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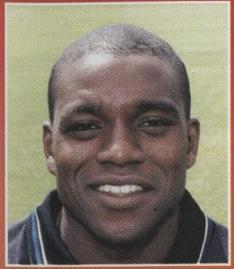
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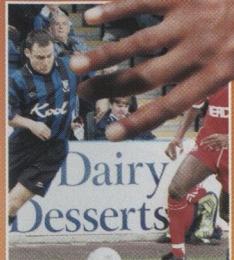
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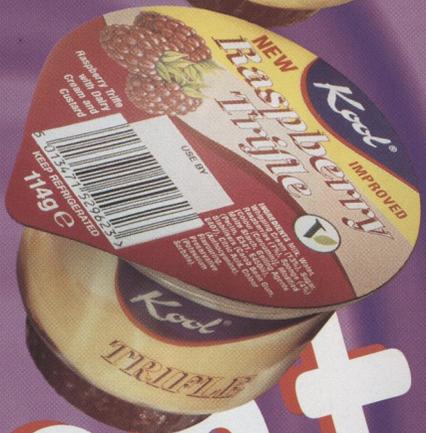



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You would imagine scoring three goals away from home against a high-flying team like Bournemouth should secure all three points without much trouble. But alas, yet again we failed to pick up the rewards I felt we so justly deserved last Tuesday evening, achieving a draw with another late goal conceded.

That being the case, however, I watched the contest with great pride and admiration for a team that is clearly bursting with talent, has had an indifferent start to the season in some peoples' eyes, but stands in a healthy position among the highest goalscorers in the division, and having lost only three games all season.

It is also worth mentioning, and those loyal fans that have made the long journeys will testify, that our performances away from home against York, Blackpool, Chesterfield, Colchester, Preston and Reading have all been excellent and with a touch more fortune would have resulted in an additional twelve or thirteen points.

As I have already mentioned, I'm delighted with the manner in which the team has battled and played

with great spirit and determination and the level of support and noise of the travelling faithful has been brilliant. What we need to achieve now is an even bigger atmosphere here at Priestfield and a level of support that lifts the team, helps their confidence, and allows them to play the stylish quality football that they are capable of doing. It has been said before but we all need to remember as fans that we all play a part in the process. It's our team - we're a big part of it so let's fill Priestfield with passion for the rest of the season and get the boys to the position they deserve to be in.

I'd like to apologise to those supporters who were unable to make the game against Wycombe Wanderers two weeks ago because of the midday kick off. The decision for an early start was taken after consultation with the FA and Football League but with hindsight we perhaps should have left it as it was. Clearly the midday kick off didn't work and whilst the three points were gratefully earned I thought the atmosphere was fairly flat.

Today we welcome Luton Town to Priestfield for what is bound to be our biggest game of the season, and indeed our stiffest test so far. Lennie Lawrence has done a tremendous job transforming a team that struggled much of last season in to promotion candidates. We will, however, be doing our utmost to stem their run and establish our own push for the top.

Don't forget to buy your Millwall and Fulham tickets as soon as possible. You'll need your vouchers and tickets are on a first-come first-served basis. Tickets are selling well so don't delay.

Let's get behind the team today - pull no punches with the passion and cheer us to another three points.

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View from the BENCH



Today we offer a very warm welcome to Lennie Lawrence and a very buoyant Luton Town side.

Last season Luton had horrendous injury problems and suffered an early season dip. Quite a few supporters gave Lennie a bit of stick, but the chairman and the directors stayed nice and firm, and Lennie has proved again that with almost everybody fit his team are as good as any in this League and better than most.

Since the Wycombe game, in which we ran out comfortable winners, we have had away days at Reading and Bournemouth, on paper two very difficult games. Reading proved to be a new experience for the players and myself; the stadium is first class and the facilities, they tell me, behind the scenes compare with Premier League clubs, having all that you would expect. I think Reading will be very close come the end of the season and only time will tell.

On the pitch the game was devoid of too many goalmouth incidents but again with any kind of good fortune, 'we created the better situations', three points would have been taken back to Priestfield.

The match at Bournemouth on Tuesday saw a completely different game, with us going down to my old club, and playing in a game that had every emotion you could imagine. The match was very disappointing in respect of us leading again with only minutes to play, but for all the supporters who travelled down it must be a game that gave you a lot to talk about on the long journey back.

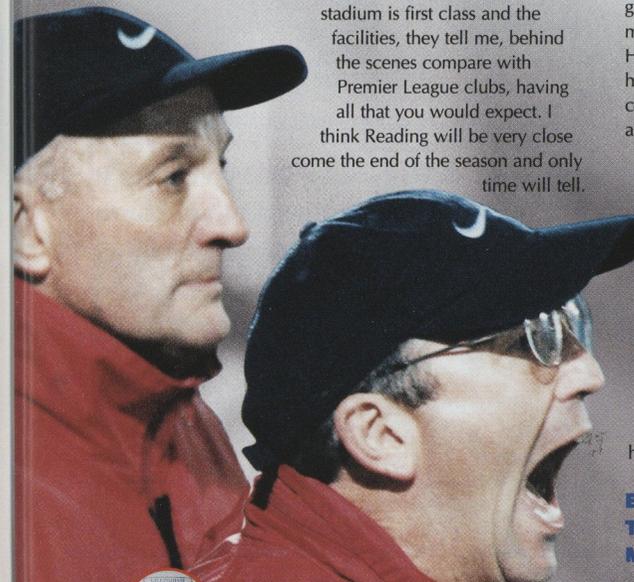
Since the start of the season we have played seven games away from home and have only been beaten in one. In four of those games we have been leading and that is the difference at the moment from us being in the top six. Having made that judgement we have, as you know, suffered horrendous injury problems, but it shows our great courage and commitment to run the likes of Reading, Bournemouth, Preston and others so close.

Congratulations go this week to our physiotherapist Wayne Jones who was 50 on Tuesday. I have known Wayne for near on 25 years and the only thing I can say is that I hope I have the same drive and love for life when I get to his age.

Here's to the next 50 mate! Best wishes from all the players and staff.

Please get behind the team today and see if we can get the same atmosphere at home as we have generated away from home in our last two games.

Best wishes. Enjoy the game
Tony Pulis
Manager.



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Club mascot Tommy T Trewblu met
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Elligate and Charmaine Perrin at
the last home match against
Wycombe Wanderers.

Tommy T will be appearing at all the
club's home matches this season and
will be getting out into the
Community visiting Schools in the
County. Last Saturday Tommy T
turned up at McDonalds in Chatham
to surprise some local youngsters.

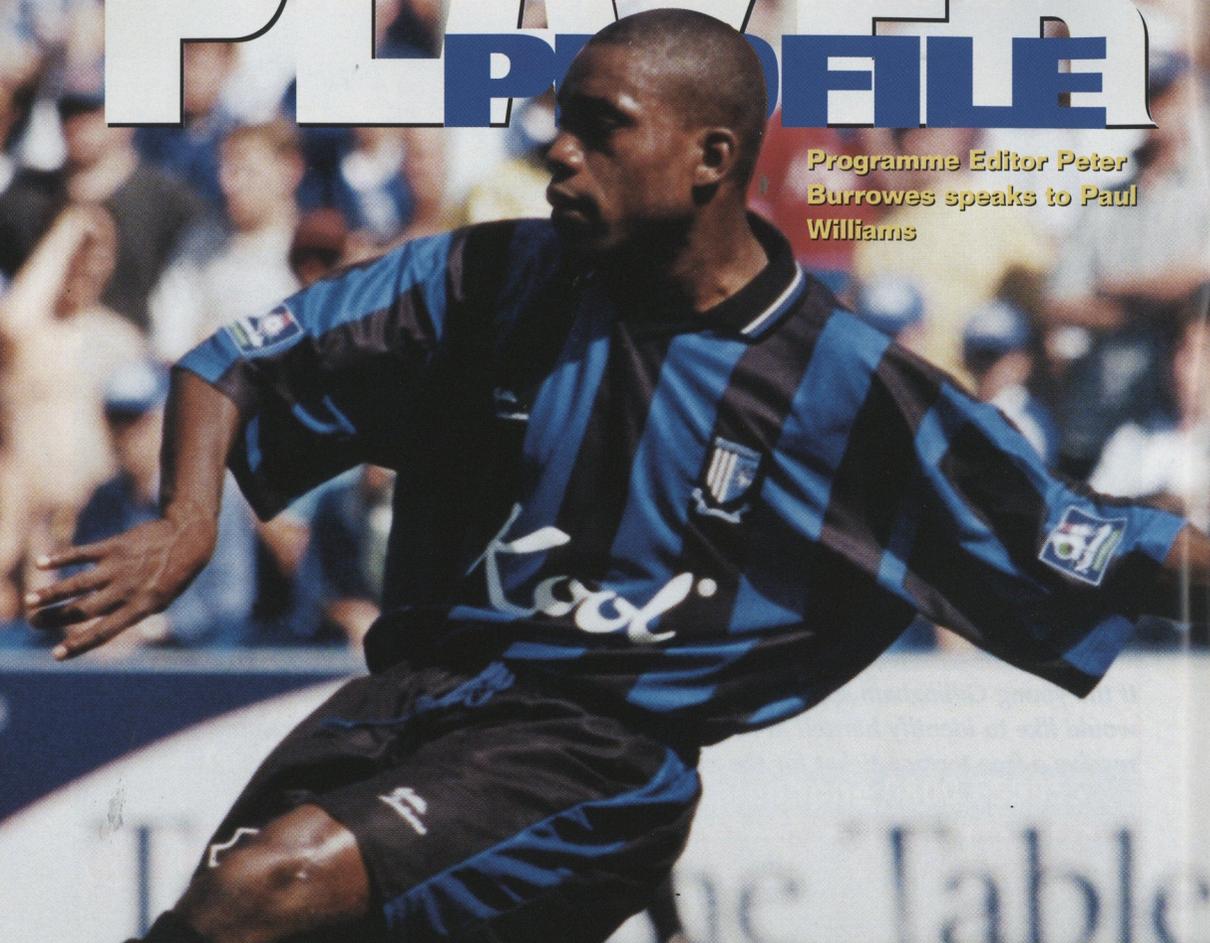
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PLAYER PROFILE

Programme Editor Peter Burrowes speaks to Paul Williams



Q You are back in the side after injury. How do you feel you are playing?

A I feel I am doing reasonably well. I need to pick up a bit on my fitness so I am taking one game at a time.



Q You have played wide on the left and as an orthodox full back. Which do you prefer?

A I prefer to play in a flat back four although I don't really mind. I used to play in a back five at Plymouth and the boss tends to play that way here.



Q What made you join Gills in the summer?

A I was out of contract at Plymouth and there were a few problems there. Mark Saunders and myself knew some of the lads at Gillingham, especially Mark Patterson who had also been at Plymouth. We knew Gillingham had a lot of potential and a good team and it was a new challenge for me.



Q How have you settled in at the club?

A I have now moved into the area and live on the outskirts of Maidstone. It is a nice quiet area so I am happy.

PAUL WILLIAMS



Q Who has been the biggest influence on your career?

A Probably Danny Begara, who was manager of Stockport County when I was there. I have played under a lot of managers, but he helped me the most.



Q What is the worst injury you have had?

A I broke my leg when I was at Stockport in 1991 and was out of action for a year.



Q What was the most memorable match you have played in?

A That has to be the semi-finals of the play offs for Plymouth Argyle against Colchester United. We won 3-2 over the two legs and got promoted and I scored the winning goal with five minutes to go. It was the first time the team had been to Wembley so it was a historic occasion.



Q What is your favourite ground?

A It has to be Old Trafford.



Q What do you think of Gills' chances this season?

A At the moment we seem to be the draw specialists of the division. We are in a good unbeaten run at the moment and if we can keep it going I feel we have a good chance of getting up there. We need to stay free of injuries and suspensions though. I think this division is a good standard and with the Bosman ruling there are more players around looking for clubs and there are some bargains to be picked up.



Q I believe you are the PFA Union representative. What does that entail?

A Yes, I did it at Plymouth and when Simon Ratcliffe packed it up at Gillingham I got the job again. It basically entails liaising with the manager and chairman on any problems the players have, but at the moment everything is nice and quiet.



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WELCOME TO PRIESTFIELD STADIUM

Good afternoon and welcome to the players, supporters and staff of Luton Town Football Club to Priestfield for this Nationwide Second Division game.

We hope you all enjoy the match and have a safe journey home afterwards.

Today's game promises to be an exciting encounter between two sides who look to attack at every opportunity, with Lennie Lawrence's side widely regarded as being one of the best footballing teams in the division.

The Hatters have been renowned for trying to play good football ever since the days of David Pleat in the early 1980s and, although their status has slipped somewhat since then, their style remains the same.

Sadly, the club has been in a period of steady decline for the past decade. Having won the Littlewoods Cup in 1988, the club had genuine ambition to establish itself as a top flight club, but a lack of finances and the failure to hang onto their best players has seen them on a downward spiral since then.

They were relegated from the old First Division in 1991-92, so

missing out on the launch of the Premier League and the financial boost that went with being part of it, and after a couple of seasons of struggle in the new Division One, they were relegated again at the end of the 1994-95 season.

Twelve months later they missed out in the play-offs, losing against Crewe in the semi-finals, before a disastrous time last term when they narrowly avoided relegation. They have made a much better start to this current campaign and there are genuine hopes that Lawrence's blend of experience and some excellent youngsters will lead the team back to better times.



Back Row: Left to Right: 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 Scarlett. **Middle Row:** Left Row: Clive Goodyear (Physio), Paul Lowe (Youth Team Coach), Cherry Newbury (Club Seceretary), Andrew Fotiadis, Simon Davies, Paul Showler, Gary Doherty, Alan White, Kelvin Davis, Nathanael Abbey, Julian James, Chris Wilmot, Paul McLaren, Graham Alexander, Lee Lough, Les Shannon (Scout), Mandy Mallins (Fitness Trainer), John Moore (Reserve Coach). **Front Row:** Left to Right: Liam George, Phil Gray, Steve Davis, Chris Green (Director), Mitchell Thomas, Marvin Johnson, Sean Evers.

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Luton's PLAYERS *The Hatters*

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE LUTON SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS

KELVIN DAVIS

Position: Goalkeeper
Born: Bedford
Age: 22
Height: 6ft 1in
Previous club: None

A former England Under-21 international, Davis finally established himself as Luton's number one last season after several years as a 'promising youngster'. Previously kept out of the side by two Americans - Juergen Sommer and Ian Feuer - but he is now very much the club's first choice.

DEFENDERS

STEVE DAVIS

Position: Defender
Born: Hexham
Age: 29
Height: 6ft 2in
Previous club: Burnley.

The Players' Player of the Year and once again Luton's most consistent performer last season, Davis began as a youngster at Southampton and was captain at Burnley before moving to Kenilworth Road in July 1995 for a tribunal set fee of £750,000. Strong in the air and confident on the ground, he is a big threat when moving forward at set-pieces.

MARVIN JOHNSON

Position: Defender
Born: Wembley
Age: 29
Height: 6ft
Previous club: None

Versatile player who is happiest at centre-half but can fill in on the flanks or in midfield. Suffered with injury last season, but is back to his best this term and has

formed a good partnership with Steve Davis at the heart of the back four.

GAVIN MCGOWAN

Position: Defender
Born: Blackheath,
Age: 22
Height: 5ft 8in
Previous club: Arsenal

A member of Arsenal's 1994 FA Youth Cup winning side, he was unable to break into the first-team at Highbury and had two spells on loan with Luton last season - the first ending abruptly when a calf injury required surgery. Released by the Gunners during the summer, Lennie Lawrence moved quickly to snap up this promising youngster.

MITCHELL THOMAS

Position: Defender
Born: Luton,
Age: 34
Height: 6ft 2in
Previous club: West Ham

A former England Under-21 and 'B' international, Thomas is now player-coach at the club where he began his career in August 1982. A cultured full-back who likes to get forward, he has also played for Tottenham and West Ham but now fills in only in emergencies as he concentrates on his coaching duties.

ALAN WHITE

Position: Defender
Born: Darlington
Age: 22
Height: 6ft 1in
Previous club: Middlesbrough

Signed after a two-week trial period from one of Lennie Lawrence's old clubs, White is a consistent and reliable central defender whose £40,000 signing in September 1997 looks like a bargain in these days of inflated transfer prices.

MIDFIELD

GRAHAM ALEXANDER

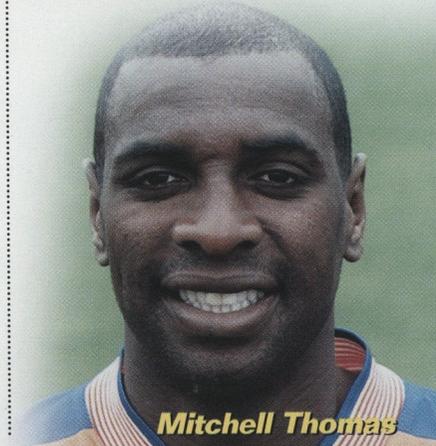
Position: Midfield
Born: Coventry
Age: 27
Height: 5ft 10in
Previous club: Scunthorpe United

Right-sided midfielder who can also double up at full-back. Excellent when pushing forward, he scored eight goals last season and has also netted several times this term. Has an excellent shot with either foot.

RAY MCKINNON

Position: Midfield
Born: Dundee
Age: 28
Height: 5ft 8in
Previous club: Dundee United

Former Scotland Under-21 international who moved to Luton at the beginning of the season for a second attempt at establishing himself in the English game. Began with Dundee United before a £750,000 transfer to Nottingham Forest in 1992. Failed to make an impact at the City Ground, however, and returned to Scotland with Aberdeen before returning to Dundee United in 1996.



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Luton's PLAYERS

The Hatters

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE LUTON SQUAD

MATTHEW SPRING

Position: Midfield
Born: Harlow
Age: 18
Height: 5ft 11in
Previous club: None

A highly-competitive midfielder who was a driving force in the Luton side which reached the Semi-Final of the FA Youth Cup in 1997. He reads the game well and was jointly voted 'Young Player of the Year' last season. Has established himself as a regular in the middle of the park this term.

SEAN EVERS

Position: Midfield
Born: Hitchin
Age: 21
Height: 5ft 9in
Previous club: None

One of several players to have emerged from Luton's youth set-up, he has been winning rave reviews in the Hatters' midfield this season. A tenacious midfielder who has good pace and moves the ball well, he was called up to the Republic of Ireland's Under-21 squad last season.

PAUL McLAREN

Position: Midfield
Born: High Wycombe
Age: 21
Height: 6ft 1in
Previous club: None

A regular member of the Luton midfield last season, his surging runs, ball-winning skills and good crossing ability marked him out as one to watch. He has a powerful shot and an eye for goal, but has been ruled out of recent matches through injury.

PAUL SHOWLER

Position: Midfield
Born: Doncaster
Age: 32
Height: 5ft 7in
Previous club: Bradford City

Followed manager Lennie Lawrence from Valley Parade in August 1996. A left-sided midfielder, he struggled with injury throughout 1997-98, making just one 16 minute appearance as a substitute in the entire campaign and is still not back to full fitness.

FORWARDS

STUART DOUGLAS

Position: Striker
Born: Enfield
Age: 20
Height: 5ft 9in
Previous club: None

Having made a scoring debut as a 17-year-old, Stuart looked set for a regular place in the side last season, only to be struck down by the Kenilworth Road injury jinx. A lively, quick and aggressive striker, he is at his most effective when running at defenders.

ANDREW FOTIADIS

Position: Striker
Born: Hitchin

Age: 21
Height: 5ft 11in
Previous club: None

Local boy who came up through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and has won England Schools caps. Stayed at school to complete his 'A' levels before taking up football full-time, but was another player struck down by injuries last season.

PHIL GRAY

Position: Striker
Born: Belfast
Age: 30
Height: 5ft 10in
Previous club: Fortuna Sittard, Holland

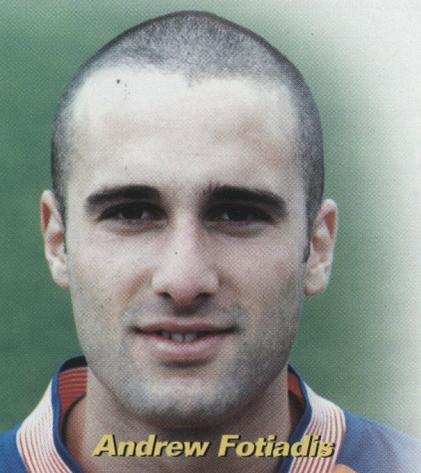
Highly-experienced Northern Ireland international who is now in his second spell with the club. Began at Spurs but failed to make much of an impression and joined the Hatters for the first time in August 1991. Moved on to Sunderland and then Nancy in France, before joining Fortuna Sittard from where he transferred back to Luton in September 1997. A succession of injuries decimated his season last year, ending with surgery to correct a back problem. Now back to full fitness.

HERVE BACQUE

Position: Striker
Born: Bordeaux, France
Age: 22
Previous club: Monaco

Signed just a week before the new season kicked-off, Herve apparently joined Luton because he was impressed with Lennie Lawrence's plans for the club. Began with Brittany club Lorient, before moving to Monaco at 21.

Other squad members include: Nathan Abbey (goalkeeper), Stuart Fraser (defender), Gary Doherty, Julian James (defender), Simon Davies, Paul Showler (Midfield), Liam George (Forward).



Andrew Fotiadis

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The Luton Town HATTERS



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE LUTON SQUAD

THE MANAGER

LENNIE LAWRENCE

If you were wrapped up in chains and sinking to the bottom of the ocean without a key to the padlock, then Harry Houdini would be the ideal man to call to get you out of the fix you were in.

Staring relegation in the face by December 1995, Luton Town called on football's equivalent when they appointed Lennie Lawrence in succession to Terry Westley in the Kenilworth Road hot-seat.

Lawrence earned a great reputation for his escape acts while he was manager at Charlton during the 1980s and early 1990s, and his experience of developing young talent and getting results on a shoestring budget was second to none.

A non-League player with Croydon, Carshalton and Sutton United, Lawrence's coaching career began as assistant at Plymouth and then Lincoln, before he landed the reserve team coach's job at Charlton, moving up to manager in 1982. He took Charlton into the top flight and kept them there for four years before leaving in 1991 to take control at Middlesbrough, who he also led into the top division before suffering relegation the following year and being replaced by Bryan Robson.

After 18 months managing Bradford City, Lawrence decided to return south - but it was too late to prevent the Hatters crashing out of the First Division in 1995-96. After two years in Division Two - including a Play-Off Semi-Final defeat by Crewe in 1996-97 - he will be hoping to lead his team back to the Nationwide's top division this season.

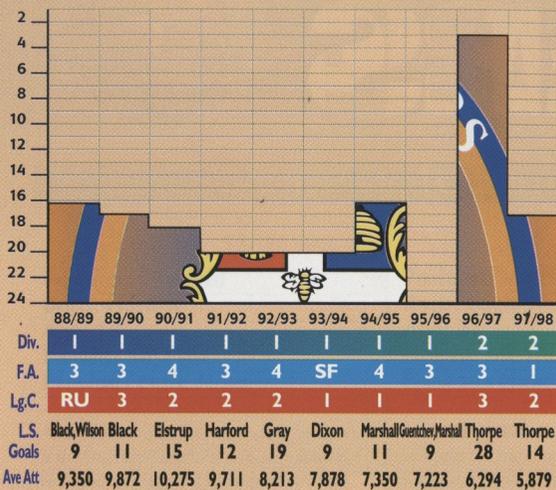


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Kelvin Davis	G	14		22	6'1"	14.00		Eng U21
Steve Davis	D	14	5	29	6'2"	14.07	Burnley	
Sean Evers	M	14	2	21	5'9"	9.11		
Matthew Spring	M	14		18	5'11"	11.07		
Phil Gray	F	13(1)	4	30	5'9"	12.09	Sunderland	N Ire
Ray McKinnon	M	13(1)	1	28	5'10"	11.09	Dundee Utd	
Stuart Douglas	F	12	4	20	5'8"	11.05		
Marvin Johnson	D	12		29	6'1"	13.06		
Gavin McGowan	D	10(1)		22	5'8"	11.07	Arsenal	Eng Yth
Michael McIndoe	M	6(2)		18	5'8"	11.00		
Mitchell Thomas	D	5(6)		34	6'2"	13.00	West Ham	Eng B
Dwight Marshall	F	3(1)	1	33	6'1"	11.02	Plymouth	
Alan White	D	2(5)		22	6'0"	13.04	Middlesbrough	
Herve Bacque	F	2(3)		22	5'9"	11.10	Monaco	
Liam George	F	2(3)		19	5'9"	11.04		
Jimmy Cox	F	2(2)		18	5'6"	10.07		
Andrew Fotiadis	F	1(6)		21	5'11"	11.00		Eng Sch
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When Luton have scored goals... and conceded them



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- George ...2
- Johnson ...2
- McKinnon .2
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- Evers ...1
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GILLS' CRIMINALS

- Carr ...4
- Hessenthaler 4
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- Southall...2
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- Bryant ...1
- Dobson ...1
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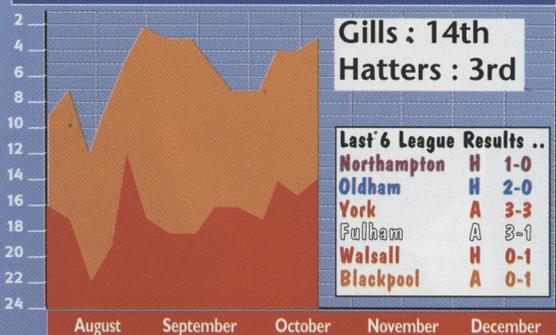
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How The Hatters have scored goals... and conceded them



League Positions throughout this season



When Gillingham have scored goals... and conceded them



Gills v Hatters

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Gillingham news from PRIESTFIELD



POPPY APPEAL LAUNCH 1998

The Royal British Legion are holding a Poppy Appeal at today's game with a three and a half minute tape being played as well as response cards being distributed. Here is part of the the message from Flt Lt John Nichol.

"Today, as you watch your heroes playing to win, I would like to mention another team playing an 'away game', the men and women who not only protect our country's interests but who also play their part in UN peacekeeping forces, wherever they may be.

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I would like to thank the Clubs and supporters who have allowed the launch of the Poppy Appeal to take place at football grounds all over the country.

DARREN MISSES OUT



Defender Darren Carr is set to miss today's match against Luton Town because of a one match ban after being sent off for two bookable

offences in our last home match against Wycombe Wanderers. It will be the second game Darren has missed this season as he did not play against his former club Chesterfield.

AUTO WINDSCREENS CUP DRAW

In the Southern Section first round of the Auto Windcreens Shield, Gillingham have been drawn away to Colchester United. The match will take place at Layer Road on Tuesday, December 8th. The match will be played to a finish. If the teams are level after 90 minutes a Golden Goal will decide the game.

The draw for the first round proper of the FA Cup takes place next Saturday and the matches are due to be played on Saturday, November 14th.

THANKS TO GILLS

We have received the following letter from Ian Palfrey, a youth worker at Nelson Independent Methodist Church in Burnley. "I am writing to say thank you for the tickets that you kindly let us purchase at half price when we fetched a group of young people on holiday. It was a great way to finish our holiday, although we lost! "I would like to say thank you to all your staff for their help and the way they made our young people welcome. The staff are a credit to your club and also to your players for taking time to talk to them after the game and the supporters were also great.

"I hope that Burnley extend you the same welcome when you visit us later in the season".

SIX MONTH ANNIVERSARY

Six months ago at Priestfield, whilst watching the match against Luton Town, Gills supporter Robert Slater proposed to Luton supporter Nina Keohane in front of the television cameras.

Today, as man and wife, the couple will be celebrating six months of wedded bliss with the Meridian cameras again here to record the event. Good luck to both Robert and Nina.

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County SCENE

Kent's Football News
with Mike Green

Things are certainly improving for the counties' Dr Marten's sides, as for the second week in a row only one of our six sides lost, while on the Road to Wembley, the 'Battle of Kent' finished in a stalemate.

It's in the FA Cup that we start this week, as the Third Qualifying Round tie between **Gravesend** and **Dover** finished goalless at Stonebridge Road. Both sides then went into the Saturday evening draw and what an incentive for the winners.

With the First Round Proper just ninety minutes away, the replay victors will be away to **Basingstoke Town** of the Rymans League in the final Qualifying Round.

The draw last Saturday saw the **Fleet** come closest to scoring as Jimmy Bullard sent a second half shot crashing off of a post. With both sides missing key players through injuries, perhaps it was inevitable that a replay should be needed to confirm who progresses. And so to the Southern Division, and four fine victories to report! The biggest came at Purfleet where **Dartford** continued their fine recent run with a 3-1 win over **Andover**. It extended the Darts run to four wins in a row, and also saw Adam Morrish add to his increasing reputation by netting twice, Paul Hennessey also weighed in with his first goal of the season. Top Kent side in the division though

are still **Margate**. Chris Kinnear's side extended their unbeaten run to seven matches as they responded to consecutive home draws by winning 2-0 at **Cirencester**. The win closed the gap on leaders Havant to a solitary point, as the men from Thanet clinched their win courtesy of goals either side of half time from Paul Sykes and Phil Collins.

Still third in the table are **Folkestone** who were forced to settle for a 2-2 draw at lowly Brackley. Steve Lawrence's 10th goal of the season put Invicta into the lead and a point was guaranteed with Nicky Dent's second half strike. Neil Cugley's side will be disappointed not to have claimed all three points as they extended their recent run to one win in five matches. Today they are the only Kent side who embark on their FA Trophy campaign as they bid for an upset as they entertain Ryman Premier League strugglers **Hampton**.

Just up the M20, **Ashford's** recent poor run was halted as Nigel Donn's side returned to winning ways. Goals from Tony Eeles and Steve Robinson (his first for the club since leaving Dartford) saw Ashford beat **Baldock** 2-1 at Homelands. After recent disappointing performances, manager Donn will be pleased with the three points. Another manager who will be very relieved is Alan Walker. His **Sittingbourne** side won their first game in six starts as a solitary Ian Mawson goal was enough to send **Corby** back to Northamptonshire beaten. Whilst, as I say, it was the Bourne's first win in six, the win did extend their unbeaten league run to nine. Incidentally, the side that knocked Walker's side out of the FA

Cup (**Sudbury Town**) themselves were hammered last weekend. They went down 10-0. That's TEN NIL to **Gloucester City**.

The only defeat saw the up and down Angels definitely hit a down slope, as **Tonbridge** went down 2-1 at **Yate**. After a promising start, Colin Blewden's side have been extremely inconsistent in recent weeks, and Saturday's defeat in the West Country was their fourth in six games.

In the Kent Premier League, third placed VCD missed out on a chance to close the gap at the top, as the top two (**Ramsgate** and **Greenwich**) didn't play. VCD went down 2-1 at Deal, who are steadily making ground on the sides above them and they are now sixth. Fourth placed **Thamesmead** didn't play and **Whitstable** moved into fifth by beating **Sheppey** 2-1. **Chatham** ended a wretched run of seven straight defeats by winning 3-0 at **Erith Town**.

If you want to catch a match on Hallowe'en then the choice is fairly well spread. It's the Fourth Qualifying Round of the Cup, so **Dover** will be heading off to Basingstoke. Remember that the draw for the first round takes place next Saturday at 5.15pm.

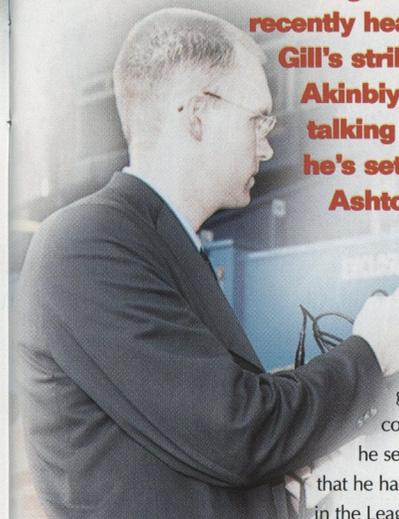
Away from the cup there are home games for **Sittingbourne**, **Ashford** and **Tonbridge**, whilst **Dartford's** home game with leaders **Havant** is subject to an FA Cup replay.

STOP PRESS
Tuesday's results.
FA Cup replay:
Dover 3 Gravesend 2
Southern Division:
Bashley 5 Tonbridge 6

Andy Church brings you Gillingham CLUBCALL



Clubcall regulars will have recently heard former Gill's striker Ade Akinbiyi on line talking about how he's settled in at Ashton Gate with Bristol City.



A quick look at the goalscoring charts suggests that all is going well, and Ade confirmed this although he seemed a little put out that he hadn't scored more goals in the League.

Nine in all competitions at the time of writing is respectable enough by anyone's standards so I can't help feeling that some friendly (?) competition with a certain Mr Onoura may be the root of his disappointment - Iffy's eight goals for Swindon this season have all been in Division One matches. Ade claimed, however, that there is no cash involved. Continued good luck to both players and may the best man win all the pride that's at stake. Closer to home let me remind you of upcoming coverage on **0891 33 22 11**. Later this evening and throughout Sunday we'll be examining this afternoon's proceedings with Tony Pulis. On Monday we will get the players' perspective, Tuesday is unclear - phone and we'll surprise you maybe - while on Wednesday you can call in for reserve team coverage against Oxford. On Thursday the countdown starts for the weekend and the action at Lincoln, the full preview follows on Friday and Saturday sees our comprehensive match-day package. It's impossible to tell you the complete agenda for every day; remember we bring you all the breaking news 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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The Editor's COMMENT

with Peter Burrowes

KEEPING SUPPORTERS INFORMED

The recently appointed Chief Executive of the Football League Richard Scudamore is keen to keep all supporters well informed and up to date on the activities of the League.



This goes to show that fans all around the country continue to be impressed with the wealth of talent on show every week in our magnificent stadia.

"We are currently enjoying our Centenary Championship season in the Football League and I am delighted to say that every club is embracing these celebrations in the form of special initiatives for their fans and the 'Local Hero' Scheme, in which I know you have all been involved.

"One issue which may have caught your notice in the media over the last few weeks was the coverage of the Football League's 'Pay Per View' experiment. Although the matter was reported upon accurately in the press I want to let you all know personally what the position is on this very important issue.

"Between Christmas and the end of the season we plan to use six or seven matches on a pay per view basis. These matches will be selected on the basis of supply not being able to meet demand. For example large and better supported sides travelling to clubs with smaller capacities. By 'dipping our toe in the water' not only can we flush out any hidden problems with pay per view but we also give the Football League the best platform for the future.

He sees it as an important process of ensuring that fans recognise that the League appreciate their valued support for all Nationwide clubs. He has sent out the following message.

"As you may be aware through various interviews and comments in the media I was appointed as the Football League's Chief Executive at the end of last season. As a supporter who has travelled the length and breadth of the country supporting football outside the top flight all my life it is a great honour to lead this prestigious and important organisation.

"From the start of the season until the beginning of October I had already seen half of the 72 sides in the Nationwide League and by Christmas I aim to have watched all our clubs in action. Almost 14 million fans - 22 per cent and almost three million more than the Premier League - flooded through our turnstiles last season and I am delighted to say that the enduring attraction of the World's Original Football competition continues.

"Attendances are once again showing an increase and we are on course for the thirteenth consecutive rise in gates.

"This initiative is designed to give the League as much information as possible on this very important issue for the next time we enter into negotiations on television rights.

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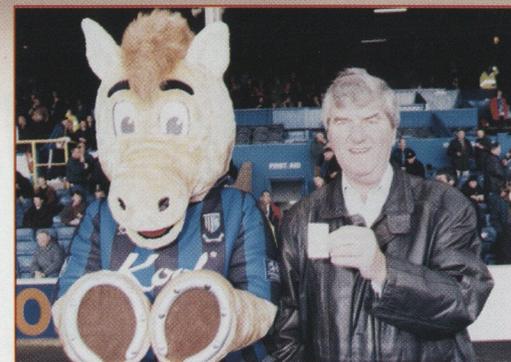
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'Super Blues' in the COMMUNITY

with Matthew Cook



TOMMY TREWBLU IS OUT AND ABOUT

Since his arrival at the club, mascot Tommy T Trewblu has been busy getting around the Medway Towns.

Most recently was his visit to McDonalds at Chatham last Saturday, where lucky children shook hoofs with him and joined his new junior supporters' club, The Trewblu Crew. Membership numbers are soaring, so join soon as we only have limited spaces for the training sessions at the Sports Centre.

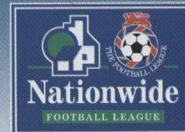
The training will start in early November, when the refurbishment of the changing rooms have been completed. So get your application in soon to avoid disappointment. Tommy T also achieved his ambition of scoring a goal in front of a packed Rainham End when he found the net at the Wycombe Wanderers match. He was delighted with the great reaction he received from the fans. So make sure you keep on supporting him - and the team - at every home game.

For our teenage fans keep an eye out for The Net, which you will be able to join from the Wigan match on November 7. See details of the Junior Clubs on page 22 of this programme.



Tommy T Trewblu in the Gills tunnel.

ACTION EXTRA



Paul Smith heads for goal.

**Gillingham 3
Wycombe Wanderers 0**
Saturday, October 10th 1998
ATT: 4,575

by Peter Burrowes

Photos by Keith Slater

Despite not being at their best, Gills were comfortable winners of this match against the bottom of the table team who were looking for their first win of the season.

This noon kick off failed to attract the fans and the 4,575 supporters in the ground represented the lowest League gate of the season, but the Gills' supporters' spirits were high by half time with their side two goals to the good.

Gills took the lead after 36 when a mistake by a Wycombe defender allowed Mark Saunders to get in a shot from the edge of the area and the ball thundered into the top corner of the net. Earlier Saunders had limped off with a knee injury before returning to score the goal but he did not appear after the interval.

Gills' second goal was perfect timing coming right on the stroke of half time, Rob Taylor heading home from John Hodge's corner. It was the perfect reposte to the fans who had been giving him stick!

The big striker was on target again after 70 minutes when he rifled in a free kick, after he himself had been fouled, to make it a satisfactory day for everyone except the Wycombe management team of Neil Smillie and Gary Micklewhite, both former Gills players.

Very little was seen of Wycombe as an attacking force and they barely troubled Vince Bartram throughout the ninety minutes. How two players managed to get sent off in such a one-sided match is difficult to understand, but Gillingham's Darren Carr and Wycombe's Paul Emblen both got red cards for second bookable offences in separate incidents in the middle of the field when the game had already been well won by Gills.

TEAM: BARTRAM; SAUNDERS, WILLIAMS; SMITH, ASHBY, CARR; HODGE (BRYANT), SAUNDERS (SOUTHALL), ASABA (BUTLER), GALLOWAY, TAYLOR



Mark Saunders fires in Gills' first goal.



Rob Taylor heads Gillingham's second goal



... and receives the congratulations of his team mates.



Carl Asaba is jostled as he beats a Wycombe defender.

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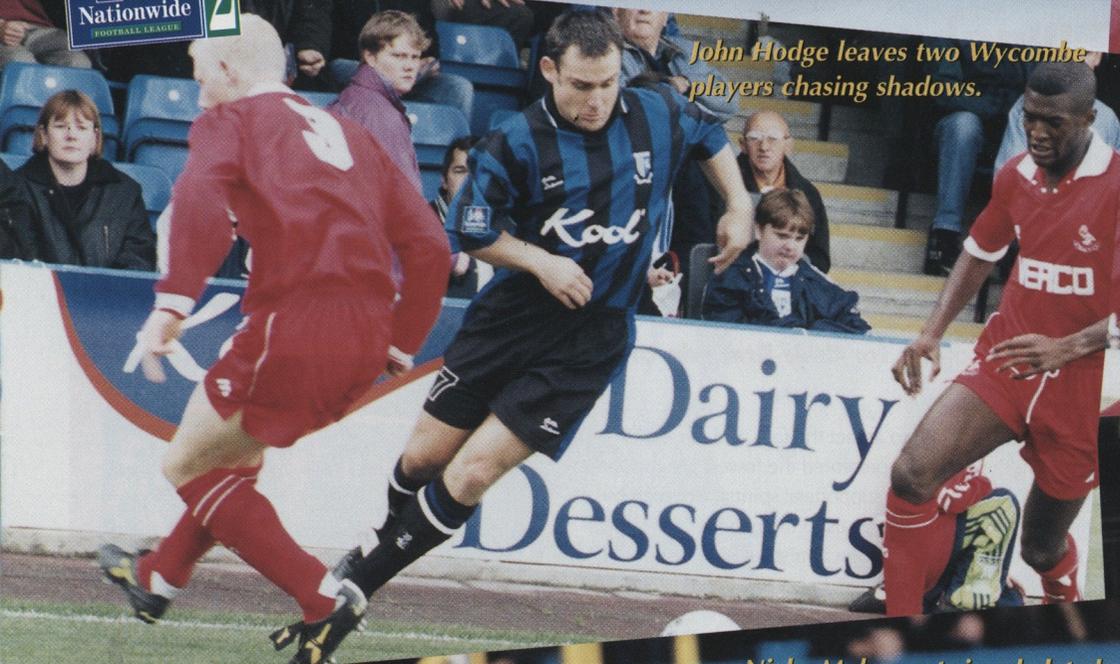
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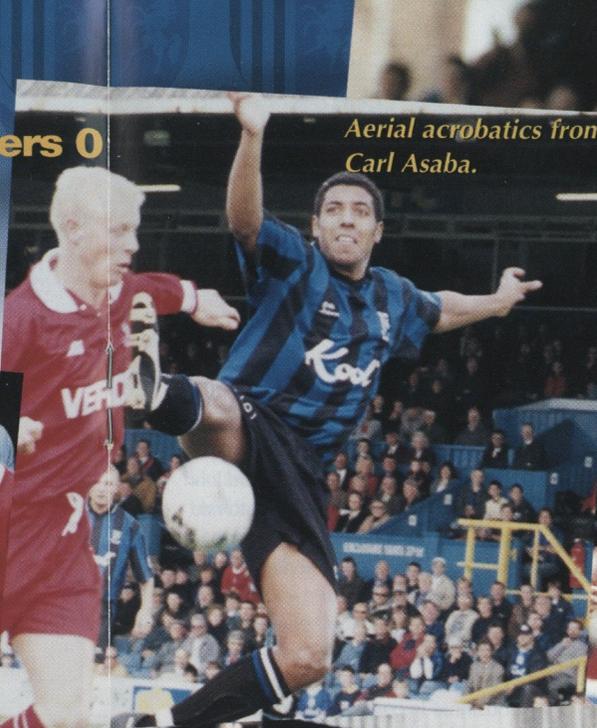
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**Gillingham 3
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**NATIONWIDE LEAGUE
DIVISION TWO**

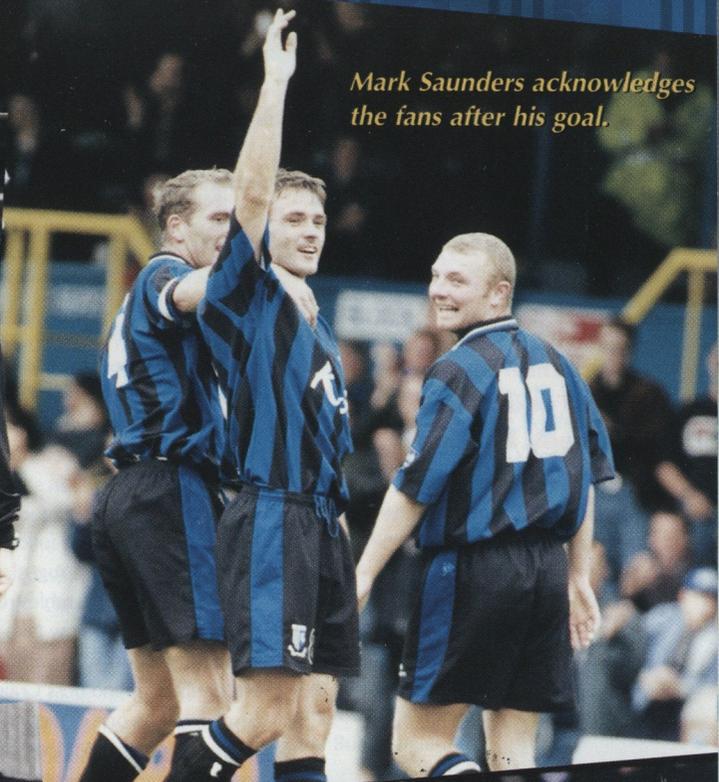
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John Hodge leaves two Wycombe players chasing shadows.



Aerial acrobatics from Carl Asaba.



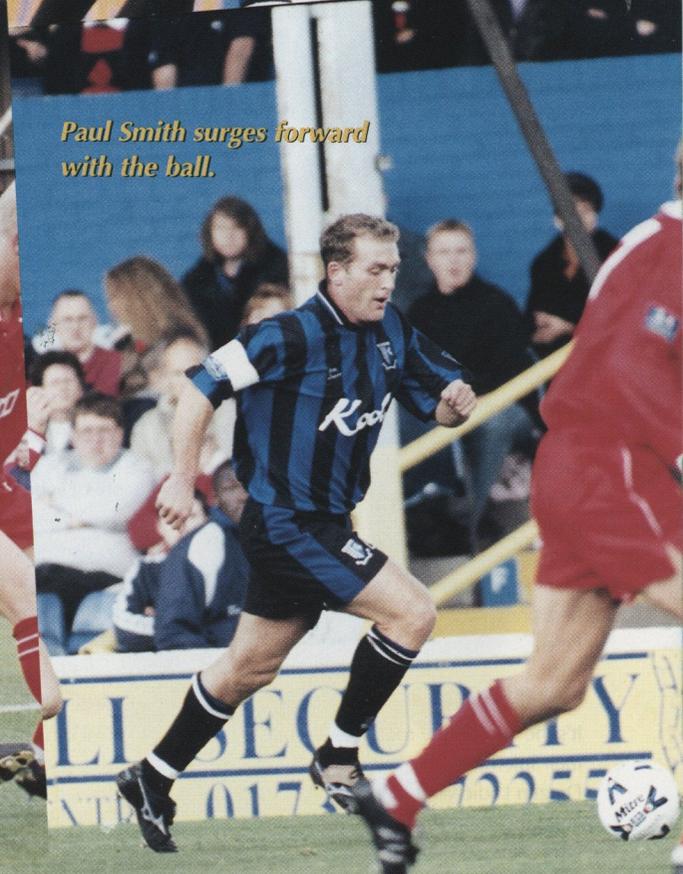
Mark Saunders acknowledges the fans after his goal.



Nicky Mohan gets in a belated challenge on Rob Taylor.



Carl Asaba is held off the ball by a defender.



Paul Smith surges forward with the ball.

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WORLD NEWS

FOOTBALL



by Colin Benson

Albanian striker Igle Tare could have shot himself into Nationwide League following his goal against Norway in last week's Euro 2000 qualifying tie. Wolves' manager Mark McGhee was impressed and was considering making a £1m bid to take him to Molineux.

ARGENTINA

It has been revealed that the doping equipment used to test Maradona was faulty. The little super-star says he always knew it had been wrong. He admits having a drug problem but says he has his own testing equipment and results of this were negative when he tested himself before the game after which he was tested positive! There's no truth in the rumour that Maradona is applying to be a presenter on Blue Peter.

CROATIA

It's the end of the road for their international goalkeeper Drazen Ladic who has announced his retirement from international football after

collecting a record 50 caps for Croatia... What is it with these goalkeepers. Jim Leighton has also quit Scotland in mid-season.

ENGLAND

Have filled the breach following the ban on them playing Yugoslavia in a friendly match at Wembley. Glenn Hoddle's boys will now take on the Czech Republic on November 18th. No doubt Scotland boss Craig Brown will be one of the most interested parties as it looks like the Czechs and the Scots will fight it out for top spot in their Euro qualifying group. The Czechs

come to Glasgow next March. Meanwhile our former boss has received support from the Managers' Association, led by former Arsenal and Nottingham Forest inside-forward John Barwell. They have told Glenn to ride out the current hospitality shown to him by the media. We endorse these sentiments.

EUROPE

Another reminder of how big business is controlling our game came last week when the Marketing Company in charge of the Champions League wanted Arsenal to rename themselves Arsenal of London. The Marketing moguls might not know where the Gunners are based but you can bet your bottom dollar that football fans world wide know what the name Arsenal stands for.

FRANCE

Star striker Stephane Guivarch has had a rough ride of late. After failing to impress in the World Cup Finals he was brought to Newcastle United by Kenny Dalglish where his disappointment has continued as he has failed to win a first-team place at St James Park. Now Ruud Gullitt is trying to flog him to Glasgow Rangers but Freddie Fletcher is insisting they recoup the full £3.5 million Mr Dalglish invested on the Frenchman.

HODDLE TOLD TO RIDE OUT THE CURRENT HOSPITALITY SHOWN TO HIM BY THE MEDIA

ISLE OF WIGHT

It's not often we get a football story from across the Solent, but last Saturday Newport, Isle of Wight, pulled off a great giant-killing act when they knocked Hereford United out of the FA Cup. Yes Hereford, who gained Football League status through their own FA giant-killing acts in the 1960s were scythed down in a third qualifying round tie after looking home and dry at 2-0 up. But the Islanders, who participate in the Dr Marten's Southern Division, blasted in the three goals in the last 24 minutes - Clifton Soates grabbing a last-gasp winner. They now face either Dulwich or Purfleet on the next stage to Wembley.

ISRAEL

International midfielders Alan Hazan and Egil Berkovich returned to England from last week's Euro 2000 action with mixed feelings. Hazan, who plays for Watford in the Nationwide League Division One, was full of beans after scoring from 18-yards to give Israel the lead against Spain. It didn't last as Spain ran out 2-1 winners but it was a moment to savour. Berkovich has a real headache however. Following the unsavoury incident when teammate John Hartson kicked him in the head in a training game he wants to quit West Ham, but Hammers' boss Harry Redknapp insists he is staying at Upton Park.

SCOTLAND

International team manager Craig Brown has been drafted onto the board of the new Scottish Institute of Sport with British Lions' coach Ian McGreecham.

SPAIN

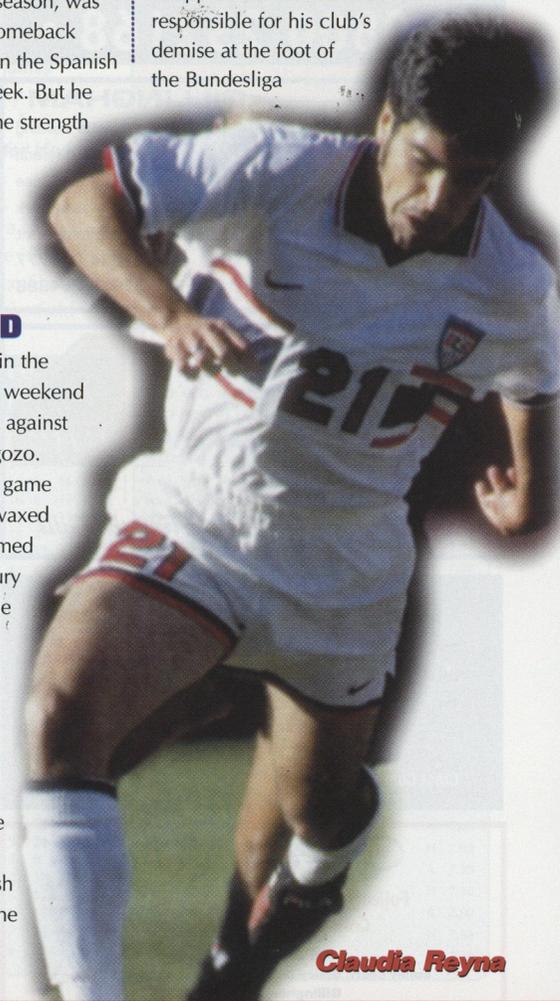
This week Europe has been thrilled by the latest rounds of Europe cup competition, but one man who was not keen to participate was Valencia's Croatian striker Goran Vlaovic. He asked coach Claudio Ranieri not to include him in the squad for the UEFA Cup tie against Liverpool despite being cleared to play by the club doctor two weeks ago. Vlaovic, who had surgery on a groin at the start of the season, was expected to make his comeback against Athletic Bilbao in the Spanish League last Saturday week. But he complained: "I've got the strength but I'm short the rhythm, speed and reaction that a striker needs in front of goals."

REAL MADRID

Regained poll position in the championship race last weekend with a rousing 4-3 win against then leaders Real Zaragoza. Evidently it was a great game and the Spanish press waxed lyrical. One report deemed it the game of the century "which did justice to the League of the stars." It brought home the reality of the fact that while we consider the Premiership the best league in the world and the Italians believe Serie "A" is the model competition, the Spanish too believe they have the best club football in the world.

USA

International Claudio Reyna is another so-called star with a problem. He exploded with indignation when coach Wolfgang Wolf left him out of the VfL Wolfsburg side, currently bottom of the German First Division, against Kaiserslautern, and demanded a transfer. "I'm not interested in what's going on here," bleated Reyna. Well he should be. Perhaps he had failed to appreciate that he is also responsible for his club's demise at the foot of the Bundesliga



Claudio Reyna

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Reserves

PREVIEW

STILL LOOKING FOR FIRST HOME VICTORY

WYCOMBE WANDERERS 1 GILLINGHAM 1

Gills included two French triallists, Jacques Paviot and Alex Bonnot on the side for this Avon Insurance Combination match and it was Paviot who scored the goal that gave the visitors a point in a well contested match.

The result earned Gills their fifth point of the season - all of them achieved away from home. Jason Dozzell and Paul Mason, two former Ipswich Town players also played their second matches on trial but neither were offered contracts.

Team: Jim Stannard, Paul Hobbs, Russell Ampofo; Nyron Nosworthy, Jacques Paviot, Alex Bonnot; Barry Sinclair, Jason Dozzell, James Pinnock, Steve Butler, Paul Mason. Subs not used Dean Morris, Jimmy Carter and Jon Neal

GILLINGHAM 1 LUTON TOWN 2

Gills have yet to pick up a point in reserve matches at Priestfield this season and they went down to their fourth home defeat.

After Alan White had headed Luton in front, James Pinnock levelled things up for Gills but Chris Willmott with another header sealed the points for the visitors.



James Pinnock levelled the score against Luton

Team: Jim Stannard; Adrian Pennock, Roland Edge; Matt Bryant, Nyron Nosworthy, Alex Bonnet; John Hodge, Tommy Osborne, James Pinnock, Steve Butler, Nicky Southall. Subs. Paul Hobbs for Pennock; Russell Ampofo for Hodge, Adam Collis for Southall.

The reserves were without a game this week. Their next fixture is on Wednesday next week when Oxford United will be visitors to Priestfield kick off 2pm.

Avon Insurance Combination League Div 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Luton Town	8	5	2	1	17	10	17	+07
Southampton	8	5	1	2	21	8	16	+13
Charlton Athletic	7	5	1	1	14	6	16	+08
Q.P.R.	7	4	3	0	16	6	15	+10
Peterborough	8	5	0	3	19	12	15	+07
Watford	7	4	2	1	15	3	14	+12
Brighton & H.A.	8	4	2	2	10	13	14	-03
Arsenal	6	4	1	1	14	5	13	+09
Bournemouth	8	4	1	3	14	13	13	+01
Portsmouth	8	4	1	3	14	14	13	00
Ipswich Town	8	3	3	2	14	13	12	+01
Crystal Palace	9	3	2	4	22	19	11	+03
Norwich City	7	3	2	2	6	5	11	+01
Chelsea	7	3	1	3	9	10	10	-01
Fulham	6	2	3	1	11	7	9	+04
Millwall	6	2	3	1	11	7	9	+03
Oxford United	7	3	0	4	10	11	9	-01
West Ham United	6	2	2	2	10	8	8	+02
Northampton	7	2	2	3	4	6	6	-02
Barnet	8	2	2	4	12	23	8	-11
Wimbledon	7	1	4	2	7	10	7	-10
Cambridge	6	2	1	3	6	12	7	-06
Colchester	9	2	1	6	9	20	7	-11
Tottenham H.	6	2	0	4	4	8	6	-04
Brentford	6	1	2	3	8	11	5	-03
Reading	8	1	2	5	8	17	5	-09
GILLINGHAM	8	1	2	5	6	15	5	-09
Swindon Town	7	1	1	5	7	14	4	-07
Wycombe	7	1	1	5	6	17	4	-11

NEXT RESERVE MATCH...

Wednesday, October 28, 1998
Gillingham Reserves v Oxford United Reserves
Avon Insurance Combination
at Priestfield Stadium,
Kent Kick-Off 2pm.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION FIXTURES & RESULTS 1998/99



Wed Aug 19	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A	0-2
Wed Aug 26	SOUTHAMPTON	H	0-3
Wed Sept 02	FULHAM	H	0-2
Wed Sept 16	Barnet	A	2-2
Wed Sept 23	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	0-2
Wed Sept 30	Swindon Town	A	2-1
Wed Oct 07	Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-1
Wed Oct 14	LUTON TOWN	H	1-2
Wed Oct 28	OXFORD UNITED	H	2-00
Wed Nov 04	Watford	A	7-30
Wed Nov 18	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H	2-00
Mon Nov 23	Northampton Town	A	2-00
Wed Dec 02	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H	2-00
Wed Dec 09	READING	H	2-00
Wed Dec 16	Cambridge United	A	2-00
Tues Dec 22	Portsmouth	A	7-30
Wed Jan 06	MILLWALL	H	2-00
Thurs Jan 21	Crystal Palace (Crawley Town)	A	7-30
Wed Feb 03	BRENTFORD	H	2-00
Wed Feb 10	Ipswich Town	A	7-00
Wed Feb 24	NORWICH CITY	H	7-30
Wed Mar 03	Colchester United	A	2-00
Wed Mar 17	WEST HAM UNITED	H	7-30
Tues Mar 23	Tottenham Hotspur	A	7-30
Wed Mar 31	ARSENAL	H	7-30
Wed Apr 07	Charlton Athletic	A	7-00
Wed Apr 14	CHELSEA	H	7-30
Wed Apr 21	Wimbledon	A	7-30

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• UP THE GILLS •

A look at the YOUTHS

TWO HOME DEFEATS

GILLINGHAM 0 BARNET 1

After an excellent victory over Swindon Town, the colts went down by the only goal of the game when they played Barnet at home, in a fixture that was reversed, the match having been scheduled to be played at Underhill.

Gills had their chances to get at least a point and will be disappointed not to have got something from the game.

Team: Gavin Hopper; Jason McDonald, Dean Morris; Paul Hobbs, Russell Ampofo, Jimmy Carter; Adam Collis, Nyron Nosworthy, Jon Neal, Simon Austen, Dean Chamberlain. Subs. Ben White for Austen, Danny Spiller for Chamberlain.

GILLINGHAM 1 BRENTFORD 2

This was a real Jekyll and Hyde performance by Gills youngsters. They were poor in the first half and were punished with the visitors going two goals in front.

But the second half was a very different story with Gills playing really well but they were just unable to get the point they deserved, despite Jon Neal pulling them back into the match with a second half goal. Barry Sinclair was missing because of illness.

with Kevin Bremner



John Neal scored Gills goal

Team: Gavin Hopper; Jason McDonald, Dean Morris; Paul Hobbs, Russell Ampofo, Jimmy Carter; Adam Collis, Nyron Nosworthy, Jon Neal, Simon Austen, Dean Chamberlain. Subs. Ben White for Austen, Danny Spiller for Chamberlain.

On Wednesday the colts played local rivals Chatham Town at Priestfield in the first round of the FA Youth Cup. If a replay was necessary it will take place at Chatham next Wednesday.

In the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup the Gills youngsters are due to be away to Brighton and Hove Albion. This match will probably take place at Worthing FC's ground but no date has yet been fixed.

This morning the colts had a long trip to Hampshire to play Bournemouth in a South East Counties League match and next Saturday they are at home to Brighton in a league game.

NEXT YOUTH MATCH....

Saturday, Oct 31st, 1998
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Sat Aug 08	Reading	A	1-2
SAT AUG 15	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	0-1
SAT AUG 22	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	3-1
Sat Aug 29	Leyton Orient	A	0-3
SAT SEP 05	PORTSMOUTH	H	1-1
Sat Sep 12	Cambridge United	A	0-2
SAT SEP 19	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	1-0
Sat Sep 26	Luton Town	A	2-2
SAT OCT 03	SWINDON TOWN	H	4-0
Sat Oct 10	Barnet	H	0-1
SAT OCT 17	BRENTFORD	H	1-2
Sat Oct 24	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A	
SAT OCT 31	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION H		
Sat Nov 07	Bristol Rovers	A	
SAT NOV 14	OXFORD UNITED	H	
Sat Nov 21	Wycombe Wanderers	A	
Sat Nov 28	Southend United	A	
Sat Dec 05	Oxford United	A	
SAT DEC 12	READING	H	
SAT JAN 02	LEYTON ORIENT	H	
Sat Jan 09	Portsmouth	A	
SAT JAN 16	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H	
Sat Jan 23	Colchester United	A	
SAT JAN 30	LUTON TOWN	H	
Sat Feb 06	Swindon Town	A	
SAT FEB 13	BARNET	A	
Sat Feb 20	Brentford	A	
SAT FEB 27	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	H	
Sat Mar 06	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	
SAT MAR 13	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	

South East Counties League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton Town	11	7	3	1	27	11	24
AFC Bournemouth	11	6	1	4	14	16	19
Bristol Rovers	11	5	3	3	22	16	18
Wycombe Wanderers	11	5	3	3	14	14	18
Brentford	10	5	2	3	19	11	17
Brighton & Hove Albion	10	5	2	3	15	13	17
Leyton Orient	11	4	4	3	15	13	17
Reading	11	3	6	2	17	16	15
Portsmouth	11	4	3	4	15	16	15
Barnet	11	4	2	5	7	9	14
Cambridge United	11	3	5	3	19	22	14
Oxford United	11	3	3	5	12	18	12
Gillingham	11	3	2	6	13	15	11
Colchester United	11	3	1	7	12	14	10
Southend United	11	3	1	7	14	22	10
Swindon Town	11	2	3	6	7	16	9

League Table as at October 17th

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Gillingham supporters who are in possession of Priority Ticket Vouchers for the home league matches with Fulham on Saturday, November 28 and Millwall on Tuesday, December 29 are urged to redeem them as soon as possible and purchase tickets for the match which are now on sale. The tickets for both games are already going fast.

Voucher holders can buy two tickets for each game on a first come first served basis.

The club have brought forward the sale of Millwall tickets to make it easier for supporters to purchase the tickets well before the match takes place.

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After a number of weeks out of action with a knee ligament injury, skipper Andy Hessenthaler has been training hard this week and has an outside chance of being fit and available for selection for today's game.

We obviously do not want to rush him back and we have been monitoring the situation during the week.

Mark Saunders, who missed the game at Reading on Saturday also with a knee injury, was fit again and available for selection for the game at Bournemouth on Tuesday night,

Mark Patterson, who tweaked his hamstring in the Reading match, was also fit to play.

Adrian Pennock, who missed the last home match with Wycombe because he was ill, was back for the Reading game and he was looking forward, along with Vince Bartram, of playing against his former club on Tuesday.

Steve Butler, who played at Reading in place of the suspended Carl Asaba, missed out at Bournemouth after picking up a knee strain.

There is mixed news about the two long-term injured players, **Neil Masters** and **Guy Butters**. Neil, despite operations on both his legs is still feeling discomfort with his shins and is working in the gymnasium but Guy is making excellent progress and is in light training and hopefully could be in action again next month.

Finally a reminder of my *Treatment of Injuries Course*, which starts on Tuesday at the club and runs for six weeks. There is still some room for any latecomers. If you are interested ring me at the club on 01634-851-854.

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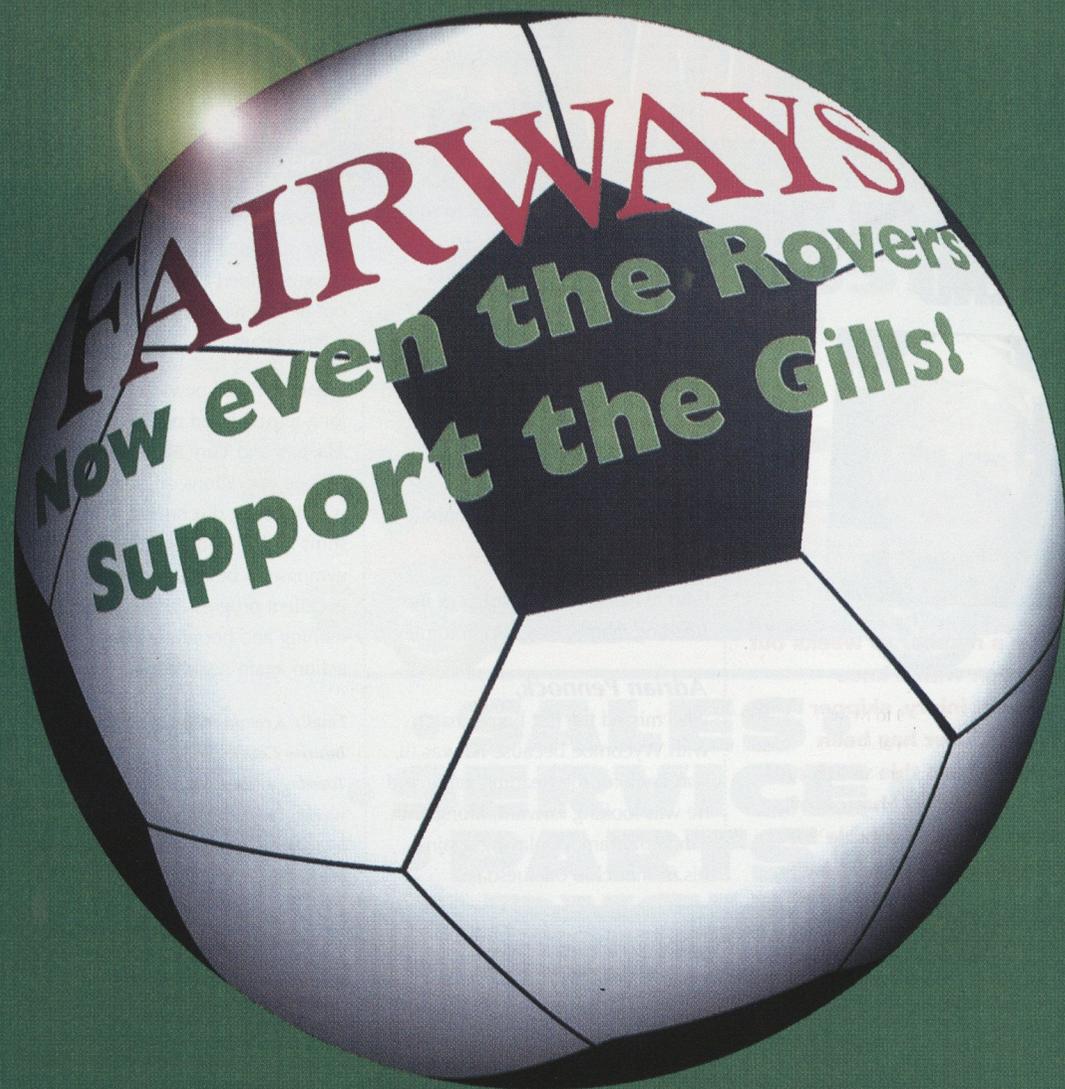
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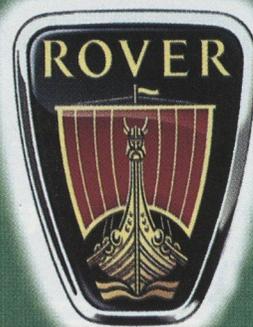
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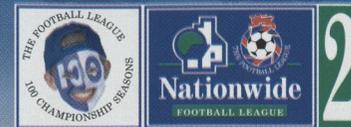
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Looking **AHEAD**



WIGAN ATHLETIC

Saturday, November 7th, 1998

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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Wigan had Tuesday's home game with Fulham postponed because of a waterlogged pitch. They are just one place and one point above the Gills with five wins, two draws and six defeats from their 13 matches.

They lost at home 1-0 to Manchester City last Saturday. Manager Ray Mathias has been able to strengthen his squad recently with the acquisition of defender Stuart Balmer from Charlton Athletic and Simon Haworth from Manchester City. Gills drew 0-0 with Wigan in the last home match of last season, needing a win to take them into the play offs. Gills were 4-1 winners in the game at Springfield Park.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Tuesday, November 10th, 1998

Kick-off 7.45pm

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Oldham Athletic have found it tough going so far this season and inconsistency has been their problem.

They lost 2-0 to today's visitors Luton at Kenilworth Road on Saturday and had taken just four points from seven away games, and they failed to pick up anything against neighbours Burnley at Turf Moor on Tuesday night. Former favourite Andy Ritchie is manager at Oldham and he has a number of experienced players in the side. Going into Tuesday's match they had 11 points from 13 games and were fourth from bottom of the table.

TRAVEL INFO...

Fa Cup Draw

The draw for the first round of the FA Cup takes place next Saturday, October 31st. If we are drawn away our travel details will appear in the next matchday programme.

We have been drawn away at Colchester in the Auto Windscreens Shield competition. The match takes place on Tuesday, December 8th kick off 7.45pm and travel arrangements will appear in a future programme.

BLUE ARMY MAP DETAILS To Lincoln by road...

A2 to Dartford-M25 North-Dartford Toll Tunnel-M25 junction 27. Signpost M11. Continue on M11 and take A14 junction. Turn onto A1 north and continue on A1 until Newark then turn on to A46 (s/p Lincoln).

At roundabout after approx 10 miles take third exit (s/p Lincoln south A1434). Continue on A1434 for four and a half miles (s/p Lincoln City Centre) and then get into inside lane (s/p City Centre A57 Worksop) and straight on at roundabout into High Street. After one and a half miles get into outside lane and go straight on at the traffic lights (s/p City Centre A57 Worksop), then after 100 yards turn right into Scorer Street which leads to Sincil Bank, home of Lincoln City Football Club. Approx distance from Priestfield 170 miles.

To Manchester City by road...

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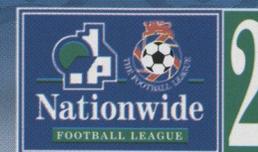
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Jamie Reid's Division Two

REVIEW



Last Saturday there were wins for the top five clubs, which leaves leaders Stoke City one point clear of second placed Preston North End. (This column was written before all the midweek games involving Second Division clubs).

SECOND HALF FIGHT BACK FOR THE LEADERS

Stoke had to come from behind to gain maximum points in their away game at lowly Lincoln. The Imps, playing in front of their biggest crowd of the season, went ahead through Tony Battersby after only eight minutes, but the leaders scored twice in three minutes early in the second half to secure their fifth away win of the season.

NORTH END KEEP UP PRESSURE ON THE LEADERS

First half goals from David Eyres and Kurt Nogan gave Preston a 2-0 home win over Colchester as the Essex club slumped to their third successive defeat.

BLACKPOOL ON THE WRACK

Walsall also kept pace with the leading pack as they defeated Blackpool by the only goal of the game at the Bescot Stadium. Darren Wrack scored the all important goal just before the interval as he notched his fourth goal of the season.

HATTERS LEAVE IT LATE

Luton left it late to secure maximum points in their home encounter with Oldham. The visitors were reduced to 10 men after 71 minutes when midfielder Scott McNiven was sent off. Luton took full advantage of the extra man, as they scored twice in the final eight minutes. Phil Gray put them into the lead, and in

the final minute 18-year-old Andre Scarlett, made it 2-0 and secured the points with a debut goal.

FULHAM WIN THE LONDON DERBY

A fiercely competitive match at the New Den saw Fulham snatch a late winner to deny Millwall a share of the spoils in front of the day's top attendance (11,876). The Lions had seven players booked including former Charlton defender Jamie Stuart, who was then shown the red card for a second bookable offence. In an eventful second half Kit Symons emulated his Wales heroics with a fine headed effort from a Steve Hayward cross, with just a minute to go. The win for Fulham keeps them hot on the heels of the leaders with a game in hand.

CHERRIES HELD BUT STILL REMAIN UNBEATEN AT DEAN COURT

Bournemouth and Northampton shared the points in a 1-1 draw at Dean Court. The Cherries who are still unbeaten at home went ahead in the first half through leading scorer Mark Stein, who notched his ninth goal of the season. But The Cobblers hit back early in the second half when recent signing Doug Hodgson pounced on a mistake by home keeper Mark Ovendale to give his side a valuable away point.

TOP SCORER GOATER DOES IT AGAIN

Leading scorer Shaun Goater scored the only goal of the game as Manchester City just got the better of Wigan in their all Lancashire clash at Springfield Park. The decisive goal came in the 57th minute when Goater volleyed home a cross from Gary Mason to inflict the first defeat in five games on Wigan.

INJURY TIME EQUALISER FOR BURNLEY

An injury time equaliser from Norwegian

Rune Vindheim gave Burnley a point in their home game with Notts County. The visitors took an early lead thanks to Dennis Pearce, and almost held out, until the last gasp effort from Vindheim secured a point for the Clarets as they achieved their third successive home draw of the season.

CHESTERFIELD DEFEAT TEN MEN YORK

Chesterfield secured their fifth home win of the season as they won by the odd goal in three against York. The visitors went ahead after only four minutes through young striker Richard Cresswell, who grabbed his eighth goal of the season, but on the stroke of half time the Spireites pulled level when Mark Williams headed in an inswinging corner from Jamie Hewitt. The all important winner came on 67 minutes when former Preston North End striker David Reeves sent York keeper Bobby Mimms the wrong way after Tony Barras had fouled Jon Howard. The incident also resulted in Barras being shown the red card.

13TH GAME LUCKY FOR WYCOMBE

It was a case of lucky 13 for Wycombe as they won their first game of the season defeating Macclesfield by three goals to nil at Adams Park. First half goals from Andrew Baird and Michael Simpson set up the win, and they made the game safe on 68 minutes when Keith Scott added a third.

ROVERS STILL UNBEATEN AT HOME

Bristol Rovers and Wrexham played out a goal-less draw at the Memorial Ground despite Wrexham playing the whole of the second half with only ten men after Kevin Russell was sent off on the verge of half time.



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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

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SATURDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER Manchester City

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

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Lincoln v Gillingham

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, October 31, kick off 3pm

Admission on the day is £13 adults and £8 juniors and concessions.

Manchester City v Gillingham

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Saturday, November 21st kick off 3pm

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Rob Taylor receives his Man of the Match award from Executive Club members Andy Devine and Mark Stubington, Rebecca Williams and Claire Farragher. Rob was Man of the Match for the Macclesfield game.

Man of the Match 1998-99

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August 18th vs Southend
PAUL SMITH
August 22nd vs Bristol Rovers
ROBERT TAYLOR
September 1st vs Wrexham
ANDY HESSENTHALER
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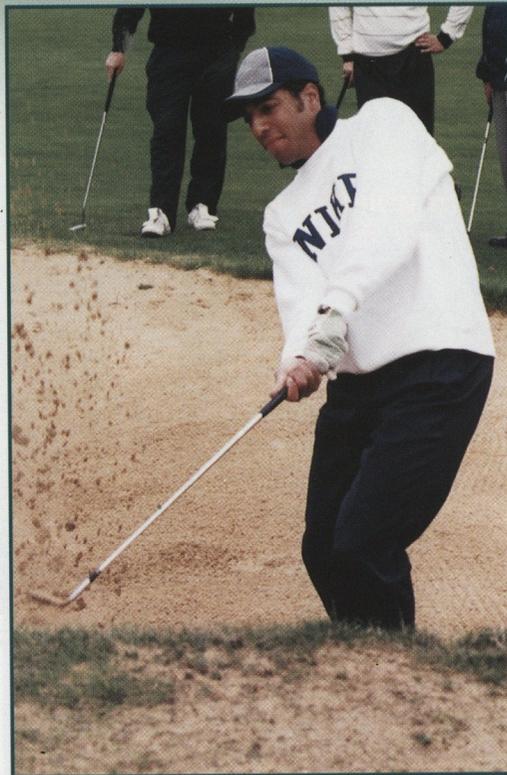
Gillingham Football Club held a successful Golf Day at Gillingham Golf Club recently, in which a number of club sponsors and players took part.

The winning team, which included Gills goalkeeper Vince Bartram were from Rybeck of Sheerness and scored 50-2 points.

Second were Colin Prankard's team, including Paul Smith, with 54.8 points and third were Studio One with Steve Butler in their side.

The longest drive competition was won by Wilson Graham, the nearest pin shot by Paul Smith, and the putting competition by Malcolm Vern.

At a dinner after the event the awards were presented to the winners by Gillingham Football Club chairman, Paul Scally.



This great bunker shot by Carl Asaba gets the approval of his team mates from TJR Turf Care.



Terry Whittaker's team, which included Gills defender Paul Williams.



Chris Williams of Studio One, whose team included Steve Butler, puts for a birdie.

SUCCESS



The Mitsu Bibsoki team with Rob Taylor encourage the Gills striker with this shot.



Adam Scally Son of Gillingham Chairman Paul Scally in full swing for the Chairman's team.



Getting ready for action is the Cory Brothers side with John Hodge about to tee off.



Ashley Lawrence of May Fair plays a shot. His side included Simon Ratcliffe and Tonbridge footballer Steve Lovell.



The winning team of Kevin Hill, Jeremy and Mark Friday and Vince Bartram from Rybeck with Gillingham Chairman Paul Scally.



Runners-up were Colin Prankard's team of John West, Kevin Chaplin and Paul Smith with Paul Scally.



Chris Williams and his Studio One team of Eamon O'Hara, Andy Bate and Steve Butler finished third.



Winners of the individual awards, Wilson Graham, Malcolm Venn and Paul Smith with Chairman Paul Scally.

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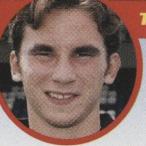
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A LOOK BACK AT 1975-76

Len Ashurst caused quite a stir on October 1975 when he walked out of Priestfield to fill the vacant manager's position at Sheffield Wednesday, taking Tony Toms with him.

At the time Gillingham were doing quite well, holding fifth position in Division Three with four wins and only two defeats from the opening 10 games.

By the time former Oxford United boss Gerry Summers was appointed

manager the team had gone off the boil and slipped down to 10th by extracting only one point from the interim three fixtures.

Summers was unable to halt the rot initially. His first match in charge ended in a 3-0 defeat at Aldershot which would have been worse but for a penalty save by Ron Hillyard. The new chief took immediate measures to strengthen the side's attacking prowess by signing two new forwards - ex West Ham winger Joe Durrell and striker Danny Westwood from QPR - at first on loan and then permanently.



Len Ashurst (nice tie) welcomes Pat Hilton to Priestfield



Mid 70s fashion parade as the players wait tentatively outside Priestfield, probably for the result of the 3.30 at Kempton Park. From the left: Neil O'Donnell, Dick Tydeman, Allan Gauden, Dave Galvin, John Davies, Graham Knight (14), Phil Owers, Colwyn Rowe (Trialist), Alan Wilks, Ron Hillyard, Bill Collins, Damien Richardson and Tony Toms.

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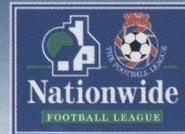
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ACTION EXTRA



Substitute John Hodge evades a tackle.

**Reading 0
Gillingham 0**
Saturday, October 17th 1998
ATT: 11,467
by Dave Taylor

Photos by Paul Dennis, KENT TODAY

Gills extended their unbeaten run to six games with a competent performance against an in-form Reading side.

Manager Tony Pulis was again forced to make changes to the side from the one that took the points against Wycombe because former Royals favourite Carl Asaba was suspended and Mark Saunders had not recovered sufficiently from injury. Into the side came Steve Butler to partner Rob Taylor up front, whilst Mark Patterson started in a midfield role.

The game started well for both sides with Paul Smith dominating in midfield but it was Reading who created the better chances early on. Vince Bartram had to be alert after only three minutes to save from Martin Williams.

Reading keeper Scott Howie did not have too much to do until three minutes from half time when a floated corner from Paul Smith caused the home side problems. Barry Ashby, up supporting the attack, lost his marker and his goalbound header was kept out by the keeper. From the resultant corner a Smith cross was again met by Ashby and again saved.

In the second half it was more of the same with the defences on top and neither side could claim to have won the midfield battle, and neither side could have laid claim to have dropped two points. Gills would certainly have been the happier of the two sides at the end as not many sides will go away from the exciting and impressive Majeski Stadium with anything.

TEAM: BARTRAM; PENNOCK, ASHBY; SMITH, CARR, GALLOWAY (EDGE); SOUTHALL, PATTERSON, BUTLER (HODGE), WILLIAMS, TAYLOR. BRYANT NOT USED.



Nicky Southall gets in a cross.



Substitute Roland Edge is denied a late chance.



Rob Taylor powers in a shot.



Paul Smith wins a header.



Mick Galloway in a heading dual with Darren Caskey.

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UP TO AND INCLUDING TUES, 20 OCT



GILLS FIXTURES

1998 / 99 SEASON

Gills

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PRESTON N.E.	14	4	2	1	17	7	4	2	1	10	7	28
STOKE CITY	14	4	1	1	8	3	5	0	3	12	9	28
LUTON TOWN	14	5	1	1	9	2	3	2	2	11	10	27
WALSALL	14	4	2	2	11	9	4	0	2	7	6	26
FULHAM	12	3	2	1	10	6	4	1	1	6	3	24
BOURNEMOUTH	14	4	3	0	13	5	2	2	3	7	8	23
CHESTERFIELD	14	6	0	1	10	3	0	4	3	1	6	22
MAN CITY	14	3	1	1	11	6	2	3	2	7	9	21
BLACKPOOL	13	4	1	2	12	8	2	1	3	6	10	20
BRISTOL ROVERS	14	5	3	0	14	5	0	2	4	3	9	20
YORK CITY	12	2	3	1	10	7	3	1	2	10	11	19
WREXHAM	14	5	1	2	13	9	0	3	3	2	10	19
MILLWALL	13	3	3	1	7	4	2	0	4	6	11	18
GILLINGHAM	14	3	2	2	13	7	0	6	1	8	9	17
BURNLEY	14	3	3	1	8	6	1	2	4	9	10	17
WIGAN ATH	13	3	1	3	8	6	2	1	3	7	8	17
NOTTS COUNTY	14	2	1	3	8	8	2	3	3	9	11	16
COLCHESTER UTD	14	2	1	3	4	8	2	3	3	9	11	16
NORTHAMPTON	14	1	4	1	8	8	1	2	5	6	10	12
READING	11	2	3	0	7	3	1	0	5	4	14	12
LINCOLN CITY	14	2	0	5	10	14	1	2	4	4	11	11
OLDHAM ATH.	14	2	1	4	8	10	1	1	5	4	12	11
MACCLESFIELD	14	1	2	3	4	6	1	3	4	7	14	11
WYCOMBE W.	14	2	2	4	9	8	0	1	5	3	13	9

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Res	Att.
SAT AUG 08	WALSALL	H 0-1	5,712
Tues Aug 11	Southend United WC 1(1)	A 0-1	2,509*
Sat Aug 15	York City	A 1-1	2,634
TUES AUG 18	SOUTHEND UNITED WC 1(2)	H 0-1	3,417
SAT AUG 22	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 0-0	4,896
Sat Aug 29	Blackpool	A 2-2	3,994
TUES SEP 01	WREXHAM	H 4-0	5,349
Sat Sep 05	Chesterfield	A 0-1	3,766
TUES SEP 08	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H 2-3	5,072
Sat Sep 12	Colchester United	A 1-1	4,612
SAT SEP 19	BURNLEY	H 2-1	5,702
Sat Sep 26	Preston North End	A 1-1	10,506
SAT OCT 03	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	H 2-2	6,093
SAT OCT 10	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H 3-0	4,575
Sat Oct 17	Reading	A 0-0	11,467
Tues Oct 20	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A 3-3	5,183
SAT OCT 24	LUTON TOWN	H	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
BARTRAM	PATTERSON	PENNOCK	SMITH	ASHBY	CARR	HESSENTHALER	HODGE	BUTLER	TAYLOR	WILLIAMS	GALLOWAY (11)	SOUTHALL (9)	BRYANT (2)
BARTRAM	PATTERSON	PENNOCK	SMITH	ASHBY	CARR	HESSENTHALER	HODGE	GALLOWAY	WILLIAMS	TAYLOR	BUTLER	BRYANT (2)	SOUTHALL (8)
BARTRAM	PATTERSON	PENNOCK	SMITH	ASHBY	CARR	HESSENTHALER	HODGE	SAUNDERS	WILLIAMS	TAYLOR	BRYANT (3)	PENNOCK	SOUTHALL (9)
BARTRAM	PATTERSON	BRYANT	SMITH	ASHBY	CARR	HODGE	HESSENTHALER	PENNOCK	WILLIAMS	BUTLER	EDGE	SOUTHALL	GALLOWAY
BARTRAM	PATTERSON	PENNOCK	SMITH	ASHBY	CARR	HODGE	HESSENTHALER	BUTLER	WILLIAMS	TAYLOR	BRYANT (2)	PENNOCK (11)	SOUTHALL (7)
BARTRAM	PATTERSON	PENNOCK	SMITH	ASHBY	CARR	SAUNDERS	HESSENTHALER	ASABA	WILLIAMS	TAYLOR	BRYANT(7)	HODGE(11)	SOUTHALL(9)
BARTRAM	PATTERSON	PENNOCK	SMITH	ASHBY	CARR	SAUNDERS	HESSENTHALER ²	ASABA	HODGE	TAYLOR	BRYANT (11)	WILLIAMS (7)	GALLOWAY (10)
BARTRAM	SOUTHALL	DOBSON	SMITH	BRYANT	ROLLING	GALLOWAY	HESSENTHALER	ASABA	SAUNDERS	WILLIAMS	EDGE (7)	PENNOCK (6)	STRATHAM
BARTRAM	PATTERSON	DOBSON	SMITH ²	BRYANT	CARR	BUTLER	HESSENTHALER	ASABA	SAUNDERS	WILLIAMS	PENNOCK (11)	SOUTHALL (10)	GALLOWAY
BARTRAM	PATTERSON	GALLOWAY	SMITH	BRYANT	CARR	SAUNDERS	HESSENTHALER	ASABA	SOUTHALL	TAYLOR	BUTLER (11)	PENNOCK	EDGE (5)
BARTRAM	ASHBY	PENNOCK	SMITH	BRYANT	CARR	PATTERSON	HESSENTHALER	ASABA	GALLOWAY	TAYLOR	SOUTHALL(8)	PENNOCK	HODGE(5)
BARTRAM	ASHBY	PENNOCK	SMITH	BRYANT	CARR	PATTERSON	SAUNDERS	ASABA	GALLOWAY	TAYLOR	HODGE(11)	EDGE(3)	SOUTHALL(10)
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BARTRAM	PENNOCK	ASHBY	SMITH	CARR	GALLOWAY(13)	SOUTHALL	PATTERSON	BUTLER(14)	WILLIAMS	TAYLOR	BRYANT	EDGE	HODGE
BARTRAM	PATTERSON	PENNOCK	SMITH	ASHBY	CARR(13)	WILLIAMS(12)	SAUNDERS(14)	ASABA ²	SOUTHALL	TAYLOR	EDGE	BRYANT	HODGE

Sat Oct 31	Lincoln City	A	
SAT NOV 07	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	
TUE NOV 10	OLDHAM ATHLETIC (WC 4)	H	
Sat Nov 14	FAC 1		
Sat Nov 21	Manchester City	A	
Tues Nov 24	FAC 1 (Replay)		
SAT NOV 28	FULHAM	H	
Sat Dec 05	FAC 2		
Sat Dec 12	Stoke City	A	
Tues Dec 15	FAC 2 (Replay)		
SAT DEC 19	NOTTS COUNTY	H	
Sat Dec 26	Bristol Rovers	A	
TUES DEC 29	MILLWALL	H	
SAT JAN 02	BLACKPOOL FAC 3	H	
Sat Jan 09	Walsall	A	
SAT JAN 16	YORK CITY	H	
Sat Jan 23	Wrexham FAC 4	A	
Sat Jan 30	Millwall	A	
SAT FEB 06	CHESTERFIELD	H	
Sat Feb 13	Northampton Town FAC 5	A	
SAT FEB 20	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	
Sat Feb 27	Burnley	A	
SAT MAR 06	PRESTON NORTH END FAC 6	H	
Tue Mar 09	Macclesfield Town	A	
Sat Mar 13	Wigan Athletic	A	
SAT MAR 20	LINCOLN CITY	H	
Sat Mar 27	Luton Town	A	
SAT APR 03	READING	H	
Mon Apr 05	Wycombe Wanderers	A	
SAT APR 10	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	H	
Sun Apr 11	F.A.CUP SEMI-FINAL	A	
Tues Apr 13	Fulham	A	
SAT APR 17	MANCHESTER CITY	H	
Tues Apr 24	Oldham Athletic	A	
SAT MAY 01	STOKE CITY	H	
Sat May 08	Notts County	A	
Sat May 22	F.A. CUP FINAL	A	

TODAYS MASCOTS

MATTHEW KENT



Matthew is six and lives at Gillingham. He enjoys swimming, skiing, football and basketball. He loves watching TV and playing on his playstation. Paul Smith is his favourite Gills player and Charlton his favourite other team.

JAMES DAVEY



James is ten and lives at Faversham. He plays football for St Mary of Charity School. He is in the Faversham Gymnastics display squad and regional level kick boxing, he enjoys model making. Carl Asaba is his favourite Gills player and West Ham his favourite other team.

First Team Player Appearances 98/99

Player Name:	Div 2 W.C. FAC. AWS. TOTAL					Gls.
	Apps.	Apps.	Apps.	Apps.	Apps.	
CARL ASABA	10	-	-	-	10	5
BARRY ASHBY	11	2	-	-	13	-
VINCE BARTRAM	14	2	-	-	16	-
MATT BRYANT	6(7)	1(1)	-	-	7(8)	-
STEVE BUTLER	4(3)	1	-	-	5(3)	-
DARREN CARR	13	2	-	-	15	2
TONY DOBSON	2	-	-	-	2	-
ROLAND EDGE	(5)	-	-	-	(5)	-
MICK GALLOWAY	7(2)	1	-	-	8(2)	1
ANDY HESSENTHALER	9	2	-	-	11	2
JOHN HODGE	5(6)	2	-	-	7(6)	1
MARK PATTERSON	13	2	-	-	15	-
ADRIAN PENNOCK	10	1	-	-	11	-
JAMES PINNOCK	(3)	1(1)	-	-	1(4)	-
FRANK ROLLING	1	-	-	-	1	-
MARK SAUNDERS	10	-	-	-	10	3
PAUL SMITH	14	2	-	-	16	3
NICKY SOUTHALL	4(8)	(1)	-	-	4(9)	1
ROBERT TAYLOR	12	1	-	-	13	3
PAUL WILLIAMS	9(1)	2	-	-	11(1)	-

ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

A comparison of the start of this season over last season



SEASON	PLAYED	WINS	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	CLEAN SHEETS	POINTS	AV ATT
1997 1998	14	7	20	15	4	24	6,156
1998 1999	14	3	21	16	4	17	5,342

STATS TABLE KEY

FAC = F.A. Cup
C.C.C = Coca-Cola Cup
* Own Goal Scored

SUBSTITUTES USED

NUMBER IN BRACKETS INDICATES PLAYER REPLACED ()

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VS

LUTON TOWN

VINCE BARTRAM	1
ADRIAN PENNOCK	2
PAUL WILLIAMS	3
PAUL SMITH	4
BARRY ASHBY	5
MATT BRYANT	6
JOHN HODGE	7
MARK PATTERSON	8
CARL ASABA	9
NICKY SOUTHALL	10
ROBERT TAYLOR	11
MARK SAUNDERS	12
MICK GALLOWAY	13
ROLAND EDGE	14
	15
	16

KELVIN DAVIS
GRAHAM ALEXANDER
MITCHELL THOMAS
MATTHEW SPRING
STEVE DAVIS
MARVIN JOHNSON
RAY MCKINNON
SEAN EVERS
STUART DOUGLAS
PHIL GRAY
MICHEAL MCINDOE
ALÁN WHITE
ANDREW FOTIADIS
ANDRE SCARLETT

TEAM COLOURS

GILLINGHAM
Blue & Black striped shirts
Black shorts

LUTON TOWN
Orange & Blue shirts
White shorts



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MR S C E HEAD
(YELLOW FLAG)

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MR T MASON

MATCH FACTS

HALF-TIME SCORE

FULL-TIME SCORE

TODAY'S ATTENDANCE

NEXT HOME MATCH

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NOVEMBER 7TH
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