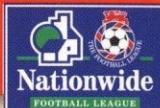


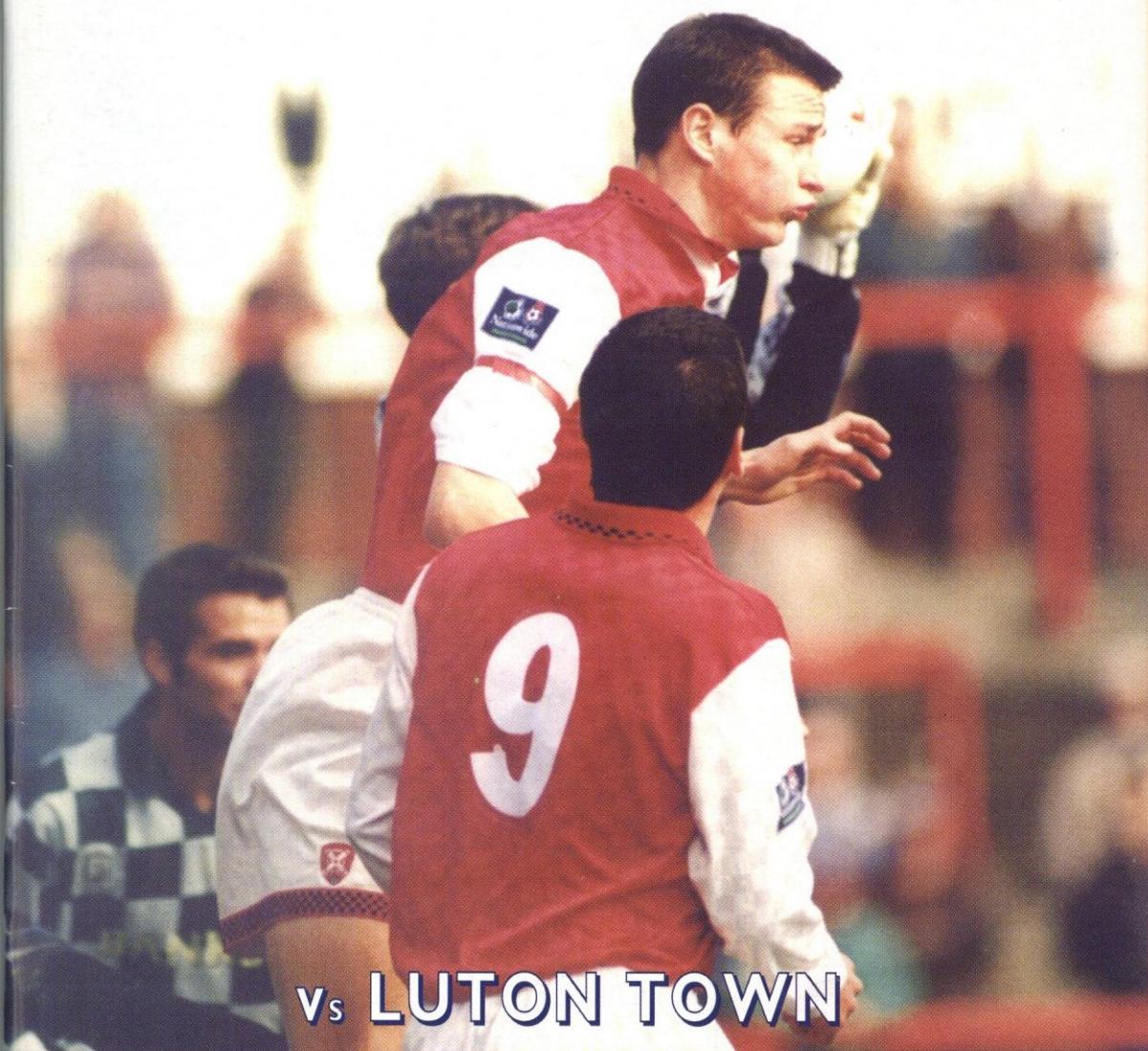
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News Round-up

THANK YOU LETTER

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Also thanks today for the programme and photo of myself and my son.

Up the Millers!

Terry Durham (Mr)

RE-ARRANGED FIXTURES

PONTINS LEAGUE DIV. 2
Stockport County v Rotherham Utd.
Thursday 17th April, k.o. 6.45pm
at Edgeley Park

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE
York City Juniors v Rotherham Utd, Juniors
Monday 28th April, k.o. 12.00pm

LOCAL MATCHES AT MILLMOOR

Tuesday 15th April - KCM Skips League
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Friday 2nd May - North East Sunday
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Monday 5th May - Sunday League
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ANY IDEAS

Two football fans from Essex are compiling a book on football supporters' rituals and superstitions, like Frank Skinner's lucky pants during Euro 96 or Nick Hornby's sugar mice in Fever Pitch. They are also interested in the origins of these rituals, omens and superstitions and stories on specific matches. If you have such a story write to

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Lee Walker, the League's Controller of Broadcasting, said: "This decision gives the Football League a wonderful platform to demonstrate to a massive Sky Television audience the passion and intensity which the deciding day of the Nationwide Football League generates."

"We were not prepared to sanction the movement of fixtures in isolation on the deciding afternoon of the season and as a result all First Division games will kick off at 1.30pm on Sunday 4th May. The integrity of the League Championship was paramount in our considerations."

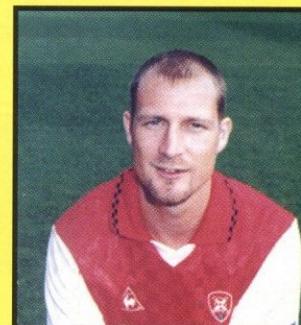
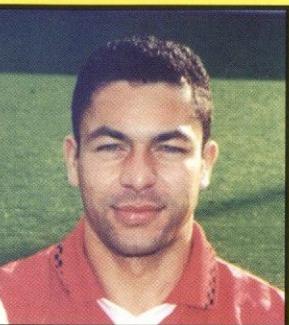
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ON THE MOVE

Brian Gayle and Bradley Sandeman who left Millmoor on transfer deadline day for Bristol Rovers and Hereford United respectively.

Here's wishing them well for the future



STATESIDE

Ex-Miller's striker Imre Varadi is on his way to the USA with a 3 year contract as manager of New Jersey. I'm sure Ray would welcome a visit from any Millers fan who is on holiday out there this summer

Club History

Founded: Rotherham formed in 1870 before becoming Town; Thornhill formed in 1877 before becoming Rotherham County in 1905; Town and County amalgamated in 1925 to form Rotherham United.

Turned Professional: 1905. Limited Company: 1920.

Ground Capacity: 11,533.

Record Attendance: 25,170 (v Sheffield United, Div Two, 13th December 1952)

Record Receipts: £79,155 (v Newcastle United, FA Cup 4th Rnd., 23rd January 1993)

Record League Victory: 8-0 (v Oldham Athletic, Division Three North, 26th May 1947)

Record Cup Victory: 6-0 (v Spennymoor United, FA Cup 2nd Round, 17th December 1977 and v Wolverhampton Wanderers, FA Cup 1st Round, 16th November 1985)

Record Defeat: 1-11 (v Bradford City, Division Three North, 25th August 1928)

Most League Points: (2 points for a win): 71, Division Three North, 1950/51.

Most League Points: (3 points for a win): 82, Division Four, 1988/89.

Most League Goals: 114, Division Three North, 1946/47

Most Goals in a Game: Jack Shaw, 5 (at Darlington, FA Cup 1st Round, 25 Nov 1950)

Most League Goals in Aggregate: Gladstone Guest, 130, 1946 - 56.

Most League Appearances: 459, Danny Williams, 1946 - 62.

Most Capped Player: Shaun Goater (18 - Bermuda).

Football League Record: 1893 Rotherham Town elected to Div. 2; 1896 failed re-election; 1919 Rotherham County elected to Div. 2; 1923-51 Div. 3 (N); 1951-68 Div. 2; 1968-73 Div. 3; 1973-75 Div. 4; 1975-81 Div. 3; 1981-83 Div. 2; 1983-88 Div. 3; 1988-89 Div. 4; 1989-91 Div. 3; 1991-92 Div. 4; 1992- Div. 2.

Honours: Football League: Div. 2 Best Season: 3rd 1954-55 (equal points with champions and runners up); Div. 3 - Champions 1980-81: Div. 3 (N) - Champions 1950-51: Runners up 1946-47, 1947-48, 1948-49; Div. 4 - Champions 1988-89: Runner up 1991-92.

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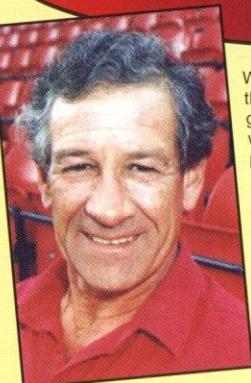
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Danny Talks

Welcome to Millmoor this afternoon for a game against a team who are battling for promotion.

If someone had said to me after the recent super two away games - especially the one at Bristol City - that we would come home and give up as we did against Gillingham in the later periods of the game.

That was the first hint of giving up that I have seen during the time I have been at the club, it obviously gave me a lot of concern but I was looking forward to the game against Walsall.

Although we dominated most of the game, there was no passion or fight apart from a handful of players and that simply is not good enough. To cap that, there was still a mathematical possibility that we could still do something but then we went to Blackpool and after what I consider to be a very even first half which I thought we won by points as we have done so many times this season, we could not stop them scoring.

What's worse we couldn't take our own chances even though we had four or five excellent opportunities in the first half.

Once we conceded the third goal and after I had made some changes with Richard Landon obviously not fully match fit, I changed the system which unfortunately didn't quite work.

It caused me much concern and I am now viewing the situation in a different way, now we obviously have a number of players who want to go onto the pitch and perform with dignity and pride but we also have some who don't. You will soon find out who I mean because they will not be part and parcel of our changing room.

In all fairness, it's been an experience for me that no one would relish but it's now up to me and my

staff to take the positive signs on board until all negative points - and there are quite a few of them - are eliminated and then we can look forward to the future.

I am pretty convinced that with the effort, it's quite clear in our minds that we will do everything we can to bring players to this club who can play with a lot more pride, passion, brains and physical contact than what we have had in these past weeks.

I just hope that until the end of the season, we have the bottle and character to show that we have got what it takes to face the bull when we are at the receiving end.

It's very easy to perform when you are on top of the league or in a comfortable position - one of the reasons we are not in such a position is that we haven't got the right heart and mind.

I am one of the managers who has the most regard for players - they are number one priority as far as I am concerned - but they must perform with endeavour and hate to lose. That has been the case with some of the lads but most of them have not reached these standards.

I fail to see how we can play the way we did against Bristol City and then against Walsall and Blackpool and I keep looking at myself and the staff wondering if we are doing enough.

However, I can assure you there is not a lot more that we could have done to help these players to overcome all the hurdles.

I would like to thank the supporters who went to Blackpool and apologise to them on behalf of the players for such a poor performance in the second half - we didn't fight, we didn't show big hearts and strong minds apart from a few of them. I just hope that from now until the end of the season we can see some signs of the requirements I have mentioned and then we can look forward to new season with optimism and hope.

Danny Bergara

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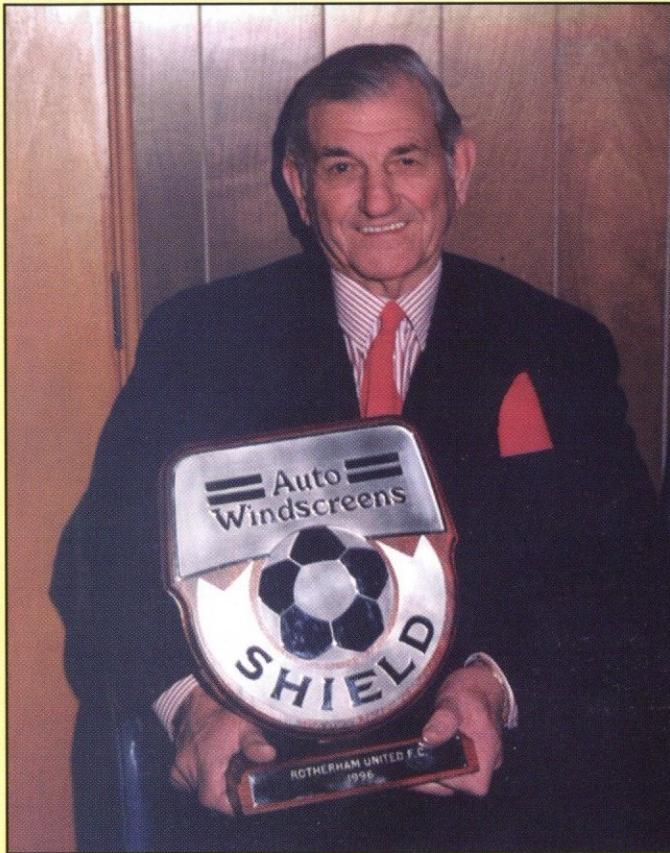
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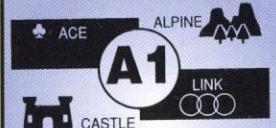
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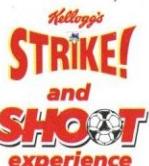
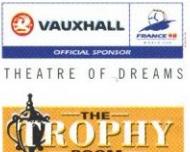
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Pictured above are David Chamberlain and his son Scott from Dalton in Rotherham. Congratulations on their six-out-of-six score in last week's shootout.

Last Saturday saw the completion of Round Three in our Penalty Shootout play-offs. **David Chamberlain** and his son **Scott** from Dalton, Rotherham scored six out of six and now go forward to the final on April 26th.

This afternoon is the penultimate round with the final three couples playing next Friday night when we entertain another promotion hopeful side - Brentford.

Our three couples this afternoon are...

Basil Jenkinson and his son **Jonathan** (7) from Herringthorpe

Barry Smith and his son **Warren** (5) from Rawmarsh

Julie Jones and her daughter **Helen** (9) from Kimberworth.

Good luck to all three couples this afternoon.

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on The Horizon

After today's game against promotion-chasing Luton Town, the Millers face two more sides with aspirations of going up in their next two encounters - Wrexham and Brentford.

The game against Wrexham takes place at the Racecourse Ground on Tuesday in a fixture which was originally scheduled for last November and the Millers will be looking for their first win against the Welshmen in recent seasons.

In February of this season, the teams were involved in a goalless draw at Millmoor but before that Wrexham have recorded five successive victories.

Last season closed at Millmoor with Brian Flynn's team winning 1-0 to make it a double after that humiliating 7-0 thrashing at the Racecourse in November 1995.

Season 1994/5 saw Wrexham beat the Millers three times in one campaign starting with a 5-2 scoreline in the FA

Cup in December 1994 although it was a highly entertaining game.

Then came a 3-1 home win for Wrexham the following March and a month later they completed the hat-trick at Millmoor, this time winning 1-0 so it's time their successful sequence was brought to an end.

Wrexham have been on the fringe of the promotion race for most of the season but they have had a lot of games to catch up on due to being involved in a lot of cup games which led to the postponement of several league matches.

A team who surely will be involved in the battle to go up either in an automatic place or via the play-offs visit Millmoor next Friday night - Brentford.

The fixture was switched to Friday at the beginning of the season when the fixture computer threw up home games for the Millers, Sheffield Wednesday, Sheffield United and Barnsley all on the same day so it was sensible for Rotherham to move

the game.

Brentford have been the division's front runners for most of the season in marked contrast to the season before that when they had to battle hard to keep out of the relegation frame just a year after narrowly missing out on promotion to underline how varied the fortunes of football can become.

When Rotherham visited Griffin Park last October, the Bees were 4-2 winners in a game which saw Steve Farrelly make his debut and I hear recently he has been playing at Barrow.

At the time Brentford were unbeaten - it was their 11th game - and they have continued to be one of the division's major forces ever since.

A repeat, though, of last year's scoreline would give their promotion hopes a knock for on that occasion a Trevor Berry goal on his Rotherham debut gave the Millers a 1-0 home win but the season 1994/5 had seen Brentford win both games by the same 2-0 scoreline.



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1981/82

marking the debut of new £40,000 signing midfielder Gerry Gow.

Rotherham were looking for prime candidates to make a quick return to Division Three as they stood third from the bottom at the dawn of February but what a memorable month that was to be.

Re-arranged games gave them eight matches and incredibly they were all won to establish a League record for the most number of wins in a calendar month.

The superb run started with a 2-1 home win against Derby County but that was very much against the odds for the Millers were reduced to ten men when Gow was sent off after just two minutes and five seconds. County took the lead and Moore missed a penalty.

But an own goal and a Moore winner gave Rotherham an unlikely win and that set them up for that memorable month with successive 2-1 wins at Cardiff City and Grimsby Town next on the agenda.

Home wins against Cambridge United and Shrewsbury Town followed before a 1-0 win at Bolton Wanderers and two 2-0 wins against Wrexham and Crystal Palace.

What's more, March continued in the same vein with a 3-0 win at Oldham Athletic to give the Millers nine

wins on the trot - a club record - and they shot up to fifth in the table.

It was almost ten wins, though, for the game against Newcastle United at Millmoor ended in a goalless draw and Tony Towner missed a penalty in injury time.

A 1-0 defeat at Leicester City broke the run but promotion was still in people's minds with a 4-0 win against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge and a home win against Queens Park Rangers.

But Barnsley completed the double with a 3-0 win at Oakwell and a 2-2 home draw against Grimsby and a defeat at Derby County showed that another promotion was too much to ask.

But good form was found again with a five match

unbeaten run during which John Seasman scored in five successive games and the season came to an end with a 3-2 defeat at Wrexham to leave Rotherham in seventh position.

Average attendances reflected the good season with a remarkable 58% increase, the highest being over 20,000 for the game against Sheffield Wednesday and the lowest - 6,346 - against Orient in early December.

1981/82 ROLL CALL

Name	League Apps	Goals	Cup Apps	Goals
Ray Mountford	40	0	6	0
Gerry Forrest	35	1	5	0
Ashley Taylor	9	0	3	0
John Green	41	3	6	0
Paul Stancilffe	42	1	6	0
Jimmy Mullen	6	0	3	0
Tony Towner	42	3	6	1
John Seasman	21(4)	10	1	0
Ronnie Moore	40	22	6	2
Rodney Fern	26(2)	13	4	2
Phil Henson	16	1	6	1
John Breckin	33	1	3	1
Mark Rhodes	25	0	5	0
Emlyn Hughes	23(1)	2	1	0
Mick Gooding	16(6)	1	3	1
Ian Alexander	3(5)	0	2(1)	0
Billy McEwan	21	3	0(1)	0
Gerry Gow	21	1	0	0
Bobby Mimms	2	0	0	0
Peter Carr	0(2)	0	0	0

Delight at winning promotion the previous season was dampened somewhat with the news that manager Ian Porterfield had left the club to take over at neighbouring Sheffield United who ironically had also got out of Division Three the previous season but for them it had been relegation to the Fourth.

Former Liverpool and England skipper Emlyn Hughes took over as boss and he got off to a flying start with a convincing 4-1 home win against Norwich City who had just been relegated.

A comfortable win was recorded at Darlington in the first round first leg of the Coca Cola Cup but two successive league defeats followed at Cambridge United and Sheffield Wednesday before a Ronnie Moore goal was enough to beat visitors Cardiff City.

The second win against Darlington followed and after losing at Watford and drawing at home with Leicester City, Hughes made his playing debut in a 2-0 home win against Bolton Wanderers..

But then came a run of six league and cup games without a win including an exit from the Coca Cola Cup against Sunderland although the home leg was a 3-3 draw.

Another of those games was a 1-1 draw at Newcastle United while the poor sequence was ended with a 6-0 thumping of Chelsea with Rodney Fern grabbing a hat-trick.

The attractive looking fixture list continued with a 1-1 draw on the artificial pitch at Queens Park Rangers but local neighbours Barnsley emerged 4-2 winners in a game in front of over 18,000 spectators at Millmoor.

Charlton Athletic were beaten at Millmoor but a 3-1 defeat at Luton Town left the Millers floundering near the bottom of the table although matters improved slightly with a single goal win against Orient at the beginning of December.

That game saw Rotherham go into an enforced lay-off with snow and ice leading to a string of postponements and play wasn't resumed until an FA Cup tie in early January, a 1-1 home draw against Sunderland but the replay ended in a 1-0 defeat.

The poor league form continued with three successive defeats - at Norwich City, Blackburn Rovers and at home to Watford with the latter

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■ Another televised game raised a talking point which went on for days after the event with Liverpool's clash with Arsenal grabbing the headlines.

You must have been marooned away on a desert island not to have seen or read about Robbie Fowler's comments that David Seaman shouldn't have given away a penalty in the match at Highbury.

Yet again it was an incident which has been scrutinised in minute detail from every conceivable angle and with the aid of slow motion and frozen pictures.

Studio "experts" on the night of the game said that their immediate reaction was that the incident was a penalty but they were quick to amend their thoughts after they had had the benefit of watching again and again unlike the poor referee. I must admit that my instant reaction was that Fowler had jumped over Seaman but was his protestation really intended to tell the referee it wasn't a penalty?

Or was he merely trying to prevent an England colleague from being sent off? That raises another intriguing point of discussion.

If Kevin Pilkington had been judged to

have given away a penalty in similar circumstances, I'd like to stake my next month's salary that he would have been shown the red card - was it another case of one rule for the top clubs and another for the non-descripts?

But if Fowler was really objecting to the award of a spot kick what did his colleagues and manager truthfully say to him?

If he was really genuine in his thoughts, then he deserves the big pat on the back he has received from many quarters, but I doubt if he will be encouraged to do the same again - especially if it were to happen in a game which could decide the Premiership title.

■ Transfer deadline saw the usual stampede as clubs looked to strengthen their squads for the last push for honours or to avoid relegation but it's not very often that dealings in the transfer market on that day lead to a manager losing his job.

I understand that former Everton manager Joe Royle usually takes Thursday as his day off but because he was trying to recruit three new players he had to come in for what turned out to be his last day at work at Goodison Park.

In these days of high finance at the top

Everton's precarious position and their impending stock market floatation played a major role in his dismissal or leaving by mutual consent whatever you like to call it.

His chairman wasn't prepared to back his judgement in the players Royle wanted to bring in and that left him in an untenable situation.

The same day saw former Millers skipper Chris Wilder move from Notts County to Bradford City and he must be the first player ever to have such an action packed first day with his new club.

That's because the city was celebrating its centenary and a host of special activities were arranged with one at Valley Parade topping the list. The new stand was officially opened by the Queen who was introduced to all the Bradford players, including Chris. He must have thought it was the welcome to beat all welcomes.

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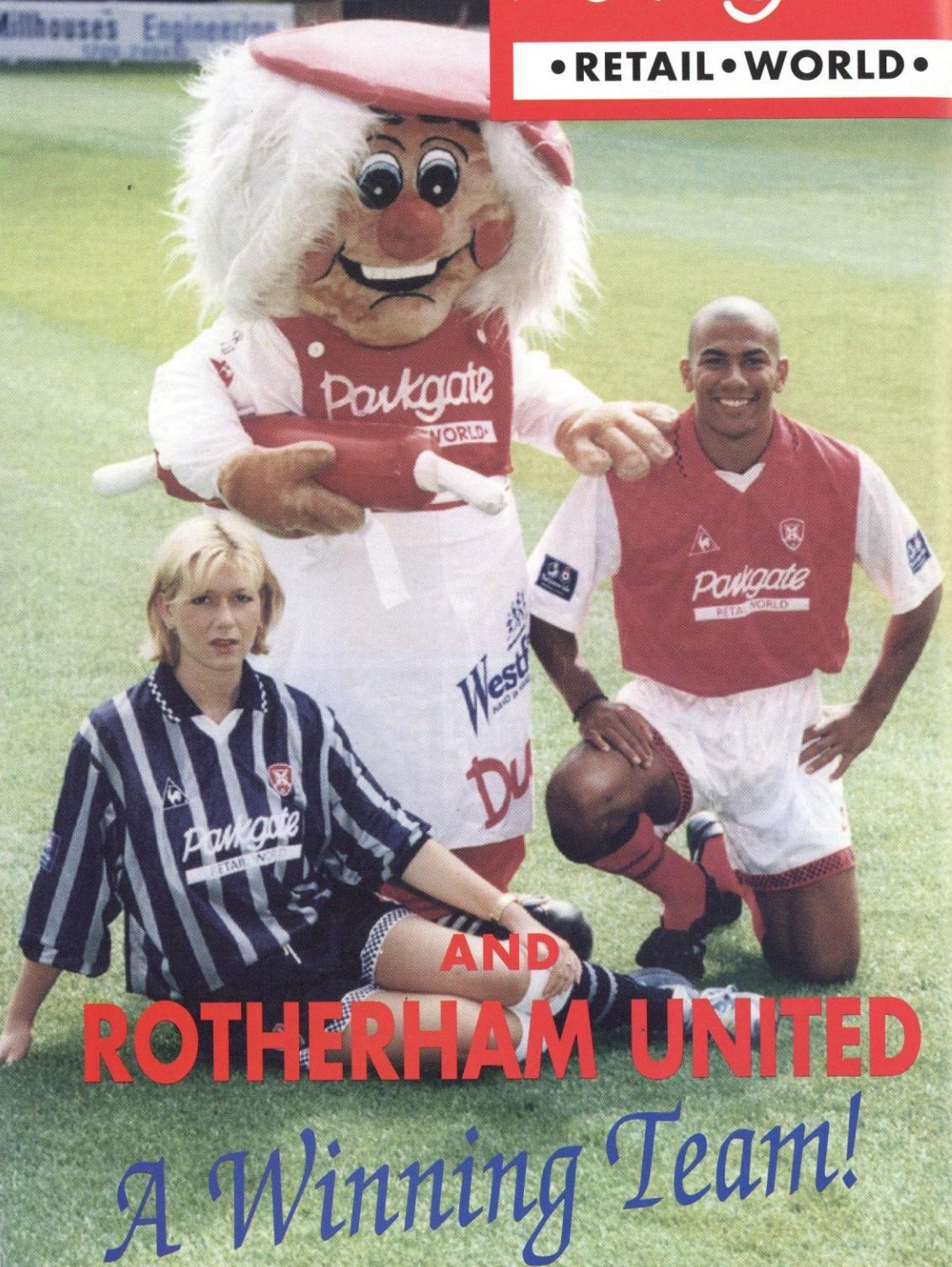


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Match by Match

BRISTOL CITY 0 MILLERS 2

After the disappointing performance against Notts County a few days earlier, a difficult looking game faced the Millers at promotion-chasing Bristol City.

But it proved to be a memorable one with the elusive first away win of the season being a just reward for just about the best performance of the season and any neutral observer would have thought the Millers were the side chasing promotion and City were the relegation candidates. Early shots from Junior McDougald and Trevor Berry were saved by the home keeper before Shaun Goater had his only two efforts of the game. The first was a 16th minute header which went wide and two minutes later, he shot wide after a Bent breakaway down the right.

Rotherham continued to play good football and McDougald was only just wide before a great shot from Andy Hayward was tipped round the post.

A minute before the break McDougald headed narrowly wide following a good Andy Roscoe run before City applied a little pressure in the opening 15 minutes of the second half.

A Carey shot was well saved by Kevin Pilkington and Agostino headed over the bar before Rotherham took a 68th minute lead with a spectacular 25 yard screamer from Darren Garner.

Two minutes later Taylor headed over the Rotherham bar but Rotherham increased

their lead on 72 minutes with Earl Jean heading home a brilliant Rob Bowman cross.

The victory could well have been even more emphatic but a Rob McKenzie shot grazed the post and Hayward had another shot blocked on the line.

Bristol City: Naylor, Owers, Barnard, Paterson, Taylor (Goodridge 72), Hewitt (Kuhl 67), Bent, Carey, Agostino, Goater, Brennan (Nugent).

Rotherham: Pilkington, Bowman, Roscoe, Bain, Breckin, Dillon, McKenzie, Berry (Jean 50), Hayward, McDougald, Garner. Subs not used: Richardson, Hurst.

Referee: Alan Wiley (Walsall).

SHREWSBURY TOWN 0 MILLERS 2

The form fresh from the win at Ashton Gate was continued at Gay Meadow as the Millers made it two away wins in the space of a few days with another well deserved victory.

Again they always looked the better team as Town's poor run continued and dragged them towards the relegation mire.

Darren Garner's third minute shot was blocked and Junior McDougald hit a shot from the edge of the penalty area just wide before the pair combined to create the opener on 22 minutes.

Garner's free kick found McDougald inside the penalty area and when he was pulled back by Spink, the referee pointed to the penalty spot.

McDougald made no mistake with his first Rotherham penalty but it needed a brilliant Kevin Pilkington save to keep the scores level; as he kept out a close range Spink header.

He was at it again to stop a goal bound effort from Anthrobus and in the first few seconds of the second half, Pilkington saved from Brown.

After 55 minutes Rotherham grabbed the cushion of a second goal when Garner's powerful shot was parried by the keeper for Paul Hurst to nip in and score from the rebound.

Town forced several corners in the closing stages but they couldn't find the net thanks to some resolute defending and another excellent Pilkington save, this time from Evans.

Shrewsbury: Edwards, Seabury, Dempsey, Taylor (Nielsen 80), Spink, Walton, Brown (Berkley 64), Stevens, Anthrobus, Evans, Currie. Sub not used: Scott.

Rotherham: Pilkington, Bowman, Roscoe, Bain, Breckin, Dillon, McKenzie (Hurst 48), Berry, Hayward (Jean 80), McDougald, Garner (Richardson 71).

Referee: Tony Leake (Darwen).

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TODAY'S MASCOT

Leah Burdon - 11 years old.
Leah attends Thomas Tallis School
in S.E. London.

Her favourite player is Shaun
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swimming, football and cricket.

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

This afternoon we welcome MR. I.G. CRUIKSHANKS from HARTLEPOOL as our match referee. He started his career back in 1972 in the local leagues progressing through the Vaux Wearside and Northern Leagues. He was appointed to the Football League Linesman's list in 1979 and on to the full League Referees list 10 years later. A shipwright by trade he enjoys cricket, football and gardening. Here's wishing him and his fellow officials Mr. D.E. Binsey, Mr.D.G. Kellett and Mr.S.E. Wilkinson an enjoyable afternoon with us at Millmoor

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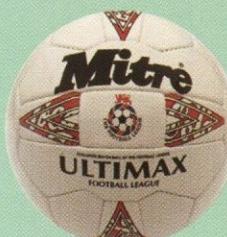
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Looking Back

10 years ago

Millers 1

v

Blackpool 0

Just when all hope of a victory seemed to have disappeared and a goalless outcome looked inevitable, United came up with an 88th minute winner thanks to a Paul Haycock header.

Daral Pugh took a corner from the left and Haycock was well placed to beat Matthews and confidently head firmly into the net.

A spirited second half performance had warranted the late winner as the home side gradually came to terms with the visitors' physical approach and from the hour mark, the Millers unsettled the Seasiders.

They caused some anxious moments not least when Siddall plunged at Gareth Evans' feet, Butler brilliantly intervened on an Evans cross and a John Green header was scrambled away.

It might, however, have been a long slog right from the start for United had not Kelham O'Hanlon saved well when Deary broke through after only two minutes but it was his only save of the match.

The game was played in difficult, windy conditions but Rotherham's spirit was heartening and the ending proved that a saviour can emerge right at the end - it

was Haycock's second winner in the last three home matches.

Rotherham: O'Hanlon, Douglas, Scott, Gooding, Dungworth, Green, Pugh, Williams, Evans, Haycock, Campbell (Morris 81).

Blackpool: Siddall, Butler, McAteer, Jones, Methvan, Matthews, Deary, Madden, Thomson (S. Taylor 66), McGinlay, M. Taylor.

Referee: John Lovatt (Crewe).

Attendance: 2,653.

25 years ago

York City 2

v

Millers 0

The Millers Good Friday defeat was just as puzzling as it was disappointing as once again they came off second best against a club struggling at the lower end of the division.

In the second half Rotherham seemed too preoccupied with holding on to a goalless scoreline and they lost their way and the match while York's second half work

deservedly gave them the points. City almost scored after 18 minutes but Aimson shot over from six yards and on the half hour, Bobby Ham wasted Rotherham's best chance by shooting straight at Crawford.

In a final flourish Carl Gilbert volleyed wide and Roy Tunks saved from Swallow and Wann.

The second half belonged to York although Rotherham had cause to regret a 52nd minute miss when Gilbert was slow to pass to Ham and when he did release the ball, a mistake by Topping let in Ham only for the keeper to turn his shot out for a corner.

It was no surprise when York took a 73rd minute lead with Aimson crossed from the right and Swallow glanced it across the goal to leave Rowles with a simple tap in from a yard.

Five minutes from time Rowles missed the chance of the match but he made amends in the last minute when his volley wrapped the points up for York.

York: Crawford, Mackin, Burrows, Lally, Swallow, Topping, Pollard (Placido 73), Rowles, Aimson, Calloway, Wann.

Rotherham: Tunks, Quinn, Leigh, Eustace, Mielczarek, Swift, Ferguson (Phillips 73), Ham, Gilbert, Johnson, Mullen.

Attendance: 6,117.

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Take a 2nd Look

Last Saturday **Bury** established a clear lead at the top of Division Two when they were 2-0 winners at **Brentford** who, of course, have been the front runners for the majority of the season.

A Nick Daws goal and a Mark Carter penalty put the Shakers two up at half time and they held on to open up a three points lead to continue the Bees' poor recent form which has seen them win just two of their last 12 matches.

An equally good away win was recorded by today's visitors **Luton Town** who won by that same scoreline against **Burnley** at Turf Moor where there was a crowd of 15,490 to see the Hatters keep in an automatic promotion spot thanks to Tony Thorpe's 25th and 26th goals of the season.

With games in hand, **Stockport County** are looking a good bet for a play-off place - if not even better - and they dented **Crewe Alexandra**'s hopes a little by winning 1-0 at Edgeley park, Cooper grabbing the vital goal two minutes before the interval.

Watford suffered a surprise home 1-0 defeat at the hands of cash-strapped **Bournemouth** whose winner came from

a highly rated Ian Cox while **Bristol City** under new manager John Ward were another promotion-chasing team who went down to a surprise home defeat.

City were beaten at Ashton Gate thanks to an Ify Onuora second half penalty - yes, that man again - while **Walsall**'s win here at Millmoor kept their play-off hopes very much alive.

At the other end of the table **Notts County**'s dreadful run without a win continued with David Reeves and David Moyers hitting the goals which gave **Preston North End** a 2-0 win at Deepdale.

Wycombe Wanderers did their survival aspirations a power of good by beating **Shrewsbury Town** 3-0 at Adams Park thanks to goals from Keith Scott, Mark Stallard and Dave Carroll and they are now looking a good bet to overhaul Town. **York City** stretched their unbeaten record

to seven games with a 1-1 draw against **Plymouth Argyle** at Bootham Crescent and at the same time kept themselves clear of the bottom four.

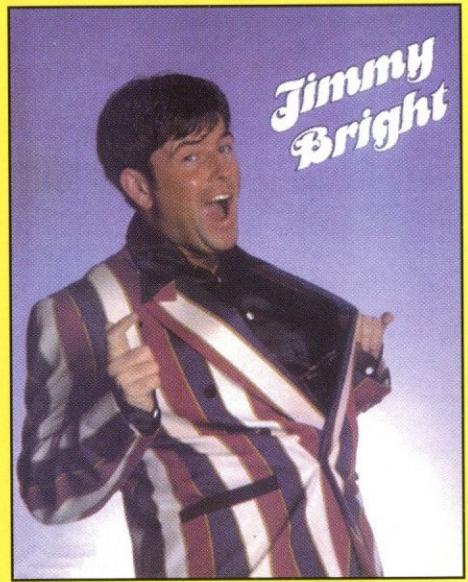
Carlo Corazzini gave Argyle a 54th minute lead and City levelled with a Steve Bushell goal with 13 minutes left although they had to play the last six minutes with just ten men after substitute Rodney Rowe had been sent off.

Chesterfield and **Blackpool** were involved in what was described as a goalless bore draw at Saltergate although the Spireites obviously have the little matter of an FA Cup semi final more on their minds.

Peterborough remain third from the bottom and look destined to go down after they were beaten 2-1 at home by revitalised **Bristol Rovers** who were trailing at half time to a Ricky Otto goal but came back to win with second half strikes from Alsop and Peter Beadle. Rovers look safe now.

Last Friday neither **Wrexham** nor **Millwall** did their play-off chances a deal of good when they battled out a 3-3 draw at the Racecourse Ground.





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Welcome to Millmoor this afternoon to everyone concerned with Luton Town and it's a long time since they last played here in a league game.

It was in fact way back in April 1982 in a Division Two game which ended in a 2-2 draw with Gerry Gow missing an injury time penalty for the Millers. It was Rotherham's first season back in that division but the teams haven't met here in the league since then because Town went on to win the Division Two title that season and they haven't been in the same section ever since.

The last Town visit here, though, was in the League Cup in October 1983 when they won 3-2 to make them clear favourites to go through to round three only for the Millers to pull off a shock 2-0 win after extra time in the second leg to give them an aggregate victory.

Last season Town were relegated from Division One and they didn't start very well and actually were rooted to the bottom without a win when Rotherham visited Kenilworth Road at the end of August. Town had opened the season with a home defeat against Burnley and after beating Bristol Rovers 3-0 in the Coca Cola Cup, they lost 3-2 at Brentford and suffered a 5-0 beating at Bristol City. But they grabbed the only goal of the game against Rotherham to give them their first points and climb off the bottom and stage a revival which has rocketed them to the other end of the table and make them clear cut contenders for a quick return to a higher grade of football.

The win against the Millers was the first of three on the trot in the league - the others came at Wycombe

Wanderers and at home to Gillingham - but Chesterfield stopped the sequence with a single goal win at Kenilworth Road.

Victory had been completed against Bristol Rovers in the Cup and that lead to a tie against Premiership Derby County who were disposed of on a 3-2 aggregate thanks to a 1-0 win in the home leg.

That encouraged Town to reproduce the same form in the league and they went on a ten match unbeaten run which started with a goalless draw at Bury towards the end of September and ended in late November at Preston.

A 1-0 win against visitors Blackpool followed the Bury game and successive wins against Walsall at home (3-1) and at Shrewsbury Town (3-0) gave them a hat-trick of three pointers and a climb up to eighth place. A good point was taken from a 1-1 draw at Stockport County and further progress was made with Peterborough United being beaten 3-0 and after drawing at Wimbledon in the Coca Cola Cup - a fine performance - a 2-0 home win against Bournemouth took Town into fifth position.

Successive draws at Watford and Plymouth Argyle saw them slip three places although exit was made from the cup in the replay against Wimbledon. Notts County were beaten 2-0 at home while one goal was enough to give Town a win in a potentially difficult looking FA Cup first round tie at Torquay United.

The long unbeaten run came to an end with a 3-2 setback at Deepdale but it was up to fourth spot for Town thanks to a 2-1 home win against Bristol Rovers.

Another 3-2 defeat - this time at Bournemouth - was soon forgotten with another run of unbeaten league matches, this time extending to seven matches.

It started with a 2-0 home win against York City and after a couple of cup games - beating Borehamwood 2-1 in the FA Cup and disposing of Leyton Orient 2-1 in the Auto Windscreens Shield - Crewe Alexandra were thrashed 6-0 at Kenilworth Road to move Town to third. A 1-0 win at Millwall just before Christmas gave Town top spot, but they had dropped down a place despite beating Gillingham 2-1 on Boxing Day.

A goalless home draw against Wrexham took them into an FA Cup tie at Bolton Wanderers where Town recorded an excellent 1-1 draw but they were well beaten 6-2 in the replay.

Notts County were beaten 2-1 before a surprise exit was made from the Auto Windscreens Shield with a single goal defeat at Northampton Town. One point from a draw at Plymouth was followed by none from a defeat at Bristol Rovers but Town remained in an automatic promotion place by thumping Preston North End 5-1 and then drawing 1-1 in successive games at York City and Chesterfield but successive defeats at home to Millwall and at Wrexham were a setback.

They gained a point from a midweek 2-2 draw against Bristol City after being 2 down, one of City's goals coming from Shaun Goater. That leaves Town in third place, two points behind Brentford but with a game in hand.

Past League Encounters - MILLERS v HATTERS

Date	Division	Venue	Score
NOV 51	2	A	1-1
APR 52	2	H	0-1
AUG 52	2	A	1-2
JAN 53	2	H	1-3
SEPT 53	2	H	2-1
JAN 54	2	A	1-1
SEPT 54	2	H	2-0
FEB 55	2	A	0-4
DEC 60	2	H	5-2
MAR 61	2	A	1-2
DEC 61	2	A	3-4
APR 62	2	H	1-1
AUG 62	2	A	3-2
DEC 62	2	H	2-1
AUG 68	3	A	1-3
MAR 69	3	H	2-2
NOV 69	3	H	1-1
MAR 70	3	A	1-2
NOV 81	2	A	1-3
APR 82	2	H	2-2
AUG 96	2	A	0-1

Visitors Pen Pics

IAN FEUER Goalkeeper

Ian signed for the Hatters from West Ham in December 1995, for a fee which could rise to £580,000 depending on appearances. The 6ft 7ins American arrived at Luton in September, and spent three months on loan. Was Luton's Player of the Year for the 1995/96 season.

At West Ham he was understudy to Ludek Miklosko, but never played a first team game, and due to restrictions on overseas players was kept off the bench by Les Sealy. His Luton debut wasn't his league debut though, as he was on loan at Peterborough in 1994/95, playing 16 games in Division Two.

Spotted by West Ham playing in Belgium, although he actually signed from Los Angeles Salsa.

CERI HUGHES Midfield

Ceri was a regular in the Town midfield in the 1993/94 season, and his performances earned a call up to the full Welsh side.

He made his Luton debut at Aston Villa in 1990, and has also represented his country at youth and U21 levels.

Scored seven goals in the 1993/94 season, but damaged knee ligaments against Grimsby in November 1994 and was ruled out for the rest of the campaign after just eight league starts. Made his comeback against Norwich on the opening day of the 1995/96 season, but suspension and injury plagued his 95/96 campaign.

Played for Wales in Albania in November 1995. Had a trial period at Crystal Palace in summer 96, but they decided against a deal.

JULIAN JAMES Defender

Julian joined Luton as a trainee, and was introduced to First Division football in 1988, but was sent off on his full debut in a Littlewoods Cup win at Leeds in November of that year. A former England under 21 international, he was a regular at left back in the 1993/94 season, but made the right back position his own in 1994/95 with a string of consistent displays which earned him the Player of the Year award from the Loyal Luton Supporters Club.

Was in and out of the side at the start of the 95/96 campaign, before an extended run at right back after Christmas. He was granted a benefit match in 1996.

MARVIN JOHNSON Defender

Marvin made his Football League debut against Wimbledon in 1988, and quickly established himself as a versatile defender. Started the 94/95 season at Left Back, but then switched to the centre of defence to form a reliable partnership with Trevor Peake.

Marvin was one of only three players to play in every first team match in 94/95 season, and was awarded the Players' Player of the Year trophy.

He was again a consistent performer in 95/96 at centre-back, alongside Steve Davis for the most part, and Darren Patterson.

MITCHELL THOMAS Defender

The former England U21 international made over 100 appearances for Luton before moving to Spurs, shortly after David Pleat, in 1986. He played in the 1987 FA Cup final, and later moved to West Ham. He was on loan at Luton in the 1993/94 season before a permanent free transfer move, and after missing the start of the season through suspension was a regular at left-back in the 1994/95 campaign.

Recalled by new manager Lennie Lawrence in December 1995, and responded with an ever present record until the end of the season.

PAUL McLAREN Midfield

Paul made his debut in the Town first-team on the final day of the 1993/94 season, coming on as substitute at Stoke City. He joined the Hatters from school, and is an England youth international. Started as a centre half, but spent much of the 1994/95 season in the reserves in centre midfield.

He made his full debut at Tranmere in October 1995, and then played in the Anglo-Italian Cup game in Genoa.

KIM GRANT Forward

Signed from Charlton, where he had made his debut under Lennie Lawrence, for £250,000 in March 1996, and scored on his debut against Ipswich.

Was selected for the Ghanaian national squad in the summer of 1996, playing against Egypt and Denmark. Also represented his country against South Africa in September, and is a regular member of their squad in the African Nations Cup and World Cup qualifying matches.

TONY THORPE Midfield

Tony made an immediate impact in the Town side when he scored for the Hatters on his full debut at Newcastle United, in the fourth round of the FA Cup in January 1994. He joined the club at the start of the 1992/93 season, following a spell at Leicester.

He was restricted to just five substitute appearances during the 1994/95 campaign. Scored Luton's winning goal at Southend in August 1995 - the Hatters' first win of the season, and their first under Terry Westley. Signed a new contract in the summer of 1996.

GARY WADDOCK Midfield

Gary completed a free transfer move from Bristol Rovers in December 1994, after a 3 month loan spell at Kenilworth Road.

Started his career with QPR making over 200 appearances, including an FA Cup Final against Spurs in 1982, and the subsequent replay.

That was followed by a spell in Belgium with Charleroi as Gary recovered from a serious knee injury, and he also had spells at Millwall, QPR again and Swindon before moving to Bristol. Gary missed only one game, through suspension, after joining the Hatters in 1994/95, and scored his first goal for the club on the final day of the season. His consistent displays in 95/96 were rewarded with the Players' Player of the Year trophy.

DWIGHT MARSHALL Forward

Dwight signed in the summer of 1994 from Plymouth for £150,000, after scoring 14 goals for Peter Shilton's side the previous season - his third campaign at Home Park after playing non-league football with Grays Athletic. Started well for Luton, with 2 goals in the 5-1 win over Middlesbrough in October, and despite being troubled by a shin injury late in the season he finished the Hatters' leading scorer with 13 goals in league and cup. Scored 13 goals in 95/96, but suffered a broken leg in February, ruling him out for the rest of the season.

GRAHAM ALEXANDER Defender/Midfield

Graham joined the Hatters in July 1995, and was Terry Westley's first signing after being confirmed as Luton's new manager. The Town coaching staff had been watching him for two seasons before deciding to make their move, with the fee in the region of £100,000, with further payments depending on appearances.

STEVE DAVIS Defender

Steve joined the Hatters in the summer of 1995 after making over 160 appearances for Burnley, scoring 22 goals.

He joined the Turf Moor side in August 1991 for £60,000 from Southampton, after loan spells at Burnley and Notts County. He captained Burnley during their rise up the league into Division One, and played in both their victories over Luton in the 1994/95 season.

Was a commanding figure for the Hatters in 95/96, but again suffered the agony of relegation as Luton, like Burnley the previous season, dropped out of Division One.

DAVID OLDFIELD Midfield

David returned to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1995, six years after leaving Luton Town.

He started his career with the Hatters, progressing through the junior ranks to a two goal senior debut in a 2-1 Simod Cup win at Everton in February 1988. He also scored on his full league debut in a 2-1 home win over Watford in May 1988, and went on to make 29 league appearances for the Hatters, scoring four goals.

Australian born Oldfield, who played for England U21s joined Manchester City for £600,000, before moving on to Leicester City.



LUTON TOWN F.C.



Back Row: (L - R) Stuart Douglas, Jamie Woodsford (has since moved), Sean Evers, Kim Grant, Paul McLaren, Darren Patterson, Gary Simpson, John Taylor (now at Cambridge), Ben Cheshire, Bontcho Guentchev, Graham Alexander, Matthew Upson, Robert Kean, Chris Willmott.

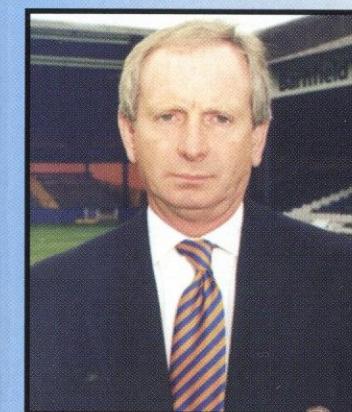
Third Row: (L - R) Cherry Newbery (club secretary), Clive Goodyear (physio), Wayne Turner (first team coach), David Oldfield, Des Linton, Marvin Johnson, Nathan Abbey, Ian Feuer, Kelvin Davis, Mitchell Thomas, Aaron Skelton, Andrew Fotiadis, John Moore (youth team coach), Trevor Peake (reserve team coach), Les Shannon (chief scout).

Seated: (L-R) 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: (L-R) Liam George, Gary Doherty, Jimmy Cox, Steve Augustine, Andrew Barr, Nick Webb, Russell Lawes, Terry Sweeney, Matthew Spring, Andre Scarlett, Andrew Smith, Ian Jones.

MANAGER PROFILE LENNIE LAWRENCE

Lennie was appointed manager of Luton Town in December 1995, following the departure of Terry Westley.



coach.

After nine exciting years, Lennie left in 1991 and headed north to Middlesbrough which he took into the FA Premier League in 1992. His departure after their relegation to the new Division One was followed by joining Bradford in May 1994 and has since joined Luton Town, where he is the 21st manager in its history.

DANGER MAN STEVE DAVIS

A kingpin of the Luton Town defence, Steve started his career as a trainee at Southampton but he had made just five appearances and another as substitute when he moved to Burnley for a £60,000 transfer fee in August 1991.

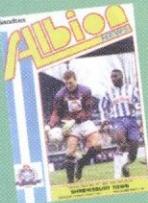
Burnley were fully aware of his capabilities as he had had a loan spell at Turf Moor in November 1989, turning out in nine matches altogether and he came on as substitute twice in a temporary spell at Notts County.

When he moved to Burnley on a permanent basis, Steve very quickly became a firmly established player and he went on to make a total of 203 league and cup appearances while scoring 25 valuable goals.



colossus at the heart of the defence.

His value to the club was illustrated last season when Town were relegated for the team's best performances invariably came when he was in the side while they frequently lost when he was missing.



Programme Collecting for non-anoraks!

Part 22 - The first League Cup Competition

We have mentioned earlier in this series that League Cup (now Coca Cola Cup) programmes are an attractive set to collect, as they stretch back "only" 37 years, since the competition was launched as comparatively recently as the 1960/61 season. A most intriguing sub-set to collect are programmes from the first ever League Cup competition, but be warned - many of these are very much sought after by collectors, and fetch inordinately high prices in offers.

The reason for this is that the competition was not taken terribly seriously in its early years, and many clubs adopted a half-hearted attitude in the first season. Upsets, according to league position, were numerous, and many of the larger clubs anticipated the lower attendances the struggling competition attracted and programmes to suit. There are therefore many single sheet and folded sheet programmes, as clubs thought the competition unworthy of a full programme, and while the limited print runs probably satisfied those who attended the match, it meant that fewer have survived for collectors almost four decades later. Even if a collector's ambitions do not

run to a full set of these programmes, it is worth keeping an eye open for them turning up, as most of them are now quite valuable. Take for instance the Exeter v. Manchester United match. City issued a full programme, but it is now very much sought after, particularly by the army of United collectors. The replay at Old Trafford, a 12 page effort, is not particularly scarce, but will still fetch four or five times the price of a 1960/61 League programme. Coventry issued a four page programme for the visit of Barrow in the first round, and this is now extremely scarce, as is the four page Everton programme for the visit of Accrington Stanley. 18,246 attended the match, compared with Everton's average of 43,450. Accrington played just two League Cup games before they resigned from the League, the other being at Lincoln in 1961/62. The programme from that game is an even rarer single sheet!

The first year of the Football League Cup has particular significance for Rotherham United, as the Millers programme to the final, where they were beaten 3-0 in the second leg by Aston Villa, having won the Millmoor

leg by 2-0. Both final programmes - standard 12 page issues similar to those issued for league matches - now fetch offers up to £100. The semi-final programmes, home and away to Shrewsbury, are just as hard to obtain, but attract less attention from final-only collectors, and are therefore a little less expensive. Among many other programmes from that season's competition to look out for are Burnley v Nottingham Forest, 19th December (postponed) and 10th January, both of which see bids starting at £20; Portsmouth v Chelsea in the fourth round, an extremely rare single sheet; Southampton v Leeds in the same round, and one of the rarest in the entire competition, Chesterfield v Leeds from the third round. The match kicked off at 2.15pm and attracted only 2,021 spectators - the four page folded sheet will now fetch offers in excess of £100.

"Programme Monthly" contains up to 100 pages each month on all aspects of programme collecting, and is available priced £1.90 (inclusive of postage) from 46 Milton Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY1 1TL; or an introductory copy of a recent edition can be obtained by sending a 1st Class stamp to that address.

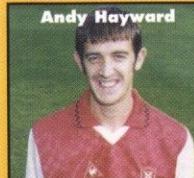
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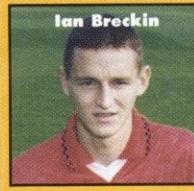
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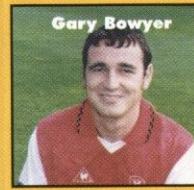
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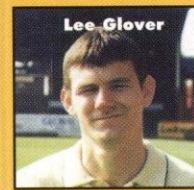
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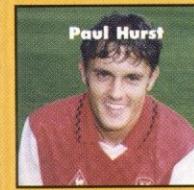
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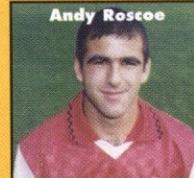
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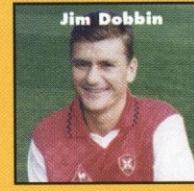
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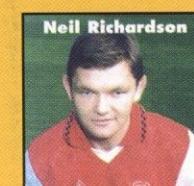
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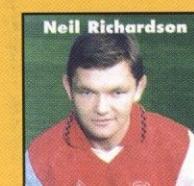
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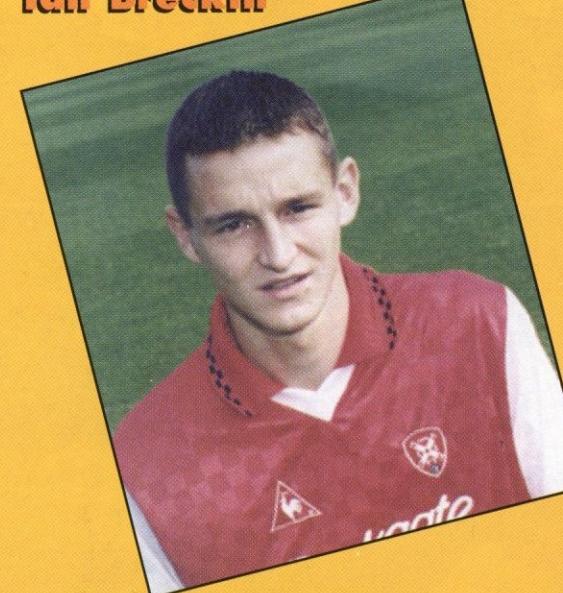
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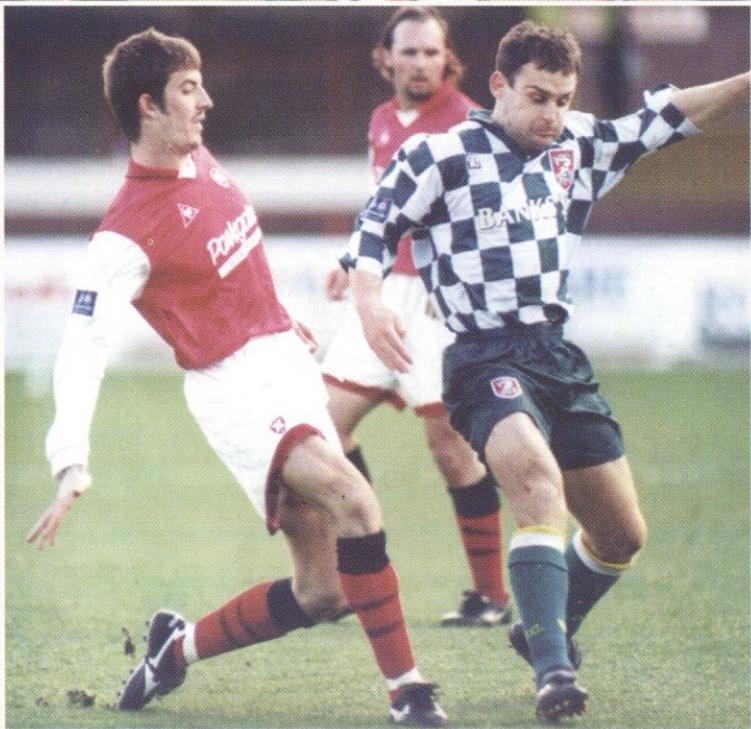
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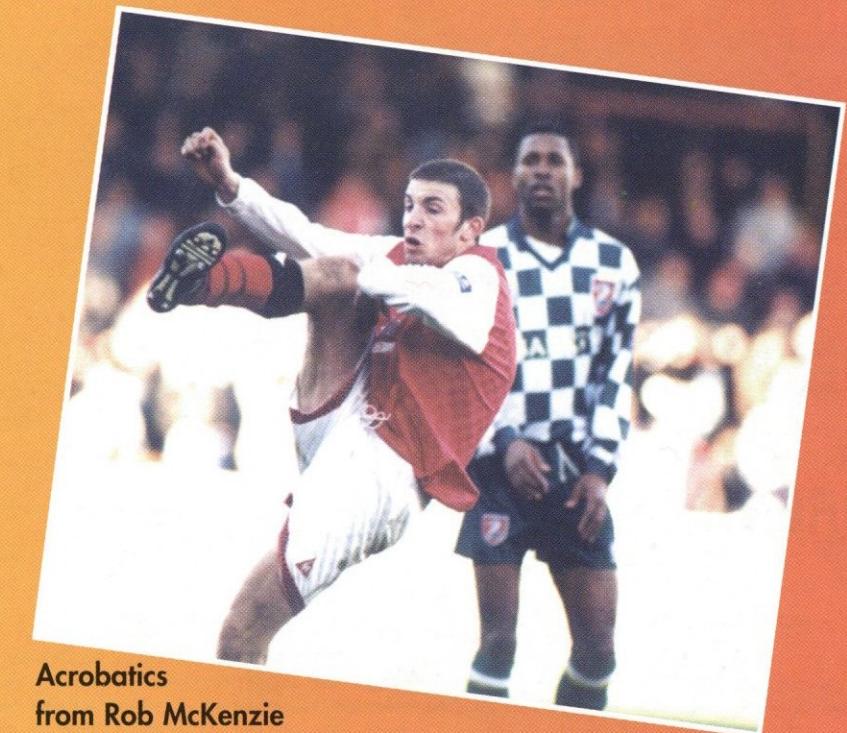
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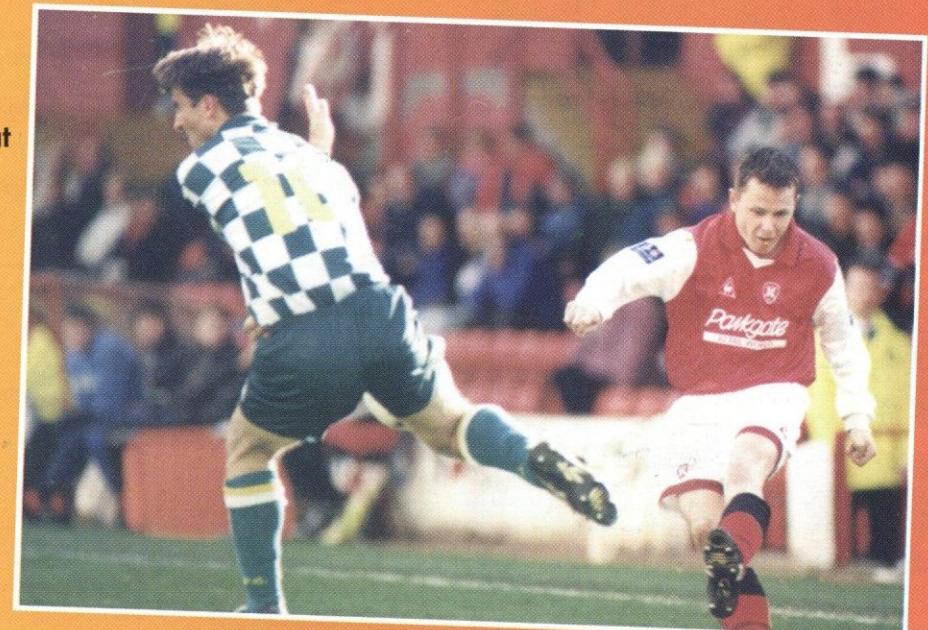
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- In which year was the Taylor Report published?
- Which was the only team to come from behind to win a match at Euro 96?
- What was the result of John Toshack's one and only match in charge of Wales?
- Can you name the Werder Bremen striker who was the Bundesliga's top goalscorer in 1982?
- Terry Venables worked for which TV company during the 1994 World Cup finals?
- Which club does athletics commentator David Moorcroft support?
- Since 1882, the town of Coatbridge has been home to which Scottish League club?
- Where did Spurs beat Athletico Madrid in the 1963 European Cup-Winners' Cup Final?
- What team did Kenny Dalglish follow as a boy?
- Who was West Germany's 1974 World Cup goalkeeper?
- Which former QPR and Liverpool player later became a football analyst on Spanish TV?
- For which Spanish team did John Aldridge play?
- Which English club has had the most grounds?
- What is the name of the park which separates Anfield and Goodison Park?
- Who scored four goals for Spain in a 1986 World Cup finals match?
- What age was Barry Venison when he captained Sunderland in the 1985 Milk Cup Final?
- John Fashanu's elder brother made his English League debut in 1978. Can you name him?
- Which club planned a move to Milton Keynes in 1983?



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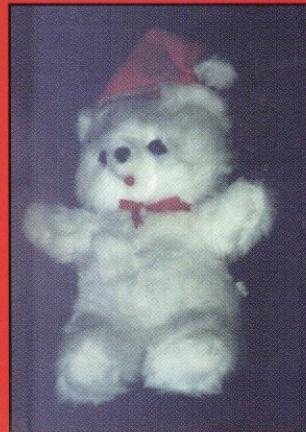
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VICE PRESIDENTS

Given our most recent results, the blip of euphoria, followed immediately by (several) pits of despair, I finally made the decision to end the uncertainty (and prevent a serious imminent heart seizure) by consulting our old friend, that mediaeval medium, Nostrodamus. Would he again point us in the right direction?

Sure enough, tucked away amongst dire warnings of melting ice-caps, mass suicides, homicides, genocides, diabolical off-sides and spicy young women, I dug deeper and unearthed the following little tit-bit...

The letter O shall prove to be
A common fate all round
Any team that carries the curse
Is certain to go down.

Stripes shall have a shocking time
And also sides with red on
Those with brass and those with
nowt
Will face their armageddon.

As usual old Nostro, undoubtedly the first Miller to breathe air, then added a couple more stanzas on our behalf. He went on...

For one the joy of Wemberlee
Shall seem so far away
As down they go to pastures new
With Darlo and Donnie to play.

Things are bleak, as black as night
And all our hearts are heavy
To Millermen who have suffered
long
It's time to have a bevy.

So there you have it, you can relax, the fates are cast. Have a few pints and a bet while you can still get one. Red, stripes and the letter 'O' be your guide. Remember, you heard it here first, commissions gratefully received.

I Hoyle
Vice President

MILLERS POLAND

FROM THE MILLERS'
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INTRODUCING OUR SQUAD - MIDFIELD



Our photo shows Mirek (left) and Marian (right) sporting everybody's favourite strip.

Mirek Zyrek (24)

Mirek (or Miroslaw in full) started his footballing days in the youth team of county league side Kuznia Ustron (25km away) - the local forgeworks league team where he played there for a number of years in his youth. National service (the norm over here) interrupted this and it is only last year when our Polish Millers side started playing did he join in after a break of six years. Because of other commitments he usually plays every

Peter Jalowiczor,
Club Secretary.

JANUARY DIARY

After the match on October 15th 1996, indoor training (5 a side) sessions commenced to keep things going. No question of playing outside (apart from ice hockey!) - minus 25c - even minus 35c - with a metre of snow put paid to that. Most of this month's preparatory work was for club documentation with the aim of registering the players and the football team in the Polish court. This decision was taken after last year's tremendous results against Polish lower league sides. Proper registration would enable local firms to sponsor Millers-Poland with the idea of paying for travel costs and kit being first priority.

MILLERS UNITED

YOUNG SUPPORTERS OF
ROTHERHAM UNITED

WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome to Millmoor the junior Hatters. This will be the first visit to Millmoor for most of their junior supporters and so we hope that all who have travelled with them have thoroughly enjoyed their day with us so far and that you have a safe journey home.

AWAY VISITS

Just one more away visit to come this season and that is on Saturday 19th April when we travel to Burnley. Melvyn is now taking names for this trip so if you would like to join us put your name down on Thursday night.

PRESENTATION NIGHTS

As the end of the season approaches we have quite a few special club nights ahead of us when in particular our football teams have their presentation nights. However the main presentation night is to be held on Thursday 24th April when we will be presenting the Rotherham players with their awards for best player(s) of the season. There will be one winner voted by our junior members and another presented by our parents. If you have not yet voted make sure you attend on Thursday night this week as it will be your last opportunity to vote.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 10th April 1997, 7.00pm.

Carol Storey

ROTHERHAM UNITED SUPPORTERS CLUB

Welcome this afternoon to all the supporters, players and club officials from Luton.

TRAVEL - MEMBERS ONLY

Wrexham - Tuesday 8th April -
Tickets £6, depart 4.30pm.
Burnley - Saturday 19th April -
Tickets £6, depart 10.30am.

This early departure is because we have been invited by the Burnley Supporters to their club (they come to our clubroom when they play at

Rotherham). Food will be available there, and it is all done with the approval of the police!!
Bristol Rovers - Saturday 3rd May -
Tickets £10, depart 10.00am.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

This will take place after the York City game in the Millmoor Hotel. Voting forms are now available from the upstairs room at Millmoor on matchdays and when you buy travel tickets. As I said in the last notes, it will be one of the most difficult seasons on which to make a judgement.

We hope to arrange a buffet - tickets aren't needed but all MEMBERS are welcome to attend - it should take place about 6pm.

NATIONAL FEDERATION QUIZ

The next round (quarter final) takes place tomorrow night at the Millmoor Hotel, 8pm when we play Morecombe. This will be preceded by a committee meeting. All members are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to John Breckin we have six new members from Finland. They travelled with us to Blackpool last Monday. I hope they enjoyed their day at the seaside (bet they haven't got anything like Blackpool in Finland!). I don't think they would have enjoyed the match though - the flicker of hope we saw at Bristol and Shrewsbury is now well and truly snuffed out.

But they're still our team so get behind them this afternoon - let them know we care.

All correspondence to Ruth Cowley, Secretary, 50 Lister Street, Rotherham, S65 2AU. Tel: 829398. Travel enquiries to Gordon Beckett, tel: 544674.

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Welcome to our game (well, some of it).

We in the London Millers aren't as rich as you might expect, and we can't afford to sponsor a whole game, so we sponsor the match ball and mascot of one game a season.

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To pay for the sponsorship, we have a raffle, which I referred to when we played Notts County which was the day of the draw.

The winners win the match ball and stand tickets to the game. This year's winner is Ian Clarke, our membership secretary. Talk about helping your own!

We usually have a competition among our junior members for privilege of being the mascot, but our fund-raiser/travel secretary, Steve Czajewski, took the travel part of his title too seriously, and spent three months in South America, and totally failed to organise a competition.

So this year we decided to draw the names out of a hat, and Leah Burdon is the lucky winner.

I hope she has a good day today, as the Millers have never won when we have sponsored the ball and mascot!

Timothy Green (Chairman)

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Even though the season is almost at an end it is an extremely busy time at the football club. During the Easter vacation we have coached all the age groups from under 9 to under 12. It is at this time of year that we have to assess many of the players at the Centre of Excellence in order to be able to offer the best players a place for next year. It is of particular importance at under 12 level because those selected will represent the club at FA Centres level next season. It is at FA Centres level that we can make a better assessment of how the players may be able to cope at professional level because apart from

training two evenings per week we are able to watch them play on a Sunday against other Centres of Excellence.

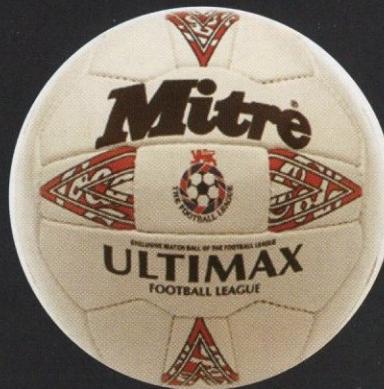
This season has been a very successful one for our Centre of Excellence teams. We have been able to push up those who we believed could cope, to play at a higher age group, and the players involved have done well. The step up to Centres Football from Sunday League is quite a large step and some need time to adapt.

One who did take time to adapt was Darren Boyd who joined the club after playing in the Doncaster Sunday League. He has now progressed through our

Under 14 Centres Team and is shown on the picture signing Associated Schoolboy forms. Darren, who comes from a footballing family also plays for Doncaster Schools FA. He would like more than anything to be a professional footballer and has the determination to succeed. He is now playing well in the Centres Team and we hope that his improvement continues into the future. His brother James is also signed on Centre of Excellence forms at the Under 11 age group.

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Spotlight on...



...KEVIN BAIN

A few weeks ago Kevin came to Millmoor and returned home at the end of it without anything being agreed by either party but it wasn't long before he returned and signed until the end of the season.

Having come from north of the border it's more than likely that not many Millers' fans will know much about his background, so now's the time to start and fill in all the details. Kevin was born in Kirkcaldy and he went to school just outside the town and he said, *"I played for the school team at the tender age of eight and nine, but organised football at school had started before then."*

"Football was the most popular sport so when I moved up the high school, that was still the game for me and I managed to keep in the team."

In those days Kevin played at the back and in midfield, although he has never played up front and success came his way when he was selected to play for Scotland at U16s level, an honour he was to repeat at U17, U18 and U21, so he was obviously highly rated.

How did he get into professional football? *"I went straight to Dundee where I had been signed on schoolboy forms since I was fourteen and I served the usual two years as a junior with them before becoming a full time professional."*

His first team debut came at the tender age of seventeen and Kevin recalled, *"It was at home to Motherwell in the Premier League*

although unfortunately we lost. We had already been relegated at the time so youngsters were given their chance to get some experience."

The following season Kevin was in and out of the team with a couple of games at a time with the team's main priority being to get promotion again. That was pretty much the case for the rest of Kevin's time at Dens Park where last season he made seven league appearances plus another three as substitute as the team finished in mid-table in Division One. Kevin played four games for the U21s against Portugal twice, Italy and Switzerland with just one of the Portugal games being away, the rest of them at home.

The fact that Kevin had not been getting a regular place led him to think about moving and he explained, *"I think I had been there too long as this was my eighth season and I wasn't enjoying it any more so it was time to look for a change. I hadn't really looked for another club in Scotland so when Danny Begara came in for me, I was quite eager to come and give it a try in England."*

"It had been in my mind before to come south for in England you play the same teams so many times that it seems to get a bit boring and it has been very refreshing to come down here and play against some new teams."

He obviously joined the Millers at a difficult time but that hasn't stopped him from enjoying his football and he said, *"We had a couple of great*

results at Bristol City and Shrewsbury Town but unfortunately we followed that by two relatively poor games but I am still enjoying it nevertheless."

Kevin's debut was in midfield but he soon dropped into the back line and he observed, *"I don't really mind where I play to be honest, although you seem to get more time on the ball at the back."*

Facility-wise, Kevin is well pleased at Rotherham and he said, *"The training ground is excellent but it's difficult to compare it with Scottish clubs, although the type of football down here tends to see more of the long ball used with big physical strikers."*

At times life can get a bit lonely for Kevin for he is living at Hooton Lodge but with so many games going on, his time has been occupied although he has not been able to return home to his wife and young son in Fife.

At the moment Kevin does not know whether he will be spending next season here at Millmoor or not, that will no doubt be resolved in the course of the next few weeks but he is quite sure the experience of regular first team football has done him good.

Personal File

Place of Birth: Kirkcaldy

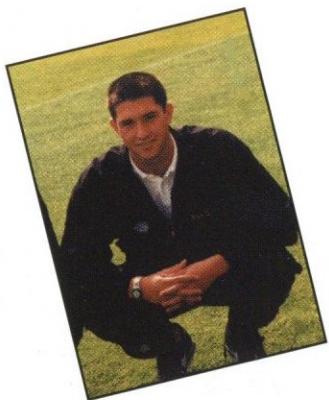
Date of Birth: 19th September 1972

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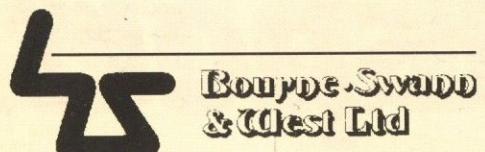
Last week was the second time this year that our Soccer schools have been completely sold out. It has taken hard work by all the members of the Football in the Community Programme team over the past few years to build such popularity amongst local youngsters.

Again, just over 200 children attended and went with us for the tour of Manchester United's Old Trafford Stadium. The Soccer school was sponsored by Haven Holidays who kindly donated two holidays for up to 7 people. The winners will be presented with their vouchers at the game here on Friday 11th April 1997.

It has been a bonus of the last two Soccer schools to also have the experience of 3 ex-Millers coaching the children who attended. Chris Dolby who now works full time with Football and Community, Mark Todd and Don Page all offered their services along with numerous other qualified coaches to coach and have fun with the children.

It seems our future Soccer schools will be just as popular with our next camp being at the end of May, you should watch this space for when the application forms are available.

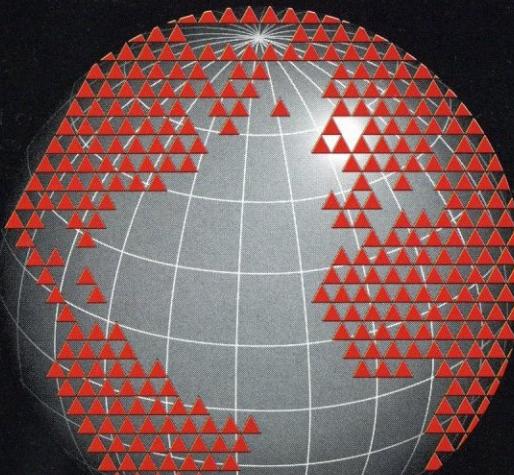
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The Flora London Marathon takes place a week tomorrow and once again Rotherham will be represented. All Premier, Nationwide and Scottish League Clubs have been asked to enter a runner who will run in their team shirts and shorts. Stuart Clarkson ran a magnificent race last year and won the Second Division race. Watch out for our team strip worn by Stuart during next Saturdays race which once again will be shown live on television. More details in next Fridays programme.

Dusty the Millerman will be out and about during the spring and summer. We have many requests for him to appear at children's functions, particularly hospital events. If you have an activity you feel will be enhanced by a visit from Dusty why not give us a call and if we can help, we will.

My thanks to NAT WEST who have kindly agreed to sponsor our end of season dinner on 14th May. The player and young player of the year awards will be presented on the night. Full details elsewhere in the programme.

I know a number of Millers fans attended this weeks BBC MATCH OF THE DAY LIVE EVENT in Birmingham. I do hope you enjoyed it. I could not attend but I understand it was a successful first venture.

Congratulations to Andrew Knight who won last Saturdays WARDS BEST BITTER programme competition. Look out for the lucky sticker in one of today's match programmes. The winner can collect his 24 cans of WARDS BEST BITTER from the club shop after the game. Cheers.

Dave Nicholls
Commercial Manager



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Reserves & Juniors

Pontins League

Millers Reserves 1

Shrewsbury Town
Reserves 0

Defender turned striker Mark Monington grabbed the only goal of the game to give Rotherham United reserves a 1-0 win against Shrewsbury Town at Millmoor and move them into fourth position.

Monington played up front at the start of the game and he was on hand to head home at the far post after 11 minutes to convert a good cross from trialist Matthew Smithard.

Mark Druce had a shot saved after he had intercepted a misdirected pass and the commanding Neil Richardson put a shot over the bar following a corner.

Little was seen of the Town attack and Rotherham stepped up the pressure after the interval forcing several corners and a good Earl Jeant shot was saved.

His appearance after the interval allowed Monington to return to his more accustomed duties but despite having the majority of the play, the Millers were unable to increase their lead.

Team: Barnes, Smithard, Stafford, Sandeman (Jean 46), Richardson, Pell, Hudson, Dobbin, Druce, Monington, Subs not used: Sedgwick, Bagshaw.

The Juniors

Millers Juniors 2
Middlesbro' Juniors 2

Rotherham United's bandwagon rolled on as they extended their unbeaten sequence to eight games but they had to twice come from behind to earn a point against a strong Middlesbro' side littered with Premiership experience.

The Millers were first to show and Roger Levers closed down the keeper forcing him to slice his clearance. The Boro steadied their ship and quickly established supremacy making excellent use of their speedy direct wingers who stretched the Millers' defence repeatedly. Rotherham almost paid for a poor clearance when Boro hit a shot just wide. However on 5 mins Boro took the lead when the Millers conceded a free kick which was taken so quickly it embarrassed the home side allowing the attacker time and space to beat Davis.

Hall tried to forge through but was

dispossessed before Bagshaw's diligence averted a Boro raid. More Boro invention caused the home defence anxious moments but collectively they stuck to the task and demonstrated their ability to defend when it mattered. The Millers had limited opportunities early on but when they did they didn't capitalise.

On 20 mins Otter got round the back to pick out Levers in a poaching position but his extra touch cost him dearly and gave the keeper enough time to rob him. On 24 mins Otter was again involved winning a free kick 30 yards out. Hudson stepped up to drive it over the bar. A minute later the Millers levelled things up with a stunning Spiby strike. Hall threw in to Levers who passed to Spiby and suddenly exploded a half volley into the net from 20 yards to give the keeper no chance. Levers again almost

embarrassed the keeper as he closed him down and nearly profited but just when the Millers looked to have weathered the storm they went behind again after 34 mins. The winger delivered a deep cross, the knock down provided the opportunity for a simple finish.

On 36 mins the Millers were close to an equaliser when Spiby found Hudson 6 yards out but credit the keeper who made a fine smothering save to deny him.

Two minutes after the interval the Millers successfully defended two dangerous Boro corners and they were a shade fortunate when the winger cut in and fired his shot against the post and it cannoned off Davis before Hudson completed the clearance. The Millers were undaunted and started to put together some good moves to pose Boro problems.

First Spiby had a shot charged down and it spun out for a corner which he delivered into the box to find the towering Bagshaw whose header was goalbound until a defender cleared off the line to prevent the equaliser. Spiby again got the loose ball and linked with Levers who loaded the gun for Hudson to fire and his drive shook the crossbar. Boro hacked it away for a corner; their respite was momentary before Otter tied things up on 85 mins.

Hudson swung the corner in, a flick on flat footed the defenders allowing Otter to climb and bullet his header into the net from close range to give his side a deserved equaliser.

The Premiership outfit were stunned as the Millers showed a greater appetite to win it but they couldn't generate a finish to match their endeavour and the Boro were clearly content to escape with a point.

Team: Davis, Howard, Bagshaw, Gordon, Hall, Hamblett, Spiby, Hudson, Ingledow, Otter, Levers.

Sub: Roden for Hamblett (80).
Not used: Beesley and Nixon.

Fixtures & Tables

PONTINS LEAGUE 1996/97

Wed Aug 28	Burnley	H	0-0	
Wed Sep 4	Wrexham	H	1-0	Bowyer
Wed Sep 11	Man. City	A	0-1	
Tue Sep 17	Grimsby Town	H	0-2	
Wed Oct 2	Barnsley	A	1-1	James
Tue Oct 8	Stockport County	H	1-2	(Own Goal)
Tue Oct 22	Bradford City	H	3-1	Berry (2), Glover
Wed Nov 6	York City	A	0-1	
Tue Nov 12	Mansfield Town	H	4-3	Hudson(2), Goodwin, McDougald
Thu Nov 21	Hull City	A	1-0	Berry
Tue Nov 26	Carlisle United	H	0-0	
Wed Dec 11	Man. City	H	2-1	Bowyer, Peel
Wed Dec 18	Wrexham	A	1-0	Druce
Tue Jan 21	Grimsby Town	A	0-1	
Wed Feb 5	Bradford City	A	0-2	
Mon Feb 24	Mansfield Town	A	4-2	Druce (3), Berry
Tue Mar 4	Hull City	H	3-0	Landon, Richardson (pen), o.g.
Tue Mar 11	York City	H	3-1	McDougald 2, Berry
Wed Mar 19	Carlisle United	A	1-3	Sedgwick
Wed Mar 26	Shrewsbury Town	H	1-0	Monington
Wed Apr 2	Burnley	A	0-0	
Wed Apr 16	Stockport County	A		
Tue Apr 29	Barnsley	H		
Mon May 5	Shrewsbury Town	A		

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE 1996/97

Sat Aug 10	Bradford City	H	3-2	Trower, Gordon, Sedgwick
Sat Aug 17	Doncaster Rovers	H	1-1	Hudson
Sat Aug 24	York City	H	3-0	Hudson, Hobson, Barton
Sat Aug 31	Hull City	A	1-2	Hall
Sat Sept 7	Barnsley (Cup)	H	2-2	Sedgwick, Otter
Sat Sept 14	Hartlepool United	H	3-2	McKenzie, Sedgwick, Trower (pen)
Sat Sept 21	Newcastle United	A	4-2	Levers (2), Pell, Own Goal.
Sat Sept 28	Barnsley (Cup Replay)	H	2-1	Hudson, McKenzie
Sat Oct 5	Huddersfield Town	A	3-3	Gordon 2, Dillon
Sat Oct 12	Sheffield Wednesday	A	2-3	McIntosh, Sedgwick
Sat Oct 16	Huddersfield Town (Cup Replay)	H	2-1	Gordon 2, Pell, McIntosh,
Sat Oct 19	Chesterfield	H	7-0	Hudson, Trower (pen)
Sat Oct 26	Barnsley	A	2-2	Pell, Bagshaw, McKenzie,
Sat Nov 2	Scunthorpe United	H	5-1	Trower (pen)
Sat Nov 9	Scarborough	A	0-1	
Sun Nov 18	Barnsley (FAY)	H	3-1	Gordon (2), Pell
Wed Nov 27	Stoke City (FAY)	H	2-1	McKenzie (2)
Sat Nov 30	Sunderland	H	1-1	Pell
Sat Dec 7	Leeds United	A	1-5	Otter
Sat Dec 14	Sheffield United	H	3-0	Sedgwick, Otter, Ashcroft (pen)
Tues Jan 7	Not'tm Forest (FAY)	A	0-1	
Sat Jan 11	Hull City	H	2-0	Sedgwick, Otter
Wed Jan 22	Middlesbrough (CUP)	H	2-4	Dillon (2)
Sat Jan 25	Newcastle United	H	0-5	
Sat Feb 8	Sheffield Wednesday	H	2-1	
Sat Feb 15	Chesterfield	A	1-0	Sedgwick, Levers
Sat Mar 1	Barnsley	H	2-1	Spiby
Sat Mar 8	Middlesbrough	A	3-0	Spiby, Roden
Tues Mar 11	Huddersfield Town	A	2-1	POSTPONED
Sat Mar 17	Darlington	A	0-0	Levers (2), Sedgwick
Sat Mar 22	Middlesb'.	H	2-2	Otter
Sat Mar 29	Sunderland	A	1-1	Sedgwick, Kellico
Sat Apr 5	Leeds United	H	2-2	Spiby, Otter
Wed Apr 9	Hartlepool United	A	1-1	Bagshaw
Sat Apr 12	Sheffield United	A		
Sat Apr 19	Bradford City	A		
Mon Apr 21	Darlington	H		
Sat Apr 26	Doncaster Rovers	A		
Mon Apr 28	York City	A		

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Grimsby Town	19	14	1	4	47	24	43
Manchester City	20	12	4	4	37	22	40
Wrexham	20	11	5	4	44	25	38
Barnsley	20	10	4	6	43	33	34
Rotherham United	21	10	4	7	26	21	34
York City	18	9	4	5	29	25	31
Carlisle United	17	8	1	8	31	29	25
Shrewsbury Town	18	7	3	8	30	32	24
Bradford City	18	7	3	8	31	35	24
Burnley	18	5	5	8	26	30	20
Stockport County	18	5	4	9	30	33	19
Hull City	20	5	3	12	19	38	18
Mansfield Town	21	0	1	20	26	72	1

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Bury	38	14	5	0	33	6	6	5	8	23	28	70
Brentford	39	7	10	2	25	19	11	3	6	29	19	67
Luton	38	12	4	3	35	13	6	7	6	27	28	65
Stockport	36	10	5	3	24	12	7	6	5	26	24	62
Crewe	39	14	4	3	36	13	5	1	12	13	29	62
Watford	38	9	7	3	20	11	6	10	3	19	16	62
Burnley	40	12	2	6	40	23	5	7	8	22	21	60
Millwall	40	12	3	6	27	20	4	9	6	23	28	60
Bristol City	40	10	4	5	35	16	6	6	9	23	31	58
Walsall	39	10	8	3	31	19	6	2	10	16	23	58
Blackpool	39	10	6	3	35	19	4	8	8	15	21	56
Wrexham	38	8	8	2	29	23	5	9	6	14	18	56
Bournemouth	41	7	8	6	20	17	7	4	9	17	21	54
Chesterfield	37	8	7	3	21	15	6	5	8	13	17	54
Gillingham	39	10	3	6	30	22	5	5	10	17	30	53
Preston	41	12	4	4	29	18	3	2	16	14	34	51
Bristol Rovers	40	11	4	5	31	20	2	7	11	11	23	50
Plymouth	39	6	9	5	17	18	5	5	9	25	34	47
Shrewsbury	41	8	6	7	27	29	3	6	11	22	38	45
York City	39	7	5	7	24	25	4	7	9	17	31	45
Wycombe	39	10	3	6	22	13	1	5	14	17	39	41
Peterborough	40	5	7	8	33	32	3	7	10	16	37	38
Rotherham	40	4	7	9	17	23	2	6	12	17	36	31
Notts County	40	3	8	9	16	21	2	5	13	11	31	28

Div 2. Leading Scorers

Name	Lge	Cup TOTAL
Thorpe (Luton)	23	3 26
Barnes (Burnley)	22	1 23
Asaba (Brentford)	22	1 23
Goater (Bristol City)	18	2 20
Onoura (Gillingham)	18	2 20
Clarkson (Blackpool)	17	3 20
Lightbourne (Walsall)	15	5 20

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