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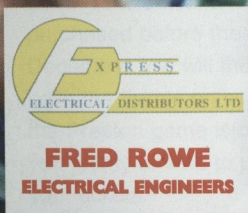
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FROM THE TOP

with Brenda Spencer (Chief Executive)

Brenda Spencer



fixture at the Racecourse Ground will probably be a 12noon kick off, as soon as this is confirmed I will let you know.

I have received some tickets from Watford for the fixture on Saturday the 29th of November, if any of you would like to purchase beforehand, there are no concessions on the day but if purchased prior to the day of the game they are £8.00 instead of £12.00. (concessions are for under 16's and over 65's). The area of the ground allocated to visiting clubs is the Rookery South Stand, which is unreserved seating that is covered.

Another date for your diary is Monday the 3rd of November when our Youth play Manchester United, in the Lancashire Youth Cup, kick off 7pm.

Sorry my notes today are mainly about tickets but since my last notes we have signed Jorg Smeets from Hercules Football Club in Holland and Carl Bradshaw ex Norwich City and I would like to welcome them both to Wigan Athletic.

Brenda Spencer

Our fixture with Preston North End on Saturday the 22nd November has been designated an ALL TICKET game and tickets will be on sale from Monday the 20th of October. This will give you the opportunity to purchase your tickets at the York City game on the 1st of November and Walsall on the 18th of November, as well as at the offices Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm.

The police have informed us that the fixture with Carlisle on Sunday the 28th of December will also be an ALL TICKET game, with a 12noon kick off, and because of the Christmas break tickets will have to be purchased before the 24th of December. We will therefore have the tickets on sale once the Preston game is over, giving you plenty of time to purchase your tickets.

I have also been informed by Wrexham that the Boxing Day



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We haven't played particularly well but our attitude was good and we played winning football."

Manager John Deehan on the 2 - 1 home victory over Fulham.

We were cast in the role of party poopers because the entire nation - except the Wigan fans wanted Kevin Keegan to win, but we didn't let that affect our preparation at all.

We battled well and did to Fulham what other sides have done to us this season by scoring a late winner."

Colin Greenall on his late winner that spoiled Kevin Keegan's return to football.

"I saw the specialist and he basically advised me that in his opinion I should give up playing full-time.

The ligament damage has deteriorated badly and I don't want it to affect me in the long term.

I'll be going in for this operation basically to hopefully sort the problem out so it won't affect me later in life. I don't want to be walking round with a limp and stick when I get 40."

Tony Black on the sad news that injury has forced him to retire from football.

"I enjoyed my first game in English football, however I think I will have to adjust my game to adapt to the ninety minutes. Sadly the result was not too good.

In Holland, sometimes the tactics are more important which gives you time for a rest. After 70 minutes, the coach had to make a change as I was not fit to continue.

New signing Jorg Smeets on his first game in English football.

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John Deehan

Good afternoon, as Saturdays go they don't get much better than last week, the youth team rallied from a two goal deficit to win 3 - 2 against Stockport County, we managed to come from behind twice at Saltergate and won by the same scoreline as we secured our first victory on the road, with excellent performances from all the players. Then the icing on the cake - it may have only been a 0 - 0 draw but I admit I was like every other England supporter as the final whistle blew in the Olympic Stadium and jumped around my living room with joy, what a tremendous performance, I expect many of you would have noticed I expected a negative result which has so often been the case in these big game scenarios, but what Glen Hoddle has done has been magnificent building on the solid foundation laid by Terry Venables and now looking a formidable outfit, we performed well in every department and can look forward to the finals with confidence. Surely there can be no greater honour than to be acclaimed by the Italian Press, because, be under no illusions the Italians are and will continue to be a great side yet the biggest selling football paper in the World the "Gazzetta Del A Sport," proclaimed, "The Lions who only once knew how to punt the ball forward showed refined ball skills and commanded the game from start to finish." Praise indeed, I for one will try to be in France next summer to watch and learn from the greatest coaches and managers in the world.

Today we welcome Luton, many people's favourites for promotion at the outset of the campaign, I think it is no secret that as a club they have had a run of injuries to key players that has left them severely depleted in too many key areas to mount a realistic challenge in the early part of the season, yet last Saturday may well have been the start of their revival after a comfortable 3 - 0 victory against

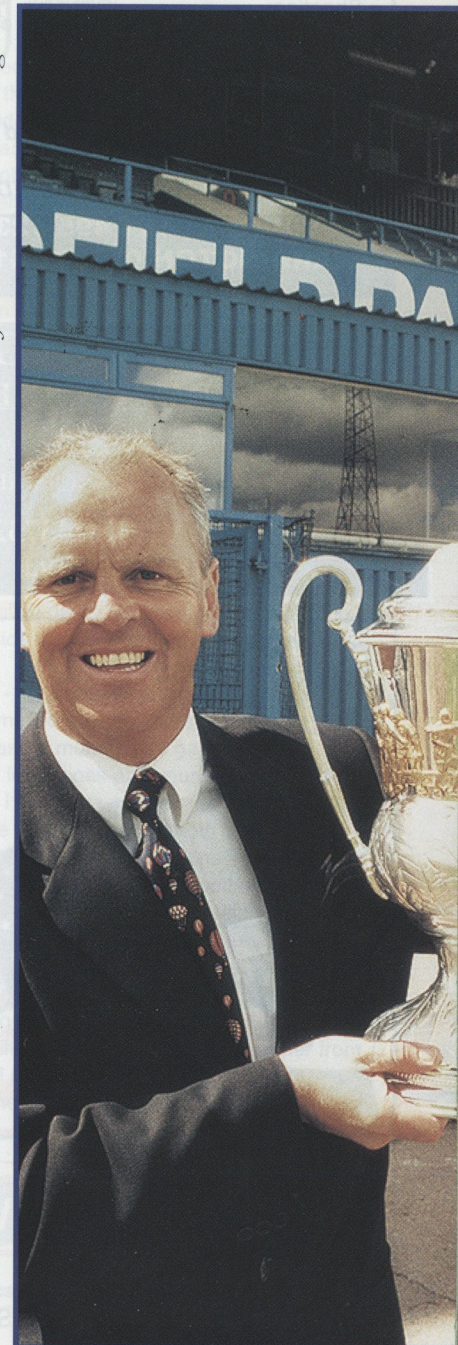
"I for one will try to be in France next summer to watch and learn from the greatest coaches and managers in the world."

Plymouth. I know Lennie Lawrence well, he has managed at the very top level and produced successful teams throughout his career, they have all been well disciplined and organised sides I am sure today will be no exception. We are without the suspended Scott Green and will have to be at our best, I will once again ask for your great vocal backing, and ask the players for 100% commitment throw in a little luck and we will go close to the right result.

Enjoy the game.

John Deehan.

John Deehan - Manager



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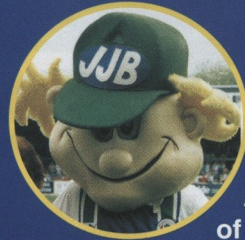
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SPRINGY'S QUIZ



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1. Who finished bottom of the Premier league last season?
2. Darren Huckerby left which club to join Coventry City?
3. Who is the most capped German player?
4. Who were the only team not to score in Euro '96?
5. Which side resigned from the Football League in 1962?
6. Which club in the North West was the first outside London to install floodlights?
7. Frank Worthington followed Bryan Hamilton as manager of which club?
8. Who were the only ever presents for Latics last season in the league?
9. Who was top league scorer at Blackburn Rovers last season?
10. Who won the Welsh Cup last season?

"And you can quote me on that."

Dave Bassett, Sheffield United manager 1994.

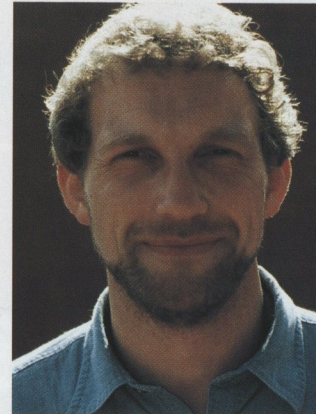
"The board here have been loyal to me. When I arrived they asked there'd be no money and they've kept their promise."

ANSWERS

1. Nottingham Forest 2. Newcastle United 3. Lothar Matthaus.
4. Turkey 5. Accrington Stanley 6. Carlisle United.
7. Tranmere Rovers 8. Lee Butler and Colin Greenall.
9. Chris Sutton 10. Barry Town.

Andy Moore

Talking Football



Heard about the Chesterfield fan who won an all-expenses paid trip to Rome in a competition, with free tickets for Italy v England thrown in, but turned down his prize because he preferred to watch his beloved Spireites take

on Latics that same day?

The story's straight up and was in the papers the other week. It rather begged the question why he entered the competition in the first place but he claims not to have known what the prize was. It left me wondering how many Latics fans would have made the same choice had they found themselves in our lucky winner's shoes. It's a different question to answer now, as our opinions will inevitably be influenced by our knowledge of what actually occurred both on and, depressingly, off the field in the Eternal City (which, I've finally come to realise, earned that nickname on account of the endless injury-time played there). But be honest with yourselves and decide whether you'd have declined some of the best seats at the Olympic in order to spend your Saturday at sunny Saltergate.

I posed the question to neutrals at the office, who considered it no contest and concluded that our Chesterfield man's logic was as twisted as his home town's famous spire.

But, of course, our winner wasn't a neutral and the football fan's depth of devotion to his favourites should never be underestimated.

And besides, there were plenty of rational reasons to opt for a cultural sortie to Derbyshire ahead of a tiring trip to Rome.

Even before the Italian touts began plying "unofficial" Englishmen with tickets for

unsegregated zones within easy seat throwing distance of the locals, it had been clear that the police attitude to the British invasion was anything but light-hearted. But for the objections raised by Mellor and co., every passenger stepping off a B.A. flight and onto Italian soil last week would quite possibly have been strip-searched on sight. A far cry from Chesterfield hospitality, as parched pressmen in need of a half-time cuppa were ushered downstairs to mingle with V.I.P.'s (we still never got a brew but it's the thought that counts). After the match, you could stick around and sample the quaint delights of a traditional market town. Not so in Rome, where it seemed only those of an Italian persuasion were allowed out of the stadium before dawn.

And what of the local delicacies? Any visitors to Rome fortunate enough to locate a restaurant which wasn't boarded up for the occasion may have found himself in pasta paradise, but such dishes pale alongside the Chesterfield speciality of potato skin salad.

That's right - no potatoes, just the jackets; all covered in melted cheese and served up with the usual stuff and a mountain of garlic bread. Forget your fettuccines and your stringy tagliatelle, this is what I call a pre-match meal...but you do need to take your best set of teeth with you because some of those spud skins seem to be made of the same materials as football boots. And of course, you could always watch the England match on TV: live if you'd paid your subs to Rupert or later that night via ITV's time-warp. There was no second chance to see Latics play Chesterfield, unless you got the club video out.

Yes, all in all I reckon our competition winner from Chesterfield made the right call - but looking at the final score he may no longer agree.

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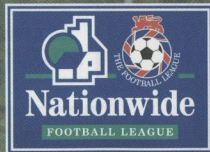
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By Geoff Lea

With league leaders Watford having a day off last Saturday, Northampton Town missed the chance to go top by losing out 1-0 at Grimsby. Kevin Donovan was on target for the Mariners this time from open play. Chris Waddles Burnley celebrated their first maximum points of the season thanks to two goals by Gerry Creaney. The on-loan Manchester City striker took his tally to four in two games since his arrival from Maine Road, which saw victory over Carlisle United. However the win did not take them off the bottom of the division as our visitors today Luton Town also collected maximum points with a 3-0 win over Plymouth Argyle. Kevin Keegan's Fulham saw his new side pick up their second home victory under his control with another victory over Lancashire's opposition. Blackpool were the latest club to return home from the capital pointlers with Mike Conroy netting the only goal. Making his debut for the Riversiders was Paul Bracewell a former colleague of the Ex Newcastle United boss arriving in a £75,000 deal from Sunderland. Paul Bracewell became the second signing in the new era at Craven Cottage coach Ray Wilkins returning to his former

club Crystal Palace to take Leon McKenzie on a loan deal. While newspapers continue to name players with moves to Craven Cottage, several present members of the Fulham squad have been linked with moves away former manager Micky Adams now in charge at Swansea City would like to take last seasons leading scorer Mike Conroy to the Vetch Field. Sacked to make way for the return of the former England player Kevin Keegan last season, Division Three manager of the year was back in league management taking over at the Welsh side following the controversial sacking of Jan Molby. After leading the Swans to a play off place the Danish International found himself the latest victim of the managerial merry go round when new

owner Silver Shields took charge at Swansea City. The Division leading scorer Roger Bali will have to sit out two games following his dismissal in the 3-0 home victory over Wrexham. The French under 21 international linked with a move to Premier League side Aston Villa was sent off for arguing with the referee after a foul on Brian Carey.

DIVISION TWO STATISTICS

Highest Aggregate Scorers

Oldham Athletic 4
Bristol Rovers 4 27 Sept.

HAT-TRICKS

Brendan O'Connell

Wigan Athletic v Wycombe Wanderers

Highest Attendance

13812 Watford v York City

Lowest Attendance

2831 York City v Brentford

Leading Goalscorers.

		league	Cup	Total
Rodger Bali	- Walsall	9	2	11
Rob Taylor	- Brentford	6	3	9
Matt Jansen	- Carlisle United	5	3	8
Shaun Goater	- Bristol City	6	1	7
David Steel	- Northampton Town	6	1	7
Tony Lormar	- Chesterfield	4	3	7
Stuart Barlow	- Oldham Athletic	6	0	6
Tony Ellis	- Blackpool	6	0	6
Barry Hayls	- Bristol Rovers	6	0	6
David Lowe	- Wigan Athletic	6	-	6
Mark Stallard	- Wycombe Wanderers	6	0	6

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Blues News

Welcome to Springfield Park to our new signings Carl Bradshaw and Jorg Smeets.

Sheffield born Carl once again teams up with John Deehan following his release from Norwich City on a free transfer. It was John during his time at Carrow Road that took Carl to Norfolk in a £500,000 deal in September 1995. A belated birthday greeting to Carl who celebrated his 29th birthday on the 2nd October.

Dutchman Jorg Smeets made his debut at Grimsby Town a fortnight ago following his £100,000 move from Heracles, having previously played for Ajax of Amsterdam, Volendam, FC Twente and Utrecht.

Belated birthday greetings also to Gavin Johnson and Ian Kilford who both celebrated their birthdays in October. Gavin was 27 on the 10th October, while Ian celebrated his 24th birthday on the 6th October.



Carl Bradshaw

KERVIH F. SAKUTUKWA from Zimbabwe is a keen supporter of Wigan Athletic. He is looking for (as he says a crazy latics fan) who would correspond with him regularly, keeping him up to date on all our goings on at Springfield. His address is W657 Amaveni, P.O. Amaveni, Kwekwe, Zimbabwe, Africa.



LATICS STRIP IN UNUSUAL PLACES

11 year old Emma Brown proudly wears her Latics Colours during her visit to the Southernmost Point of U.S.A. Key West.

Have you a favourite football song or chant.

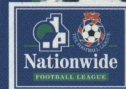
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SEPTEMBER
 Wed 3 (a) Bury (Cup) 1-4
 Wed 10 (a) Hull City 4-2
 Mon 22 (h) Newcastle Utd 1-2

OCTOBER
 Wed 1 (h) Doncaster Rvrs
 Wed 8 (h) Scarborough
 Wed 15 (h) Bury
 Wed 29 (a) Scunthorpe Utd
NOVEMBER
 Thu 6 (h) Stoke City (Cup)
 Tues 11 (a) Chesterfield
 Wed 26 (a) Chesterfield (Cup)

DECEMBER
 Wed 3 (h) Chester City
 Wed 17 (h) Walsall

JANUARY
 Wed 7 (a) Scarborough
 Wed 14 (h) Stockport County (Cup)
 Wed 21 (h) Hull City

FEBRUARY
 Wed 11 (a) Doncaster Rovers
 Wed 18 (a) Newcastle United

MARCH
 Wed 4 (a) Bury
 Wed 25 (h) Scunthorpe Utd

APRIL
 Wed 8 (h) Chesterfield
 Wed 22 (a) Chester City

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE 1997 FIXTURES

AUGUST
 Sat 16 (a) Everton
 Wed 27 (h) Billingham T (Cup)
 Sat 23 (h) Oldham Athletic
 Sat 30 (h) Tranmere Rovers

SEPTEMBER
 Mon 1 (a) Rochdale
 Fri 5 (a) Chester City
 Sat 13 (h) Liverpool
 Mon 15 (h) Darlington (Cup)
 Sat 20 (a) Wrexham
 Sat 27 (h) Wrexham

OCTOBER
 Sat 4 (a) Burnley
 Sat 11 (a) Stockport County
 Sat 18 (h) Bury
 Sat 25 (h) Carlisle United

NOVEMBER
 Sat 1 (a) Morecambe
 Sat 8 (h) Chester City
 Sat 15 (a) Crewe Alexandra
 Sat 22 (a) Manchester City

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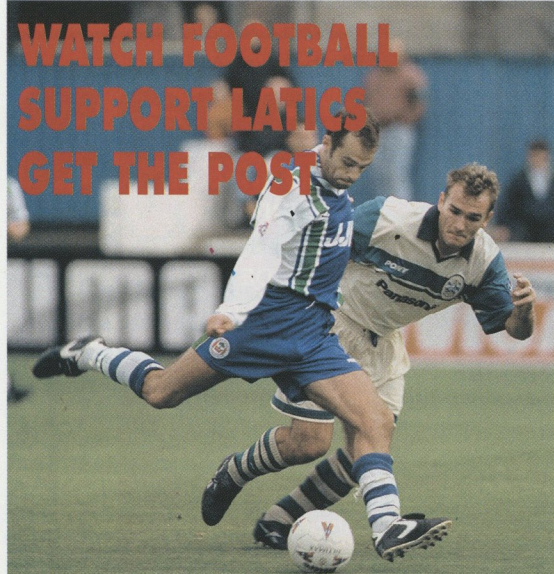
A thoroughly deserved 3 - 0 win at Rochdale in the Lancashire Youth Cup has been the highlight of a lot of football over the past fortnight. Their reward was a 2nd Round tie at home to Manchester United on Monday, November 7th (K.O. 7pm.). Rochdale were no walk overs, however, showing pace up front and aggression in midfield. Our boys, though, seemed to have the upper hand thanks to a solid defence well marshalled by David Cunliffe and a midfield in which Steve Sing and Chris Birch showed good form. Wigan's goals came from Birch, Jonjo Dann and Stephen Baccino.

off of David Cunliffe. Gareth Seddon nearly grabbed an equaliser near the end but also picked up a stomach injury which has kept him on the side lines ever since. Meanwhile, the form of our Reserves has left a lot of room for improvement in our latest matches. At home to Scarborough, we created but spurned several good chances in the opening half and allowed the visitors to take the upper hand after the break. At least the game provided much needed match practice for several professionals returning after injury.

Finally, congratulations to 15 year old Francis McMahon our U16 captain who will soon be attending trials for the England U16's squad. Francis plays at left back and is a strong powerful youngster. He comes from St. Helens and we wish him well at the trials.

A few days later, a much changed 'A' team were distinctly unlucky in going down to a single goal defeat at Burnley. A side containing three Associate Schoolboys in its ranks never gave up despite losing John Coyne (concussion) in the first five minutes. Burnley's winner came in the last ten minutes when Wigan were down to ten men after the sending

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Profile on Gavin Johnson



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Where do you live:-
Chorley.

Marital Status/Family:-
Single.

Nickname:- Johnno - Leon.

Current Car:- Toyota
Corolla.

PROFESSIONAL FILE

Best friend in the game:-
Phil Whelan (Oxford
United).

Boyhood Hero:- Glenn
Hodde.

**Which footballer do you
most admire:-** Paolo
Maldini (Capt. of Italy).

**Proudest moment in the
game:-** Winning the old
2nd Division with Ipswich.

**What is the best game
you've ever played in and
why:-** First game in the
Premier League with
Ipswich against Aston Villa.

Biggest disappointment:-
Being released by Ipswich
Town (my home town
team).

**Biggest influences in the
game:-** Parents.

Most difficult opponent:-
Chris Waddle.

Ambitions in the game:-
Enjoy my football and stay
injury free.

**What is the best game
you've ever seen:-** Spurs v
Manchester City - F.A. Cup
Final.

**Favourite football
stadium:-** White Hart Lane.

**Who did you support as a
child:-** Spurs.

**Thoughts on the new
stadium:-** Great for the
town and the club.

GENERAL FILE

**Favourite Pop
Group/Musician:-** Three
Degrees.

Favourite song:- When will
I see you again.

Favourite Actor/Actress:-
Clint Eastwood/ Demi
Moore.

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1989-90 Ipswich Town

Apps	Subs	Total
3	3	0

1990-91 Ipswich Town

Apps	Subs	Total
5	2	0

1991-92 Ipswich Town

Apps	Subs	Total
33	9	5

1992-93 Ipswich Town

Apps	Subs	Total
39	1	5

1993-94 Ipswich Town

Apps	Subs	Total
16	0	1

1994-95 Ipswich Town

Apps	Subs	Total
14	3	0

1995-96 Luton Town

Apps	Subs	Total
5	1	0

1995-96 Wigan Athletic

Apps	Subs	Total
27	0	3

1996-97 Wigan Athletic

Apps	Subs	Total
37	0	3

1997-98 Wigan Athletic

Apps	Subs	Total
9	1	2

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Only five months ago Luton Town were fighting it out for a place in Division One only losing out to Crewe Alexandra in the semi-final play-offs on penalties.

Starting this season as firm favourites for promotion, the Hatters in the words of manager Lennie Lawrence, "Hasn't been the greatest of starts." Last Saturday home defeat over Plymouth Argyle, was only their second league win of the season, coming on the back of two heavy defeats including a 0 - 4 home defeat by their local rivals Watford.

That defeat saw a small demonstration by fans against manager Lenny Lawrence, with the manager quick to point out an alarming injury list which has seen the Kenilworth Road outfit use twenty eight players in their opening ten games.

One of the players yet to play this season is former Latics player Darren Patterson, the Northern Ireland centre half collecting an ankle injury in the summer.

Tony Thorpe who ran Graeme Jones close for the leading scorer in the Football League last season grabbed a couple last Saturday taking his tally to six.



LUTON TOWN 1997-98

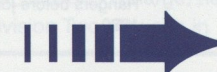
Back Row: (Left to right) Robert Kean, Sean Evers, Stuart Douglas, Steve Augustine, Andrew Barr, Paul McLaren, Simon Davies, Gary Doherty, Matthew Spring, Ian Jones, Andrew Fotiadis, Richard Harvey, Dwight Marshall.

Standing: (Left to right) Bob Bird (Financial Controller), Cherry Newberry (Club Secretary), Clive Goodyear (Physio), Paul Lowe (Youth Development Officer), Wayne Turner (First Team Coach), Paul Showler, David Oldfield, Mitchell Thomas, Nathan Abbey, Ian Feuer, Kelvin Davis, Marvin Johnson, Chris Willmott, Graham Alexander, John Moore (Youth Team Coach), Trevor Peake (Reserve Team Coach), Kathy Leather (Commercial Manager), Les Shannon (Scouting Co-Ordinator).

Seated: (Left to right) Liam George, Tony Thorpe, Steve Davis, Nigel Terry (Director), David Kohler (Chairman), Lennie Lawrence (Manager), Cliff Bassett (Director), Chris Green (Director), Gary Waddock, Julian James, Terry Sweeney.

Front Row: (Left to right) Jimmy Cox, Russell Lawes, Stuart Fraser, Darren Howe, James Ayres, Daniel Tate, Nick Webb, Emerson Boyce, Moses Jerry, Michael McIndoe, Andre Scarlett, Delroy McKoy.

HATTERS



THE

LUTON TOWN



Paul McLaren

Mitchell Thomas: Local born full back now in the veteran stage of his career having made over 200 league appearances in his two spells at the club. Transferred to Tottenham Hotspur for £233,000 in July 1986 after his first century of games which also saw a half million pound move to West Ham United in August 91.

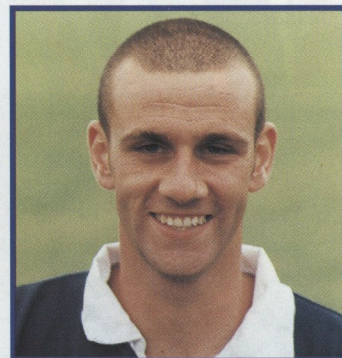
Alan White: Signed last month in a £40,000 deal from Middlesbrough. The Darlington born centre half arrived at the club after failing to make a first team appearance for the Riverside club.

MIDFIELD

Graham Alexander: An industrious fierce tackling player who missed just two games last season in the club's bid to regain Division One status.

A former trainee with Scunthorpe United making over 150 league appearances moving on in a £100,000 deal in July 1995.

Simon Davis: Recruited in the close season in a £250,000 deal from



Simon Davies

Manchester United having found his chances hard to come by at Old Trafford. A member of United's FA Youth Cup winning side of 1992, making loan appearances for Exeter City and Huddersfield Town, representing Wales at full international level.

Sean Evers: A leading member of the reserve side making two league appearances last season. Another young player developed by the Hatters youth policy.

Paul McLaren: Established himself as a regular squad member last season playing in almost half of all first team games. A product of the club's youth policy, with excellent ball control, who looks an outstanding prospect.

Gary Waddock: Rewarded for his tenacity and ball winning defensive skills by being awarded the club captaincy last season, which saw him complete a century of league appearances for the club. A former Republic of Ireland international with 21 caps who won a Division 2 championship medal with Queens Park Rangers before joining Millwall in August 1989.

Stuart Douglas: Fast and tricky, the former youth trainee made his Football League debut a couple of seasons ago. Although his chances were few last year, he remains an important squad member.

FORWARDS

Andrew Fotiadis: A young striker of great promise, full of pace, who took his first team opportunities last season with much success. A product of the youth team representing England at schoolboy level.

Dwight Marshall: Recovered from a broken leg to force his way back into the first team last season, immediately re-establishing himself as a crowd favourite. Recruited in a £150,000 deal from Plymouth Argyle in July 1994 having started his career with non-league Grays Athletic.

David Oldfield: In his second spell at the club rejoining in a £150,000 transfer from Leicester City in January 1990. Australian born representing England at U21 level the former Kenilworth Road apprentice moved to Manchester City in a £600,000 deal in March 1989, before a transfer to Filbert Street a year later.

Tony Thorpe: Came of age last season after several seasons as a promising attacking midfielder, which saw him score 31 goals during the season - the highest in the division. This tremendous form saw the former Leicester City junior elected to the PFA Second Division XI by his fellow professionals and he also won both the Supporters and Players 'Player of the Year' awards.

Gary Doherty: Made his first team debut as a substitute against Millwall in September whilst still a youth player. Has represented Eire at Under 18 level, playing at centre half where he started in the youth side before being switched up front as an emergency striker.

Phil Gray: First signed for the club in August 1991 scoring 20 goals in the 1992-93 season which led to an £800,000 move to Sunderland in July 1993. A regular in the Northern Ireland squad, spent three seasons at Roker Park before moving to France to play for Nancy - a free transfer under the Bosman ruling and from there he moved to Dutch side Fortuna Sittard. Returned to Luton in September 1997 for £400,000.



Phil Gray

LUTON TOWN

This Season At A Glance

Top League Scorer:	Tony Thorpe 3
Goals scored at home:	7
Goals scored away:	1
Goals conceded at home:	12
Goals conceded away:	6
Biggest home win:	3-0 v Plymouth
Heaviest away win:	not won away
Heaviest home defeat:	0-4 v Watford
Heaviest away defeat:	0-3 v Bristol City
Clean sheets at home:	2
Clean sheets away:	1
Current league position:	23

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
League Record	11	2	3	6	8	18	9



MEET THE MANAGER

Name:- LENNIE LAWRENCE

Place of Birth:- Brighton

Date of Birth:- 14 December 1947

Date of Appointment:- December 1995

PREVIOUS CLUBS

As Manager

Plymouth Argyle (caretaker) Charlton Athletic Middlesborough, Bradford City.

As Assistant Manager/Coach

Plymouth Argyle Lincoln City

As a player

Croydon, Carshalton Athletic, Sutton United.

LUTON TOWN FACTFILE

Formed: 1855

Honours: League Cup Winners 1987-88

Division 2 Champions 1981-82 Division 3 South Champions 1936-37 Division 4 Champions 1967-68

Best Performance:

LEAGUE: 7th Division 1 1986-87

FA CUP: Runners-up 1958-59

LEAGUE CUP: Winners 1987-88

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £650,000 to Odense for Lars Elstrup Aug 1989.

Record Transfer Fee Received: £2500,000 from Arsenal for John Hartson Jan 1995.

Ground: Kenilworth Stadium

Capacity: 9970 (all-seated)

Club Nickname: Hatters

Club Colours: White shirts with blue sleeves with white and orange trim, blue shorts, blue and white hooped socks.

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Form Guide - The Season So Far

09 Aug	Blackpool	(away)	0-1	
18 Aug	Southend	(home)	1-0	Douglas
23 Aug	Fulham	(away)	0-0	
30 Aug	Oldham	(home)	1-1	Thorpe
02 Sept	Millwall	(home)	0-2	
09 Sept	Northampton	(away)	0-1	
13 Sept	Bournemouth	(away)	1-1	Marshall
20 Sept	Wrexham	(home)	2-5	Davis Gray
27 Sept	Bristol City	(away)	0-3	
04 Oct	Watford	(home)	0-4	
	Plymouth	(home)	3-0	Thorpe 2 Davies

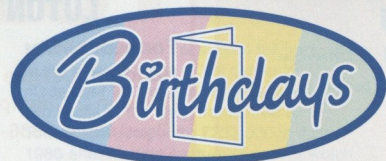
HONOURS

As Manager

Charlton Athletic Division 2 runners-up 1985-86 Appointed in charge twenty two months ago following the departure of Terry Westley. His first managerial appointment was with Charlton Athletic in 1982 guiding the Haddicks to promotion to the top flight as Division Two runners-up in 1985-86.

After nine years at the Udley moved North to take over at Middlesborough taking the Teaside club into the FA Premier League in 1992 in his first season with them. However following relegation a year later he left in 1994 to take over at Bradford City, leaving Valley Parade in November 1995 to become Luton Town's 21st manager.

Unable to keep Luton Town in Division One in his first season in charge, he guided them to the Division Two play-offs in 1996/97.



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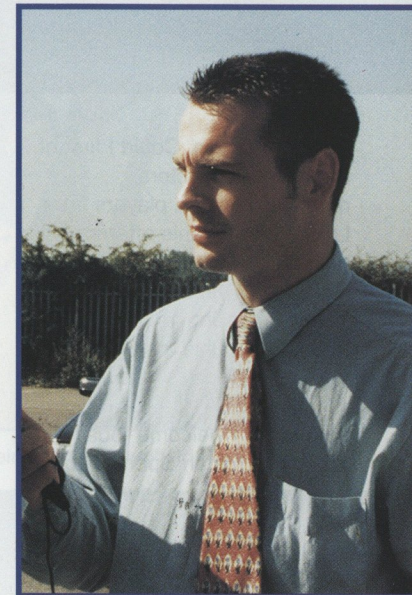
What a great triumph we all witnessed on Saturday. The hopes of a nation, the passion, the excitement, pubs buzzing with the accolades of a supreme performance. Yes. Wigan Athletic had finally won an away match. Oh, and England got through to the World Cup finals, apparently. Only kidding. It was great to see Latics finally getting a deserved 3 points outside of Springfield Park. I must admit, as we sat in the Wish FM studios listening to the reports coming in, all of us were thinking, "Don't let them throw this one away." Praise be that they didn't.

Turning to the England game, it was a fantastic feeling to know that we'd gone to Rome with the rest of the world expecting us to lose, and yet we created more chances, were defensively rock solid, and strangled their strikers at every opportunity. I can't help wondering what the result would have been, had Alan Shearer been fit, but there's no point worrying about that now.

Sadly the game was marred by crowd violence. It seems that as usual, a few idiots decided to kick off, and a large

number of innocent people got dragged in to it. The Italian police then decided it was open season on England fans regardless of whether they were doing anything or not. Batons and blood are a sickening sight. Nevertheless it was easy to see how this kind of thing can happen. I spent the first half of the match in a pub in Wigan, and felt extremely uneasy. There were a group of yobs who'd obviously been at the sherberts for some time, that were making some very threatening noises. The ringleader, a shaven-headed, lager swilling idiot, who obviously didn't have 2 brain cells to rub together, spent the entire time shouting at the TV with every possible insult he could think of. The ignorant, racist, bigoted thug didn't see it as a game, but a war. His cronies were stood round laughing and nodding, and I daren't think what would have happened, had we gone a goal down. Needless to say, my friends and I decided to watch the second half in another ale house, where, I'm glad to say, the atmosphere was totally different. Although just as full, and just as drunken, these people were actually interested

Fraser Dainton



in the game because of the sport. People were singing and chanting, shouting "Oooooohhhh!!!" and clapped when we almost scored. When the final whistle went, there were huge cheers, and complete strangers hugged each other, and the singing started again. At the end of the day, it was a game. Okay, it was a very important game, with the hopes of the country riding on it, but not an excuse to go to war. The sooner this stupidity is stamped out, the better.

Fraser Dainton.



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Good afternoon. Could I first of all welcome directors, management and players from Luton Town for this afternoon's game. However, I would like to welcome in particular Luton Town's travelling fans who have taken the trouble to travel the M1 and M6 for today's game.

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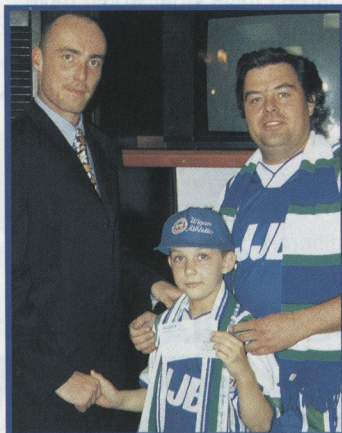
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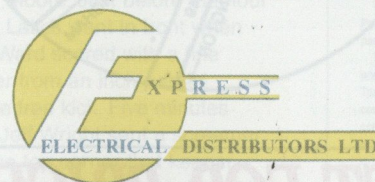


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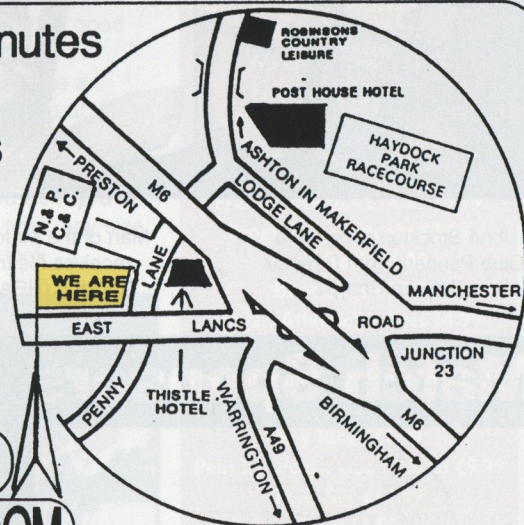
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Latics fans travelled to Giant Axe wondering if their new signing Maurice Whittle would play a part in the game. Little did they know that his second half appearance would turn everything around in an incredible match. The 29 year old former Oldham Athletic player with a wealth of Division Two experience signed on for Latics until February when he was due to go to America to play for Fort Lauderdale.

In the first half, second in the table Lancaster stroked the ball about with confidence. They were allowed too much time in midfield by a rather timid Latics side who stood back and let City come at them. In fact, keeper John Brown kept Latics in the hunt with three superb saves but he couldn't prevent the home side taking the lead through centre forward John Darley six minutes before the final interval after some slack marking by the Latics defence.

The second half arrival of Whittle, on for big Eric Makin, transformed the match completely. Suddenly, the Latics players became changed men as they tore into a bewildered home defence. They equalised on 52 minutes through Micky Moore. Just before the hour mark, Latics went in front when Noel Ward scored with a fine header from an inch perfect Whittle free kick. Five minutes later, Jeff Wright sent a screamer into the top corner that keeper Stuart Murdoch probably heard but didn't see. Within two more minutes, Micky Worswick netted a

fourth after being sent clear by Whittle.

Some of Latics football was a joy to watch now and their finishing was deadly. On 72 minutes, Wright scored again from another perfect Whittle cross before Moore finished off the scoring with the sixth and his own second nine minutes from time. Playing for Lancaster was former Latics player Adrian Ollerton.

It was a very shrewd move by manager Ian McNeill to bring the popular Whittle back to his home town and the impact he made was phenomenal. His steadiness and class in the midfield gave Latics a new and unbeatable confidence. His last game was as a substitute in a goalless draw at Springfield Park against Great Harwood. He had only been on the losing side once and that was at First Division Birmingham City in the F.A. Cup who were managed by Sir Alf Ramsey and who had Trevor Francis in their side. It was probably this cup run in which a Whittle goal had put out Jack Charlton's Sheffield Wednesday side together with finishing second in the table that got Latics the



votes to replace Southport in the Football league in June. He rejoined Latics for a couple more seasons in 79/80, but nothing could surpass this first stay at the club. Who can ever forget him sitting on the ball just after we had finally cracked Stafford's frustrating and negative offside trap.

City:- Murdoch, Richmond, Williams, Benfold, Akrigg, Brindle, Ollerton, Gill, Darley, Buchan, Hope. Substitute - Innes.

Latics:- Brown, Morris, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Gillibrand, Worswick, Moore, Makin, Wilkie, Wright. Substitute - Whittle for Makin (H-T).

Referee:- N. Riley (Westhoughton).

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Under manager Tony Pulis, they achieved promotion against all the odds which saw attendances rise over 100% never dropping out of the top three, which saw Pulis named as Manager of the Year.

Last season Gillingham finished the season in 10th place with former Huddersfield Town striker top scorer with twenty one League goals.

This season the Gills are unbeaten at the Priestfield Stadium. Recording one victory on their travels, that win at Bristol Rovers when Steve Butler and Adedo Akinbiyi were on target.

Record signing Adedo Akinbiyi a £250,000 capture from Norwich City has attracted the attention of several Premier League sides, his goal in the 1 - 0 victory over Wycombe Wanderers ten days ago taking his tally for the season to five league goals.

Club captain Andy

Hessenthaler is an integral part of the midfield having joined the club in a £235,000 move from Watford in June 1996, while Guy Butters was another expensive capture costing £225,000 from Portsmouth in October 1996.

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Lee Butler <i>Sheffield 30.05.66</i>	BARNLEY free 05.7.96	8+0	0	1+0	0	9+1	0
Roy Carroll <i>Enniskillen 30.09.77</i>	HULL CITY £350,000 16.4.97	3+0	0	1+0	0	4+0	0
Neil Fitzhenry <i>Wigan 24.09.78</i>	TRAINEE	0+1	0	0+0	0	0+1	0
Scott Green <i>Walsall 15.01.70</i>	BOLTON WDRS £300,000 04.7.97	11+0	1	2+0	0	13+0	1
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Statistics as at 26th September



Team Fixtures 1997/98



DATE	v	OPPONENTS	R	F	A	Pts	Att
August							
9	H	Wycombe Wanderers	W	5	2	3	4,706
12	H	Chesterfield CCC1	L	1	2	-	3,413
16	A	AFC Bournemouth	L	0	1	3	3,799
23	H	Plymouth Argyle	D	1	1	4	3,761
26	A	Chesterfield CCC2	L	0	1	-	4,076
30	A	Bristol City	L	0	3	4	9,255
September							
2	A	Carlisle United	L	0	1	4	5,352
8	H	Wrexham	W	3	2	7	3,872
13	H	Blackpool	W	3	0	10	5,517
20	A	Northampton Town	L	0	1	10	6,570
27	H	Fulham	W	2	1	13	4,951
October							
4	A	Grimsby Town	L	1	2	13	4,623
11	A	Chesterfield					
18	H	Luton Town					
21	H	Gillingham					
25	A	Millwall					
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4	A	Oldham Athletic					
8	A	Southend United					
15		FA CUP 1ST ROUND					
18	H	Walsall					
22	A	Preston North End					
29	A	Wattford					
December							
2	H	Bristol Rovers					
6		FA CUP 2ND ROUND					
13	A	Burnley					
20	H	Brentford					
26	A	Wrexham					
28	H	Carlisle United					
January							
3	H	AFC Bournemouth					
10	A	Wycombe Wanderers					
17	H	Bristol Rovers					
24	A	Plymouth Argyle					
31	A	Blackpool					
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7	H	Northampton Town					
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Nationwide League Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	10	7	2	1	18	8	23
Northampton	11	6	3	2	12	6	21
Millwall	9	6	0	3	16	10	18
Gillingham	11	5	3	3	13	11	18
Bristol Rovers	10	4	5	1	14	9	17
York	11	5	2	4	14	13	17
Chesterfield	11	4	5	2	13	10	17
Fulham	11	5	2	4	11	9	17
Wigan	11	5	1	5	18	16	16
Bournemouth	11	4	4	3	12	9	16
PNE	11	4	4	3	11	8	15
Grimsby	11	4	4	3	10	10	16
Oldham	11	3	5	3	18	19	14
Walsall	11	4	2	5	15	14	14
Bristol City	10	4	2	4	14	10	14
Wycombe	11	3	4	4	17	18	13
Blackpool	11	4	1	6	15	20	13
Brentford	11	3	3	5	12	17	12
Wrexham	10	3	2	5	15	16	11
Carlisle	11	3	2	6	14	20	11
Southend	11	3	2	6	9	18	11
Plymouth	11	1	6	4	9	15	9
Luton	11	2	3	6	8	18	9
Burnley	11	1	5	5	8	12	8

BOOKINGS

- League matches only

	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Charlie Bishop	1	-
Scott Green	4	-
Colin Greenall	2	-
Graeme Jones	2	-
Gavin Johnson	1	-
David Lowe	2	-
Brenda O'Connell	4	-
Paul Rogers	3	1
Kevin Sharp	1	-

	LEAGUE			COCA COLA CUP			FA CUP			AUTO WINDSCREENS			TOTAL		
	APPS	SUB	GOALS	APPS	SUB	GOALS	APPS	SUB	GOALS	APPS	SUB	GOALS	APPS	SUB	GOALS
Charlie Bishop	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tony Black	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Drewe Broughton	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Lee Butler	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
Roy Carroll	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Neil Fitzhenry	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Scott Green	10	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	1
Colin Greenall	10	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	1
Gavin Johnson	9	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	2
Graeme Jones	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	1
Ian Kilford	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	1
Graham Lancashire	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
David Lee	10	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	1
David Lowe	9	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	5
Roberto Martinez	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	0
Patrick McGibbon	7	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	0
Stephen Morgan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brendan O'Connell	10	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	4
Paul Rogers	6	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	0
Andy Saville	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Kevin Sharp	9	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2	0
Jorg Smeets	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Warne Paul	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
TOTALS	110	19	15	22	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	132	24	16

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Richard Suffers Injury Woe

Hard-tackling midfielder Richard Prokas has suffered an injury setback - but couldn't have timed his misfortune any better! The Penrith-born player, who has enjoyed one of the best spells of his career over the first part of the season, picked up a bad sprain to his ankle ligaments during training on Monday and is now facing a possible lay-off of between two and three weeks. However, Richard was due to begin a three-match suspension beginning with tonight's game after collecting five bookings over the opening weeks of the season. The ban would have also ruled him out of the trip to York City this Saturday and the visit of Wrexham to Brunton Park the following week. As it is, Richard would not have figured in those games given his injury. "It was a bit of a freak accident, really" Richard says. "I just turned on it and it went. It was pretty painful and it is frustrating to be out of action but I suppose it couldn't have come at a better time because I wouldn't have been playing anyway with my suspension coming up. It's hard to say just how long it will take but Dolly (physio Neil Dalton) has told me to expect no less than two to three weeks."



Shame To Eat It!

Pictured right is United fan Dave Crooks who celebrated his fiftieth birthday recently by being presented with this fantastic cake in the shape of a United shirt! Can anyone better that? And, on the subject of birthdays, Many Happy Returns to Ian Stevens who celebrates his 31st birthday today - let's hope that a speedy return to action beckons - the best present both he and United could wish for!

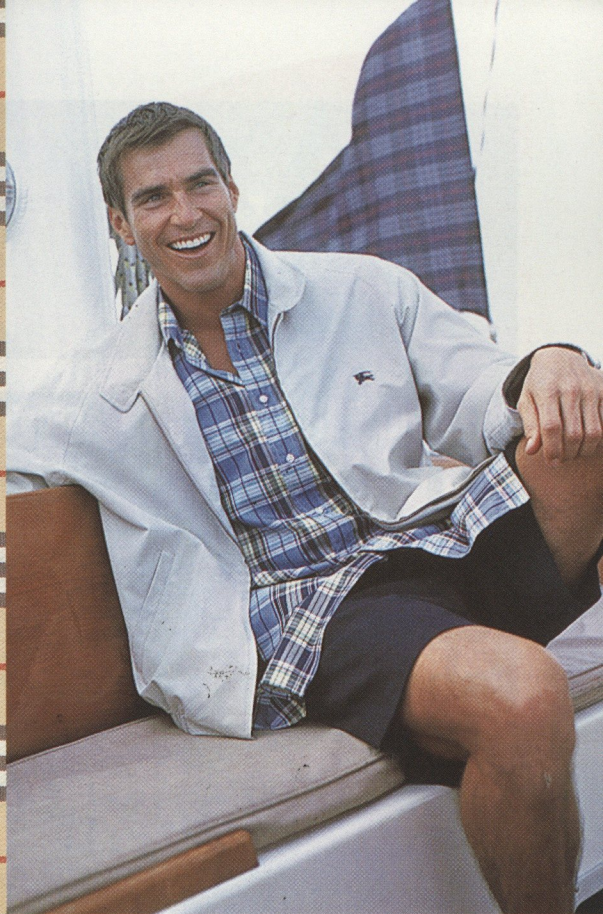
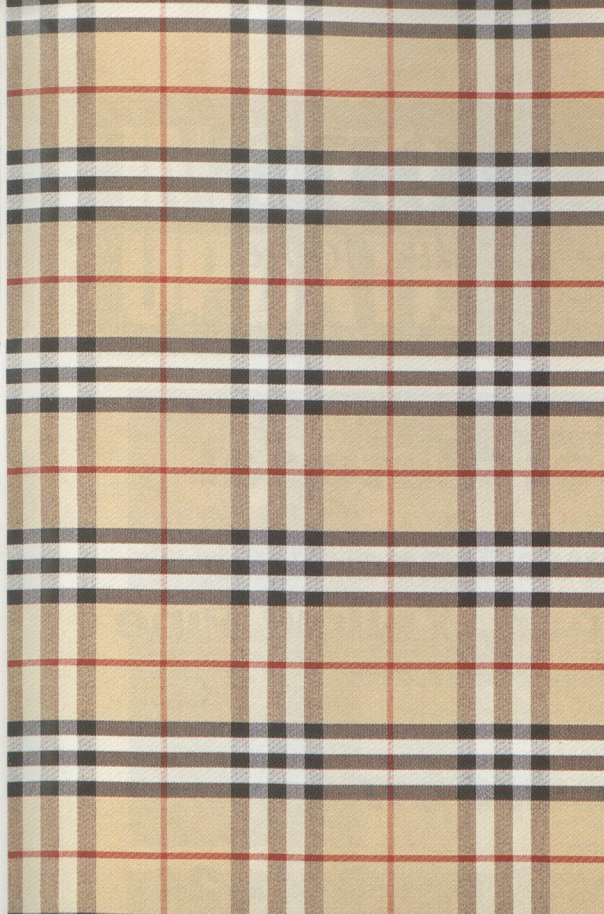


Bonjour Laurent!

Carlisle United continued their fruitful search for talent over the English Channel with the signing of 31 year old midfielder Laurent Croci from Bordeaux last week. A tigerish ball player, Laurent has made well over 400 appearances in the top flight of French football and turned out for Bordeaux just over a fortnight ago for his last appearance for the club. He was ever present last season and comes to Brunton Park with glowing references and, no doubt, envious eyes cast towards this particular part of England. No transfer fee is involved due to the Bosman Ruling.

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INJURY UPDATE



Richard Prokas

Richard sustained ankle ligament damage during training early last week and is facing a possible lay-off of anywhere between two to three weeks. We will continue to monitor his progress, being careful not to push him too early.



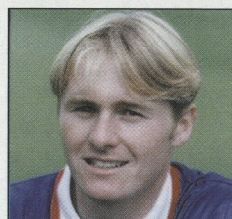
Jeff Thorpe

Jeff is finally back in light training after an injection to his foot tendon. The signs are positive and it is hopeful that Jeff should be back in full training by the time you read this.



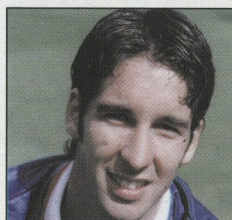
Rory Delap

Rory is progressing well after damaging his Achilles tendon on Under 21 duty for the Republic of Ireland and we are hoping that he will be able to return to light jogging next week.



Tony Hopper

Tony is back in light training after suffering ligament sprains to both ankles and should be back into full training once again this week.



Allan Smart

Has now fully recovered from the stress fracture of his foot, but, on return to training, Allan hurt his knee and has received treatment in the form of injections. He was due to see a specialist late last week.



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Those of the early 70's may be fairly readily available from dealers catalogues, particularly from local traders who are more likely to carry larger stocks of local clubs, at prices around 50p or cover price. Late 1940's League programmes could cost between £5 and £10 buy. 1950's programmes range from up to £5 from 1950/51, down to £1.50 for £1959/60. Sixties programmes are between £1.50 and 75p. Programmes from around 1955 and before can fall into one or two categories - more expensive to buy at around £2, or much sought after and the subject of offers only. It is harder to evaluate the price of programmes which find themselves onto dealers 'Offers lists', particularly those involving popular clubs whose programmes are generally in demand. However, the minimum offer quoted by the dealer is often a reasonable guide to the level at which bidding should start. Per-War and War Time, plus those for the

reconstruction seasons immediately after the Second World War, are invariably subject to offers and some of them can be very expensive indeed.

CUP FINALS & SEMI FINALS

There is no better medium for recording the big, set-piece events in the footballing calendar, than matchday programmes. Hundreds of thousands of FA Cup Final issues are produced every year with football followers and TV viewers anxious to obtain a highly specific souvenir of the highlight of the football season. Similarly with important League games, such as the Liverpool v Arsenal and Spurs v Arsenal 'deciders', to name but two, and for international matches home and abroad. As with all other programmes, the best source of big match issues older than 25 years is via dealers' catalogues, and to a lesser extent from dealers at programme fairs. Prices vary widely. FA Cup Finals are the most popular collectable, and many seek to obtain one from every post-war final. Not difficult in terms of straightforward availability although some prices reflect relatively

hard to find issues. The 1970 Chelsea v Leeds United replay at Old Trafford is a traditionally rare issue (£15) although just about every other FA Cup Final issue from the last 20 years will be priced below £2. Cup semi finals form a varied and interesting big match collection, and are of particular interest with regard to those quickly forgotten teams - the beaten semi-finalists. Birmingham v West Brom (1968), Leicester v Sheffield Wednesday (1961), Burnley v Fulham (1962) and Preston v Swansea (1964) are, with respect to the clubs involved, unlikely semi final pairings in today's game, but the programmes from these fixtures can be picked up for a few pounds each and faithfully record the Cup aspirations of the clubs. In Scotland, just about every present day First and Second Division club has reached the semi finals of one or two national cup competitions within the last 30 years and programmes are readily available to testify to such flirts with glory.

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Ross Brewster



In Mick Wadsworth's time as Director of Coaching at Brunton Park, there was frequently a mystery "fourth man" on the bench at games.

Wadsworth was merely doing what sports teams in the United States have long regarded as an essential component of strategic planning - bringing in the services of a sports psychologist.

Bill Beswick's name did not figure in the programme credits, but Wadsworth was one of the forerunners in availing himself of his motivational, positive visualisation skills. Now many of you may think that all these mind games are a load of tomy rot. In fact, having read an article by the respected commentator Bryon Butler recently, I'm not all that certain how much tongue in cheek there was in his overview of the latest trends in sports psychology.

A certain Dr George Sik opened up a can of worms when, speaking at the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, he suggested Terry Venables chose a man with entirely the wrong vibes in Gareth Southgate to take that cardinal penalty in the semi-finals of Euro 96.

Dr Sik claimed that Southgate was a pessimist and therefore temperamentally unsuited to taking spot kicks - any trained psychologist would have spotted this and certainly the England manager should have been on the ball. Dr Sik believes

that English football clubs should follow their continental counterparts and take on someone who "knows their Freuds from their Finneys."

Personally I would far prefer to have the Preston wizard lining up a penalty kick for my team than some half baked brainwasher in pebbled glasses and a white coat, but that's beside the point. There was considerably debate over Carlisle United chairman Michael Knighton's recent quotes on the subject of football club management.

For Bryon Butler, writing his Daily Telegraph "Talking Football" column, the point that came to mind was whether football management has become too complex a job to be left to football managers. If you follow the Sik road, you could dream up a dressing room full of experts in different aspects of statistical analysis, man

management and maybe even the finer points of chess tactics. A less than articulate boss could, for instance, hire a famous Shakespearean actor to deliver his pre-match team talk and inject into it shades of Henry V calls to heroism.

Years ago there used to be a flamboyant actor in these parts called Elliott Williams who performed under the stage name of "The Last of the Barnstormers." His "Murder in the Red Barn" was legendary. Just think what a few lines of that would do for they boys in blue just before they trot out on the pitch - on second thoughts probably better to send him into the visitors' changing room to scare their players instead. As Bryon Butler

mischievously hinted, maybe the way towards European success for our top club sides lies in the hands of chess grand masters and those who, faced with freekick situations near the edge of the penalty box, can succinctly explain Newton's third law of motion. Brazil's Roberto Carlos is evidently already well versed. The way the game is heading, players may soon have to spend vital hours before games polishing up their theorems, working out their fractions and getting the balance of their minds into focus. What's the betting someone will still go out and pull a hamstring in the opening five minutes.

One famous football figure once said that a manager needed to be a master plotter, martinet, politician, philosopher, psychologist, confidence trickster, businessman, prophet, showman, father confessor and gambler. A bit of luck and a prayer mat would also help.

At the very highest level in this country the game is changing radically as clubs like Chelsea and Arsenal bring in foreign coaches with analytical minds and an attention to things like diet, discipline and planning which they have learnt from their former clubs' methods.

In their world, maybe little differences are important. But somehow I can't see a big future for the sports psychologist amongst the lads still shaking off the previous night's excesses at the Sheepmount on an average Sunday morning in November.

By the way, in case you are wondering, Dr Sik had "signed" for Aston Villa. It will be interesting to see whether they put his Freudian stuff into practice this season. Mind you I don't suppose Tim Finney ever consulted a psychologist before going out to weave his magic. He had something you can't learn from a book or any amount of verbal inspiration - talent I think they call it.

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UNITED A to Z

LEIGH EDWARDS

Football Historian Leigh Edwards continues his A-Z of United with 'D' and 'E' for Dougal and Edmondson...

GEORGE DICK

Bustling Scottish inside-forward George Dick was Carlisle United's leading marksman in 1949/50. Signing professional for First Division high-fliers Blackpool in August 1946, he featured alongside England stars Stan Matthews and Stan Mortensen in the 1948 FA Cup Final and joined West Ham in October 1948. Bill Shankly signed him in July 1949 and he netted 23 goals in 52 Third Division (North) games for Carlisle prior to joining Stockport County in October 1950. He moved to Football League new-boys Workington a year later and played at Liverpool in the 1951/52 FA Cup third round tie watched by 52,581, then finished joint top scorer at Borough Park in 1952/53. Subsequently a successful coach on the Continent, he was tragically killed in a car accident near Carlisle in September 1960.



Jimmy Dougal

BOBBY DORAN

Long-serving centre-half Bobby Doran was an experienced figure as Carlisle United won promotion for the first time in 1961/62. Born locally, Fred Emery signed him as a part-time professional in October 1952 and he made his League debut in Carlisle's 4-2 win at Bradford PA in March 1954. He provided reliable defensive cover for the likes of paddy Waters, George Lackenby, Hugh Fletcher and Jack Marsden, securing a regular first-team slot after Andy Beattie's arrival as manager and playing in United's first-ever League Cup tie at Stockport County in October 1960. Making 107 League appearances during ten seasons at Brunton Park, he has since continued his trade as a bricklayer and still resides in Carlisle.

JIMMY DOUGAL

Former Scottish international inside-forward Jimmy Dougal partnered Ivor Broadis in Carlisle United's early post-war attack. From a notable footballing family, he impressed with Kilsyth Rangers and Falkirk prior to joining Preston NE in January 1934. He helped to clinch promotion that season, playing alongside Bill Shankly and Andy Beattie in the 1937 FA Cup final and finishing top scorer in 1938/39. Broadis signed him in October 1946 and he netted 15 goals in 70 Third Division (North) games for Carlisle before moving to Halifax Town in October 1948. Subsequently with Chorley, he ran the Moor Park Hotel in Preston until February 1964 and brewed his own Dougal's Best Bitter, then was a driver for Barton Hall Garage. Since his wife died five years ago, he had lived with his daughter Sally in West Molesey, Surrey.

JIMMY DRURY

Versatile Scottish outside-left Drury created numerous goalscoring opportunities for the likes of Alan Ashman and Jimmy Whitehouse while at Carlisle United. A former coalminer, he began with Kilmarnock and joined Stirling Albion in December 1948. He helped them to win promotion in 1948/49 and moved to Rochdale in May 1951, following Alan Steen and Jimmy Whitehouse to Brunton Park on a free transfer in August 1952. Netting five goals in 35 Third Division (North) games for Carlisle, he joined Southport in July 1954 and returned to Scotland with Newton Stewart a year later. He worked at the Barony power station, then had a grocers shop in his native Cumnock where he now lives in retirement.

EDGAR DUFFETT

Inside-forward Edgar Duffett also played alongside the likes of Alan Ashman and Jimmy Whitehouse in Carlisle United's attack. A former West Brom amateur, he represented the British Army during national service as a PTI and joined Norwich City in November 1947. He failed to secure a first-team slot at Carrow Road and Bill

Shankly signed him in August 1950. Given his League debut at home to Gateshead that month, he scored eight goals in 47 Third Division (North) outings prior to joining Hereford United in July 1953. Moving to Southern League rivals Bedford Town a year later, he was then player-manager of Biggleswade Town and St. Neots Town. Now living in Peterborough, he spent 31 years with the London Brick Company and rose from accounting clerk to office manager before early retirement in December 1985.

DARREN EDMONDSON

Versatile right-back Darren Edmondson made a significant contribution as Carlisle United won the Third Division title in 1994/95, also playing at Wembley in the Auto Windscreens Shield final that season. A former trainee, he signed professional under Clive Middlemass in July 1990 and made his League debut at home to Burnley two months later. His whole-hearted attitude made him a crown favourite at Brunton Park and he netted the goal that took Sunderland to an FA Cup third round replay in 1993/94. Also featuring in Carlisle's 1996/97 promotion campaign, he scored nine times in 214 League outings before his surprise £200,000 move to Huddersfield Town in March 1997 and remains an influential member of their First Division squad.

ROB EDWARDS

Welsh U-21 international left-back Rob Edwards was Carlisle United's youngest-ever League debutant at 16 years 249 days when he played at Colchester United in March 1990. Given his first-team chance by Clive Middlemass after Ian Dalziel broke a leg and Steve McCall's loan spell ended, he became Carlisle's regular penalty-taker with five goals in 48 Fourth Division games before sold to Bristol City for £135,000 in March 1991. He helped them to beat top-flight sides Wimbledon and Liverpool in their 1991/92 and 1993/94 FA Cup runs respectively, then qualify for the Second Division play-offs in 1996/97. Recently selected for the full Wales squad, he is now the longest-serving player at Ashton Gate.

SCOTT ENDERSBY

Former England Youth goalkeeper Scott Endersby helped Carlisle United to beat First Division QPR in the 1985/86 FA Cup third round. He made history as the youngest player to appear in the FA Cup at 15 years 288 days for Kettering Town in November 1977, then had a spell with Bobby Robson's Ipswich Town before joining Tranmere Rovers on a free transfer in July 1981. Moving to Swindon Town in August 1983, he was ever-present in 1984/85 and Bob Stokoe signed him initially on loan in November 1985. Unable to prevent Carlisle's slide from the Second Division to Fourth in successive seasons, he made 52 League appearances prior to joining York City in July

1987, then was loaned to Cardiff City and Rochdale. He subsequently entered the licensed trade and now runs the Highfield Hotel in Middlesbrough.

JOHNNY EVANS

Skilful inside-right Johnny Evans featured prominently in Carlisle United's rise from the Fourth Division to Second in successive seasons. He signed professional for home town Liverpool in May 1958 but failed to secure a first-team place at Anfield and joined Bournemouth in May 1959. Following injury, he resurrected his playing career with Prescott Cables and Salisbury before moving to Stockport County in October 1962. Alan Ashman signed him in February 1964 and he scored on his debut at home to Bradford PA, netting 37 goals in 78 League games prior to joining Exeter City in March 1966. He joined Barnsley eight months later and was top scorer three times including their 1967/68 promotion campaign, then became a Barnsley-based sales rep for Collins publishers.



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Today we have eight year old Sarah Lowe who attends Hindley County Primary School. Besides hobbies such as singing and drawing she is a very keen member of the football team. Her favourite player is David Lowe.



Today's Mascot is 13 year old Anthony Ramsdale who attends St. Joseph's school in Horwich. Anthony is a member of our under 14's squad and also likes swimming and reading. His favourite players are Gavin Johnson and Jorg Smeets.

Today's officials

Today's Referee:
Mr. D. Messias



Yellow Flag:
Mr. G. A. Hall



Red/Yellow Flag:
Mr. A. J. Martin



Reserve Official:
Mr. T. Ward

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