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Brenda Spencer
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The Worthington Cup Second Round Draw last Wednesday evening saw us paired with Norwich City in a two legged encounter, the first leg scheduled for Wednesday 16th September at Carrow Road, the return match at Springfield Park the following Tuesday. Norwich have a special ticket deal this season for the Worthington Cup whereby Adults pay only £5 and concessions just £1. I hope this will encourage as many of you as possible to make the trip and get behind the team, tickets for the match are now on sale.

The home leg will be pay on the turnstile at the usual prices.

As part of the Football League's Centenary Season they are compiling a list of "local heroes" from Football League Clubs during the one hundred seasons that the league has been in operation. You may remember a list of one hundred league legends was published earlier this month. So, the quest is on to find the Wigan Athletic local hero. The choice has

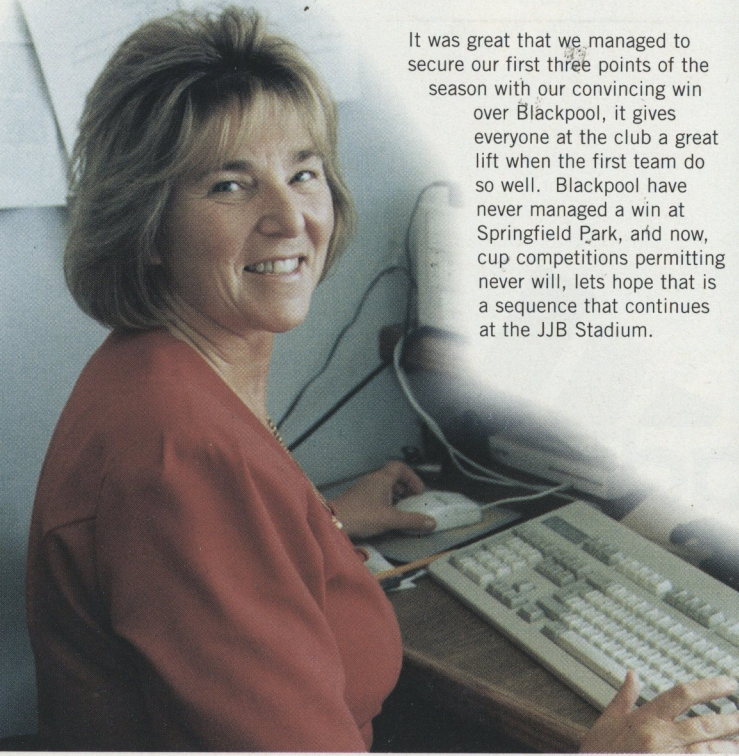
got to be made by you the Wigan Athletic supporter, and remember that your choice must have played league football for Wigan Athletic.

At the next Saturday home match against Macclesfield Town on 19th September we will therefore be holding a ballot, and as you enter the Stadium you will be given a voting paper. The result of the poll will be announced shortly afterwards with the Football League collating the responses from all its 72 member clubs.

I hope between now and then you can give the matter some thought, and support this event by casting your vote on the day of the Macclesfield game.

Asking around the offices we have come up with some likely contenders, such as Colin Methven, David Lowe, Les Bradd, Graham Barrow, Alex Cribley, Peter Houghton, John Butler. This will give you something to discuss at half-time and after the match.

It was great that we managed to secure our first three points of the season with our convincing win over Blackpool, it gives everyone at the club a great lift when the first team do so well. Blackpool have never managed a win at Springfield Park, and now, cup competitions permitting never will, lets hope that is a sequence that continues at the JJB Stadium.



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Promoted To Third Division: 1981-82
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Lancashire Combination Champions: 1947-48, 1950-51, 1952-53, 1953-54
Cheshire League Champions: 1933-34, 1934-35, 1935-36, 1964-65
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Northern Premier Cup Winners: 1971-72
Northern Premier League Champions: 1970-71, 1974-75



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the manager Ray Mathias



I would like to thank you, the supporters, for the encouragement you gave the players last week in our game against Blackpool, the atmosphere on the Derby Day was electric and it was all down to you. I am sure you would agree, the players reacted magnificently and performed well for you.

What a good win it was. I said in my last programme notes that somebody was going to take a drubbing and with the goals and the chances we created (again) I felt that we could have scored five or six goals, not that I was unhappy with the three that we got. Full credit to Stuart Barlow for coming into the side and taking his chance with both hands and the two goals he scored were top class. It was nice to get an early goal and I felt it was fully justified for all the hard work that the lads had put in. It is always nice to score three at one end but it is also vitally important that we did not concede any at the other end of the field.

Blackpool were a difficult side to play against and kept battling right to the final whistle. Their robust and direct style of play is going to cause a lot of problems to teams in this Division and I felt we went out, won the battle and our football came out on top on the day.

Our injury situation has worsened with Leigh Jenkinson's hamstring likely to keep him out for at least another week and also bad news on Graeme Jones - his knee ligament injury will be long term rather than short term, unfortunately for the lad.

I wrote these notes before making the journey to Bristol Rovers on Saturday and hopefully we gained a positive result, keeping up our good habits of the last two games - winning and not conceding any goals. I trust that we can take our good form and confidence into today's game against Luton.

Everybody is working hard for each other collectively, both in defence and attack. This is shown in our goals scored and our chances created when going forward.

What an interesting Worthington Cup Draw we have against Norwich City and one of Wigan's ex Managers Bryan Hamilton, who is connected with the Club. Although Norwich are the in form side in Division One at the moment, we must be positive - go there with a good solid performance and treat it exactly as we did Rochdale. I am sure they will treat us with respect and as they are at home in the first leg, they will not want to concede a goal. This may make them a little uptight and add a little pressure, that we must capitalise on. They have some very good young international class players in their side - Eadie, O'Neil and Bellamy - which should make for an exciting tie.

I would like to welcome Luton Town's Manager Lenny Lawrence, his Directors, Players, Staff and Supporters today, to what hopefully is a good entertaining game.

Ray Mathias

Luton town

Liam George

Creating history by becoming the first league visitors to Reading's new stadium nine days ago.

The away match at the Madejski Stadium saw the Hatters suffer their first league defeat of the season.

Now in their third season in the Second Division, the club will hope to put behind them last seasons dismal record which saw them finish in 17th place only a year after missing out on promotion in the play-offs. Massive injury problems early in the campaign did not help their causes. While the enforced sale of leading striker Tony Thorpe in a £1 million pound deal to

Fulham just before transfer deadline day could have been the death knell. However a spirited fight in the closing stages of the 1997/98 campaign saw Lennie Lawrence side finish seven points above the relegation drop. In the close season player of the year David Oldfield has left to join Stoke City while former Latics old boy Darren Patterson moved north of the border to join Dundee United. Incoming transfers saw Lennie Lawrence pull off a coup recruiting former Scottish U21 international Ray McKinnon while Herve Bacque a striker from Monaco was secured ahead of several other English clubs. With money tight, Lennie Lawrence will need to use all his experience gained during his time in charge at Charlton Athletic - Middlesbrough although the strong youth team are something to look forward to. Five players in the starting line up for the defeat at Reading have all progressed through the youth ranks. The new season saw the Hatters kick off this campaign with an impressive away victory at Wycombe Wanderers. Skipper Steve Davis notching the only goal with a spectacular 20 yard free kick. Their first home game saw a 1-1 draw with Preston North End, Dwight Marshall's second half goal earning a point. In the Worthington Cup an excellent second leg victory at Oxford United 3-1 on the night earned the past winners of the competition a second leg tie.

The players 1998/9

Graham Alexander
Bought for £100,000 from Scunthorpe in the summer of 1995. Alexander is a midfielder who can also fill in at the back when necessary. An injury crisis forced Luton to use him as an emergency right back several times last season, but his best performances have been on the right side of midfield, looking to back up the

Club formed by an amalgamation of two leading local clubs Wanderers and Excelsior a works team in a meeting in Luton Town Hall in April 1885. Joined Football League in 1897.

Honours

Division 2 Champions 1981-82
Division 4 Champions 1967-68
Football League Cup Winners 1988
Football League Cup Runners-Up 1989

Best Performance

League: 7th Division One 1986-87
FA Cup: Runners Up 1958-59
League Cup: Winners 1987-88
Record Transfer Fee Paid: £650,000 to Odense for Lars Elstrup - August 1989
Record Transfer Fee Received: £2,500,000 from Arsenal for John Hartson - January 1995

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attack. He contributed eight valuable league goals to help Luton out of relegation danger.

Herve Bacque

Signed from Monaco a week before the season kicked off, the 22 year-old striker explained that his major reason for joining Luton was that he has a special feeling for the English way of life. He started his career with Lorient, in Brittany, and after two years, and still only 21, he was recruited by Monaco. There, at a very rich club full of international stars, he found it frustrating playing his football in the reserves. Monaco agreed to give him a free transfer and after looking at several English clubs Bacque (pronounced Back-ay) settled for Luton because he was more impressed by Lennie Lawrence than the other managers he met.

Simon Davies

Midfielder who was in the Manchester United squad that won the FA Youth Cup in 1992, but with so much talent at Old Trafford found it difficult to make an impact in the Premiership and was loaned out to Exeter. Luton offered a realistic chance of regular league football, and bought him for £200,000 in the summer of 1997. But despite being capped by Wales, Davies was unable to command a regular place in the Luton team last season, but hopes to do so now.

Kelvin Davis

After seeing off two Americans, finally became first choice goalkeeper last season. A product of the Hatters' youth development, he started his league career on loan to Torquay early in the 1994/95 season, but despite having few chances at Kenilworth Road because of the form of Juergen Sommer he won England, youth and under-21 caps. Davis eventually ousted Sommer, who is now back in the States, but went through a rocky spell in a struggling Luton team and lost his place to Ian Feuer, a giant American who cost £600,000 from West Ham. Feuer lost his place through injury last season, and this time Davis proved too good to drop again, and Feuer has since returned to the USA.

Steve Davis

A massive bonus from Terry Westley's short reign as Luton manager in 1995, Davis was formerly Burnley's skipper and the Turf Moor club wanted £1.5 million for him, in the days before Bosman. Luton offered £300,000 and happily accepted a tribunal decision of £750,000. He was immediately appointed skipper, and as well as being a commanding figure in central defence has a habit of popping up in attack and powering in goals.

Gary Doherty

Big and brave, Doherty is a centre-half who can also operate as a centre-forward. He played in central defence for the Luton team which reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals and won the South East Counties League championship last season. He became a temporary striker to help an injury crisis, and did well enough to make the switch permanent. And he is making an impact on a bigger stage too; after being capped at youth level he has already been on the subs' bench for the Republic of Ireland.

Stuart Douglas

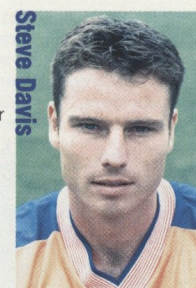
A real hotshot in youth and reserve team football, Douglas was still a 17-year-old trainee when he made his league debut for Luton against Oldham in 1995. He scored and won the sponsors' man of the match award. The pacey striker looked set to be a regular in Luton's league side last season, but was one of the unlucky victims of the injury plague which swept through Kenilworth Road.

Sean Evers

Another young player brought on through Luton's productive youth squad, Evers was on the fringe of the league squad until midway through last season. But when injuries struck Lennie Lawrence had to ask boys to do men's jobs. The tenacious midfielder coped very well and established himself as a regular.

Liam George

Full of pace and nimble footwork. George made a big impression in the Luton youth team's attack before graduating to the reserves last season and proving that he could cope with the higher grade as well - 18 full appearances in the Avon Combination, in a mid-table team, yielded a dozen goals. A regular member of the Republic of Ireland squad that progressed to the European youth championship final, the striker made his league debut against Bristol City in September 1997, and started this campaign hoping for more chances to show he can score goals at every level.



Steve Davis

MEET THE MANAGER

Name: Lennie Lawrence

Date Appointed: December 1995

Previous Clubs

As Manager: Plymouth Argyle

(caretaker), Charlton Athletic,

Middlesbrough, Bradford City

As Assistant Manager/Coach:

Plymouth Argyle, Lincoln City

As A Player: Croydon, Carshalton

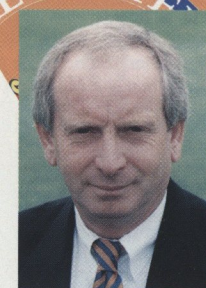
Athletic, Sutton United

Honours

As A Manager: Charlton Athletic Division 2

runners-up 1985-86

As Assistant Manager: Promotion to Division 3 1980-81



Recruited in December 1995 fitting the clubs requirement as an experienced hand on the tiller. Lennie Lawrence knows all about running football clubs on a shoestring budget having made his name by taking impoverished Charlton into what is now Premiership, keeping them there for four years. His managerial career started as an assistant at Plymouth Argyle and then Lincoln City. After a spell at Charlton Athletic, he took over the hot seat staying with the club for nine years until 1991. After leading Middlesbrough to promotion to the Premiership he was replaced by Bryan Robson a year later taking over in charge at Bradford City. Returning south after 18 months at Valley Parade he become Luton's 21st manager leading the club to a Division Two play-off place in his first full season.

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FOR THE RECORD



PONY

Phil Gray

Greeted like a prodigal son when he signed for Luton for the second time in September 1997, the Northern Ireland striker soon discovered that football can be cruel. A succession of injuries struck, culminating in surgery to cure a back problem, leaving Gray determined to make up for lost time when this season kicked off. He was in Spurs reserves when David Pleat, ex-boss at White Hart Lane, and then in his second spell as Luton manager, splashed out £275,000 for him in August 1991. Two years later he moved on to Premiership football with Sunderland, for £800,000 and after three years at Roker went to Nancy in France, and then Fortuna Sittard in Holland. He needed little encouragement to return to Kenilworth Road in exchange for £400,000.

Marvin Johnson

A versatile defender, normally a centre-half but capable of filling in on the flanks or in midfield, Johnson is celebrating a full decade as a first-team regular at Luton, his only club. Injuries have been a problem, but he always bounced back, and is a former winner of the Players' Player of the Year award at Kenilworth Road after becoming a regular in central defence.

Dwight Marshall

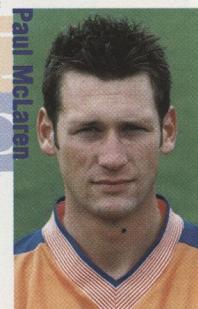
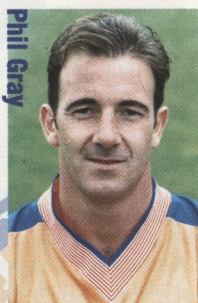
A late start in pro football - he was playing with non-league Grays Athletic until he was 24 - a succession of defences have paid the price as Marshall has made up for lost time with a string of goals. Plymouth gave him his league chance and the nippy striker rewarded them with 34 goals in 119 full appearances. Luton paid £150,000 for him in the summer of 1994, and despite being used occasionally as a wide attacker he still averaged better than one goal every three games.

Gavin McGowan

A right back fighting for a Premiership places against very stiff competition at Arsenal, McGowan signed for Luton for the third time in June 1998. The first time was a loan deal in March 1997, but that ended after only two impressive appearances. A calf muscle injury needed surgery, and after getting over that he joined Luton on loan again, this time for three months, at the start of the 1997/98 season. Lennie Lawrence rated him, but could not afford to make an offer, and was delighted to conclude a quick deal a year later when Arsenal offered the defender a free transfer.

Ray McKinnon

A move to Luton at the start of this season gave the former Scottish under-21 international midfielder his second chance at making the grade in English soccer, after an unhappy experience with Nottingham Forest. He joined Dundee United as a YTS boy and in



1992 Nottingham Forest paid £750,000 for him. But Brian Clough resigned, and Frank Clark was determined to build his own squad. McKinnon made only eight appearances for Forest in 20 months before being transferred to Aberdeen. He had two years there, then returned to Dundee United. After two years, and vastly experienced, he took advantage of the Bosman ruling to try his luck in England again, and Luton beat several other clubs to secure his signature.

Paul McLaren

The midfielder was still a schoolboy when Luton realised that he had enough talent and strength to play regularly in their youth team. A YTS offer was a formality, and he was offered pro terms while still only 17. Forceful and always ready to back up attacks, he was one of the reasons why Luton were ready to let Welsh international Ceri Hughes move to Wimbledon in the summer of 1997. McLaren slotted into the Hughes role so well that he played in all but three of Luton's league games in 1997/98.

Matthew Spring

A competitive midfielder, Spring was a driving force in the Luton side which reached the FA Youth Cup semi finals in 1997, and it was no surprise when he was called up for a league debut, when still only 17, as a sub against Bristol City in September 1997. His full debut followed a month later, in a home victory against Plymouth and boss Lennie Lawrence called Spring's display "the best debut I have seen in a long time."

Mitchell Thomas

Now the senior professional at Kenilworth Road, and appointed player-coach at the start of this season, elegant left back Thomas is back where it all started as a boy. Luton signed him on schoolboy forms, and he moved up through the ranks to make a league debut in the old First Division, now the Premiership, against West Ham in January 1983. He won England Under-21 honours and Luton were not entirely delighted when manager David Pleat left for Spurs three years later and persuaded Thomas to go with him. The tribunal fee was £250,000, half of what Luton wanted. They turned out to be right; Thomas moved on to West Ham for £500,000 in the summer of 1991, and three years later returned to Kenilworth Road signing for David Pleat again, on a free transfer. By the start of this season Thomas had made 456 league appearances for his three clubs.

Alan White

Lennie Lawrence went back to Middlesbrough, one of his old clubs when an injury crisis robbed him of three of his back four in September 1997. The Luton boss, as ever, had little money to spend, but centre-half White was a prospect he knew well: Lawrence had signed him as a 17-year-old at Ayresome Park. White was unable to force his way into Middlesbrough's Premiership squad after the advent of Bryan Robson and big-money signings, and grabbed the chance to rejoin Lawrence and sample league football. And the £40,000 fee has looked a bigger bargain with every match.

Luton Town



Back L to R: Dwight Marshall, Terry Sweeney, Richard Clarke, Mathew Spring, Emerson Boyce, Steve Augustine, Gavin McGowan, Russel Lawes, Stuart Fraser, Stuart Douglas, Jimmy Cox, Michael McIndoe, Andre Scartlett.

Middle L to R: Clive Goodyear (Physio), Paul Lowe (Youth Team Coach), Cherry Newberry (Club Secretary), Andrew Fotiadis, Simon Davies, Paul Showler, Gary Doherty, Alan White, Kelvin Davis, Nathanael Abbey, Julian James, Chris Willmott,

Front L to R: Liam George, Phil Gray, Steve Davis, Chris Green (Director), David Kohler (Chairman), Lennie Lawrence (Manager), Cliff Bassett (Director), Nigel Terry (Director), Mitchell Thomas, Marvin Johnson, Sean Evers

THE STORY SO FAR

8 Aug	NWL			
Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-0	S Davis	
11 Aug	WC 1/1			
Oxford United	H	2-3	Alexander 2 (1 pen)	
15 Aug	NWL			
Preston North End	H	1-1	Marshall	
18 Aug	WC 1/2			
Oxford United	A	3-1	Gray, Evers, McLaren	
23 Aug	NWL			
Reading	A	0-3		

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Saturday 18th October 1997

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Wigan Athletic: Butler, Bradshaw, Sharp, Greenall, Bishop, Martinez, Lee (replaced by Johnson), O'Connell, Jones, Smeets (replaced by McGibbon), Lowe (replaced by Warne)
Luton Town: Davies, James, Small, Spring (replaced by Davies), Davis, White, Gray (replaced by Marshall), McLaren, Oldfield, Alexander, Thorpe.

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An interested spectator at our last home match was Jeff Wright. A midfielder during our first few seasons in the Football League, making over a century of appearances in total. Jeff was on his way to a holiday in France from his native North-East.



W.A.F.C. OFFICIAL TRAVEL CLUB

To continue the introduction of the Travel Club Committee we have pictured Chris Coffey. Many of you who frequent the Supporters Club before matches will know Chris as he usually works on the door. Chris has been a regular at Springfield Park for over 20 years and travels to every away game.

If anyone would like to be featured on the 'Fan-Latics' page opposite, please ask for a form on any coach journey. We will also take your photograph whilst at that game, and you will be featured in a future programme.

We have following the times and prices for our next two away fixtures:

NOTTS COUNTY - Saturday 5th September
HURSTS: 11.15am GROUND: 11.30 am
MEMBERS: Adult: £7.00 U16/OAP: £5.00
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BOURNEMOUTH - Saturday 12th September
GROUND: 7.45am HURSTS: 8.00am
MEMBERS: Adult: £13.00 U16/OAP: £10.00
NON-MEMBERS: Adult: £16.00 U16/OAP: £13.00

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE - THE BOURNEMOUTH PRICE IS £1 CHEAPER THAN LAST YEAR.

See Committee Members at the front of the Supporters Club on matchdays to book. Membership cards must be shown. Please ensure you join/renew your memberships before the York City home game on October 31st. No memberships will be accepted after this date. Prices are:
Renewals: Adult: £2.00 U16/OAP: £1.00
New Members: Adult: £5.00 U16/OAP: £3.00

BOURNEMOUTH WEEKEND

The Travel Club are running a Members Only weekend trip for the Bournemouth game (Sat. 12th September). The coach will be leaving the ground mid-day on Friday 11th September, returning mid-afternoon Sunday 13th September. Cost per person is £70.00, which includes coach and 2 nights B&B.

PLEASE SEE A COMMITTEE MEMBER TO PUT YOUR NAME DOWN. PAYMENT REQUIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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Fan Latics

NAME: John Daley

AGE: 26

LIVES: Ashton-In-Makerfield

How long have you supported the Club? All my life.

Favourite Current Player: Roy Carroll

Favourite Past Player: Bobby Campbell

First Latics Match Seen: v Hartlepool (21/11/81) in FA Cup. It was a 2-2 draw.

Most Memorable Match: Beating Hull City in FA Cup (3-0) 1987.

Biggest Disappointment: Losing out to Swindon in Play-Offs (1987).

Players You'd Like to See at Latics: Sol Campbell, Michael Owen and Mark Overmars would probably do the trick.

Views of the New Adidas Kit: I'm very impressed, but would still like home kit to be blue and white stripes.

Hopes for the New JJB Stadium: To fill it!!! Seriously, I hope admission is not too high as it may put new fans off.
Fond Memory of Springfield Park: Winning promotion and Championship, standing under a full St. Andrews drive.



BEST ALL-TIME LATICS TEAM:

1. Roy Carroll
2. John Butler
3. Allan Tankard
4. Tony Kelly
5. Peter Atherton
6. Colin Methven
7. David Lowe
8. Graeme Jones
9. Bobby Campbell
10. Mike Newell
11. Jesus Seba
12. Joe Parkinson
14. Stan McEwan
- GK Roy Tunks

ClubCall

"We felt so confident, we knew that if we kept our shape, try the things that we should do, the chances would come our way. It was very strange playing against Izzy. He is like a brother to me. It was the first time I have played against him in seven years.

I am happy for him that he is with a club. In his heart Izzy still loves Wigan and the fans."

Roberto Martinez on playing against his amigo Isidro Diaz.

"It was always going to be a tough two-legged encounter in view of the connections at Rochdale.

I thought we put in a professional ninety minute performance, everybody had the will to win and we are glad to be in the hat for the next round.

My goal settled everybody down and hopefully we can now turn the corner.

We have created a lot of chances in the opening three matches but have struggled to find the back of the net.

David Lee on the victory over Rochdale in the Worthington Cup.

"It has been very frustrating over the past couple of weeks. I'm 30 now and I don't want to be watching from the stands at this stage of my career.

We were struggling for goals and I just told the manager that I always fancy myself to score.

The lads will take confidence from that performance but it's only one win.

Of course I'd love to score all the goals, but it doesn't matter who gets them as long as the result is right."

A modest Stuart Barlow on his two goals against Blackpool.

"I'm delighted for the lads because they have worked very hard.

I said in my programme notes that someone would take a drubbing from us and that proved to be the case. We could have scored five or six and deserved to do so.

Stuart Barlow impressed me with his goals for the reserves and he deserved his chance.

He was unlucky not to complete his hat-trick in the second half but we keep coming up against these great keepers at the moment.

It's also important to keep a clean sheet and I'm pleased with the way we defended from the front."

Ray Mathias post match remarks following the victory over Blackpool.

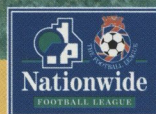
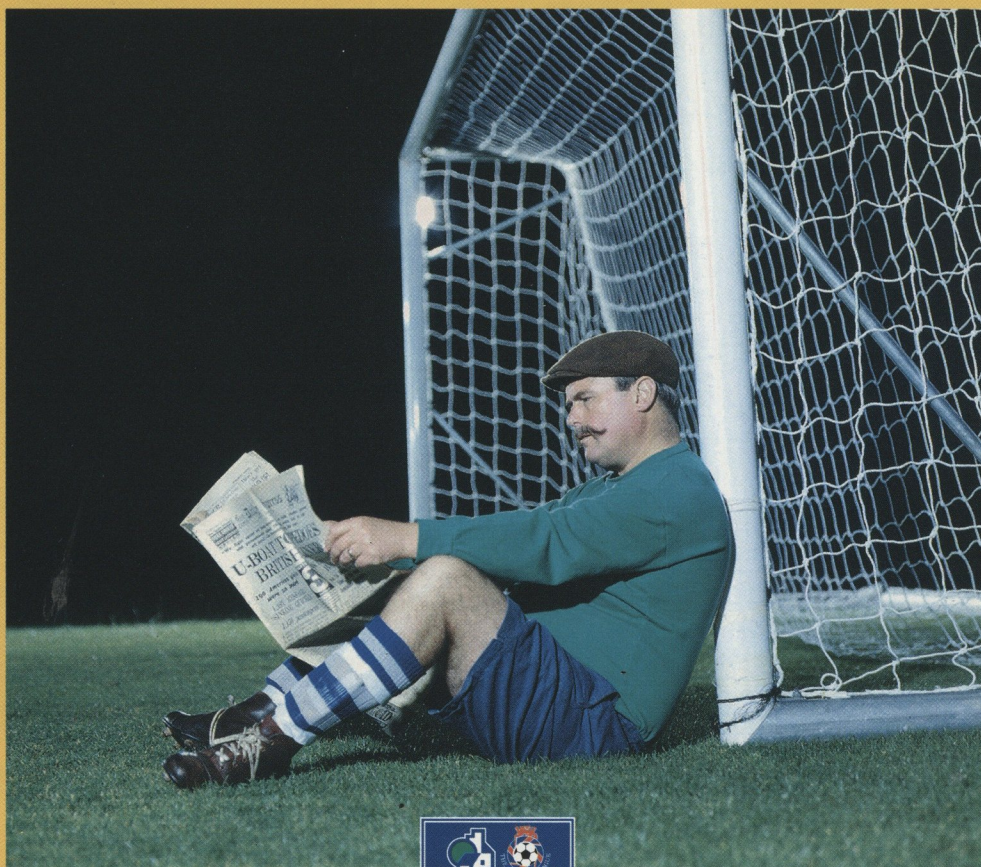


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SPRINGFIELD PARK MANAGERS by Jeff Rourke

TED GOODIER (1952-1954)

Ted Goodier came to manage Latics at the start of the 1952/53 season having played Wing Half for Oldham Athletic, Q.P.R., Watford, Crewe Alexandra and Rochdale. He was brought to Springfield Park by the then Chairman Syd Littler. Known as a strict disciplinarian, he only kept on a few of the players from the previous season but then proceeded to build a Latics side that won almost everything opened to a non-League side at the time.

In season 1952/53, Goodier's side won the Lancashire Combination Title by 12 points from Prescot Cables. They also won the Combination Cup beating Fleetwood 3-1 away and the Lancashire Junior Cup beating Lancaster City 2-1 at Ewood Park after a 1-1 draw on the same ground. Centre-Forward Billy Lomax scored in the 8-0 drubbing of Rossendale United (18/4/53) to notch his 132nd goal for the club and break Horace Thomas's record. Disaster struck Latics on 30th April 1953 when the main stand was raised to the ground by fire. Damage was estimated at £7,000 and despite some enthusiastic fund raising, it took nearly 12 months to build a replacement. Even so, at the Football League voting Latics gained 17 votes. In June 1953, 17 year-old Right Winger Les Campbell was transferred to Preston North End for £1,250 (he re-joined Latics in the mid 60's).

Season 1953/54 became one of the greatest seasons in Latics' history. They retained the Lancashire Combination Title by a massive 15 points from Netherfield. They took the Junior Cup again, beating Horwich R.M.I. 2-1 at Chorley after 2-2 at Ewood Park. For the second successive season they beat Crompton Recs to win the Makerfield Cup.

Not content with this, Latics went on a historic F.A. Cup run. After disposing of Burscough 2-1 in the Qualifying Round, Latics trounced Midland League side Scarborough 4-0 at Springfield Park in front of a crowd of 12,692. Latics were drawn at home again in the 2nd Round and an unbelievable crowd of 27,526 saw Latics destroy Southern Leaguers Hereford

United 4-1. This attendance still stands today as the largest ever recorded for a game between two non-League clubs excluding Wembley Finals.

Latics were rewarded with a plum tie at Newcastle United against the star studded and glittering First Division side. A massive 52,222 (the largest crowd to watch a Latics game) witnessed one of their greatest ever performances as they came from behind to lead 2-1 (Livesey, J. Lyon) with 15 minutes left. It needed a super goal from the legendary Jackie Milburn to save the Geordies and even then Latics had a goal by Tommy Hindle ruled out for offside.

Police limited the Wednesday afternoon (13/1/54) replay crowd to 26,500 and the winners faced an away trip at Burnley. Relations between the teams had been soured somewhat by the fact that Newcastle Chairman Stan Seymour refused to let his side get changed in Latics' makeshift dressing room and they in fact changed at Wigan Baths. Despite a valiant effort by Latics, Newcastle with several changes to the first match won 3-2 with Lomax grabbing both goals. The match wasn't without controversy as just after half-time, Newcastle 'Keeper Ronnie Simpson (later to win a European Cup Medal with Celtic in 1967) caught a high lob from Jackie Lyon but appeared to step back over the line. However, the officials sided with The Giants and Latics bowed out after a fantastic run masterminded by the great tactician Ted Goodier.

Disappointingly, at the Football League A.G.M. Latics polled only 2 more votes than the previous season.

Season 1954/55 saw Latics trounce Stubshaw Cross 12-0 in the 2nd Round of the Combination Cup. They went on to lose the final to Accrington Stanley Reserves which, after playing Newcastle United, seems unbelievable - but that's football.

A row with Syd Littler in October 1954 led Ted Goodier to be sacked. He then took over at Oldham Athletic until resigning on 2/6/58. After a spell with Rochdale and Wigan Rovers, he left football to concentrate on his business in St. Helens. He sadly died in November 1967 at the age of 65.

For those who like statistics, the Latics side that faced Newcastle was: Lomas, Lindsay, Parkinson, Lynn, Mycock, Banks, Butler, Livesey, Lomax, Lyon and Hindle. The pride of Wigan.



Season 1952/53

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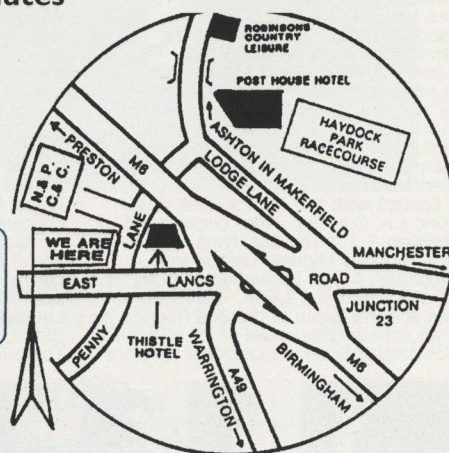
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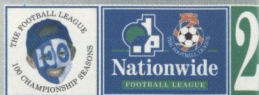
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nation wide news



Geoff Lea

The Football League are investigating the mass brawl at the end of the goalless draw between Gillingham and Bristol Rovers nine days ago which resulted in four players being sent off.

York referee Matt Messias

dismissed Gillingham defender Barry Ashby and Adrian Pennock along with Bristol Rovers goal keeper Lee Jones and full back Trevor Challis after an injury time flare-up including every player apart from the home sides goalkeeper Vince Bartram.

The Priestfield side manager Tony Pulis who was fined £200 two weeks ago for comments he made about a referee last season said "It if shows my players threw punches then they will be fined two weeks wages."

Burnley manager Stan Ternant has told four of his players that they will never play for the club again.

His comments came in a press conference following their home defeat by York City in which he named defender Mark Winstanley, Steve Blatherwick, midfielder Michael Williams and striker Lee Howey as the players surplus to requirements at Turf Moor. All four started the



Tony Pulis

match against Alan Little's side with Blatherwick and Howey replaced during the half time break.

Chesterfield have given former Derby County and West Bromwich Albion defender Shane Nicholson the chance to resurrect his career.

He has signed a one year deal contract with the Saltergate club after his drugs ban was lifted by the Football Association.

The signing of Nicholson will cover the loss of Tom Curtis who will be out of action for at least two months with a serious knee injury.

Manchester City boss Joe Royle has promised fans that the Maine Road transfer merry go round is not just one way. After Ged Brennan's loan transfer to Norwich City and the release of Scott Hiley to Southampton. Royle is keen to add new faces to his squad with a replacement for the injured Krakhober Tskhadadze top of his list. A bid to take Southampton's Ken Monkou has failed.

Former Lincoln City manager John Beck has lost his battle for unfair dismissal. A hearing passed judgement in favour of the Sincil Bank side who sacked the former Preston North End manager for misconduct last season.



Endsleigh
Mark Winstanley

Game

NEXT ON THE PARK

Tuesday 8th September 1998

Colchester United 7:45pm

Promoted at the end of last season after defeating Torquay United in the play-off finals, the Essex side stood in second place in the table after just two games taking maximum points from the opening matches.

They sprang one of the biggest shocks of the season by beating highly fancied Wrexham 4-2 at the Racecourse ground to add to Chesterfield's scalp on the opening day of term.

Operating with only a small squad, manager Steve Wignall has struck with the player who won promotion in May. However with eight players out injured their 100% league record was broken by the big spending Fulham nine days ago.

One of the leading scorers at Layer Road last season was midfielder Dave Gregory and he has been joined by his brother striker Neill with the club paying a record £50,000 fee to capture him from Ipswich Town.

The visit of Colchester United will see a reunion for our former Chairman Stephen Gage who is now the managing director at Layer Road.

Our last meeting proved to be one of the most memorable matches ever witnessed at Springfield Park, a Pat McGibbon goal sealing our promotion two seasons ago.

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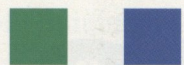
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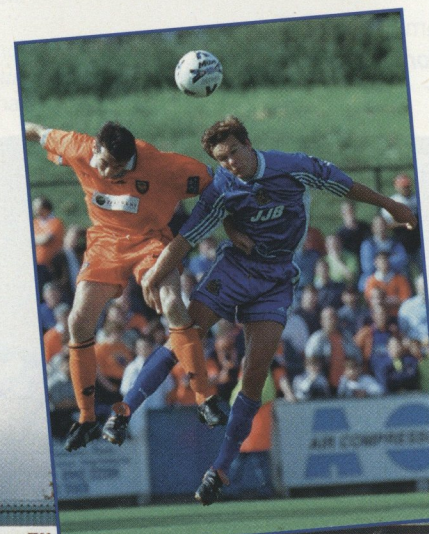
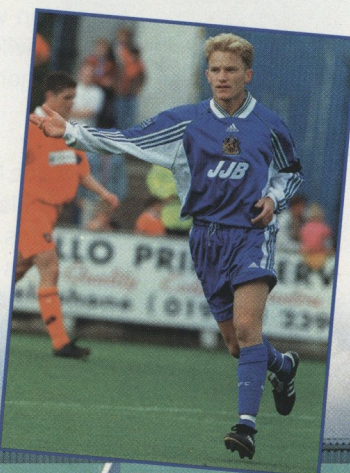
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wigan v blackpool

Our first Lancashire League derby of the season provided us with our first league victory of the season. Starting for the first time, Stuart Barlow produced a man of the match performance netting two goals within the first thirty minutes. His first goal arrived on nine minutes, a blistering run saw Stuart latch on to Pat McGibbon's through ball to leave the Blackpool keeper stranded with a delightful chip from the edge of the penalty area. After scoring four goals in two reserve matches, Stuart increased our tally just before the half hour mark picking up a superb pass from Ian Kilford, cutting inside Phil Thompson before unleashing a low drive from 10 yards. Our first half performance was nearly rewarded with a third. Substitute David Lowe's left wing cross finding David Lee, whose shot cracked the inside of the post and ran along the line to safety. A deserved hat-trick was to be denied by Pool keeper Steve Banks. Six minutes from time our first points of the season were sealed when following a right wing cross Ian Kilford set up our third. Seaside's goalie Banks pulled off another save to thwart Stuart Barlow, but David Lee was on hand to grab his second of the week.



stadiumupdate

In recent weeks I have been asked many questions about the pitch at the new stadium. I will be providing very detailed information in later matchday programmes, here are some very brief details for starters.

The pitch for the JJB Sports Stadium which is due to be completed this Autumn, has been designed to incorporate the latest development in sportsturf technology, consultant professional Sportsturf Design (North West) Ltd, who between them have a wealth of experience to the design and construction of sportsturf pitches, have been employed to provide the most up to date pitch in the UK.

Mike Harbridge - Senior Partner of Professional Sportsturf Design (North West) Ltd, who has been involved in the design of pitches in some of the country's latest stadiums including Derby County, Sunderland, Stoke City and Bolton says that "the increasing demands placed on stadium pitches to facilitate year round use, has led to considerable changes in pitch construction. Added to this is the increase in size of many new or redeveloped stadiums, which has drastically altered the environmental conditions within a stadium. In most cases, if not all, the conditions within most modern stadia are not conducive to healthy grass growth, especially during the winter months. This means that we have to look to new developments such as the grassmaster system to provide the quality of surface demanded today. The grassmaster system which was mentioned above, which was developed in Holland, has been used very successfully at a number of dual use stadia in this country such as Loftus Road (Q.P.R. FC and Wasps RUFC) and Stamford Bridge (Chelsea FC and London Monarchs). The system which uses injected polypropylene fibres to help strengthen the upper rootzone in a pitch will take approximately 1000 hours to install.

As you can see no stone has been left unturned to provide the very best for the JJB Stadium next year and many more years to come.

The Football Club staff have already visited the new pitch and they are now supervising its installation. Its a massive job, is the pitch installation and to give you some ideas of the materials used please see the material table below.

I will have more news on the stadium in the next programme.

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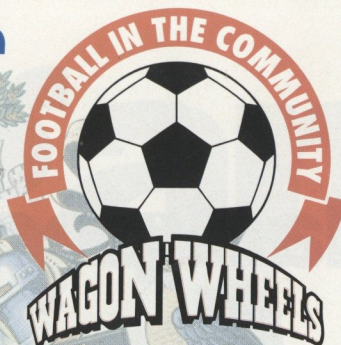
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Jason Beckford
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Junior **Heinz** Latics

Welcome to Springfield Park to all at Junior Latics and junior members who have travelled up from Kenilworth Road for today's fixture.

The next Junior Latics meeting is one no to be missed! An evening of "fun and games" is planned for Monday 7th September (7.30 - 9pm).

Come along and say hello to Latics new manager Ray Mathias.

The usual mascot and members draws will also take place on the night.

As you may be aware, the Manchester City game has been made all ticket. Unfortunately there won't be a Junior Latics turnstile for this fixture. All members will therefore have to purchase a match ticket. A voucher will be issued at the Northampton game (3rd October) enabling each member one ticket only.

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4. Who scored Aston Villa's opening goal in the 1996 final?
5. Which club lifted their ban on away fans in order to compete in the 1987/88 competition and went on to win the tournament ?
6. Which club first won the league Cup three years in a row ?
7. John Sheridan got a winners medal with which Yorkshire club ?
8. Which TV expert scored a final winner for Wolves ?
9. Name the Premier League club we have defeated in this competition ?
10. Who knocked us out of the Coca Cola Cup last year ?

ANSWERS
1. David Lee 2. 1967 3. Rumbelows
4. Dwight Yorke 5. Luton Town 6. Liverpool 7. Sheffield Wednesday
8. Andy Gray 9. Chelsea 10. Wimbledon

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sound Bites

Since David Beckham's decision to throw away England's chances of winning the World Cup by kicking out directly under the referees nose,

all I've heard from people such as David Mellor is that footy fans should go easy on him. Apparently young David has suffered enough! Oh really, well I don't consider getting paid £40,000 per week and being engaged to Posh Spice as suffering. But aside from Beckham it does again raise the issue of how fans should behave at matches.

David Mellor claims to be the voice of the ordinary fan when he say's there's no place for shouting at a football match and that supporters should start acting less tribal. What 'The voice of the ordinary man' (DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH) fails to realise is that the reason so many people love this game is because it IS tribal and most TRUE fans (this excludes glory hunting Chelsea fans David) see it as a religion rather than a game.

To stop supporters shouting and chanting at a match would be the equivalent to remove cheese and tomato from a pizza. Where would we be if we couldn't taunt Blackpool every season when they come down for their annual 3-NIL trashing. Personally I dread the day when football becomes like other sports where fans applaud the opposition for a skillful play or when an opposing player gets a respectful silence for a penalty.

Of course there are limits on what can be shouted. Racial abuse is NEVER acceptable under any circumstances but what people like Mellor don't realise is that the overwhelming majority of fans know this and therefore don't need to be patronised. Banning fans from shouting anything won't help at all except to take life from football grounds.

So then today when Latics smash in their sixth against Luton (we can but dream) I hope every Wigan fan in Springfield Park takes great pleasure in informing their lot how badly their boys have played. Get behind them and lets have a repeat of the Blackpool performance.

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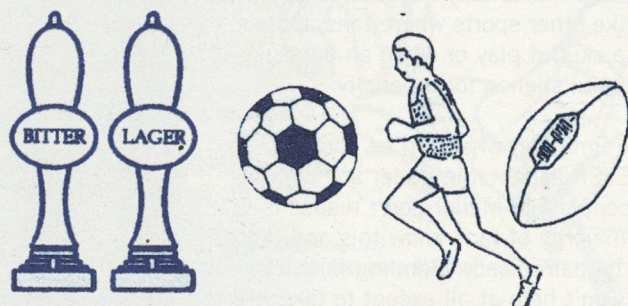
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John Sherrieff

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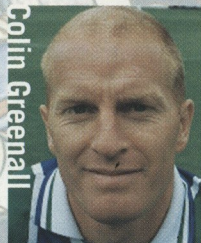
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Sat 29 Aug	11am	(a)	Bury
Sat 12 Sep	11am	(h)	Preston North End
Sat 19 Sep	11am	(a)	Wrexham
Sat 26 Sep	11am	(h)	Stockport County
Sat 3 Oct	11am	(a)	Rochdale
Sat 10 Oct	11am	(h)	Carlisle United
Sat 17 Oct	11am	(a)	Burnley
Sat 24 Oct	11am	(a)	Oldham Athletic
Sat 31 Oct	11am	(h)	Blackpool
Sat 7 Nov	11am	(h)	Chester City
Sat 14 Nov	11am	(a)	Tranmere Rovers
Sat 21 Nov	11am	(h)	Bury
Sat 28 Nov	11am	(a)	Preston North End
Sat 5 Dec	11am	(h)	Wrexham
Sat 19 Dec	11am	(a)	Stockport County
Sat 2 Jan	11am	(h)	Rochdale
Sat 9 Jan	11am	(a)	Carlisle United
Sat 23 Jan	11am	(h)	Burnley
Sat 30 Jan	11am	(a)	Blackpool
Sat 13 Feb	11am	(h)	Oldham Athletic

All FL Youth Alliance home fixtures will be played at Christopher Park

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Colin Greenall



Wigan Athletic v Hartlepool (H) Wednesday 26th August 1998

Today turned out to be a very difficult fixture for us, due to us having to field a lot of the YTS lads because of new injuries to a few of the professionals.

We found the pace and strength of Hartlepool a bit too much to handle and due to this, Hartlepool took a deserved 2-0 lead by the break.

In the second half we did a lot better with Paul Warne and David Lowe working tirelessly until David Lowe came off after an hour to be replaced by trialist Lee Furlong, however we were unable to get back in the game.

I had realised the match against Hartlepool was going to be a hard game playing with as many YTS players as we did, but hopeful the young lads will learn by the experience and put it into practice in the games to come.

Enjoy today's match

Colin Greenall

Reserve Team and Fitness Coach

Pontins League

Next Away - Chester City v Wigan Athletic

Wed, 16th September - Kick off 2pm

Next Home - Wigan Athletic v Halifax Town

Wed, 23rd September - Kick off 7pm

FL Youth Alliance

Next Home - Wigan Athletic v Preston North End

Sat, 12th September - Kick off 11am

Next Away - Wrexham v Wigan Athletic

Sat, 19th September - Kick off 11am

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WELCOME TO SPRINGFIELD PARK

North West Family Stand



WIGAN ATHLETIC A.F.C. **adidas** **JJB SPORTS**

Backs: David Smith, Jonjo Dann, Jonathan Marlat

Middle: Mark Court, John Pittard, Francis McMahon, Scott Willis, Carl Addison, Stephen Greenwood, Paul Mitchell, Andy Morris, Craig Critchley

Front: Danny Haley, Dean Field, John Coyne, Stephen Sing, Louis Culshaw, Brendan O'Connell (Coach), David Crompton (Coach), Michael Rhead, Phil Jones, Craig Birch

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Stats

DATE OPPONENTS H/A K.O.F. SCORE ATT. POS.

Sat Aug 8	Millwall	H	3.00	L0-1	4285	19
Tue Aug 11	ROCHDALE (WORTHIN CUP1.1)	H	7.45	W1-0	2252	-
Sat Aug 15	Lincoln City	A	3.00	L0-1	3356	23
Tue Aug 18	ROCHDALE (WORTHIN CUP 1.2)	A	7.45	W1-0	1697	-
Sat Aug 22	Blackpool	H	3.00	W3-0	4853	16
Sat Aug 29	Bristol Rovers	A	3.00	-	-	-
Mon Aug 31	Luton Town	H	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Sep 5	Notts County	A	3.00	-	-	-
Tue Sep 8	Colchester United	H	7.45	-	-	-
Wed Sep 16	Norwich City (WORTHIN CUP2.1)	A	7.45	-	-	-
Sat Sep 12	AFC Bournemouth	A	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Sep 19	Macclesfield Town	H	3.00	-	-	-
Tue Sep 22	Norwich City (WORTHIN CUP2.2)	H	7.45	-	-	-
Sat Sep 26	Burnley	A	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Oct 3	Northampton Town	H	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Oct 10	Oldham Athletic	A	7.45	-	-	-
Sat Oct 17	Manchester City	H	3.00	-	-	-
Tue Oct 20	Fulham	H	7.45	-	-	-
Sat Oct 24	Stoke City	A	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Oct 31	York City	H	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Nov 7	Gillingham	A	3.00	-	-	-
Wed Nov 11	Reading	A	7.45	-	-	-
Sat Nov 14	FA CUP 1ST ROUND	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Nov 21	Wycombe Wanderers	H	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Nov 28	Preston North End	A	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Dec 5	FA CUP 2ND ROUND	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Dec 12	Wrexham	H	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Dec 19	Chesterfield	A	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Dec 26	Blackpool	A	3.00	-	-	-
Mon Dec 28	Walsall	H	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Jan 2	Bristol Rovers (FA CUP 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Sat Jan 9	Millwall	A	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Jan 16	Lincoln City	H	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Jan 23	Luton Town (FA CUP 4)	A	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Jan 30	Walsall	A	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Feb 6	Notts County	H	3.00	-	-	-

Fri Feb 12	Colchester United (FA CUP 5)	A	7.45	-	-	-
Sat Feb 20	AFC Bournemouth	H	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Feb 27	Macclesfield Town	A	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Mar 6	Burnley (FA CUP 6)	H	3.00	-	-	-
Tue Mar 9	Northampton Town	A	7.45	-	-	-
Sat Mar 13	Gillingham	H	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Mar 20	York City	A	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Mar 27	Stoke City	H	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Apr 3	Manchester City	A	3.00	-	-	-
Mon Apr 5	Oldham Athletic	H	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Apr 10	Fulham (FA CUP SEMIS)	A	3.00	-	-	-
Tue Apr 13	Preston North End	H	7.45	-	-	-
Sat Apr 17	Wycombe Wanderers	A	3.00	-	-	-
Sat Apr 24	Reading	H	3.00	-	-	-
Sat May 1	Wrexham	A	3.00	-	-	-
Sat May 8	Chesterfield	H	3.00	-	-	-
Sat May 22	F.A. CUP FINAL	-	-	-	-	-

Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts
Stoke	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Bournemouth	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Fulham	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Walsall	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Colchester	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Millwall	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Preston	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Bristol Rovers	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Notts County	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Wrexham	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Man City	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Luton	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
York	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Lincoln City	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Wigan	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Blackpool	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Oldham	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
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Chesterfield	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Northampton	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Gillingham	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Macclesfield	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Wycombe	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

Division 2 Stats	Biggest home victory	Biggest away victory	Highest Aggregate Score	Highest Attendance	Lowest Attendance	Players Sent Off
4-1 Bristol Rovers v Reading	3-4 Preston North End v Stoke City, 22 Aug	2-4 Wrexham v Colchester Utd	3-4 Preston North End v Stoke City, 22 Aug	32134 Man City v Blackpool	2634 York City v Gillingham	Colin Hill, Northampton
15 Aug	8 Aug	8 Aug	8 Aug	8 Aug	8 Aug	8 Aug
Michael Appleton, Preston	Barry Ashby, Gillingham	Adrian Pennock, Gillingham	Lee Jones, Bristol Rovers	Trevor Challis, Bristol Rovers		

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● 1	● 2	● 3	● 4

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INCES & GOALS 1998/99									
SEASON 1997-98		WIGAN ATH CAREER		PLAYER CAREER					
APPS	SUB	GOALS	APPS	SUBS	GOALS	APPS	SUBS	GOALS	
1	0	2	10	0	5	115	59	47	22
5	0	0	32	1	1	273	64	24	23
5	0	0	38	0	0	87	0	0	24
0	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	25
5	0	0	48	1	1	269	66	30	26
5	0	0	5	0	0	117	5	4	27
4	0	0	4	0	0	-	-	-	28
5	0	0	81	7	47	173	20	78	29
5	0	0	136	25	31	136	26	31	30
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
2	2	0	314	25	80	560	73	154	32
5	0	2	53	2	10	472	54	69	33
2	1	0	123	15	20	123	15	20	34
5	0	0	52	2	1	53	2	1	35
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
0	3	0	0	3	0	381	54	26	37
5	0	0	59	7	3	216	13	16	38
0	3	0	90	15	8	101	22	8	39
0	0	0	14	13	3	14	13	3	40
1	1	0	4	25	2	4	25	2	41

Worthington Cup Second Round Draw	
Bournemouth	v Wolves
Blackpool	v Tranmere
Brentford	v Tottenham Hotspur
Bristol City	v Crewe Alexandra
Bury	v Crystal Palace
Sheff. Wednesday	v Cambridge Utd
Sunderland	v Chester City
Leicester City	v Chesterfield
Fulham	v Southampton
Sheff. United	v Grimsby Town
Halifax Town	v Bradford City
Huddersfield Town	v Everton
Bolton Wanderers	v Hull City
Leyton Orient	v Nottingham Forest
Ipswich Town	v Luton Town
Macclesfield	v Birmingham City
Derby County	v Man City
Northampton Town	v West Ham Utd
Portsmouth	v Wimbledon
QPR	v Charlton Athletic
Barnsley	v Reading
Coventry City	v Southend Utd
Norwich City	v Wigan Athletic
Middlesbrough	v Wycombe Wanderers

team check



wigan athletic

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| | | 1. Roy Carroll |
| | | 2. Scott Green |
| | | 3. Carl Bradshaw |
| | | 4. Gareth Griffiths |
| | | 5. Pat McGibbon |
| | | 6. Paul Rogers |
| | | 7. David Lee |
| | | 8. Roberto Martinez |
| | | 9. Stuart Barlow |
| | | 10. Ian Kilford |
| | | 11. David Lowe |

subs

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| | | 12. Kevin Sharp |
| | | 13. Andy Porter |
| | | 14. Paul Warne |
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luton town

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| | | 1. Kelvin Davis |
| | | 2. Graham Alexander |
| | | 3. Gavin McGowan |
| | | 4. Matthew Spring |
| | | 5. Steve Davis |
| | | 6. Alan White |
| | | 7. Paul McLaren |
| | | 8. Sean Evers |
| | | 9. Stuart Douglas |
| | | 10. Phil Gray |
| | | 11. Dwight Marshall |

subs

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| | | 12. Liam George |
| | | 13. Mitchell Thomas |
| | | 14. Ray McKinnon |
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Referee:

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Scarborough

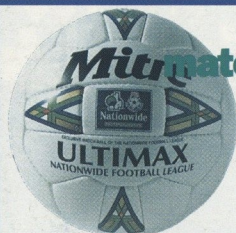
Ass. Referee:

S Griffiths (yellow)
T Massey (red)

Res. Official:

David Enright

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