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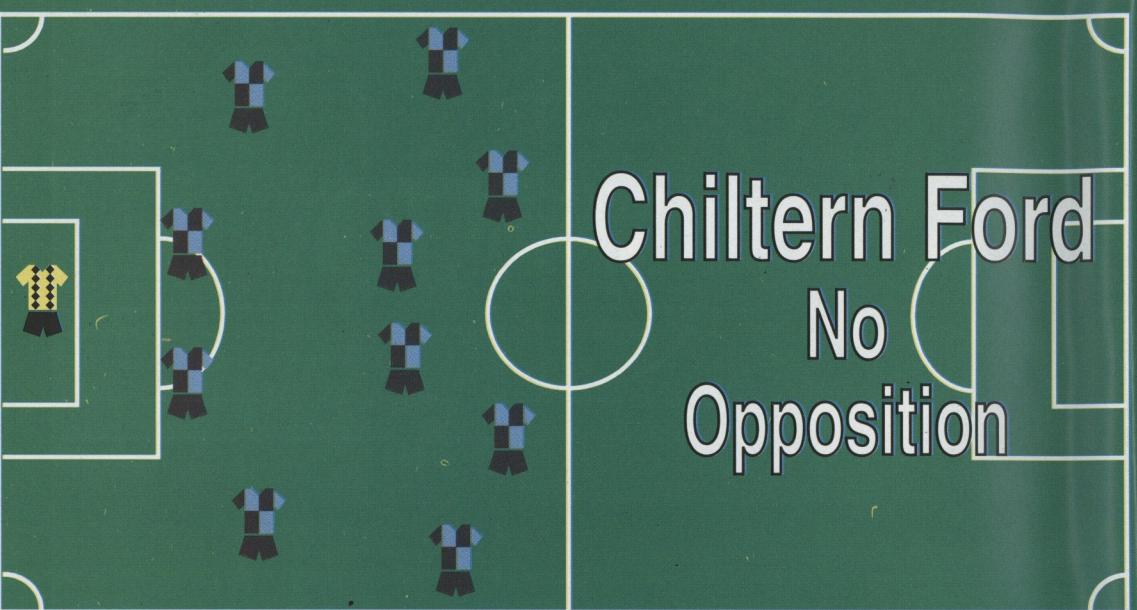
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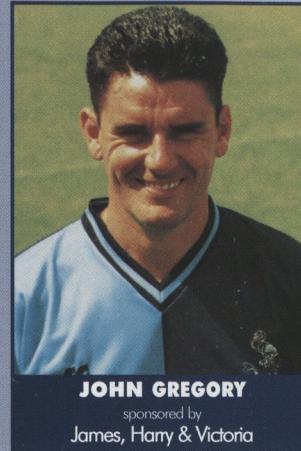
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A warm welcome to everyone here at Adams Park this afternoon and in particular Lennie Lawrence, Wayne Turner, their Players, Directors and Supporters of Luton Town Football Club.

After the huge disappointment of losing out in the play-offs last season, Luton embarked on this season's campaign hoping to go one better and although Lennie's team have been decimated by early season injuries, which has coincided with an awful start, they have since got back to winning ways and we can expect a difficult match today.

Last Saturday's reversal at Chesterfield was certainly a game we deserved to get at least a point from. Martin Taylor was extremely unlucky to be sent from the field of play for handling outside his area. Only 17 minutes had elapsed so we had to play Steve Brown between the posts for the remainder of the match and although he was well protected by our defence he still had to produce one or two outstanding, if somewhat unorthodox, crucial saves. Martin's dismissal, his first ever, becomes even more annoying when I witnessed first hand Andy Collett of Bristol Rovers "chopping" down Ronnie Rosenthal of Watford for a penalty and only receiving a Yellow Card barely two weeks ago. And only on Tuesday three players have had their Red Cards rescinded and changed simply into Yellows. Among those three, was Dave Beasant the Forest goalkeeper, who was sent off last Friday when Forest were cruising 2-0 and Beasant's dismissal resulted in Forest only drawing the match 3-3, the referee's mistake cost Forest two points!! The time has come for the men in black to have some help from today's technology. Referees are finding it more and more difficult to keep up with play and are making extraordinary gaffes that are being exposed by television. I think we must assist them to make crucial decisions with the help of a "second referee" who would sit in front of a TV monitor linked by a communicator to the man in the middle.

Congratulations must go to Steve and Tracey McGavin who are the proud parents of a baby boy, Scott, weighing in at 7lbs 6oz, and a big welcome back, this time permanently, to Nicky Mohan, his wife Joanne and children Emmy and Thomas. I am sure you will join me in welcoming our new additions to the "Adams Family".

Get behind all the lads this afternoon, we need ALL THREE POINTS!!
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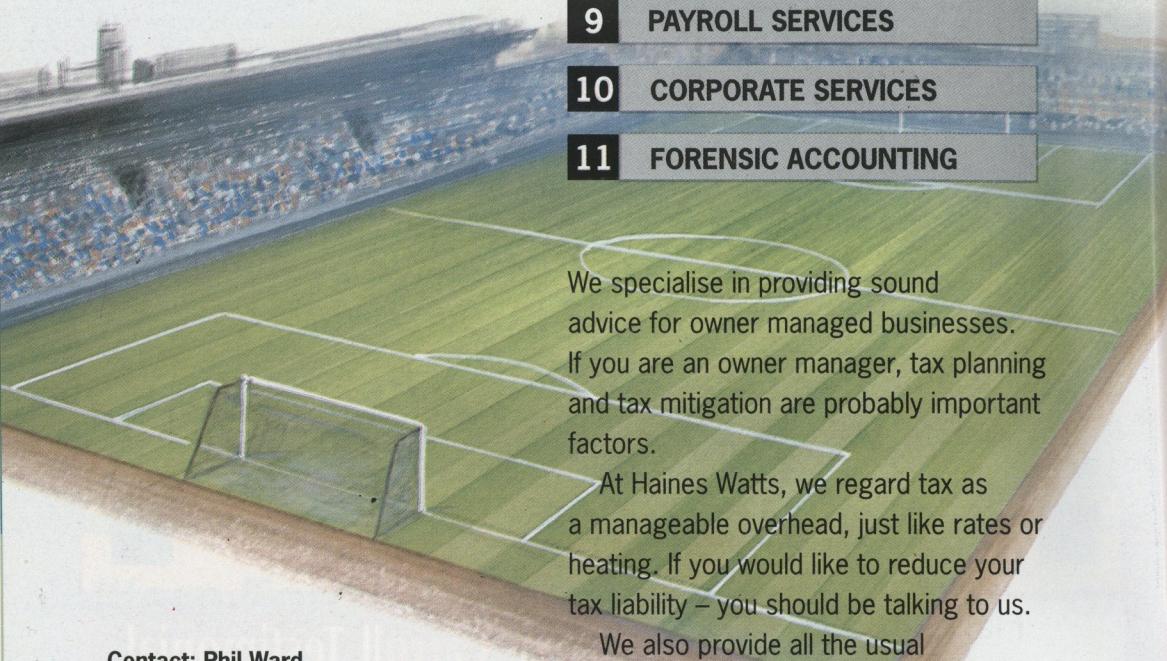
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At present guest hospitality is still available at all matches for the rest of the 1997/98 season, but is sold on a first-come first served basis. Likewise there is at least one executive box available at all matches at the time of going to press, though if you want the Wrexham, Watford, Brentford or York City matches you will need to get in quick as availability is very limited. The good news for the club is that the word is now spreading about the high quality of accommodation and hospitality provided at Adams Park and we are attracting new companies. May this trend long continue!!

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Voice of the Blues

Last Saturday we played very well at Chesterfield only to be denied by the dismissal of Martin Taylor. To lose our goalkeeper after just 17 minutes was always going to be difficult. Credit to Steve Brown, who immediately claimed the keepers jersey, as he did at Bristol City last season. It is never easy for outfield player to take over in goal but Steve performed very well. He had no chance with the goal, a flicked header from Paul Holland just after Jason Kavanagh had seen his header disallowed. Apparently the referee saw 5ft 6" Kav push 6ft 1" Mark Gayle as he went for the ball. The good to come out of this defeat was the manner in which we played. All the players showed the spirit within the squad that bodes well for the rest of the season.

Our next home fixture will be the First Round Proper of the F.A. Cup against Basingstoke Town on November 15th. The match will have real significance for the two managers, Ernie Howe and John Gregory, both played in the same QPR side 16 years ago. Although Basingstoke are currently second from bottom of the Isthmian Premier League cup football is always a 'one off' game. This afternoon we welcome Luton Town to Adams Park for only their second visit. We lost by the only goal here last season and naturally want to overturn that result today. Injuries plagued the Hatters for the early part of the season but recent results suggest they are on a recovery.

After today we prepare for the trips to the bottom and top of England. On Tuesday evening we go to Plymouth Argyle and then up to York City on Saturday. Neither Home Park or Boothferry Crescent hold happy memories for us. Argyle have struggled to rise from the bottom four places while York City have started well. Thankfully our away form is much better this season in terms of confidence and performance. Despite recording just one away victory we look more likely to pick up points on our travels than at any time last season.

Don't forget we have two important matches here coming up. The first, on Monday 10th November our Youth Team face Cardiff City in the F.A. Youth Cup First Round. Prices have been kept down to attract a decent gate, £4 for Adults and £2 concessions. Please try and come along to support our youngsters in this important competition. On Wednesday 12th November we welcome Leicester City and Martin O'Neill who have agreed to play for Dave Carroll's Testimonial.

Tickets are not available, it's all pay on the night, £8 adults and £4 concessions. We are hoping for a good turn out on Dave's behalf. His loyalty and marvellous service to our football club will hopefully be rewarded on the night. A special brochure will be produced with articles and photographs covering the Carroll career.

As always up to the minute news and interviews can only be heard on Ringing the Blues, the official newsline of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club, Manager John Gregory and the players are regular contributors to the newsline seven days a week.

FA CUP FIRST ROUND

Wycombe Wanderers have been drawn at home to Basingstoke Town in the First Round. The match will be played on Saturday 15th November, kick off 3pm. Supporters should retain the blue and yellow vouchers recently issued for use at a later date.



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

Front Row: Jimmy Cox, Russell Lawes, Stuart Fraser, Darren Howe, James Ayres, Daniel Tate, Nick Webb, Emmerson Boyce, Moses Jerry, Michael McIndoe, Andrew Scarlett, Delroy McKay.



THE MAN IN CHARGE
Lennie Lawrence

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, Mr Lawrence was an assistant manager at Plymouth and Lincoln, before becoming manager of Charlton Athletic in 1982.

Charlton finished as runners-up in Division Two in 1985/86 earning promotion to the top flight after an absence of 29 years.

Mr. Lawrence left Charlton in 1991, after nine years with the club and headed north to Middlesbrough, where he took the Teeside club into the FA Premier League in 1992. They returned to Division One in 1993 and Mr. Lawrence left in 1994, when Bryan Robson took over at Ayresome Park.

He then joined Bradford in May 1994, leaving Valley Parade in November 1995. He is the 21st manager in the history of Luton Town. Unable to keep Luton in Division One in his first season in charge, he guided them to the Division Two play-offs in 96/97.

WELCOME TO LUTON TOWN

A Close-Up on the Hatter's Form 1997/98



		Away	Lost	0-1	Douglas	6,547
Aug 9	BLACKPOOL	Home	Won	1-0	Douglas	5,140
Aug 18	SOUTHEND UNITED	Away	Drew	0-0		8,142
Aug 23	Fulham	Home	Drew	1-1	Thorpe	5,404
Aug 30	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	Home	Lost	0-2		5,781
Sept 2	MILLWALL	Away	Lost	0-1		7,246
Sept 9	Northampton Town	Away	Drew	1-1	Marshall	4,561
Sept 13	AFC Bournemouth	Home	Lost	2-5	Davies, Gray	5,241
Sept 20	WREXHAM	Away	Lost	0-3		8,509
Sept 27	Bristol City	Home	Lost	0-4		9,041
Oct 4	WATFORD	Away	Won	3-0	Thorpe 2, Davies	4,931
Oct 11	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	Home	Drew	1-1	Oldfield	4,466
Oct 18	Wigan Athletic	Away	Won	1-0	White	4,341
Oct 21	Carlisle United	Away	Won	2-0	Alexander, Thorpe	5,972
Oct 25	BRENTFORD	Home	Won	2-0		

		Away	Won	1-0	Thorpe	2,840
Aug 12	Colchester United	Home	Drew	1-1	Thorpe	2,816
Aug 26	COLCHESTER UNITED	Home	Drew	1-1	Douglas	3,437
Sept 16	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	Away	Lost	2-4	Davis, Thorpe	7,227
Sept 23	West Bromwich Albion					

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Kelvin Davis - Goalkeeper

Born: Bedford 29.9.76

A highly-rated keeper who made his debut for the Hatters on the final day of the 1993/94 season. He was selected for the England Under-21 squad for the Toulon Tournament in June 1995. Signed new four-year contract in June 1995, and was again in England Under-21 squads throughout the 95/96 season.

Went on loan to Hartlepool in August 1997, but was recalled following the injury to Ian Feuer.

Graham Alexander - Defender/Midfield

Born: Coventry 10.10.71

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

A regular on the right-hand side of midfield, he played in all but one of Luton's League and Cup matches in the 96/97 season.

Bryan Small

Former England Under-21 International full back currently on loan from Bolton Wanderers. Started his career with Aston Villa.

Born in Birmingham, now aged 25, he made 11 Division One appearances for Bolton in the 1996/97 campaign.

Gary Waddock - Midfield

Born: Alperton 17.3.62

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

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

That was followed by a spell in Belgium with Charleroi and he also had spells at Millwall, QPR again, and Swindon, before moving to Bristol.

His consistent displays in 95/96 were rewarded with the Players' Player of the Year Trophy. Team captain in 96/97 and 97/98.

Julian James - Defender

Born: Tring 22.3.70

Julian joined Luton as a trainee, and was introduced to First Division Football in 1988.

A former England Under-21 international, he was a regular at left-back in the 1993/94 season, but made the right-back position his own in 1994/95

with a string of consistent displays which earned him the Player of the Year award from the Loyal Luton Supporters Club. Had made 258 League appearances up to the end of last season.

Alan White - Defender

Born: Darlington 22.3.76

Joined the Hatters from Middlesbrough for £40,000 in September 1997 - a fee rising to £90,000 on appearances.

Was signed for Boro by Lennie Lawrence as a teenager, having signed schoolboy forms with Derby County, but never made a senior appearance whilst in the north-east.

Made his Luton Town debut in the Coca-Cola Cup at West Brom in September 1997.

Paul McLaren - Midfield

Born: High Wycombe 17.11.76

Paul made his debut in the Town first-team on the final day of the 1993/94 season. He joined the Hatters from school, and is an England Youth International.

Started as a centre-half but spent much of the 1994/95 season in the reserves in centre midfield. Was an able deputy for Gary Waddock and Ceri Hughes in 96/97 and is set to be a regular this term.

David Oldfield - Midfield/Forward

Born: Perth, Australia 30.5.68

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

He started his career with the Hatters, progressing through the junior ranks. He made 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. A £150,000 fee brought him back to Kenilworth Road.

Tony Thorpe - Forward

Born: Leicester 10.4.74

Tony made an immediate impact in the Town side when he scored for the Hatters on his full debut at Newcastle United, in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup in January 1994.

He joined the club at the start of the 1992/93 season, following a spell at Leicester. Signed a new contract in the summer of 1996, and went on to enjoy a record breaking season, becoming the first Luton player since Malcolm MacDonald in 1970/71 to reach 30 goals.



Gary Doherty - Striker/Defender

Born: Donegal, Eire 31.1.80

Made his first-team debut as a substitute against Millwall in September 1997, whilst still a youth team player.

Born in Eire but educated in Luton, playing for the Luton Schools and Beds County teams.

Has represented Eire at Under 18 level, playing at centre-half where he started in the Luton Youth side before being switched up front as an emergency striker.

Simon Davies - Midfield

Born: Middlewich 23.4.74

Joined the Hatters from Manchester United in the summer of 1997 for £200,000.

Made 11 League appearances for the Reds, and also played six matches during a loan spell at Exeter.

Scored for United in a European Cup match v Galatasaray in December 1994, when they won 4-0 and also played in the 3-1 defeat in Gothenburg.

Sean Evers - Midfield

Born: Hitchin 10.10.77

Sean made his first-team debut in the Anglo-Italian Cup match against Perugia in September, making his League debut in the final home match of the season. Made one League appearance in 96/97.

Richard Harvey - Defender

Born: Letchworth 17.4.69

Richard resurrected his Town career in 1994/95 after two years plagued by injury.

The former England youth international missed the entire 1993/94 season after a cruciate knee ligament operation. A regular on the left side of defence/midfield for the first half of the 95/96 season, he lost his place to Mitchell Thomas after the arrival of Lennie Lawrence as manager. Was given a free transfer at the end of last season, but remains on month-to-month contract.

Marvin Johnson - Defender

Born: Wembley 29.10.68

Marvin made his Football League debut against Wimbledon in 1988, and quickly established himself as a versatile defender.

Started the 1994/95 season at left-back, but then switched to the centre of defence to form a reliable partnership with Trevor Peake.

Marvin was one of only three players to play in every first-team match in 94/95 season and was awarded the Players' Player of the Year trophy. He was again a consistent performer in 95/96 at centre back, similarly in 96/97

Dwight Marshall - Forward

Born: Jamaica 3.10.65

Dwight signed in the summer of 1994 from Plymouth for £150,000, after scoring 14 goals for Peter Shilton's side the previous season - his third campaign at Home Park after playing non-League football with Grays Athletic.

Despite being troubled by a shin injury late in the season he finished as the Hatters' leading scorer with 13 goals in League and Cup. Scored 13 goals in 95/96 but suffered a broken leg in February 1996, ruling him out for the rest of the season. Returned in November 1996.

Phil Gray - Forward

Born: Belfast 2.10.68

First signed for Luton in August 1991, but missed most of the season due to injury as the Hatters were relegated from the top flight. Scored 20 goals in the new Division One the following season and was subsequently transferred to Sunderland for £800,000 in July 1993.

Had 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.

A regular in the Northern Ireland squad.

Steve Davis - Defender

Born: Hexham 30.10.68

Steve joined the Hatters in the summer of 1995 after making over 160 League appearances for Burnley, scoring 22 goals. The fee was £750,000.

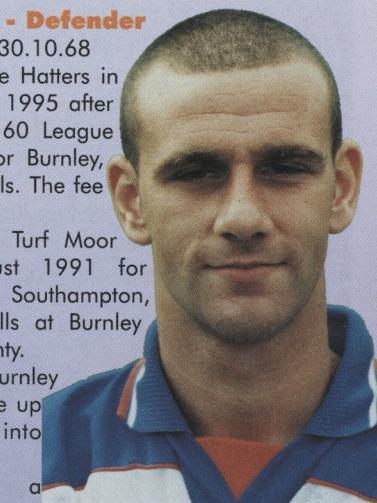
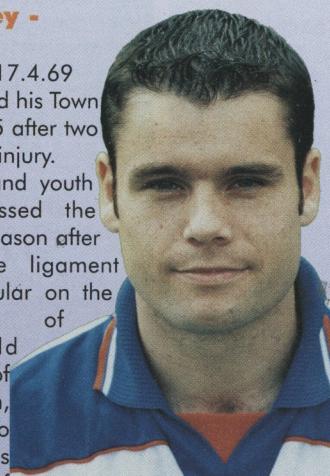
He joined the Turf Moor side in August 1991 for £60,000 from Southampton, after loan spells at Burnley and Notts County.

He captained Burnley during their rise up the League into Division One.

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

Regular in the centre of defence last season.

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LUTON TOWN

LAST TIME



by Dave Finch

When the Hatters visited Adams Park on Saturday, 7th September of last season, neither side had made much of a start to the season, both gaining three points in four games. Luton went away the happier with a 1-0 win in front of a crowd of 6,471.

Wycombe's side included Ray Wilkins, in what was to be his only appearance for the club, while loanees Michael Mahoney-Johnson was on the bench.

Most of the action was in an even first half. Bontcho Guentchev fired over from the edge of the area in the 12th minute, with Miquel Desouza doing likewise at the other end moments later. Luton then forced several corners in a good spell of pressure and from one of them, Graham Alexander's low shot was half-saved by Brian Parkin, with Mickey Bell completing the clearance off the line. On the half-hour Wycombe then twice went close. Matt Lawrence shot just wide from 20 yards, then Dave Carroll's pass but Desouza through and although he went past Ian Feuer, Steve Davis cleared his shot off the line. Five minutes later, Parkin made a good save from Ceri Hughes' low 25 yarder.

The second half was rather low key after this, with the all-important goal coming eight minutes after the interval. Mitchell Thomas sent over a cross to the far post, where Andrew Fotiadis headed down for David Oldfield to tap over the line. The visitors dominated after this with some good football, although they never really looked like adding to their score. In fact, the nearest thing to a goal was at the other end when Paul McCarthy hit a shot against the woodwork with five minutes left.

Line-Ups:-

Wycombe: B. Parkin, J. Cousins, M. Bell, P. McCarthy, T. Evans, M. Lawrence, D. Carroll, R. Wilkins, M. Desouza, J. Williams (M. Mahoney-Johnson), D. Farrell.

Luton: I. Feuer, J. James, M. Thomas, G. Waddock, S. Davis, M. Johnson, C. Hughes, G. Alexander, D. Oldfield, A. Fotiadis (A. Thorpe), B. Guentchev.

Previous League Results

(Wycombe score first)

	home	away
1996/97	0-1	0-0

Photo:- A rare Wycombe opportunity in last season's encounter. Desouza rounds Feuer, but Davis cleared the danger. Paul Dennis



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Away Fixture Number 9

Saturday, November 8th 1997
kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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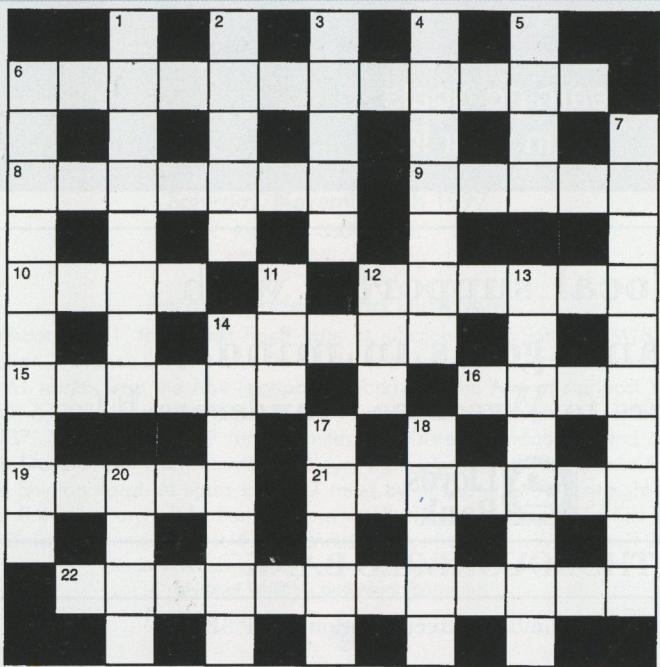
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- 6 See new ranger reloaded for the boss of the armoury (6,6)
- 8 Move up and field here with a helmet (5,2)
- 9 Team wearing headgear in Beds! (5)
- 10 Small amount riot, anyway its round within (4)
- 12 Response only if questioned (6)
- 14 Prize to draw a clue back (5)
- 15 Descend, the almighty has (2,4)
- 16 Cream, straight from the cricketers lips (4)
- 19 Road bypass in Leicestershire (5)
- 21 Forename of the great Distefano (7)
- 22 Chasing in circles maybe (6,6)

Down

- 1 Edward followed car and kept company (8)
- 2 Insert side round and about Milan (5)
- 3 Bowlers movement, children sit on (5)
- 4 Glen and his side! (7)
- 5 Big match, trial (4)
- 6 Big Stan once followed this club (10)
- 7 Rowdy mob perhaps (5,5)
- 11 Legally possess (3)
- 12 Give Weapon to limb (3)
- 13 Euro twit, put it on paper (5,3)
- 14 Victory at their place (4,3)
- 17 Emblem (5)
- 18 Ablaze! Fear! (5)
- 20 Ashley from Norwich back to level score (4)

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F					
Watford	14	5	1	1	11	5	5	1	1	12	5	23	32	11,773	Rosenthal 5
Northampton Town	14	5	1	1	9	5	2	4	1	7	4	16	26	6,594	Seal 6
Gillingham	14	5	2	0	11	5	2	1	4	9	10	20	24	6,156	Akinbiyi 8
Millwall	12*	4	1	1	13	7	3	1	2	5	4	18	23	7,679	Grant 4
Oldham Athletic	14	5	2	0	16	8	0	4	3	7	9	23	21	6,044	Barlow 8
York City	14	5	0	2	13	8	1	3	3	7	11	20	21	3,470	Rowe 6
Bristol City	13	5	1	1	13	5	1	2	3	5	7	18	21	9,148	Groter 6
AFC Bournemouth	14	3	3	1	7	4	2	3	2	9	8	16	21	4,865	Robinson 4
Blackpool	14	4	2	1	14	10	2	0	5	8	13	22	20	5,596	Ellis 7
Bristol Rovers	14	3	1	3	9	9	2	4	1	9	8	18	20	6,764	Hoyles 8
Chesterfield	14	4	2	1	11	7	1	3	3	4	7	15	20	5,353	Lormor 4
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	14	4	2	1	12	7	1	2	4	10	14	22	19	5,216	Stallard 10
Preston North End	14	4	1	2	8	4	1	3	3	6	7	14	19	9,649	Ashcroft 4
Wigan Athletic	14	4	2	1	16	11	1	1	5	5	11	21	18	4,355	Irvine 6
Wrexham	13	3	2	1	11	7	2	1	4	8	10	19	18	3,748	Connelly, Spink 4
Fulham	14	4	2	1	8	4	1	1	5	5	10	13	18	8,454	Moody 4
Grimsby Town	14	2	3	2	4	4	2	2	3	8	11	12	17	5,043	Donovan 5
Luton Town	14	3	1	3	9	12	1	3	3	3	7	12	16	5,930	Thorpe 4
Walsall	14	4	2	1	12	5	0	1	6*	5	16	17	15	3,967	Boli 9
Brentford	14	4	2	1	13	6	0	1	6	4	16	17	15	4,266	Taylor 7
Southend United	14	3	3	1	7	5	1	0	6	7	19	14	15	4,041	Boere 5
Carlisle United	14	2	1	4	5	10	1	1	5	12	17	17	11	5,809	Jansen 5
Burnley	14	1	6	0	8	6	0	2	5	4	10	12	11	10,968	Creaney 5
Plymouth Argyle	14	1	4	2	9	10	0	3	4	5	12	14	10	4,781	Jean, Littlejohn 3

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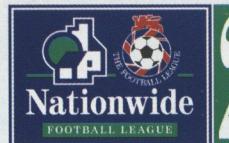
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AWAY FROM HOME

with Adrian Wood



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Away Fixture Number 7
Saturday, October 25 1997
kick-off 3.00 p.m.Chesterfield (0) 1
Wycombe Wanderers (0) 0

Attendance:- 4,119

Referee:- Mr. Michael Pike (Barrow-in-Furness)

Weather Conditions:- Dry, sunny, cool

Matchday Programme:- 36 pages plus Nationwide Review No. 11, price £1.60

Rating:- 2* (max 5)

Accommodation for visiting fans:-

The uncovered Cross Street End (behind the goal) - £8 - view average (shallow terracing). Seats available in Main Stand - £10

Team Line-Ups

Chesterfield: M.Gayle, J.Hewitt, C.Perkins, T.Curtis, M.Williams, I.Breckin, S.Garvey (M.Ebdon 82 mins), P.Holland (Capt), T.Lormor, S.Wilkinson (J.Howard 74 mins) and C.Beaumont. Sub (not used) - M.Jules.**Opponents player to catch the eye**: Central defender Mark Williams - a tower of strength in the home defence and a danger on his runs forward.**Wycombe Wanderers**: M.Taylor, J.Cousins (M.Harkin 54 mins), J.Kavanagh, K.Ryan, P.McCarthy, M.Forsyth, D.Carroll, P.Read (M.Simpson 20 mins), M.Stallard, S.McGavin and S.Brown. Sub (not used) - A.Beeton (14).**Editor's Wycombe Player of the Day**: Steve Brown - forced to wear the green goalkeeper's jersey for some 74 minutes. He made several good saves and stood no chance with the goal.

Wycombe wore the Yellow and Navy Quartered Shirts and attacked the Cross Street End (Away End) first half.

Bookings

Chesterfield: Williams (30 mins), Howard (88 mins) - both for unsporting behaviour.**Wycombe**: Ryan (30 mins) - unsporting behaviour

Sending Off

Wycombe: Taylor (16 mins) - deliberate handball outside the penalty area.

Goal

1-0 (48 mins) - Perkins crossed from the left and HOLLAND glanced his header past Brown into the

corner.

Match Summary

The game's crucial moment came as early as the 16th minute - Wilkinson played Lormor through and Martin Taylor was forced to handball outside the area. Under the strict disciplinary code laid down, referee Pike (in his first season on the national referee's list) had little option but to produce the red card. To be fair, we had been under the cosh before then, with both Wilkinson and Lormor missing good opportunities in the first ten minutes.

Unwilling hero Steve Brown was not really called into action until the 31st minute when he confidently fielded a Curtis shot. This was to be the first of several good saves he made during the afternoon. Meanwhile we failed to create any real opportunity at the other end until the 35th minute. A Carroll free kick found Stallard who laid the ball off for Simpson to hit low and hard at the far post. On-loan keeper Gayle managed however to push round for a corner. On the stroke of half-time Brown dived to save Williams' header and we were relieved to be on level terms at the interval.

Stallard headed home a McGavin cross at the start of the second half only for the "goal" to be disallowed for a foul on Gayle. The Chesterfield goal followed almost immediately, but thereafter the home side failed to make their numerical advantage count and to the annoyance of the home crowd their play became increasingly scrappy. With Harkin coming on to partner Stallard up front we enjoyed a fair share of possession. Brown left his line quickly to foil Wilkinson (53 mins), then a McCarthy effort was tipped over by Gayle. McGavin twice went close to putting us level - firstly heading into the side netting (66 mins), then shooting narrowly over three minutes later. Howard missed a good chance to settle the contest on 79 minutes when Lormor put him through, and that miss nearly cost the home side dearly. With six minutes left Harkin let fly from 20 yards and Gayle was just able to push his low shot round for a corner. In summary it was a disappointing result against a very average side and our third consecutive defeat at Satltergate. Forced to play with 10 men for the majority of the game we battled well and probably deserved a point. One will never know what the outcome would have been if the events of that fateful 16th minute had not taken place.

Match Statistics

Chesterfield	Wycombe
Corner Count:-	11
Goal efforts on target:-	8
Fouls conceded:-	15

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20	LEYTON ORIENT	H 4-2
27	Brentford	A 1-4
Sept 3	Cambridge United	A 1-3
10	GILLINGHAM (DPC1)	H 3-0
24	Rushden & Diamonds	A 3-0
Oct 1	Reading	A 0-0
8	GILLINGHAM	H 1-1
13	BARNET	H 3-0
22	READING	H 0-4
29	Cambridge United(DPC2)	A
Nov 5	FULHAM	H
19	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H
24	Northampton Town	A
Dec 3	MILTON KEYNES (B8BC2q)	H
10	Colchester United	A
17	Gillingham	A
Jan 7	Fulham	A
19	Stevenage Borough	A
28	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H
Feb 11	COLCHESTER UNITED	H
18	STEVENAGE BOROUGH	H
25	WELLING UNITED	H
Mar 4	Barnet	A
9	Welling United	A
25	RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	H
Apr 8	Leyton Orient	A
22	BRENTFORD	H
29	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H

Roasted by The Royal's

Wednesday, 8th October

vs READING (Home) Lost 4-0. With the first team playing the previous night and a number of players out injured, Richard Hill had no choice but to play himself in an inexperienced side. His team selection was not helped when striker Ben Hodson aggravated his groin in the warm-up. Reading on the other hand were able to field a strong line up which included Paul Bodin, who had just returned from his month's loan here at Wycombe. The Royals got off to a great start when, in the third minute, Glasgow played the ball into the path of the on loan Charlton striker Derek WHYTE to fire in a simple effort. Light weight up front, it was not until the 38th minute that we created a worthwhile chance, when Michael Simpson (left) slipped the ball to M. Harkin who let fly with a low shot that Hammond, in the Reading goal, did well to gather at the second attempt. WHYTE scored his and Reading's second a minute before the break; taking a pass from Morley, he held off Jeff Lamb and although Brian Parkin forced him wide, he still managed to turn inside and jinx past three static defenders to score. Fifty one minutes gone and MORLEY dispossessed young Martyn Lee twenty yards out to float a delightful chip over the stranded Parkin. Then in the 70th minute WHYTE completed his hat-trick when he



outpaced Hill to fire in low to Parkin's right and inflicted our heaviest defeat in the Capital League at Adams Park for some time. Our injuries looked to have worsened when Harkin clattered into the advertising hoarding towards the end of the game injuring his back. Thankfully, he recovered to play at Chesterfield last Saturday.

LINE-UP:- B. Parkin, L. Johnson, A. Patton(L. Craker), J. Lamb, A. Beeton, R. Hill, M. Harkin, G. Wraight, M. Lee, B. McCoy(G. Smith), M. Simpson.

■ ON Wednesday, the reserves travelled to Cambridge United for their Doxhill President's Cup Second Round tie. A summary of that game in our next programme.

■ THIS Wednesday, 5th November Fulham are the visitors for a Capital League fixture, Kick-off 2.00 p.m. Admission to this game is free.

■ THE draw for the Second Qualifying Round of this season's Berks & Bucks Senior Cup made recently sees us drawn at home to Milton Keynes. The tie takes place on Wednesday, 3rd December. Kick-off 7.45 p.m.

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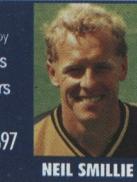
	Apps	Gls		Apps	Gls		Apps	Gls
A. Baird	(-2)		M. Harkin	8	4	S. McGavin	3	2
A. Beeton	7(1)		R. Hill	1 (2)		B. Parkin	10	
D. Carroll	2	1	K. Hislop	1		A. Patton	8(2)	
D. Carter	1		B. Hodson	5	1	L. Quincey	2	
K. Caven	1		L. Johnson	1		P. Read	3	1
J. Cousins	2		J. Kavanagh	3		N. Robinson	(-1)	
L. Craker	6(4)	1	J. Lamb	4(3)		K. Ryan	4	1
R. Dee	1		N. Leach	(-1)		J. Sheffield	(-3)	
C. Desiato	1		M. Lee	3(3)		G. Smith	2 (4)	1
D. Fitzpatrick	1(1)		P. McCarthy	2		R. Teale	1	
A. Forbes	4		B. McCoy	5(1)	1	M. Simpson	6	1
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Sept 13	Reading (SECLC 1)	A 1-3
16	Northampton Town (SJFC 1)	A 0-1
20	Bristol Rovers	A 3-0
27	Tottenham Hotspur	A 4-0
Oct 4	WIMBLEDON	H 2-2
11	Swindon Town	A 0-1
18	Brighton & Hove Albion	A 1-1
25	OXFORD UNITED	H 2-4
Nov 1	Barnet	A
8	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H
10	CARDIFF CITY (FAYC 1)	H
15	Bristol City	A
29	BRENTFORD	H
Dec 6	SOUTHAMPTON	H
13	Southampton	A
20	LUTON TOWN	H
Jan 3	READING	H
17	COLCHESTER UNITED	H
24	AFC Bournemouth	A
31	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Feb 7	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H
14	Wimbledon	A
21	SWINDON TOWN	H
28	Oxford United	A
Mar 7	BARNET	H
21	BRISTOL CITY	H
28	Brentford	A
Apr 4	Reading	A
TBA	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H
TBA	CARDIFF CITY (FAYC 1)	H

**Point at seaside,
then Oxford lesson.**

Saturday, 18th October

vs BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION

(Away) Drew 1-1. The University of Sussex playing fields at Brighton have not been a happy hunting ground in the past, so to gain our first ever point there was a pleasing result. On a very warm morning and with the pitch being tight and sloping, it was never easy to play good, flowing football. However, it was the young blues that looked the better side for most of the game. Unfortunately we conceded a goal in the 32nd minute. Giving away a free kick just a few yards outside the penalty area we cleared the first effort, but the ball ran kindly for RYAN to strike a low shot which took a deflection and went in off the far post. Both Barry McCoy and Nick Leach went close to equalising before the break, while Grant Smith and Jeff Lamb just failed to hit the target early in the second half. Our equaliser did finally come when James Sheffield got into the box and pulled the ball back for McCoy to side foot home. We then created two or three chances as we looked for a winner. However, it looked as if Brighton would win the game when Leach needlessly gave away a penalty. Thankfully, Ryan put his spot kick high over.

LINE UP:- M. Hodson, N. Robinson, D. Fitzpatrick, I. Hendry, J. Lamb, N. Leach, M. Lee, M. James, B. McCoy, G. Smith, J. Sheffield, (R. Teale). Subs(not used) : R. Dee, M. Osborn

Saturday 25th October
vs OXFORD UNITED (Home) Lost 4-2. Without both Lamb and Nick Robinson (Missing through suspension) the youth side started this game badly as we allowed Oxford to move the ball forward without being challenged and FOLAND fired past Matt Hodson with only three minutes gone. Sloppy passing and failure to do the basics continually had us on the back foot. However, after the half hour our game started to come together and we equalised five minutes before the break. Matt James played the ball up to McCoy who turned and sent in a deep cross which Richard TEALE met superbly to volley a rare goal.

Then two minutes later, Teale fed Smith whose cross was headed just over by McCoy. Manager Neil Smillie must have wished we could have played on without an interval as our game fell apart in the second half, allowing Oxford to score three further goals. The first of which came in the 54th minute, when BENNET broke through to hit the post before burying the rebound. Then eight minutes later FOLAND chased a long ball and as Hodson slipped coming out, had the simple task of pushing the ball past the keeper. SHEPHERD added Oxford's fourth in the 67th minute, turning in at the far post after we failed to clear a low cross from the left. A goal was pulled back in the 78th minute when, from a Smith's short corner, Martyn Lee floated in a cross which McCoy met with a header and as the keeper fumbled, Nathan COPEMAN following up, to bundle in to make the score line a little more respectable.

LINE UP:- M. Hodson, L. Johnson, D. Fitzpatrick(N. Copeman), I. Hendry(S. Dunne), J. Sheffield, N. Leach, M. Lee, M. James, R. Teale(K. Powell), G. Smith, B. McCoy.

Appearances and Goals Scored

(All competitions/substitute appearances in brackets)

up to and including Saturday, 25th October 1997

	Apps	Gls		Apps	Gls		Apps	Gls
J. Barrett	1		M. James	7(2)		M. Osborn	1(1)	
N. Copeman	(-1)	1	L. Johnson	7(1)	1	K. Powell	2(1)	1
R. Dee	6		J. Lamb	8		N. Robinson	3(6)	
D. Fitzpatrick	7(1)	1	N. Leach	10	1	B. Ryan	(-1)	
C. Gledhill	(-3)		S. Dunne	(-2)		J. Sheffield	9(1)	2
I. Hendry	9	1	M. Lee	8(2)		G. Smith	9	4
M. Hodson	9		B. McCoy	7	2	R. Teale	7(3)	1

**South East Counties League
Division Two**

(up to and including Saturday 25th October)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	G/Diff	Pts
Luton Town	10	7	1	2	33	12	+21	22
Brentford	9	4	4	1	18	10	+8	16
Southampton	10	5	1	4	26	18	+8	16
Tottenham Hotspur	10	5	1	4	15	18	-3	16
Bristol City	8	4	3	1	17	13	+3	15
Swindon Town	9	4	2	3	18	17	+1	14
Colchester United	10	4	2	4	17	17	0	14
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	8	3	3	2	14	9	+6	12
Bristol Rovers	9	3	3	3	23	20	+3	12
Wimbledon	8	3	3	2	16	19	-3	12
Oxford United	8	4	0	4	18	22	-4	12
Barnet	10	2	3	5	16	24	-8	9
AFC Bournemouth	10	1	4	5	16	23	-7	7
Reading	9	1	3	5	10	21	-11	6
Brighton & Hove Albion	9	1	3	5	11	23	-12	6

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If it's true that good fortune evenst itself out in football then we deserve a large slice of it against Luton Town at Adams Park today. Our performance at Chesterfield was worthy of at least a point and to come away with nothing was cruel.

I have to admit that Chesterfield is not my favourite venue in Division Two. From the crooked spire to the ageing Saltergate ground, a trip to Chesterfield is hardly an uplifting experience.

The locals in that part of Derbyshire have an unusual attitude towards friendliness and hospitality. The comments from home supporters suggest that their views on the game are still rooted in some bygone age.

I also have to say that it was the poorest Chesterfield team I have seen since Wycombe entered the Football League. Their fans would no doubt respond - in their usual cheery manner - "Well, we still beat your lot so that doesn't say much for Wycombe".

However, I believe that the result would have been different had we had eleven men on the field. The fact that Chesterfield were booted off by their own supporters tells the whole story.

The sending off of Martin Taylor was obviously the turning point of the game. Did he deserve to go? Well under the law of football the answer has to be "yes". But was the Chesterfield striker offside when he burst through? And why, the following day, was Arsenal's David Seaman only cautioned for handling outside the penalty area?

The inconsistency of referees is a subject as close to my heart as the warmth of the welcome at Chesterfield. Our last home game was "controlled by a gentleman called Mr Crick from Worcester Park in Surrey. I think it's fair to say that neither club was exactly delighted with his performance.

Perhaps it's me, but do Wycombe Wanderers get more than our share of debatable refereeing decisions? Martin O'Neill always had a theory when he was Manager that the atmosphere at Adams Park was so hospitable and sportsmanlike that referees felt encouraged to make "brave" decisions.

That's a difficult one. We certainly don't want to lose our reputation of being a ground which is a pleasure to visit, but raucous disapproval of bad decisions - dare I say "Chesterfield-style" - does seem to be an accepted part of the game at most other grounds.

Anyway, enough moaning from me for one week - let's turn to a happier subject. I hope that you have all got Wednesday, November 12th pencilled into your diaries. That's the night of Dave Carroll's testimonial here against Leicester City and we're all hoping for a bumper crowd. If you feel fit enough to take part in the action yourself then you can do (see below), if not then please turn up to support one of the greatest and most loyal players this club has ever had. He deserves it.

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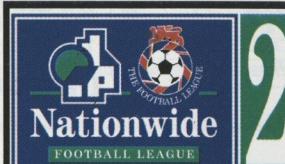
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Northampton Town	v Bristol City
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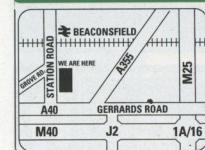
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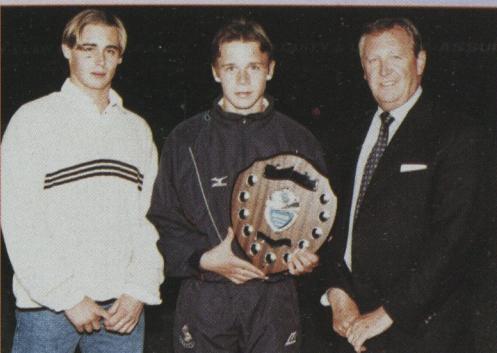
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MARTIN LEE

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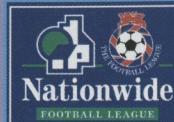
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2 LOOK

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It seems as though Division Two is to become the next "Millionaires Row" with the recent signing of Paul Peschisolido by FULHAM. This followed the £500,000 signing of Ian Selleys from Arsenal again by the Kevin Keegan - funded by Mohammed Al Fayed - inspired London club. Everyone knows that the intention is to get Fulham into a higher division as soon as possible but can it be achieved by splashing out millions on players? I cannot see the big name Premier League players joining them until they are at least midway up Division One so success must be achieved by top club reserves or reasonable Division One players. If they are that good are they prepared to drop down, albeit perhaps short term, to a lower Division, - the signing of the Canadian International seems to show that they are but how many games will he miss due to Canada's forthcoming World Cup ties? It does seem though that the current players are on borrowed time.

"Pesch" made his mark for Fulham on his debut last weekend although Simon Morgan could well have claimed the goal as it deflected off of him. The goal was not enough to give three points as early in the second half second placed NORTHAMPTON levelled through big striker John Gayle. The one consolation was Fulham's largest crowd of the season - nearly 10,000. Since Keegan has taken over with Ray Wilkins they have played six games and look back at two wins and three losses - hardly trail blazing form!!

Northampton on the other hand continue to remain in second spot with just one defeat in their last 13 matches. Statistics can however show that they have only won once in the last five games, that preventing GILLINGHAM from having a run of five straight wins. Another win for the Gills last week over new bottom club PLYMOUTH lifted them to third. Argyle led with an early goal from Earl Jean only for in form striker Ade Akinbiyi to level with his sixth goal in five games (which includes goals in all five of those matches). Following the dismissal of Argyle's Paddy Wilson substitute Leo Fortune-West hit the winner with two minutes left. Since my last real chance to look at clubs fortunes in the Rovers programme things have changed a lot but one thing that remains unchanged is that WATFORD are still top and now have a lead of six points. Their run of seven unbeaten games came to an end when MILLWALL won at Vicarage Road but they bounced back in the best possible way with two victories. After seeing off Fulham 2-0 they won 1-0 at GRIMSBY last week. Israeli striker Ronnie Rosenthal hit his sixth of the season in the first minute and they held out despite former Hornets striker Lee Nogan hitting the post. Prior to their last two games - both lost - Grimsby had been rising rapidly up the table but they now have to

sit in mid-table.

At the bottom things are also changing. BURNLEY, with a win and four draws in their last five games have moved off the bottom. The latest point came in a 2-2 home draw with BOURNEMOUTH (also unbeaten in five) last Saturday. Player Manager Chris Waddle put them in front on the half time whistle only for Eddie Howe to level after the break. Recent signing Gerry Creaney put them in front again with his sixth strike of the campaign but Jamie Vincent rescued a point for the Cherries. LUTON too have moved upwards. Following a run of just one point in six games the Hatters have won three and drawn the other of their last four games and as a result have moved up to 18th. Their latest success came over fellow strugglers BRENTFORD in a 2-0 win. Last season this was a top of the table clash but this time goals by Graham Alexander and Tony Thorpe's seventh of the season gave them the points. Division One's leading scorer last time around Tony Thorpe also hit the winner in last season's corresponding match. The Bees have now picked up just three points in the last five games.

CARLISLE have also moved back into the bottom four. When they visited us dismantling our long unbeaten home run, they had moved close to the top six but five straight defeats have not helped them. Last week they led 3-1 at YORK with just nine minutes left - Pounewatchy, Barr and McAlindon scoring but they lost 4-3 when Rodney Rowe and three late goals, two from Paul Stephenson and a winner from Steve Bushell meant that City have only lost once in six games and gain a place in the top six.

Another inform team MILLWALL left it late to extend their run of one defeat in nine when Bobby Bowry's first goal of the season, in the 90th minute, rescued a point against WIGAN who had taken the lead through Graeme Jones' goal just four minutes earlier. The other side in the top six not already covered was OLDHAM. They rescued a point at SOUTHENND when Graeme Barlow's eighth of the season levelled Regis Coulbaud's 25 yard piledriver. It was his first goal for the club. The Latics had defender Steve Redmond sent off which prevented them going for a third successive win.

Another team with vastly changing fortunes is BRISTOL ROVERS. They visited us recently having just lost to leaders Watford which was just their second loss of the season. However they have now lost three out of four and dropped to tenth. Last weekend they went down 3-0 at home to BLACKPOOL. The visitors scored through Mark Bonner, Phil Clarkson and Andy Preece to move the Tangerines above Rovers in the table. Across the City of Bristol, Rovers arch rivals CITY have moved into some good form but ended a run of three wins when gaining a point in a goalless draw at WALSALL. The Saddlers missed the suspended Roger Boli.

The final game last weekend saw WREXHAM win at PRESTON by 1-0. Martin Chalk scored from close in for the only goal, the Welsh clubs second win in a row. It was also Preston's third defeat in four games and keeps them in mid-table.



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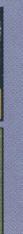
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The return of David Pleat to the manager's chair at Kenilworth Road is far from a happy one as the Hatters open with just two points from their first five games. Coventry winning 5-0 at Highfield Road. League new boys Barnet open their season with an 11 goal thriller at Underhill, as they go down to Crew 7-4. The new interpretation of the professional foul sees 16 off in the first week!!

SEPTEMBER: The Chairboys set a Conference record at Merthyr with a 2-1 win to record their seventh straight victory. However the run ends at the hands of Macclesfield as the Blues end the game with nine men. Colchester keeper Scott Barrett beats Paul Hyde with a long clearance in injury time as Colchester snatch victory at Adams Park. Luton move away from the foot of the table briefly with wins over Oldham and Southampton, only to crash again 5-0, this time at Old Trafford. After Barnet's first League Cup tie ends 5-5 against Brentford, they are at it again winning 6-0 at Lincoln City.

OCTOBER: Telford are beaten 6-1 - O'Neill's biggest victory yet - we are then beaten for the first time on our travels as Kidderminster turn the tables.

Birmingham City of the Third Division dump the Hatters in the League Cup, only Sheffield United lie between Luton and the very basement of the table.

The lowest ever attendance for a First Division fixture since the war is recorded at Selhurst Park where just 3,121 are in attendance for the Wimbledon - Sheffield Wednesday fixture.

NOVEMBER: The Blues slip out of the F.A. Cup at the first hurdle. After a 1-1 draw at Rockingham Road, Kettering turn the tables on the Blues in the replay.

With only two wins in their first 18 matches Pleat looks to new faces for a turn in fortunes. Following the earlier return of Mick Harford and new signing Scot Oakes, he also adds Chris Kamara to the squad and on loan keeper Steve Sutton from Forest.

DECEMBER: Two Steve McGavin goals ensure Colchester complete the double over the Blues, only for Wycombe to

return to Layer Road in the Bob Lord Trophy to win 6-2. Steve Guppy scores the only goal as the club end the year with a 1-0 win over Slough.

It's a very Merry Christmas at Kenilworth Road where three successive wins in the space of little more than a week sees them off the bottom of the table. Lothar Matthaus is the first player to be voted 'World Footballer of the Year'.

JANUARY: Unbeaten during the month the Chairboys open up the defence of the F.A. Trophy with a win over Salisbury. As they maintain their challenge for the title the month closes with their fixture with third placed Farnborough abandoned due to a frozen surface. Luton are beaten 4-0 at Bramall Lane in the F.A. Cup, they are also back on the bottom of the table. Eric Cantona moves to England, on trial at Sheffield Wednesday.

FEBRUARY: Martin O'Neill again loses his patience with the referee at Cheltenham where Simon Hutchinson is given first use of the bath. The club suffer another set-back in their title challenge with defeat at Telford. The manager signs both Steve Thompson and Dennis Greene to bolster the title push. Despite a 4-0 loss at Maine Road, wins over Norwich and Sheffield United lift the spirits and their League standing as The Hatters battle to avoid the drop. Alan Shearer scores on his debut for England as France are beaten for the first time in 20 matches.

MARCH: Another setback at Huish Park Yeovil, although the side bounce back with five straight wins - all at Adams Park. Witton Albion send the Blues tumbling out of the Trophy, it is the sides first defeat in the competition since the humiliation at the hands of the Metropolitan Police. Despite the loss of leading scorer Harford, Luton continue to battle away against relegation. Their plight fails to improve as the other sides continue to gather points.

David O'Leary makes his 700th appearance for Arsenal.

APRIL: Dennis Greene scores all four goals in a magnificent win at Altrincham as Wycombe go clear at the top, the joy is short lived however as the Blues are beaten by Macclesfield at Moss Rose. Colchester are again favourites for the silverware.

Ten points from a possible 18 as the heat hot's up at the foot of the First Division is marred as the Hatters crash at Oldham 5-1. Gary Lineker is voted Footballer of the Year.

MAY: Despite an outstanding victory over Redbridge, the Blues are to be pipped for the Championship on the last day as Colchester book their return to the Football League with a 5-0 win over bottom of the table Barrow. It is also a last day of the season result that finally confirms the Hatters relegation. Having to win their game at Notts County to have any chance of avoiding the drop the Magpies already relegated themselves win 2-1. Still with the last day of the campaign, Newcastle United win at Leicester to avoid relegation to Division Three. Oh how times change!

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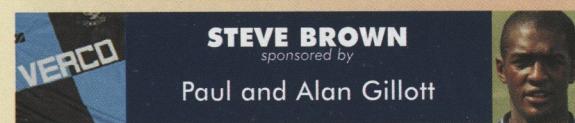
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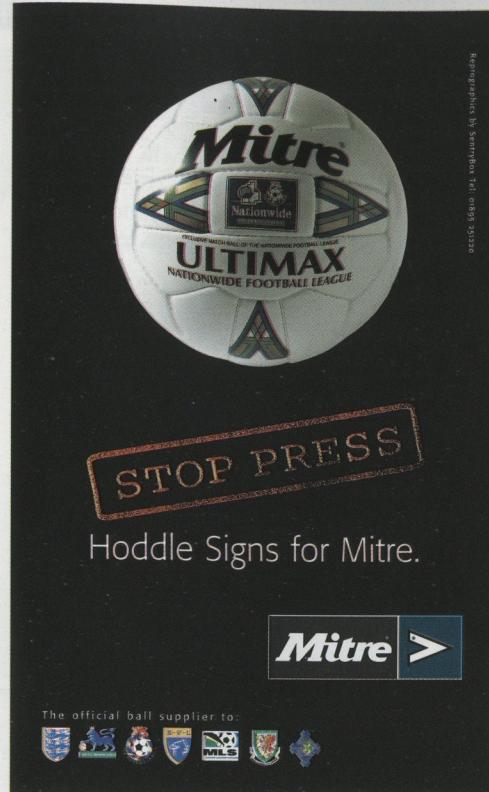


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Wigan Athletic	L 2-5	4,706	17	TAYLOR	TAYLOR	CORNFORTH	BROWN	KAVANAGH	BROWN	HARKIN	HARKIN	CORNFORTH (10)	BEETON (10)	RYAN
FULHAM Coca-Cola 1	L 1-2	4,360	-	TAYLOR	TAYLOR	CORNFORTH	BROWN	KAVANAGH	BROWN	McGAVIN	SIMPSON	CORNFORTH (8)	READ (8)	BEETON
NORTHAMPTON TOWN	D 0-2	5,130	17	TAYLOR	MOHAN	BROWN	MOHAN	KAVANAGH	BROWN	McGAVIN	SIMPSON	CORNFORTH (9)	READ (9)	KAVANAGH
Blackpool	W 4-2	4,733	9	TAYLOR	CARROLL	BROWN	BROWN	KAVANAGH	BROWN	McGAVIN	SIMPSON	CORNFORTH (1)	READ (9)	CARROLL (10)
Fulham Coca-Cola 1	D 4-6#	5,055	-	TAYLOR	KAVANAGH	BROWN	BROWN	KAVANAGH	BROWN	McGAVIN	SIMPSON	CORNFORTH (2)	READ (8)	BROWN (3)
Fulham Coca-Cola 1	W 2-0	6,278	5	TAYLOR	KAVANAGH	BROWN	BROWN	KAVANAGH	BROWN	McGAVIN	SIMPSON	CORNFORTH (1)	READ (8)	HARKIN (9)
SOUTHERN UNITED	W 4-1	4,528	3	TAYLOR	KAVANAGH	BROWN	BROWN	KAVANAGH	BROWN	McGAVIN	SIMPSON	CORNFORTH (1)	READ (9)	CARROLL (1)
Welford	L 1-2	12,100	3	TAYLOR	KAVANAGH	BROWN	BROWN	KAVANAGH	BROWN	McGAVIN	SIMPSON	CORNFORTH (6)	READ (6)	CARROLL
CARLISLE UNITED*	L 1-4	6,018	10	TAYLOR	KAVANAGH	BROWN	BROWN	KAVANAGH	BROWN	McGAVIN	SIMPSON	CORNFORTH (1)	READ (1)	CARROLL (1)
Brentford	D 1-1	3,695	6	TAYLOR	COUNSINS	BROWN	BROWN	KAVANAGH	BROWN	McGAVIN	SIMPSON	CORNFORTH (1)	READ (1)	HARKIN
PRESTON NORTH END	D 0-0	4,838	9	TAYLOR	COUNSINS	BROWN	BROWN	KAVANAGH	BROWN	McGAVIN	SIMPSON	CORNFORTH (1)	READ (1)	SCOTT (8)
Burnley	D 2-2	9,057	11	TAYLOR	COUNSINS	BROWN	BROWN	KAVANAGH	BROWN	McGAVIN	SIMPSON	CORNFORTH (1)	READ (1)	HARKIN (9)
Gillingham	L 0-1	5,545	16	TAYLOR	KAVANAGH	BROWN	BROWN	KAVANAGH	BROWN	McGAVIN	SIMPSON	CORNFORTH (1)	READ (1)	CARROLL (1)
BRISTOL ROVERS	W 1-0	5,836	15	TAYLOR	KAVANAGH	BROWN	BROWN	KAVANAGH	BROWN	McGAVIN	SIMPSON	CORNFORTH (1)	READ (1)	CARROLL (1)
Walsall	W 4-2	3,884	9	TAYLOR	COUNSINS	BROWN	BROWN	KAVANAGH	BROWN	McGAVIN	SIMPSON	CORNFORTH (1)	READ (1)	CARROLL (1)
Chesterfield	W 1-0	5,836	15	TAYLOR	COUNSINS	BROWN	BROWN	KAVANAGH	BROWN	McGAVIN	SIMPSON	CORNFORTH (1)	READ (1)	BETTON
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