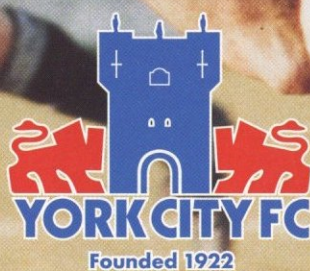
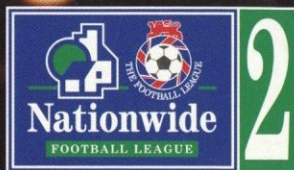


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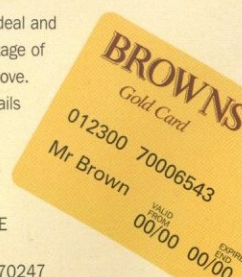
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IN A LEAGUE OF ITS OWN

Today's game gives us a perfect opportunity to build on a great result from Tuesday night. I thought the performances of most of the players were superb, especially the front pairing of Gary Bull and Rodney Rowe, who carried on where they had left off at Walsall. I was very pleased with the players' reaction after going a goal down early in the second half. They didn't let their heads drop and ended up by winning quite comfortably.

It was clear to see how the confidence was again showing in our play, once the one goal deficit had been overturned. This was plainly illustrated by the cheek and audacity of Rodney's goal, as well as the attempt in the last minute from Gary Bull from fully thirty five yards.

We are not going to get carried away though and must remember that it was only one game, and we are still in a perilous position. Luton will provide us with different problems and as their record shows are obviously not an easy team to beat. Tony Thorpe is sure to be a player we need to watch, but there are many others in the line-up who can hurt us if we are not on our guard. Most of Luton's squad have played at a higher level either with the Kenilworth Road club or with other teams.

Following the third postponement of the Stockport game, which would have been this Tuesday, we now have a week without a fixture. This will give us time to try and get some of the injured players fit and in contention for next Saturday's clash with Blackpool. This run of home games certainly gives us the opportunity to collect a few much needed points, and rectify our home record which has been poor of late.

Finally, I'd like to welcome my counterpart Lennie Lawrence, who has visited here as Bradford City manager before, and everyone associated with Luton for what I hope will be an enjoyable afternoon.

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LUTON TOWN

This afternoon we welcome a high-flying **Luton Town** side, who currently lie in second place in the Division Two table. In both the Coca-Cola Cup and the FA Cup they were knocked out at the same stage as ourselves. The third round of the Coca-Cola was reached after aggregate victories over Bristol Rovers and the notable scalp of Derby County, before bowing out to Wimbledon. The Dons had escaped with a replay in the first game, by scoring a late equaliser, before repeating the feat in the return and then winning in extra time. In the FA Cup Luton finally succumbed to Bolton after a replay, also in round three.

Manager at Kenilworth Road is former Charlton, Middlesbrough and Bradford boss **Lennie Lawrence**. He was appointed in December 1995, following the departure of Terry Westley and was given the unenviable task of trying to keep the Hatters in Division One. The coaching staff is made up of **Wayne Turner**, **John Moore** and **Trevor Peake**, who is also still on the playing staff.

Trevor began his league career at Lincoln City in 1979, before moving to Coventry four years later. He enjoyed eight top flight seasons at Highfield Road, winning an FA Cup medal in 1987, prior to joining Luton in 1991 for £100,000. He celebrated his fortieth birthday three weeks ago. The partnership of **Steve Davis** and **Marvin Johnson** has kept Trevor out of the starting XI so far this season. Hexham born Steve joined Luton from Burnley in the summer of 1995, having begun his career with Southampton. The £750,000 capture has been involved in two relegations in the past two seasons from Division One. Marvin Johnson signed for the club in July 1985, having come through a successful YTS. He made his debut three years later and quickly established himself as a versatile defender. In 1994/95 he was one of three ever-presenters - and picked up the Player of the Year Award.

Julian James and **Mitchell Thomas** have been virtual ever-presenters at full



LENNIE LAWRENCE



STEVE DAVIS



DES LINTON

back all season. James, who will be twenty-seven later this month, also joined Luton as a trainee and following his 1988 debut, was a regular at left back. The former England U21 international made the switch to the right two seasons ago and has played in most of Luton's games since.

Now in his second spell with the club, Mitchell Thomas rejoined Luton in 1993/94, initially on loan, but latterly on a permanent basis. In the mid-1980s Mitchell played over 100 games for the Hatters before following David Pleat to Spurs in 1986. He also played for West Ham.

Aaron Skelton has filled in in the No.3 shirt on a few occasions this season. The twenty-two year old signed professionally for the Hatters in December 1992, but his progress has been hampered by a serious thigh injury, not making his debut until the opening day of 1994/95. **Ben Chenery** is another full back on the books, and made his debut in January 1995.

Both players with plenty of experience, **Richard Harvey** and **Des Linton** have struggled to make the starting XI this term. Harvey who had real injury problems since signing way back in 1986. His preferred position is left back/left midfield. Des Linton signed for Town in October 1991 from Leicester, along with Scott Oates as part of the deal which took Steve Thompson to Filbert Street. He is another player who has been dogged by injury in recent seasons.

Belfast born centre half **Darren Patterson** was signed from Crystal Palace in August 1993 for £150,000, having begun his career with Wigan Athletic. The Northern Ireland international defender has struggled to break the Davis/Johnson partnership this term and has spent some time on loan at Preston North End.

Las Vegas born keeper **Ian Feuer** signed for the Hatters just over a year ago, for a fee which could rise to £580,000, depending on appearances. The 1995/96 Player of the Year, he arrived at the club in September 1995 and then spent three months on loan. His understudy is former youth player **Kelvin Davis**,

CITY LUTON TOWN LOOKBACK

This afternoon the Hatters are making their first League visit to Bootham Crescent for twenty one years. Past results are as follows:

	HOME	DIVISION	AWAY
1966/67	W 5-1	4	1-5 L
1967/68	D 1-1	4	1-3 L
1975/76	L 2-3	2	0-4 L
1996/97	-	2	0-2 L

FA CUP

1978/79 W 2-0 Rnd 3

The clubs first met in 1966/67 when each side won at home 5-1. The game at Bootham Crescent is featured in *Match to Remember* whilst the return fixture at Kenilworth Road on the last day of the season condemned City to a bottom four place in the Fourth Division and an application for re-election. John Hawksby gave City an early lead but the home side ran out comfortable winners with goals from Bruce Rioch (2), Keith Allen and Fred Jardine plus an own goal from Gerry Baker. In Luton's side that day was David Pleat the current Sheffield Wednesday boss. The following season City had again to apply for re-election whilst Town went on to win promotion. The sides met at Kenilworth Road in September 1967 and Ted MacDougall gave City a flying start with a quick goal but Rioch equalised before the interval. A controversial penalty converted by Ray Whittaker gave Luton the lead on the hour and Rioch completed the scoring to give Luton a 3-1 success. The return game at Bootham Crescent in February ended all square. Tommy Ross scored for City only for Keith Allen to equalise near the end. The only other time the clubs have met in League football prior to the present campaign was in the old Second Division in 1975/76 when Town completed a double. In November 1975 they ran out comfortable four goal winners with Jim Husband, Alan West, Andy King and Peter Anderson on the mark. The return at York in the February was an eventful affair which Town won by the odd goal in five. Their scorers on this occasion were Brian Chambers, Ron Futcher and Lil Fuccillo whilst Ian Holmes from the penalty spot and Brian Pollard replied for City.

Players who have appeared for both clubs include Reg Stockill who scored City's first ever goal in League football and who remains their youngest ever player when he made his debut that day in August 1929. Centre forward Jim Goldie represented both clubs in the 1960s and Rob Matthews in recent times. Former Charlton Athletic goalkeeper Sam Bartram managed City (1956-60) and then was in charge at Kenilworth Road until 1962.

David BATTERS

who made his Luton debut on the final day of 1993/94 in a 2-2 draw at Stoke. In June 1995, Kelvin was selected for the England U21 squad for the Toulon Tournament, and remained in the squad for the rest of that season.

Graham Alexander and **Gary Waddock** have formed the backbone of the midfield for the majority of the season. A player known for the odd spectacular goal, Alexander joined



GRAHAM ALEXANDER

GARY WADDOCK

PAUL SHOWLER

ANDREW FOTIADIS

the Hatters in July 1995 from Scunthorpe United, in what was Terry Westley's first signing. The £100,000 player had the unfortunate experience of missing a shoot-out penalty at Wembley when Scunthorpe lost to Blackpool in the 1992 Division Three play-off. Gary Waddock completed a free transfer move from Bristol Rovers in December 1994 after a three month loan spell at Kenilworth Road. He began his career with Queens Park Rangers, making 200 appearances before spending time at Charleroi, Millwall, Swindon and QPR again, prior to joining Bristol Rovers.

Ceri Hughes has made around 150 Luton appearances since signing for the club in July 1987. He made his debut at Aston Villa in 1990 around the time of his Welsh Youth and U21 call-ups. He is another player who has had problems with injury, but seems to be back to full fitness this season. Midfielder **Paul McLaren** has been on the bench for the majority of this season's campaign. He joined Luton from school and is an England Youth International.

David Oldfield and **Paul Showler** are both described as midfielder/forwards and rarely do both play in the same side. (They did on Saturday however, to devastating effect, with Showler laying on two of Oldfield's hat trick against Preston.) The twenty-eight year old Perth (Australia) born Oldfield started his career with the Kenilworth Road outfit, progressing from the junior ranks to a two goal debut in a victory at Everton in the Simod Cup. In March 1989 he joined Manchester City for £600,000 scoring in the famous 5-1 victory against Manchester United before moving on to Leicester City.

Showler was signed at the start of the season for £50,000 from Bradford City, where he had played under current boss Lennie Lawrence. He played non-league football for Altrincham and Barnet with league appearances for the latter following their promotion from the Conference. Paul has scored on two of his last three visits to Bootham Crescent with Bradford City.

Having recovered from a broken leg **Dwight Marshall** is the man currently partnering the prolific **Tony Thorpe** up front. £150,000 secured the services of the former Plymouth player in the summer of 1994, after three seasons with the Pilgrims. He had previously been playing non-league football with Grays Athletic.

Thorpe made an immediate impact in the Town side when he netted on his full debut in an FA Cup tie at Newcastle in January 1994. The twenty-three year old is currently enjoying his first real run in the side and leads the Second Division scoring charts with twenty two, including a hat-trick in the 6-0 demolition of Crewe Alexandra.

Waiting in the wings are **Kim Grant** and **Bontcho Guentchev**. Grant signed from Charlton for £250,000 in March 1996 and scored on his debut v Ipswich. He was selected for the Ghanaian national party in the summer of 1996 and is now a regular member of the squad. Guentchev is a Bulgarian international who joined Town after his release by Ipswich. The thirty-one year old forward played in the 1994 World Cup finals as the Bulgarians reached the semi-final.

Andrew Fotiadis joined the Hatters full-time in the

summer of 1996 on the completion of his A levels. He has won England Schoolboy caps at U15 and U18 level and has been a regular member of the youth and reserve sides at Luton for the last couple of seasons. He has started five league games this season, scoring his first goal against Walsall in October.

James RICHARDSON

Formed in 1885 **Luton Town** operated in the Southern League prior to their election to the Second Division of the Football League in 1897. They failed to gain re-election three years later and did not return until becoming founder members of the Third Division in 1920. Champions of the Southern

Section in 1936/37 they reached the top flight in 1955 and were FA Cup runners up to Nottingham Forest in 1959. Relegated the following year, by the mid 60s they had dropped into the Fourth Division but in a fluctuating decade for the Hatters they were back in the old Second Division by 1970. For the next twelve years they remained in that division apart from 1974/75 in the First and then in 1981/82 they were Second Division Champions. Then followed ten seasons at the top level for Town finishing a best ever seventh in 1986/87 and winning the FL Cup the following term beating Arsenal in the final. Relegated in 1992 they suffered further demotion last May and this season are operating out of the top two divisions for the first time in over a quarter of a century.

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Match REMEMBER

The first ever meeting between the clubs was on Easter Saturday, 25th March 1967, when City swept to a remarkable 5-1 victory at Bootham Crescent in front of just 1,912.

City went into this game bottom of the Fourth Division having won only one of their previous nineteen League matches. Luton, who had been in the First Division only seven years earlier, were also in the lower reaches of the table. City took the lead in the thirteenth minute when Andy Provan shot home after John Goodchild had had a hard drive parried by Town's keeper Ron Swan. They nearly scored again when Tom Spencer struck the crossbar with a fine shot but the Hatters deservedly drew level after twenty three minutes when right winger Graham French drove in a fast cross shot that beat Harry Fallon. Luton then had a spell on top when they looked the better side and were unlucky not to take the lead when a fierce Max Dougan shot hit a post.

It was rather against the run of play when City went ahead, again shortly after the interval, when Les Collinson headed in a Rowland Horrey corner kick. Luton almost immediately equalised when French had a shot blocked by Fallon. The game swung dramatically midway through the second half when City scored a further two goals in a couple of minutes. Firstly Spencer netted after good work by John Hawksby and Provan and then Goodchild raced on to a Collinson through ball and hammered in a cross shot. The visitors were somewhat dispirited following this turn of events and near the end Provan completed the scoring when he ran through the defence. Although the scoreline somewhat flattered the home side they deserved to take the points and had given the Bootham Crescent faithful something to cheer in what proved a very poor season for the club.

The teams lined up that day almost thirty years ago as follows:
City: Fallon, Baker, Turner, Collinson, Jackson, Walker, Horrey, Hawksby, Spencer, Goodchild, Provan.
Town: Swan, Thompson, Jardine, Dougan, Rivers, Moore, French, Allen, Conboy, King, Whittaker.

LAST TIME WE MET AT BOOTHAM CRESCENT

9th January, 1979 Attendance: 6,730

FA CUP ROUND THREE

CITY 2 - LUTONTOWN 0

City: Brown, Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Randall, Loggie, McDonald, Staniforth.

Scorers: Staniforth (3 mins), Randall (85 mins).

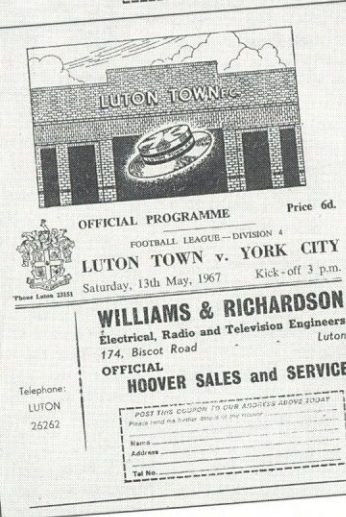
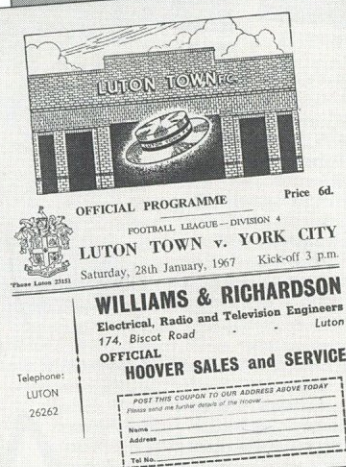
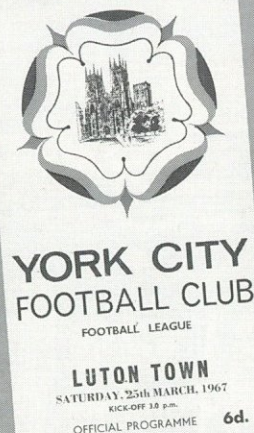
Town: Findlay, Jones, Aizlewood, Carr, Price, Donaghy, West, Hill, Stein, Hatton, Sherlock (Heale - 71 mins).

At the time City were in the lower reaches of the Fourth Division whilst Luton were in the Second Division. In the Fourth Round City lost away to League Champions Nottingham Forest 3-1.

This afternoon sees Luton's first trip to York since 1979, and it was a further three years before that Bootham Crescent last hosted a League game between the two clubs. Consequently, many ground-collecting Hatters' fans will be making their first visit here today, in the same way that the majority of those City followers who travelled to Kenilworth Road last December did so for the first time. Although our meetings are rare, perhaps City fans could have waited a few more weeks for this one to take place given the teams' respective League positions!

Programme collecting has only become established as a hobby during the last few decades, so uncertainty surrounds the existence or otherwise of issues from friendly matches and postponed games prior to the 1970s. Indeed, collectors are horrified when they learn that it was not unusual at this time for clubs to destroy programmes printed for games that were postponed, rather than re-use or release them to recoup some of their costs. Although some copies invariably escaped the incinerator, ascertaining whether issues exist will always remain a grey area. Fortunately, City and Luton appear to have adopted a policy of selling such issues, as shown in today's column which features *three* programmes relating to the clubs' initial meetings during 1966/67.

Fans of City and Town in the mid-sixties must have been as unhappy as a vegetarian in a butcher's shop, as their clubs were struggling at the wrong end of the Fourth Division. City were initially scheduled to host the inaugural meeting between the sides in March 1967, with the season closing at Kenilworth Road after the return fixture in May. However, second round FA Cup exits for both teams saw the game at Luton brought forward to 28th January, a date deliberately left blank to accommodate Cup Third Round day (as belated as that now seems). Anyway, all best laid plans and intentions were washed out when a downpour flooded the pitch, ensuring that City had a wasted journey south and Luton had a few thousand wasted programmes! The issue relating to this non-event was a twelve peger costing sixpence, which was printed on flimsy paper. Club notes on page three reflected on the Hatters' lowly League position which was largely due to a poor away record of no wins and many



defeats, including an 8-1 thumping at Lincoln. Also, the notes offered the chance to buy League Cup Final tickets several weeks in advance, with the dearest seats costing a mere two quid a time. There was little else to read other than this editorial, except for City pen pictures, statistics, and adverts, amongst the latter being one for

Cesar's nightspot which listed Tommy Trinder, Vince Hill, and the Barron Knights amongst its future "attractions".

The postponement meant that the first-ever meeting between the two clubs took place at Bootham Crescent after all, for which an eight page issue costing sixpence was produced. The programme was certainly ahead of its time in terms of the high gloss paper it was printed on, but unfortunately the content was limited. The editorial on page three acknowledged that the Easter period of games represented struggling City's last hope of escaping the bottom four, although this aim had been hindered by failing to strengthen the squad before the transfer deadline. A lack of support was also 'causing anxiety', the numbers turning up being considered to be 'more in keeping with reserve football than League soccer', although I'm sure City would welcome a figure similar to that afternoon's crowd of 1,910 at Pontins League games now. Mention was also made of City's Sunday League side, Bootham United, who had won their division to gain promotion – how many City fans were aware of this side I wonder? This most basic of issues was completed by the team lists on the centre page, pen pictures, fixtures, and an ad for the York Co-Op on the back cover.

So it was that the final curtain came down on a miserable campaign for both clubs on 13th May as originally planned. Luton had just about climbed out of trouble by this stage but, as the editorial on page three of that afternoon's programme pointed out, City were doomed to apply for re-election. The editorial made several references to the previous postponement, and although the rest of the issue was similar to that of January it was at least of interest to discover that Luton eventually managed an away win that season, and that Des O'Connor was soon to top the bill at Cesars!

For the record, honours were even over the two games with the team enjoying home advantage mauling the visitors 5-1 on each occasion. It might be too much for City fans to expect a five goal romp this afternoon, but a 2-0 win to reverse December's scoreline would be more than acceptable! Enjoy the match.

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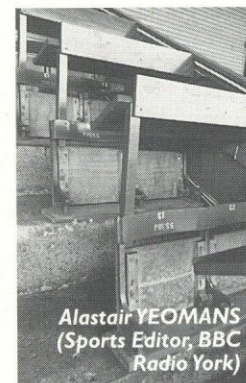
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THIS SEASON again provided some excellent entertainment at Bootham Crescent, watched by sizeable crowds. Benny Fenton of West Ham, Millwall and Charlton fame made a number of appearances. A run of five successive defeats in the pre-Christmas League programme was a set-back, however, and they finished in the lower half of the table.

P 18, W 7, D 2, L 9, F 35, A 40, Pts 16.

In the League Cup qualifying group, City went into their last game needing to beat Leeds United by a big score in order to reach the knock-out stages. They did just that by beating United 8-1! In the first round, Barnsley were defeated 5-4 on aggregate with over 14,000 watching the second leg at Oakwell. City fell at the next stage, however, when they lost to a strong Bradford side. Bradford won 5-1 at York and 7-2 on aggregate and Len Shackleton scored four goals in the two matches.

Once again the season produced a profit (£1,230). At the AGM criticism was voiced regarding the high level of entertainment tax clubs had to pay. In 1943/44 City paid a total of £2,354 tax on gross receipts of £8,842. This tax payment was considerably more than the wages and travelling bill. It was pointed out that if clubs like York City were to survive after the war when the wage bill could be trebled, some tax concession would have to be made. Tribute was paid to two players who had lost their lives in active service - Len 'Taffy' Milner and G Reynolds, a Charlton Athletic centre-half who had guested that season. George Lee joined the Army in March 1944 and his future appearances for City were now to be limited. In April that year a promising young local goalkeeper, Peter Pickering, was signed. One change in the boardroom was made when former director D A Pratt was elected to fill the vacancy caused by R E Warner's resignation.



Peter Pickering

Aston Villa won the League North Cup and Charlton Athletic lifted the League South trophy. Blackpool won the League North and Tottenham Hotspur the southern section.

The three Allied leaders Winston Churchill, President Roosevelt and Marshal Stalin held their first meeting together in Tehran. General Dwight Eisenhower was appointed supreme commander in charge of the invasion of Western Europe - D Day was to be on 6th June 1944.

In September 1943 the Italians surrendered to the Allies and Mussolini fled to Germany.

David BATTERS

Part Twenty Three 1943-44

Aug 28 (A) Grimsby T	L 2-3 Woodgate, Stone	1,600
Sep 4 (H) Grimsby T	W 2-0 Dawson, Dunn	4,982
11 (A) Gateshead	L 0-3	3,253
18 (H) Gateshead	W 5-1 Billington 3, Woodgate, Fenton	4,036
25 (H) Newcastle U	W 2-0 Lee, Dawson	5,938
Oct 2 (A) Newcastle U	D 1-1 Lee	9,877
9 (H) Hartlepool U	W 2-0 Dunn, Scott	5,686
16 (A) Hartlepool U	L 1-4 Dawson	5,200
23 (A) Darlington	L 2-4 Wilson (Pen), Brenen	8,210
30 (H) Darlington	W 5-2 Billington 3, Lee (pen), Fenton	4,590
Nov 6 (A) Middlesbrough	D 1-1 O'Donnell	3,000
13 (H) Middlesbrough	W 5-3 Walker 3, Dawson, Killourhy	5,036
20 (H) Leeds U	L 1-3 Dawson	4,708
27 (A) Leeds U	L 0-1	4,500
Dec 4 (A) Bradford	L 1-6 Dawson	4,056
11 (H) Bradford	L 2-4 McDonald, Billington	4,119
18 (A) Rotherham U	L 1-3 McDonald	3,000
25 (H) Rotherham U	W 2-1 Woodgate, Dawson	3,948

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League North War Cup (Qualifying Competition)		
Dec 27 (H) Huddersfield T	W 2-1 Billington 2	8,475
Jan 1 (A) Huddersfield T	W 3-0 Brown, Billington 2	4,184
8 (A) Bradford C	L 1-4 Billington	3,008
15 (H) Bradford C*	W 3-1 Lee, Killourhy, Billington	2,384
22 (A) Barnsley	L 1-2 Killourhy	4,363
29 (H) Barnsley	W 2-0 Killourhy 2	5,851
Feb 5 (H) Bradford	L 0-1	6,500
12 (A) Bradford	L 1-4 Lee	6,966
19 (A) Leeds U	L 1-2 Hawkins	7,000
26 (H) Leeds U	W 8-1 Lee 2, Billington 2, Hawkins 2, Killourhy, Litchfield	5,176

*Abandoned after 60 minutes (fog), result allowed to stand.

League North War Cup (Competition Proper)		
1 Mar 4 (H) Barnsley	W 4-1 Lee 2, Litchfield, Killourhy	7,653
11 (A) Barnsley	L 1-3 Hawkins	14,001
18 (H) Bradford	L 1-5 Billington	11,977
25 (A) Bradford	L 1-2 Billington	12,393

Combined Counties Cup		
1 Apr 1 (A) Halifax T	L 1-4 Hawkins	2,800
8 (H) Halifax T	D 1-1 Hawkins	5,110

Additional League Matches		
Apr 15 (A) Chesterfield	L 0-2	2,356
22 (H) Chesterfield	D 1-1 A Brown	3,423
29 (A) Sheffield W	L 1-2 Scott	5,000
May 6 (H) Sheffield W	W 4-3 T Brown 2, Wilson (pen), Dawson	2,919

CLUB NOTES.

To-day marks the end of another War-time Season of football, and as far as the City club is concerned, we can regard it as quite a successful one, even though the team did not make the spectacular progress of a year ago.

We have run up against far more team difficulties during the season, especially in the last few months. Our own players have gradually dwindled owing to the requirements of the Forces, and the club has had to make increasing use of guest players. We are indebted to them for their help, especially such players as Sam Bartram, Tommy Dawson and Joe Wilson, who have been with us a long time now and have given us excellent service. Without guest players, it would be impossible to carry on.

Financially, the season has been good, and there will be a very satisfactory surplus to report. 'Gates' have been well maintained throughout the season.

It is too early to express any definite ideas about next season's football. If circumstances permit, the City club will carry on and do all it can to keep the game going until normal conditions return. It is not an easy business nowadays, as most of the work has to be done by officials in what little spare time they have, and there are many moments of anxiety before a team can be fielded.

George Lee is creating a good impression at Chester, whom he is now assisting, and the Chester chairman has written saying that Lee "is certainly a great player."

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP.

Dec. 27-Huddersfield Town . . . 2-1 Home	
Jan. 1-Huddersfield Town . . . 3-0 Away	
Jan. 8-Bradford City . . . 1-4 Away	
Jan. 15-Bradford City . . . 3-1 Home	
Jan. 22-Barnsley . . . 1-2 Away	
Jan. 29-Barnsley . . . 2-0 Home	
Feb. 5-Bradford . . . 0-1 Home	
Feb. 12-Bradford . . . 1-4 Home	
Feb. 19-Leeds United . . . 1-2 Away	
Feb. 26-Leeds United . . . 8-1 Home	
Mar. 4-Barnsley (1st Round) 4-1 Home	
Mar. 11-Barnsley (1st Round) 1-3 Away	
Mar. 18-Bradford (2nd Round) 4-5 Home	
Mar. 25-Bradford (2nd Round) 1-2 Away	

COMBINED COUNTIES CUP

Apl. 1-Halifax T. (1st R'nd) 1-4 Away	
Apl. 8-Halifax T. (1st R'nd) 1-1 Home	

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Apl. 15-Chesterfield . . . 0-2 Away	
Apl. 22-Chesterfield . . . 1-1 Home	
Apl. 29-Sheffield Wed. . . . 1-2 Away	
May 6-Sheffield Wed. Home	

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SCENE SETTER WREXHAM

In two weeks' time, City will go to the Racecourse Ground looking to complete their second League 'double' of the season following the six point haul from the Burnley games. In fact, Wrexham were one of only two sides who didn't take away points from us last season, the other being Brighton and Hove Albion.

The away game last year featured a super hat trick from the then new signing Gary Bull, a repeat of which is looking more likely now than it was a few weeks ago. The form of the former Barnet hit man has been excellent, especially in our last couple of outings, at Walsall and at home to Preston on Tuesday. The team could certainly do with another rescue act like the one last term when Bully's goals effectively kept us in the division.

Wrexham's season has been very consistent, punctuated by some excellent Cup highlights, especially in away games. Victories at West Ham, Peterborough and Birmingham have seen them reach an FA Cup Quarter Final against one of the competition's glamour sides in one of the best stadiums in the country. In their dreams. As it is the Welshmen have got to travel to Saltergate, home of the 'mass brawl' and play Chesterfield for the right to be the first club in this division to reach the Semi Final since Plymouth in 1984.

With any luck the first game will end in a draw and the players will be more bothered about the replay than a run of the mill League game with York City. Well, you never know.

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Food Guide:

Most of the usual outlets are situated within the town centre, which is ten minutes walk.

Refreshments:

Kiosk situated on the concourse underneath the seats in the Marstons Stand.

Selected information taken from "Football Fans Guide" (1995) written by Janet Williams and Mark Johnson. Published by Collins Willow.

TRAVEL

Road Route:

M62 to Junction 21A. M6 South to Junction 20. M56 west to M53 south joining A55. Take A483 (signposted Wrexham). After approximately eight miles leave A483 for A541 taking left turn at roundabout. Wrexham FC on left, 125 miles. Parking is mainly on streets although you can pay £2 in New College next to the ground.

Rail:

York	dep	09:19
Manchester Piccadilly	arr	10:51
Manchester Piccadilly	dep	11:17
Chester	arr	12:16
Chester	dep	13:28
Wrexham General	arr	13:45
Wrexham General	dep	16:58
Chester	arr	17:17
Chester	dep	17:49
Manchester Piccadilly	arr	18:55
Manchester Piccadilly	dep	19:12
York	arr	20:50

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Travel Club

Membership is available for the season at £3.00. Coaches depart Bootham Crescent at 11:30am.

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Pre-match pint:

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Food Guide:

Not a great choice close to the ground apart from the pubs mentioned above. The nearest cafes and takeaways are on Castle Street. Other options include a Pizza Hut near the station.

Refreshments (inside ground):

Available from kiosk at far end of away terrace.

TRAVEL

Road Route:

M62 (West), M63 to Junction 11. Join A560 towards Stockport. After approximately ¼ mile turn right into Edgeley Road. After approximately one mile turn right into Dale Street (distinguishable by white building on corner) - then second left into Hardcastle Road. Ground is on right. Approximate distance: 75 miles. Resident car parking scheme in operation around ground. Street parking available away from ground only.

Rail:

York	dep	16:19
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Manchester Piccadilly	dep	18:20
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Stockport	dep	21:50
Manchester Piccadilly	arr	22:02
Manchester Piccadilly	dep	22:47
York	arr	00:43

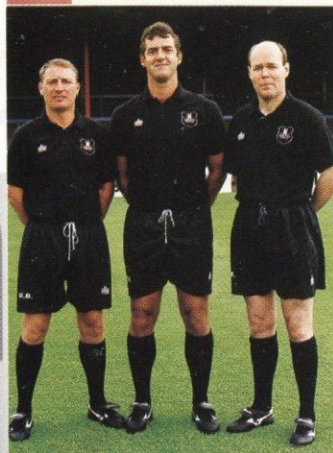
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INTERMEDIATES

Leeds United 6 York City 3

Leeds United was one of the biggest fixtures of the season. The week before we lost against Sheffield United so the team were ready to go back to winning ways. York made a bad start in the first half by conceding an early goal but didn't let their heads go down and replied with a goal from Jono Greening. City played some attractive football, spreading the ball wide and getting crosses into the box. However, by half time we were 3-2 down.

The second half, Leeds pressured us by scoring another goal fifteen minutes into the half, but we didn't give up playing the same football as the first half. York always looked like they could get something out of the game. We had other chances too, but at the vital moment did not punish them. Fifteen minutes before the final whistle York scored with a spectacular goal by Stuart Lee that set us up for a good finish. The game featured good performances by the team and exciting action for the spectators.

Richard DALE

Hull City 0 York City 0

On 1st February we travelled to Hull expecting a scrappy game and, with a less than perfect pitch and a cold, blustery wind, that is

exactly what we got. This game marked the return of Graeme Rennison to the starting line-up after months out injured with a broken leg, sustained last season. He proved to be the best player on the pitch during this game, winning strong tackles and successfully challenging in the air.

The game started evenly with a limited number of shots from both teams. We probably had the better of the few chances. This continued throughout the first half, with both teams being frustrated by getting no joy in the opposition's penalty box.

The second half went very much like the first with the exception of a few more chances in front of goal in our favour which were inadvertently squandered. Our best chance came from a cross when Richard Dale passed the full back on the left-hand side, put a cross into the box and Ross Foreman just headed past the post.

The rest of the match was consistently dull as the game stayed scoreless up to the final whistle.

Andrew DAWSON

York City 2 Hartlepool United 1

On the 8th February we entertained Hartlepool knowing it would be a tough battle like Hull the previous week. The start of the first half was a dream come true with Jono Greening slotting in a goal when their back four had a misunderstanding.

We kept the pressure up for most of the first half with some good football being played.

Unfortunately the good football didn't increase the lead. The City back four's offside trap was broken down when their forward shot from twenty-five yards out and scored.

In the second half York came out looking the stronger team with good football being played down the right wing from Darren Pledger. With ten minutes to go, York were still putting on the pressure and Stuart Lee got a similar goal to the one he scored at Leeds. It was a brilliant goal with a slight deflection, lobbing the goal keeper which gave us a good victory and the three points.

A good battling performance from the lads.

Ross FOREMAN

PONTINS LEAGUE

Wed 21 Aug	GRIMSBY TOWN	D 2-2
Thu 29 Aug	BRADFORD CITY	W 4-1
Wed 11 Sep	HULL CITY	W 1-0
Mon 16 Sep	Mansfield Town	W 2-1
Wed 25 Sep	STOCKPORT CO.	W 3-2
Wed 2 Oct	Carlisle United	W 4-0
Wed 9 Oct	BARNLEY	D 1-1
Wed 16 Oct	Shrewsbury Town	W 4-2
Wed 23 Oct	Wrexham	L 0-5
Wed 6 Nov	ROTHERHAM UTD.	W 1-0
Wed 13 Nov	Burnley	L 0-2
Wed 20 Nov	HUDDERSFIELD (PLC)	L 1-3
Thu 28 Nov	Manchester City	D 1-1
Wed 11 Dec	Hull City	L 0-1
Wed 18 Dec	SHREWSBURY T.	W 2-1
Wed 15 Jan	BARNLEY (PLC)	W 3-0
Wed 22 Jan	MANSFIELD TOWN	W 2-1
Wed 29 Jan	BRADFORD (PLC)	W 3-2
Wed 5 Feb	WREXHAM	D 1-1
Mon 10 Feb	Scarborough (PLC)	D 1-1
Wed 19 Mar	MANCHESTER CITY	H
Tue 25 Mar	Grimsby Town	A
Wed 9 Apr	Bradford City	A
Wed 16 Apr	Barnley	A
Wed 30 Apr	CARLISLE UNITED	H
TBA	Stockport County	A
TBA	Rotherham United	A
TBA	BURNLEY	H

(PLC) = Pontins League Cup

The First Round of the Pontins League Cup has been drawn and details are included on the fixture list. There are five teams in a group (York, Huddersfield, Scarborough, Barnsley and Bradford) and the top two qualify for a Quarter-Final place.

Home kick off - 7.00pm

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NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Sat 10 Aug	Sunderland	L 0-4
Sat 17 Aug	LEEDS UTD	L 0-2
Sat 24 Aug	Rotherham Utd	L 0-3
Sat 31 Aug	BRADFORD C.	W 2-1
Sat 7 Sep	Sunderland (Cup)	D 1-1
Sat 14 Sep	Doncaster Rovers	W 1-0
Sat 21 Sep	SHEFFIELD U.	D 0-0
Sat 28 Sep	HULL CITY	L 0-1
Sat 5 Oct	SUNDERLAND	L 1-4
	(Cup replay)	L 1-2
Sat 12 Oct	Hartlepool U.	L 2-4
Sat 19 Oct	NEWCASTLE U.	L 1-2
Sat 26 Oct	Huddersfield T.	D 2-2
Sat 2 Nov	SHEFFIELD W.	W 4-1
Sat 9 Nov	Chesterfield	D 0-0
Sat 23 Nov	Scunthorpe Utd.	L 1-2
Sat 7 Dec	DARLINGTON	W 2-1
Sat 14 Dec	MIDDLESBRO.	L 0-1
Tue 17 Dec	BARNLEY	W 1-0
Sat 18 Jan	DONCASTER R.	L 0-2
Sat 25 Jan	Sheffield United	L 3-6
Mon 27 Jan	Leeds United	D 0-0
Sat 1 Feb	Hull City	W 2-1
Sat 8 Feb	HARTLEPOOL	L 0-3
Sat 15 Feb	Newcastle United	D 2-2
Sat 22 Feb	HUDDERSFIELD	A 11.00
Sat 1 Mar	Sheffield Wed.	H 10.45
Sat 8 Mar	CHESTERFIELD	H 1.00
Mon 10 Mar	SUNDERLAND	A 11.00
Sat 15 Mar	Barnsley	H 10.45
Sat 22 Mar	SCUNTHORPE	A 11.00
Sat 29 Mar	Scarborough	A 11.00
Sat 5 Apr	Darlington	A 11.00
Sat 12 Apr	Middlesbrough	A 11.00
TBA	SCARBOROUGH	H
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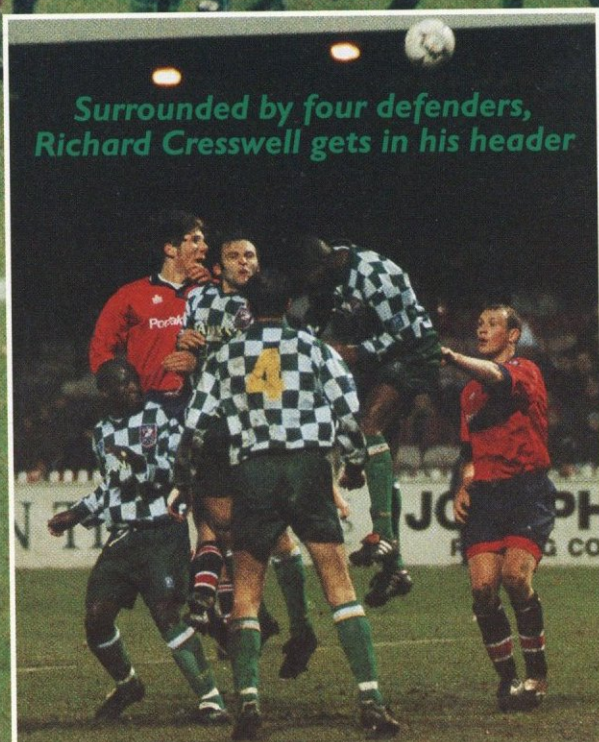
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Alan Pouton...



Surrounded by four defenders,
Richard Cresswell gets in his header

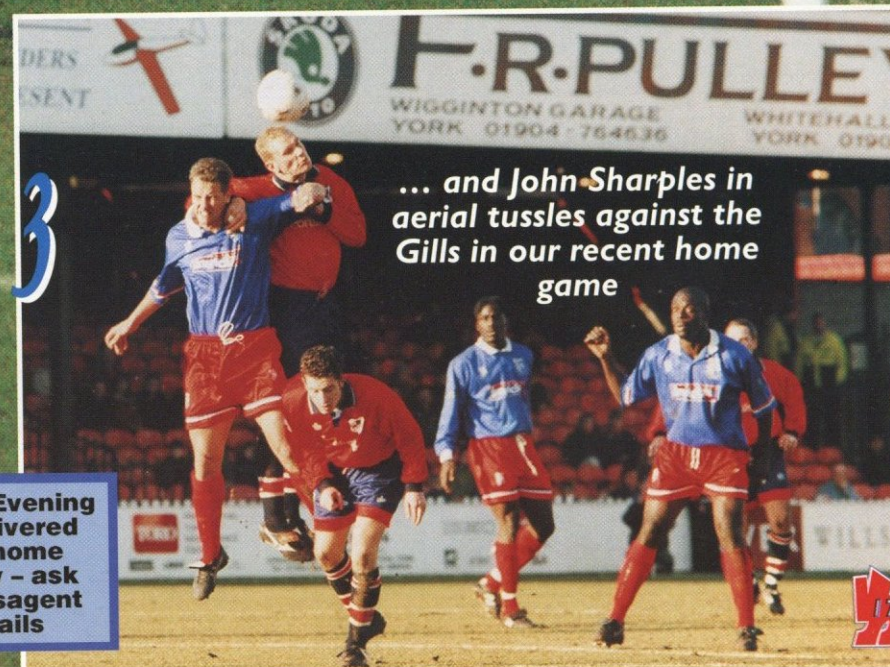


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Tom Maskill was one of two brothers, the other was George, who played for the club in the 1920s/30s. Tom made over forty appearances in City's inaugural season in the Midland League in 1922/23 and was then transferred to Coventry City. The former England Schoolboy International then went on to play for Scarborough, Carlisle United and Barnsley before returning to his home town club in the summer of 1932. He played in thirty League and Cup games - four goals in City's

two seasons with the club scoring twelve goals in seventy six senior appearances. He later returned to Newcastle where he finished his playing days in local soccer and he died in 1969.

One of the cleverest inside forwards to play for the club before the Second World War was **Malcolm Comrie**. Another Scot he had played in all divisions of the Football League with Brentford, Manchester City, Burnley and Crystal Palace before his move to Bootham Crescent in June 1936. He was a key player in his two seasons with the club (ninety five games - twenty three goals) and figured in all the sixteen FA Cup games during that time which led to Fourth and Sixth Round appearances.

One of the best bargain buys City ever made was **Sid Storey** who joined them from Wombwell in May 1947 for £100. In nine splendid seasons he made 352 League and Cup appearances - forty two goals. A small man he had tremendous talent and was generally regarded at the time as one of the best ball players in the Northern Section. A key man in City's attack it was a big blow when injury caused him to miss the semi-final game against Newcastle United at Hillsborough. He did

play in the replay but a further injury caused him to miss several games at the end of that 1954/55 campaign

which dented promotion hopes. Surprisingly given a free transfer in May 1956 the club acknowledged his "fine football" and thanked him for his outstanding service and loyalty. Sid joined Second Division Barnsley and then moved on to Accrington Stanley and Bradford Park Avenue before hanging up his boots at the age of forty. He returned to Bootham Crescent in 1960 and served in the capacity of trainer coach for three years. Throughout his playing days Sid had been a coal miner and in his later years was a bus driver. A fit and sprightly seventy seven year old Sid lives in Haxby with his wife and continues to show fine footwork on the dance floor.

The man who deputised for Sid at Hillsborough was **Sam McNab** who joined City from Sheffield United in the summer of 1954. A clever ball playing inside forward he scored on his debut in a famous 6-2 win at Wrexham but he was to lose his place to Storey and never really established himself with the club (twenty games - three goals) and left in 1956. He died in his native Scotland in 1995 aged sixty nine.

Colin Addison joined City as a junior in 1956 and made his League debut as a seventeen year old in September 1957. He quickly made his mark as an attacking inside forward and played his part in the promotion season of 1958/59. Colin developed into a regular scorer and netted some spectacular goals and attracted the attention of a number of First Division clubs, eventually moving to Nottingham Forest in January 1961 for a then record fee received of £12,000. He went on to play for Arsenal and Sheffield United and was player manager of Hereford United when they joined the League in 1972.

GREAT GAME AT BRADFORD

"From every point of view York thoroughly earned their replay chance as a reward of such a great-hearted recovery, and Bradford City obviously have a tremendous task to proceed further in the tournament."

In a York team that did so splendidly, I thought Duckworth a supreme half-back, strong on defence and with a punch in attack. Comrie, too, had all the cleverness and tricks of an inside forward-but the display generally was one I and 3,000 York supporters will never forget.

JANUARY 1937

CUP BLOW FOR YORK CITY

Storey Unfit: McNab Plays

MAIN problem York City Football Club had to decide at their Matlock headquarters to-day was whether Sid Storey had recovered sufficiently from a strained back muscle to play in the F.A. Cup semi-final at Hillsborough, Sheffield, this afternoon against Newcastle United.

Storey had a further try-out at Matlock this morning, and loyal clubman that he is, said himself he had some doubt whether he could withstand 90 minutes of rigorous Cup football on a pitch which, after persistent rain for 16 hours would obviously cut up and become heavy going.

It was most reluctantly decided, therefore, to omit the Barnsley miner, and this brought in Sammy McNab at inside-left. This is the first time City have had to change their Cup team since the second round at Dorchester.

MARCH 1955

first season at Bootham Crescent and finished his playing days with Selby. Tom died in 1956 at the age of fifty three.

Scotsman Tom McDonald played for Inverness and Rangers before moving "south of the border" to Newcastle United in 1921. He spent

Three-goal Addison is City's star

York City 4 Workington 0

FEATURE of York City's 4-0 win against Workington was the scoring feat of Colin Addison who registered a hat trick and then in the last movement of the game dribbled through again and forced Wilson, the visiting right back to push the ball into his own net.

It was virtually a four-goal feat for the local player who was easily City's best forward in a match which had rather too many moderate patches, because of the lack of pace and shooting ability. Addison was the exception to this, scoring two first-half goals and, generally, showing a readiness to shoot.

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McNab who joined City from Sheffield United in the summer of 1954. A clever ball playing inside forward he scored on his debut in a famous 6-2 win at Wrexham but he was to lose his place to Storey and

Two brilliant goals by Colin Addison

Hartlepool U. ... 1 York City 3

YORK CITY at last got that elusive first away league victory by winning at Hartlepool to-day, 3-1, and they did so chiefly because of two magnificent goals by Colin Addison. Peter Wragg scored the third.

Addison put a scorching 25 yard shot into the net in the first half and in the second half, after Dixon had equalised from a penalty, Addison ran through the United defence in a 40 yard dribble, positioned himself for a return pass, and smashed the ball into the net. Besides these successes he also rattled the crossbar.

JANUARY 1961

JANUARY 1961



Sid Storey swerves his way past three defenders to place the ball in the net for City's first goal at Bishop Auckland.

ten years at St James Park making well over 300 appearances and scoring 100 goals, Tom helped the Magpies win the FA Cup in 1924 and the First Division title three years later and was in United's side that played against City in the FA Cup in 1930. He moved to York in May 1931 and was a regular in his

Colin later managed Derby County, West Bromwich Albion and Newport County as well as having successful spells coaching in Spain.
David BATTERS

FOREST AND CITY AGREE ON ADDISON

AS I hinted in the "Football Press" on Saturday, the transfer of Colin Addison, York City inside forward, may soon become an established fact and in all probability, will be completed when the City club is knocked out of the FA Cup.

Several senior clubs have had Addison under observation this season, including Nottingham Forest, Preston North End, Blackpool, Blackburn Rovers and Scunthorpe United.

Preston, who were at the Norwich Cup-tie on Saturday, have scarcely missed a recent City game. Two weeks ago they named a fee at which they were prepared to negotiate and wanted the player immediately.

FEE AGREED

The figure was, however, bettered by Mr. Andy Beattie, the Nottingham Forest manager, and it is to the Forest where Addison is likely to go. The Nottingham club is quite prepared to wait for Addison's transfer, and there has been agreement between City and Forest about the fee.



LAST NIGHT'S FIXTURES

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

Tranmere Rovers	v	Stoke City
Colchester United	v	Scarborough
Doncaster Rovers	v	Wigan Athletic

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

Blackburn Rovers	v	Sunderland
Derby County	v	Chelsea
Everton	v	Arsenal
Leeds United	v	West Ham United
Manchester United	v	Coventry City
Newcastle United	v	Southampton
Sheffield Wednesday	v	Middlesbrough
Tottenham Hotspur	v	Nottingham Forest
Wimbledon	v	Leicester City

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

Bradford City	v	Manchester City
Grimsby Town	v	Birmingham City
Norwich City	v	Huddersfield Town
Oxford United	v	Crystal Palace
Port Vale	v	Reading
Portsmouth	v	Sheffield United
Queens Park Rangers	v	Oldham Athletic
Southend United	v	Barnsley
Swindon Town	v	Charlton Athletic
Wolverhampton Wanderers	v	Ipswich Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Bournemouth	v	Shrewsbury Town
Bristol Rovers	v	Walsall
Crewe Alexandra	v	Gillingham
Millwall	v	Wycombe Wanderers
Notts County	v	Brentford
Peterborough United	v	Chesterfield
Plymouth Argyle	v	Blackpool
Preston North End	v	Bury
Stockport County	v	Rotherham United
Watford	v	Bristol City
Wrexham	v	Burnley
YORK CITY	v	Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Carlisle United	v	Lincoln City
Darlington	v	Brighton & Hove Albion
Fulham	v	Chester City
Hartlepool United	v	Scunthorpe United
Hereford United	v	Exeter City
Hull City	v	Northampton Town
Leyton Orient	v	Barnet
Mansfield Town	v	Cambridge United
Rochdale	v	Torquay United

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

Aston Villa	v	Liverpool
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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

Bolton Wanderers	v	West Bromwich Albion
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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Swansea City	v	Cardiff City
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LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Blackpool	2	1	Stockport County
Brentford	1	0	Bournemouth
Bristol City	3	0	Crewe Alexandra
Burnley	2	2	Bristol Rovers
Bury	2	0	Notts County
Chesterfield	1	2	Plymouth Argyle
Gillingham	2	1	Peterborough United
Luton Town	5	1	Preston North End
Rotherham United	0	0	Wrexham
Shrewsbury Town	1	1	Millwall
Walsall	1	1	YORK CITY
Wycombe Wanderers	0	0	Watford

MIDWEEK RESULTS

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Blackpool	1	3	Burnley
Bristol Rovers	2	0	Plymouth Argyle
Bury	0	0	Wrexham
Millwall	1	0	Notts County
Watford	2	0	Shrewsbury Town
Wycombe Wanderers	2	0	Peterborough United
YORK CITY	3	1	Preston North End

The top two, Brentford and today's visitors Luton Town, both won last Saturday to enhance their promotion bids. A Carl Asaba goal earned the Bees maximum points at Griffin Park against Bournemouth. Meanwhile the Hatters swept to a convincing victory over Preston at Kenilworth Road 5-1. Striker David Oldfield hit a first half hat trick for Town and their other marksmen were skipper Gary Waddock and Mitchell Thomas. North End's consolation goal was scored by David Reeves. Bristol City leapfrogged over Crewe when they beat the Alex 3-0 at Ashton Gate in front of the day's biggest crowd of 11,306. All their goals came in the second half through Shaun Goater, Paul Agostino and an Ashley Westwood own goal. Kevin Randall and Ronnie Jepson were on the mark for Bury in their home win over struggling Notts County for whom Gary Stodder was sent off early in the game. There were five dismissals in a stormy match at Saltergate where Plymouth won 2-1 to dent Chesterfield's promotion challenge. Paul Barnes hit a last minute equaliser for Burnley at home to Bristol Rovers in a 2-2 encounter and Millwall scrambled a ninety minute leveller at Gay Meadow thanks to a twenty five yard volley from Maurice Doyle. The Shrews had taken a first half lead through Steve Anthrobus.

Blackpool secured their position in midtable with a 2-1 win at Bloomfield Road over Stockport. James Quinn and Tony Ellis scored for the Tangerines and Andy Mutch hit County's consolation. Wycombe Wanderers and Watford battled out a goalless draw at Adams Park with visiting goalkeeper Kevin Miller in fine form. It was the Hornets' sixteenth draw of the season. Rotherham United followed up a 1-1 draw at Chesterfield with a home draw against the other FA Cup giant killers Wrexham but remained rooted at the foot of the table. Ify Onuora scored both Gillingham's goals at home to Peterborough and maintained the Kent club's march up the table. A Paul Barnes hat trick earned Burnley a 3-1 win at Blackpool in midweek. Jamie Cureton netted both goals in Bristol Rovers' home win over Plymouth Argyle. At the New Den Millwall snatched a late winner against Notts County with David Savage on the mark. Watford stepped up their challenge with a 2-0 victory over Shrewsbury Town and Wycombe won their relegation battle against Peterborough. Wanderers scorers were Steve McGavin and Miguel De Souza. City ended their run of home defeats with the 3-1 success over Preston North End and Rodney Rowe scored on his Bootham Crescent debut.

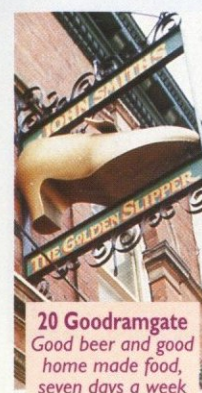
David BATTERS

Leading Scorers (League/Cup)

Thorpe	Luton Town	22	Clarkson	Blackpool	16	Adebola	Crewe Alex	14
Asaba	Brentford	20	Quinn	Blackpool	16	Carter	Bury	14
Barnes	Burnley	19	Onuora	Gillingham	15	Crawford	Millwall	14
Goater	Bristol City	18	Evans	Plymouth A	15	Pepper	CITY	14
Stevens	Shrewsbury	18	Ellis	Blackpool	15	Tolson	CITY	13
Angell	Stockport	18	Lightbourne	Walsall	15			(Up to & including 25/12/97)

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE - SECOND DIVISION (up to & including 25/12/97)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brentford	31	7	9	0	25	14	9
Luton Town	30	11	3	2	32	9	5
Bury	30	10	5	0	25	6	4
Bristol City	32	10	4	3	35	13	4
Millwall	33	11	2	4	24	16	3
Burnley	34	11	2	5	35	21	3
Crewe Alexandra	31	12	1	2	30	8	4
Watford	30	6	7	2	15	10	5
Stockport County	30	8	4	3	21	11	5
Wrexham	30	7	5	1	24	17	4
Chesterfield	30	7	5	3	16	12	6
Walsall	31	9	5	2	24	12	4
Blackpool	32	7	6	3	28	17	3
Bournemouth	35	6	5	6	16	16	5
Gillingham	32	8	3	5	25	19	3
Bristol Rovers	33	9	4	3	27	17	1
Shrewsbury Town	34	7	6	5	23	23	3
Plymouth Argyle	33	5	8	3	16	16	4
Preston North End	34	8	4	4	21	16	3
YORK CITY	33	6	3	7	17	23	4
Wycombe Wand	32	8	3	6	17	13	1
Peterborough Utd	33	4	6	6	29	26	3
Notts County	33	3	6	6	14	16	2
Rotherham United	32	4	6	7	13	17	0



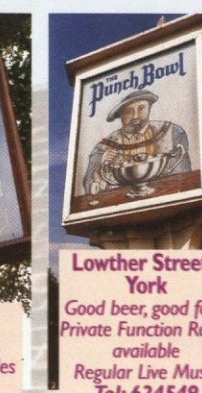
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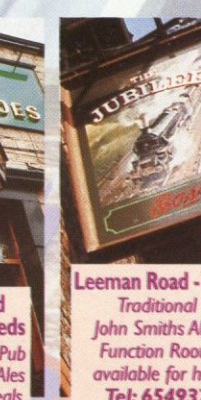
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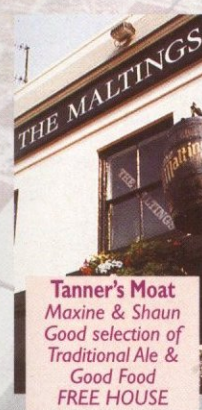
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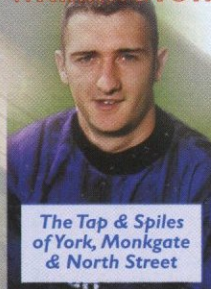


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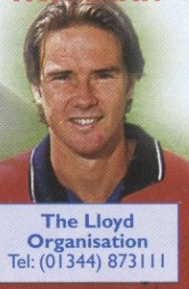
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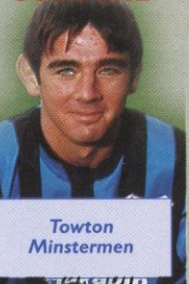
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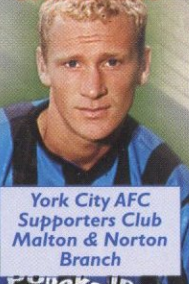
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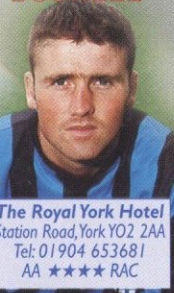
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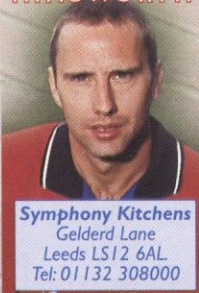
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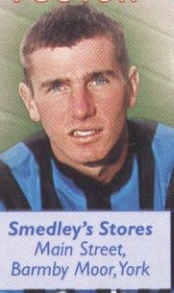
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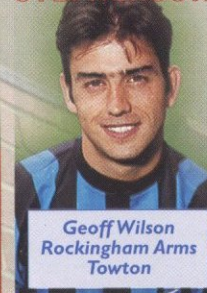
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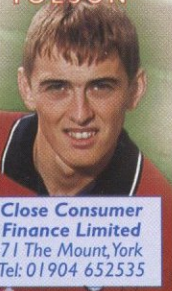
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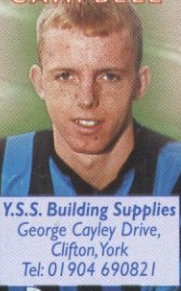
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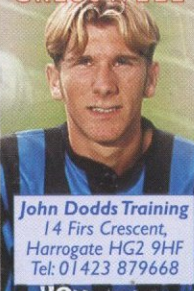
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Graham KILBY



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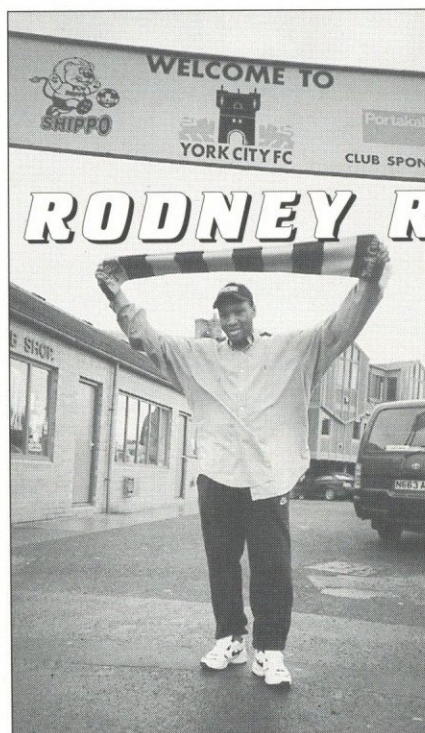
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JUNIOR QUIZZ

1. From which club did City sign David Rush?
2. What was the score between England and Italy at Wembley earlier this month?
3. Which team knocked Luton out of this season's FA Cup?
4. From the ninety-one other League clubs, which is the closest to Bootham Crescent?
5. For which League club does John Aldridge play and manage?

Answers on page 27.



Today we welcome new signing

RODNEY ROWE

Age:

Twenty-one.

Favourite position:

Striker, although I started at Huddersfield as a right winger.

Previous clubs:

Huddersfield (Bury, Scarborough on loan). I played in the same youth team as Andy Booth at Leeds Road.

Best goal ever seen:

Roberto Baggio in Italia 90 versus Czechoslovakia.

Hardest opponent faced:

Gary Breen when he was at Peterborough, we played them in a Cup tie.

First match ever seen:

Huddersfield versus Wrexham. Town lost 1-2 about ten years ago - I was in the 4th year at Junior School.

Favourite player/idol:

Ian Wright, I'm a bit of an Arsenal fan and he is just superb.

Rodney, if you're anything like him on the pitch, that would be smashing.

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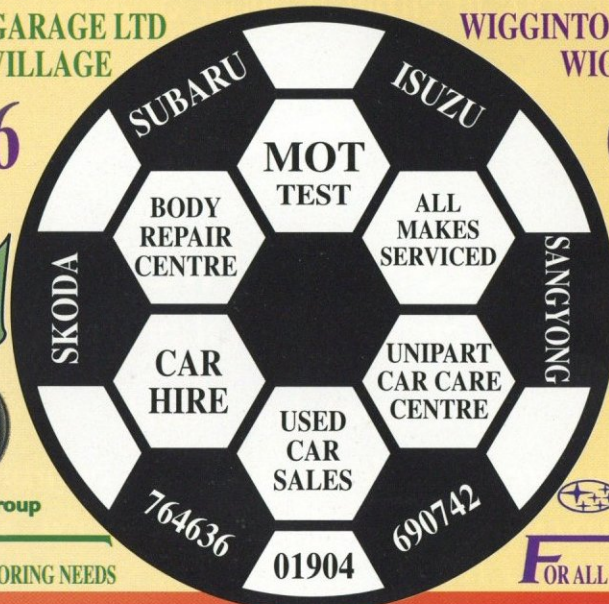
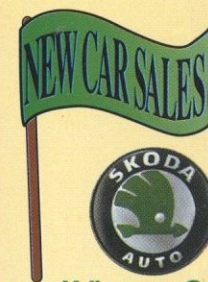
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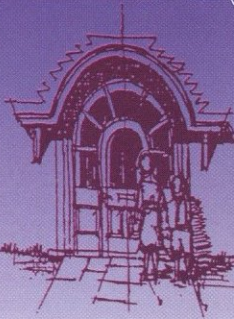

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Raymond WYNN (01904 797578)

household. I'm sure they will
have plenty to say about the
game in their fanzine, *Oh, what a
Shambles*. We never thought that
we would ever be able to obtain
such a delicacy as a balti pie at a
football ground but lo and
behold, such a treat was on offer
at Bescot Stadium and for those
who tried them, they proved to
be a very tasty success. What
next? A Tandoorburger? Despite
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members at Easter and a list of

prize winners will be posted
around the ground. Our New
Zealand branch goes from
strength to strength and at the
beginning of next season hopes
to reach 100 members. Well
done Richard Easby in
Auckland. Wherever our
members are located, their main
concern is that we survive in the
Second Division and that we win
back all the supporters who are
not attending as many games as
they used to do. It is a fact that
we are missing the odd game, I
know because I have missed
three myself. I appreciate that we
all have a strong desire for our
side to do better and to climb
the table whilst there are still
sufficient fixtures to achieve this.

York City Ladies Football Club York City LFC 2-2 Hull City LFC

In windy conditions York City battled
back to earn a 2-2 draw against Hull City
in their Yorkshire & Humberside
Women's First Division match. Playing
against the strong wind in the first half,
York never got their game going and it
was Hull who took the lead when a
speculative back header flew into the net.
York created some openings but could
not force an attacking thrust against the
strong wind. In the second half York went
further behind following an own goal by
Claire Warren, but the team never gave
up and kept pushing to get back in the
game. With Trish Cook again having a
great game in midfield and Abbi Webster
giving her best performance so far this
season, York were able to get control of

midfield and with quarter of an hour to
go striker Jenny Garnett raced through to
place the ball neatly past the Hull keeper.
York continued to press and their efforts
were rewarded with only minutes to go
when Garnett again raced onto a through
ball to beat the keeper this time with a
delicate chip. York will rue the chances
that got away, especially in the second
half, but a draw was probably a fair
result. York's Jenny Garnett was named
player of the match. York City are looking
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Claire WARREN

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	Appearances		Goals		
	League	Cup	League	Cup	Total
Atkin	5+5	1			
Atkinson	10+1	5			
Barras	33	11	1	1	2
Bull	23+5	8+1	1	1	2
Bushell	13+5	3+1	2	1	3
Campbell	4+6	2+2	1		1
Clarke	17	6			
Cresswell	9+7	2+3			
Hall	9	3			
Harrison	0+1	0+1			
Himsworth	25+1	10	2	2	4
Jordan	5+3	1+1	1		1
McMillan	33	10			
Murty	25+2	9+2	2	1	3
Naylor	0+1	0+1			
Randall	13+3	5+1	2		2
Pepper	26+3	8+1	12	2	14
Pouton	13+4	4	1		1
Prudhoe	2	-			
Rowe	2	-	1		1
Rush	1+1	1			
Sharples	16	5			
Stephenson	25+1	8+2	1		1
Tolson	27+1	9+1	8	5	13
Tutill	13+1	5+1			
Warrington	14	5			
Williams	0+1	-			
Opponents					
Total goals			36	14	50

Up to and including 25/2/97

1. In which year were Luton in the FA Cup Final with Nottm Forest?
2. From which club did Coventry sign Darren Huckerby?
3. Who is the current coach of the Italian national team?
4. Which Luton player scored ten goals against Bristol Rovers in 1936?
5. In which country did Scotland play Estonia in a re-arranged match?
6. For which eight clubs has Eric Cantona played?
7. Which Scottish club plays at Glebe Park?
8. Which English club were the last winners of the Inter Cities Fairs Cup (before it changed to the UEFA)?
9. Which Spanish club have just relieved John Toshack of his duties?
10. How many League matches did Peter Lorimer play for York City?

Answers on page 29

Second Division and Cup Fixtures - Season 1996/97

Date	Versus (tint area = home match)	Result	Pos.	Attend.	Away following	1	2
Sat 17 Aug	Plymouth Argyle	L 1-2	21	9,035	220	Warrington	McMillan
Tue 20 Aug	Doncaster R. (CCC 1(1))	D 1-1	-	1,852	503	Warrington	McMillan
Sat 24 Aug	A.F.C. Bournemouth	L 1-2	24	2,804	175	Warrington	McMillan
Tue 27 Aug	Millwall	W 3-2	16	3,108	355	Warrington	McMillan
Sat 31 Aug	Notts County	W 1-0	8	4,600	416	Warrington	McMillan
Tue 3 Sep	Doncaster R. (CCC 1(2))	W 2-0	-	2,757	478	Warrington	McMillan
Sat 7 Sep	Shrewsbury Town	D 0-0	9	2,911	168	Warrington	McMillan
Tue 10 Sep	Preston North End	L 0-1	14	7,608	255	Warrington	McMillan
Sat 14 Sep	Peterborough United	D 2-2	13	5,613	312	Warrington	McMillan
Wed 18 Sep	Everton (CCC 2(1))	D 1-1	-	11,527	2,015	Warrington	McMillan
Sat 21 Sep	Stockport County	L 1-2	18	3,061	464	Warrington	McMillan
Tue 24 Sep	Everton (CCC 2(2))	W 3-2	-	7,854	1,686	Warrington	McMillan
Sat 28 Sep	Brentford	D 3-3	19	5,243	214	Warrington	McMillan
Tue 1 Oct	Bristol Rovers	D 2-2	19	3,714	168	Warrington	McMillan
Sat 5 Oct	Watford	L 1-2	19	5,232	705	Warrington	McMillan
Fri 11 Oct	Bristol City	L 0-2	21	9,308	137	Clarke	McMillan
Tue 15 Oct	Crewe Alexandra	W 1-0	21	3,463	153	Clarke	McMillan
Sat 19 Oct	Rotherham United	W 2-1	16	3,410	684	Clarke	McMillan
Tue 22 Oct	Leicester City (CCC 3)	L 0-2	-	8,406	1,971	Clarke	McMillan
Sat 26 Oct	Chesterfield	L 0-2	16	4,009	422	Clarke	McMillan
Tue 29 Oct	Wycombe Wanderers	W 2-0	14	2,254	134	Clarke	McMillan
Sat 2 Nov	Burnley	W 1-0	13	5,958	2,337	Clarke	McMillan
Sat 9 Nov	Bury	L 1-4	13	4,021	478	Clarke	McMillan
Sat 16 Nov	Hartlepool United (FAC 1)D	0-0	-	3,011	774	Clarke	McMillan
Sat 23 Nov	Gillingham	W 1-0	13	5,048	232	Clarke	McMillan
Tue 26 Nov	Hartlepool U (FAC 1/replay)	W 3-0	-	3,227	849	Clarke	Murty
Sat 30 Nov	Chesterfield	D 0-0	14	3,328	845	Clarke	McMillan
Tue 3 Dec	Luton Town	L 0-2	14	4,401	236	Clarke	McMillan
Sat 7 Dec	Preston NE (FAC 2)	W 3-2*	-	7,893	465	Clarke	McMillan
Sat 14 Dec	Wrexham	W 1-0*	12	2,600	247	Clarke	McMillan
Sat 21 Dec	Blackpool	L 0-3	15	3,432	297	Clarke	McMillan
Sat 28 Dec	Shrewsbury Town	L 0-2	17	3,189	184	Clarke	McMillan
Sat 11 Jan	Brentford	L 2-4	19	3,085	254	Clarke	McMillan
Mon 13 Jan	Hednesford Town (FAC 3)	L 0-1	-	3,100	475	Clarke	McMillan
Sat 18 Jan	Bristol Rovers	D 1-1	19	4,470	150	Clarke	McMillan
Tue 21 Jan	Preston N E (AWS 2)	W 1-0	-	1,428	135	Clarke	McMillan
Sat 25 Jan	Wycombe Wanderers	L 1-3	20	4,193	217	Clarke	McMillan
Sat 1 Feb	Bury	L 0-2	20	3,423	782	Clarke	McMillan
Tue 4 Feb	Carlisle (AWS 3)	L 0-2	-	1,922	634	Warrington	McMillan
Sat 8 Feb	Burnley	W 2-1	20	8,961	322	Warrington	McMillan
Tue 11 Feb	Walsall	L 0-2	20	2,136	153	Warrington	McMillan
Sat 15 Feb	Gillingham	L 2-3	20	2,748	441	Prudhoe	McMillan
Sat 22 Feb	Walsall	D 1-1	20	3,664	208	Prudhoe	McMillan
Tue 25 Feb	Preston North End	W 3-1	20	2,515	525	Warrington	McMillan
Sat 1 Mar	Luton Town						
Sat 8 Mar	Blackpool						
Sat 15 Mar	Wrexham						
Tue 18 Mar	Stockport County						
Sat 22 Mar	A.F.C. Bournemouth						
Sat 29 Mar	Plymouth Argyle						
Wed 2 Apr	Millwall						
Sat 5 Apr	Notts. County						
Tue 8 Apr	Peterborough United						
Sat 12 Apr	Watford						
Sat 19 Apr	Bristol City						
Sat 26 Apr	Rotherham United						
Sat 3 May	Crewe Alexandra						
Sat 17 May	F.A. Cup Final						

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Murty	Randall	Atkin	Barras	Himsworth	Bushell	Tolson 1	Bull	Stephenson	Pepper (8)	Naylor (10)	Pouton
Murty	Randall	Atkin	Barras	Himsworth	Bushell	Tolson 1	Cresswell	Stephenson	Pepper(8)1	Pouton (7)	Cresswell(10)
Himsworth	Pepper2(1P)	Sharples	Barras	Murty	Randall	Tolson 1	Cresswell	Stephenson	Naylor (10)	Williams	Pouton
Himsworth	Pepper	Sharples	Barras	Murty	Randall	Tolson 1	Cresswell	Stephenson	Bull (10)	Bushell (11)	Atkin
Himsworth	Pepper 1	Sharples	Barras	Murty	Randall	Tolson 1	Cresswell	Stephenson	Bushell(8)1	Bull (10)	Atkin
Himsworth	Pepper	Sharples	Barras	Murty	Randall	Tolson 1	Cresswell	Stephenson	Bull (10)	Bushell	Atkin
Himsworth	Pepper	Sharples	Barras	Murty	Randall	Tolson 1	Bull	Stephenson	Naylor	Bushell	Atkin
Himsworth	Pepper 1	Sharples	Barras	Murty	Bushell 1	Tolson 1	Bull	Stephenson	Williams (11)	Naylor	Atkin
Himsworth	Pepper	Sharples	Barras	Murty	Randall	Tolson 1	Bull	Stephenson	Cresswell(10)	Bushell	Clarke
Himsworth	Pepper	Sharples	Barras	Murty	Randall	Tolson 1	Bull	Stephenson	Cresswell (3)	Bushell (8)	Atkin (5)
Hall	Pepper	Sharples	Barras	Murty 1	Randall	Tolson 1	Bull 1	Stephenson	Cresswell	Bushell	Clarke
Hall	Pepper	Sharples	Barras	Murty 1	Randall 1	Tolson 1	Bull	Stephenson	Campbell (9)	Atkin (8)	Bushell
Hall	Pepper 1P	Atkin	Barras	Murty	Randall	Tolson 1	Bull	Stephenson	Bushell (11)	Campbell(10)	Tutill (5)
Atkinson	Pepper	Tutill	Barras	Murty	Randall	Tolson 1	Bull	Stephenson	Bushell (4)	Pouton (8)	Himsworth
Hall	Pepper	Tutill	Barras	Murty	Randall	Tolson 1	Cresswell	Himsworth1	Campbell(10)	Bushell	Pouton
Hall	Pepper 1	Tutill	Barras	Murty	Randall	Tolson 1	Cresswell	Himsworth	Bull (10)	Stephenson(11)1	Bushell
Hall	Pepper	Tutill	Barras	Murty	Randall	Tolson 1	Bull	Himsworth	Stephenson(11)	Cresswell(9)	Bushell
Hall	Pepper	Atkin	Barras	Murty	Bushell	Tolson 1	Bull	Himsworth	Campbell	Cresswell	Reed
Hall	Pepper 1P	Tutill	Barras	Murty	Bushell	Tolson 1	Bull	Himsworth	Atkin	Campbell	Pouton
Hall	Pepper	Tutill	Barras	Murty 1	Bushell	Tolson 1	Bull	Himsworth	Randall	Campbell	Atkin
Hall	Pepper	Tutill	Barras	Murty	Bushell	Tolson 1	Bull	Himsworth1	Randall (4)	Pouton (3)	Atkin
Hall	Pepper	Tutill	Barras	Murty	Bushell	Tolson 1	Bull	Himsworth	Randall (11)	Campbell(10)	Stephenson
Stephenson	Pepper	Tutill	Barras	Murty	Bushell	Tolson 1	Bull	Himsworth	Pouton (8)	Campbell	Cresswell
Atkinson	Pepper 1	Tutill	Barras	Stephenson	Pouton	Tolson 1	Bull	Himsworth1	Cresswell (9)	Campbell(10)	Jordan
Himsworth	Pepper	Tutill	Barras	Murty	Pouton	Tolson 1	Bull	Stephenson	Randall (4)	Atkinson(3)	Cresswell(9)
Himsworth	Pepper	Tutill	Barras	Murty	Pouton	Tolson 1	Bull	Stephenson	Randall (8)	Atkinson(3)	Cresswell(9)
Atkinson	Pouton	Tutill	Barras 1	Himsworth	Murty	Tolson 1	Bull	Stephenson	Jordan (3)	Atkin	Cresswell
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Atkinson	Pouton	Tutill	Barras	Cresswell	Jordan	Tolson 1	Bull	Stephenson	Campbell(7)	Hall	Atkin
Atkinson	Pepper	Tutill	Barras	Pouton	Atkin	Tolson 1	Bull	Stephenson	Campbell(9)	Jordan(4)	Hall
Atkinson	Pepper 1P	Tutill	Barras	Murty	Pouton 1	Tolson 1	Bull	Stephenson	Himsworth(7)	Cresswell(10)	Jordan
Atkinson	Pepper	Sharples	Barras	Himsworth	Pouton	Tolson 1	Bull	Stephenson	Tutill(3)	Murty(8)	Warrington
Atkinson	Pepper 1P	Sharples	Barras	Himsworth	Pouton	Campbell	Cresswell	Stephenson	Tolson(9)	Tutill	Jordan
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Atkinson	Pepper	Sharples	Barras	Murty	Jordan	Campbell	Cresswell	Stephenson	Rush(10)	Bull(9)	Bushell(4)
Atkinson	Bushell	Sharples	Barras	Murty	Jordan	Campbell	Rush	Himsworth	Tolson(10)	Stephenson(3)	Harrison(9)
Murty	Bushell	Sharples	Barras	Pouton	Jordan 1	Tolson 1	Rush	Himsworth	Tutill	Stephenson	Campbell
Murty	Bushell	Sharples	Barras	Pouton	Jordan	Tolson 1	Campbell	Himsworth	Cresswell(10)	Pepper(8)	Atkin
Atkinson	Bushell 1	Sharples	Barras 1	Pouton	Jordan	Tolson 1	Bull	Himsworth	Cresswell(2)	Atkin(3)	Harrison(8)
Himsworth	Pepper 1P	Sharples	Barras	Pouton	Bushell	Rowe	Bull	Stephenson	Atkin(1)	Atkinson	Cresswell
Himsworth	Pepper 1P	Sharples	Barras	Pouton	Bushell	Rowe 1	Bull 1	Stephenson	Tutill	Cresswell	Jordan

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- ### ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

 1. 1959.
 2. Newcastle.
 3. Cesare Maldini.
 4. Joe Payne.
 5. Monaco.
 6. Auxerre, Martignes.
 7. Brechin City.
 8. Leeds United.
 9. Deportivo La Coruna.
 10. Twenty-nine.

I simply felt that I had to write to you, to thank you all so very much for the wonderful time you gave my friends and me when we travelled from West London up to Bootham Crescent on 11th January. It was an experience that will long live in my memory and I cannot thank you all enough for the marvellous welcome and magnificent hospitality you afforded us.

Perhaps I had better start by explaining that I am a blind Brentford supporter, who has attended most of the Bees' home matches for many years. Although my friends, Tony and Chris, live near Robin Hoods Bay, Tony suffers from the same addiction as I do and has loyally watched Brentford for most of his life. One day, he saw the light, threw up his job and, very sensibly, as all Minstermen will agree, exchanged the smoke, the innumerable problems of the M25 and the stressful south-east England existence for the tranquillity, congenial surroundings and the natural friendliness of the people of Yorkshire.

At first, I was pretty devastated at his leaving the south-east - Brentford supporters, after all, (particularly if the team are not playing well) are sometimes as thin on the ground as a 1933 penny - but, cunningly realising that Robin Hoods Bay was only a couple of football pitches away from Bootham Crescent, I contrived to combine a visit to him with my first trip to York City.

Thus it was that, in company with a friend of mine, Sylvia, I travelled up to Fyling Hall on Friday night, to be welcomed by Tony and his wife Chris. I can't recall much about the evening, other than an alcoholic haze which grew thicker as the wee small hours got a wee bit bigger!

It had been difficult for Tony and me to persuade the two ladies to accompany us to the football; Chris had watched Brentford about twenty years ago, whilst Sylvia was receiving her baptism into the Faith. We had, in the end, to adopt the "Hard sell" tactics, which involved our convincing them that there would be plenty of goals, wonderfully slick passing and two elevens packed with superstars, together with thrills and spills at both ends. By the time we'd finished, you would have been forgiven for thinking that we were talking about Italy and Brazil in their heyday, rather than two unfashionable second division sides.

I was first an Arsenal supporter, as I lived with my parents in North London, but changed allegiance twenty-four years ago, when I got my first teaching job in Ashford, a stone's throw from Brentford. It's a marvellously friendly club and boasts the second oldest "Blind Scheme" in the country, as well as being the only club in Britain to have a pub situated on each corner of the ground. In practice, this means that, for each home match,

Brentford provides a commentary for its blind supporters. The commentators come generally from the supporters' club and are a friendly and, on the whole, impartial bunch. By listening to the commentary and by hearing the ball, the shouts of the players and the comments from the crowd, a blind person can quite easily form an accurate impression of the events unfolding on the pitch. We all have a wonderful time and people connected with the blind scheme never realise how much pleasure it affords us all. About eight or ten blind people attend Brentford games on a regular basis and it's good to go to Griffin Park and see the same faces week in, week out. We make comments on the game and encourage our team just like any sighted members of the crowd and sometimes even offer the referee our white sticks or guide dogs. **(After all, don't most referees have a sight problem?)**

In recent years, blind people's access to information a sighted supporter takes for granted has been revolutionised with the invention of the speech-based computer - on which, at this moment, I am composing this article - while the arrival of the talking Teletext system allows us, among other things, to look at the results and goalscorers from the Second Division.

The friendliness of the Brentford supporters is, if anything, excelled by that shown by the York City fans, if my experience is anything to go by. A few days before travelling north, I rang up one of your office staff, Tricia, who was delighted to help in any way she could. On arrival at the ground, we parked easily and were given a magnificent welcome by supporters and officials of the Club. We were told that, although there is no official commentary for blind supporters at Bootham Crescent, a commentary is broadcast to the local hospital. My friends were shown to seats near the commentary, while I was given a position alongside Dave Batters and his co-commentator, Geoff Walker. What an afternoon it was! I had been prepared to be rather vague about my allegiance, fearing that the York supporters might not welcome a Bees' fan in their midst.

Thank you, once again, York City, for all your kindness and for going to such lengths to make us welcome. Tricia, Geoff and Dave deserve a medal for their sterling work. I hope you will permit me to become a York City supporter by adoption, as, from now on, the result from Bootham Crescent will be the first one I look for on Saturday nights - after Brentford's, of course!

Andrew GODFREY

NEXT WEEK: A City fan's account of the Fans United day at Brighton

Nothing could have been further from the truth. The commentators bent over backwards to be fair to both sides and, when the game had got under way, I was completely taken aback when Geoff suddenly said:

Well, listeners, we've got a blind supporter from Brentford with us this afternoon. Andy, who are the dangermen in the Brentford side?

After a pause which seemed to me to last for several minutes but which, in reality, was about three seconds, I recovered my composure and told the listeners about the major threats in the Brentford XI.

People around us couldn't have been kinder and were most gracious about the Brentford victory. In any case, Bees supporters are hardly in a position to gloat, as York have given us some sound beatings over the years and we ourselves have sometimes languished in the lower reaches of the Second Division. Another small, but friendly, feature of the game was that the public address announcer not only gave the names of the York goalscorers but also told the crowd the identity of the Brentford scorers as well. We could learn from this at Griffin Park, where only the Brentford marksmen are acknowledged on the tannoy.

At half-time, I was treated to a Mars bar (Editor's note: we do believe it was a KitKat - manufactured in York!) and a cup of tea, courtesy of Geoff and Dave, and in every way, I was made to feel part of the wonderful atmosphere. It was thrilling not only to listen to the commentary, but also to be able easily to hear the ball being kicked and the shouts of the players. All in all, it was a most memorable day and my thanks go to Tricia, Geoff and Dave and everyone involved with York City Football Club.

I should perhaps explain at this point that not all clubs have commentary facilities for their blind followers. (There are even, sad to say, clubs in the Premiership, where no commentary exists.) Years ago, when I was a small boy, I remember ringing up Birmingham City, as we were due to play them in an FA Cup clash.

Have you a commentary for blind people? I innocently asked.

The reply was frank and amusing:

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York City v Luton Town

Andy Warrington	1	Ian Feuer
Andy McMillan	2	Julian James
Gary Himsworth	3	Mitchell Thomas
Nigel Pepper	4	Gary Waddock
John Sharples	5	Steve Davis
Tony Barras	6	Marvin Johnson
Alan Pouton	7	Ceri Hughes
Steve Bushell	8	Graham Alexander
Rodney Rowe	9	David Oldfield
Gary Bull	10	Tony Thorpe
Paul Stephenson	11	Paul Showler
Steve Tutill	S	Paul McClare
Scott Jordan	S	Dwight Marshall
Richard Cresswell	S	Kim Grant

Today's Referee



T Heilbron
(Newton Aycliffe)

Today's man in the middle is Terry Heilbron who began refereeing in 1981. He progressed through the Auckland, Teesside and Northern Premier Leagues. He was appointed to the National List of Linesmen in 1989 and onto the Referees

List in 1993/94. Outside football he enjoys keeping fit and golf.

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Marc Budd

of Newport Pagnell • Bucks

Marc's favourite Town players are strikers Dwight Marshall and Tony Thorpe. His hobbies include football and judo and ten year old Marc attends Portfields Middle School near his home in Bucks.



Today's Ballboys

Mike Friend, Christopher Geelan, Gareth Harvey, Robert Hewitt, Cal Lowey, Daniel Mackley, Lee Mitchell, Paul Outhwaite, Ben Morrison, James Owen, Richard Moyses and Paul Parsons