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Martin McNeil

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It's been a busy week in terms of matches at The Abbey, with tonight's local derby against Luton Town being the third game we have staged in five weeks.

Monday night the Youth Team were in action in The Times F.A. Youth Cup at home to Colchester United. Sadly, Dale's side lost 2-1 after leading the visitors for much of the game. Despite the defeat, the positive aspect of the evening was the fact that they were watched by a healthy crowd of 162, boosted by a new initiative from The Times newspaper. Thanks to the Cambridge Evening News, a voucher was published in Friday night's paper which, if completed, allowed one person into a draw to win ten Umbro tickets. Then, on Wednesday evening, we retained Peterborough United's reserve in the Avon Insurance Combination League Cup.

Tonight we are anticipating a large crowd, and a good contingent expected to travel from Luton Town. However, the gate for the Scunthorpe United game earlier in the month was the lowest since October 1998, when on that occasion we defeated Shrewsbury Town. The average attendance is currently running at 4,333 compared with the final average for last season of 4,583. The latter figure included three bumper gates against Gillingham, Peterborough and Brentford during our promotion run-in, so this season's start is very encouraging. Attendances at future selected games will also be boosted by the Nationwide Season of Promise initiative, which is being co-ordinated by Graham Eales. Newmarket is the featured town for the home game against Exeter City on December 4 and the last game of 1999 will be Ely, who will be featured for the game against Oldham Athletic on December 18th. Graham has worked extremely hard to set the wheels

in motion on this project and during the course of the season he will welcome a number of special groups and deserving causes from the surrounding area.

Entry to next Saturday's F.A. Cup tie against Bamber Bridge for Main Stand Season Ticket holders will be gained using the same procedure as used for the previous round against Gateshead. You will need to bring your Season Ticket book to the game, as you would for a League game, and the turnstile operators will tear out Voucher C from the back of the book and you will then pay the required rate for your seat - Family Enclosure £10 for adults, £6 for concessions and Main Stand £13 for adults and £7 for concessions. You can use any of the five Main Stand turnstiles in Cut Throat Lane - therefore, use the one with the shortest queue. Your seats are not printed, which means that entry can only be gained by using your Season Ticket book. This procedure will only apply for low-key fixtures. For any possible future Cup games this procedure may differ, depending on the opposition. Details will be released to all the usual media sources, but should you require further information then please contact the Club. Terrace admission is simply just 'pay at the turnstile' with no need to bring your Season Ticket book.

The draw for the Auto Windscreens Shield will now not take place tomorrow morning, so as that it does not get lost among the hype of the Scotland v England fixture. The draw will now take place next Saturday morning on Sky's Soccer AM programme.

With Christmas rapidly approaching, we will shortly be announcing details of prices for half Season Tickets. Details will be published in a forthcoming programme.

Andrew Pincher

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Attendance v Scunthorpe United
Main Stand.....1,405
North Terrace.....804
Habbin Stand.....829
Away.....247
Total.....3,285
Thank you for attending

ROY McFARLAND



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Despite a disappointing result against Scunthorpe, I thought that there were some positive points we could take from the game. We sat down as a team and watched a video of the first half before the Bristol match and although, in a sense, we were able to highlight the mistakes that led to the goals, the video also showed what a lot of good football we played. We had a lot of strikes on goal, Martin Butler hit the post, and their keeper made a very good save from Neil Mustoe. Scunthorpe had three attacks in the first half and scored two goals.

I hoped that watching the video would have helped the team's confidence for last Saturday's game at Bristol City, and I think, in a sense, it worked. We were taken apart by Bristol in the Worthington Cup in August but we were more than a match for them this time.

We looked more solid at the back and had better chances than they did to win the match. I was pleased with the way Martin McNeil came into the side at short notice. Without doubt, he did very well. He hadn't really been pushing for a place. This season and his form in the reserves has been quite poor, but he took his chance on Saturday.

We haven't taken many points lately, but I've seen a steady improvement on the pitch, which was carried on at Bristol, and, in a sense, I believe that this match could be like a new beginning for us.

I'm still trying to get some more experience into the defence though, as I have been for some time, and with a bit of luck we might get a breakthrough on that in time for tonight's match.

But whether or not there is a new face in the side tonight, there is no doubt that we will need to show the same level of determination and concentration tonight that we did at Bristol. Lennie Lawrence's side are there or thereabouts at the moment and are certain to give us a stern test.

Without doubt, tonight's match has the added spice of local pride being at stake. There should be a great atmosphere as both sets of supporters look to play their part. But like our match against Colchester, those three points are more important than local pride.

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// "I'm delighted with the opening part of the season", says Luton Town boss, Lennie Lawrence. "When you consider all the turmoil that the players and all the staff have had to endure over the last year, we are in remarkable shape."

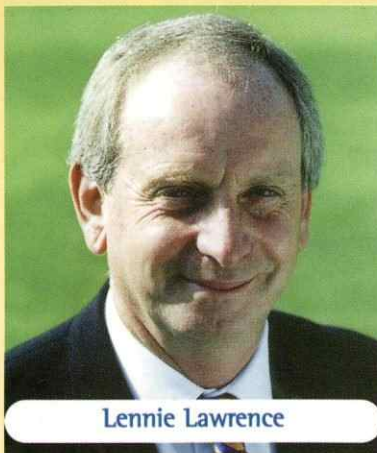
"Our squad is very inexperienced but they are motivated, they are fit and they all have ability, so it is not such a big surprise we are where we are."

"The important bit comes now, for the rest of the season. If they can maintain the form they have shown at home and scrape a few more results away then the play-offs is a realistic target."

"No one has let themselves down this season, that is the main thing. This Club will basically go where the younger player's desire, spirit and character takes us. It is as simple as that."

"At the moment it is taking us along quite nicely. The young players work hard and get behind the ball. Most of them are better at running forward than back, but they are not fazed by anything."

"It is a unique situation at this Club. If you look at the average age of all the teams in the country, then I am positive ours is the lowest in all four divisions. So we haven't done badly at all."



Lennie Lawrence

"The play-offs has now got to be our aim for the rest of the season. But if we are going to do it we need to win more of the games we are drawing away. We have got to give ourselves a chance by snatching points away from Kenilworth Road."

"That will be easier said than done at Cambridge. They have got a young side that is struggling to adapt to the Second Division at the moment, but they are well capable of improvement."

"But that doesn't mean we will underestimate them. Roy McFarland has got them organised and they are particularly strong upfront, so I would be delighted with a clean sheet and a win."

The Squad

First-choice goalkeeper for Luton Town is Nathan Abbey, who is thriving in his second spell at the Club. The 21-year-old has taken his second chance at the Club with both hands after originally being released at the end of last season. An ever-present this season.

Back-up for Abbey is provided by teenage goalkeeper Scott Ward, who at 18-years-old has just graduated from his traineeship. The agile and confident shot-stopper is yet to make a first-team appearance.

Right-back Emmerson Boyce has just started to break into the first team on

a more regular basis this season. The 20-year-old came through the ranks at the Club and with a quick change of pace and good close control he is a confident member of the defence.

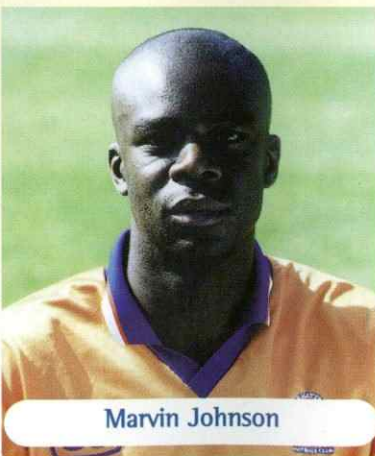
Stylish full-back Stuart Fraser has come on leaps and bounds since his introduction to first team football on the final day of the 97/98 season. The 19-year-old is strong and fast and an outstanding prospect.

Left-back Matthew Taylor is this season's sensation by-passed the reserves and gone straight from Luton's youth team to the first team. The 18-year-old is fast and skilful with a devastating left-foot shot, which has already brought him two goals.

Experienced centre-back and Club captain Marvin Johnson has made nearly 400 appearances for the Club. The 31-year-old joined Luton as a schoolboy and is now in his 12th season as a first-team regular. Strong in the air and in the tackle he is a cult-sus at the back.

Recent signing Julian Watts joined the Club on-loan at the start of the season from Bristol City and soon proved a valuable asset at the centre of defence. The 28-year-old is deceptively quick and commanding in the air.

Versatile youngster Gary Doherty is equally adept at playing centre-back or centre-forward. The Republic of



Marvin Johnson

Ireland international is strong in the challenge but has excellent vision to pick out team-mates. The 19-year-old is a star of the future.

Flamboyant defender Efetobore Sodje signed for the Club in the summer after rejecting a contract at Macclesfield Town. The bandana-wearing defender is an excellent header of the ball, who is also confident in possession.

Skilful midfielder Michael McIndoe made his debut for the senior side last season after graduating through the ranks at the Club. The 19-year-old has been in and out of the side this season but with his excellent range of passing and dazzling skills he is sure to be a future talent.

Determined play-maker Paul McLaren is a box-to-box midfielder, who is excellent at supporting both defence and attack. The 23-year-old rose through the ranks at the Club with



Paul McLaren

Luton Town Stats					
Last 5 Home Matches			Last 5 Away Matches		
Nov 6	v Burnley	W2-1	Nov 2	v Millwall	L0-1
Oct 30	v Kingstonsian	W4-2	Oct 23	v Oxford United	W1-0
Oct 19	v Wycombe W.	D1-1	Oct 9	v Oldham Athletic	L2-1
Oct 16	v Gillingham	W3-1	Oct 2	v Wigan Athletic	L0-1
Sep 25	v Oxford United	W4-2	Sep 18	v Brentford	L2-0
Home Win Ratio		80%	Away Win Ratio		20%
Home Draw Ratio		20%	Away Draw Ratio		00%
Home Defeat Ratio		00%	Away Defeat Ratio		80%
Goal Ratio (for)		2.8 (p/g)	Goal Ratio (for)		0.4 (p/g)
Goal Ratio (against)		1.4 (p/g)	Goal Ratio (against)		1.2 (p/g)
Odd Stat: In over 20 years of trying, Cambridge United have never managed to beat Luton Town in a League match.					

Will Jones

ease and has already clocked up over 200 appearances for the first team.

Talented and solid midilelder Matthew Spring has attracted some of the top Clubs in the country with his combative displays. The 19-year-old is strong on the ball, an accurate passer and, with a lethal shot, a regular goal-scorer.

Pacy forward Stuart Douglas made his debut as a 17-year-old trainee against Oldham Athletic in 1995. The 21-year-old terrorises defences with his speed and sharp-shooting, scoring goals from anywhere in the box.

Former England international school-boy Andrew Fotiadis is typical of an old-fashioned centre-forward, with power, a good physique and an eye for goal. The 22-year-old has been very unlucky with injuries but when fit he is a handful for any defence.

Livewire striker Liam George is this

Season's top-scorer. The 20-year-old Republic of Ireland under-21 international is at his best when running at defenders at speed, and with an accurate and skilful shot he is a very dangerous frontman.

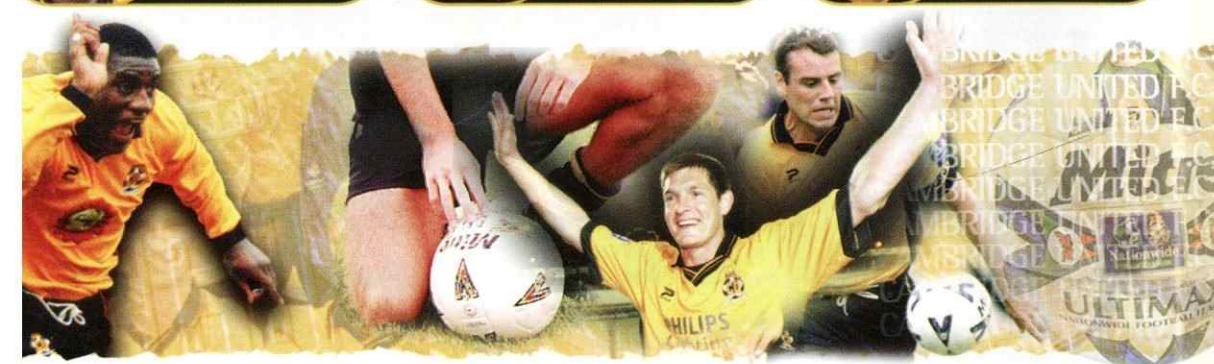
Cambridge-born striker Neil Midgley is currently on-loan from Ipswich Town. The 20-year-old hit-man supported the U's as a boy before being spotted by Ipswich. With his determination and hard work he has scored three goals in his eight games on loan so far.

Experienced and influential striker Phil Gray is in his second spell at the Club after joining from Fortuna Sittard for £400,000. The 31-year-old ex-Tottenham, Sunderland, AS Nancy and Northern Ireland striker is excellent at linking play from midfield to the forwards with his off the ball running.

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From the...

GENERAL MANAGER

What do you think of watching football at the Abbey on a Friday night then? I quite like it.

Why you might ask, and what's the difference to playing on a Saturday? Well for one thing it's dark on a Friday night and at this time of year on most Saturdays it goes from light to dark, and through that bit in between that's not really one or the other. Our pitch looks good under floodlights and that certainly helps create a good atmosphere.

We often get good crowds on a Friday too. I wonder if some fans just can't always get out on a Saturday but can make a Friday evening? For instance those of you who play the game on a Saturday. After all Cambridge is most certainly a very busy footballing County. You can't really cut the grass on a Friday night

either can you, so what else would you be doing?

Good crowds makes for good atmosphere too, and of course helps us financially. Our tea bars do well on a Friday as well - I suspect many of you come straight from work and head towards the nearest one for a Burger or a Bacon Roll and a tea. The Harris Suite bar is usually very busy from early on as well.

On the other hand it might be a bit of a late finish on a Friday for some of our young fans and it certainly means an early start and a very late arrival back home for the away supporters. Mind you, you might be able to have a lie in on the Saturday.

Talking about a lie in leads me on to our staff and the players. A football free Saturday is a rare treat for us so a day off at the weekend is

worth a swap for a late night's work on a Friday.

The only problem then is that we could easily be dragged off to the shops on the Saturday afternoon! Me, I could be out on my bike!

So what do you think then? One thing is for sure, Roy and the team will appreciate it as it gives them a whole day on the Saturday to recuperate or spy on our next opponents.

Oh, and on a different subject altogether, the team's new white and navy blue away kit has arrived and it looks brilliant! It will be in stock in our shop soon. You'll look good in it on Christmas day - so don't forget to put it on your list for Santa ... and try not to spill any brandy butter down the front!

Colin Davies
General Manager

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TEN TO TACKLE

by Dave Brown

- 1 Where do Mansfield Town play their home games?
- 2 Who is the Manager of Sheffield United?
- 3 What is the nickname of Everton?
- 4 The supporters of which Club produce the fanzine 'The City Gent'?
- 5 Which English League, exactly, would I be in if I saw a Gainsborough Trinity v Barrow match?
- 6 Chelsea's Frank Leboeuf was signed from which Club for £2.5 million?
- 7 Luton's record defeat was 0-9 v Small Heath. What are Small Heath now called?
- 8 Who scored The U's final goal in last season's 7-2 win over Mansfield Town?
- 9 Who is the current F.A. Chairman?
- 10 In which town do Scottish Second Division Club Ross County play?

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ACTION SHOTS



The poised Martin Butler on the ball against Scunthorpe

Photo: Steve Parsons

Cambridge CONNECTIONS

LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST LUTON TOWN

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	5	0	3	2	6	9
Away	5	0	3	2	2	5
Total	10	0	6	4	8	14

Two goals by John Francis plus another from Lee Philpott gave Cambridge United a 3-3 First Division draw on Luton Town's last League visit to Abbey Stadium on 3rd November 1992. Goals by Kerry Dixon and Scott Oakes gave Luton a 2-0 victory in the return fixture four months later. The Hatters last triumphed here in the League 1-0 in March 1982 en route to the Second Division title that season, while Cambridge have never beaten Luton in a League match.

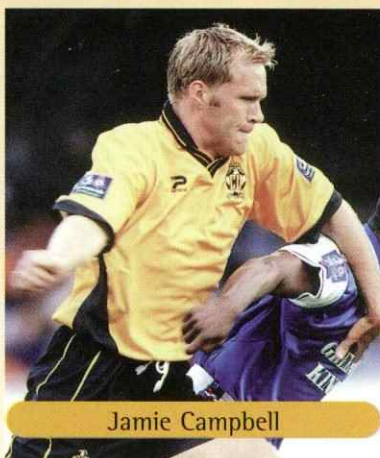
RECORD GOALSCORER

Former Luton Town striker John Taylor holds Cambridge United's goalscoring record. Initially moving to Abbey Stadium from Sudbury Town in August 1988, he starred in Cambridge's meteoric rise under John Beck and was swapped for Bristol Rovers' Devon White in March 1992. He joined Luton from Bradford City for £200,000 in March 1995 and scored three times in 37 League outings for today's visitors prior to rejoining Cambridge in January 1997. Starting in last seasons promotion success, he has now netted a record 78 goals in 268 League games overall.

WEMBLEY WINNER

Cambridge United player-coach David Preece featured in Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph at Wembley. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Walsall for £150,000 in December 1984, the England B international also played for Luton in the 1989 Littlewoods Cup final and starred in their 1993/94 F.A. Cup run. He scored 21 times in 336 League games for today's opponents prior to joining Derby County on a free transfer in August 1995. Tommy Taylor signed him in September 1996 and he was an experienced figure in last season's promotion success.

Football Historian **Leigh Edwards** focuses on connections with our visitors



Jamie Campbell

EVER-PRESENT

Former Luton Town defender Jamie Campbell was ever-present for Cambridge United in 1997/98. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in July 1991, he featured in Luton's 1993/94 F.A. Cup run and his solitary goal in 36 League games came in their 2-1 defeat at Leicester City in August 1992. He joined Cambridge on a free transfer from Barnet in August 1997 and starred in last season's promotion triumph. Fellow defender Ben Chenery joined Cambridge on a free transfer from Luton in July 1997 and also featured prominently in last season's success.

IRISH INTERNATIONAL

Ex-Luton Town midfielder Tom Finney gained a record seven Northern Ireland caps while at Cambridge United. Having to Kenilworth Road from Crusaders for £17,000 in August 1973, he featured in Luton's 1973/74 promotion success and netted five times in 14 Second Division games for today's visitors before being sold to Sunderland for £30,000 in July 1974. He joined Cambridge for £10,000 in August 1976 and

starred in two consecutive promotion campaigns, returning from a ten month spell at Brentford to score 61 goals in 332 League games overall.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

Former Luton Town central defender Chris Turner had a spell as Cambridge United's manager. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Peterborough United for £100,000 in July 1978, he netted five times in 30 Second Division outings for Luton before being sold to New England Teamen for £90,000 in May 1979. He joined Cambridge four months later and returned from Swindon Town in October 1980 to score three goals in 90 League games overall, then became manager for four years in January 1986. Ex-Luton defender John Ryan was Cambridge's player-boss for a year.

TWO SPELLS

Former Luton Town striker Steve Claridge had two spells at Cambridge United. Initially moving to Abbey Stadium from Aldershot for £75,000 in February 1990, he starred in Cambridge's meteoric rise under John Beck and was sold to Luton for £160,000 in July 1992. He scored twice in 16 First Division outings for today's visitors prior to rejoining Cambridge for a record £190,000 in November 1992 and was leading marksman in 1992/93, netting 46 goals in 132 League games overall before moving to Birmingham City for £350,000 in January 1994.

TITLE TRIUMPH

One-time Cambridge United midfielder Lil Fuccillo featured prominently in Luton Town's 1981/82 Second Division title triumph. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in July 1974, he netted 24 goals in 160 League games for Luton prior to joining Tulsa Roughnecks in April 1983. He joined Cambridge on a non-contract basis in January 1988 and scored twice in 19 Fourth Division outings while at Abbey Stadium. The likes of Jack Bannister, Ian Benjamin, John Collins, Alan Guild, Rick McEvoy, Peter Phillips and Robin Wainwright have also played for both Clubs.

YESTERDAY'S WEMBLEY FOR THE

Much-travelled striker Steve Claridge featured prominently in Cambridge United's 1990/91 Third Division title triumph.

Initially with Fareham Town, he joined AFC Bournemouth in September 1984 and had spells with Weymouth and Crystal Palace before moving to Aldershot for £14,000 in October 1988. John Beck paid £75,000 for him in February 1990 and he helped Cambridge to clinch promotion via that season's Fourth Division play-off final at Wembley. Joining Luton Town for £160,000 in July 1992, he netted twice in 16 First Division games for today's visitors before returning to Cambridge for a record £190,000 in November 1992 and was leading marksman in 1992/93.

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Birmingham City for £350,000 in January 1994 and was top scorer in their 1994/95 Second Division title & Auto Windecreens Shield 'double' triumph. He joined Leicester City for £1,200,000 in March 1996, scoring the winner in the 1995/96 First Division play-off final and 1996/97 Coca-Cola Cup final replay. After a brief spell at Wolves, he has been with Portsmouth since August 1998.

For Cambridge United:

	Lge	FAC	LC	Total
1989/90	20 (4)	-	-	20 (4)
1990/91	30 (12)	1	2	33 (12)
1991/92	29 (12)	-	4 (2)	33 (14)
1992/93	29 (7)	1	-	30 (7)
1993/94	24 (11)	3	4 (3)	31 (14)
Total	132 (46)	5	10 (5)	147 (51)

For Luton Town:

1992/93	16 (2)	-	2 (3)	18 (5)
Total	16 (2)	-	2 (3)	18 (5)

Central defender Chris Turner was 'Player of the Year' in Cambridge United's 1982/83 FA Cup run.

Signing professional for Peterborough United in November 1969, he starred in their 1973/74 Fourth Division title triumph and moved to Luton Town for £100,000 in July 1978. He scored five times in 30 Second Division outings for today's visitors before being sold to New England Teamen for £90,000 in May 1979, then joined Cambridge four months later and headed the equaliser to take Aston Villa to a fourth round replay that season.

Returning to New England Teamen the following summer, he rejoined Cambridge via Swindon Town in October 1980 and netted three goals in 90 League games overall before moving to Southend United for £20,000 in October 1983 but a back injury ended his playing career. He

returned to Cambridge as manager for four years in January 1986, then rejoined Peterborough as manager in January 1991 and plotted two consecutive successes as well as their 1991/92 Rumbelows Cup run. Subsequently their chairman, he quit after a serious illness and is now Peterborough's sales manager.

For Luton Town:

	Lge	FAC	LC	Total
1978/79	30 (5)	-	4	30 (5)
Total	30 (5)	-	4	30 (5)

For Cambridge United:

1979/80	19	3 (1)	-	22 (1)
1980/81	9	-	-	9
1981/82	13 (1)	-	-	13 (1)
1982/83	40 (2)	3 (1)	2	45 (3)
1983/84	9	-	1	10
Total	90 (3)	6 (2)	3	99 (5)

(goals in brackets; appearances include those made as substitute)



Steve Claridge
(left)
&
Chris Turner



AMBER & ORANGE CLASHES

Cambridge United 1 Luton Town 2
Division Two - 3rd November 1979

This was Luton's fifth season back in the Second Division and they looked well placed to mount a serious promotion challenge as they were occupying top spot at the time. United were 16th in what was their second season amongst the big boys and were still concerned about relegation.

United's main problem was midfield injuries, but Steve Spriggs managed to harness his inexperienced colleagues into a unit that provided plenty of ammunition for Alan Biley and Roger Gibbins. With Dave Moss and Bob Hatton being kept quiet up front, it looked for much of the game as if United could get something from the game. The reason sides like the Hatters are top though is because they make the most of their opportunities, and that's what happened. On 57 minutes Hatton worked a quick one-two and cracked home a corking shot. Before the U's had drawn breath Webster fouled Brian Stein and Dave Moss scored with a penalty. United attacked brightly for the rest of the match, but the goal (from Biley) came too late to threaten a turnaround, though manager John Docherty was pleased with the performance.

The match was a turning point in hindsight. Luton suffered a jittery run that cost them promotion, whilst Cambridge perked up to ultimately finish eighth.

UNITED: Webster, Turner, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, O'Neill, Biley, Spriggs, Christie, Gibbins, Murray (Finney)

LUTON: Findlay, Stephens, Price, Saxby, Donaghy, Hill, West, Grealish, Stein, Hatton, Moss

Cambridge United 1 Luton Town 1
Division Two - 10th April 1982

Luton were runaway leaders at the top and promotion/championship seemed inevitable. United were clear of the relegation zone, but still anxiously looking over their shoulders.

United matched last season's performance, but this time shackled the Hatters better after conceding another soft goal when Les Cartwright suicidally passed to Wayne Turner after 59 minutes. The U's immediately hit back and giant George Reilly soared high to plant a header beyond Jake Findlay. Once they had drawn level there was plenty of guts being shown by the home side to deny their classier opponents their usual win. In fact Jake Findlay had to resort to a crude foul to deny Floyd Streete what looked to be a certain goal, but alas for him the ref never saw it that way. That draw was a minor blip on Luton's charge to the championship, whilst again it spurred United on towards mid-table as a four match losing run was stopped.

UNITED: Webster, Donaldson, Murray Smith, Fallon, Streete, Cartwright, Reilly, Gibbins, Finney, Christie

LUTON: Findlay, Stephens, Money, Horton, Goodyear, Donaghy, Antic, Stein, White, Turner (Fucillo), Moss

Cambridge United 3 Luton Town 3
Division One - 3rd November 1982

United were struggling in 17th having just sacked John Beck. Luton were five places below that. Luton belied their position and took the lead on 22 minutes through Scott Oakes. They made it 2-0 just after the break when Phil Gray was credited with a goal that deflected off Micky Heathcote and when Gray added a third with a superb solo goal on 54 minutes the victory seemed assured.

Trailing 3-0 with 17 minutes to go, United staged one of the greatest comebacks in their history. The key was the introduction of John Francis for Gary Rowett just after that last goal. Francis had blistering pace, but hadn't shown it until this match, mostly due to injuries. He had nothing to do with what seemed like a consolation goal when Lee Philpott converted Devon White's cross, but he out-raced keeper Andy Petterson four minutes later and the ball fell kindly to him. With only three minutes remaining certain defeat was turned into a draw. Much-maligned strikers White and Mick Norbury combined to set up Francis for a dramatic twelve yard volley.

Sadly that game was a brief highlight in a poor season for United as they sank slowly to the second, but Luton revived sufficiently to save themselves at United's expense.

P.S. United fans - look who played at numbers 7 and 9 for Luton.

UNITED: Sheffield, Fensome, Kimble, Raynor, Heathcote, O'Shea, Rowett (Francis), Norbury, White, Clayton (Ainsworth), Philpott

LUTON: Petterson, Linton, James, Salton, Johnson, Peake, Claridge, Kamara, Preece, Gray, Oakes

Luton Town 0 Cambridge United 0
Coca Cola Cup Round 1, Leg 2 - 24th August 1993

United had already surprised their higher-division opponents by winning 1-0 at the Abbey through a Steve Claridge goal, but David Pleat's Luton were expected to overturn that deficit at home. They were again harried and pressured by a side who were really up for it though, and after a poor start. Cambridge threatened the home goal on a regular basis. Claridge was particularly lively returning to the ground where he'd been very disappointing, and it was no surprise to the home fans when he popped up on 81 minutes to score the deciding goal again. Incidentally the move started when Claridge took the ball off David Preece.

The reward for Cambridge was a two-legged tie against Ipswich, but they never managed to reproduce the fighting display and were deservedly beaten 2-1 at Portman Road and 2-0 the Abbey.

LUTON: Sommer, Williams (Hartson), Johnson, James, Peake, Dreyer, Benjamin, Hughes, Campbell (Oakes), Houghton, Preece

UNITED: Filan, Jeffrey, Barrick, O'Shea, Heathcote, Daish, Fowler, Danzey, Butler, Clayton, Claridge

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Result:

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Method of Travel: Car

Departure Time: After the luxury of a couple of relatively close away matches, the 9am start came as a bit of a shock to the system ...

Arrival at Ground: ... and so did the State of the M4. The tone was set when I spent the best part of half an hour trying to join it from the M25 as roadworks, accidents and Rugby World Cup Final traffic conspired to get in the way. Traffic was heavy going for the remainder of the journey before grinding to a halt again just before the M32. Fortunately, this was my cue to leave the queue and head into Bristol.

The brief stop en route, at a service station packed with Australian and, for some reason, South African, rugby fans on their way to the aforementioned match, did at least allow me to break my journey before parking at the ground at about 1pm.

MJ's Mileage: 329.6 miles

Admission Price: £13, £10 or £8 - depending on your age (that's physical, not mental age!)

Programme: At £2 for 48 pages, the programme was twice the price of the one produced for the Worthington Cup match earlier in the season, and about three times the value. The abridged version had hinted at the possibilities of a fine effort and this proved to be the case. With tonnes to read and the adverts mixed so they were not intrusive, the only 'messy' section was the double-page spread of kit sponsorship.

Mind you, this was unavoidable as Bristol City's squad numbers went up to 45!

Number of Travelling U's: 189

Conduct of Police/Stewards: Stewards seemed friendly enough, and had more to do looking after the home directors than they did with U's fans.

Conduct of U's Fans: Tried to give the lads good support, but only really came into their own midway through the second half when they seemed to start to believe that we would avoid defeat.

Conduct of Home Fans: Decidedly disgruntled. Bristol City supporters seem to believe that they have a right to be close to the Premiership, so to say that they expect a lot from their team would be something of an understatement. The only positive support they gave was in the form of some annoyingly Wycombe-esque drumming. However, their expectations seemed to get out of hand, quarter of an hour from the end, when the Bristol City Manager made a couple of substitutions, so perplexing that only United supporters would have been pleased to see two of their more dangerous players replaced. This was the cue for chants of 'You don't know what you're doing' aimed at the Bristol bench, and a mass exodus.

One supporter was so annoyed that he stopped to vent his anger at the Bristol directors on his way from the ground. Whatever he said didn't appear to go down too well as the Bristol Chairman, sitting in the front row of the directors box, leapt from his seat and attempted to punch his lights out! Only the intervention of a couple of stewards prevented bloodshed.

State of Ground: I seem to recall being reasonably impressed when we visited Ashton Gate earlier in the season. That

impression seems to have been slightly misguided though. In daylight, parts of the ground is starting to show signs of its age. The stands along either side are particularly past their sell-by dates with wooden seating in the upper tier starting to look as if it's ready for the next stage of redevelopment.

Food/Drink: I got as far as trying the tea which, at 80p for a large cup, was more than welcome after a trying journey.

Officials' Performance: Mr Parkes has probably had better days than this. Although he kept his cards commendably in his pocket, he only appeared to have a tenuous grip on the match at times ... not that this affected the spectacle.

Additional Comments: Bristol City tried to provide an entertaining pre-match show ... but all did not go tremendously smoothly! For a start you couldn't hear a word the on-pitch P.A. announcer was saying. Then an under-11 troop of Pom-Pom girls arrived. With little coordination, their routine gave the impression that this was either an avant-garde, experimental routine where they were all meant to do different things, or that they had never practiced. My money would be on the latter! We then had to endure a 'beat the goalie' competition between three U's fans and three Bristol fans (needless to say the goalie seemed to try harder against the U's fans) and then, just as you thought it was all over and you could relax, the Pom-Pom girls returned - presumably in case anyone didn't believe how bad they'd been first time around.

It was therefore a massive relief when the game actually kicked-off and the girls could retreat to behind an advertising hoarding in one corner, where they could continue their random pom-pom waving throughout the match unobtrusively.

ON THE ROAD

A Well Deserved Point

United had a dream start when Martin Butler got onto a pass from Michael Kyd and fired a spectacular curling shot into the net with less than 2 minutes on the clock.

Bristol City pulled one back in the 34th minute through Jones.

There was a scare for the travelling United fans before half time when Marc Joseph and Ian Ashbee both went down in the box. Both physios came on to attend to them, Joseph getting up first but Ian Ashbee, being the player he is, played on.

United rode their luck at times in the second half, but finished the game as the team most likely to score.

Marc Joseph and Martin McNeil

Man of the Match: Martin McNeil - who came in at a difficult time and gave a good, mature performance

formed a good partnership in the heart of the defence - Joseph commanding the area. Shaun Marshall also gave a confident performance.

Paul Wanless played well, supported by Neil Mustoe and Neil Mackenzie.

Michael Kyd caused the Bristol defence problems and linked up well with Martin Butler and Trevor Benjamin. John Taylor came on for Benjamin late in the game and rallied the attack for a final onslaught.

United gave a good team performance and thoroughly deserved something from the game.

Away Travel Gang

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If you want to read nice things about United these days I wouldn't advise you to take the trouble of crossing the Dartford Bridge and buying a copy of Medway's Kent Today. After referring to 'wretched Cambridge' following the clash with Gillingham at the Abbey earlier in the season, this time, following an improved performance from United in Kent, the paper referred to the home side as: "somehow 1-0 down to Cambridge". Although in summary they said: "The result had gone the way it deserved but it was not as easy as it sounds." Strange indeed, as I'm not sure how easy 2-1 sounds when the winner is scored in the final minutes.

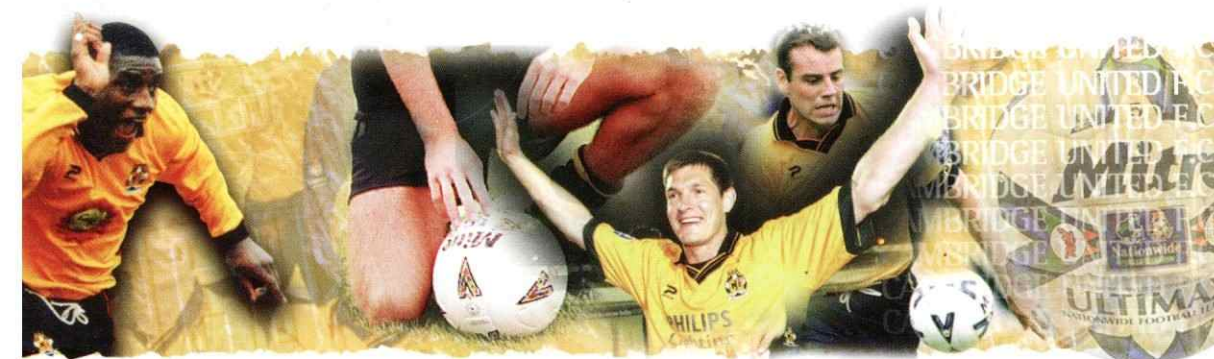
Of United's goal, the report reads "Gillingham, all over their opponents for the first quarter of an hour, went to sleep on 17 minutes and were caught out by a simple ball over the defence by Neil Mustoe to Tom Youngs. With his first touch he rounded Vince Bartram. With his second, he slotted home inside the left hand post from a tight angle." This was followed by: "Sucker punched, they took a while to rediscover their composure and Youngs created another good chance for himself. As he ran at the defence, Adrian Pennock and Paul Smith backed off and gave him space to fire a shot which dragged wide." and "Just before the whistle, Cambridge's counter attacking almost paid off and following a great pass by Ian Ashbee, Neil Mackenzie blasted a shot which Bartram did well to punch away. The ball fell nicely for on-rushing Mustoe but Pennock blocked his shot".

Into the second half, and following the home side's equaliser: "Although they equalised in seconds, there were still plenty of nervous moments. Ten minutes into the half, Bartram blocked one shot on goal but, although he managed to get a leg in the way of Mackenzie's follow up shot, he still had to acrobatically flip himself over and dive onto the ball just as it was about to roll over the line."

"Cambridge had been put back in their place but were still due to be knocked down another peg or two Gills made hard work of it however, and put the fans through a nail biting 45 minutes, though nobody afterwards could deny they had got their money's worth of excitement."

After reporting on all of that, the final word didn't quite fit. "By then, Gillingham had done enough for the points ..."

Gordon Theobald





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Ex-United Director Steve Line was presented with a baby daughter Abbie on Thursday



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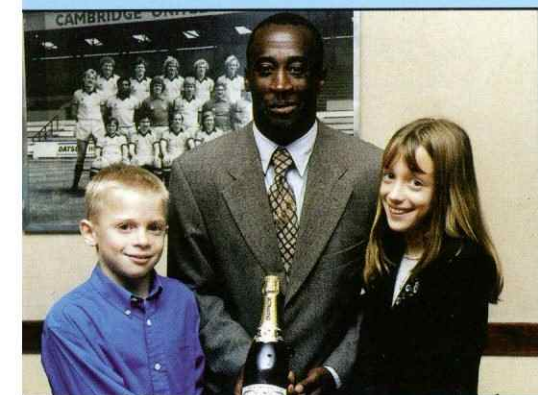
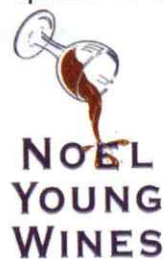
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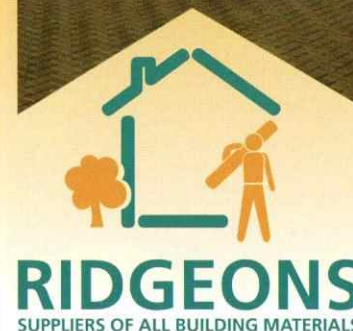
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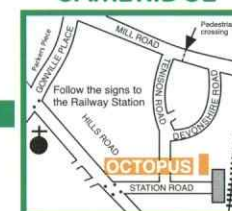
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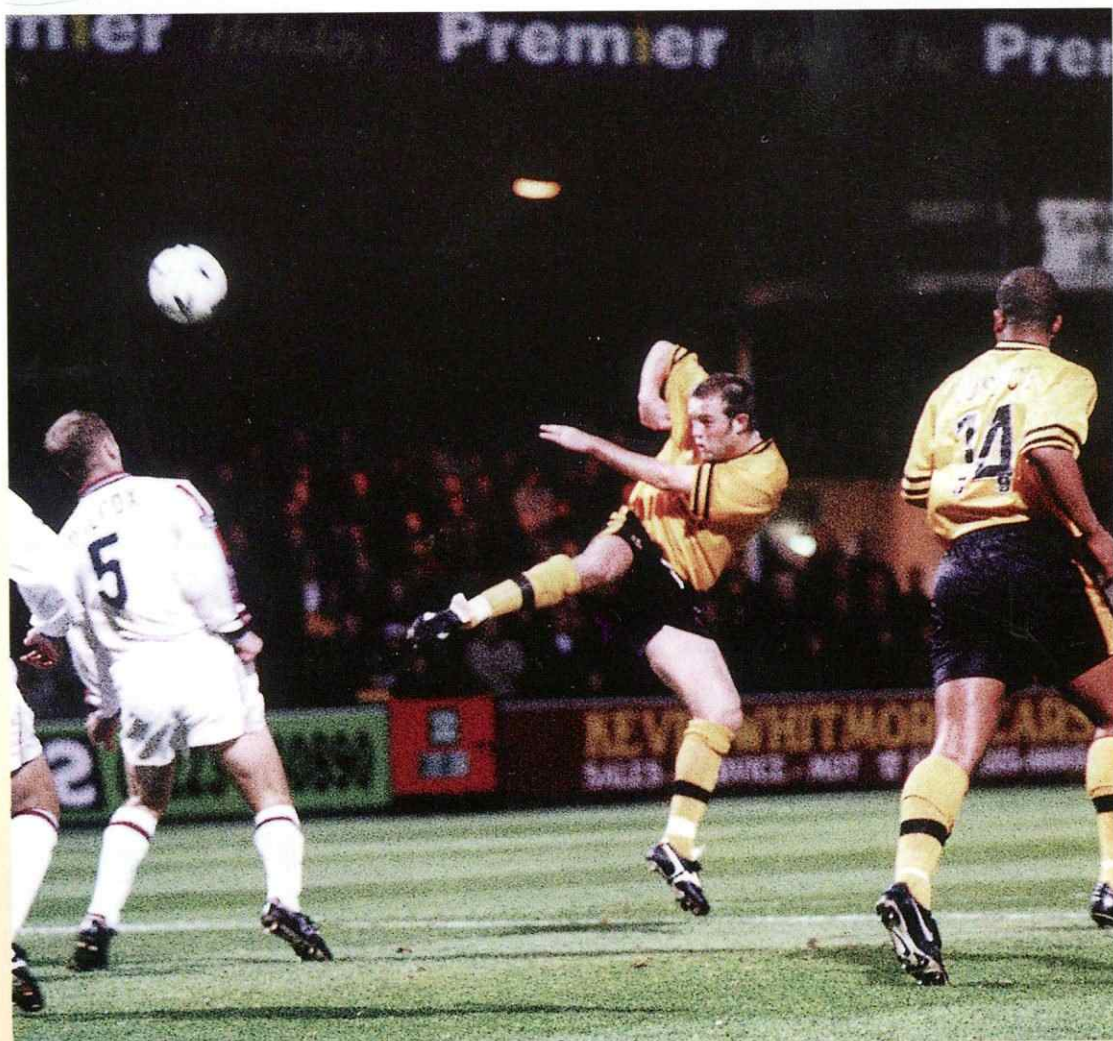
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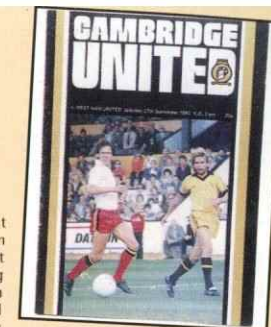
ACTION SHOTS



Ian Ashbee practices his martial arts skills

Photo: Steve Parsons

Yesterday's Programmes



The home programmes from the 1980/1 season saw a dramatic change in the format from the previous seasons. Gone was the indexing system and although the programme consisted of 40 pages it could hardly have been called the programme of Cambridge United. The reason being that 24 of the 40 pages were designed and produced by Sportopia Promotions Ltd. and as well as including articles on football there were also articles on motoring for example and a large content of advertising. It's interesting to note at this point that a number of League teams this season also used the articles produced by Sportopia.

The remaining 16 pages (the U's bit!) included an article from the U's boss, John Docherty, profile on the visitors of the day, a round up on Division 2 results and news, statistics and team line-ups were featured inside the programme on page 38. This season the programme was printed by Labute of Cambridge and cost 30p throughout the season.

The general availability of the home programmes is very good and you should have few problems in finding those missing copies and you would expect to pay something in the region of 40/50p for them.

The main thing to look out for is that the original programme printed for the postponed match against Sheff Wednesday (27/12/80) was used for the re-arranged game (24/01/81) together with a single page insert.

The away programmes from this season are generally quite easy to find apart from the following: Derby (29/11/80) which was issued in newspaper format and could cost you between £5/6, the programme for the West Ham game (21/2/81) is available with two different covers and the cover featuring West Ham captain Billy Bonds is the more difficult to find. For the match at Oldham (played on Sunday 15/3/81) as well as the nor-

mal programme there are six different coloured team sheets available and one can only assume that these were for different parts of the ground due to the game being played on a Sunday. Finding these team sheets is very difficult and each one could cost anything between £4/5 and may only appear on the dealers "offers lists". Another thing to look out for is that Notts County reprinted the programme for the match played on 5/5/81 and there was a programme printed for the postponed game from the 26/12/80.

Once again this season the U's played in the pre-season Willshire Cup tournament and programmes were issued for all the three matches played: A 4 page programme was issued for the home match against Ipswich (26/7/80) and is generally quite easy to find (£1.50/2). The programme for the away match at Norwich (29/7/80) was issued in the format of a single white sheet printed green. This one is very difficult to find and could cost you anything between £6/8 and once again keep a look out on the dealers "offers lists". The final programme issued was for the match at Colchester (5/8/80) and finding a copy of this one might set you back about £3/4.

Other programmes to look out for from this season are as follows: there was a single sheet issued for the home match in the Cambs Professional Cup against Peterborough (6/8/80) and Royston Town issued a full programme for the friendly game played 13/10/80. Both of these would probably set you back anything between £3/5 and both are quite difficult to find.

Denis Cooper

Cambridge United

The CUSA held a full committee meeting on 12th October. We were joined by Director Gary Harwood, General Manager Colin Davies, Andy Pincher and Graham Eales, as well as the seven applicants for the two CUSA vacancies.

Each of the applicants said a few words about themselves and what they could offer the CUSA. Following the meeting a vote of the existing members selected David Stroud and Lionel Webb to join us, but all the unsuccessful applicants have agreed to keep in touch and to help us out along the way as they can. This is the way the CUSA should work, and we hope this selection process has not given the impression we are an elitist organisation. We are not! We are just an ordinary group of United fans helping out our Football Club and, hopefully, representing our fellow supporters. Honest!

The re-development of the Abbey was the main topic for discussion. We expect the Council to rule on the Club's planning application very shortly now. Hopefully the decision will be in our

favour and the Council will then formally apply to the Dept of the Environment, Transport & the Regions for permission to sell us the small amount of the allotment land we need. Without giving too much away, the CUSA and the Club are planning a campaign in support of the DETR application - watch out for more details, we will need your help! It is the allotment issue, of course, that has been at the centre of most of the debate about the Club's plans. This is a great shame, as we are neighbours. Both the Football Club and the allotments have important roles in the community, let's not forget that it is only very reluctantly we need to buy some allotment land but, as you know, the Club has over the past 5 years exhausted all other conceivable options.

On other business, the CUSA are helping out with two forthcoming events - a Race Night (tomorrow evening in the Harris Suite) and a Fans Forum (watch out for details). Match Day (tea bar) catering still comes up as a concern for a lot of fans, a problem that tends to be exacerbated by increas-

ing gates - and long may that continue. We have spoken to the new Catering Manager (Paul Cleary) and given him a copy of the results of the fans survey we conducted over two successive close seasons. Give him a chance to turn things around, but, as always, if you have any specific complaints about Match Day catering, or ideas as to how to improve things, please get in touch and we will pass your comments onto Paul.

On another matter, if you use the new (Corona) car park you probably know how long it can take to get out after a game - if the Club charged by the hour we could probably afford Sol Campbell as cover for Andy Duncan! The CUSA are talking to the Club and the Police to see if something can be done to improve things, hopefully they can work something out.

You can contact the CUSA c/o the Club, by phoning Brian Attmore (01223 245168) or Nigel Pearce (01279 725012), or by email: thecusa@btinternet.com

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In Profile....

Martin McNeil



Now he has tasted Second Division football for the first time, Martin McNeil is buzzing after his maiden chance in the first team this season, and hopes the next opportunity will come tonight against Luton.

McNeil, 19, who has come through the ranks at the Club, made his first appearance of the season at Bristol City on Saturday after making seven starts last season, and now wants to become a regular addition.

"I played a few games last year and Saturday was the first time I've got back into the side since last season and it felt great," said McNeil.

"I wasn't expecting to play and I was only told just before kick-off. It was brilliant in the end though, even if I was a little bit nervous, because I haven't played in the first team for a while.

"In a way it was best that the gaffer didn't tell me until quite close to the game, because my nerves could have been even worse."

McNeil has been at the Club since he was nine years old and has had to work hard for his chance in the first team, so now he is there he insists he won't give it up lightly.

He added: "I think I got in because it was down to injuries more than anything else, particularly with Scott Eustace being out. Had he been fit I don't think I would have played.

"But I got my chance and I enjoyed it. I thought I did quite well, and the gaffer said after the game that he was pleased with what I had done and the way I had slotted into the team.

"Hopefully, if I can stay in the side and get a few more games under my belt then things can go on from there."

McNeil is currently experiencing the fickle world of football, with the team storming to promotion last season and now struggling to adapt to the Second Division, but he is thriving on the challenge.

"We are still confident in the squad, and we know that we are still the same players that won promotion last season, if not better players," he said.

"We have brought a few new players but I am very confident we can at least stay up in this division. I think we knew the standard of this division would be a lot higher, but we were aiming to maybe get in mid-table or the play-offs.

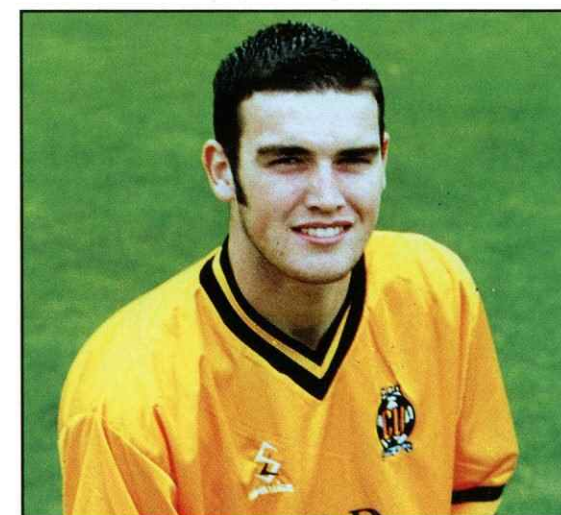
"We've got a great bunch of lads and the team spirit is great. We're all fairly young so we're building for the future really."

In a very young squad, McNeil admitted he is learning from other young players, such as Trevor Benjamin and Martin Butler - two players he believes can keep the Club up.

"Players like Trevor and Martin are always going to score you goals. They have attracted a lot of attention from other Clubs, which is good for them, but if they keep scoring the

Stats....

Seasons	Club	Lge Apps	Lge Goals
1998 -	Cambridge United	7	-



goals I think we will be alright.

"If we can build on Saturday, when we got a good draw at Bristol City, and start winning more games at home then I think there will be no problems."

Now in his 10th year at the Club McNeil owes much to the dedication and commitment of Roy McFarland to the Club's youth set-up, and believes without him he may never have got a chance.

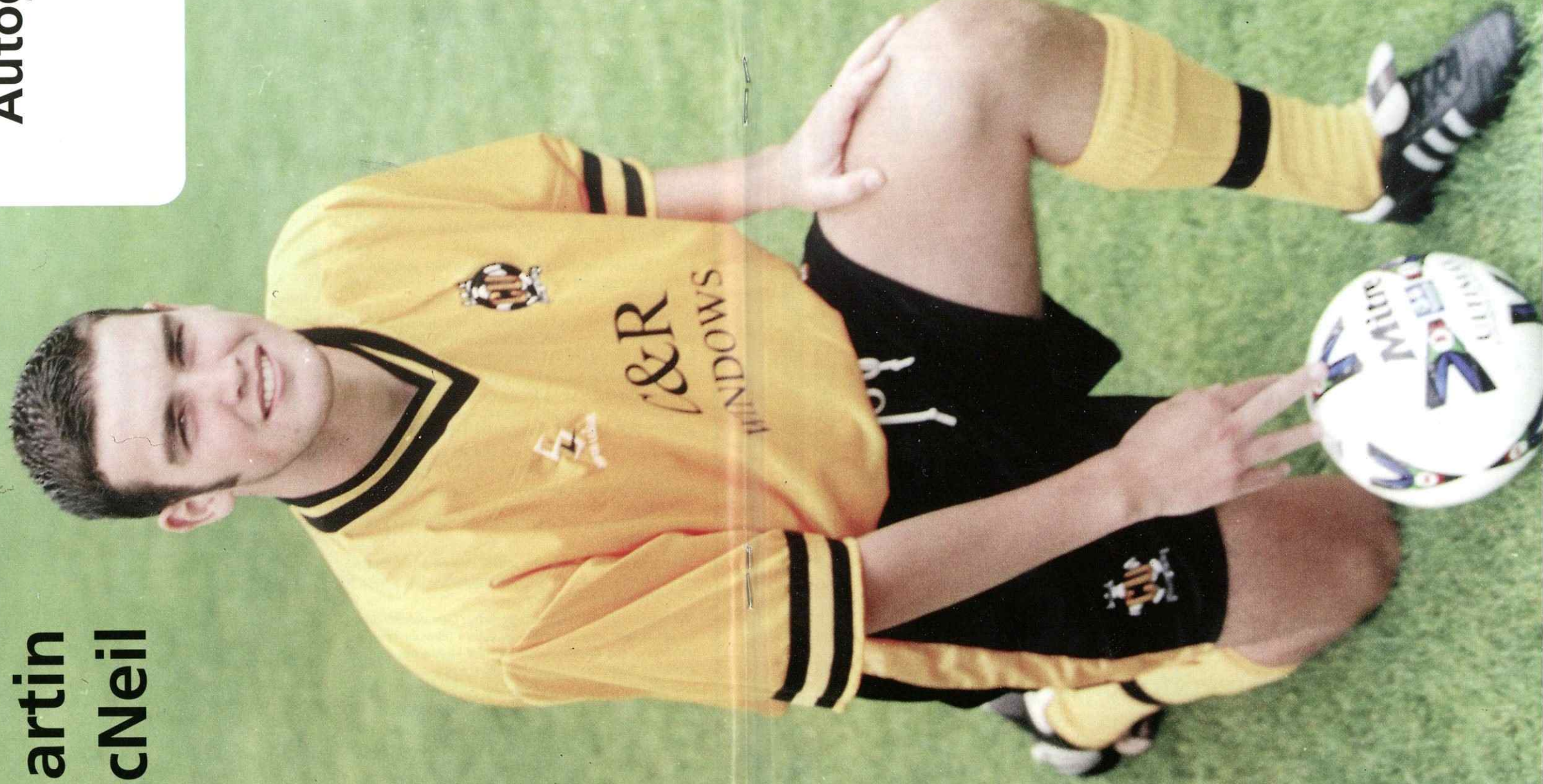
He concluded: "I joined the Club when I was nine and signed schoolboy forms when I was 14 and have gone on from there really. The Club means a lot to me and it is important we keep going forward as a Club.

"The great thing about this Club and Roy McFarland is that if you train hard and play well, the manager will put faith in you and gives you the chance. That gives you confidence which I appreciate more than anything."

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Second **THOUGHTS**

Doug Shulman's Nationwide League round-up.....

Tomorrow sees the most important game involving our national side since the game against Argentina in last year's World Cup. Not only is a place in the European Championships at stake, but also national pride against fierce rivals. Let's hope the game goes our way, and is free of unwanted trouble.

However, because of the aforementioned game we find ourselves involved in League action here tonight against Luton. The Bedfordshire side have been improving steadily over the last month and now find themselves eighth in the table. Lennie Lawrence's youngsters have also been attracting attention from bigger clubs as a result of their performances. In last week's midweek fixtures though, The Hatters lost 1-0 at improving Millwall, their first defeat in six games. There was also a win for Wigan at home to Chesterfield, the prize being a place at the top of the table for the Lancastrians. Stuart Barlow scored another brace of goal, with Andy Liddell bagging the third. Burnley scored five without reply at home to Wrexham. The emphatic nature of their win sent Stanley Ternent's side above Notts County and into second place, although their position only lasted 24 hours.

Gary Brazil's side gained a great 1-0 away win on Wednesday night at in-form Stoke and bounced straight back to the summit, thanks to a 23rd minute Alex Dyer goal. A three goal blast from Preston's strikers also saw them climb the table. Jonathan Macken, Graham Alexander, and Paul McKenna all scored in a 3-0 win over Bournemouth to send North End into fourth place.

Bristol Rovers faltered at home to Bury to drop into fifth place, despite gaining a point in a 0-0 draw, Roberts and Cureton for once firing blanks at The Memorial Ground. There were also draws for Brentford and Cardiff at home, with both sides facing teams with unfulfilled ambitions so far this season. The Bluebirds had to wait till the 89th minute to secure a point against Blackpool, who had earlier gone ahead through a 57th minute Murphy strike. Kevin Nugent saved Frank Burrows blushes with that late equaliser, but Cardiff continue to fall away from the front-runners after a promising start. Brentford, too, are slipping, and they also let it late against opponents Reading. A 76th minute Tony Folan goal finally cancelled out Andy Gurney's early opener for The Royals.

A late show was also in store for the 3,807 spectators at Boundary Park, who saw Oldham and Wycombe draw 2-2. Andrew Baird put the visitors 2-1 up with a minute to go, but with seconds left on the clock Steve Whitehall popped up to gain a point for Andy Ritchie's side, who move up to 18th place. Rounding off the draw theme for the midweek fixtures, managerless Oxford fought out a 1-1 stalemate with fellow strugglers Colchester at The Manor Ground, Lambert opened the scoring in the first minute of play to put Oxford 1-0 up, and delight the majority of the 4,444 crowd, but a 33rd minute strike from Steve McGavin was enough to secure Colchester a point.

The individual performance of the week though was from Gillingham target man Robert Taylor, who scored his second hat-trick in three weeks during a 3-0 home win over Bristol City. Taylor is luring scouts to Priestfield from all over the country, and it seems only a matter of time before he is snapped up for big money, with Manchester City emerging as the likeliest buyer. The win condemned Bristol City to 16th place, and ensured another backlash from fans calling for Tony Pulis' dismissal after just three months in the hot seat. Supporters fury was also topped up with the sale of Canadian International and fans' favourite Jim Brennan to Nottingham Forest that same week, for a cool £1.5m.

Amazingly none of the top six sides in the division managed to win last Saturday, so Notts County remain top of the division by two points. They were held to 1-1 draw by visitors

Gillingham for whom Robert Taylor scored once again. County had earlier taken a 2nd minute lead through on loan Danny Allsopp, who had only joined the Magpies 24 hours previously from Manchester City. Wigan are making a habit of coming from behind to snatch points, and this was the case against Blackpool at Bloomfield Road. The Tangerines flew into a 2-0 lead and could have scored more, but fortunately for John Benson his side came out for the second half a different team. Graeme Jones and Stuart Barlow grabbed a point for Wigan within seven minutes of the restart.

Barlow had earlier that week stunned the Club by asking for a transfer, much to the chagrin of the Latics faithful. Preston also had to chase a point away at Colchester, who were 2-1 up with five minutes to play. Aaron Skelton, and the dangerous Lomana Tresor Lua both scored with ferociously struck shots from some distance to put time Essex side in place for three points, but Kurt Nogan pounced with seconds left to preserve North End's ten match unbeaten run.

Burnley lost out to two Neil Midgley goals at Luton, who haven't lost at home this season, with Andy Cooke's strike a mere consolation in a 2-1 reverse. Stoke drew 0-0 away at Bury in a dull game watched by The Shakers biggest gate of this term, whilst Bristol Rovers and Wycombe scored one apiece at Adams Park. Sean Devine with his 10th of the season for the Bucks side, and stand-in striker Nathan Ellington with a neat 25-yard strike for The Pirates.

There were three away wins on the coupon last Saturday, with Millwall being the most triumphant. They shattered Scunthorpe's five match unbeaten League run and recorded a handy 4-1 win at Glanford Park, thanks to a brace of goals from both Neil Harris and Paul Ifill, with John Cornforth replying for The Iron. The win was a blow for Brian Laws' team who have also lost the services of on loan Steve Guinan from Nottingham Forest. The striker did not take up the offer of a 2nd month's loan and was apparently involved in a bust-up with Laws, who promptly stripped him of his Club tracksuit and left him in the Club car park in just his underpants!

Oldham and Brentford both recorded 1-0 wins at Chesterfield and Wrexham respectively. Neil Adams secured The Latics win to plunge Chesterfield further into trouble, whilst new signing from Southampton, Scott Marshall, was the hero for Brentford against Wrexham, who have now not won since mid-September.

Rounding things off for the weekend was a 1-0 win for Bournemouth over free-falling Cardiff thanks to a Mark Stein winner, and in Sunday's fixture, Oxford grabbed a fantastic 2-1 away win at Reading. Joey Beauchamp netted the 84th minute winner for caretaker boss Mickey Lewis to no doubt boost his chances of bagging the job on a permanent basis.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Notts County	16	10	3	3	24	13	11	33
Wigan Athletic	15	8	7	0	30	13	17	31
Preston North End	16	8	6	2	24	17	7	30
Burnley	16	8	5	3	23	11	12	29
Bristol Rovers	16	8	5	3	18	11	7	29
Stoke City	16	8	4	4	23	15	8	28
Brentford	15	7	6	2	23	14	9	27
Luton Town	16	8	3	5	22	17	5	27
Gillingham	16	7	5	4	27	20	7	26
Millwall	15	6	5	4	21	19	2	23
Bury	16	5	7	4	25	20	5	22
Wycombe W.	16	5	7	4	21	20	1	22
AFC Bournemouth	15	6	4	5	19	18	1	22
Scunthorpe United	16	5	4	7	15	22	-7	19
Oldham Athletic	16	5	3	8	18	21	-3	18
Wrexham	16	4	4	8	17	30	-13	16
Bristol City	15	3	6	6	15	20	-5	15
Oxford United	16	4	3	9	16	22	-6	15
Reading	15	4	3	8	21	28	-7	15
Cardiff City	16	2	7	7	16	23	-7	13
Blackpool	16	2	6	8	17	30	-13	12
Cambridge United	16	2	5	9	23	30	-7	11
Chesterfield	15	2	5	8	10	17	-7	11
Colchester United	15	2	5	8	17	34	-17	11

TONIGHT'S FIXTURES

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Brentford v Scunthorpe United
Cambridge United v Luton Town
Cardiff City v Chesterfield
Gillingham v AFC Bournemouth
Millwall v Wrexham
Preston North End v Notts County
Wigan Athletic v Wycombe Wanderers

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

Oxford United v Bury
SUNDAY'S FIXTURES
Burnley v Blackpool
Millwall v Reading
Stoke City v Bristol City

Planet FOOTBALL

Curious Inter Milan have turned to FIFA in an attempt to resolve a long-running dispute with the Brazilian Football Confederation over the use of star player Ronaldo in friendly internationals.

Ronaldo has been included in the Brazilian Olympics team for three friendly matches to be played during November. Brazil coach Scolari had previously assured Inter boss Marcello Lippi that he would only play him in one game, against Spain. An Inter spokesman said FIFA had informed the Club that they would refer the matter to the CBF suggesting Ronaldo did not play in the two friendlies.

Nigerian F.A. Cup has fallen into the hands of Plateau United as they defeated Iwuanyanwu Nationale 1-0 last Sunday. United from Jos Town, and thousands of supporters celebrated the victory by dancing in the streets of Lagos, the venue of the final.

Rocco's Raja Casablanca have joined Esperance of Tunisia in qualifying for the African Champions League. Raja, winners of the continent's top Club prize two years ago, had to fight a tough rearguard action against Al Ahli to secure their place with a 1-1 draw. Esperance limped through 1-0 against Dynamos, courtesy of penalty.

Brazilian side Sao Paulo had a mixture of emotions to deal with last week. Goalkeeper Rogerio Ceni scored from a free kick to secure a 1-0 win against Ponte Preta on Wednesday, but this came hours

after the Club's appeal against a three-point deduction for fielding an illegible player was rejected.

The result left Sao Paulo fifth in the championship's first stage with 32 points from 20 games but with the possibility of having more points deducted at a later date because of a dispute with another Club.

Kashiwa Reysol lifted their first trophy since entering Japan's professional soccer League. They defeated League champions Kashima Antlers on penalties in the Nabisco League Cup final. Reysol won a shootout after the teams had finished level after 120 minutes in front of 35,238 fans at Tokyo's National Stadium.

Finally, supporters of South American champions Palmeiras are taking matters into their own hands regarding the social discipline of their players. They are threatening to spy on them to make sure they don't stay out late. Last week television pictures showed about 50 angry fans jeering the players during a training session and chanting 'drunk' at them.

Paulo Serdan, the self-appointed spokesman for the fans, said the team played badly because too many of the players had been going out on the town. He let out the warning, "Anyone seen out at night again will get to know the nasty side of the Palmeiras supporters."

Anyone been to 5th Avenue lately?

Will Jones

By the time of our next home game, England fans will know if we have anything to look forward to next summer. Mind you, after tomorrow's result the writing could already be on the wall, because anyone appears to be able to get a draw at Wembley nowadays. Will our players have picked up the £50,000 a game bonus to beat the Scots in the Battle of Britain, compared to their meagre £20,000 pay out? Rumour has it, that the F.A. will toss around £100 million if England reach the Euro Finals, and yet we have also been told by F.A. Executive Director David Davies: "Anyone who believes these games are about money is deluding themselves." I'd better shut up immediately then!

Anyone noticed the sudden influx of books, written by Premiership players? These players presumably have a large amount of time on their hands, after training a couple of hours at odd times during the week. Surely most of them must be ghost-written, as none of them appear to be able to put two words together when being interviewed on TV. There also now appears to be a standard formula, which reaps even more cash, when it is serialised in tabloids, with the juicy bits being spoon fed to the adoring public on a daily basis. There's Dwight Yorke, Tony Adams, Andy Cole and a somewhat aptly named effort 'Hell Razor' by Neil Ruddock, all vying for a Christmas market.

Of course Ruddock over the years has courted controversy and made it into an art form. Just 24 hours after being warned by the F.A. over his future conduct (you may remember the incident with Vieira

and garlic smelling phlegm!) the idiot appeared to butt Albert Duro of Steaua Bucharest and then trample on him. The Hammers UEFA Cup exit saw also one of the most lenient of referees Lubonir Pucek, subsequently get banned from officiating even kids walking across the road!

I chuckle aloud when I see in one particular Sunday tabloid an article called 'Celebrity fans'. It is still fashionable and trendy to allegedly support a Team almost certainly in the Premiership, but I always wonder how these various singers, dancers, DJs, movie stars etc have time to see 'their' team on a regular basis if they are in regular work as most of them seem to be. Of course some of these 'celebs' change teams like they change their underpants Sean Connery, that well known resident of Marbella, allegedly switched from Celtic to Rangers, Kid Jensen switched allegiances from QPR to C. Palace. That well known football fan Zoe Ball leapt from Liverpool to Man Utd. Crumbs... Delia Smith used to be an Ipswich fan. Sir John Hall switched coloured stripes from Sunderland to Newcastle. Rory McGrath, the hairy one on 'They think it's all over' was apparently a Leeds fan, until he claimed to be an Arsenal one. Many in our Supporter's Club might remember this time last season, when he popped up at the bar with his U's scarf still showing the fold marks! Look they haven't the foggiest, unless their agent gets hold of a freebie ticket, and suddenly there's a photographer there as well. Which famous person sits/stands next to you week in, week out? None!

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IN THE NET

Welcome to the Abbey Stadium this evening. The launch of the Club's new white away kit is imminent and therefore this seems a good opportunity to mention the Club's on-line shop web site at <http://www.cambridge-united.co.uk>

Launched in April, the shop web site gives details of the replica kit, leisure wear and gifts and souvenirs available from the Club shop at the ground, with full descriptions and photographs of all the merchandise. The shop web site means that, in effect, the shop and the Club merchandise is accessible 24 hours a day, so wherever you are in the world you can browse the items, make your selection and then complete your order by supplying credit card details via a secure server. In the few months since the web site opened for business, orders have already been successfully delivered to areas as diverse as the USA, Australia, Singapore, Sweden and Indonesia, as well as all corners of the British Isles.

The shop web site has been undergoing extensive updates as details and pictures of this season's new stock become available. Preparations are being made for adding the new away shirt and other new items ahead of the Christmas period. So, if you haven't seen the site for a while it is worth another look and might be the ideal way to do your Christmas shopping for U's related gifts.

I am sure the new white away kit will be popular, partly because the last white kit is one of my personal favourites, but also because I ran a poll on U's Net last year about favourite away strips and white was a narrow second choice to last season's blue one.

Moving on to more recent polls on U's Net, voting for the October player of the month has not quite closed as I write although it is going to be the closest result of the season so far. Ian Ashbee and Arjan Van Heusden ran away with the awards for August and September respectively, but this time there are three players in the reckoning.

Two more polls have closed since last time I wrote, with one producing the closest result ever in three years of opinion polls on the site. When Michael Kyd was placed on the transfer list last month the opinions on the message board and on the Moosenet mailing list were so strongly divided that I ran a poll to ask if it was the right decision. When the votes were counted they were split 45% in favour of Roy McFarland's decision, 45% against, and 10% undecided for various reasons.

The other recent poll asked if it was time to cash in on Martin Butler in order to strengthen the team in other positions and unsurprisingly the result was a resounding 'no'. 70% of the voters think we need to hold onto Martin as long as possible, 19.5% say we should let him move on to bigger things and spend some of the money on another forward and the defence, while 10.5% had reservations about holding his career back or wanted to stipulate a price above which they would be prepared to sell. All of the results and a selection of voters' comments are archived on U's Net

in the Polls section.

I am currently tallying up the votes for the 'All time best CUFC XI' which received a fantastic response and is taking some time to collate, but I hope to have the result by next week. The replacement poll is for the opposite, a chance to name a team comprising the worst players ever to pull on the amber and black. The poll will run until the end of the month so why not think back, send your selection and then see how many fellow supporters agree with your choice?

Until next week, come on you U's!

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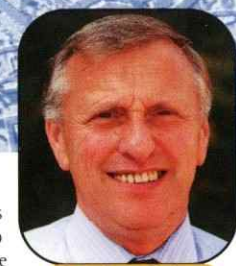
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PROFILE



Graham Eales

At our last home game we welcomed Victoria Burton, as we thought then, prior to her visit to Great Ormond Street Hospital in London for major surgery. Frustratingly for Victoria, pictured below with Mum Pam, Alex Russell and Tom Youngs, the admission to hospital was called off at the 11th hour and is now re-scheduled for the New Year.

The good news, however is that Victoria has not had to miss a U's match and she is here with us tonight and will also be able to see the next round of the F.A. Cup against Bamber Bridge here next Saturday



Promising Start

We launched our Nationwide/Cambridge United F.C. Season of

Promise Campaign at the Scunthorpe match, targeting the City of Cambridge area. We didn't get three points on the pitch but off the pitch we won a few friends who were visiting the Abbey Stadium for the first time in their life. Some others hadn't been here for several years but everyone, judging by the thank you letters we have received, really appreciated the opportunity to come along and support the U's courtesy of Nationwide.

The next Season of Promise game has a focus on Newmarket on Saturday December 4th when we welcome Bournemouth. Remember, if you know of any deserving groups who would appreciate coming to the game we may be able to accommodate them if you contact me as soon as possible.

Marshalling Winners

Staunch fan Geoff Cross was so keen to win a United shirt in the Be a Winner programme competition promoted by Marshall of Cambridge he bought 2 programmes and doubled his chances. He was the lucky winner and is pictured



below receiving his shirt from Marcus Saunders, Marshall of Cambridge Group Marketing, in the presence of Marvin the Moose.

Incidentally Marvin has been in such demand lately with such a vast range of public appearances we are trying to arrange a mid-season Marvin make-over so listen for an alternative version of Hoots Mon along the lines of Hoots Mon there's a spruce moose aloose ...

New Faces

The latest in our of new faces behind the phones here at the Abbey

is Sharon Keogh. Sharon, from Newmarket, joined the Youth Development Scheme in the summer and her main role is that of sweeper behind Ricky and Dale.

The photo below captures a glint in Sharon's eye the day she learnt the baby she is expecting in March is a healthy little boy. Sharon celebrated her 21st Birthday yesterday so Happy Birthday Wishes Sharon from everyone at Cambridge United



In Remembrance

Roy McFarland was guest of honour at a special ceremony at 11am last Thursday the 11th day of the 11th month of the last year this century at Earith School. Roy helped to commemorate a time capsule containing various current memorabilia, including a signed programme from our Gateshead F.A. Cup victory, with the intention that this remains undisturbed for the next Hundred Years. Another Match Day programme had the plans for the new stadium on the front cover, so I wonder what reaction there will be to these items alongside the wine, CDs films, children's work and other examples of contemporary life in this part of the world, in 100 years when the capsule is due to be opened and the contents again see the light of day.

Graham Eales
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Wed Nov 24	Northampton Town (7pm)	A
Wed Dec 1	PETERBOROUGH UNITED (7PM)	H
Wed Dec 8	QUEENS PARK RANGERS (2PM)	H
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Wed Jan 19	Barnet (2pm)	A
Wed Jan 26	Ipswich Town (2pm)	A
Wed Feb 2	MILLWALL (2PM)	H
Wed Feb 9	Leyton Orient (2pm)	A
Wed Feb 23	GILLINGHAM (2PM)	H
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Wed Mar 8	Portsmouth (7pm)	A
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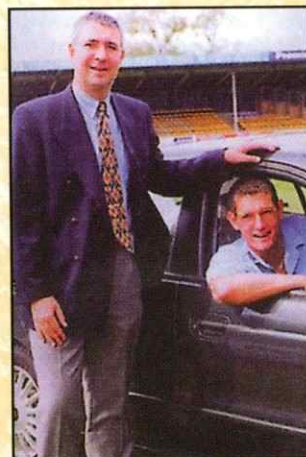
Cambridge United Reserves 0
Colchester United Reserves 3
Wednesday, November 3rd

United This game ended scoreless, as a U's side packed with trialists failed to break down a resilient Colchester side.

United included two Frenchmen, a Finn, and a Swede. Any language barriers were evident early on, as United made a slow start, with the only attacking threat coming from French trialist Denis Abed. Down the right, it was Abed who created the first chance with a beautiful flighted cross which Daniel Chillingworth headed into the keeper's arms. Abed also put in a good free kick which ex-Everton and Sheffield United trialist Jon O'Connor headed over the bar. A jinking run and cross from the dangerous Abed set up a chance for Jamie Cassidy, but he couldn't quite connect with the low cross.

Colchester worked hard but contrived to mess up every chance they created. The only shot which could have tested ex-Paris St. Germain keeper Hamidou Tangara was a lob from Jamie Moralee which landed on the roof of the net.

We continued to press in the second half and Abed was again the provider puffing in a good cross, which was missed by Chillingworth and O'Connor. The best opportunity of the game fell to Andy Ingham as he ran through, lobbed the keeper, and was unfortunate to see his shot land on the roof of the net.



When Tangara was tested, he acquitted himself well by blocking a good shot when KK Opara ran clear of the defence. Coach John Taylor then brought himself into the action, and if Chillingworth had chosen to pass to the unmarked Taylor when he chose to shoot, the goal which would have broken the deadlock could have come, but it didn't, and the scoreline remained blank.

LINE UPS:

UNITED: Hamidou Tangara, Ben Chenery, Dean Armstrong, Scott Paterson (Leighton Hill), Sindre Eid, Jon O'Connor, Denis Abed, Jamie Cassidy, Daniel Chillingworth, Andy Ingham (John Taylor), Patrik Ronkanan (Adam Tann). **SUBS NOT USED:** Martin McNeil, James Mercer.

COLCHESTER: Andy Walker, Sean Hiller, Andy Taylor, Jack Wignall, Gregg Heighway, Kashka Walker, Thomas Pinault, Steve Germain, Jamie Moralee, KK Opara, Tony Lock. **SUBS:** Paul Delaney, Glen Williamson, Ricki Metcalfe, David Hadrava.

Report by Matthew Gooding

Next Home Game

Our next Reserve team home game will be on Wednesday, 1st December when we entertain Peterborough United in the Avon Insurance League at The Abbey Stadium with a **7.00pm** kick-off.

Admission for all Reserve matches at The Abbey is free to all season ticket holders, a bargain £3 for adults and £1 for children for everyone else.

Why not come along, we'd appreciate your support.

Until next time ... 'Shaggy'

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As you can see from the photograph, I have been very lucky to have been sponsored by Gary Atyes of Applewood Business Finance. I would like to thank him, via this column, for his support during the 1999-2000 season. Please contact Gary on 01763 262969.

ACTION SHOTS



Neil Mackenzie thrills the Habbin Stand with his close control

Photo: Steve Parsons

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

As it is the half-term holidays the Centre of Excellence players have been very busy. Monday, the Under 9, Under 10, Under 11 and Under 12 were Sports Science testing, as were the Under 13, Under 14 and Under 15/16 at the Leport Leisure Centre.

Sports Science testing involves regular tests on the boys at approximately 6 week intervals, enabling us to obtain vital information to help us monitor and develop the Centre of Excellence players. The Sports Science scheme is a new initiative that I introduced this season with the help of Rupert Daniels, our Sports Scientist. I am certain that this will ensure that the boys develop to the best of their ability and help Cambridge United produce a better player through the results obtained from the tests.

Yesterday, the Under 9 and Under 10 spent the day at Essex University in Colchester in a football festival consisting of Colchester United, Southend and Leyton Orient. A report on their progress is coming a bit later.

Wednesday, again the Under 11 and Under 12 participated in the same festival as did the Under 15 on Thursday.

Under 9 Match Report:

The Under 9 squad consisted of boys both from our Centre of Excellence and our advanced Centre acquitted themselves really well and produced some good performances winning two of their three games, although results at this level are not as important, as we are looking more at the players overall performance. There

were some excellent displays from Sebastian Wilkinson and Luke Hipwell, two of our Centre of Excellence players. The squad were Sebastian Wilkinson, Luke Hipwell, Callum Stewart, Danny Pearson, Jordan Hughes, Marcus Leggett, Graham Wood, Jason Browes, Matthew Leach, Thomas Meecham, Sean White and Joshua George.

Paul Taylor
Under 9 Coach

Under 10 Match Report:

Cambridge United v Colchester

After a slow start the boys settled down and played some good football, taking control of the game. After losing an early goal they came back strong with a great chipped goal from Matthew Snelling to level the score before losing the game to a late strike from Colchester.

Final Score:
Cambridge United 1 Colchester United 2

Cambridge United v Southend

The boys played some great football right from the start of this game, with just the finishing letting us down. We conceded an early goal, but replied with a great finish from Luke Thurlbourne after some great midfield work, again from Matthew Snelling.

Final Score: Cambridge United 1 Southend 1

Cambridge United v Leyton Orient

We finished on a high following some early pressure. We got the ball down and

played good quality football with excellent performances from Matthew Heron and Christopher Babbage. Matthew Snelling and Luke Thurlbourne were again on target in what was a great all round team performance.

Final Score:
Cambridge United 3 Leyton Orient 0

Andy Truett
Under 10 Coach

Looking back on the week, the boys have now completed 2 tests for the Sports Science and we are starting to collate valuable information on our database, which the players will be able to obtain in the New Year.

The festival in Colchester was very successful. I was very impressed with the good hospitality offered from Colchester. Our players were very professional in their conduct all reporting in shirt and tie, which set a good example as we were one of the few Clubs to do this. On the field, the boys gave a very impressive performance, which as Youth Development Officer made me feel happy that we have potential professionals in our Youth Development Scheme. The future looks bright for us to produce future players to follow in the footsteps of Trevor Benjamin and Adam Tann.

Well done boys — you are a credit to the Club and the Youth Development Scheme.

Ricky Martin,
Youth Development Officer.



A big thank you to Marshall Toyota for sponsoring the Youth Development car.

Cambridge United 1 Southend United 2 Football League Youth Alliance Cup Saturday, October 30th

Two In a game of few chances, Southend profited from the inexperience of United's defence to take the points in this first round group match.

The U's were without three first choice centre backs, plus goalkeeper James Mercer, and were forced to play full backs Dale Cockrill and Franco Nacca as centre backs. But they started well, and it was Cockrill who had the first opportunity as he ran through from the back, but was tackled before he could get the shot in. Alex Revell should have put us into the lead on 21 minutes, but after turning away from the defender, he hit a tame shot at the keeper. Revell also linked well with Nathan Lamey to make himself another chance, but when he seemed to have beaten the defender, he dallied, and the opposing defender managed to force him to scuff his shot.

We almost took the lead with the move of the match, when Revell and Duncan Lockhart exchanged passes to set Lamey away, but after turning away from the defender he beat the keeper only to see the shot cleared off the line.

But Southend gradually seemed to realise that we were a bit suspect in defence, and took the lead when a

curing corner was missed by goalkeeper and defender allowing a player to run in round the back to head in. However, Cambridge didn't let their heads drop, and straight from kick off the ball was played wide to Andy Ingham, who accelerated past two defenders, got to the by line and pulled the ball back for Alex Revell to tap in the simplest of goals. The two sides fought out the rest of the first half fairly evenly, without creating another clear opportunity.

Cambridge again made the early running in the second half, and Mark Gibson played a neat one two with Leighton Hill, but as he ran in on goal the Southend keeper came out well to smother the ball. Revell then hit a shot on the turn over the bar, and the Southend keeper again saved well from an Ingham volley.

But again Southend began to creep back into the game, and a ball through found their substitute, who beat Nacca to the ball, and curled his shot past the keeper to wrap up the points. The U's pressed forward for an equaliser, but the only clear chance they made was Lamey's curling free kick, which drifted over the bar.

Line-up: Ben Jackson, Graham Rush, Daniel Huggins, Leighton Hill, Franco Nacca, Dale Cockrill, Andy Ingham, Duncan Lockhart, Alex Revell, Nathan Lamey, Mark Gibson

Report by Matthew Gooding

Today's YOUTH with Dale Brooks



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Fixtures 1999/2000 Football League Youth Alliance

South Central Conference

Sat Aug 14	SHREWSBURY TOWN (HOME)	D1-1
Sat Aug 21	Northampton Town (Away)	D1-1
Sat Aug 28	Luton Town (Home)	W4-1
Sat Sep 4	West Bromwich Albion (Away)	L0-1
Sat Sep 11	Walsall (Home)	W2-0
Sat Sep 25	NOTTS COUNTY (HOME)	L0-2
Sat Oct 2	Oxford United (Away)	D2-2
Sat Oct 16	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (HOME)	W3-1
Sat Nov 27	WEST BROMWICH ALBION (NOON)	H
Sat Dec 4	Walsall (11am)	A
Sat Dec 18	Notts County (11am)	A
Sat Jan 8	Wolverhampton Wanderers (11am)	A
Sat Jan 15	OXFORD UNITED (NOON)	H
Sat Jan 22	Shrewsbury Town (noon)	A
Sat Feb 5	NORTHAMPTON TOWN (11AM)	H
Sat Feb 12	Luton Town (11am)	A

Youth Alliance Cup

Round 1

Sat Oct 23	Colchester United (Away)	W4-1
Sat Oct 30	SOUTHEND UNITED (HOME)	L1-2
Sat Nov 6	Luton Town (Away)	W2-1
Sat Nov 20	BARNET (11AM)	H

Home matches are played at the Simoco Ground

The Times F.A. Youth Cup

R1 Wed Oct 20	Belper Town (Away)	W7-1
R2 Mon Nov 8	COLCHESTER UNITED (HOME)	L1-2

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Good evening and a warm welcome from us all at the Cambridge United Community Programme.

Christmas Soccer Fun Days

We are in the process of booking the venues for our Christmas Soccer Fun Days. The courses will take place on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th December and will be for girls and boys aged 6-13. Please watch this space for further details.

Christmas Shopping Fun Day

This year we will be holding a special soccer fun day on Saturday, 18th December. The day runs from 10am to 5.30pm and is for girls and boys aged 7-14. The itinerary for the day is as follows:

- 10am - Meet at The Abbey Stadium for registration
- 10.30am - A tour of the ground and a look behind the scenes
- 11.30am - Skills training and mini World Cup tournament
- 1.30pm - Dinner and prize ceremony
- 2.30pm - Enter the ground to watch Cambridge United v Oldham Athletic
- 5.30pm - Collection from the Abbey Pool car park

As you would expect, the children are supervised throughout the day and during the game. There will be one coach to every ten children.

The cost for the day is £25.00 which included an Adidas football and lots of other presents and prizes. Please contact me for an application form if you are interested.

Match Day Visits

The match day visits are designed for clubs and teams who enjoy playing and watching football. Our first training session held with Sawston Enterprises Under 10's and 11's who had a great day. The next two home games available after today, subject to the F.A. Cup, are Blackpool on February 19th and Millwall on February 26th.

The itinerary for the day is as follows

- 9.30am - Meet at the Abbey Stadium to change into training kit.
- 10.00am - Make way to the Abbey Pool to change into training kit.
- 10.30am - a 1hr 15min fun coaching session with prizes and gifts.
- 11.45am - Shower and get changed and make our way back to The Abbey Stadium.
- 12.15pm - Dinner.
- 1.30pm - Enter the ground.

The cost for the day is £10.00 per child with two free adult tickets for the Managers or supervisors.

Early booking are essential so if you are interested in a Match Day Visit please contact us on the number below.

After School Coaching

After school coaching takes place for an hour on the school playing fields and includes fun coaching activities, along with small sided games to finish the session. Ten week sessions look to continue after half term, with a number of the five week sessions continuing for a further five weeks. Schools taking part this term include, Wheatfields, Castle Camps, Harston, Babraham, St. Luke's, Fen Ditton, Meldreth, Duxford, St. Andrews, Westfield, Milton Road, Gt. Wilbraham, Haslingfield, Gt.



Mark Nutter

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Shelford, Bury, Foxton, Coton, Balsham and Houghton just to name a few.

If you would like your school to take part in after school coaching, then please get a teacher to contact me on the Community Office number.

Please note that from the New Year the cost will be £2.50 per session.

Long Road Saturday Morning Club

Our Saturday Morning Club at Long Road Tennis Centre will be continuing after the half term break due to popular demand.

There are two sessions:

Age Group:	6-9	Age Group:	10-13
Time:	9.30-10.30am	Time:	10.30am-12 noon
Cost:	£3 per session	Cost:	£4.50 per session

This is a joint venture between the Community Scheme and Long Road. Therefore, if you require further information, please contact Long Road Tennis Centre on (01223 507430).

Bluntisham Recreation Centre Saturday Morning Club

On Saturday 6th November, for six weeks, we will be starting our first Saturday Morning Club outside Cambridge. This will be at the Bluntisham Recreation Centre, next to St. Helen's School.

There are two sessions:

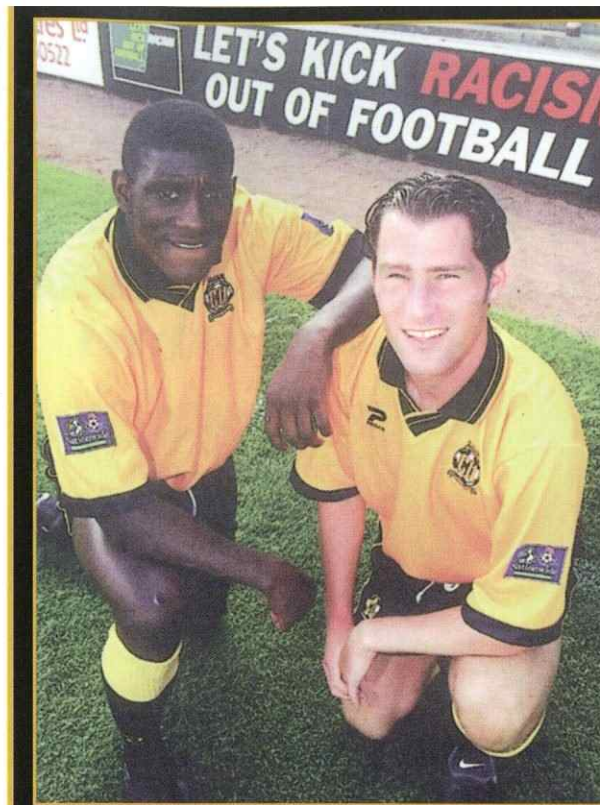
Age Group:	6-9	Age Group:	10-13
Time:	9.00-10.30am	Time:	10.30am-12 noon
Cost:	£2.50 per session	Cost:	£2.50 per session

For an application form or further information, please contact either Mark or myself.

Dave Toombs

The Football In The Community Officer

For further details on any of the above mentioned activities, please phone either David Toombs or Mark Nutter on (01223) 416238



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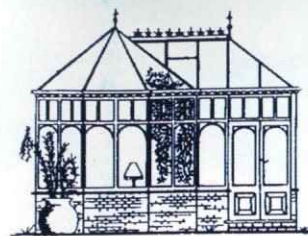
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Martin Butler flicks on for Michael Kyd to head home against Scunthorpe
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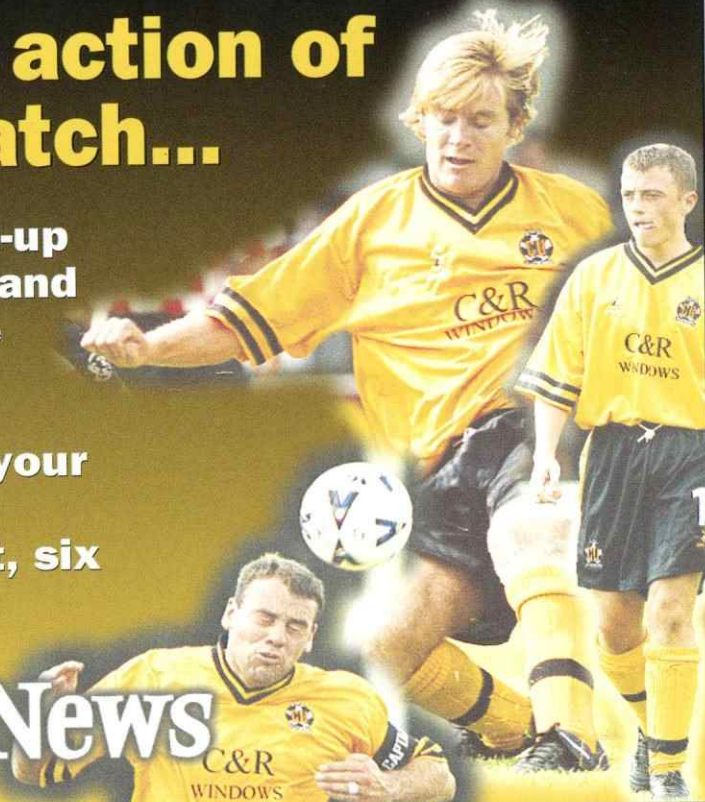
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All the latest...

NEWSTOU'S



The Nationwide Football League has joined forces with the Portman Group to launch the biggest ever anti drink-drive designated driver campaign.

Along with, all the other prominent associations and leagues in the UK, the world of football is asking fans to join the 'I'll Be Des' campaign, encouraging fans to designate a non-drinking driver whenever they are going to watch a match, be it at home or away - or even in the pub.

Hundreds of pubs across the country will also be spreading the message with a host of promotional activity and the Portman Group is asking every Club in the country to adopt the scheme before the end of this current season.

At the launch in London, former Leicester, Everton, Spurs and England star Gary Lineker gave the scheme his backing.

"For a huge number of fans, enjoying a drink before a game is part of the pre-match ritual - or post-match celebration. This is an excellent idea and is being delivered to people where and when it might make a real difference," said Lineker.

'I'll Be Des' has also attracted Government support from Sports Minister Kate Hoey. "Drinking and driving don't mix and I'm delighted so many people in sport are backing this scheme," she said.

Lineker's co-presenter on Match of the Day, Alan Hansen, who was at the launch of the campaign in Scotland, commented: "This is a great way to highlight the dangers of drink driving. Thousands of fans travel by car each weekend to watch a game and, for

many of them, going to the pub is part of enjoying the match".

Travel details for everyone wanting to go to Blackpool (and why wouldn't you?) are as follows:

The Time ...

Saturday, November 27th - Kick-off 3.00pm

The Place ...

Bloomfield Road, Blackpool, Lancashire, FY1 6JJ

The Cost:

Terracing:

£10 adults/£5 concessions

Disabled Enclosure:

Disabled Supporter - Free of charge/Helper £10

It is advisable for spaces to be booked in advance on 01253 404331.

U's fans will be allocated space on the uncovered Spion Kop and the covered East Paddock. No seats are available to visiting supporters.

The Programme ... £1.90

The Way ...

Exit M32 at junction 32 (s/p M55 Blackpool, Fleetwood, Preston North) onto the M55. Go straight on for 13.1 miles, picking up the signs for Main Parking Areas. At the first roundabout (with the strange sculpture) go straight on (s/p Blackpool Main Car and Coach Parks) into Yeaddon Way. At roundabout after 1.9 miles, go straight on (s/p All Other Parking Areas). From here follow signs to the Lonsdale Parking - this leads to the large parking areas on Seaside Way next to the ground.

Parking ...

The nearest to the ground are Lonsdale Road, Rigby Road, Bloomfield 3 and Bloomfield 4. They are all 'pay and display' and are covered by CCTV.

With thanks to the Football Fans Guide

Away Travel Coach Details ...

Departure Times (to be confirmed):

Ely: 7.45am

Cambridge: 8.30am

Price: £18.50

Phone 01223 566503 to book your seat.

News this week of a less than venerable result from the extremely venerable ladies of the Women's Team:

Cambridge United 2 Northampton Town and County 10
County Cup First Round

United crashed out of the cup with an ignominious defeat at the hands of a higher division team. Playing against a strong wind in the first half they scored in the first minute with a goal for Angela Arnold. After that the visitors woke up and the home side were under sustained pressure for the remainder of the half, doing well to go in at the break only 2-1 down. After half time United's heads dropped when they conceded a goal after a sliced kick from the keeper fell to an opposition forward. United went onto concede seven more goals, Angela Arnold's superb curling shot provided small consolation.

We'll have have more news (hopefully better news), next week.

TEN TO TACKLE ANSWERS: 1. Field Mill 2. Adrian Heath 3. The Toffees 4. Bradford City 5. Unibond Premier 6. RC Strasbourg 7. Birmingham City 8. Richard Walker 9. Geoff Thompson 10. Dingwall



UNITED ROLL CALL 1999/2000

	Lge	Cup	99/00 Total	U's Lge
Arjan van Heusden	14	2	16	41
Ben Chenery	11	2	13	91
Ian Ashbee	16	3	19	90
Andy Duncan	13	2	15	79
Marc Joseph	8 (2)	1	9 (2)	97
Neil Mustoe	8 (2)	3	11 (2)	44
Paul Wanless	13 (2)	2	15 (2)	146
John Taylor	3 (11)	0 (3)	3 (14)	268
Martin Butler	16	3	19	93
Trevor Benjamin	14 (1)	3	17 (1)	94
Alex Russell	7	1	8	44
Michael Kyd	9 (2)	2	11 (2)	117
Shaun Marshall	2 (1)	1	3 (1)	26
Scott Eustace	9 (1)	3	12 (1)	26
Tom Youngs	2 (1)	0 (1)	2 (2)	13
David Preece	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	63
Jamie Cassidy	5 (3)	0 (1)	5 (4)	8
Clive Wilson	13	3	16	13
Larry McAvooy	0	0	0	1
Darren Cockrill	0	0	0	0
Neil Mackenzie	5	1	6	9
Dean Armstrong	0	0	0	0
Martin McNeil	1	0	1	7
Andrew Ingham	0	0	0	0
Scott Paterson	6	1	7	6
Nathan Lamey	0	0	0	0
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Darren Byfield	3 (1)	0	3 (1)	4
Mark Graham	0 (1)	0 (1)	0 (2)	1
Rob Miller	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	1

U'S LEADING GOALSCORERS

	Lge	Cup	99/00 Total	U's Lge
Martin Butler	10	2	12	37
Trevor Benjamin	4	0	4	19
John Taylor	1	2	3	78
Michael Kyd	2	0	2	22
Paul Wanless	2	0	2	22
Andy Duncan	1	0	1	2
Tom Youngs	1	0	1	1
Alex Russell	0	0	0	7
Ian Ashbee	0	0	0	6
Neil Mustoe	0	0	0	3
Ben Chenery	0	0	0	2
Neil Mackenzie	0	0	0	1
David Preece	0	0	0	1
Own Goals	1	0	1	

DATE	OPPOSITION	H/A	SCORE	ATT	AWAY ATT	POS
7 Aug	AFC Bournemouth	A	L1-2	5,552	797	18
11 Aug	Bristol City (WC1(1))	H	D2-2	2,813	230	-
14 Aug	Reading	H	W3-1	4,630	962	11
21 Aug	Chesterfield	A	L2-4	2,816	397	16
24 Aug	Bristol City (WC1(2))	A	L1-2	5,352	180	-
28 Aug	Notts County	H	D1-1	4,329	907	17
30 Aug	Wigan Athletic	A	D1-1	5,976	333	15
4 Sep	Stoke City	H	L1-3	4,007	644	19
11 Sep	Brentford	H	D2-2	4,234	811	19
18 Sep	Millwall	A	L1-2	7,278	637	21
25 Sep	Gillingham	H	D2-2	4,708	1,122	21
2 Oct	Preston North End	A	L1-2	9,522	255	21
9 Oct	Wycombe Wanderers	A	L0-1	5,345	533	22
15 Oct	Colchester United	H	W5-2	5,039	912	19
19 Oct	Burnley	H	L0-1	4,434	834	21
23 Oct	Gillingham	A	L1-2	6,417	455	22
30 Oct	Gateshead (FAC1)	H	W1-0	2,970	206	-
2 Nov	Scunthorpe United	H	L1-3	3,285	247	23
6 Nov	Bristol City	A	D1-1	8,646	189	22
12 Nov	Luton Town	H				
20 Nov	Bamber Bridge (FAC2)	H				
23 Nov	Wrexham	A				
27 Nov	Blackpool	A				
4 Dec	AFC Bournemouth	H				
11 Dec	Bury	A				
18 Dec	Oldham Athletic	H				
26 Dec	Oxford United	A				
28 Dec	Cardiff City	H				
3 Jan	Bristol Rovers	A				
8 Jan	Bury	H				
15 Jan	Reading	A				
22 Jan	Chesterfield	H				
29 Jan	Notts County	A				
5 Feb	Wigan Athletic	H				
12 Feb	Stoke City	A				
19 Feb	Blackpool	H				
26 Feb	Millwall	H				
4 Mar	Brentford	A				
7 Mar	Bristol City	H				
11 Mar	Scunthorpe United	A				
18 Mar	Wrexham	H				
21 Mar	Luton Town	A				
25 Mar	Oxford United	H				
1 Apr	Oldham Athletic	A				
8 Apr	Bristol Rovers	H				
15 Apr	Cardiff City	A				
22 Apr	Colchester United	A				
24 Apr	Preston North End	H				
29 Apr	Burnley	A				
6 May	Wycombe Wanderers	H				

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As one of the more experienced referees on the Football League list, Terry Heilbron has come in for his fair share of criticism over the years. Heilbron, who started refereeing in 1981, is in his eighth and final year as a referee and believes the changes in the game over the years have increased the flak that officials must endure.

"You never hear a referee criticising a player for missing an open goal, but we get criticism from players or managers a lot of the time," said Heilbron. "We are only doing our job to the best of our ability, just like them."

"I train three nights a week as well as doing the games, so whilst we're not strictly professionals we are professional in the way that we do our job, and should get the due respect."

Heilbron, an Area Manager for Honda in County Durham, believes it is only a matter of time before all referees become professional - to hopefully silence the mounting number of critics.

He said: "Without a doubt referees will one day become professional, because that is the only way to stop the criticism. We try to be as professional as possible now and wait until the inevitable introduction of professional referees arrives."

As a keen footballer, Heilbron decided to turn to refereeing at the age of 29 and hasn't looked back, notching up some unique records. "I used to be a very keen footballer," he added. "I only played for the local town but it was good non-league standard. I got to an age of 29 and just thought I would take refereeing up."

"I also used to have a job as a manager and thought that turning up to work with bruises all over my face and limping from a hard match would not be ideal. I've always been involved with football and couldn't really bare the thought of being away from it, so refereeing provided me with the option to stay in touch with the game."

"I'm glad I did. I am the only referee to take charge of all three play-off finals at Wembley and I'm the only Football League referee to officiate the Worthington Cup final between Tottenham and Leicester City. Unfortunately I had to send Tottenham's Justin Edinburgh off in that game, which was disappointing because you never want to do that in a final, but his team won in the end."

Heilbron, who is married to Sue and has a 24-year-old son Neil, insists his job is all the more difficult as the prying eyes of millions of television viewers are often watching his every move.

He added: "The job gets harder because many years ago there was only one television camera at the ground if you were lucky. Now there are cameras in every corner. Everything is scrutinised more and there is a lot more money in the game. It makes the game all or nothing these days and the pressures have just built up."

"At the end of the day the referee is the man in the middle. My philosophy is to just let the players play and if they want to play I would say they will have the best referee to let them do that. But if they want to mess about then they have picked the wrong man."

This is Heilbron's final season as a referee in the Football League as he reaches the maximum age of 48 but he admitted he wouldn't change a thing and Cambridge themselves have provided him with great memories to retire with.

He concluded: "Unfortunately, this is my last season. I've had seven great seasons on the Football League and I've got some fantastic memories. I have refereed at Cambridge twice. It is a great little ground and I like coming down to referee there. The atmosphere is always tremendous and it is one of the grounds I will definitely miss."

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Today's...

MASCOTS



Tonight's mascots are Matthew Taplin and Kiefer Taylor. Matthew, who is 11 years old, comes from Cherry Hinton. He attends Netherhall School and plays for Cherry Hinton Lions.



Matthew Taplin

Matthew's favourite Cambridge United star is Trevor Benjamin, but he also follows the fortunes of Manchester United and Denis Irwin.

Nine year old Kiefer

Taylor comes from Ely, where he attends St. Mary's School.

Kiefer's favourite Cambridge United hero is John Taylor, but he also follows the fortunes of Tottenham Hotspur and David Ginola.

Kiefer lists his hobbies as football, tennis and swimming.

We hope they both enjoy their evening with us here at The Abbey Stadium.



Kiefer Taylor

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2. Ben Chenery ☐
3. Ian Ashbee ☐
4. Andy Duncan ☐
5. Marc Joseph ☐
6. Neil Mustoe ☐
7. Paul Wanless ☐
8. John Taylor ☐
9. Martin Butler ☐
10. Trevor Benjamin ☐
11. Alex Russell ☐
12. Michael Kyd ☐
13. Shaun Marshall ☐
14. Scott Eustace ☐
15. Tom Youngs ☐
16. David Preece ☐
17. Jamie Cassidy ☐
18. Clive Wilson ☐
20. Larry McAvoy ☐
21. Adam Tann ☐
22. Darren Cockrill ☐
23. Neil Mackenzie ☐
24. Dean Armstrong ☐
25. Martin McNeil ☐
26. Andrew Ingham ☐
29. Scott Paterson ☐
30. Nathan Lamey ☐
31. James Mercer ☐
32. Daniel Chillingworth ☐

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1. Nathan Abbey ☐
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14. Andrew Fotiadis ☐
15. Matthew Taylor ☐
16. Landry Zahana-Oni ☐
17. Emmerson Boyce ☐
18. Tresor Kandol ☐
19. James Ayres ☐
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(Coventry)
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