if an item is in the catalogue but not in the shop we will be able to order it for you and have it ready in a matter of days."

At present, the Core brand name appears on the playing shirts, and that will continue until the end of the present season, when the Punch logo will replace it.

But Clive is anxious to point out that Core will continue to manufacture the playing kits. "We are very happy with the quality of the clothing supplied by Core," he stresses. "And we are hopeful that a mutually beneficial long-term relationship will develop.

"But one of the beauties of owning our own brand is that we have the flexibility to decide who we use."

Punch is the future of sports clothing for anybody connected with Ipswich Town Football Club, so make sure that next time you are looking for something new to wear that - like David Starie - you pack a Punch!

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Getting a Punch in first: Alex Mathie and Claus Thomsen show off the latest sports wear in our exclusive new Punch range

Sport in Question

Name: James Scowcroft

Occupation: Young striker who's just made it into the first-team

Favourite other sports: Golf and tennis

Favourite sporting event: The World Cup finals

Favourite sportsman: Manchester United's Eric Cantona

Claim to fame: Still waiting

AT HOME....

1. Who won the Italian Championship last season?

Answer: Must be Juventus. They've got some great players. ✓

2. Which First Division club are nicknamed The Foxes?

Answer: Easy that, Leicester. ✓

3. Which club won the 1988 FA Cup Final - and who scored the winning goal?

Answer: Wimbledon beat Liverpool 1-0 and Lawrie Sanchez scored with a header from a Dennis Wise free-kick. ✓

4. Lars Bohinen has left Nottingham Forest to join which other Premiership side?

Answer: Blackburn. ✓

5. Who scored Germany's winner in their recent 2-1 victory over Wales?

Answer: Jurgen Klinsmann got it. A near post header past Neville Southall. ✓

If you want to take on a Town star in a future edition of the Ipswich programme, write to us care of the club, including a daytime and evening telephone number and a recent photograph of yourself. If you are one of the lucky supporters selected we will be giving you a ring to test your sporting know-how.



6. Who is the manager of Birmingham City?

Answer: Barry Fry. ✓

7. For which country is Hristo Stoichkov an international?

Answer: Quality player, Bulgaria. ✓

8. How many goals did Gary Lineker score for England at senior level?

Answer: One below the record of Bobby Charlton's, 48 wasn't it? ✓

9. At which ground do York play?

Answer: Bootham Crescent. ✓

10. Who knocked Wimbledon out of this season's Coca-Cola Cup?

Answer: Charlton by some ridiculous score. 8-7, I think. ✓

Full marks, James.
You have scored 10 out of 10 but how good are you at other sports?

It's Round Three of our search for the sporting brain of Portman Road. Clive Baker set the pace with an opening score of 17 but young Adam Tanner was red hot when he faced the Sport in Question quiz master, falling just one short of a perfect maximum. It's a score that will take some beating but recent first-team debutant James Scowcroft is ready for action...

AND AWAY...

1. Name the Italian golfer who represented Britain and Europe in their Ryder Cup victory over America this year?

Answer: Golf's one of my favourite sports and the win over the Americans was great to watch. It was Constantino Rocca. ✓

2. How many Grands Prix has Britain's Johnny Herbert won this season?

Answer: I'm not sure he's won any. Oh maybe. I'll go for one. X

Herbert has won two Grand Prixs, the British and Italian.

3. What is the maximum score you can get with three darts?

Answer: 180. ✓

4. Who won the 1994 Women's Singles at Wimbledon, beating Martina Navratilova in the Final?

Answer: I'm a big fan of tennis as well. Navratilova could have won that game, it was her last before retiring in the singles, but she was beaten by the Spanish girl, Conchita Martinez. ✓

5. In which event is Steve Backley a former world record holder?

Answer: Javelin. ✓



Gary Lineker

6. Who recently beat Steve Robinson to take a world boxing title?

Answer: It was Prince Naseem down in Wales the other week. ✓

7. Which former athlete is now a TV presenter on the BBC's Record Breakers - Kriss Akabusi, Brendan Foster or Fatima Whitbread?

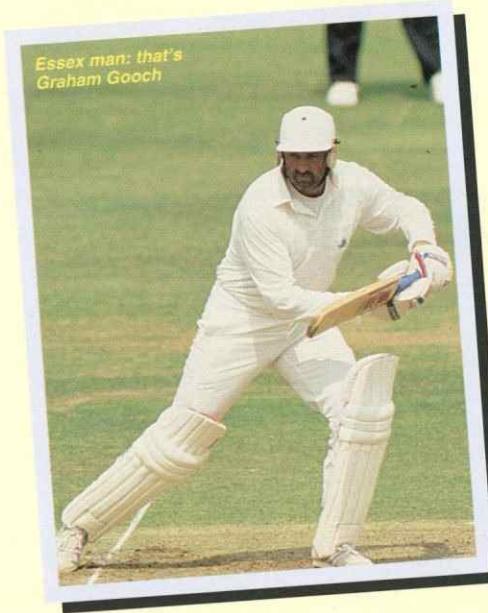
Answer: Akabusi. ✓

8. In which sport does the Milk Race take place?

Answer: Cycling. ✓

9. Who did England beat in the opening match of the 1995 Rugby Union World Cup?

Answer: That's a hard one! I'll have to have a guess. Romania? X
Argentina



10. For which county does cricketer Graham Gooch play?

Answer: Easy, Essex. ✓

James, you have scored 8/10 to give you an overall tally of 18/20. That puts you in second place in the Town hall of sporting fame, just one point behind Adam Tanner.

Scoreboard		
Pos	Contestant	Score
1	Adam Tanner	19
2	James Scowcroft	18
3	Clive Baker	17

Branch Line

Transport to Matches

Our travelling supporters have had a testing time over the past few weeks with trips to Huddersfield, Oldham, Stockport, Sheffield, Brescia and Derby coming in quick succession. It's little wonder that some of the Branches are having difficulty in maintaining a viable away transport facility.

Virtually every match is an away game for London Branch members and their membership secretary, Peter Chismon (Tel: 01473 226605), urges fans from London and the South East to join the Branch, as members can take advantage of discount travel prices that travel secretary Simon Dennis (01245 234556) has arranged through British Rail. Peter points out that relegation to the Endsleigh was bad enough, but the League Administrators' total disregard for the travelling fans when preparing the fixture list is making it very difficult for supporters to follow their team around the country.

Jill Lewis, the Clacton Branch travel co-ordinator (01255 427522), echoes these sentiments and reports that they too are having difficulty in filling their away travel coach. She would love to hear from any supporters in the Clacton, Colchester, Witham and Chelmsford areas who would like to save a few quid by travelling to away matches on the Branch coach.

Eddie Last (01638 750747), chairman of the Haverhill Branch, contacted me with a similar message and would welcome an approach from any supporter from Haverhill or surrounding areas if they are looking for cheaper travel to Town matches.

Ipswich Branch have followed the pattern set by other Branches

and now provide transport for their members for most away games. Ian Pennock (01473 624771) reports support for the venture is currently very good but they sometimes have a few seats spare.

Other Branches, covering the Beccles, Bury St Edmunds, Halesworth, Long Melford, Lowestoft, Mildenhall and Newmarket areas, have in the past organised regular transport to matches, so if anyone is interested in joining supporters from those areas, just contact me c/o The Portman Shop and I will pass your details on to the relevant Branch.

Because of the distance

involved, members of the London Branch are rarely able to participate in Inter-Branch events. It was therefore fitting that they were able to carry off the first quiz trophy of the season, when they ran out winners of the Sports Quiz by just three points from the Colchester & Colne Valley 'A' team. Well done to Peter Chismon, Steve Curtis, Terry Holden and guest Neil McEwan.



The Ipswich Branch goes from strength to strength and Steve Wicks reports that, although their recent AGM was not that well attended, considering their growing membership, the secretary recorded a very successful year of social events. These included several during the close season when many Branches take a rest from football, but not Ipswich who were active throughout, organising a trip to the races at Newmarket, a treasure hunt and their popular rounders match at

Supporters' news with Terry Betts

Chantry Park. Fittingly they provided the winners, beating a Clacton team in the Final after a thoroughly enjoyable event.

After the official business of the AGM, John Eastwood entertained the members, showing a video of the 1961/62 Town Championship-winning side and, to the delight of the attenders, John Wark and Alex Mathie stayed to the end to participate in a question and answer session. A buffet supper rounded off an enjoyable evening, far removed from the drab formal AGM's of yesteryear.

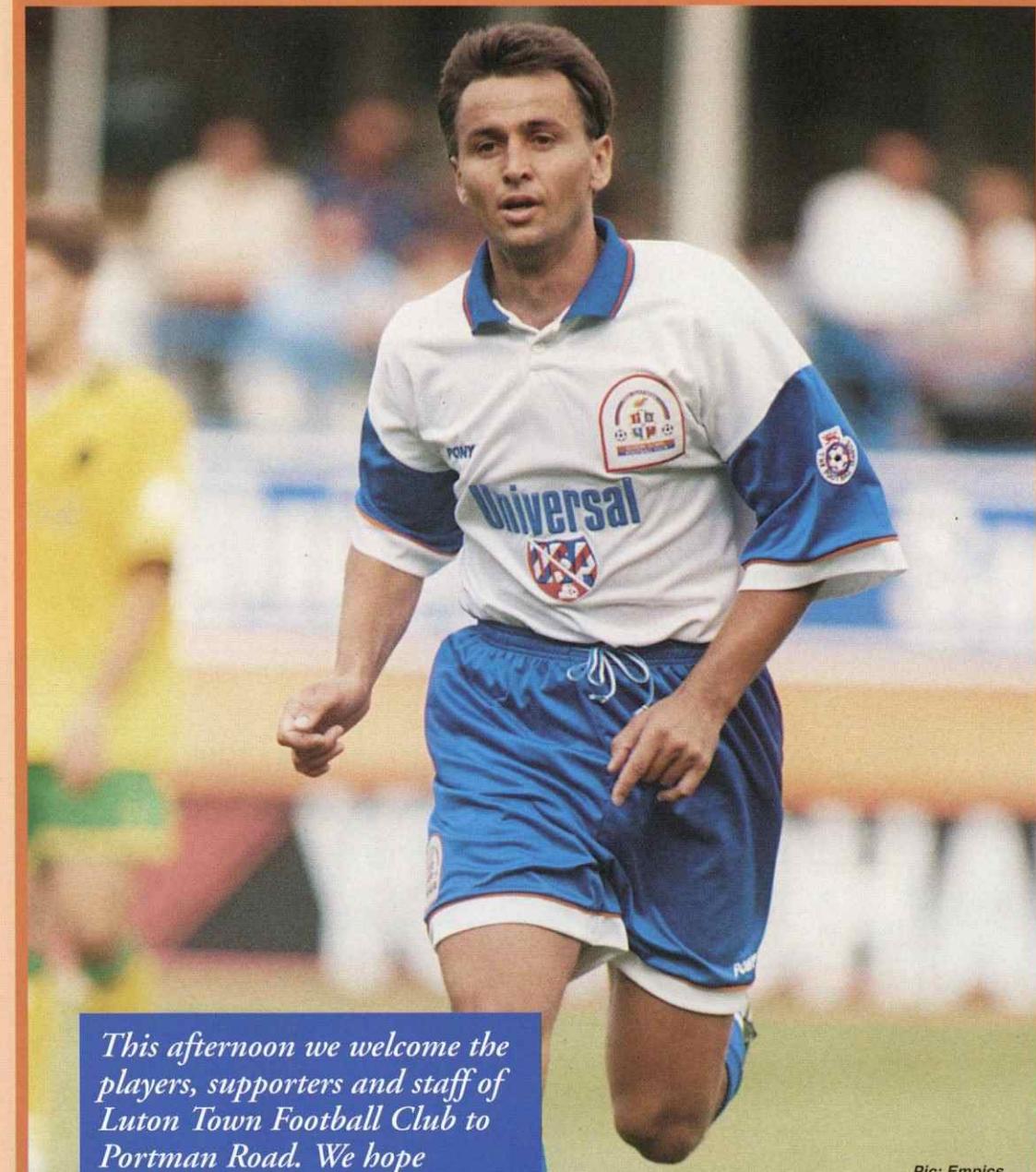
The Pool and Darts

Leagues are now well underway and last year's champions are already looking in good shape. The Ipswich Branch Pool Champs (pictured) had an early shock when they were beaten by Colne Valley in their first match,

but they recovered by winning three consecutive matches, including a victory over a strong Clacton outfit, to lead the League from the impressive Colne Valley and Witham.

On the oche, Woodbridge already look unstoppable. They lead the darts table after four matches, have dropped just six points out of 36 and recently completed an amazing double match victory over Ipswich 'B' on one night. It looks like being a battle for second place, currently occupied by Witham.

Who's who? Luton Town....



This afternoon we welcome the players, supporters and staff of Luton Town Football Club to Portman Road. We hope everybody enjoys today's game and has a safe journey home after the match.

Pic: Empics

The Hatters

Outside of Kenilworth Road there were few people who could speak with any authority about the life and times of Luton's new manager, Terry Westley, when he was appointed as successor to David Pleat during the summer.

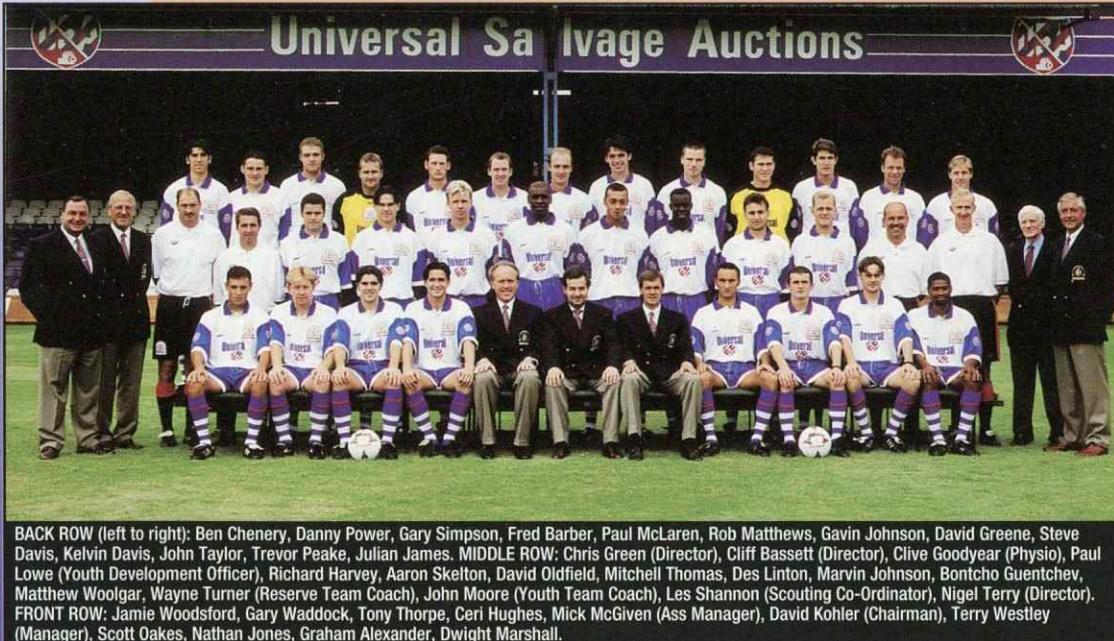
Except here at Portman Road, where, in common with several others on the Hatters' staff, Westley has strong links.

The Luton boss was on Ipswich's books as a Youth team player before drifting out of the professional game and playing non-League with Bury St Edmunds and Diss Town.

As his playing days began to draw to a close he was appointed player-manager at Diss, before returning to Portman Road in 1988 to run Town's successful School of Excellence.

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Ground Capacity: 9975
Chairman: David Kohler
Sponsor: Universal Salvage Auctions
Manager: Terry Westley



Luton's highly-rated young goalkeeper **KELVIN DAVIS** has been forced to take something of a back-seat in recent weeks as the Hatters have been calling on the services of on-loan Ian Feuer from West Ham United.

But Davis, who was selected for the England Under-21 squad in last summer's Toulon tournament, has a bright future in the game and everyone at Kenilworth Road has got high hopes for him.

Cover comes in the shape of the experienced **FRED BARBER**, who joined the club from Peterborough for a modest fee of around £15,000 in August 1994.

Northern Ireland international **DARREN PATTERSON** is a renowned competitor who was signed from Crystal Palace in August 1995 for a fee of £150,000 and is happy playing at left-back or in central defence. He faces competition for a full-back place from **RICHARD HARVEY** - who returned to action last season after nearly two years struggling with a cruciate ligament problem - and former England Under-21 star **MICHAEL THOMAS**.

JULIAN JAMES is one of several players to have

graduated through the Kenilworth Road youth set-up and he can play in either of the full-back positions. Last season saw him make the right-back slot his own, and he was voted the Supporters' Player of the Year for 1994/95.

Another player to shift positions last term was **MARVIN JOHNSON** who switched from the flank to central defence, where he formed a reliable partnership with the veteran **TREVOR PEAKE**, who is the club captain.

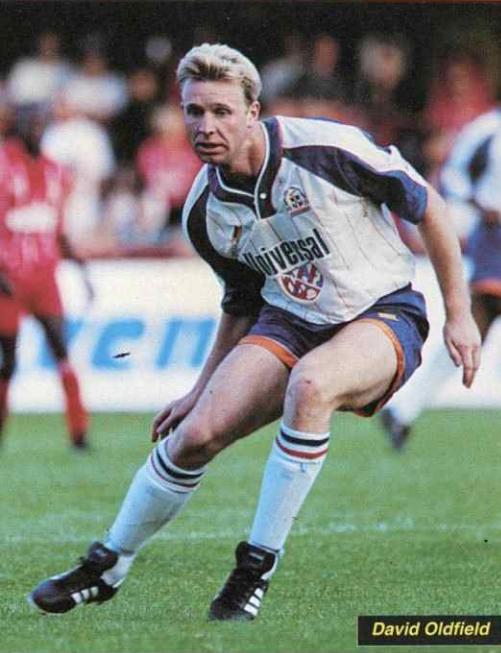
Full-back **DES LINTON** moved to Luton in the same deal that brought forward Scott Oakes to Kenilworth Road, with midfield player Steve Thompson moving to Leicester in exchange.

He struggled with injuries last term, but is now firmly back in contention for a regular first-team spot.

The versatile **GRAHAM ALEXANDER** became Terry Westley's first signing when he transferred from Scunthorpe for £100,000 in July, and the cheque book was out again a few weeks later to bring ex-Burnley skipper **STEVE DAVIS** down south for a fee of £750,000.

Midfielder **CERI HUGHES** has proved his quality by winning four caps for Wales, and the 24-year-old is anxious to resume his high-flying career this term, after suffering knee ligament damage in a match against Grimsby last November and being sidelined for the remainder of the season.

A recent addition to Town's midfield has been Danish star



David Oldfield

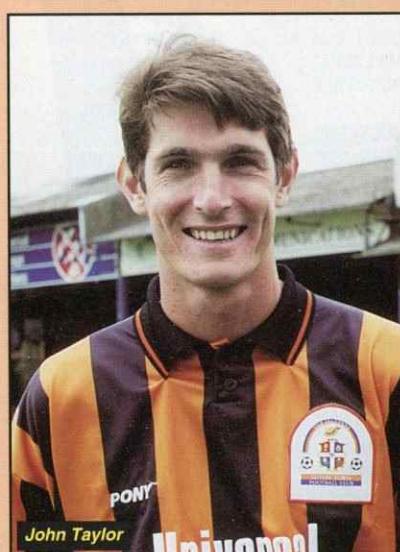
JOHNNY VILSTROP, who had already grabbed seven goals in eight games for club side Lyngby this season when Terry Westley paid £205,000 for his signature last month.

The familiar figure of **GAVIN JOHNSON** is joined in midfield by the likes of ex-Millwall and QPR star **GARY WADDOCK** and the experienced former Leicester man **DAVID OLDFIELD**, who is currently enjoying his second spell with the club where he began his career.

In attack, Luton can boast the talents of **SCOTT OAKES**, who has attracted a great deal of interest from Premiership clubs in the last couple of seasons.

Another ex-Ipswich favourite, **BONTCHO GUENTCHEV**, joins Oakes in the Luton frontline and has established himself as the club's regular penalty-taker since moving from Portman Road on a free transfer during the summer.

Last season's leading scorer was ex-Plymouth man **DWIGHT MARSHALL** - with 13 strikes - while £200,000 signing from Bradford, **JOHN TAYLOR**, is also a regular in attack.



Did you Know?

The Luton Town club was formed by the amalgamation of two leading local clubs, Wanderers and Excelsior - a works team - at a meeting at Luton Town Hall in April 1885. The Wanderers had three months earlier changed their name to Luton Town. Wanderers and did not take too kindly to the formation of another Town club.

Honours

Div Two: 1981/82
Div Three: 1936/37
Div Four: 1967/68
League Cup: 1987/88

but were talked round at the meeting. Wanderers had already appeared in the FA Cup, and the new club entered in its inaugural season.

Luton may have been struggling for goals for much of this season, but back in the 1930s they boasted one of the finest goalscorers ever seen in the British game. Striker Joe Payne grabbed 55 goals in just 39 games during the 1936/37 season, and in the previous campaign he notched a record breaking ten goals in one

Ten Year Record

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
85/86	1	42	18	12	12	61	54	66	9th
86/87	1	42	18	12	12	47	45	66	7th
87/88	1	40	14	11	15	57	58	53	9th
88/89	1	38	10	11	17	42	52	41	16th
89/90	1	38	10	13	15	43	57	43	17th
90/91	1	38	10	7	21	42	61	37	18th
91/92	1	42	10	12	20	38	71	42	20th
92/93	1	46	10	21	15	48	62	51	20th
93/94	1	46	14	11	21	56	60	53	20th
94/95	1	46	15	13	18	61	64	58	16th

match, against Bristol Rovers in Division Three (South) on 13 April, 1936. Luton won the match 12-0.

When John Hartson became the most expensive teenager in British soccer, he also made history as Luton's record transfer. The £2.5 million that George Graham paid to take Hartson to Arsenal smashed Luton's previous record sale - winger Kingsley Black to Nottingham Forest in August 1991 - by more than £1 million.

Aug 13	WEST BROM	(h)	D1-1	Oakes (49)	Dec 11	DERBY	(h)	D0-0
Aug 20	DERBY	(a)	D0-0		Dec 18	WEST BROM	(a)	L0-1
Aug 27	SOUTHEND	(h)	D2-2	Hartson (44), Hughes (70)	Dec 26	READING	(a)	D0-0
Aug 30	TRANMERE	(a)	L2-4	Hughes (54), Hartson (85)	Dec 27	SUNDERLAND	(h)	W3-0 Oakes (22,26), Hartson (49)
Sep 03	PORT VALE	(a)	W1-0	Marshall (69)	Dec 31	NOTTS CO	(a)	W1-0 Telfer (71)
Sep 10	BURNLEY	(h)	L0-1		Jan 02	CHARLTON	(h)	L0-1
Sep 13	BOLTON	(h)	L0-3		Jan 14	BARNESLEY	(a)	L1-3 Dixon (47)
Sep 17	WATFORD	(a)	W4-2	Oakes (30), Dixon (32), Telfer (42,54)	Feb 04	OLDHAM	(h)	W2-1 Marshall (1,80)
Sep 24	MILLWALL	(a)	D0-0		Feb 11	GRIMSBY	(a)	L0-5
Oct 01	BRISTOL CITY	(h)	L0-1		Feb 18	SWINDON	(h)	W3-0 Horlock (19og), Marshall (50,63)
Oct 09	STOKE	(a)	W2-1	Marshall (23), Preece (83)	Feb 21	PORTSMOUTH	(a)	L2-3 Telfer (10), James (73)
Oct 15	MIDDLESBRO	(h)	W5-1	Wilkinson (21og), Marshall (35,58), Preece (40), Hartson (63)	Feb 25	BRISTOL CITY	(a)	D2-2 Oakes (29,54)
Oct 22	SHEFF UTD	(a)	W3-1	Gayle (33og), James (72), Dixon (79)	Mar 04	MILLWALL	(h)	D1-1 Marshall (33)
Oct 29	BARNESLEY	(h)	L0-1		Mar 07	PORT VALE	(h)	W2-1 Telfer (50), Dixon (82)
Nov 01	GRIMSBY	(h)	L1-2	Oakes (82)	Mar 11	SOUTHEND	(a)	L0-3
Nov 05	WOLVES	(a)	W3-2	Preece (37), Marshall (47), Dixon (54)	Mar 18	TRANMERE	(h)	W2-0 James (15), Biggins (68)
Nov 12	OLDHAM	(a)	D0-0		Mar 21	BURNLEY	(a)	L1-2 Marshall (61)
Nov 19	PORTSMOUTH	(h)	W2-0	Dixon (2), Preece (55)	Mar 26	WATFORD	(h)	D1-1 Telfer (4)
Nov 26	SWINDON	(a)	W2-1	Dixon (44), Oakes (61)	Apr 04	WOLVES	(h)	D3-3 Telfer (6,11), Taylor (51)
Dec 03	SHEFF UTD	(h)	L3-6	Hartson (67), Gayle (71og), Johnson (74pen)	Apr 08	NOTTS CO	(h)	W2-0 Telfer (3), Oakes (68pen)
					Apr 11	BOLTON	(a)	D0-0
					Apr 15	SUNDERLAND	(a)	D1-1 Taylor (10)
					Apr 17	READING	(h)	L0-1
					Apr 22	CHARLTON	(a)	L0-1
					Apr 30	MIDDLESBRO	(a)	L1-2 Taylor (62)
					May 07	STOKE	(h)	L2-3 Harvey (43), Waddock (83)

League Results 1994/95 (First Division)

Turning the Clock back



Take a wander through the pages of Blues history as we find out who was making the news 5, 15 and 25 years ago.

CHART TOPPERS

1. Band Of Gold - Freda Payne
2. Black Night - Deep Purple
3. Close To You - Carpenters
4. Woodstock - Matthews Southern Comfort
5. Patches - Clarence Carter

In the news

- In London, Henry Cooper beats Jose Manuel Iber to regain the European Heavyweight boxing title
- Missiles are thrown during the Miss World contest in London
- General Charles de Gaulle dies at the age of 79

1980
Oct 18

First Division
Ipswich 1
Man Utd 1

Town had to settle for their third successive 1-1 draw in the League but still remained top of the table.

In front of the season's biggest crowd at Portman Road, a Paul Mariner goal gave the Blues the lead against a static Manchester United side that had clearly come for a point.

A long ball from Russell Osman set the England striker clear and he smashed a glorious shot past Gary Bailey in the United goal.

But just as Ipswich looked to have the points in the bag, Terry Butcher left his back pass short, Steve Coppell nipped in and Paul Cooper had little option but to bring the Reds winger down.

Sammy McIlroy scored from the spot despite Cooper's valiant effort and only a great last gasp tackle from Mick Mills kept the scores level as United threatened to steal the points in the last minute.

The line-ups

Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Mills, Thijssen (McCall 12), Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhlen, Marinier, Brazil, Gates.

Man Utd: Bailey, Albiston, Nicholl, McIlroy, Jovanovic, Moran, Coppell, Duxbury, Jordan, Macari, Thomas. Sub: Grimes.

Frank Yallop made his 250th club appearance

A third straight home win kept the Town fans happy as Blues and Newcastle produced a thrilling end-to-end encounter.

Goals from Brian Gayle and Simon Milton gave John Lyall's side the points with a convincing first-half performance that gave them the cushion of a two goal lead.

Mick Quinn pulled the Geordies back in to the game early in the second-half when he stroked home a penalty after Craig Forrest had brought down Scott Sloan.

And the Canadian 'keeper was the hero in the last half an hour as he produced a number of great saves to deny Quinn, Fereday and Brock.

But when Forrest was beaten by a Quinn strike, defender Frank Yallop was on hand to clear off the line - a fine way to celebrate making his 250th appearance for the Blues.

The line-ups

Ipswich: Forrest, Yallop, Zondervan, Stockwell, Gayle, Linighan, Gregory (Johnson 57), Redford, (Palmer 90), Hill, Kiwomya, Milton.

Newcastle: Burridge, Scott, Sweeney, Aitken, Anderson, Bradshaw (Ranson 78), Fereday, Brock, Quinn, Kristensen, O'Brien (Sloan 45).

Att: 15,567

CHART TOPPERS

1. Don't Stand So Close To Me - Police
2. Baggy Trousers - Madness
3. DISCO - Ottawan
4. Masterblaster - Stevie Wonder
5. My Old Piano - Diana Ross

1990
Oct 20

Second Division
Ipswich 2
Newcastle 1

CHART TOPPERS

1. Blue Velvet - Bobby Vinton
2. Show Me Heaven - Maria McKee
3. The Anniversary Waltz - Status Quo
4. Megamix - Technotronic
5. Have You Seen Her - MC Hammer

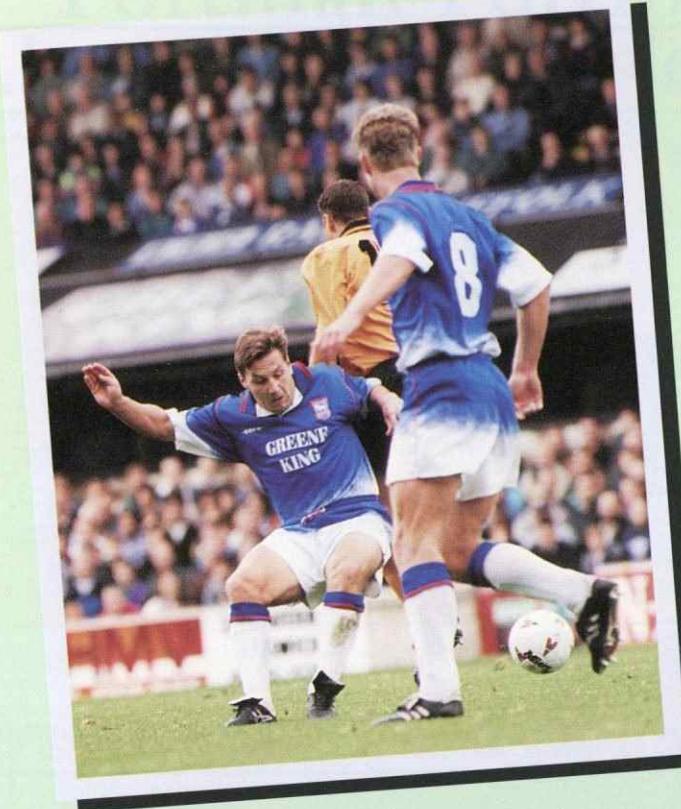
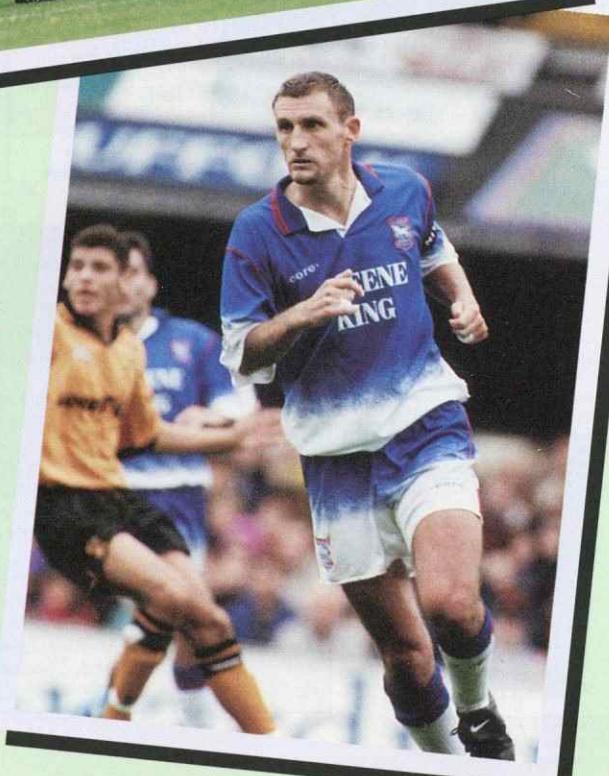
Freeze Frame

Chances v Wolves: young James Scowcroft tries to escape the attentions of Wolves midfielder Darren Ferguson



Steve Sedgley's penalty wasn't enough to earn a win in our last home game, as Wolves went home with the points.

Welcome to Town: our £300,000 signing from Celtic, Tony Mowbray, donned the captain's armband in his debut game for Town



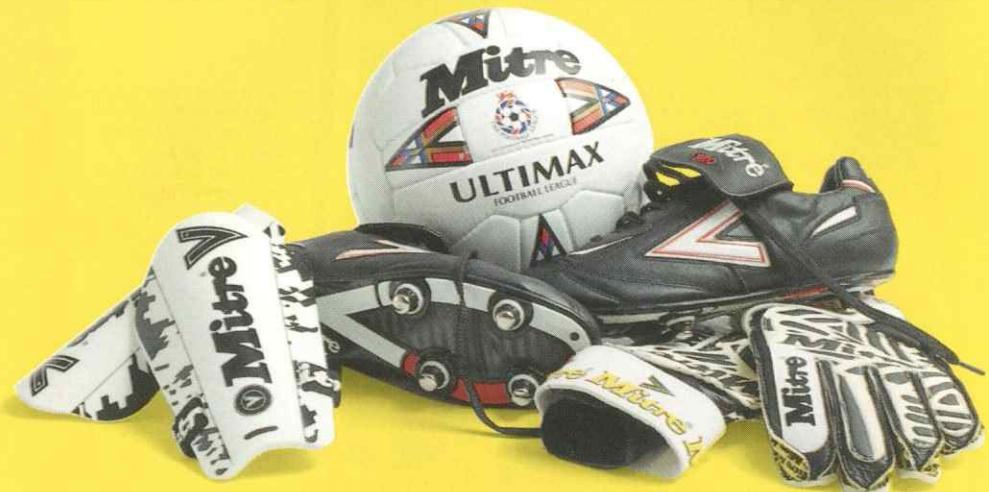
Internationals on duty: our star midfielders George Williams and Claus Thomsen combine to break up this Wolves attack

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Steve from the spot: Sedgley turns away after his 28th minute penalty had given Ipswich the lead against Wolves

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Mauricio Taricco

One of the most pleasing aspects of our promising start to the current season has been the breakthrough into the senior side of Argentinian defender Mauricio Taricco.

Mauricio has been battling with Tony Vaughan for the regular left-back slot in the first-team, and with both players coming up with some impressive performances it looks set to become an intriguing contest as the season progresses.

Taricco Treat

For Mauricio, who joined the club at the same time as striker Adrian Paz early last season, his English League debut has been a long time coming.

He managed just one first-team game last season, and that came against Bolton in the Coca-Cola Cup, so when he replaced Stuart Slater for the last 18 minutes of our match up at West Brom back in August he had finally realised a long-held ambition.

"I have always wanted to play in Europe, and in England in particular,"

reveals the amiable Mauricio. "It has taken me quite a long time to get into the side here at Ipswich, and I hope that now I am playing that I am good enough to keep my place and to do my best for Ipswich Town."

At just 22-years-old, Mauricio already has an impressive pedigree. He began his

footballing life on the books of the legendary Argentine side River Plate, before leaving to sign for Argentinos Juniors, the small club that launched the likes of Diego Maradona and Real Madrid's Fernando Redondo on the road to fame and fortune.

And just for good measure, Mauricio's father, Piero Nello, played for Italian giants Juventus and Torino back in the 1940s. So it is little surprise that the versatile player has always looked set for a bright future in the professional game.

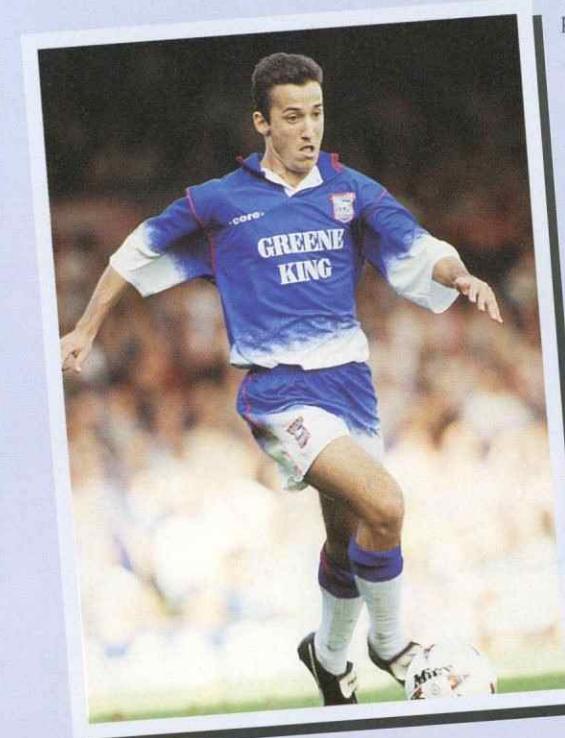
A rib injury has kept the former Argentina Under-23 star out of action in recent weeks, but he says that he is getting used to the different demands of the game in England.

"It is a very, very different type of football that is played here than at home in Argentina," he explains. "It is much harder here - more physical and competitive. Maybe it is not so technically good, but it is very tough."

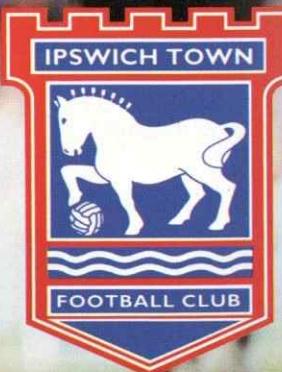
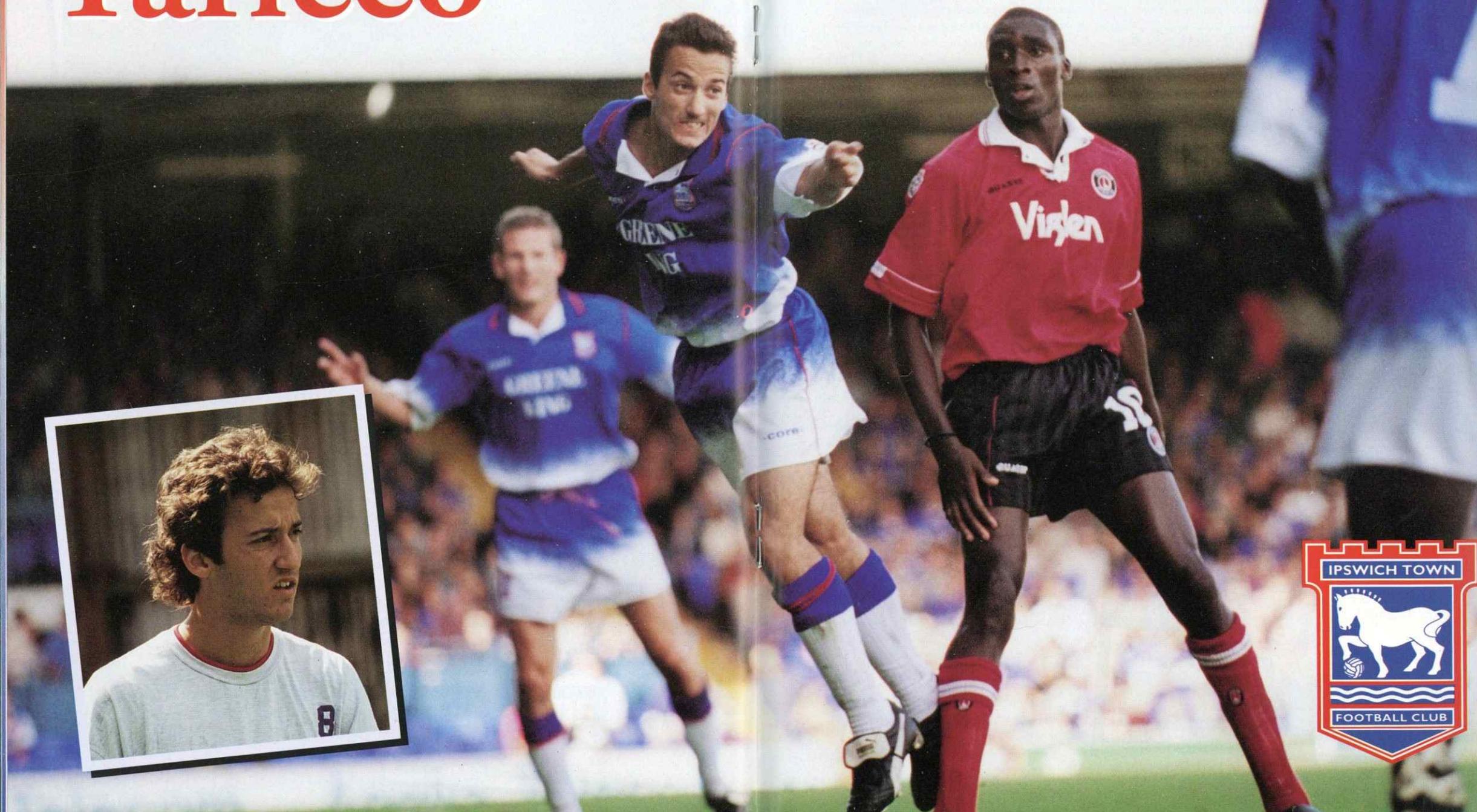
"Many players from my country would not be able to cope with the game in England, so it can only be doing me good to be learning things here."

"I am physically not very strong, so to be playing in what is probably the strongest League in the world can only be of benefit to me."

"I am getting more used to it with every game I play and I am trying as hard as I can to improve my game and to achieve as much as I possibly can with Ipswich Town".



Mauricio Taricco



Portman Portfolio

Mauricio Taricco

For Club...

Leaving home can be a difficult enough time for any young person, but what about when home is 7,000 miles away and everybody else is speaking a different language?

In the 12 months he has been with Town Mauricio has been working hard on his English and settling into the Suffolk lifestyle, as well as beginning to study computing at a local college.

But he admits that he sometimes misses his home comforts.

"It is very different living here, but my wife, Evan, and I are getting used to it.

"The language barrier can be a bit of a problem sometimes, like when you want to say something in particular but can't find quite the right words.

"The season is very long here, so we have only managed to get home to see our families in Buenos Aires once since I signed for the club.

"But it is a 13-hour flight back to Argentina,

so it is not something we are going to be able to do very often.

"Unfortunately it is winter in our country in June and July, so I have gone from winter to winter, but it was lovely for both of us to get home for a break. Having our families so far away can be very tough sometimes.

"But I wanted to play in England, and I think that coming to a new place and playing a different type of football can only help me learn many new things.

"I am 22 now and my contract with Ipswich finishes when I am 24, so by then I will have had three years experience and that will help me.

"I would like to stay in England, but we will have to see how things work out for me and for Ipswich.

"I play the best way I know, and in every game I try my hardest and I hope that is good enough."



...and Country

Having made his presence felt in the Ipswich first-team, Mauricio has now got his sights set on the Argentinian national side.

The talented young defender has already won caps at Under-23 level for his country, and was a member of the 60-strong squad for last season's Copa Americas.

And now he wants to follow in the footsteps of two other famous Argentine imports to England - Ossie Ardiles and Ricardo Villa - and represent his country at Full level.

"Of course I would love to play for Argentina," smiles Mauricio. "But it is very difficult because I am playing so far away from home.

"Last season I wasn't even in the first-team, so it would have been impossible for me to get a call-up, but now, who knows?

"In Argentina, the coach is very keen on players who are still playing in the country. He has made exceptions for certain people, like Gabriele Batistuta, but he is an exceptional player.

"But it is one of my dreams to represent my country."



Just the Ticket

Travel News

Travel Club coaches to Elm Park, home of Reading Football Club, will leave Portman Road on Saturday 28 October at 9.15am. The adult fare for this journey is £7.40, while OAPs and accompanied children will travel for £5.00. Estimated time of arrival back at Portman

Road after the match is 8.30pm. Any supporters attempting to purchase tickets for away travel will be asked to produce a valid club Travel Card. Travel tickets will not be issued without this card.

Ticket enquiries?

Ring the Ipswich Town Ticket Line

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for all the latest information

Calls cost 39p per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at all other times. Adcall. Box 3000, N20 9EB.

Town Planner

A12, M25 towards Heathrow, where you pick up the M4. Exit M4 at Junction 10 and use the A329 and A4 into Reading. Cross railway bridge and take 3rd right into Liebenrood Road. At the end turn right into Tilehurst Road then 1st left into Cranbury Road and 2nd left into Norfolk Road for ground.

Mini Season Tickets

Season tickets for the remaining sixteen home matches are now on sale. Application forms and full details are available from the Ticket Office.

Away to READING

Saturday 28 October 3.00pm

Should there still be any seats left for this match they will only be available to season ticket holders with two away match tickets. The seats are priced at £10 for adults, and £6 for children and OAPs. There will, however, be tickets available on the turnstiles for a terraced area at £8 for adults and £5 for children and OAPs.

Home to GRIMSBY TOWN

Saturday 4 November 3.00pm

Tickets are now on sale for this match. Season ticket holders are reminded that this is one of the special matches that they can bring two guests along to by using the guest ticket voucher in the rear of the season ticket book. The vouchers must be exchanged for tickets in advance of the match and CANNOT be exchanged on the day of the game.

Away to MILLWALL

Saturday 11 November 3.00pm

There will be no booking in advance for this match. Tickets will be available on the turnstiles for the North Stand Upper Tier, priced £12 for adults, £6 for juniors and OAPs. Please use turnstile numbers 31-36.

Away to NORWICH CITY

Sunday 19 November 3.00pm

Please note the change of date for this match. This match is ALL TICKET for Ipswich fans and you must have a ticket before travelling. The tickets are priced at £15, with no concessions, and will go on sale from Monday 23 October to season ticket holders and club members.

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Telephone: 01734 507878

Current Capacity: 12,061 (seats 2,242; standing 9,819)

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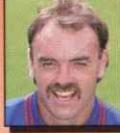
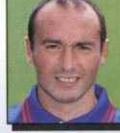
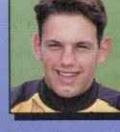
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brain cells...

Teenage Talent

Have a crack at these teasers
on the younger stars at
Portman Road.

1. Against which club did Richard Wright make his Premiership debut last season?
2. In how many League games has Kevin Ellis played?
3. In which position does Richard Naylor play?
4. Jamie Scowcroft made his senior debut against which club this season?
5. Simon Portrey was born in Wakefield, Warrington or Widnes?

Foreign Field

Now how about our cosmopolitan
line-up?

1. Craig Forrest has never represented Canada in the World Cup finals. True or false?
2. Mauricio Taricco is capped by which country at Under-21 level?
3. Our sizzling Dame, Claus Thomsen, finished top scorer last season with how many goals?
4. Dutch winger Gus Uhlenbeek scored his first goal for Town against which club?
5. Frank Yallop finished second or third in Canada's Player of the Year awards last year? .

Top Hatters

Now test your soccer knowledge on
five famous Luton stars

1. For which Premiership club does Mick Harford play?
2. Who scored the club's winner in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final?
3. This former Hatters star has played for Manchester City and Portsmouth this season. Can you name him?
4. Against which club did John Hartson score in last season's European Cup-Winners' Cup Final?
5. Which club did Trevor Peake help to FA Cup glory in the 1980s?

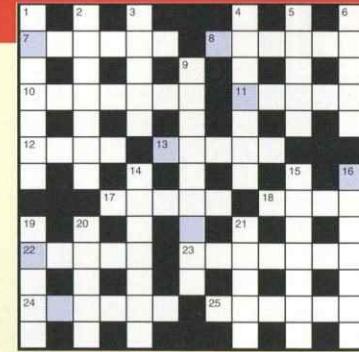
Cross word

Across

7. First year professional golfer (6)
8. Aston Villa manager (6)
10. Enlist or I buy Italian! (7)
11. Sheffield Wednesday's injury-prone striker (5)
12. Six balls (4)
13. This factor is apparently much-reduced in British football (5)
17. Baton-passing event (5)
18. In Cairo match with Italian footballers! (4)
22. In the lead (5)
23. Laudrup's country (7)
24. I bag o.g. with this Italian! (6)
25. Can he? Maybe he's an English manager! (6)

Down

1. Team once managed by Bobby Charlton (7)
2. Less refined than a cult Scotland goalkeeper! (7)
3. Stainrod, Ayr's manager (5)
4. Raith's manager once played for Manchester United (7)
5. Top players (5)
6. St Johnstone's city (5)
9. Raith again...this time it's their home town (9)
14. One of Middlesbrough's top scorers last season (7)
15. Mal played for Manchester United and Luton (7)
16. Defenders' responsibility (7)
19. Alan McInally's nickname (5)
20. Henning's ice-mountains (5)
21. Score a goal against the run of play (5)



Simply fill in the crossword, then re-arrange the letters in the shaded squares to give you the name of a current Town favourite. Send your answers to: Crossword Comp, Ipswich Town Football Club, Portman Road, Ipswich, IP1 2DA. The first correct answer drawn after the closing date of 27th October 1995 will win. Please state your chest size when entering.

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Town Crier



Town Chairman David Sheepshanks is pictured here exchanging gifts with Brescia's Direttore Tecnico Mircea Lucescu prior to the teams' meeting in the Anglo-Italian Cup. The game finished 2-2, with goals from Steve Sedgley and Paul Mason, and the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all the staff, players and supporters who made the trip to Italy.

Xmas is Coming!

Frightening as it may sound, it really is only a few short weeks to Christmas and tomorrow morning (Monday 23rd) Ipswich Town will open another Club Shop for the Christmas period, at the Tower Ramparts Shopping Centre.

The outlet will be officially opened by manager George Burley and club captain Tony Mowbray at 10.30am and is a must for all gifts for that special Town fan in your life.

It will stock all sorts of Xmas goodies, including a huge range of the new Town Punch sports wear, replica shirts, pictures, posters and much more.

The Tower Ramparts shop will be the fourth retail outlet for club items, with the others all being situated at the ground in the Portman, West and Churchman's Stands.

So get on down to Tower Ramparts for 10.30 tomorrow morning, see George and Tony officially open the shop and then start searching for those vital blue and white Xmas presents!

Today's Mascot



Our mascot for this afternoon's game is 7-year-old Lewis Mitchell from Stowmarket. Lewis is a pupil at Wood Ley Country Primary School and lists his hobbies as football, tennis and rugby. He tells us that his favourite player is Ian Marshall. Hope you enjoy this afternoon's match, Lewis.



Claus Thomsen didn't know whether to laugh or cry when he was presented with the 'Man of the Match' award after our recent Coca-Cola Cup clash with Stockport here at Portman Road. Claus was awarded with a spanking new mountain bike by competition sponsors Coca-Cola, but despite his best efforts, Town still crashed out of the competition.

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Nick Griffin, from Nottingham, has written to us asking for a few recent programmes to help fill the gaps in his Town collection. The issues he requires are as follows (all home games): 1993/94 v Man City; 1994/95 v Leeds, v Arsenal, v Newcastle and v Everton.

Anybody who can help Nick can reach him at: 32 Denton Drive, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7FS.

It's always nice to hear from satisfied customers, so it was a pleasure to receive this letter from Watford fan Elayne Pryde, who travelled to the recent match between the two sides here at Portman Road...

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the courtesy and helpfulness of your staff during your recent match against Watford.

We were 'away' supporters, and

travelled from Milton Keynes to watch the match, the weather was treacherous but this - along with losing the game - was the only downside of the day.

Your ground was easy to find and had good parking facilities. The local public house we visited was hospitable and the Ipswich fans very friendly.

We had a great fright when we discovered that one of the tickets we had purchased for the match had somehow gone missing. We'd paid for three tickets, all seated together, but when we arrived we realised we had only been given two.

Luckily the missing ticket was the middle of the three seats, but nevertheless, the way in which our problem was dealt with by your staff was excellent...they are a credit to your club.

We were given a match pass and continued to enjoy our day. Except the result."

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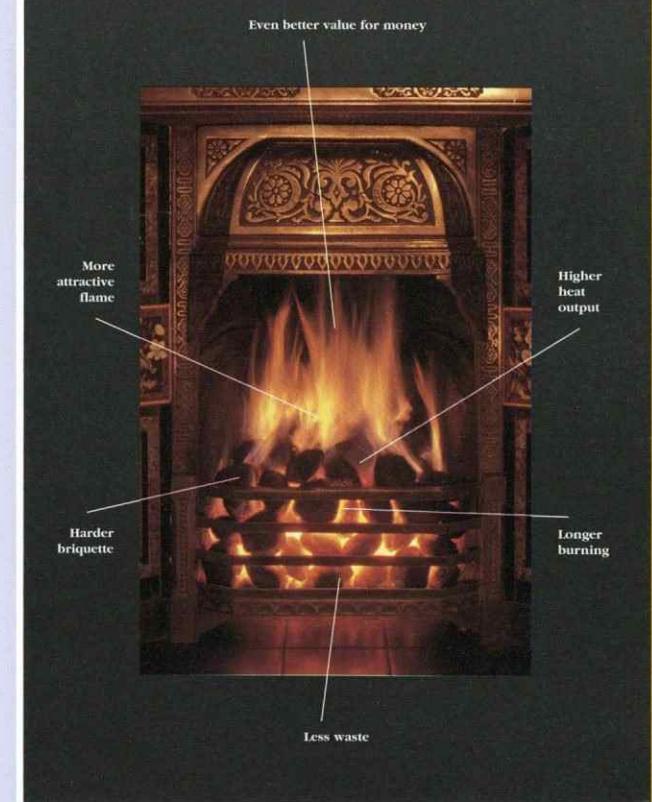
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JBs Christmas Party

The initial response has been very good to the news of our Christmas party. The booking forms are going out to all Junior Blues and hopefully most of you will have received yours already.



John Kennedy, from Burwell in Cambridgeshire, is pictured signing YTS forms with Ipswich. John is an attacking right-back who has progressed very well this season and has already made an appearance in the Reserves.



Join the Junior Blues today!

The JBs club is for Ipswich Town supporters under the age of 16. Infant Membership Pack (0-4 years) includes an ITFC cuddly toy, JBs badge, poster, membership card, birthday card, ITFC balloon and a fixture and information card.

Junior pack (5-16 years) includes: team autograph

sheet, team poster, fixture poster, birthday card plus discount vouchers, club brochure, JBs badge, Portman Shop details, away travel and ticket info, ITFC pen, notebook, ruler, key fob, stickers, pencil and coaster, membership card, free admission to reserve and

youth team matches, community football news, picture of your favourite Town star, fixture card, a chance to be chosen as a mascot and much more.

It costs £10 for juniors and £5 for infants. For further information ring Sandra Lucas at the club on (01473) 219211.

Female Coaching Clinics

One activity that hasn't met with the response we were expecting is our exclusive female coaching clinics. There are certainly many women's teams in the area, but only a few of you have phoned to express an

interest in attending proposed sessions. If you are interested, and missed the mention in the Wolves programme, don't hesitate to ring David Brooks at the Community Department (01473 219211).



The Saturday 5s

Ipswich Town Football Club playing away...but the action doesn't stop here at the ground. Every non-match Saturday, the Portman Road gym will be the venue of fast-flowing 5-a-sides. There will be three separate sessions for three different age groups:

6,7 & 8 year-olds 9am-10am

9 & 10 year-olds 10am-11am

11 & 12 year-olds 11am-12 noon

The first block of four Saturday sessions will be held on the following dates:

November 11th, November 18th,

December 2nd and December 9th.

Each block of four sessions will cost £6 per player, and booking will be on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Places are strictly limited to allow each player maximum involvement.

Ipswich Town Football Club Community Development Scheme

October Half-Term Soccer Courses at

Venue: Gainsborough Sports Centre or Chantry Sports Centre

Date: Monday 23 October - Wednesday 25 October

Time: 9am-11am (6-9 year-olds)

11am-1pm (10-12 year-olds)

Price: £17, including a match ticket

Venue: Ipswich Town Football Club, Portman Road

Date: Monday 23 October - Wednesday 25 October

Time: 2.30pm-4.30pm (6-12 year-olds)

Price: £17, including a match ticket

Venue: Northgate Sports Centre

Date: Thursday 26 October - Friday 27 October

Time: 9am-11am (6-9 year-olds)

11am-1pm (10-12 year-olds)

Price: £13, including match ticket

Venue: Ipswich Town Football Club, Portman Road

Date: Thursday 26 October - Friday 27 October

Time: 2.30pm-4.30pm (6-12 year-olds)

Price: £13, including match ticket

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Venue: Newton Park, Bury St Edmunds

Date: Monday 23 October - Wednesday 25 October

Time: 9am-1pm (6-13 year-olds)

Price: £29, including match ticket

Venue: Stowmarket Town Football Club

Date: Thursday 26 October - Friday 27 October

Time: 9am-1pm (6-13 year-olds)

Price: £21, including match ticket

Limited places still available on all courses - so book now!

For any further information on these courses, or anything else concerning the Football Development Programme, please contact David, Dale, Sandra or Vicki at the Community Development Office, Ipswich Town Football Club, Portman Road, Ipswich, IP1 2DA. Telephone: (01473) 219211.

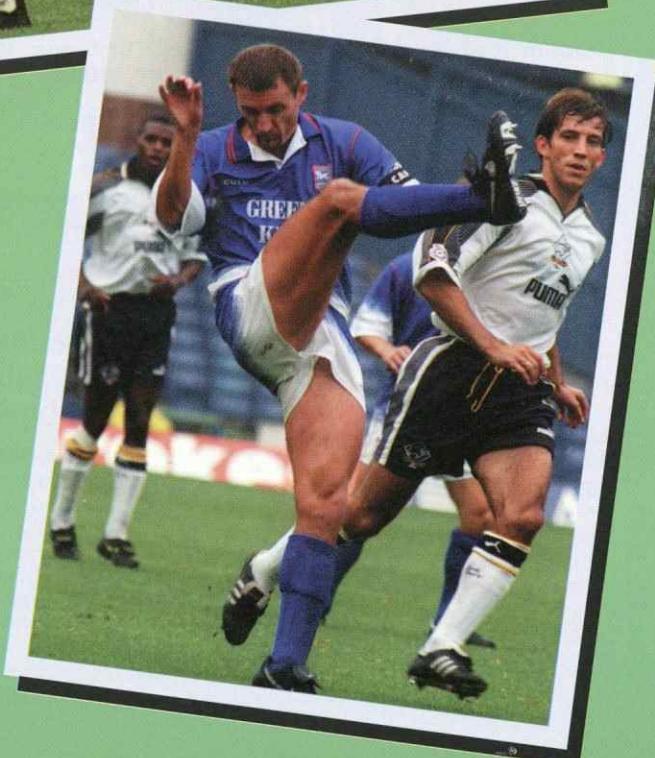
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Sedge strikes again: it's three goals in three games for Steve Sedgley as he celebrates his goal against Derby



Away from danger: New captain Tony Mowbray clears upfield against Derby

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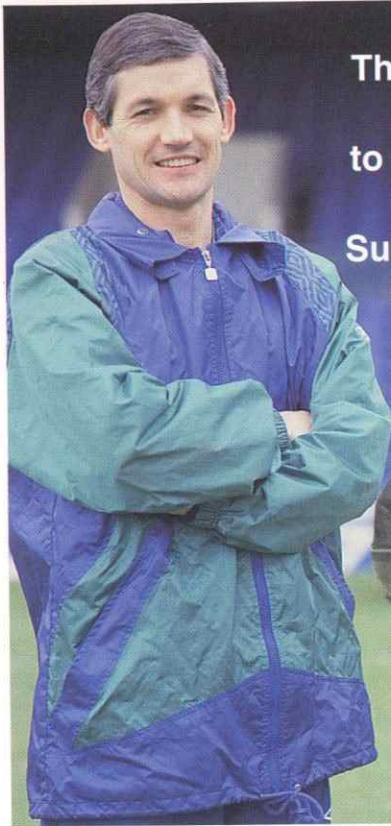


G Whizz: George Williams denies Derby's Marco Gabbiadini at the Baseball Ground

Steve Sedgley's goal earned Town a valuable point up at Derby last weekend



Heads I'm first: David Linighan gets ahead of Derby striker Ron Willems



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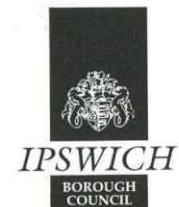
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Feel Good at Portman Road

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You will have noticed that every time Town find the net at Portman Road the familiar strains of James Brown's classic "I Feel Good" start ringing through the air.

The song - which was first aired during our 4-1 home victory over Stoke back in August - has proved such a hit with supporters that the club have decided to run a whole range of competitions and promotions surrounding the 'Feel Good at Portman Road' theme.

Commercial Manager Clive Turner explains: "The first time we played the song, we ended up scoring goals, and then in the next game we scored three - so understandably it caught on pretty quickly!"

"What we want to do is encourage people to sing and generally enjoy themselves every time we score."

"The idea is to keep a smile on supporters' faces and encourage them to tell their friends to come down and feel good at Portman Road."

The Evening Star and SGR FM have joined forces with the club to help promote 'Feel Good at Portman Road'.

In November, SGR will be running an on-air quiz competition in conjunction with Ipswich Town, to win a great family day out at Portman Road. Including a champagne reception and a chance to meet the players.

The Evening Star will be featuring a series of tokens

which will allow Town supporters to get a child's ticket free with every adult ticket purchased for our home match against Grimsby Town on Saturday 4 November.

In addition, Greene King will be backing our "Feel Good" campaign, so keep your ears open and your eyes peeled for exciting promotions involving our main sponsors,

It all adds up to making Town an even bigger part of the local community than ever before, and creating a matchday atmosphere which is second to none.

So don't forget - tell your friends to come down and Feel Good at Portman Road!



Who's Next Grimsby Town

Grimsby's player-manager Brian Laws spent several years under the watchful eye of Brian Clough - and his commitment to playing quality football is evident in the sides he puts out.

Under former Forest player Laws' command, the Mariners have become one of the most attractive footballing sides outside the top flight, and although they might be lacking the bigger name players of

some of the First Division's other clubs, they have proved to be more than a

Dateline
Sat 4 November
Kick-Off
3.00pm

handful over the past couple of seasons.

One familiar face is former Town star Neil Woods, who was Grimsby's leading League scorer last season with 14 goals, and the experienced Clive Mendonca - formerly with Sheffield United - wasn't far behind, with 11 League strikes to his credit.

And added to that twin threat is the attacking midfield menace of Nicky Southall, who moved to Blundell Park from Hartlepool for £40,000 during the summer, having finished 1994/95 as the Pool's leading scorer.

And the Mariners have also joined the growing list of clubs looking overseas for talent to bolster their ambitions, with a cheeky bid to sign

Torino striker Ivano Bonetti.

The player has revealed he is keen to move to Blundell Park, but the club have said that they will need an increase in crowds if they are to afford the signing.

So far, Mariners' fans have responded well, and at the time of writing the omens looked good for the Serie A star moving to Humberside.

They may not be the most fashionable side in the Endsleigh League - but Grimsby have shown that they have certainly got the will to succeed.

Make sure that you are at Portman Road to see if Town can add Grimsby to their list of victims for 1995/96.

Mogga Issue

Tony Vaughan has given us a unique insight into life as a young footballer at Portman Road over the first few months of the season. Now, new signing Tony Mowbray takes over the role of our resident diarist to cast an experienced eye over the mid-term action. Football has taken a back seat in the life of the former Middlesbrough and Celtic star over the past 18 months as he helped his brave wife, Bernadette, battle against cancer. A battle that ended so tragically on New Year's Day.

Thursday, October 5

The first day of the rest of my life. I arrive at Portman Road to sign for Ipswich. I'd been out of contract at Celtic and there had been speculation linking me with Ipswich during the summer. But that wasn't the right time for me to move then.

With my wife, Bernie, passing away on New Year's Day, my mind was occupied with other matters. I was surrounded by friends and family up there and didn't want to move away from Scotland.

But as time progressed I realised that my first-team chances at Celtic were going to be limited. You just have a feel for when the time is right to move on and George Burley rang me just at that time.

I had spoken to Mark McGhee at Leicester and it's quite probable that if George hadn't called when he did I would be a Leicester player now.

But the boss sold the club well. He was very positive about the future of Ipswich

and said the club was going in the right direction.

My neighbours added to the persuasion by telling me what a lovely part of the world Suffolk is - so here I am and I'm looking forward to an exciting new challenge in my career.

Friday, October 6

My father in law, Jimmy Doyle, is a great football fan and he's made the six-and-a-half hour drive down to watch my debut against Wolves. I'm staying in a hotel and Jimmy joins me there.

We can spend hours talking about the game.

Saturday, October 7

My debut v Wolves. The game starts so fast and we're on top early with Sedge scoring. But I've only played two reserve matches this season and could do with an oxygen mask after 30 minutes!

Don Goodman gets the ball and I know he's going to run me down the line, my lack of match fitness

persuades me to go for the tackle when I would normally have stood up and taken him down the line. He nips the ball past me and he's away on goal. 1-1.

At Celtic I would probably have got away with my lack of fitness. We would have 90 per cent possession in most games and I would be able to get a breather or two at the back. But this division is so tight, every game is going to be hard and you are constantly on the move.

Atkins scores for them and my first game ends in defeat. I run through the match with Jimmy over a meal. It's good to bounce ideas off each other.

Jimmy is a big Celtic fan and certainly knows his stuff. He's as passionate about the game as I am.

Monday, October 9

Amazing news coming in from my old club Middlesbrough. First Nick Barmby, now Brazilian star Juninho.

The club is really buzzing at the moment and it's

nearly all down to manager Bryan Robson. He's one of the biggest names in football and his appeal has certainly played a major role in getting Barmby and Juninho to the club. I haven't had the chance to get to Boro as much as I would have liked over the past two years, what with all that's happened, but I'm really pleased for the fans.

It's a working class area and they love their football. It's an exciting time for them.

Me? I'm off to Italy with the lads.

Wednesday, October 11

The trip to play Brescia is an ideal opportunity for me to get to know the lads.

I was at Boro with Warkie, at Celtic with Stuart Slater and have played against Sedge on a number of occasions.

Alex Mathie used to pop into Parkhead when he was up there as well, so there are a number of familiar faces around.

The game also gives me another chance to improve on my match fitness - and away from the League programme as well.

There's only about 1,000 in the ground but we come away with a well-earned draw. The Italians play a much slower possession game and drop off when you've got the ball. It's all good experience for the team - especially the younger players - and gives everyone an indication of the European style of doing things.

Saturday, October 14

We're up at Derby and start really well with Sedge scoring again after only a few minutes. Stuart flies into the box and is brought down. Must be a penalty but the ref doesn't see it.

It comes at a vital time, but these things happen and I believe they even out over a season. There will be a time when we get

awarded one and we'll think it must be our lucky day.

Derby equalise and either side could grab a winner - but we have to settle for a point. Jimmy's in the crowd again and he reckons it was a certain penalty.

Still another game under my belt - and my fitness is improving all the time.

Monday, October 16

The boss has let me travel up to Scotland for three days, I've got to sort things out. Even my car is still up here.

Tommy Burns gives me the OK to train with Celtic while I'm up there, which is very important for me. I must keep working at my fitness. I've played more games in two weeks, than in the last two months.

It's nice to catch up with the news at Celtic. They are a massive club, but in a small pool. Every club in Scotland is within half an hour of each other, apart from Aberdeen, and you play each side four times and get to know every player in the League. A couple of years ago we played Aberdeen EIGHT times.

In England, it's a bigger environment altogether and I prefer that. It will be a great challenge at Ipswich.

Tuesday, October 17

The Estate Agents are around my house, giving me an estimate. I'm aiming to rent a place in the Ipswich area as soon as possible.

My dog Shanks - yes he's named after the Liverpool legend Bill Shankly, one of my great idols - will be able to join me then.

He's staying with Bernie's parents at the moment but I'm looking forward to the chance of taking him for a walk. I miss that.

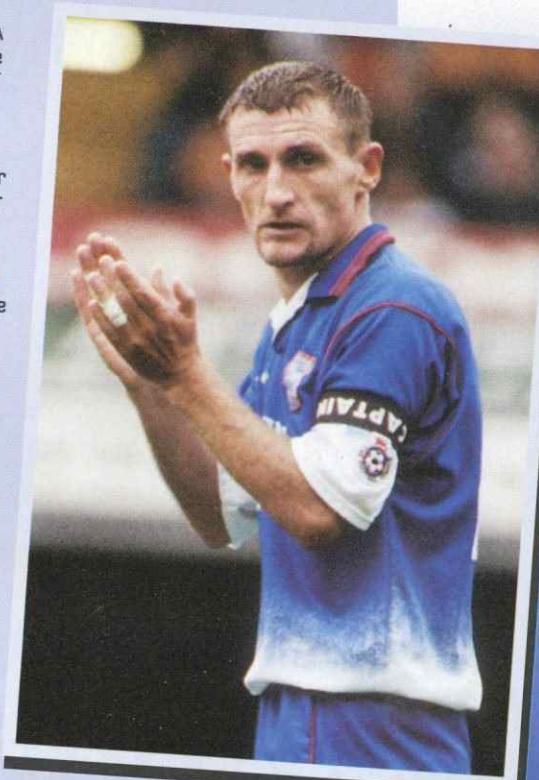
Wednesday, October 18
Training with Celtic, then a long drive back to Ipswich, breaking the journey with a stop at my mum's place.

Friday, October 20

We're getting ourselves prepared for the Luton game. The boss made me skipper before the Brescia match which is an honour. But some players are leaders with or without an armband.

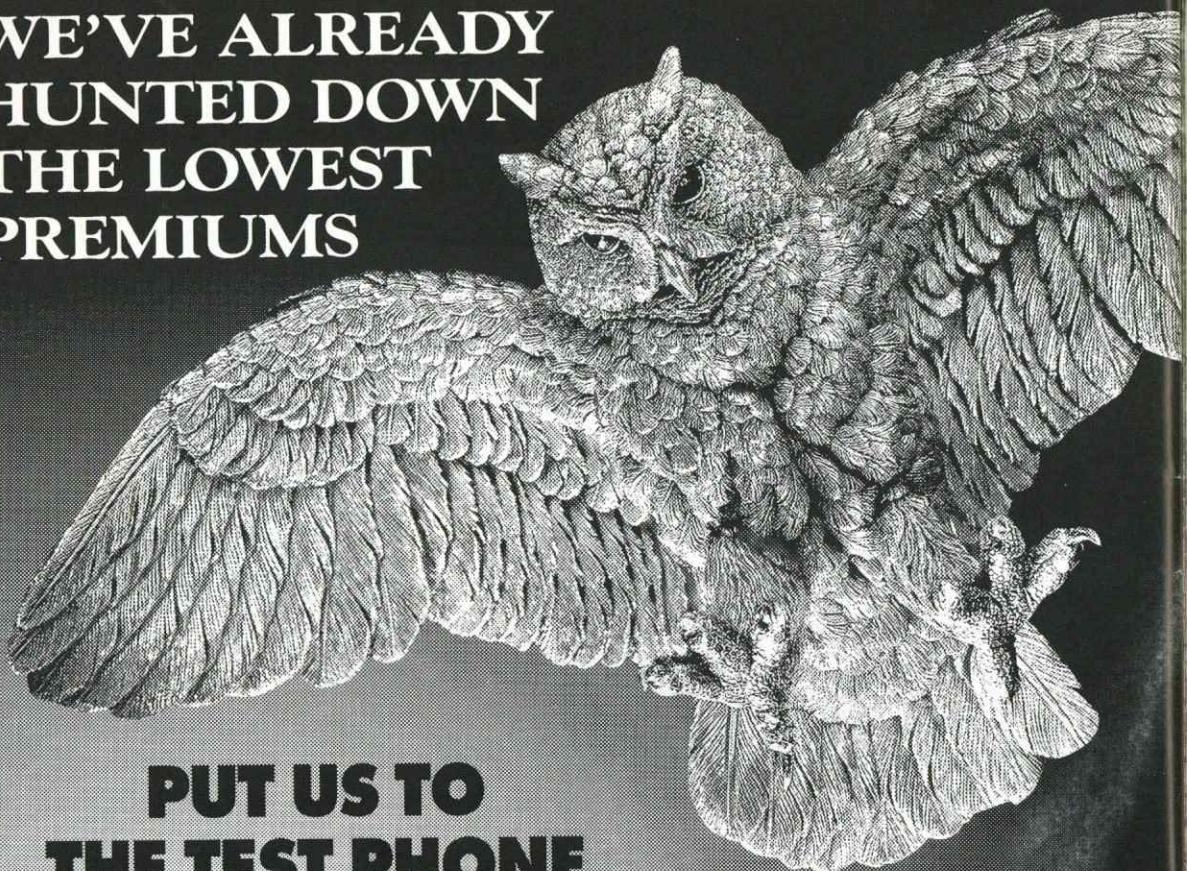
I've got a good relationship with the boss and if I can help the players in any way, then that's great. I know the club was relegated last season and that hurt everyone here but sometimes it's better to drop a division and rebuild confidence from there.

Football is all about confidence and self-belief and everyone at Ipswich seems confident about the future. I certainly am.



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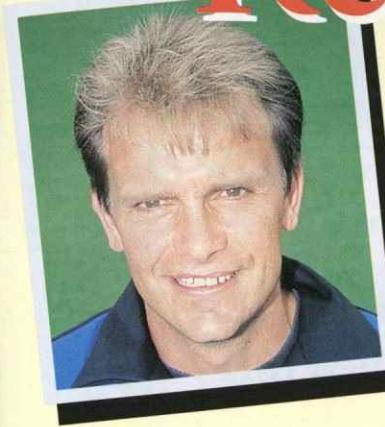
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Endsleigh



In Reserve



Town's in-form second string stretched their impressive run to just one defeat in seven games in the Avon Insurance Combination League with an action-packed 3-3 draw against Brighton a fortnight ago.

But coach Bryan Klug was far from pleased with his charges, who he felt should have made the game safe after a first-half in which the Blues dominated.

Goals from Richard Naylor, Adam Tanner and Paul Mason were enough to earn Town point, but Klug insisted: "It certainly wasn't one of our better performances.

"We were 3-2 up in injury time and at that stage of the game that should have meant we finished with three points, but we let Brighton back into it.

"We played fairly well in the first-half, scored once and had a few other chances. But we couldn't make them count.

"After the break we lost our way a little bit and Brighton made us pay by getting right back into the game."

The match may not have done much to cheer Bryan Klug, but it certainly provided some cracking entertainment for the watching fans at Portman Road, in the last Reserve match at the ground before the winter switch to Ram Meadow in Bury St Edmunds.

First year professional Richard Naylor - who was converted from central defender to central striker by then Youth coach Peter Trevivian last season - snatched the first when he converted a pass from Paul Mason 15 minutes before half-time.

Albion drew level through Phil Andrews, but Adam Tanner helped Town regain the lead when - with a little help from a Brighton defender - he turned in a cross from Simon Portrey.

Ross Johnson fired Brighton level again, but in the first minute of injury time Paul Mason restored Town's advantage with a blistering 25-yard strike - only to see the visitors' Stuart Storer equalise with the last kick of the match.

Town Team

Petterson, Portrey, Ellis, Norfolk, Swailes, Vaughan, Mason, Tanner, Naylor, Chapman, Scowcroft (sub: Kennedy). Unused subs: Gaughan, Keeble.

Unfortunately, Town Reserves were unable to continue their run of form, as their next scheduled fixture, against Charlton, had to be cancelled after a combination of injuries and the first-team squad travelling to Brescia for the Anglo-Italian Cup match left Bryan Klug short of players.

But Klug can afford to smile as his team sit in fourth place in the Avon Insurance Combination League table, with a game in hand over all the sides above them.

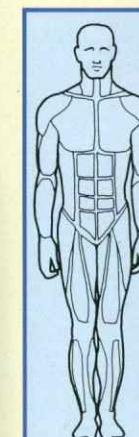


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Mon Aug 14	Tottenham	0-0
Wed Aug 23	Portsmouth	3-1
Tue Aug 29	QPR	0-1
Wed Sep 6	Watford	3-0
Wed Sep 20	West Ham Utd	6-1
Wed Sep 27	Bristol City	2-0
Wed Oct 4	Brighton & H.A.	3-3
Wed Oct 18	Wimbledon	2.00
Wed Oct 25	Luton Town	7.30
Wed Nov 1	Norwich City	7.30
Wed Nov 8	Oxford United	7.30
Wed Nov 15	Southampton	7.30
Wed Nov 22	Arsenal	7.30
Mon Nov 27	Bristol Rovers	7.30
Wed Dec 6	Chelsea	7.30
Mon Dec 11	Millwall	7.00
Wed Dec 20	Swindon Town	7.30
Wed Dec 27	Portsmouth	7.00
Wed Jan 3	QPR	7.30
Tue Jan 9	Watford	2.00
Wed Jan 17	Crystal Palace	7.30
Tue Jan 23	West Ham Utd	7.00
Wed Jan 31	Bristol City	7.30
Wed Feb 7	Brighton & H.A.	2.00
Wed Feb 14	Charlton	7.30
Wed Feb 21	Wimbledon	7.30
Sat Feb 24	Luton Town	2.00
Wed Feb 28	Crystal Palace	7.00
Wed Mar 6	Norwich City	2.00
Wed Mar 13	Oxford United	7.30
Wed Mar 20	Southampton	2.00
Sat Mar 30	Arsenal	3.00
Wed Apr 3	Bristol Rovers	2.00
Wed Apr 10	Chelsea	7.00
Wed Apr 17	Millwall	2.00
Mon Apr 22	Swindon Town	2.00
Wed May 1	Tottenham	2.00

Our home reserve fixtures (shown in bold) were played at Portman Road from August 14th to October 4th. From October 11th to February 21st they will take place at Ram Meadow, Bury St Edmunds, while from February 24th to May 1st they will return to Portman Road.

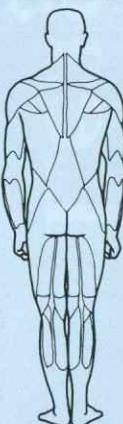
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1 Andy Petterson
2 Mick Stockwell
3 Frank Yallop
4 David Linighan
5 Tony Mowbray
6 Geraint Williams
7 Gus Uhlenbeek
8 Steve Sedgley
9 Alex Mathie
10 Ian Marshall
11 Stuart Slater
12
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Other Squad Members

Paul Mason, Lee Chapman, Clive Baker, John Wark, Mauricio Taricco, Lee Durrant, Tony Vaughan, Adam Tanner, Leo Cotterell, Craig Forrest, Neil Gregory, Lee Norfolk, Kevin Ellis, Simon Portrey, Richard Naylor, Simon Milton, Neil Thompson, Chris Swailes, James Scowcroft, Richard Wright, Kevin Gaughan, Claus Thomsen.

1 Ian Feuer
2 Trevor Peake
3 Marvin Johnson
4 Steve Davis
5 Gary Waddock
6 Ceri Hughes
7 Graham Alexander
8 Dwight Marshall
9 David Oldfield
10 Jamie Woodsford
11 Richard Harvey
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