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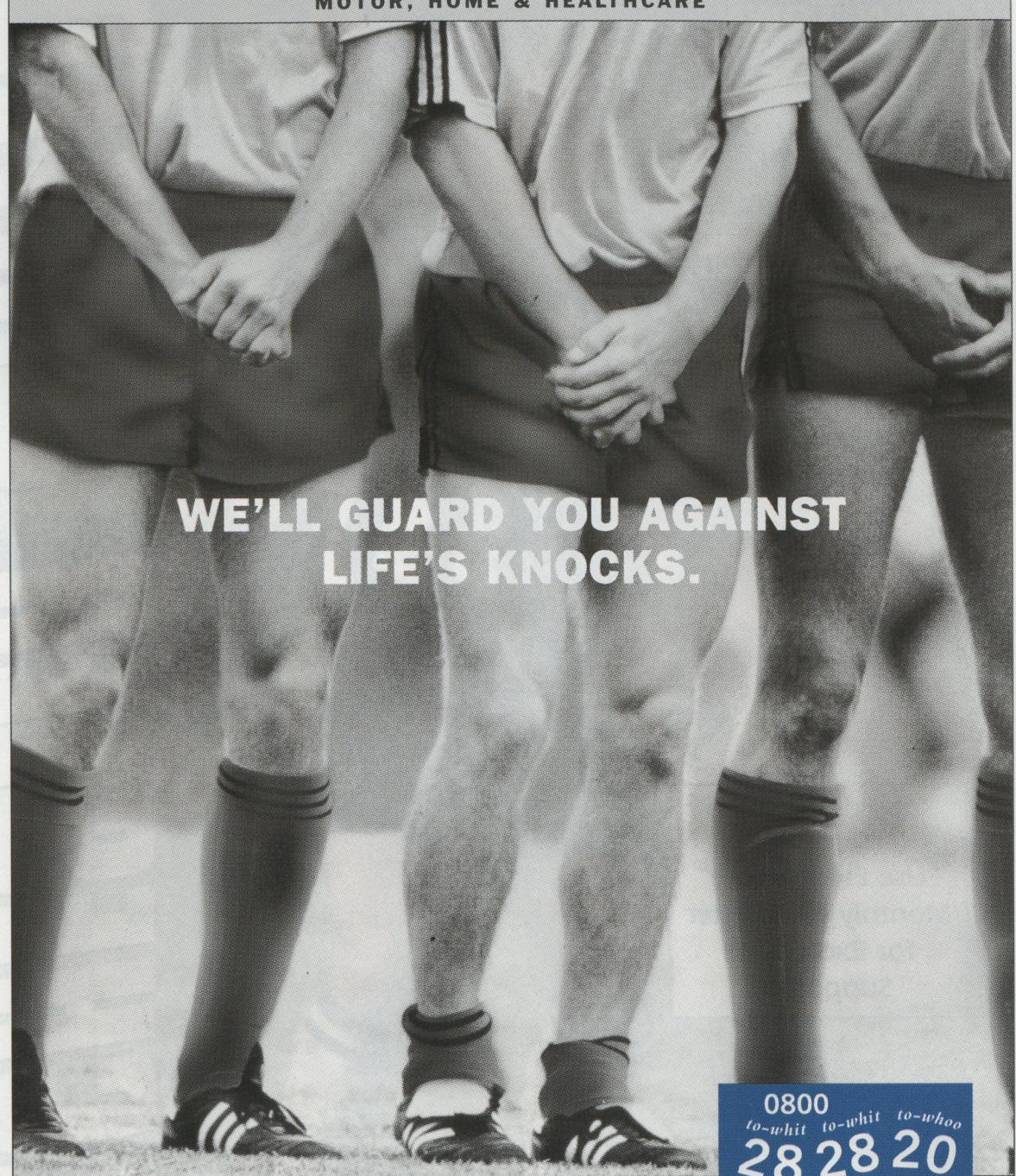
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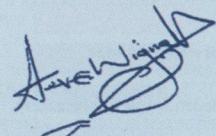
Welcome back to Lennie Lawrence, Wayne Turner and their Luton team for tonight's Coca-Cola Cup tie. Our pre-season encounter was quite interesting, but tonight is the real thing and I'm sure no quarters will be given as each club attempts to take an advantage into the next leg.

Saturday turned out to be a good day for us, taking maximum points was the most important factor, especially after last season's slow start. The heat obviously had an effect on most of the players, but I thought they all came out of the match with great credit, after showing good application and determination.

Our new additions to the squad have bedded in quite well and it was nice to hear you giving them plenty of encouragement.

We enjoyed our Coca-Cola games last term, hopefully we can emulate our early performances in the competition starting tonight.

Thank you for your valued support.



Best Wishes

STEVE WIGNALL

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INTRODUCING THE MANAGER AND PLAYERS FROM LUTON TOWN FC...



LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB - 1997-98

BACK ROW: (LEFT TO RIGHT): Stuart Douglas, Jamie Woodsford, Sean Evers, Kim Grant, Paul McLaren, Darren Patterson, Gary Simpson, John Taylor, Ben Cheshire, Bontcho Guentchev, Graham Alexander, Matthew Upson, Robert Keen, Chris Willmott. THIRD ROW: (LEFT TO RIGHT): Cherry Newbery (Club Secretary), Clive Goodey (Physio), Wayne Turner (First Team Coach), David Oldfield, Des Linton, Marvin Johnson, Nathan Abbey, Ian Feuer, Kelvin Davis, Mitchell Thomas, Aaron Skelton (now with C.U.F.C), Andrew Fotiadis, John Moore (Youth Team Coach), Trevor Peake (Reserve Team Coach), Les Shannon (Chief Scout). SEATED: (LEFT TO RIGHT): Julian James, Tony Thorpe, Steve Davis (Club Captain), Nigel Terry (Director), Cliff Bassett (Director), Chris Green (Director), Gary Doherty, Jimmy Cox, Steve Augustine, Andrew Barr, Nick Webb, Russell Lawes, Terry Sweeney, Matthew Spring, Andre Scarlett, Andrew Smith, Ian Jones.

PAUL SHOWLER - Midfield/ Forward

Signed in August 1996, from Bradford City where he played under current Luton boss Lennie Lawrence. Played non-league football for Altrincham and Barnet, with league appearances for the latter following their promotion from the conference. Scored his first goal for The Hatters on the 3-1 win over Walsall in October 1996.

off the bench by Les Sealey. 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 for Los Angeles Salsa.

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 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 1995/96 campaign, before an extended run at right-back after Christmas. Granted a benefit match in 1996.

SIMON DAVIES - Midfield

Joined The Hatters from Manchester United in the summer of 1997, after only rare appearances in the Old Trafford first-team. Made 11 league appearances for the Reds and also played in six matches during a loan spell at Exeter. Scored for United in a European Cup match v Galatasaray in December 1994, when they won 4-0, and also played in the 3-1 defeat in Gothenburg.

RICHARD HARVEY - Defender

Richard resurrected his Town career in 1994/95 after two years plagued by injury. The former England Youth International missed the entire 1993/94 season after a cruciate knee ligament operation and made his first appearance of the following campaign at Barnsley in January. His appearance at home to Watford in March 1995 was his first at Kenilworth Road for three years and he held the left-back position for the remainder of the season. A regular on the left side of defence/ midfield for the first half of the season, he lost his place to Mitchell Thomas after the arrival of Lennie Lawrence as Manager. Suffered another knee ligament injury in the 1996/97 pre-season campaign.

KELVIN DAVIS - Goalkeeper

Kelvin is highly-rated keeper who made his league debut for The Hatters on the final day of the 1993/94 season in a 2-2 draw at Stoke. He spent a month on loan at Torquay in September/October 1994, before winning a place in the Luton starting line-up in March. With Juergen Sommer on international duty, Kelvin made his home debut in the televised 'derby' with Watford, saving a penalty in the 1-1 draw. He kept his place until the end of the season, and also won two England youth caps. Kelvin was selected for the England Under 21 squad for the Toulon Tournament in June 1995. Signed a new four-year contract in June 1995, and was again in England Under-21 squads throughout the 1995/96 season.

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. Ian was Luton's Player of the Year for the 1995/96 season. At West Ham he was the understudy to Ludek Miklosko, but never played a first team game and due to restrictions on overseas players was kept

MARVIN JOHNSON - Defender
Marvin made his Football League debut against Wimbledon in 1988 and quickly established himself as a versatile defender. Started the 1994/95 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 every first-team match in 1994/95 season and was awarded the Players' Player of the Year trophy. He was again a consistent performer in 1995/96 at centre-back, alongside Steve Davis for the most part and Darren Patterson.

PAUL MCLAREN - Midfield

Paul made his debut in the Town first-team on the final day of the 1993/94 season, coming on as a substitute at Stoke City. He joined The Hatters from School and is an England Youth International. Started as centre-half, but spent much of the 1994/95 season in the reserves in centre midfield. Made his full debut at Tranmere in October 1995 and then played in the Anglo-Italian Cup game in Genoa.

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Coca Cola Cup Stats

U's vs Hatters Round 1

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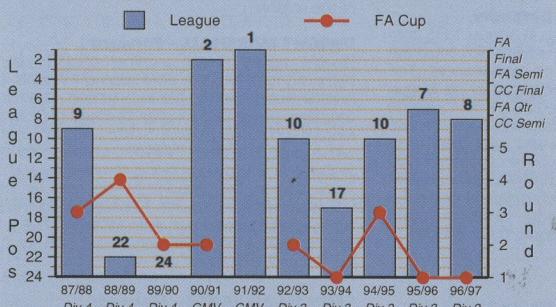
U's last 20 Years in the Cup

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96/97							Huddersfield 1-3	
95/96							Bristol City 3-3 penalties	
94/95							Brentford 0-4	
93/94							Fulham 2-4	
92/93							Brighton 1-2	
91/92							Colchester in GMVC	
90/91							Colchester in GMVC	
89/90							Southend 4-6	
88/89							Northampton 0-5	
87/88							Fulham 1-5	
86/87							Peterborough 0-2	
85/86							Millwall 3-7	
84/85							Gillingham 2-5	
83/84							Man Utd 0-2	
82/83							Southampton 2-4	
81/82							Tranmere 0-1	
80/81							Gillingham 1-4	
79/80							Villa 2-2 penalties	
78/79							Charlton 2-3	
77/78							Leeds 0-4	

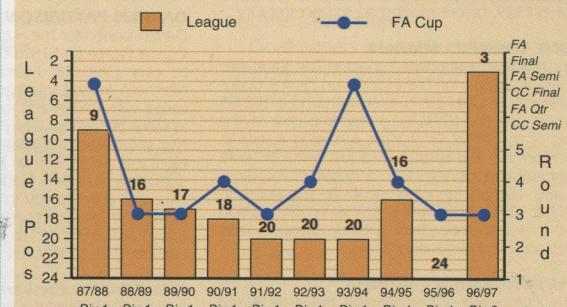
.. and The Hatters' record

	0	1	2	3	4	5	Semi	Final
96/97							Wimbledon 1-2 replay	
95/96							Bournemouth 2-3	
94/95							Fulham 2-2 penalties	
93/94							Cambridge 0-2	
92/93							Plymouth 4-5	
91/92							Birmingham 4-5	
90/91							Bradford 2-2 penalties	
89/90							Everton 0-3	
88/89							didn't enter due to ban on away fans	
87/88							Norwich 0-2	
86/87							Sheff Wed 2-4	
85/86							Rotherham 3-4 extra-time	
84/85							Tottenham 0-1	
83/84							Wrexham 1-2	
82/83							Man City 1-2	
81/82							Gillingham 1-4	
80/81							Leeds 1-4	
79/80							Man City 2-3 extra-time 2nd replay	
78/79								
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last 10 years in league & FA cup



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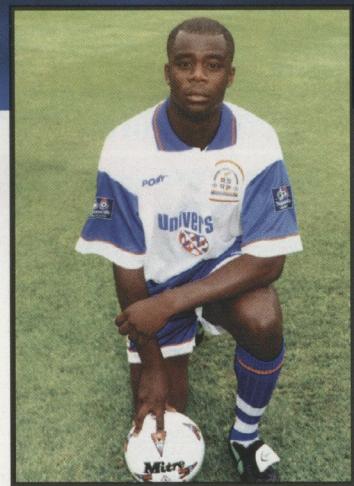
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Liverpool						5
Villa						5
Forest						4
Arsenal						2
Leicester						2
Man City						2
Norwich						2
Spurs						2
Wolves						2

Most Times in Final

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Liverpool								7
Villa								7
Forest								6
Arsenal								5
Man Utd								4
Norwich								4
Man City								3
Spurs								3
West Brom								3

Most Times in Semis

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Villa											10
Liverpool											9
Arsenal											8
Spurs											8
Man Utd											7
Forest											7
West Ham											7
Chelsea											5
Man City											5
Norwich											5

**DAVID OLDFIELD - Midfielder**

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 Under-21's, joined Manchester City for £60,000 in March 1989, before moving on to Leicester City.

TONY THORPE - Midfield

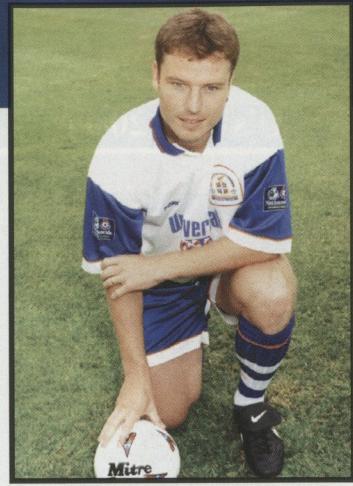
Tony made an immediate impact in The Town side when he scored for The Hatters on his full debut at Newcastle United in the fourth round of the FA Cup in January 1994. He joined the club at the start of the 1992/93 season, following a spell at Leicester. He was restricted to just five substitute appearances 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 to Bristol Rovers in December 1994, after a three-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 1995/96 were rewarded with the Players' Player of the Year Trophy.

STEVE DAVIS - Defender

Steve joined The Hatters in the summer of 1995 after making over 160 league 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 1995/96, but again suffered the agony of relegation as Luton, like Burnley the previous season, dropped out of Division One.

**ANDREW FOTIADIS - Forward**

Andrew joined The Hatters on a full-time basis in the summer of 1996, aged 18, after staying on at school to complete his A levels. He had been a regular member of the youth and reserve sides in the preceding two seasons and won England Schoolboy caps at under 15 and under 18 levels. Made a good impression in early league games, signing an extension to his contract in October 1996 and celebrated with his first goal for Luton in the 3-1 win over Walsall.

STUART DOUGLAS - Striker

After an impressive scoring record in youth and reserve team football, Stuart made his first-team debut, as second year trainee, against Oldham in November 1995 and scored after 41 minutes.

MITCHELL THOMAS - Defender

The former England Under-21 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 last season.

DARREN PATTERSON - Defender

Darren signed for The Hatters in August 1995 from Crystal Palace for £150,000, a fee which could rise to over £200,000 based on appearances. The Northern Ireland International started his league career with Wigan and joined Palace for £250,000 in 1992. An Achilles injury ruled him out of the first two months of the season and leapt him out of Northern Ireland's final European Championship qualifying matches. Made his first Luton appearance in the Anglo-Italian Cup defeat in Cesena in November and returned to the Northern Ireland squad at the end of the season. Went on loan to Preston in October 1996.

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.

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.

TREVOR PEAKE - Defender

Trevor started his league career at Lincoln City in 1979, before moving on to Coventry City in 1983. He enjoyed eight full seasons at Highfield Road, winning an FA Cup winners' medal in 1987, as the Sky Blues beat David Pleat's Tottenham 3-2 at Wembley. Trevor joined Luton for £100,000 in August 1991 and signed a new one-year contract

U'S UPDATE...

ALL THE LATEST NEWS AND GOSSIP FROM AROUND LAYER ROAD

**Welcome The Hatters**

THIS evening we welcome Second Division Luton Town to Layer Road for their first visit in 31 years in a senior competition.

Not counting Watney Cup and pre-season friendlies, the two clubs have only ever met on six occasions - all between January 1964 and April 1966. At that time Luton were in the midst of a major slump which saw them drop from the top flight all the way down to Division Four in a four-year period.

Winners of the Littlewoods Cup nine years ago, Luton will tonight bring a squad that includes plenty of experience and well-known faces such as Gary Waddock, Mitchell Thomas and David Oldfield. A brand new signing is £250,000 Simon Davies, who has arrived from Manchester United.

New kit on show

THE club hopes supporters will be pleased with the U's new playing kit, designed by Patrick UK, with whom the club have negotiated an excellent three-year deal.

The home kit maintains the traditional and popular blue-and-white stripes, but adds a dash of style and a more contemporary feel with stripes of varying widths and length. The away kit is also new, featuring yellow shirts with navy sleeves.

The club is aware that supporters may find it expensive to keep up with ever-changing styles, but has pointed out that the previous style existed for two

years and changes don't necessarily happen every summer.

The shirts are available at £34.99 for adults and £27.99 for juniors from the club shops. For phone orders call 01206 508809.

Home sponsors this season are Guardian Direct and for away games it's Ashby's Tea and Coffee.

Programme was a winner!

WE hope you like this season's matchday programme, which shows one or two minor changes from last season's award-winning effort.

In case you missed the news earlier in the summer, the U's won the Division Three Programme of the Year award, as voted for by the commercial and marketing managers of the Premiership and Nationwide League clubs.

Leicester City, Manchester City and Stockport County were the other divisional winners at the awards ceremony in Leeds.

As per last season, this year's programme is masterminded by Brian Wheeler, with design and print by Queensway Publishing of Edmonton, North London. There are features by journalist Rob Hadgraft and a special new A-to-Z history of the club by Leigh Edwards.

Rule changes

THERE have been several rule changes affecting league and cup games this season.

In the Coca Cola Cup there will be no

replays. First round, second round and semi-final games will remain two-legged, but all other games must be decided on the day, with extra time and penalties if required.

Players may now score directly from a kick-off and from a goal-kick, which was not the case before.

Goalkeepers may move their feet laterally when facing a penalty kick, but still cannot move towards the kicker. In addition, refs are no longer obliged to caution players who encroach at a penalty.

The charge of 'ungentlemanly conduct' has disappeared and been replaced by 'unsporting behaviour'. 'Foul and abusive language' is also changed, and becomes 'offensive, insulting or abusive language'.

Next in town...Barnet (Friday August 22, 7.45)

OUR next home game is an attractive Friday night fixture with Barnet, now under new manager John Still.

John has experience at the helm of Maidstone and Peterborough and took over when Terry Bullivant left for Reading in the summer.

The Bees had a rather disappointing campaign in 1996-7 and many supporters were in pessimistic mood about the new season after Bullivant's exit and the trimming of the squad to 16 men.

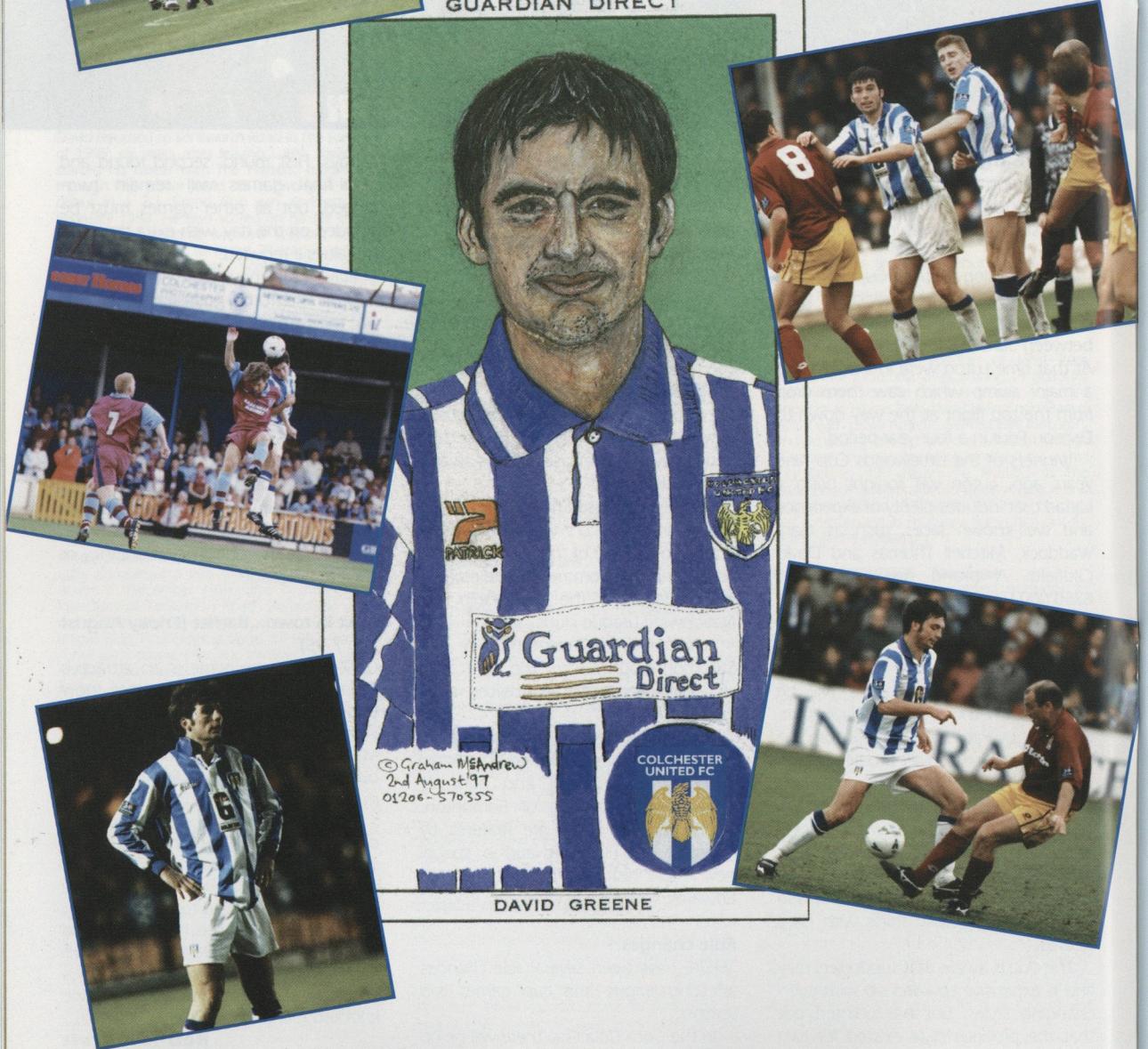
A player to watch is the speedy and classy attacker Sean Devine. The U's will be hoping for a repeat of last season's final game at Underhill in which we knocked four past the Barnet defence.

Rob Hadgraft

Picture Gallery

David Greene

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Player Focus...

No.2 David Greene



Tonight we chat to David Greene who faces his former club, Luton Town, in this evenings Coca-Cola 1st round tie. David joined The U's at the start of last season and played in over 50 matches throughout the campaign.

B.W - David you must have some fond memories of your time with 'The Hatters'?

D.G - Yes I have. The high-light of my short career with Luton was the quarter final of the FA Cup when we played West Ham United at Upton Park. The game was shown 'live' on Sky T.V and I was thrown in at the deep end because of injuries and I felt that I had nothing to lose, so I just went out and enjoyed the occasion. Unfortunately, I was injured at Birmingham the following Saturday and I was unable to play in the replay.

B.W - You made it to the semi-finals that season - were you involved?

D.G - Yeah I was in the squad, however I didn't play. Trevor Peake and John Drayer were playing well together and so my only chance was, if someone got injured, which of course didn't happen. We were very disappointed with our performance on the day and I think playing at Wembley didn't help our cause. We would probably have played better at somewhere like Villa Park because the thrill of playing at Wembley probably was too much for our young squad. Even though I didn't play and we lost, it was still a great occasion.

B.W - Did you come through the ranks at Luton?

D.G - No. I left school and I wasn't at a club, so I went on to College and I was playing local football for Hitchin Town. The Youth Team Manager at

the time, George Lay, came to watch another player, who ironically didn't play, saw me play and offered me a three-month trial. I lived in Luton so I trained once a week, played a few games and it just lead on from there really. David Pleat took over and I signed for Luton on my Second Year YTS age.

B.W - So you missed out on all of the hard work?

D.G - Yes, however, I did do odd jobs, such as boot cleaning just to show the others that I was one of them and not a 'Big Time Charlie'.

B.W - Dave, you are only 23 years old, so you have a long career still ahead of you. How do you see things going for David Greene?

D.G - Well, when I came to Colchester, my main aim was to play regular 1st team football, which wasn't guaranteed at Luton. I wanted to play as many games as I could. Last season I played in 55 matches and I only missed games through suspension, so at the end I was pretty tired and it took a lot out of me.

This season I am more geared up for the campaign as I know what to expect and I know what I am looking for from myself. Hopefully I will keep progressing and you never know what might happen. I am ambitious and of course would love to play at a higher level. That goes the same for all of the lads, it's only natural, however, this is a nice club and I enjoy playing here but to be honest, I don't really want to be here for another ten years or so.

While I am here, I will always give my best and hopefully the fans appreciate the situation.

B.W - You finally played at Wembley last season and when it came to the penalty shoot-out you came forward

and smashed the ball in. The question is did you jump or were you pushed?

D.G - Throughout the rounds we always knew that a penalty shoot-out was possible and I kept telling the lads that I would take one, but I said that I would side foot it into the bottom corner. When the chance came, I volunteered and just hit the ball as hard as I could. When it hit the bar my heart stopped, but as the ball went in off the underside of the bar, it was a fantastic relief.

B.W - Did you enjoy the day?

D.G - The day went so quickly although the build up to the day seemed to take an age. I enjoyed staying at the hotel and then the coach drive to the ground, seeing all of the supporters cheering and waving to us and then being on the pitch in the suits, it was great. The game itself just flashed by. We were a bit unlucky not to win, but that's just the way it goes. It was a horrible way to lose it, on penalties.

B.W - Finally Dave, we are playing your old team mates from Luton Town this evening. It would be nice for you to get one over on them?

D.G - Yeah, I'd love to beat them. I've got a lot of memories and friends down there, but, to be fair, I'm just looking forward to the game. We played them last week when there was nothing on the game. Tonight there will be a few more nerves, but I've got nothing to prove to Luton, I will just play my own game, do well and hopefully get a result for Colchester. I'll probably kick a few old mates during the game and have a drink in the bar afterwards.

B.W - Cheers Dave, best of luck for the season!

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TONIGHTS SPONSORS:

A warm welcome to tonights match-day sponsors, Group Four Marketing who are based at The Hythe, Colchester.

Group Four Marketing are the parent company of last seasons Main Club Sponsors, Goldstar Fabrications. Their host this evening is Peter Sakal, the Managing Director of Group Four, who has become a regular visitor to Layer Road over the past few years and will be again this season, as Peter has reserved a table for dinner/ lunch in the Sponsors Lounge before all matches.

Sponsoring the match-ball tonight are Rose Kitchens. Kevin Sinfield, a partner in the company, became associated with the U's last season when Rose Kitchens were part of the Sponsors Draw and thus joined the Exclusive Sponsors Club.

It is good to welcome back Kevin and his guests who certainly enjoyed their visits last season. Going by the condition of Kevin on his last outing, I would suggest a visit to Rose Kitchens tomorrow morning as a good price for a wide range of kitchens and bedrooms is almost certainly guaranteed - especially if you ask loudly!

OFFICIAL SPONSORS:

Joining our Match Sponsors in the Sponsors Lounge are our Official Club Sponsors; Guardian Direct and Ashby's Tea & Coffee, who, of course, are the sponsors of our home & away kit respectively for the 1997/ 98 season (see page 31 in today's programme).

With them are representatives of Cowie of Colchester, our Official Car Sponsors who have renewed their sponsorship for another season.

We are very grateful to all of tonights sponsors for their continued support and we hope that you all have a memorable evening.

PROGRAMME SPONSOR

Tonight we have the first 'Programme Sponsor' of the new season. The package has been designed to give our supporters the opportunity to support the club, financially as well as vocally and to give you the chance to see your name in print, without breaking the bank.

Tonights 'Programme Sponsor' is "U's from Home" - "Monthly Newsletter for excited U's Supporters". Ken Craig, who runs the operation for the benefit of U's fans who live out of the area, welcomes new supporters and can be contacted on 01353 - 722878.

As well as coverage in tonights programme and over the tannoy before, the match and at half-time, "U's from Home" will receive two match tickets for any part of the ground. The cost is only £95 inclusive of V.A.T.

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McDonalds Restaurants are once again sponsoring the Family Enclosures and in addition, are sponsoring our 'match-day mascots'. This will mean that our mascots will receive a free gift pack from McDonalds as well as a commemorative plaque to keep as a souvenir (for full mascot details call Sue in the Main Reception during normal office hours).

Caz Morehen is the owner of two McDonalds franchises in Colchester, one in the High Street and one on Cowdry

Concessionary Changes

A reminder to all supporters:

Concessionary Prices will be changing from 1st September 1997

The new prices are as follows:-

The E.A.D.T. Stand -

£9.00 Adults, £6.00 Concessions

East Coast Cable Stand -

£9.00 Adults, £6.00 Concessions

Terraces 3 & 4 -

£7.00 Adults, £4.50 Concessions

Avenue and is a regular supporter of the U's. We thank Caz for his continued support.

Midway through last season East Coast Cable joined "the U's family" when they agreed to sponsor the newly built Clock-End Stand. As part of the package we had a completely new phone system installed which has brought new technology to Layer Road.

The partnership still has at least eighteen months to run and hopefully will continue for many years to come.

After a number of years without a sponsor, we now have a new sponsor of the Main Stand.

The 'East Anglian Daily Times' have signed a one year deal and it is hoped that this sponsorship will continue for a number of years. Scott Dolling, the Marketing Manager of the E.A.D.T recognises the partnership as a tremendous way of promoting the U's and the E.A.D.T. Look out for the special offers in the E.A.D.T throughout the season.

The Main Stand will now be known as the East Anglian Daily Times Stand (E.A.D.T Stand) and we thank the E.A.D.T for their support.

NEW DUGOUTS:

You should all have noticed by now, the brand new Dugouts in front of the E.A.D.T Stand.

The dugouts were a much needed improvement as the old brick dugouts were becoming dangerous and did not meet league standards, as a minimum of eight seats are now required.

'Colchester Window Warehouse' kindly built and sponsored the dugouts, as well as a number of other sponsorship packages and I am sure you will agree, they have really helped to smarten up the Stadium.

As a result of the larger dugouts, some season ticket holders have had to change their seats for this season and we apologise for any inconvenience we have caused.

Thanks to George Smith and the folks at Colchester Window Warehouse for sponsoring our NEW DUGOUTS and for erecting them in such a short space of time.

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES:

Don't forget to pick-up this years Sponsorship Opportunities Brochure from the Main Reception or from the Commercial Department.

If there is any package that is of interest - call us in the Commercial Department on

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We have had a couple of requests in from supporters, can you help them?

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James Morehen, aged 8 years, attends St. Andrews Priory School in Marks Tey. His hobbies include Warhammer and Football - where he plays midfield attack for Colchester Villa U9. His favourite team is Colchester United F.C. with his favourite player being Tony Adcock.

Daniel Morehen, aged 11 years, is about to attend Philip Morant School in September. His hobbies include Warhammer which he plays with his brother and Football where he plays defence for Colchester Villa U11's. His favourite team is Colchester United F.C. with his favourite player being Peter Cawley.

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COACH EDUCATION COURSE

WELCOME, from the Community team to another season. It is going to be a busy time for the

'Football in Community' officers and coaches, especially through the remainder of the summer months.

As well as the Professional League starting a new season, it is nearly time for the Youth League's and Amateur Adult League's to kick-off.

* Are you a league or club manager or a child representative?

* Is there something you could add to your teams success this year, but don't quite know what it is?

* Do you know what your club needs, but don't know how to go about it?

THEN 'FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY' CAN HELP!!

Colchester United 'Football in the Community' in conjunction with the Colchester & District Youth League present:-

Coach Education Courses for Youth League Managers and Representatives for the 1997/ 98 season.

A full list of what we have to offer is printed below and a further list will be in the Luton Coca-Cola Cup Programme.

If you have any queries, please ring 01206 - 572378.

F.A. JUNIOR TEAM MANAGERS COURSE

Colchester United 'Football in the Community' will be organising an "F.A. Junior Team Managers" course. The course is of ten hours duration split into one four hour session and three two hour sessions to be held on consecutive weeks.

VENUES AND DATES:

COURSE ONE:
Highwoods Sport and Recreation Centre
Friday 15th August - 6pm-10pm
Monday 18th August - 6pm-8pm
Friday 22nd & 29th August - 6pm-8pm.

COST: £37.50

F.A. COACHING CERTIFICATE

Colchester United 'Football in the Community' F.A.

Coaching Certificate course is designed for people who have had some experience of regular football participation at any level and wish to become more committed to coaching, particularly with players from 7 - 14 years of age.

VENUE AND DATE:

Colchester Leisure World
18th - 22nd August 1997 - 10am-4pm
26th - 29th August 1997 - 6:30pm-9:30pm

Final Training & Assessment:

Week beginning 27th October 1997 (one evening)

COST: £110

COLCHESTER UNITED 'FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY' Summer Soccer Schools BRAINTREE DISTRICT

Colchester United 'Football in the Community' scheme has been running coaching courses for children in the North East Essex area for many years. The emphasis is on quality coaching and small sided games in a safe and friendly environment.

COURSE 5:
Highwoods Rec. & Sports Centre
Brinkley Lane, Colchester
12th - 14th August
Ages 7 - 8 years
1:00pm - 3:00pm
Cost: £12.00

COURSE 6:
Highwoods Rec. & Sports Centre
Brinkley Lane, Colchester
12th - 14th August
Ages 5 - 6 years
10:00am - 12:00pm
Cost: £12.00

COURSE 7:
Highwoods Rec. & Sports Centre
Brinkley Lane, Colchester
12th - 14th August
Ages 8 - 14 years
10:00am - 3:00pm
Cost: £25.50/ £22.00 (Junior U's & Siblings)

COURSE 8:
Leisure World
Cowdry Avenue, Colchester
26th - 29th August
Ages 7 - 14 years
10:00 am - 3:00pm
Cost: £25.50/ £22.00 (Junior U's & Siblings)

SUMMER HOLIDAYS 1997 GIRLS DEVELOPMENT DAY

VENUE: Highwoods Sport & Rec. Centre,
Brinkley Lane, Colchester
DATE: Friday 22nd August 1997
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
COST: £5.00

- * The course will be staffed by qualified F.A. Coaches
- * Girls aged 7 - 16 years old are welcome
- * Coaching will take place outdoors on grass
- * Any interested players will be referred to Colchester United Ladies F.C. or to the Girls U12 and U14 teams run by us here at 'Football in the Community'

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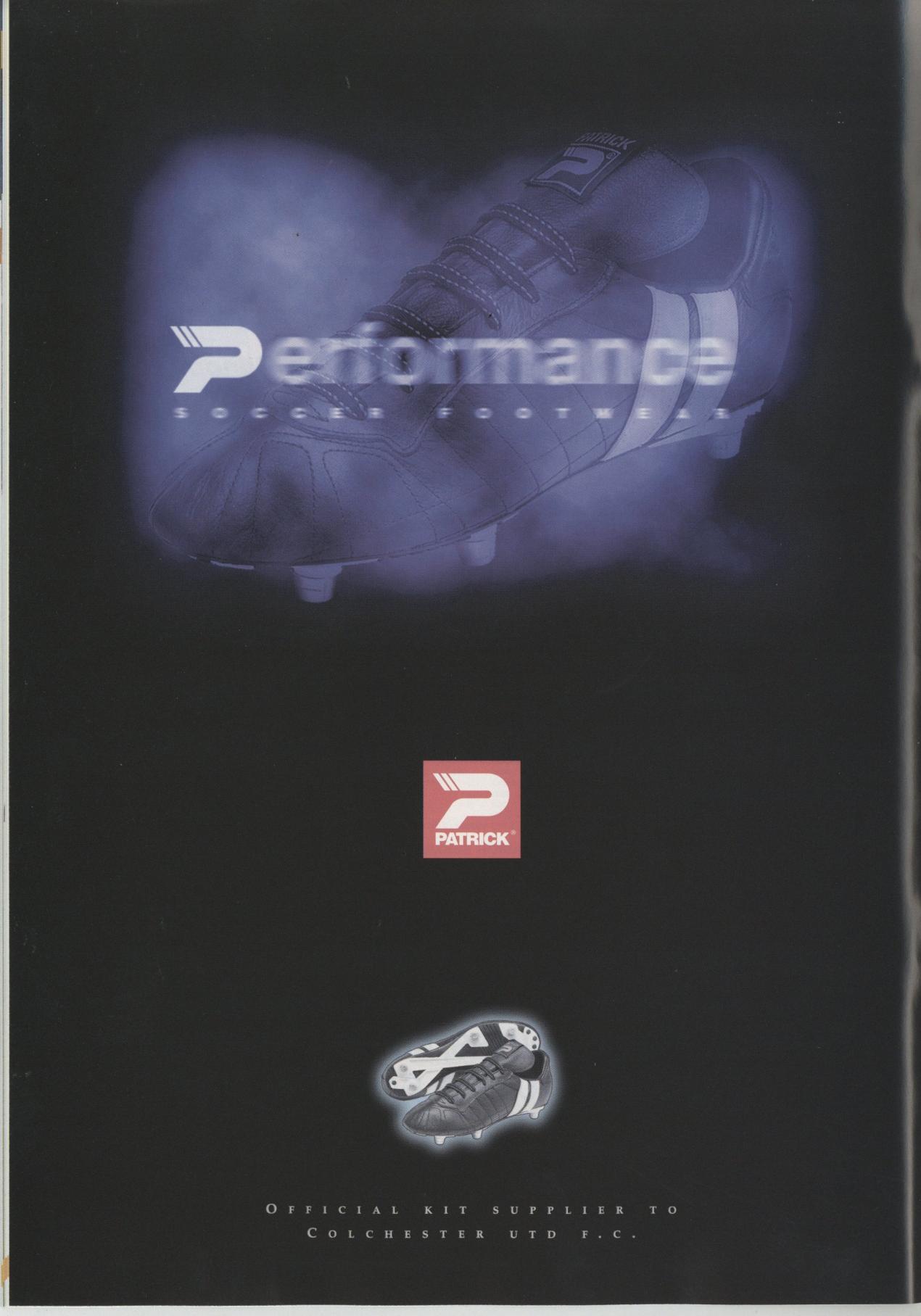
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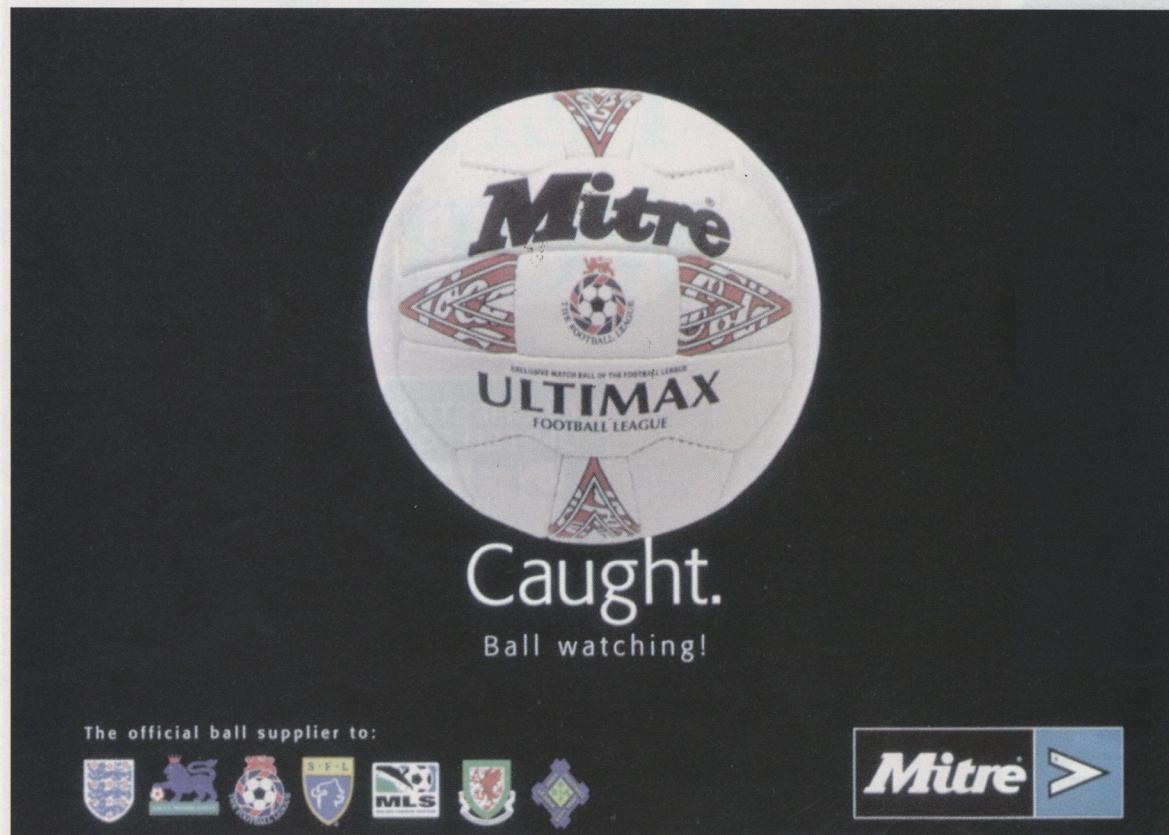
Thanks to the Government and to the Football Association, the FA Premier League and the English Sports Council, a major new funding package to secure the future of the Trust has been put in place.

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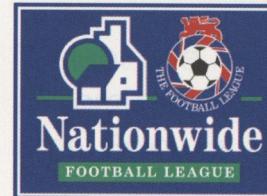


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3RD DIVISION Round Up

With Rob Hadgraft



Gazing into the Division Three crystal ball

WHO KNOWS best when it comes to predicting how a new season will turn out?

Is it the bookies, the tipsters in the media, or do you supporters prefer to trust your own judgement?

The bookies and the press pundits are certainly agreed that **Peterborough** and **Swansea** will be top dogs in Division Three this season, but the fans don't necessarily concur.

William Hill have quoted Posh and The Swans as joint 8-1 favourites for the title, and the national press agree. Both parties also agree that likely third-place contenders will be **Cardiff City**.

Cardiff, under the management team of Russell Osman and Kenny Hibbitt, have made useful looking signings in the shape of Jon Hallworth, Kevin Nugent and David Penney.

Swansea and Cardiff fans echo the experts' verdict after last season's happenings, but there's not quite so much confidence emanating from the supporters at London Road, Peterborough

A fans' spokesman reckoned demotion to the Conference isn't out of the question and at the end of the day, he'd be happy with 19th place, as long as they do the double over local rivals **Cambridge**!

Colchester have been knocking on the door for a couple of seasons and Four-Four-Two magazine certainly believes our time has come with their headline proclaiming "promotion all the way" for the U's! The bookies have us down as a serious play-off contenders and 12-1 to win the title.

Also on 12-1 is **Chester**, who just missed out last season while relegated clubs **Notts County** and **Shrewsbury** are both 11-1.

Swansea boss Jan Molby reckons the teams under new ownership, **Hull City** and **Brighton**, will be giving it a good shot this year. The bookies fancy Brighton for a play-off place (14-1), but if Molby is right then you could get marvellous value on Mark Hateley's Hull at 25-1 for the title!

Macclesfield boss Sammy McIlroy comes into the League on a tide of goodwill and optimism and will try and emulate his former Northern Ireland teammate Martin O'Neill who led Wycombe into the League with distinction.

However, the bookies are cautious, placing Macclesfield around halfway in the table and quoting 14-1. Fans' spokesman Thomas Runcie says they expect to finish in the play-offs or higher, however.

Hartlepool, as ever, and **Exeter City**, are tipped to be vying for the dreaded bottom place. William Hill's offer odds of 50-1 against either of them winning the title next May.

"As usual we'll go into the season with the normal mixture of apprehension and groundless blind faith optimism," commented a spokesman for Hartlepool supporters.

Asked about his team's chances, a **Torquay** fan predicted his team would finish 23rd, but the fact that Exeter would finish 24th would mean the season had been a triumph!

Rob Hadgraft



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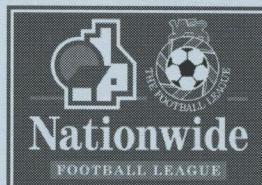
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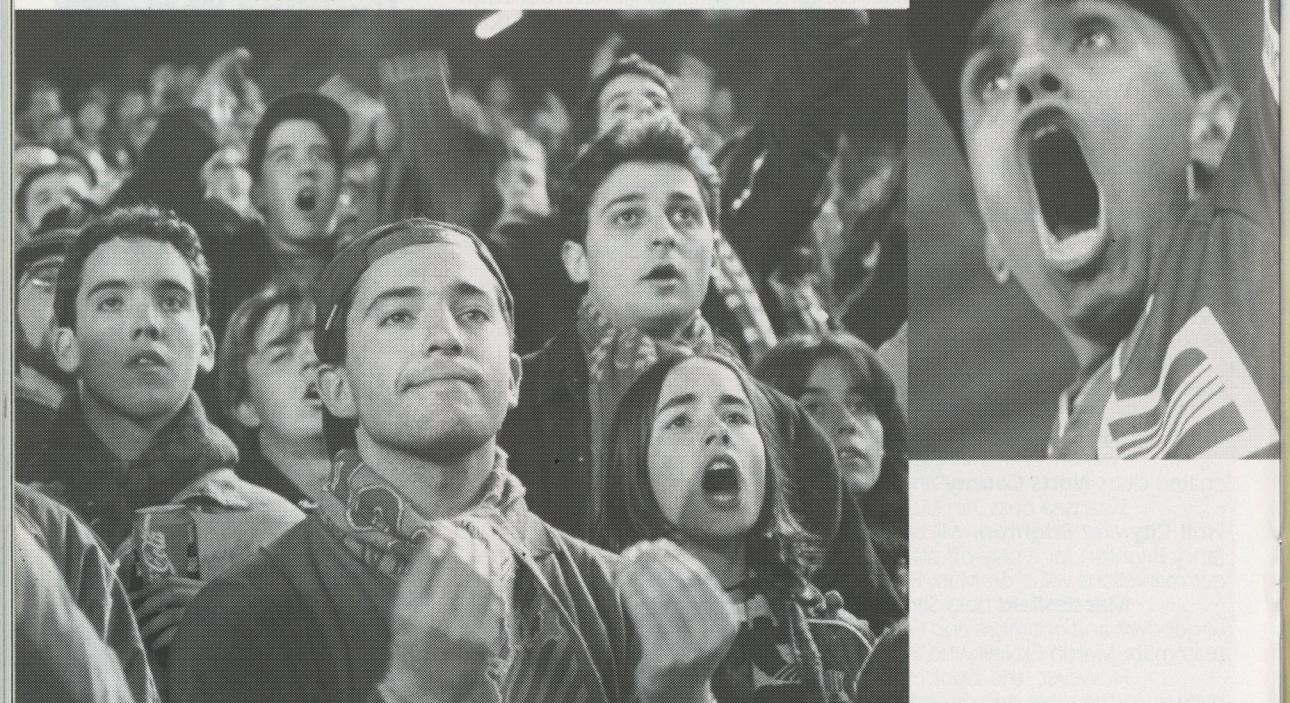
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Tonight we welcome, for your entertainment, the Colchester Cascade Majorettes who are performing their routine before the match and at half-time. Below is a history of the Majorettes for your information.

COLCHESTER CASCADE MAJORETTES

The Colchester Cascades were founded in 1987 and currently has 24 members aged between 6 - 16, the Drum Major this year having been with the troupe since the beginning.

The group has a repertoire of 8 routines, 3 junior, 3 senior and 2 complete squad. We are enjoying a very successful season, winning 18 trophies so far this year and over the years have won hundreds. We travel to take part in competitions, as far as Peterborough, Newmarket and London and also closer to home at Ipswich and of course Colchester. We have just held our 7th Annual Competition which 13 troupes attended and everyone involved in the day had a wonderful time. Every year we participate in the Colchester and Cromer Carnival's and perform at Langham Bonfire Night. Colchester Cascades also appeared on the Michael Barrymore - "My Kind of People Show" - which was a wonderful experience for everyone involved with the troupe.

Anyone wishing to know more about the troupe can contact Carolyn on Colchester 502927 or Mandy on Colchester 765113. Colchester Cascades would like to wish Colchester United the best of luck for the coming season.

Will you please make sure you give your appreciation for the Colchester Cascades and we thank them for their entertainment this evening.

FOR THE LATEST INFO CALL 0891 73 73 00

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Date	Opponents/Venue	F-A	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Aug 09	Darlington	H 2-1	2,958	Emberson	Gregory	Stamps	Skelton	Greene	Cawley	Wilkins	Buckle1P	Sale	Abrahams 1	Hathaway	Adcock(9)	Lock	Forbes(4)
Aug 12	Luton Town (Coca Cola 1/1) H																
Aug 16	Hartlepool Utd	A															
Aug 22	Barnet	H															
Aug 26	Luton Town (Coca Cola 1/2) A																
Aug 30	Torquay United	A															
Sep 02	Cambridge United	A															
Sep 06	Brighton & Hove Albion	H															
Sep 12	Scarborough	H															
Sep 17	Coca Cola 2 (1st Leg)																
Sep 20	Swansea City	A															
Sep 24	Coca Cola 2 (2nd Leg)																
Sep 27	Exeter City	H															
Oct 04	Mansfield Town	A															
Oct 11	Peterborough United	A															
Oct 15	Coca Cola 3																
Oct 18	Shrewsbury Town	H															
Oct 21	Doncaster Rovers	H															
Oct 25	Leyton Orient	A															
Oct 31	Scunthorpe United	H															
Nov 04	Macclesfield Town	A															
Nov 08	Rochdale	A															
Nov 15	F.A. Cup 1																
Nov 18	Notts County	H															
Nov 22	Lincoln City	H															
Nov 29	Rotherham United	A															
Dec 02	Cardiff City	H															
Dec 06	F.A.Cup 2																
Dec 10	A.W.Screen (1)																
Dec 13	Hull City	A															
Dec 19	Chester City	H															
Dec 26	Brighton & Hove Albion	A															
Dec 27	Cambridge United	H															
Jan 03	Hartlepool Utd (FA 3)	H															
Jan 07	A.W.S.2																
Jan 10	Darlington	A															
Jan 16	Torquay United	H															
Jan 24	Barnet (FA 4)	A															
Jan 31	Scarborough	A															
Feb 06	Swansea City	H															
Feb 13	Mansfield Town (FA 5)	H															
Feb 21	Exeter City	A															
Feb 24	Shrewsbury Town	A															
Feb 27	Peterborough United	H															
Mar 03	Rochdale	H															
Mar 07	Scunthorpe Utd (FA 6)	A															
Mar 14	Macclesfield Town	H															
Mar 21	Notts County	A															
Mar 28	Lincoln City	A															
Mar 29	Coca Cola Final																
Apr 03	Rotherham Utd (FA S/F)	H															
Apr 11	Cardiff City	A															
Apr 13	Hull City	H															
Apr 18	Chester City	A															
Apr 25	Leyton Orient	H															
May 02	Doncaster Rovers	A															
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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

From Season 1996/97

	PI	W	D	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan Athletic	46	17	3	3	53	21	9	6	31	30	87
Fulham	46	13	5	5	41	20	12	7	4	31	87
Carlisle United	46	16	3	4	41	21	8	9	26	23	84
Northampton Town	46	14	4	5	43	17	6	8	24	27	72
Swansea City	46	13	5	5	37	20	8	3	12	25	71
Chester City	46	11	8	4	30	16	7	8	25	27	70
Cardiff City	46	11	4	6	30	23	9	5	9	26	68
COLCHESTER UNITED	46	11	9	3	36	23	6	8	9	26	68
Lincoln City	46	10	8	5	35	25	8	4	11	35	65
Cambridge United	46	11	5	7	30	27	7	6	10	23	65
Mansfield Town	46	9	8	6	21	17	7	8	8	26	64
Scarborough	46	9	9	6	36	31	7	6	10	29	63
Scunthorpe United	46	11	3	9	36	33	7	6	10	23	63
Rochdale	46	10	6	7	34	24	4	10	9	24	58
Barnet	46	9	9	5	32	23	5	7	11	14	58
Leyton Orient	46	11	6	6	28	20	4	6	13	22	57
Hull City	46	9	8	6	29	26	4	10	9	15	57
Darlington	46	11	5	7	37	28	3	5	15	27	52
Doncaster Rovers	46	9	7	7	29	23	5	3	15	23	52
Hartlepool United	46	8	6	9	33	32	6	3	14	20	51
Torquay United	46	9	4	10	24	24	4	7	12	22	50
Exeter City	46	6	9	8	25	30	6	3	14	23	48
Brighton & Hove Alb.	46	12	6	5	41	27	1	4	18	12	47
Hereford United	46	6	8	9	26	25	5	6	12	24	40

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This season may well produce opportunities to visit new grounds including Luton, Rotherham, Nott County and perhaps Macclesfield Town. It's appropriate, therefore, to mention that we expect to run coaches to all first team away fixtures as in recent seasons. Once again Hedingham Omnibuses will be providing us with coaches and for Association members fares

will be similar to last season and we are hoping to keep the maximum adult fare to £15 the fourth season running, subject to sufficient numbers travelling. There will be an increase for non-members. To make bookings see Keith Brandom in the Hut under the main stand on match-days or telephone the Football Club during normal office hours.

During the summer months our hard working secretary Mary Wightman has been busy obtaining shares in the Football Club which have previously been held by individual supporters who no longer need them. We have been supported in this work by the Football Club, particularly Director Mr Powell whose assistance has been invaluable.



The details of the initial away fixtures are as follows:-

Saturday 16th August - Hartlepool United - Coach departs Layer Road at 7:00 am. Adult members £15 Junior/ OAP members £12 Adult non-members £19 Juniors/ OAP non-members £15

Tuesday 26th August - Luton Town - Coach departs Layer Road at 4:30 pm. **ALL TICKET** Adult members £7 Junior/ OAP members £5 Adult non-members £10 Juniors/ OAP non-members £7

Saturday 30th August - Torquay United - Coach departs Layer Road at 7:00 am. Adult members £15 Junior/ OAP members £12 Adult non-members £19 Juniors/ OAP non-members £15

Tuesday 2nd September - Cambridge United - Coach departs Layer Road at 4:30 pm. Adult members £7 Junior/ OAP members £5 Adult non-members £10 Juniors/ OAP non-members £7

A reminder about the exhibition entitled "Looking at the U's" which is well worth a visit. The event runs until 27th September and is being held at The Minories, 74 High Street. Admission to The Minories is free and they have a delightful cafe and garden beside the bus park so call in next time you are in town.

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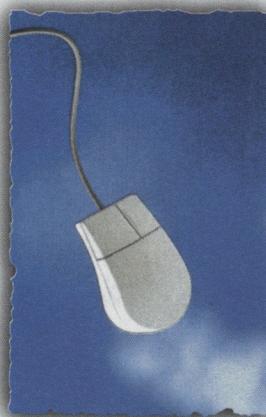
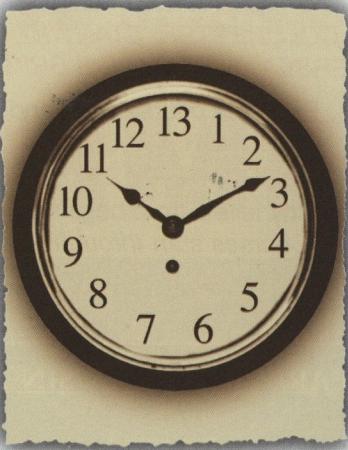


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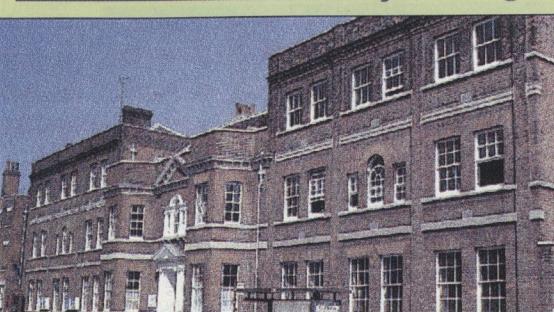
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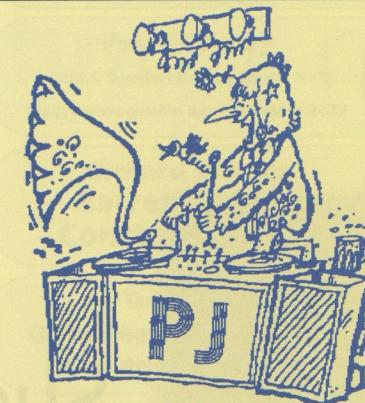
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He played for both....

This Cambridgeshire-born goalkeeper joined Colchester from Ipswich in the 1980s and established himself after the retirement of Mike Walker. He left to join Everton but couldn't displace Neville Southall, so moved to Luton and won a regular place after manager Ray Harford dropped Les Sealey. Sealey had angered former Colchester man Harford by recklessly bringing down Nigel Clough in a Wembley League Cup final. On leaving Luton, this keeper joined Sunderland and then Watford. Can you name him?

Were you there?

Ten years ago Colchester went to Craven Cottage for the first round of the League Cup, hot on the heels of a spectacular opening day victory of 3-0 at Burnley. Despite a goal by Winston White, the Cottagers overcame the U's 3-1.

Q1: Who was making his debut in goal that day and was never to play again?
Q2: Who replaced him in goal when he went off injured?
Q3: Which current U's player was in the No.11 shirt that night?

Who said that?

"The young man Paul Ince is a disgrace. I'd have cut him in half had I played against him. . . ."

Who said that?
(Your clue: These were the words of a famous manager, now retired).

Strange But True

A player remembered fondly by both Colchester and Luton fans is winger Ian Allinson. He made his name as a youngster here at Layer Road and, when he joined Arsenal, the U's expected to receive a big fee for him. However, a technicality involving his contract meant the club was forced to release their star forward for absolutely nothing! He went on to star in the Arsenal line-up and later had a successful spell at Kenilworth Road during Luton's plastic pitch days.

* Answers to today's questions will appear in the Barnet programme on August 22.

* Answers to last Saturday's (v Darlington): He played for both: **EDDIE ROWLES**; Name the Year: 1987; Name the Visitor: **ANDY CROSBY**; Goalie's Gallery: **CRAIG FORREST**; Were you There?: 1 Our first game back in the League, 2 Paul Abrahams, 3 Martin Granger. Who Said That?: **STEVE BRUCE**.

Do you remember when?

Name the year This particular season ended in May in disappointment as the U's missed out on promotion, finishing sixth, albeit 24 points behind top dogs Sheffield United. Colchester had rattled in 82 goals with Ian Allinson, Kevin Bremner and Roy McDonough the chief marksmen. Tonight's opponents Luton Town romped away with the old Second Division championship. Led by David Pleat, they finished well clear of runners-up and FA Cup and in the South Atlantic the Falklands War broke out.

What year was it?

Name the visitor

This former QPR and England Under-23 midfielder has also appeared in the colours of Charleroi (Belgium), Millwall, Swindon and Bristol Rovers. Flame-haired and tigerish in the tackle, he joined Luton three years ago and is now their skipper. He's in his thirties and is an influential and experienced campaigner in the Hatters' engine-room. Can you name him?

Goalie's gallery

As a junior on Luton's books he never got a first team chance, but quickly made his bow when Colchester snapped him up in 1987 after losing the services of Graham Benstead. After a couple of years at Layer Road he joined up with Mike Walker at Norwich before going non-League in Norfolk. Last season he joined Fulham and became a first team regular. Can you name him?

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Youth Team boss Micky Cook has openly expressed his commitment to introduce School Boys to the Youth Team.

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NEW CLUB SPONSORS:

As most of you will be aware, there have been a lot of changes here at Layer Road since that final home game of the season against Northampton Town.

That first task of the summer was to find a new club sponsor as Goldstar Fabrications, last seasons main sponsor, had decided not to renew their contract. Although Goldstar declined the offer of continuing as the Main Club Sponsor, they did express a desire to maintain their relationship with the U's through various forms of advertising and will be regular visitors to our Sponsors Lounge throughout the season.

Everyone here at C.U.F.C would like to thank Goldstar Fabrications for their support last season and for their continued support during this campaign. A special thanks must go to their Managing Director Alan Goldthorpe whose enthusiasm for the club has been tremendous.

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As you will recall, last season we held a sponsorship draw to decide who would become the Main Club Sponsor. The main reason for this was due to the shortage of time available to find a new sponsor. The good news is that, this season, time was on our hands as 'Goldstar', to their credit, had advised us of their decision really early.

David Barrett, The Managing Director of Ashby's Tea & Coffee, mentioned during a brief discussion that he might be interested in sponsoring the 'away' kit which left the door open for us to find a sponsor for the 'home' kit.

As luck would have it, the match sponsors for the final game of the season were Guardian Direct. Steve Evans the PR and Sponsorship Executive of Guardian Direct, also indicated that, if the price and package were right, they could be interested in sponsoring the 'home' kit.

Following lengthy discussions with both parties, this 'unique' deal was concluded and finally announced to the public, via massive media coverage, on Monday 2nd June.

NEW KIT SPONSOR:

In addition to finding new main club sponsors, we also had the job of finding a new 'kit sponsor' as last years sponsor Vandanel had chosen to move its operation into a different market.

There were a number of options open to us, however, Patrick (U.K) Ltd's offer was by far the most beneficial to C.U.F.C and included a cash injection.

Patrick (U.K) Ltd's Managing Director Mike Campion signed a three-year deal with the club which is tremendous news as it shows that we are at least moving forward in a professional manner.

May we take this opportunity to welcome; Guardian Direct, Ashby's Tea & Coffee and Patrick (U.K) Ltd to Colchester United and we hope that the partnership proves to be long and successful.

ABC of The U's DIAMOND JUBILEE

Leigh Edwards continues his historical look back at 60 years of Colchester United.

PERCY AMES:

Popular, long-serving goalkeeper Percy Ames was ever-present five times for Colchester United including the 1961/62 promotion campaign. Initially with Bedford Avenue, he joined Spurs in May 1951, but failed to secure a first-team slot behind Ted Ditchburn and Ron Reynolds. He was an early Benny Fenton signing in May 1955 and made his league debut at Exeter City three months later, helping to take Arsenal to an FA Cup fourth round replay in 1958/59. Colchester's first 'Player of the Year', he made 397 league appearances (including 204 consecutive games) before joining Romford on a free transfer in July 1965. He subsequently coached Kempston Rovers, working as a motor mechanic in Bedford.

APPEARANCES:

Current Youth Team Manager Micky Cook holds the club record for the most appearances, playing in 613 league games for Colchester United and a further 48 FA Cup and 37 League Cup ties between

October 1969 and April 1984. Norwich City manager Mike Walker made a club record 271 consecutive league appearances for the U's between February 1977 and January 1983. Apart from Cook, other players who have made over 200 league appearances for Colchester United since 1950 are:

Mike Walker (451), Steve Leslie (433), Peter Wright (427), John Fowler (415), Percy Ames (397), Tony English (352), Ian Allinson (346), Mick Packer (344), Brian Hall (328), Tony Adcock (289), Steve Foley (283), Steve Wignall (281), Duncan Forbes (270), Reg Stewart (256), Mike Grice (247), Bobby Hill (238), John Harrison (237), Martyn King (212), Lindsay Smith (212), and Roger Osborne.

LEN ASTILL:

Out-side left Len Astill was an influential figure in Colchester United's 1938/39 Southern League title success. He began with Wolves after starring as Wolverhampton Boys reached the English Schools Shield final in 1931 and gained top-flight experience as a 'Buckley Babe'. Sold to Blackburn Rovers for

£3,000 in January 1936, he joined Southern League Champions Ipswich Town in June 1937 and Ted Davis snapped him up on a free transfer in May 1938. He created numerous goalscoring chances for Alec Cheyne and Arthur Pritchard, netting 12 goals in 27 Southern League games before the war. Subsequently an on-course bookmaker, then a Telford newsagent and Walsall market-trader for 30 years, he remained in the West Midlands until his death in March 1990.

IAN ATKINS:

Experienced left-back Ian Atkins was a player-coach as Colchester United narrowly failed to regain football league status at the first attempt in 1990/91. An ex-Shrewsbury Town apprentice, he signed professional in January 1975 and starred in their 1978/79 Third Division title success and FA Cup run. Reunited with Alan Durban at Sunderland in August 1982, he moved to Everton for £60,000 in November 1984 and featured in the 1984/85 League championship triumph.

He joined Ipswich Town for £100,000 in October 1985, then Birmingham City for £50,000 in April 1988 and Colchester in July 1990. Netting seven goals in 41 Conference outings, he rejoined Birmingham as player-coach in July 1991, then played for Cambridge United, Sunderland again and Doncaster Rovers (P/M). Appointed to Northampton Town's manager in January 1995, he plotted promotion success last season.

ATTENDANCES:

The record attendance at Layer Road is 19,072 for the FA Cup first round visit of Reading in November 1948. The biggest football league attendance at Layer Road is 18,559 for the Third Division (South) visit of Ipswich Town in February 1957 and Colchester had a record 10,573 average home attendance in 1950/51. A 13,031 crowd saw the League Cup third round tie against Manchester United in November 1983, while 5,443 saw the FA Trophy semi-final first-leg visit of Macclesfield Town in April 1992. The largest GM Conference League crowd was 7,193 for Barrow's visit in May 1992. In contrast, the lowest attendance for a Football League game at Layer Road is 1,164 for Peterborough United's Fourth Division visit in September 1987.

AUTO SHIELD:

Colchester United defeated Cambridge United, Millwall, Brentford, Northampton Town and Peterborough United en route to last season's Auto Windscreens Shield final. The following team faced Third Division rivals Carlisle United in front of 45,077 at Wembley on 20th April 1997: Carl Emberson, Joe Dunne, Paul Gibbs, (Chris Fry), David Gregory, (Adam Locke), David Greene, Peter Cawley, Richard Wilkins, Mark Sale, Steve Whitton, Tony Adcock, Paul Abrahams, Karl Duguid. Goalless after extra-time, Colchester banged in their first three penalties through Richard Wilkins, Tony

WINDSCREENS

Adcock and David Greene, before Karl Duguid and skipper Peter Cawley both missed their spot-kicks. Strikes by Paul Conway, Dean Walling, Warren Aspinall and captain Steve Hayward gave Carlisle a 4-3 victory on penalties.



Percy Ames

STEVE BALL:

Local-born midfielder Steve Ball was a popular figure during two spells at Layer Road. A former Arsenal trainee, he signed professional in November 1987 but failed to secure a first-team slot at Highbury and joined Colchester United on a non-contract basis in December 1989. He made his league debut as a substitute at home to Hartlepool United on New Year's Day 1990 and moved to Norwich City nine months later where he gained top-flight experience. Roy McDonough resigned him in September 1992 and he scored 7 goals in 64 league games overall prior to joining Sudbury Town in March 1996. He featured in their FA Cup and Southern League Cup runs last season and remains an influential member of Sudbury's squad.

BERT BARLOW:

Veteran inside-forward Bert Barlow partnered Kevin McCurley in Colchester United's attack. Initially with Silverwood Colliery, he joined Barnsley in July 1935 and moved via Wolves to Portsmouth in February 1939. He

scored in their FA Cup final triumph three months later, also featuring in two successive League Championship campaigns prior to joining Leicester City in December 1949. Jimmy Allen paid £1,000 for him in July 1952 and he netted 16 goals in 60 Third Division (South) games before joining Long Melford again as player-manager in July 1954. Subsequently manager/coach of Crittalls Athletic, Long Melford again, Barn Hall and Colchester Athletic, he still lives locally and was a grocer, then motor mechanic/ driver until retiring in October 1979. His son Peter briefly played for the U's in the late 1960's and his great grandson Craig Springett is now a junior at Layer Road.

DAVE BARNETT:

Versatile defender Dave Barnett featured in Colchester United's 1988/89 FA Cup run and helped to preserve Football League status at Darlington's expense. An ex-Wolves apprentice, he had spells with Alvechurch and Windsor & Eton before Roger Brown signed him in August 1988 and made 20 Fourth Division appearances prior to joining Canadian side Edmonton in April 1989. Briefly at West Brom and Walsall, he moved to Kidderminster Harriers in October 1990 and played in the 1991 FA Trophy final. He joined Barry Fry to Birmingham City for £150,000 in February 1994. Featuring prominently in the 1994/95 Second Division title and Auto Windscreens Shield 'double' success, he moved to Dunfermline Athletic last month.

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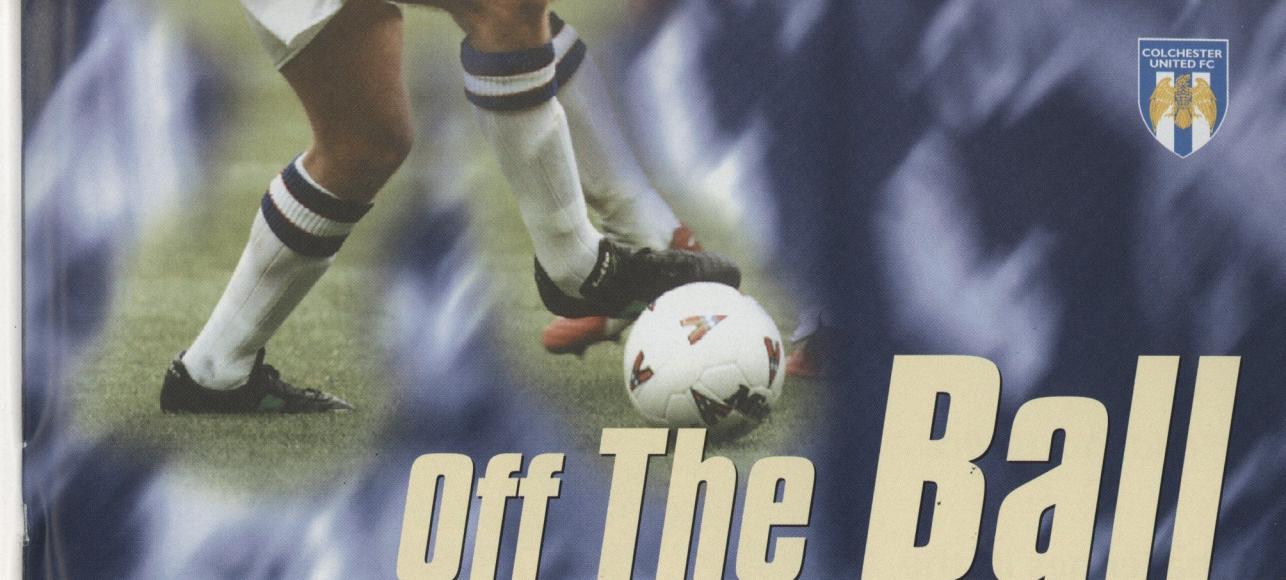
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There's even been the odd change or two to the rules. For example, in the Coca Cola Cup the first two rounds and the semi-finals will remain two-legged, but at all other stages the result must be decided on the day, with extra-time and penalties if necessary. There will be no replays.

Premiership clubs taking part in European competition have been given a bye into the third round of the Coca Cola, with all others entering in Round Two as usual.

UEFA has also ruled that any League whose teams play more than 34 games per season (e.g. the English) will be punished from next

season by not having their secondary cup winner (i.e. Coca Cola) allowed into the UEFA Cup. The League believes this is grossly unfair and has lodged an official complaint.

This month a series of meetings is planned to decide the future structure of our League. A proposal on the table is that the Third Division should merge with the Vauxhall Conference to form a new Division Three North and South.

In favour of this regionalisation was Torquay chairman Mike Bateson, who said: "We are perpetually in financial trouble and anything that can ease the burden has to be considered. We played in front of 1,800 at Hartlepool last season and the trip cost us £1,800 because we had to stay over."

Chester City chairman David Guterman, however, was not in favour, as the change would devalue the status of current league clubs.

Other rumours have circulated that certain clubs are considering resigning from the League to form the so-called Phoenix League.

The clubs mentioned in connection with this are those outside the Premiership who have the biggest grounds and the most money - and

not necessarily the best teams.

The Phoenix League would have promotion to the Premiership, meaning clubs such as tonight's opposition Colchester and Luton would have no way of climbing into the top division, however well they did on the field.

This sort of elitism sticks in the craw of many fans and supporters of tonight's opponents Luton will know exactly what I mean. Their club is not on the list of potential Phoenix League sides despite having been in the top division between 1982 and 1992, winning two trophies in that time and reaching Wembley five times in seven years.

Their local rivals Watford, on the other hand ARE on the Phoenix list, despite finishing halfway down the Second Division last year and not winning anything apart from the Fourth Division title 20 seasons ago!

Another side not on the projected Phoenix line-up is Stoke City, who have just moved into a fine new stadium at Trentham Lakes.

Interesting to note that Ipswich Town was on the list, despite the fact that their chairman is also chairman of the Football League!

Rob Hadgraft



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Peter Cawley

challenges in the air against the Seasiders



Paul Abrahams

Takes on the Southend Defence



Mark Sale
celebrates after
winning a penalty
for the U's



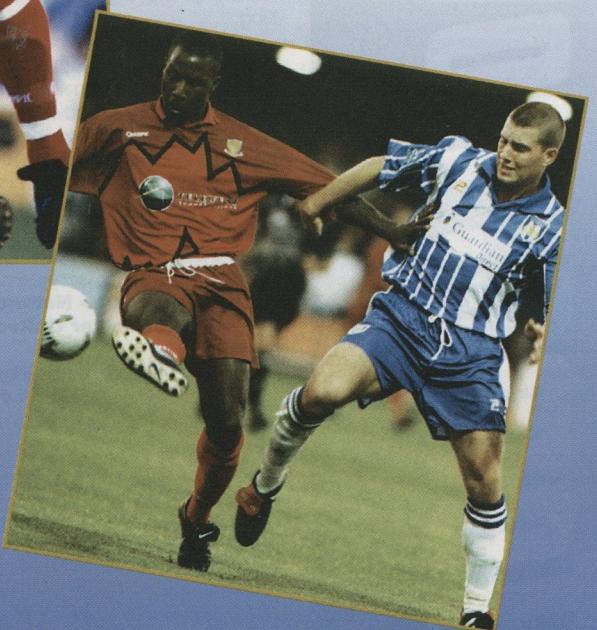
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Being a Norwich lad myself, I went into the game really wanting to put one over on them. The rest of the squad were in exactly the same mood, wanting to beat our Division One - East Anglian rivals. The whole squad were up for the game knowing full well that it would be a tough test for all of our hard work that had been put in through Pre-season training.

The game itself started well for the U's passing and moving the ball around on a near perfect pitch. Norwich were having to work extremely hard to even get near our crisp passes. Saying this however, Norwich definitely had the better chances and came very close to opening the score, when the ball was played over the U's back four and the Norwich striker was through. Luckily for us he pulled his shot just wide of the far post. We were nearly caught again by an identical move which luckily ended with the same result, due to a finger tip save by keeper Aaron King.

The game went on with Colchester controlling everything and finally after a lot of hard-work the well deserved breakthrough came. The ball was played into the box for Meyrick Cook, who controlled the ball with his mid-drift swivelled and struck a good volley past the Norwich keeper who only managed to get his fingertips to the well struck shot. The game then petered out until half time.

**Half time score - Norwich City 0 -
Colchester United 1**

There were a couple of changes at half time with Joel Rogers coming on in place of the injured scorer Meyrick Cook and myself (John Watkins) replacing Aaron King. This was my first appearance for the U's and hopefully will be the first of many.

There were obviously some harsh words exchanged in the Norwich City dressing room at half time and the Norwich lads came out and began to boss things a bit. Norwich were

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES SEASON 97/98

(All kick-offs 11:00 am, unless stated)

Sat. 9th Aug	Tottenham Hotspur	A
Sat 16th Aug	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	H
Sat 23rd Aug	Bristol Rovers (kick-off 12:00 noon)	A
Sat 30th Aug	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H
Sat 6th Sept	Wimbledon	A
Sat 13th Sept	CHARLTON ATHLETIC (Leg. Cup 1st Round)	H
Sat 20th Sept	SWINDON TOWN	H
Sat 27th Sept	Oxford United	A
Sat 4th Oct	BARNET	H
Sat 11th Oct	Brighton & Hove Albion	A
Sat 18th Oct	League Cup 2nd Round	
Sat 25th Oct	BRISTOL CITY	H
Sat 1st Nov	Brentford	A
Sat 8th Nov	SOUTHAMPTON	H
Sat 15th Nov	Luton Town	A
Sat 22nd Nov	League Cup 3rd Round	
Sat 29th Nov	READING	H
Sat 6th Dec	T.B.A	
Sat 13th Dec	T.B.A	
Sat 20th Dec	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H
Sat 3rd Jan	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A
Sat 10th Jan	BRISTOL ROVERS (12:00 noon kick-off)	H
Sat 17th Jan	Wycombe Wanderers	A
Sat 24th Jan	WIMBLETON	H
Sat 31st Jan	Swindon Town	A
Sat 7th Feb	OXFORD UNITED	H
Sat 14th Feb	Barnet	A
Sat 21st Feb	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H
Sat 28th Feb	Bristol City	A
Sat 7th Mar	BRENTFORD	H
Sat 14th Mar	Southampton	A
Sat 21st Mar	LUTON TOWN	H
Sat 28th Mar	Reading	A

*FA. Youth Cup still to be advised

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13th Aug	BRENTFORD	H	2pm K/O
20th Aug	Barnet	A	2PM K/O
27th Aug	CAMBRIDGE UTD	H	2PM K/O
17th Sept	STEVENAGE BORO	H	
24th Sept	Fulham	A	
8th Oct	PETERBOROUGH UTD	H	
13th Oct	Stevenage Borough	A	
22nd Oct	BARNET	H	
5th Nov	RUSHDEN & DMDS	H	
12th Nov	GILLINGHAM	H	
21st Nov	Brentford	A	
26th Nov	Peterborough United	A	
10th Dec	WYCOMBE WDS	H	
15th Dec	Welling United	A	

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7th Jan	READING	H
12th Jan	Reading	A
19th Jan	Rushden & Dmds	A
28th Jan	Leyton Orient	A
4th Feb	Gillingham	A
11th Feb	Wycombe Wds	A
18th Feb	FULHAM	H
25th Feb	Cambridge United	A
11th Mar	NORTHAMPTON	H
1st April	LEYTON ORIENT	H
15th April	WELLING UNITED	H
20th April	Northampton Town	A

OPTIMUM INTERIORS CAPITAL LEAGUE

SEASON 1996/97

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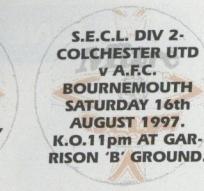
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PETERBOROUGH UNITED	25	19	2	4	69	18	+51	59
BRENTFORD	25	16	6	3	57	23	+34	54
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	25	17	3	5	56	28	+28	54
RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	25	12	7	6	45	36	+9	43
CAMBRIDGE UNITED	25	12	6	7	49	47	+2	42
GILLINGHAM	25	12	5	8	53	34	+19	41
COLCHESTER UNITED	25	12	5	8	46	34	+12	41
SOUTHEND UNITED	25	12	4	9	55	41	+14	40
NORTHAMPTON TOWN	25	12	3	10	40	31	+9	39
FULHAM	25	10	6	9	47	32	+15	36
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BARNET	25	8	4	13	36	52	-16	28
WELLING UNITED	25	6	5	14	23	44	-21	23
LEYTON ORIENT	25	5	6	14	36	55	-19	21
CRAWLEY TOWN	25	6	2	17	28	61	-33	20
WOKING	25	6	2	17	33	75	-42	20
SUTTON UNITED	25	2	3	20	20	74	-54	9

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE & SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE - SEASON 1996/97

DIVISION TWO:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
LUTON TOWN	30	22	5	3	70	30	49	+40
CRYSTAL PALACE	30	19	7	4	69	27	45	+42
SOUTHAMPTON	30	20	2	8	59	25	42	+34
OXFORD UNITED	30	14	11	5	54	37	39	+17
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	30	12	9	9	48	33	33	+15
COLCHESTER UNITED	30	12	8	10	51	40	32	+11
SWINDON TOWN	30	12	8	10	54	46	32	+8
WIMBLEDON	30	11	8	11	40	27	30	+13
BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	30	12	6	12	41	51	30	-10
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	30	11	7	12	32	33	29	-1
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	30	10	7	13	44	59	27	-15
BRISTOL CITY	30	9	7	14	46	63	25	-17
BRISTOL ROVERS	30	9	5	16	44	56	23	-12
BRENTFORD	30	5	7	18	37	65	17	-28
READING	30	7	3	20	35	86	17	-51
BARNET	30	2	6	22	27	73	10	-46



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piling on the pressure now, but they still weren't creating any chances until midway through the second half, when a diagonal ball was played to the edge of the box and then it was played into the box thus putting Norwich in on goal. However, U's goalkeeper John Watkins was quick off his line and smothered the shot well. The next chance was created for the U's when a long diagonal ball was played by Simon Terry to find the run of Ernie Cooksey on the left, with the ball running away from him, Ernie fired in a shot which fell just inches wide of the near post.

Norwich finally got an equaliser with about 10 minutes remaining in the game. A long ball was played into the corner, the Norwich winger got there first and turned his defender to deliver a good cross to his striking mate to head home from six yards. The game seemed to end very quickly after this and The U's were very unlucky to go away with just a draw.

All in all a very good all round performance from Colchester United which probably should have brought a win with it.

JOHN WATKINS



EASTERN JUNIOR CUP FINAL 1996/97

COLCHESTER UNITED YOUTH 0 - 3 IPSWICH TOWN

Layer Road saw Colchester's and Ipswich's Youth Teams, from the 1996/97 season in the South Eastern Junior Floodlit Cup Final, battle for honours.

The match began at a very frantic rate with both sides eager to prove they could win. After such a good 1996/97 season both sides felt capable of taking this cup. However, Ipswich began keeping possession more successfully than Colchester Youths, hence leading to Ipswich's first goal which hit the back of the net in the 44th minute of the match.

A few of Colchester's lads felt they were helping Ipswich to look good and this thought dampened their play on various occasions throughout the game.

The half-time talk in the changing rooms was less than complimentary, but Mick encouraged us and built our spirits up a small amount.

The second half saw Ipswich build on their 1-0 lead with a further two goals being put away. Colchester rarely looked like scoring at all, they were playing poorly compared to their usual standard and you could see from their faces they knew they could and had played better.

The game finished 3-0 to Ipswich Town which unfortunately for The U's wasn't the result the Youth Team were looking for to cap off an enjoyable and successful season.

SIMON TERRY



COLCHESTER UNITED

BLUE & WHITE STRIPED SHIRTS

BLUE SHORTS, MANAGER: STEVE WIGNALL

THE LINE UPS...

- 1 CARL EMBERSON
- 2 AARON SKELTON
- 3 DAVID GREGORY
- 4 PAUL BUCKLE
- 5 DAVID GREENE
- 6 PETER CAWLEY
- 7 IAN HATHAWAY
- 8 RICHARD WILKINS
- 9 MARK SALE
- 10 STEPHEN FORBES
- 11 PAUL ABRAHAMS
- 12 KARL DUGUID
- 13 TONY ADCOCK
- 14 SCOTT STAMPS

LUTON TOWN

ORANGE & BLACK STRIPED SHIRTS

BLACK SHORTS, MANAGER: LENNIE LAWRENCE

- 1 IAN FEUER
- 2 GAVIN MCGOWAN
- 3 MITCHELL THOMAS
- 4 GARY WADDOCK
- 5 STEVE DAVIS
- 6 MARVIN JOHNSON
- 7 GRAHAM ALEXANDER
- 8 PAUL McLAREN
- 9 DAVID OLDFIELD
- 10 TONY THORPE
- 11 SIMON DAVIES
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- 13 STUART DOUGLAS
- 14 SEAN EVER

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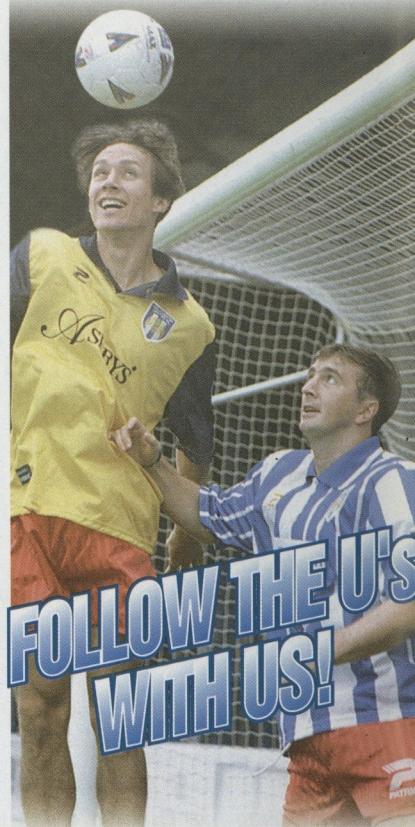
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