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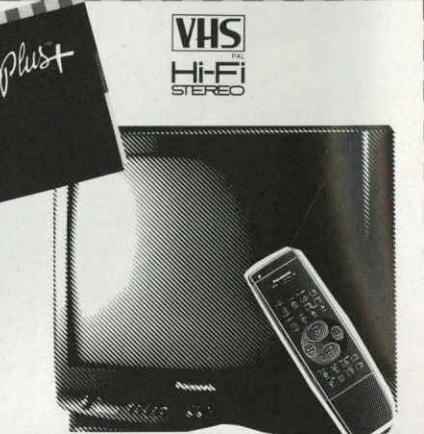
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LOU'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to the Victoria Ground for the resumption of our Endsleigh League fixtures. The Coca Cola Cup tie against Newcastle here ten days ago was an exciting break for everyone, even though the result did not go our way. We were beaten by opponents of the highest quality, and a team I believe will go on to win the Premiership title. From that point of view, the defeat was easier to accept than our loss at Grimsby last saturday.

That was league points thrown away after we had dominated the game, and if there was a lesson to be learned for this afternoon: that there is a need to be far more ruthless in front of goal. We created a dozen good chances at Blundell Park, and if we do that against Luton today then I will be delighted. Provided, of course, that we score.

Going back to the Newcastle match, the sending-off of Ian Clarkson was a decision by referee Gerald Ashby that I simply could not agree with. There is no doubt in my mind that David Ginola made a meal out of both of the tackles which produced the Yellow and then the Red card for Ian. He has received a one match ban from the F.A., which I believe is wrong, and that is why I have sent a video of the game to the F.A. headquarters at Lancaster Gate.

I want them to study it, and then contact Mr Ashby for his comments, I would like to hear the referee admit he was wrong, so that justice can be done and the one game suspension for Ian next Saturday at Southend expunged.

I am not alone in thinking he was hard done by. Both Alan Parry and Jimmy Greaves, who were commentating on the tie for Central TV, said the referee was wrong, and so did Jim Beglin on Granada.

Finally, a word on Mohammed Gargo, who recently returned to Italy. Mohammed came to us in the summer on recommendation, and impressed us with his athleticism, skill and speed. At 20, he still had plenty of time to learn the English game and we were eager to take him on board. Unfortunately, although he came from Italy - where he is signed to Torino - he is Ghanaian by nationality and that meant we needed a work permit. There are stringent Department of Employment rules governing this type of overseas player and Mohammed simply hadn't played in enough international fixtures for his country to get a permit processed.

We pursued the matter for as long as we could, but, reluctantly, we have had to let him go.

*Lou
Macari*

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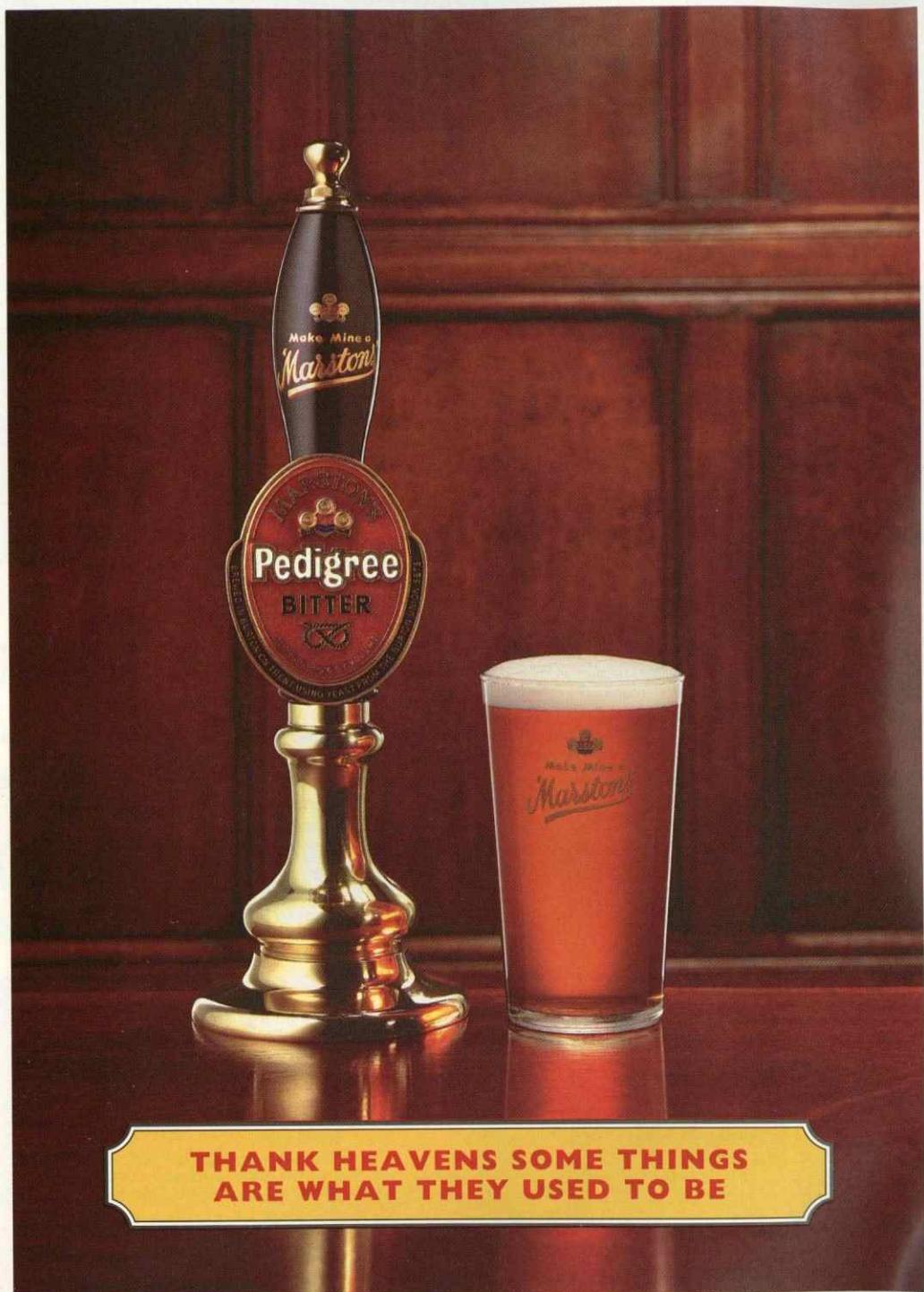
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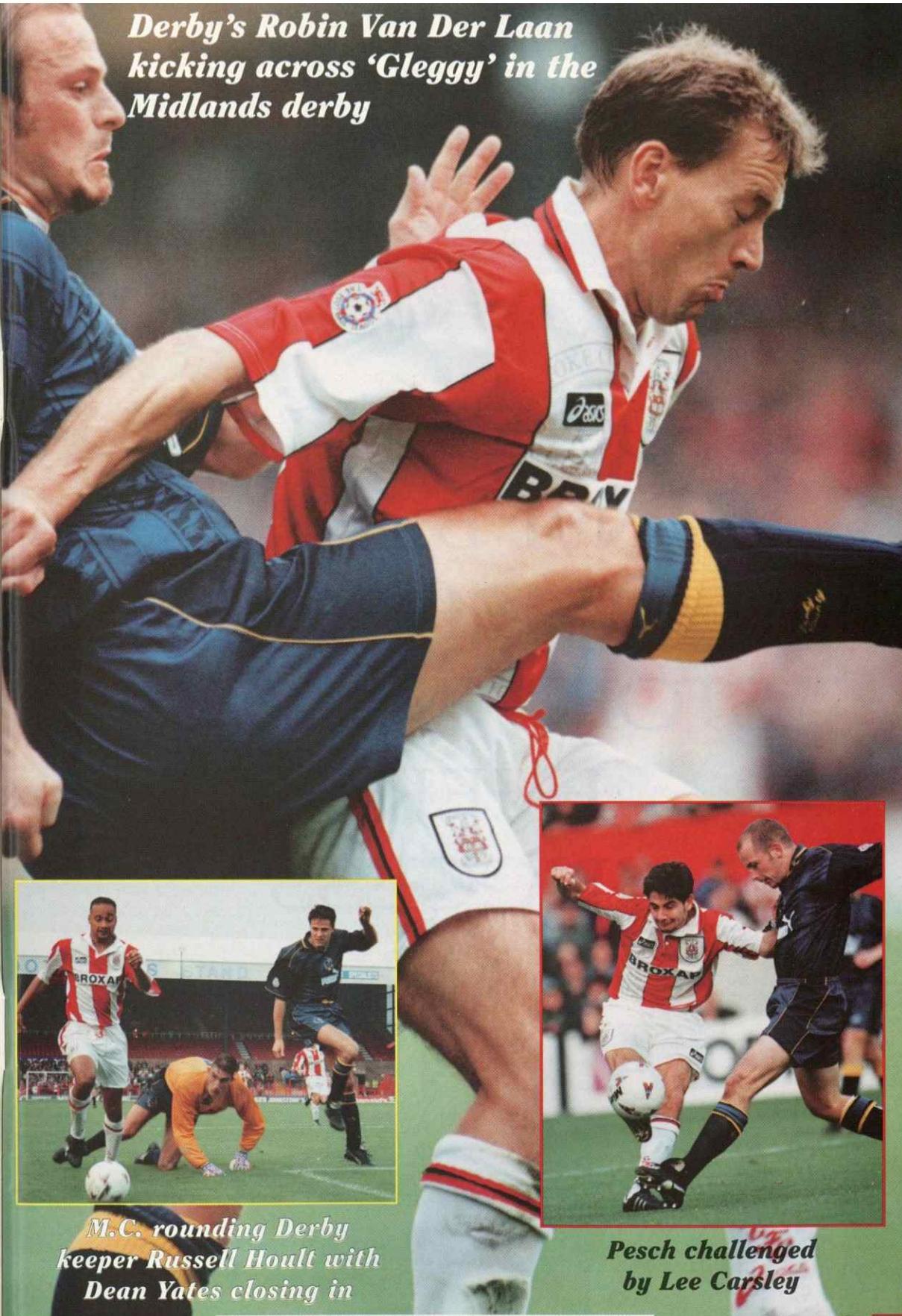
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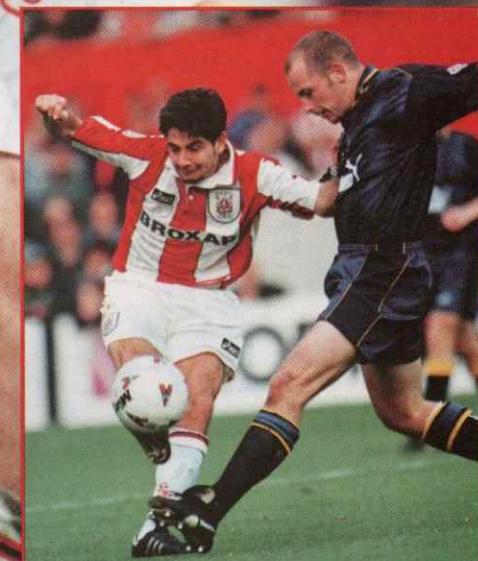
THANK HEAVENS SOME THINGS
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*Derby's Robin Van Der Laan
kicking across 'Gleggy' in the
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*M.C. rounding Derby
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WORD FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



*with
Jez Moxey*

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the Victoria Ground. Having been away from the office for a week, I returned to the club to hear horrible stories about Stoke City supporters causing mayhem with visiting Newcastle United fans, before and after the Coca Cola Cup fixture.

This came as a shock to me because although football hooliganism has reared its ugly head at the Victoria Ground in the past, the club, its stewards and safety team and the Staffordshire Police have worked hard to ensure spectators enjoy their football without fear of physical harm or intimidation; which must be a minimum requirement for modern day entertainment.

I wish to reassure the vast majority of decent human beings who support and follow Stoke City that the club and the police will continue to work as hard as we can to protect the good reputation

the club and genuine supporters have been built up over recent years. The club will implement a life ban on any supporter known to be involved with football hooliganism.

I am sure that all genuine Stoke City supporters do not wish to see a tiny minority of thugs ride on the back of football and attempt to use it as camouflage for their criminally unsociable behaviour.

I urge everyone to be vigilant and to help us to fight against anyone who behaves in an unacceptable manner by reporting them to the stewards or police. Let us work together to protect the clubs reputation.

Finally, I would like to express the Club's gratitude to Stadium Manager Len Galley who, after 25 years service to Stoke City, retired from his post. On behalf of everyone at the club I would like to thank Len for his loyalty, Commitment and achievements over the years and wish him and his family a happy and prosperous retirement. The club will be making a presentation to commemorate Len's retirement today.

Enjoy the match

Jez Moxey

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DIVISION ONE

HORTON NAMES BACKROOM TEAM FOR REPRESENTATIVE GAME

Brian Horton, Manager of the Football League's representative side which faces an Italian League Serie B team on Tuesday 14th November at the Alfred McAlpine Stadium, has confirmed arrangements for his backroom team for his prestigious match.

Huddersfield Town boss Horton announced that he will work with Derby County's number two, Steve McLaren, who has been appointed coach for the Inter-League game, with Oxford United physiotherapist John Clinkard completing Horton's backroom staff.

Commenting on the game, Brian Horton said: "It's a wonderful honour for myself, Huddersfield Town Football Club and the new stadium.



Brian Horton

The Football League also announced this week major savings for this representative game to give everyone an affordable opportunity to see some of the brightest young talent from England and Italy in action. Admission for the game will be £5 for adults and just £1 for children and Senior Citizens.

"The Football League want to give as many people as possible the chance to watch what should be a mouth-watering encounter and this is reflected in the prices they have announced. From a Football point of view, I've no doubt it's going to be a great occasion and it's a chance for people, and particularly youngsters, of Huddersfield and the surrounding areas to see lads play who could well soon become household names," added the Terriers' boss.

TRANSFER UP DATE

READING

...have signed Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper Chris Woods on a month's loan. They have also announced

plans for a new 25,000 seater stadium at Smallhead near to the M4. The sale of Elm Park will part fund the project.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC

...have sold central defender Richard Jobson to Leeds United for a fee of £1 million.

GRIMSBY TOWN

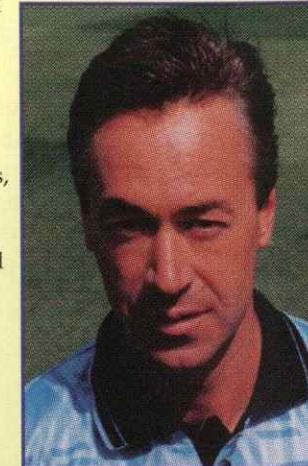
....have just given former Youth International Jamie Forrester a contract until the end of the season after he was handed a free transfer by Leeds United.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION

....have taken the Aston Villa left-back Phil King on a month's loan.

ENDSLEY MANAGERIAL CHANGES

John Still has resigned at Peterborough after 18 months in charge. John Beck became Lincoln's 11th manager in 10 years following Steve Wicks, who lasted just 41 days at Sincil Bank when the Imps gained only two points from seven games.



John Beck

BRISTOL CITY DIRECTORS

...have pumped £400,000 into the Ashton Gate Club after forecasts of an £800,000 loss this season.

TODAY'S OTHER DIVISION ONE FIXTURES

Barnsley v Wolverhampton
Birmingham v Millwall
Crystal Palace v Reading
Huddersfield v Norwich
Ipswich v Grimsby
Sheffield United v Portsmouth
Tranmere v Derby
Watford v Southend

TOMORROW'S GAMES ARE:

Charlton v. Sunderland
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West Brom v. Leicester City



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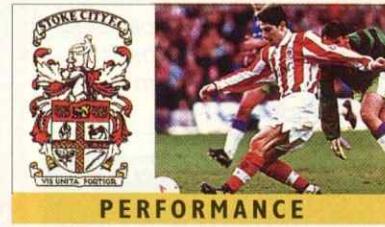
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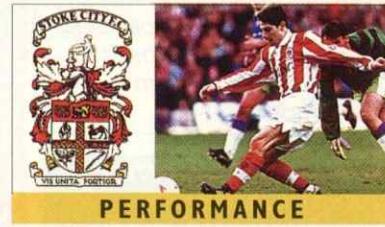
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POTTERS NEWS



Mr. Chris Forrester of our Programme Sponsors v. Newcastle United, Consolidated Holdings, is seen receiving a framed autographed programme from Keith Humphreys.

LEN RETIRES

Our stadium Manager, Mr. Len Galley, retired at the end of October after 25 years service with the club. After seven years self-employed he joined the full-time staff in June 1977. Len and his wife Maureen used to live at 1, Lime Street which was also home to many of our former apprentices' and Y.T.S. players. Of the many youngsters they have looked after, Paul Bracewell is their favourite and he keeps in touch on a regular basis. Len's best memory of his time at the 'Vic' is our 1992 visit to Wembley for the Autoglass Trophy win. The Directors, Players and Staff would like to wish Len and Maureen all the best for the future.



GOING BY CAR TO SOUTHEND UNITED ON SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Take M6 South to join M1. Join M25 East to follow to Junction 29. Then join A127 (sign-posted Southend). At roundabout take 3rd exit into Victoria Avenue for ground. Car Parking - there is ample Street parking available.

STOKE AT PORTSMOUTH ON SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

Take M6 South to join M42, then M40 - leaving this motorway at signs for Oxford A34. Follow A34 past M4 then on to Newbury and Winchester. Then join A33 to M27 and follow M27 to join M275 for Portsmouth. At end at roundabout take 2nd exit and in 0.2 miles turn right onto the A2047 into London Road. In 1.3 miles (over Railway Bridge) turn left into Goldsmith Avenue and after another 0.6 miles turn left into Frogmore Road for Portsmouth F.C. Car Parking - there is side-street parking only.

PREMIER INSTANT LOTTERY

We have had enormous interest in our new £1 ticket which has a top prize of £25,000 plus 1,000's of other big and smaller prizes. We pay double the commission paid by the National Lottery. If you fancy selling Premier Instant tickets or becoming an agent for our Golden Potters' Club weekly draw, please contact Mick Tunstall on: 01782 845840



Stoke City are the October winners of the Yokohama "Best Performance on the Road" award. Stoke's decisive 4-1 away victory against Wolverhampton Wanderers clinched the votes of the judging panel. The award is being presented at the Victoria Ground before today's kick off.



Chris Buckham of our Associate Match Sponsors v. Newcastle, Apricot Computers Ltd., is pictured here with Stoke City Vice-Chairman, Keith Humphreys who is presenting a 'Match Sponsors' framed shirt.

NEWS EXTRA



David Gater of Matchball Sponsors CLE presents Kevin Keen with his Matthews Suite Man of the Match v. WBA award

SUPPORT

The Derby County following here on Sunday 22nd October was 850. Our support at Wolves on Saturday 14th October was 2,212

DEMOLITION DEBUT

In a stunning first half display Matt Robinson yesterday destroyed Premier League high-flying United with a ten-goal display.

Playing his first-ever full game for Stoke City this young genius carved out goal after golden goal. Although only ten years old, Matt blasted through what had been a rock-solid goal. Showing a cool head, this young player with a low pile driver from 30 yards after just ten seconds!

Without giving the crowd a chance to settle, Robinson won the ball in his own box and galloped the length of the pitch to chip the advancing keeper for number two.

Nothing the United squad of internationals could do got in Robinson's way. A third goal came shortly before half-time with a blistering header.

After the break the floodgates opened and Robinson ran riot, scoring at will. At the final whistle ecstatic fans carried him from the pitch.

A stunned United manager said afterwards Robinson was the best player I've ever seen with the possible exception of Ryan Giggs.

Stoke City denied rumours that a £47million transfer bid had come from Italian giants AC Milan. Lou Macari - the Stoke Manager - said: "No way will we sell this lad. We do not need the money that badly."

By Matt Robinson (aged 10)
Season ticket holder along with Dad, Mark and brother Adam (14).

LIVE ITV COVERAGE

- CHARTON V SUNDERLAND (LWT/TTT/ANG) - 5th Nov. 3.00pm
- OLDHAM V PORT VALE (GRA) - 5th Nov 3.00pm
- WEST BROM V LEICESTER (CEN) - 5th Nov 2.55pm
- WOLVES V CHARLTON (CEN/LWT) - 12th Nov 2.55pm
- NORWICH V IPSWICH (ANG) - 19th Nov 3.00pm
- LEICESTER V TRANMERE (CEN/GRA) - 19th Nov 3.00pm

KIDS FOR A QUID...

...this operation will again be in force for our Anglo-Italian Cup game with Brescia here next Wednesday evening 8th November, 7.45pm Kick Off.

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Boothen End	£5.00	£1.00



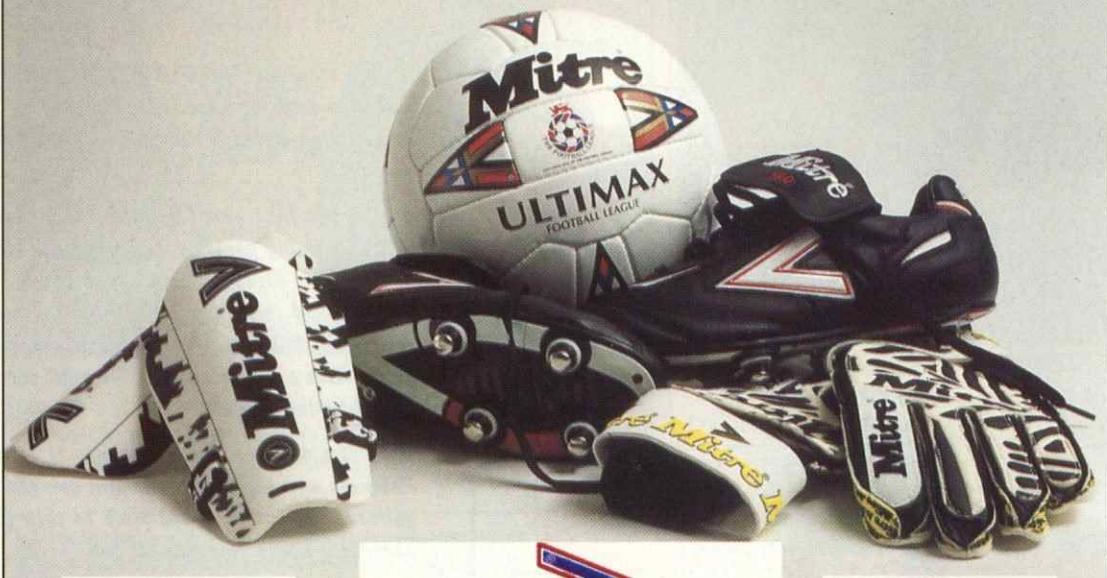
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FANS SCENE FANS FORUM



Here we see a pupil from Walton Hall School pictured with Stoke City players Ian Cranson and Ronnie Sinclair. The school gained a National Educational Extra Award to help with activities at the Residential Special School. A karaoke machine was one of the items purchased with the award.

STOKE CITY
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with Maria Lathan
Marketing
Public Relations Officer

It's been a busy hotline again this week. So without further a do let's find out what you really think about what has been happening at Stoke City. First up was Miss J. HALLS, Hanley & District Ladies Darts League, who said: "On behalf of the Darts League I would like to express our immense gratitude to Nigel Gleghorn who recently attended our presentation evening at the Abbey Hulton British Legion to award this year's prizes. Many of us are not devote football supporters, but the attitude, personality and demeanour of Mr. Gleghorn was a credit, not least to himself but also to Stoke City Football Club and the sport as a whole and nothing like the image presented by the modern footballer. I'm sure that Nigel had a great evening and maybe even brushed up on his darts while he was there!!!

Next was another female caller, this time it was Ms DEBORAH McGONIOL from Ravenshead C.P. School, Bignall End, who said: "I wanted to bring to your attention the professionalism of two of your reserve team players. For the past few Tuesdays, after school time, Graham Stokoe and Justin Whittle have been taking the football practices at Ravenshead County Primary School. Their skill, patience, and professionalism has been greatly evident within the way they have delivered this coaching to the boys who have benifited greatly. As a teacher who knows little about football, I have also benifited from observing them and have found their help invaluable. I feel they should be highly regarded because of this as they are an ambassador and an asset to your club!!

But it wasn't all pat on the backs, in fact Mr. BURDEN from Wolverhampton blasted "For the match against Derby we came along because of the special concessionary price of £2 for juniors. But then when we reached the turnstiles we were told that it was £5 for juniors. When I questioned this price I was very rudely told by the steward supervisor that I was wrong and that it was £5. In the programme it clearly said that juniors were allowed to watch for £2, but I ended up paying £5. I feel cheated and conned and I want to know what is going on?"

In the Norwich programme and all of the press, the correct details regarding the concessionary junior price was reported. However due to a genuine printing error in the Salernitana programme, the stipulation that tickets must be purchased prior to Kick Off was omitted. As a result the confusion over the ticket prices emerged. On behalf of all concerned at Stoke City Football Club I do sincerely apologise and we will do our utmost to ensure that this does not happen again.

Finally, a big thank you from Mr. B. GOLDTHORPE, Headteacher of Walton Hall School who said "Thank you to your club for allowing Ian Cranson and Ronnie Sinclair to present our National Educational Extra Award to this school yesterday. Both players were fantastic with the pupils. They are both as good off the field as on the field in terms of presentation skills. They signed autographs, chatted to the kids, freely mixed with the staff and gave many opportunities to the press. We're very grateful to them for making our Award Day very special. It's little wonder Stoke is doing so well with such good ambassadors."

Keep your comments coming in and also your suggestions for the "Supporters Suggestion Scheme!!!!

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WELCOME...

This afternoon we welcome Luton Town to The Victoria Ground for our eighth home Endsleigh Insurance First Division game of the season.

The 'Hatters' now under the guidance and control of their new manager, **Terry Westley**, a former coach at Kenilworth Road, were hoping for a better campaign than they had in 1994-95, when they finished a rather disappointing 16th in the final table - ten points away from the relegation zone, but 18 points short of a play-off place.

However, they haven't started 1995-96 off too well, and are currently occupying a place near the foot of the table, although on their last away trip the 'Hatters' caused something of a surprise by winning 1-0 at Portman Road against Ipswich Town, a Premiership side last season (you will recall).

Since the end of last season there have been quite a few changes at Kenilworth Road. Former boss David Pleat moved on, joining forces with Sheffield Wednesday, while one or two players also departed company with the 'Hatters', among them Paul Telfer to Coventry City for a Tribunal set fee of £1.15 million, David Preece to Derby County and Rob Matthews to York City for £90,000 (a record pay-out for the Minstermen) while the versatile and impressive Scott Oakes is likely to leave the club sooner rather than later, if the price is right!

Luton Town, therefore, have had to rebuild



David Oldfield



Ceri Hughes

their side somewhat, and into the camp have come some very useful performers.

Irish international defender **Darren Patterson**, ex W.B.A. and Preston, was bought from Crystal Palace. **David Oldfield** was signed from Leicester City and he was the man who scored that dramatic winner at Ipswich. Midfielder **Gavin Johnson** and utility **Bontcho Guentchev** both arrived from Portman Road and sturdy defender **Steve Davis** was recruited from Burnley for a hefty looking fee of around £750,000. And since the start of the campaign, the exciting Dane, **Johnny Vilstrup**, has been brought in from Lyngby for what seems to be a bargain fee of just £205,000.

Still at the club are experienced goalkeeper **Fred Barber**, now aged 32, promising young 19 year-old 'keeper **Kelvin Davis**, who is highly rated at Kenilworth Road and the man currently in the No.1 slot, **Ian Feuer**, a giant at 6ft. 7ins, who is coming to the end of his second month on loan to the 'Hatters' from West Ham United. He didn't break into the Hammers' first XI, but last season he did have a few games with Peterborough United, also on loan.

In defence Luton can call on the services of Patterson, **David Greene**, an Eire U/21 international, **Richard Harvey**, who agreed a new contract in the summer, **Julian James**, who is a former England U/21 player; **Marvin Johnson** who has been at the club 10 years, **Des Linton**, once of Leicester City,

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THE LUTON TOWN SQUAD:-

Back Row (L to R): Ben Chinery, Danny Power, Gary Simpson, Fred Barber, Paul McLaren, Rob Matthews (no longer with club), Gavin Johnson, David Greene, Steve Davis, Kelvin Davis, John Taylor, Trevor Peake, Julian James

Middle Row: Chris Gee (Director), Cliff Bassett (Director), Clive Goodyear (Physio), Paul Lowe (Youth Development Officer), Richard Harvey, Aaron Skelton, David Oldfield, Mitchell Thomas, Des Linton, Marvin Johnson, Bontcho Guentchev, Matthew Woolgar, Wayne Turner (Reserve Team Coach), John Moore (Youth Team Coach), Les Shannon (Scouting Co-ordinator), Nigel Terry (Director)

Front Row: Jamie Woodsford, Gary Waddock, Tony Thorpe, Ceri Hughes, Mick McGivern (assistant Manager), David Kohler (Chairman), Terry Westley (Manager), Scott Oakes, Nathan Jones, Graham Alexander, Dwight Marshall

the veteran defender **Trevor Peake** who won an F.A. Cup winners medal with Coventry City back in 1987, new man **Steve Davis** (no relation to the snooker player incidentally) and Mitchell Thomas, ex-Tottenham and West Ham.

Patterson, 26, started his career at The Hawthorns and then after more than 100 games for Preston he moved south to Selhurst Park for £225,000 in 1992. He has eight full Irish caps in his wardrobe.

Local lad Greene, 22 last month, joined the club four years ago and made his debut v. Grimsby Town. Harvey, from Letchworth, is aged 26 and a former England youth player who has now made close on 150 appearances for the Hatters (since 1986).

James, 25 from Tring, has made more than 200 appearances for Luton whom he joined in 1986 as a trainee.

Johnson, aged 27 from Wembley, is fast-approaching the 200 mark in senior outings for Luton, having moved to Kenilworth Road in 1986.

Linton, a 24 year-old Brummie, has been struggling with injuries of late and as well as occupying the No.2 shirt he can also play in midfield. He has appeared in 80 games for the Hatters.

HATTERS' 5 YEAR RECORD

DIV	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
1990-91	1	38	10	7	21	42	61	37 18th
1991-92	1	42	10	12	20	38	71	42 20th
1992-93	1	46	10	21	15	48	62	51 20th
1993-94	1	46	14	11	21	56	60	53 20th
1994-95	1	46	15	13	18	61	64	58 16th

Peake, now 38, cost £100,000 from Coventry in 1991 and has since totted up almost 200 appearances for Luton, having earlier amassed over 300 for the Sky Blues and exactly 200 for Lincoln City before switching to Highfield Road in 1983.

Davis, aged 27 from Hexham (race-horse country) accumulated more than 160 appearances during his days with Burnley. He has also served with Southampton and Notts County.

Mitchell can play in any defensive position - and in midfield if required. Now 31, and a former England U/21 international, he's in his second spell with the Hatters having returned to the club eighteen months ago after spells with Spurs and West Ham. He has now totted up almost 200 appearances for Luton. To do battle in the midfield, manager Westley can choose from Welsh international Ceri Hughes; the versatile Gavin Johnson; Tony Thorpe, recruited from Newcastle United in 1992; Gary Waddock, ex-Q.P.R. and Bristol Rovers; Scott Oakes, who is the son of the Showaddywaddy star Trevor, and can also play up front; David Oldfield, in his second spell at the club, Graham Alexander who can also defend if required and Johnny Vilstrup.

Hughes, aged 24 from the Rhonda Valley, has played in well over 120 games for the Hatters since making his debut in 1990 and is aiming to participate in many more.

Johnson, aged 25 from Eyre, was a free transfer from Ipswich Town for whom he played in 160 games, 20 in the Premiership.

Leicester-born Thorpe, 21, has made only a few first team appearances to date, but on his full debut he scored a cracking goal v. Newcastle United (away) in the FA Cup of January 1994.

FACT! FACT! FACT! FACT! FACT! FACT!



Rob Morton

- Most League appearances for Luton is 494 by Bob Morton: 1948-64
- Most League goals scored for Luton is 243 by Gordon Turner: 1950-64
- The scorer of most goals in a season for the Hatters has been Joe Payne, who hit 58 in 1936-37
- The most goals scored by a Luton team in any one season is 103 in Division 3 South in 1936-37
- The Hatters' record League victory is 12-0 v. Bristol Rovers (home) in April 1936
- The record League attendance at Kenilworth Road was set in 1959 when 30,069 fans saw an FA Cup-tie v. Blackpool.
- Luton's most capped player has been Mal Donaghy, who won 58 caps for Northern Ireland
- The record fee paid for a player has been £650,000 to Odense for Lars Elstrup in 1989
- The record fee received by Luton was that of £2.5 million from Arsenal for striker John Hartson in 1994.

Waddock, highly experienced, is now 33 and in the past has been with Q.P.R. (over 200 games), Charleroi (in Belgium), Millwall, QPR (again) and Swindon Town before joining Bristol Rovers from where he switched to Luton last December.

Oakes is a lively, goalscoring enthusiast, aged 23, who joined the club from Leicester City (with Linton) in 1991 and has since netted over 30 goals in well over 150 games for the Hatters.

Oldfield returned to Kenilworth Road (from Leicester) for £150,000 in July. An Aussie, born in Perth in 1968, he was with the Hatters six years ago and in the interim period he also served with Manchester City, who paid £600,000 for his services from Luton Town in 1989 and Millwall (on loan).

Alexander, 24, from Coventry, was manager Westley's first signing, joining the Hatters for £100,000 from Scunthorpe United, whereas Vilstrup, aged 26 from Copenhagen, is a dead-ball specialist who was reported to have the hardest shot in Danish football. He made his debut earlier this season v. Millwall.

The Hatters' attackers will be chosen from 31 year-old **Bontcho Guentchev**, an all-purpose Bulgarian international who initially joined Ipswich from the Portuguese side Sporting Lisbon for £250,000; **Jamie Woodsford**, 19, who made his senior debut last season against West Ham; the versatile **Dwight Marshall**, aged 30, who cost £150,000 from Plymouth Argyle, having been born in Jamaica and big **John Taylor**, a £200,000

acquisition from Bradford City, who hit three goals in nine games at the end of last season. He comes from Norwich (born in 1964) and started his career with Colchester United. He then had a spell in non-League football with Sudbury Town before moving to Cambridge United and then on to Bristol Rovers prior to going north to Valley Parade.

In recent weeks Luton Town have proved to be a difficult side to beat. They enjoy attacking, but defend well, and taking this into consideration, we should be in for an interesting contest..



Terry Westley

MANAGER

Terry Westley, the former coach at Kenilworth Road, was appointed team manager of Luton Town (in succession to David Pleat) in July of this year. He had been on the 'Hatters' coaching staff since 1991 and is now the club's 20th manager. Once a player with Ipswich Town, Terry played non-League football for Bury St. Edmunds

and also for Diss Town, being player-manager of the latter. He returned to Portman Road in 1988 to take over their School of Excellence before former boss David Pleat persuaded him to join Luton. Terry was responsible for the youth set up at the club and saw the likes of Welsh international John Hartson (now with Arsenal) and Kelvin Davis progress in the game.

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TERRACE TALK

October 25th is a day that Newcastle Football Club will not forget in a hurry, Town that is not United although I'm sure Kevin Keegans multi million pound outfit will have fond memories of their time at Lyme Valley. This latest coup came when an old friend of mine and long serving Sentinel photographer Huston Spratt suggested to Towns Secretary Ken Walshaw that it would be a good idea to invite Newcastle United to train the clay of Stoke game on Towns pitch.

So a fax was sent and the invitation was accepted with Town also promising not to publicise the event. So after much planning the day arrived and sure enough the Premiership leaders arrived for their 40 minute work out. With the players about to take the pitch Keegan announced the pitch is a little wet and there's no way we are going to cut the pitch up so we'll play on the grass behind the ground. This they did much to the delight of the youngsters who couldn't believe what they were seeing. Indeed one lad in a Stoke top arrived with a bright Red ear and a tear in his eye was asked if he had fallen off his bike his reply came back, 'no' my dad butted me for telling lies I told him I was going down the park to play football with Les Ferdinand and Peter Beardsley.

Alas all to soon it was over. The 40 minute session had actually lasted 2 hours but there was still time to have a cuppa, sign autographs and to snap a few more photos. The photo session went very well although at one point Huston found it almost impossible to take a shot as virtually the entire Newcastle squad were rolling around laughing. Our intrepid photographer sneaked up to discover that somehow the Newcastle United lads had managed to get their hands on a copy of the Oatcake. So all that remained was for Town to present the visitors with a plate donated by J&T fine china (Plug). The wording on the plate 'Newcastle United' went down particularly well with Kevin Keegan. Then as quick as they came they were gone with just one regret no one had been able to slip a couple of sleeping tablets in their cuppa.

On then to our exit from the Coca Cola Cup which I think its fair to say was inevitable the second Beardsley struck on the half hour. The only real gripe was the sending off of Ian Clarkson for daring to get within 5 feet of Ginola. Yes the ref certainly fell for that one and so did our Cup hopes.

The second half was pretty academic which is understandable when you consider that we were 2-0 down and reduced to ten men against the best side in England at the moment. I know a lot was said about Beardsley but my man of the match was Warren Burton who seemed to be everywhere. So out we went but at least it was good to see the Vic full again now lets see what Lou spends the money, he is bound to be given on.

Whilst league performances have held up well since my last notes results haven't with just one point from a possible six. Against Derby we looked to have done enough but we were made to pay for not finding the net from the shooting chances we had instead Van Der Laan struck late on something he seems to have made an habit of at the Vic. I'll remember this game for two things: firstly Keeno's terrific

strike (hands up how many moaned at Gleggy's free kick) and the fact that my Lad was mascot for the day. On that point I would like to thank Bass breweries especially Simon Fox and Steve Brogan for making it possible.

On then to last weeks game at Grimsby a game I failed to get to owing to the fact that I failed to bump into any Dutch agents that were willing to bung me £45,000. Anyway I'm reliably informed that we were by far the better side a the match stat's confirm that with chances reading Grimsby Stoke 13, yes I know once again loads of chances no goals. Still I suppose the real time to worry is when it reads no chances.

Right, competition time and only two correct entrants who either means I'm setting the questions a bit hard or nobody bothering to read this column. First out of the hat came Richard Handley's entry, he comes from Shropshire and today he will receive the new Stoke Shirt from his favourite player and will, along with his guest, watch today's game from the Boothen Stand. The answers were...

(1) Liam Daish (2) Tony Morely (3) Dean Gordon
(4) Graham Barrow (5) Southend United.

Hard luck to the other correct entrant Jess Doyle but someone has to lose but I did promise Tony Tams that I wouldn't say he drew the winner out.

Comment of the week:- George Graham "If I'm offered a £145,000 bung again I'll say no! no! no!"

Terrace Talk comment :- "Don't be silly George say yes! yes! and let me have it, then I can go to every away game."



Terrace Talk Quiz winner
Natalie Dempsey from Crewe pictured
with Nigel Gleghorn and Dave Coxon

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A life-long supporter of the Potters, Les was semi-educated in Kidsgrove during the 1950's where he showed minimal potential for working with figures (36-24-36) later becoming the Financial Director of today's match sponsors EPICHEM. On the day Les was born (11/11/45), the Potters went down 2-3 to West Brom resulting in Les crying all through the night. The mere mention of the Vale result on the same day induces a severe bout of biliousness (for which he is still renowned!).

CAREER HIGH SPOTS

- 1955 - As a 10 year old he played his first big game as a goalkeeper... result 10-0
- 1955 - Retired from football to concentrate on spectating
- 1967 - Attempted a comeback - rejected by the Potters who signed a Mr Gordon Banks
- 1967 - retired again having seen Banksie play
- 1972 - THE YEAR - Les celebrated ??? !!!
- 1983 - EPICHEM formed... Les does books... no own goals.
- 1987 - Still no own goals... Les signs on full time
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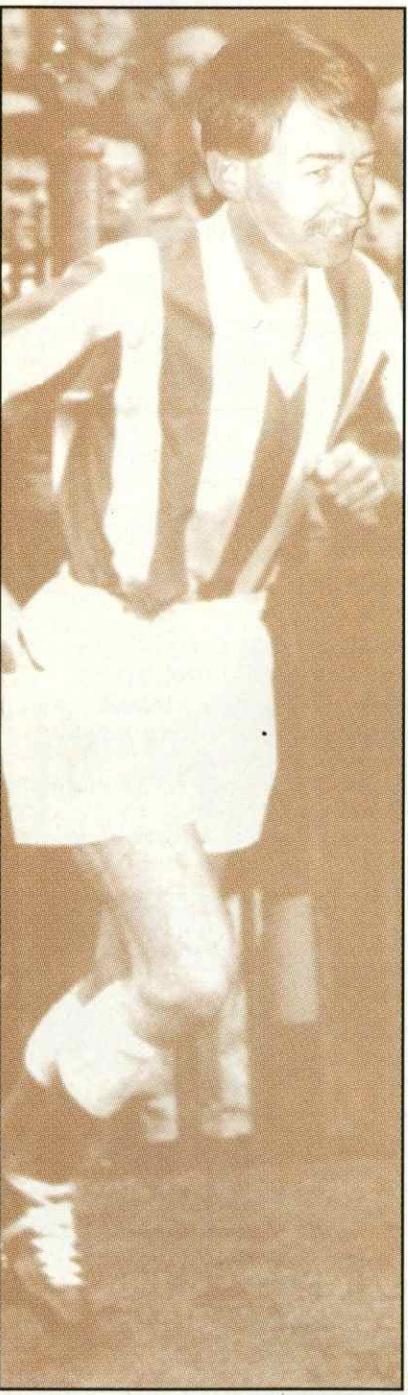
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A TO Z OF THE POTTERS

BURROWS, Harry

Stoke paid Aston Villa £27,000 to bring left-winger Burrows to The Victoria Ground in March 1965 - and he proved to be excellent value for money, going on to score 79 goals in 281 games for the Potters, up to the end of the 1972-73 season when he moved south to join Plymouth Argyle.

Born near Haydock Park race-course in 1941

Burrows, an England U/23 international, netted 53 goals in 146 League games for Villa before moving to Stoke and later on he scored three in 19 outings for Argyle. He won a League Cup winners' tankard and a Second Division championship medals with Villa.

BURTON UNITED

Stoke met the 'brewery' town team six times in the 'old' Southern League and Birmingham & District League before World War One.

Of those six games each side won three with Stoke's best victory being that of 8-0 at home in January 1910 when Amos Baddeley scored a hat-trick.

Stoke won 7-1 away in December 1909 when Baddeley, this time, rattled in a fivetime, and 5-0 two days later, also at home, these two fixtures being in the Southern League.

Burton, incidentally, registered their three victories over Stoke in succession in 1908-09 and early in 1909-10.

BURY

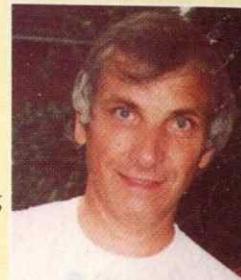
There have been 56 League games between Stoke and Bury to date and this is the Potters' full record as it reads at the moment:

Venue	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	28	16	4	8	52	32
Away	28	9	4	15	39	47
Totals	56	25	8	23	91	79

The last time the teams met was in March 1992 (Division 3) when the 'Shakers' came and won 2-1 at The Victoria Ground in front of a 12,385 crowd.

Stoke's best win over Bury is that of 6-0 at home in March 1954 (Division 2). Harry Oscroft and Frank Bowyer each scored twice that day in front of 13,763 fans.

Johnny King netted a hat-trick in Stoke's 3-0 home win in 1954-55, the season when the teams met each other five times in the FA Cup, Stoke finally winning a 3rd round tie 3-2.



BUSBY, Viv
 with
TONY MATTHEWS

BUSBY, Viv

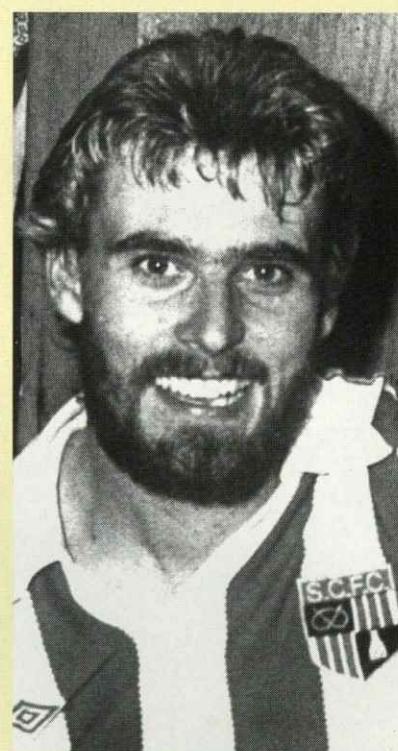
A versatile forward, born in Slough in 1949, Busby spent two years with Stoke (1977-79) scoring 11 goals in exactly 50 first team appearances.

In a varied career he also served with Wycombe Wanderers, Luton Town, Newcastle United, Fulham, Norwich City, Tulsa Roughnecks, Blackburn Rovers, Sheffield United and York City, later becoming manager of Hartlepool United. He made well over 300 League appearances all told.

BUSSEY, Walter

An inside-forward who spent seven years with Stoke (1925-32) during which time he hit 49 goals in 197

League and Cup games. Prior to joining the Potters he served with Denaby United and in his career he also played for Blackpool, Swansea and Exeter City.



CAERNARVON WANDERERS

Stoke met the Welsh side in an F.A. Cup 1st qualifying round tie at home on 30th October 1886 and beat them 10-1. Alf Edge (5), Teddy Bennett (3) and Tommy Clare (2) were Stoke's scorers that day watched by a crowd of 5,000.

CAERPHILLY

Stoke met the Welsh club twice in December 1913, both games in the Southern League Division Two. Stoke won 5-1 away and 4-0 at home with Alf Smith (3) and Dick Smith (2) scoring the 'away' goals. There were four different scorers in the other game.

VIV BUSBY

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POTTERS' LEADER

What a disappointment last week was. Firstly the defeat against Newcastle in the Coca Cola Cup, then that result at Grimsby last Saturday.

I don't think anyone will ever understand how we lost at Blundell Park. We had all the play, all the chances, yet ended up with nothing. We ought to have been 3-0 up at half time, and the feeling in the dressing room at half time was one of security. We felt they were not good enough to hurt us, but that we needed to make sure we cashed in on our superiority with a goal. Unfortunately, they scored first from one of their two chances of the afternoon and then rode their luck as we tried to equalise.

It was a frustrating way to relinquish our seven-game unbeaten run and the dressing room was very flat afterwards. No one said anything and the silence, as they say, was deafening.

It was far worse than losing to Newcastle, because they were clearly a good team and my tip for the Premiership title. Kevin Keegan's side oozed skill, worked very hard for each other and played the game at a terrific pace. When you've got all those qualities you are going to hurt people. Obviously, being down to ten men for the whole of the second half made it even harder for us.

Plenty has been written and said about Ian Clarkson's sending off and you have to say Blaster was unlucky.

David Ginola has tremendous skill alright but he's also quite an actor and was as theatrical as he was brilliant. Clarky had all our sympathies afterwards - the biggest game of the season, and he only saw half of it.

Finally, a word about Larus Sigurdsson and his complete disregard for one of our traditional British customs!

Larus turned up for the Sunday home game against Derby way before anyone else and we thought it was because he was so keen to play. Then we realised he'd forgotten to put the clock back an hour. He'd sat on his own in the dressing room for sixty minutes wondering where everyone was.

We all had a good laugh about that, and there were a few chuckles after I revealed a couple of the lad's nicknames in this column. Mind you, one player wasn't too overjoyed. He got the hump about being called Zeppelin Head and it went down like a lead balloon!

Vince



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August

17	v. Oldham Ath.	H	0-3
24	v. Newcastle U.	H	1-2
31	v. Everton	H	0-0

September

5	v. Notts County	A	1-5
21	v. Nottm. Forest	A	1-0
28	v. W.B.A.	H	3-0

October

4	v. Manch. Utd.	A	PP
12	v. Sheffield U.	H	2-0
17	v. Derby Co.	A	2-0
26	v. Sheff. Wed.	H	2-1

November

2	v. Tranmere R.	H	
13	v. Birmingham	A	
20	v. Bolton Wds.	A	
30	v. Blackburn R.	H	

December

7	v. Nottm. Forest	H	
13	v. W.B.A.	A	
20	v. Leeds United	A	

January

4	v. Wolves	H	
8	v. Liverpool	A	
15	v. Newcastle U.	A	
24	v. Oldham Ath.	A	

February

1	v. Notts County	H	
6	v. Everton	A	
13	v. Liverpool	H	
22	v. Birmingham	H	

March

5	v. Tranmere R.	A	
11	v. Wolves	A	
21	v. Leeds United	H	
28	v. Manch. Utd.	H	

April

10	v. Sheffield Utd.	A	
16	v. Sheff. Wed.	A	
25	v. Derby County	H	

May

1	v. Blackburn R.	A	
6	v. Bolton Wds.	H	

Lancashire Football League

Division One

19 August	v. Liverpool 'A'	H	2-2
26 August	v. Preston NE 'A'	A	4-0
2 September	v. Marine	A	2-0
9 September	v. Morecambe Res.	H	7-1
16 September	v. Bury 'A'	A	0-4
30 September	v. Crewe Alex. Res	A	4-0
7 October	v. Tranmere Rovers	A	2-3
13 October	v. Wrexham	H	2-4
21 October	v. Blackpool	A	2-3
28 October	v. Manchester Utd	H	2-0

A string of fine saves, including a penalty stop by Ronnie Sinclair put us on the road to a 2-0 win at Derby County.

It was Ronnie v. Paul Simpson in the first-half.....a penalty save on 23 minutes plus a double save just before half-time thwarted the Derby County winger.

We took advantage to go in at the break with a 2-0 lead thanks to goals from Simon Sturridge and Mark Devlin.

The second-half saw us again create a string of chances with both Devlin and Mike Macari going close.

We gained our fifth successive win with a 2-1 home victory over Sheffield Wednesday.

Midfielder Carl Beeston made his long awaited return and defender Ian Cranson came through another ninety minutes to press his claims for a spot in the first team squad.

All the goals came in the second-half with the visitors taking the lead before two goals from John Gayle gave us the points.

After a run of three defeats in the Lancashire League, we beat Manchester United 2-0 at home last Saturday with the goals coming from Ian Cranson and Toddy Orlygsson.



MATCH FACTS

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

Friday 13th October 1995

Saturday 28th October 1995

STOKE CITY 2

MANCHESTER UNITED 0

Scorers: Cranson, Orlygsson

Team - Muggleton, Birch,

McDonald, Whittle, Cranson,

Bailey, Orlygsson, Stokoe, P.

Macari, Hawkes, Callan

Subs: Holden, M. Macario,

Jagiluka

Scorers: Hawtin, Jagielka

Team - Sinclair, Woods,

Landvrued, Talbot,

McDonald, Holden;

Edwards, Hawtin, Jagielka,

P. Macari, Hawkes.

Subs: Devlin, Stokoe, Birch.

Saturday 21st October 1995

BLACKPOOL 3

STOKE CITY 2

Scorers: Whittle, Stokoe

Team - Knight; Birch, Callan;

Cranson, Whittle, Orlygsson;

Sturridge, Devlin, Gayle, M.

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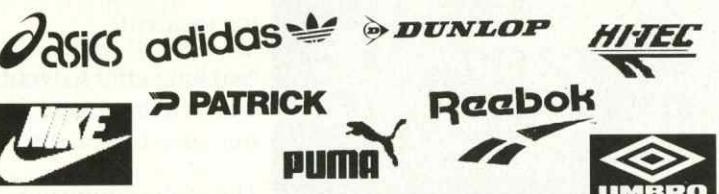
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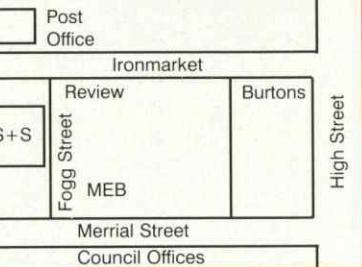


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LAWSON'S TRAVELS

Last Saturday Stoke travelled to Humberside looking to maintain their unbeaten sequence in the League against opponents Grimsby Town. The Potters needed to bounce back after mid-week reverse against Premiership giants Newcastle United in the Coca Cola Cup.

City fielded an unchanged line-up with John Dreyer, Mark Devlin and John Gayle named as subs. The mariners line-up included Ivano Bonetti signed last month from Torino and player manager ex Forest star Brian Laws at right back. Grimsby were undefeated at home but had struggled to score goals and a tight game was in prospect. The teams kicked off on a sunny afternoon before a modest crowd of 5477. Stoke were quickly in to their stride with Graham Potter making some telling runs down the left wing and the Grimsby goal led a charmed life at times with Keeper Critchton saving brilliantly from Kevin Keens 20 yard shot and Ray Wallace failing to convert in a goal mouth scramble when we looked odds on to score.

Grimsby were happy to go in level at the break and manager Laws must have had some harsh words for his fellow players at the interval as the home side came out in determined fashion at the start of the second half. For the first time during the match Stoke came under pressure and the mariners snatched the lead in the 51st minute when Paul Groves ran on to a through ball from Southall to tuck the ball past Mark Prudhoes left hand. Stoke responded with all out attacking display - Nigel Gleghorn and Pesch both having efforts cleared of the line within minutes of the re-start. In fact, Stoke created nine chances after the Grimsby goal to add to their tally of the first-half

but none were converted. A very disappointing final scoreline of 1-0 saw our unbeaten run of seven league games without defeat come to an unlikely end.

Next Saturday the first of two long distance journeys with a visit to Roots Hall, home to Southend United. The Shrimpers lie three places ahead of Stoke in the league table with former Stoke Striker Dave Regis in goal scoring form. The game involves a round trip of 390 miles - Stoke fans are again accommodated at the North stand End with 2100 seats available.

Total ground capacity is now 15,000. Programme price this season is £1.50. Ticket information as follows: pay £10 (no concessions) at turnstiles plus 200 Family Tickets available at £10 adults £5 Junior/O.A.Ps which must be ordered before Wednesday direct from Southend on 01702 304090 (credit card only).

The following week the 408 mile round trip to Fratton Park, Portsmouth where we take on Terry Fenwick's side struggling to make an impression in Division One. Pompey have added former Arsenal wing Jimmy Carter and old boy Paul Walsh from Man City to their squad. The open terrace at the Aspley Road End is still in use for visitors (capacity 1900) admission £8.00 with no concessions. Seat tickets are available in the South Stand at £13.00 with junior tickets at £9 available in advance only from Stoke City box office. Programme price this season £1.50.



ROOTS HALL



approach to Fratton Park



with
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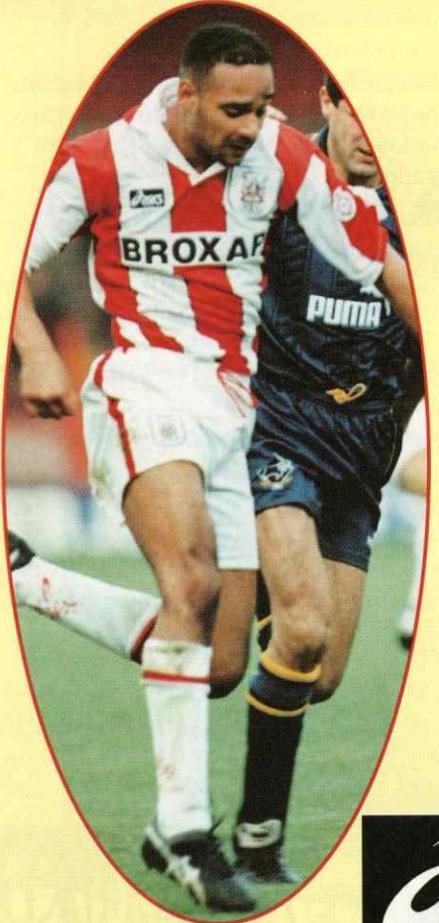
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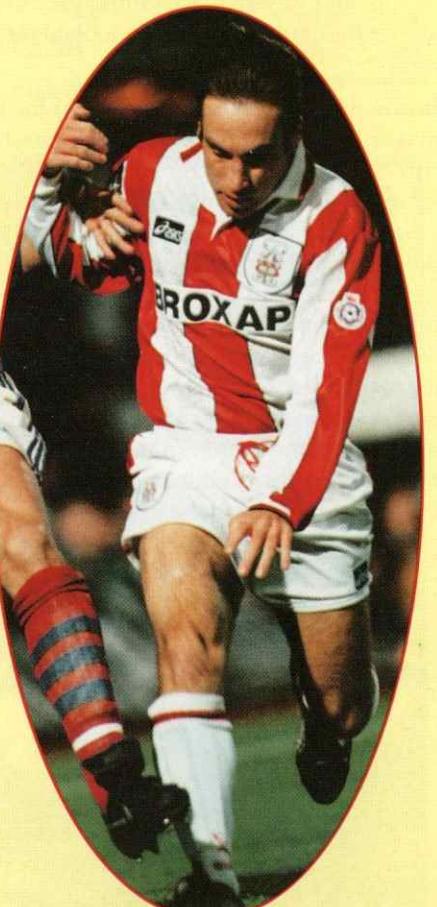


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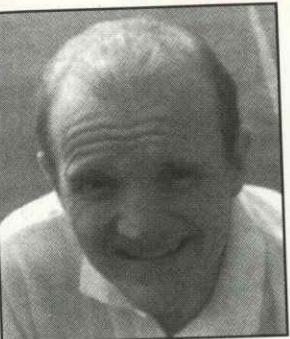
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JUNIOR POTTERS



with Phil Meeson

NORWICH WEEKEND - A MONTH AWAY

It's just four weeks until we go to Norwich for our Junior Potters family away weekend, and we are looking to finalize the bookings shortly so as to inform the hotel on the numbers that will be travelling down for the two day break. If you've not booked on the coach already and you are interested in going for this entertaining weekend please contact the Stoke City reception as soon as possible to make your booking and pay a £20 deposit per family.

The cost of the weekend, which includes a two night stay with bed, breakfast Saturday evening meal, disco and coach travel is £82 per person.

The Junior Hatters are with us today and will be taking part in a Half-time penalty competition against the Junior Potters. It will be a normal penalty competition today unlike the halfway line shoot-out that we tried out for the Norwich City game a month ago, we hope to be alternating them through the season. Six Juniors from each club will take three penalties each at the Boothen End of the ground where no doubt as usual the vocal support will be top class, this is going to be our fourth activity so far this season to have taken place on the pitch, and we are all delighted that each event has received such generous applause from everyone at "The Vic."

GUY THE GOALIE AWAITS!

For our Anglo-Italian game against Brescia on Wednesday night we shall be having a guest appearance from a mystery man posing under the name of "Guy the Goalie!"

"Guy" will be facing penalties at the Boothen End, from Junior Potters members and if all goes well he may return at future home games. The Junior Potters who are picked from our matchday activity list, will be informed of where to report on the night - good luck to all for the competition.

doubt be assisted by some of the First team players who will be coming along to join in the festivities, it promises to be another great night for the Junior Potters and their families so keep in touch with ticket information on the programme page and up to the minute details.

MILLWALL HERE FOR OUR NEXT SATURDAY GAME

Hopefully, we shall be entertaining the Junior Lions of Millwall at our next home game on November 25th. There is going to be another penalty shoot-out between ourselves and the Millwall youngsters at half-time, our last competition versus Norwich on October 7th was very successful and I'm sure this will be just as entertaining. Competitors will as usual be informed the week prior to the game as to the format and where to report.

JUNIORS' QUIZTIME

A straightforward competition today....just to see how many grounds you can name from the following teams:-

- 1 HEREFORD UNITED
- 2 DARLINGTON
- 3 AFC BOURNEMOUTH
- 4 ROCHDALE
- 5 BRADFORD CITY
- 6 TRANMERE ROVERS
- 7 DONCASTER ROVERS
- 8 BARNET
- 9 BLACKPOOL
- 10 COLCHESTER UNITED
- 11 LINCOLN CITY
- 12 BRIGHTON

CHRISTMAS PARTY 1995

This years Junior Potter family Christmas Party will take place on Friday 22nd December at the Fenton Community Centre, which is situated in Manor Street, Fenton. Tickets for this years party will shortly be going on sale and will be available from the Stoke City reception priced at £2 per person, or a Family Ticket for just £7 (maximum of two adults and three children).

So far we have got the services of a top class disco for the energetic, and will also be having a buffet style meal, on the night, Father Christmas will be making his usual appearance with goodies for everyone and he'll no

- (1) EDDGAR STREET (2) FEETHAMS
- (3) DEAN COURT (4) SPOTLAND
- (5) VALLEY PARADE
- (6) PENRINTON PARK (7) BELLE VUE
- (8) UNDERHILL STADIUM
- (9) BLOOMFIELD ROAD
- (10) LAWYER ROAD (11) SINCIL BANK
- (12) GOLDSTONE GROUND.

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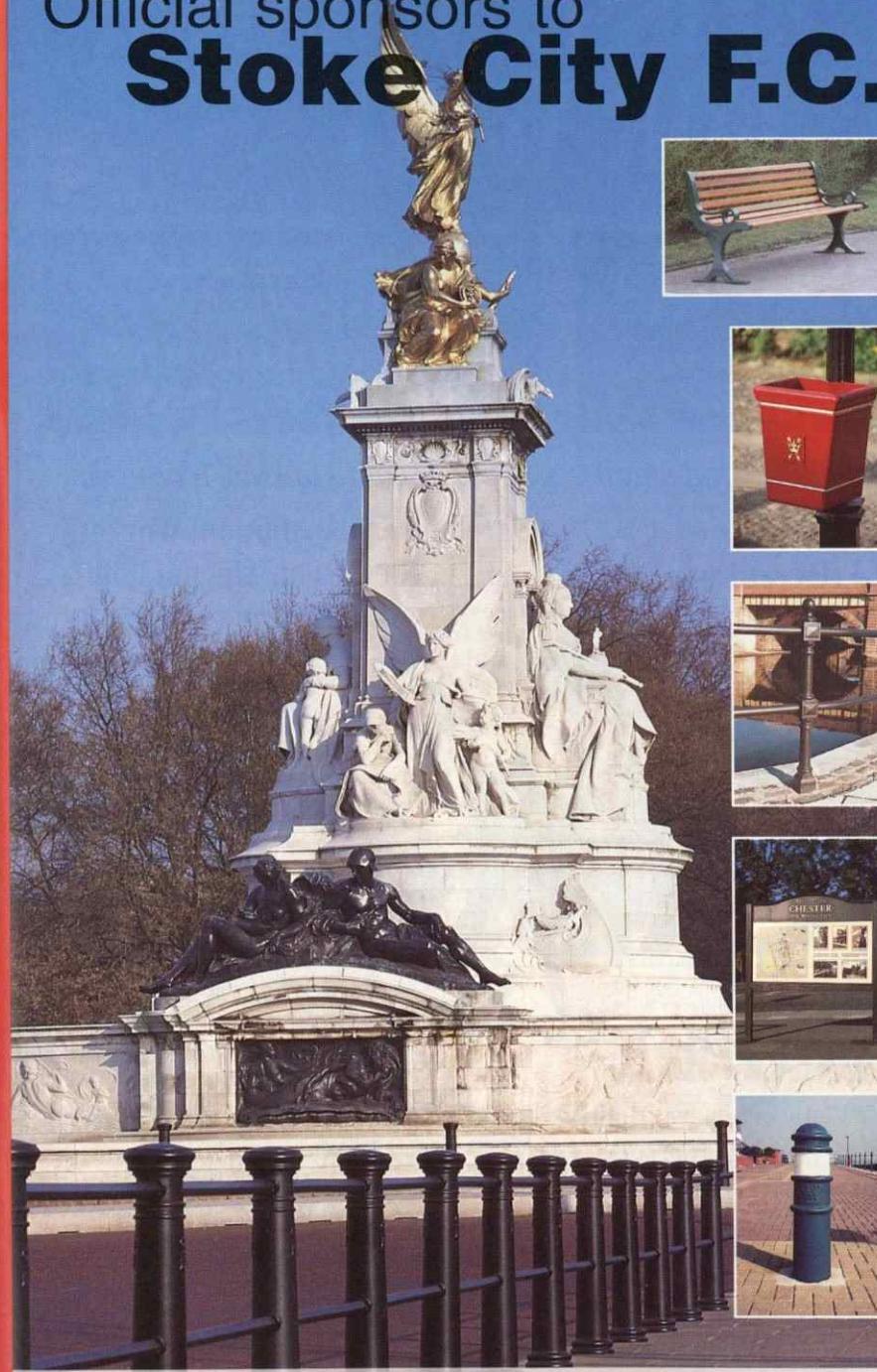


Mr. David Cooke of Compass Courier Services, Matchball Sponsors v. Newcastle, is seen here with Keith Humphreys, Stoke City's Vice-Chairman



The Executive Box Holders' 'Man of the Match' v. Newcastle was Ray Wallace who was presented with his award by Graham Bladen, Richard Perry, Bob Leatherland and Dave Holland from Bass (Box 18)

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HATTERS HURDLE!

This afternoon we welcome Luton Town and their supporters to The Victoria Ground, for the latest hurdle in our race to clear the bottom end of the table and gain ground on the leading group. Last week's defeat at Grimsby ended a seven match unbeaten league run and is important to regain our form as quick as possible.

The recent run of ten matches unbeaten, including knocking Chelsea out of the Coca-Cola Cup, has shown just what the club can achieve when everyone, on the pitch and off it, all pull together. The defeat by Newcastle United not only ended that run but also brought the "Potters" down to Earth with a bump!

It is certainly no disgrace to be beaten by the best team in the country, but it did indicate the enormous task which Stoke City have ahead to breach the gap between the First Division and the Premier League.



with
Nic Mansfield

The mid-1960's saw Stoke City face a number of foreign clubs in friendly matches both at home and abroad. In season 1965-66 Stoke played in Eire (v. Home Farm), Holland (against both Ajax and Feyenoord) and in Hong Kong (two matches - one against a League XI, the other versus a Select XI).

All the programmes for these games are very rare and difficult to obtain as very few fans seemed to have travelled and only those brought back by the players seem to be around these days.

The programme from the Feyenoord game (partly reproduced here) has only recently come into my collection. The 16 page issue has a cover featuring the stadium and is entitled 'Stadion Nieuws' (Stadium News possibly!).

The programme carries many adverts and it would seem that the Dutch marketing people were keen for their public to smoke and drink themselves to death, for on their way to the game they could drop the car off with the local Volkswagen dealer for a service! Page three carried a welcome to the visiting Stoke side: "Their energetic management presents an attractive match against foreign opponents. Tonight's match intends to be entertainment as well as good training for the championship and for matches in the European Cup against the famous Real Madrid. Stoke is a further British team that joins quite a series of which have already played before in this stadium: Manchester United, Spurs (four times), Bolton and Chelsea."

The team line-ups were covered in the centre pages - surrounded by adverts.

Jimmy McIlroy was actually called Ma Ilroy - no doubt he received some ribbing for that! The Potters team that night was: Leslie; Palmer, Allen; Skeels, Bloor, Setters; Burrows, Vernon, Vioillet, Ma Ilroy and Dobing. The rest of the programme comprises lots of words made up of too many o's, v's, z and j - too near each other for my liking, but appearing to cover Feyenoord's forthcoming campaign in Europe as the 1964-65 Dutch champions.

You could just see Ajax inviting Stoke down this season as a warm up to their European campaign - still with a bit of financial input, we are only a few seasons away from returning to such glory! For the record, Stoke drew 1-1 with Feyenoord.

CITY SHAME

The return of the violent scenes to the streets surrounding The Victoria Ground after the Newcastle United game, only went to make the night even more of a disaster. Much of the trouble was reported in the local 'press', and we even had a letter from a Newcastle supporter who's friend was 'bottled' and has had to have three metal plates inserted into his cheek bone and will be scarred for life! We have also had a letter from a Stoke supporter from North Wales who stood on the Boothen End because he and his family could not get their usual stand tickets. He suffered verbal and physical abuse throughout the entire game!

Our message to any person who brought shame on Stoke City on the evening of the Newcastle United game is 'Stay away' - Stoke City don't want you!

ANGLO ADVENTURE

A trip is being organised by Stoke City to take supporters to the Anglo Italian game at Reggiana in December by coach and ferry. The trip will take three days and will include one night's stay, match ticket and compulsory insurance, and will cost around £135.

The club are also looking into Air Travel to the game and details of either form of transport can be obtained from the Marketing department on 01782 845840.

MEET MACARI

We are still awaiting a response from the Football Club with regards to a "Meet the Manager" event with Lou Macari. Details of developments will be published as soon as they are available.

CLUB CONTACT

Please write to The Secretary, 11 Westland Street, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 7HE, remembering to include a S.A.E for a prompt reply. You can also telephone or fax on 01782 744674

NICHOLAS J MANSFIELD
THE SECRETARY
STOKE CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB

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NOTE - October's issue of Potters' Monthly is now on sale, price £1 for 48 pages of news, views, gossip etc., from within The Victoria Ground. Send £1 to me, Julian Boodell, at the above address, for your copy NOW or you can obtain one from the club shop after the game.



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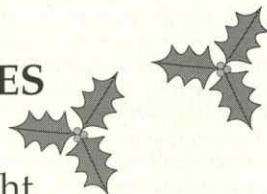
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SOUTHEND UNITED

For those of you are that unaware we are running a trip to Southend United. This trip will be taking place next Saturday 11th November 1995. We will be leaving Stoke at approximately 09.00 and will be travelling back straight after the game. If we arrive in plenty of time we will spend an hour or so in Southend itself. Fortunately we still have a few places available so if you are interested please contact the above number.

OLD STRIPS

For those of you who have a close eye on the Community Programme activities you will remember last year we made a plea for old strips, the response was quite good but we are still a few strips short of a fine collection. If anybody has an old strip and would like to donate it to the Community scheme we would be very grateful and the club would give the persons the appropriate recognition.

SOCER SCHOOL

Last weeks socer school proved to be very succesful we had over 120 children who thoroughly enjoyed themselves the next socer school will be over the festive period.

HALF-TIME TEASERS

- 1) Which Scottish football club were fined £2,000 per game during last season?

2) Who were the first international players to be sent off in an international game for Wales, Scotland, and England?

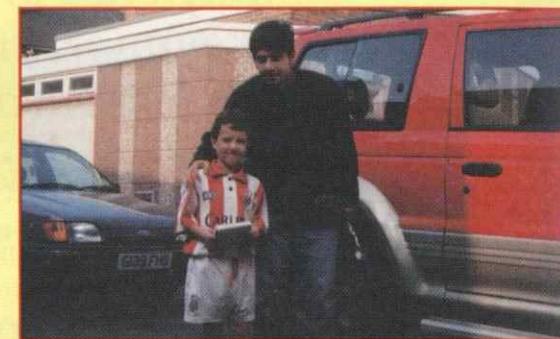
3) Name five players who have played in a London derby for a London team, also played in a Manchester derby for United or City and played in a Merseyside derby for either Everton or Liverpool?

4) Name an entire England team playing in their true positions with only four letters or less in their surname?

Please send all answers to Stoke City Community Programme by the 11th November 1995. The prize will be a signed football.

All the best to the lads this afternoon

Taffy and Ade



Benjamin Nixon - who had his birthday party at the 'Vic' - pictured with 'Pesch'.

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FIVE TO TACKLE

David Kevan in the hot seat

Former Stoke star David Kevan, forced to retire from the game last year through injury, is getting involved in soccer again through coaching. He still lives in Newcastle and is enjoying working with City's young hopefuls.

Q) It's a welcome back to Stoke, David, and perhaps the start of a new career for you?

A) Well, I'm certainly enjoying it. I'm taking the 15 to 16 year old's at Keele for training on a Tuesday night, plus on a Sunday morning when we play friendly fixtures against other local clubs.

Then on a Friday night I help out with the under 10s, who also train at Keele. Its a voluntary job and part time, but I'm grateful to Stoke for giving me the chance to try and start a new career now my playing days are over. I took my FA Preliminary coaching badge in the summer, and I'm now going for the full badge.

Q) It must have been a shock when you were told you couldn't play professional football again?

A) It certainly was. The problem is inflammatory arthritis in the knee. Doctors have managed to stabilise the inflammation with a course of tablets, and I'm a regular visitor to the Haywood Hospital in Burslem.

Q) Do you miss the day to day routine and being part of the action?

A) I miss it even more than I thought I would. When you are a player, you don't realise how lucky you are until it is not there. At 27, and in different circumstances, I could have been looking at another five years at least in the game before thinking of retiring. But I'm looking to the future now and coaching has given me a fresh hope, because six months ago I had no idea what I was going to do next.

Q) A lot of players are now planning ahead. At Stoke Ian Clarkson is currently on a media studies course, while Lee Sandford is studying for a sports science degree. Not a bad idea would you say?

A) I have got the utmost admiration for what they are doing. After my experience, I would advise every player to do the same and get themselves organised for the day when they retire. When I was a player, I was so engrossed in soccer I never really thought what I would do in the future and it's the wrong way to be. You've got to prepare yourself.

Q) And you have started watching Stoke?

A) Yes, I've been to the home games Tranmere, Chelsea, Norwich and Newcastle. I've been impressed by what I have seen and I think the lads can have a good season.

Ray Wallace has been a revelation in the centre of midfield. His workrate is enormous, and he's been getting in some great tackles. With enthusiasm like that, how can you fail to succeed.

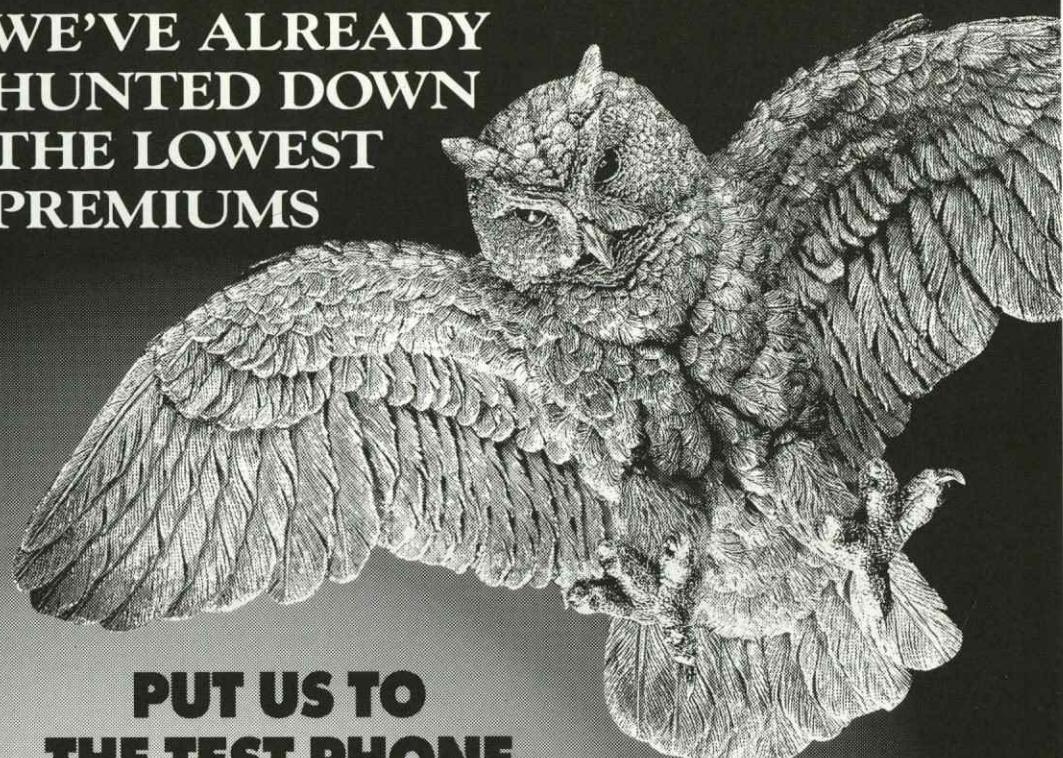
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Venue	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	15	5	6	4	26	25
Away	15	4	6	5	13	21
Totals	30	9	12	9	39	46

* It's all square in respect of wins, draws and losses but the Hatters have the advantage in goals scored.

LAST SEASON

It was a case of 'winning away' last season when the hatters came to the Potteries and grabbed all three points with a 2-1 victory (9th October) and then the Potters travelled to Kenilworth Road on the last day of the League programme and won 3-2 to gain revenge.

A crowd of 11,712 attended The Victoria Ground for that October clash. Dwight Marshall scored first for Luton on 22 minutes, netting from 15 yards after an error by former 'Hatter' John Dreyer.

It took Stoke until the ninth minute to draw level when Martin Carruthers followed up to score after Lee Sandford's shot had been saved by 'keeper Juergen Sommer.

But a lack of defensive discipline cost Stoke dearly, as Luton took all three points two minutes later when David Preece smashed the ball home from point blank range after Marshall had sold a dummy from Paul Telfer's hard, low cross.

The return game at Kenilworth Road on 7th May attracted a crowd of 8,252 and this time it was the Potters who came late to win the points.

Luton took the lead on 43 minutes when Richard Harvey shot home from fully 30 yards following a Preece corner.

Seven minutes into the second-half Stoke were level when Toddy Orlygsson cracked in a free-kick after Nigel Gleghorn had stepped over the ball.

Paul Peschisolido then put Stoke 2-1 up on 79 minutes with a crisp low drive after being set up by 'Gleggy' but four minutes later it was 2-2 when Gary Waddock netted his first goal for the Hatters after a scramble in the Stoke six-yard box.

With three minutes remaining and a draw looking the

likely outcome, Stoke surged forward and Keith Scott nipped in to pinch the winner after a defensive mishap in the Luton penalty area.

BIG WINS

Luton's best win of the nine recorded so far was that 6-2 crushing given to the Potters at Kenilworth Road in November 1993, the day goalkeeper Gordon Marshall made a disastrous debut for the Potters! Stoke's best win is 4-2, achieved at The Victoria Ground in November 1974 (Division 1). Over 20,600 fans were present to see Jimmy Greenhoff net twice for the Potters. And England inside-forward Dennis Wilshaw scored twice in a 3-0 Stoke home win in October 1960.

Incidentally, Luton also won 4-0 on Stoke soil in April 1985, 4-2 in the Potteries in December 1983 and 4-1 in February 1961 at Kenilworth Road.

EIGHT-GOAL THRILLER

Stoke and Luton shared eight goals in a First Division game at The Victoria Ground in September 1982 - in front of the TV cameras.

This match saw the dismissal of Stoke's 'keeper Peter Fox, but with 10 men the Potters battled every inch of the way and thoroughly deserved to share the points in a thrilling 4-4 draw.

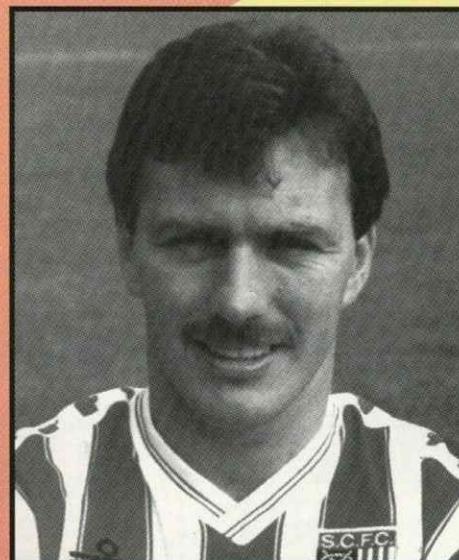
A crowd of 18,475 saw George Berry (2), Paul Bracewell and Brendan O'Callaghan scored for City.

CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

Stoke beat Luton 2-0 at home on 18th April 1963 to clinch the Second Division championship. Over 33,600 fans were present that day and on target for the Potters was a certain Stanley Matthews!

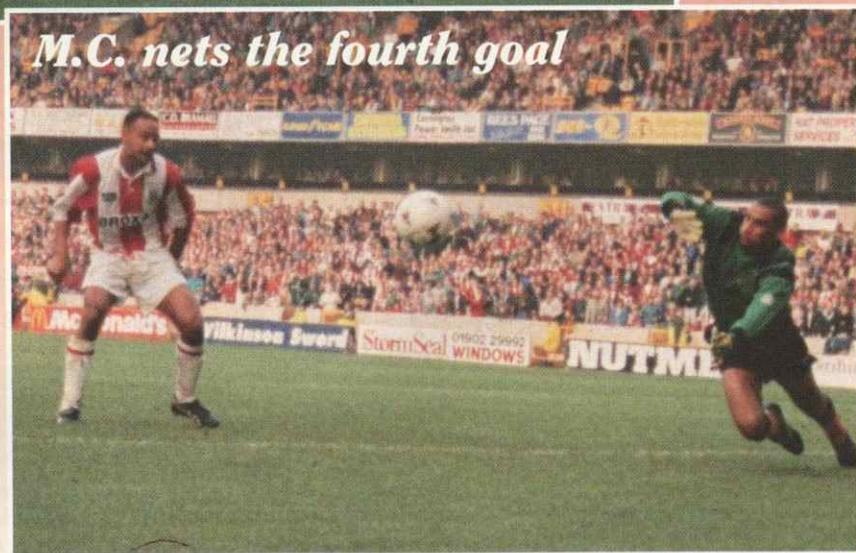
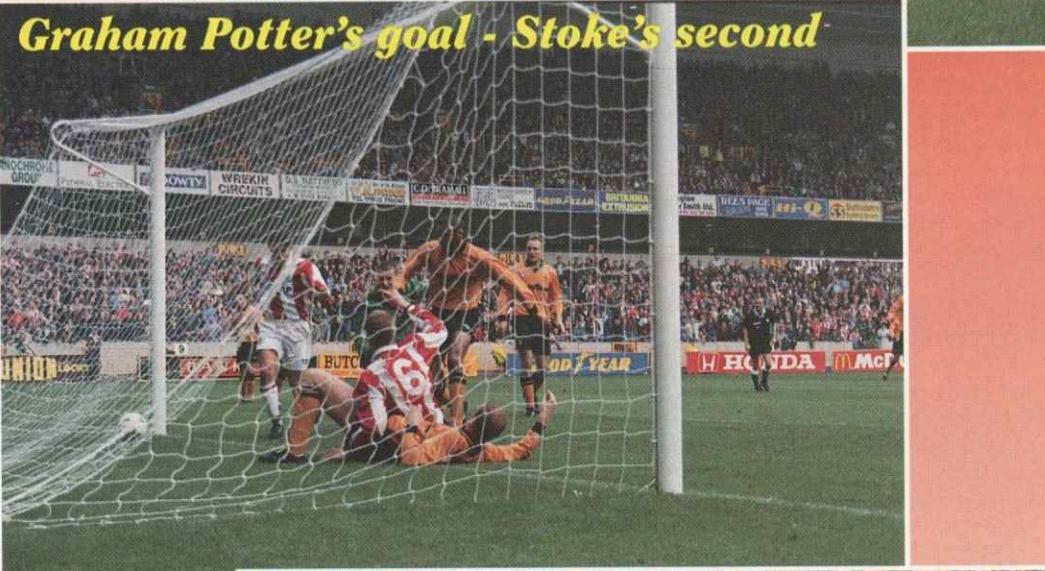
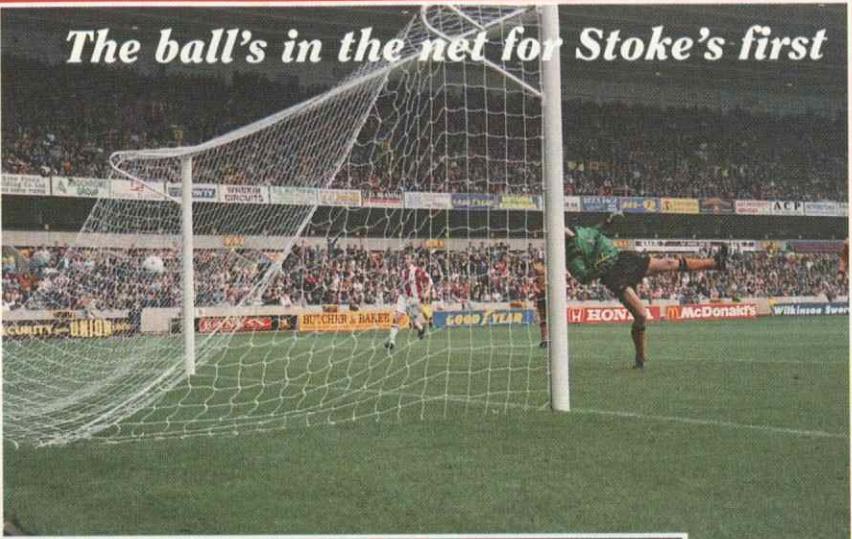
PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS

Among the players who have served with both clubs over the years we have winger Jimmy Adam, forward Ian Allinson, Viv Busby (see page 23), defender John Dreyer, Scottish inside-forward Tommy Kiernan (1940s), full-back George Lennon (1920s) and goalscoring ace Mark Stein



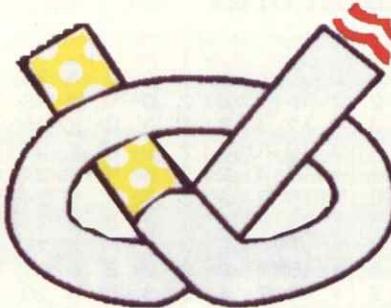
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Stoke's star forward

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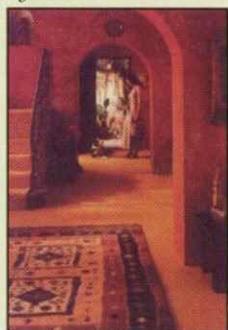


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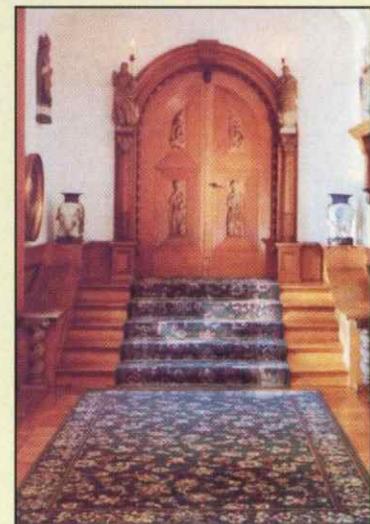
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	14	3	2	2	8	7	5	2	0	9	4	28
Birmingham	14	4	3	0	12	4	3	1	3	12	10	25
Leicester	13	2	2	2	10	10	5	2	0	12	5	25
West Bromwich	14	5	1	1	10	4	2	2	3	10	11	24
Sunderland	14	3	3	1	10	7	3	3	1	7	6	24
Tranmere Rovers	13	3	3	1	13	8	2	3	1	8	5	21
Norwich City	14	3	3	1	8	5	2	3	2	11	10	21
Charlton Athletic	14	3	3	1	10	7	2	3	2	8	6	21
Oldham Athletic	14	4	2	1	13	7	1	3	3	6	8	20
Grimsby Town	14	3	4	0	7	4	2	1	4	7	11	20
Ipswich Town	14	4	0	3	14	11	1	4	2	10	10	19
Barnsley	14	3	3	1	11	12	2	1	4	10	15	19
Huddersfield	14	4	1	2	12	8	1	2	4	5	12	18
Derby County	14	2	4	1	7	6	2	2	3	9	12	18
Southend	14	4	2	1	7	4	1	1	5	5	12	18
Wolves	14	3	2	2	10	8	1	3	3	8	11	17
Crystal Palace	13	1	3	2	7	8	3	2	2	9	9	17
Reading	14	3	1	3	13	14	0	5	2	5	8	15
Stoke City	14	1	4	2	5	6	2	2	3	10	13	15
Watford	14	2	3	2	9	7	1	2	4	9	14	14
Portsmouth	14	2	2	3	10	10	1	2	4	9	13	13
Luton Town	14	1	1	5	7	2	2	2	3	3	5	12
Sheffield United	14	2	1	4	9	13	1	1	5	8	13	11
Port Vale	14	0	2	5	5	11	2	3	2	7	6	11

FACTS AND FIGURES

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1. *Off-*

City Officer

John Alcock, Health and Safety Officer

Dear John

We just wanted to thank you for your helpfulness and hospitality at last weeks Coca Cola Cup match. In over twenty years of supporting Newcastle United (visiting over forty grounds) I have never been made to feel so welcome as a visitor.

What impressed me most was that you were able to take time to meet us on what must have been Stoke's biggest night since Mark Stein humbled Manchester United. To then have a steward escort us to our seats was particularly helpful. It was a night that my young son, Jack, will remember for a long time and I hope the result was not too disappointing for you and your colleagues. If it is any consolation, it was a very special

I wish you and your club all the best for the future, particularly with the plans for a new stadium. Thanks again for making a young lad and his dad's night the highlight of the night.

and his dad enjoy a memorable
Yours sincerely
Niall & Jack MacKenzie

THE TEAMS

STOKE CITY

Red & White Striped Shirts, White Shorts

1	MARK PRUDHOE
2	IAN CLARKSON
3	LEE SANDFORD
4	LARUS SIGURDSSON
5	VINCE OVERSON
6	GRAHAM POTTER
7	KEVIN KEEN
8	RAY WALLACE
9	PAUL PESCHISOLIDO
10	MARTIN CARRUTHERS
11	NIGEL GLEGHORN
12	JOHN GAYLE
13	SIMON STURRIDGE
14	JOHN DREYER

LUTON TOWN

White shirts with blue trim, blue shorts

IAN FEUER	1
TREVOR PEAKE	2
MARVIN JOHNSON	3
STEVE DAVIS	4
CERI HUGHES	5
JOHNNY VILSTRUP	6
GRAHAM ALEXANDER	7
SCOTT OAKES	8
DAVID OLDFIELD	9
DWIGHT MARSHALL	10
RICHARD HARVEY	11
BONTCHO GUENTCHEV	12
GARY WADDOCK	13
GAVIN JOHNSON	14

REFEREE: Mr. J. W. Lloyd (Wrexham)

LINESMEN:

Mr. J. T. Boulton (Birmingham)

Mr. R. E. Bowden (Stockport)

RESERVE OFFICIAL: Mr. P. T. Johnson (Stafford)

Today's Mascots

The Potters' first mascot this afternoon is *Stephen White* (10) from Lightwood, Stoke-on-Trent. He likes football, drawing, running, cricket and playing computer games. His favourite players are 'Pesch', Martin Carruthers & Nigel Gleghorn.

The other mascot is *Les Birt* (aged 50), onetime pupil at Sandyford Junior School, Hanley. His favourite players were Jimmy Greenhoff and Denis Smith. His hobbies include bird-watching, money-making and watching Stoke City FC.



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AWAY GAME INFORMATION

SOUTHEND UNITED v. STOKE CITY

Saturday 11th November '95

3pm Kick-off Our allocation is 2,100 seats in the North Stand (behind the goal)....price £10 no concessions pay at the turnstiles. There are also available 200 Family Tickets price at £10 adults and £5 junior/O.A.P.s which must be ordered before Wednesday direct from Southend United on 01702 304090 - payment by credit card only.

PORTSMOUTH v. STOKE CITY

Saturday 18th November '95

3pm Kick-Off Our allocation is 2,000 open terrace places, price at £8 (no concessions) and it's pay at the turnstiles. Also we have 1,200 main stand seats, priced at £13 each (no concessions) - available on day of game. Available from Stoke City Box Office (advance sales only).....we have adult tickets at £13, plus junior tickets priced at £9.

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Club Fax:

01782 745340

Fax other Departments:

01782 846422

TICKET APPLICATION

For all-ticket games, season ticket holders may purchase tickets via the post, or they can be purchased over the phone by payment of Access or Visa. A booking fee of £1.50 will be charged and tickets will be sent by Recorded Delivery.

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