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# KEVIN'S CORNER

I would like to welcome the players, officials and not least the fans of Luton Town Football Club to Craven Cottage for what should be an entertaining football match. Lennie Lawrence has done a wonderful job at Luton Town and is a manager I

respect and admire.

He has put together a useful side with a good blend of youth and experience and

we will need to be at our very best this afternoon to maintain our tremendous start to this season.

I have every reason to be optimistic as we go into this afternoon's game. We have suffered just one reversal (Notts County away) in fourteen

fixtures this season. What has pleased me most has been the commitment and character of the players at this football club. When we have had to battle and scrap we have been prepared to roll up our sleeves and do just that, vital

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qualities that are required in this division. When we have been given the opportunity to play football, as we were at The Dell against Premiership Southampton, we have found ourselves willing and able. As we go to print this is technically

Peter Beardsley's last game for us. I am working hard to try and get him here for the rest of the season. As usual you will be the first to know when we make progress on this front, either through the local press or Clubline.

Our last home game on Tuesday against Wycombe Wanderers was another good performance and a 2-0 score line did not flatter us at all. We could have scored three or four in our opening blitz and on the whole I was pleased with our performance. I was delighted with Sean Davis' home debut. He can be proud of his contribution on the night and I am sure there is plenty more to come from him.

I hope you all enjoy today's fixture at the Cottage and I am sure, like myself, you are looking ahead to a wonderful trip to Anfield. But, as I've said many times over the past week, the cups are the icing on our cake this season, it is league games such as today's that are important to us.

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Best wishes.



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## ««ACTION REPLAY

Photos by Ken Coton

Opposite page: action-packed action from our second match against Southampton. The top picture shows Dirk Lehmann slotting home the match-winning goal from a Peter Beardsley pass. Peter was in great form throughout; the middle picture shows him in a resolute tussle with a flying Saint. The bottom picture shows a great header from Dirk, the flying Cottager.

Pictured above is a Simon Morgan header up at Lincoln that didn't quite mark his 299th Fulham League appearance with a goal. Below, however, there is a Fulham goal at Lincoln; for more, see page 26.



# Match Reports

BY BOB CAIN

## DIRK STARS IN CUP VICTORY

### Southampton 0 Fulham 1

Worthington Cup 2nd Round 2nd Leg

Wednesday 23rd September

Kick Off 7.45pm

You have to go back to 1979 to find the last time Fulham knocked a top flight side out of a major cup competition. Somehow as we travelled to the Dell the feeling was that the long wait was over.

And what a win too. The 1-0 scoreline suggests that things were close but if the truth be told, I never felt that Fulham would surrender the lead once in front. This was a truly magnificent performance which will stand in my memory alongside the aforementioned 2-0 beating of QPR back in January 1979. With the scores level, injuries forced both sides to shuffle the pack with the Saints bringing in youth team graduates Kevin Gibbons and Wayne Bridge. Also up front for the Dell boys, Kevin Beattie scorer of the Southampton goal at Craven Cottage.

And it was Beattie who gave the home side the only glimpse of a lead in the entire match, placing wide a powerful header from distance following Gibbons

cross in the 9th minute.

Seconds later Fulham had the lead. Carlton Palmer for whom this game will prove a recurring nightmare, lost possession to Peter Beardsley about ten yards inside the Southampton half. Beardsley carried the ball forward before placing a perfect pass into the path of Lehmann who slotted the ball past Jones into the far corner of the net.

Within two minutes Palmer picked up a yellow card following an aerial challenge at the corner. The ex England midfielder seemed fired up as Southampton's feeble front line failed to make an impact on the Fulham defensive trio of Morgan, Coleman and Symons.

*"Beardsley carried the ball forward before placing a perfect pass into the path of Lehmann"*

Southampton created a rare half chance in the 36th minute when Beattie stole in behind Symons to get on the end of a cross but the former Blackburn youngster was stretching and could only poke the ball inches wide. A minute later life became even more difficult for the Premiership outfit when Palmer committed an unnecessary foul on Lehmann leaving Referee Paul Durkin no alternative but to show a second yellow card and the inevitable red card.



Kit Symons rises high for a header.

Southampton introduced Steve Basham in place of Beattie at half time but this failed to have the desired effect and it was Fulham who forced a succession of corners early in the second half. A Beardsley corner slung to the far side of the box saw Symons powerfully head the ball diagonally across the penalty box but Collins lurking on the far post just failed to get the decisive touch.

In the 58th minute Steve Hayward produced a magnificent 20 yarder forcing Jones to tip over. Brevett sent the ball once again into the action area only for Benali to produce a last ditch clearance. The injured Collins was replaced by Trollope after 67 minutes but the substitution failed to upset the Fulham rhythm.

A foul by Coleman on Ostenstad gave Le Tissier the chance to demonstrate his free kick skills. The ball bent inwards but flew just over the top without seriously troubling Taylor. Fulham almost went further in front after 75 minutes when Hayward sent Uhlenbeek away on the right but Lehmann's first time connection with the ball was just off target.

Hayward then directed a cross onto the head of Lehmann whose downward header was easily caught by Jones then Beardsley ran some 25 yards with the ball before being crowded out on the edge of the box. In the last few minutes Southampton threw everything into attack but the most troublesome moment for Maik Taylor followed a sliced clearance by Brevett which looped toward goal, Taylor grabbing the ball at the second attempt. The dying seconds saw Lehmann set up a chance for Neilsen, on as substitute for Uhlenbeek but the ex Saints defender lashed the ball wide.

The victory puts Fulham into the 3rd round of the League Cup competition for the first time since 1985 and was the first Fulham victory at the Dell since October 1935.

**Southampton:** Jones, Dodd, Benali, Palmer, Lundekvam, Gibbons, Le Tissier, Beattie (Basham 45), Hughes, Ostenstad, Bridge. Subs not used: Howells, Marshall, Warner, Moss (GK).

**Fulham:** Taylor, Collins (Trollope 67), Brevett, Morgan, Coleman, Symons, Beardsley, Bracewell, Lehmann, Hayward, Uhlenbeek (Neilsen 88). Subs not used: Brooker, Cornwall, Arendse (GK).

Referee: Mr P Durkin (Portland, Dorset) Attendance 11,645



Steve Hayward, watched from the dug-out.

## BEARDSLEY PUNISHES IMPS DEFENCE

### Lincoln City 1 Fulham 2

Nationwide League 2nd Division

Saturday 26th September

Kick Off 3pm

Fulham had not won at Sincil Bank in 40 years and although it is true that only four visits had been made during this period, most current supporters only recall the frustration of defeat at this venue.

Around 900 travelling fans made the journey to Lincoln. Most were sited on the most expensive terrace in English football. Lincoln charging £13 for our fans to stand behind the goal whilst the Imps supporters could enjoy a seated view behind the other goal for £3 less. The main talking point regarding the Fulham line up was the return to the substitutes bench of Rob Scott following his loan spell at Carlisle. Otherwise the starting eleven was the same that had recorded the magnificent Worthington Cup victory at the Dell three days earlier. The Lincoln side included Charlie Hartfield, the former Sheffield United midfielder who had a short loan spell at Craven Cottage during our promotion season two years ago.

Lincoln started the match like a hurricane and could have taken a lead inside 30

seconds. A long throw from Whitney headed into his own side netting by Coleman. Alcide then dipped a shot just over the bar before another long throw from Whitney was headed back to the defender by Coleman, the full back returned the ball to Battersby who was just wide with a close range header. Fulham survived the early pressure and in the 16th minute a Hayward corner found Symons on the edge of the box. The former Manchester City defender having a fierce shot blocked. Eight minutes later Uhlenbeek was fouled by Whitney, Hayward floated the free kick towards the far post where Morgan placed a downward header just wide.

Lincoln's Thorpe became the only player to be booked in the 32nd minute, seconds before he made a fast run down the right pulling the ball back to Whitney who planted his header into the side netting. Kevin Keegan decided to introduce Rob Scott in place of Dirk Lehmann at half time just before Fulham took a controversial lead after 47 minutes. Imps goalkeeper Richardson was adjudged to have handled a back pass despite the fact that the ball had last been played by a Fulham player. Lincoln put nine players on the goal line but Beardsley squeezed the ball between them and Fulham were in front.

The arrival of Scott seemed to inject some pace into the Fulham attack and Scott dispossessed Barnett on the touchline and could have taken a lead inside 30

before playing the ball back to Hayward who put Beardsley in for a shot which just rolled wide of a post. Scott then almost scored an extraordinary goal after 63 minutes. Richardson came racing from his box to meet Collins who managed to push the ball to Scott before colliding with the ex Preston keeper. Scott bent the ball superbly towards goal only for Austin to head off the line. A minute later we were two up, an Uhlenbeek cross from the right was poorly cleared by Barnett and Beardsley pounced to steer in a superbly curling shot from the edge of the area.

Lincoln hit back in the 74th minute with a superbly taken header at the far post from Whitney following a cross from Thorpe. Scott almost increased our lead two minutes later with a shot which flashed wide. There was a nervous moment when Hartfield whipped a low corner across the face of goal but fortunately no one got a touch.

**Lincoln:** Richardson, Barnett (Bimson 77), Whitney, Fleming, Holmes, Austin, Thorpe, Finnigan, Battersby (Fortune-West 62), Alcide, Hartfield. Sub not used: Philpott.

**Fulham:** Taylor, Uhlenbeek, Brevett, Morgan, Coleman, Symons, Beardsley, Bracewell, Lehmann (Scott 45), Collins, Hayward. Subs not used: Neilsen, Trollope.

Referee: Mr Trevor Jones (Barrow) Attendance 4,731

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## Rev's REFLECTIONS

Young 'Tosh' Chamberlain beat the veteran full back with ease, sped down the wing and crossed the ball. His opponent jogged up to him and said 'Do that again, son and I'll break your leg'. 'No you won't' responded the Fulham left winger 'cos I'm going to play on the other wing!' Despite the manager's protestations Fulham spent the remainder of the game with two right wingers. A year later Fulham played a friendly against Dover to officially welcome the non-league club's new floodlights. The same full back was marking Tosh. Part way through the first half the new floodlights failed.

Tosh decided that he wouldn't wait for a good kicking in the dark, so when the lights came back on Fulham had only ten men on the pitch, the eleventh

was hiding in the dressing room! Can you imagine that sort of thing happening today? I think not. I remember reading about Len Shackleton of Sunderland, known in the fifties as the Clown Prince of Soccer. On one occasion he dribbled round a goalie leaving him floundering in the mud. Shack stopped the ball on the line and called back to his hapless opponent 'There you are mate, it hasn't gone over yet!' He did of course, tap it over before the keeper got to it. The pressure of today's game is such that players are not often allowed to express their personality on the pitch, and so we don't smile

as often as we used to. That seems sad to me.

The tension moves from the pitch to the terraces - how much laughter do we hear nowadays? Do we still find football fun?

Remember Gordon Davies scoring a goal then hugging the nearest ball boy? That was a fun moment, but then Ivor was a character who built up a great rapport with the crowds and it didn't stop him from being a great player.

The intensity with which the game is played today affects the amateur footballer. Watch the lads playing in the park on Sunday morning. They moan and grumble at each other

(and the referee), and to any onlooker they just don't seem to be having fun. Someone said to me recently that they didn't enjoy playing football for their school because there was too much

pressure. At school! Now don't get me wrong. I've always been competitive, and I always want Fulham to win. I'd just like to know football is being enjoyed.

There was a magic moment just a couple of weeks back when young Luke Cornwall scored his first ever goal. Luke turned a delighted somersault in celebration. Let's hope that he continues to find such joy in his profession and that he continues to make the rest of us smile.

By the Reverend Gary Piper.

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# Yesterday once more... by Dennis Turner

*To remember seeing Derek Lampe play for Fulham you would now have to be at least 40 years old because it was in 1964 that injuries finally forced him into a premature retirement when he was only 27. If you had seen him play, you would recall a physically imposing centre half who dominated most opponents, particularly in the air, and who made up for any lack of pace with an astute reading of the game. But for an interminable series of injuries, he would have made many more than the 96 appearances to his credit in the fifties and sixties.*

A North Londoner, it was almost by chance that Derek, a highly rated schoolboy came to the Cottage. "I played for England at various junior and youth levels," Derek said. "I remember captaining a side that included Bobby Charlton, Duncan Edwards and Maurice Setters. I also had to mark Uwe Seeler in one of these games. What a player he was, even then. I rate him along with Gerry Hitchens and Derek Dougan as the most difficult opponent I faced. "I had always wanted to become a professional footballer and as a lad I was a supporter of my local club, Spurs. I had always assumed I would join them but a man named Frank Penn lived a couple of streets away in Edmonton and he was aware of my progress. I didn't know him but he was the Fulham trainer. One day, he came round to see me and my parents and offered me terms to join the groundstaff. He was the first to ask me and I accepted, it was as simple as that. I didn't know a lot about Fulham although I had played in the same boys' team as Johnny Haynes, who also came from Edmonton. A day or two later, Arthur Rowe of Spurs knocked on my door but it was too late. I never had any regrets about signing for Fulham. They got in first and although I was a Spurs supporter, I didn't look back and wish I had gone to White Hart Lane."

At that time, the summer of 1952, Fulham had just been relegated to the old Second Division and, despite this disappointment, the Cottage was an exciting place for a teenager. "Frank Osborne and old Bill Dodgin were in charge but we youngsters saw more of Frank Penn and his assistant Taffy O'Callaghan. When I first arrived at Fulham, Frank Osborne asked me to



Derek in Fulham's 1960-61 First Division line-up  
(Back Row, left to right): Cohen, Mullery, Macedo, Langley, Lowe and Lampe  
(Front row, left to right): Key, O'Connell, Haynes, Doherty, Watson

kick a ball and tackle Taffy. I was a big lad even then, and flattened him, which seemed to amuse Mr Osborne. Taffy was great though, a terrific character. He used to play the banjo and we would have a regular sing-song after a game. A week or two before I made my debut in 1964 he died very suddenly. It was a very sad time because it was the backroom staff like him who made the Cottage."

Fortunately for Derek, he was spared National Service, because of problems with his hearing, the reason that kept Bobby Robson out of the forces. It left him free to develop his career and he was still a teenager when he made his debut. "It was against West Ham on the opening day of the 1956-7 season," recalled Derek, "and we got walloped 4-1. I was marking Billy Dare, an old hand, who was a bit on the small side but quite nippy. I think he got a couple that day and it was not the best of starts but held my place.

"I think I only missed two games that season, both against Port Vale. By that time, Dug Livingstone had taken over as manager. I really liked him. By today's standards, he was getting on a bit for a manager. He was not the track-suited type, but he knew how to motivate

players. He could make you feel as though you were the best player on the pitch, even when you knew you weren't. He also made some important tactical changes, like bringing in George Cohen and Tony Macedo and switching Roy Bentley from inside forward to wing half. He was very shrewd and achieved a lot in a short

space of time and I was sorry when he left. Beddy took over and he was quite different. He was very quiet and it was hard to know what he wanted and what he was thinking, but he got us into the First Division and he kept us there. You can't argue with that."

By then, Derek was starting to get the niggling injuries that were to dog his career. He had shown that he could compete with the best, however, and he selects a game with Spurs at the Cottage in 1959 as one of his best matches for us. It was a vital game because had we won, we could have gone top of the table for the first (and, as it proved, only) time in our history. We only drew and were

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denied an obvious penalty when Spurs' full back Peter Baker fisted a goal-bound shot over the bar. The match was a thriller in front of a huge crowd and Derek was the general choice for Man-of-the-Match in the Sunday papers. The injury which finished him came a little later.

"We were playing Everton in 1961 and it was as a result of a clash with Alex Young that I injured my knee ligaments. I didn't realise how serious it was at the time," Derek admits, "but it ended my days in the top flight. It was the training that did it. If I could just have played, I might have been all right, but I couldn't cope with the training. A bit like Paul McGrath a couple of years ago. I did carry on playing Sunday football for a few years and even turned out for an old Tottenham team. The treatment we got in those days was very basic and if we had the sort of facilities that are available to the modern players, maybe it would have been different. But I had to face up to making a living outside football at the age of 27 when I had known nothing else since I had left school 12 years earlier."

An optimist by nature, Derek is not someone who complains about his bad luck. "In some ways it was easier then to make the break than it is today. Because we weren't paid much, we could find other jobs and not be worse off. Perhaps if I have one regret it is that I did not take the advice of some friends and go into the police as a PE instructor. Instead, I started working in Finchley with a firm building engines, but the travelling was too much. I then went to Thorn and really enjoyed my time there.

I got on really well for 18 years until they relocated and I was made redundant. I am now with a company that manufactures steel goods for a wide range of

customers. A couple of our recent jobs have been for Paramount Studios and Jimi Hendrix's old home in America." When Derek got a call a while ago from his old team-mate Tosh Chamberlain he was delighted to renew his Fulham connections. "I had a great time at the Cottage," he admits, "and I love to come back. I'm not sure I understand what's going on there at the moment, but I do know the club is on the up. Anyway they can get promoted will do me, and I think this could be the year."

# Derek Lampe

# IN COMBINATION



Kevin Betsy a twenty year-old utility player is our latest signing, joining us for £80,000 from Woking, and he made his debut in Fulham colours in our recent match with Crystal Palace in the Avon Insurance Combination League. Kevin has plenty of potential and will use the reserve side to help launch his first-team career, "That's right. Even the reserve team has a lot of quality players in it. So getting into that one is going to be a bit of a struggle."

For Kevin the adjustment from semi-professional to a full-time pro also takes some getting used to. "When you are settling in at a club it can take some time coming from non-league."

Training every day also takes some getting used to and it is much harder than at Woking. You've always got to be on your toes in the training sessions because any slip-ups



Kevin Betsy

and you're sure to get a clip around the ear. But I'll get there." Kevin, who lives in Fleet, was watched by several clubs as he made himself a reputation in the Football Conference but he worked hard to put himself in the shop window. "I was at Woking for about three to four years. I was in the youth team to start with and gradually worked my way up to reserves and the first team." Kevin is clearly one to take one step at a time, but an impressive performance against Palace suggests a first-team opportunity will soon present itself.

Last season was obviously a good one for Kevin as he played more games in the first-team than any of his team-mates at Kingfield. In all competitions he played over sixty matches, and obviously impressed Kevin Keegan. Did the pull of working for Kevin help persuade him that Fulham, of all the interested clubs, was the place to come? "Definitely, it doesn't take too much to decide which club when someone like him comes and asks you to sign. Fulham is a good club; Kevin is a good manager so I am happy to come here."

Once here though there seems to be a bit of confusion as to Kevin's best position. "I played most of last season as wing-

back - right wing back and left wing back - and I've played up front in midfield but wherever they put me I just try my hardest." Fortunately, Kevin is a player who can play with either feet and is sure to be a valuable addition to our squad. It will be interesting to watch his progress in the Combination side and ultimately, into the first-team.

## AVON INSURANCE Combination FIXTURE LIST

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<b>1998</b>		
Wed Aug 26	Swindon Town (A)	4-1
Wed Sept 2	Gillingham (A)	2-0
Thur Sept 17	Crystal Palace (H)	1-1
Wed Sept 30	AFC Bournemouth (H)	2.00pm
Wed Oct 7	Ipswich Town (H)	2.00pm
Thur Oct 15	Norwich City (A)	7.30pm
Wed Oct 21	Brighton & Hove Albion	2.00pm
Tue Oct 27	West Ham United (A)	7.45pm
Wed Nov 4	Colchester United (H)	2.00pm
Wed Nov 11	Portsmouth (A)	7.30pm
Mon Nov 16	Arsenal (A)	3.00pm
Wed Nov 25	Tottenham Hotspur (H)	2.00pm
Mon Nov 30	Chelsea (A)	7.00pm
Wed Dec 9	Southampton (A)	7.30pm
Wed Dec 16	Charlton Athletic (H)	2.00pm
Tue Dec 22	Wimbledon (H)	2.00pm
<b>1999</b>		
Wed Jan 13	Barnet (A)	7.30pm
Mon Jan 18	Queens Park Rangers (H)	2.00pm
Wed Jan 27	Millwall (H)	2.00pm
Wed Feb 3	Wycombe Wanderers (A)	2.00pm
Mon Feb 8	Luton Town (H)	2.00pm
Mon Feb 15	Oxford United (H)	2.00pm
Wed Feb 24	Watford (A)	7.30pm
Mon Mar 15	Northampton Town (A)	2.00pm
Wed Mar 24	Peterborough Utd	7.45pm
Wed Mar 31	Cambridge United (A)	2.00pm
Wed Apr 21	Reading (H)	2.00pm
Wed Apr 28	Brentford (A)	2.00pm

## Ian McCulloch looks at The Thinking Game...

It's been a long time since I used to play football myself, and it struck me recently how much more difficult it must be nowadays. It was watching Fulham that made me think about it, but I'm not really talking professional football here. I'm talking about your basic, common or garden, get-changed-behind-the-bushes, dash-for-the-pub-afterwards, park football. I played in a variety of Saturday and Sunday teams over the years, and they all shared two things in common - there was no practice, and there was no discussion on tactics. You turned up at the appointed time and place, were told what position you were playing, and got on with it.

And that's what I mean about it being different today. There must be a hundred different variations on the positions you can play in the modern game. In those days, there were eleven, and that was it. Everybody knew exactly what should happen in each position, and nobody ever varied it. If you were playing left-wing, you went out and hugged the touchline as if your life depended on it, and came infield only on pain of death. If you were the (one) centre-half, you stayed in and around the penalty area, knowing that pretty soon a dirty great centre-forward was going to come hammering after the inevitable ball punted in from the wing. If you were the full-back, you patrolled your lonely furrow, knowing that the only threat was going to come from your opposing winger. Nobody else was going to come near you. It didn't matter if you hadn't met anybody before; once you were all out on the pitch, you knew where everybody was going to be. Inside-forwards, half-backs, they all had their own little areas of operation, and they stayed there.

If you ever played for a team flash enough to have numbered shirts, then it was even easier. Each position had

its own number, and it never ever, under any circumstances changed. Can you imagine the fuss that there would have been if the inside-left hadn't worn number ten, or the right-half had number eleven on his back? Anarchy and chaos! It would have been the end of the world as we knew it.

Which brings me to why it must be so difficult today. Suppose you are phoned up on a Sunday morning by a mate, who says that they're one short for the game that morning: "Can you play?"

When you get there you're told you're playing right-wing back in a three-five-two formation. The game kicks off, and while you are still puzzling out where you should stand, you go two goals down. You're then told that the team is reverting to a flat back four, playing four-two-four with you as a wide attacking midfielder. Your team gets the two goals back, and the captain tells you to move into a defensive holding position in a four-three-three formation. With your brain completely scrambled, you stand in the middle of the pitch watching the ball whizz backwards

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and forwards past you, wondering whether you're playing a long ball or a short passing game.

One of the teams I played in for a while featured the Reverend Gary Piper at right-back. Gary played a very solid, orthodox, George Cohen sort of game, and I have to say it would give me great amusement now to see him having to grapple with the complexities of playing in a modern

Christmas Tree formation! Incidentally, if you ever have a couple of hours to spare, ask Gary to talk to you about hospital balls. I used to play right-wing to his full-back, and I think it is fair to say that even in those more basic days, our positional awareness of each other was something less than telepathic. It was uncanny the number of times he seemed to have some hulking great brute bearing down on him, just as I

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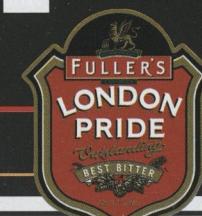
made the pass. I soon got into the habit of saying, "Sorry, Gary!" just as I released the ball to him, and it quickly became second nature. Many years later, he still bears a grudge (and the scars). If you want any more detail on this, he will be delighted to tell you about it. At length.

Anyway, I think I am quite glad that I don't play the game anymore. There seems to be a new skill that's become an essential part of modern football, one that, fortunately, I didn't need to worry about too much in my day. Once you're out on the pitch, it's no longer good enough just to play the game. You have to be able to think!

If you have a Fulham topic, that you'd like to air, however controversial, please send your contributions to: Mark Maunders, Fulham Football Club, Stevenage Road, London, SW6 6HH

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# Cain's world

## WORTHINGTON CUP

A total of five teams from the lower divisions made it through to the 3rd round of the Worthington Cup. Three Premiership sides suffered defeat in Round Two. Third Division Cambridge beat Sheffield Wednesday whilst Northampton upset West Ham holding out to win despite a second leg defeat at Upton Park. And while south coast fortunes took a dive with our own victory at Southampton, Bournemouth pulled off a sensational win at Wolves. Luton complete the lower League line up after a dramatic extra time win against Ipswich. The 3rd round draw saw the entry of the Premiership sides who are competing in European competition. The tie of the round from a Premiership point of view is surely the clash between Chelsea and Aston Villa. Northampton should pull another full house for the visit of Tottenham. There will also be two local derby matches with Manchester United entertaining Bury and Bradford making the short journey to Elland Road to face Leeds.

## 3RD ROUND DRAW

Middlesbrough v Everton, Norwich v Bolton, Derby v Arsenal, Crewe v Blackburn, Leeds v Bradford, Luton v Coventry, Tranmere v Newcastle, Birmingham v Wimbledon, Barnsley v Bournemouth, Manchester Utd v Bury, Charlton v Leicester, Nottingham Forest v Cambridge, Liverpool v Fulham, Chelsea v Aston Villa, Northampton v Tottenham, Sunderland v Grimsby.

## SECOND DIVISION ROUND UP

Probably the most surprising Division Two result of the weekend was Blackpool's 3-1 win at Stoke - but it did not entirely upset the form book as the Seasiders had not lost on any of their three previous visits to Stoke.

The Potters defeat means that they are now just three points clear at the top of the table though Preston could have closed the gap further if they had managed to beat Gillingham at Deepdale. That they did not allow both Bournemouth and Blackpool to move just a point behind the Lancashire side, the Cherries keeping up their impressive home record against Oldham by winning

2-0. The Latics have won only once at Dean Court, back in February 1974. Walsall's 1-0 win at Luton was the Hatters' first home League defeat in eight months and allowed the Midland side to move up to 5th in the table. Manchester City had lost on both of their previous trips to Northampton and were twice behind on their first visit to Sixfields before a late goal from Shaun Goater earned a 2-2 draw.

York impressed on their visit to Craven Cottage two weeks ago and maintained their good fortune to beat Bristol Rovers 1-0 at Bootham Crescent. The City winner scored by Neil Tolson also on target at the Cottage. Former Manchester United trainee Pat McGibbon scored only the second League goal of his career when he scored his 90th minute equaliser for Wigan at Burnley. Bottom placed Wycombe lost to a late penalty at Colchester whilst Reading made it five defeats in five away games when they became the first side to lose to Macclesfield at Moss Rose this season. Wrexham had won only once in their previous 11 visits to Saltergate and things did not improve this time with Chesterfield winning 2-1. Both Spireites goals scored by Johnathon Howard. Millwall went down 3-1 against Notts County at Meadow Lane despite the boost of a second minute goal from Lucas Neill. The Lions usually enjoy good form at Meadow Lane and had lost only once in their previous 11 visits.

## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE - TOP SCORERS

- 9 - Lee Hughes (West Brom)
- 8 - John Alois (Portsmouth)
- 7 - Craig Bellamy (Norwich), Barry Hayles (Bristol Rovers), Geoff Horsfield (Halifax),
- 6 - Stuart Barlow (Wigan), Steve Brodie (Scarborough), Martin Butler (Cambridge), Dean Crowe (Stoke), Jamie Forrester (Scunthorpe), Shaun Goater (Man City), Giuliano Grazioli (Peterborough), Arnar Gunnlaugsson (Bolton), Kevin Phillips (Sunderland), Andy Rammell (Walsall), Marcus Stewart (Huddersfield), Ashley Ward (Barnsley).

League Goals Only: Up to and including Saturday 26th September.

# Welcome to today's visitors LUTON TOWN

**A**fter finishing in 17th place last season Luton have made a brighter start to the current campaign but suffered their first home League defeat in eight months last weekend when Walsall won 1-0 at Kenilworth Road. The Hatters' misery was completed with the sending off of defender Gavin McGowan.

Luton have won only once in the last four League games but have already recorded two away victories this season. On the opening day of the campaign Wycombe were beaten 1-0 at Adams Park and last month a 3-1 win was recorded at Wigan.

The Hatters have reached the 3rd round of the Worthington Cup, this despite having lost the first leg match in both of the opening rounds. Oxford won 3-2 at Kenilworth Road before the Hatters came back to win 3-1 at the Manor Ground and another Division One side Ipswich, also led before suffering a dramatic last minute defeat at Kenilworth Road. Luton face a home tie with Coventry in the 3rd round. The summer period saw two free transfer arrivals at Kenilworth Road including Frenchman Herve Bacque from Monaco. This season has seen the continued emergence of several home grown youngsters in the side notably Matthew Spring, Sean Evers and Stuart

Douglas. The current leading marksman is skipper Steve Davis who has scored five goals in all competitions.

Luton were formed in 1885 as a fusion of local sides Wanderers and Exelsior and became the first club in the south of England to adopt professionalism just six years later. After a lengthy stay in the Southern

League they were elected to the Football League in 1920.

The club enjoyed its first League success in 1937 when they won the Division Three (South) title. In 1955 they won promotion to the First Division on goal average. Luton reached the FA Cup Final for the first and only time in 1959 losing 1-0 to Nottingham Forest.

Relegation in 1960 brought about a rapid decline and the club just avoided seeking re-election in 1967.

Jolted by the experience the Hatters gained two successive promotions and remained in Division Two until 1982 except for a single top flight season in 1974/75. The club enjoyed success during the 80s winning the League Cup in 1988 beating Arsenal 3-2 at Wembley.

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## 10 YEAR RECORD - LUTON TOWN

SEASON	DIV	POS	FAC	CCC	AV ATT	LEADING SCORER
1988/89	1	16TH	3	F	9,504	DANNY WILSON 9
1989/90	1	17TH	3	3	9,886	KINGSLEY BLACK 9
1990/91	1	18TH	4	2	10,325	KINGSLEY BLACK 11
1991/92	1	20TH	3	2	9,711	LARS ELSTRUP 15
1992/93	1	20TH	4	2	8,213	RAY HARFORD 12
1993/94	1	20TH	SF	1	7,877	PHIL GRAY 19
1994/95	1	16TH	4	1	7,350	KERRY DIXON 9
1995/96	1	24TH	3	1	8,060	DWIGHT MARSHALL 12
1996/97	2	3RD *	3	3	6,293	DWIGHT MARSHALL 9
1997/98	2	17TH	1	2	5,878	BONTCHO GUENTCHEV 9

\* QUALIFIED FOR PLAY OFFS

A year later they lost the Final to Nottingham Forest. Luton were relegated from the top division after a 10 year stay in 1992. Fulham and Luton have met on 46 previous occasions in League action. Luton have won 4 times at Craven Cottage - all four victories occurring since 1970. Despite this Fulham have an impressive home record against the

Hatters with 16 wins in 23 games. Last season the teams drew 0-0 at Craven Cottage but Fulham won

emphatically at Kenilworth Road with Paul Moody netting a hat trick in a 4-1 win.

Our last home win against Luton came on a cold December Saturday



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in 1978 when an own goal by a Luton defender was enough to give Fulham a 1-0 win. In 1994 Fulham knocked the then First Division Hatters out of the Coca Cola Cup on penalties after two 1-1 draws. Hero of the night was Fulham keeper Jim Stannard.



## GOALKEEPERS

**NATHAN ABBEY** - Young goalkeeper who made his debut in the Coca Cola Cup tie v Colchester last season. Has since gained more first team experience on loan with Woking.

**KELVIN DAVIS** - Proved himself last season after being recalled from a loan spell with Hartlepool to play in the 0-0 draw at Fulham. Has now seen off the challenge of two American goalkeepers. Former England youth and under 21 goalkeeper.

## DEFENDERS

**GRAHAM ALEXANDER** - A £100,000 buy from Scunthorpe in July 1995. Can play in midfield or at full back. Scored a career best 8 League goals last season as the Hatters fought off relegation.

**STEVE DAVIS** - Captain and key influence in the Luton defence. Signed from Burnley for a tribunal fee of £750,000 in 1995. A commanding central defender who can also score goals and has already netted on 5 occasions this season.

**GARY DOHERTY** - Big and brave, Doherty is a centre half who can also operate as a striker. Part of the Luton youth team which reached the FA Youth Cup Semi Finals in 1997.

**JULIAN JAMES** - Has appeared over 300 times for Luton after being sent off on his full debut at Leeds in 1987.

Loaned to Preston to gain experience he won under 21 honours with England. A regular in the Luton defence for much of the last decade he suffered a broken leg v Bristol Rovers in April 1998.

**MARVIN JOHNSON** - A versatile player who normally operates as a central defender. Another one club

man with over 300 first team appearance since making his League debut in the 1987/88 season.

**GAVIN MCGOWAN** - A right back signed from Arsenal in June 1998 following two previous loan spells at Kenilworth Road.

**MICHAEL THOMAS** - Now the senior professional at Kenilworth Road. Appointed club coach at the start of this season. Luton originally signed him on schoolboy forms and he made his debut v West Ham in 1983. Sold to Tottenham in 1986, appearing in the 1987 FA Cup Final v Coventry. After a spell with West Ham, Thomas returned to Luton in 1994.

**ALAN WHITE** - Lennie Lawrence returned to his former club Middlesbrough to sign this classy central defender in September 1997 for a £40,000 fee. Unable to claim a first team place at Middlesbrough following the arrival of a number of big money signings at the club.

## MIDFIELD

**SIMON DAVIES** - Midfielder who was in the Manchester United squad which won the FA Youth Cup in 1992. A £200,000 fee brought him to Luton in the summer of 1997 but despite being capped by Wales he was unable to command a regular first team place last season.

**SEAN EVERE** - A product of the Luton youth scheme this tenacious midfielder has now established himself in the first team. Scored his first three League goals last season.

**RAY MCKINNON** - A move to Luton at the start of the season gave the former Scotland under 21 international a second chance of establishing himself in English football. He joined Dundee



photo: Gareth Owen/LTC

Back Row: Dwight Marshall, Terry Sweeney, Richard Clarke, Matthew Spring, Emerson Boyce, Steve Augustine, Gavin McGowan, Russel Lawes, Stuart Fraser, Stuart Douglas, Jimmy Cox, Michael McIndoe, Andre Scarlet

Middle Row: Clive Goodyear (Physio), Paul Lowe (Youth Team Coach), Cherry Newberry (Club Secretary), Andrew Fotiadis, Simon Davies, Paul Showler, Gary Doherty, Alan White, Kelvin Davies, Nathaniel Abbey, Julian James, Chris Willmott, Paul McLaren, Graham Alexander, Lee Lough, Les Shannon (Scout), Mandy Mallins (fitness trainer), John Moore (reserve Coach)

Front Row: 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

United as a YTS boy and in 1992 Nottingham Forest paid £750,000 for his services but after just 8 appearances for Forest he returned to Dundee United in 1994.

**PAUL MCLAREN** - A talented midfielder who signed professional forms for Luton when only 17 years of age. Forceful in midfield and always ready to back up attacks. Paul has made around 100 first team appearances to date.

**PAUL SHOWLER** - Former Barnet and Bradford midfielder signed in 1996 by former boss Lenny Lawrence for £50,000. Injuries kept him out of the Luton first team for much of last season.

**MATTHEW SPRING** - A competitive midfielder who was the driving force of the Luton youth side which reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997. Made his debut as a substitute v Bristol City early last season.

## FORWARDS

**HERVE BACQUE** - Signed from Monaco in August 1998. French striker who began his career with Lorient before joining Monaco where he found it difficult to gain a first team place. Likes the English way of life and was impressed by Manager Lennie Lawrence.

**STUART DOUGLAS** - A real hotshot in reserve and youth team football. Made his League debut v Oldham in 1995. This pacy striker looked set to become a regular member of the side last season but fell victim to injury. 3 goals to his credit already this season.

**ANDREW FOTIADIS** - Another local discovery who completed his education before signing professional for Luton. Won England schoolboy honours at both under 15 and under 18 level. An old fashioned centre forward with a determination to score goals.

**LIAM GEORGE** - A regular member of the Republic of Ireland youth squad who made his first team debut v Bristol City early last season, going on to complete 4 appearances in all. Made a big impression in both reserve and youth team football.

**PHIL GRAY** - Former Tottenham striker who was loaned to Fulham in 1990 scoring once in five appearances. Joined Luton for the first time in 1991 before spells with Sunderland, Nancy (France) and Fortuna Sittard (Holland). Returned to Kenilworth Road in September 1997 but suffered injuries soon after his arrival. A Northern Ireland international.

**DWIGHT MARSHALL** - A late starter in professional football. He was playing with non League Grays when Plymouth snapped him up at the age of 24. Scored 34 goals in 119 appearances for the Devon side before joining Luton in the summer of 1994. Spent a year out with a broken leg but came back to show that he still had an appetite for scoring goals.

How Clubs have scored goals... and conceded them

H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG	see key below	H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG
5	0	2	2	0	1	4	0	Bournemouth	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
6	2	0	3	1	0	3	0	Blackpool	4	2	2	0	0	2	2	0
0	6	1	0	0	1	6	0	Bristol Rovers	3	3	1	1	0	0	3	0
0	2	1	2	0	0	4	0	Burnley	2	5	0	1	0	2	3	0
1	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	Chesterfield	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
6	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	Colchester United	2	1	2	2	0	0	2	0
5	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	Fulham	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
3	2	2	2	0	1	3	0	Gillingham	4	1	1	0	1	0	3	1
2	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	Lincoln City	2	7	0	2	0	0	7	0
1	3	0	1	1	0	5	0	Luton Town	0	2	0	2	0	0	4	0
1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	Macclesfield Town	1	0	2	1	2	2	3	0
4	5	1	0	0	0	4	0	Manchester City	2	1	1	2	0	1	3	0
3	1	1	1	0	0	4	0	Millwall	2	1	0	1	0	2	6	0
1	3	2	1	1	1	1	0	Northampton Town	5	0	2	1	0	2	2	0
4	0	1	2	1	3	2	0	Notts County	2	1	2	1	1	0	4	0
3	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	Oldham Athletic	5	5	2	2	0	0	2	0
6	5	2	2	0	0	7	0	Preston North End	1	2	1	0	0	2	5	0
1	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	Reading	3	4	3	0	0	1	4	1
5	3	2	0	0	3	4	0	Stoke City	2	1	2	0	0	0	3	0
4	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	Walsall	3	3	1	1	0	0	2	0
1	3	3	1	0	1	2	0	Wigan Athletic	0	1	2	2	0	0	6	0
1	0	2	2	0	1	4	1	Wrexham	4	3	0	3	0	1	3	0
2	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	Wycombe Wanderers	4	1	1	1	2	2	5	1
1	0	2	1	2	2	6	0	York City	7	2	0	1	0	1	1	0

Key H = Header ; CR = Close Range ; OB = Outside Box ; V = Volley ; FK = Free Kick ; P = Penalty ; IB = Inside Box ; OG = Own Goal

### 1998-99 Season Division Two Campaign Records

#### Highest/Lowest Gates

32,134 Man City v Blackpool 8-Aug  
2,634 York v Gillingham 15-Aug

#### Highest Aggregate Scores

Preston 3-4 Stoke 22-Aug  
Lincoln 3-4 Preston 29-Aug

#### Biggest Home Win

Gillingham 4-0 Wrexham 1-Sep  
Preston 4-0 Reading 12-Sep

#### Biggest Away Win

Wrexham 2-4 Colchester 15-Aug  
Northampton 1-3 Stoke 8-Aug  
Oldham 1-3 Notts County 8-Aug

Key: PU = Players Used ; GF = Goals For ; GA = Goals Against ; CS = Clean Sheets ; LP = Lowest position ; HP = Highest Position

### Division Two Statistics, Club by Club

see key above	PU	GF	GA	CS	LP	HP	Leading Scorer	Lge	WC	Tot
Bournemouth	17	14	6	6	6	2	Stein	3	4	7
Blackpool	21	15	12	3	23	3	Aldridge	3	2	5
Bristol Rovers	20	14	11	3	13	6	Hayles	7	1	8
Burnley	27	9	13	0	20	7	Payton	5	1	6
Chesterfield	19	6	8	4	20	10	Howard	3	1	4
Colchester United	19	12	11	1	12	2	Gregory D	2	2	4
Fulham	20	14	6	6	8	1	Lehmann/Beardsley	2/3	2/1	4
Gillingham	20	13	11	2	22	12	Smith/Asaba	3/3	0/0	3
Lincoln City	20	7	18	3	23	14	Battersby	2	1	3
Luton Town	20	11	8	4	12	2	Davis S	4	1	5
Macclesfield Town	21	5	11	2	24	20	Wood	2	1	3
Manchester City	21	14	10	3	14	1	Goater	6	2	8
Millwall	22	10	12	3	14	5	Shaw	3	1	4
Northampton Town	22	10	12	2	22	14	Corazzin/Freestone	4/1	0/3	4
Notts County	25	13	11	2	14	5	Hendon	4	0	4
Oldham Athletic	17	9	16	1	21	14	Allott/Littlejohn	2/2	1/1	3
Preston North End	17	22	11	5	7	2	Nogan	5	0	5
Reading	28	7	16	1	23	15	Williams	4	0	4
Stoke City	18	17	8	6	4	1	Crowe	6	0	6
Walsall	22	14	10	4	11	3	Rammell	6	1	7
Wigan Athletic	20	11	11	3	23	15	Barlow	6	1	7
Wrexham	19	11	14	3	15	2	Connolly	2	1	3
Wycombe Wanderers	22	5	17	0	24	19	Read	2	1	3
York City	20	14	12	3	24	8	Cresswell	5	0	5

### Yellow & Red Cards

	Yellow	Red	Pts
Bristol Rovers	19	2	25
Wigan Athletic	25	0	25
Manchester City	18	2	24
Wycombe Wanderers	21	1	24
Chesterfield	17	2	23
Lincoln City	23	0	23
Luton Town	17	2	23
Burnley	19	1	22
Gillingham	15	2	21
Northampton Town	18	1	21
Blackpool	20	0	20
Millwall	16	1	19
Wrexham	15	1	18
Preston North End	11	2	17
Colchester United	15	0	15
Notts County	14	0	14
Reading	10	1	13
York City	10	1	13
AFC Bournemouth	9	1	12
Oldham Athletic	9	1	12
Macclesfield Town	11	0	11
Stoke City	11	0	11
Walsall	11	0	11
Fulham	9	0	9

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# Behind the Face

Of the familiar Fulham personalities

By Dave Wallis



ALAN BEVAN

Fulham's change of away colours from black and red to black and yellow may be the club's tribute to Alan Bevan, kit man at Fulham FC. For in his spare time, he puts on a yellow and black strip. Yet it doesn't have 'Demon Internet' emblazoned across the chest. However, it does have two big black buttons and a bandage over one eye. Confused? So was I until he explained.

I was working at the BBC around three years ago, and one night I'd had a few too many in the bar and I was talking to someone who worked in the Children in Need office and they happened to mention that they were short of someone to play Pudsey Bear. I agreed to it, not thinking that they'd take me up on it. The next day I got a phone call asking me if I wanted to try the costume on! I'd like to do Pudsey on the actual

*"I probably put in more hours at Fulham than I need to, but I like to get the job right."*

programmes so far. Neil Rodford has said I can do it, as long as it doesn't clash with a game. Afterwards, however, there is a party that goes through the night, so I might turn up the next day wearing sunglasses! Then he really would be a bear with a sore head. Rather unsurprisingly, Alan's nickname to everyone at the club - even Kevin Keegan - is now 'Pudsey'.

'At Fulham, I'm responsible for the players' kit and that includes the training kit and the matchday kit for the first and reserve teams. I come in early everyday to get the kit for the staff together. Most of the players take their training kit home and do the washing of it themselves, or perhaps more accurately, their wives wash it! I'm sure the players don't do it! There are a couple of players who are new to the area and living in hotels, Dirk and Gus for example, so we do their washing for them.'

'I look after everyone's boots as well. I try to clean them as much as possible. However, I'm in charge of seventy-eight pairs of boots so there's no way I can clean them all. It's not part of my job to clean them, but I try to whenever I can. The

players have to do their own now and they're not really happy about that!' It's my job to make sure the players are

looked after. I ensure they've got tea and coffee in the mornings. I also make sure they get their biscuits as well - they really do like their biscuits - jaffa cakes and bourbons are among their favourites!

'Also, I've got to pump all the practise footballs to the same pressure as the matchday footballs. I have to prepare the bibs, cones and all the other training equipment so

Last season, before I came to Fulham, I was playing football for the Bristol City supporter's Club team. I've supported them since I was a kid, but coming to Fulham you can't help but support them. I don't think I'd have divided loyalties now if Fulham played City - I want Fulham to win every match. It's in my blood now'.

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# Spotlight on Youth

with Director of Youth, Alan Smith



**M**uch has been written recently about the standard of refereeing and the recent incident at Sheffield Wednesday where the referee was pushed over and I do want to add to the controversy.

However, I will make the point that under no circumstances at this club will we have the referee's decision queried as far as our youth players are concerned and we have strict instructions that any player sent off while playing for us will be severely disciplined. There will be little room for argument except in exceptional circumstances.

Too many times young players look for excuses when playing and it is for them to concentrate on their individual performances and their development rather than criticising other people for any deficiencies there may be within the team.

Last Saturday was our first hiccup when we managed to lose to a very strong Everton team who included six professionals and five second year apprentices when we lost with the last kick of the match 1-0, but I am hoping that we will be much stronger, mentally in the future and that as this is our first defeat, we can learn from it. I was not displeased with the performance as we were trying several young players from our

under 17 team and this made them slightly short in numbers but this is one of the difficulties that we will have over the next couple of seasons while we are still building with our younger players. Our disappointment was short-lived as on Sunday we had five teams at home at the training ground and we managed a very good performance for our under 15's, winning 3-1 against a good Crystal Palace side and our under 14's winning 7-1 against an equally good Palace side that has done well in previous games this season.

We have had meetings this week with our dietician to step up the situation regarding the player's diet and hope we will see improvements on this, especially as separate meetings have been held with the parents and landladies as to what exactly is the right intake for our young players.

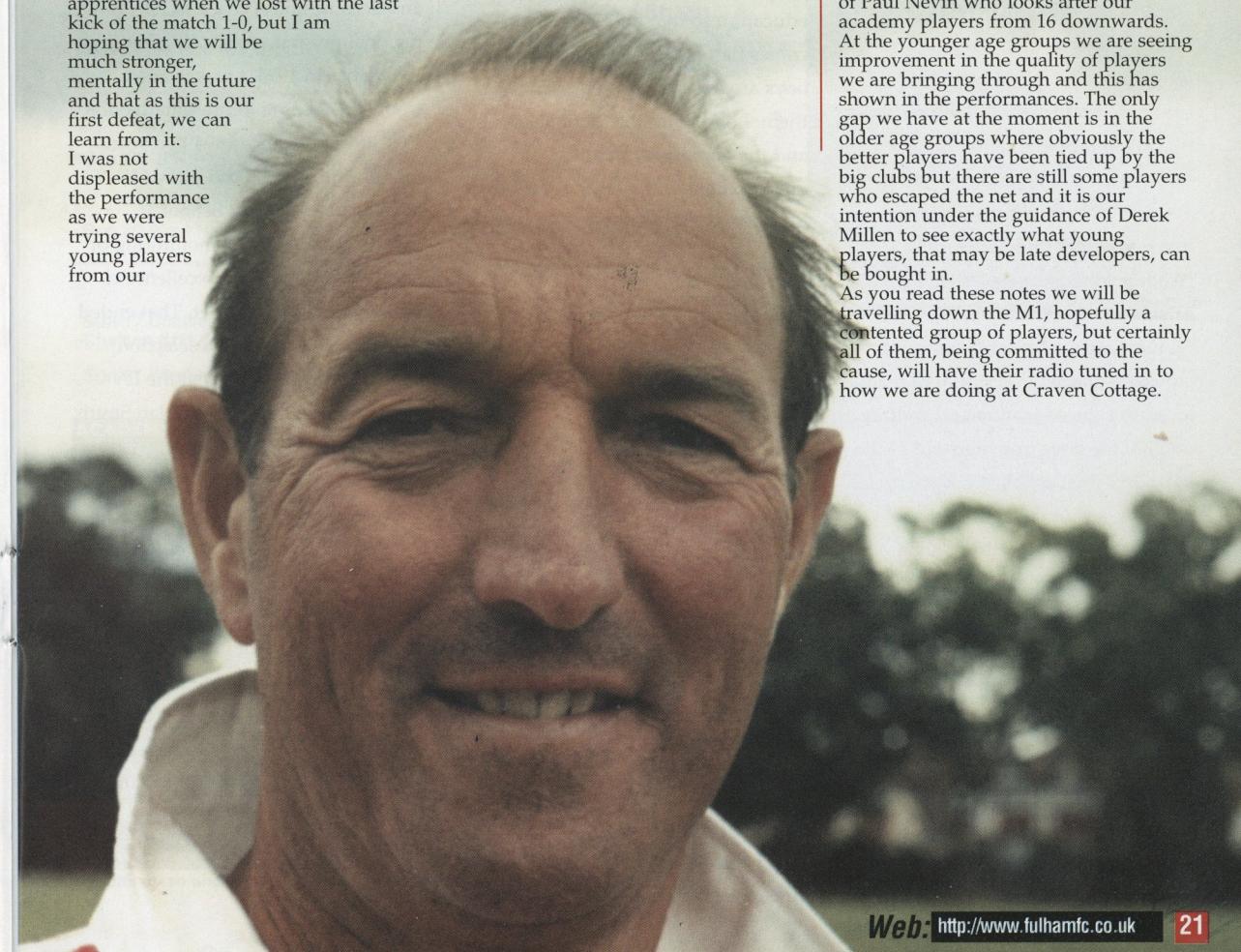
Arguably we have our biggest game today when we are away to Manchester United and similar to our recent visit to Leeds, the players will travel up on the

Friday night and unfortunately we will not be there for today's game. The experience of playing at Manchester United's training ground and sharing their facilities will be great for our young players and something we could not have envisaged only a season ago.

Putting things into context I was speaking to Brian Harvey, the under 19 coach of Everton on Saturday and he told me that at their club they have 23 apprentices and nine first year professionals as opposed to our 16 apprentices and 4 first year

professionals. The same will apply on Saturday when we travel to Manchester United and see the size of their staff and numbers of players. It demonstrates how much we have to do to be in there with the big boys but sometimes small is beautiful and at least we are able to keep a constant check on our younger players. I am now getting to the stage where I know all the boys first names right down to eight years old and this has been greatly helped by the introduction of Paul Nevin who looks after our academy players from 16 downwards. At the younger age groups we are seeing improvement in the quality of players we are bringing through and this has shown in the performances. The only gap we have at the moment is in the older age groups where obviously the better players have been tied up by the big clubs but there are still some players who escaped the net and it is our intention under the guidance of Derek Millen to see exactly what young players, that may be late developers, can be bought in.

As you read these notes we will be travelling down the M1, hopefully a contented group of players, but certainly all of them, being committed to the cause, will have their radio tuned in to how we are doing at Craven Cottage.



# Academy Reports

## DAVID BURKE EDUCATION AND WELFARE OFFICER

One of the most important people at Fulham is David Burke who was appointed as the club's Education and Welfare Officer during the summer. The appointment made by Director of Youth, Alan Smith, reinforces Fulham's commitment to the Academy and the production of young players for the future good of the club.

As Alan, Kevin Keegan and Neil Rodford have said in the past, the long-term plan is that expensive signings supplement home-produced players in the side, rather than replacing them. We have to find good young players and then we have to make sure that they settle into Academy life.

That is where David comes in. "Education, welfare and technical adviser is the job description. I really look after the education and welfare of all of the boys from age 9 to 21. I look after their scholastic work in the day, overseeing the agency that delivers their coursework and an individual educational programme that suits each boy's needs. In the daytime I will also do some technical work, coaching, with the first year boys or the second years, or wherever Alan wants me. On a match day I will normally be assisting Alan with the under 19 team."

"In the evening we have the young kids and I make myself available for



all the parents to come and speak to me. I can address any issues with their schools and help out if they are falling behind with their schoolwork. We have to tailor their football education so that their schoolwork comes first and to ensure that the boys are not over-played to protect them. I liaise with the schoolteachers and the parents so that the development of the boys' comes first.

***"We have to tailor their football education so that their schoolwork comes first"***

So I'm actually trying to build a productive and constructive relationship between those three; the club, school and parents." The parents are appreciative of this involvement because, as David says, "the boys are being put under pressure sometimes by the school to play for them, sometimes by their Sunday sides and sometimes by professional clubs. My role is to talk to the school and let the boy carry on with his schoolwork and not feel threatened by any teacher or club."



Sometimes the parents don't like that confrontation at school because they feel that it can be awkward for the boy's progression there."

It obviously takes special qualities to meet the demands of David's job and he is certainly well-qualified. "I taught for four years at a comprehensive school in Ealing then four years in further education in Battersea, Westminster College and four years at the Howard of Effingham school. I did my full coaching licence in 1991 and became an FA coach in its regional programme for the Centre of Excellence in 1994. I was Surrey County Coaching Representative for 1992-1994 and since 1994 I've been monitoring and holding trials for boys for the National School at Lilleshall and also the monitoring of four club's Centres of Excellence to ensure standards are met. That ended with the national school selection process in April. My job at the FA ended and that was when Alan Smith approached me."

David's involvement in football doesn't end there either. "As a youngster I was in the England Schools Under 18 selection. I also played at sports college and semi-professional football in the Isthmian league with numerous clubs then more recently I was player-manager at Hendon and Dulwich and assistant manager at Molesey with Graham Pearce."

## ACADEMY FIXTURES 1998/1999

We welcome supporters to come along and watch Fulham's young stars in action.

The University of London Sports Ground, Motspur Park, New Malden, Surrey.  
All games kick off at 11.00 unless otherwise stated

### U9 - U12

### U13 - U16

#### OCTOBER 1998

Sun 4 Arsenal (U12) H  
Sun 18 Millwall (U12) H

Sun 25 Chelsea (U9,U10) A  
Wimbledon (U11,U12) A

Sun 18 QPR (U14, U15) H  
QPR (U13) A

Sun 25 Wimbledon (U13,U14) H  
Wimbledon (U15,U16) A

#### NOVEMBER 1998

Sun 1 Aston Villa (U10,U11,U12) H

Sun 8 Southampton (U9,U10) A  
Southampton (U11,U12) H

Sun 1 Southampton (U15) H  
Southampton (U13, U14) A

Sun 8 Charlton (U15) A  
Charlton (U13,U14) H

Wed 11 Watford (U9,U10) A  
Watford (U15,U16) H

Sun 22 Watford (U11,U12) H

Sun 29 Ipswich (U9,U10,U11,U12) H

Sun 15 Chelsea  
Chelsea (U13,U14) A

Sun 22 Crystal Palace (U13,U14) A  
Crystal Palace (U15,U16) A

Sun 29 Bristol City (U13, U15) A  
Bristol City (U14,U16) H

#### DECEMBER 1998

Sun 13 QPR  
(U9,U10,U11,U12) H

Sun 20 West Ham (U11,U12) A

Sun 13 QPR (U13,U14) H  
QPR (U15) A

Sun 20 Wimbledon (U15,U16) H  
Wimbledon (U13,U14) A

#### JANUARY 1999

Sun 17 Chelsea (U9, U10) H  
Chelsea (U11, U12) A

Sun 31 Wimbledon (U11, U12) A

Southampton (U13, U14) H  
Southampton (U15) A

Charlton Athletic (U15) H  
Charlton Athletic (U13, U14) A

#### ACADEMY LEAGUE UNDER 17 GROUP B

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
CRYSTAL PALACE	3	1	2	0	4	3	+1	5
FULHAM	3	1	1	1	6	3	+3	4
QPR	3	1	1	1	8	9	-1	4
SOUTHAMPTON	3	1	0	2	6	6	0	3
BRISTOL CITY	3	1	0	2	4	7	-3	3
WIMBLEDON	3	1	0	2	2	5	-3	3
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	3	0	0	3	1	10	-9	0

#### ACADEMY LEAGUE UNDER 19 GROUP B

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
WIMBLEDON	3	3	0	0	6	2	+4	9
CHELSEA	3	2	1	0	5	2	+3	7
FULHAM	3	2	1	0	4	2	+2	7
CRYSTAL PALACE	3	1	1	1	8	5	+3	4
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	3	1	0	2	4	7	-3	3
SOUTHAMPTON	3	0	1	2	3	5	-2	1
QPR	3	0	1	2	5	9	-4	1
BRISTOL CITY	3	0	1	2	4	8	-4	1

Results up to and including Monday 21st September 1998

## Youth fixtures

### SEASON 1998-99

Under 19s	Under 17s	U19	U17
<b>September</b>			
Sat 5th	Leicester City (home)	1-0	0-1
Sat 12th	Tottenham Hotspur (away)	2-1	1-1
Sat 19th	Leeds United (away)	1-1	5-1
Sat 26th	Everton (home)	0-1	1-3
<b>October</b>			
Sat 3rd	Manchester United (away)		
Sat 17th	Q.P.R. (home)		
Sat 24th	Wimbledon (away)		
Sat 31st	Southampton (away)		
<b>November</b>			
Sat 7th	Charlton Athletic (home)		
Sat 14th	Chelsea (U19s home)		
	Everton (U17s away)		
Sat 21st	Crystal Palace (away)		
Sat 28th	Bristol City (away)		
<b>December</b>			
Sat 12th	Q.P.R. (away)		
Sat 19th	Wimbledon (home)		
<b>January</b>			
Sat 16th	Southampton (home)		
Sat 30th	Charlton Athletic (away)		
<b>February</b>			
Sat 13th	Chelsea (U19s away)		
	West Ham Utd (U17s home)		
Sat 20th	Crystal Palace (home)		
Sat 27th	Bristol City (home)		
<b>March</b>			
Sat 6th	Aston Villa (away)		
Sat 20th	Crewe Alexandra (home)		
Sat 27th	Ipwich Town (U19s home)		
	Leeds Utd (U17s home)		
<b>April</b>			
Sat 3rd	Prelim.		
Sat 10th	Round One		
Sat 17th	Round Two		
Sat 24th	Round Three		
<b>May</b>			
Sat 1st	Semi Final		
Sat 13th	Final Leg		
Sat 20th	Final Second Leg		
Home games at University Ground Matches kick-off at 11.00 am			

# Michael Heatley meets ...



There were five Collins' plying their trade in League football last season, according to the PFA Footballers Factfile, and it's fair to say that when Wayne of that ilk arrived at the Cottage as one of the Keegan-Wilkins era's first acquisitions most fans' reaction was "Wayne who?". Yet the man who cost £400,000 from Sheffield Wednesday was then the only Collins to have notched up Premiership appearances. And while John Collins, Everton's Scottish World Cup star, has now taken the limelight, Wayne has certainly not given up on reclaiming his hard-won status. "The Premiership, without a doubt, is the aim of the club and we've been employed to do the job. I'd love to be there again, it's a great level to play at." Success this season would help. "I can't think anything but promotion. People ask me what we hope to achieve and nothing but first or second will do."

Having been brought to Hillsborough by David Pleat for £600,000 in August 1996, it was understandably disappointing for Wayne when Big Ron Atkinson let him leave, not least after featuring in the Owls' first 13 games. "It did come as a shock," he concedes, "but that's football, full of surprises." Another, more recent surprise was last Saturday's ref-pushing incident involving former team-

mate Paolo Di Canio - and, having played half a season with the villain of the piece, Wayne has an interesting perspective on the volcanic Italian. "What happened wasn't a surprise because Paolo is a very fiery, passionate person, he's all heart and soul regarding the game. Because of his temperament, he tends to lose a grasp of what's right and wrong, and that's obviously what occurred here. He got himself involved in a situation he didn't have to and he's been penalised for it."

Even so, Wayne has a huge regard for passionate Paolo's more legitimate skills. "He's an excellent player. Regardless of what's gone on I think Wednesday should keep him, he offers a lot to the club. He's one of those players who, when you walk out on the pitch, you want on your side - but you pray he's got his mind on it, because when he has he can tear anybody apart."

Wayne trod a well-worn path to fame and fortune by entering League football at Dario

*"The Premiership, without a doubt, is the aim of the club and we've been employed to do the job."*

Gradi's Crewe - but prior to his £10,000 move from Winsford United, he'd had a flourishing career as a design engineer. "I made fire protection systems for oil rigs and ships. I went straight to college from school and only finished studying in the year I went to Crewe. I was doing a bridging course, going on to a degree."

As one of last season's newcomers, Wayne faced the double challenge of convincing the Cottage crowd he was worth his high price tag and that his commitment was total. "There was expectation," he concedes, "and you quite understand it. When the club forks out a lot of money there are expectations, not least from yourself - you have to produce."

He's convinced most of the doubters

now, but thinks it was a gradual process rather than a specific match or incident. "Unless you're a top-calibre midfield player you're going to find it difficult to win fans over. Centre-forwards can score goals, defenders can stop strikers scoring but midfield is a grey area. The team are working more together now and it helps the fans appreciate my input. I'm a team player, and if the team plays well." Message understood! Far from being a "big-time Charlie" (copyright Alex Ferguson) coming down from the Premiership demanding guaranteed first-team football, Wayne was prepared to wait for his chance. "When I first came, the team was doing well and because of that I didn't expect it to be changed; the most important thing is for the team to do well. It's about taking your chance when you get it."

We've seen him in several roles - full-back, even emergency striker - but describe Wayne an attacking midfielder and you'll get a tactical lecture worthy of Sky-master Andy Gray himself. "Because I score goals, everyone thinks I'm an attacking midfield player, which is not necessarily the case.

An attacking midfielder is happier going forward and doesn't defend a lot. But I feel I have a decent engine and part of my game is to make blind runs into the box. If I get picked out I have an opportunity to score goals, but that doesn't make me an all-out attacking midfielder. I love defending, winning the ball, tackling, getting involved."

This combination of roles is reflected in two very different childhood heroes. "I've always admired Glenn

Hoddle for his ball control and blind side. Then it's up to me." I'd expected a Yorkshire burr, but Wayne's a Mancunian - born, bred and very proud of it. As a United fan, he clearly enjoyed sticking three past Man City, but is less sure of current events at Old Trafford. "You've got to move with the times, but there's certain things in the game I'm not happy with as far as the business element is concerned."

One of those is Sky's big-money takeover - but had it not been for Fulham's own benefactor, Mohamed Al Fayed, and his big bucks, Wayne would not be wearing white today. "It's different with him," Wayne insists, "because he wants the club to go to the top, and the way he's going about it is totally different from the Sky deal. He's got different motives: all Murdoch's interested in is making money and of all the teams in the country he goes for the best."

After difficult early days holed up in an unfamiliar, unwelcoming hotel, this season has seen Wayne settled in the south with girlfriend Ciler (a Turkish name, pronounced Chiller). "We met in Manchester and have been together ten and a half years," Wayne reveals. But when it comes to nightlife, you won't find the pair clubbing it - they'll be in their south London flat reading, listening to music or maybe taking a walk in the park.

"I love it down here," the happy Mancunian confirms - but he's not talking about Division Two. The best way to get out of it is teamwork, and when push comes to shove (as Paolo Di Canio might say) Wayne Collins is first and foremost a team player. Who knows, if all goes to plan, Everton's John could soon be looking over his shoulder for his namesake!



# Wayne Collins





## KKACTION REPLAY

Photos by  
Ken Coton

Our first goal at Lincoln came from an indirect free-kick on the edge of the goal area. Paul Bracewell tapped the ball to Peter Beardsley whose shot ricocheted off the goalkeeper through a mass of defenders. Peter was in the thick of things throughout (left), and got a second goal (below) with a superb curling shot that went in off the far post.



# FULHAM'S LOCAL HEROES



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Johnny Haynes

The Football League has asked Fulham to nominate our 'local hero' for the 100 years of its existence. It would be fair to say that Johnny Haynes would



George Best

probably win any poll among supporters by a wide margin, and is already included in the League's list of

100 Legends. We would therefore ask you to nominate your Fulham Local Hero for each of the following decades; 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

We will forward the three most popular names to the Football League and will also draw a winner from all entries that nominate them.

As a prize the club will arrange an evening out with your three heroes if that is possible.

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# BLAST FROM THE PAST

Words and pictures by Ken Coton



In September 1976 Fulham set the football world alight by signing two charismatic stars; one was George Best, and the other was Rodney Marsh, who thus returned to the club where he had begun his footballing career 13 years previously. For a few brief weeks Best and Marsh lit up the Division Two scene and the goal pictured here comes from that time. The match was at Luton, and we won it comfortably by two goals to nil in front of a crowd of 20,000. Marsh's goal was a classic strike, firing the ball effortlessly past the helpless keeper.

By the time Luton visited us in March the following season, Best and Marsh had long departed and our football had become pretty ordinary. We actually beat Luton 1-0, but of the remaining 13 matches of the season we won just

*"Marsh's goal was a classic strike."*

three, scoring a mere ten goals whilst conceding 17. Pictured from the match is the goalscorer Tony Mahoney, a young striker who never fulfilled his potential, scoring just 13 goals for us in over 60 appearances. His talent was

possibly restricted by a temper which often let him down. He has the dubious distinction of being the first Fulham player ever to be sent off on two occasions. Had he been sent off just the once he would have joined good



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# Letters



Dear Mark

I have supported Fulham since 1955 always standing on the terraces. I will be retiring soon and have been harbouring the idea for some time that as the old legs are beginning to protest I would look to buy a season ticket and join the seated splendour of the Riversider's club. However before taking this rather expensive plunge I bought a £30 ticket for the Southampton game to give it a try. Most impressed I was too until the geezer I was seated next to lit up a cigarette and polluted the air around me with the foul stench of tobacco. Not to worry there were plenty of empty seats so I moved. Yes I thought this is luxury to my liking. Suddenly the bloke in front of me started smoking, as did the guy next to him. For a moment it was impossible to even see the game through the smoke. So there the three of us sat, two smoking, and me having to put up with their exhaled filth. I moved once again but already I was thinking what if I were to purchase a season ticket and found myself seated next to a smoker. I have no problem with them damaging themselves but I'll be damned if I'm going to pay for them to inflict their unhealthy habits on me. It wouldn't always be possible to move. Why do Fulham allow smoking in the stands?

A friend of mine who supports Reading tells me that there is a no-smoking policy at the new Madejski Stadium. Indeed most businesses, transportation, and many sports venues have outlawed this vile practise and either confine it to designated areas or ban it altogether. Are Fulham failing a silent majority

by not addressing this issue or do you not deem it important?

A pity I would have liked that seat but without some guarantee that my enjoyment is not going to be ruined by the selfish anti-social behaviour of a small group of supporters then it's back to the freedom of the terraces for me. I'd sooner put up with aching legs.

J. Clark.  
Lightwater  
Surrey.

We do operate a no smoking policy in the Stevenage Road stand, as a safety policy why not try the view from there?

I'm a Spanish fan of Fulham and I would like to receive programmes from this season (1998/99). In exchange I could send you items from Spain (metal badges, keyrings, magazines, yearbooks, posters, stadium postcards...) All letters will be answered. Thankyou.

Juan A. Lebrero Infante  
Apartado de Correos, 2432  
11080 Cadiz  
Spain.

Dear Mark  
It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of the passing of my grandfather, Mr Derek Cole-Johnson. Granddad was a season ticket holder in the Hammersmith End for many years until transferring into the Riverside Stand recently. A loyal and enthusiastic supporter for 70 years, granddad is survived on the terraces by his three sons and his grandsons, all upholding the Fulham tradition

within the family. I would be grateful if you could give granddad a mention. He will be sorely missed by all who were familiar with his friendly and loving nature.

David Johnson.  
North Harrow  
Middlesex.

Welcome to a new Fulham supporter



Bob & Jenny Howes proudly announce the birth of their granddaughter Hannah on the 23rd September 1998.

Congratulations to daughter Sharon and her husband Graham and a sister for David.

If you have any comments on anything that's happening at Fulham, then please write to the Programme Editor  
**Mark Maunders**  
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## QUIZ NIGHT

The next event on the Supporters' Club social calendar is another of our traditionally popular Quiz Nights. Those who came along to the last one were given the opportunity to pit their wits against other supporters, representatives from the club and from the Fulham Chronicle. It takes place in the Supporters' Club bar after the game against Walsall on 24th October, which will hopefully enable more of you to join in. Further details regarding time, cost and number of players per team, etc, will appear in the next programme.

## COTTAGE PIE

This season's first issue of "Cottage Pie" should be out towards the end of October. Inside will hopefully be an interview with Wayne Collins and Steve Hayward, as well as all the usual news about Fulham and the Supporters' Club. It is not too late to see your name in print, if you would like to contribute by sending in a letter or article, please address it to Samantha Sweeney, 36 Glenrosa Street, Fulham, London, SW6 2QZ, as soon as possible.

At the recent Meet the Manager evening, one of the many important issues discussed was that of the importance of listening to the supporters' concerns. The Supporters' Club has always taken it upon themselves to represent the supporters to the best of our ability, and in order to do this we need to know what issues concern you. The SC committee has regular meetings with representatives of Fulham FC, including Neil Rodford, Kevin Keegan and John Lunday, and these are opportunities for us to discuss any comments / complaints or concerns. If you feel your voice is not being heard on a particular issue and would like us to discuss it at one of these meetings, please speak to either myself or one of the other committee members. We can usually be found in the bar after most home games, or can

be contacted at the numbers / addresses listed below.

## PLAYER OF THE MONTH

It was closely fought, but Simon Morgan has just edged ahead of Peter Beardsley and John Salako to become Supporters' Club Player of the Month for August. We are still awaiting the final results for September, so if you wish to influence the outcome you can vote in the bar today. Once September's Player of the Month is known, both he and Simon will be presented with their bottles of champagne in the bar, after today's game. More details when we get them.

Some Supporters' Club members were disappointed that the Hammersmith End kiosk was not open for the game against York. As you know we are all volunteers and on this occasion Dave and Chris, who devote so much of their spare time to the Supporters' Club, needed to be elsewhere. The kiosk will be open as normal today, and for home games throughout the season.

## BAR STUFF

The memento that the Supporters' Club earned by sponsoring Paul Brooker's kit last season has now been received. It is a signed team shirt and it will be framed and displayed in the bar and in the not too distant future. As well as the shirt, many of the photos we were kindly given last season and during the summer will soon be on display, as soon as a slight technical hitch is overcome.

Some of those who frequent the bar have commented on the plastic cups that are currently being used to serve the drinks in. This is a temporary measure, for which there is a simple explanation - the dishwasher has not yet been plumbed in, but will be soon. Once it has been done, we will be using glasses. Just in case you were wondering.

Supporters' Club members can only gain entry to the bar if in possession of

a valid membership card. This is the case both for games and for future events.

Finally, a couple of requests for help ... We need a lockable cupboard to go in the bar, in which to keep trophies such as the Player of the Year shield. If anyone would be willing to put their carpentry skills to use for the SC's benefit, then please contact a committee member. We are also looking for a Supporters' representative to sit on the committee that gets involved in the charity work the club does. For example, if you would like to represent supporters when talking about future projects, and to find out more details, again please talk to one of the committee members.

If you have not yet joined the Supporters' Club and would like to, then please collect a membership form from the Hammersmith End kiosk or the Supporters' Club bar. For £9.00 a year membership, or £4.50 for the Unwaged, OAPs and Students, you get the following:

- \* Four issues a season of the official Supporters' Club Magazine "Cottage Pie"
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The Supporters' Club's new telephone line is now up and running, so if you have any queries regarding membership, "Cottage Pie", social events or anything else that we are involved in, the number to call is 0171 736 2291

CATHERINE PHILIPS

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# ON THE ROAD Wigan Athletic

Nationwide League Division Two - Tuesday 20th October - Kick Off 7.45pm.

## GROUND DETAILS

Address: Springfield Park, Wigan, Lancashire, WN6 7BA.  
Telephone: 01942 244433  
Capacity 7,097 (1,109 seats)

## ADMISSION

Seating : Phoenix Stand - Adults £10 Child/OAP £6  
Standing: Shevington End - Adults £7.50 Child/OAP £4

## HOW TO GET THERE

### BY ROAD

Mileage : 215 miles  
Leave London via M1 or M40/M42/M5 to join M6.  
Continue on M6 until junction 25. Exit junction 25 and follow signs A49 Wigan. Enter Wigan via Warrington Road (A49). Turn left into Robin Park Road and proceed directly ahead into Scot Lane. Drive under railway bridge and proceed ahead at lights. Take 4th right into Springfield Road. Ground is on the right hand side after passing the Springfield pub.

### CAR PARKING

No parking at ground. Street parking available.

## BY RAIL

Not really possible to get back after the game. Easier to stay overnight then travel back the following day. The first train is at around 7am getting into Euston at about 9.30am. Note: Strongly advise checking all train times and fares BEFORE travel. National Rail Enquiry number 0345 48 49 50.

## DISABLED FANS

Limited accommodation in front of Phoenix Stand. Contact club in advance.

## COACH TRAVEL

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# Preview.

Coming to the Cottage on Saturday 24th October

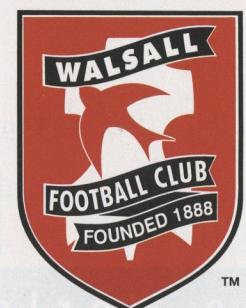
The next visitors to Craven Cottage are Walsall who have started the season in better form than most would have predicted. Last season they were managed by the Dane Jan Sorensen but the continental approach lasted just one season at the Bescot Stadium and former Aston Villa and Oxford winger Ray Graydon was the surprise choice to replace Sorensen as Manager. The changeover has seen the departure of many of Walsall's foreign legion, including last season's top scorer Roger Boli who departed for Dundee United. In goal for the Saddlers is likely to be the inspiring and vociferous figure of James Walker who was ever present last season. The experience in defence is provided by the long serving Chris Marsh who signed professional forms for the club as long ago as 1988. Also in the Walsall ranks is former

Everton defender Neil Pointon who returned to English football after spending two seasons with the current Scottish Cup holders, Hearts. The rock on which the back line is built is Adrian Viveash, the former Swindon defender snapped up by the club on a free transfer in October 1995. Gary Porter ended his long serving and faithful association with Watford to sign for the Saddlers in the summer of 1997. A more recent and probably more temporary appointment is that of Paul Simpson, currently on loan from Wolves he scored on his home debut v Notts County. If Walsall are awarded a penalty it will be interesting to see if Darren Wrack steps up to take it having missed one in the recent game against Notts County. The 22 year old former Grimsby midfielder joined the club in August 1998. For goals Walsall look to ex

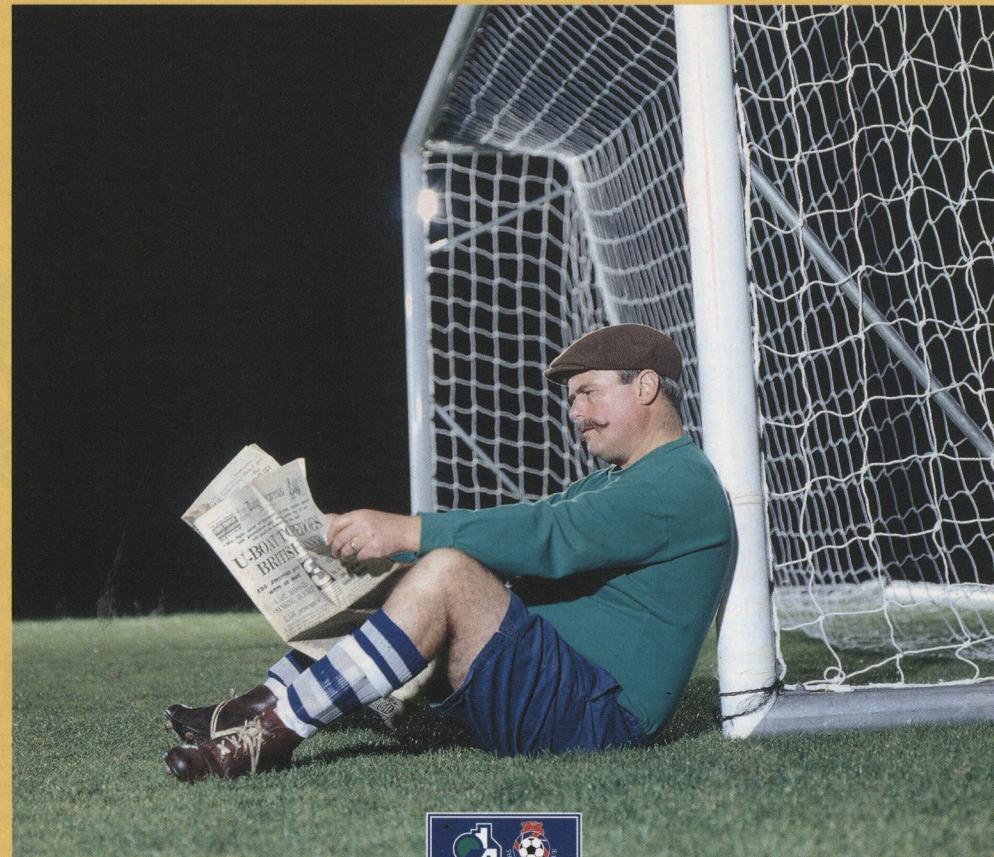
# Walsall

Southend striker Andy Rammell and former south coast favourite Jason Brissett, an exciting winger signed from Bournemouth.

Last season Walsall drew 1-1 at Craven Cottage. Frenchman Roger Boli gave the Bescot side the lead after 30 minutes and Walsall looked set for their first ever win at Craven Cottage before Paul Trollope equalised with just four minutes remaining.



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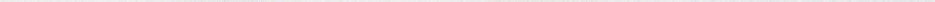
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# GIRLS ON TOP



## FULHAM'S UNBEATEN RUN ENDS IN DRAMATIC STYLE!!

### FULHAM 2 WEMBLEY MILL HILL 3 (A.E.T.)

It was the F.A. Cup 1st round last Sunday and Fulham had drawn a tough side in Wembley Mill Hill who were riding high in the new F.A. Combination League.

Although in a lower division, Fulham started by far the better of the two sides and went one nil up after just ten minutes, Deena Rahman chipping the advancing Wembley Mill Hill goalkeeper.

The Cottagers were playing a pressurising game, closing down quickly, and thus not letting the opposition have time to play at all. The ladies had much of the possession but could not create good chances, Mill Hill on the other hand equalised with their first attack, a great turn and run ended with Wembley Mill Hill No 10 scoring with a low shot in off the post.

Fulham hit back straight away when Deena Rahman - scorer of both Fulham goals



Rahman again turned and hit a powerful shot, to register her fifth goal in 3 games. Half time came at the worse possible time, Fulham were on top and the rest

broke their momentum. Second half saw a drop in the pace of the game, but Fulham although, keeping possession, could not put the match beyond doubt. This gave Wembley Mill Hill hope and inevitably with just two minutes on the clock they equalised with a rocket of a shot past Ulrika Ljundahl in the Fulham goal.

The final whistle went and Fulham heads were down. It was left for the management team of Gary Mulcahey and Frank McMorrow to lift the players. Extra time was a stalemate but again Fulham just shaded it, substitute Jackie Dinham hitting the Wembley Mill Hill bar with a cross-shot. In the second period of extra time the game took a horrible twist. From a long way out, Wembley Mill Hill lofted a free kick high which floated over the advancing Fulham keeper into the net, for Wembley Mill Hill to take the lead for the first time in the match.

Fulham responded by throwing players forward. Rahman picked the ball up and ran at their defence, she broke clear in the box but

was cruelly brought down by a defender for an obvious penalty. But, to the annoyance of Fulham fans the referee didn't even talk to the Wembley Mill

Hill defender, who surely should have seen red! Sarah Morris, who had missed a penalty last week against QPR, stepped up and struck a low shot in the corner but the Mill Hill keeper guessed right and pulled off a superb save. This was a bitter blow but no blame was shed towards the gutted Morris. The final whistle went with Manager Mulcahey asking serious questions about the way the referee allowed

players to get away with deliberate fouls which in the opinion of Mulcahey would have been punished with yellow and red cards if it had been men playing! The Fulham side performed superbly with Catrina Peterson, battling through a painful knee injury, being the pick of a solid team performance. On this showing the Ladies would be favourites for the Premier Division title this season.

### GIRLS ONLY SOCCER COURSES

Although girls are encouraged to attend all Community Scheme activities, we do run girls only soccer courses that are staffed by female coaches. All participants receive a certificate and Fulham FC home ticket voucher as well as the chance to win prizes for player of the course, best attitude and penalty competition winner. For further information contact the Community Office.

#### Tuesday 27th October

Wandle Recreation Centre, Wandsworth  
10am - 3pm

£8

#### Friday 30th October

Court Rec, Epsom  
10am - 3pm  
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# Action in the community



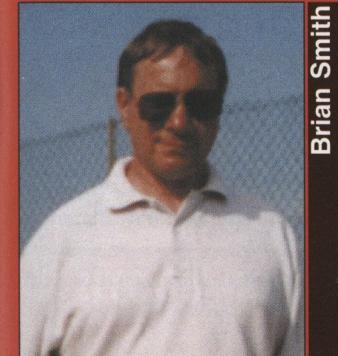
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Will you be bored this half-term, nothing planned - why not book on to one of our football courses. Give the Community Department a call on 0171 384 4759 for a booking form, or just drop into the office where one of our staff will be pleased to assist you.



Paul Bracewell joins in the fun

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Brian Smith

Brian Smith, the oldest member of the team (not by that much though) became involved with the Fulham F.C. Community Scheme when he went along to watch the Fulham Ladies team play. Brian started his working life by joining Western Union Telegrams as a trainee telegraphist. After a 2 year training period he moved into the motor industry, within the communications department, from there he joined the shipping world where he spent 17 years with Lambert Shipping Services, ending up as the Building Services Manager. Brian was invited to join the ladies set up as Reserve team assistant manager. After 1 season Brian took on the role of Reserve team manager and for the last 4 seasons has not missed one reserve team fixture. 1995 saw Brian become a part time member of the Community department, and in July this year became a full time member of the team. Brian's role is mainly non-coaching activities ie. Public Relations and press

Venue	October Half Term Duration	Date	Prices
Barn Elms, Queen Elizabeth Walk, Barnes	3 days	Mon 19 - Wed 21 Oct	£30**
Bishops Park, Stevenage Road, Fulham	3 days	Mon 19 - Wed 21 Oct	£30**
Cuddington County, Salisbury Rd, Worcester Park	5 days	Mon 26 - Fri 30 Oct	£35
Riverview School, Riverview Road Ewell	2 days	Mon 26 - Tues 27 Oct	£15
Court Recreation Ground, Pound Lane, Epsom	3 days	Wed 28 - Fri 30 Oct	£22.50
Wandle Recreation Centre, Mapleton Rd, Wandsworth	4 days	Mon 26 - Thurs 29 Oct	£30
Roehampton Playing Fields, Doverhouse Road Putney	3 days	Wed 28 - Fri 30 Oct	£22.50
Danetree Primary School, Danetree Road Ewell	4 days	Mon 26 - Thurs 29 Oct	£30
Tadworth Primary School, Heathcote, Tadworth	3 days	Mon 26 - Wed 28 Oct	£22.50
Coronation Park, Hersham Road Hersham	4 days	Mon 26 - Thurs 29 Oct	£30
Court Recreation Ground, Pound Lane Epsom	1 day	Friday 30 Oct	£8
Wandle Recreation Centre, Mapleton Road Wandsworth	1 day	Tues 27 Oct	£8
Rainbow Leisure Centre, East street Epsom	3 days	Mon 26 - Wed 28 Oct 10.00-12.00 or 1.00pm - 3.00pm	£15
Roehampton Playing Fields	1 day	10.00-12.00 Tues 27 Oct or 1.00pm - 3.00pm	£5
Wandle Recreation Centre Mapleton Road Wandsworth	1 day	10.00-12.00 Tues 27 Oct or 1.00pm - 3.00 pm	£5
Court Recreation Ground Pound Lane, Epsom	2 days	10.00-12.00 Thurs 29 - Fri 30 Oct	£10

\*\*NO DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

is very impressed with the progress made over the years to encourage the local children to take part in Fulham F.C. initiatives especially the Saturday club which just continues to grow and grow.

A special welcome to Max Owen, who celebrates his birthday with us today. He is also taking part in the half-time shoot out.

# At Your Service



## FULTIME TIME - COMING SOON

We are currently working on the next issue of Fultime that is due out in early November. Like the debut publication, this issue promises to get under the skin of all aspects of Fulham Football Club. It aims to give you an insight through a combination of independent articles and fly-on-the-wall photography. You can look forward to reading a fly on the wall account of the team travelling to an away match, a look at Fulham's internationals and a step-by-step breakdown. Why not reserve yourself the next 4 issues and get the magazine delivered to your door, in pristine condition, before it goes on general sale? A subscription only costs £10 (we pay the postage)!

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details before the 31st October 1998.

## BACK ISSUES & AWAY PROGRAMMES

At today's game, you can obtain copies of back issue and a selection of away programmes from fixtures played this season. The

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## SUPPORT YOUR CLUB AND EARN MONEY

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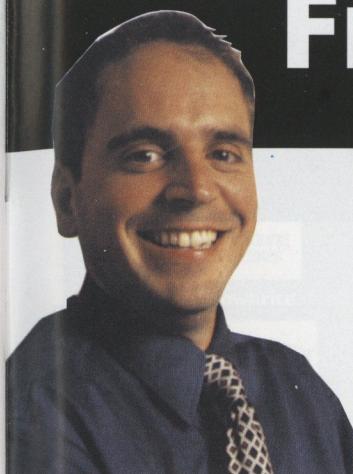
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## INFORMATION BOOTH

Towards the end of last season, FFC opened an information booth to answer your queries and keep you better informed. The booth proved so successful that we have given it a permanent home. The booth is manned by loyal Fulham supporters Chris Petts and Bill Shrimpton. You can find them situated near the corner of Finlay Street and Stevenage Road where they will be more than happy to answer your questions.

## FROM THE INSIDE

by NEIL RODFORD Managing Director



advance of an international match. We get advised of squad selections approximately 10-14 days in advance of the actual fixture itself and tend to find out at a similar time to the national press. Then it's a relatively easy process with the rules stating that if three or more of your players are called up you can apply for affected fixtures to be postponed.

We then apply to the Football League for such permission, which is generally a formality under their rules, endorsed by the club

**..drawing a big team like Liverpool away is very lucrative for us."**

In Tuesday night's programme I spoke of the possibility of the Reading match on 9th October being postponed due to international call-ups. That has now become a reality with Chris, Kit and Trolls being selected for the Welsh squad which faces Denmark and Belarus in Euro 2000 qualifiers and Maik joining the Northern Irish squad for their game with Finland. We are now scheduled to play Reading on Tuesday 24th November.

I thought you might be interested in reading about the process that precedes such cancellations and, with the Liverpool Worthington Cup tie being shown on Sky, the background to that decision. At the start of the season we are made aware of all of the international fixtures and we know, for example, that on the 18th November Northern Ireland have a game, which will potentially involve Maik. And then, towards the back end of the season there are international games for Ireland on the 26th and 27th March and both Welsh and Irish games on the 31st March. The fixtures around those days are therefore the ones in jeopardy because international managers have what they call, a five day call-up period, which means that selected players must join up with their colleagues five days in

Chairmen. Then, it is a case of liaising with the other club involved to arrange an alternative date.

Ideally the fixture should be played within two weeks so that there isn't an unfair advantage to either side, which could be the case if you play a significant period later with signings and injuries. We have had to reschedule the Reading fixture for six weeks later because of our success in the Worthington cup and also because of upcoming fixtures in the FA Cup and Auto Windsreen, and that was the next available midweek date.

With regards to Sky and their agreement with the Nationwide League, we were advised of allocated fixtures between the start of the season and the 28th December with the Manchester City game being shown live, of course. As I have stated previously we had no choice over that. The only people that can veto that schedule are the police, even though we would have preferred the match to take place on

a Saturday with a larger crowd. The financial rewards are not actually as great for bread and butter league matches as people might perceive, but we had to comply reluctantly. The Worthington Cup is a different ball game altogether. The financial rewards are far greater from the Third Round onwards and we are obviously delighted to be selected. Liverpool and ourselves share an equal payment which is something that we welcome and when you consider that we get a share of the gate as well, drawing a big team like

Liverpool away is very lucrative for us. These are resources that we need, and both Kevin and I have said from the start, that we need to close that gap between expenditure and income as quickly as we possibly can because it will allow us to invest in and build the club for the future.

With regards to our current squad, Kevin has agreed to extend Matthew Brazier's loan spell at Cardiff for another month with a one day call-back clause. There was some speculation concerning Rob Scott and he did have negotiations to make a permanent move to Carlisle but that didn't come to fruition, so he has made a welcome return. It can't have been easy coming back and playing against Lincoln, and then Wycombe, but Rob did well, and to be fair to the fans, they showed their appreciation when he left the pitch on Tuesday. Wiser men than me in football say that you should judge your start after ten games. Well, so far so good.

# Sales & Marketing NEWS

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Demon are with us as Match Sponsors today with host Nicola Christie who is the Marketing Promotions Executive for Demon. Nicola is entertaining guests from Madrid in Spain today and we would like to welcome them to Fulham Football Club, enjoy the match and thank you for your support again today.

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#### LES DUTCH

The Ball Sponsor today is Mr. Les Dutch. This is a surprise package for Les who is retiring from E.L. Warren & Sons after 25 years service. All your friends and colleagues would like to thank you and wish you all the best for a happy

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Have a great day with us, thanks for your valued support and enjoy your retirement.

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Our Associate Ball Sponsor today is Leach Lewis Plant Ltd from Waltham Cross in Hertfordshire, welcome to Paul Hopkins who is the host this afternoon and his associate Steve Beirne. Leach Lewis are in the construction plant sales business, the company provide light to mid range plant construction equipment. They also provide all associated products, such as spares, consumables service and repair work. Thanks for your support and enjoy your afternoon with us.

*We thank you for your support and hope you have an enjoyable afternoon with us.*

### SPECIAL WELCOME

With us today are JPR Management, welcome to John Reid and his guests enjoy the afternoon and we hope to see you again soon. We would also like to welcome to Jonathon Miller and his guest, and Alan O'Halloran from Pinner in Middlesex.

### BOXES

We would like to welcome Mr. Driver and his guests who are with us today in a box at the London Pride Hammersmith End.

### HISTORY REVISITED

It is now more than ten years since the original history book of Fulham was

published, a decade in which, in many ways has been the most eventful in the Club's history. It seems therefore an appropriate time for a new version to be published, particularly as come December we will have been a professional Club for 100 years.

The book comprehensively covers the last 100 years and is complete with previously unknown facts as well as 250 pictures that have never been published. As with all our special publications we would like to offer supporters the opportunity to be a part of the book with subscribers name appearing in the book. The book will be published in mid November and will make an ideal present.

The cost will be £27.50 plus P & P, with a special discount to subscribers of £4.00.

On this occasion, for the first time we will also produce a leather bound, limited edition version signed by players past and present. This will cost £130, which is an all inclusive price. If you would like to receive details of how to obtain a copy as a subscriber please send your details to Ingrid Harrison at the Club's address. The book will also be available in the club shops.

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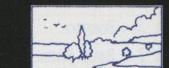
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Pld	HOME					AWAY					Gls	Pts	
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
STOKE CITY	10	4	0	1	8	3	4	0	1	9	5	17	24
PRESTON NE	10	3	1	1	13	5	3	2	0	9	6	22	21
FULHAM	10	3	2	0	9	3	3	1	1	5	3	14	21
BLACKPOOL	10	4	1	0	9	3	2	1	2	6	9	15	20
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	10	4	1	0	9	1	2	1	2	5	5	14	20
WALSALL	9	2	1	1	8	5	4	0	1	6	4	14	19
MAN CITY	10	3	2	0	9	3	1	3	1	5	7	14	17
LUTON TOWN	10	3	1	1	6	2	2	1	2	5	6	11	17
YORK CITY	9	2	2	1	7	4	2	1	1	7	8	15	15
COLCHESTER UTD	10	2	1	2	4	4	2	2	1	6	7	12	15
Notts County	10	2	1	2	6	5	2	1	2	7	6	13	14
Millwall	10	3	2	0	7	3	1	0	4	3	9	10	14
CHESTERFIELD	10	4	0	1	5	2	0	2	3	1	6	6	14
BRISTOL ROVERS	10	3	2	0	1	5	0	2	3	2	6	14	13
WREXHAM	10	3	1	2	9	7	0	2	2	2	7	11	13
GILLINGHAM	10	2	1	2	8	5	0	4	1	5	6	13	11
WIGAN ATHLETIC	10	2	1	2	7	5	1	1	3	4	6	11	11
BURNLEY	10	2	2	1	6	5	0	1	4	3	8	9	9
NORTHAMPTON TOWN	10	0	4	1	5	7	1	1	3	5	7	10	8
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	10	1	1	3	5	7	1	1	3	4	9	9	8
MACCLESFIELD	10	1	1	3	2	4	1	1	3	3	7	3	8
READING	8	1	2	0	5	2	0	0	5	2	14	7	5
LINCOLN CITY	10	1	0	4	7	11	0	2	3	0	7	7	5
WYCOMBE	10	0	1	4	2	7	0	1	4	3	10	5	2

## **Appearances & Goalscorers Correct Sept 29th 1998**

	LEAGUE		CUPS		TOTAL		Fulham	Career
Andre Arendse	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-
Andy Arnott	-	-	-	-	-	-	0+3	-
Peter Beardsley	9	3	4	1	13	4	22	6
Kevin Betsy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paul Bracewell	10	1	4	-	14	1	55	1
Matthew Brazier	-	-	-	-	-	-	3+4	1
Rufus Brevett	10	1	4	-	14	1	27	1
Paul Brooker	0+1	-	-	-	0+1	-	18+50	6
Chris Coleman	10	2	4	1	14	3	44	4
Wayne Collins	9+1	1	3	-	12+1	1	25+4	2
Luke Cornwall	1+2	1	1	-	2+2	1	2+2	1
Sean Davis	1+2	-	0+1	-	1+3	-	1+4	-
Steve Hayward	9	-	3+1	-	12+1	-	52+5	4
Matthew Lawrence	1	-	0+1	-	1+1	-	68+3	-
Dirk Lehmann	7+1	2	4	2	11+1	4	11+1	4
Steve McAnespie	-	-	-	-	-	-	5+3	-
Ian McGuckin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paul Moody	2+3	1	0+1	-	2+4	1	34+12	17
Simon Morgan	10	-	4	1	14	1	353+5	49
Alan Neiison	0+1	-	0+1	-	0+2	-	20+2	-
Ryan Palmer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paul Peschisolido	0+3	-	0+1	-	0+4	-	37+4	13
John Salako	6	1	2	1	8	2	8	2
Rob Scott	1+1	-	-	-	1+1	-	72+26	19
Ian Selley	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Neil Smith	-	-	-	-	-	-	49+3	1
Kit Symons	10	1	4	-	14	1	14	1
Maik Taylor	10	-	4	-	14	-	47	-
Paul Trollope	1	-	1+1	-	2+1	-	26+6	4
Gus Ubbenbeck	3+4	-	2	-	5+4	-	5+4	-

# Fulham F.C.

# League Fixtures and Results 1998/99

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# MATCH NEWS

## FULHAM V READING

*This game will now take place on  
Tuesday 24 November 1998*

# TICKET NEWS

## MILLWALL

**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO**  
**SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER**

**Please Note: This game is All-Ticket for Fulham supporters.**

**Tickets are priced at £11 (Adult) and £5 (Concessions).**

**When ordering your home match  
tickets, remember Fulham Football  
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24 hours a day availability  
0171 957 4005**

## STOP PRESS

The Chairman and Directors of the Club are subsidising fan's travel to Liverpool. Trains and coaches will be provided, and the return fare for both will be £10.00 (£5.00 concessions). Coach details can be obtained from the Club's ticket office, and train tickets are available through Chris Topley (Tel: 0181 840 3602) after 7.00 pm

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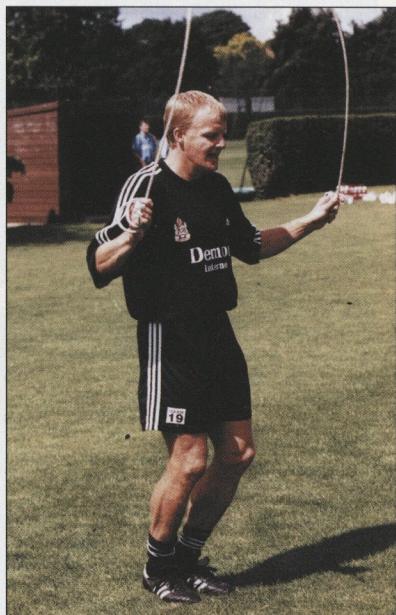
# On the Couch

with Physio Chris Smith



We have had a particularly tough run of games in the last ten days, but thankfully they have been less punishing from an injury point of view than they might have been.

Whilst we had the inevitable array of bumps and bruises fortunately the manager has been able to select from essentially the same squad for each match.



One casualty from the Wycombe game was Simon Morgan who had to be replaced at half-time. At the time of writing the full extent of the injury is unknown but if all has gone well then hopefully Mogs may well be available for selection again this afternoon.



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## Today's Mascots



**NAME** Calum Heard  
**AGE** Five  
**SCHOOL** Larkfield  
**HOBBIES** Football  
**FAVOURITE FULHAM** Simon Morgan  
**PLAYER** Simon Morgan  
**FAVOURITE SPORTS**  
**PERSON** Simon Morgan  
**AMBITION** To be a footballer



**NAME** Dale Simmons  
**AGE** Eight (On the 10th October)  
**SCHOOL** Tillingbourne Sport,  
**HOBBIES** particularly Football, Tennis and Golf  
**FAVOURITE FULHAM**  
**PLAYER** Peter Beardsley  
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**PERSON** Alan Shearer

## CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS



lucky enough to score in the last three matches at the Cottage. I think the captain's authority helped me claim by goal against York ahead of young Luke and I am grateful also, for the great service that Steve Hayward has been supplying from dead-balls. The draw for the Worthington Cup is a great one and we are looking forward to going to play at Anfield. I think I've got a few ghosts to lay there! But before then we must concentrate on the league.

I don't think the lads were too pleased with my dressing-room insights in the last programme, but nonetheless I have some more for you today. I was going to tell you about Dirk, who has settled in so quickly, but sadly he has had to go back to Germany where his father is unwell and it would not be right to have a joke at this time, so we wish him and his family well.

But, as for the other lads...

### NEIL SMITH

Smidgy, as he's affectionately known. Another in the Brevett mould. Would run through brick walls. Never mind a cause, just for a laugh! The original laughing policeman. The most infectious laugh in the world.

### JOHN SALAKO

Personally, I wouldn't say it, but some of the lads, (Especially him. Yeah, he knows who he is, yeah you!) have been calling him Gary Wilmott.

### PESCH

What can you say? Well, you could say: "Midget!" "Dwarf!"

"Shorty!" But I won't mention those things. Only that Pesch would love to be Italian. The lads think he went on holiday once and came home having changed his name. Been banned for more matches than he's played for his country.

Let's hope that John and Pesch recover quickly from their injuries and will be back into contention soon. In the meantime, we have seen the strength of our squad, with lads like Rob Scott, Sean Davis and Luke Cornwall all staking their claim for a regular place. Let's hope that we get another three points today and close the gap at the top even further. Get behind the lads, they deserve your support.

*Editor's note: As this column went to press a piece of paper came into our possession from an unnamed source in the dressing-room. Under great duress I have agreed that its contents should be published, but I shall also be steering clear of Chris for a couple of weeks!*

### CAPTAIN COOK (SANJAY)

When he joined Fulham he was offered his own parking bay, which he turned down saying that he already had one.

Unfortunately, the bay he parked in happened to be a bay window! Another of our internationals, Chris is the only Welsh international who's ever actually come from Wales. Although looking at the last game at Anfield, it seems he was actually playing for Italy.

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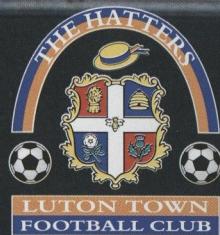
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**Black** **White**

1	Maik Taylor
2	Wayne Collins
3	Rufus Brevett
4	Simon Morgan
5	Chris Coleman
6	Kit Symons
7	Peter Beardsley
8	Paul Bracewell
9	Rob Scott
10	Sean Davis
11	Steve Hayward
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Saturday 3rd October 1998 Kick Off 3.00 pm



Luton Town

**Orange**

1	Kelvin Davis
2	Graham Alexander
3	Gavin McGowan
4	Matthew Spring
5	Steve Davis
6	Marvin Johnson
7	Ray McKinnon
8	Sean Evers
9	Stuart Douglas
10	Andrew Fotiadis
11	Jimmy Cox
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