

Oldham Athletic



Nationwide League
Division Two

Oldham Athletic
v
Luton town

Saturday
9th October 1999
Kick Off 3.00pm

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HUSKY BATTERY REPAIRS





the boss

Andy Ritchie

he most frustrating aspect of last Saturday's home defeat by Notts County was the fact we outplayed the side which is fifth in the Second Division table. The difference between the two teams was that when we made mistakes we were punished whereas County got away with their errors. Yet we made two schoolboy blunders and were made to pay for them which

underlines what a cruel game this can be. It is heartening, however, to know that we are a match for the best sides in the division. But, we must defend properly if we are to turn the corner and pull away from the foot of the table, something I remain convinced we can do. It was the same story at Reading where we deserved more than the point we picked up, and I get sick of saying the same things.

The lads have got to realise what we keep telling them and turn those words into results on the field. If we can become more professional in our outlook we will come out on top against the likes of Reading and Notts County. There have also been other pleasing things, notably the form of Craig Dudley, since he returned from his loan spell at

Chesterfield. Craig scored a fantastic goal for the reserves in our 1-0 win at Stoke earlier this week. He did well as a substitute last Saturday and is pushing for a starting place which is a bonus. We are also delighted to have Richard Graham back playing after his lengthy lay-off. His knee is still sore after games but I have been encouraged by the way in which he has played. John Sheridan is also back to form after not the best of starts, something he has acknowledged. I am pleased with the way in which Ben Futch has forced his way into the squad. It has been totally warranted after the way in which he has been playing for the reserves. Let's turn our attention to this afternoon's visit of Luton who we welcome to Boundary Park.. Luton are also riding high in the Second Division and we should take inspiration from the success that Lennie Lawrence has brought them. They are similar to ourselves in being forced to turn to youth because of their financial troubles.

Luton have shown that you can achieve success with a young side and our players should take encouragement from that.

Let's emulate Luton and show that we, too, can be successful with our young side.

It is still early days, though obviously the sooner we pull away from the bottom the

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better.

Already we have seen the big clubs like Wigan and Burnley, clubs with money, emerge at the top. I also fancy Bristol Rovers to do well.

Your support has been excellent throughout what has been a difficult start and it remains important that you keep behind the lads. I know for sure we will match Luton this afternoon and let's hope for once breaks go our way.

Enjoy the game.
Andy



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Over 70,000 football fans have now watched this season's Worthington Cup - an increase of 2.8 per cent on last year.
429,899 turned out for the Second Round with Birmingham City and Middlesbrough attracting excellent attendances. The Blues again adopted an aggressive ticketing campaign for their tie against Bristol Rovers and it paid off with a 17,457 crowd.
Boro's 25,602 attendance for their game against Chesterfield was the highest of the second leg games and probably had much to do with the return of a Brazilian named Juninho.

Second Round, First leg
Total: 198,800. Average: 7,952.
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Second Round, First leg
Total: 231,099. Average: 9,243.
Total goals: 89

Overall for Second Round: 429,899
Average: 8,597 (50 games)
Total goals: 155. Ave goals per game: 3.1

William Hill has installed Arsenal, Leeds United and Spurs as 7/1 joint favourites for this season's competition. Other odds: 15/2 Liverpool; 9/1 Chelsea; 11/1 Leicester; 12/1 Middlesbrough, Newcastle; 14/1 Aston Villa, Sunderland, West Ham; 16/1 Man Utd; 20/1 Derby; 33/1 Bradford, Southampton, Wimbledon; 40/1

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INTERNATIONAL POSTPONEMENTS

Seven games in the Nationwide Football League scheduled for this weekend have been hit with postponement due to international call-ups.
Swansea City's home game against Rotherham last night, October 8 was called off and four Division One and one Division Two games

are hit. Charlton v Blackburn Rovers, Grimsby Town v WBA, Manchester City v Portsmouth, Norwich City v Barnsley and Wigan Athletic v Bournemouth are all postponed.
Tomorrow's Division One clash at the City Ground between Nottingham Forest and Fulham is also postponed.

SHEZ'S REWARD

John Sheridan completed 500 League games recently and the Nationwide League along with the Directors here at Boundary Park presented John with mementos to recognise his achievement. Louise Handley from the Nationwide Building Society



handed over a magnum of champagne suitably labeled and David Brierley, Latics' Chairman, presented John with an engraved silver salver on behalf of the football club.

BOOK PRAISES HELPFUL ATHLETIC

Latics won praise for their public relations in a new book, "Guide To Football Grounds".

Author Jon Ladd says Athletic deserve a special mention for the way they help visitors.

"The way the club deals with queries from away fans is probably one of - if not the - best I came across this season in my research", he writes.

Covering every club ground in England and Wales, plus Wembley Stadium, the book provides a wealth of useful telephone numbers, ticket prices, travel information - road and rail directions - and parking details. The author also adds some personal comments, such as: "If you have never been to Boundary Park before, dress not to impress, but for arctic survival". Where have we heard that before?

THE TIMES F.A. YOUTH CUP

This coming Thursday sees Athletic's Youth team face Wrexham in the First Round of The Times sponsored F.A. Youth Cup here at Boundary Park, kick off 7pm.

Admission is priced at £3 adults, concessions £2. SEASON TICKETS DO NOT APPLY FOR THIS GAME.

If you can spare a couple of hours, why not come along and lend your support to these 'stars of the future'? They would appreciate

your support.

F.A. CUP SPONSORED BY AXA DRAW FOR THE FIRST ROUND PROPER

SATURDAY 16th OCTOBER 1999
The Draw will be broadcast live on Sky Sports at approximately 5.30pm and fans are reminded that this will be a National Draw and not regionalised. Supporters may also like to be aware that the Second Round Proper Draw will be made on the evening of the First Round Proper ties on Saturday 30th October, again broadcast live on Sky Sports at 5.30pm.

The Draw for the Third Round Proper will be broadcast live on ITV in a network programme between 5.45pm and 6.15pm, on Sunday 21st November.

DID YOU STRIKE IT LUCKY?

Last Saturday's Strike it Lucky prize of £367 was unclaimed.

The winning ticket number is 35018 and was sold inside the stadium in the Lookers Stand prior to kick off. If you still have a ticket in your pocket from last week we suggest you have a quick look, you could be going home £367 richer. The prize cannot be rolled over to this week

because someone is holding the winning ticket so check your pockets now!

HALF-TIME PARADE

Today the football club are delighted to welcome back to Boundary Park 16 members of the 1973/4 Division Three Championship winning squad who attended last night's reunion dinner at the Pennine Way Hotel. Present today we have Tony Bailey, Ronnie Blair, Harry Dowd, Paul Edwards, Colin Garwood, Keith Hicks, Mike Lester, Andy Lockhead, George McVitie, Chris Ogden, Ian Wood, Andy Sweeney, Jimmy Frizzell, Jimmy McGregor,

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Graham Bell and Dick Mulvaney. Apologies have been received from George Jones, Alan McNeil, Ian Robins and John Platt who are unavailable to attend. Today's Strike it Lucky draw will be performed by one of the ex-Latics stars before the whole team are introduced to the crowd.

STARLINE LAUNCH

Latics' Premier Starline in association with Dr. Kershaw's Hospice launched the new initiative to aid Dr. Kershaw's Hospice. T.V. and recording stars gave up their free time to promote the new idea on Friday 1st October at the launch in Spindles Shopping Centre, Oldham.

Pictured are Linda Nolan of The Nolan Sisters fame, along with Michael le Velle (Kevin Webster) of Coronation Street, Latics' manager Andy Ritchie, Brian Hurst (fund raising manager) and Anita Armitage (senior sister) from Dr. Kershaw's Hospice helping to give the new promotion a kick start.

If you would like to help Dr. Kershaw's Hospice in their quest to open up and operate a further four beds at their Royton headquarters then join Premier Starline now. Premier Starline is a weekly lottery which costs £1 per week. You can

pay via your newsagent, by credit card, standing order at your bank or one of our door to door collectors can call on you.

Every month there is nearly £4000 in prizes available to be won with a £1000 jackpot paid out every fortnight, other weekly prizes are £125, £100, £75 and £50 with ten consolation prizes of £10.

Every household in Oldham will shortly be receiving a letter from Dr. Kershaw's asking you to help them. Remember most of us will come across cancer, heart disease and other life threatening diseases at some time and Dr. Kershaw's

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SCOTT IS LOOKERS' MAN

Scott McNiven was voted as Lookers' Player of the Month for September and duly received his award, a cheque to the value of £100 from Graham Frost of Lookers Oldham, last Saturday when Notts County were the visitors to Boundary Park.

OBITUARY

Oldham Athletic Football Club lost another loyal supporter with the untimely death of 80 year old George Smith on the 26th September 1999.

George lives in Castleton, Rochdale and had followed Latics since 1931. The club would like to offer sincere condolences to the late Mr. Smith's family and friends at this very sad time.



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The first Junior Latics Trip of the season is to Chesterfield on Saturday 6th November.

The Executive coach will leave the car park at the side of the Clayton Arms at 12.30pm and the cost including coach fare and a seat ticket to the game will be just £8.

Bookings can be made in Latique at any time or the Junior Latics Lounge on matchdays.



MATCH MASCOT

Andrew Coop
Today's match mascot is 8 years old Andrew Coop of Worcester Road, Middleton. Andrew attends St. Thomas Moore R.C. School, Middleton where

his favourite subjects are Maths and History.

Outside of school Andrew enjoys playing football, karate, cricket and keyboard along with watching his favourite T.V. programme Fort Boyard. When he grows up Andrew would like to become a cricketer, his prediction for today's game is 2-1 to Latics and his favourite player is Neil Adams.



Matthew Leeming, mascot for our game against Burnley, meets his favourite player Matthew Tipton before the kick off



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Professional Footballers' list for this season! The 21 year-old from Islington has been a 'pro with the Hatters for three seasons and is now first choice between the posts. Yorkshireman **CRAIG MIDGLEY** (23) is Luton's reserve goalkeeper who began his League career with his home town club Bradford City. After loan spells with Scarborough and Darlington he moved to Hartlepool United for £10,000 in March 1998 and switched south to Luton at the start of this season. **DANNY TATE** was signed as a professional last year after performing well during his apprenticeship at Luton. The Bedford-born goalkeeper is now bidding his time waiting for a first team call up. Right wing-back **STUART FRASER** (aged 19) comes from Edinburgh and prior to this season had only appeared in 10 first class

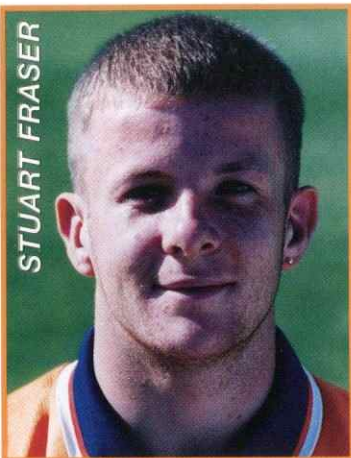


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STUART FRASER



games for the Hatters. A firm tackler, he has made excellent progress via the junior ranks at Kenilworth Road. Young **EMMERSON BOYCE** (just 20) who can play at right-back or centre-half. Commanding in the air he is strong on the ground and is now eager to claim a regular place in the Hatters' first team having made just two appearances prior to the start of this current campaign. Centre-back **JULIAN WATTS**

(28) has been in League football for over nine years yet has made only 150 senior appearances at club level. He started his career with Rotherham United and joined the Hatters in the summer having served in between times with Sheffield Wednesday, Shrewsbury, Leicester City, Crewe Alexandra, Huddersfield, Bristol City, Lincoln and Blackpool.

GARY DOHERTY (19) as a former Republic of Ireland youth international defender who prior to this season had made 28 substitute appearances for the Hatters out of a total of 35 outings! He is however firmly established in the side right now.

MARVIN JOHNSON (31 later this month) has been at Kenilworth Road since leaving school 15 years ago. He made his League debut for the Hatters in 1986 and to date has amassed in excess of 360 first team appearances. An 'old stager' he is the team skipper and is a solid, uncompromising central defender who gives nothing away!

ADAM LOCKE (29) from Croydon, played for Crystal Palace

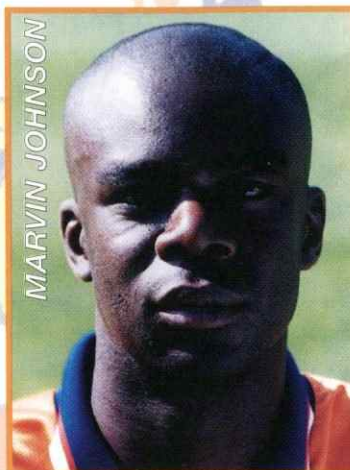
reserves 10 years ago. He then made the grade with Southend United (almost 90 games) before moving to Colchester United and then on to Bristol City. He was transferred from Ashton Gate to Kenilworth Road in the summer and is now playing as well as ever in the Hatters' defence.

EFE SODJE was signed from Macclesfield Town in the summer to bolster Luton's defence. The former Stevenage Borough centre-back who wears a bandanna in every game, is 27 years of age, a Londoner from Greenwich who made almost 100 appearances for the Silkmen during his two years at Moss Rose.

ALAN WHITE (23) was born in Darlington and made one appearance for Middlesbrough before joining Luton Town for £40,000 two years ago. The tall central defender has now had over 70 first team games for the Hatters.

MATTHEW SPRING (20 in November) was voted Luton's 'Young Player of the Year' last season. A tenacious midfielder he has now appeared in over 70 first team games for the Hatters. Scotsman **MICHAEL McINDOE** comes from Edinburgh. The nineteen year-old left-sided

MARVIN JOHNSON



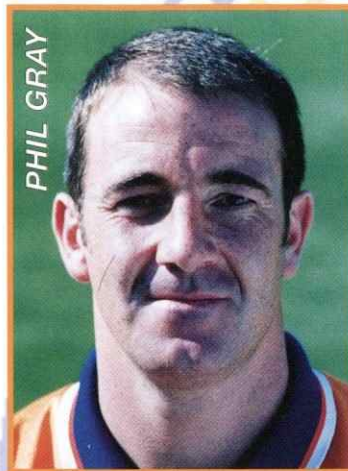
midfielder graduated through Luton's junior teams and is now playing as well as anyone in the Hatters' side.

ANDRE SCARLETT was born within sight of Wembley stadium. The pocket-sized midfielder, who stands 5ft. 4ins tall and weighs just 9st. 6lbs, turned professional with the Hatters last summer and has so far made around a dozen senior appearances for the club.

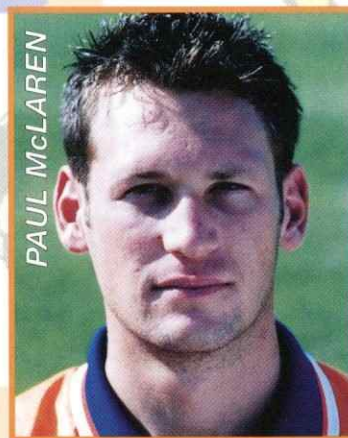
MATT TAYLOR (18 in November) was born in Oxford and after showing what he can do in the Hatters' intermediate and reserve teams he has now established himself in the first XI and he's found the net!

STUART DOUGLAS (19) was born in Barrow and made his senior debut for the Hatters last season having been a professional since July 1998. A useful forward with good pace, he is highly rated at the club. Striker **LIAM GEORGE** (20) is a local lad who turned professional two years ago. He broke a foot last season but has now fully recovered

PHIL GRAY



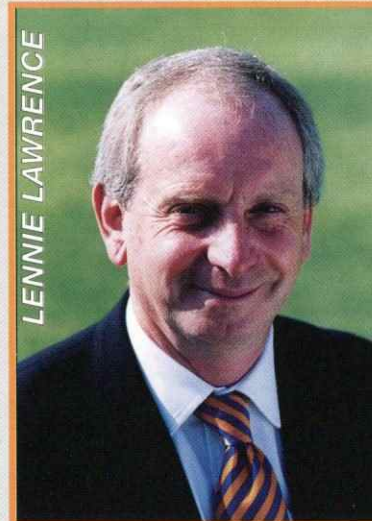
PAUL McLAREN



and is looking forward to adding to his goal tally for the Hatters. And last but by no means least there is **TREVOR KANDOL** who was born in Zaire. The 18 year-old turned 'pro' in September 1998 and has so far played in less than a dozen first team games for the Hatters - but at 6ft. 2in. and 11st. 8lbs. he has all the attributes a striker needs to succeed.

MANAGER

LENNIE LAWRENCE



Lennie Lawrence has been in football for 35 years having played at no n League level for Croydon, Carshalton Athletic and Sutton United before becoming assistant-manager of Plymouth Argyle in 1977. He

moved up to caretaker-manager at Home Park in February 1978, holding office for three months. His next appointment was in a similar role at Lincoln City (1981-82) and Charlton Athletic named him as their reserve team, coach halfway through the following season. In November 1983 he took over the reins at Charlton, retaining his post for eight years, to June 1991 when he moved north to take charge of Middlesbrough. From there he went to Bradford City and finally found his way to Kenilworth Road in December 1995. Lawrence guided Charlton Athletic to runners-up spot and promotion from Division Two in 1985-86.

DID YOU KNOW?

Luton Town reached the FA Cup Final 40 years ago by fielding the same team in every round. They were unchanged in the Final but lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest at Wembley.

Before winger Jimmy Adam turned 'pro' with the Hatters in 1953, he had already cost Hibernian £25! The Glasgow-born Scot made his League debut for Aldershot in 1950-51 and then drifted into non-League soccer with Spennymoor United from where Luton signed him. Hugh Shaw, the manager of Hibs was severely censored and fined by the SFA for playing Adam whilst still on the books of another Scottish club Berwick Rangers.

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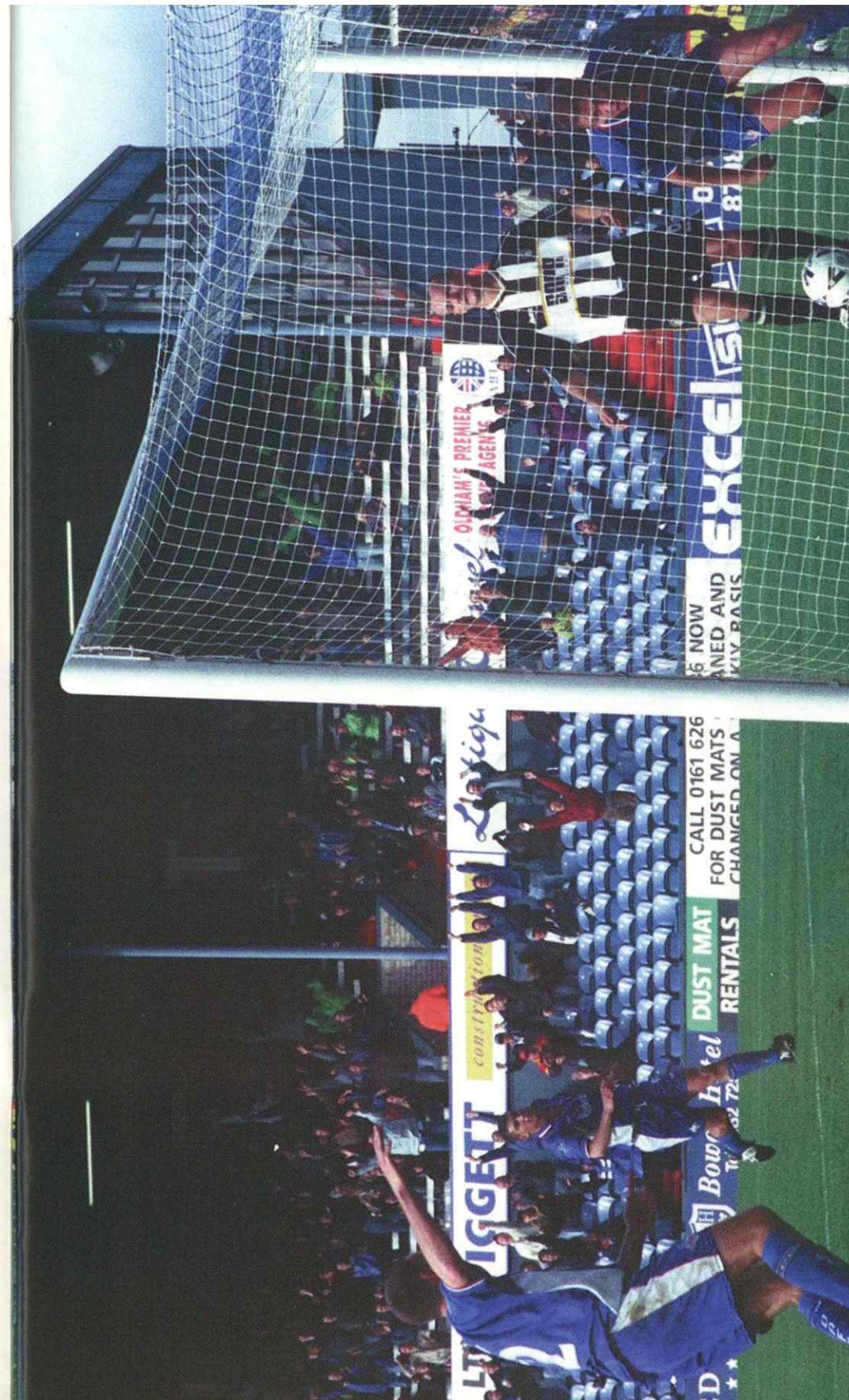
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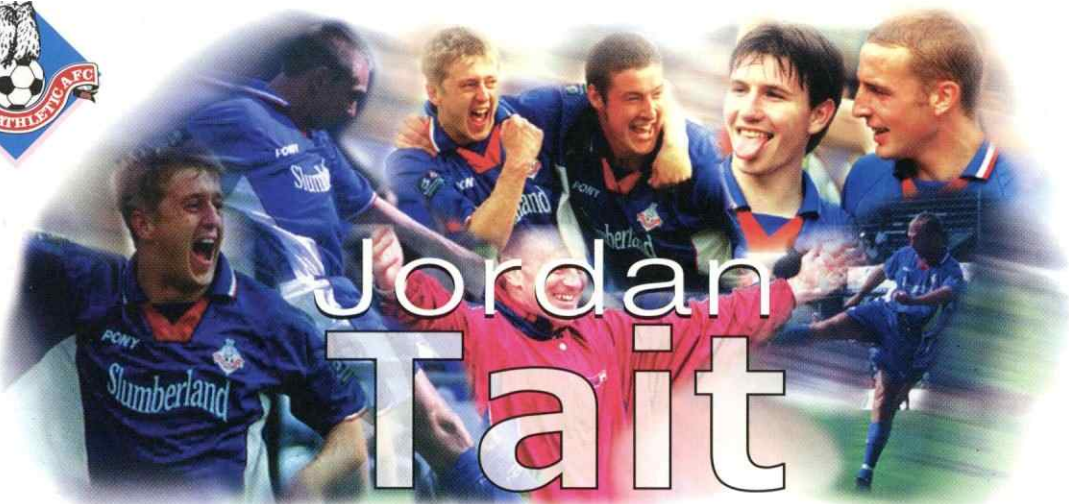


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Jordan Tait

One to One

Defender Jordan Tait recently joined Latics after being released by Newcastle.

The 19-year-old from Berwick-upon-Tweed is a player of great versatility as he can operate anywhere along the back line.

Jordan, who chose Newcastle ahead of Crystal Palace, Leicester and Rangers as a youngster, has already been likened to Denis Irwin in style.

Latics won't be complaining if Jordan can emulate the achievement of the Manchester United and Eire international.

TAIT ON HIS CAREER AT NEWCASTLE

joined Newcastle because they gave me the best offers. It was only one hour from home

which was another factor.

I had two years as a schoolboy, two more as a trainee and one as a professional.

The best time was when Kenny Dalglish was manager - he was a different class.

Last season I played a lot of under-19

Academy football and also in the reserves

alongside Stuart Pearce and John Barnes.

I was alongside Stuart for about half a dozen

games at centre back and it was

unbelievable. You can learn more in one

game playing with guys like that than in

one week's training.

TAIT ON WHOSE BOOTS HE CLEANED

In my first year I looked after Keith Gillespie

and Robbie Elliott.

Keith was good to me giving me boots when

he had spare ones and also other gear from

his sponsorship deals.

Then in my second it was the Italian

Alessandro Pistone.

Whichever professional you looked after takes

that particular youngster under his

wing. If they have sponsorship deals with

any clothing company - Keith was with Adidas

- he used to give me tracksuits or boots he didn't want, so I didn't

do badly on that score.

TAIT ON HIGHLIGHTS AT NEWCASTLE

We went with the youth team to an international tournament in Stuttgart, Germany, and won it

without conceding a goal. As we only had a young side we weren't expected to do well.

In the same year at under-18 level we won the Northern Intermediate League Cup.

TAIT ON LEAVING NEWCASTLE

It was disappointing but looking back it could turn out to be a blessing in disguise. There are

so many professionals, and also international players, at Newcastle that not many young lads

come through to the first team. I think that by coming to a club like Oldham I will get a better

chance of breaking through.

There comes a stage in your career when you sometimes have to take a step down to move

forward, and a lot of players have done likewise. Not many join a Premiership club as a youngster

and go straight into the first team.

TAIT ON LATICS

I am enjoying my time here. It is a friendly club and everybody gets on with each other. If we get

over the bad start I think we have the makings of a good side.

I came on as a substitute against Stockport in the Worthington Cup and then made my League

debut at Oxford where I again came off the bench.

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Andrew Holt was voted as J.W. Lees Latics' Man of the Match in last Saturday's encounter with Notts County.

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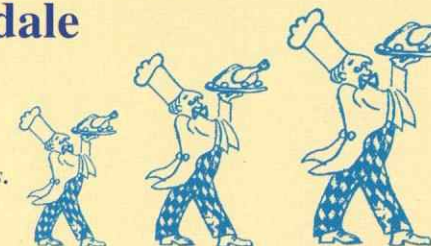
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Past times



The outbreak of the First World War came at a most inopportune time for Latics. They finished the 1914/15 campaign - the last before League football was suspended - as runners-up in the First Division. Once the hostilities ceased, Latics never recaptured former glories and it wasn't long before they lost their top flight place. That never-to-be-forgotten 1914/15 season will probably be as close as Latics ever come to winning what is now the Premiership title. Indeed, Latics blew a glorious chance to be crowned champions as they finished one point behind winners Everton. But Latics were left kicking themselves having lost their last two matches, each at home. Burnley triumphed 2-1 and then on the final day Liverpool emerged 2-0 victors. Even though Latics were on the verge of great things, the crowds at Boundary Park were pitiful. For those two crunch games the gates were 9,185 and 5,720. The summer of 1914 had seen a bombshell. Not only did war break out, but David Ashworth resigned to take charge of Stockport. This was the man who had guided Latics from the Lancashire Combination to First Division. Ashworth's successor was well known referee

Herbert Bamlett who had a dream first campaign. On the eve of the season Britain found herself at war and transfers were no longer allowed after the season kicked off. Luckily Bamlett had already acted swiftly on his appointment to capture Arthur Cashmore from Manchester United for £50 and full backs Bill Goodwin and Harry Grundy from Holywell FC and Little Lever Colliery respectively. Cashmore only made 16 League appearances for Latics - all in 1914/15 - but with a return of eight goals he proved to be a master stroke of a buy. Latics under Bamlett, made a fabulous start to the campaign losing only two of their 19 League matches by the turn of the year. They won a dozen of those games and the title looked destined for Boundary Park. Sadly the second half failed to match the opening as Latics won only five of their final 19 League outings. Latics lost eight times enabling Everton to overhaul them at the finish as they grabbed defeat from the jaws of victory. It was a bitterly disappointing experience to be pipped at the post

having come so close to glory. Latics had also enjoyed a good cup run eventually losing a fourth-round replay at Sheffield United 3-0 in front of a 45,371 crowd. Gilbert Kemp finished top scorer with 19 goals in League and Cup in his first season as a first-team regular. He had been signed in 1911 from Wallasey Rovers for £150 and the proceeds of a friendly. Kemp went on to score 23 goals in 64 League appearances before being transferred to Bradford in 1919 as the War also disrupted his career. Latics were also involved in controversy when a match at Middlesbrough was abandoned after 55 minutes when they trailed 4-1. One of Latics' full-backs - I do not know his identity - was sent off but refused to leave the field, though the League ruled the result stood. In the next programme I will look at 1922/23 when Latics were relegated from the First Division. Little did they realise it would be 68 years before they returned to the top flight.

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Oldham Athletic v Manchester United, F.A. Cup 3rd Round at Boundary Park, February 22nd 1913. Athletic's David Wilson on the ball with United's George Wall about to challenge.



Action from the same match. United winger George Wall tackled from behind by the Oldham full-back Hodson.



family Ties

Tony Bugby continues his look at the many family ties here at Boundary Park with the Futchers

Ben Futchers recent elevation to Latics' first-team squad has strengthened his family's lengthy ties with the club. The teenage central defender is related to the Futchers twins who starred for the club in the eighties. Ben (18) is the son of Paul and, like his father, is a stopper while his uncle, Ron was the scourge of opposing defences. It was a case of seeing double with the pair identical twins something which caused merriment as their careers were also inseparable at one time. Paul and Ron were together at

Chester, Luton and Manchester City before they eventually parted and went their separate ways. "In our younger days we were inseparable and so were our careers. But once you get married and have children things change, though we remain close," Paul explained. The pair live within one mile of each other at Holmfirth and keep in regular contact, though Paul says they don't live in each others' pockets. Paul, who was both Luton and Manchester City's record buys at the time of his moves, added that it

was never planned to follow similar career paths. While Ron was the less celebrated of the pair - Paul cost City £350,000 compared to his twins fee of £75,000 - he too enjoyed success. Ron was Luton's leading scorer in each of his three seasons at Kenilworth Road and hit a hat-trick for City at Chelsea shortly after his arrival at Maine Road. He was also revered at Latics where he averaged a goal every other game and at the start of the 1986-87 season had a remarkable sequence of 10 goals in the first 10 matches. Ron arrived at

Boundary Park via Minnesota Kicks, Tulsa Roughnecks, Dutch Club NAC Breda and Barnsley having left City shortly before Paul and arriving at Latics two-and-a-half years after his twin had left. Today Ron remains in football as youth development officer at Bradford City, newly promoted to the Premiership. Paul explained that it was Bill Taylor, then Jimmy Frizzell's right-hand man, who was instrumental in him joining Latics. Taylor had long admired Paul from the days when he was first-team coach at Fulham. When Paul's move to City didn't work out it was Taylor who persuaded him to join Latics where he enjoyed being out of the firing line after a "tough time" at City. Paul recalled: "City had just finished runners-up to Liverpool when I arrived. "I had a serious car crash and later had my appendix out so not a lot went right for me. "It was nice to enjoy my football once again and I found a friendly family atmosphere at Latics, and had two-and-a-half years there." Paul's career has been one of longevity as he only retired from playing at Conference club Southport last summer at the age of 42 to concentrate solely on management. He was still playing League football for Grimsby aged 38 before having a short spell as manager at Darlington where he left after 10 weeks by mutual consent realising it wouldn't work. Paul's first real taste of management came at Gresley Rovers in the premier division of the Dr Martens League where his No 2 was Gary Birtles, the former Nottingham

Forest and Manchester United striker. They won their league but were denied promotion as their ground was not deemed good enough for the Conference. "Cheltenham went up in our place and we know what has happened to them. I was disappointed Gresley did not grasp the chance, but it was a good 18 months learning curve." Paul, now in his third season at Southport, eventually hopes to be the manager who leads them back into the Football League. Ben, surprisingly, began his playing days as a goalkeeper, but his father soon dissuaded him from a career between the sticks. There has been no looking back since Ben became a central defender and he has been at Latics since the age of 12. Paul admitted he had reservations about whether Ben would be big enough - incredible as he stands at 6ft 5in in his stocking feet. "He was a long way behind in terms of growth, but then shot up from 5ft 6ins to 6ft 5ins in next to no time. I

think he must have been sleeping in a green house," he joked. Paul thought at one stage it was "touch and go" whether Ben, now a first-year professional, would be offered trainee terms. He is delighted with the progress Ben has made culminating in him winning his first senior call at Reading where he was on the bench. Paul said: "I thought Ben might get a chance this season, but was surprised it came so soon. "He has made a decent start to the season in the reserves and seized his chance. He is a lot taller than myself so height has to be an asset." Paul says he still works with Ben to try and improve his game. "We go out and I work on his heading, passing, striking the ball and touch. You can't do enough to get into good habits." "He is a different player to me and has got where he has on merit and not because of who I am. As long as he keeps listening and learning he has a chance of making it."



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Ron Futchers scores one of his 17 goals for season 1985-86, v Hull City at Boothferry Park.



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Latics' Football League record against the Bantams is as follows:

Venue	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	41	20	12	9	72	41
Away	41	11	14	16	46	55
Totals	82	31	26	25	118	96

The last time the teams met at this level was in season 1996-97 when the Latics were

beaten 2-1 at Boundary Park but won 3-0 on Bradford soil.

BRANAGAN, Kenneth F.

A full-back born in Salford, Ken Branagan appeared in 177 matches for the Latics between October 1960 - when he made his debut v. York City) - and November 1965 when he played his last game ironically also against the Minstermen. He cost the club a bargain

£10,000, being a joint capture with Bert Lister and went on to give the Latics supreme service in the number 2 shirt. He retired in June 1966. His son, Jim Branagan played 24 games for the Latics in the early 1970s.

BRENTFORD

Latics' Football League record against the Bees reads:

Ken Branagan with the 1963-64 Latics squad



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Home	11	5	4	2	23	15
Away	11	0	5	6	10	17
Totals	22	5	9	8	33	32

The last League games between the two clubs took place in season 1997-98 when the Latics were held 1-1 at home but lost 2-1 at Griffin Park.

In January 1991 Brentford were defeated 3-1 by the Latics here in Oldham in a 3rd round FA Cup tie.....the last time we beat the Bees!

BRIERLEY, Kenneth

An adaptable player who can occupy the left-half or left-wing positions, Ken Brierley had two spells with the Latics, his first from April 1945 until February 1948 and then for a further two years from March 1953.. Born in Ashton-under-Lyme in 1926, he played for Range Boilers FC during the war before moving to Boundary Park after the hostilities had ended. On leaving the Latics he signed for Liverpool for £7,000 and returned for a second spell with Athletic on transfer deadline day in 1953. Two years he switched to Stalybridge Celtic (June 1955) and rounded off his career with Mossley (1956-57). He scored 10 goals in 125 appearances for the Latics and helped them with the Third Division (North) championship with some fine performances at the end of that 1952-53 campaign. As a point of interest Brierley appeared in 58 League games for Liverpool during his five years at Anfield where he deputised in the main for Scottish international Billy Liddell.

BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION

Latics' record versus the Gulls in the Football League reads:

Venue	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	15	9	3	3	30	14
Away	15	5	3	7	12	26
Totals	30	14	6	10	42	40

The last time Brighton visited Boundary Park - in December 1990 - they were hammered 6-1 by the First Division-bound Latics. Nick Henry, Ian Marshall (2), Andy Ritchie, Neil Adams and Neil Redfearn scored the 'home' goals in front of 11,426 supporters.

BRISTOL CITY

Latics' League record against Bristol City reads as follows:

Venue	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	14	9	2	3	29	17
Away	14	2	4	8	15	26
Totals	28	11	6	11	44	43

Level pegging in terms of wins and draws and in fact the Latics have not lost to City since February 1976. The last time the teams met was in 1994-95 when the Latics triumphed 2-0 at home and drew 2-2 at Ashton Gate. Joe Royle was a player with Bristol City and later managed the Latics (1982-94).

BRISTOL ROVERS

Latics' League record against Rovers is:

Venue	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	19	12	4	3	45	25
Away	20	2	7	11	16	30
Totals	39	14	11	14	61	55

A total of 24 goals have been scored in the last five meetings between the Latics and the Pirates.

In season 1997-98 the teams battled out a 4-4 draw here at Boundary Park while earlier this season Rovers won 3-2 at The Memorial Stadium.

BROAD, Thomas Higginson

A speedy outside-right, born in Stalybridge in 1887, Tommy Broad had a fine and varied footballing career which spanned some 25 years. He started out initially with Manchester City as a trialist in 1902-03 and retired in 1928 after playing a season and a half with Rhyl Athletic. His previous League clubs before he joined the Latics in May 1909 were West Bromwich Albion and Chesterfield and after scoring nine goals in almost 100 first team games for Athletic he switched his allegiance to Bristol City in May 1912. After that he signed officially for Manchester City and had spells with both Stoke and Southampton before entering the non-League scene with the North Wales club. He helped the Latics win promotion in 1910, represented the Football League in 1910 and in all amassed more than 350 appearances at club level, scoring almost 40 goals. Broad, whose brother Jim also played for the Latics, died in 1966.

BROOK, Lewis

Lewis Brook was originally as a goalscoring centre-forward who later developed into a strong, reliable full-back. A Yorkshireman born in Halifax in 1918, he joined the Latics from Huddersfield Town at the age of 29 in March 1948, having earlier assisted his home town club. He netted 14 goals in 189 outings during his nine years at Boundary Park which ended in retirement in August 1957, when he chose to take up a job outside football in his native Halifax. Brook helped the Latics win promotion in 1953.

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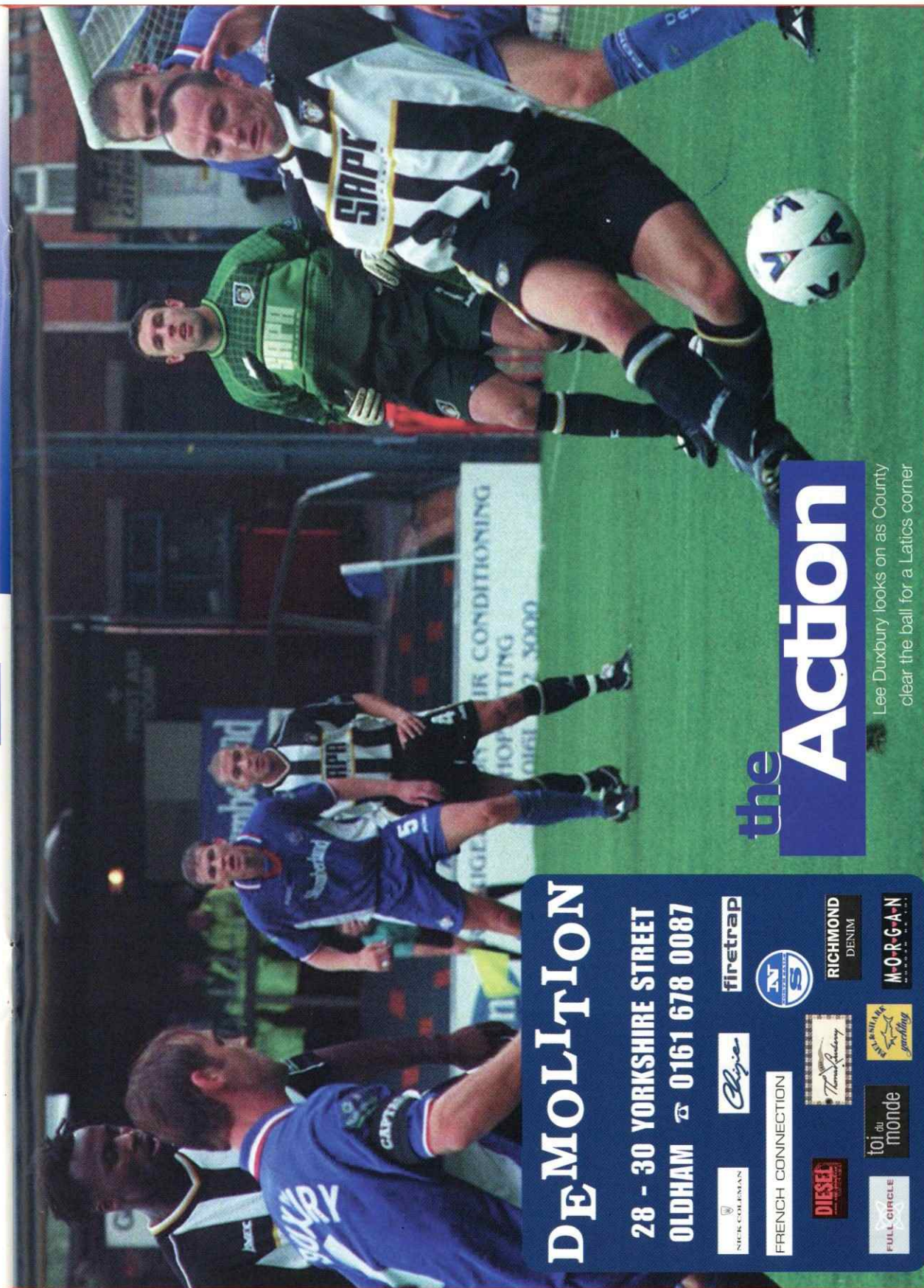
Unfortunately it is goals that win games and our only goal in the game was to come from a Gerry McLaughlin converted penalty.

However, there are always positive things that happen in the time leading up to games and the game itself, and on this occasion the inclusion of Adam Griffin and Lee Maturine from the Under 16's squad demonstrates the

quality of the younger players pushing for contracts. The manner in which the players played was very encouraging.

The Under 11's squad coached by Mark Hilditch and the Under 13's coached by Andy Lee have had excellent starts to the season. All the players have produced an excellent standard of football and have played in the manner in which we want them to. Winning games is not the most important factor when dealing with young players. Their development as players is paramount.

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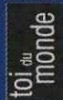
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Away	16	4	4	8	17	31
Total	32	10	9	13	35	45

Shaun Garnett's second-half goal gave Oldham Athletic a 1-1 Second Division draw on Luton Town's last visit to Boundary Park on 2nd April 1999. Late strikes by Phil Gray and Andre Scarlett had given Luton a 2-0 win at home to Latics six months earlier. Oldham Athletic's last victory at home to Luton was 2-1 in January 1998 with two goals by Richard Graham, while Luton last triumphed here 2-1 in May 1977

with goals from Lil Fuccillo and John Aston.

WEMBLEY FINALIST

Former Oldham Athletic midfielder Darren McDonough was twice a Wembley finalist with Luton Town. Signing professional at Boundary Park in January 1980, he scored on his League debut at Notts County eleven months later and netted 14 goals in 183 Second Division games overall for Latics before being sold to Luton for £87,000 in September 1986. He played in the 1987/88 Simod Cup Final and 1988/89 Littlewoods Cup final, scoring five times in 105 First Division outings for today's visitors prior to joining Newcastle United for £80,000 in March 1992.

LEADING MARKSMAN

Striker Vic Halom was leading marksman at both Luton Town and Oldham Athletic. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Fulham for £35,000 in September 1971, he was Luton's top scorer in 1972/73 and netted 17 goals in 59 Second Division games before being sold to Sunderland for £35,000 in February 1973. He joined Latics for £25,000 in July 1976 and was leading goalscorer in

1976/77, netting 43 times in 123 Second Division outings while at Boundary Park before moving to Rotherham United as player-coach for £25,000 in February 1980.

PROMOTION WINNER

Former Oldham Athletic inside-forward John Collins was an experienced figure in Luton Town's 1969/70 promotion success. Moving to Boundary Park from QPR in October 1966, he scored eight times in 21 Third Division games for Latics prior to joining Reading in August 1967. He reunited with Alec Stock at Luton in August 1969 and netted ten goals in 42 League outings for today's visitors before moving to Cambridge United in February 1971. Ex-Latics centre forward Laurie Sheffield also featured in Luton's 1969/70 promotion campaign.

FOOTBALL TWINS

Ex-Oldham Athletic central defender Paul Futcher played alongside his twin brother Ron at Luton Town. The pair joined Luton from Chester in a joint £125,000 deal in June 1974 and Paul scored once in 131 League outings, while Ron netted 40 goals in 120 League games before they joined Manchester City for £430,000 in June 1978. Paul moved to Latics for £150,000 in August 1980 and scored once in 98 League games prior to joining Derby County in January 1983, while Ron joined form Barnsley in July 1985 and netted 30 times in 65 League outings for Latics before moving to Bradford City in March 1987.



FRANK BUNN'S GOAL IN THE 3-1 DEFEAT OF LEEDS UNITED AT BOUNDARY PARK. 1990



STEVE TAYLOR ON HIS DEBUT, V NOTTS. COUNTY, OCT.1977.

RECORD BREAKER

Former Luton Town striker Frankie Bunn scored a record six goals in Oldham Athletic's 7-0 Littlewoods Cup third round win at home to Scarborough in October 1989. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in May 1980, he was a member of Luton's 1981/82 Second Division title squad and netted nine times in 59 League outings for today's visitors before moving to Hull City in July 1985. He joined Latics in December 1987 and was a Littlewoods Cup finalist in 1990, scoring 26 goals in 78 Second Division games before a knee injury forced his retirement.

MUCH TRAVELLED

Much travelled former Luton Town striker Steve Taylor was Oldham Athletic's leading marksman in 1977/78. Moving to Boundary Park from Bolton Wanderers for £40,000 in October 1977, he partnered Vic

Halom in Latics' attack and scored 25 times in 47 Second Division games before being sold to Luton for £50,000 in January 1979. His solitary goal in 20 League outings for the Hatters came in their 4-1 win at home to Burnley three months later and he joined Mansfield Town for £50,000 in July 1979. Striker Paul Wilkinson had a loan spell at both clubs in 1995/96.

IN SAFE KEEPING

Scottish goalkeeper Ron Swan played for Oldham Athletic and Luton Town during his career. Moving to Boundary Park from East Stirling in May 1964, he contested Latics' goalkeeping slot with John Bolland and played 64 Third Division games prior to joining Luton in January 1967. He made 14 consecutive Fourth Division appearances for today's opponents in place of Tony Read before moving to Buxton in July 1967. Subsequently a local policeman, he was a frequent visitor to Boundary Park on crowd duty.

TOP SCORER

Former Luton Town centre-forward Stewart Littlewood was Oldham Athletic's top scorer in two consecutive seasons. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Sheffield Wednesday in October 1925, he scored twice in six consecutive Third Division (South) games for Luton prior to joining Alfreton in July 1926. He joined Latics from Port Vale in exchange for Albert Pynegar plus £1300 in January 1929, netting 35 goals in 78 League outings before rejoining Port Vale for £5,000 in March 1931. Fellow forward Joe Taylor also played for both clubs during the inter-war era.

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league review

by Tony Bugby



Manchester United's defeat at Chelsea - their first in 30 Premiership matches - has left Brentford boasting the longest unbeaten run among the 92 League clubs. It is 25 games since the Bees were stung by opponents with their last league defeat at Swansea on February 16th.

That is almost eight months ago and great testimony to chairman/manager Ron Noades and his coaching staff. It was Brentford's 16 match unbeaten run at the end of last season which helped them snatch the Third Division title from Cardiff and Cambridge who had long been vying for top spot.

Indeed Cardiff had led the way for much of the campaign while Brentford, sixth in early February, stole up unnoticed on the rails to snatch the championship. Brentford have found the step-up to the Second Division no problem and are currently unbeaten in their nine League games to lie fourth in the table.

Luton manager Lennie Lawrence, who's side lost 2-0 at Griffin Park a fortnight ago, was particularly impressed by central defenders Hermann Hreidarsson and Darren Powell.

Lawrence tipped the pair, who are from widely differing backgrounds, as future stars of the Premiership. Hreidarsson, an Icelandic international, was a £750,000 capture from Crystal Palace and a record amount paid by a Third Division club.

He was recommended to Palace by the Icelandic wife of television presenter David 'Kid' Jensen.

Powell, meanwhile, was a positive steal costing a bargain £15,000 from non-league Hampton the summer before last.

Brentford have certainly done well recruiting from semi-professional soccer as star striker Lloyd Owusu only cost a giveaway £15,000 from Slough.

You can't keep Brentford out of the news with midfield player Paul Evans emulating David Beckham by scoring from inside his own half.

While Beckham's wonder strike against Wimbledon was probably shown globally, Evans' effort against Preston had a far smaller audience.

Evans spotted Finnish 'keeper Teuvo Moilanen off his line and lofted the ball over his head from an estimated 55 yards.

Sadly Evans' goal-of-a-lifetime did not earn Brentford victory as Preston wiped out a two-goal deficit to draw 2-2.

Evans proved lightning can strike twice with another long-range effort in the 2-2 draw at Burnley, this time from inside the centre circle.

Still on the theme of records Manchester City have also been establishing some remarkable runs.

Their defeat at Ipswich a week last Sunday was the first on their League travels since December when they lost at York.

The run of 15 games without defeat easily eclipsed the previous best of 12 set in 1946/47

Nicky Weaver, early in the season, came within 90 minutes of equalling the club record of seven successive clean sheets set in 1918/19 by Jim Goodchild. The City 'keeper saw his dream shattered by Crystal Palace's Clinton Morrison.

After conceding only two goals in their opening 10 League and Cup games, City's defence has suddenly gone AWOL.

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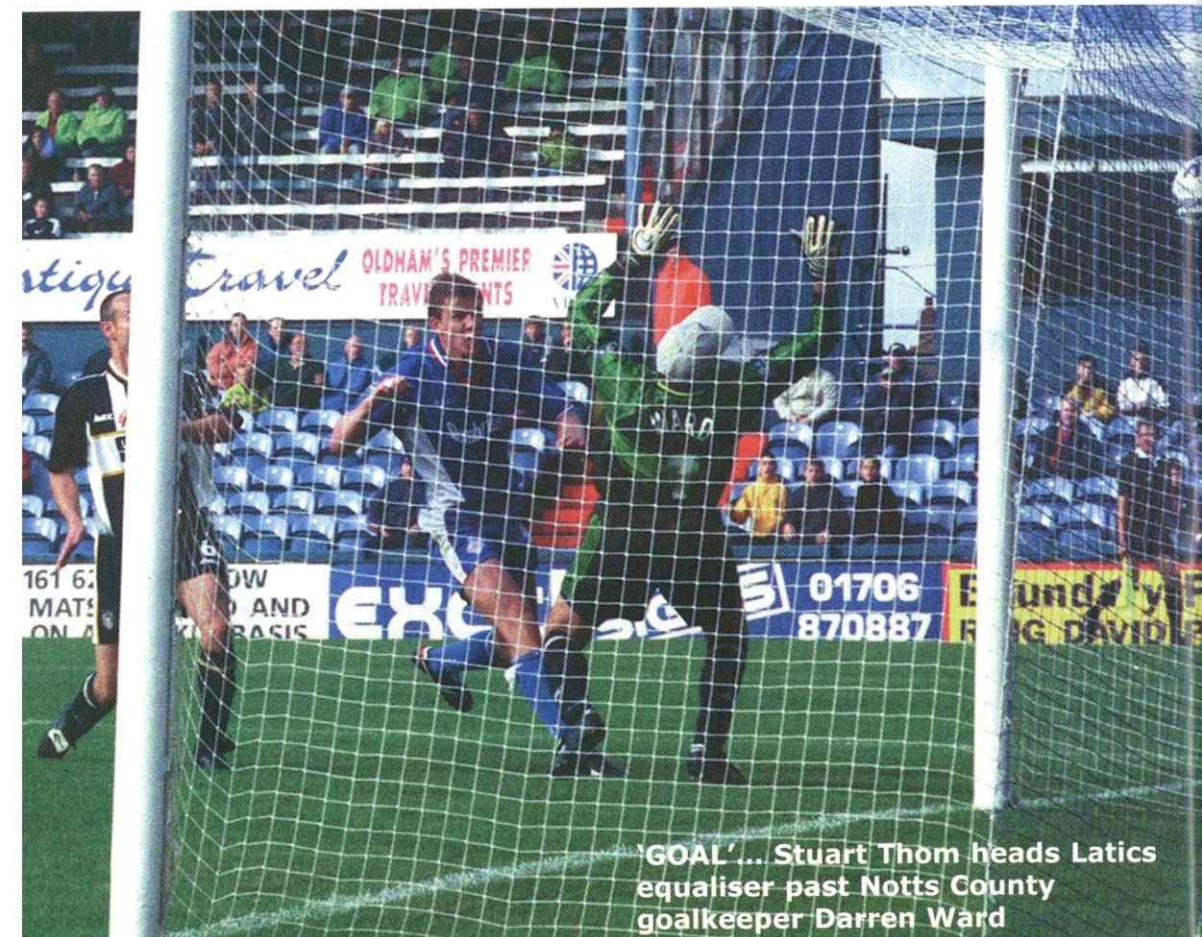
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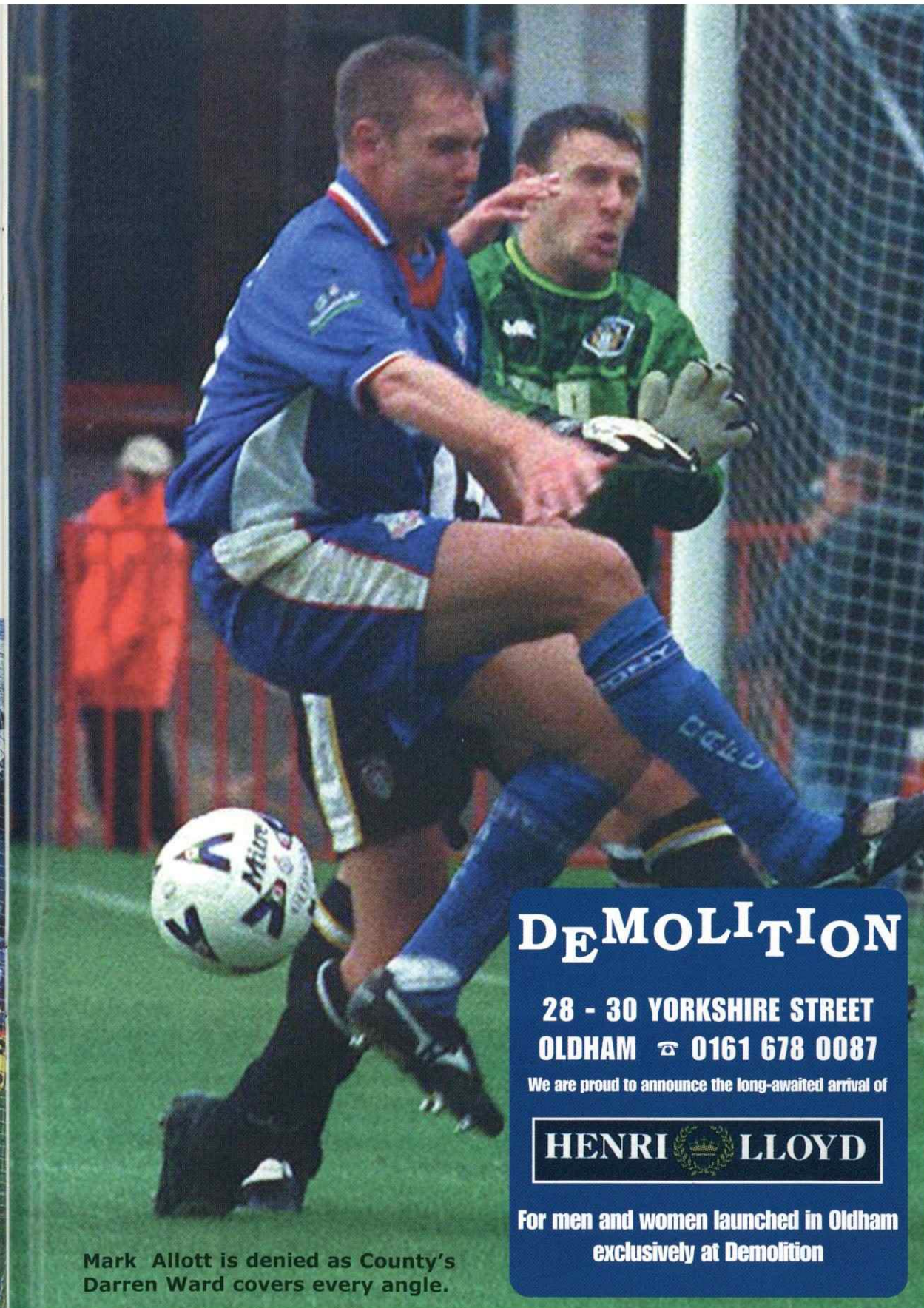
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DUDLEY SLAMS HOME WINNER STOKE CITY RES 0 ATHLETIC RES 1

Craig Dudley was Athletic's match winner as they came away from Newcastle Town's velodrome home with three points following Monday's Pontins League clash, writes Tony Bugby. The 20-year-old wing-back joined the attack to fire home the only goal of the game - a spectacular effort from outside the penalty area. The lively David McNiven created the initial trouble as he ran at the Stoke defence. The ball ran loose and Dudley, backing up, produced a screaming drive which arrowed into the top corner. It was a strike worthy of winning any match and, on reflection, Athletic had the edge in what was an uninspiring contest. Dudley's drive was the only on-target effort in a disappointing opening period, though McNiven had a couple of electrifying bursts as he ran at the Stoke defence which always looked uneasy when he was in possession. Athletic had three excellent chances to increase their lead in the second half. McNiven's close-range effort was spectacularly saved and the same player was unlucky again in the final minutes as his shot cleared the crossbar. Ben Futchter also went close as a looping header from a free kick hit the back stanchion.

Athletic keeper David Miskelly has so little to do it was fortunate he didn't leave the field suffering from frost bite on a chilly night. Stoke rarely threatened, though Neil MacKenzie wasted a great chance to equalise, shooting wide with the goal at his mercy. Athletic defended well, with captain Mark Hotte having a fine match as he marshalled the back line with the authority of a seasoned campaigner.

At the opposite end, McNiven did enough to merit serious consideration for a first-team recall.

TEAM: MISKELLY, DUDLEY, SWAN, HOTTE, FUTCHER, McLEAN, BOSHELL, WALSH (WARDLE 66), D McNIVEN, SUGDEN (WHARTON 66), INNES. SUBS NOT USED: CAMPBELL, CLITHEROE, ROBERTS.

YOUTHS COME A CROPPER

Athletic's Youth Team came a cropper in the first round of the Lancashire F.A. Professional Youth Cup on Tuesday night. Latics, fielding a much weakened side due to a catalogue of injured players being unavailable, struggled against a strong Preston North End outfit. In the end Gerry McLaughlin scored from the penalty spot for Athletic in a 2-1 defeat, but Preston deserved their win over the 90 minutes.

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success, and saw The Duffers walking away with a case of wine donated by David and Lynn Cunningham, as well as one lucky Stand Up Bingo winner was took home a cash prize. Several quiz goers also took the opportunity to become OASA members, and others were the first to buy tickets for our Reserves Night on 16th November. Tickets for the Reserves Night (when our lads take on Manchester City Reserves) are selling very quickly, for £4 you can watch the game from the Sponsor's Lounge and have supper with the players afterwards. Details are available from David on 0161 665 1815.

Oldham Athletic Supporters Association quiz mistress Lynn, seen here offering five bonus points to the next team to buy her another vodka (hold the tonic!)



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Snodin brothers - Glyn and Ian - are both associated with their former club Doncaster Rovers, one of the favourites this season to win the Nationwide Conference and so regain their Football League status.

Between them Rovers' coach Glyn (now 39) and the team manager Ian (36) accumulated in excess of 1,140 appearances in competitive League and football before edging their way back to the club where it all began, Doncaster Rovers!

If the pair are, it appears, doing okay at the moment as the Belle Vue club

looks to solidify its position in the group of

conference, only to find out

serious challenge at winning the championship and automatic promotion back into the Nationwide League Division Three.

Says Ian: "It's going to be a tough season. There are so many good teams in the Conference right now and any one can knock over the other week after week. But we've got a useful squad and I think that, given the breaks, we shouldn't be too far away at the finish."

The crowds at Belle Vue have been good - they were last season when Rovers finished a disappointing 16th - and if they can maintain a top six placing then 2,500-4,000 turnouts will be the norm. As players themselves both Glyn (predominantly a left-back who made well over 600 club appearances) and Ian (a right-sided midfielder who massed over 500) were at Doncaster together for five years: 1980-85.

Although Glyn had signed professional forms with Doncaster Rovers three years earlier in 1977.

Both players left Belle Vue in the summer of 1985.....Glyn joined Sheffield Wednesday for £115,000 while Ian went to Leeds United for £200,000.

Glyn then switched to Elland Road (July 1987) for £135,000. However, six months earlier Ian had left the Yorkshire club for Everton for £840,000.

After that Glyn played nine games for the Latics on loan from Leeds in August/September 1991 and was also on loan to Rotherham United in February 1992 before going north of the border to play for Heart of Midlothian (March 1992-July 1993). He

then returned nearer home to assist Barnsley and after a spell with Carlisle United his career turned full circle as he returned to his first club Doncaster Rovers.

Ian, meanwhile, went from Goodison Park to Sunderland on loan (October 1994) before joining the Latics on a free transfer in January 1995. He remained at Boundary Park until the end of the 1996-97 season when he switched to Scarborough and now he too is back where it all began, Belle Vue. He made 59 appearances for the Latics. Ian made the grade at international level, representing England youth, under 21 and 'B' team levels....but in truth both players were dedicated professionals and their commitment and skill was very much appreciated by the Latics' supporters.

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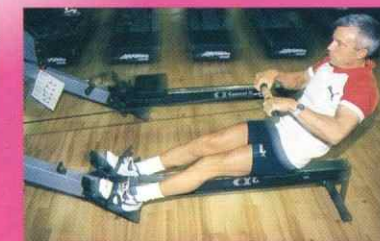
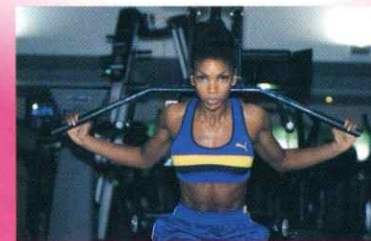
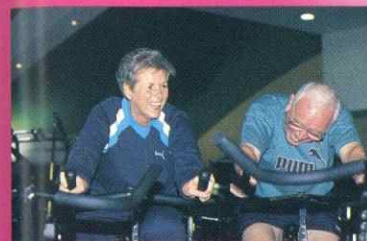
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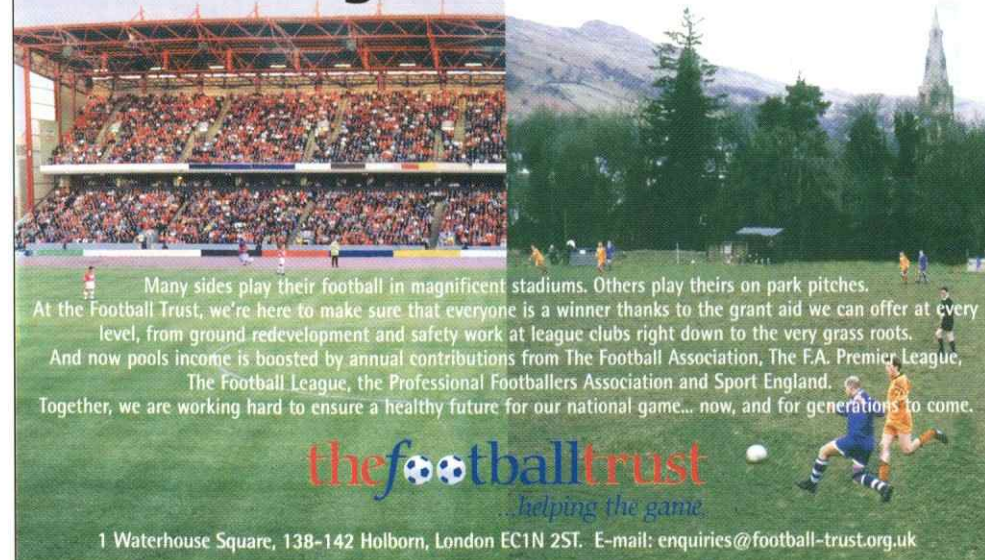
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Goals	Player	League / Worthington Cup
4-0	Colchester	
1-3	Bristol City / Scunthorpe	
6	Stein	4 / 2
2-1	Wrexham	
2-5	Bristol City	
5	Ormerod	5 / 0
2-0	Oldham / Blackpool / Luton	
4	No Defeats As Yet	
4	Evans/Partridge	4 / 4 / 0
5-2	Blackpool	
1-2	Reading / Wigan	
4	Thorpe	3 / 1
2-0	Scunthorpe / Notts County / 3-1 Blackpool	
1-3	Wigan	
9	Roberts	6 / 3
3-0	Colchester	
0-1	Bristol Rovers	
7	Payton	7 / 0
5-2	Colchester	
0-2	Oldham	
8	Lawson	7 / 1
3-1	Reading	
2-4	Chesterfield/1-3 Stoke	
5	Burton	6 / 3
3-2	Oxford	
1-3	Wycombe	
5	Bowen / Nugent	3 / 4 / 2 / 1
4-2	Cambridge/2-0 Preston	
0-2	Stoke	
9	Reeves	7 / 2
1-0	Chesterfield / 3-2 Reading	
0-4	Bournemouth	
5	players have scored 2 goals each	
2-0	Millwall	
0-2	Preston	
6	Taylor	5 / 1
3-1	Wrexham / 4-2 Oxford	
0-2	Brentford	
5	George	5 / 0
2-1	Cambridge / 1-0 Colchester	
1-3	Stoke / 0-2 Gillingham	
3	Cahill/Harris	3 / 3 / 0
3-0	Colchester / Scunthorpe	
0-2	Bristol Rovers	
7	Stallard	7 / 0
2-0	Bury	
0-2	Brentford	
7	Murphy	4 / 3
3-0	Bristol City	
2-4	Luton	
7	Murphy	4 / 3
2-0	Gillingham	
1-4	Wigan	
6	MacKen	5 / 1
2-1	Bristol City / 1-0 Chesterfield	
1-3	Cambridge / Bournemouth / 3-5 Wycombe	
5	Caskey	3 / 2
3-1	Bournemouth	
0-3	Wigan / Notts County	
2	Humphries / Ipoua	2 / 2 / 0
3-1	Millwall / Cambridge / 2-0 Chesterfield	
1-2	Oxford / 1-2 Preston / 0-1 Burnley	
5	Thorne	4 / 1
3-0	Scunthorpe / 4-1 Preston	
0-1	Burnley	
10	Barlow	8 / 2
1 goal margin vs 4 clubs		
1-3	Luton	
5	Faulconbridge	5 / 0
3-1	Cardiff / 5-3 Reading	
0-2	Bury	
7	Devine	6 / 1

1999-00 Season Division 2 Campaign Records

Highest Gate	13,885	Preston v Wigan	28-Aug
Lowest Gate	2,775	Chesterfield v Bournemouth	2-Oct
Highest Aggregate Score	Wycombe 5-3 Reading	2-Oct	
Biggest Home Win	Bournemouth 4-0 Colchester	21-Aug	
Biggest Away Win	Preston 1-4 Wigan	28-Aug	
Consecutive Wins	Colchester 0-3 Notts County	14-Aug	
Games Unbeaten	Bristol Rovers, Burnley, Luton	3	
Consecutive Defeats	Brentford, Wigan	9	
Games without a Win	Oldham	5	
	Blackpool	9	

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins	Bristol Rovers	3
Games Unbeaten	Brentford, Wigan	9
Consecutive Defeats	Blackpool, Cardiff	2
Games without a Win	Blackpool	9

How Clubs have scored goals... and conceded them

H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG		H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG
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3	2	6	2	0	0	3	0	Brentford	4	0	2	0	0	1	2	0
2	3	1	2	0	1	4	0	Bristol City	1	2	1	2	0	0	6	0
6	0	1	0	0	3	5	0	Bristol Rovers	0	1	3	2	1	0	1	0
7	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	Burnley	0	1	3	0	0	2	0	0
5	5	2	0	0	0	5	0	Bury	2	2	2	1	0	0	6	0
7	1	0	0	0	3	3	1	Cambridge United	6	2	3	5	0	2	2	0
3	2	1	5	0	1	0	0	Cardiff City	3	3	1	4	0	2	2	0
1	1	1	1	0	3	1	0	Chesterfield	4	1	1	0	0	1	3	0
2	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	Colchester United	6	4	2	1	1	1	6	0
1	2	0	4	1	2	3	0	Gillingham	5	2	0	3	0	2	1	0
2	1	3	2	0	0	5	1	Luton Town	3	1	1	4	0	0	2	0
1	1	0	3	0	2	2	0	Millwall	1	1	2	1	1	3	2	0
7	2	0	0	1	0	5	0	Notts County	6	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	Oldham Athletic	7	2	0	1	0	1	2	0
3	3	1	1	0	2	2	0	Oxford United	2	2	1	3	0	1	4	0
5	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	Preston North End	5	2	1	1	0	1	3	0
5	2	0	3	0	2	2	0	Reading	4	2	2	4	1	1	4	2
2	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	Scunthorpe United	4	0	0	3	0	1	6	0
5	2	2	3	0	1	3	0	Stoke City	6	2	0	0	0	0	1	2
3	1	5	2	0	2	4	1	Wigan Athletic	3	0	0	2	0	2	1	0
5	1	1	4	0	0	3	0	Wrexham	6	1	3	0	0	0	5	0
2	3	2	3	1	1	3	0	Wycombe Wanderers	3	2	1	4	0	2	0	0

Referee	G	R	Y	Ave	Club	Y	R	Points
Warren	5	0	28	5.60	Wrexham	16	4	28
Wilkes	7	0	36	5.14	Reading	20	2	26
Foy	8	3	40	5.00	Cambridge United	19	1	22
Hill	6	2	29	4.83	Millwall	21	0	21
Knight	4	1	18	4.50	Oxford United	18	1	21
Bates	7	4	31	4.43	Notts County	17	1	20
Bennett	4	0	17	4.25	Bristol Rovers	13	2	19
Lynch	6	4	23	3.83	Colchester United	15	1	18
Kirkby	6	2	23	3.83	Bristol City	11	2	17
Ryan	6	3	22	3.67	Preston North End	10	2	16
Messias	3	0	11	3.67	Stoke City	16	0	16
Tomlin	7	1	25	3.57	Blackpool	11	1	14
Fletcher	8	2	28	3.50	Burnley	14	0	14
Olivier	6	2	20	3.33	Gillingham	10	1	13
Leake	5	0	16	3.20	Scunthorpe United	10	1	13
Cowburn	5	2	16	3.20	Wycombe Wanderers	13	0	13
Beeby	7	4	22	3.14	Bury	12	0	12
Kaye	7	0	22	3.14	Cardiff City	9	1	12
Dean	8	1	25	3.13	Chesterfield	9	1	12
					Wigan Athletic	8	1	11
					Brentford	8	1	11
					Luton Town	11	0	11
					Oldham Athletic	11	0	11
					AFC Bournemouth	8	0	8

refs who've officiated more than 2 games

Key:
G = Number of games
R = Number of red cards
Y = Number of yellow cards
Ave = Number of yellow cards per game

NATIONWIDE DIVISION 2 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

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





Head to Head

Andy Holt v Matthew Taylor



Youngster Matthew Taylor is setting the Opta Index alight this year building both his reputation and his standing as one of the best Division Two defenders.



Luton's most prestigious talent quickly become a respected left wing back in Division Two a role already held by Luton's own home grown talent Andy Holt.

	Holt	Taylor
Minutes On Pitch	810	880
Goal Attempts		
Goals	0	1
Goals on target	2	9
Goals off Target	0	8
Blocked Shots	1	4
Passing		
Total Passes	176	248
Pass Completion %	46%	55%
Settling		
Total Crosses	176	248
Cross Completion %	46%	55%
Shooting		
Goals and Runs	10	22
Goal Completion %	90%	95%
Defending		
Goals Made	21	38
Goals Won %	62%	68%
Blocks	16	10
Clearances	70	43
Interceptions	2	10
Discipline		
Fouls	3	9
Sideline	0	0
Yellow Cards	1	0
Red Cards	0	0

HOME & AWAY

VISITING FANS AT
BOUNDARY PARK 99/2000

BLACKBURN ROVERS	682
SHEFFIELD UNITED	107
PRESTON NORTH END	3672
BURNLEY	3571
STOCKPORT COUNTY	749
BURY	1745
NOTTS COUNTY	436
LUTON TOWN	
READING	
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	
MILLWALL	
COLCHESTER UNITED	
WREXHAM	
WIGAN ATHLETIC	
SCUNTHORPE UNITED	
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	
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GILLINGHAM	
BRISTOL ROVERS	
CHESTERFIELD	
BRISTOL CITY	
CAMBRIDGE UNITED	
STOKE CITY	
CARDIFF CITY	
BLACKPOOL	

LATICS FANS ON THEIR TRAVELS

STOCKPORT COUNTY	808
BRENTFORD	322
OXFORD UNITED	376
GILLINGHAM	151
BRISTOL ROVERS	151
READING	370
CARDIFF CITY	
BLACKPOOL	
CHESTERFIELD	
BRISTOL CITY	
PRESTON NORTH END	
CAMBRIDGE UNITED	
STOKE CITY	
WIGAN ATHLETIC	
BURNLEY	
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BURY	
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COLCHESTER UNITED	
SCUNTHORPE UNITED	
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	
NOTTS COUNTY	
LUTON TOWN	

The Last Word

By statistician
Tony Matthews

ANTHONY FRANK MATTHEWS THE LAST WORD

England are now second favourites behind South Africa to stage the 2006 World Cup Finals ahead of Brazil, who many say should be hosts in 2010, Morocco and Germany.

FIFA has specifically stated that the country which is granted the Finals should have at least 12 top-class stadiums and England WILL have that amount - and more!

The 'new' Wembley stadium will have a capacity of 90,000 come 2006 while Chelsea's Stamford Bridge will house 42,000 - the biggest club ground in London.

Villa Park will have 50,904 seats available in seven years time; Coventry's Highfield Road will accommodate 45,000 fans; Leicester City's new L30 million stadium will seat 41,341 spectators and Derby County's Pride Park will be able to hold 40,000.

Elland Road (with a 45,000 capacity) and Hillsborough (40,000) are the two main stadiums in Yorkshire and both were Euro '96 venues.

Old Trafford will have 68,400 seats to fill come 2006 and will, of course, be the largest club ground in Britain. The City of Manchester Stadium - currently being built for the Commonwealth games of 2002 at

a cost of £90 million - will cater for 48,000 fans; Anfield will accommodate 45,368 and Goodison Park 40,185.

The Stadium of Light, Sunderland's impressive arena, will be upgraded to hold 63,000 spectators in a few years time; St James' Park, Newcastle will be able to house 51,000 by the time the 2006 World Cup comes round and by then the Riverside Stadium at Middlesbrough will have a capacity of 42,400.

Five other grounds may even be in contention come 2006 - Ewood Park, White Hart Lane, the 'new' Upton Park, Arsenal's Highbury/Kings Cross stadium and possibly Bristol City's new home! In contrast South Africa, whose proposal is firmly backed by FIFA President Sepp Blatter, have some excellent facilities but the country is crime-riddled and have mainly black footballing supporters.

Germany believe they will win the race - but need at least four bigger grounds! The main grounds in Brazil have gone down hill (even the giant Maracana has fallen into disrepair). There is street crime and even Pele does not think his country is ready yet!

Morocco lack facilities and are the rank outsiders. It's a straight race between England and Germany - we've won most of the contests that matter in the past, let's hope we can win this one.

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Mr P. Broadhurst



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Mr C. Edwards



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