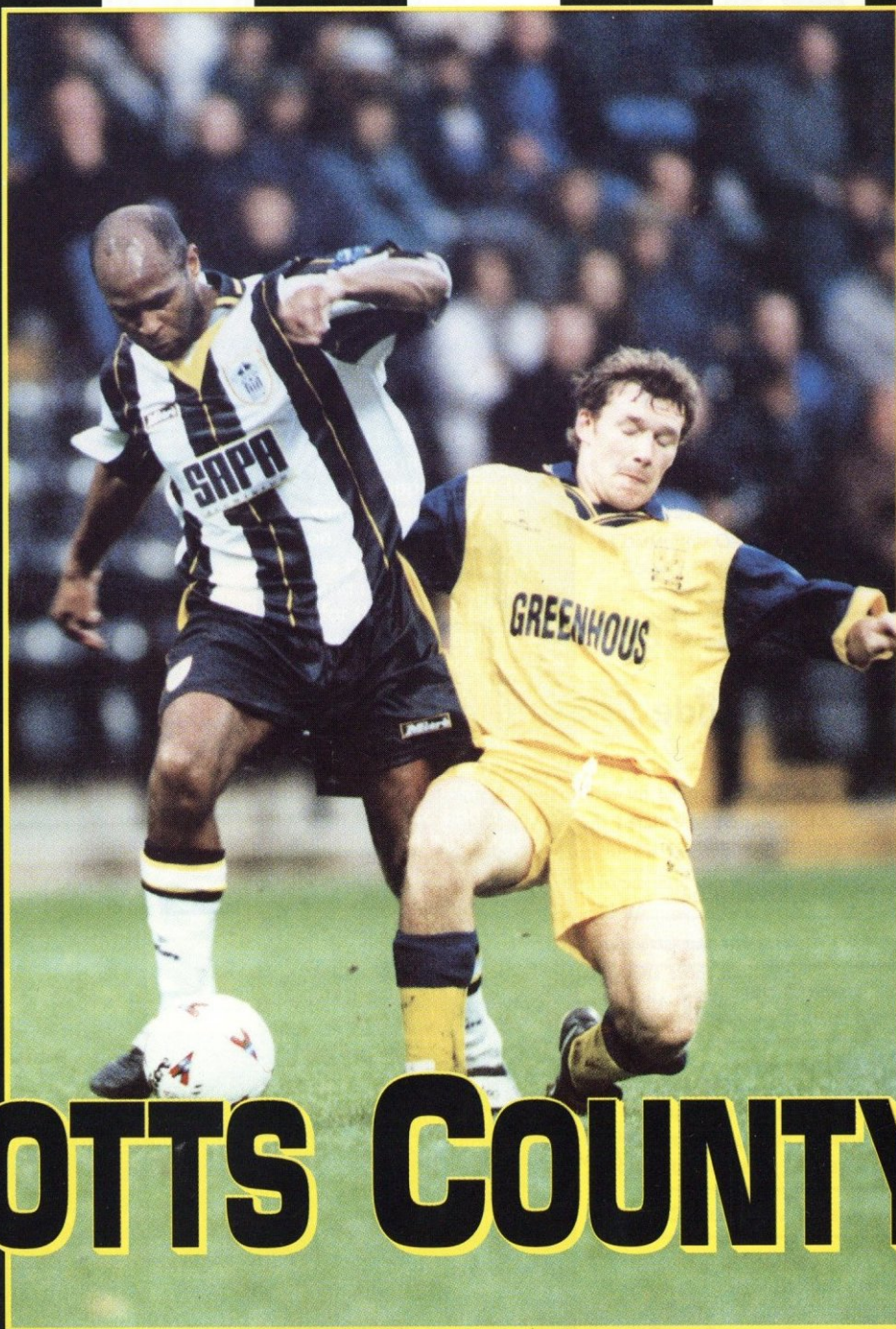


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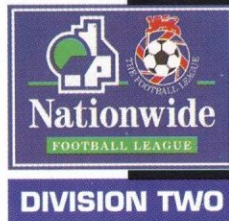
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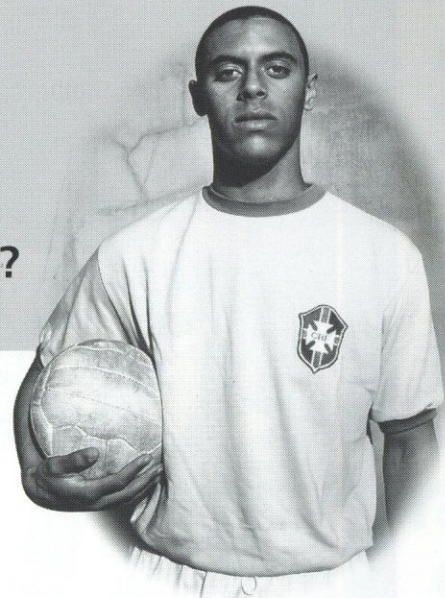
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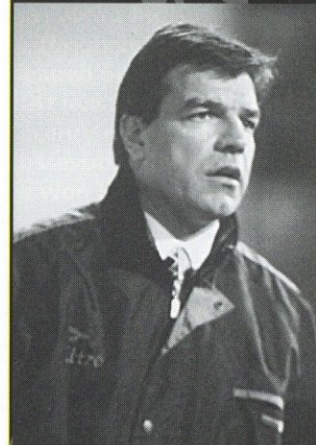
But I'm old enough and wise enough in football terms to know that there's only one way to repay you for your kindness.

You are looking for me to turn around the fortunes of this club and two weeks into the job, I have to say that isn't going to be easy.

I hope the penny has dropped by now, especially inside our dressing room, that we have a major fight on our hands if we are going to stay in the Second Division.

It's all very well to say that we still have 19 League games to go. That's a fact and they do represent a lot of points but it doesn't mean much when you are struggling to win games.

The Cup tie with Aston Villa was a pleasant distraction as far as I'm concerned and the Auto Windscreens Shield game at Scunthorpe gave me a good opportunity to see some other players in action.



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I was pleased with what I saw and it certainly augers well for the future that we have some talented young players coming through.

That can only be a good thing but it's our immediate future which concerns all of us more and you don't need me to tell you that we urgently need to find a way of making promising play lead to goals.

The last few weeks have been a really hectic time for the players and although they gave everything they had in the final half-hour at Walsall last week, I did get the impression that they

were looking tired.

That's something we have to consider in our day-to-day work schedule because there's still a lot more games to cram into the next three months and the players must be prepared to keep driving themselves on.

As the saying goes, they have to be prepared to sweat blood if that is what's required to keep this club in the Second Division - and I'm only interested in those who are.

Only time will tell how much quality we have in the squad. I'm relatively satisfied with what I have seen in training but I want them to go into matches determined to show individual flair within our team pattern.

Including today's clash with Luton, we have 11 home matches left and quite simply, if we are going to avoid the drop we have to win most of them.

I can't stress how important your help will be in this respect. We need you not only to come to those matches but also to do what you can to keep the players going.

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Between you and me...

'Where's my crackers?'

POOR Gary Martindale . . . it never rains but it pours where he's concerned.

It had the makings of one of those weekends when he surrendered his 100 per cent record at taking penalties in our last home game against Gillingham.

He decided the best thing to do was go 'home' to Liverpool for a couple of days to recover from the shock and while he was away, his house in Nottingham was virtually cleaned out.

At least the burglars had the decency not to take his prize possession - the Golden Boot he won last season for finishing as the Second Division's top scorer.

But just about everything else went, including the hat trick ball he collected with Peterborough last season.

What upset 'Marty' most of all, though, was that the robbers tucked into a feast of crackers and Quality Street before they left!

It was no laughing matter, of course, but the lads couldn't contain themselves when he let on about that. And that was all the ammunition we needed to get a smile back onto his face.



GRAEME HOGG . . . recently became a Dad.

Technical hitch

SEAN FARRELL is convinced that the local Police read this column . . . and he's not too pleased about it!

Regular readers may recall that I referred in my last bulletin to the ancient Ford Escort which gets him up and down the A1 from Stevenage and back every day.

Well, clearly the law were as fascinated as we were as to how it managed to keep going and decided it was about time they took a closer look.

To cut a long story short, 'Faz' has been knocking the stuffing out of his mother's Volvo this week - while his vintage Escort undergoes a few necessary repairs.

"What, me?"

EVERYONE seems to be talking

about Matt Redmile at the moment and that's hardly surprising because he has certainly shown himself to be an excellent prospect in the past few weeks.

You couldn't fail to be impressed at the way he took the two Cup ties against Aston Villa in his stride and so far, only one thing seems to have unsettled him.

We call him 'The Dinosaur' but there was nothing formidable about him last week when the boss marched into the dressing room and said that a chap from the local radio was waiting to interview him.

'Redders' visibly shrunk in the corner as it registered with him that it would actually mean having to speak into a microphone!

Anyway, I'm told he handled himself very well in the end so that's another 'first' to tell his grand-children about.

Hoggy Mark II

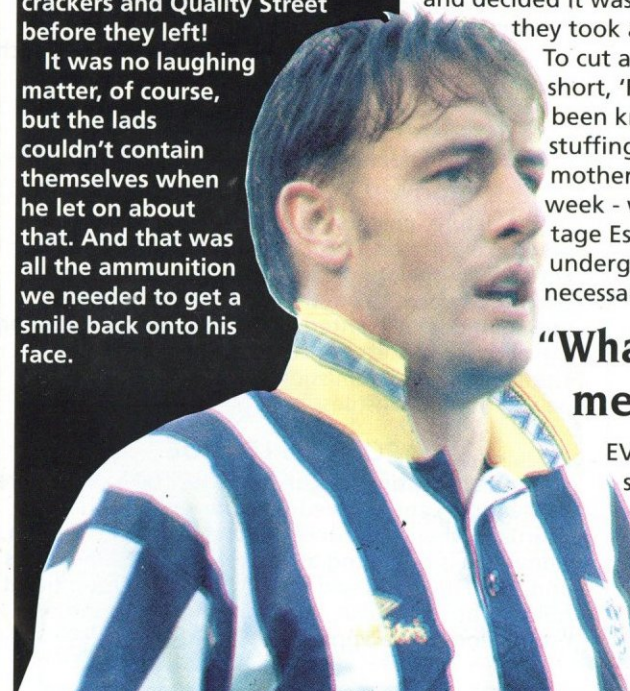
CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Graeme Hogg and his girl-friend June, who recently had a little boy to brighten their lives.

I'm told they have called him Connor and what the lads want to know is whether he cries with a gruff Scots accent - and is slightly susceptible to calf strains.

Somehow, I can't exactly picture 'Hoggy' wandering around the bedroom in the middle of the night, whispering sweet nothings to young Connor.

But despite what some strikers might tell you, I suspect that there really is a bit of a soft centre in there somewhere!

Gary



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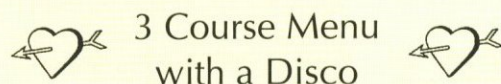
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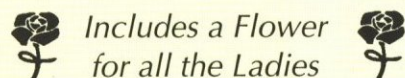
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PATRONS MEMBERSHIP OFFERS

Notts County Patrons welcome David Sharman to their membership having taken advantage of the half-year offer for £50. Offer still open and anyone interested can meet Geoff Gibbs at Lawtons Bar, Main Stand on first team home games. A warm welcome from very friendly supporters awaits your enquiry. Alternatively, ring Geoff on (0115) 973 1983.

We publish the result of the Patrons Christmas Raffle, scheduled for the Plymouth match which was postponed due to bad weather.

1st Bottle of Glenfiddich plus two glasses - Mr. Brumfield.

2nd Bottle of Croft Original - Ann of Ladbrokes.

3rd Bottle of Cockburns Port - Mr. Cracknell.

Our thanks to everyone who supported this fund-raising event which netted £80 profit.

We are planning a trip to Bristol Rovers v Notts County on Sunday, 20th April, 1997 in reciprocation under Hand of Friendship Scheme with Bristol Rovers President Association.

Package is: Executive Coach Travel, Sunday Lunch, Centre Stand Seat, Half-time Buffet, Match Programme. Cost: £42.00 all inclusive.

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This fixture, postponed on New Year's Day, will now take place on TUESDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 1997 with a 7.45 pm kick-off at Meadow Lane. Any pre-purchased tickets from the original date are valid and should be presented at the relevant turnstiles on the evening. Tickets are currently on sale at the Ticket Office and admission can also be gained by paying at the turnstiles.

PONTINS LEAGUE

Our next Pontins League game will take place here at Meadow Lane on Wednesday evening, 5th February when we entertain West Bromwich Albion. Admission is by paying at the turnstiles, £2.00 adults and £1.00 juveniles and senior citizens. Season ticket holders, are of course, admitted to the ground on production of the appropriate voucher.

Meadow Lane Scene

TOP MARKS FOR NOTTS

We are a group of Aston Villa fans who had the pleasure of visiting your lovely stadium for the Notts County v Aston Villa game on Tuesday evening 14th January, and we would like to thank you for the lovely welcome you so kindly gave us, everyone was so polite and your ground stewards were magnificent and helpful. We also thought it was a lovely idea you did with the children in the relay, it gave the atmosphere a lot of the large clubs are lacking and we thoroughly enjoyed our visit there.

Top marks Notts County Football Club, superb organisation, spotlessly clean stadium, superb catering (ten out of ten from us). We wish you every success for the future, and hope one day you'll make the Premier. **Best wishes from, Mrs. E. Bennett and six other fans.**

IN CHARGE TODAY

Trevor West, 47 years of age, born in Louth, Lincolnshire. A police officer (sergeant in Humberside Police), he is married with two children, Lisa 22 and Paul 17.

An ex-player in the Lincolnshire Leagues, he commenced refereeing in 1979 in the East Riding of Yorkshire, officiated on Midland, Yorkshire, Northern Premier, Central (Pontins), Alliance (Vauxhall Conference) Leagues. Appointed to Football League Linesmen's List in 1985. Appointed to Football League Referees' List in 1988.

He refereed the Northern Premier League President's Cup Final in 1986 and the FA Trophy Semi-Final in 1990. He was the Assistant Referee for the UEFA Cup (2nd round) Juventus v Athletic Bilbao match in Italy in 1988.

His interests and hobbies are cycling, walking and freshwater angling.



BEHIND THE SCENES

NICK HUGHES

Nick is a sales representative working for County 75, with his main duties promoting the County Cashline Weekly Draw, the Matchday 50/50 Draw and recruiting lottery agents.

He is married with four children and in his spare time enjoys gardening and antique collecting.

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LUTON TOWN



LENNIE LAWRENCE

THE WALLS of the visitors dressing room will be vibrating to the sound of loud music this afternoon as Luton Town pump out their promotion beat.

The Hatters have adopted the Wimbledon style of blasting out the music to psyche themselves up for matches... and it has certainly worked as they endeavour to bounce back into the First Division at the first attempt.

Indeed, the volume has been turned up just recently after the Luton players were given a new hi-fi system by their chairman David Kohler.

This was offered to them as an incentive to climb to the top of the Second Division by the New Year, something they achieved in style by winning four successive League matches in a run that also brought two cup wins.

With experienced defender Mitchell Thomas as the disc jockey, Luton are clearly making quite a racket these days in their push for promotion.

After a dramatic slide towards relegation at the end of last season, when they won only two of their final 17 League matches, the Bedfordshire club slipped out of the top two divisions for the first time in more than 20 years.

In seeking to regain that First Division status as quickly as possible, Luton's manager Lennie Lawrence pinned faith in the considerable experience that has been assembled at Kenilworth Road.

And yet it has been the goalscoring feats of one of the club's young products, Tony Thorpe that has spearheaded the promotion bid.

Thorpe, who first shot to prominence when he scored on his debut as a teenager in an FA Cup tie against Newcastle three years ago, has enjoyed remarkable success in front of goal - despite being a midfield player.

The 22-year-old from Leicester has hit two hat-tricks, the second of which helped his side record a 6-0 triumph over Crewe Alexandra.

Luton's surge towards the top of the Second Division table, which came after an uneasy start to the season where they won only one of their first five games and were beaten 5-0 at Bristol City, has also been boosted by the return from injury of last season's leading scorer Dwight Marshall.

DAVID KOHLER may have to think of another incentive to help Luton Town build up some new momentum following recent results in their quest to bounce back into the First Division at the first attempt.

After a run of six successive wins, during which they scored 15 goals and soared to the top of the Second Division, Lennie Lawrence's side have been held to goalless draws in their last two League matches.

Indeed, Luton are still looking for their first win in 1997 after a marvellous end to last year, having also gone out of the FA Cup in spectacular fashion to First Division table-toppers Bolton Wanderers.

A 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road led to a Burnden Park replay in which two goals from the in-form Tony Thorpe put Lawrence's men 2-1 up early on, but the Lancashire club eventually romped to a 6-2 win.

Either side of those two cup encounters, they were held to a goalless draw in the home game with Wrexham and then drew a blank again in the local derby against Watford last Monday.

Nevertheless, Luton will be confident they can make a swift return to form, especially with midfielder Thorpe having enjoyed such a prolific season with 19 goals already to his name.

BACK ROW (left to right): Stuart Douglas, Jamie Woodford, Sean Evers, Kim Grant, Paul McLaren, Darren Patterson, Gary Simpson, John Taylor, Ben Chinery, Bontcho Guentchev, Graham Alexander, Matthew Upson, Robert Kean, Chris Willmott.

THIRD ROW (left to right): Cherry Newbery (Club Secretary), Clive Goodyear (Physio), Wayne Turner (First Team Coach), David Oldfield, Des Linton, Marvin Johnson, Nathan Abbey, Ian Feuer, Kelvin Davis, Mitchell Thomas, Aaron Skelton, Andrew Fotiadis, John Moore (Youth Team Coach), Trevor Peake (Reserve Team Coach), Les Shannan (Chief Scout).

SEATED (left to right): Julian James, Tony Thorpe, Steve Davis (Club Captain), Nigel Terry (Director), David Kohler (Chairman), Lennie Lawrence (Manager), Cliff Bassett (Director), Chris Green (Director), Gary Waddock (Team Captain), Dwight Marshall, Richard Harvey.

FRONT ROW (left to right): Liam George, Gary Doherty, Jimmy Cox, Steve Augustine, Andrew Barr, Nick Webb, Russell Lawes, Terry Sweeney, Matthew Spring, Andre Scarlett, Andrew Smith, Ian Jones.



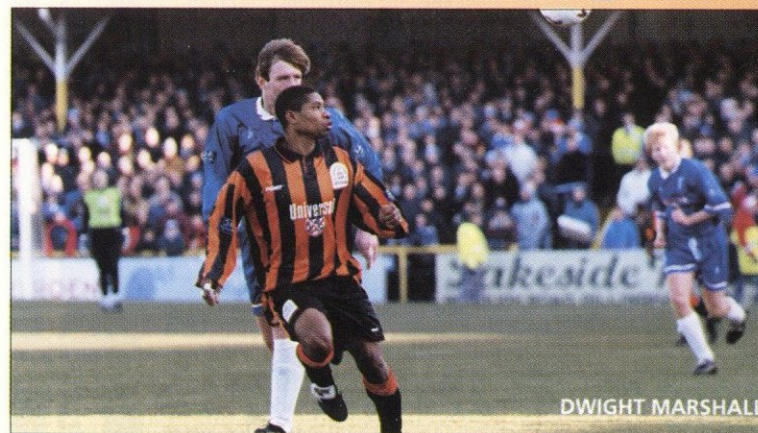
The Jamaican-born striker, who was signed from Plymouth Argyle for £150,000 in the summer of 1994, has bolstered a forward line in which there is plenty of competition for places and plenty of options for Lawrence.

Luton's manager paid out £50,000 to sign Paul Showler from Bradford City last summer, while he also has Bulgarian international frontman Bontcho Guentchev and Ghanaian striker Kim Grant at his disposal.

In midfield, Welsh international Ceri Hughes has long been regarded as one of the most effective wide players outside the Premiership, but his career has been plagued by injuries over the past couple of seasons.

Nevertheless, the 25-year-old from the Rhonda Valley has put all

... here today



DWIGHT MARSHALL

that misery behind him and has been back to his best this season, weighing in with his fair share of valuable goals along the way.

Seasoned campaigners in defence

Alongside Hughes and the highly-rated Thorpe, Gary Waddock is still going strong at the age of 34 in what has been a new lease of life for a player whose career seemed to have come to an end in the mid-eighties.

Waddock, who played in an FA Cup Final for Queen's Park Rangers in 1982, was struck down by a serious knee problem that forced him to retire at one stage. But he battled his way back to play again in Belgium and when he eventually returned to England he had a second spell at Loftus Road and also played for Millwall and Bristol Rovers before joining Luton in 1994.

The Hatters also have some seasoned campaigners at the back, where former England Under-21 international full back Thomas is now well into his second spell with the Kenilworth Road club after playing for Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham United at the peak of his career.

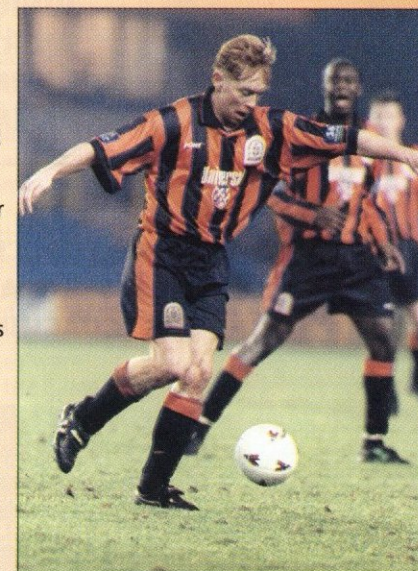
Occupying the other full back spot is long-serving Julian James, who made his debut for the club in 1988 and won England Under-21 honours, but has been in and out of the side in more recent times.

Lawrence has stuck with the central defensive partnership of Steve Davis and Marvin Johnson this season and that has certainly given Luton a solid base on which to build as they push for promotion success.

The pair teamed up at the beginning of last season when Davis completed a £750,000 move from Burnley, having spent a short spell on loan to us in the early part of his career, when he was with Southampton.

Davis has proved to be a popular club captain, while Johnson is a versatile performer who has been with the club for some time now, having made his first team debut at around about the same as James in 1988.

Behind that defence, American-born goalkeeper Ian Feuer has settled in well after a £580,000 move from West Ham, where he had served as understudy to Ludek Miklosko, and he has proved to be an ideal replacement for fellow countryman Juergen Sommer who joined Queen's Park Rangers.



GARY WADDOCK

FINAL STRAW

WE were still members of the First Division when Luton Town last paid us a visit in December 1994... but not for long.

In fact, we suffered our fifth defeat on the trot that afternoon - all by the odd goal - and it proved to be the final straw for Russell Slade because the next time we made a League appearance, Howard Kendall was in charge.

Wasted chances was the root of the problem against Luton and we paid for it after 71 minutes when Paul Telfer scored the decisive goal.

OLD SCHOOL PAL

A CHANGE of manager was also the main talking point when we faced up to Luton Town in January 1993 - and the Mick Walker era began with a goalless draw at Kenilworth Road.

It was ironical that Walker should be confronted by his old school pal David Pleat in his first game after succeeding the sacked Neil Warnock.

But fortune smiled on him when Phil Gray twice hit the woodwork in the opening 26 minutes and our much-changed team battled with great spirit to claim a priceless point.

That wasn't enough to lift us off the bottom of the table but it did go a long way towards building the foundations for a push to safety.

BRIEF STAY

ROB MATTHEWS was the last player to move between us and Luton but things didn't work out as planned after his £100,000 switch in March 1995 and he stayed at Kenilworth Road for less than a year.

He will always be remembered at Meadow Lane as the Loughborough University student who took time off from his studies to try and keep us in the top flight.

But after four successive substitute appearances, our fate had already been decided when he figured in the starting line-up for the first time - and relegated Luton!

They needed to win the final game of the season to stand a chance of avoiding the drop but Matthews scored two fine goals to clinch a 2-1 win.



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GOLDEN GOALS

JUBILANT FANS hailed the arrival of a new goalscoring hero and rejoiced at the downfall of two old favourites the day Gary McSwegan opened his Football League account in explosive fashion.

What became a familiar chant of 'McSweeegan, McSweeegan' rang out from the terraces to acclaim the hat-trick the Scottish striker scored to sink East Midlands neighbours Derby County.

And that stunning exhibition of finishing, crowned by a spectacular third goal, made it a miserable return to Meadow Lane for old boys Craig Short and Tommy Johnson in Derby's expensive squad.

Indeed, Short and his central defensive partner Darren Wassall were given the run-around by McSwegan, who had struggled to make much of an impact prior to that local derby following his £400,000 move from Scottish giants Glasgow Rangers during the summer of 1993.

Having broken his duck with a firm close range header from Mark Draper's corner in the ninth minute, the chances came thick and fast to him after Phil Turner had added a second in the 15th minute.

McSwegan's second came on the half hour when he buried another header at the far post following Chris Short's cross from the right - and that set him up for the sweetest moment of all.

He recalls: "The Derby defence was having a rough time of it and when Paul Devlin played a long ball over the top, I managed to wrong foot Wassall and then decided to let fly from 20 yards out.

"I'd been booked a few moments earlier for saying something out of turn. I was still angry with myself for getting into trouble in that way, so all my frustration surfaced in unleashing that shot.

"It flew into the far corner, giving their 'keeper no chance whatsoever. It was a great way to complete the hat-trick."

McSwegan added: "It was quite an occasion, what with Derby bringing their multi-million pound team to Meadow Lane and two of their most expensive signings being former County favourites.

"But although the 4-1 scoreline suggested that we were all over them, they had their moments and I remember Steve Cherry saving a penalty at a time when they were coming back into the game."

The 26-year-old striker's hat-trick was the start of a productive run which saw him emerge as leading scorer that season with 16 goals, helping to make him such a popular figure among the supporters.

"If you want to make



Wassall's on the deck and... McSweeegan completes his hat trick.

yourself popular with the supporters, then that's got to be the way to start off," he explained.

"They certainly took to me after that and I always appreciated the tremendous support they gave me while I was at the club."

The promising start to McSwegan's career with us turned to frustration the following season when he was dogged by hamstring problems and that overshadowed the remainder of his time at Meadow Lane.

But having moved back north of the border to join Dundee United last season, he regained full fitness and recaptured his best form in hitting 17 goals to lead the club back to the Premier Division.

** If you would like to have your 'Golden Goal' featured, send your nomination to Terry Bowles, c/o Notts County FC, Meadow Lane, Nottingham NG2 3HJ.*

STEVEN HYDE is only 14 years old but he has already had the pleasure of watching games at more than 70 venues in England, Wales and France. However, his 'Golden Goal' came close to home. Gary McSwegan's Meadow Lane hat-trick against Derby during the 1993-94 season was a high-spot for many of our supporters - not least Steven, who fondly remembers the Scotsman's spectacular third goal in our 4-1 success.

The Carlton le Willows pupil, from Bakersfield in Nottingham, reflected: "It's always good to win local derbies but even better when you win comfortably against a side which spent millions."

"Seeing Gary 'Mac' waltz past Craig Short, Gary Charles and Darren Wassall before slamming home, from outside the box, capped a great day."

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From the Top... BY GEOFF DAVEY

BOURNEMOUTH have been the talk of football for the past few days and inevitably we're all wondering if our fears are starting to materialise.

Lower division clubs have been questioning for a long time the policy which ensures the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. We've tried very hard to get across the message that some of the millions should be going to support the foundations of football in this country.

It has largely fallen on deaf ears and I'm sad to say that it has now reached the stage where the foundations are starting to crumble.

As I understand it at the time of writing, the bank which Bournemouth use have said they are no longer prepared to support them and the possible repercussions for football are frightening.

When you think about it... here's the equation. Almost without exception, clubs in the lower divisions are up to their neck in debt and most of that money is owed to the bank.

"The possible repercussions for football are frightening"

There are only five major High Street banks and if the one who does business with Bournemouth is saying enough is enough, there's good reason to believe that others will follow the same course.

The fear now must be that Bournemouth will be the first of many in this situation unless someone from football's hierarchy acts quickly. And rather than seeing a solution looming on the horizon, we're bang on course for another major problem.

As I'm sure you are aware, there is a proposal on the table from the FA that a player who is out of

contract at the age of 24 is automatically entitled to a free transfer.

I don't see any way that it will not be accepted because

under European law, people have a right to move where they

like once their contract expires but when it is introduced, it will surely be the final nail in football as we know it.

Because players are not shown on the balance sheets as assets, most clubs are not really over-bothered when they are say £2million in the red because they only have to sell a player - or four - to keep the finances under control.

In the past, the banks have always seen things in the same light but now, all of a sudden, it's a totally different game.

I understand that Bournemouth, for example, are more than £3million in debt and they are faced with three major problems.

To start with they are losing money every week, their Dean Court ground needs to be totally redeveloped - and it's a matter of opinion how much they have on the field in terms of assets.

As I said, it's a frightening situation which we all ignore at our peril and I don't need to explain why that makes it more important than ever that we start winning matches and moving up the table.

It has been a difficult few months for us in all sorts of ways but we've pinned our faith in Sam Allardyce and if you really do care about this club, I implore you to give him and the players every bit support you can.

It's unfair to expect miracles and we all need to be patient while he assesses the situation and decides on the best course of action.

But Sam knows better than anyone that time is not on his side if we are going to stay in the Second Division. He needs all the help he can get - and we must not be slow to respond.

Matt Redmile... 'Pie Man'

Does your family have a sporting background?

My father Laurie was a central defender with Arsenal and Notts County although unfortunately, he never managed to break into the first team. He did his apprenticeship at Highbury before switching to Meadow Lane for a brief spell - then did the local circuit with Heanor, Long Eaton and Arnold.

My mum also enjoys her sport and is the assistant-manager of Bingham Leisure Centre.

What were you like at school?

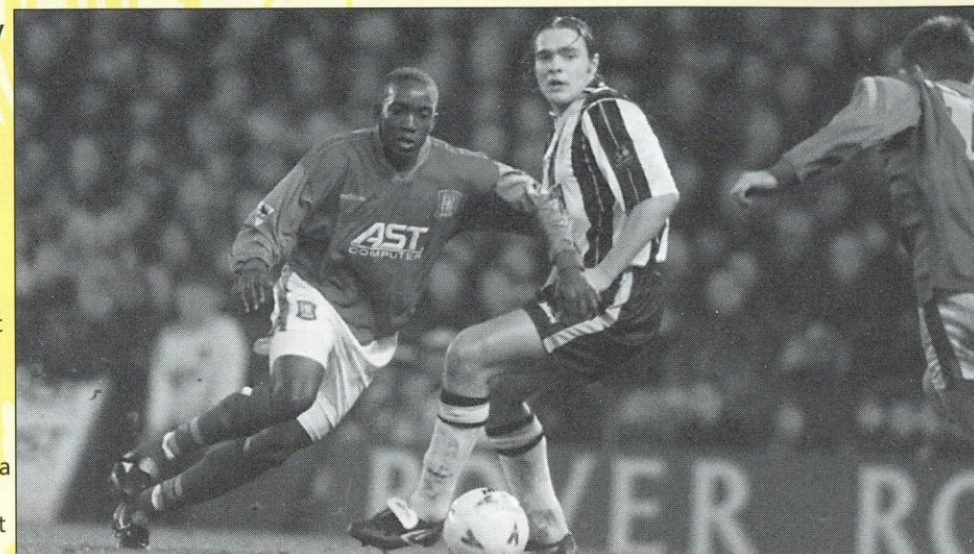
I did reasonably well although I must admit that, as the saying goes, I lacked commitment at times. I managed to get five 'O' levels with decent grades - including an 'A' in physical education - but I could have done better if I had buckled down. Sport inevitably played a big part during my time at Bingham Toot Hill School. I captained the football team and also had county schools trials at cricket, badminton and tennis.

Who has been the biggest influence on your career?

My father has always been very supportive, driving me around at all times and in all weathers, and in recent times Mark Smith has been a big help. He played almost 500 League games in my position so he knows what this job is all about. As with all the young players at Meadow Lane, he has done a lot of work with me on the training ground over the past year or so and hopefully, that's starting to pay off.

What's the most difficult part of your job?

Pre-season training... without a doubt. I did plenty of running during the summer to try and make it easier on myself but to be honest, I didn't notice the difference! I still went to hell and back when we spent a week at the Commando Recruitment Training Centre in Devon. Apart from



that, concentration is my biggest problem. People warned me that I would find the pace of the game a lot quicker at League level and I have - but keeping my concentration for 90 minutes has been a bigger challenge. Go to sleep for a second at this level and you have to take the consequences.

How would you be earning a living if you weren't a professional footballer?

Maybe doing something 'arty' because I was quite good at that at school and enjoyed it but more likely it would be a job with sporting connections. Both my parents are involved in the leisure industry and at some stage in the future, I might well do a leisure course.

How do you spend your time away from football?

I have to admit that I don't do too much. I spend a lot of time at home - not least because most of my mates are at work - and I operate on the basis that rest is an important part of a footballer's schedule!

What would be your dream holiday destination?

At this moment in time it's Benidorm - because that's where we are heading this summer. A gang of us went to Magaluf last summer - including Shaun Derry, Tim Wilkes and Ian Ridgway - and we had a great time. I prefer busy places where there's a bit of night life and I'm told Benidorm fits the bill.



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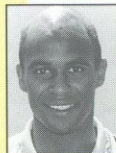
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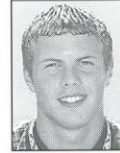
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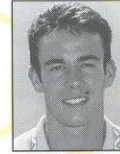
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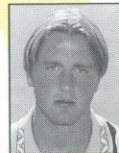
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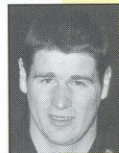


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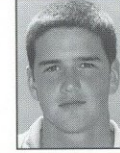
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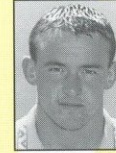
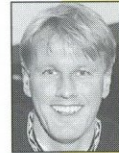
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A CHANGE of manager always represents a fresh start for players and Tony Battersby is doing his best to turn that to his advantage.

He's been back in the first-team picture for the past four matches and responded to being given his first senior start for three months with a goal at Walsall.

"It's good to be involved again," he said. "The manager made it clear on the day he arrived that the slate was clean for everyone and it was up to us to prove we deserved a place.

"That's what I'm trying to do and although it was very disappointing to lose at Walsall when we deserved better, it was some consolation to get on the score-sheet."

In fact, it was the first time Battersby had done that at senior level since his two-goal burst last April sentenced Brighton to relegation.

At that stage, the young striker who moved from Sheffield United in January for £100,000 had scored at the impressive rate of seven in the space of 10 starting appearances.

But the goals ran out once we reached the Play-Offs and come the start of this season, the 21-year-old Yorkshireman found himself towards the back of our long queue of strikers.

He added: "We've got such competition for the strikers places that it's a problem for all of us but all I could do was keep working away in the Reserves.

"I've scored seven times in Pontins League matches this season, which is regular goal-scoring my book, but now I've got to do the same thing in the first-team.

"In some respects, maybe it hasn't done me any harm to be out of favour this season because it has made me realise what I've been missing.

First of many for 'born-again' Tony?

"I think the experience has made me a more determined player and I really want to have a run in the side and show that I can play my part in getting us out of trouble.

"People have been telling me that I'm still only young and my time will come. But my answer is that Robbie Fowler is still only young - and it's no stumbling block to him.

"I've been reasonably pleased with the way things have worked out for me since I came to Meadow Lane.

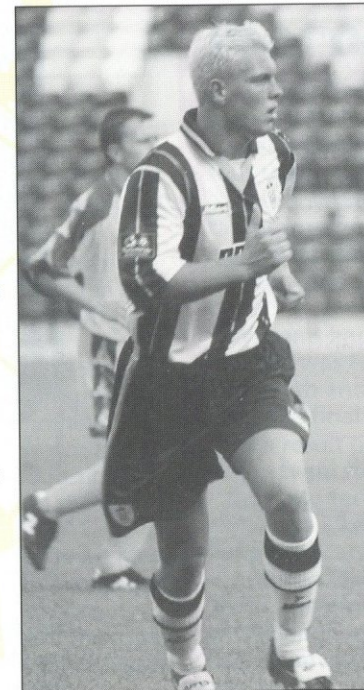
"It was bound to take time to get my feet under the table but I thought I played my part in getting us to the Play-Off Final.

"Now it's a different challenge for all of us compared to this time last season and if we are going to haul ourselves away from the relegation zone, someone has to start scoring goals on a regular basis.

"Hopefully I can do that. I've been waiting for an opportunity to show that I ought to be in the side and it was good for my confidence to get that goal at Walsall."

As Sam Allardyce said afterwards, hopefully that will be the first of many for the powerful young striker he followed closely during his time at Sheffield United.

It's a small world which now brings them together at Meadow Lane and as the manager says: "We need goals and quite simply, it's up to Tony to show he can get them."



TONY BATTERSBY... wants a run in the first-team.

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RESERVES & YOUTH

Cup Setback

OUR hopes of qualifying for the knockout stage of the newly-formed Pontins League Cup suffered a setback when an inexperienced reserve side were beaten 3-0 by Walsall at Meadow Lane.

With many of the regular reserve team players in Auto Windscreens Shield action at Scunthorpe 24 hours earlier, it was decided to give many of the YTS lads a run out at this particular level.

Jamie Eaton, Vinny Arkins, Tim Wilkes and Peter Kennedy were the only professionals in the starting line-up, although assistant manager Mark Smith was one of the substitutes.

The match was a good test for the youngsters and gives them a good idea of the standards

which they must now aspire to after a successful time at youth level, but Walsall were too strong.

Just as they had done in our Second Division encounter at the Bescot Stadium last weekend, the Saddlers struck three times with John Kelster, Clive Platt and Martin Butler getting the goals.

The result means that Walsall, with two victories under their belt now, are strongly placed to qualify from our group, although we still have an outside chance of snatching that place.

Having won our opening match against Leicester City just before Christmas, we would have to beat Derby County convincingly in our final group match to have any hope of going through.

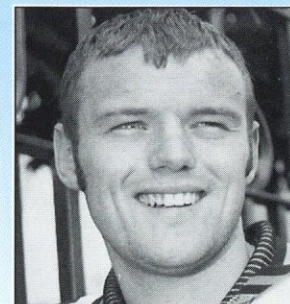
Team: Hastings, Mitchell, Eaton, Randall, Best, Henshaw, Diuk, Arkins, Wilkes, Dudley, Kennedy. Subs: Smith, Williams, Marshall

Back on the Road

THE Reserves finally got the show back on the road last week when we went to Roker Park and beat Sunderland 2-1.

It was only our second competitive game at that level in the space of two months and as Mark Smith said: "Inevitably, the lads were a bit rusty."

He added: "Apart from the fact that they were



PETER KENNEDY... on target at Sunderland.

short of match practise, we tried to play in a different way and at times, they found it difficult.

"We were asking them to pass the ball more and although they did it reasonably well in spells, they tended to fall back into old habits every now and again."

The familiar problem of missed chances was

again a feature of the performance but having established a 2-0 lead on the hour, we ought to have gone on to win comfortably.

James Hunt got the first after 35 minutes when Mick Galloway and Peter Kennedy combined to set him up and then Tony Battersby paved the way for Kennedy to stretch the lead.

Unfortunately though, standards were allowed to slip in the closing stages and after Sunderland pulled a goal back with two minutes left, it needed a dramatic goalline clearance from Tommy Gallagher in the final seconds to clinch victory.

Incidentally, former Aberdeen and Motherwell midfielder Andy Roddie played as a trialist at Roker Park.

Our team was: Pollitt, Gallagher, Eaton, Hogg, Rogers, Kennedy, Galloway (Ridgway), Hunt, Roddie, Jones (Battersby), Arkins (Wilkes).

two goals and Anthony Williams, Craig Dudley, Terry Henshaw and Kevin Jones were also on target.

Our team at Shrewsbury was: Beckford-Quailey, Best, Mitchell, Randall, Diuk, Matthews (Jones), Henshaw, R. Smith, Williams, Dudley, Newton (Marshall). Sub: Bateman.

Sweet revenge

THE youngsters took ample revenge for our Midland Youth Cup defeat in September when they recorded a 4-2 success against West Brom last Saturday – despite fielding a weakened team.

Steve Wiggington and Richard Holmes, two talented members of our Under-16 team, each played for half a game because we were short of numbers and made good contributions to the success.

Richard Newton gave us an early lead and although Albion soon got themselves back on level terms, further goals from Craig Dudley, Russell Best and Ben Marshall put us in firm control.

It completed an eventful morning for Best when he scored at the other end with two minutes remaining but by then, the points were already secure.

Lessons must be learned

THE previous week saw us eliminated from the Midland Melville League Cup at the semi-final stage and the 3-2 defeat at Stoke certainly left a sour taste.

Anthony Williams and Richard Smith were on target for us but the game boiled over in the closing stages when 11 minutes of injury time was played – and Stoke grabbed their winner in that period.

Williams had already been sent off in the first half. He was followed in injury time by Bateman and Smith and then Wayne Diuk was in trouble after the final whistle.

As a result of that, all four players were left out of the team for the next game against West Brom – they also face suspensions – and Young explained: "Lessons must be learned from what happened."

"There are injustices in football, just as there are in life, and some good will have come from what happened if the lads now realise that in the face of adversity, you keep your mouth shut and get on with it."

"The four boys who were in trouble let themselves down. We cannot condone behaviour like that, even though we might have had a certain sympathy on this occasion."

Unbeaten run

IT'S been an interesting couple of weeks for the youth team since they got back in the swing of things following their unofficial mid-winter break and Monday's 6-3 success at Shrewsbury stretched their unbeaten League run to nine matches.

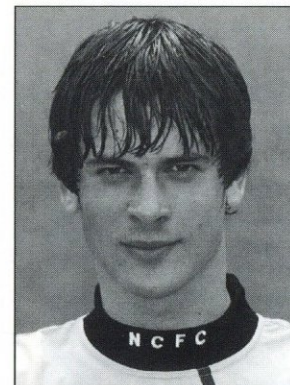
Although Shrewsbury took the lead in the early minutes, our lads were 3-1 ahead by half time and as Alan Young said: "We scored six but might have had 60."

He added: "Some of our football, especially in the second half, was a delight to watch but it was disappointing that we conceded three goals."

"That means we have scored 12 and conceded eight in our three matches since Christmas. No one can say that our games are not

entertaining but we really do need to tighten up at the back."

Dean Randall grabbed



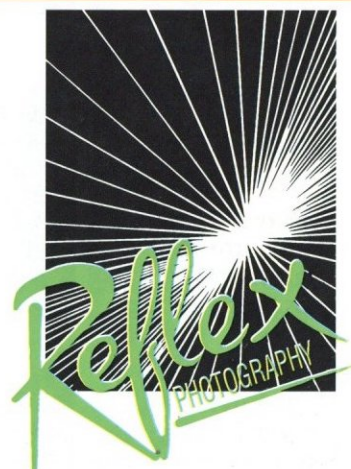
DEAN RANDALL... two goals at Shrewsbury.

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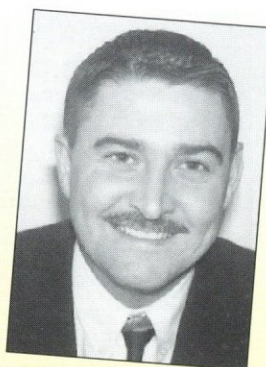
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I SUPPOSE it's a sign of old age when you start remembering how things used to be but I couldn't help thinking in those terms when one of our young trainees recently had a knee problem.

I was busy at Meadow Lane when I got the call to go to the training ground as soon as possible because Neil Smith's knee had locked.

He couldn't bend it at all, was in a fair bit of pain and everything pointed to the fact that he had a cartilage problem.

Before the day was out, he had undergone an operation to remove some torn cartilage but two or three weeks from now, he should be back in action.

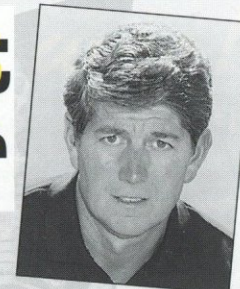
Once upon a time, an injury of that kind would have involved opening up the knee to discover the full extent of the damage.

The operation would have left the player with a scar four to six inches long and he would have been confined to bed for 10 days before starting a six weeks rehabilitation period.

Instead of that, Neil had what is commonly known as keyhole surgery. Basically, a camera is inserted into the knee which shows everything on a television monitor and the surgeon works from there.

The end result is a pin-prick in comparison to

Pettitt Power



what it used to involve and consequently, the recovery period is so much quicker because so much less damage is caused putting right the original problem.

That's progress for you and in theory, that should make life easier for football club physiotherapists because players are back on the field so much quicker.

Don't you believe it! There's always another injury to worry about and the day after the example I've just described, it was just like an action replay.

I got another call at Meadow Lane, telling me to get to the training ground as quickly as possible because Alan Young had a problem.

The initial thought was that he had torn an Achilles tendon, which is a nasty business, but fortunately the surgeon was not required this time because it turned out to be a calf muscle problem.

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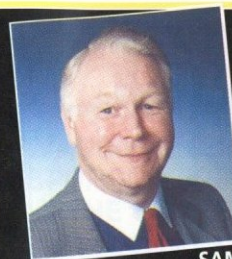
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SAM ALLARDYCE was not a one-club man in his playing days, Sunderland, Millwall, Coventry and Huddersfield being among those for whom he was a stalwart defender. But it is with Bolton Wanderers, the club where he started as an apprentice and returned some 15 years later to end his career, that he is most strongly associated.

Out of more than 450 League appearances he made some 200 for Bolton, where Jimmy Armfield, the former Blackpool and England right back and now a Radio 5 pundit, was his first manager and Phil Neal, his last, in a stormy current season has been both with Cardiff City and Manchester City.

There were strong links between Notts and Bolton in the Seventies, when Allardyce arrived at Burnden Park, never more so than in 1972-73 when the two clubs were promoted to the old Second Division, County having been missing from that section since their relegation from it in 1957-58.

Allardyce was still waiting to make his Bolton bow in 1972-73, when Notts began the season brightly, slipped alarmingly to be 17th at Christmas and then rallied magnificently to pip Blackburn Rovers and finish as runners-up to Bolton, the champions. A match between the two produced the kind of battling performance by Notts that I dare to suggest that Allardyce needs from his players now in every match if relegation is not to become a reality.

Notts had scraped a lucky win on Boxing Day against Watford, whose central defender Colin Franks put

That's how it was!

...SAYS RADIO NOTTINGHAM'S COLIN SLATER

through his own goal to provide the only finish and give County the points. Few people seriously imagined that it was to provide the springboard for an astonishing and stirring revival.

Four days later Notts went to Bolton, who were already leading the table with Bournemouth in second place. Notts seemed destined for another away defeat when John Byron and Freddie Lee swept Bolton into a 2-0 lead at half-time, but a stirring second half rally brought goals from Brian Stubbs and Les Bradd – and a point.

Three seasons later, 1975-76, Notts and Bolton were locked in another promotion struggle, this time to reach the dizzy peaks of the old First Division. In mid-March Bolton were second and Notts fourth and a tremendous, albeit unsuccessful, climax was in prospect. The two clubs had met at Bolton as early as 18th October, 1975, by which time Allardyce was established at the heart of the Wanderers' defence alongside Paul Jones.

And it was Allardyce who opened the scoring in the second half. Neil Whatmore got their other goal and although another central defender, Ian Bolton, scored for Notts, both points went to Bolton. They also got a point in the return at Meadow Lane a month later. Allardyce again played and Bolton restricted Notts to one goal, by Les Bradd, and Garry Jones netted for the visitors.

Bolton's commercial manager was Alf Davies and he devised and introduced the Lifeline scheme which has since been the means of raising many thousands of pounds, all of them much needed, not only for Bolton but other clubs as well, including Notts.

The need for successful off-the-field, revenue-earning schemes was important then and has become acute since. Earlier mention of Bournemouth, so successful in the Seventies, underlines the point, for their dire financial situation has been threatening to force their closure.

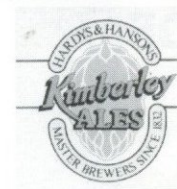
Shock waves have reverberated right through the world of soccer, bringing vividly to mind the reaction when Accrington Stanley's bankruptcy forced their resignation from the League part-way through the 1961-62 season.

A commercial operator with the flair of Alf Davies might conceivably have produced the means to rescue Stanley, who only four years earlier had been within an ace of promotion to the Second Division. The Lifeline scheme was not only introduced by him to Notts but quickly became established and has remained successful.

Its launch provided an unforgettable night. It was held at the Sherwood Rooms, now known as the MGM, and attracted so many well-wishers and potential customers that the doors had to be locked. I was "fronting" the proceedings and wonder if I would have gained admission if I had not been in the company of Notts chairman Jack Dunnett!

These days Alf Davies works at Headingley as chief executive of Leeds Rugby League Club and on the occasional summer's day spent watching cricket there I'm always glad to catch up with him and be reminded of a scheme and a night which prevented County from going to the wall.

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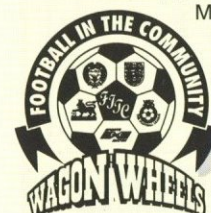
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THE Football in the Community Scheme has a new sponsor from 1st January with Burton's Biscuits, makers of yummy Wagon Wheels, replacing Pizza Hut.

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back to their local community.

Wagon Wheels has long been associated with football and in 1995 launched the Wagon Wheels Indoor Cup, a national five-a-side indoor football competition for boys and girls under the age of twelve.

It attracted 15,000 participants and this year entries from boys teams are up by 10 per cent and from girls teams by a staggering 66 per cent, demonstrating football's growing popularity amongst girls. This trend will be encouraged with the continued support of Wagon Wheels football sponsorship.

COUNTY CLACKERS!

THANKS to the Daily Mirror, Community Corner was even noisier and more colourful than normal with every youngster given a clacker as they entered Meadow Lane for our game against Gillingham. As you can see the kids loved them, judging from our picture the dads did as well.

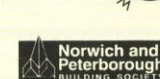


Thanks to Bob Lindsay for organising them.

SOCCER SCHOOLS

A LAST reminder to all 5-11 year-olds to book onto our February half term Football Fun Courses. Notts County FC, Arnold, Wilford, Long Eaton, Carlton and Calverton are the venues. Just phone 0115 955 7215 for details.

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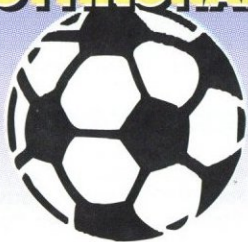


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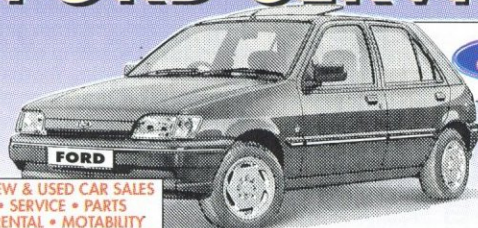


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FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

IT'S time for me to start recruiting teams for our annual Family Quiz which will be held at the end of the season.

We require families of four, one male and one female adult plus two under sixteens, per team. The questions are based on general knowledge, sport, music and TV and Notts County and with written answers there's no need for any embarrassment if you get any wrong!

In the past we have had a great time at our quiz nights so why not get your family together and join the fun. Who knows, you could be going home with a lovely trophy to polish for the next year!

Interested? Just call me, Annette, on 0115 952 9000 or enter your family's name on the list in the Family Room. The date will be finalised in a few weeks time but it will be one evening in May from 6.00 - 8.00 pm.

STILL TIME TO TRAVEL TO SHREWSBURY

THERE is still room for you on our Family Club coach to Shrewsbury Town next Saturday.

There will be the usual fun and games in the morning before the afternoon's league game hence the slightly earlier start from Meadow Lane of 8.15 am.

The cost of the trip, which includes both coach travel and match ticket is £9.00 for juniors and £11.00 for adults. As usual, if you are interested in this trip please contact Reg Killick on Nottingham 958 3024.

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members who are celebrating birthdays in the next few days:

Carl Wood, Evonne Biddle, Daniel Gadd, Benjamin Brown, Daniel Randall, Simon Woods, Shaun Pidgeon, Ian Bradley, Edward Steele, David Wilkinson, Joe Crabtree, John Pavier, James Hutchinson, Rachael Endy, Daniel Marshall, Jodie Minter, Joanne Douglas, Edward Calvert, Ian Hewson, Christopher Tantom and Adam Rowley.

HALF PRICE BARGAINS AVAILABLE

UNTIL the end of the season our already generous Magpie Family Club packages are being discounted by 50%!

Our terrific 'basic' package which includes membership card, exclusive members scarf, pencil case, window and bumper stickers, birthday cards with free Odeon cinema tickets, use of the Family Room on matchdays and a 10% discount in the souvenir shop is now available at the bargain price of just £4.00!

The 'super' membership which includes all of the above plus a FREE seat in the Family Stand for every home league game for the rest of the season starts at just £10.00 depending on age. You must agree that there's no better value anywhere and don't forget that our adult membership is also discounted to just £5.00.

If you would like more information on any of these fantastic bargain memberships or an enrolment form please call me on 0115 952 9000 or pop in to the Family Room this afternoon. I guarantee that you'll not find a better bargain.

BALL BOYS AND GIRLS

OUR ball boys and girls today, selected from our junior members, are:

Craig Stuart, John Redfern, Suzanne Cobb, Sara Chettle, Claire Simpson, Simon Baker, Matthew Rimmington and David Simpson.

Ball boys and girls please note - if you were selected for any of our recently postponed games you will still be required for the re-arranged date. E.g. ball boys and girls who were due to perform their duties on New Year's Day - AFC Bournemouth - will be required on Tuesday evening, 4th February. Should any re-arranged date not be acceptable please let me know as soon as possible.

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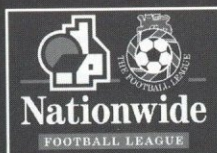
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BRENTFORD	28	6	8	0	23	13	8	2	4	22	14	52			
LUTON TOWN	26	10	2	2	25	6	4	4	4	18	20	48			
CREWE	27	11	0	2	28	7	4	1	9	12	23	46			
BRISTOL CITY	28	9	3	3	31	12	3	5	5	14	18	44			
STOCKPORT COUNTY	26	7	4	2	17	8	5	4	4	20	20	44			
MILLWALL	28	9	2	3	21	14	3	6	5	16	22	44			
BURNLEY	28	11	0	4	32	17	2	4	7	11	16	43			
BURY	25	8	4	0	21	5	3	5	5	16	21	42			
WATFORD	26	4	7	2	11	10	5	7	1	15	10	41			
CHESTERFIELD	25	7	3	2	14	9	5	2	6	10	11	41			
WREXHAM	25	7	4	1	23	16	3	6	4	11	14	40			
SHREWSBURY TOWN	29	6	5	5	20	21	3	4	6	19	24	36			
WALSALL	26	8	4	2	21	10	2	2	8	10	20	36			
BLACKPOOL	27	5	6	2	20	12	3	4	7	12	18	34			
BOURNEMOUTH	29	5	3	6	14	16	4	4	7	12	18	34			
PRESTON NORTH END	28	7	4	3	19	14	2	2	10	10	20	33			
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	28	4	7	3	14	16	3	3	8	17	26	31			
GILLINGHAM	28	6	3	5	22	18	2	4	8	8	20	31			
BRISTOL ROVERS	28	6	4	3	20	15	1	6	8	7	16	31			
YORK CITY	27	5	3	4	16	15	3	3	9	12	27	30			
PETERBOROUGH UNITED	27	3	6	4	26	23	3	5	6	13	22	29			
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	27	6	2	6	13	13	1	3	9	13	28	26			
NOTTS COUNTY	27	3	5	4	12	11	2	4	9	8	22	24			
ROTHERHAM UNITED	27	4	5	6	13	16	0	4	8	11	26	21			

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PONTINS LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE

MIDLAND MELVILLE
YOUTH LEAGUE

	F	A		F	A
Wed Aug 21 Sheffield United	H	3-2	Sat Aug 17 Nottingham Forest	A	2-1
Wed Aug 28 Port Vale	A	1-4	Sat Aug 24 Peterborough United	A	5-4
Mon Sep 9 Wolves	A	1-1	Sat Aug 31 Port Vale	A	3-1
Wed Sep 18 Sunderland	H	1-0	Fri Sep 6 Stoke City	A	0-2
Wed Sep 25 Aston Villa	A	2-1	Sat Sep 28 Aston Villa	H	0-1
Wed Oct 2 Huddersfield Town	H	2-3	Sat Oct 19 Coventry City	H	5-2
Wed Oct 16 Preston North End	H	2-3	Sat Oct 26 Derby County	A	2-2
Wed Oct 23 West Brom	A	0-2	Mon Oct 28 West Brom	A	2-1
Wed Nov 6 Blackpool	H	2-2	Sat Nov 2 Grimsby Town	H	3-2
Mon Nov 11 Leicester City	A	2-2	Sat Nov 9 Leicester City	A	2-2
Tue Nov 26 Coventry City	A	2-0	Sat Nov 30 Walsall	A	2-2
Wed Jan 22 Sunderland	A	2-1	Sat Dec 21 Peterborough Untd.	H	2-1
Tue Feb 4 West Brom	H		Sat Jan 25 West Brom	H	4-2
Wed Feb 19 Blackpool	A		Mon Jan 27 Shrewsbury Town	A	6-3
Tue Feb 25 Leicester City	H		Sat Feb 1 Aston Villa	A	
Wed Mar 5 Wolves	H		Sat Feb 8 Birmingham City	H	
Wed Mar 12 Middlesbrough	A		Sat Feb 15 Derby County	H	
Tue Mar 25 Sheffield United	A		Sat Feb 22 Shrewsbury Town	H	
Tue Mar 18 Coventry City	H		Sat Mar 1 Grimsby Town	A	
Tue Apr 8 Middlesbrough	H		Sat Mar 8 Leicester City	H	
Tue Apr 15 Preston North End	A		Mon Mar 10 Wolves	H	
Wed Apr 30 Huddersfield Town	A		Sat Mar 15 Mansfield Town	H	
TBA Aston Villa	H		Mon Mar 17 Nottingham Forest	H	
TBA Port Vale	H		Sat Mar 22 Coventry City	A	
			Sat Mar 29 Northampton Town	A	
			Wed Apr 2 Lincoln City	H	
			Sat Apr 5 Northampton Town	H	
			Mon Apr 7 Mansfield Town	A	
			Sat Apr 12 Walsall	H	
			Sat Apr 19 Birmingham City	A	
			Sat Apr 26 Lincoln City	A	
			Sat May 3 Stoke City	H	
			TBA Port Vale	H	

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date	V	Opponents	F	A	Att
Aug 17	H	Preston North End	2-1		6,879
Aug 20	H	Bury CCC1 (1)	1-1		2,141
Aug 24	A	Stockport County	0-0		5,271
Aug 31	H	York City	0-1		4,600
Sep 3	A	Bury CCC1 (2)	0-1		2,571
Sep 7	A	Plymouth Argyle	0-0		8,109
Sep 10	H	Watford	2-3		3,660
Sep 14	H	Millwall	1-2		4,473
Sep 21	A	Bournemouth	1-0		3,678
Sep 28	H	Wrexham	0-0		4,216
Oct 1	A	Gillingham	0-1		5,482
Oct 5	A	Wycombe Wanderers	0-1		4,606
Oct 8	A	Peterborough United	3-1		5,456
Oct 12	H	Bristol Rovers	1-1		4,558
Oct 15	H	Chesterfield	0-0		4,265
Oct 19	A	Burnley	0-1		9,372
Oct 26	A	Bristol City	0-4		9,540
Oct 29	H	Walsall	2-0		3,127
Nov 2	H	Shrewsbury Town	1-2		4,363
Nov 9	A	Luton Town	0-2		5,664
Nov 17	A	Newcastle Town FAC1	2-0		3,918
Nov 23	A	Blackpool	0-1		3,598
Nov 30	H	Bristol City	2-0		4,693
Dec 3	A	Brentford	0-2		3,675
Dec 7	H	Rochdale FAC2	3-1		3,584
Dec 10	A	Scarborough AWS	1-0		952
Dec 14	H	Rotherham	0-0		3,954
Dec 20	A	Crewe Alexandra	0-3		3,125
Dec 26	A	Watford	0-0		9,065
Jan 11	A	Wrexham	3-3		3,267
Jan 14	H	Aston Villa FAC3	0-0		13,315
Jan 18	H	Gillingham	1-1		5,008
Jan 22	A	Aston Villa FAC3R	0-3		25,006
Jan 25	A	Walsall FAC4	1-3		3,261
Jan 28	A	Scunthorpe Utd AWS	1-1		1,076
Feb 1	H	Luton Town			
Feb 4	H	Bournemouth			
Feb 8	A	Shrewsbury Town			
Feb 15	H	Blackpool FAC5			
Feb 22	A	Bury			
Feb 25	A	Millwall			
Mar 1	H	Brentford			
Mar 8	H	Crewe Alexandra			
Mar 15	A	Rotherham			
Mar 22	H	Stockport County			
Mar 25	H	Bury			
Mar 29	A	Preston North End			
Mar 31	H	Peterborough			
Apr 5	A	York City			
Apr 12	H	Wycombe Wanderers			
Apr 20	A	Bristol Rovers			
Apr 26	H	Burnley			
May 3	A	Chesterfield			
May 11		Play-off semi-final 1 Leg			
May 14		Play-off semi-final 2 Leg			
May 17		FA Cup Final			
May 25	W	Play-off Final			
TBA	H	Plymouth			

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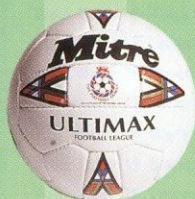
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