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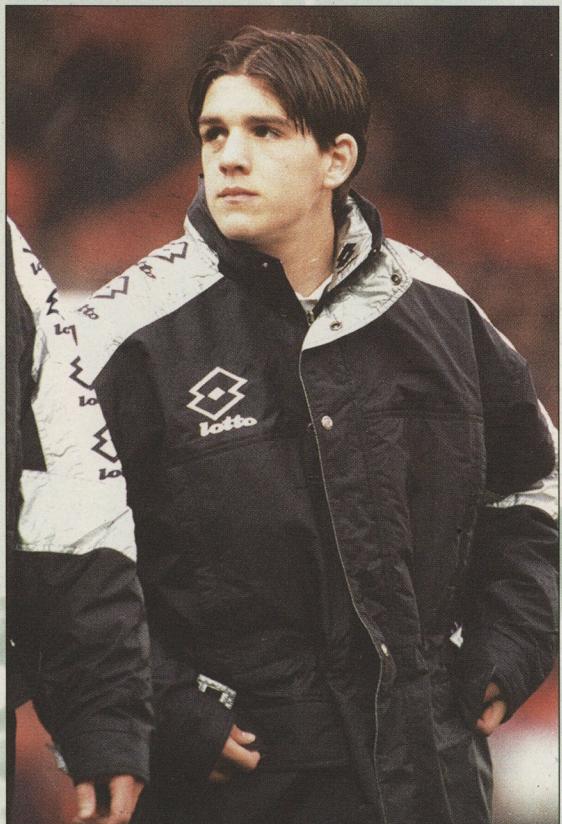
Tommy Doherty is the latest City youngster to press claims for a place in John Ward's first-team.

The young midfielder, who made his senior debut as a substitute in last season's FA Cup second round tie with St Albans, was back on the bench for the Coca-Cola Cup tie against Leeds United at Elland Road.

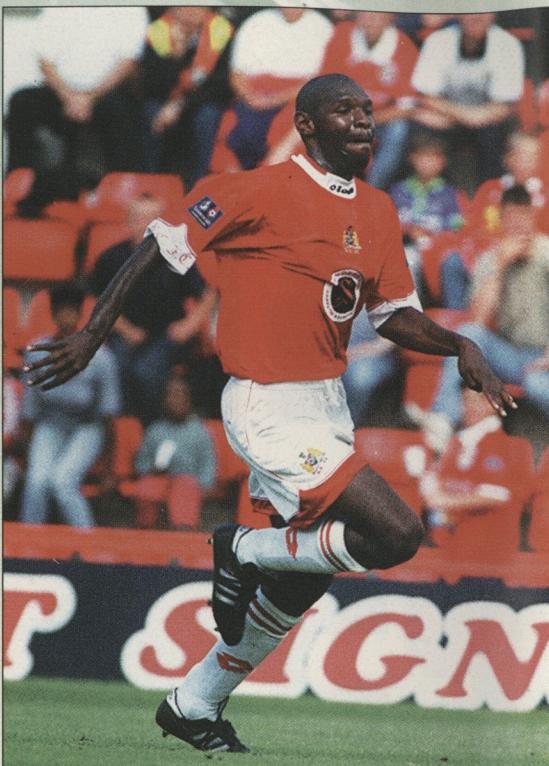
And, although he didn't come on, it was a major boost for Tommy, who thought he had been named in the travelling party purely for the experience of a big-match preparation.

There were less than two hours to kick-off when John Ward told him he would be one of the subs.

"Tommy was there on merit," said the manager. "He has worked hard and done well in the reserves recently and I hope some of our other young players looked at his selection and realised there will be similar opportunities for them if they are earned."



Tom Doherty — Involved in the first-team squad



Shaun Goater — Can we build on his strike?

For such a young player Tommy has had his fair share of headlines, starting when he attended City's School of Excellence with another promising teenager with a famous sounding soccer name — James "Jimmy" Greaves.

And there can't be many professional players at any level who can claim to have made their debut in a 9-2 victory, the score in that cup tie against St Albans.

### TO ELLAND BACK

"Don't write us off" — That's the firm message from the players to supporters hesitating about buying a ticket for Tuesday night's Coca-Cola Cup return against Leeds United.

Shaun Goater's precious goal in the 3-1 first leg defeat at Elland Road means a 2-0 victory after extra-time at Ashton Gate would be enough to put City through to round three.

And, while that is a tall order against Premiership

opposition, there is quiet dressing room optimism that a shock could be on the cards.

"We're certainly not out of it," says Brian Tinnion, scorer of that famous FA Cup winner at Anfield and determined to add another big name scalp.

"I think we can take heart from the game at Elland Road. But for a last gasp goal it would have been 2-1 and everyone would have been talking about a great result for us.

"If we can score early in the second leg and get the crowd right behind us Leeds could be under a lot of pressure. They haven't made the best of starts in the Premiership and we have nothing to lose on the night."

So, don't be put off by that late first leg goal. Let's have a bumper Ashton Gate crowd to give George Graham and his multi-million pound team a night they won't forget in a hurry.

### BRISTOL CITY'S ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Among the items on the agenda will be a proposal that the unissued share capital of 13,542 ordinary shares will be issued at a price of £30 per share, raising an additional £400,000 towards working capital.

The club's annual accounts for the year ending May 31st 1997, published this week, show a loss of £387,672, compared to a loss of £686,071 on the ten months to May 31st 1996.

While the figures illustrate a marked improvement, it is the board's aim that the company should return to profitable trading as soon as possible.

Financial director Stephen Lansdown said: "It is recognised that success of the team will very much drive the profits of the company and the board is very keen to ensure that investment wherever possible is made to strengthen the team.

"The injection of fresh capital, approval of which will be sought at the Annual General Meeting, should ensure that the company has sufficient working capital to continue its improvement."

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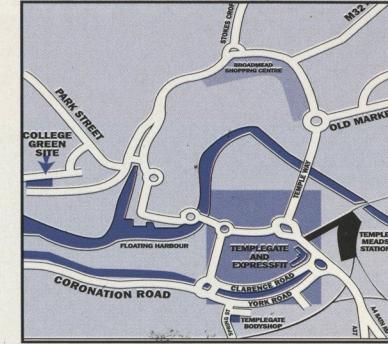
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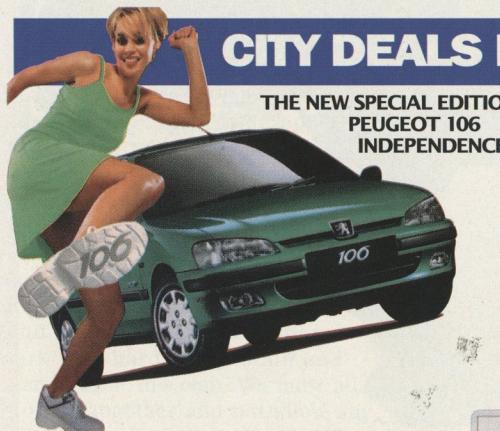
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**T**hey say that football is a great life – and it is! I was once told that when you lose, football is a good game and when you win it's a great game. It's that feeling that makes many young lads want to become professionals and have that 'stars in their eyes' approach to the game from a very early age.

I can remember that, at least from the age of seven, I wanted to be a footballer and we notice that in our very young schoolboys even now. We have a very well-established Centre of Excellence at our club encouraging these lads to develop in a correct manner and improve their game as they grow up.

The real introduction to professional football comes at Youth trainee level. School leavers at 16 are offered the opportunity to take two years to earn that professional contract. During that time we introduce them to the discipline and dedication required to begin a career. Apart from the obvious training ground work to increase skills and ability the boys are asked to look after kit, boots and general cleanliness of the Ashton Gate dressing room area. At the moment their skills are improving but there is work to be done in other areas!!

This week the boys have played on Saturday and Tuesday evening. They were then required to be present at our reserve team fixture on Wednesday at 11.00am to prepare things for the game. After the game it all needs straightening up ready for work on Thursday. College beckons on Thursday for the boys to continue their education programme which is also a vital part of their development. Friday is training again after transferring our kit to and from the training ground before their own game against Luton and this afternoon's first-team fixture for the respective seniors.

There is a great deal to be done and our young lads have still to increase their output in all directions to become mature people and footballers. A great deal of responsibility falls on the shoulders of David Burnside our Director of Youth and Peter Amos, Youth Coach, to provide the professional ranks with potential first-team people who can not only play football but cope with all the aggravation that goes with it.

There is a great deal going on in the background at Bristol City and many people work very hard to maintain and improve standards at this club. We must all continue to pull together and not allow any complacency to enter our work. Hopefully we will then be able to provide good football standards for you, the supporter, to appreciate for many years to come.

Thank you for your support today. I hope you enjoy the game.

**'we must all continue to pull together and not allow any complacency to enter our work.'**



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# city with brian tinnion Life

**C**harity workers don't come much more dedicated than Buster Footman. But even he must have regretted his latest sponsored stunt.

Covering the marathon distance of 26 miles on a bicycle is a mad enough idea at the best of times. If you've got dodgy tyres it's even more crazy, as our physiotherapist soon found out.

Halfway around his charted course, Buster had a puncture. Instead of repairing it or calling in the bicycle equivalent of the AA, he decided the cause must come first and pedalled the last 13 miles with a flat tyre.

Apparently, he was so tired when he got back to Ashton Gate that he fell asleep in the bath. At least he had no trouble collecting his sponsorship money from the lads on behalf of Barnardos because we all had to admit he had done it the hard way.

I have been working with Buster quite a bit lately over a back problem which almost caused me to miss the Leeds and Bournemouth games. In both cases Rob Edwards and I had to undergo fitness tests at the ground a couple of hours before kick-off.

Unfortunately, Rob failed his at Leeds. He picked up a dead leg in the previous game and, while that never sounds too serious, it can prove very painful and difficult to shake off.

I managed to get through the Leeds game and then had my back manipulated by an osteopath. It was very painful the day before we played Bournemouth, but again it settled down in time for me to get through the



*Buster Footman — one dedicated guy!*

fitness test and I enjoyed the game even though we were held to a draw.

Although we haven't made the best of starts to the season, morale in the dressing room is high. We have a good bunch of lads at the club who get on well and there is a fair bit of banter on most training days.

I got a few of them going recently by letting it drop that I had John Ward staying at my home as a house guest. There were a few doubters, but I swore it was true and eventually convinced everyone.

Then the doubts were replaced by some telling glances and mutterings behind my back. Until, that is, I owned up that the John Ward concerned was an old friend of mine from Newcastle who works as a bus driver.

There was something a bit different at training this week when FA officials swooped out of the blue to conduct random drugs tests. This can happen at any time and on this occasion they chose to test some of our young trainees.

It reminded me of last season when Shaun Goater and I were pulled aside after the Bristol Rovers game at Ashton Gate and ushered away for tests even before we were allowed back in the dressing room.

First they wanted a breath test and then for us to provide a urine sample. I was okay with the first request, but simply couldn't produce the goods for the second.

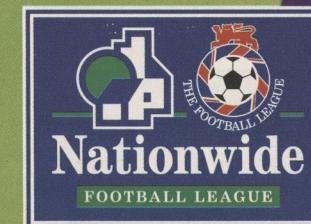
Finally, the official accompanied me to get changed and then suggested I went to the bar and down a couple of lagers.

That didn't seem too bad an idea, but he even followed me there. And, what was far worse, I had to buy the drinks!



*John Ward — not the one currently residing at the Tinnion household — although he would be most welcome!*

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# DOWN THE DECADES

## PETER SPIRING BRISTOL CITY CAREER RECORD

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1970/71	6	1	7
1971/72	28+3 (9)	1 (1)	29+4 (10)
1972/73	20+2 (7)	3	24+2 (7)
TOTAL	58+5 (16)	4 (1)	64+7 (17)

Ex-England Youth midfielder Peter Spiring was an emerging figure at Ashton Gate in the early 1970's.

The son of former City player Gordon Spiring, he signed professional under Alan Dicks in June 1968 and made his League debut at home to Birmingham City in October 1969. He featured in the 1970/71 League Cup semi-final second-leg at Spurs and netted 16 goals in 63 Second Division games before a surprise £60,000 move to Liverpool in March 1973.

Remaining in the top-flight after joining Luton Town for £70,000 in November 1974, he was reunited with John Sillett at Hereford United for £8,000 in February 1976 and helped to clinch the Third Division title in 1975/76 during seven years at Edgar Street. Still living in Hereford, he has been an electrical contractor since October 1983 and his son Reuben is a Worcestershire County cricketer.



Then — Peter Spiring netted 16 goals in 63 second division games for City



Now — Peter and Gordon Spiring, shortly before his father suffered a fatal heart-attack seven months ago

# PETER SPIRING

# luton town

**AFTER SUFFERING RELEGATION TO DIVISION TWO AT THE END OF THE 1995/96 SEASON, MANY OBSERVERS FELT THAT LUTON TOWN WOULD BOUNCE STRAIGHT BACK UP AT THE FIRST ATTEMPT.**



**Lennie Lawrence — finding the early going tough**

However, despite being widely recognised as one of the division's more classier outfits they had to be content with a place in the play-off's — only to see their promotion dream fade with a 4-3 aggregate defeat by Crewe, at the semi-final stage. The bitter irony there was that they had walloped the Railwaysmen, 6-0, earlier in the season.

The main departures from Kenilworth Road over the summer were Ceri Hughes' move into the Premiership with Wimbledon and Kim Grant's switch to second division rivals, Millwall after impressing whilst on loan at the New Den in the early season games. Coming in to replace them are Manchester United youngster, Simon Davies, who it is hoped will bring some of his good United habits into the midfield, and former fans favourite, Phil Gray who will be relied upon to bag the goals.

Luton haven't had the most auspicious start to this campaign both in terms of results and injuries which have savaged the squad. However, they're notoriously poor starters —

last season they were bottom of the table after the first three games, so there isn't cause for widespread panic just yet, although conceding five goals at home to Wrexham last week is sure to have some effect. Goals have been hard to come by, however, with the prolific Tony Thorpe now being joined by Phil Gray it is almost certain to change.

As a result of the crippling injury list, Lennie Lawrence has been forced to go out and bring some players in on loan. Youngster, Gavin McGowan has come in for a taste of first-team action after seeing his chances of breaking into the Arsenal side blocked by the wealth of foreign talent

currently residing at Highbury, whilst full-back Bryan Small has come in with a view to a permanent move after failing to command a regular place at Premiership new-boys, Bolton. Meanwhile former 'keeper, Andy Dibble has linked up with the club once more on a non-contract basis to cover for the injured Tony Feuer.

The Hatters' should not be underestimated. They may currently lie second from bottom in the table, but, despite the injuries, they still have the necessary talent and know-how within the side to claw themselves away from danger and start to move up the league.

## **THE MANAGER**

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

A player with non-League Croydon, Carshalton Athletic and Sutton United, he was assistant-manager at Plymouth and Lincoln, before becoming manager of Charlton Athletic in 1982, having initially joined the Addicks as reserve team coach. Charlton finished as runners-up in Division Two in 1985/86 earning promotion to the top flight after an absence of 29 years. The following season saw them involved in the first promotion/relegation play-offs, overcoming second division Leeds United after extra-time to stay up but relegated came in 1990.

He left Charlton in 1991, after nine years and headed north to Middlesbrough, where he took the Teeside club into the FA Premier League in 1992 in his first season at the helm. They returned to Division One in 1993, and he departed in 1994, when Bryan Robson took over.

Bradford was his next port of call in May 1994, but his spell at Valley Parade did not last as long as anticipated and he became the 21st manager in the history of Luton Town in December 1995.

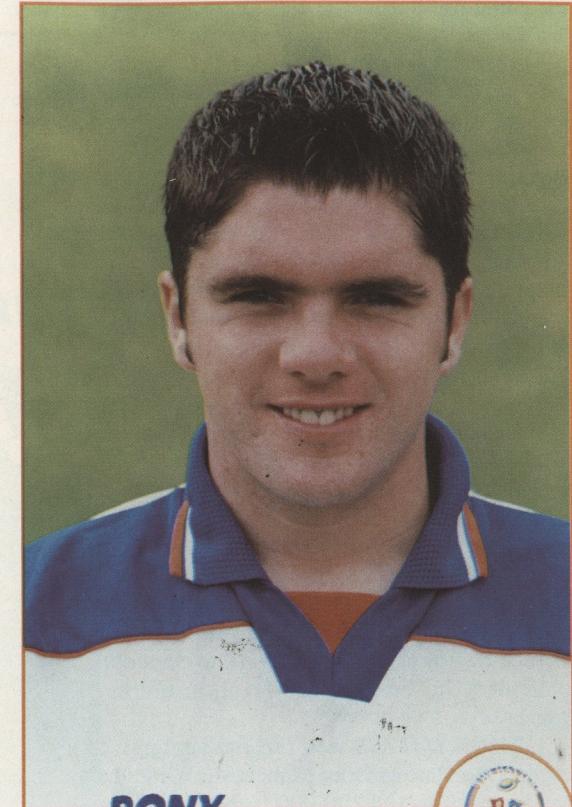
## **GOALKEEPER**

In a bid to solve their current goalkeeping crisis, the Hatters have turned to former 'keeper, **ANDY DIBBLE**. With regular number one, Tony Feuer out injured, the 32 year-old, who played a key role in Luton's League Cup triumph in 1988, has come in on a non-contract basis. It was a decidedly bitter-sweet season last term for Dibble who went from having a nightmare time at Manchester City to helping Glasgow Rangers lift the Scottish League Championship. He hasn't got off to the best of starts this season though, conceding five goals in his first league game back at the club and a further five over two Coca-Cola Cup ties with West Brom.

## **DEFENDERS**

**STEVE DAVIS** moved to the Hatters in the summer of 1995 after making over 160 league appearances in a solid career at Burnley.

He moved to the Turf Moor side in August 1991 for £60,000 from Southampton, and skippered Burn-



**Tony Thorpe — should benefit from the arrival of Phil Gray**

ley during their rise up the league into Division One.

A reliable performer and commanding figure in the heart of the defence, Steve will be looked upon for inspiration as the Hatters aim to tighten up at the back after conceding 11 goals in eight league games so far.

One of the most unlucky players when it comes to injuries must be **RICHARD HARVEY**, who has seen his Luton career plagued by one injury set-back after another. After yet another season spent mainly on the sidelines, Richard was given a free transfer over the summer but has remained at Kenilworth Road on a month-to-month deal and has found himself back in the first-team ironically due to the injuries of others.

Another player thrust back into the first-team spotlight when perhaps he thought his time had passed is **TREVOR PEAKE**. The 40 year-old player-coach who helped Coventry lift the FA Cup in 1987 came on as a substitute last Saturday but could do little to prevent Wrexham running away with a 5-2 victory.

Young defender, **GAVIN McGOWAN** is one player who will no doubt benefit from Peake's vast experience. The 21 year-old Arsenal man is on loan at Luton in a bid to get some first-team games under his belt after finding his chances limited at Highbury. Although, having said that, McGowan has already made a handful of appearances for the Gunners

including two during the 1992/93 season when he was just 17 years old.

Like McGowan, **BRYAN SMALL** is currently on loan at Kenilworth Road. The 25 year-old full-back is looking to get away from Bolton after failing to command a regular place in Colin Todd's first-team plans. Birmingham-born Small, who has been capped by England at Under-21 level, started his career at Aston Villa, during which time he was allowed to go out on loan to bitter rivals Birmingham before Bolton snapped him up during the 1995/96 season. He will be hoping that he can suitably impress Lennie Lawrence in order to land a permanent move.

#### midfielders

**PAUL MCLAREN** is an emerging talent who is establishing himself very much in Lennie Lawrence's first-team plans this term. The England youth international, who made his Luton debut on the final day of the 1993/94 season, began his career as a centre-half but was converted into a central midfielder to good effect. Was an able squad member last season, grabbing his first-team chances with both hands, and as such he will be looking forward to cementing a regular place in the starting eleven in the months to come.

**SIMON DAVIES** was the big summer capture, joining the Hatters from Manchester United for a fee in the region of £200,000, after finding limited chances to prove himself in the Red Devils' first-team. In fact he made 11 league appearances for United, finding the net once, in a European Cup tie no less as Galatasaray were beaten 4-0.

Luton will be hoping that the youngster will bring some of his good United habits with him and prove to be a vital cog in the wheel once he has settled down at the club.

The experienced head in the midfield belongs to **GARY WADDOCK**. Waddock completed a free transfer move from Bristol Rovers in December 1994, after a three-month loan spell at Kenilworth Road. He started his career with QPR making over 200 appearances, before a serious knee injury saw him quit the English game and move to Charleroi in the Belgian league. He defied many by overcoming his injury and headed back home to try his luck in the Football League once more, having spells at Millwall, QPR again, and Swindon, before moving to Bristol Rovers. Proved to be a bargain capture for Luton giving the club sterling and consistent service.

#### FORWARDS

The goals of **TONY THORPE** were one of the high points of last season as the former Leicester man emerged as one of the second division's best and most feared players and became the first Luton player since Malcolm McDonald in 1970/71 to reach 30 goals in a season. The 23 year-old 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, but in



**Paul McLaren — given a great opportunity to shine this term**

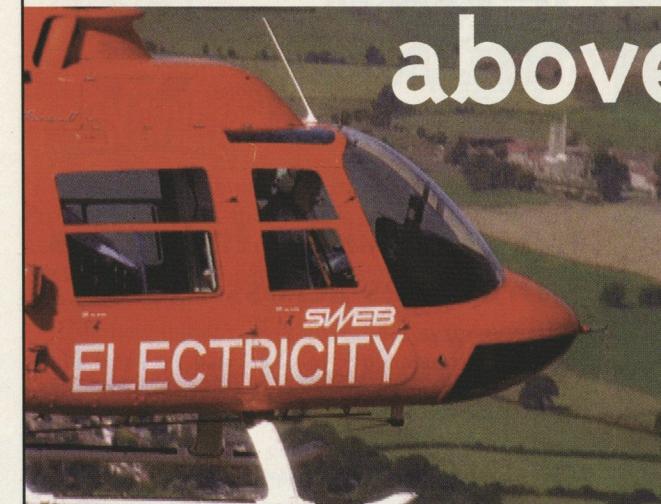
the early days of his career at Kenilworth Road he found it difficult maintain a regular place in the team. However he has gone on to prove his worth in no uncertain terms and put pen to paper on a new contract in the summer of 1996.

Joining Thorpe to form a potentially lethal forward line is former fans favourite, **PHIL GRAY** who returned to the club following a spell abroad. Gray first linked up with Luton in 1991 after leaving Tottenham. 26 goals in 67 games followed before a fee of £800,000 took him north to Sunderland. The Northern Ireland international then had a brief spell at French club Nancy before joining Dutch club Fortuna Sittard in December 1996, from where Lennie Lawrence brought him back home.

Another former Hatters player to return for a second spell at the club is **DAVID OLDFIELD**, who returned to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1995, six years after leaving the club.

He progressed through the junior ranks at the club to earn a first-team place and scored twice on his 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-21s, joined Manchester City for £600,000 in March 1989, before moving on to Leicester City.

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The new initiative will give children the opportunity to learn the basic skills of football and perhaps go on to play and use those skills at higher levels.

Dave Bell, the club's Community Officer recognises the need for the club to play a greater role in developing players with disabilities and learning difficulties and hopes that the coaching given by the club's Community staff will give the children a chance to play and compete with and against others of similar ability and also give them encouragement to progress their skills and technique.

Dave also believes that the Community staff here at Bristol City have a major part to play in getting



Recent visitors to Ashton Gate were a group of schoolchildren from Chernobyl who were provided with hospitality by the club during our game against Fulham. Many people are still suffering from the disaster, so we were more than pleased to put a smile on the children's faces, some of whom were visiting a professional football ground for the first time in their lives.

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*City Chairman Scott Davidson receives a cheque for £5,000 from Catherine Grover of Sportsmatch towards the club's new initiative with special needs schools.*

people playing and enjoying the game, no matter what their age, disability, or degree of learning difficulty.

Dave said, "We want everyone to enjoy the game for what it is – the world's greatest showcase.

"Many schools have already applied to participate in the scheme but if you know of a school which hasn't, then please contact me at the Community Office as soon as possible as all dates will be fully booked before long".

An itinerary of the Special Day is listed here:

10am:	Arrive at Bristol City FC, meet the coaches and take refreshment
10.15-11.15am:	Football coaching and games
11.15-11.30am:	Break
11.30-12 noon:	Ground Tour
12-1pm:	Lunch
1-1.30pm:	Meet players, questions and answers
1.30-3pm:	Football coaching and games
3-3.15pm:	Break
3.15-3.45pm:	Teaching and quiz, laws of the game
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# connections

**Football historian Leigh Edwards analyses connections between city and their opponents.**

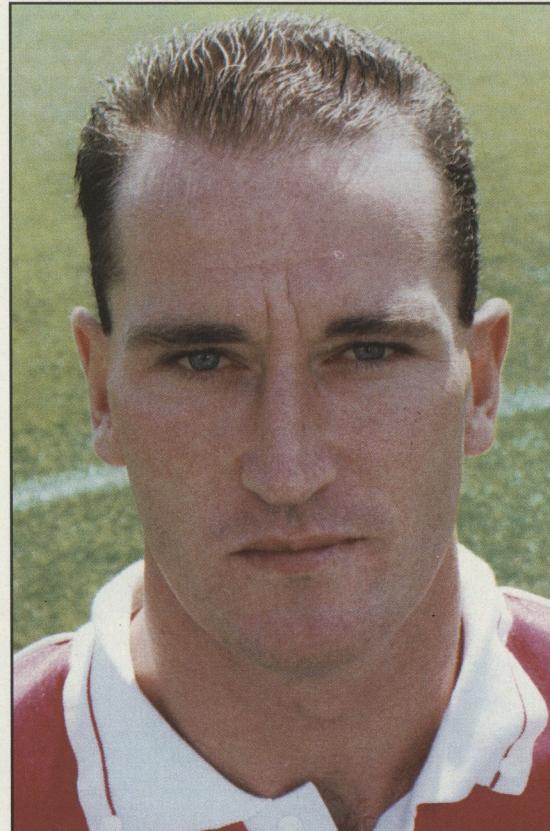
## League record against LUTON TOWN

P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	21	12	4	5	45 20
AWAY	21	5	7	9	23 33
TOTAL	42	17	11	14	68 53

Goals by Greg Goodridge (2), Kevin Nugent, Shaun Goater and Jason Cundy gave Bristol City a thrilling 5-0 Second Division win on Luton Town's last visit to Ashton Gate in August 1996. Shaun Goater and Paul Agostino scored in City's 2-2 draw in the return fixture at Kenilworth Road in April 1997. Luton's last League victory here was 3-1 in September 1973 with goals by John Aston, John Ryan and Tom Finney.

## WELSH INTERNATIONAL

Former Luton Town central defender Mark Aizlewood was capped 21 times by Wales while at Bristol City. He joined Luton from Newport County for £50,000 in April 1978 and helped to win the Second Division title in 1981/82, scoring three goals in 98 League games before being sold to Charlton Athletic for £50,000 in November 1982. Moving via Leeds United and Bradford City to Ashton Gate for £125,000 in August 1990, he netted



Mark Aizlewood

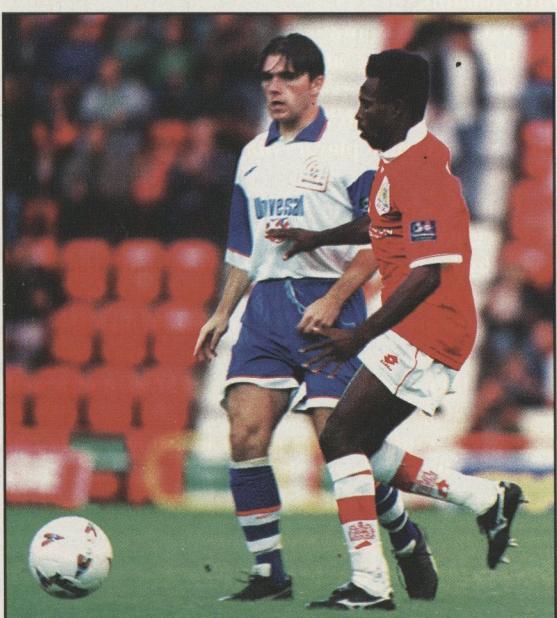
three goals in 101 League games prior to joining Cardiff City in November 1993.

## LEADING MARKSMAN

England centre-forward Mick Harford was leading marksman at both Bristol City and Luton Town. He joined City from Newcastle United for £160,000 in August 1981 and scored 11 goals in 30 Third Division outings before being sold to Birmingham City for £100,000 in March 1982. Moving to Luton for a record £250,000 in December 1984, he featured in their 1988 Littlewoods Cup final success and netted 69 goals in 168 First Division games during two spells with the Hatters.

## PROMOTION WINNER

Former Luton Town loanee defender Forbes Phillipson-Masters featured prominently in Bristol City's 1983/84 promotion success. Initially a Southampton apprentice, he played ten Second Division games on loan to Luton



Greg Goodridge

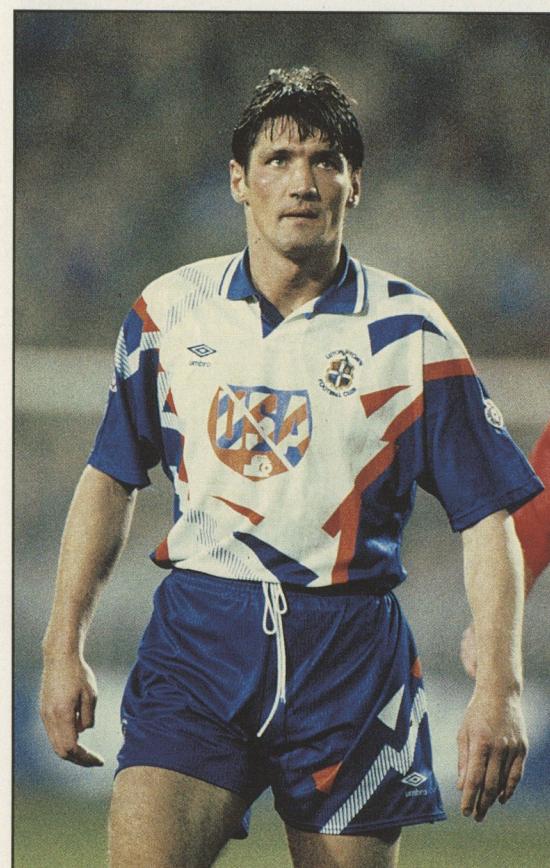
during the 1978/79 campaign and moved via Plymouth Argyle to Bristol City in November 1982. He scored four goals in 94 League outings while at Ashton Gate prior to joining Gerry Gow's Yeovil Town in August 1985.

## TITLE TRIUMPH

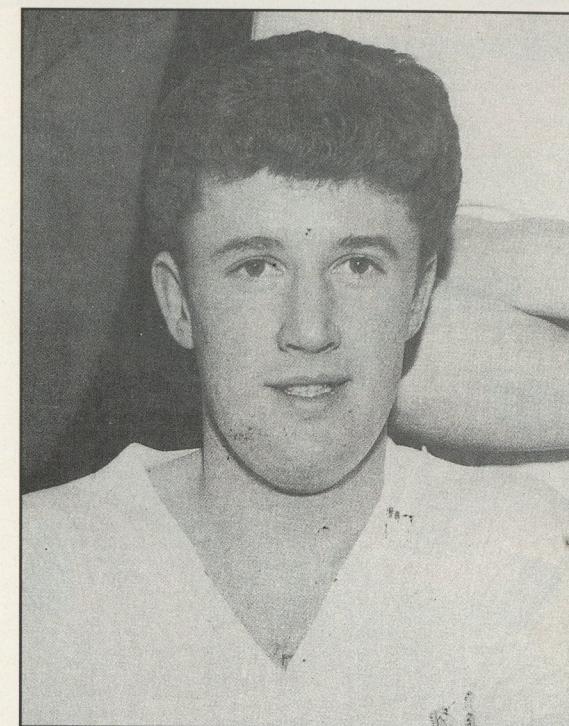
Two members of Luton Town's 1936/37 Third Division (South) squad were former Bristol City players. Goalkeeper Bill Dolman joined City from Chesterfield in May 1934 and made 61 League appearances before moving to Luton in March 1936 where he made 62 League appearances. Outside-right Jack Hodge also featured in City's 1934/35 FA Cup run and netted eight goals in 62 League outings prior to joining Luton in March 1936, scoring once in 20 League games before moving to Colchester United in July 1937.

## CUP HERO

One-time Luton Town outside-right Dickie Reader was a prominent figure as Bristol City reached the FA Cup semi-finals in 1919/20. Signed from Derby County in June 1914, he supplied the ammunition for leading



Mick Harford



Bobby Williams

marksman Tommy Howarth while at Ashton Gate, netting four goals in 52 Second Division outings prior to joining Luton on a free transfer in June 1922. He made seven Third Division (South) appearances for the Hatters before emigrating to the United States.

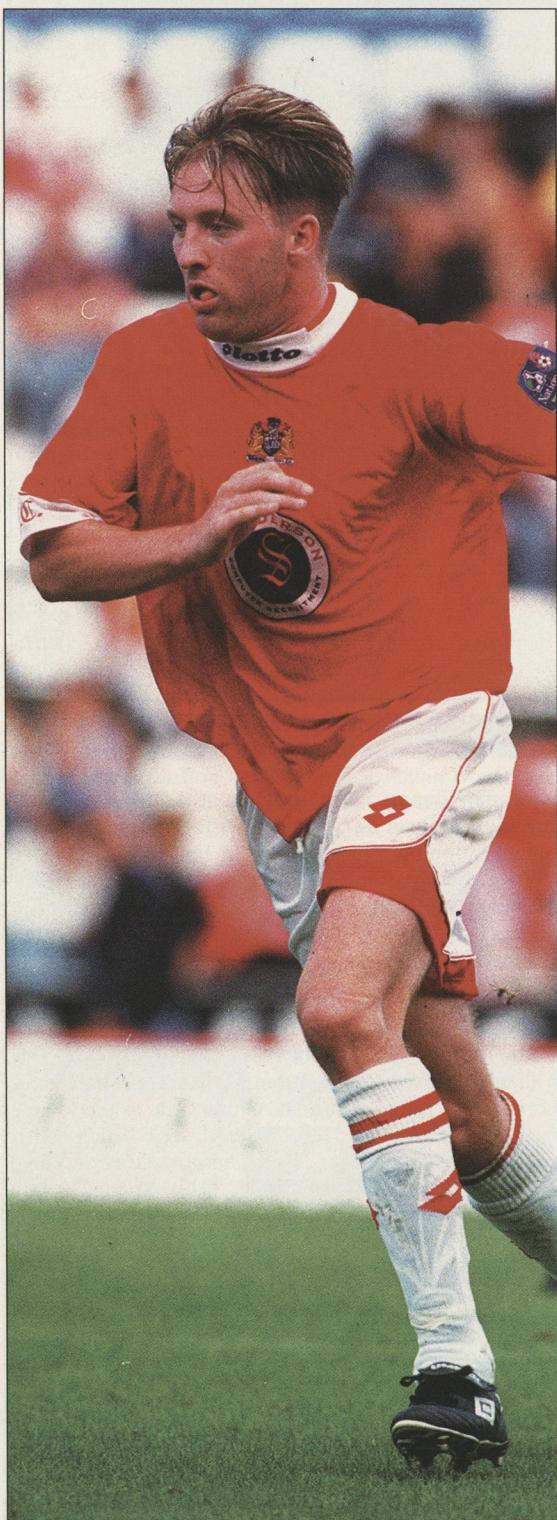
## HIGH FIVES

Strikes by John Atyeo, Brian Clark, Jantzen Derrick and an own goal gave Bristol City a 4-1 Third Division win at Luton Town on 23rd October 1963. Six days later, Bobby Williams (2), John Atyeo, Brian Clark and Peter Hooper scored in the return fixture at Ashton Gate as the following City team won 5-1: Mike Gibson, Alec Briggs, Mike Thresher, Gordon Parr, Jack Connor, Gordon Low, Jantzen Derrick, Brian Clark, John Atyeo, Bobby Williams, Peter Hooper.

## CITY CHAMPIONS

Two one-time Luton Town players featured in Bristol City's 1922/23 Third Division (South) title campaign. Versatile winger Tommy Brown made eight League appearances before moving to South Shields a year later, then Luton in July 1924 where he played 15 League games. Defender Harry Cockerill made eight League appearances for the Hatters prior to joining City via Mid-Rhondda and played 16 League games while at Kenilworth Road.

# IN THE PICTURE WITH COLIN CRAMB



**I**t's not every player who would regard a transfer from Hearts to Doncaster Rovers as a good career move – but Colin Cramb believes it could prove the best decision he ever made.

An 18-month spell at the Yorkshire club brought the 23 year-old Scot 31 goals in 61 appearances before John Ward stepped in with the offer that brought him to Ashton Gate.

"I had been at big clubs like Hearts and Southampton and didn't realise how lucky I was," said Colin. "Moving to Doncaster was a real eye-opener and made me think that I should have worked harder to make it at the higher level.

"I was suddenly having to clean my own boots and buy my own training gear. It brought me down to earth and made me determined to get my career going in the right direction again.

"Not that I didn't enjoy my time at Doncaster. The supporters were great to me and, after long spells of reserve team football I was scoring regularly at first-team level.

"But when City came in for me I didn't have to think for too long – even though Barnsley and Stockport County had made offers for me, while my name was linked with Sunderland and Nottingham Forest.

"I consider City a bigger club than Hearts or Southampton and wanted to be a part of helping them get back where they belong."

Talk to Colin for any length of time and you gather that one commodity he has in abundance is confidence. While some new signings decline to name targets, he was soon talking about scoring 20 goals in his first season at Ashton Gate.

Even the recent loss of his first-team place hasn't dented that optimism. He knew when he signed that competition for places would be fierce.

"Like any player I was disappointed to be put on the bench, but the manager has explained fully that he believes I need time to develop my game and that's fair enough," said Colin.

"It helps to be working with a manager and coach who were both strikers in their playing days. I want to improve certain aspects of my game and if I can do so with their help perhaps I won't be in and out of the side.

"I tend to be a bit lazy at times and that is something I need to work on, along with the timing of my runs. But I still feel confident in my ability to score 20 goals with such good players around me."

Football began for Colin as a schoolboy in Scotland where his local club were Hamilton Academical. He spent a year there as a trainee and a further 12 months

of a two-year professional contract had elapsed when Southampton bought him for £100,000.

"It was very much a learning process for me there in the reserves, although I did come on as a substitute for the first-team against Everton," he said.

"I became homesick for Scotland and returned to spend six months with Falkirk before moving on to Hearts. Then I found myself scoring regularly in reserve football again so I decided that going to Doncaster was in the best interests of my career."

Like several other summer signings, Colin is currently renting accommodation while looking for a place to buy. He lives at Old Market just across the road from the Bristol United Press building where the Evening Post and Western Daily Press are published.

"It means the lads there don't have to go far for their interviews," he smiled. "I just hope there will be plenty of good things for them to right about once we get all the members of our squad fit.

"I'm sure Sean Dyche will be an influential figure and that we can recover from what hasn't been the best of starts. We haven't had the rub of the green in several matches, but that tends to even itself out over the campaign."



## FACTFILE

**NAME:****Colin Cramb****DATE OF BIRTH:****June 23rd 1974****SIGNED FROM:****Doncaster Rovers****OTHER CLUBS:****Hamilton Academical, Southampton, Falkirk, Hearts****LEAGUE DEBUT:****Hamilton v Morton at the age of 16. (won 3-0)****FAMILY:****Son Lee, aged 19 months****FAVOURITE FILM:****Legend of the Fall****FAVOURITE SINGER/GROUP:****Elvis Presley****MOST PLAYED RECORD IN YOUR COLLECTION:****Return To Sender, by Elvis****FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT:****Malia, Greece****FIRST FOOTBALL MATCH YOU EVER WATCHED:****Hamilton v Aberdeen at the age of about ten****SPORTING EVENT YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO VISIT:****An Ice Hockey international. The fighting alone is worth watching!****WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SHARE A MEAL WITH:****Denise Van Outen, from TV's Big Breakfast****WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY:****Buy Bristol Rovers and make sure they get relegated to the GM Conference!****CHANGES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN FOOTBALL:****More advantage played by referees. There are too many stoppages****DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A PERSON:****Very fiery****OTHER SPORTS PLAYED:****Golf and Table Tennis****PLAYER YOU WOULD SIGN AS A MANAGER WITH LIMITLESS CASH:****Ronaldo — providing he swore he was not a Gashead!****YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:****Bristol Rovers 1 Bristol City 2 at the Memorial Ground this season. Our Coca-Cola Cup win in my first Bristol derbies was very special**

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## it's a funny old game

**I**t's been interesting to read in our own 'Player Profiles' that more footballers these days enjoy music from 'hip' acts like Beck, Oasis, Reef, Massive Attack etc, rather than the likes of Dire Straits or Phil Collins. Inevitably their choice of dinner date is either a leggy model or a footballing great, but Paul Tisdale's choice of companion in the Fulham matchday magazine 'Fact File' made me gasp with disbelief!!

Our versatile midfielder-cum-full-back indicated that his ideal dinner date was . . . MARGARET THATCHER!! Personally, I disagreed with virtually everything she did as Prime Minister, and especially her stance towards football with suggestions like ID cards. I trust that Paul's suggestion was a wind-up, because he changed his choice to Ian Botham in the Green 'Un's 'Lowdown On' column.

● Sealed with a goal: Since his move the Northampton, David Seal is now one of the top scorers in the Division. Seal never got to play off a big target man here (as he



*Mervyn Day — felt the bullet at Carlisle, only to be replaced, for the time being anyway, by the Chairman. Is this going to be the start of a new trend?*

now does with the Cobblers), and I've never forgotten the appalling example of (non) 'man-management' Joe Jordan showed towards the hot-shot Aussie when he was on fire for us at the start of the '95/96 season. Jordan reckoned he needed to score more 'tap-ins'. Frankly, City fans couldn't give a toss how the goals were scored as long as they went in! Not surprisingly, Seal's confidence plummeted and he never got a full run in the first-team.

● With City's generous support to the Tissak factory side from Kinshasa in the Congo, maybe with the current Genesis single being called 'Congo', I'll have to see if the band can stump up some form of support themselves. Forget about finding another Tony Yeboah, the Congo is closer to Liberia which is the home of the great George Weah, currently of Milan. Anyone as good as him would do!

● MERRY CHRISTMAS MISTER LAWRENCE: Lennie Lawrence, the boss of today's opponents Luton Town, said that he felt that his side and Crewe were the only two 'footballing teams' in the Division last term. Beg to differ Lennie — we very firmly came into that category, especially through our performances against the Hatters — a resounding 5-0 drubbing here at the Gate, and a mighty 2-2 at Kenilworth Road.

● As I've said previously, I find it difficult to agree with the new rule for 'keepers when penalties are taken. Apart from being illogical, there is now a new 'art-form' of shenanigans going on by the guardians of the net. The best I've seen was the routine employed by the Real Madrid 'keeper against Salamanaca. First off he stood like Christ on the cross, with arms and legs outstretched to make himself look as big as possible, then he spread his arms in a semi-circle like Dracula about to devour his 'victim'. Needless to say this routine put off the taker and his puny effort was easily saved. Combine this with Bruce Grobbelaar's 'wobbly knees' caper and I can see this being the staple item in goalkeeping coaching manuals for the next few seasons.

● IT'S GOING TO BE A FINE DAY: Managers must be praying that their Chairmen don't follow the example of Michael Knighton, the Carlisle chairman. Knighton made Mervyn Day an early season managerial casualty and decided that he'd pick the team and decide tactics. Out went a back five defence and in came a 4-3-3 formation. The first result — a spectacular 4-1 victory at high-flying Wycombe, followed by an impressive showing in their 3-2 defeat at the hands of Spurs!

● City fans, management and staff alike have scratched their heads with bafflement and expressed anger at some of the ludicrous refereeing decisions we have put up with. The recent 'Foul Play' documentary on aspiring referees gave some explanations. One 'ref' didn't recognise a card depicting a football as being a football! Another gave a new meaning to the notion of 'pre-season training' and a 'pre-match' talk by getting bladdered in a night club the night before a match!! Now we know.

### EMERGENCY WARD 11

**DAVE MASSEY** asks the question: who takes more of the strain — the football fan or the manager?

There have been many documented examples of managers who have 'cracked' under the stresses and strains of the job. There's Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness when they were successively in charge at Liverpool, Souness's former partner at Southampton, Terry Cooper, when the Yorkshireman was at the helm of financially troubled Exeter City and Kevin Keegan, who went rapidly grey before our very eyes at Newcastle when looking to uphold the traditions of the club and hopes of the fans.

Most tragically of all, the literally 'dying on the job' spectacle of the late, great Jock Stein succumbing to the pressure when he suffered a fatal heart attack at the end of the World Cup qualifier between the (successful) Scotland side and the (wavering) Wales side at Ninian Park.

For all these men the job was very much their 'life', both in the sense of it being the source of their livelihood and the centrepiece of their life — their 'raison d'être' — as important to them as their families. It was as if their responsibilities to the club and its players was akin to having another family.

It's noticeable to see the changes in a managers demeanour when he's taken a break from the managerial 'hot-seat'. Dalglish and former Watford, Villa, Wolves and England boss Graham Taylor, lost years off their faces — Taylor in particular lost that 'haunted' look that overcame him when England coach, and he seems to have less grey hair these days.

But the lure of management drew him back, ironically to the position where he is at 'home' in most senses of the term, back at Watford. As he famously quipped: 'I missed football, but football didn't miss me.' Taylor certainly doesn't miss the hate mail and vicious jibes he endured from the public which, at every level of management, seems to go with the territory.

So how does the lot of the fan compare to the man in the dug-out bellowing instructions? Firstly, of course, the manager gets paid for what he does. The fan, by contrast, pays to see whether the fruits of the managers labours, and that of the players he has bought, selected, drilled and coached, produce the goods on the pitch. Both manager and fan are 'helpless' to differing degrees once the game kicks off, but the fan will have little impact on managerial decisions apart from indicating displeasure in a VERY vocal manner!

If the fan is unhappy with the team chosen, the formation and tactics employed on the day, substitutions actually made or that should have been made, there is NOTHING the fan can do. If the useless full-back, sluggish striker or ineffective midfielder should be hauled off

by dave massey



*The grey days weren't too far away for Kevin Keegan when he took over at Newcastle*

and they stay on the pitch, the fan's frustration continues throughout the game, and in the pub afterwards!!

The manager at least has the option of making changes that 'make a difference' — whether through making substitutions, or giving the players a rollicking at half-time to raise their performance. The fan doesn't know what goes on behind the dressing (down?) room or in the preparations leading up to a match. All is speculation and what is seen on the pitch.

So who DOES take more of the strain? In conclusion, I think it comes out at something like a score draw. The manager should have the means to remedy the faults in the team, whether the performance on the day, or more realistically over the course of the season. If the manager doesn't deliver and gets the boot, the chances are, given the almost 'masonic' nature of managerial circles and subsequent appointments, that he'll get a job somewhere else, whether in management, coaching or scouting, or more the case these days as a pundit on radio or TV, or in the papers.

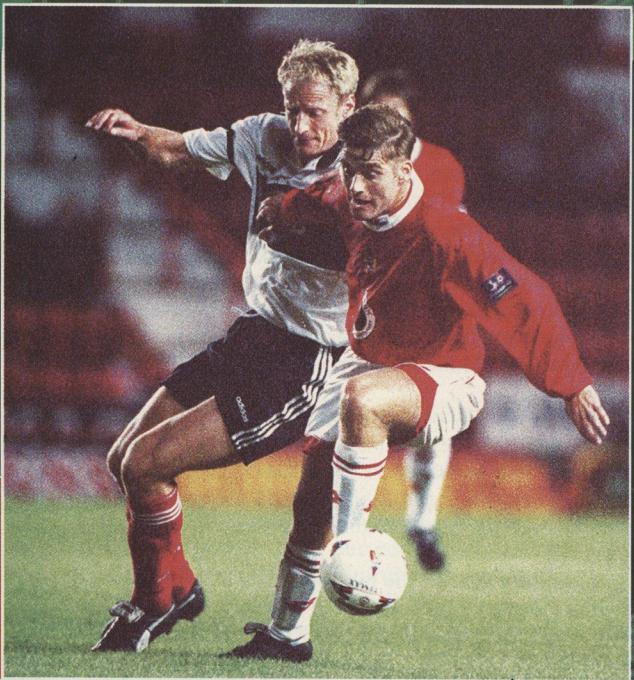
For the fan it's live in hope for another week, and in the long term, for another season when a new manager is appointed and new players brought in.

Unfortunately, loyalty to your team stays with you for life and the fan will always continue to suffer, but increasingly, NOT always in silence!!!



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Right: Bell runs rings round 'em! There is just no stopping Mickey as he calmly escorts the ball away from danger.



Left: Mickey Bell rises to the occasion. Sadly, by the end of the evening everyone was left deflated.



Below: Rob gets blown away! Rob Edwards goes up for an aerial challenge only to find that Paul Moody has cunningly blown away the ball, leaving him hanging in mid air with nothing to go for.



Left: Hungry for goals! Colin Cramb licks his lips at the prospect of netting another goal, but alas this was not to be his or City's night.

# female Pitch

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**S**ince the introduction of the Premier League and post-Euro '96, football has enjoyed a renaissance – the 'new' game being re-born from its own ashes following one disaster after another during the late Seventies and Eighties.

With stadiums becoming increasingly geared towards spectator comfort, families are coming back to the game in their thousands. Many observers have also noted the increase in female spectators – however history dictates that the female supporter has been around for some considerable time prior to the Spice Girls.

When league structures emerged, many clubs did not charge admission fees for women – this privilege did not last long (except in Scotland) when thousands of women came flocking to the game. The Chairmen soon saw this was maybe not the way forward, and an admission charge of 3d was introduced at Preston North End when over 2,000 women were admitted to a match in 1885. This was equivalent to the entry for boys. Unfortunately my research has drawn a blank on entry for girls so I'm assuming a) that they were allowed entry and b) at the same charge.

Changes in the social structure played the predominant role in the make-up of crowds. Following the First World War, the demographics of the nation changed. It is commonly held that women attended matches in greater numbers during the inter-war period. Unfortunately there is no tangible evidence to support this. However, newspaper reports of the day detail the extent of the female fan.

The Yorkshire Observer carried a story in 1928 following Blackburn Rovers to the FA Cup Final. Their



Mannington Mills Ladies Football Team, circa 1921

main mascot on that day was a Mrs Catterall, 70 years old, who was accompanied to the match by a blue and white canary in a blue and white cage (I've never actually been to Blackburn, but I think it would be a particularly novel mascot to resurrect). She must have been a lucky mascot, as Blackburn won the Cup that year.

Preston North End were also well represented (by female supporters that is, not mad women carrying bird cages) – The Lancashire Daily Post reported that 'women predominated' the average 50,000 crowds received during 1938.

The female interest in football was not confined merely to the stands. The post-war era also saw an increase in the amount of women playing football. Women's teams had been around for a while, mainly in Public Girls Schools, but the teams began to emerge from working class areas. Many mills and factories boasted their own team. Support was also strong for the local lasses – on Boxing Day in 1920, over 53,000 paid to see the most famous women's team Dick, Kerr Ladies play St. Helens at Goodison Park – that's over 13,000 more than the current capacity of that ground and double Everton's current average attendance.

It seems that the demise of the women's game at this time was largely thanks to one Frederick Wall, Secretary of the FA. His interference led to the FA prohibiting women's teams from using the ground of their affiliated male club. According to Sir Frederick, 'the game was not suitable for them'. Looking at his photograph, his moustache was not suitable for him, but it remained.

Thankfully, the women stuck two fingers up to him and his moustache, and continued to play their games at other grounds, in particular rugby stadiums. Meanwhile Dick, Kerr Ladies took off on a very successful tour of the Americas the year after the ban was imposed. However, the Women's Football Alliance was not established until 1969.

In only ten years, membership to the Women's FA had reached 278 clubs, but it took another ten years for the highlights of the WFA Cup Final to be screened on terrestrial television.

Now it may be a long time off, but what odds on Ian Wright retiring to make way for Marian Spacey, or Bristol Rovers fielding a female midfield?



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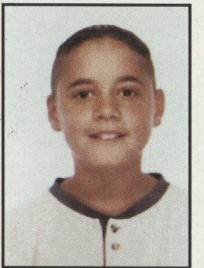
## TODAY'S COMMERCIAL MASCOTS

Ryan Grice, (right) is 10 years old and attends Parkwall Primary School in Cadbury Heath. His hobbies are Tae-Kwon Do (6th Kup Green Belt), football and golf. His favourite player is Shaun Goater.



Nine year-old Ben Pavey (left) attends Mary Elton School in Clevedon, his favourite player is also Shaun Goater.

Ben Kempson (right) is 11 years old and comes from Burnham-on-Sea where he attends the King Alfred School. His hobbies are football, tennis, golf and flying birds of prey, owning his own Kestrel. Ben's favourite player is that man Shaun Goater again.



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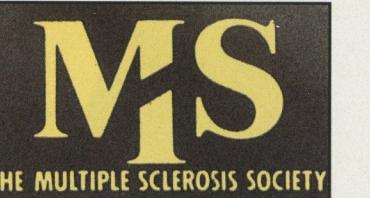
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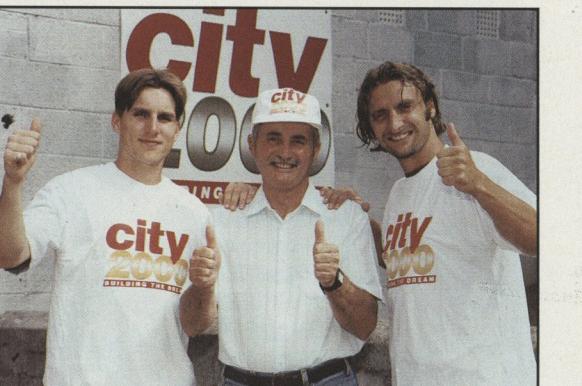
The Bristol branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society were making collections at the Fulham match on September 2nd and they have written to inform us that supporters, home and away, gave very generously and a sum approaching £300 was collected. They would like the matchday magazine to pass on their gratitude to supporters and staff.



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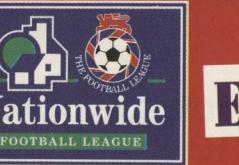


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# division diary

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Tuesday night's Coca-Cola Cup second round second legs saw all three competing Division Two clubs make their exit from the competition.

● Today's visitors, Luton looked the most likely side to cause an upset when they took the lead at West Bromwich Albion through defender, Steve Davis, but Lennie Lawrence's men could only hold out for three minutes before Albion hit back and once the Baggies got into their stride they went on to chalk up a 4-2 win on the night to take them through 5-3 on aggregate.

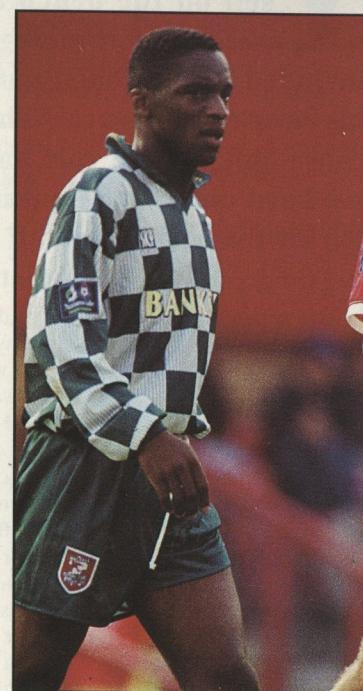
● Despite going in to the second leg level at 1-1, it was always going to be tough for Watford to make any progress as they travelled to unbeaten first division outfit Sheffield United. And the Hornets found Nigel Spackman's men in unforgiving mood as they went on to record a comfortable 4-0 victory over the second division leaders to take them through by five goals to one on aggregate.

● York City had something of a mountain to climb against Oxford as Denis Smith's side travelled up to Bootham Crescent holding a 4-1 lead from the first leg. The Minstermen, who have a proud recent record in the competition, looked like at least giving Oxford a surprise on the night by leading 1-0 with only a minute or so left on the clock. However, two quick goals from Martin Aldridge and Nicky Banger cancelled out Graeme Murty's opener

and snatched victory from the claws of defeat.

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● Wednesday evening saw two further second division sides removed from the competition but without doubt the night belonged to Walsall who at last gave the division something to cheer about as they knocked out four times winners, Nottingham Forest. The Saddlers went into the game leading 1-0 from the first leg at the City Ground, but went down by the same scoreline in normal time and the game was forced into extra-time. Forest then proceeded to double their lead early in the first period, meaning that the Saddlers had to score twice themselves to go through. And that they did in a frantic last eight minutes with Andy

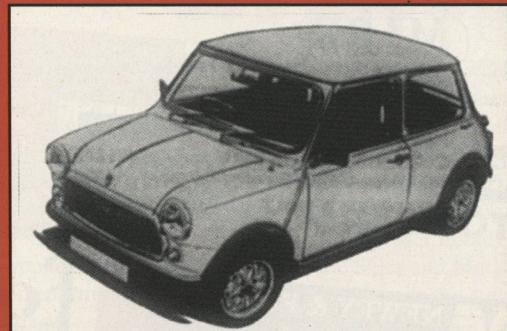


Andy Watson — hero as Walsall chopped down Forest

Watson emerging as the hero by scoring both.

● Fulham went to Wolves minus manager, Mickey Adams with rumours rife that both Kevin Keegan and Ray Wilkins were about to step in as a dream managerial duo at Craven Cottage. But the news of their imminent appointment failed to lift the side who went down to a last minute Don Goodman goal in a dour battle at Molineux. Fulham owner, Mohamed Al Fayed has promised to make money available for team strengthening and with a new stadium on the horizon these sure are exciting times down by the river Thames.

● In the evening's other game, Stoke finished off the job against Burnley without over exerting themselves too much. Chris Waddle's side - who were already trailing 4-0 from the home leg - went down by two goals to nil at the new Britannia Stadium.



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# RESERVES

BY TERRY CONNOR

Young Tommy Doherty found himself on the bench at Leeds last week after thinking he had been included in the coach party as part of his 'work experience'. That the gaffer chose him for that role was a tribute to the hard work 'Doc's put in and a boost too for the backroom staff who are helping develop him into a mature player.

He is projecting himself, on and off the field, as a really good young pro'. It wasn't always the case.

My first game back at the club was at Bath and he lasted about two minutes before he was sent off. Then he played poorly against Gloucester and it was time to point a few things out to him.

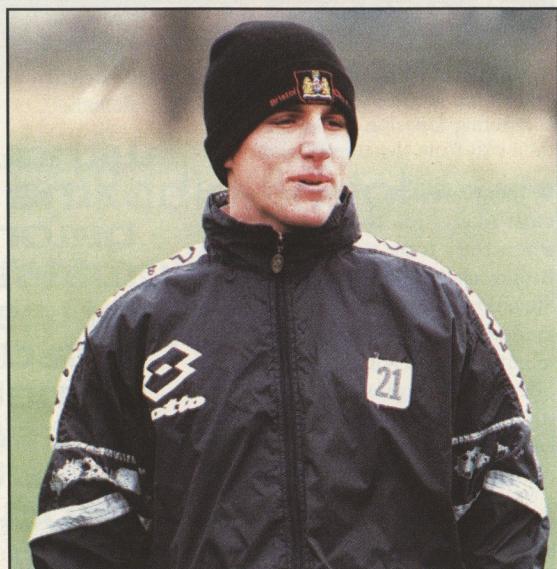
Last season he put in some good games for the reserves and won a place on the bench for the FA Cup win over St. Albans but had gone off track. I'm sure he won't mind me pointing this out for since then, he has knuckled down and his attitude has been first-class.

We asked him to be more professional in his outlook and he now is. His dress sense wasn't considered suitable and he came in for training wearing a cap.

Maybe these strike you as trivial things in today's way of life but they are important inside a football club. Anyways, Doc took that on board, he leaves his cap at home now and he's even had his hair cut.



Colin Cramb — experienced head at Exeter



Jim Brennan — part of the squad which travelled to Leeds in the Coca-Cola Cup

In my view these are all part and parcel of the reasons why he is coming through as such an excellent player.

We have a Fines Club administered by the senior players if anyone is late in, isn't wearing the right T-shirt and isn't doing the right things.

So far our youngsters haven't contributed a penny. They are all desperately trying to be on time, to be tidy and to develop good habits.

Waiting to break into the first-team squad can be a frustrating time for young players bursting to succeed but when they are a credit to themselves, and the club, they find us more than willing to help.

At Exeter City the other week Colin Cramb was the oldest player in a young group which included a first-year YTS boy, Joe Burnell who played extremely well. We lost 2-1 but I was happy because I could see they were all responding to the coaching. The development of young players is what it is all about at this level.

The next day Dwayne Plummer, Dominic Barclay, Jim Brennan and Colin were all in the official party going to Leeds.

In the week we arranged a reserve game here against Bournemouth primarily so that Sean Dyche could have a competitive outing after his long spell in Buster's treatment room. Both he and Mark Shail have been back in full training with us this week. As they have, at last, come into the season we have to get the balance right between giving them games and working them too hard.

Finally, things are coming along on the fixture front. We have home and away matches with Torquay United arranged and both West Ham and Leicester have said they want to play us here. It's now a question of fitting in dates to suit us both.

# YOUTH

BY DAVID BURNSIDE

**A**s anyone who bumps into me knows I never stop preaching about the outstanding quality I believe there to be among the young players we have in this country today.

That quality came across very strongly the other night when Peter Coleman's schoolboy side took on what was in all but name the Welsh Schoolboy XI and held them to a two-one scoreline. It was a tremendous match for all of us who believe in the future of the British game and I would like to thank the several hundred City fans who came down to watch and support.

I'm sure the crowd will be bigger again when the FA's National School side comes here on Tuesday, October 14th (kick-off 7pm). The word will have gone out that there is something here well worth coming to see and the national side include one of our own boys in Craig Woodman, a natural left-sided defender, who has been on our books for about three years now.

Physically, he is not very big yet but his mental attitude and skill levels are very high. If he keeps his feet on the ground over the next few years, and is given the right encouragement, he could go right to the top of the game.

He is under full-time

schoolboy training now under Keith Blunt, the technical director at Lilleshall and the England under-16 manager. He is in good hands but I know he will be delighted to come and play against his old colleagues — and future ones, of course.

To get a game of this calibre, and to play under floodlights on a pitch as good as the one here at Ashton Gate, will be a tremendous boost for both sets of boys. It's such an attractive fixture for Peter Coleman's boys for they will be facing virtually what is the England Schoolboy team.

We will have to be up for it and must recognise the result might not go our way. But it will be an attraction for the public to see the best young players in the country.

Getting the national side here was a coup for it enables us to build on the very good showing made against the youngsters from Wales. Officially their team was called South Wales but it included

boys who are on the books of Spurs, Newcastle and Wolves and looked to me to have nine of their likely players for the schoolboy internationals. We usually play them once a year but the fixture is growing in stature all the time so we can be very pleased with the outcome.

Marvin Brown scored our goal after the lads from Wales had gone ahead before they finally clinched the result with a late goal. The good vibes from that game flowed through the youth team as they went to

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE 1997/98 FIXTURES

### AUGUST 1997

9	Oxford United	A	3-4
16	Barnet	H	3-1
23	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	2-2
30	Tottenham Hotspur	H	2-2

### SEPTEMBER

6	Brentford	H	P-P
9	AFC Bournemouth (SJFCRI)	H	2-2
13	Southampton (LCRI)	A	2-1
20	Southampton	A	2-1
27	Luton Town	H	

### OCTOBER

4	Reading	A	
11	Free		

18 (League Cup 2nd Round) *Fixtures to be arranged for those clubs not competing.*

25	Colchester United (12 noon)	A	
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### NOVEMBER

1	AFC Bournemouth	H	
8	Bristol Rovers	A	
15	Wycombe Wanderers	H	
22	League Cup 3rd Round) <i>Fixtures to be arranged for those clubs not competing.</i>		

29	Wimbledon	A	
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### DECEMBER

6	Swindon Town	H	
13	Swindon Town	A	
20	Oxford United	H	
27	Free		

### JANUARY 1998

3	Barnet	A	
10	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	
17	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
24	Brentford	A	
31	Southampton	H	

### FEBRUARY

7	Luton Town	A	
14	Reading	H	
21	Free		
28	Colchester United (12 noon)	H	

### MARCH

7	AFC Bournemouth	A	
14	Bristol Rovers	H	
21	Wycombe Wanderers	A	
28	Wimbledon	H	

All matches are played on Saturdays  
All kick-off times are 11.00am unless otherwise stated.

## SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE

### AS AT 17TH SEPTEMBER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Torquay Utd	3	3	-	-	18	3	9
Cardiff City	3	3	-	-	10	2	9
Swansea City	3	2	-	-	12	7	6
Yeovil Town	3	2	-	-	8	7	6
Newport A.F.C.	3	2	-	-	6	5	6
Plymouth Argyle	2	1	-	-	3	1	4
Cirencester Acad	2	1	-	-	3	2	4
Exeter City	2	1	-	-	8	5	3
Swindon Town	3	1	-	-	7	7	3
Bashley	3	1	-	-	5	6	3
Bristol Rovers	3	-	-	-	3	11	0
<b>Bristol City</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>
Cheltenham Tn	3	-	-	-	1	15	0

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

### AS AT 20TH SEPTEMBER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
Division Two								
Luton Town	6	5	-	1	27	7	15	+20
Brentford	5	3	2	-	14	6	11	+8
Tottenham	5	3	1	1	9	6	10	+3
Southampton	5	3	-	2	14	9	9	+5
<b>Bristol City</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>+2</b>
Wycombe W	3	2	1	-	5	1	7	+4
Wimbledon	3	2	1	-	6	3	7	+3
Swindon Town	5	2	1	2	10	10	7	-
Bristol Rovers	5	2	1	2	10	11	7	-1
Oxford United	4	2	-	2	8	12	6	-4
Barnet	6	1	1	4	9	17	4	-8
Reading	5	1	1	3	6	14	4	-8
Colchester Utd	5	-	2	3	7	12	2	-5
AFC B'mouth	5	-	2	3	8	15	2	-7
Brighton & H.A	5	-	1	4	6	18	1	-12



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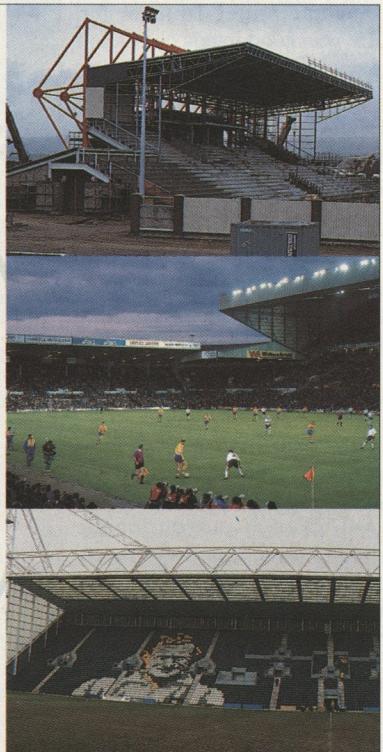
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# Young Reds



Welcome back to Ashton Gate for this, the second of three home games in a row. After a disappointing result against Bournemouth it is good to have a chance to put a victory on the sheet so early. The team needs all the support the fans can give it and only a positive response can really be accepted so make sure that you get behind the boys from the kick-off.

### EXTRA TIME

Just when you think you have got the immediate future all planned out something comes along and changes your plans. Sometimes it is bad as in the postponement of our trip to Millwall but sometimes it can be a bonus. Such a bonus came our way this week. We received a phone call from Gillingham inviting us to take a coachload of youngsters to next Saturday's game. As Gillingham have not previously taken part in exchange visits we were interested in finding out what prompted the phone call, only to be told "Bristol City Young Reds are renowned for their hospitality to other clubs and as we are just starting out in this sort of thing we were informed that you were the club to start our exchanges with". This type of praise seems to be quite common where our youngsters are concerned. Through the division everyone knows us for the good behaviour of our travelling group and our hospitality at home.

Your chance to join this well thought of band is on hand now, join us for Saturday's trip to Gillingham and see why we have such a good reputation. As Gillingham are not yet in a position to organise morning activities this trip is to watch City's main match only, however with the price set at only £10 for Young Reds members and £18 for accompanying parents and guests including admission to the match, we are sure that you will not find a better bargain.

### COUNTING THE COST

Laying on the activities for the Young Reds is by no means cheap. Everything costs no matter how little and all of this adds up to a huge financial outlay over the course of a season. Just putting on a game of football for them in the mornings involves the cost of pitches, balls and kit. Finding the money for these events becomes an increasingly difficult task. We have to seek out individuals and companies who are willing to help us foot the cost.

We are most grateful to Mark II Joinery for their sponsorship of the ball boys kits and one or two other items, however we cannot expect one company to bear all the costs involved in running our organisation. That is why we are appealing to any company or individual, who would like to help us ensure that the next generation of City Supporters get the best we can offer, to get in touch now! We can put together packages to suit almost anyone, for instance we are looking for people to help



sponsor the cost of running away coaches, and in return for their contribution they will be allowed to nominate a youngster of their choice as the mascot at the away game. We put this suggestion forward to last week's opponents Bournemouth and such was their success that they have managed to obtain sponsors for every one of their away trips this season. Surely Bristol City can do equally as well as this!?

Any persons interested in getting involved in helping us financially should contact John or Claire on 01454 883440.

### BIRTHDAYS

**September 27th:** Ryan Cowley (9), Sarah-Jane Rogers (15), Luke Selman (8), Lee Tudor (15). **28th:** Paul Woolley (15), Thomas Smallman (9), Ben Miller (14), Marie Hardwell (11), Shaun Barry (13), Thomas Johns (14). **29th:** N. Bartlett (15), Callum Downey (9), Lee Moran (16), Laura Serle (14), Ian Smith (15), Lisa Pagett (12).

We would like to give belated birthday greetings to the following Young Reds whose birthdays have not appeared in previous matchday magazines, good wishes to the following:

Ryan Matthews (16), Lucy Green (16), Richard Davies (14), Peter Smith (14), Philip Mallett (16), James Gray (5), Sam Crafer (14), Rachel Day (12), David Pagett (15), Gemma Pimm (14), Daniel Airey (16), James McKay (15), James Lowe (7), Nathan Stacey (15), Stephanie Davis (9).



### MASCOT DUTY

Today's mascot is 10 year-old Daniel Hawkes who attends Elton Primary School. Daniel enjoys playing football for Clevedon Athletic Under-11s and swimming. His favourite players are Sean Dyche, Shaun Goater and Rob Edwards.

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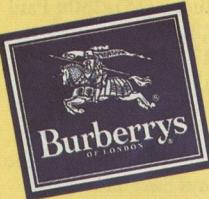
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# QUICK QUIZ

## THE NAME GAME

The following players all turned out for either Bristol City or Luton Town during the 1990/91 season. Simply fill in the first name which links them together...

BRISTOL CITY	LUTON TOWN	FIRST NAME
1) AIZLEWOOD	PEMBRIDGE	
2) RENNIE	BEAUMONT	
3) BAILEY	DREYER	
4) MARDON	HOLSGROVE	
5) SMITH	PREECE	

## CITY AND HATTERS STORY SO FAR

Here are a selection of questions on the season so far for both Bristol City and Luton Town...

- 1) Luton went down 1-0 at Blackpool on the opening day of the season. Can you name the former Manchester United and Bolton player who scored the match-winner?
- 2) Bristol City earned a point on the opening day at Grimsby. Can you name the former Southampton man who notched for the Mariners?
- 3) Luton allowed 'keeper, Kelvin Davis to go out on loan to which club only to recall him soon afterwards following an injury to Tony Feuer?
- 4) Against which newly promoted club did Shaun Goater grab a hat-trick within the space of 13 minutes?
- 5) Name the former Luton 'keeper who has recently returned to the club only to concede five goals at home on his league debut last week.
- 6) Name the City man who missed his first game of the season last Saturday.

## PICTURE QUIZ 1: WHOSE GROUND?

Can you identify which Football League club's ground this is?  
Here are some clues to help you along the way...

- This club are managed by a former Liverpool, Glasgow Rangers and Chelsea star
- They count Martin Peters and Ian Porterfield amongst their former managers
- Bristol City defeated this club 2-0 on the final day of the 1988/89 season
- A former star striker — and record sale — has recently rejoined the club and is back amongst the goals as the club ride high in their respective division

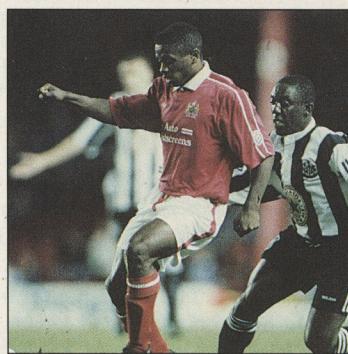


## PICTURE QUIZ 2: NAME THE OPPONENT

Can you name the current Premiership player who is applying the pressure to the recently departed Junior Bent during a Coca-Cola Cup tie at Ashton Gate?

Here are a couple of clues to help you along the way....

- This player left the club he is at in the picture and headed to the capital
- He launched his career at Norwich City back in the mid 1980's



## BRAIN OF BRISTOL

Here are some quick-fire questions on past and present Bristol City players named Paul....

- 1) From which club did we sign Paul Agostino?
- 2) How many goals in total did Paul Cheesley score for Bristol City?
- 3) Which Paul made 177 appearances for City between season 1977/78 and 1984/85?
- 4) Paul Allen was part of the City midfield last term, but which club did he join upon leaving Tottenham in 1993?
- 5) Which Paul, who has been capped by Wales and currently plays for the Baggies, launched his career at Ashton Gate?

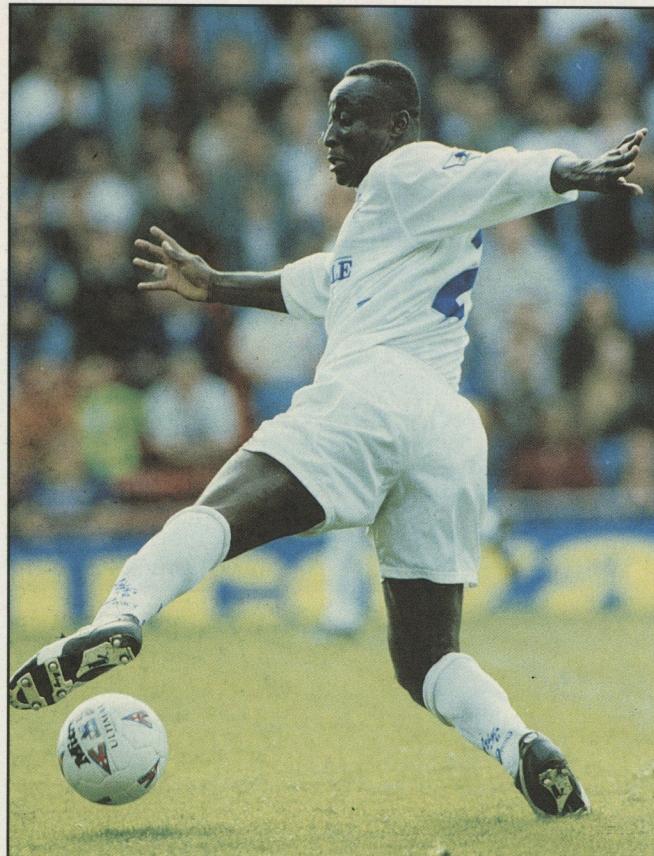
Answers: THE NAME GAME: 1. Mark, 2. David, 3. John, 4. Paul, 5. David. WHOSE GROUND PICTURE QUIZ: Bramall Lane, 1. Andy Dibble, 2. Scott Peterson, 3. CITY OF BRISTOL, 4. Southamptons, 5. Paul Mardon. CITY AND HATTERS STORY SO FAR: 1. Jason Lydiate, 2. Tommy Widdrington, 3. Hartlepool United, 4. Wigan Athlete-Tottenham, 5. Sheffield United. NAME THE OPPONENT PICTURE QUIZ: Ruell Fox, pictured whilst at Newcastle, but now of course with home of Shettfield United. WHOSE GROUND PICTURE QUIZ: Bramall Lane, 1. Young Boys, 2. 21, 3. Paul Stevens, 4. Southamptons, 5. Paul Mardon.

# COMING SOON

What a mouthwatering prospect we have in store on Tuesday evening, when we are due to receive our reward for removing Rovers from the Coca-Cola Cup. Our visitors of course are Premiership giants Leeds United and no doubt supporters of a certain age are hoping for a repeat of our famous cup win of almost 25 years ago.

The current Leeds side are not quite of the same calibre as that all-conquering team of the early 1970s but the club were champions as recently as 1992 so still have aspirations to be amongst the biggest names in British football. The current manager as we are all aware is George Graham who replaced Howard Wilkinson last season to complete his rehabilitation into the game following the corruption scandal at Arsenal. Graham is noted for his determination to build from a solid defence and Leeds are likely to be extremely hard to break down, although their back-line has shown a certain degree of weakness this term compared to last season. Also, they recently went three league games without scoring so there is some reason for optimism among City ranks. Looking at their form to date, United began the season with a 1-1 draw against, of all teams, Arsenal and then secured a fine 3-1 win at Yorkshire rivals Sheffield Wednesday. The fine start disappeared though with two home defeats in succession (0-2 against Crystal Palace and Liverpool) and a 1-0 reverse at Aston Villa.

Early names on the goalscorers charts are Rod Wallace with two and Jimmy Hasselbaink and Bruno Ribeiro with one apiece. Other players to look out for in the forthcoming games include one of Scotland's emerging heroes, David Hopkin (a summer signing from Crystal Palace), former Charlton star Lee Bowyer, Eire International Gary Kelly, ex-Oldham man Gunnar Halle and centre-back David Wetherall. In goal is the England International Nigel Martyn but another of their star names, Lee Sharpe has been missing through a knee injury picked up in pre-season. It would have been nice to see Ghanaian striker



After starting his Leeds career in explosive fashion, it all turned sour for Tony Yeboah.

Tony Yeboah in action but he recently moved to Hamburg in the Bundesliga having failed to build on that fantastic beginning to his Leeds career that saw phenomenal goals against Liverpool and Wimbledon.

Leeds fans were none too pleased recently when George Graham said that the club could not go and spend £6 or 7 million on a player but Chairman Ray Fell hit back and pointed out that since the Caspian Group took control of the club they have spent £19 million on 12 players. They have brought in little cash in that time, as apart from the fee for Yeboah they have received just £1 million from Sheffield United for Brian Deane and £500,000 from Manchester City for Paul Beesley.

Leeds United will undoubtedly represent an extremely stern test, but who knows, with home advantage and a good crowd behind us we could give the Premiership side something of a surprise.

## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

**Southend v Bristol City**

Saturday, 11th October 1997  
3.00pm

### HOW TO GET THERE

**By car:** Leave Bristol on the M32 and take M4 towards London. Come off at Junction 4b and follow signs to join the M25. Look out for signposts for Harlow (M11) then signs for Dartford Tunnel and carry on to Junction 29. Follow signs for Southend and join A127. At Rayleigh Weir Roundabout take second exit, after 5 miles at roundabout take third exit into Victoria Avenue. In 0.6 mile turn right into West Street (B1015), take next turning right into Roots Hall Avenue. Southend United FC on the left.

## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

**Gillingham v Bristol City**

Saturday 4th October 1997  
3.00pm

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**By car:** From all directions (M2): Exit M2 at junction 4 (signposted Gillingham A278). Left at motorway roundabout, and then straight on following signs to Gillingham Town Centre, through two roundabouts for 2.6 miles. At third roundabout turn left (signposted Gillingham, Chatham A2) onto the A2. Drive 0.6 miles straight over roundabout then move into right filter and turn left into Woodlands Road (brown signpost Strand Leisure Park). After 0.1 mile, turn left just before BP station into Chicago Avenue and floodlights are directly ahead. Park this side of the ground for a quick getaway.

**By rail:** 10 minutes walk from Gillingham station.

**By taxi:** No more than £3. For the away end ask for turnstiles at Redfern Avenue.

**By foot:** left of station and immediately left again, past Job Centre into Balmoral Road. Where main road bears to the right, continue straight on, still Balmoral Road, past the off-licence. Straight over crossroads into Priestfield Road. At the ground there is a sign taking away fans left down an alleyway into Redfern Avenue.

**By bus:** The following buses run from Chatham bus station to Gillingham town centre: nos: 101, 132, 136, 182 and 183.

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The match away to Millwall has been re-arranged for October 29th. Admission tickets purchased for the original fixture will be valid for the re-scheduled game, but ANY REFUNDS MUST BE CLAIMED BY SEPTEMBER 27th. Supporters who had booked with CATS will need to re-book.  
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