

The IMP

SAT NOV 21ST 3.00PM
LUTON TOWN

£1.70

MAIN CLUB SPONSOR



2



MATCH SPONSORS



YOUTH TEAM SPONSOR



LADIES FOOTBALL SPONSOR



CAR SUPPLIERS



YOU RENT A LOT MORE THAN A CAR.



LINCOLN CITY F.C.
SINCIL BANK STADIUM
LINCOLN LN5 8LD

CLUB DIRECTORY

SECRETARY'S OFFICE/
COMMERCIAL/
PROMOTIONS/ACCOUNTS/
LINCS LOTTO: (01522) 880011
BAR & CATERING:
(01522) 880052
FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY:
(01522) 880008;
FAX: (01522) 880020;
IMPSLINE: 0930 555900
(CALLS COST 50P/MINUTE)
OFFICIAL INTERNET SITE:
www.redimps.com

CHAIRMAN:
K.J. REAMES
VICE CHAIRMAN/
COMPANY SECRETARY:
H.C. SILLS
DIRECTORS:
J. HICKS, N. WOOLSEY,
P. JACKSON
VICE PRESIDENTS
J. JENNISON, P.BIRD

ASSISTANT MANAGER:
PHIL STANT
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:
IAN WHYTE
PHYSIOTHERAPIST:
KEITH OAKES

COMMERCIAL MANAGER:
JERRY LONSDALE
ACCOUNTANT:
PERRY YARNELL
STADIUM MANAGER:
NIGEL DENNIS
FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY:
STUART DONNELLY
SAFETY OFFICER:
CHRIS PARKINSON

PROGRAMME EDITOR:
DONALD NANNESAD

IMPETUS

The new force behind Lincoln City

Although it is early days we are pleased to announce that the Impetus fund raising campaign has reached its first milestone with the monies raised now exceeding the five-figure mark. This in itself is a great achievement but there is, of course, a long way to go.

Impetus, thanks to a great deal of hard work by White and Co, have recently written to over 300 people who returned our vouchers. We are sure a lot of these Imps' fans will join the Force and boost the fund dramatically.

The Impetus working group has arranged for posters to be printed and these, along with membership forms, will be distributed to businesses, shops and pubs throughout the City and local villages to promote the campaign.

Please be assured that the costs of leaflets, posters, postage and so on are either being donated by local businesses who support the Impetus idea or paid

for by the members of the Impetus committee themselves. Every penny given by supporters will be donated over to Lincoln City FC!

We are also approaching local individuals and businesses to tell them about the Impetus scheme. It has already become clear that people, often with no connection with Lincoln City in any way, are very happy to donate to a fund that helps their local club financially but also benefits the supporters in a way that has never been done before - by projecting fans onto the board to give their input on the way the club is run.

For all you City fans out there this could be the start of something very big - it's up to you! A membership form is included here for those of you who haven't joined Impetus yet and don't forget to attend the next Impetus public meeting on 9 December in the Centre Spot. Kick-off is at 8.00 p.m.

ROB BRADLEY

impetus - Yes, I want to join the force ...

I enclose cash/cheque for £

I acknowledge that for each £50 that I pay I will receive one voting right in **impetus** (up to a maximum of twenty votes).

Name

Address

Contact Tel. No.

Signed

**CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO IMPETUS.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ROB BRADLEY (01522 519569) OR
ALAN LONG (01522 794147)**

BANK CHAT

WELCOME

This afternoon we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Luton Town to Sincil Bank and we wish them a safe journey home.

SUSPENSIONS

Jason Perry misses this afternoon's match as he serves a one match ban after accumulating five yellow cards. Gavin Gordon has been given a three match suspension as a result of his red card at Walsall. He will miss next Saturday's trip to Reading followed by the FA Cup second round clash and the visit to York on 8 December.

FA YOUTH CUP

City's youth team take on Scunthorpe United at Sincil Bank on Tuesday 24 November in the second round of the FA Youth Cup. The match kicks off at 7.00 pm with admission prices £3 for adults and £1 for concessions. If a replay is necessary it will be held at Glanford Park on Thursday 26 November again with a 7.00 pm kick off.

THANKS

Our sincere thanks to Hykeham Forum Supplies who have donated £1,000 to the club. This generous gesture is very much appreciated and comes from a company that has helped football at many levels in the Lincoln area over the years.

INS AND OUTS

Since our last home match a number of changes have taken place in personnel. John Reames has now taken control of day to day team affairs assisted by Phil Stant and Keith Oakes. Manager Shane Westley and head coach Wally Downes have left the club. Leo Fortune-West has been transferred out to Brentford and Charlie Oatway has returned to Griffin Park on the completion of his one month loan period with us. In addition Ian Wilkins has been loaned out to Dr Martens League Premier Division club Grantham Town.

SHIRTS

Coming soon to the Club Shop. 1975/76 Champions of Division Four team shirts. Watch press for details.

ACROSS THE SAHARA

Lifelong Imps supporter, season ticket holder and sponsor David Beck is to join 40 other hardy souls in a fundraising hike across the Sahara Desert to raise money for the MacMillan Cancer Relief charity. The nine day trek starts in Quarzazate next Saturday and will head south across the desert finishing at Zagora covering a distance of 100 kms.

Anyone wishing to sponsor David can contact him on 0836 314204 or send a cheque payable to MacMillan Cancer Relief at 42, Danvers Close, Broughton, Banbury, Oxon, OX15 5DX.

AUCTION

A charity auction in aid of the Daniel Leveridge Appeal is to be held at Lincoln City Football Club on Monday 23 November starting at 6 pm. Items on offer include signed matchballs from Manchester United, Chelsea and Lincoln City, signed pennants from West Ham United and Tottenham Hotspur and a signed Leeds United shirt. The event is to be hosted by Andy Marsh from Lincs FM.

UNCLAIMED

The 50/50 draw winning ticket for the match against Wigan Athletic back on 15 August is still unclaimed. The winning ticket was number 3240. The holder can collect the prize of £214 by bringing the ticket to the Club Office.

IMPSLINE

Our Impsline information service offers you the chance to be the first with the news of everything that happens at Sincil Bank. Up to the minute match reports are provided by Chris Waters. Midweek interviews with John Reames, the players and management are provided by Kerry France together with all the latest news from the Bank. Impsline can be found on 0930 555900 (all calls cost 50p per minute).

MASCOTS

Places are still available for youngsters to be matchday mascots for the Imps. The mascot package includes a pre-match tour of Sincil Bank, a run out with the Lincoln City players, kick-in prior to the match and then joining the official party for a photograph with the captains and referee. Three tickets for the best seats in the Echo St Andrews Stand are included along with a complimentary matchday programme. We will loan a Lincoln City FC strip for the occasion and the mascot receives souvenir photographs. This superb package is available for just £60 including VAT. Please contact Kerry France in the Commercial Department on 01522 880011 ext 125.

ALADDIN

The cast of Aladdin will be appearing on the pitch at half-time in costume. Frazer Hines and Claudia Malkovich of Emmerdale Farm, David Griffin of Hi De Hi appear with Julie Fox, Nick Bayly, Alastair Hannah, D.D. Ford and Warren Duke. Aladdin is on at The Theatre Royal, Lincoln from 17 December to 24 January.

SINCIL BOX OFFICE

Lincoln City FC proudly presents
a 'Sportsmans Dinner'
with guest speaker

DAVID FAIRCLOUGH,

winner of ten domestic and
four European medals with
Liverpool F.C.

Also with top comedian &
comper

Derek Tomlin

Thursday 26th November 1998
Seats priced £25 each or £225 for
a table of ten.

To reserve your place at this
exclusive event or for more
information call 01522 880011
ext 125 NOW!!!

The biggest show in the City at
Christmas features -
THE CENTURIONS

This famous group of lads make
their first appearance locally on
22nd December 1998. The
ultimate show for a girls night
out!! Buy your tickets now for
this extra special festive event
and make sure you don't miss it!!

Tickets priced £10
see below for details.

Discount for large groups.

For Tickets call at the Club's
Main Office or call 01522-
880011 ext 124 for Credit/Debit
Card Bookings

Strictly Adults
Only 18+

ALSTOM Gas Turbines



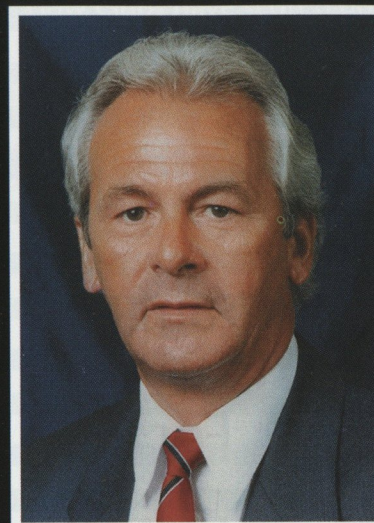
Teaming Up

with

Lincoln City Football Club

ALSTOM

L.C.F.C. photographs courtesy of Lincolnshire Echo



"I need, the team needs, and Lincoln City Football Club needs all your support"

Good afternoon and welcome to Sincil Bank. A particularly warm welcome to our former coach Lennie Lawrence and his lads from Luton.

It might look strange for the chairman to be writing the manager's column but that is the role I am covering. To most supporters the decision that Shane Westley and Wally Downes should go was probably understandable. What was, I'm sure, less understandable is my decision to take over team affairs. Despite working many long hours Shane was unable to achieve the kind of results we need to stay in Division Two, but also there was a growing ebb in morale and confidence within the playing staff at the Football Club. That needed to be addressed before the Cheltenham game because I felt that if nothing had been done we would almost have guaranteed an exit from the FA Cup at the first round stage. The decision had been in my mind for some weeks.

Whilst football is all about the game on the field it is also a matter of fact that it is a game of mathematics and there is a point in time that if you get too far behind on points it is just impossible to make things up from an ever decreasing number of matches.

I also considered my options if Shane did go. Lincoln City, like every other English football club, has a history of getting ex players to come in to manage the side. I have long believed that is not a successful recipe for Lincoln City or English football in general. You only have to look at our club sides and our national sides results in recent years to recognise we have fallen behind.

I am not suggesting that the answer for every football club is for the chairman to become the manager but most of the likely applicants, and since Shane has left I must have had more than 20, have failed at previous clubs. I have had 14 years experience in professional football not just with Lincoln City but also at national level. Whilst that doesn't make me a qualified coach I do believe it has given me an eye for a footballer and certainly a reasonable knowledge of the tactics in the game.

I therefore came to the conclusion that the change I have made would be in the best interest of Lincoln City Football Club. I appreciate I have certainly put my head on the block and I have no doubt that there will be a lot of people waiting to chop it off. In the mean time I will make the decisions I believe are right for Lincoln City Football Club. We will make every attempt to make up the ground but it is going to be difficult.

We have not got the resources of virtually every other club that we are competing against but I do believe that with organisation and maybe one or two changes in personnel, which are difficult to make because of the financial position, we are capable of doing just that.

We made a significant change to the organisation and to the personnel for the game last Saturday which proved to be successful but it will take some time to settle down to any significant change in style. That certainly can't happen quickly.

However I do believe that we have the players who can pass the ball more. For far too long now passing the ball at Lincoln City has almost been regarded as a crime. That hopefully will be one of the more quicker changes you will notice.

I cannot guarantee or even promise you success and how long I continue to be responsible for team affairs even I don't know.

One thing I do know is that I need, the team needs, and Lincoln City Football Club needs all your support. To the many Doubting Thomases give us a chance and get behind the team.

Enjoy the game.

John Reames



Queen

Programmed
For
Success

Queensway Publishing Limited

Proud to be the Designers and Publishers of the

Lincoln City Football Club Official Matchday Programme 1998/99

Nobel House, Nobel Road, Edmonton, London, N18 3BH Telephone: 0181 807 7669 Fax: 0181 807 8402



For Further Information:
Please Contact Us On:
01493 440535

Install an 'award winning' RCF Video Projector

and watch your profits soar!

- Systems for every pub & club

- Screen sizes 4 ft to 15ft

- Superb picture quality

- Competitive prices

- Unbeatable back up service

- Free demo and site survey

As specialist suppliers to the UK leisure industry we are pleased to supply Lincoln City FC with their Big Screen.

Business or Pleasure, The Sincil Bank Complex has a venue to suit you.

The Sincil Bank Complex offers a unique City centre location with ample free parking for meetings, weddings, functions, conferences, trade shows and exhibitions. Our modern premises are fully licensed, with extensive catering facilities to suit every occasion. The complex is open seven days a week and offers a choice of venues from a 10 person meeting in our executive boxes through to a 220 person function.

CALL OUR BAR AND CATERING DEPARTMENT FOR
AVAILABILITY AND BOOKING.
TEL: 01522 880011 EXT 139

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
6	2	2	4	0	3	6	1	Bournemouth	5	6	2	1	0	1	4	0
6	4	2	5	2	0	5	0	Blackpool	4	2	6	2	0	4	4	1
0	8	2	0	0	1	10	0	Bristol Rovers	4	4	2	3	0	1	7	1
2	3	2	6	0	0	8	0	Burnley	3	9	5	1	0	2	5	0
5	3	2	1	0	3	3	0	Chesterfield	4	1	0	0	0	0	3	2
8	2	0	1	0	2	3	0	Colchester United	4	4	3	5	0	3	3	0
8	2	1	1	1	1	12	0	Fullham	6	1	2	0	2	0	1	0
5	3	5	7	1	1	5	1	Gillingham	5	3	3	0	1	0	5	1
4	6	1	0	0	1	4	0	Lincoln City	6	8	1	4	0	2	10	1
6	5	1	1	1	0	7	0	Luton Town	2	2	0	3	0	0	9	0
4	3	5	1	0	0	3	0	Macclesfield Town	2	2	4	3	3	3	5	1
5	5	3	3	1	1	4	1	Manchester City	4	2	1	2	0	3	6	0
5	2	3	1	0	0	6	1	Millwall	4	1	2	3	0	3	7	0
2	4	2	2	1	3	3	0	Northampton Town	6	0	3	3	0	2	3	2
6	2	1	3	1	4	3	0	Notts County	4	3	3	2	1	0	8	0
5	4	1	0	0	0	3	1	Oldham Athletic	6	9	4	4	1	0	4	0
8	7	4	2	0	1	8	2	Preston North End	4	3	1	1	0	2	6	0
7	6	1	2	0	1	3	0	Reading	7	4	4	1	0	3	4	1
10	4	2	1	0	3	6	1	Stoke City	4	5	2	0	0	0	4	0
7	4	4	4	0	2	4	3	Walsall	6	6	3	2	0	0	6	0
3	5	3	1	0	2	6	2	Wigan Athletic	1	2	2	4	0	0	7	2
2	1	3	3	0	1	6	1	Wrexham	6	5	0	4	0	1	8	0
5	0	2	2	1	1	5	0	Wycombe Wanderers	9	1	2	1	3	3	5	1
1	0	3	2	2	4	10	0	York City	14	3	0	3	0	2	7	1

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

Bristol Rovers 3-4 Walsall 31-Oct

Biggest Home Win

Wigan 5-0 York 31-Oct

Biggest Away Win

Colchester 0-4 Burnley 9-Oct

Consecutive Wins

Stoke 6

Games Unbeaten

Gillingham 11

Consecutive Defeats

Lincoln 6

Games without a Win

Wycombe 12

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	FA
Bournemouth	18	24	19	6	11	2	Stein	8	5	1
Blackpool	24	24	23	4	23	3	Aldridge	6	2	1
Bristol Rovers	20	21	22	6	13	6	Hayles	9	1	0
Burnley	30	21	25	2	20	7	Payton	10	1	2
Chesterfield	21	17	10	8	20	6	Holland/Reeves/Howard	3/4/4	2/1/1	0
Colchester United	22	16	22	2	20	2	Gregory D	2	2	0
Fullham	23	26	12	9	8	1	Lehmann/Beardsley	2/3	2/1	0
Gillingham	22	28	18	6	22	5	Asaba	10	0	0
Lincoln City	21	16	32	3	24	14	Battersby	5	1	0
Luton Town	22	21	16	6	12	2	Davis S/Gray/Douglas	5/4/5	2/3/2	0
Macclesfield Town	21	16	23	3	24	20	McDonald/Wood/Smith	2/2/3	1/1/0	0
Manchester City	27	23	18	5	14	1	Goater	8	2	1
Millwall	24	18	20	6	14	5	Shaw	7	1	0
Northampton Town	28	17	21	3	22	14	Corazzin	7	0	0
Notts County	27	20	21	3	17	5	Hendon	5	0	0
Oldham Athletic	25	14	28	3	23	14	Allott	3	1	0
Preston North End	19	32	17	7	7	1	Nogan	7	0	0
Reading	29	20	24	5	23	10	Williams	9	0	0
Stoke City	20	27	15	8	4	1	Kavanagh/Crowe	5/6	1/0	0
Walsall	24	28	23	7	11	2	Rammell	9	1	0
Wigan Athletic	23	22	18	6	23	10	Barlow	8	1	1
Wrexham	20	17	24	5	16	2	Connolly	4	1	0
Wycombe Wanderers	25	16	25	4	24	19	Scott	3	0	1
York City	20	22	30	3	24	8	Cresswell	9	0	2

Yellow & Red Cards

	Yellow	Red	....	Pts
Bristol Rovers	33	6	.....	51
Wycombe Wanderers	38	3	.....	47
Gillingham	31	4	.....	43
Lincoln City	34	3	.....	43
Burnley	35	2	.....	41
Millwall	35	2	.....	41
Wigan Athletic	38	0	.....	38
Manchester City	28	3	.....	37
Northampton Town	33	1	.....	36
Luton Town	26	3	.....	35
Oldham Athletic	23	4	.....	35
Walsall	25	3	.....	34
Blackpool	33	0	.....	33
Preston North End	21	4	.....	33
Wrexham	27	2	.....	33
Macclesfield Town	22	3	.....	31
Chesterfield	24	2	.....	30
Reading	24	2	.....	30
Stoke City	29	0	.....	29
York City	18	3	.....	27
AFC Bournemouth	22	1	.....	25
Notts County	22	1	.....	25
Colchester United	21	0	.....	21
Fullham	15	0	.....	15

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins

Fullham 5

Games Unbeaten

Gillingham 11

Consecutive Defeats

Bristol Rovers, Lincoln 3

Games without a Win

Oldham, York 7

Div.2 Stat Attack

Div. 2 Attendance Details

	Highest	Lowest	Average
Manchester City	32,134	24,291	27,443
Stoke City	15,002	10,557	12,755
Reading	18,108	7,914	11,165
Fullham	14,284	7,447	10,856
Preston North E.	15,888	8,656	10,750
Burnley	11,781	8,526	10,012
Millwall	12,726	4,249	7,061
Notts County	10,316	4,445	6,333
Bristol Rovers	7,529	5,361	6,307
Northampton T.	7,557	5,210	6,236
Oldham Athletic	12,976	4,231	6,183
Bournemouth	6,956	5,151	5,984
Luton Town	6,087	5,005	5,510
Gillingham	6,093	4,575	5,388
Blackpool	5,904	3,849	4,956
Wycombe Wndrs	8,129	3,361	4,778
Colchester United	6,377	3,597	4,628
Lincoln City	7,338	2,949	4,532
Wigan Athletic	6,700	2,784	4,277
Chesterfield	5,426	3,681	4,255
Walsall	5,802	3,098	4,156
Wrexham	7,290	2,766	4,058
Macclesfield T.	6,381	2,794	3,668
York City	3,780	2,634	3,019

Statistics compiled by Football Information Services Telephone: 0151-632 5679

The Lincoln City Collection



Club Shop & Mail Order hotline - 01522 880011

Shop Opening Hours : Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm

Home Match (Saturday) 10.00am to 3.00pm (plus 1/2 hour after match)

Home Match (Midweek) 6.00pm to 7.45pm (plus 1/2 hour after match)

Left: Sleepsuit age 12-18 months €5.95
NEW white embroidered bib €2.95
Also available twin pack of baby vests - €6.96



Navy and grey polo shirts
€17.99, adult sizes - small,
medium, large and XL.
Youths, age 12-14 €14.95

A guide for all Supporters to Premier and
Football League clubs 1999 €5.00

Now Available!!!
HUMOUROUS XMAS CARDS
40p each of 4 for €1.50



SUPER LEAGUE

Official Kit Supplier to LINCOLN CITY FC

First Team File

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 1998

Nationwide League Division Two
Lincoln City 1, Gillingham 2.
 Scorers - Lincoln City : Gordon (35m),
 Gillingham : Asaba (80m, 90m).
 Attendance : 4,366.

Lincoln City : Richardson, Perry,
 Bimson, Fleming, Holmes, Brown,
 Smith, Oatway, Battersby, Thorpe,
 Gordon. Subs not used Miller, Stant,
 Whitney.

Gillingham : Bartram, Pennock
 (Hessenthaler 70m), Carr, Smith,
 Ashby, Bryant, Patterson, Elliott,
 Asaba, Saunders (Edge 84m), Taylor.
 Sub not used Galloway.

YELLOW CARDS
 Lincoln City : None.
 Gillingham : None.

Match Report by Andy Townsend

Two late goals from Gillingham's highly rated striker Carl Asaba destroyed the hard work put in by City over the previous 90 minutes. Despite being without both Kevin Austin and John Finnigan through suspension and Colin Alcide with a late injury the Imps quickly got on top and took the lead when the Gills' keeper fumbled a corner from Stuart Bimson leaving Gavin Gordon to prod the ball into the net.

City should have doubled their tally early in the second half when a move involving Lee Thorpe and Tony Battersby finished with Terry Fleming shooting wide from a good position. The Imps paid the penalty when Asaba burst through from the left to finish with a powerful shot. Then, deep in stoppage time, a shot was deflected into the path of Asaba who made no mistake from 10 yards.

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 1998

Nationwide League Division Two
Chesterfield 3, Lincoln City 0.
 Scorers : Chesterfield: Reeves (pen 29m),
 Perkins (50m), Howard (90m), Lincoln
 City: none.
 Attendance : 4,694.

Chesterfield : Mercer, Hewitt,
 Nicholson, Curtis, Williams,
 Breckin, Howard, Holland, Reeves,
 Ebdon, Perkins. Subs not used
 Blatherwick, Jules, Morris.

Lincoln City : Richardson, Perry,
 Bimson, Fleming, Holmes, Austin,
 Smith (Gordon 72m), Finnigan,
 Battersby, Thorpe, Alcide.

YELLOW CARDS
 Chesterfield : Ebdon (65m).
 Lincoln City : Perry (29m).

Match Report by Kevin Morley

The Imps slipped to another defeat at the hands of a strong and well organised Chesterfield side. A disappointing Imps started slowly but had a chance to take the lead after 20 minutes but Paul Smith failed to convert a flick on from Colin Alcide. Shortly afterwards the Blues went in front when Jason Perry was ruled to have fouled Jon Howard and David Reeves scored from the spot-kick. After the interval goals from Chris Perkins and Howard sealed victory for Chesterfield despite a battling second half from the Imps in which John Finnigan and Tony Battersby both went close to gaining a consolation goal.

TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 1998

Nationwide League Division Two
Walsall 2, Lincoln City 1
 Scorers: Walsall : Wrack (70m), Otta
 (90m), Lincoln City : Battersby (8m).
 Attendance : 3,698.

Walsall : Walker, Marsh, Pointon, Keates,
 Green, Viveash (Roper 62m), Wrack,
 Brissett, Watson, Larusson, Lambert
 (Otta 46m). Sub not used Porter.
 Lincoln : Richardson, Perry (Miller
 90m), Bimson, Oatway, Brown,
 Austin, Smith, Finnigan, Battersby
 (Gordon 75m), Thorpe, Alcide. Sub
 not used Whitney.

YELLOW CARDS

Walsall : Pointon (45m), Viveash
 (48m), Green (51m), Rammell
 (80m), Walker (80m).
 Lincoln City : Thorpe (32m),
 Bimson (45m), Richardson (90m),
 Smith (90m).

RED CARDS

Walsall : Brissett (58m).
 Lincoln City : Gordon (86m).

Match Report by Kevin Morley

An ill-tempered saw nine yellow cards plus two men dismissed as the battling Imps fell to defeat. City got off to the best possible start when Tony Battersby gave them the lead after only eight minutes and the Imps continued to press their hosts back for the remainder of the opening half. However they failed to increase their advantage and after the break it was Walsall's turn to dominate. Barry Richardson was forced into a great save to keep out a goal-bound effort from Larusson before Walsall were reduced to 10 men when Brissett was red carded for punching Jason Perry. With 20 minutes left Walsall drew level when a cross from the Argentinian Walter Otta was headed home at the far post by Wrack. City then had Gavin Gordon sent off and in time added on Barry Richardson saved a penalty from Rammell but seconds later City failed to clear and Otta scrambled the ball home for the winner.

For all your City info call the Impsline on 0930 555 900

Calls cost 50p per minute at all times

4-4-2

5-3-2

0-3-4-5

5-7-4

0-0-0

5-2-3

3-5-2

WHATEVER YOUR BUSINESS STRATEGY TALK TO BUSINESS LINK LINCOLNSHIRE

You want your business to succeed. We can help you make it happen.

At Business Link Lincolnshire, you can find support and impartial advice on just about anything to do with your business.

It doesn't matter whether you're large or small, or where you are in the county. Our services are designed with your business needs in mind. And their quality is guaranteed.

If you need help to grow, don't make it hard work for yourself. Simply follow the arrows.

**CALL US NOW
0345 574000**



A Lincolnshire TEC Group Company

OUR AWAY FIXTURES LIST

Kenya, Norway, Canada, Germany, Cyprus to name but a few.

Travel is an important part of Army life. So if you're between 15 and 26 and want to see a bit of the world, come and have a chat.

We also offer good pay, excellent training (NVQ, BTEC and C&G), good promotion prospects, free medical cover with plenty of sport thrown in. Altogether a very attractive package.

For further details contact:



Armed Forces Careers Office
Sibthorp House, 350-352 High Street, Lincoln
Tel 01522 567789

The Army is committed to Equal Opportunities

Ticket information

**TICKET ENQUIRIES
MONDAY - FRIDAY
9.00 AM - 5.00 PM
01522 880011**



AWAY TRAVEL

v Reading
Nationwide League Division Two
Saturday 28 November
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
Admission
South Stand : Adults £14.00 on day ,
Concessions £7.00 on day. Tickets to be
bought from Club Ticket Office.
(see right for details of advanced tick-
ets)
Red Imps Association coaches depart
9.00 a.m. Price £8.30.
Car Parking : Madejski Stadium £5.00;
Reading Speedway Stadium £3.00;
Street car parking in adjoining indus-
trial estate.
Programme : £2.00

v York City
Nationwide League Division Two
Tuesday 8 December
Kick-off 7.45 p.m.
Admission
Seats : Adults £9.00 and £11.00.
Concessions £6.00 and £7.00.
Terrace : Adults £8.00; Concessions
£5.00
Red Imps Association coaches depart :
4.30 p.m. Price £5.50.
Street car parking.
Programme £1.80.

**READING
AWAY
MATCH**



Advanced cut price tickets for the Reading away match next Saturday can be bought from the Sincil Bank office.

These are available at a cost of £12.50p (including booking fee) for adults and £6.50p for concessions.

Not only does this represent a significant reduction in price but supporters who buy tickets in advance will also avoid queues at Reading's ticket office.

Talk tactics with the manager.

For all your banking needs, call in and see us.

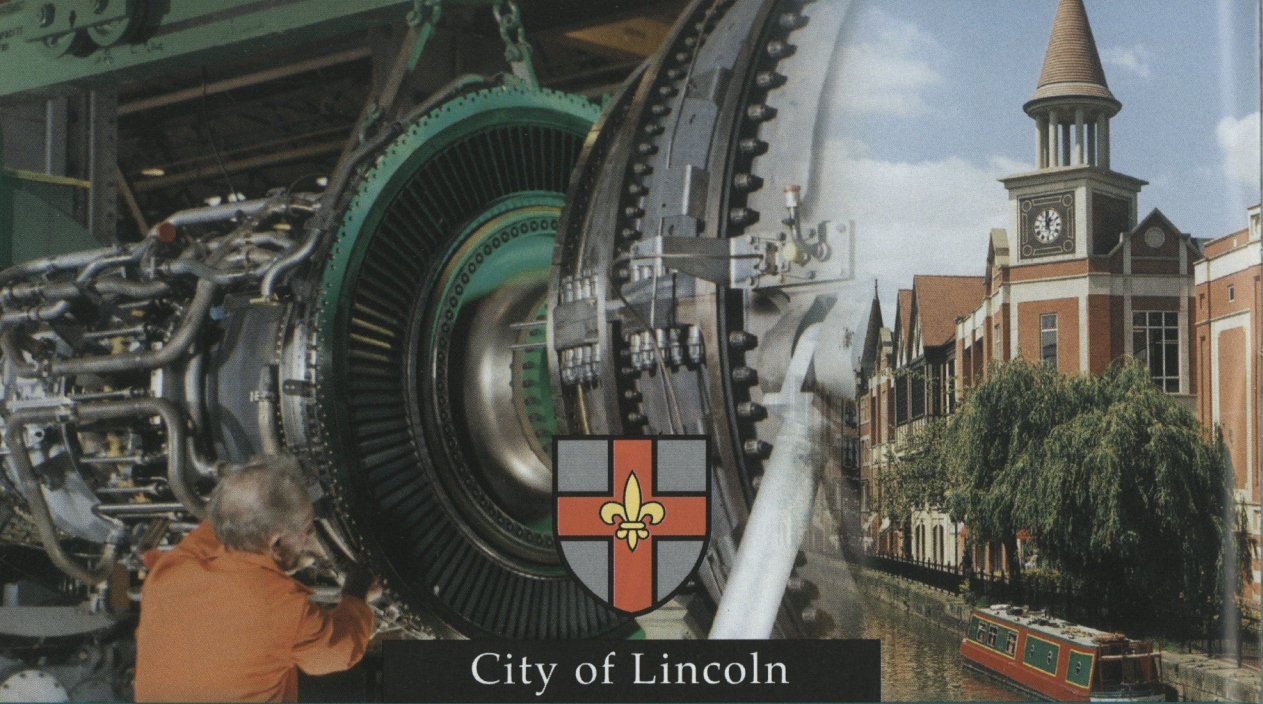
Barclays Bank PLC
City Office Park
Tritton Road
Lincoln
LN6 7AR

Barclays Bank PLC
316-318 High Street
Lincoln
LN5 7DP

Telephone 01522 343500



BARCLAYS



City of Lincoln

Economic Development Service

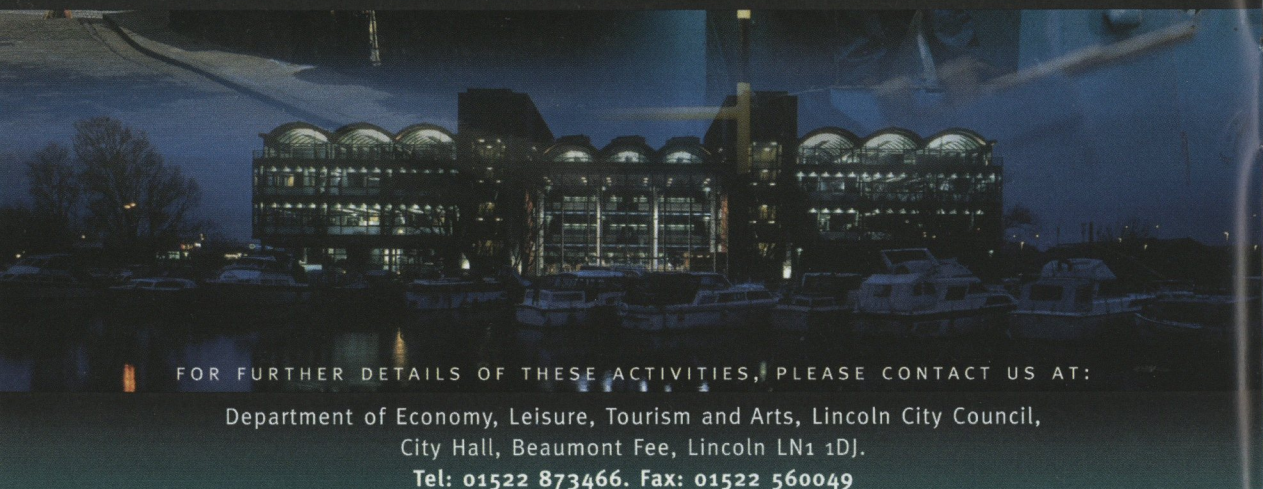
Expanding Lincoln's Economy

BUSINESS SERVICES

- Inward Investment
*Lincolnshire Heartlands
East Midlands Development Company*
- Local Marketing
Business Link Lincolnshire
- Business Enquiry Service
Property Database, Land Availability
- Managed Office Workspace
- Liaison with Agents and Developers
- Raising awareness of Investment opportunities

PROJECTS


- Urban Regeneration Strategy
- Bid applications for:
*Lottery funding - Arts, Heritage,
Millennium and Charities
Single Regeneration Budget
European Funding*
- Research and Feasibility Programmes
- English Partnership Investment Strategy
- Manage successful SRB I, III & IV Programmes
- Encourage and establish Local Partnerships



FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF THESE ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT US AT:

Department of Economy, Leisure, Tourism and Arts, Lincoln City Council,
City Hall, Beaumont Fee, Lincoln LN1 1DJ.

Tel: 01522 873466. Fax: 01522 560049



North Lincolnshire College

- 97% of full-time students go onto employment or other education
- We offer over 500 courses throughout the year
- Our facilities are the best in the region

CALL US NOW!
01522 876276

Biggest College -
Widest Choice

Providing training
and education for the community

WE ARE PROUD TO SEE LINCOLN CITY PLAYING ON DESIGNER MIXTURES

*Blow the whistle on inferior mixtures
by telephoning 01529 304511
and asking for a copy of our current
Amenity Grass Seed Catalogue
and the name of your nearest
Designer stockist.*



Rose Bearings

A tradition of Engineering Excellence

Rose Bearings is one of Lincolnshire's foremost companies.

Rose Bearings at Lincoln is a leading supplier of high quality rod ends and spherical bearings to the aerospace, railway, automotive and race car industries.

Rose Bearings Skegness plant is one of the world's most advanced production units for the manufacture of high precision miniature ball bearings.



ROSE BEARINGS

Doddington Road Lincoln LN6 3RA
Tel +44 (0)1522-500-933
Sales Fax +44 (0)1522-696-485
General Fax +44 (0)1522-500-975

A wholly owned subsidiary of Minebea Co. Limited



Rose Bearings
are proud to be sole
sponsors of the
Lincoln City Youth Team

Down MEMORY LANE

3rd December 1966
Football League Division Four
Lincoln City 8, Luton Town 1.

City defied all their problems to notch up their biggest win for 13 years against a Luton team left depleted after a difficult midweek cup replay.

The Imps, as now, faced serious financial problems with income through the turnstiles unable to meet the £500 weekly wage bill for the squad leaving manager Ron Gray with the job of having to off-load three of his players before the end of the month.

City had big problems on the pitch as well as off it with the dismal record of having scored just 20 goals in their 18 league matches.

Gray gave a debut to new signing Billy Cobb, a wing-half from Newark whose career began at Nottingham Forest, and it

paid off better than anyone could have dreamed of.

The new man hit a hat-trick, the only player in City's history to achieve such a feat on his league debut, as City ran riot against a jaded Luton team that included

the likes of David Pleat, Bruce Rioch and current coach John Moore.

Roger Holmes, who was attracting interest from Portsmouth at the time, opened the scoring after only two minutes before Cobb was set up by Alf Jones for the second. Cobb added a third on 34 minutes but City eased up for a time with Rioch getting Luton back into the picture.

Luton were then able to hold out until midway through the second half before suddenly collapsing to concede a further five goals in the final 18 minutes.

Their problems may well have had a lot to do with a gruelling FA Cup clash with Exeter on the Thursday night when they

defeated the Grecians 2-1 but paid the penalty by losing two players out with injury for the clash at Sincil Bank.

Joe Bonson began the late goal rout before Roy Chapman added two in a minute. The goal of the game came in the 79th minute when Cobb completed his hat-trick with a spectacular overhead kick which flew past Tony Read into the net.

That gave City four goals in just seven minutes leaving Luton to wonder what had hit them. The final goal went in two minutes from time when the much travelled centre forward Bonson gave City their eighth.

The victory was City's biggest since August 1953 when they fired home eight goals past Blackburn Rovers but it did little to inspire the Imps for the rest of the season and they finished up having to apply for re-election after ending up in the bottom four.

Lincoln City: Treharne, Brooks, Jones, Chapman, Moore, Grummett, Anderson, Cobb, Bonson, Holmes, Allison.

Luton Town: Read, Thompson, Jardine, Riddick, Moore, Slough, Johnson, Thear, Pleat, Rioch, King.

Attendance: 2,893.



Looking Back at...

BILLY SIMPSON

Billy Simpson was a powerful defender who captained the Imps in the early 1900s when the club were members of the old Second Division and had one of the most successful teams in their history.

Despite his long association with the club it was only very reluctantly that Billy agreed to sign for the Imps in the summer of 1902. When he first met City's secretary/manager David Calderhead at a hotel in Sunderland Billy actually refused to sign forms for City only to later change his mind.

As he recalled later in life "I agreed to come down to Lincoln for a holiday and the plan was to return to Sunderland after one season."

He took time to settle in at Sincil Bank and it was not until Christmas that he won a regular first team place at centre half. Then, just as now, the Imps were undergoing serious financial problems. He remembered "The players were called together and asked to accept half wages until things improved. Some of the players were only on 50 shillings a week and the highest paid was £3. While we could not agree to take half wages we consented to a £1 reduction."

Fortunately the crisis was resolved a few weeks later with the sale of John Crawford to Nottingham Forest and the wages were quickly restored to their previous levels.

"Goalkeepers were allowed to stand on the six yard line when a penalty was taken in those days but Billy Meredith showed the way to beat this manoeuvre. He dug his heel into the ground to enable him to get his toe under the ball and lifted it over Buist's head into the net. We were naturally greatly disappointed."

Football in those days was a much more physical game than it is today and this often led to violent incidents in matches. Billy remembered one such episode in a local derby clash between the Imps and Gainsborough (then also members of the Second Division) after City defender Corky Blow was struck by a Trinity player.

Billy said "He immediately hit back and pandemonium broke out. The crowd joined in the free fight which developed and there were bouts of fisticuffs all over the ground. Play was held up for 15 or 20 minutes before order was restored."

Billy was a Wearsider who signed for Sunderland after several years playing local football. He spent five seasons at Roker Park but only appeared in a handful of first team matches. He considered quitting the game altogether before his decision to join the Imps and then, despite his misgivings in signing, remained in Lincoln for the rest of his life.

After his playing career came to an end he found employment at a local engineering works having been a fitter before becoming a professional footballer. Later he was landlord of the Roebuck Hotel on Lincoln's High Street from 1921 until 1947. He retired on his 70th birthday and then lived at Ashtons Court close to the Sincil Bank ground. He died in St George's Hospital at the age of 84 following a long illness.

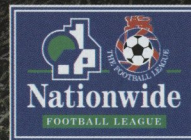


Nationwide Building Society would like to wish all clubs success in this 1998/99 centenary season of The Football League



Nationwide

OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE



BILLY SIMPSON FACTFILE

BORN: Sunderland c 1877.
DIED: Lincoln March 1962.

IMPS DEBUT: 8 November 1902 v Manchester United H 1-3 (Division Two).

LAST MATCH FOR IMPS: 28 December 1907 v Bradford City H 2-4 (Division Two).

IMPS RECORD: FL 140 apps 0 goals; FAC 11 apps 0 goals.

CAREER: Selbourne; Sunderland (c 1898 - 1902); Lincoln City (1902 - 1908).

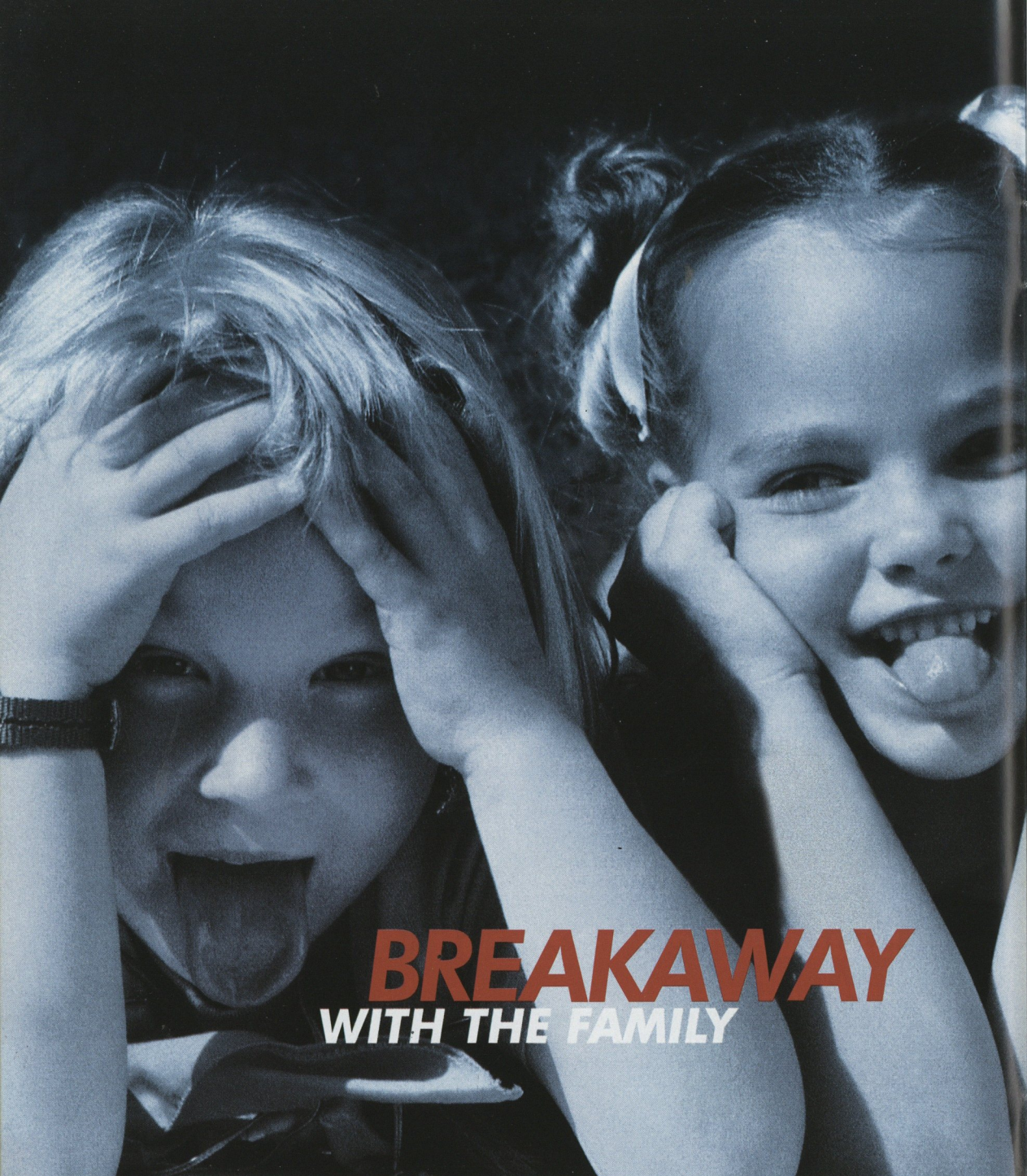
At this time although they held their own in Division Two City were rarely in a position to challenge for promotion to the First Division but had several good runs in the FA Cup during Billy's time at the club.

He was a member of the team who went down 2-1 to Manchester City in the equivalent

of today's Fourth Round of the competition back in 1904-05 when the famous Billy Meredith scored a controversial goal which helped the Blues through to the next round.

Want the latest from Sincil Bank? call the Impsline on 0930 555 900

Calls cost 50p per minute at all times



BREAKAWAY WITH THE FAMILY

We are pleased to be the official supplier of vehicles to Lincoln City Football Club.
For more information call Europcar on 01522 511144



Europcar



YOU RENT A LOT MORE THAN A CAR.

The Financial POSITION

I would like to talk about the financial position of the Football Club and my offer to make available the opportunity for a supporters' representative to come on the board.

What I find disappointing at Lincoln City is that whilst there is an awful lot of supportive words there is very little supportive action. Supporters seem to spend far more time talking about their organisations and what they want rather than directing their attention to the immediate matter which is the financial support for the Football Club.

My plea to you all is to stop talking and to start doing. This Football Club is a community football club. It cannot continue to survive on purely my

efforts. If you really want to know, and I merely say what I believe, I wonder whether you really need this Football Club badly enough.

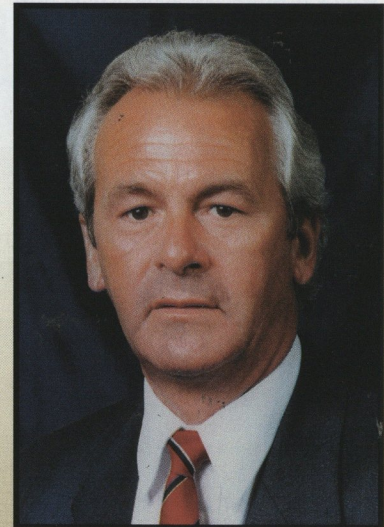
I look at what happens at other football clubs and their fans act positively and immediately.

There are however a few people to whom I will be writing to personally to thank them for their real help which has been immediate.

I have listened to five weeks of debate. The perilous financial position this Football Club is in doesn't need debate it needs action.

**THIS FOOTBALL CLUB
NEEDS YOU !!**

JOHN REAMES



LINCOLN CITY FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS CLUB

Recent games have seen the Imps fortunes remain less than favourable and I'm sure many of us have no doubt found the main cause of this over a pint. This has eventually led to the departure of Shane Westley and I'm sure you will join me and the Supporters' Club in wishing Shane all the best for the future.

One area of thanks that must go out is to the folks from the Internet who organised the balloons at recent games. This came at great cost to individual pockets but must have played a big part in the victories achieved in these games.

Down to supporters matters. We are still looking for new members or existing members who haven't renewed their membership. I'm sure you will agree that £2 a year isn't that much. For those who are awaiting their membership cards I've not forgotten you. I'm just waiting on the delivery of some more cards.

That's about it for now but tickets are now available for our Christmas Party so see any committee member for your tickets.

I hope to see some new members at our next meeting. For details contact myself or Alan Long.

Andy Townsend - Treasurer &
Membership Co-ordinator.

RISEING STAR - NOVEMBER'S LCFC CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE PLAYER OF THE MONTH

This month's rising star has travelled many miles since being signed to the Imps Centre of Excellence. Jack Hobbs is 10 years old and lives at Moulton near Spalding. He goes to the John Harrox Primary School in Moulton. Jack attends the weekly coaching session at Sincil Bank on Monday evenings and also plays in the eight a side fixtures against other Centres of Excellence in the Midland Region on Sundays which means he clocks up at least 170 miles a week for his dedicated parents Paul and Petra. This is his second season at the Centre of Excellence and his first taste of competitive fixtures. Like all players at these younger age groups there is a strong emphasis on working with the ball and building up a solid foundation of technical excellence. His group coach Paddy Cutillo says "Jack has made real progress and has a great attitude towards learning and practise. That commitment and work have really paid dividends this season and shone through in games we've played. He is a great example to the other boys, of all ages, of how to improve themselves." Jack will be presented with a Rising Star trophy by Nigel Woolsey, director with responsibility for youth development.



Imps Web Talk

www.redimps.com

ON-LINE CLUB SHOP

With Christmas fast approaching now is the time to visit the popular on-line Lincoln City club shop. Orders from around the world have been coming into the club since the shop opened a month ago so why not pay the site a visit and browse the large range of Lincoln City merchandise which is available to buy on-line.

JOIN THE PLAYERS ON-LINE

Coming soon to the web-site will be regular "question & answer" sessions where members of City's playing staff will be going on-line ready to answer any questions that you, the fans, want to ask them. It is hoped that injured skipper Dean Walling will be the first player to take part in this project, so get your thinking

caps on and visit the site for more information.

"DAM NETBUSTERS"

The Lincoln City Internet Mailing List football team - The "Dam Netbusters" - played their first league match three weeks ago away to their counterparts from Doncaster Rovers. The match was played in good spirit and despite going 2-4 down the Netbusters recovered to win the match 7-5. The Netbusters first home game was played this morning against Luton WHOSH on the Sincil Bank Astroturf and the Netbusters are also in action again next Saturday when they travel to Reading to play the Internet Royals.

The Mailing List football team is open to anyone who is (a) a Lincoln

fan and (b) subscribes to the Lincoln City Mailing List. There is no other restriction. If you're interested then get on-line and join over 200 fans in one of the most positive and supportive lists anywhere on the Internet.

AND FINALLY...

A big thank you to Mailing List member Dean Mason for providing the 500 balloons that inspired the Imps to cup glory at Cheltenham last Saturday. News on this and any future balloon drops is available on the web-site.

If you have any questions about the official web-site or the mailing list then please e-mail me at jv@redimps.com for more information.

JOHN VICKERS

IMPS BIRTHDAY LOTTO



The Imps Birthday Lotto is now embarking on its second year in operation and is proving very popular. However we still have a long way to go to reach our target and we are still looking for canvassers in all areas of the City and County. The ideal people are fans of the Football Club like yourselves, trustworthy and committed to the cause. Generous commissions are paid and the position would suit anyone who has two or three hours to spare for one of two evenings a week. Alternatively maybe some of the people who you work with might like to join as a syndicate or on their own. If you are interested please get in touch with Lynda either by calling at the Football Club offices or by telephoning her on 01522 880011 ext 126.

WINNERS WEEK ENDING 6 NOVEMBER

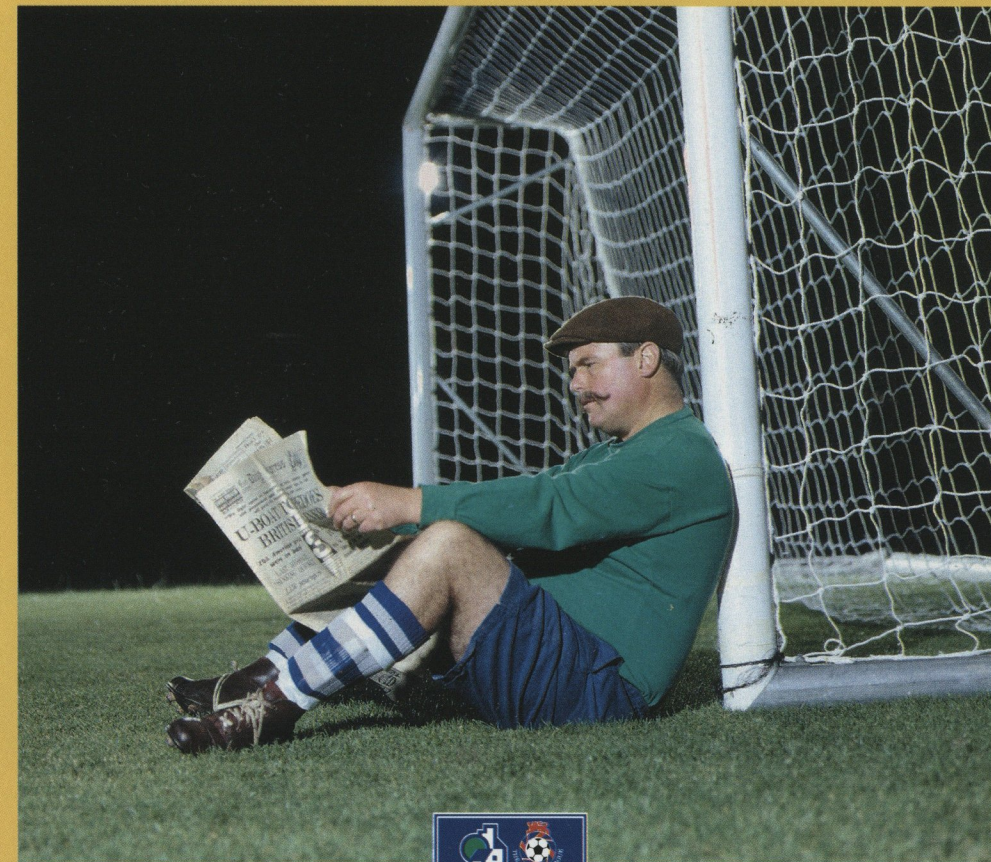
£1,000 Mrs Maggie Dixon of Wragby no 16/09/29; £50 Mr Green of Lincoln No 29/07/54; £25 Mr R.Phillips of Lincoln No 04/09/01; £10 P.A.Taylor of Washingborough no 04/04/68; E.A.Jones of Reepham no 07/06/90; Mrs Talbot of Lincoln no 23/12/69; R.J.Condon of Sleaford no 23/12/69; Mrs M.Rodaway of Scotchorn no 03/05/54; A.Waterfield of Lincoln no 09/07/42; Mrs A.James of Lincoln no 12/12/48; Mr H.Robinson of Lincoln no 20/01/11; C.R.Cunago of Sleaford no 12/02/60;

B.Bennett of North Hykeham no 12/02/60; Mrs P.Walker of Lincoln no 14/10/50; Mrs D.Sharp of Lincoln no 14/10/50; Mr Prince of Lincoln no 14/10/50; Mr Roberts of Lincoln no 05/06/72; B.Clarke of Sudbrooke no 05/06/72.

WINNERS WEEK ENDING 13 NOVEMBER

£1,000 Mr J.W.Potter of Skellingthorpe no 03/03/64; £50 Pankhurst of North Hykeham no 10/03/32; £25 Mrs Partridge of Sleaford no 30/12/77; £10 Carol Wells of Lincoln no 15/10/28; Mrs Coates of Nettleham no 04/08/47; M.Hogg of Sleaford no 01/02/27; Quittenton of Saxilby no 02/06/51; Mrs Richardson of Coningsby no 27/12/30; R.Richardson of Branston no 08/01/57; Mrs Waterfall of Lincoln no 28/11/66; H.Murray of Lincoln no 01/08/82; J.Darker of Washingborough no 26/08/36; Mrs P.Chardoux of Market Rasen no 04/07/24; Mr Harrod of Billinghay no 06/08/21; Miss Marshall of Sleaford no 30/04/72; Mr Stevenson of Lincoln no 16/11/48; Marrows of Lincoln no 12/03/73; Mrs Reade of Lincoln no 28/05/19.

'Savings made easy with the World's No.1'



Last season the Nationwide Football League saw some spectacular saves

It pays to decide...



Contact your local Nationwide Building Society branch at
589 Lea Bridge Road, Leyton, London E10 6BB
Telephone: (0181) 919 0900
<http://www.nationwide.co.uk>

The World's No.1 Building Society



Left: Tony Battersby takes on a Gillingham defender.



Above: Tony Battersby keeps his eye on goal.

Right: Tony Battersby rounds a defender.



Left: Gavin Gordon narrowly fails to add to City's lead.

Right: Paul Smith (7) shoots wide.



NOT ONLY



BUT ALSO



BIGGER, BRIGHTER, BETTER



More sport
SIX nights
a week



with
Liz
Davis

FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



Good afternoon and welcome to Sincil Bank for today's game against Luton Town. Let's hope that everyone will give loud and vociferous support for the Imps.

Stuart Donnelly has been away recharging his batteries for two weeks so Tom and I have been holding the fort in the Community Office. Over the two weeks we have been assisted by a number of work experience pupils from local schools and colleges who have been with us on our schools coaching visits and obviously enjoyed being part of a team. Schools who are part of the coaching programme this term include Burgh le Marsh, Woodlands Infants, Leadenham, Welbourn and Dunston.

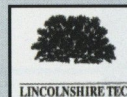
A special welcome this afternoon must go to our Saturday Club regulars and those from the Junior Hatters. We also welcome visitors from the Welbeck Mini-Soccer Centre, St Helens Junior Football Club, Birchwood Junior School, Thorpe on the Hill and St Johns Primary (Bracebridge Heath).

Enjoy the game,

Liz Davis

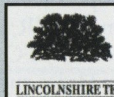
**LINCOLNSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

Supporters of Football in the Community



LADIES FOOTBALL
SPONSOR

LINCOLN CITY LADIES



LADIES FOOTBALL
SPONSOR

After a four week break our Senior Ladies' side recorded a deserved 2-1 win away at Arnold Town Reserves. Despite having to travel without a recognised keeper Lincoln still had the lions share of possession and only some resolute defending by the home team kept the scoreline down. Both City's goals were scored by Tracey Duxbury. The Under 14s were without a game after their 3-3 draw at Calverton the previous weekend. The Under 12s travelled to take on old rivals Nottingham Forest. City played their part in a good passing game but went down 3-1 to a confident Forest team. Kelly Lee was the scorer for the young Imps.

LINCOLN CITY LADIES FIXTURES 1998/99 EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

6 SEP SPARTA NOTTINGHAM Won 6-1
13 SEP Worksop Town a (F.A.C.) Lost 2-8
20 SEP LEICESTER CITY RESERVES P-P
4 OCT LINCOLN UNITED Won 1-0
11 OCT Loughborough Lost 0-7
1 NOV Inter Owls P-P
8 NOV MOWBRAY VILLA P-P
15 NOV Arnold Town Reserves 2-1
22 NOV WYBERTON H
6 DEC Sparta Nottingham a

13 DEC DERBY COUNTY RESERVES H
20 DEC Leicester City Reserves a
10 JAN ILKESTON H
17 JAN Lincoln United a
24 JAN LOUGHBOROUGH H
7 FEB INTER OWLS H
14 FEB Mowbray Villa a
21 FEB ARNOLD TOWN RESERVES H
7 MAR Wyberton a
14 March Ilkeston a

"City Business"

WITH JERRY LONSDALE

The victory against Cheltenham has set up an interesting encounter with either Stevenage or Runcorn with the prospects of entry into round three and the big guns! Whilst this provides us with a welcome sideshow the real challenge is to turn our season around and achieve what we set out to do in August - establish our Division Two status.

The Sportsman's Dinner on 26th November is selling fast although a few seats remain on sale. Full details on Page 3.

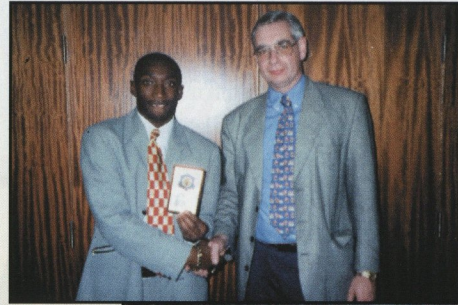
MATCH SPONSORS

It is a great pleasure to welcome today's match sponsor GORDON HOTSON of Sleaford to his first sponsorship of the Imps. Gordon, his family and guests are located in the St Andrews sponsors lounge. Our thanks to Gordon for this support and I look forward to further developing this partnership in the future.

MATCHBALL SPONSORS

Today we say hello again to two regular sponsors in EUROPCAR and the COURTYARD MARRIOTT HOTEL.

Europcar located at Outer Circle Road, formerly known as BCR, are the official suppliers of cars to Lincoln City FC. Our thanks to Branch Manager Ashley Hides and hope he and his guests have an enjoyable day with us. The Courtyard Marriott Hotel situated on the Brayford in Lincoln have very close links with the Imps and have given much needed support in recent years. We welcome Eckhard Oster and guests to Sincil Bank again and wish them a pleasant stay with us.



Pictured from top:
Terry Fleming 'Man of the Match' against Gillingham gets his award from Alexanders/Daihatsu.
The line-up before our recent game with Gillingham.
City director Nigel Woolsey says thank you to our match sponsors against Gillingham - Alexanders/Daihatsu (UK) Ltd.

EXECUTIVE BOX CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!! BOOK 3 GAMES FOR £575 + VAT. v STEVENAGE/ RUNCORN; COLCHESTER AND MACCLESFIELD. PRICE INCS 10 TICKETS, CAR PARKING AND BUFFET LUNCH.

THANK YOU TO OUR EXECUTIVE BOX HOLDERS

C.S.MARTIN (ALFORD) LTD/
ACTION CENTRED
TRAINING/

SHIRE CATERING
REDTRADE LTD
ALSTOM
ALEXANDERS /
DAIHATSU (UK) LTD
J.M.HOYES

LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL
WOODHOLME /
JOINTLINE
MAZARS NEVILLE RUSSELL
SOFTWARE (EUROPE) LTD
ROSE BEARINGS

Sponsor a Goal!! 1998/99

Paul R Wilson	50p
Allen Walker	£1
Christopher Oldham	£1
Tony Woodhead	£1
Keith & Alun Jones	50p
G R & R N Smith	£1
Newark Imps	£5.50
Ty & Vicki Corcoran	50p
Ben Scott	50p
Clive Harris	50p

Our thanks to the above goal sponsors - Why not join them for a minimum 50p per team goal!! - Tel. 01522 880 011, ext 125.

Match Sponsors

**Dr Gordon Hotson B.D.S. (Edin)
Private Dental Surgeon**

**37 HIGH STREET,
RUSKINGTON, SLEAFORD.**

TEL: 01526 832 922

*is proud to sponsor the match
between Lincoln City and Luton
Town and wishes the Imps the
very best of luck.*

Date	Category	Match	Match Sponsor	Matchball Sponsor
Tue July 25	A	Grimsby Town	BSS (UK)	Action Centred Training
Wed July 29	A	Sheffield Wednesday	Europcar	Morning Star
Sat Aug 1	B	Port Vale	City Council	Publicans Choice
Mon Aug 3	A	Nottingham Forest	Drainage & Building Supplies	C J Butchers
Sat Aug 15	B	Wigan Athletic	Sills & Bettridge	Courtyard Marriott Hotel
Tue Aug 18	A	Bradford City (W. Cup)	White & Co	Morning Star
Sat Aug 29	A	Preston North End	Wickes	Europcar
Sat Sep 5	A	Oldham Athletic	Radio Lincolnshire	G Lindum Cleaning
Sat Sep 12	A	Blackpool	Thompson & Richardson	Fosters Pies
Sat Sep 26	A	Fulham	Alstom	Midland Bank
Sat Oct 17	A	Stoke City	Drainage & Building Supplies	McKechnie Plastics
Tue Oct 20	A	Manchester City	U.E.F.	CMP Ltd/Nickerson's Seeds/Clayton's Carpets
Sat Oct 31	B	Gillingham	Daihatsu/Alexanders	Butlins - Skegness
Sat Nov 21	A	Luton Town	Gordon Hotson	Courtyard Marriott Hotel/Europcar
Sat Dec 5	A	Runcorn/Stevenage	White & Co with IMPetus	
Sat Dec 12	B	Colchester Utd	Rose Bearings	Reserved
Sat Dec 26	B	Macclesfield Town	McKinnells Solicitors	Chandlers Oil & Gas
Sat Jan 9	B	Bournemouth	City Council	
Sat Jan 23	A	Northampton Town	Mansfield Brewery	Bosch Power Tools
Sat Jan 30	A	Burnley		BSS
Sat Feb 13	A	Millwall	Daihatsu/Alexanders	Seacroft Mobility/Europcar
Sat Feb 27	B	Bristol Rovers	Chamber L.T.	Geo Adams
Tue Mar 9	B	Wrexham	City Council	
Sat Mar 13	A	Chesterfield	Thompson & Richardson	BSS
Sat Mar 27	B	York City	Lincs Health	H.L. Halder Ltd./DuPont
Mon Apr 5	A	Notts County	Lincolnshire Echo	RAF Careers
Tue Apr 13	B	Reading	Walkers	Butlins - Skegness
Sat Apr 24	B	Walsall	City Council	Europcar
Sat May 8	B	Wycombe Wanderers		Bosch Power Tools

ONYX TROPHIES
291A NEWARK ROAD
LINCOLN

(Opposite Gatehouse Pub)
Telephone 545424

Prop. Ron Westerman 683650
Glassware and glass engraving

Opening Times:

Monday 10am-5pm Wednesday 10am-5pm
Thursday 10am-5pm Friday 10am-8pm
Saturday 10am-4pm

VIEWING AT OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

THE PLACE FOR TROPHIES

Going the extra mile...

Get the right result

Speak to
Mazars Neville Russell
about your business,
financial and taxation affairs.

For further information contact
Glen Jones or Colin Gayler
Aquis House Clasketgate Lincoln LN2 1JN
Tel 01522 543051 Fax 01522 543073

Other offices in the Lincolnshire region: Louth and Skegness

Mazars & Guerard

MAZARS NEVILLE RUSSELL
Chartered Accountants

**LINCOLN CITY FOOTBALL CLUB AND
MANSFIELD SMOOTH CREAMY ALE
THE PERFECT PARTNERSHIP**



Good Header

MAN'S WORLD MAN'S PINT MANSFIELD

**MIDLAND
COPYING**

What We Can Offer You Our Valued Customer

- * - Quality Photocopiers Digital Duplicators, Printers and Facsimile Machines to meet your existing and projected requirements.
 - * - Equipment Performance
 - * - Equipment Reliability
- * - Honest, uncomplicated straight forward rental contracts guaranteed by the Financing and leasing organisation.
 - * - Flexibility to upgrade and change equipment.
- * - Highest levels of service support and technical commitment from a BS 5750 registered company.
 - * - Free professional advice on your present Contracts.
- * - A realistic price on New and Fully Workshop refurbished machines, both on purchase and costs.

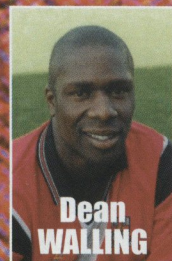
If you feel that you would benefit from the total piece of mind offered by MIDLAND COPYING then telephone Marie Yorston on: 0114 257 1444

**Total Service
GUARANTEE**

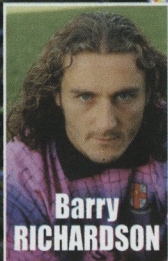


SPONSOR AN IMP!

TO SPONSOR YOUR FAVOURITE CITY PLAYER CALL THE COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT ON (01522) 380011 EXT 125



FULL KIT
Lincoln
Calculating
and
Secretarial
Agency



HOME SHIRT
Rosemary
Watchorn
AWAY SHIRT
Thomas Shannon
TRAINING KIT
Patrick Oldham
BOOTS
Tom Leitch &
 Sylvia Hitchen



HOME SHIRT
Colin McGill
AWAY SHIRT
Tennyson Hotel
Tel: 521624
TRAINING KIT
Available
BOOTS
Gillian Merron MP



FULL KIT

Newark
Branch
Supporters
Club



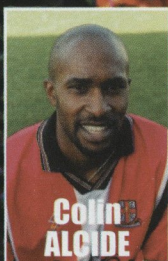
HOME SHIRT
Available
AWAY SHIRT
Available
TRAINING KIT
Available
BOOTS
Matthew Lilley



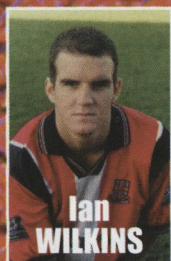
HOME SHIRT
ALL IS
NOT BLACK
AWAY SHIRT
Hugh & Alan
Johnson
TRAINING KIT
Available
BOOTS
Available



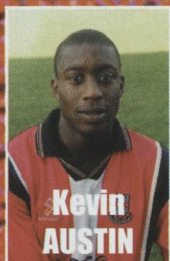
HOME SHIRT
The Scarlett
Family
AWAY SHIRT
Dean Mason
TRAINING KIT
Blow by Blow
Productions
BOOTS
Spalding Branch S.C.



HOME SHIRT
Lincoln Internet
Mailing List
AWAY SHIRT
Andrew
Cottingham
TRAINING KIT
Available
BOOTS
Paul McCourt

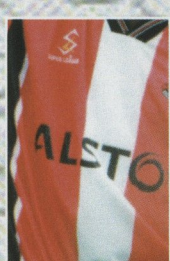


HOME SHIRT
Kevin McGill
AWAY SHIRT
Ty & Vicki
Corcoran
TRAINING KIT
Available
BOOTS
Available



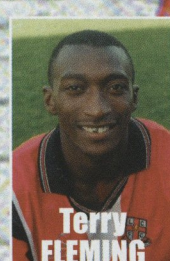
FULL KIT

Braemar
Care Services
Southend-
on-Sea



FULL KIT

Newark
Branch
Supporters
Club



HOME SHIRT
Jane Watchorn
AWAY SHIRT
Phil, Lea &
Luke Auger
TRAINING KIT
Clive, Matthew &
Emily Harris
BOOTS
Paula Williamson



FULL KIT

Charles
Jennison

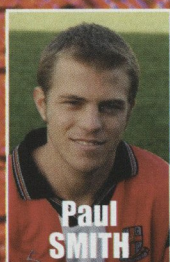


HOME SHIRT
Available
AWAY SHIRT
Katie Scott
TRAINING KIT
Ty & Vicki
Corcoran
BOOTS
Available



FULL KIT

Bernard
Coy



HOME SHIRT
The White Horse,
Sleaford
AWAY SHIRT
Ben Scott
TRAINING KIT
Nicholas Musson
BOOTS
Alan Musson



FULL KIT

White & Co.
Chartered
Certified
Accountants



HOME SHIRT
Tony Edens
Domestic
Appliance Sales
AWAY SHIRT
Admiral Computer
Services
TRAINING KIT
Tony Willders
BOOTS
Michael Van Rooyen



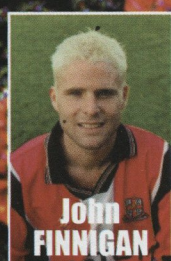
FULL KIT

Action
Centred
Training

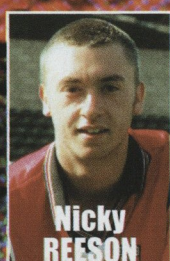


FULL KIT

Dawn
Jackson

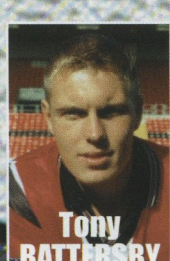


HOME & AWAY SHIRTS
Ice Cream Parlour
- Bailgate
TRAINING KIT & BOOTS
Dennett's Ice
Cream - Spilsby



FULL KIT

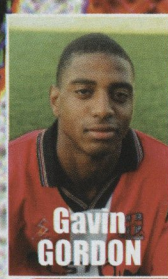
Mark
Jackson



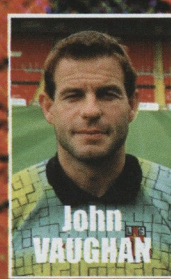
HOME SHIRT
London Branch S.C.
AWAY SHIRT
East Lincs Electrical
Contractors
TRAINING KIT
London Branch S.C.
BOOTS
Daphne & John, The
Coach and Horses,
Strood, Kent.



HOME SHIRT
Julie & Alan
AWAY SHIRT
Epton Family
TRAINING KIT
Stephen Oldham
BOOTS
Epton Family



HOME SHIRT
Ty & Vicki
Corcoran
AWAY SHIRT
Lyndon Dowdell
TRAINING KIT
Nigel Biggs
BOOTS
Dave Chester &
Lynn Jones

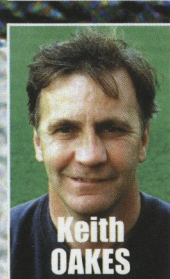


HOME SHIRT
Tyrwhitt Arms
Tel: 01526 398 460
AWAY SHIRT
Pegasus Windows
TRAINING KIT
K.P. Factors
BOOTS
David Brumhead



FULL KIT

Martin
Watchorn



FULL KIT

Terry
Goddard

Come on
boys, do us
proud.

Wickes Home Improvement Centre,
Outer Circle Road,
Lincoln, LN2 4HU. Tel. 01522 539 539.
Opening times: Mon - Sat 7.30am - 8pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm

W Wickes Do yourself proud.

Wickes are offering a great deal to all Lincoln City supporters.

Save **£15** when you spend
£200 **43xx02**

Name _____

Save **£5** when you spend
£100 **43xx01**

Address _____

Postcode _____

(Offers exclude cement and single purchases over £100)

Tel No _____

We may wish to contact you with further information and details of other promotional offers.

If you do not wish to receive any further communications, please tick box.

Valid from 28.07.98 to 20.05.99.

All the vital info for Imps fans - call the Impsline on 0930 555 900

Calls cost 50p per minute at all times

Important Info

RINGO & CO - THE LINCOLN CITY FC BAND

Welcome from the Band to our new manager John Reames. We are often asked why we play in the Band considering all the problems it entails. I can only say that we all feel we are doing our bit for the club we support. Apart from watching the team is there anything more you can do? Many of you are actively involved in raising money for the club. We have two excellent fanzines. Several people distribute ticker-tape. A new team is supplying balloons. So what else is there left? If anyone has any ideas of any type let's hear them.

The large flag behind the Band was "borrowed" from some Italian fans by two of the LCFC faithful who went to watch the Italy v England game two seasons ago. As yet nobody has been able to translate it so if anyone out there speaks Italian it reads "Irriducibili, maremmas wolf manciano". Please inform any member of the band with the translation so we can publish it in the programme (if it's legal).

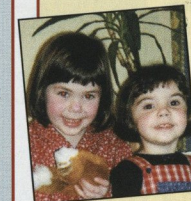
Ringo's drumskin sponsors this week are : Jason (Baby) Barnett, Bish, D.Heard, Lyn Jones, Paul Ward, Mick & Nina Dore, Kirstie Behan, Andy Townsend and D.Chester.

MASCOTS

Damon Loughlin (right) lives in Lincoln and is aged eight years old. He attends Our Lady's School in the city.



Emily Rooke (below) is seven years old. She goes to the Ling Moor School at North



Hykeham and her other interests include cricket and tennis. Her favourite footballer is David Seaman (because he looks like daddy).

David Franks is from North Hykeham. He is three and a half years old and yet to start school.

This afternoon's Luton Town mascot is Ryan Canney, aged 14, who is from Luton. He plays for the Junior Hatters and his interests include football and tennis.

LINCOLN & DISTRICT FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS CLUB

Our weekly lottery is a vital but relatively inexpensive long-term way in which Lincoln City fans can play their part in helping us to help the Football Club.

Our lottery offers terrific value for money costing just 50p a week and has over 100 prizes each week. We currently pay out a total of more than £1,650 every week with a top prize of £1,000 decided by the results of the weekend's top football matches.

All our profits are donated to Lincoln City FC and we are proud to be able to say that since our formation in 1952 we have been able to donate nearly £1.4 million to the Football Club including over £400,000 during the 1990s. Despite the intense competition we were able to donate over £35,000 in the last financial year.

If you would like to help us or would like to become a member of our weekly lottery then please contact Brian on Lincoln 568641 or Kevin on Lincoln 569825.

1. When Luton manager Lennie Lawrence worked at Sincil Bank who was he assistant manager to?
2. Name the former Imps centre half who managed Luton in the late 1980s.
3. Which former Imps player is the oldest man to play for Luton Town at the age of 39 years and 17 days?
4. Who defeated Luton in the 1958-59 FA Cup final?
5. Which Luton player was sent off a fortnight ago and will miss this afternoon's match?
6. Which non-league team did Luton knock out of the FA Cup in last weekend's first round?
7. Which Premiership club signed former Imps winger Gareth Ainsworth earlier this month?
8. Who scored a hat-trick for the Imps when they defeated Luton 8-1 at Sincil Bank back in December 1966?
9. Before last weekend's FA Cup tie the Imps last met Cheltenham back in the 1987/88 Vauxhall Conference season. Which City player suffered a broken leg when the clubs clashed at Sincil Bank that season?
10. Which player did Luton sell to a Premiership side for a club record fee of £2.5 million?

Answers ... 1. Colin Murphy; 2. Ray Harford; 3. Trevor Peake; 4. Nottingham Forest; 5. Graham Alexander; 6. Borehamwood; 7. Wimbledon; 8. Billy Cobb; 9. Mick Watt; 10. John Hartson

OPPOSITION

LUTON TOWN

Luton manager Lennie Lawrence returns to Sincil Bank today in charge of a team which has had spectacular success in the Worthington Cup as well as being comfortably placed to challenge for a promotion place.

Lawrence, a coach with the Imps back in the days when Colin Murphy was in charge first time round, arrived at Kenilworth Road three years ago but was unable to prevent relegation from Division One in his first season.

The following campaign saw promotion hopes dashed by a play-off semi-final defeat at the hands of Crewe and then last season proved a real struggle with relegation being a threat until results picked up in the last couple of months of the campaign.

This time around the Hatters have made a solid start in the league currently lying in eighth place but with games in hand over the clubs above them. Their home form has been excellent with five

wins in seven matches and only two goals conceded. Away from Kenilworth Road life has been slightly more difficult and the club is at present in a run of having won just one of their last six away league matches.

Their away campaign started with a 1-0 opening day win at Wycombe. A defeat followed at Reading (0-3) before Wigan were defeated 3-1. Indifferent results at Wrexham (1-1) and Blackpool (0-1) did not auger well but then the Hatters went to Craven Cottage and comfortably defeated big spending Fulham 3-1 with goals from Phil Gray, Stuart Douglas and Steve Davis. Since then they have drawn at York (3-3) and lost on visits to Gillingham (0-1) and Stoke City (1-3).

Luton are still in both major cup competitions reaching the last eight of the Worthington Cup. A first round aggregate win over Oxford (5-4) produced a thrilling second round clash with Ipswich. Luton lost the first leg 2-1 but a 4-2 extra-time win in the second leg saw them through. Gray and Steve Davis then got the goals that saw off Premiership Coventry City before another victory over Barnsley put them in the fifth round. In the FA Cup the Hatters overcame a potentially difficult first round clash at Borehamwood last Sunday when Gray scored twice and Davis got the other in a 3-2 win to set up a second round home tie against Hull City.

Luton's first choice keeper is Kelvin Davis with teenager Nathan Abbey in reserve. Davis is a product of the club's youth development scheme who finally became first choice keeper last season. Previously given few chances despite showing form which saw him capped by England at youth and Under 21 level. Abbey is a youngster who has also come through the ranks earning his full debut in a Coca Cola Cup match against Colchester last season. Also given experience out on loan with Conference club Woking.

Lawrence selects his defence from Graham Alexander, Steve Davis, Marvin Johnson, Gavin McGowan, Gary

LAST TIME AT SINCIL BANK

18 November 1967
Football League Division Four
Lincoln City 2
(Pilgrim, Corner)
Luton Town 3
(Whittaker pen, Allen, French)

Lincoln City: Kennedy, Brooks, Peden, Pilgrim, Harford, Grummett, Gregson, Corner, Ford, Holmes, Samuels (Thom).
Luton Town: Read, Dougan, Hare, Slough, Branston, Moore, French, Buxton, Allen, Rioch, Whittaker (McDerment).
Attendance: 6,052.

Doherty, Mitchell Thomas, Stuart Fraser, Julian James and Alan White. Alexander can play at either right back or in midfield. He was bought from Scunthorpe for £100,000 back in the summer of 1995 and has since showed his ability to score goals netting eight times last season. Davis is another player with an eye for goal having scored five times in the league and three times in the cup. He is a commanding central defender who was made club captain immediately on signing from Burnley for a £750,000 fee. Johnson is a veteran of over 300 league appearances for the Hatters who can play anywhere across the back four but is normally a central defender. He has been a first team regular for more than a decade with Luton being his only club. McGowan was twice on loan at Kenilworth Road before being signed in June this year from Arsenal on a permanent basis. Highly rated by the club who picked him up on a free transfer. Doherty is a teenager who was a member of the Luton team that reached the last four of last season's FA Youth Cup. He has been capped by the Republic of Ireland at youth level and is versatile enough to operate at either centre half or as a central

IMPS RECORD v LUTON TOWN

HOME: P 11 W 4 D 4 L 3 F 28 A 18

AWAY: P 11 W 1 D 1 L 9 F 9 A 33

striker. Thomas is the senior professional at the club having initially signed as a schoolboy before coming through the ranks to make his league debut back in 1983. He moved on to Spurs and West Ham before returning to Luton who made him player-coach at the start of the season. Fraser is a Scottish born youngster who captained the Luton team which won last season's South East Counties League championship. He was given his league debut on the final day of last season. James is approaching 350 appearances for the club after making his debut as an 18 year old. Out of action after suffering a broken right leg in April this year. White played under Lawrence when the manager was in charge at Middlesbrough and was brought to Luton in September 1997 as cover during an injury crisis. He cost a bargain fee of £40,000.

In midfield Luton have the choice of Ray McKinnon, Sean Evers, Paul McLaren, Matthew Spring, Paul Showler and Simon Davies. McKinnon is a former Scottish Under 21 cap whose first taste of English football came when he moved to Nottingham Forest in 1992. He made only eight first team appearances in 20 months before returning north to Aberdeen and later went back to his first club Dundee United. He decided to try his luck again in England and Luton beat off several other clubs to win his signature. Evers is yet another home grown player. He is a tenacious midfielder man who was given his chance during an injury crisis last season and has since gone on to win a regular place. McLaren also came through the club's youth ranks firstly as a schoolboy then as a YT. He took over from Ceri Hughes after the

Welsh international moved to Wimbledon and only missed three matches last season. Spring is a competitive midfielder player who was given his league debut at the age of 17. He is another successful product of the youth scheme. Showler is a winger who played



PAUL McLAREN

part-time with Altrincham and Barnet before Lawrence gave him a chance when he was at Bradford City. He has been badly hit by injuries and only made one appearance last season. Davies is a full Welsh international whose career began with Manchester United. he cost

Luton a £200,000 fee when he signed in the summer of 1997 but found himself unable to command a regular place in the team.

Up front Lawrence selects from Phil Gray, Stuart Douglas, Andrew Fotiadis, Liam George, Andre Scarlett and Henry Bacque. Gray and Douglas are the first choice duo with Gray the more experienced. He is currently a member of the full Northern Ireland squad having returned to Kenilworth Road in September 1997. His career began at Spurs before he moved to Luton in August 1991. Two years later he went to play in the Premiership for Sunderland and later played in Europe for the French club Nancy before a move to Fortuna Sittard in Holland. His career has been hit by a succession of injuries but Luton were happy to pay £400,000 to bring him back to the club and so far this season he has netted four league goals. Douglas made his debut as a 17 year old back in 1995 but injuries prevented him getting a regular place in the first team until this season. Fotiadis is an old-style centre forward who was another local discovery. He won England Schools caps at Under 15 and Under 18 before turning to football as a career. George is a youngster who has come through the youths and reserves before being given his debut last season. He was a regular member of the Republic of Ireland squad that reached the European Youth Championship final. Scarlett is an 18 year old who was given his chance when he came on as sub in this season's home game with Oldham and went on to score in his club's 2-0 victory. Bacque is a French striker who came to Luton on a free transfer from Monaco in the summer.



STEVE DAVIS





PORTLAND HOUSE

THE HEALTH SHOP
PORTLAND HOUSE,
PORTLAND STREET, LINCOLN.
LN5 7JZ

The Health Shop provides free confidential information and advice on all aspects of HEALTH, including heart disease, healthy eating, safer sex and HIV prevention. It also provides professional counselling on HIV/AIDS, alcohol and substance misuse.

Telephone:

(01522) 529222



Insurance For:

Motor & Household

Bikes & Buses

Farms & Factories

Motor Traders
& Construction

Offices & Shops

People & Pets

In Fact Almost Anything!

FOR NEW BUSINESS ENQUIRIES RING FREE ON
0800 626234

Caledonia Lincoln are pleased to be a supplier of Vehicles to Lincoln City F.C.



For all your new and used
Fiat and Alfa requirements, talk to the specialists



Imp Travel
WorldChoice
Experience a world of difference

Paul, Aileen and their staff,
League Leaders for all your
travel arrangements.

Paul Brewer FInst.T.T.
Aileen Thomson Director
17 Sincil Street
Lincoln • LN5 7ET
TEL 01522 513009
FAX 01522 513316
e.mail:sales@imptravel.itsnet.co.uk

ABTA 7470X
IMP TRAVEL ARE IMPS SUPPORTERS

Last Season
The Nationwide Football
League saw an Increase in
Attendance of 13.5%;
Why...?

Mitre
ULTIMAX

The Quality of the Football

Mitre >
The authority ...

Image by Empics 0115 840 444 Digital Artwork by SentryBox 01895 251 220

FIAT **CALEDONIA**

DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE
TEL: 01522 536302

CALEDONIA LINCOLN • OUTER CIRCLE ROAD • LINCOLN • LINCOLNSHIRE • LN2 4JA

PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 98/99

12 AUG.....Rotherham United	a	0-4
19.....BRADFORD CITY	H	1-2
26.....Shrewsbury Town	a	3-0
02 SEP.....STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	1-3
16.....BLACKPOOL	H	1-1
30.....HUDDERSFIELD TOWN ..H		0-4
7 OCT.....Scarborough	a	1-2
14.....WREXHAM	H	3-1
11 NOV.....Notts County.....	a	0-2
18.....NEWCASTLE UTD	H	1-3
30.....Sheffield United	a	
09 DEC.....ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	
15.....Bradford City.....	a	
06 JAN.....Stockport County	a	
20.....SHREWSBURY TOWN.....H		
03 FEB.....Huddersfield T	a	
10.....YORK CITY (7.00pm)	H	
24.....Blackpool	a	
03 MAR ..SCARBOROUGH.....H		
17.....Wrexham.....	a	
24.....York City	a	
31.....NOTTS COUNTY	H	
14 APR.....Newcastle United	a	
28.....SHEFFIELD UNITED.....H		

ALL HOME FIXTURES TO BE PLAYED AT SINCIL BANK.

KICK-OFF 2.00 pm UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE

PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Latest Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Newcastle United	10	9	1	0	24	3	28
Huddersfield Town	8	6	1	1	20	6	19
Scarborough	10	5	1	4	16	15	16
Notts County	10	5	1	4	17	20	16
Stockport County	10	4	3	3	20	17	15
Bradford City	9	4	2	3	23	20	14
York City	10	3	3	4	12	14	12
Shrewsbury Town	7	2	2	3	6	9	8
Rotherham United	9	2	2	5	15	20	8
Sheffield United	9	2	2	5	11	17	8
Wrexham	8	2	1	5	10	14	7
LINCOLN CITY	9	2	1	6	10	19	7
Blackpool	9	1	4	4	9	19	7

WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 1998

**PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION 2
NOTTS COUNTY 2, LINCOLN CITY 0.**

City's first match at any level under the new managerial regime saw them go down to Notts County at Meadow Lane.

The Imps fielded a number of trialists including the former Doncaster defender Maurice Hilton who is currently on the books of Dr Martens League club Grantham Town.

But two defensive mistakes were punished by County leaving City without any reward for their efforts.

John Reames, on the touchline for the first time, said "It was only two individual mistakes that allowed an extremely strong Notts County team to win a very competitive match.

"Craig Stones, Ben Crowfoot, Gavin Gordon and Nicky Reeson all gave highly encouraging performances and it will be our responsibility to encourage our young players. One or two of the lads coming through are real prospects but it will take time."

Lincoln : Imber, Stones, Hilton, MacDonald, Crowfoot, Whitney, Miller, Dalzell (Gavin Smith), Stant (Bridge), Gordon, Reeson. Sub not used Walsh.

**WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 1998
PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION 2
LINCOLN CITY 1, NEWCASTLE UNITED 3.**

The Imps, including nine players with first team experience, fought hard against a strong Newcastle side but were unable to prevent the Magpies from extending their unbeaten record to 11 matches.

The prospect of seeing Premiership stars in action attracted a gate of nearly 1,000 to Sincil Bank making it the highest reserve crowd for over 25 years with Newcastle fielding three of their foreign stars in Lionel Perez, Philippe Albert and Andreas Andersson.

City, with Colin Alcide playing in the centre of a five man defence, comfortably held Newcastle early on with the only occasional moments of danger coming from the Swede Andersson and Gary Brady.

At the other end Gavin Gordon looked sharp and went close in the 16th minute when he broke down the left only to see his shot saved by Perez. Gary Oakes had a shot blocked and then Tony Battersby saw an effort deflected over the bar.

Newcastle went in front a minute before the break when Coppinger's ball into the box was flicked into the net by Andersson from six yards out.

City switched to a flat back four in the second half with Alcide coming off to be replaced by young midfielder Steve Banks but it was Newcastle who went further in front. Coppinger was pulled back by Wilkins inside the box and David Burt sent John Vaughan the wrong way from the penalty spot.

Gary Brady added a third for Newcastle but with 16 minutes left City scored a consolation goal. Banks and Battersby linked up to send Gordon clear and the youngster fired a low shot past Perez into the net.

Lincoln : Vaughan, Perry, Whitney, Wilkins, Allardyce, Alcide (Banks), Stones, Miller, Gordon (Walshe), Battersby, Oakes (Hennessey). Subs not used Bridge, Crowfoot.

NEXT PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION TWO ACTION AT SINCIL BANK

v ROTHERHAM UNITED

WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER

KICK OFF 2.00 pm.

CITY YOUTHS - with Ian Whyte

**SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 1998
FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE-
MIDLANDS CONFERENCE**

LINCOLN CITY 0, STOKE CITY 3.

City held Stoke until early in the second half when they conceded two goals in quick succession.

The first came when Nicky Reeson, playing his first match of the season after suffering a pre-season injury, sent a back pass to Ben Nower only for the keeper to completely miss his clearance kick. The ball stopped virtually on the line leaving a Stoke player with the easiest of tasks of tapping the ball into the empty net.

Stoke added a second with a far post header and then completed the scoring with a late goal which gave the final result a somewhat distorted look.

Youth boss Ian Whyte said "It was a disappointing result but I could have no complaints about the performance the attitude of the boys. We battled well after going two down and if we had got one goal back I think we would have got another.

"We just couldn't force the break through and as the game wore on there was a bit of a lack of sparkle."

Lincoln : Nower, Reeve, Reeson, Bridge, Wilkins, Crowfoot, Clarke, Walshe (Bird), Ridley (Martin), Lewis, Banks. Subs not used : Gray, Moore, Crawford.

**SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 1998
FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE -
MIDLANDS CONFERENCE**

BIRMINGHAM CITY 3, LINCOLN CITY 3.

City got off to a bad start going a goal down early on when they were caught square at the back. Soon afterwards the problems continued when Nicky Reeson blacked out with concussion and had to be substituted.

The young Imps reorganised and took control with Liam Walshe equalising from the penalty spot. Before the interval City went in front when Steve Banks produced a deep cross from the left which was volleyed home by Graham Lewis at the far post.

After the break Lewis made it 3-1 when he got behind the Birmingham defence to score with a cross-shot and then City had chances to go even further in front but failed to hit the target.

With 10 minutes left City were still two goals clear but then Birmingham pulled a goal back when keeper Ben Nower was deceived by a shot. That gave Birmingham encouragement to go looking for an equaliser which came in the closing minutes.

Youth boss Ian Whyte's verdict was "I was a bit disappointed that we didn't take all three points. After making a slow start some of our play was as good as it has been all season.

"One thing the boys learned from this game was that they have got to play from the first whistle until the last whistle."

Lincoln : Nower, Reeve, Reeson (Gray), Bridge, Pitter, Crowfoot, Clarke, Walshe, Wilkinson, Lewis, Banks. Subs not used Bent, Martin, Bird, Gough.

YOUNG IMPS NEXT AT HOME

**v SCUNTHORPE UNITED
FA YOUTH CUP ROUND TWO**

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER

KICK OFF 7.00 pm

AT SINCIL BANK

FOOTBALL LEAGUE MIDLANDS CONFERENCE 98/99

15 AUG ..BIRMINGHAM CITY	3-3
22.....NORTHAMPTON TOWN ..2-1	
29.....WALSALL	0-2

12 SEP.....Port Vale	0-6
19.....Wolverhampton Wand	1-3
26.....NOTTS COUNTY	1-3

03 OCT....Chesterfield	1-1
10.....Mansfield Town	1-1
17.....SHREWSBURY T (12noon).....3-0	
31.....STOKE CITY	0-3

07 NOV....Northampton Town	P-P
14.....Birmingham City.....	3-3
21.....Walsall	a
28.....PORT VALE	H

05 DEC....CHESTERFIELD	H
12.....West Bromwich Albion	a
19.....MANSFIELD TOWN.....	H

02 JAN.....Shrewsbury Town	a
09.....WEST BROMWICH A.....	H
23.....Stoke City.....	a
30.....Notts County	a

13 FEBWOLVERHAMPTON W.....H

ALL HOME FIXTURES TO BE PLAYED AT LINC'S POLICE HQ, DEEPDALE LANE, NETTLEHAM. (off A46)

KICK-OFF 11 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE
MIDLANDS CONFERENCE
(LATEST TABLE)**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolverhampton W.	13	8	4	1	28	7	28
Walsall	12	6	2	4	15	14	20
West Bromwich Alb	11	5	3	3	16	11	18
Northampton Town	10	5	3	2	15	10	18
Port Vale	12	3	6	3	18	12	15
Notts County	10	3	6	1	13	8	15
Chesterfield	12	2	7	3	17	14	13
Mansfield Town	10	3	3	4	13	13	12
Stoke City	10	3	3	4	13	16	12
LINCOLN CITY	11	2	4	5	15	26	10
Birmingham City	12	2	3	7	17	33	9
Shrewsbury Town	11	2	2	7	10	26	8

ImpsLine 0930 555 900

For all the latest news, fixtures and information
Calls cost 50p per minute at all times

In The Wings

DATE	OPPONENTS	RES	POS	ATT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sat Aug 8	A.F.C. Bourne	A	0-2	-	5,573	Vaughan	Whitney	Brown	Holmes*	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Alcide	Fleming	Bimson	Gordon	Battersby*
Tue Aug 11	Bradford City	WC1(1)	A	1-1	-	4,481	Vaughan	Whitney	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Alcide	Fleming	Bimson	Gordon	Battersby*
Sat Aug 15	Bradford City	WC1(2)	H	1-0	16	3,355	Vaughan	Whitney	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott*
Tue Aug 18	Macclesfield Town	A	0-4	14	2,794	Vaughan	Whitney	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott*
Sat Aug 22	Preston North End	H	3-4	16	4,130	Vaughan	Whitney	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott*
Mon Aug 31	Northampton Town	A	0-4	15	5,964	Vaughan	Whitney	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Thorpe	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott*
Sat Sep 5	Oldham Athletic	H	1-3	20	3,224	Vaughan	Whitney	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Thorpe	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott*
Wed Sep 9	Millwall	A	0-2	21	4,424	Vaughan	Whitney**	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith*	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott*
Sat Sep 12	Blackpool	H	1-2	21	2,949	Richardson	Whitney**	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Thorpe	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Sep 19	Bristol Rovers	A	0-3	22	6,091	Richardson	Whitney	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Thorpe	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Sep 26	Fulham	H	1-2	23	4,731	Richardson	Whitney	Fleming	Holmes	Austin	Thorpe	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Oct 3	Wrexham	A	1-2	23	3,048	Richardson	Whitney	Fleming	Holmes	Austin	Thorpe	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Oct 10	Notts County	A	3-2	23	6,458	Richardson	Whitney	Fleming	Holmes	Austin	Thorpe	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Oct 17	Stoke City	H	1-2	23	6,159	Richardson	Whitney*	Fleming	Holmes	Austin	Smith*	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Tue Oct 20	Manchester City	H	2-1	21	7,338	Richardson	Bimson	Fleming	Holmes	Austin	Smith*	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Oct 31	Gillingham	H	1-2	23	4,366	Richardson	Bimson	Fleming	Holmes	Austin	Smith*	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Nov 7	Chesterfield	A	0-3	24	4,694	Richardson	Bimson	Fleming	Holmes	Austin	Smith*	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Tue Nov 10	Walsall	A	1-2	24	3,698	Richardson	Bimson	Fleming	Holmes	Austin	Smith*	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Nov 14	Cheltenham Town	FAC1	A	1-0	-	3,589	Richardson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Nov 21	Luton Town	H	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Nov 28	Reading	A	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Tue Dec 8	York City	A	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Dec 12	Colchester Utd	H	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Dec 19	Wycombe Wanderers	A	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Dec 26	Macclesfield Town	H	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Mon Dec 28	Burnley	A	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Jan 2	Preston North End	A	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Jan 9	AFC Bournemouth	H	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Jan 16	Wigan Athletic	A	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Jan 23	Northampton Town	H	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Jan 30	Burnley	A	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Feb 6	Oldham Athletic	A	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Feb 13	Millwall	H	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Feb 20	Blackpool	A	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Feb 27	Bristol Rovers	H	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Mar 6	Fulham	A	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Tue Mar 9	Wrexham	H	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Mar 13	Chesterfield	H	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Mar 20	Gillingham	A	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Mar 27	York City	H	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Apr 3	Stoke City	A	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Mon Apr 5	Notts County	H	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Apr 10	Manchester City	A	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Tue Apr 13	Reading	H	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Apr 17	Luton Town	A	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat Apr 24	Walsall	H	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat May 1	Colchester Utd	A	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**
Sat May 8	Wycombe Wanderers	H	NL	-	-	-	Bimson	Fleming	Brown	Austin	Smith	Finnigan	Fortune-West	Battersby'	Alcide	Holmes	Subs Below	Phillipott**

The Football Trust has been providing support for football throughout the UK for 22 years.

A major new funding package made up of annual contributions from The F.A., Premier League, The Football Association, The English Sports Council, The Football League and The Professional Footballers Association has been added to the Trust's pools derived income to secure its future.

The Trust has a major part to play in the success of the game and will continue its vital grant support for lower division clubs to complete the Taylor programme.

The Trust is about a great deal more than bricks and mortar: it can handle grant aid programmes of every sort and provides essential help for the game at all levels.

The commitment of the Government and the new funding partners to make full use of the Trust's grant aid experience and expertise will have the support of everyone who cares about the future of our national game.

thefootballtrust
...helping the game.

The Football Trust, Walkden House, 10 Abelfrom Street, London NW1 2EB

Subs v Bradford (First Leg): Stant, Richardson, Gordon, Holmes, Stones (None Used)
Subs v Bradford (Second Leg: Thorpe (for Smith), Richardson, Miller, Holmes, Phillipott (for Fortune-West)

WC = Worthington Cup FAC = F.A. Cup * = Own goal Goalkeepers in **bold** * = Sent off P = Penalty () = Shirt number they replaced Saturday kick-offs 3.00pm. Evening games 7.45 unless otherwise stated.

LINCOLN CITY FOOTBALL CLUB ROLL CALL 1998/99

Name and Date of Birth	Signed from and date	F. Lge 98/99 Apps.	F. Lge 98/99 Goals	FA / W Cup AWS Apps.	FA / W Cup AWS Goals	Lincoln Lge Career Apps.	Lincoln Lge Career Goals	Other Comps Apps.	Other Comps Goals
Colin Alcide	Emley	16	0	3	0	101(13)	27	11(5)	3
14.4.72	12/95								
Kevin Austin	Leyton O	16	1	3	0	106	1	16	0
12.2.73	07/96								
Jason Barnett	Wolves	5	0	0	0	98(8)	2	16	0
21.4.76	10/95								
Tony Battersby	Bury	16(1)	5	2	1	16(1)	5	2	1
30.8.75	08/98								
Stuart Bimson	Bury	4(1)	0	1	0	24(9)	0	2(2)	0
29.9.69	11/96								
Grant Brown	Leicester	11	1	3	0	314	13	49	3
19.11.69	08/89								
John Finnigan	Notts For	16	0	3	0	22	0	3	0
28.3.76	03/98								
Terry Fleming	Preston	16	0	3	0	140(6)	3	16	3
5.1.73	12/95								
Leo Fortune West	Gillingham	7(2)	1	2	0	7(2)	1	2	0
9.4.71	07/98								
Gavin Gordon	Hull	1(5)	1	0	0	10(9)	4	5	0
24.6.79	11/97								
Charlie Hartfield	Loan	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	0
4.9.71	09/98								
Steve Holmes	Preston	8	0	1	0	104(1)	10	14	2
13.1.71	03/96								
Paul Miller	Bristol Rov	1(3)	0	0	0	21(7)	2	2	0
31.1.68	08/97								
Charlie Oatway	Loan	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
28.11.73	10/98								
Jason Perry	Bristol Rov	10(2)	0	3	0	10(2)	0	3	0
2.4.70	07/98								
Lec Phillipott	Blackpool	2(5)	0	0(1)	0	2(5)	0	0(1)	0
21.2.70	07/98								
Nicky Reeson	Youth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.5.80	07/98								
Barry Richardson	Preston	10	0	1	0	106	0	13	0
5.8.69	10/95								
Paul Smith	Notts For	10(2)	1	3	0	25(4)	4	4	0
25.1.76	12/97								
Phil Stant	Bury	0	0	0	0	29(4)	18	5(2)	1
13.10.62	12/96								
Craig Stones	Youth	0	0	0	0	12(5)	0	2(1)	0
31.5.80	07/97								
Lec Thorpe	Blackpool	12(2)	2	1(1)	1	56(2)	16	8(1)	1
14.12.75	07/97								
John Vaughan	Preston	7	0	2	0	36	0	6	0
21.3.73	2/98								
Dean Walling	Carlisle	0	0	0	0	35	5	4	3
17.4.69	09/97								
John Whitney	Huddersfield	13	2	2	0	97(3)	8	19	3
23.12.70	10/95								
Ian Wilkins	Youth	0	0	0	0	1(1)	0	0	0
3.4.80	07/98								

Positions are determined by goals scored if points are equal



NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO TABLE SEASON 1998/99

Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Gls	
												Pts	Diff
Stoke													

IN OPPOSITION

LINCOLN CITY

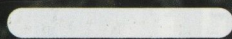
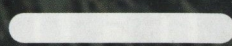
LUTON TOWN



Barry
RICHARDSON

1

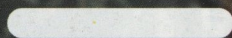
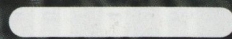
Kelvin
DAVIS



Steve
HOLMES

2

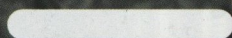
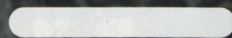
Gavin
McGOWAN



Stuart
BIMSON

3

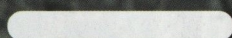
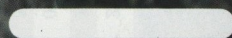
Matthew
SPRING



Terry
FLEMING

4

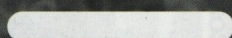
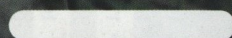
Paul
McLAREN



Grant
BROWN

5

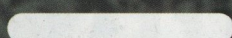
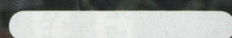
Steve
DAVIS



Kevin
AUSTIN

6

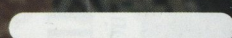
Marvin
JOHNSON



Paul
SMITH

7

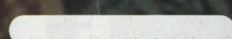
Ray
McKINNON



John
FINNIGAN

8

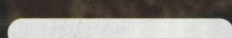
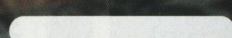
Sean
EVERS



Colin
ALCIDE

9

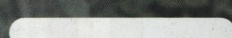
Stuart
DOUGLAS



Lee
THORPE

10

Phil
GRAY



Gavin
GORDON

11

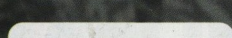
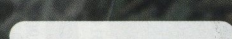
Michael
McINDOE



Jon
WHITNEY

12

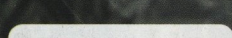
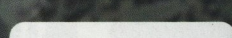
Alan
WHITE



Paul
MILLER

13

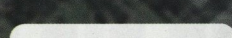
Gary
DOHERTY



Tony
BATTERSBY

14

Andrew
FOTIADIS



OFFICIALS



Referee

M.G. Cowburn
(BLACKPOOL)

Assistants

M. Dexter
R. Gould

Fourth Official

P. Butler

Next At Sincil Bank

v

STEVENAGE BOROUGH
OR RUNCORN

Saturday 5th December

Kick Off: 3.00pm



TODAY'S
MATCHBALL SPONSORS



and
Courtyard Marriott Hotel

THANK YOU FOR
YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT