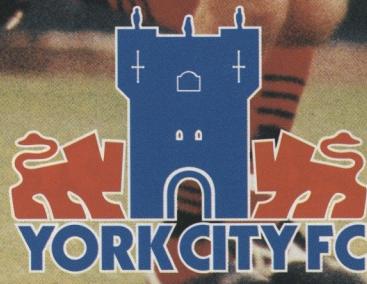


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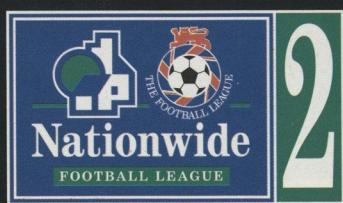
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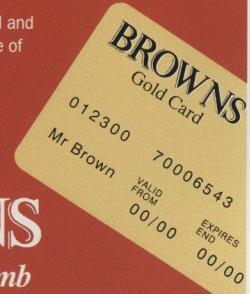
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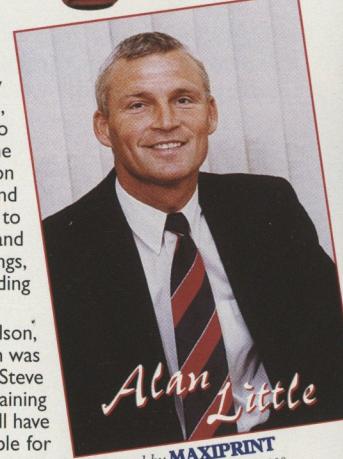
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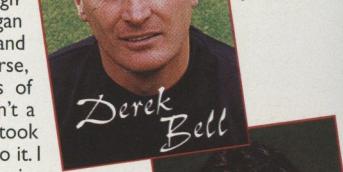
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After our trio of away games last week I'm afraid to report our injury crisis is deepening and we are down to the bare bones. Mark Samways, Andy McMillan and Wayne Hall look like being unavailable, although Paul Stephenson may come back into contention. Paul's progress will be monitored in the last couple of days up to today's match and a decision will be made from there. Jonathan Greening and Richard Cresswell are coming on, but are not up to 100% fitness yet and the same goes for Steve Tutill and John Sharples. Tut has had a couple of reserve outings, totalling about seventy minutes, while John is building up his knee with a series of runs.

The other player on the treatment table is Neil Tolson, who is troubled by a groin problem. The decimation was compounded earlier this week when Gary Bull, Steve Bushell and Mark Tinkler were all missing from training suffering from flu and/or sickness. Hopefully this will have cleared up by today and these three will be available for selection this afternoon.

It seems like an age ago since our last home game and the three points against Wycombe, in which I thought we strolled the game and once we'd scored could have had a hatful. The Southport away game has had a lot written about it and it's not worth going over old ground again. Suffice to say that it was a bruising encounter which we were glad to come through without embarrassment. The reward of a trip to Wigan in Round Two provides us with an interesting game and one in which we know we can do well. Of course, Fulham are another team who have spent pots of money and we visited them ten days ago. It wasn't a great game, but for the twelfth match running we took the lead and were a touch unlucky not to hold onto it. I thought Martin Reed was fouled when he lost possession to Peschisolido, before the striker scored. It wasn't a great game however, between two tired looking sides.

At Blackpool last week we looked a lot sharper, in the first half especially and probably should have led at half time. The home side were a strong outfit and in the second half came back at us well. The injury to Mark Samways contributed to their goal and I believe a draw would have been a fair result.

As you may have read this week in the papers, David Rush has been granted a free transfer by the club. We didn't receive offers for the player and so the best thing for York City was to see if the striker could fix himself up. That is now the end of the matter as far as this club is concerned.

Finally, I would like to welcome Lennie Lawrence and all involved with Luton Town, who will be looking to kickstart their season this afternoon. Alan LITTLE

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Spotlight on...

An £80,000 close season capture in 1996 NEIL TOLSON quickly won over the fans in his first season by finishing leading scorer with seventeen goals.

Born in the West Midlands, Neil quickly got into his footballing stride playing in a local under-10 side at the age of seven, on the right wing! There was a family background of football with his grandfather, Ray Westwood having played for Bolton Wanderers and England at inside left and his dad a regular in local football. "Me mum's not bad either," he smirks. Having got onto the YTS at Walsall, a debut goal in the FA Cup versus Yeovil Town quickly followed, with a first League goal against City at the Bescot on his fourth and last appearance for the Saddlers.

"I remember that goal well, Steve Tutill was pulling my shirt, but I still managed to knock it past Kiely from twenty yards", he exaggerates.

Out of the blue, Oldham Athletic paid £150,000 for the lanky nineteen year old striker and although first team appearances were rare Neil enjoyed his time working for Joe Royle. "They had Graeme Sharp, Ian Olney, Roger Palmer and Andy Ritchie in front of me for the strikers' positions, but I was given the odd chance. My favourite match there was an away game at Chelsea on the first ever day of the Premier League. I came on as sub and we drew 1-1."

Unfortunately for Neil, the team didn't fare well and his opportunities often arose in difficult circumstances. "The team were struggling and there was a lot of high pressure matches. Joe was very fair though and a great manager to work under."

When Sean McCarthy moved from Bradford City to Oldham in December 1993, Neil went the other way as part of the deal. "Again, there were plenty of

forwards at Bradford with the likes of Ian Ormondroyd, Paul Jewell and Mark Stallard, but I was given a fair crack of the whip and scored quite a few goals." Frighteningly for any centre halves under 6ft 5inches, Neil played a few games in partnership with Ormondroyd. "Yes, we actually played quite well together," he says with a cheeky smile.

Like Joe Royle, Lennie Lawrence left a lasting impression on the striker. He says of today's visiting manager, "He was very unlucky not to stay at Bradford longer. After all, we went up in the season he parted company with the club."

Although it was a great occasion, one of the biggest disappointments during that spell was not getting on, having been named as sub for the play-off final win over Notts county at Wembley. That turned out to be his Bantams swansong as the move to City followed that summer.

Unsurprisingly, Neil's highlights at York so far have been the two matches against Everton last season. "It wasn't just that I was lucky enough to score in both games, but the fact that we played really well and of course won the tie. I would say the football that the team is playing this year is similar to in those two games."

He continues, "there is a good team spirit this year and we are defending better as a whole team, and that includes the forwards."

So why the difference?

"I don't know why the team spirit is better, it's hard to pinpoint the reason." Then he spoils his answer... "If you cut one of us, we all bled!" with a large hint of sarcasm.

"It may sound silly, but the good feeling in the squad can be illustrated by our nights out." Please explain yourself Neil. "Last year, if we sorted out an evening round town or something only six or seven of us would go but now it's more like fifteen or twenty." Watch out York town centre, then.

Changing tack somewhat, Neil responds to the accusation that he probably isn't a referees' favourite. "I just love to win so much that sometimes I get carried away. "It's not nasty, I just can't stand losing and if I think the refs wrong I tell him."

There is sympathy for the men in the middle however, "I would never do it, it's a really hard job. Especially now that the games getting faster and faster."

As we look around our interview room (the Club Shop!) Neil pipes up. "You just have to look at the players in here to see we've got a strong squad once everyone is fit." Passing time in the shop waiting for treatment are the likes of Steve Tutill, John Sharples, Andy McMillan and Paul Stephenson along with Neil himself.

"It's been frustrating this season because I've been lucky with injuries in the past. Any knocks I've taken have tended to be in the close season and by August I've been fit again. In the last four years I think I've only missed two games through being unfit."

There is a small crumb of comfort however for the injured striker. "Not playing does give me a chance to go and watch the Albion (West Brom) sometimes!"

With thoughts again returning to this season's campaign Tolly continues. "If we can get the injured players back in contention to pressure those in the side, and provide some healthy competition we can remain near the top. We've got some great utility players, giving us cover all over the pitch."

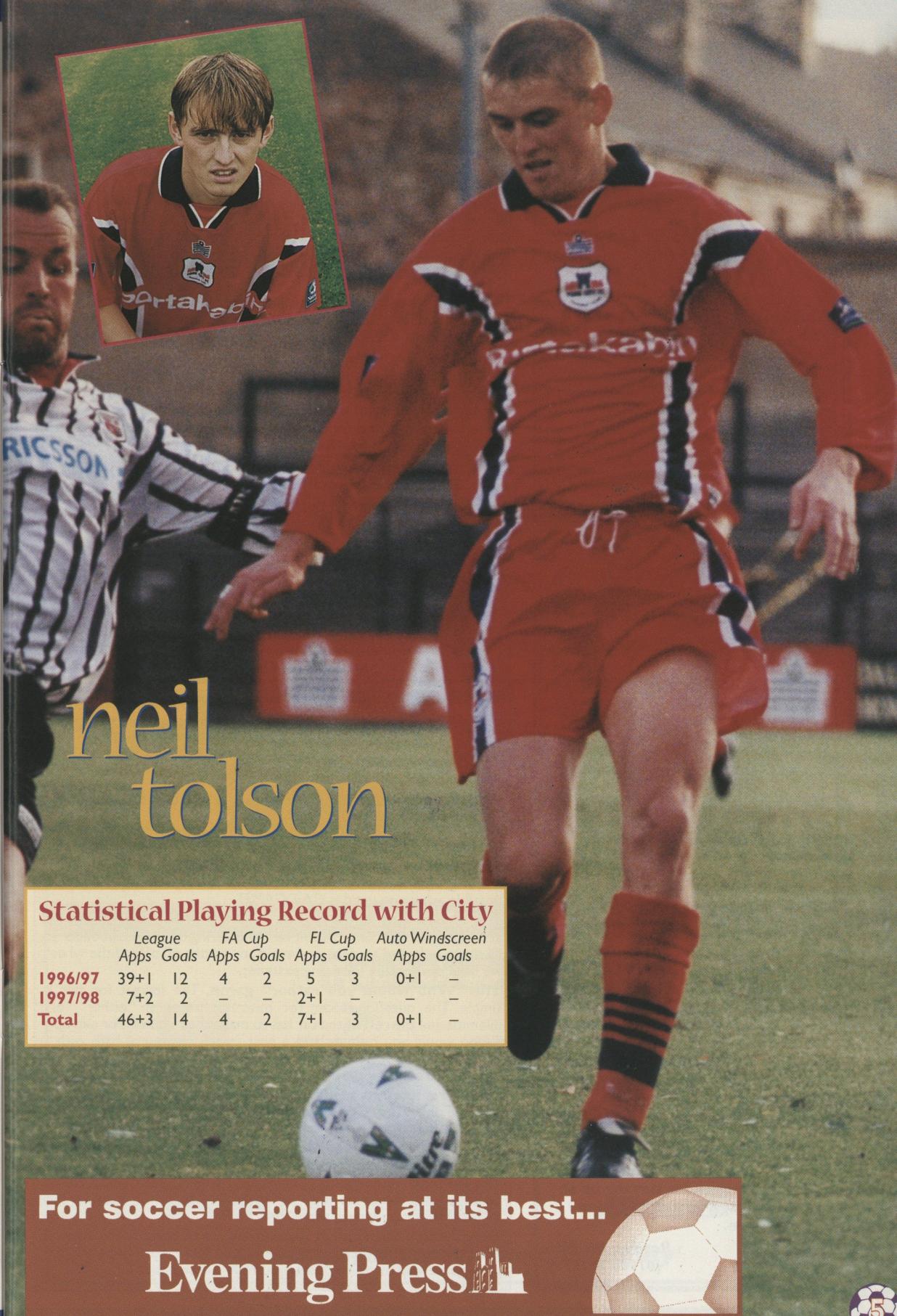
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1997/98	7+2	2	—	2+1	—	—	—
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The winner of our members' complimentary ticket draw this afternoon is Steve Mann of Leeds, membership no.118. The winner of our autographed football raffle at the Wycombe Wanderers game was Guy Blythe, winning ticket no.25431. Our shop is open today for the sale of programmes, pens and fanzines. Thank you for supporting Win, Lose or Draw at Southport the response was very encouraging and appreciated. A big thank you too to members of our London and South of England branch for turning up at Craven Cottage for the midweek Fulham game.

Raymond WYNN
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Update

Southend United have a Family Enclosure which offers reduced admission prices for adults - £8, with concessions for juniors/senior citizens - £4. It is a condition of entry that these tickets must be pre-purchased prior to match days - there are no concessions available on the day. Match day prices are £10. These tickets now on sale at York City FC ticket office during normal office hours and after today's game.

Following the breathtaking 4-3 victory here last month against Carlisle long standing City fan John Rathmell is hoping to run a train to the reverse fixture on 25th April 1998. Departing from York and travelling across the famous Settle/Carlisle Railway, this would be a unique opportunity to combine a journey on an historic railway line and also take in a potentially crucial match. At the present time the proposed prices would start from £25 return, with First Class and Pullman accommodation also available.

For those interested, please send an A4 SAE to "Railtours", 11 Melton Avenue, Rawcliffe Lane, York YO3 6QQ.

Your early support will ensure the running of this excursion.

A special welcome today to Wendy Toms who becomes the first female to officiate at a game at Bootham Crescent.

Wendy, who first ran the line in a game at Torquay last year, has already officiated at The Dell, Southampton this season.

As far as I know, there isn't a ladies' dressing room at the ground - could be interesting!

MEDIAVIEW

by ANNIE SMITH
of the York & District Advertiser & York City Hotline

Hot on the heels of the journey to Fulham, travelling City fans now face Bournemouth on Tuesday night, followed by Wigan on Saturday.

Now, if you are sensible you will join the Travel Club and pass the miles chatting on the coach with fellow fans. But if like me, this is not possible, what you need is CAR GAMES.

The friends with whom I travel to away games are chatty and articulate, yet still conversation can be faltering by the A1. In order to fill those awkward silences, and avoid any dozing off behind the wheel, we have devised the following pastimes.

The "Who would you rather" game. The format for this is simple. The questionmaster (or mistress) poses an "either" "or" dilemma and the rest of the car has to make their choice. For example "Who would you rather share a post match communal bath with - David Mellor or Arthur Scargill, Hinge or Bracket, Ronnie Barker or Ronnie Corbett - you get the picture.

The worst haircuts game. It's a bit like fantasy football only we have to name our dream City line up of most appalling barnets. (Remember Gordon Staniforth coiffure, circa 1978?)

Communal singing is also a useful tool for whiling away the kilometres and our current favourite is "You'll never get to heaven...". This has the bonus of being open to topical new verses, which can be added to old favourites like "... on Ray Wilkins' hair, because Ray Wilkins' hair is no longer there."

Taste, decency and a lack of space forbid me to disclose the rules of **The sheep's stomachs game** and many more, but I hope this has gone some way to making those journeys a little easier.

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Junior Reds NEWS

The November club night, which included a firework display, was a huge success. It was the first time that the evening was open to all the family and almost 200 people attended. The evening was held in the Social Club, which proved to be a most suitable venue, and during the first hour we held a family quiz which was compiled by Andy Wood. This was followed by hot dogs and other goodies which were kindly prepared by Maria, Sandra and Lyndsey.

Then it was time to take our places within the ground for the firework display. Ushered to their places by Ray and David Quinn sparklers were lit

and sweets handed around courtesy of Nestlé. The fireworks, which were bravely ignited by Jeff and Kevin (whilst I shone a torch on the proceedings from twenty five yards) lasted well over forty minutes and contained one or two 'bangers' that left most of us running for cover. The cost of the fireworks was paid for by the Youth Development Fund but this was offset by a successful raffle which was held during the evening.

There is no club night during December, however, we shall be holding our annual Christmas Party (see box right).

Graham KILBY

Junior Reds Christmas Party

Monday, 22nd December

12 noon-2pm
in the Social Club

(same as Firework Night)

Tickets available from the Club Shop - £3.00

(All party goers must be members of the Junior/City Reds and membership cards will be needed when purchasing tickets.)



YORK CITY travelled to unbeaten League leaders Leeds United on Sunday and were shown exactly why Leeds are top of the League. Leeds played fluid passing football and City were constantly chasing the game. Leeds took full advantage of some dubious offside decisions in the first half and tore through the City defence time and again. They were 10-0 up by half time. City rallied in the second half though, played a lot better and seemed to control the runs through midfield far better than in the first half. The final score was 13-0. City's Abbi Webster and Claire Warren were named joint players of the match for their defensive efforts. City were well beaten by the better side on the day, but their team spirit is still good and they took their battling spirit into their next League game at home against Sheffield the following week.

CITY returned to form on Sunday 16th November with a solid 2-1 win over Sheffield Hallam. City took the lead after only four minutes when Jenny Garnett slotted the ball neatly past the Sheffield keeper. City passed the ball around well on a slick surface and their link up play through midfield was excellent and saw them create numerous chances. They failed to add to their score in the first half though and Sheffield got back in the game when the referee ruled that Ellen White had brought a Sheffield attacker down in the box and awarded a penalty. Keeper Penny Davies made a great effort to

try and keep it out but Sheffield were level. City took the lead again though shortly before the break when Michelle Rothwell scored after a goal mouth scramble. In the second half City continued to dominate the game, with player of the match Ellen White sweeping up behind the defence, but although they continued to create chances they failed to add to their score. The result lifts City two places in the table to fourth position in the Yorkshire and Humberside Women's Football League Premier Division.

YORK CITY LFC's Yorkshire Cup Second Round game against Bright Sparks of Halifax was cancelled on Sunday due to a waterlogged pitch. City return to League action tomorrow with a tough away match against Hull City. Having already beaten them 2-1 in a close game at York, City will look for a solid performance to secure maximum points again and consolidate their position in the League. After Sunday's other Premier Division games City are still fifth in the table, and will be looking to strengthen their position still further with a good win.

City are looking for players to join their junior and senior squads. Come down to training sessions on Thursday nights at Lowfield School in Acomb. Juniors from 6:15pm, seniors from 7:00pm. Players of all ages and abilities are welcome.

York City Ladies

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THIS WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

FRIDAY - NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Charlton Athletic v Swindon Town

SATURDAY - FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

Barnsley v Leeds United

Bolton Wanderers v Wimbledon

Chelsea v Derby County

Coventry City v Leicester City

Everton v Tottenham Hotspur

Southampton v Sheffield Wednesday

West Ham United v Aston Villa

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Birmingham City v Portsmouth

Bradford City v Norwich City

Huddersfield Town v Bury

Ipswich Town v Nottingham Forest

Middlesbrough v West Bromwich Albion

Oxford United v Port Vale

Sheffield United v Crewe Alexandra

Stockport County v Manchester City

Stoke City v Reading

Sunderland v Tranmere Rovers

Wolverhampton Wanderers v Queens Park Rangers

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Brentford v Wrexham

Bristol Rovers v Millwall

Burnley v Northampton Town

Carlisle United v Bristol City

Chesterfield v Southend United

Gillingham v Grimsby Town

Plymouth Argyle v Oldham Athletic

Preston North End v Fulham

Walsall v Blackpool

Watford v Wigan Athletic

Wycombe Wanderers v Bournemouth

CITY v Luton Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Barnet v Darlington

Cambridge United v Hartlepool United

Cardiff City v Scarborough

Chester City v Exeter City

Hull City v Doncaster Rovers

Lincoln City v Macclesfield Town

Mansfield Town v Leyton Orient

Notts County v Peterborough United

Rochdale v Torquay United

Rotherham United v Colchester United

Scunthorpe United v Brighton & Hove Albion

Shrewsbury Town v Swansea City

SUNDAY - FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

Arsenal v Liverpool

Manchester United v Blackburn Rovers

Last Weekend's Results

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Blackpool 1 0 CITY

Bournemouth 3 2 Carlisle United

Bristol City 3 1 Wycombe Wanderers

Fulham 3 0 Gillingham

Grimsby Town 4 1 Burnley

Luton Town 0 1 Walsall

Millwall 1 1 Chesterfield

Northampton Town 0 1 Watford

Oldham Athletic 1 1 Brentford

Southend United 1 1 Bristol Rovers

Wigan Athletic 1 4 Preston North End

Wrexham 1 1 Plymouth Argyle

Leading Scorers (League/Cup) (up to & incl 22/11/97)

Boli	Walsall	12	Stallard	Wycombe W	11	Rosenthal	Watford	9
Rowe	CITY	12	Akinbiyi	Gillingham	10	Seal	Northampton	9
Taylor	Brentford	12	Jansen	Carlisle Utd	10	Thorpe	Luton Town	9
Goater	Bristol City	11	Barlow	Oldham A	9	Ellis	Blackpool	8
Peschisolido	Fulham	11	Kennedy	Watford	9	Hayles	Bristol Rovers	8

Second Division interest in the Coca-Cola Cup ended with the defeats of Grimsby Town and Walsall at Liverpool and West Ham respectively after brave performances.

Watford and Bristol City continue to stride out at the top of the table and have now opened up a sizeable gap. The Hornets' latest wins were at home to Oldham and away to Northampton. Tommy Mooney hit a late winner against the Latics whilst Peter Kennedy netted the only goal at the Sixfields Stadium. Bristol City marched on with home wins over Plymouth Argyle and Wycombe Wanderers. In the latter game Matt Hewlett netted twice. Millwall maintained their impressive away record when they chalked up their fifth win on their travels with a 2-1 success at Burnley but then again dropped home points when they were held to a 1-1 draw by Chesterfield. Chris Perkins equalised for the Spireites after Paul Shaw had given the Lions the lead. A last minute goal by Tony Ellis earned Blackpool a point at Gillingham and they followed this up with a win over City at Bloomfield Road. The Gills slipped further down the table when they lost 3-0 at Fulham in a Friday night fixture. Paul Peschisolido scored twice for the Cottagers. Successive home wins for Bournemouth lifted the Cherries several places. A 2-1 victory over Southend was followed by an exciting 3-2 success against Carlisle United. Steve Fletcher, Russell Beardmore and Jon O'Neill scored for the Dean Court club whilst Billy Barr and Ian Stevens replied for the visitors. As a result the Cumbrians dropped to the bottom. Luton Town suffered their fourth successive home defeat when Walsall won thanks to a John Hodges strike. It was the Saddlers' first away victory of the campaign. Preston who had gone down to a home defeat in a midweek game to Bristol Rovers swept back to form with an impressive 4-1 victory at Wigan. Lee Cartwright (2), Lee Ashcroft and Ryan Kidd were their scorers whilst the home side could only reply through Ian Kilford. Brentford earned a vital point when they snatched a late equaliser at Oldham. Sean McCarthy gave the Latics the lead but Andy Scott grabbed a goal for the Bees. Burnley remained in the bottom four when they crashed 4-1 at Grimsby. Paul Weller gave the Clarets the lead but Town ran out comfortable winners with goals from Paul Groves, Tommy Widdrington, Jack Lester and Lee Nogan. Plymouth checked Wrexham at the Racecourse with a 1-1 draw. The Devon club were reduced to ten men when Adrian Littlejohn was sent off but then took the lead through Chris Billy. The home side fought back to equalise through Peter Ward. Substitute Peter Beadle netted Bristol Rovers' equaliser from the penalty spot at Southend in a 1-1 draw.

In midweek FA Cup replays Wycombe Wanderers, Plymouth Argyle and Burnley were all knocked out by clubs from lower divisions.

David BATTERS

Division Two Statistics

Total Division Two games played this season: 225

Home wins: 111 (49%) · Away wins: 48 (21%) · Draws: 66 (29%)

Average goals scored per match this season: 2.5

Highest attendance this season: 13,812 (Watford v York City)

Lowest attendance this season: 2,039 (Wrexham v Southend)

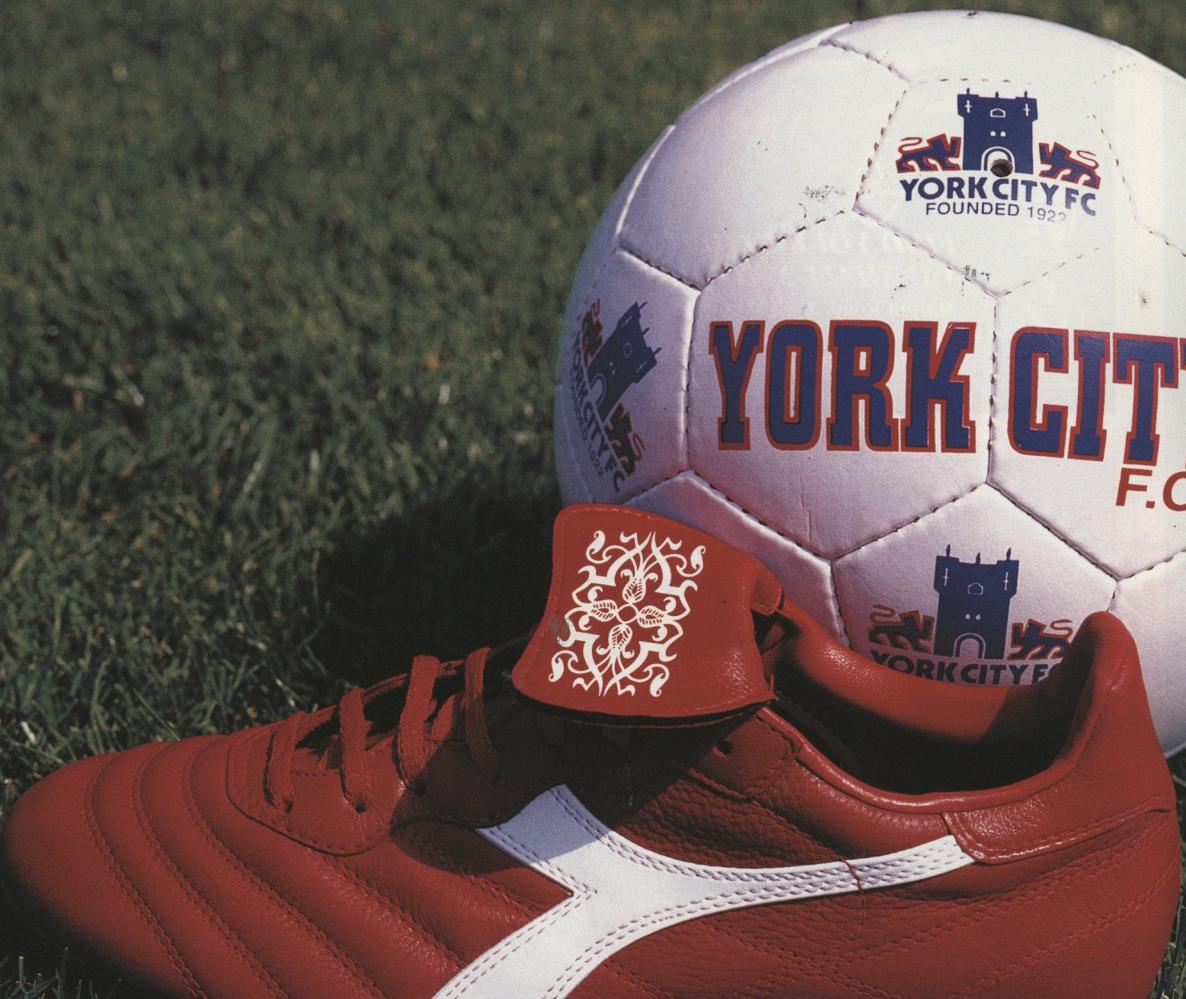
Average attendance this season: 6,121

SECOND DIVISION P W D L F A W D L F A Pts

Watford	19	7	1	1	17	7	7	2	1	16	5	45
Bristol City	19	8	1	1	19	7	4	2	3	13	9	39
Millwall	18	4	4	2	16	12	5	1	2	10	6	32
Northampton Town	19	6	2	2	14	7	2	5	2	8	6	31
YORK CITY	19	7	0	2	16	8	1	5	4	9	14	29
Chesterfield	19	5	3	1	13	8	2	5	3	8	9	29
Oldham Athletic	19	7	3	0	23	11	0	4	5	8	15	28
Blackpool	19	6	3	1	18	12	2	1	6	10	18	28
Bournemouth	19	5	4	1	12	7	2	3	4	10	13	28
Wrexham	18	5	3	1	15	9	2	3	4	10	12	27
Fulham	19	5	4	1	13	6	2	2	5	9	13	27
Gillingham	19	5	3	1	13	9	2	2	6	11	17	26
Bristol Rovers	19	3	1	5	12	14	3	6	1	13	11	25
Preston North End	19	4	1	4	9	7	3	3	4	13	10	25
Grimsby Town	18	4	3	2	13	6	2	3	4	8	12	24
Wycombe Wanderers	19	4	4	1	14	9	1	2	7	13	23	21
Plymouth Argyle	19	3	4	2	16	12	1	4	5	8	15	20
Walsall	18	4	4	1	12	5	1	1	7	7	18	20
Wigan Athletic	18	4	3	2	18	16	1	1	7	6	15	19
Southend United	19	4	2	9	9	1	0	8	9	26	19	
Burnley	19	2	6	1	11	9	1	2	7	9	18	17
Brentford	19	4	2	3	14	11	0	3	7	5	21	17
Luton Town	18	3	1	6	12	19	1	4	3	5	9	17
Carlisle United	19	2	2	5	7	14	2	2	6	16	21	16

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NEW SIGNINGS for the 1961/62 campaign included Tommy Heron (pictured right) from Manchester United and John Stainsby (ex-Barnsley), whilst Billy Rudd joined the club from Birmingham City for a sizeable fee in November. City were on the fringe of the top four throughout the season but poor away form let them down. Watched by an average home crowd of 6,890 they recorded several big victories at Bootham Crescent, notably 5-0 against Colchester United and Barrow. In a nailbiting finish City went into their last game at home to Aldershot needing to win to ensure promotion. Sadly they failed to rise to the occasion and, in a bitterly frustrating finale, lost by the only goal of the game. Jimmy Weir (pictured left) had a fine season and was top scorer with twenty nine League and Cup goals. Cup success this season came in the Football League Cup, as in the first round of the FA Cup, City fell at Bradford City. *En route* to the quarter-finals of the League Cup they dismissed Third Division clubs Bristol City and Watford after two replays and Bournemouth. The outstanding performance came in the second round when First Division Leicester City were beaten 2-1 at Bootham Crescent in front of 13,273. Match details are as follows:

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COLLAPSE OF ACCRINGTON

League games cancelled -£60,000 debt

ACCRINGTON STANLEY AFC, one of the founder members of the Football League, struggling under a £60,000 debt, to-day decided the club could not carry on any longer in the League and all the remaining fixtures are cancelled.

Accrington have resigned from the League. Mr. Eric Howarth, assistant secretary of the League, said to-day: "I have been told that there is a letter in the post from Accrington Stanley resigning their associate membership of the Football League. This has been reported to the League president but no further action will be taken until to-morrow. Nothing can be done about the match against Exeter then."

"The matter will certainly be referred to the Management Committee at their meeting on Sunday if not before."

From Peel Park, Accrington, the club secretary, Mr. Jack Wigglesworth, reported: "There will be no more games for us. I am now waiting for further information to see exactly what we must do. The players are at home and will not be doing any training."

It seems probable that Accrington's current playing record at it affects all Fourth Division clubs will be exaggerated. This was the course adopted when Wigan Borough dropped out in 1951.

Creditors heard at last night's meeting that the club was £60,000 in debt and that unless £400 was found by to-day, the telephone, electricity, water and gas supplies at the ground would be cut off immediately.

York City, having beaten Accrington at Bootham Crescent, will have two points deducted. The away game was due on April 7. Colchester, the Fourth Division leaders, will lose four points.

Mr. Cliff Lloyd, secretary of the Professional Footballers Association.

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This afternoon sees City return to Fortress Bootham having fulfilled three successive away fixtures. It seems like ages since Wycombe were vanquished here when in reality it was only three weeks ago when that sixth successive home win lifted us four paces to third. Even though we have since dropped to a 'mere' fifth, every sane-minded supporter would have settled for this position come the last Saturday in November. As Luton visit us today, it is not unfair to either side to reflect on our respective placings and suggest that most pundits would have expected City to occupy second bottom and Luton the loftier perch that is ours. Despite the setback at Blackpool last Saturday, City should still enter today's game with confidence, but it will not have gone unnoticed amongst club spies that Luton's away record is comparable to our own with only nine goals conceded and three games lost, so nothing should be taken for granted. In fact it is the Hatters' woeful home form which accounts for their current plight, but Lennie Lawrence's managerial record shows he is best mates with adversity so don't write them off yet in what is a very tight division.

Those three away games resulted in mixed fortunes for City, but even though only one League point was gleaned other results further compressed the top half of the table to the extent that City maintained fifth place. Happily, the club also retains an interest in the FA Cup following the 4-0 drubbing of Southport, although we survived the odd scare along the way in the best Cup traditions. It was a 'tough' game in every sense of the word, and I felt things were pretty evenly poised until the home side decided to try and lull us into a false sense of security by ensuring two of their men were sent off (how else do you explain it?). Alas, City were too professional to be fooled, and from that point on won in a canter when half an hour earlier victory by any margin was somewhat less assured. The only disappointment of the day out at Haig Avenue was the assault on Paul Stephenson, which resulted in nine stitches and put 'Stevo' on the sidelines at a time when he is playing arguably the best football of his City career. A further blow was the Second Round draw which unkindly sent City to Wigan next Saturday, although Lady Luck redressed the balance when, for the second successive season, City received a bye last week into the Second Round of the AWS. City fans on

the cup trail a week today should remember to cancel any engagements planned for that evening, in view of the longevity of our League visit to Springfield Park earlier this month!

Back in the League, reports from Craven Cottage suggest that City battled for the point they earned to show that the financial gulf between Fulham and ourselves did not necessarily translate into southern supremacy on the pitch itself. Good job too, bearing in mind that the home side's equalising goal came from a man who cost almost six times more than the entire City team. More indicative of the way things are is the fact that the £1m Fulham paid for Paul Peschisolido was over twice City's total gate receipts for 1996/97, as revealed in the Club's accounts released last weekend. With more money than ever before swilling around a select few 'sugar-daddied' clubs in this division, any result against big-spending sides is to be welcomed as a sign that City's players have no inferiority complex – and on this season's form, why should they? It was again pleasing to see Tony Barras on target from the penalty spot, as I'd wager I wasn't the only one who watched with eyebrows twitching and a degree of trepidation as our inspiring number six first strode forward and put the ball on the spot! We need not have worried, as the accuracy of his latest spot kick hammered hard and low into the corner contrasted with his blast from twelve yards against Wycombe to suggest that there may be a whole repertoire of techniques yet to come. Whether these are as numerous a catalogue as his no-nonsense stand-clearing approach in times of danger remains to be seen though!

Our recent upturn in form has also seen a corresponding upturn in expectations, so the reverse at Blackpool was a disappointing one, particularly as many observers agree with Mark Samways' protestations that he would have been able to reach the home side's winner had he not been hindered by a knee injury. Hopefully, his injury won't be as bad as first feared and City will continue to win at home, and convert some draws into wins as our seaside tour continues at Bournemouth and Southend in weeks to come. So, as the festive season approaches, may the only 'dips' Alan Little's men taste be in the Yuletide buffets! Ho ho ho.

Enjoy the match.

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- During which season did City beat Luton 5-1 at home and lose 5-1 away?
- Which club regained League status in 1988?
- Who are known as 'The Buddies'?
- From which club did Bolton sign Nathan Blake?
- Name the York referee on the current Nationwide list?
- The lowest ever Premier League attendance of 3,039 was to watch which two teams?
- Which player was top scorer in last season's Nationwide Second Division?
- In which country was Paddy Atkinson born?
- Which country do Bastia come from?
- Name the two players who recently swapped clubs between Sunderland and Manchester City?

Answers on page 27

City appearances & goalscorers

	Appearances	Goals	
	League	Cup	League
Atkinson	1+2	0+1	—
Barras	18	5	2
Bull	9+5	4+1	—
Bushell	19	5	2
Campbell	1	1	—
Cresswell	3+3	0+2	—
Davis	2	—	1
Greening	1+5	0+1	1
Hall	18	5	—
Himsworth	2+5	0+1	—
Jordan	0+3	—	—
McMillan	13	4	—
Murty	14+1	3	1
Pouton	13+2	4+1	1
Reed	14	3	—
Rowe	18+1	4	9
Rush	1+2	—	—
Samways	19	5	—
Stephenson	15+1	4+1	4
Tinkler	19	5	2
Tolson	7+2	2+1	2
Tutill	2	1	—
Opponent	—	—	1
TOTAL	25	9	34

(up to and including 22/11/97)

Second Division & Cup Fixtures - Season 1997/98

Date	Versus (tiny area = home fixture)	Result	Pos	Attnd	Away	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S	S	S		
Sat 9 Aug	Oldham Athletic	L 1-3	19	6,474	680	Samways	McMillan	Atkinson	Bushell 1	Tutill	Barras	Stephenson	Tinkler	Tolson	Bull	Pouton	Rowe(7)	Hall	Jordan		
Tue 12 Aug	Port Vale Coca-Cola Cup 1(1)	W 2-1	—	2,749	172	Samways	McMillan	Hall	Bushell 1	Tutill	Barras	Campbell	Tinkler	Rowe	Bull 1	Pouton	Stephenson(7)	Tolson(9)	Jordan		
Sat 16 Aug	Bristol Rovers	L 0-1	23	3,307	480	Samways	McMillan	Hall	Bushell	Tutill	Barras	Campbell	Tinkler	Rowe	Bull	Pouton	Jordan(5)	Stephenson(7)	Rush(12)		
Sat 23 Aug	Millwall	W 3-2	18	6,583	254	Samways	McMillan	Hall	Bushell	Reed	Barras	Stephenson 1	Tinkler	Rowe 1	Rush	Pouton 1	Bull(10)	Cresswell(9)	Jordan		
Tue 26 Aug	Port Vale Coca-Cola Cup 1(2)	D 1-1	—	3,195	297	Samways	McMillan	Hall	Bushell	Reed	Barras 1	Stephenson	Tinkler	Rowe	Bull	Pouton	Cresswell(9)	Greening(11)	Atkinson		
Sat 30 Aug	Gillingham	W 2-1	10	2,853	383	Samways	McMillan	Hall	Bushell	Reed	Barras	Stephenson	Tinkler	Rowe 1	Bull	Pouton	Cresswell(10)	Greening(16)	Atkinson(11)		
Tue 2 Sep	Chesterfield	L 0-1	14	3,284	800	Samways	McMillan	Hall	Bushell	Reed	Tinkler	Stephenson	Pouton	Rowe	Cresswell	Greening	Murty(11)	Atkinson	Bull		
Tue 9 Sep	Grimsby Town	D 0-0	16	5,308	299	Samways	McMillan	Hall	Bushell	Tinkler	Barras	Murty	Pouton	Rowe	Cresswell	Stephenson	Tolson(10)	Reed	Jordan		
Sat 13 Sep	Burnley	W 3-1	12	5,424	2,232	Samways	McMillan	Hall	Bushell	Davis 1	Barras	Murty	Tinkler	Tolson 1	Rowe 1	Stephenson	Pouton(7)	Bull(10)	Reed		
Tue 16 Sep	Oxford Utd CCC 2(1)	L 1-4	—	2,923	196	Samways	McMillan	Hall	Bushell	Tinkler	Barras	Murty	Pouton	Rowe 1	Tolson	Stephenson	Bull(9)	Jordan	Reed		
Sat 20 Sep	Walsall	L 0-2	15	2,972	322	Samways	McMillan	Hall	Bushell	Davis	Barras	Murty	Tinkler	Tolson	Rowe	Stephenson	Rush(9)	Pouton(11)	Bull		
Tue 23 Sep	Oxford Utd Coca-Cola Cup 2(2)	L 1-2	—	1,555	126	Samways	McMillan	Hall	Bushell	Reed	Barras	Murty 1	Tinkler	Tolson	Bull	Stephenson	Pouton(11)	Jordan	Atkinson		
Sat 27 Sep	Watford	D 1-1	17	13,812	246	Samways	McMillan	Hall	Bushell	Reed	Barras	Murty	Tinkler	Tolson 1	Rowe	Pouton	Bull(9)	Stephenson	Atkinson		
Sat 4 Oct	Plymouth Argyle	W 1-0	9	2,894	343	Samways	Murty	Hall	Bushell	Reed	Barras	Stephenson	Tinkler	Tolson	Rowe 1	Pouton	Bull(9)	Himsworth(11)	Jordan		
Sat 11 Oct	Brentford	W 3-1	6	2,831	229	Samways	McMillan	Hall	Bushell	Reed	Barras	Murty 1	Tinkler 1	Tolson	Rowe	Stephenson 1	Greening(9)	Bull(10)	Himsworth(11)		
Fri 17 Oct	Bristol City	L 1-2	11	9,568	144	Samways	McMillan	Hall	Bushell	Reed	Barras	Murty	Tinkler	Tolson	Rowe 1	Stephenson	Greening	Bull	Himsworth		
Tue 21 Oct	Northampton Town	D 1-1	11	6,059	303	Samways	McMillan	Hall	Bushell	Reed	Barras	Murty	Tinkler	Bull	Rowe 1	Stephenson	Tolson	Himsworth	Greening		
Sat 25 Oct	Carlisle United	W 4-3	6	3,700	736	Samways	McMillan	Hall	Bushell 1	Reed	Barras	Murty	Tinkler	Bull	Rowe 1	Stephenson 2	Greening(9)	Tolson(5)	Himsworth(2)		
Sat 1 Nov	Wigan Athletic	D 1-1	6	3,701	417	Samways	Murty	Hall	Bushell	Reed	Barras	Pouton	Tinkler	Bull	Rowe 1	Stephenson	Himsworth(7)	Greening	Jordan		
Tue 4 Nov	Preston North End	W 1-0	6	3,370	616	Samways	Murty	Hall	Bushell	Reed	Barras	Pouton	Tinkler 1	Bull	Rowe	Stephenson	Jordan(8)	Greening	Himsworth		
Sat 8 Nov	Wycombe Wanderers	W 2-0	3	3,343	295	Samways	Murty	Hall	Bushell	Reed	Barras 1P	Pouton	Tinkler	Bull	Rowe 1	Stephenson	Jordan(5)	Greening(10)	Himsworth(7)		
Sat 15 Nov	Southport FA Cup 1st Round	W 4-0*	—	3,962	703	Samways	Murty	Hall	Bushell	Reed	Barras	Pouton 1	Tinkler	Bull	Rowe 2	Stephenson	Himsworth(11)	Cresswell(10)	Atkinson(3)		
Tue 18 Nov	Fulham	D 1-1	5	5,521	495	Samways	Murty	Hall	Bushell	Reed	Barras 1P	Pouton	Tinkler	Bull	Rowe	Himsworth	Cresswell(9)	Jordan	Atkinson		
Sat 22 Nov	Blackpool	L 0-1	5	4,508	518	Samways	Murty	Hall	Bushell	Reed	Barras	Pouton	Tinkler	Cresswell	Rowe	Himsworth	Greening(9)	Atkinson(11)	Jordan		
Sat 29 Nov	Luton Town	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Tue 2 Dec	AFC Bournemouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Sat 6 Dec	Wigan Athletic FA Cup 2nd Round	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Sat 13 Dec	Wrexham	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Fri 19 Dec	Southend United	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
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WE'VE MET before

Formed in 1885 **Luton Town** operated in the Southern League prior to their election to the Second Division of the Football League in 1897. They failed to gain re-election three years later and did not return to the fold until becoming founder members of Division Three in 1920. Champions of the Southern Section in 1936/37 they reached the top flight in 1955 and in 1959 were FA Cup runners up to Nottingham Forest. Relegated the following year by the mid 1960s they had dropped to the Fourth but by 1970 had bounced back to the old Second Division. For the next twelve years they remained in that League (apart from 1974/75 in the First) and then in 1981/82 they were Second Division Champions. The Hatters then enjoyed ten

seasons at the top level finishing a best ever seventh in 1986/87 and winning the FL Cup the following campaign when they beat Arsenal at Wembley. Relegated in 1992 they suffered further demotion in May 1996 and so dropped out of the top two divisions for the first time in over twenty five years. Last season they lost to Crewe Alexandra in the promotion play offs.

LAST TIME WE MET AT BOOTHAM CRESCENT

1st March 1997

CITY 1-1 TOWN

Attendance: 3,788

CITY: Warrington, McMillan, Himsorth, Bushell, Sharples, Barras, Pouton, Jordan, Rowe, Bull, Tolson. Scorer: Tolson (48 mins).

TOWN: Feuer, James, Thomas (McLaren - 35 mins), Waddock, Davis, Johnson, Hughes, Alexander, Oldfield (Marshall - 72 mins), Thorpe, Showler. Scorer: Davis (12 mins).

MATCH IN Remember

Fourth Division City sprung a surprise in the Third Round of the FA Cup in 1978/79 when they knocked out Luton then in the Second. The tie was staged on the evening of 9th January 1979 having been postponed because of snow on the previous Saturday.

City were away to a flyer and within three minutes took the lead. David Pugh started the move and when Kevin Randall crossed from the left Gordon Staniforth shot home from close range. The pressure was kept up and Town's keeper Jake Findlay was constantly in action in the early stages. The Hatters settled down, however, and began to get on top. Andy Clements cleared one shot off the line and then Bob Hatton shot wide from in front of goal. The experienced striker failed with another easy chance and City did well to survive some constant Luton pressure. They duly weathered the storm and with five minutes remaining clinched their place in the next round following a free kick just outside the penalty area. Pugh placed this to the far post for Steve Faulkner to head across goal and Randall nodded the ball home. The attendance was 6,730 and City went on to meet the reigning First Division champions Nottingham Forest at the City Ground in Round Four. After a gallant fight they went down 3-1. The teams lined up:

CITY: Brown, Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Randall, Loggie, McDonald, Staniforth.

TOWN: Findlay, Jones, Aizlewood, Carr, Price, Donaghy, West, Hill, Stein, Hatton, Sherlock (Heale - 71 mins).

& ONE Forget

City went into their last match of the 1966/67 campaign needing to win to avoid having to apply for re-election to Division Four. The date was 13th May 1967 and it was their first ever visit to Kenilworth Road.

City made the best possible start and were a goal up within a couple of minutes. Les Collinson and Tom Spencer set free John Hawksby who ran on to beat Tony Read with a low shot. Luton were level, however, three minutes later when following a cross from Brian Johnson the ball was turned into the net by Keith Allen. Full back Fred Jardine crashed in a shot to give the home side the lead in the eighteenth minute and after half an hour Gerry Baker put through his own goal. Rowland Horrey and Andy Provan worked hard up front for City but Town were well worth their 3-1 interval lead. After the break Luton dominated proceedings and added to their lead with a couple of fine goals scored by Bruce Rioch. Only outstanding goalkeeping by Harry Fallon prevented a complete humiliation. City were restricted to isolated attacks with Provan missing one good chance and then having a "goal" disallowed for offside. The attendance was 5,196 and making his last appearance for Luton that day was David Pleat who recently was dismissed from his post as Sheffield Wednesday manager. The sides were:

TOWN: Read, Thompson, Jardine, Conboy, Dougan, Moore, French, Allen, Pleat, Rioch, Johnson.

CITY: Fallon, Baker, Turner, Collinson, Jackson, Walker, Horrey, Goodchild, Spencer, Hawksby, Provan.

David BATTERS

Lookback

This afternoon marks the tenth meeting between the clubs in Cup and League football and past results are as follows:

League	Home	Division	Away
1966/67	W	5-1	4
1967/68	D	1-1	4
1975/76	L	2-3	2
1996/97	D	1-1	2
		0-2	L

FA Cup
1978/79 W 2-0 Round 3

The clubs first met in the mid 1960s in the Fourth Division. On Easter Saturday, 25th March 1967 City won 5-1 at Bootham Crescent with goals from Andy Provan (2), Les Collinson, Tom Spencer and John Goodchild. Town replied through Graham French and they gained full revenge when in the last game of that season they won 5-1 at Kenilworth Road (see Match to Forget). The following season the Hatters gained promotion and in their home win over City Bruce Rioch (2) and a Ray Whittaker penalty earned them a 3-1 success. Ted MacDougall netted for City and in the return game at Bootham Crescent a Keith Allen goal cancelled out a Tommy Ross effort. Paths crossed next in the old Second Division in 1975/76 when Town completed the double. In November 1975 they gained a comfortable 4-0 win with Jim Husband, Alan West, Andy King and Peter Anderson on the mark. The match at York in February 1976 was an exciting affair with Town winning by the odd goal in five. Ian Holmes (penalty) and Brian Pollard were City's scorers and Brian Chambers, Ron Futter and Lil Fuccillo netted for Luton. In last season's encounter at Kenilworth Road, Dwight Marshall and Tony Thorpe were the scorers. The one FA Cup meeting between the clubs is featured in Match to Remember.

Players who have appeared for both clubs over the years include Reg Stockill who scored City's first ever goal in League football and who remains their youngest ever player when he made his debut that day in August 1929 (fifteen years 281 days old). Winger Jimmy Weir and centre forward Jim Goldie represented both clubs in the 1960s and more recently Viv Busby and Rob Matthews. Former Charlton Athletic goalkeeper Sam Bartram managed City (1956-60) and then was in charge at Kenilworth Road until 1962.



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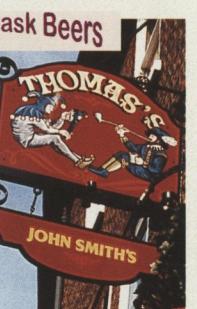
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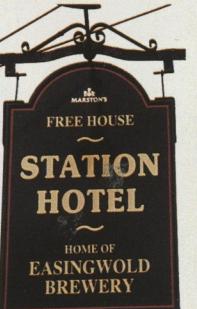
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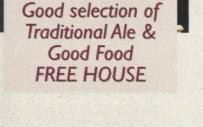
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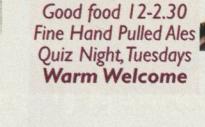
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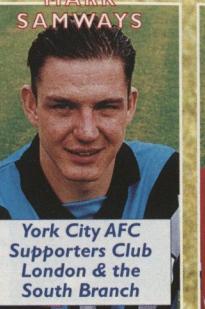
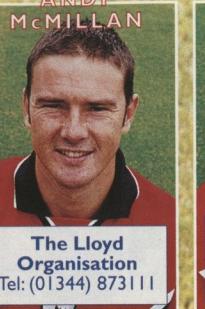
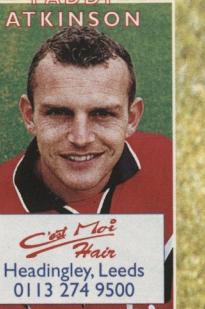
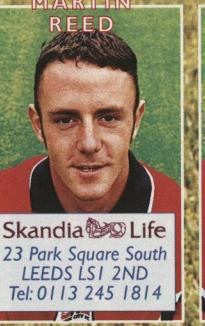
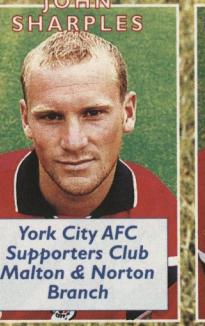
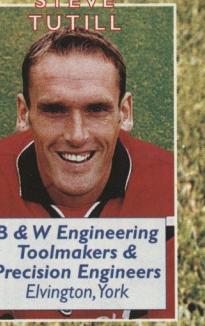
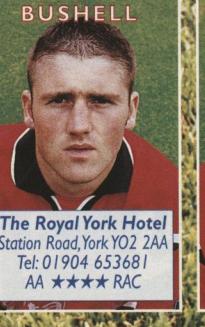
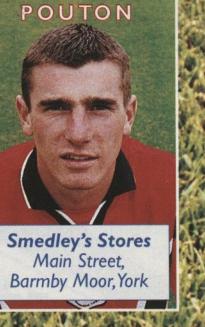
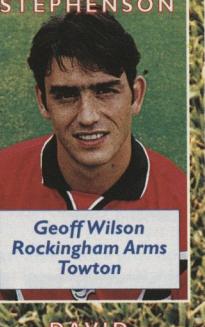
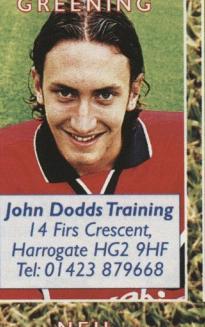
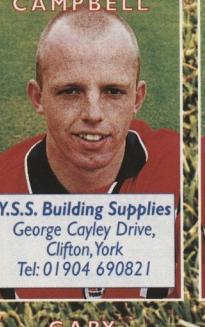
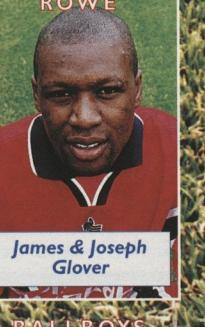
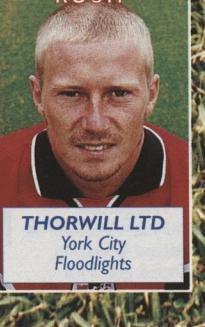
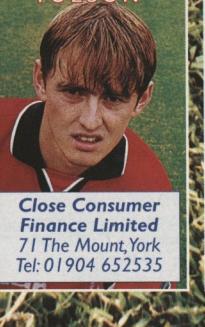
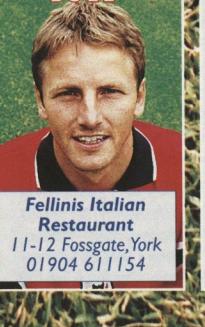


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Within the space of five days we met Barnsley twice at the beginning of this month. The first encounter was in the Pontins League Division Two and involved a number of experienced first team players on each side. We got off to a dream start when, in the first minute, Jono Greening slotted home after a Gary Himsworth corner dropped to him in the six yard box. For the rest of the first half we overwhelmed our visitors and could, and should, have been four or five up at the break, having missed a number of one-on-one chances. The Barnsley line-up included Matty Appleby, Clint Marcelle with John Hendrie replacing Andy Liddell at half time. These players should have been able to stamp their authority on the match, but it never happened and we ran out comfortable winners.

The Cup tie at Oakwell featured quite different line-ups with a number of first year YT's making their reserves debut for us. The Barnsley side also included some youngsters which made for a disjointed opening to the game. We gradually got into the tie more and more and took the lead ten minutes before half time. Again it was Jonathan Greening who scored, finding the roof of the net from eight yards following a bit of a scramble. To be fair, the home side played better in the second half and Andy Warrington had to make a number of outstanding saves, including a great stop from Laurens Ten Heuvels penalty. Unfortunately, three minutes from time, when it looked like we'd ridden the storm, Ten Heuvel scored in-off the far post to make it 1-1.

TEAMS - LEAGUE

CITY: Warrington, Dawson, Atkinson, Jordan, Rennison, Douglass, Himsworth, Pouton, Tolson, Greening, Garratt.
Subs: Ablett, Foreman, Siddle.

BARNESLEY: Leese, Perry, Beckett, Gregory, Appleby, Hume, Marcelle, McClare, Liddell, Beckett, Prendergast.
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Subs: Jones, Rose, Beckett.

CITY: Warrington, Dawson, Atkinson, Jordan, Bachelor, Rennison, Bullock, Farley, Greening, Dibie, Himsworth.
Subs: Urwin, Walters, Dufton.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shrewsbury Town	11	7	3	1	22	12	24
Blackpool	10	7	2	1	23	12	23
Rotherham United	10	5	2	3	29	12	17
Burnley	10	5	2	3	20	11	17
Sheffield United	11	5	1	5	26	23	16
YORK CITY	10	4	2	4	14	13	14
Bradford City	10	4	2	4	19	19	14
Stockport County	10	4	2	4	16	18	14
Barnsley	10	3	3	4	14	11	12
Wrexham	10	3	1	6	16	19	20
Rochdale	10	2	3	5	9	23	9
Carlisle United	10	2	2	6	8	23	8
Lincoln City	10	2	1	7	11	31	7

(up to and including 16/11/97)



THE PICTURE ABOVE shows some of the children who participated in the Football in the Community half term soccer course at Stamford Bridge Junior School. This was the first time we have been to Stamford Bridge and it proved to be a highly successful week. Our thanks to the headteacher for the facility and to Paul Stephenson for making the children's week by presenting the prizes.

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Wed	20 Aug	Sheff Utd	W	2-0
Wed	3 Sep	Carlisle Utd	L	1-2
Wed	10 Sep	Burnley	L	1-3
Wed	17 Sep	Lincoln City	W	3-1
Wed	1 Oct	Stockport County	L	2-3
Wed	8 Oct	Bradford City	D	1-1
Wed	15 Oct	Shrewsbury Town	L	0-2
Mon	20 Oct	Newcastle United (CUP)	W	2-0
Wed	29 Oct	Barnsley	W	1-0
Mon	3 Nov	Barnsley (CUP)	D	1-1
Wed	12 Nov	Rochdale	D	0-0
Wed	19 Nov	Blackpool	L	0-1
Wed	26 Nov	Rotherham Utd	H	
Wed	3 Dec	Barnsley (CUP)	H	
Wed	10 Dec	Sheff Utd	H	
Wed	7 Jan	Carlisle Utd	A	
Mon	12 Jan	Newcastle United (CUP)	A	
Wed	21 Jan	Burnley (715)	A	
Wed	4 Feb	Wrexham	A	
Wed	11 Feb	Lincoln City	H	
Wed	18 Feb	Stockport County	A	
Tue	10 Mar	Rotherham Utd	A	
Wed	25 Mar	Blackpool	H	
Wed	1 Apr	Barnsley	A	
Wed	8 Apr	Rochdale	H	
Tue	21 Apr	Bradford City	A	
Wed	29 Apr	Shrewsbury Town	H	

Home Kick off - 7.00pm

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Sat	9 Aug	Chesterfield	D	1-1
Sat	16 Aug	Doncaster Rovers	W	2-0
Sat	23 Aug	Huddersfield Town	D	1-1
Sat	30 Aug	Leeds Utd	L	0-1
Sat	6 Sep	Doncaster Rovers (CUP)	L	1-3
Sat	13 Sep	Newcastle	L	1-3
Sat	20 Sep	Scarborough	W	2-0
Sat	27 Sep	Sheff Utd	L	1-3
Sat	4 Oct	Bradford City	L	2-3
Sat	18 Oct	Darlington	W	3-1
Sat	25 Oct	Hartlepool Utd	W	2-1
Sat	1 Nov	Hull City	W	2-1
Wed	5 Nov	Huddersfield FA Youth Cup	W	2-1
Sat	8 Nov	Middlesbrough	L	0-2
Sat	15 Nov	Rotherham Utd	W	4-1
Sat	22 Nov	Scunthorpe	D	1-1
Mon	24 Nov	Middlesbrough FA Youth Cup	L	0-1
Sat	29 Nov	Sheff Wed	H	
Sat	6 Dec	Sunderland	A	
Sat	13 Dec	Barnsley	A	
Sat	20 Dec	Barnsley	H	
Sat	3 Jan	Chesterfield	A	
Sat	10 Jan	Doncaster Rovers	H	
Sat	17 Jan	Huddersfield Town	A	
Sat	24 Jan	Leeds Utd	H	
Sat	31 Jan	Newcastle	A	
Sat	7 Feb	Scarborough	H	
Sat	14 Feb	Sheff Utd	A	
Sat	21 Feb	Bradford City	H	
Sat	28 Feb	Darlington	H	
Sat	7 Mar	Hartlepool Utd	H	
Sat	14 Mar	Hull City	A	
Sat	21 Mar	Middlesbrough	H	
Sat	28 Mar	Rotherham Utd	A	
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Home Kick off - 11.00am

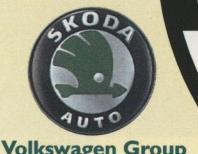
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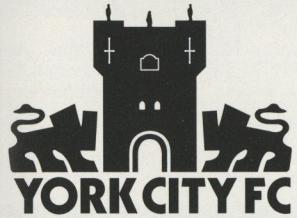
York City sponsors, Portakabin Limited opted for a Club tour and training session for their annual fun day, attended by children of the company's employees.

Following a tour of Bootham Crescent, the young football fans were taken to the Club's training ground where they watched the team play before participating in their own mini training session with their footballing heroes.

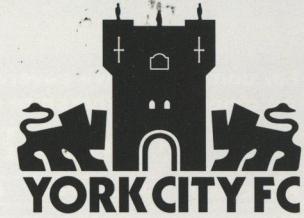
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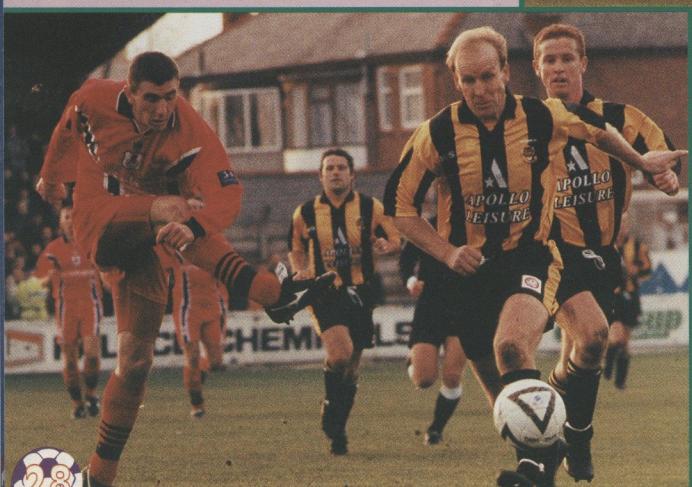
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Back row (left to right): Robert Kean, Sean Evers, Stuart Douglas, Steve Augustine, Andrew Barr, Paul McLaren, Simon Davies, Gary Doherty, Matthew Spring, Ian Jones, Andrew Fotiadis, Richard Harvey, Dwight Marshall. Standing: Bob Bird (Financial Controller), 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: Lain 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: Jimmy Cox, Russell Lawes, Stuart Fraser, Darren Howe, James Ayres, Daniel Tate, Nick Webb, Emerson Boyce, Moses Jerry, Michael McIndoe, Andre Scarlett, Delroy McKoy.

A number of serious injuries have hampered Luton Town's bid to reproduce the form of last season. Having lead the division for much of 1996/97 the Hatters fell away as Bury and Stockport stormed into the automatic promotion places. In the play off semi finals they lost out to Crewe who eventually took the final Division One spot.

Lennie Lawrence (pictured right) was appointed manager of Luton Town in December 1995, following the departure of Terry Westley. His managerial career began at Charlton Athletic in 1982 and in the next nine years they spent four seasons in the top flight. Lennie left in 1991 to join Middlesbrough and then joined Bradford between May 1994 and November 1995. First team coach is **John Moore** who replaced Wayne Turner this week and he is aided by **Trevor Peake**.

Trevor is still registered as a player and holds the record as Luton's oldest player, which he extended when he appeared against Wrexham earlier this season. He began his League career at Lincoln in 1979 before moving onto Coventry in 1983, staying at Highfield Road until 1991 when he signed for Luton.

Twenty one year old keeper **Kelvin Davis** made his League debut for the Hatters at the end of 1993/94 in a 2-2 draw at Stoke. Has been thrust into the first team frame due to an injury to **Ian Feuer**, having been recalled from a loan spell at Hartlepool. Feuer signed for the Hatters from West Ham for a fee which could rise to £580,000 depending on appearances. The 6ft 7inch American arrived at Luton in September, spending three months on loan and ending up with the Player of the Year trophy at the end of



that campaign. Ian suffered a serious shoulder injury in August which lead to the signing of **Andy Dibble**. The much travelled goalkeeper is now in his second spell with the club having signed a short-term contract. The other goalkeeper on the books is **Nathan Abbey** who made his senior debut in the Coca-Cola Cup versus Colchester in August this year.

Defender **Julian James** joined Luton as a trainee and played First Division football at the age of eighteen in 1988. After over 300 appearances in a Hatters shirt, Julian was awarded a benefit last year. He can play in either full back position. **Marvin Johnson** also made his debut in 1988 and quickly established himself as a versatile defender. In

1994/95 Marvin began the campaign at left back but moved into the middle to form a reliable partnership with Trevor Peake. Has played most of his games since then in the centre, alongside the likes of **Steve Davis** and **Darren Patterson**.

Not to be confused with the Steve Davis we had on loan here earlier this season, this centre half joined Luton in 1995, costing £750,000 from Burnley. He began his career at Southampton, but following loan spells at Notts County and the Turf Moor club, moved north for £60,000. Steve now has over 100 outings for Luton under his belt.

Twenty eight year old Darren Patterson was signed in August 1995 for £150,000 from Crystal Palace. Having started his career with Wigan Athletic, Darren moved to Palace for £1.5 million in 1992. Won a place in the Northern Ireland squad at the end of 1996/97 but an ankle injury has kept him out at the start of this season.

Left back **Mitchell Thomas** has also had problems with injury having had a hernia operation in August of this year. The former England Under 21 international played for three seasons in his first spell with the Hatters before following David Pleat to Spurs in 1986. He later moved onto West Ham and rejoined Luton in 1993/94. Mitchell broke his nose in the corresponding fixture here last season.

Another left back on the books is former England Youth player **Richard Harvey**. Despite signing in July 1986, injury has restricted Richard to just over 150 starts in a Luton shirt and he was subsequently given a 'free' at the end of last season. He remains on a month to month contract however.

In response to the decimation of his squad through injury, manager Lennie Lawrence has taken two defenders on loan from Premiership clubs. **Gavin McGowan** from Arsenal and **Bryan Small** currently with Bolton have both filled in at full back during the early part of the campaign.

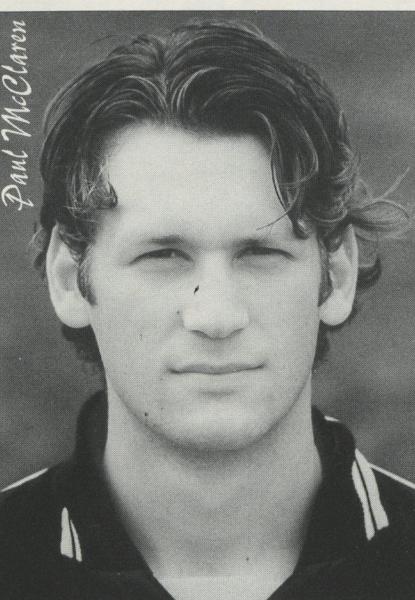
Twenty one year old defender **Alan White** was signed from Middlesbrough for £40,000 in September. Was well known by Lawrence from his time at 'Boro although White never made a first team appearance while at the Riverside or at his previous club Derby County. He made his Luton debut in the Coca-Cola Cup defeat by West Brom.

Described as a defender/midfielder, **Graham Alexander** joined the Hatters in July 1995 from Scunthorpe United. A regular on the right side of the midfield, Graham missed only one of Town's League and Cup games last season, sometimes contributing spectacular goals.

Middlewich born **Simon Davies** joined Luton from Manchester United

over 150 times for the Kenilworth Road club.

Australian born **David Oldfield** returned to the Bedfordshire club six



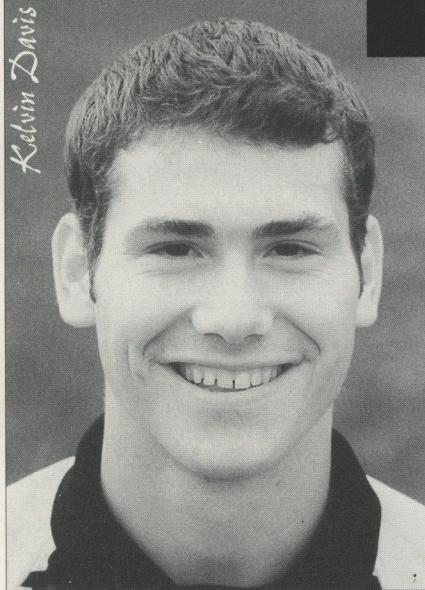
but missed most of the following seasons relegation due to injury. After netting over twenty times in Division One he moved to Sunderland for £800,000 in July 1993. Gray then had spells at Nancy (France) and Fortuna Sittard (Holland), prior to returning to Luton in September 1997. He is a regular member of the Northern Ireland squad.

Dwight Marshall signed in the summer of 1994 from Plymouth for £150,000 after scoring fourteen goals the previous season. Dwight broke his leg in 1996 having been the Hatters' leading scorer in 1995/96. He has played over 100 times for the team, scoring once every four games.

Yet another player to suffer injury problems in the early part of the season is **Paul Showler**, ex of Bradford and Barnet. The little left winger began his career at Goole Town before moving on to Altrincham, and then Barnet, with whom he gained promotion to the Football League. Paul signed for Luton fifteen months ago.

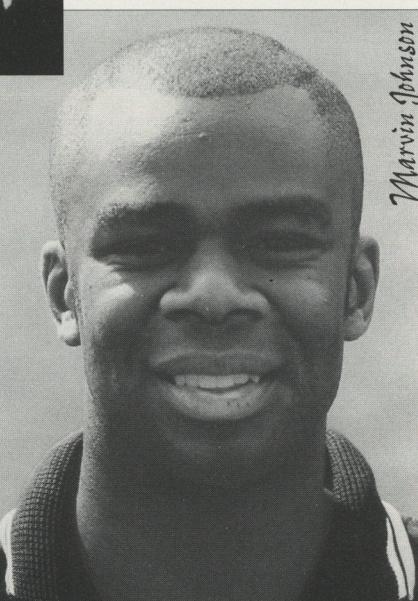
Three other young strikers looking to establish themselves in the first team

Kelvin Davis



years after leaving Luton. He started his football career with the Hatters, breaking into the first team in 1988. In March 1989, he joined Manchester City for £600,000 and later moved on to Leicester City.

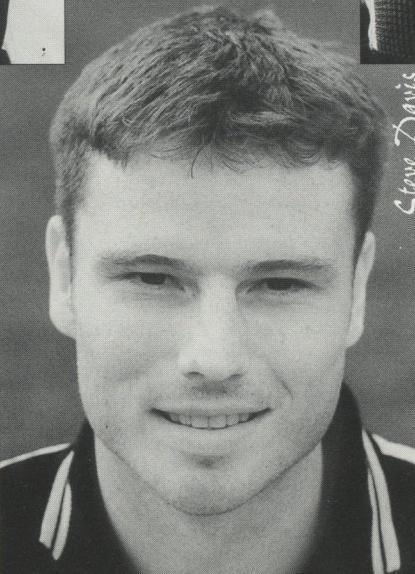
Twenty-three year old **Tony Thorpe** made an immediate impact in the Town side when he scored on his full debut at Newcastle in the FA Cup in January 1994. Last season he scored over thirty goals, the first Luton player to do so since Malcolm McDonald in 1970/71. Likely to be partnering Tony today is £400,000 signing **Phil Gray**. He first joined Luton in 1991



in the summer of 1997 for £150,000. He only appeared occasionally in the Old Trafford first team (Simon was the only non-international in the 0-3 defeat by City two years ago), but did score in a 4-0 Champions League victory over Galatasaray.

Midfielder **Paul McLaren**, who was twenty-one twelve days ago, joined the Hatters from school and is an England Youth international. He began as a centre half, but has since converted to centre midfield.

Having started his career with Queens Park Rangers, **Gary Waddock** made over 200 appearances before a serious knee injury threatened his career. A spell in Belgium with Charleroi was followed by time at Millwall, Queens Park Rangers (again), Swindon and Bristol Rovers. Since signing for Luton in December 1994, Gary has played



are **Andrew Fotiadis**, **Stuart Douglas** and **Gary Doherty** - who can also play centre half. Gary made his debut a couple of months ago against Millwall, when he came on as substitute.

Fotiadis has had problems with injury at the start of the current season having made an impressive entrance to first team football with three goals in nine League starts last year.

Stuart Douglas has an excellent scoring record in Reserve and Youth team football which earned him his first XI chance. He netted his first goal after forty-one minutes of his debut versus Oldham in November 1995 and also found the mark against Southend in August of this year.

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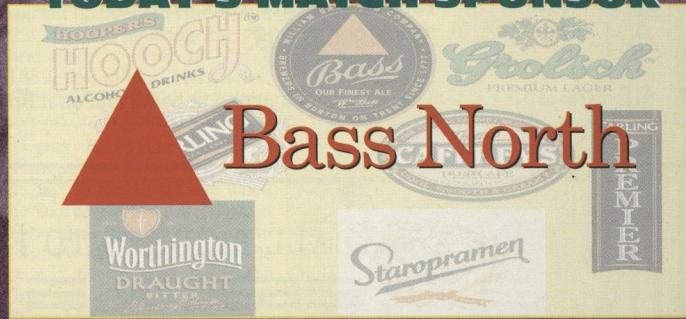
Anna is a pupil of English Martyrs School and has supported City for six months. Her first game was last season's 1-1 draw with Plymouth Argyle. Her interests include Brownies, reading and swimming. Anna's favourite player is Gary Bull.

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