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**THIS JUST IN**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

"As we come towards the end of a difficult year for the club, we look forward with some optimism towards better things in 1998. There is a lot of hard work going on behind the scenes and whilst we understand everyone's frustrations at being in the Second Division, success doesn't come overnight. I'd like to thank you for your continued support, and for our part we are doing everything we can to fulfil your hopes of seeing Millwall back in Division One. Happy New Year."



**Theo**

**MICHAEL GOES BACK**

Winger Michael Black whose extended loan spell wasn't scheduled to run out until early January returned to Highbury a couple of weeks early to have a cartilage operation.

Apparently, he had been nursing the problem for some time but after the Plymouth game it became inevitable that he would need surgery. We wish him well for the future.

Meanwhile, returning to The Den after a loan spell at Dover is Lee McRobert (circled) who was immediately named in the Reserve side for last Monday's trip to Norwich.

**WELCOME FASH**

Big John Fashanu was a firm favourite at the old Den for a couple of seasons between 1984-1986 before going on to establish himself as a top striker in the Premiership with Wimbledon. Since then, of course, he has gone on to TV fame as a presenter of

'Gladiators' and doubtless we will be seeing and hearing a lot more of him in the future.

This afternoon, Fash returns to the club which still holds fond memories for him, and we look forward to reading his thoughts in the Wrexham programme.

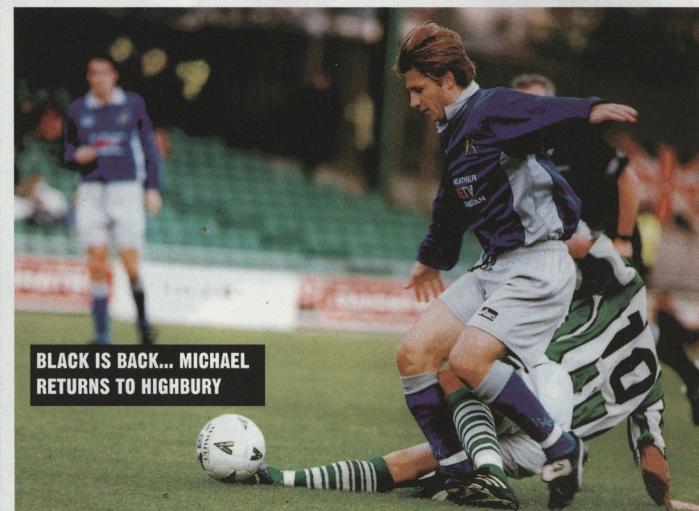
Enjoy your day at the 'New' Den, John.

**VALENTINES PARTY AT THE DEN**

OK, so we haven't even got Christmas and New Year out of the way, but you've got to have something to look forward to. Valentine's Day falls on a Saturday this year, and we're going to celebrate here at The Den with a big party.

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(By the way, if you don't know - Valentine's Day is February 14th.)



**BLACK IS BACK... MICHAEL RETURNS TO HIGBURY**

# BONZO

**T**he win here against Wycombe last Saturday obviously gave everyone a bit of a lift before Christmas and I was pleased with a number of aspects of our play, particularly in the second half. We worked hard at keeping a clean sheet and defended much better even though we had one or two little scares, but overall I was happy with the attitude and commitment we showed. Kenny Brown did well as a third centre back in a different system, and I think in the future it might be something I'll do more often and be a bit more flexible in the way we play. Obviously we need the right people in the right areas and we're still a bit unbalanced on the left side. But once

I rectify that situation maybe we'll change things around from game to game to take account of the opposition. Against Wycombe, Lucas Neill showed that he is comfortable on the left and

the cross for the goal with his left foot was a quality one. He's still not quite as sharp as I would like to see him, but I'm hoping that there's a lot more to come. I was delighted too with Paul Shaw's finish for that goal. I've told him that if he's going to play as a striker he's got to get six or seven goals from around the six yard box as well as the spectacular ones, and I think we're beginning to see what he's capable of now.

This afternoon against Luton, we have to carry on where we left off here last Saturday. I've kept saying that if we're going to do anything this season we've got to win our home matches and having brought that winless sequence at The Den to an end, we now need to get a good run going. We've got to be patient, we've got to keep clean sheets and make sure that we're in a good position to make a challenge going into the New Year. At the time of writing I don't know how we'll have got on down at Bristol on Boxing Day. That was always going to be a tough game, but whatever happened at Ashton Gate, a win against Luton will probably take us into 1998 in the top six.

Looking back over the last few months, the only real disappointment has been that period before the Wycombe game in which we won just once in eight matches, and clearly we lost a bit of ground during that time. But it's not too late, we're still in a good position and a lot can happen between now and May.

**"...IF WE'RE GOING TO DO ANYTHING THIS SEASON WE'VE GOT TO WIN OUR HOME MATCHES..."**

Again, having to write these notes some time before the game and with the Bristol City fixture in between, I can't give you much informative news on the injury front. Paul Wilkinson who was carried off against Wycombe with an ankle knock didn't turn out to be as bad as we thought, and he might even have been fit to play at Bristol. We were also hoping that Alan McLeary might have been OK by Boxing Day, or if not, then certainly by this afternoon. Gerry Docherty's treatment room did look a bit like a scene from Casualty the Monday after Wycombe, but hopefully not too many of the problems were serious ones.

At the beginning of the week I was hopeful of getting someone in on loan before Boxing Day.

Michael Black had to go back to Arsenal before the end of his loan period. He needed a cartilage operation and we won't be seeing Mike again, but I've thanked Arsenal for letting us have him.

Finally, as we come to the end of 1997, I'd just like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a very Happy New Year, and let's hope we can go some way to making 1998 a memorable year for Millwall.

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**T**here would surely be no better sight for Lions fans in 1998 than to see a fully fit Keith Stevens back to his best and leading Millwall's assault on the Play-Off positions from the front. There may still be some way to go yet before Rhino is fully charged, but he has certainly overcome some major hurdles already and it would now just appear to be down to some fine tuning.

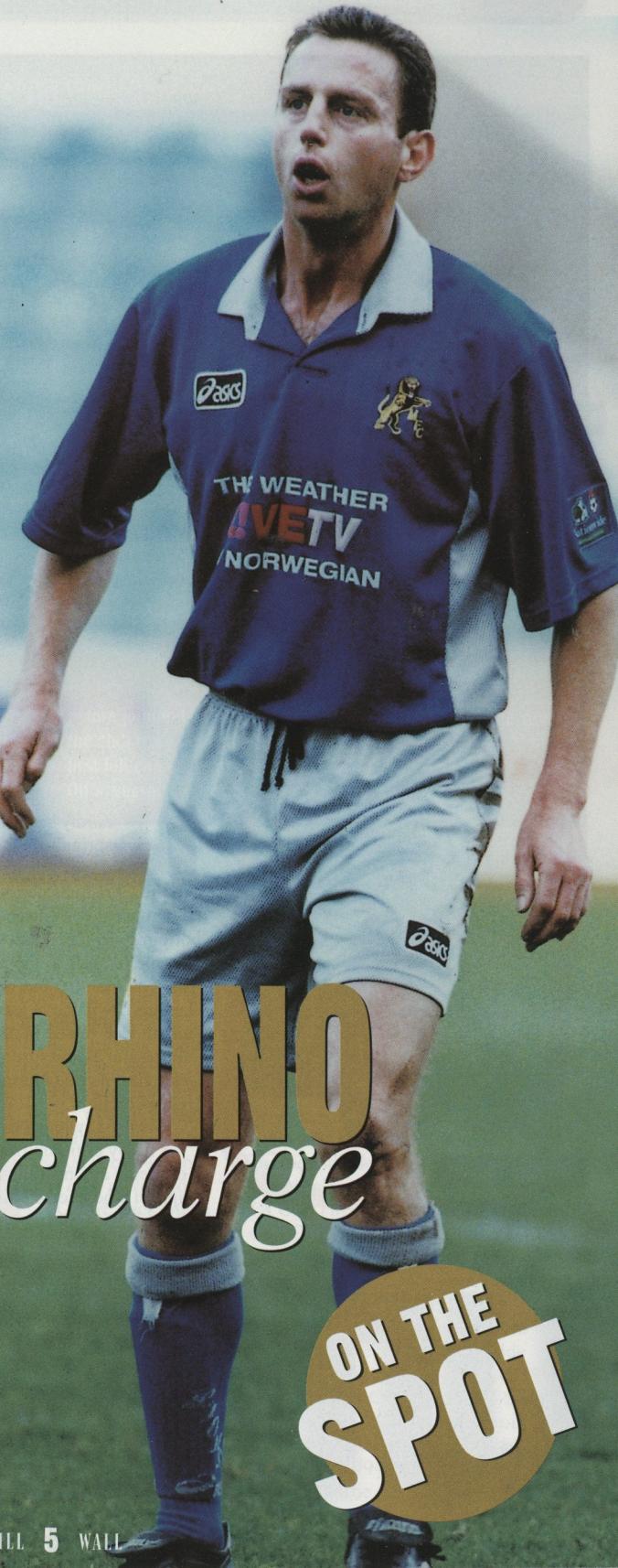
The last fifteen months for Rhino have been the sort of nightmare which would have any professional sportsman waking up in a cold sweat, beginning with the injury itself, the operations, the lonely battle towards fitness, the unsuccessful comeback attempt and the nagging doubts as to whether he would play again. Now though, Rhino can finally see the light at the end of a very long tunnel.

"It's nice to be back training again with the other lads and not just in that gym on my own. Now I've played a few games the fear that the knee won't stand up is beginning to subside, but to be honest I won't be totally happy until I've played a load more. When I tried to come back the first time I played two Reserve games without any real problems, but in a first team game you have to extend yourself more, and after ten minutes against Bristol City I went for a header and my knee went again. That moment still lives with me, and I can still hear the geezer in the crowd shouting out, "You came back too early." At the time, though, I took the advice of the surgeon and he was happy for me play again when I did, but unfortunately the knee still wasn't right. Having been through all that once I certainly won't feel that I've made it until I've played regularly in the first team again, always presuming that I can get back in the side.

The problem for me at the moment is that there aren't too many Reserve games over the Christmas period and I need to play as many games as possible. I'm not finding it too difficult combining the coaching side with playing again, although when you have a bad game yourself it's very difficult to criticise others. I'm sure that's something I'll get over once I'm fitter and back playing to the standard I expect of myself. On the playing side, I'm finding it a bit like starting as a small boy all over again having been out for so long. I'm having to re-learn things even at my age which I took for granted when I was playing consistently week in week out, but I know it will all come back to me.

Consistency is the key word all round. It's what I'm trying to achieve myself, it's what the gaffer is looking for from the first team as I am from the Reserves. Now I know that in the Reserves we have different players in and out of the team, but we can consistently work hard, put in 100% in every game, and that's what I expect from them. That clearly wasn't the case against Charlton the other week which is why we were all in training again on our day off."

1997 probably won't live long in the memory of Keith Stevens, but if pure will, determination and hard work have anything to do with it, he'll make damn sure that he enjoys a better 1998.



**RHINO**  
charge

ON THE  
SPOT

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Luton Town Football Club 1997/98

**BACK ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT:** Robert Kean, Sean Evers, Stuart Douglas, Steve Augustine, Andrew Barr, Paul McLaren, Simon Davies, Gary Doherty, Matthew Spring, Ian Jones, Andrew Fotiadis, Richard Harvey, Dwight Marshall. **STANDING - LEFT TO RIGHT:** Bob Bird (Financial Controller), Cherry Newbery (Club Secretary), Clive Goodyear (Physio), Paul Lowe (Youth Development Officer), Wayne Turner (First Team Coach), Paul Showler, David Oldfield, Mitchell Thomas, Nathan Abbey, Ian Feuer, Kelvin Davis, Marvin Johnson, Chris Willmott, Graham Alexander, John Moore (Youth Team Coach), Trevor Peake (Reserve Team Coach), Kathy Leather (Commercial Manager), Les Shannon (Scouting Co-ordinator). **SEATED - LEFT TO RIGHT:** Liam George, Tony Thorpe, Steve Davis, Nigel Terry (Director), David Kohler (Chairman), Lennie Lawrence (Manager), Cliff Bassett (Director), Chris Green (Director), Gary Waddock, Julian James, Terry Sweeney. **FRONT ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT:** Jimmy Cox, Russell Lawes, Stuart Fraser, Darren Howe, James Ayres, Daniel Tate, Nick Webb, Emerson Boyce, Moses Jerry, Michael McIndoe, Andre Scarlett, Delroy McKoy.

**L**ike Brentford, Luton Town's achievement in reaching the Play-Off's at the end of last season has hardly been the springboard to greater things this term. Going into the Christmas period The Hatters were still entrenched in the bottom four, a position which has become familiar to them over the past few months. But in manager Lennie Lawrence at least they have a man well versed in plotting successful escapes from the clutches of relegation in his Charlton days.

Whilst Lawrence has come in for heavy criticism from some elements amongst the Luton support who cheered him to the echo when he so nearly took The

Hatters up last May, his job has been made particularly difficult by the catalogue of injuries which have plagued his squad all season. At this level, Clubs like Luton and ourselves cannot afford to carry the strength in depth which might enable some of the bigger boys to shrug off such an injury blight. That said, there are few who could cope when the number of senior players on the treatment table reaches double figures, which has been the problem for Lawrence at times. Fortunately the situation is beginning to ease, and results have begun to show a marked improvement, albeit that like ourselves The Hatters had been suffering a chronic case of home sickness prior to the Festive fixtures.

Still languishing in casualty corner and unlikely to feature today are Julian James who damaged knee ligaments at Chesterfield on December 13th, Marvin

Mitchell Thomas

# LUTON TOWN

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Johnson (knee), Phil Gray (back) and Paul Showler (hernia). In addition Dwight Marshall, who has invariably given The Lions a hard time in recent meetings between the Clubs, has struggled with various niggles and after failing to make an impact this season has been placed on the transfer list.

Luton's regular keeper is American Ian Feuer who cost the club a substantial fee from West Ham in December 1995, which could ultimately rise to £580,000. At 6' 7" Feuer is one of the tallest players in the League and won the Player of the Year award at Kenilworth Road in 1995/96 when Luton were relegated from Division One along with ourselves. He is

currently holding onto the number one spot ahead of former England Under 21 international Kelvin Davis.

Defender Darren Patterson has just recovered from ankle and calf injuries to reclaim his place in the side. The 28 year old Northern Ireland international started his League career with Wigan Athletic before Crystal Palace paid £250,000 for his services in 1992. Patterson moved to Kenilworth Road for an initial £150,000 which could rise to £200,000 based on appearances in August 1995.

At 33 the evergreen Mitchell Thomas is still going strong. He originally made his name with Luton for whom he made over 100

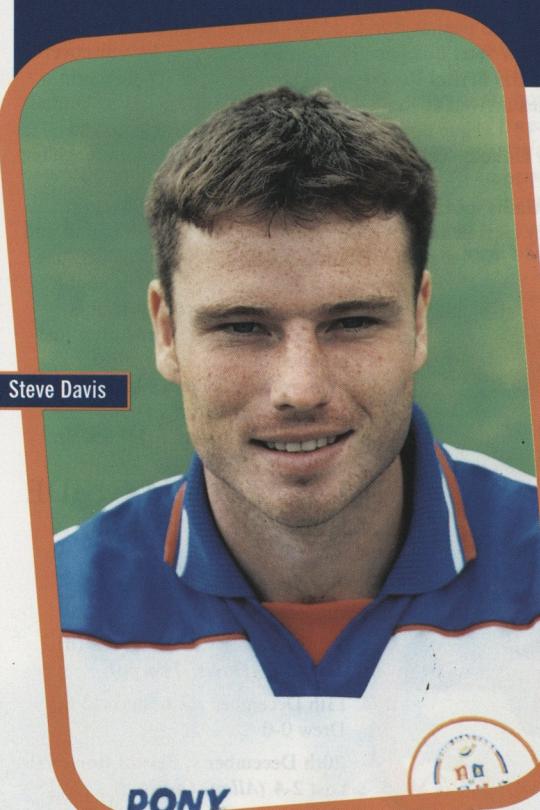


Lennie Lawrence

## THE BOSS - LENNIE LAWRENCE

**V**astly experienced manager whose playing experience was at non-League level with Croydon, Carshalton and Sutton United. After spells on the coaching staff at Plymouth and Lincoln he became manager of Charlton Athletic in 1982, having initially joined the Addicks as Reserve coach.

He guided Charlton to promotion to the top flight in 1985/96 and then kept them there against the odds for several seasons. Lawrence left Charlton in 1991 for Middlesbrough whom he took into the Premiership in his first season. Relegation followed, however, and Lawrence moved on to Bradford City before joining Luton in December 1995. He was unable to save the club from relegation to Division Two that season, but in his first full campaign in charge he led The Hatters to the Play-Off's where they lost out to Crewe at the semi-final stage.



Steve Davis

appearances first time round before following ex-Boss David Pleat to Tottenham in 1986. Thomas played for Spurs in the 1987 FA Cup Final before moving on to West Ham, returning to his home town club in 1994. He underwent a hernia operation just after the start of this season, from which he has now recovered.

Centre back Steve Davis suffered consecutive relegations from Division One, with Burnley in 1994/95 and Luton in 95/96. He joined The Hatters in the summer of 1995, and despite that setback in his first season, he has gone on

to become a commanding figure at the heart of the defence and gets his fair share of goals, particularly from set pieces.

21 year old Alan White was with Lennie Lawrence as a youngster at Middlesbrough and moved south in September 1997 for an initial £40,000 fee, making his Luton debut in a Coca Cola Cup tie at West Brom. He is likely to partner Davis at the heart of the defence today.

Former Lion Garry Waddock is another still defying the ageing process in Luton's midfield at 35. He made an FA Cup Final appearance for his first club QPR back in 1982, but a serious knee injury then appeared to have ended his career. However, he began playing again with Charleroi in Belgium and subsequently moved to Millwall where he was in the side which reached the Play-Off's in 1991. After spells at QPR again and Swindon he moved to Bristol Rovers, from whom he joined Luton on a free transfer in 1994 and has been team captain for the past two seasons.

MILLWALL'S RESULTS  
OVER THE YEARS  
AGAINST THE HATTERS

SEASON	HOME	AWAY	DIV
1920-21	0-0	0-0	3S
1921-22	1-1	0-1	3S
1922-23	0-0	2-2	3S
1923-24	0-1	0-2	3S
1924-25	2-2	1-1	3S
1925-26	7-0	2-2	3S
1926-27	7-0	0-6	3S
1927-28	3-2	1-1	3S
1934-35	1-4	1-2	3S
1935-36	0-0	0-0	3S
1936-37	0-2	0-5	3S
1938-39	2-1	0-0	2
1946-47	2-0	0-3	2
1947-48	3-1	2-1	2
1963-64	3-0	3-1	3
1970-71	4-0	1-1	2
1971-72	2-2	1-2	2
1972-73	3-2	2-2	2
1973-74	0-1	0-3	2
1976-77	4-2	2-1	2
1977-78	1-0	0-1	2
1978-79	0-2	2-2	2
1988-89	3-1	2-1	1
1989-90	1-1	1-2	1
1992-93	1-0	1-1	1
1993-94	2-2	1-1	1
1994-95	0-0	1-1	1
1995-96	1-0	0-1	1
1996-97	0-1	2-0	2
1997-98	-	2-0	2

SUMMARY	HOME	AWAY	TOTAL
Played	29	30	59
Won	14	6	20
Drawn	9	13	22
Lost	6	11	17
Scored	23	30	83
Conceded	28	46	74
Points	40	28	68

## HIGHEST HOME ATTENDANCE

21/11/97 Div 3 South Att: 32,629  
Millwall 0 Luton Town 2

Probably playing his last game for Luton this afternoon is former Oxford winger **Chris Allen** who completes his loan spell from Nottingham Forest today, unless of course an extension or a more permanent arrangement has been reached in the meantime. **Paul McLaren** is a local boy, born in High Wycombe who made his debut as a 17 year old against Stoke City at the end of the 1994/95 season. He is just establishing himself as a first team regular this term with the departure of Ceri Hughes to Wimbledon. **Graham Alexander** was former manager Terry Westley's first signing when he paid up to £100,000 to recruit him from Scunthorpe United in July 1995. He has been a consistent performer on the right side of midfield ever since and missed just one game in all competitions last season.

Another face familiar to Millwall fans is that of **David Oldfield** who had a spell on loan at The Den in 1995, before ultimately re-joining Luton from Leicester for a £150,000 fee. Born in Perth, Australia, he won England Under 21 caps in his first spell at Kenilworth Road before Manchester City paid £600,000 for his services in March 1989. He can either play as a target man or in midfield.

Last season **Tony Thorpe** hit a rich vein of scoring form, netting 30 times to become the first Luton player to pass that milestone since Malcolm McDonald back in 1970/71. After a slow start this one club man is beginning to rediscover his goal touch and prior to the Bristol Rovers game had hit 11 so far this term.

Midfielder **Simon Davies** arrived at Kenilworth Road from Manchester United last summer after making 11 League appearances at Old Trafford. He gained European experience with United, scoring in a 4-0 European Cup triumph against Galatasaray in December 1994.

20 year old **Andrew Fotiadis** looks a very promising local product. Born in Hitchin, he won schoolboy caps at Under 15 and Under 18 level for England and signed for Luton in the summer of 1996 after completing his A levels. Another young striker vying for a first team spot is **Stuart Douglas** who scored after just 41 minutes of his debut against Oldham in November 1995. Like Fotiadis, he has had his injury problems at the start of this season.

## LUTON FORM GUIDE

22nd November v. Walsall (h)  
Lost 1-0

29th November v. York City (a)  
Won 2-1 (Alexander, Thorpe)

2nd December v. Gillingham (h)  
Drew 2-2 (Davis, Thorpe)

13th December v. Chesterfield (a)  
Drew 0-0

20th December v. Bristol Rovers (h)  
Lost 2-4 (Allen, Oldfield)



Paul Shawler



Paul McLaren

## CLUBCALL DIARY

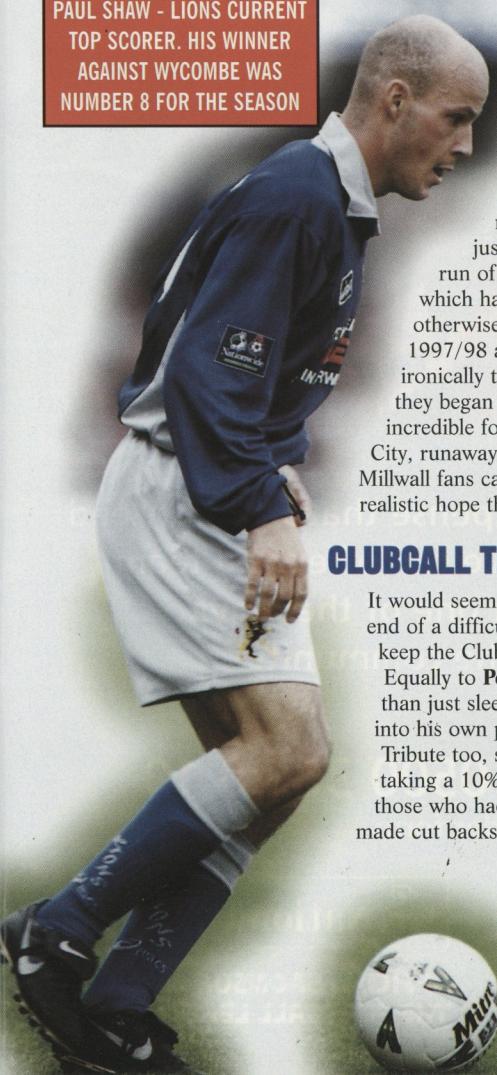
As we bid farewell to 1997, there won't be too many Lions fans who will shed a tear for the passing of the year at midnight on Wednesday. It certainly has been one of the more traumatic twelve months in the Millwall's recent history with the Club's very existence in doubt until the middle of May. There have consequently been a few changes around the place, not least a new chairman in Theo Paphitis and a new Board of Directors steering the Club, let us hope, towards calmer waters and a more profitable New Year both on and off the field.

1997 saw three managers in office at The Den, starting with Jimmy Nicholl who departed with his backroom staff in February as the administrators took action in an attempt to arrest a slide on the field after four successive defeats had seen The Lions slump to tenth in Division Two. Former Boss John Docherty then took the helm with David Kemp as his coach and their first five games produced four wins and a draw. There were no victories in the subsequent eleven outings, however, and Docherty resigned on the eve of the final game at Bury.

PAUL SHAW - LIONS CURRENT  
TOP SCORER. HIS WINNER  
AGAINST WYCOMBE WAS  
NUMBER 8 FOR THE SEASON

Having gained control of the Club, the new chairman appointed Billy Bonds as manager, and Bill set about rebuilding the squad. Prior to Christmas ten new faces had been recruited and a number of the old guard had moved on. The win over Wycombe just prior to the Festive season ended a run of six home games without a victory which had threatened to jeopardise an otherwise satisfactory first half to season 1997/98 and saw The Lions in fourth spot, ironically the same position in which they began the year. In spite of the incredible form of Watford and Bristol City, runaway leaders of Division Two, Millwall fans can look forward to 1998 with a realistic hope that Bonzo's boys will be in the Play-Off frame at least come May.

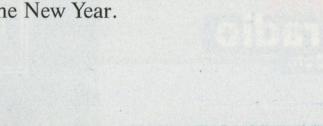
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FIRST WITH THE NEWS FROM THE DEN, GOOD OR BAD!



## CLUBCALL TRIBUTES

It would seem appropriate to acknowledge the contributions of certain individuals at the end of a difficult year. Firstly to **Theo Paphitis** who stepped in with a rescue package to keep the Club afloat when other supposedly interested parties appeared to have vanished. Equally to **Peter Mead**, Theo's predecessor and current vice-Chairman who lost more than just sleep during the difficult days when the club was at its lowest ebb and dug deep into his own pocket to ensure that Millwall were still in a position for Theo to take over. Tribute too, should be paid to the backroom staff who stayed loyal to the Club after taking a 10% pay cut for some several months whilst we were in administration, and to those who had given good service in the past but who lost their jobs as the administrators made cut backs.

Finally, a debt of thanks is owed to all the supporters who have stuck with The Lions through thin and thinner over the past twelve months or so. The cost to you, both financial and emotional has also been great, and Clubcall looks forward to bringing you more cheering news of life with The Lions in the New Year.

BOBBY BOWRY -  
PLAYER OF THE  
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IN 1997/98?

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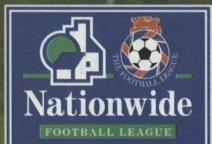
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Football of course leads the way in non-terrestrial television and it is the more fashionable clubs that are receiving the money from it. Those at the lower end of the scale receive less cash and less exposure.

Having now received a £100 million windfall from the sale of the overseas rights to their matches, the Premiership sides are now talking of having a dedicated channel. This is in addition to the £740 million they will get from the existing deal which runs until the year 2001.

Should the Office of Fair Trading decide that the current agreement between the Premiership clubs is unlawful, then perhaps the single club deal will be the next one on the satellite television agenda.

Where then does this leave the smaller clubs? Pushed further and further down the road to extinction, no money, no new players, therefore less fans and no television exposure to attract new ones.

But would the armchair fan soon get bored with the same old teams to watch week in week out. I think that he/she would and the T.V. moguls would soon pull the plug if viewing figures dropped, and where would that leave our national sport?

David Hall

The views expressed above are not necessarily those of Millwall Football Club



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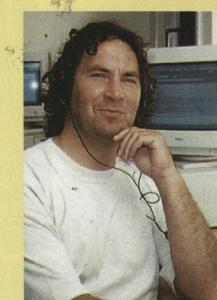
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## What The Papers said...

### WOODWARD USES HEAD TO BEAT LUTON

#### Luton 1 Millwall 2

#### Saturday 20th March 1948

Luton's recent home displays have not been calculated to cheer their supporters but they reached a new low against Millwall. Their reorganised forward line was an abject failure.

Millwall, fighting grimly to retain Second Division status, had fewer opportunities, but made more of them. Mansfield gave them the lead after 32 minutes and Millwall held on grimly to this until 70 minutes from the end, when Daniels equalised after sustained pressure.

Luton then looked likely winners, but a Woodward header from a corner ten minutes from time finished them.

**Team:** Finlayson, Evans, Fisher, Kelly, McMullen, Brown (T), Johnson, Hurrell, Woodward, Mansfield.

**Scorers:** Mansfield, Woodward  
Att: 14,128.



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# THEIRS & OURS

*A look back at the players who have assisted both Millwall and Luton down the years...*

Today's installment of 'Theirs and Ours' pitches us against our old friends and adversaries Luton Town. Our first match against them in any form goes way back to season 1888/89.

The clubs are quite close geographically and this reflects the fact that over forty players have served both teams down the years. Where better to start than in the current season, with **Kim Grant** (bottom of page) who came in August, initially on loan. Kim's fellow striker here at The Den **Paul Wilkinson** played three matches on loan for The Hatters in 1996. **David Oldfield**, currently in his second spell at Luton had a 17 game loan period here in season 1994/5. Midfielder **Gary Waddock** who has 21 caps for Ireland, came to The Den in 1989, and since signing for Luton, he has continued to give them sterling service over a number of seasons.

**Peter Anderson**, who became Millwall's player/manager in December 1980 had earlier in his career been sold to a Belgian club to alleviate a financial problem at Luton. It was Anderson who brought Bermondsey Boy **Trevor Aylott** back to the manor in close season 1982, but seven months later he was on his way to Kenilworth Road. Trevor made 32 appearances for both clubs.

Goalkeeper **Jim Standen** whose best days between the sticks were for West Ham where he won European and F.A. Cup winners medals. He kept goal for Luton on 36 occasions in the early sixties and joined Millwall in October 1968 after a spell in the U.S.A. with Detroit. **Frank Morrison** and **Billy Stewart** were a pair of Scottish centre-halves who both gave excellent service to the clubs in the late Victorian era. **Alan Garner** was a splendid prospect at half-back, but was unfortunate that the likes of Kitchener, Dorney and Burnett were around at the time. Alan was allowed to leave The Den in the summer of 1971, and went on to play in over 300 League matches for Luton,

Watford and Portsmouth. Another player to emerge in the late seventies was the late **Billy Holmes** who may have created some sort of record by making one sub appearance for either club.

**Paul Holsgrove** is a midfield player who looked the part but never, for one reason or another, fulfilled his potential.

When Millwall's manager, Gordon Jago cast his eye upon Luton in his search for skillful players, signed **John Seasman** and **Brian Chambers** in 1976 and 1977 respectively. Luton born players to feature are Northern Ireland international **Kingsley Black**, who was on loan at The Den a couple of seasons ago and former Luton apprentice **Robin Wainwright** who never managed to hold down a regular place at either club. A different kettle of fish was **Alan Slough** who joined Millwall at a difficult time, but had given his local club immense service from 1965 to 1972. The one who did make an impact at The Den was **Bert Moody** who was around forty years of age when he retired in 1920.

Commencing his career with Luton Town in 1901, he joined Leicester Fosse (now

City) in 1905 and stayed for two seasons. He rejoined The Hatters for another five years in which time he represented the Southern League against the Football, Scottish and Irish Leagues. Coming to Millwall in 1912, he completed 116 League and Cup matches up until the outbreak of the First

World War. He appeared once more for the Southern League in 1915 and in Millwall's last season in the Southern League (1919/20) Bert recorded another seven appearances before hanging up his boots. His total goals for Millwall was 35. Some of Moody's team-mates around this period were goalkeeper **Henry Bailey**, inside forward

**George Porter** (killed during the war), **Tommy Quinn** and winger **Ernie Brown**.

Other players associated with both clubs in the seasons leading up to the First World War were outside rights **Norman Brown** and Deptford born **Teddy Bassett** (a Football League Division Two champion with Notts County in 1914.) Along with them were inside rights **Bobby Walker** and **Arthur Wileman** and left winger **Joe Johnson**. Moving on to the 1920's and 30's, we meet up with centre forward **Jimmy Thompson**, full back



PETER ANDERSON

**Arthur Clement**, whose second and last game for Millwall was a 5-4 victory at Notts County, and 'keeper **George Harford** who had a very good spell at Luton. The forwards who wore the jersey for both clubs at this time were **Alf Black**, **Jimmy Corkindale** and Scotsman **Jimmy Yardley**, whose Luton career saw him score 76 goals in 172 matches. Two latter day centre forwards who had seen better days before they arrived at The Den were Welsh international **Ron Davies** who came in 1975 and his English counterpart **Kerry Dixon** who arrived some twenty years later. A couple of other strikers to mention are **Jimmy Jinks** who played nine games for Luton and **Joe Payne**, who never played in Millwall's first team after signing in September 1947, but is famous for scoring ten goals in a match for Luton against Bristol Rovers in 1936.

**George Stobart** joined Millwall from Luton in August 1952, and went on to score 27 goals in 68 matches, a better return than his Luton one, 30 in 107. Former Fulham junior **Michael Brown** failed to make much impression at Kenilworth Road after starting 47 games for The Lions in the mid 1960's. Midfield general **Alan West** was another Peter Anderson import, signing for us in 1981 from Luton where he was a mainstay in over 270 appearances. Alan is now a man of the cloth.

Finally there is **John Smith** (now there's a rarity) who scored 18 goals in 39 games for Luton and who joined Millwall from them in March 1911.



JOHN SEASMAN



ALAN WEST



# LAST TIME OUT

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE .....3  
MILLWALL .....0

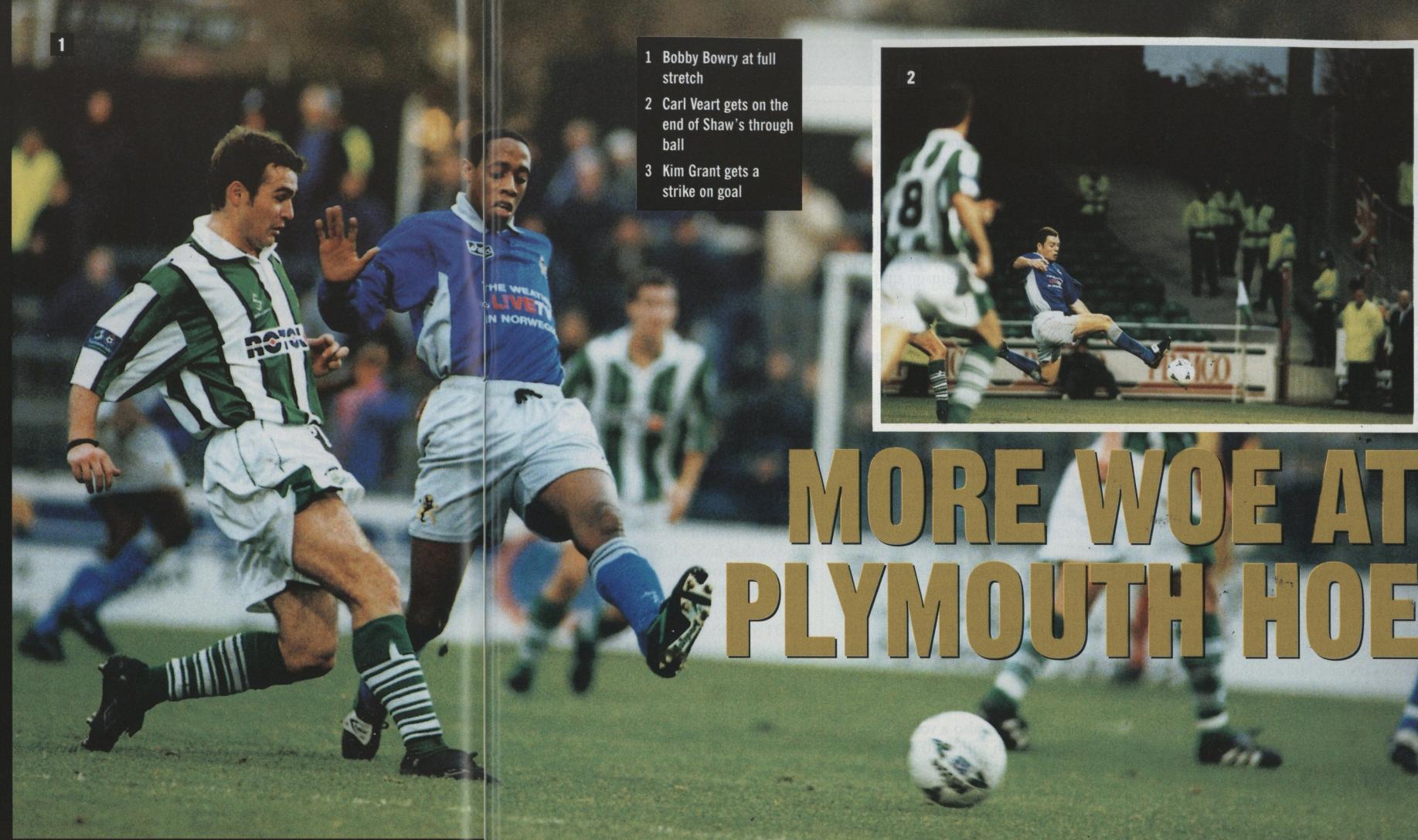
This was the strangest of games as The Lions dominated the first 20 minutes against a side clearly devoid of confidence and then mysteriously, after the first Plymouth goal went in, the whole picture changed. Unfortunately there weren't too many redeeming features in this Millwall display.

## FIRST HALF

- 4' Paul Shaw fires inches wide from the edge of the box
- 9' A left foot drive from Shaw is also just off target
- 20' Tony Witter's header from a Dave Savage corner is cleared off the line by Martin Barlow
- 23' Barlow's cross is met with a diving header by **Simon Collins** to put Plymouth in front, (1-0)
- 28' Dave Savage shoots at Plymouth keeper Sheffield
- 33' Sheffield saves a Kim Grant effort at the second attempt.
- 42' Logan's long throw is headed on by Corazzin and **Chris Billy** fires home Plymouth's second on the turn (2-0)
- 45' A let off for The Lions as Corazzin latches onto a mistake by Scott Fitzgerald but as the striker hesitates Nigel Spink sticks out a foot and deflects the ball wide.

## SECOND HALF

- 48' Plymouth have the ball in the net again but the 'goal' is disallowed for offside
- 58' A through ball from Shaw finds Carl Veart in the box but his effort is smothered by Sheffield
- 67' Logan finds a way through but Spink saves at his feet.
- 70' Corazzin has another 'goal' disallowed for offside.
- 76' Tony Witter brings down **Corazzin** in the box, and the striker scores the third goal from the resulting penalty.



1 Bobby Bowry at full stretch  
2 Carl Veart gets on the end of Shaw's through ball  
3 Kim Grant gets a strike on goal

## MORE WOE AT PLYMOUTH HOE



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### PHIL LEE MEETS... STEVE LOVELL

Steve Lovell was my guest along with his two teenage sons for the home game against Walsall, and like so many times, this season, The Lions failed to impress, here's what Steve had to say.

"The best team won on the night and I think the die hard Millwall supporters would agree with me. I think only one player stood out for Millwall and that was Paul Shaw, he created a lot of things out there tonight, tried a few shots and looked quite good but I'd have to give my Man of the Match award to Walsall's number eleven John Hodge who for me was excellent! That's why Walsall won, because basically they had width and Millwall didn't!".

I asked Steve if he thought Millwall could go up this season? and he replied "Not on tonight's showing, if anything I'd say Walsall could". He went on to say that Millwall are lacking confidence, and wondered if Billy Bonds had ever been up to the Press Box, to watch a game as he would get a much better idea of how the team were doing from a higher view.

Is this your first visit to the New Den? "No, I've actually been, and watched a few reserve games here and I must say it's a lovely stadium. But you can't beat the Old Den, you had four and a half

thousand, tonight, and it was silent, but four and a half thousand at the Old Place would be noisy and the opposing team would know it"!!

#### Your message to the team

"Get me as manager!! No seriously I'd say get more crosses in, because what's the point in having Wilkinson up front if you don't use him".

#### What are you doing now?

"I'm still playing football for Tonbridge, after being released by Gravesend and I'm also a second hand car dealer with (excuse the plug) the Hempstead Motor Company".

#### Do you still keep in touch with your old team-mates?

"Yes, there's Paul Sansome who lives in the same road as me and I also see Paul Hindshelwood and Alan Walker and Brian Horne who was here tonight, and has just signed for Farnborough".

#### Best goal scored for Millwall?

"I remember scoring against Chelsea once, I think we won 2 or 3-1 and I out jumped big Doug Rougvie and McLoughlin to head into the far corner of the net. There's also a volley I scored up at Portsmouth with a 20 yarder, but I particularly liked the headed goal I scored against Crystal Palace at their place in the F.A. Cup. It was a great cross from Steve Lowndes and when I scored the fans went wild - brilliant"! (it was also the best game I've played in)

#### HAPPY RETIREMENT BOB

Lifelong Lions fan Bob Nicholson is retiring on January 2nd after 36 years service. His colleagues would like to wish him all the very best for the future and say they will miss him greatly and in particular his regular discussions about Millwall. We, here at The Den, would like to send our best wishes to Bob as well, and we trust you won't be retiring from watching games here for some time yet.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY ERNIE

He was probably trying to keep this quiet, but Ernie Robshaw, a great friend of many of us at Millwall, is celebrating his 80th Birthday on January 3rd. Ernie is still a member of the marketing staff on matchdays here, looking after supporters in the Executive Boxes in his own inimitable style. Happy Birthday for Saturday Ernie.

## AROUND THE DEN

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## LUTON TOWN - By any other name

William Shakespeare wrote that a rose would smell just as sweet by any other name but could the same be said for our football teams. All of them have a nickname by which they are known, so this article will take a light hearted, tongue-in-cheek look at the nickname of today's opponents **LUTON TOWN**.

There are many things that can spring to mind when considering the **HATTERS** and some of them we can mention here.

**CAPS** - Well there have been a few given to their players over the years.

**BOWLERS** - This season has seen them bowled over more than they would care to mention.

**TOPPERS** - It has been some time now since they were topping anything and this season seems to continue that trend.

**BOATERS** - Those old time straw hats give us a clue to the way that they have been playing this season, blown away like straw in the wind on many occasions.

**MORTER BOARDS** - The famous hat worn by teachers of the highest quality yet that is something that they are unlikely to wear much this year.

Actually the saying "Mad as a Hatter" could describe the way they have been playing and results would seem to suggest that this is so but we need to be alert throughout the entire match because they are sure not to make it a "tea party".

David Hall

*The views expressed above are not necessarily those of Millwall Football Club*

## THE TIMES, THEY ARE A CHANGIN'

Twelve months is obviously a long time in football if Millwall are anything to go by.

Compare, for example the Millwall line up for our final game of 1996, with the one that played against Wycombe just before Christmas this year.

**26/12/96 v. Peterborough United (home).**

**Lost 0-2. Crowd 8,118.**

Carter, Lavin, Rogan, Sinclair, Webber, Harle, Hartley, Newman, Crawford, Bright, Dair, subs: Van Blerk, Iga, Dolby.

**20/12/97 v. Wycombe Wanderers (home)**

**Won 1-0 Scorer: Shaw. Crowd 6,092.**

Spink, Brown, Newman, Bowry, Law, Fitzgerald, Savage, Veart, Wilkinson, Shaw, Neill subs: Allen, Sturgess, Grant.

Only four players of the thirteen involved a year ago are still at The Den, and Ricky Newman is the only one to play in both games. Amazing!

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## ON OUR TRAVELS

### BRENTFORD

Saturday 10th January 1998  
K.O. 3pm

It has been an awful season for the Bees following on from their Play-Off final defeat last term and the sale of Carl Asaba of the eve of this one. The Lions thumped Brentford 3-0 on the opening day of the season and they soon slumped to the bottom of the table.

In November Eddie May and his Assistant Clive Walker were sacked to be replaced by Micky Adams and stability is now needed, Adams finally getting his first win on 8th December.

With leading scorer Robert Taylor unsettled though, the Bees will have it all to do in '98 to keep clear of relegation trouble.

Last six visits - L S S S S D.

# WISSON'S WATCH

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### NEXT INTO THE LIONS DEN



### WREXHAM

Saturday 17th January 1998  
K.O. 3pm

Well into the first month of '98 and we play Wrexham for the first time this season. Wrexham under Brian Flynn started slowly but are currently just outside the Play-Off places and have just been defeated to end an unbeaten ten game run.

Karl Connolly is again leading the Welshmen's scoring charts with eight goals, but watch out for youngster Dave Roberts who has scored five times in as many matches.

## STAT ATTACK...STAT ATTACK...STAT ATTACK...STAT ATTACK...STAT ATTACK...

### TRANSFERS REGISTERED DURING NOVEMBER

Andy Scott - Sheffield Utd to Brentford

Warren Aspinall - Carlisle to Brentford

David Reeves - Preston to Chesterfield

Glen Cockerill - Fulham to Brentford

Tony Lormor - Chesterfield to Preston

Alan Neilson - Southampton to Fulham

Paul Trollope - Derby to Fulham

Steve McAnespie - Bolton to Fulham

#### GAMES WITHOUT A DEFEAT

Bristol C.	14
Watford	11
Walsall	7

#### GAMES WITHOUT A WIN

Gillingham	7
Wrexham	6

#### HOME GAMES WITHOUT A DEFEAT

Oldham	16
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#### BRISTOL C. .... 10

Bristol C. .... 9

Wrexham .... 9

Walsall .... 8

#### LUTON TOWN .... 5

Wrexham .... 5

Gillingham .... 4

Watford .... 10

#### WYCOMBE .... 10

Brentford .... 10

Northampton .... 8

York C. .... 8

Gillingham .... 6

Bournemouth .... 5

(Stats correct at 21st Dec)

#### AWAY GAMES WITHOUT A WIN

Wycombe .... 10

Brentford .... 10

Northampton .... 8

York C. .... 8

Gillingham .... 6

Bournemouth .... 5

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## **THE LIONESSES**

### **NEW YEAR TOFFEES**

We entertain Everton in our first F.A. Women's Premier League match of 1998 on 4th January at Fisher F.C. - k.o. 2pm. Everton are currently the only unbeaten team in the League and are favourites for the title.

We defeated them 2-1 in last season's Women's League Cup Final, since which time they have made a number of good signings including England regulars Karen Burke & Becky Easton.

### **AMY CLINCHES CUP FINAL PLACE.**

Twelve year old 'keeper Amy Lauren-Mason was the Lionesses match winner in the LYFA Girls Cup semi-final as we beat favourites County Park on penalties with the score 1-1 after extra time.

County Park, who are unbeaten at the top of the Southern Girls U14 League, had the home advantage but we took a first half lead when centre forward Emma Griffiths rifled home a goal from the edge of the area that Alan Shearer would have been proud of!

County Park drew level early in the second half but with Sherine Gray outstanding at the heart of defence our opponents got little joy after that. In a nail biting penalty shoot out Lionesses

Emma Griffiths, Stacey Mace, Nicola Waxler & Saphia Bahajoub calmly slotted home their spot kicks. Junior Lion Amy, who only took up goalkeeping seriously this season, then turned match winner as she made two superb penalty saves to clinch that Cup Final place....what a great Christmas present for her team mates and manager Jay Griffiths. In the final in March we will face either Leyton Orient or Charlton.

### **TON UP FOR UNDER 12'S**

Lionesses U12's are currently 12 points clear at the top of the Southern Girls League and to date have scored 112 goals! Striker Charlotte Lee hit her 50th goal of the season as we beat St Vincents Vikings 9-0 just before Christmas with Karen Ray, Frankie Mardon, Sam Elliott, Shelley Minett and Tania Chance also finding the back of the net.

### **BARNET IN LAST SIXTEEN**

A solitary goal from Jessica Smith was enough for our Reserves to see off Chipstead in the Greater London League Cup. We now entertain Barnet in the last sixteen in January.

### **Southern Girls League Under 14 Division**

	P	W	D	L	F	APTS
County Park ..	9	8	1	0	48	5 25
Millwall .....	8	6	0	2	41	14 18
Leyton Orient 7	3	1	3	15	15	10
Dagenham ....	6	3	0	3	22	12 9
Crystal Palace 7	0	0	7	3	42	0
Charlton .....	5	0	0	5	2	43 0

### **Southern Girls League Under 12 Division**

	P	W	D	L	F	APTS
Millwall .....	8	8	0	0	112	1 24
Gillingham ....	6	4	0	2	33	13 12
St. Vincents ..	8	4	0	4	33	43 12
Crystal Palace 7	1	0	6	4	93	3
'Leyton Orient 5	0	0	5	6	38	0

### **LIONESSES ON THE INTERNET**

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### **FIRST TEAM FIXTURES 1997**

	AUG	5TH	H	PENN STATE UNIV (F)	2-4
	17TH	A	IPSWICH TOWN (F)	5-0	
	24TH	H	WIMBLEDON	4-2	
	31ST	H	WHITEHAWK	13-0	
SEP	7TH	A	DONCASTER BELLES	0-1	
	14TH	A	LIVERPOOL	0-0	
	28TH	A	CROYDON	0-0	
OCT	5TH	A	BRADFORD CITY	3-1	
	8TH	A	ARSENAL	0-1	
	12TH	H	TRANMERE RVR	7-3	
	19TH	H	WEST HAM (LONDON CUP)	7-0	
NOV	2ND	H	BERKHAMSTEAD	2-0	
	16TH	H	LONDON WOMEN (LDN C)	9-0	
	23RD	A	ARSENAL (LEAGUE CUP)	1-2	
DEC	7TH	H	BRADFORD CITY	P-P	
	14TH	H	DONCASTER	1-2	
	21ST	H	WEMBLEY	P-P	
JAN	4TH	H	EVERTON	(L)	
	11TH	A	CARDIFF COUNTY (WFAC)		
	18TH	A	BERKHAMSTEAD	(L)	
	25TH	H	ARSENAL	(L)	
T.B.A.		A	EVERTON	(L)	
		A	WEMBLEY	(L)	
		H	LIVERPOOL	(L)	
		A	TRANMERE RVR	(L)	
		H	CROYDON	(L)	

### **FA WOMENS PREMIER LEAGUE**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Doncaster Belles ..	13	10	0	3	44	12	30
Everton .....	10	9	1	0	32	7	28
Arsenal .....	10	7	1	2	33	12	22
Croydon .....	9	6	1	2	23	5	19
Tranmere Rovers ..	10	4	1	5	25	26	13
<b>MILLWALL</b> .....	8	3	2	3	13	8	11
Liverpool .....	10	3	2	5	13	17	11
Bradford City .....	11	1	2	8	18	36	5
Berkhamsted T .....	10	1	2	7	13	39	5
Wembley .....	9	0	0	9	2	54	0

## In The Club Shop Now!

### Watch 'The Great Escape' this holiday period

No, not the old Steve McQueen war epic which will doubtless appear somewhere in the BBC's Christmas schedules.

We're talking about the New Millwall Video featuring action from the 1996/97 and 1997/98 seasons plus interviews with Theo Paphitis and Billy Bonds.

1997 is a year most Lions fans will want to see the back of as the Club came within hours of going out of business, and things weren't much better on the park. But we've picked the best of the action and of the 97 goals featured on this video compilation, the majority were scored by The Lions!



### GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW - MANY THANKS

We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who took part in this year's XMAS DRAW and made it such a success.

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Seen here are Michael & Joseph Wood who are Full Kit sponsors of Nigel Spink.

They were here at the Walsall game celebrating their birthdays, where Nigel presented them with their signed Goalkeepers' shirts.

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### With Mark Cole



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## MESSAGES

Happy Birthday to Jordan McTigue, eight today. Love from Mummy and all the family.

Millwall Football Club would like to wish Rita, who works at the training ground, a very happy birthday. She celebrated her 50<sup>th</sup> on 18<sup>th</sup> December and everyone connected with the Club wish her all the best.

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday for yesterday to Bob Blake. Best wishes from all the family.

To Adrian Lisney,  
An offside trap? A foul? A wall?.....  
I just don't understand it all,  
I simply know you'll always be,  
The only Man of the Match for me.  
Have a great day,  
All My Love Laurie.

Happy Birthday to Gemma Roberts who will turn sixteen years old on the 29<sup>th</sup> December. Lots of love from your sister Kelly and all the Family.

Happy Christmas to Ken Thompson, Lots of love from your wife Susan.

Happy Birthday to Joyce Standing for yesterday with love from all of the family

## LIONS V HATTERS QUIZ

- Who scored Luton's late winner here last season?
- In season 1995/96 The Lions won at The Den with a last minute strike, who scored?
- Can you name the last player Millwall signed from Luton?
- Which Striker made his home debut versus Luton last season?
- What was the year of Luton's formation is it: a) 1889, b) 1885, or c) 1890.
- Can you name the Millwall goalscorers when they knocked The Hatters out of the FA Cup in 1989?
- Who was The Lions full-back who scored his only goal of season 1988/89 against Luton?
- What was significant about the attendance of 7,838 at the Luton v Millwall in March 1989?
- Who scored Millwall's goals in the match referred to in question 8?
- Millwall's goalkeeper in The Lions only Wembley appearance in the war-time Cup-Final in 1945 was later to become a Manager of Luton, who was he?

10) Sam Barratt.  
match programme. 9) Jimmy Carter (2).  
the only attendance not to reach 5 figures in Millwall's 38  
Answers: 1) Ceri Hughes, 2) Chris Milkin, 3) Kim Grant,  
4) Mark Bright, 5) b) 1885, 6) Casarino, Sheringham,  
7) Ian Davies, 8) Besides being the lowest, it was  
Carter, 9) Jimmy Carter, 10) Sam Barratt.

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**Nationwide**

For most clubs in each of the three Nationwide Divisions, hopes of promotion or fears of relegation are still apparent even halfway through the season.

FROM TOP TO BOTTOM  
AROUND THE LEAGUE WITH DENNIS TURNER

Since over one third of the clubs will eventually be involved in promotion, the play-offs, relegation or demotion from the League, everyone will have something to play for until the final weeks of the season. To see whether stepping up a Division should hold any fears for promoted clubs, or whether relegated clubs find life at a lower level any easier, it is interesting to check on the progress so far this season of the clubs that changed status last May.

On the basis of the evidence of the last few months of 1997 there is clearly a big gap between the First Division and the Premiership. Bolton and Barnsley, the two clubs promoted automatically last year have struggled most of this campaign. The Tykes, who seem unable to hold on to a lead (it happened again a fortnight ago at home to Newcastle), went into Christmas in the anchor position, whilst Bolton, the lowest scorers in the top flight (in only two matches have they managed to score more than one goal), are hovering on the fringes of the relegation zone.

The third promoted side, Crystal Palace, have the best away record in the top flight but are still awaiting their first win at Selhurst Park (Liverpool were the latest club to enjoy Palace's hospitality in the South London). Unless they can change this in the New Year, they could be joining the other two in the danger area.

There is a similar story in Division One with two of the three clubs promoted from the Second six months ago, now in the bottom six. Bury, champions last May and promoted twice in twelve months, have slumped alarmingly after a promising start. So far this month The Shakers

have lost at Huddersfield and Bradford (to a John McGinlay goal) and at home to Middlesbrough without scoring. Crewe, on the other hand, took time to adjust but are slowly gathering points. A 2-0 win at Stoke last weekend was as welcome as it was unexpected, but only one team has a worse defensive record in the Division than Dario Gradi's men. Stockport have made the best beginning, just two points off the play-offs and manager Don Megson was November's Divisional Manager of the Month. A pretty good record considering they lost several key players in the summer when previous manager David Jones went to Southampton.

Looking at the top of the tables it seems as if last year's relegated Premier sides are regrouping successfully after the disappointment of relegation. The top two places at the time of writing are currently occupied by Middlesbrough and Nottingham Forest. Boro' with wins over Bury, West Brom and Reading and a draw at Ipswich (who only equalised with the last kick of the game) in the last three weeks have opened up a three point lead at the top. Forest, who have been front-runners for most of the season, dropped five points in recent days against Bradford and Wolves, but they are good value for second place.

Sunderland are starting to get it together with three straight wins over Tranmere, Q.P.R., and West Brom and they have edged into the play-off zone.

A cursory glance at the lower reaches of the Second Division suggests that there is a gap with Division Three. Carlisle, whose last stay at this level lasted just 46 games, are again looking up at the other 23 clubs. They managed a rare home win against

last season's promotion rivals Fulham, but having sacked manager Mervyn Day and lost midfield stars Hayward and Aspinall, the Cumbrian side could be in for a re-run of 1995/96. Wigan are at last starting to show the sort of form that won them the Division Three title last May, and recent wins over Bristol Rovers and Burnley have lifted them into 18<sup>th</sup> place, but they need to be far more consistent.

Fulham's money has not yet been turned into points and Northampton of the promoted clubs have made the biggest impact at the higher level, with a regular place in the top six. Of the relegated newboys in Division Two, Oldham have made the best showing, but have to do much better away from Boundary Park if they are going to bounce straight back. A mere seven points out of a possible 33 is not promotion form.

After a dreadful start, Grimsby are in a respectable mid table position but Southend could be looking at a second relegation in 12 months unless part two of the season is significantly better than part one.

**N**otts County and Peterborough, two clubs who were in Division Two last year, have occupied the top positions in Division Three for much of 1997/98. Rotherham are showing signs of life after a particularly impressive November which won Ronnie Moore the Manager of the Month nomination.

They still have a lot of ground to make up if they are to join the leaders, but not as much as the fourth relegated side, Shrewsbury.

They have spent the months since August in the bottom third of the table and, to be kind, this might be a season of consolidation.

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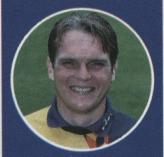
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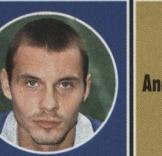
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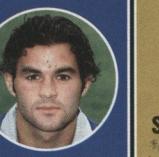
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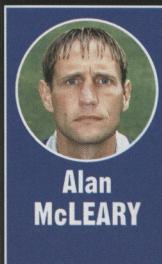
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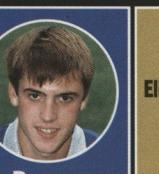
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# Junior LIONS

Good afternoon and welcome Junior Lions to our game against Luton. We also welcome any Luton Juniors who have made the trip here to The Den. Details of the Junior Lions Karaoke Christmas Party will appear in the next programme, hopefully photos will also be made available. Junior Lions will have been to Bristol City on Boxing Day, so some of you kids have had a busy time. I hope everyone had a great Christmas Day and I hope you all got what you wanted.

We had our Frostie the Snowman travelling panto in the Lions Centre this morning, and hopefully this event was enjoyed by all. Again details of this panto will appear in the next programme. Today's Junior Lions page was printed before Christmas, so the next Junior Lions page will be packed with reports of recent events. The end of 1997 is fast approaching and looking back over this last year there have been some good times but also some not so good times. Let's hope that we will be blessed with a successful 1998.

Happy New Year to everyone and enjoy today's game. Bye for now.

## Messages

• If you have not ordered your panto tickets for Robin Hood, please do so as soon as possible. This panto is at Lewisham Theatre on Sunday 4th January.

• If it's anyone's birthday today have a Happy Birthday from us all.

## Junior Lion Fan File

Name: Daniel Gleaves. Age: 12.

School: Walworth Secondary School.

Hobbies: Football, computer games and my caravan.

Favourite Player: Bobby Bowry and Alan McLeary

And Why: Bobby is our best player and Macca gets stuck in.

Best at Millwall: Junior Lions away trips, my friends and Junior Lions events.



### Today's MASCOT

This afternoon's mascot is **NICK NEOPHYTOU**.  
Nick is 10 and attends St Michael's School, Sydenham. His favourite Lion is Keith Stevens and his hobbies include football, football and more football!!!  
**HAVE A GREAT DAY NICK!**

## JUST JOKING!

My uncle said "When I was in the jungle, I taught the wild animals to play poker."

I said "Did you win?"

He said "No, there were too many cheetahs!"

My Uncle said "When I was in the jungle the trees were full of these big white animals."

I said "What were they?"

He said "Lost polar bears!"

My sister said to the dinner lady "What's that fly doing on the meat?"

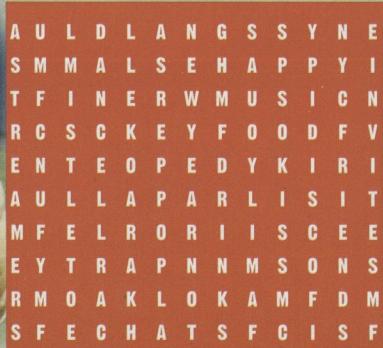
The dinner lady said "I don't know, It probably died after tasting it."

My sister said "What's this?"

The dinner lady said "Cottage Pie"

My sister said "Well don't call the council, they'll come and condemn it!"

Invites	Year	Hats
Auld Langs	Dance	Family
Syne	Party	Fun
Poppers	Food	Friends
Mistletoe	Streamers	Kiss
Music	Karaoke	Disco
Happy New	Drinks	



# Football IN THE COMMUNITY

## Community Team Still Taking Opportunities...

This is the time of year for reflection and few of us can recall a year with more challenges thrown into our paths. Yes, you've read it all before about administration, staff changes and last minute saviours.

### TODAY'S BALLBOYS AND BALLGIRLS

**TOM MORETON**

**BRADLEY SMITH**

**GRANT SIBLEY**

**JAMES COWNLEY**

**LEWIS MORGAN**

**CASEY WESTWATER**

**BRIAN HOLLINGSWORTH**

**CARLY O'NEIL**

**GARY O'NEIL**

**CHRISTOPHER EATHER**

**ARRON SCANLON**

**SARAH VANDERHOOK**

**DEAN FEASEY**

A few years ago there appeared a sign on the wall at Wimbledon FC which stated: "Within every crisis look for the opportunity". At the time I had absolutely no idea what it meant, or how it could be true. Surely most positive things emerge from happy, stable environments, don't they? I think this year has proved that's not always the case.

The Millwall Community Sports Scheme has had to face the music during 1997 just the same as everyone else at The Den. There was uncertainty for a long time and on more than one occasion the sports workers wondered if the the scheme, now in it's 13th year, would finally run out of luck. But from this uncertainty we gained a great deal of strength and in many ways the pressure was removed from us by some inspired leadership from the scheme's chairman, Fred Nind.

Fred, ably supported by the management committee, refused to accept that time was running out. Instead he set us new targets and 1997 has probably seen more new initiatives than any other. As an example we not only took Reading Is Fundamental on board as a pilot, but later expanded it to a year round project with Greenvale, Tower Bridge and Kender Primary Schools. We've also expanded the number of holiday courses, after school clubs and girls only sessions.

### CONDOMS

None of this would have been possible without the continued support of Millwall FC and in particular the enthusiasm shown by Theo Paphitis as chairman. He approached us on taking control of the club to state his intentions for expanding the Community Scheme, not reducing it. To all the community staff that was a great relief and possibly the realisation that we were dealing with someone who understood the meaning of 'looking for that opportunity'. And long may it continue.



# TICKET & TRAVEL NEWS

## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE ADMISSION PRICES 1997-98

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EAST STAND	£12.00	£6.00	£5.00	£11.00	£5.00	£5.00	£4.00
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**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO**  
v PRESTON NORTH END (HOME)  
Saturday 3rd January Kick Off 7.45pm

**POSTPONED**



**AUTO WINDSCREEN SHIELD 2ND ROUND**  
v BRISTOL CITY (AWAY)

Tuesday 6th January Kick Off 7.45pm  
This match is **NOT** All-Ticket - No tickets are available in advance  
Adults £8, Students/OAP's £6, Juveniles £3



**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO**  
v BRENTFORD (AWAY)

Saturday 10th January Kick Off 3.00pm  
**THIS MATCH IS ALL-TICKET**  
Allocation: Terrace 1,627 Seats 636  
Ticket Prices: **Terrace: Adults £9, Juveniles/OAP's £6**  
**Seats: Adults £14, Juveniles/OAP's £11**  
Travel: Coach departs The Den at 12.30pm. Price £8.  
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**TICKETS ON SALE AFTER TODAY'S GAME AND NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.**

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO**  
v WREXHAM (HOME)

Saturday 17th January Kick Off 3.00pm  
**TICKETS ON SALE AFTER TODAY'S GAME AND NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.**



### NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS

Sunday 28th December	.....	9.30am - 5.00pm
Monday 29th December	.....	9.30am - 5.00pm
Tuesday 30th December	.....	9.30am - 5.00pm
Wednesday 31st December	.....	<b>CLOSED</b>
Thursday 1st January	.....	<b>CLOSED</b>
Friday 2nd January	.....	<b>CLOSED</b>
Saturday 3rd January	.....	<b>CLOSED</b>
Sunday 4th January	.....	<b>CLOSED</b>
Monday 5th January	.....	Normal Office Hours

**BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!**

# PROBE THE GLOBE

Welcome once again to 'Probe The Globe', the page that refreshes the parts other features can't reach!

## GROSS MISCONDUCT FOR SPURS?

**P**remiership side Tottenham Hotspur are likely to have a very distressing Christmas period. After recently dispensing with the services of Gerry Francis as manager, Tottenham were quick to appoint Swiss coach Christian Gross from Grasshoppers Zurich. This has stunned many Tottenham fans. They expected a big name to take Tottenham away from the relegation zone, like perhaps Terry Venables! (Although, I think it's fair to say that whilst Sugar is Chairman of Tottenham Hotspur FC, Venables will never have any involvement with the club).

All this unrest seems to be having a detrimental effect on the team as well. Constant rumours of players wanting away circulate the tabloids daily. Stories doing the rounds at the moment include a possible £10 million player-exchange deal involving Sol Campbell to Liverpool, and a cash plus recently

signed David Ginola deal with Southampton's Matt Le Tissier. The latest one involves a swap deal with relegation rivals Everton, with Steffan Iverson or Les Ferdinand (*right*) moving to Goodison and Andy Hinchcliffe going the other way. As of yet, none of these stories have yet to show signs of any substance. It may well also be fair to say that Gross brings with him some rather strict training and diet schedules that many players are having difficulty to adapt with. Results have deteriorated since the new coach's arrival, including defeats by Crystal Palace and a 4-0 hammering away to Coventry. At the time of going to press, Tottenham lie deep in the relegation zone and could well fall victims to their own impatience come the end of the season. Arsenal are scheduled to travel to White Hart Lane this afternoon, and I'm sure that despite some of the problems they themselves have, Gunners fans are probably laughing at every moment of Spurs' demise.

**STOP PRESS:** It has just been announced that Jurgen Klinsmann has returned to The Lane until the end of the season.



## MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE USSR...

**R**ussia's failure to qualify for the World Cup Finals, for the first time in 20 years, has sparked outrage amongst supporters. National Coach Boris Ignatiev has come under severe criticism from not only from the country's vice-president Victor Chernomyrdin, but also from the President himself, Boris Yeltsin. Chernomyrdin stated after the Italy play-off result "An intelligent coach must resign in a situation like this." He also made a point of outlining some of the mistakes that Ignatiev had made.

One of those mentioned involved former Millwall striker Sergei Yuran. Yuran was recalled to the national squad after vowing never to play for his country again. He turned up for training looking heavily overweight and certainly nowhere near 100% match fit, but still started in the match against Italy in Moscow.

The Russian Football Federation have given the former Spartak Moscow coach their full backing. However at the time of going to press, there was a committee meeting due to take place on the 23rd December to confirm the future of their national coach.

Will Yeltsin and the Kremlin pressure the Russian Football Federation into sacking Ignatiev? Only time will tell, but I wouldn't go rubbing it in if I was Tony Blair next time they meet!

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Auto Windscreen Shield 1st Round

Tuesday 9th December 1997

Maurice Doyle heads clear



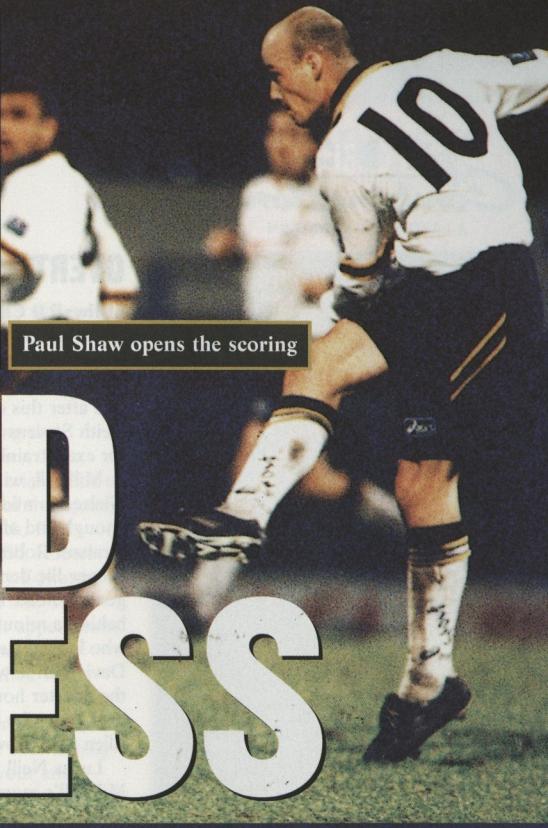
A crunching tackle from Paul Allen



MILL 34 WALL

The Lions earned themselves yet another trip to Ashton Gate when they eased their way past Cardiff City in the first round of the Auto Windscreens Shield back on December 9th.

**Paul Shaw** put Millwall in front with a typical 25 yard drive which skidded into the net across the wet surface on 37 minutes, and thereafter the result was never really in any doubt. **Kim Grant** added a second just past the hour and it was game set and match to The Lions. Of greater significance perhaps than the result itself was the fact that this game marked **Lucas Neill**'s first start of the season and that **Rhino** made the briefest of appearances as a substitute for the last three minutes.



Paul Shaw opens the scoring

# SHIELD SUCCESS

Paul Allen makes his presence felt



MILL 35 WALL

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Wed

Aug 6	West Ham United	A	2-1
Aug 13	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1-2
Tue Aug 19	West Ham United	H	2-1
Thurs Aug 28	Luton Town	A	1-3
Mon Sep 1	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	1-1
Tue Sep 9	Portsmouth	H	0-0
Wed Sep 24	Wimbledon	A	1-0
Wed Oct 8	Ipswich Town	A	2-2
Tue Oct 14	Southampton	H	0-2
Wed Oct 22	Crystal Palace	H	1-5
Mon Oct 27	Chelsea	H	1-0
Mon Nov 3	Oxford United	A	0-1
Tue Nov 11	Queens Park Rangers	H	1-0
Wed Nov 19	Watford	A	1-0
Mon Nov 24	Swindon Town	A	1-1
Thurs Dec 4	Luton Town	H	0-3
Tue Dec 16	Charlton Athletic	H	0-4
Mon Dec 22	Norwich City	A	7.30pm.
Wed Jan 7	Portsmouth	A	7.00pm.
Tue Jan 13	Norwich City	H	2.00pm.
Tue Jan 20	Wimbledon	H	2.00pm.
Wed Jan 28	Ipswich Town	H	2.00pm.
Wed Feb 4	Southampton	A	7.30pm.
Tue Feb 10	Arsenal	H	2.00pm.
Wed Feb 18	Swindon Town	H	2.00pm.
Wed Mar 4	Oxford United	H	2.00pm.
Mon Mar 9	Chelsea	A	7.00pm.
Thurs Mar 19	Queens Park Rangers	A	7.00pm.
Tue Mar 24	Tottenham Hotspur	H	2.00pm.
Tue Mar 31	Watford	H	2.00pm.
Tue Apr 7	Arsenal	A	2.00pm.
Wed Apr 15	Crystal Palace	A	2.00pm.
T.B.A.	Charlton Athletic	A	
	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	

## AVON INSURANCE DIVISION ONE

17th December 1997

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Arsenal	18	12	5	1	49	12	37	41
Tottenham	17	11	4	2	36	18	18	37
Charlton A	15	10	3	2	37	11	26	33
Southampton	16	7	6	3	30	17	13	27
Crystal Palace	16	9	0	7	27	24	3	27
Wimbledon	17	7	5	5	24	15	9	26
Norwich City	18	6	8	4	19	20	-1	26
QPR	18	6	4	8	27	25	2	22
<b>Millwall</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>22</b>
Portsmouth	17	5	5	7	21	22	-1	20
Oxford United	16	5	5	6	21	33	-12	20
Luton Town	16	5	4	7	22	25	-3	19
Ipswich Town	16	4	6	6	24	32	-8	18
Watford	16	4	5	7	15	28	-13	17
Chelsea	19	3	7	9	25	37	-12	16
Swindon	16	4	2	10	20	32	-12	14
West Ham Utd	15	4	2	9	17	31	-14	14
Brighton	13	1	3	9	12	33	-21	6

	RESERVES FORM THIS SEASON						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Home	9	3	2	4	6	16	8
Away	8	3	2	3	9	10	8
Total	17	6	4	7	15	26	16

## In Reserve &amp; The Youths

## HALF TERM REPORT

As our mid-table position would suggest the season so far has consisted of a fairly mixed bag of results in the South East Counties League.

Some excellent away results which include 5-1 wins at both Southend & Cambridge have been somewhat negated by an indifferent home record, having registered only two League successes at Ravensbourne. We have also fallen at the first hurdle in all three cup competitions, being eliminated in the penalty shoot-out in the League Cup against the "O's", then having played particularly well against the "Dons" in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup and deserving better, the lads succumbed to goals in injury time when a replay at The Den looked an odds on certainty. The F.A. Youth Cup draw did us no favours pitting us against runaway League leaders West Ham so early in the competition. Although suffering a two nil reversal at The Boleyn Ground, the lads certainly gave The Hammers a good test and will take confidence from their performance. It should be remembered that the bulk of the squad is made up of first year apprentices and schoolboys, thus making it a relatively low average age compared to a number of teams that we have encountered to date this term.

Losing central defender Jason Fermie through injury in October just as he was settling into the team has been a cruel blow. It has not helped the cause in terms of results but has provided the chance to blood 15 year old Robert Gilpin alongside the dependable Lee Holsgrave at the heart of the defence.

On a more positive note there have been a string of quality individual performances by the lads to take heart from and which have pleased coach Mike Flanagan immensely. Also the fact that they have responded well to the new training methods and ideas that Flanagan has introduced since taking over the post back in August.

Paul Ifill, Tim Cahill and Cieran Kenny were all recruited during the summer break and have all done well. Striker Ifill is leading scorer with ten goals to his credit and Cahill is in line for the goal of the season award for his improvised yet clinically executed overhead bicycle kick which screamed into the net against

Gillingham. Those supporters who were lucky enough to witness Tim's goal all agreed that it was as thrilling a technique as anything Klinsmann or Mark Hughes might perform.

The primary job of keeping the conveyor belt towards the First Team stocked with promising material seems to be well in hand. In fact ten of the squad, namely goalkeeper Phil Smith, Phil Eagle, Stephen Reid, Paul Ifill, Robert Davies, Leke Odunsi, Danny Edwards, Ronnie Bull, Lee Holsgrave and Tim Cahill are all making regular appearances in the Reserve side, Reid and Davies already having notched up their first goals at that level.

All things considered there have been some very encouraging and entertaining performances full of endeavour and application so far this term and there appears to be much to look forward to in the New Year.

Brian Reynolds.

## Appearances as at 14/12/97

SECL	Sub	SJFC	Sub	Gls
LC & FAC				
Phil Smith	12	-	2	-
Richard Barnard	4	-	1	-
Stuart Jenkins	3	1	2	-
Lewis Field	4	3	2	1
Danny Edwards	14	-	3	-
Adam Pittwood	4	-	2	-
Stephen Reid	3	4	-	-
Graham Robertson	14	-	1	-
Stephen Roche	7	-	-	-
Richard Sadlier	1	-	-	-
Phil Smith	4	-	-	-
Keith Stevens	5	-	-	-
Dave Savage	2	-	-	-
Paul Sturgess	3	-	-	-
Tony Witter	13	-	-	-
Damien Webber	7	-	-	-
Non-Contract				
Kevin Gaughan	.....	2	-	-
Che Bunce	.....	1	-	-
Petri Helin	.....	1	-	-
Tafaj	.....	1	-	-
Martin Nielsen	.....	1	-	-
Goalscorers				
Marc Bircham	.....	5	-	-
Danny Hockton	.....	3	-	-
Kim Grant	.....	2	-	-
Maurice Doyle	.....	2	-	-
Graham Robertson	.....	1	-	-
Robert Davies	.....	1	-	-
Stephen Reid	.....	1	-	-

YOUNG LIONS NEXT AT HOME  
v. SOUTHEND UNITED  
Saturday 10th January KO: 11.00am  
At The Millwall Training Ground, Calmont Rd, off Ashgrove Rd, Ravensbourne, Bromley

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES FIXTURES SEASON 97/98

Sat Aug 9th	Watford	A	0-0
Sat Aug 16th	Portsmouth	H	1-3
Sat Aug 23rd	Southend Utd	A	5-1
Sat Aug 30th	Gillingham	H	2-3
Wed Sept 3rd	Wimbledon (SJFC1)	A	1-3
Sat Sept 13th	Leyton Orient (SELFC1)	A	1-1
(Orient won on pens)			
Sat Sept 20th	Leyton Orient	H	2-3
Sat Sept 27th	Queens Park Rangers	A	1-0
Sat Oct 4th	Charlton Athletic	H	1-2
Sat Oct 11th	Ipswich Town	H	1-1
Sat Oct 25th	Cambridge United	A	5-1
Sat Nov 1st	Tottenham Hotspur	H	2-1
Sat Nov 8th	Fulham	A	1-2
Sat Nov 15th	West Ham United	H	0-6
Sat Nov 22nd	Norwich City	H	0-3
Sat Nov 29th	Norwich City	A	2-0
Sat Dec 6th	Arsenal	H	3-0
Sat Dec 13th	Arsenal	A	1-4
Sat Dec 20th	Watford	H	0-1
Sat Jan 3rd	Portsmouth	A	11.00am
Sat Jan 10th	Southend United	H	11.00am
Sat Jan 17th	Gillingham	A	11.00am
Sat Jan 24th	Crystal Palace	H	11.00am
Sat Jan 31st	Leyton Orient	A	11.00am
Sat Feb 7th	Queens Park Rangers	H	11.00am
Sat Feb 14th	Charlton Athletic	A	11.00am
Sat Feb 21st	Ipswich Town	A	11.00am
Sat Feb 28th	Cambridge United	H	11.00am
Sat Mar 7th	Tottenham Hotspur	A	11.00am
Sat Mar 14th	Fulham	H	11.00am
Sat Mar 21st	West Ham United	A	11.00am
T.B.A.	Crystal Palace	A	

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

13th December 1997

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
West Ham Utd	14	13	1	51	7	40	44
Charlton Athletic	15	10	3	2	43	19	33
Portsmouth	14	10	2	2	35	20	32
Arsenal	17	8	3	6	31	29	27
Leyton Orient	16	8	1	7	26	27	25
Fulham	15	7	3	5	26	35	24
<b>Millwall</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-3</b>
Norwich City	14	4	6	4	18	20	-2
Ipswich Town	14	5	3	6	17	24	18
Cambridge Utd	14	4	5	5	28	28	17
Watford	15	5	2	8	27	31	17
Gillingham	16	5	2	9	26	32	17
QPR	14	5	2	7	20	17	-7
Tottenham H	15	4	2	9	22	31	14
Crystal Palace	15	2	4	9	16	29	10
Southend United	16	1	5	10	20	44	8

# FIRST TEAM STATISTICS 1997/98

# Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE



# Division 2

DATE	OPPONENTS	RES	POS	ATT
Sat Aug 9	Brentford	H	3-0+	-
Tues Aug 12	Northampton Town (CCC 1/11)	A	1-2	-
Sat Aug 16	Preston North End	A	1-2	9th 11,486
Sat Aug 23	York City	H	2-3	16th 6,583
Wed Aug 27	Northampton Town (CCC 1/2)	H	2-1**+	-
Tue Sep 2	Luton Town	A	2-0	12th 5,781
Sat Sep 13	Southend United	H	3-1	10th 8,606
Wed Sep 16	Wimbledon (CCC 2/11)	A	1-5	-
Sat Sep 20	Grimbsy Town	A	1-0	6th 4,257
Sat Sep 27	Northampton Town	A	0-2	10th 6,578
Wed Oct 1	Wimbledon (CCC 2/21)	H	1-4	-
Sat Oct 4	Blackpool	H	2-1	6th 7,042
Sat Oct 11	Oldham Athletic	H	2-1	3rd 7,906
Sat Oct 18	Tottenham	A	1-0	3rd 12,530
Tue Oct 21	AFC Bournemouth	A	0-0	3rd 4,252
Sat Oct 25	Wigan Athletic	H	1-1	4th 7,986
Wed Oct 29	Bristol City	H	0-2	5th 7,026
Sat Nov 1	Gillingham	A	3-1	4th 8,383
Tue Nov 4	Fulham	H	1-1	4th 10.291
Sat Nov 8	Carlisle United	H	1-1	4th 6,959
Sat Nov 15	Bristol City (FA Cup 1)	A	0-1	-
Tue Nov 18	Burnley	A	2-1	3rd 8,834
Sat Nov 22	Chesterfield	H	1-1	3rd 6,556
Sat Mar 31	Bristol Rovers	A	1-2	3rd 5,542
Wed Dec 3	Walsall	H	0-1	5th 4,647
Tue Dec 9	Cardiff City (AWS 1)	A	2-0	-
Sat Dec 13	Plymouth Argyle	A	0-3	4th 6,460
Sat Dec 20	Weymouth Wanderers	H	1-0	4th 6,092
Fri Dec 26	Bristol City	A	12.00noon	
Sun Dec 28	Luton Town	H	3.00pm.	
Tue Jan 6	Bristol City (AWS 2)			
Sat Jan 10	Brentford	A	7.45pm.	
Sat Jan 17	Wrexham	H	3.00pm.	
Sat Jan 24	City	A	3.00pm.	
Sat Jan 31	Southend United	A	3.00pm.	
Sat Feb 7	Grimsby Town	H	3.00pm.	
Sat Feb 14	Blackpool	A	3.00pm.	
Sat Feb 21	Northampton Town	H	3.00pm.	
Wed Feb 25	Walsall	H	7.45pm.	
Sat Feb 28	Oldham Athletic	A	3.00pm.	
Tue Mar 3	Carlisle United	A	7.45pm.	
Sat Mar 7	Gillingham	H	3.00pm.	
Sat Mar 14	Fulham	A	3.00pm.	
Sat Mar 21	Burnley	H	3.00pm.	
Sat Mar 28	Chesterfield	A	3.00pm.	
Sat Apr 4	Bristol Rovers	H	3.00pm.	
Sat Apr 11	Walsall	A	3.00pm.	
Mon Apr 13	Plymouth Argyle	A	3.00pm.	
Sat Apr 18	Weymouth Wanderers	A	3.00pm.	
Sat Apr 25	Wigan Athletic	H	3.00pm.	
Sat May 2	AFC Bournemouth	H	3.00pm.	
T.B.A.	Wrexham	A		
Preston North End		H		

CCC = Coca Cola Cup FA Cup = FA Cup + = Own goal

Goalscorers in Bold \* = Sent off p = penalty () = Shirt number they replaced

Subs not used versus Bristol City FA Cup 1st Round (Sat 15th November): Nurse and Fitzgerald

Saturday kick-offs 3.00pm. Evening games 7.45 unless otherwise stated. \*\* add (3-3 on agg. Millwall win 2-0 on pens.

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Positions on Thursday 25th December Season 1997/98

# Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# Division 2

NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH	SIGNED FROM AND DATE	F. Lge 97/98 Apps.	F. Lge 97/98 Goals	FA / CC Cup Apps.	FA / CC Cup Goals	AWS Apps.	Millwall Lee Goals	Other Comps Apps.	Other Comps Goals	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts						
Paul Allen	Bristol City	14(4)	0	4(1)	0	14(4)	0	4(1)	0	Watford	23	8	2	1	20	9	1	18	6	38	53		
28.8.62	8/97	3(1)	0	1(1)	0	9(1)	0	1(1)	0	Bristol City	23	10	1	1	23	8	5	3	3	17	10	49	
Mark Bircham	Youth	5/96	13	2	1	0	13	2	1	Oldham	23	8	4	0	26	12	1	4	6	11	17	37	
11.5.78	Arsenal	6/96	13	2	1	0	7(6)	5	12	0	<b>MILLWALL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>
Michael Black	(Loan)	6.10.76	C. Palace	17(2)	2	3	0	22	0	0	Northampton	23	7	3	2	16	8	2	5	4	9	9	25
Bobby Bowry										York	23	8	0	3	18	10	1	7	4	13	18	34	
19.5.71	Kenny Brown	7/95	Birmingham	22	0	6	0	6	0	Grimsby	22	5	4	2	14	6	4	3	4	14	12	34	
11.7.67	Tim Catter	7/95	Oxford	7	0	3	0	61	0	Chesterfield	23	6	1	4	13	8	3	3	6	16	15	29	
5.10.67	Maurice Doyle	12/95	QPR	3(4)	0	3	0	37(16)	1	6(1)	Blackpool	23	7	4	1	20	13	2	1	8	12	23	32
17.10.69	Scott Fitzgerald	5/95	Wimbledon	6(2)	0	2	0	18(2)	0	2	Bristol Rovers	23	4	1	6	14	19	4	6	2	17	16	31
13.8.69	Kim Grant	9/97	Luton	12(6)	4	4(1)	2	12(6)	4	4(1)	Bournemouth	23	5	2	4	12	8	3	3	6	16	15	29
25.9.72	Danny Hockton	8/97	Youth	2(9)	2	2(3)	2	2(11)	2	2(3)	Preston	23	6	1	4	13	8	2	6	4	8	10	22
9.3.78	Ricky Newman	7/95	Wolves	21	3	5	0	21	3	5	Fulham	23	6	5	1	15	7	2	2	7	10	18	31
5.8.70	David Nurse	7/95	Man City	0	0	1	0	0	0	Wrexham	22	5	5	1	16	10	2	4	5	11	14	27	
12.10.76	Graham Robertson	6/95	Bristol City	0	0	0	0	0	0	Bournemouth	23	5	5	2	12	8	2	4	5	12	16	24	
6.10.54	Lucas Nelli	2/97	Youth	19	0	3	0	323(18)	5	67(3)	Walsall	22	6	4	1	16	7	2	7	8	18	24	
9.3.78	Stephen Roche	11/95	1/95	0	1	0	0	41(15)	4	5(1)	Wigan	22	6	3	2	25	16	2	1	8	9	17	28
2.10.78	Richard Sadlier	C Palace	21	1	5	0	94(4)	5	16	Gillingham	23	5	3	3	14	13	2	4	6	13	19	27	
14.1.79	Dave Savage	7/95	Youth	3(1)	3	1	0	10(4)	3	1	Wycombe	23	5	5	1	17	11	1	3	8	13	24	
30.7.73	Paul Shaw	5/94	Longford T	16(4)	1	5	1	97(22)	6	22(2)	Southend	23	5	5	2	16	15	2	0	9	11	28	
4/9/73	Nigel Spink	9/97	WBA	15	0	2	0	15	0	2	Plymouth	23	4	3	19	14	1	5	6	9	17	28	
8/8/58	Keith Stevens	9/97	Youth	0	0	(1)	0	448(7)	9	93(1)	Brentford	23	5	3	3	18	13	0	4	8	6	26	
21.6.64	Paul Burgess	6/81	Chatton	17	6	3	2	17	6	3	Luton	22	3	2	7	16	25	2	5	3	7	10	23
4.8.75	Carl Vearn	C Palace	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	Burnley	23	3	6	2	13	12	1	2	9	10	22	
21.5.70	Damian Weber	1/97	Bogor Regis	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	52(13)	4	8(5)	Carlisle	23	3	2	6	9	17	2	2	8	17	25	
8.10.68	Paul Wilkinson	1/94	Barnsley	16	3	2	0	16	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
30/10/64	Tony Witter	9/97	QPR	1	0	2	0	90(2)	2	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
12.8.65		10/94																					

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Kenny BROWN	2	Darren PATTERSON
Ricky NEWMAN	3	Mitchell THOMAS
Bobby BOWRY	4	Garry WADDOCK
Brian LAW	5	Steve DAVIS
Scott FITZGERALD	6	Alan WHITE
Dave SAVAGE	7	Chris ALLEN
Carl VEART	8	Paul McLAREN
Paul WILKINSON	9	David OLDFIELD
Paul SHAW	10	Tony THORPE
Lucas NEILL	11	Graham ALEXANDER
Paul ALLEN	12	Simon DAVIES
Paul STURGESS	13	Andrew FOTIADIS
Kim GRANT	14	Stuart DOUGLAS

### MILLWALL

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MANAGER: Billy Bonds



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