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From Division Three: 1970-71,
1981-82 and 1996-97
From Division Two: 1998-99

CUP COMPETITIONS

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Semi Finalists 1908, 1936, 1958, 1962
Anglo-Scottish Cup Finalists 1975

News and views from the inside

Brace Yourself

Good afternoon and welcome to the Cottage for this afternoon's FA Cup Third Round tie against Lennie Lawrence's Luton Town, and as usual I'd like to start by welcoming Lennie and the players, officials and supporters of Luton who've travelled down to be here today.

My programme notes in last week's Birmingham programme where were written shortly before the Worthington Cup game against Tottenham so



this is the first chance I have had to comment on the game in this column. Both Frank and myself were absolutely delighted with the overall performance on the night. The game had a combination of everything you

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could want - commitment, effort, goals, character, and thanks to the support from you, a terrific atmosphere. The result was no less than we deserved, and to play like that in front of a full house and the TV cameras showed everyone the ambition that is here at Fulham. However, as we are all well aware, League success is our number one priority this season. What is vital is that we reproduce this kind of form in our drive towards the ultimate aim of Premiership football. We always knew that the Birmingham game last Saturday was going to be tough due to the work and effort put in against Spurs. The most pleasing aspect of that game was that we kept a clean sheet, but as I told the players, success will only come if we perform to the standards we set last Wednesday.

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Thanks again for your terrific support, home and away, and enjoy the game.

keep storming forward, rufus



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Worthington Cup Quarter Final



This game is dependent on the Leeds v Leicester result. If we play Leeds the game will take place on Weds 22nd Dec (not on Sky). If we play Leicester the game will be on Tue 21st Dec (live on Sky). However the FA Cup takes preference over the Worthington Cup. A draw today means a replay on Tue 21st Dec, which could subsequently affect our Worthington Cup fixture. Please keep an eye on all the usual channels for further information.



Crystal Palace v Fulham

Saturday 18th December
Tickets for this game are now on general sale after today's game.

Nottingham Forest v Fulham

Tickets for our game against Nottingham Forest on Wednesday 15th December are currently on sale priced £19 for adults and £10 for concessions.



Sheffield United v Fulham

28th December
Tickets on sale to Season Ticket holders (voucher U)

Club Shop Xmas & New Year Opening Times

20th - 23rd December **Open 10am - 8pm**
24th December **Open 10am-4pm**
Christmas Day - Closed
Boxing Day - Open 10am-4pm
27th & 28th December **Closed**
29th - 30th December **Open 10am-6pm**
31st December - 1st Jan **Closed**
2nd January **Open 11am-4pm**
3rd January **Open 10am-6pm**

and Privilege Card Holders after today's game, priced £14 adults, £8 concessions - Senior Citizens, juniors and students (must have a valid NUS card at time of purchase and when entering ground). Tickets will go on general sale on Thursday 16th December. This is NOT an all ticket game. Coaches will depart Craven Cottage at 9.30am priced £16 adults and £12 concessions

Reserve Games



Two of our reserve team games in the New Year have been re-arranged:
Fulham v Cambridge United (originally March 1st) will now be played on 16th February (1pm)
Fulham v Luton Town (originally March 15th) will now be played on April 12th (2pm).
Both games will be played at Motspur Park.

Riversiders Player of the Month

The Riversiders have chosen midfielder Lee Clark as their Player of the Month for November. Congratulations Lee.



Kit Renews Contract

We are pleased to report that our Welsh international centre-half, Kit Symons, has signed a new contact with the Club - the eighth player to renew his contract since the summer when Paul Bracewell was appointed as Manager. Talking this week, Brace said, "supporters can now see that Maik Taylor, Simon Morgan, Chris Coleman, and obviously Kit now, along with Andy

Melville who came in the summer, the backbone of the side, are all contracted here for the next two or three years." Kit Symons said, "I'm very settled at the Club and in the area, so it's very pleasing to get it sorted out."

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Fulham V Ipswich Boxing Day

ALL TICKET

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The Magic of the Cup *by Steve Corbett*

Cup weekends are always the highlight of the footballing calendar (used to be Cup Saturdays but that's all gone now...); doesn't really matter which round but obviously the excitement mounts as Wembley beckons ever nearer.

The traditional third round on the first Saturday in January, when the bigger clubs enter the competition, is now also consigned to history, thanks largely to the demands of European football. Still, the fervour generated by the fixtures makes it an important day whenever it is played, so we will just have to start a new tradition in December for future generations to follow. Much has been made of the non-appearance of the defending Cup holders due to commitments elsewhere on planet football. (Incidentally, if they win the World Club Championship in Brazil, to go with their recent Tokyo victory, they will become World Club Champions twice in different years, but in the same season!) Whereas many clubs would have welcomed a decent pay day from these illustrious opponents, our thoughts would have been

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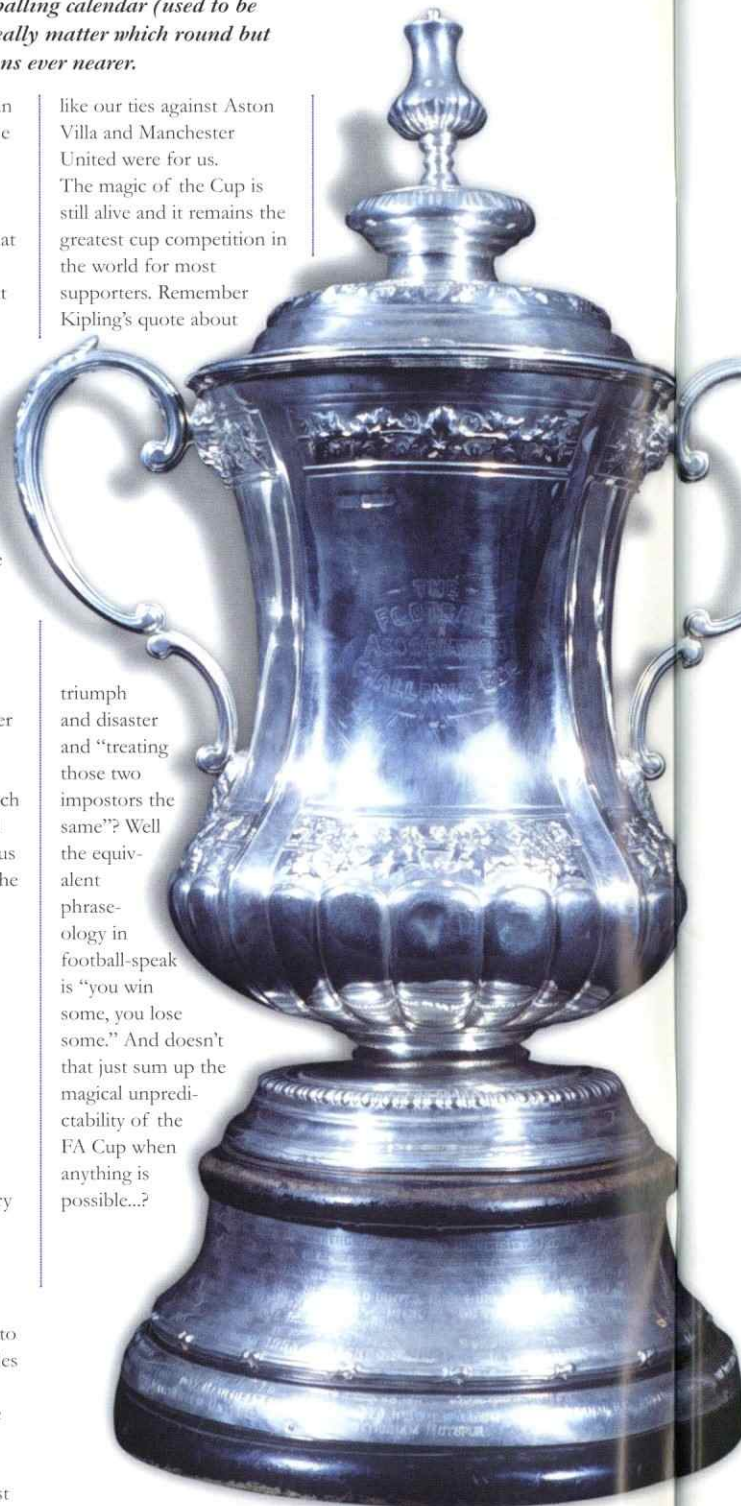
on overturning last season's result at Old Trafford, especially if we could have brought them down to the Cottage. Still, their absence means one less club between us and Wembley! Wembley...wouldn't it be wonderful to be at the last ever Twin Towers Cup Final supporting one of the finalists? Remember 1975? The late, great Bobby

Moore, John Mitchell, Alan Mullery and the rest of the gang...especially poor unfortunate Peter Mellor! Lineker, Hansen and co would have you believe that defeat in the semi-final is the worst experience - that even a losing day out at Wembley is some sort of reward. Well don't you believe it because Wembley is not a pleasant place to lose, especially when you know that you won't be back there again for some time! So much hope during the week before - the crowds, the colours down Wembley Way, the roar as the teams come out...and then the result! Then again it's much better than losing in the early rounds. Fulham, unfortunately, has too much experience of early round trials and tribulations for us to feel over-confident at the thought of a home draw against lower division

opposition. Remember Hayes and their 2-0 victory at the Cottage, recently described by them as the greatest Cup triumph in their history? And what about that trip to Yeovil? And those struggles against Margate and Ashford? They were huge games for those clubs against a side several divisions above them - just

like our ties against Aston Villa and Manchester United were for us. The magic of the Cup is still alive and it remains the greatest cup competition in the world for most supporters. Remember Kipling's quote about

triumph and disaster and "treating those two impostors the same"? Well the equivalent phraseology in football-speak is "you win some, you lose some." And doesn't that just sum up the magical unpredictability of the FA Cup when anything is possible...?



The FA Cup is special. And because it is special we all hope it's unique atmosphere will survive. But the FA Cup is in danger. Serious danger. It used to be regarded as the greatest knock out competition in the world. But to retain that it needs major upsets. And it also needs the commitment of the big clubs and the backing of the football authorities. Today the FA Cup faces five key dangers...

First, tradition is under threat. The very fact that we are here today shows this. The first Saturday of the New Year is the traditional third round day. It marked the start of the second half of the season. A time to forget league form for an afternoon and dream of Wembley. Now the third round has to compete with Christmas shopping and school concerts. The reason for this shift? Hardly surprisingly, it was to make life easier for the big clubs that are in Europe, by easing their fixture congestion. Second, the absence of Manchester United. The FA Cup is bigger than any one team. But the fact that the holders are not defending their Cup suggests things are changing. Manchester United have become the Harlem Globetrotters of football, playing skilful exhibition games in the back of beyond. The Government initially put pressure on United to



attend the World Club Championships. Bizarrely it was felt this would help England's bid to host the World Cup. Odd thinking to say the least. But when it became clear that England's World Cup bid did not need United to travel to Brazil, they still choose to go. So much for the supposed 'glory of the FA Cup' when it might interfere with sales of United shirts in Brazil! Third, Cup attendances are on the decline. This is the more worrying aspect. A recent article in the Financial Times no less showed that the Cup can no longer guarantee big crowds. Sometimes teams from the same division are drawn against each other. Would you expect the crowd to be higher in the Cup game than in the corresponding league game? Twenty years ago the answer to this question would have seemed obvious...Back then the crowds at Cup games were always higher than at the corresponding league game. This is no longer the case today. More often than not the league will attract the bigger gate. It used to be that the magic of the cup would lead to bigger crowds.

Fourth, the Cup no longer seems to be as special as it used to be. The year Fulham reached the Cup Final in 1975 there were only four football matches shown live on TV. Yes four! The European Cup Final, the Cup Winners Cup Final, the England versus Scotland international and the FA Cup Final. Both main TV channels had Cup Final programmes that started at 10 am on the day of the Final - and millions tune in. Now, instead of four live games on a television in a season it is possible to watch four live television games over a weekend! This represents a dramatic change. Fifth, upsets are needed in the FA Cup where 'big' clubs are knocked out by lower league clubs. This does not belittle the feats of non-league sides beating lower league opposition. Hayes victory over us in

1991-92 was definitely a big day in their club's history. But to grab the public's attention, the FA Cup needs to see the big sides fall. Since we reached the Final in 1975 there has only been one Cup Final where one of Manchester United, Liverpool, Everton, Arsenal and Spurs have not been present. The exception was when Middlesbrough lost to Chelsea in 1997, but nowadays Chelsea are definitely counted as one of the big teams. The best thing that could happen to the FA Cup is for a lower division side to win it. With the big clubs now dominating so much, this would be the best way to show that the Cup still retains its romance. Like most Fulham and Luton fans here today, I would like the FA Cup to remain the best knock out competition. I, personally, have little time for the countless European games constantly on the box. I prefer to go to Tesco. Instead, show me a good, competitive FA Cup tie anytime....

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A Tournament in Danger? *by Gerard Lyons*

Match Report *by Colin Kempster*

Fulham 3 Tottenham Hotspur 1 Wednesday 1st December 1999

Match Stats Attendance: 18,134 (4,543 away)

Weather: Dry/Breezy

Pitch: Excellent

System: 3-5-2

Bookings: Fulham 2 Spurs 1

Corners: Fulham 1 Spurs 5

Shots On Target: Fulham 4 Spurs 7

Off Target: Fulham 2 Spurs 5

Fouls: Fulham 20 Spurs 18

Teams **Star Players:** Horsfield (Fulham) Ginola (Spurs)

Fulham: Taylor, Uhlenbeek, Brevett, Melville, Coleman, Symons, Collins (Trollope 80), Clark, Horsfield, Hayles, Hayward. Subs not used: Hahneemann, Finnan, Morgan, Peschisolido.

Spurs: Walker, Edinburgh (Young 45), Taricco, Freund, Campbell, Perry (Vega 45), Ginola, Sherwood, Armstrong (Dominguez 65), Iversen, Leonhardsen. Subs not used: Beardsen, Neilsen.

Fulham marched into the quarter finals of the Worthington Cup with this compelling performance against Spurs, the holders. It was not a hollow victory against an under-strength Premiership side, nor did the result hinge on controversial decisions. After the game, Spurs manager George Graham remained dignified though disappointed and he complimented Fulham's greater desire.

Wayne Collins got the nod ahead of Paul Trollope for the midfield berth vacated by the injured Sean Davis, and Barry Hayles came in for the cup-tied Riedle. The first chance arrived after six minutes of sparring, and Taylor made a point-blank reaction save from a thumping header by Perry. But within a minute we were ahead. Horsfield gained possession on the left and his cross found Collins sprinting into the area. Although Wayne's control wasn't what he would have wished, he got his shot in. It was beaten out by Walker only for Hayles to hammer in the loose ball.

Ginola twice tested Taylor

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who also held on to a fine effort from Iversen. With Horsfield and Hayles proving a real handful for Campbell and Perry, Spurs equalised out of the blue. Taylor's kick went straight to Iversen and, with no other defenders goalside, he ran unchallenged to place the ball beyond Taylor's left hand. The Spurs fans correctly noted that we weren't singing anymore, but that all changed within sixty seconds. Symons squared a pass to Coleman which was helped on to Brevett. Rufus chipped the ball up the line to Horsfield who nodded down to Clark. Clark found Hayles, got the return, and there was Collins arriving on cue. This time his finish was clinical.

Spurs made two changes at half time without altering the pattern of the game, although Taylor was quick to thwart Armstrong after Ginola spread the play to the right. The Frenchman, getting little support from his colleagues, shouldered more than his fair share of

responsibility but his shots, all from distance, found only the Putney Terrace. Armstrong gave way to the tricky Dominguez, but he saw little of the ball. The result was clinched on 76 minutes. Hayles set Horsfield free on the right

as Vega tried to play him offside, but the Horse ran on to plant a superb shot past Walker with the outside of his right foot. Trollope replaced Collins for the final 10 minutes as we kept a firm grip in midfield, until the final whistle announced an away tie at either Leeds or Leicester.



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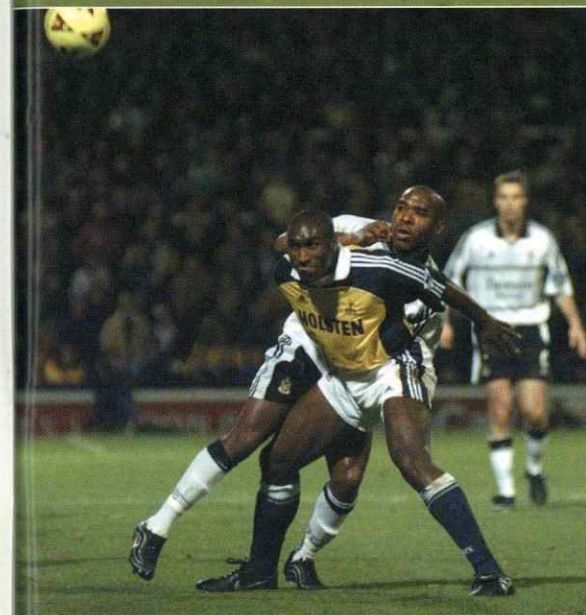
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Action Replay *by Action Images*



Fulham v Tottenham Hotspur
4th Round Worthington Cup
 Wednesday 1st December '99

Top Far Left: Yellow cards show that Fulham are united

Left: Geoff Horsfield slips the ball past Walker

Top: The celebrations begin

Above Left: Barry Hayles tustles with Sol Campbell

Above Right: Euphoric Wayne!



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You are the Ref *by James Webb*



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In a very important Cup Tie between City and Rovers, City are mounting an attack deep in the Rovers half. The ball falls to Nicholls, City's captain, who is running towards the Rovers' penalty area. Nicholls has timed his run to perfection and smashes the ball, on the half volley, towards the Rovers goal. The ball crashes against the crossbar where upon it bursts and falls to the ground. As the Rovers goalkeeper and his defenders hesitate, a second City player runs in and scores from just inside the six-yard box. A number of the Rovers defenders turn to each other in confusion whilst the City players dance around in celebration.

You are the ref, what do you do? Do you;

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1. Stop the game, have the ball replaced and restart play with a drop ball on the edge of the six-yard box nearest to where the ball burst?
2. Award the goal to City, have the ball replaced and restart the game with a kick-off to Rovers?
3. Disallow the goal, have the ball replaced and award an indirect free kick to City from where the second City player scored?
4. Disallow the goal, have the ball replaced and award an indirect free kick to City from where Nicholls hit the original shot?
5. Burst into tears and blub that the ball was a Christmas present from your mum and dad?



The answer to the scenario in the Birmingham programme is (1) - Believe it or not by trying to head the ball the Albion player has put himself in a dangerous position and has unfairly distracted the Town defender.

ClubCall Quote of the Week

"...very disappointing...we looked tired and lacking in ideas, but you can almost understand after the Spurs game which took a lot out of the lads I think mentally as much as physically...it wasn't a particularly great day for football with the conditions, but that's no excuse. We should've done better than we did...The Christmas period is always a telling time. If you've got realistic promotion ambitions you've got to come through this period picking up points and that's what we intend to do. We showed against Tottenham how we can play, but we need to be more consistent in our League form..."

Kit Symons reflects on Spurs and Birmingham and outlines the game plan for the next few weeks...



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Luton Town

Researched and compiled by Bob Cain



WELCOME

Victories against Kingstonian and Lincoln, following a replay, earned Luton the right to visit Craven Cottage for today's FA Cup 3rd round tie. The Luton side includes a number of home grown players who have enjoyed great success at South East Counties level with Luton winning the last ever SE Counties championship last season.

Last weekend's 2-2 home draw with Notts County saw Luton slip to 11th in Division Two some eight points behind sixth placed Millwall. The Hatters have a marked contrast between home and away form. Only Preston have won at Kenilworth Road but seven of the ten away League fixtures have been lost. The two away wins to date were gained at Reading (2-1) and Oxford (1-0). Recent results have not been encouraging with the only win in the last six games coming in the FA Cup 2nd round replay at Sincil Bank. Last weekend Luton were 2-0 ahead before allowing Notts County to level. This point did however end a run of three successive League defeats.

Luton have had a number of problems off the field in recent years with the club in danger of being kicked out of the Football League this

summer. But a deal involving director and long term supporter Cliff Bassett finalised just 15 hours before the new season kicked off enabled Town to play their opening day fixture at Notts County.

PAST ENCOUNTERS

Fulham and Luton have met on six previous occasions in the FA Cup including twice in qualifying competitions when both were members of the Southern League early this century. The clubs have in recent years also met in both the League Cup and Auto Windscreen Shield.

The two sides were first drawn together at Luton in a Fifth qualifying round tie in 1902/03. Luton won that game 5-1 but were beaten at Craven Cottage in qualifying rounds in each of the next two seasons by 4-0 and 3-1 respectively. Following Fulham's admittance to the Football League in 1907 the clubs met in an extraordinary 1st round tie when Fulham won 8-3 at Kenilworth Road. The clubs were next drawn together in the 1928/29 season. After a 0-0 draw was played out at Craven Cottage, Luton won the replay 4-1. It was also 4-1 the last time the teams met in an FA Cup tie in January 1964 but this time in Fulham's favour as a Cottage crowd of 18,089

saw goals from Alan Mullery, Graham Leggat, Maurice Cook and Bobby Howfield.

Fulham and Luton have also been drawn together in the League Cup. In the 1994/95 season Fulham were in Division Three and Luton in Division One when the two sides met in a 1st round tie. In the first leg at Kenilworth Road Luton appeared to have gained an advantage when Scott Oakes put the Hatters ahead with 81 minutes gone only for Kevin Moore to level for Fulham within a minute. The second leg saw more drama, Robert Haworth gave Fulham a 10th minute lead which we held until the 74th minute when Dwight Marshall levelled the scores. Luton had Ceri Hughes sent off playing extra time with ten men. With no further scoring the match was decided on penalties where thanks to the brilliant goalkeeping of Fulham's Jim Stannard we won the shoot out 4-3. Fulham went on to meet Stoke and despite winning the first leg at Craven Cottage 3-2 we went out on the away goals rule thanks to a goal scored by Paul Peschisolido. Fulham and Luton have met on 24 previous occasions in League action at Craven Cottage with Luton's 3-1 success here last season taking their unbeaten run in all competitions at the Cottage to five games including a 2-1 Auto Windscreen Shield success in January 1998.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Luton first entered the Football League in 1897, twelve years after their formation, taking the place of Burton Wanderers. It was not though a successful start and just three years

Luton Town - Recent Form

04/12/99	Notts County (H) (Div 2)	Drew 2-2	Doherty, Thorpe
30/11/99	Lincoln (A) (FAC2)	Won 1-0	Douglas
27/11/99	Bristol Rovers (A) (Div 2)	Lost 0-3	
23/11/99	Preston (H) (Div 2)	Lost 0-2	
19/11/99	Lincoln (H) (FAC2)	Drew 2-2	Doherty 2
12/11/99	Cambridge (A) (Div 2)	Lost 1-3	George

Stats 1999/2000

Biggest Win	- 25/9/99	Luton 4 Oxford 2
Heaviest Defeat	- 27/11/99	Bristol Rovers 3 Luton 0
Attendance	- 5614	
Highest gate	- 7,205 v Burnley	

Leading Scorers 1999/2000 (All competitions)

Liam George	11
Gary Doherty	4
Matthew Spring	3
Stuart Douglas	3
Neil Midgley	3

Fulham v Luton Last Six Encounters

09/03/99	Kenilworth Road (Div 2)	Won 4-0	Horsfield 2, Trollope, Hayles
03/10/98	Craven Cottage (Div 2)	Lost 1-3	Neilson
27/01/98	Craven Cottage (AWS)	Lost 1-2	Lightbourne
24/01/98	Kenilworth Road (Div 2)	Won 4-1	Moody 3 (1pen) Hayward
23/08/97	Craven Cottage (Div 2)	Drew 0-0	
23/08/94	Craven Cottage (LC1)	Drew 1-1	Haworth (won 4-3 on pens)

Complete Cup Record v Luton

Played 9 Won 4 Drew 3 Lost 2 For 23 Against 13

Luton Town - Major Honours

Division Two Champions	1982
Division Three (South) Champions	1937
Division Four Champions	1968
League Cup Winners	1988
League Cup Finalists	1989
FA Cup Finalists	1959

later the club failed to gain re-election. After a spell in the Southern League, Luton regained their League status upon the formation of Division Three in 1920. Promotion to the Second Division was gained in 1937 and the upward trend continued with the Hatters reaching the top flight for the first time in 1955. Four years later Luton reached the FA Cup Final for the first and so far only time losing 2-1 to Nottingham Forest. A year later they were relegated and the downward slide continued with Fourth Division football arriving at Kenilworth Road in 1965. Promotion from the soccer basement was achieved in 1968 then under the guidance of Alec Stock the Hatters climbed back to

Division Two in 1970. There was another brief flirtation with the top flight in season 1974/75 otherwise Luton remained in Division Two until going up as Champions in 1982. This came midway through the managerial spell of David Pleat. Pleat had moved on to Tottenham by the time the club achieved its highest ever League placing of 7th in 1986/87. The following year Luton reached Wembley twice with mixed results. In the League Cup Final they pulled off a magnificent comeback to beat Arsenal 3-2 but in the final of the Simod (Full Members) Cup they were astonishingly beaten 4-1 by Reading. Luton returned to Wembley the following year but their League Cup was snatched from them as

Nottingham Forest won 3-1. Since then fortune has not been kind to the Hatters. The advent of the Premiership in 1992 coincided with Luton losing their top flight status and in 1996 they were relegated to Division Two just two years after reaching an FA Cup Semi Final, lost to Chelsea. A 3rd place finish in 1996/97 qualified them for a play off spot but Crewe dashed hopes of an immediate return with a 4-3 aggregate win. Luton finished 17th in 1997/98 climbing to 12th last season. The club though have been in dire financial straits and were even in administration earlier this year and plans to relocate under former Chairman David Kohler were scuppered by the Department of the Environment.

HE PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS - MALCOLM MACDONALD

There have been numerous playing connections between Fulham and Luton over the years. One of those was Malcolm MacDonald, though he achieved much more at Craven Cottage in a managerial capacity. Born in Fulham, Malcolm joined the club from Southern League Tonbridge in August 1968 making his debut as substitute in a 1-0 defeat at Sheffield United the same month. The following month he scored the first of his five goals for the club in a 1-0 home win over Crystal Palace. His Fulham playing career was brief lasting just 13 games. Just a month after scoring his first goal for the club he netted his last in a 3-1 home defeat by Norwich. By February 1969, Fulham were sliding toward a second successive

relegation and a 2-0 home reverse to Carlisle marked the last of his appearances. It was Alec Stock, who would later guide Fulham to the 1975 FA Cup Final who saw MacDonald's potential. In July 1969, Stock paid a fee of just £17,500 to take the player to Kenilworth Road. At Luton MacDonald became an instant success and with 49 goals in 88 league games under his belt he was snapped up by Newcastle for a fee of £180,000. MacDonald became a Tyneside legend. In a five-year spell he scored 95 goals in 187 League games and helped Newcastle reach Wembley twice. Sadly both occasions proved a flop for club and player with a Kevin Keegan inspired Liverpool winning the 1974 FA Cup and Manchester City triumphing in the League Cup Final two years later. His last port of call was a return to London and Arsenal where injury would end his career but not before he hit 42 goals in 84 League outings. MacDonald returned to Craven Cottage as Commercial Manager and when Bobby Campbell was sacked in October 1980 as Fulham headed for the lower regions of Division Three, MacDonald took over. After steadying the ship in 1980/81 MacDonald guided Fulham to promotion the following season. In 1983 we came within a whisker of regaining our top flight status before the bubble burst. The 1983/84 season proved something of an anti climax but the Cottage faithful were still stunned when he dramatically quit in April 1984 following personal difficulties.



Luton Town

MANAGER - LENNIE LAWRENCE

Appointed December 1995



Experienced Manager who is used to running clubs with a shoestring budget. His managerial career started as assistant at Plymouth and Lincoln before he became the number one at Charlton in 1982. He guided Charlton to promotion in 1986 despite the club having no ground to call their own, keeping them in the top flight for four seasons. After leaving Charlton in 1991 he took over at Middlesbrough leading them to promotion to the Premiership a year later. His next stop was Bradford where he spent 18 months before returning south to take over at Luton. He was unable to prevent relegation in 1995/96. As a player his career was in non League football with Croydon, Carshalton and Sutton United.

Nathan Abbey

Position: Goalkeeper

Age: 21
99/00 League Apps: 20
Goals: 0

Has succeeded Kelvin Davis as first choice goalkeeper having been ready to move to Antwerp to gain first team experience. Prior to this season Nathan had made just 8 League appearances for the Hatters. **Previous Clubs:** None

Daniel Tate

Position: Goalkeeper

Age: 19
99/00 League Apps: 0
Goals: 0

Came up through the youth system and was reserve goalkeeper in the early season fixtures returning to the bench for last weekend's game against Notts County. **Previous Clubs:** None.

Scott Ward

Position: Goalkeeper

Age: 18
99/00 League Apps: 0
Goals: 0

London born trainee who is now in his second season as a professional. Has yet to make his League debut. Has featured on the bench in recent games. **Previous Clubs:** None.

Emmerson Boyce

Position: Defender

Age: 20
99/00 League Apps: 7
Goals: 0

Defender who signed on the YTS scheme in 1995 and graduated to the first team squad making his senior debut in the Auto Windscreen Shield last January. Has featured in a number of recent games. **Previous Clubs:** None



Gary Doherty

Position: Defender

Age: 19
99/00 League Apps: 18
Goals: 1

Big and brave central defender who scored twice in the 1st

round FA Cup tie v Lincoln. Played in central defence for the Luton team that won the South East Counties Championship last season. Has already been involved with the Republic of Ireland at youth and senior level. **Previous Clubs:** None

Stuart Fraser

Position: Defender

Age: 19
99/00 League Apps: 17
Goals: 1

Stylish defender and skipper of last season's successful Luton youth side. Made his League debut v Carlisle on the final day of the 1997/98 season. A regular in the Luton side this season. **Previous Clubs:** None

Marvin Johnson

Position: Defender

Age: 31
99/00 League Apps: 10
Goals: 0

A versatile defender Marvin is the longest serving player at Kenilworth Road. Normally a central defender but capable of filling in at full back or in midfield. Now in his 12th season with his only club having joined the Hatters as a schoolboy. Over 300 League appearances to his credit. **Previous Clubs:** None.



Efetobore Sodje

Position: Defender

Age: 27
99/00 League Apps: 7
Goals: 0

Signed from Macclesfield in

August 1999 though his debut was delayed by suspension. Previously linked with Luton in his youth days but advised by the then Manager David Pleat to join Stevenage with whom he starred in a number of FA Cup ties against league opposition. Played a major role in Macclesfield's rise from non League to Division Two. **Previous Clubs:** Stevenage, Macclesfield.

Julian Watts

Position: Defender

Age: 28
99/00 League Apps: 20
Goals: 0

Free transfer signing from Bristol City following a months loan at the start of the season. Rotherham gave him his first taste of League football before Trevor Francis signed him when Manager at Sheffield Wednesday. He then moved to Leicester for a £200,000 fee. **Previous Clubs:** Rotherham, Sheffield Wednesday, Shrewsbury (loan), Leicester, Crewe (loan), Huddersfield (loan), Bristol City, Lincoln (loan), Blackpool (loan).

Alan White

Position: Defender

Age: 23
99/00 League Apps: 2
Goals: 0

Signed by Lennie Lawrence from one of his old clubs Middlesbrough for £40,000 in September 1997 following an injury crisis in the Luton back four. Has not enjoyed playing against Fulham in recent seasons having been injured in the Kenilworth Road encounter two seasons ago and sent off in the same fixture last season. **Previous Clubs:** M'brough.

Adam Locke

Position: Midfielder

Age: 29
99/00 League Apps: 10
Goals: 1



Experienced midfielder who joined the club from Bristol City but has yet to establish himself as a regular in the side. Began his career with Crystal Palace but did not make his League debut until he joined Southend in 1990. **Previous Clubs:** Crystal Palace, Southend, Colchester, Bristol City.

Michael McIndoe

Position: Midfielder

Age: 20
99/00 League Apps: 17
Goals: 0

Made his debut for Luton in a Worthington Cup tie v Oxford last season. Plays in a wide midfield role. Joined Luton as a YTS player and was part of the youth side which won the SE Counties League and Southern Junior Floodlit Cup in season 1997/98. **Previous Clubs:** None.

Paul McLaren

Position: Midfielder

Age: 23
99/00 League Apps: 17
Goals: 0

Forceful midfielder always ready to back up the Luton front men. Came through the YTS scheme making his senior debut in 1994. Has now over 100 senior appearances to his credit. A regular in the side this season. **Previous Clubs:** None.

Matthew Spring

Position: Midfielder

Age: 21
99/00 League Apps: 11
Goals: 2

A competitive midfielder and the driving force behind the Luton youth team which reached the Semi Finals of the FA Youth Cup in 1997. Made

his League debut v Bristol City in September 1997. Played no fewer than 54 first team games last season and ever present this season. **Previous clubs:** None.

Matthew Taylor

Position: Midfielder

Age: 18
99/00 League Apps: 10
Goals: 1

Impressive performances in pre season friendlies earned this talented midfielder his League debut on the opening day of the season at Notts County. **Previous Clubs:** None.

Andre Scarlett

Position: Winger

Age: 19
99/00 League Apps: 0
Goals: 0

Made his debut last season as substitute v Oldham when he scored in a 2-0 win. Another of the impressive Luton youth squad he is now a regular in the Combination side. Has appeared on the bench this season but has yet to make an appearance. **Previous Clubs:** None.

Landry Zahana-Oni

Position: Defender

Age: 23
99/00 League Apps: 1
Goals: 0

A French national he had six years with Le Havre before crossing the channel to try to make the grade in British football. After a period with Stirling Albion he joined Ryman League club Bromley featuring in a pre season friendly v Fulham last season. Luton signed him in January 1999. **Previous Clubs:** Le Havre, Stirling Albion, Bromley.

Stuart Douglas

Position: Forward

Age: 21
99/00 League Apps: 18
Goals: 2

A real hotshot in youth and reserve team football. A 17 year old trainee when he made his League debut v Oldham in 1995. Battled to overcome injury before establishing himself as a regular last season when he hit 11 goals in all

competitions. **Previous Clubs:** None.

Andrew Fotiadis

Position: Forward

Age: 22
99/00 League Apps: 6
Goals: 2

Another local discovery who chose to complete his education before turning professional. Won England caps at under 15 and under 18 level. A good old fashioned type of centre forward with a determination to score goals. **Previous Clubs:** None.

Phil Gray

Position: Forward

Age: 31
99/00 League Apps: 6
Goals: 1

Signed by Luton for a second time in September 1997. Northern Ireland international who started as a Spurs trainee. Had a short loan spell at Fulham in 1990 before joining Luton for £275,000 in August 1991. Two years later he moved

up to the Premiership with Sunderland before playing abroad. **Previous Clubs:** Tottenham, Barnsley (loan), Fulham (loan), Luton, Sunderland, Nancy, Fortuna Sittard.

Tony Thorpe

Position: Forward

Age: 25
99/00 League Apps: 2
Goals: 1

Currently on loan from Bristol City. A firm favourite with the Kenilworth Road crowd he scored 28 goals in 41 League games during the 1996/97 season. Joined Fulham in February 1998 scoring three times in 13 games as we narrowly failed to gain promotion from Division Two. Moved to Bristol City where he has yet to enjoy the same goalscoring success having been loaned to Reading and Luton last season. **Previous clubs:** Luton, Fulham, Bristol City, Reading (loan).

One to Watch

Liam George

Position: Forward

99/00 League Apps: 18
Goals: 10

Pacy striker who has netted 11 goals in all competitions this season. A regular scorer at youth and reserve level he had failed to hit the target in a League game before this season. Broke his scoring duck with a double in the 3-2 home win over Blackpool in August. A regular member of the Republic of Ireland youth squad which progressed to the final of the European Youth Championships in 1998. Suffered from a broken leg last season making only 13 League appearances.



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In Combination *by Keith Every*

Wycombe Wanderers 0 Fulham 2 Wednesday 24th November 1999

Match Stats Attendance: -

Weather: Cloudy / Windy **Pitch:** Good Condition **System:** 3-4-3 **Bookings:** Wycombe 0 Fulham 0
Corners: Wycombe 4 Fulham 11 **Shots On Target:** Wycombe 3 Fulham 9 **Off Target:** Wycombe 4 Fulham 9 **Fouls:** Wycombe 12 Fulham 4

Teams **Star Players:** Harkin (Wycombe) Hudson (Fulham)

Wycombe: Osborn, Townsend, R Johnson, Leach, P Johnson, Senda, Bulman, Lee, Brady, Thompson, Harkin. Subs not used: Simpemba, Williams, Gostick, Coltman.

Fulham: Hahnemann, Knight, McAnespie, Hudson, Lampton, Selley, Keevill, Johnson, Brooker, Betsy, Cornwall (Hammond 80). Subs not used: McCracken, Thompson, Browning.

In our last game against Oxford, it appeared that Kevin Betsy had lost confidence due to his lack of goals. At Adams Park, the pendulum swung, as it always does eventually for quality strikers. His header from a Keevill corner beat keeper Mark Osborn inside his near post. With one in the bag, when another opportunity fell his way ten minutes from time, he belted home an unstoppable shot after a great run down the right flank.

Kevin has since gone on a month's loan to Hull City and made his debut for the Tigers last Saturday. We played a 3-4-3 formation and created the better chances in the first

half, with Paul Brooker, Luke Cornwall and Kevin Betsy all going close, but Wycombe went nearest to breaking the deadlock. Rightback Ben Townsend drove a fierce cross shot against the far post and it rebounded straight across the goal. Both sides raised their game after the break and Ian Selley had a 20-yarder tipped over the bar. A foul by Zat Knight after 51 minutes, our very first transgression of the game, Marcus Hahnemann called into action to make a brilliant save from a Bulman shot from point blank range. Seconds later we had won a corner down at the other end of the pitch. Sam Keevill floated it

deep past the far post, over Zat Knight's head to Kevin Betsy who netted his first of the season. We had a narrow escape when Marcus beat out a powerful drive to deny Senda. Zat made a fine recovery tackle to deny Richard Thompson a scoring opportunity, and Mark Hudson headed a goalbound header from Roger Johnson off the line. We took over completely after this, and Paul Brooker and Kevin Betsy both had shots saved by Osborn. Sam Keevill was only just wide with a fine attempt from 15 yards. Kevin's second goal wrapped up the points and both Neil Lampton and Sam Keevill went near to increasing the tally.

Appearances and Goals correct up to 24 Nov 1999

	A	G
Kevin Betsy	7	2
Paul Brooker	5+2	3
Wayne Collins	3	-
Luke Cornwall	9	3
Marcus Hahnemann	7	-
Elvis Hammond	2+5	1
Barry Hayles	1	-
Steve Hayward	1	-
Mark Hudson	8	-
Jermaine Hunter	1	-
Tom Hutchinson	4+1	2
Michael Johnson	8	-
Sam Keevill	5+3	1
Zat Knight	9	1
Neil Lampton	5	-
Steve McAnespie	7+1	-
Gary McCracken	2	-
Alan Neilson	1	-
Paul Read	0+3	-
John Salako	1	-
Ian Selley	7+1	2
Kit Symons	1	-
Glyn Thompson	2	-
Paul Trollope	1	-
Gus Uhlenbeek	2	-

AUGUST 1999

Wednesday 18th **Barnet** **RES** A 1-0

SEPTEMBER 1999

Wednesday 1st **Millwall** H 1-1
Wednesday 8th **Leyton Orient** A 3-1
Wednesday 29th **Gillingham** H 1-0

OCTOBER 1999

Wednesday 6th **QPR** H 0-1
Wednesday 13th **Bristol City** A 4-2
Wednesday 27th **Swindon Town** A 2-2

NOVEMBER 1999

Wednesday 3rd **Oxford Utd** H 1-2
Tuesday 16th **Wycombe** A 2-0

DECEMBER 1999

Wednesday 1st **Brighton** H P-P
Wednesday 8th **Bournemouth** A
Wednesday 22nd **Bristol Rovers** H

JANUARY 2000

Thursday 13th **Norwich City** A
Wednesday 19th **Ipswich Town** H

FEBRUARY 2000

Wednesday 2nd **Colchester Utd** A
Wednesday 9th **Southend Utd** H
Wednesday 16th **Cambridge Utd** H
Wednesday 23rd **Peterborough Utd** A

MARCH 2000

Monday 27th **Northampton Town** A

APRIL 2000

Wednesday 5th **Portsmouth** H
Wednesday 12th **Luton Town** H

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Academy Report by Keith Eveny

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SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER FA ACADEMY LEAGUE UNDER 19s

Having won 8 of our first 11 games with our only defeat being a 1-0 loss at home to Arsenal, the return game at London Colney was always going to be a difficult one.

We were without Tom Hutchinson and Paul Read through injury, and had our newly signed goalkeeper, Glyn Thompson, between the sticks in place of regular Anthony Tucker. The Arsenal side included right midfielder, Jermaine Pennant, to whom they paid £2 million to Notts County when he was only 15.

Jay Boothroyd gave the Gunners the lead when his excellent first touch killed a through ball and he slipped it neatly past Thompson. Glyn saved well from Pennant and when a Michael Johnson free kick hit the wall and was diverted for a corner, Mark Hudson's header flew wide. Seconds later Glyn made a great stop from a close shot but David Noble tucked in the loose ball to give the Gunners a 2-0 interval lead. Sam Keevill was just wide with a 20-yarder in the 58th

minute, and shortly after, a free kick by Neil Lampton was touched on by Mark Hudson for Calum Willock to toe-end past the keeper. A rash challenge on the elusive Pennant resulted in a penalty to Arsenal and Declan Field's spot kick was unstoppable. Eight minutes later it was Fulham's turn to be given a penalty when Calum Willock was felled and Sam Keevill stroked it past the keeper. 3-2 down with 15 minutes to go was a fair reflection on the balance of play, but as we pushed forward in search of the equaliser, Pennant caused us serious problems. First he broke clear on the halfway line. Thompson dashed out to clear but, when he forced a corner, John Halls rifled in a low shot. Neil Lampton had to go off with a knee injury just before then end, and in added time, Noble got through, rounded Thompson and slammed in Arsenal's fifth.

Fulham: Thompson, McCracken, Hudson, Howard, Upsber, (Browning 73), Keevill, Lampton (Pomroy 87), Johnson, Hunter (Yemane), Willock, Hammond.
Subs not used: Tucker.

Group D League Table

Results correct up to and including Monday 6 December

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Fulham	14	10	2	2	34	13	+21	32
Arsenal	14	9	3	2	37	15	+22	30
Bristol City	14	5	4	5	17	12	+5	19
Chelsea	14	5	2	7	17	18	-1	17
Crystal Palace	14	4	4	6	21	22	-1	16
Millwall	14	5	0	9	16	26	-10	15
Reading	14	4	2	8	21	25	-4	14
Southampton	13	4	2	7	19	30	-11	14

AUGUST 1999

Saturday 28th	Watford	(U19)	H 5-0
		(U17)	H 0-1

SEPTEMBER 1999

Saturday 4th	Norwich	(U19)	A 5-0
Saturday 4th	Leicester	(U17)	H 0-1
Saturday 11th	Peter'ough	(U19)	H 2-1
Saturday 11th	Leicester	(U17)	A 0-4
Saturday 18th	Charlton	(U17)	A 1-3
		(U19)	A 2-1

Saturday 25th	Wimbledon	(U19)	H 4-1
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OCTOBER 1999

Saturday 2nd	Arsenal	(U19)	H 0-1
Saturday 2nd	Arsenal	(U17)	A 0-7
Saturday 16th	Crystal Palace	(U19)	A 0-1
Saturday 16th	Crystal Palace	(U17)	H 4-2
Saturday 23rd	Reading	(U17)	H 0-3
		(U19)	H 2-2
Saturday 30th	Millwall	(U17)	H 2-7
		(U19)	H 4-0

NOVEMBER 1999

Saturday 6th	Chelsea	(U19)	A 1-1
Saturday 6th	Watford	(U17)	A 0-5
Saturday 13th	Southampton	(U19)	H 3-1
		(U17)	H 1-1
Saturday 20th	Bristol City	(U19)	A 1-0
		(U17)	A 1-2
Saturday 27th	Arsenal	(U19)	A 2-5
Saturday 27th	Arsenal	(U17)	H 1-3

DECEMBER 1999

Saturday 4th	Crystal Palace	(U19)	H 2-0
Saturday 4th	Crystal Palace	(U17)	A 2-1
Saturday 11th	Reading		A

JANUARY 2000

Saturday 22th	Chelsea	(U19)	H
Saturday 22th	QPR	(U17)	A
Saturday 29th	Millwall		A
Saturday 29th	Millwall	(U19)	H

FEBRUARY 2000

Saturday 5th	Southampton		A
Saturday 12th	Bristol City		H
Saturday 19th	West Ham	(U19)	A
Saturday 19th	West Ham	(U17)	H
Saturday 26th	Tottenham	(U19)	H
Saturday 26th	Tottenham	(U17)	A

MARCH 2000

Saturday 4th	QPR		A
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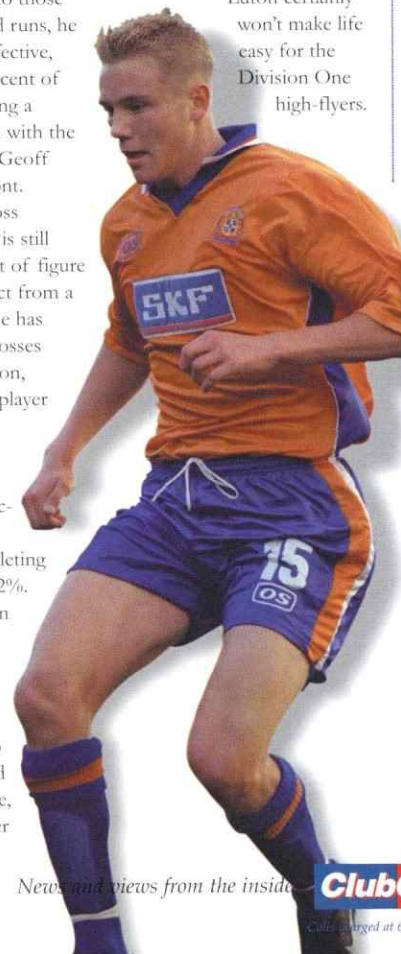
Rufus Brevett v Matthew Taylor

The FA Cup returns to Craven Cottage this afternoon and dreadlocked destroyer Rufus Brevett is set to make his 20th appearance in the competition down the Fulham flanks.

Today he goes head-to-head with another top "leftie", Luton's highly-rated Matthew Taylor. The youngster has turned heads this season with his pace and guile and is certain to give Steve Finnan a few problems this afternoon. Brevett is a real crowd favourite at the Cottage and has been in good form in recent weeks. But in truth most of his best work has come at the back. He has made most of his passes in his own half and weighed in with more than half a century of clearances.

When it comes to those foraging forward runs, he has been less effective, with just 14 per cent of his crosses finding a team-mate, even with the aerial power of Geoff Horsfield up front. Taylor's own cross completion rate is still short of the sort of figure you would expect from a wide man, but he has swung in 126 crosses already this season, finding a Town player with almost a quarter. He has been particularly effective with his dribbling, completing an impressive 92%. He has also been keen to test opposition goalkeepers, firing in almost 50 shots. But so far he has found the net just once, in a 3-1 win over

Wrexham earlier on in the season. Both men have two goal assists in the League to their credit and each has conceded the same number of fouls - only 24, not many at this level for two players that have played so much football. Luton have only won one of the last six in the League, but Fulham fans would do well to remember the problems struggling Hartlepool United caused here last season, twice equalising before succumbing to a 4-2 defeat. Luton certainly won't make life easy for the Division One high-flyers.



	Brevett	Taylor
Minutes On Pitch	1,384	1,690
Goal Attempts		
Goals	0	1
Shots On Target (inc goals)	1	16
Shots Off Target	5	22
Blocked Shots	3	10
Passing		
Goal Assists	2	2
Total Passes	578	565
Pass Completion %	68%	49%
Crossing		
Total Crosses	51	126
Cross Completion %	14%	24%
Dribbling		
Dribbles & Runs	29	39
Dribble Completion %	83%	92%
Defending		
Tackles Made	35	56
Tackles Won %	46%	43%
Blocks	22	31
Clearances	53	84
Interceptions	7	11
Discipline		
Fouls	24	24
Offside	0	1
Yellow Cards	3	2
Red Cards	0	0

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Face to Face by Michael Heatley

Anyone inside the ground at midday last Saturday would have been treated to the sight of Kit Symons, Gus Uhlenbeek and Wayne Collins twisting, turning and sprinting half the length of the Riverside stand in the fabled fitness test we often read about but never get to see. As we now know, only Kit got the nod - and that was rough luck on Wayne, many people's man of the match in the epic Worthington Cup victory over Spurs three days before. In fact, as the player explains, it was a tactical gamble by Paul Bracewell to give him that midweek game at all.

"I'd had a slight hamstring strain on the Tuesday when I pulled out of training, and the Gaffer decided that if playing Wednesday made it any worse he'd leave me out on Saturday. It felt okay (on the night) but it tightened up again." Surely it was tempting to say you were fit for the Birmingham game and chance it? "I actually said I wanted to play," he confesses with a smile, "but the Gaffer felt it best to take precautions. He said there's a lot of games coming up and hopefully I'll be needed." Brace is known to play his cards close to his chest, but it seems Wayne was so surprised to be starting his first game of the season he completely forgot to set his

video at home. "I'm pathetic!" he laughs. "The amount of people who asked me if I taped the game. I'm sure I'll be able to get hold of one." We spoke last Sunday, a few hours after Sheffield Wednesday, the club from which Wayne joined Fulham for £400,000 in January 1998, lost to Liverpool and continued their Premiership descent. He admits he tuned in to Sky for an update on the score, but denies any emotional involvement with his former team. "I had a little glimpse but I've put that behind me now." It's possible, of course, that his present outfit could be taking the place of the Owls should current form

"commanding a regular place is my target." With three goals and only just one start this season, Wayne Collins is something of a statistical oddity.

continue - a thought that brings a smile. "I'd love that! I'm very confident of my own ability to play in the Premiership and I'm relishing the moment when I get back there with Fulham." When pressed, Wayne will admit the Spurs game could have been his best yet in a white shirt. "It's probably one of them, but the way we played as a team was enjoyable, especially the way things have gone for me this season - a definite boost."

Wayne had a hand in the first two goals, making the opener for Barry Hayles in the 10th minute when his snap shot came back off Ian Walker's body. Yet that wasn't how he'd planned things. "I actually saw Barry coming on the far side and what I attempted to do was flick it to him. But the ball dropped surprisingly at my feet, and when I realised I tried to poke it in - Barry followed up."

If the first chance had come almost too quickly, then the goal Wayne took himself was a different matter. Was his life flashing before his eyes as the ball was squared for him to rifle home from the edge of the box? "It was one of those where you have time, but sometimes that's the worst thing! I've done a lot of work with (coach) Frank

Sibley regarding shooting, and it paid off." That goal was not only scored in first-half injury time, but nullified the equaliser picked up minutes earlier by Iversen from a scuffed Maik Taylor kick. The keeper was quick to thank Wayne as they walked off, but he won't take all the credit. "Not me - we pulled out for him!"

All three scorers against Spurs were players who came late to the professional game, Wayne after pursuing a career as a design engineer. "It's funny - the papers mentioned Barry and Geoff, and then I thought I only started playing at 23, 24, I was working before and it was weird: it hit me just then." As a late starter, he's clearly keen to make every game count and, at 30, is in the prime of his career. "I was hungry for it," he says of his Worthington Cup chance, adding "commanding a regular place is my target." With three goals and only just one start this season, Wayne Collins is something of a statistical oddity. His double-figure goals target (see On The Record) would be more easily attainable were he to play more full games but, while he may not be happy with his substitute situation, he's not



Wayne Collins



about to rock the boat. "It's a nightmare, but that's how football is. You've just got to try to take your chance when you get it." Rumours on the Nationwide League grapevine earlier this season suggested Wayne might be going elsewhere on loan to get regular first-team football: the editor of the Bournemouth programme even phoned me to ask for info, convinced he was en route to Dean Court! The player's adamant these whispers were not of his making. "I really enjoy my football at Fulham, I enjoy the lads, the atmosphere and everything, and there's no way I'd be the one to (initiate a) move anywhere. We're a positive bunch of lads, we know our potential and we know where we want to go." Today's FA Cup tie may not be considered worthy of

His last League goal came a month ago, a 94th-minute winner against Portsmouth that secured three valuable points when one looked the likely outcome.

live television coverage, but you can bet that, if selected, Wayne Collins will be giving his all from the moment the referee 'presses play' to the 90th minute and beyond. Fulham fans have grown to expect nothing less. His last League goal came a month ago, a 94th-minute winner against Portsmouth that secured three valuable points when one looked the likely outcome. It was an object lesson to youngsters that you give your all till the final whistle - and that's a philosophy Wayne lives to the full. "I've never scored a later one than that, but look how many games we've won in that period." Wayne was on the pitch the last time Luton visited the Cottage - and had Sky been present that day, the resulting 'video nasty' would have been worth at least an 18 certificate. "We've had better performances - you can't take any game for granted or you get punished for it." A repeat of that 3-1 defeat will not be on Wayne's mind today. The hero of Wednesday week has a point to prove; let's hope the Hatters will be the ones to pay.

On the Record

Hope for season?

As a midfielder, I always set a personal target of scoring ten goals. For the team, obviously promotion by whichever means.

Career highlight?

It's got to be promotion - the first time ever I received a Champion's medal, a great feeling.

Most disappointing moment?

Rupturing my Achilles tendon at Blackburn. I take things on the chin and try not to let too much get to me: not playing and getting injured are disappointments, but nothing's really put me on a low.

Game most looking forward to?

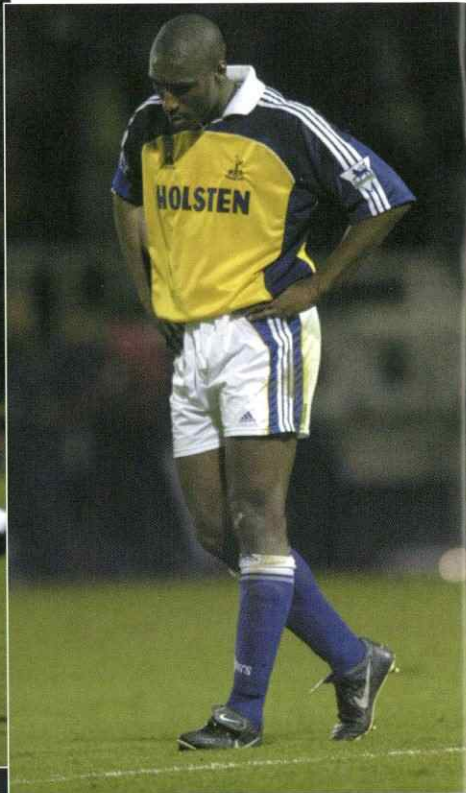
The next one! I just can't wait to play!

Most admired player?

As a Manchester United supporter, Bryan Robson and Paul Ince are favourites of mine - battling players who get stuck in and can score goals.

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Fulham v Tottenham Hotspur
4th Round Worthington Cup
 Wednesday 1st December '99

Top Far Left: Stevie Hayward makes the perfect tackle
 Above Left: Dejected Campbell and Ginola
 Above: Geoff makes life hard for Sol
 Far Left: Sir Craven shows his support
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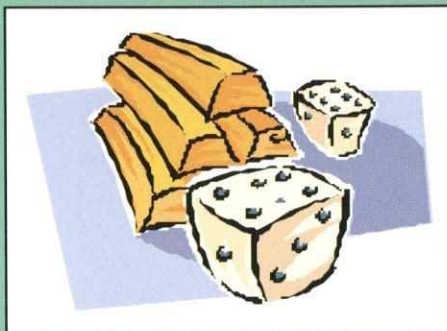


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Rev's Reflections by Rev Gary Piper

It was great to realise that we didn't have to play in the first two rounds of the FA Cup, but as we approach today's third round I am beginning to feel that buzz of excitement. Now, we cannot claim to have a great Cup history, but we've had our moments. Like the famous Newcastle game of 1956 - 0-3 down, Fulham fought back to lead 4-3 with goals from Chamberlain (3) and Hill. Newcastle's turn for a fight back now, scoring two more to win 5-4...what a day!

There were semi finals in 1936, 1958 and 1962.

Losing to Manchester United in 1958 nearly broke my heart. I expected us to go all the way the following season, but we got knocked out by last week's opponents, Birmingham (I wonder whether a young Simon Morgan was in the crowd?)

Of course we did reach the final in 1975. There is no feeling to beat watching your team walk on to the pitch at Wembley - magic, sheer magic!

Showing a friend round the ground a couple of weeks back I was able to show

Showing a friend round the ground a couple of weeks back I was able to show him not only the Second Division trophy, but also last season's Giant Killers Cup.

him not only the Second Division trophy, but also last season's Giant Killers Cup. Defeating Southampton was good, but who can forget Villa Park. Morgs, the Birmingham fan, in seventh heaven as he scored against the arch rivals. Then Steve Hayward knocked in the second. Fulham had arrived! The lads gave a great account of themselves at Old Trafford - United knew they had been in a game that afternoon. The

only certainty this season is that we won't be beaten by Manchester United.

I'm saddened by their withdrawal from the competition. I understand the reasons but I still feel that our domestic football should have priority. The grass roots of football are in schools, little leagues, youth and parks football. The next step up is the semi-pro ranks. These players know there is one trophy in which they have

the chance to compete against the elite. Everyone can dream of Cup glory. "We're only part-time footballers, but if we play well and United have an off day..." Trouble is, United won't be there this time. Whoever wins the Cup this year, their feat will be devalued by the non-participation of the holders. I just hope that it never happens again, and so, I read, do the United players, management and fans. Good for them! Meanwhile, whoever is or isn't playing, I'd love to be at Wembley in 2000... anyone for some magic?

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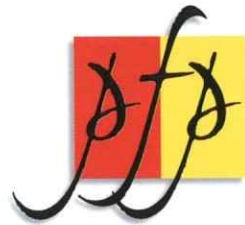
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1914

Despite the outbreak of the Great War, league football carried on as before. There was much protest from some sections of the media who felt football should shut down for the duration. As the season developed, crowd attendances began to drop alarmingly as more and more young men were sent to France and Belgium with the armed forces. Some of the Fulham players joined up straight away. Tommy Laws and Percy Champion had been career soldiers before joining Fulham and they soon re-enlisted, and William Garvey joined up after being released by Fulham. The first war casualty was William Borland who had played for Fulham from 1910-12. He was killed in action during the Battle of Loos, Belgium in September 1915. Another who died was Ernest Thompson who

Fulham had signed from Spen Black & White, a Northumberland club, during the summer of 1914. Wing half William Maughan was also killed in action in October 1916. Ernie Coquet joined the Footballers Battalion (1st Middlesex Regiment) and many other Fulham players returned to previous occupations. Jimmy Torrance became a ship boilermaker and former player Tom Winship returned to the Tyne to build ships.



William Borland

1939

The first match to be played at Craven Cottage after the outbreak of the Second World War came when Portsmouth visited on October 29th 1939. The Home Office closed Craven Cottage immediately following the commencement of hostilities in early September. A number of friendlies were played on opponents' grounds but, with the commencement of Regional Competitions, games were again played at Fulham's ground. The Home Office set a crowd limit of only 8,000. Jim Tompkins, Harry Freeman and Sam Malpass joined the Army immediately and Tompkins had his first stripe by November being promoted to corporal. Eddie Perry became a sergeant with the Army Physical Training School at Aldershot and Jim Taylor and Harry Cranfield had also been called up. Fulham beat Pompey 2-1 with goals from Ronnie Rooke before a crowd of 6,468. It was announced in the programme that in the event of an air raid that the nearest public shelters were at the Recreation Ground at Fulham Palace Road and supporters could take cover under the stand. Jim Evans was sent off in a match with Brentford in December 1939 which was a rare event in those days.



Jim Tompkins

1964

Fulham fans were rocked by the news when Alan Mullery was sold to Tottenham Hotspur for a record £72,500 in March 1964. The deal had a cloak and dagger feel to it as Mullery met up with Spurs manager Bill Nicholson at Fulham manager Frank Osborne's home in Epsom. Alan was sworn to secrecy as Spurs allowed him to play his last game for the club against Liverpool at the Cottage the following day. Mullery found it impossible to keep the secret and he stated in his autobiography that he told Johnny Haynes during the half time interval of the Liverpool game. The news spread like wild fire but very few believed that Mullery was actually leaving the club. Fulham beat the Reds 1-0 that day and it was confirmed



Alan Mullery

after the game that Mullery had signed for Spurs. Haynes was not happy at Mullery's departure and felt that the club lacked ambition if they were going to sell rising stars like Mullery. Five weeks later Mullery was marking Haynes in a London derby between the two clubs. Mullery returned to Fulham in 1972 and three years later helped the club reach their first FA Cup Final at Wembley.

1989

Fulham reached the old Third Division play-offs to play Bristol Rovers in the semi final. The first game at Twerton Park ended in a 1-0 defeat but Fulham still had high hopes of reaching the Final when they played the return leg at Craven Cottage on May 25th. The match was a disaster for Fulham who lost 4-0 and had Peter Scott sent off for a second bookable offence in the 66th minute. He received his marching orders after an over-zealous tackle. After this Fulham fell apart. The crowd was a best of the season, 10,688 all-ticket crowd, for Fulham biggest game for six years. After containing the threat of Clive Walker and Gordon Davies in the first half, Rovers took control after the break and scored their four goals in the final 28 minutes. Billy Clark headed Rovers into the lead after 62 minutes and Ian Holloway added a second 12 minutes later. Former Fulham reserve Dennis Bailey, a 76th minute substitute for Gary Penrice, made it 3-0 and with two minutes remaining, Andy Reece scored the fourth. Rovers went on to play Port Vale in a two-legged final.

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Away Travel *by Bob Cain*

Nottingham Forest v Fulham Wed December 15th - Kick Off 7.45pm

Travel by Road (Approx 130 miles)



GROUND DETAILS	
Address	City Ground, Nottingham, NG2 5FJ
Telephone	0115 982 4444
Capacity	31,000
Visitors Section	Lower Bridgeford Stand: Adults £19 Concessions £10
Disabled Fans	Contact Scott Redgate at club in advance. Disabled facilities at front of Bridgeford Stand
Coaches	£14 Adults, £11 Concessions Depart Craven Cottage 3pm

LAST VISIT

22/01/77 - Division Two - **Nottingham Forest 3** (Lloyd, O'Neill, Woodcock) **Fulham 0** - Attendance 24,718

Leave London via M1 and continue to junction 24. Exit junction 24 onto A453 signs Nottingham. In approx 9 miles exit onto B679 (Clifton Road). Follow directly ahead into Wilford Lane (B679). Turn left onto A60 and cross Trent Bridge. Turn right onto A60. Ground is on the right hand side just before Trent Bridge.

CAR PARKING

Street parking plus a number of local car parks. Prices from £2. Parking at County Hall costs £3.

TRAVEL BY TRAIN

Train travellers should travel from St Pancras to Nottingham however to return the same night may prove difficult without leaving before the end of the game. Station is about 1 mile from ground. Taxi about £3. Buses also pass ground. Check availability of trains on 0345 484950.

PRE MATCH

Walk the other way from the station and you will find the Town Centre. Nottingham Castle is off Castle Boulevard and the grounds inevitably contain the Robin Hood Statue. Just across the road from the ground is the famous Trent Bridge Cricket Ground. Plenty of pubs to visit between station and ground. There are a number of restaurants in the area including the usual McDonalds type fare. Fancy a post match Indian with an unusual name, try the Pink City Balti Palace, close to Trent Bridge.

Crystal Palace v Fulham Sat December 18th - Kick Off 3.00pm

Travel by Road (Approx 10 miles)



GROUND DETAILS	
Address	Selhurst Park Stadium London SE25 6PU
Telephone	0181 768 6000
Capacity	26,309 (All seated)
Visitors Section	Arthur Wait Stand Adults £20, Concessions £12
Disabled Fans	Facilities in both Arthur Wait and new Homesdale Road stand Booking essential. Contact club for details

LAST VISIT

14/9/85 - Division Two - **Crystal Palace 0**
Fulham 0 - Attendance 6,381

Leave Fulham area via A308 (New Kings Road) and continue for 1 mile until reaching A217 (Wandsworth Bridge Road) Cross Wandsworth Bridge then follow signs for A214. Proceed via underpass into Trinity Road and continue for 2 miles. Cross directly ahead at Tooting Bec Station and continue for 2 miles. At Streatham join A23 (signs Croydon, Brighton) passing Streatham Station (on right) before rejoining A214 by turning left into Streatham Common North. In 1 mile turn right onto A215 (Beulah Hill). In 2 miles turn right into Whitehorse Lane and ground is on the left.

CAR PARKING

There is a small car park at the ground but unless you are very early look elsewhere. Street Parking is available though restricted in the vicinity of ground. Beware of restricted Pay and Display areas in Thornton Heath area.

BY TRAIN

Plenty of options here as there are three stations within a ten minute walk of ground. From Victoria you can travel to Thornton Heath or Selhurst. Norwood Junction is on the London Bridge/Charing Cross line.

PRE MATCH

No shortage of places to eat and drink near to the ground though this may not be entirely evident if walking up from Selhurst Station. There is an excellent cafe on Whitehorse Lane at the junction of Whitehorse Road/Thornton Heath High St.

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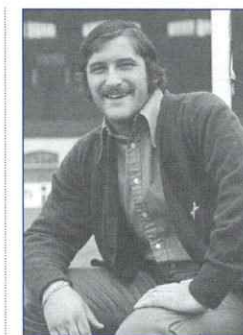
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Yesterday's Heroes *by Dennis Turner*

About the only person to leave Carrow Road satisfied with the recent goalless draw between Norwich and Ipswich was Malcolm Webster. "I'm a goalkeeping coach at both clubs," he explained, "and I was happy to see the honours shared. The fact that Andy Marshall and Richard Wright both kept clean sheets was a bonus." In a previous incarnation some 30 years ago, Malcolm was, of course, our goalkeeper and he was a key member of the team which won promotion from the old Third Division in 1971.

It was in December 1969 that Malcolm first came to the Cottage, initially on loan. "I had played for England Schools and England Youth and, despite the fact I was from Yorkshire, I had been involved with Arsenal since I was 14. I think I was probably Billy Wright's last signing as Arsenal manager before Bertie Mee took over. There was a lot of competition at Highbury at that time for the goalkeeping slot and my progress was not helped when I went down with glandular fever. I was only 18 or 19 when Fulham's manager Bill Dodgin came in for me on loan. Quite honestly, I knew nothing about Fulham. My first game was a friendly against Southend and we played it because we were out of the FA Cup. I wondered what Fulham were doing in the FA Cup that early until somebody pointed out they were in the Third Division. When I went back to Yorkshire that weekend, I looked at the table and found they were fourth from bottom." We had been through a traumatic couple of years, dropping straight from the top flight to the basement of the Division Three but Malcolm's arrival coincided with an upturn in our fortunes. "We had a great run in the New Year but had left it too late for promotion," he recalled. "The following year we made no mistake, although we missed out on the title on the last day of the season against Preston. Something similar happened when I was at Cambridge. I think it must have been me. The following year, we were lucky to avoid relegation and I don't know

why the team struggled. It cost Bill Dodgin his job and Alec Stock came in." The relegation battle did not affect Malcolm's view of Fulham. "I had a great time at the Cottage," he admitted. "It was a lot of fun with some good players, but we never lost the desire to win. It is only in retrospect that I can appreciate what an exceptional manager Alec Stock was. I was talking about him the other day to Bruce Rioch and we both agreed that he had a way of telling you off without saying anything. You never wanted to get on the wrong side of Alec." From Fulham, Malcolm moved on to Southend in 1974 and then to Cambridge in 1976, where he stayed longer and enjoyed a lot of success. "In many ways, Cambridge was like Fulham," he thought. "It was a very friendly, very well run and very professional club. In Ron Atkinson we had a manager who was a terrific motivator, whilst coach John Docherty looked after the tactics. At Cambridge, Ron was just the same as he was at his bigger clubs. There was the champagne and jewellery, but he knew how to get the best out of us. Some of the games we won in the bus going to the game and the players would go through a brick wall for him." A bad knee injury ended Malcolm's playing career in 1984 but he stayed at the Abbey Stadium to work with the youth side. "Then suddenly, I fell out



MALCOLM WEBSTER

of love with football. In my mid-30s, I changed direction. I was always a good talker and so I became a representative for a roofing company in Norfolk and Suffolk for six years. I switched off completely from football and just looked in the papers for the results of my old clubs and of Doncaster, where I come from. I really enjoyed that job and I think I was quite good at it but one day I got a call from John Beck, the Cambridge manager. He had a problem with a goalkeeper and wondered if I could help. I went to see him play just once and sorted him out and Cambridge started their climb from the Fourth to the Second Divisions. Then I started to get my appetite for football back and began coaching again, mainly at schools. Today I'm back full-time, three days at Ipswich and two at Norwich as well as a few days a season for Lennie Lawrence at Luton when I can." Not surprisingly, Malcolm has forthright views on goalkeepers

and goalkeeping. His own hero is Pat Jennings. "I suppose that's something to do with my age," he confessed. "My League debut for Arsenal was against Spurs and he was at the other end. Pat was always in control and never flapped. I remember watching Gordon Banks in an England training session during the World Cup in 1966 at London Colney. He was unbeatable. I was also lucky that, when I was starting, Bob Wilson was at Highbury. He was really helpful and I still talk with him today. He always used to say that I should admire the likes of Jennings and Banks but not copy them. Today I think we've lost ground to the Europeans in goalkeeping. Over the last 20 years, they have had specialist goalkeeping coaches whilst we have neglected ours. But when I see some of the younger British keepers now coming through outside the Premier, I think we will be amongst the best again very soon." In his current role, Malcolm still has contact with Fulham. "During the summer, Fred Barber (who used to play for Darlington, Walsall and Peterborough) and I run a professional week for goalkeepers. For the last couple of summers Maik Taylor has come along. It was Kevin Keegan's idea and I think Maik enjoys it and gets a lot out of it. I've been down to the new training ground to watch the Fulham players train and it is far more impressive than in my time with the club. This seems to be typical of the club as a whole, although the old friendly atmosphere is still there."

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November's Player of the Month is Paul Peschisolidi, closely followed by Lee Clark. Morgs even got one vote from the bench!



CHAMPAGNE MOMENT



Wayne Collins has won a Champagne Moment for his goal against Portsmouth on 9th November. After a string of draws and a couple of defeats this last gasp winner was just what the doctor ordered and we don't know what it did to the team, but it certainly gave us fans the boost we needed at the time. How many times does it have to be said - never leave a game early....!!

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CONSTITUTION

Sorry, the promised update on the new constitution was not available when this went to press. It should be available for the next programme.

SIMON MORGAN'S TESTIMONIAL

QUIZ NIGHT

The Quiz Night will now take place on **Saturday 22nd January** after the Grimsby game at 7pm in the Supporters' Club Bar. Tickets are still available priced £3 each - *please see Anna*. If you already have tickets from the cancelled event in November, hang on to them as we will be reusing them.

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TRAVEL

Sheffield Utd on Tuesday 28th December 1999
Chris is trying to organise a train, but details were not available when this went to press. They will appear on the Internet message board when we have them, or contact **Chris direct if you might be interested - 07957 724159**. Details will also appear in the next home programme, but obviously tickets will need to be booked before then.



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Leading Lights...

FA CUP WEEKEND

It's FA Cup weekend and Fulham Ladies, who play Berkhamstead in the Axa Womens FA Cup tomorrow aim to emulate the recent cup successes of their male equivalents. Community Development Manager, and Fulham Ladies team manager, Gary Mulcahey explains their philosophy,



Kim Jerray-Silver

"We're three divisions below the national league and we have a three-year plan to reach that level. It's a mirror image to the men's set-up; we're attracting players from the higher divisions and we have the facilities, finance and coaches in place to push us forward. A good cup run will help put us on the map. We've dominated the league with a 100% record, not conceding any goals, and we're unbeaten in all of the cups so we're buzzing at the moment." Pesch and Cookie were among the first players to recognise the potential at the Cottage and the Ladies' version is Kim Jerray-Silver, who has swapped Arsenal Ladies (one of the

country's top sides) for Fulham. Kim, an England international, explains the switch; "My motivation is that I needed a new challenge because I was sitting on the bench at Arsenal, which became frustrating and I lost my enjoyment of the game. We've got six, or seven players that are good enough to play in the national league at the moment so I think we can go all the way. I've played about six games so far and it's a lot different to Arsenal because we're beating teams by large margins (as much as 22-0). The strength of

the squad makes me want to keep playing well each week so that I'm part of it." Like the men, the league is the Ladies' priority, but the glamour of the FA Cup is difficult to resist. "Sunday's game against Berkhamstead will be a good test for us, as they're two divisions above us. I'm looking forward to it very much. I want to help Fulham to at least the final."



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Fulham v Berkhamstead

Womens FA Cup 3rd Round

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MAYORS CUP

The Hammersmith & Fulham Mayors Cup is now beginning to hot up. The schools have been placed into two divisions and are serving up some high quality football. Last year's area winners St Johns have taken an early lead in the Premier, and St Augustines are leading the way in the 1st Division. In the New Year we will be starting the Mayors Cup for girls. Ten schools have entered teams, and it looks like this league will also be a very exciting and competitive tournament.

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
St Johns	3	3	0	0	15	5	9
Sir J Lillie	3	2	1	0	19	1	7
Peterborough	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Sullivan	4	1	0	3	6	13	3
Holy Cross	2	1	0	1	2	6	3
St Thomas	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
Queensmanor	2	0	0	2	2	8	0

1ST DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Augustines	3	2	1	0	16	2	7
St Pauls	2	2	0	0	9	5	6
Melcombe	2	1	0	1	17	6	3
Ravenscourt	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
Fulham Prep	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
New Kings	2	0	0	2	3	15	0
Normand Park	2	0	0	2	2	17	0



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SOCCER COURSES (DECEMBER)

There are still places available on some of our Christmas soccer courses, at the following venues. Book early to make sure of your place.

BISHOPS PARK

Stevenage Road SW6

Wednesday 22nd £10.00 10am-3pm

ROEHAMPTON PLAYING FIELDS

Doverhouse Road Putney

Wednesday 22nd £10.00 10am-3pm

WANDLE RECREATION CENTRE

Mapleton Road Wandsworth

Wednesday 22nd £10.00 10am-3pm

FULHAM TRAINING GROUND

Motspur Park Road Motspur Park

Tuesday 21st £10.00 10am-3pm

IMBER COURT

Ember Court Road East Molesey

Monday 20th £10.00 10am-3pm

AURIOL PARK

Salisbury Road Worcester Park

Monday 20th £10.00 10am-3pm

RAINBOW LEISURE CENTRE

East Street, Epsom

Mon 20th-Tue 21st **FULLY BOOKED**

COURT RECREATION GROUND

Pound Lane, Epsom

Tuesday 21st £10.00 10am-3pm

CORONATION PARK

Hersham Road, Hersham

Tuesday 21st £10.00 10am-3pm

GIRLS ONLY COURSES

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Pound Lane, Epsom

Monday 20th £5.00 10am-3pm

WANDLE RECREATION CENTRE

Mapleton Road, Wandsworth

Tuesday 21st £5.00 10am-3pm

THE COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF WISHING EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND OF COURSE A VERY GOOD NEW YEAR

Purely Academic by Alan Smith, Academy Director

The variety of work involved in being an Academy Director became increasingly apparent over the last four days. Starting on Friday and continuing through to Monday we have six coaches over from the Danish Football Association. They are currently taking their qualifications and have been using our Academy to learn some new ideas in coaching.



Our match on Saturday against Crystal Palace Under 19s finished with a 2-0 victory to us, with excellent goals from Elvis Hammond, bringing his total to 11 this season. Goalkeeper Anthony Tucker also made two outstanding saves. This, together with a combined overall brilliant performance, gave us 3 points. We have, in fact, played Crystal Palace on 5 different occasions since I have been at Fulham and each time won the game 1-0. This run was ended when Elvis scored our second goal in the 90th minute and this puts us back on top of the table as Arsenal lost 1-0 against Chelsea. On Friday, I met two agents dealing with our young players and whilst I have no objection to this as everyone needs professional advice, it did cross my mind why some of the questions were being asked could not

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have been dealt with by the players' parents. However, eventually, we were able to deal with the matter to everyone's satisfaction. After training on Friday, I had to deal with one of the players over a minor question of discipline and his father came to see me so that we could clearly explain how we felt the matter should be dealt with, and the conduct we expect from our players. I was grateful for the parents' assistance, and, coming from the both of us, put the matter in perspective in the young player's mind. Football and life were put into our context before our game on Saturday morning, when one of our young players, for whom I have the greatest respect, telephoned to say that his father had unexpectedly passed away the night before. I had known the father in question since I joined Fulham and whilst he was an ardent Chelsea supporter, we had always got on extremely well. I respected his quiet, unassuming manner and sense of humour when he stood behind me on the touchline at our games, both home and away. I can honestly say neither the father, nor for that fact, the

mother, ever interfered with decisions that I or any other members of staff made, and he never interfered with the boy's career, but gave him total support on the field. Their support was always there on the cold, wet, Saturday mornings, when there are only a handful of spectators and you are playing for your pride and trying to obtain a professional contract in the hard, tough world of sport. For me, it was a really sad

day and the match against Crystal Palace did not have its usual joy as life once more was put into perspective and I realised how lucky we were to do the jobs most people never have the chance to do. I will miss you and your comments Mick, but I suspect I will hear your words ringing in my ears during the games on Saturday and both the boys and Ann will have known somebody we all admire.

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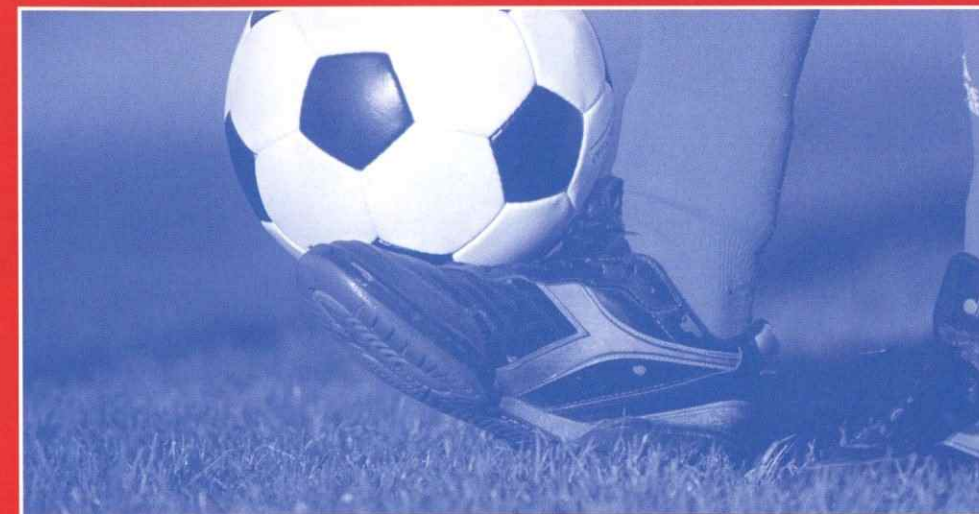
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Nationwide League Division 1

Correct up to and including Wed 8th Dec 1999

	Home					Away					
	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
HUDDERSFIELD	22	9	2	0	29	9	43	4	2	5	10
MAN CITY	22	8	0	3	22	9	42	5	3	3	10
CHARLTON	21	7	2	2	19	10	40	5	2	3	19
IPSWICH	22	8	1	2	22	11	39	3	5	3	15
BARNLEY	21	8	1	2	25	10	36	3	2	5	14
STOCKPORT	22	6	5	0	19	12	34	3	2	6	8
FULHAM	21	5	4	2	11	7	33	3	5	2	13
BIRMINGHAM	21	6	3	1	21	9	32	2	5	4	11
QPR	22	5	6	0	19	12	32	3	2	6	13
BOLTON	22	6	3	2	21	14	31	2	4	5	11
BLACKBURN	21	5	4	2	16	9	30	2	5	3	10
WOLVES	20	4	4	2	15	9	29	3	4	3	8
TRANMERE	22	6	1	3	11	8	28	1	6	4	8
NORWICH	21	6	1	3	11	8	28	1	6	4	8
WEST BROM	21	2	7	2	12	11	25	3	3	4	9
CRYSTAL PALACE	22	5	4	2	20	10	25	1	3	7	10
GRIMSBY	21	6	2	2	13	11	25	1	2	8	9
CREWE	21	4	3	3	9	8	23	2	2	7	13
PORT VALE	22	4	2	5	11	12	22	1	5	5	15
NOTTM FOREST	21	4	4	2	16	10	21	1	2	8	7
PORTSMOUTH	22	4	4	3	16	11	21	1	2	8	9
SHEFF UTD	22	4	3	4	15	13	21	1	3	7	10
WALSALL	22	2	4	5	9	14	19	2	3	6	10
SWINDON	22	2	5	4	11	18	17	1	3	7	5

Appearances & Goals 1999/2000

Correct up to and including Sat 4th Dec 1999

	League	Cups	Total	Fulham Career
Kevin Betsy	0+2	-	-	2+9
Rufus Brevett	17+1	-	-	91+1
Paul Brooker	-	-	-	18+51
Danny Cadamarteri	3+2	1	-	3+2
Lee Clark	20	-	6	26
Chris Coleman	21	2	6	27
Wayne Collins	0+7	1	1+1	0+8
Stan Collymore	3+3	-	1+2	4+5
Luke Cornwall	-	-	-	-
Sean Davis	12+4	-	2+2	14+6
Steve Finnan	11	1	5	16
Marcus Hahnemann	-	-	-	-
Barry Hayles	2+11	2	3+1	5+12
Steve Hayward	18+2	-	4+1	22+3
Geoff Horsfield	16+1	6	5	21+1
Stephen Hughes	3	-	1	4
Zatylah Knight	-	-	-	-
Steve McAnespie	-	-	-	-
Ian McGuckin	-	-	-	-
Andy Melville	15	-	5	20
Simon Morgan	10+1	-	4	14+1
Alan Neilson	4	1	0+1	4+1
Paul Peschisolido	10+4	4	3	13+4
Karl Heinz Riedle	8+3	3	-	8+4
Ian Selley	-	-	-	-
Kit Symons	17+1	2	3+1	20+2
Maik Taylor	21	-	6	27
Paul Trollope	12+5	-	4+1	16+6
Gus Uhlenbeek	8+2	-	1+1	9+3
Opponent og	1	1	1	2

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE

DATE	OPPONENTS	RES	POS	ATT
SAT AUG 7	BIRMINGHAM CITY	A	2-2	-
TUE AUG 10	NORTHAMPTON TOWN (W.CUP)	A	2-1	-
SAT AUG 14	MANCHESTER CITY	H	0-0	8
SAT AUG 21	GRIMSBY TOWN	A	1-1	16
TUE AUG 24	NORTHAMPTON TOWN (W.CUP)	H	3-1	16
SAT AUG 28	CHARLTON ATHLETIC (ALL TICKET)	H	2-1	8
MON AUG 30	WEST BROMICH ALBION	A	0-0	8
SAT SEPT 11	PORT VALE	A	2-0	6
TUE SEPT 14	NORWICH (W.CUP)	A	4-0	6
SAT SEPT 18	QPR (ALL TICKET)	H	1-0	5
TUE SEPT 21	NORWICH (W.CUP)	H	2-0	5
SAT SEPT 25	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	3-0	3
SAT OCT 2	NORWICH CITY	A	2-1	3
TUE OCT 12	WEST BROM (W.CUP)	A	2-1	3
SAT OCT 16	SWINDON TOWN	H	1-0	2
TUE OCT 19	WOLVES	H	0-1	2
SAT OCT 23	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A	1-1	2
TUE OCT 26	CREWE ALEXANDRA	A	1-1	3
SAT OCT 30	NORWICH CITY	H	1-1	6
SAT NOV 6	STOCKPORT COUNTY	A	1-2	8
TUE NOV 9	PORTSMOUTH	H	1-0	4
SAT NOV 13	BARNLEY (12PM)	H	1-3	6
SAT NOV 20	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A	0-2	8
TUE NOV 23	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	1-1	8
FRI NOV 26	WALSALL	A	3-1	5
WED DEC 1	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (W.CUP)	H	3-1	5
SAT DEC 4	BIRMINGHAM CITY (ALL TICKET)	H	0-0	7
SAT DEC 11	LUTON TOWN	H	F.A. CUP 3	
WED DEC 15	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	A		
SAT DEC 18	CRYSTAL PALACE	A		
SUN DEC 26	IPSWICH TOWN (ALL TICKET 12PM)	H		
TUE DEC 28	SHEFFIELD UNITED	A		
MON JAN 3	TRANMERE ROVERS (3PM)	H		
SAT JAN 8			F.A. CUP 4	
TUE JAN 11			WORTHINGTON CUP	
SUN JAN 16	MANCHESTER CITY (1PM SKY TV)	A		
SAT JAN 22	GRIMSBY TOWN	H		
TUE JAN 25			WORTHINGTON CUP	
FRI JAN 28	CHARLTON ATHLETIC (8PM SKY TV)	A		
SAT FEB 5	WEST BROMICH ALBION	H		
SAT FEB 12	PORTSMOUTH	A		
SAT FEB 19	WALSALL	H		
SAT FEB 26	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	A		
SUN FEB 27			WORTHINGTON CUP	
SAT MAR 4	PORT VALE	H		
TUE MAR 7	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H		
SAT MAR 11	BOLTON WANDERERS	A		
SAT MAR 18	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H		
TUE MAR 21	BARNLEY	A		
SAT MAR 25	IPSWICH TOWN	A		
SAT APR 1	CRYSTAL PALACE	H		
SUN APR 9	TRANMERE ROVERS (2PM)	A		
SAT APR 15	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H		
SAT APR 22	SWINDON TOWN	A		
MON APR 24	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H		
SAT APR 29	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	A		
SUN MAY 7	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H		

League Fixtures & Results

SEASON 1999/2000

KEY: GOAL SCORER-②, PLAYER REPLACED-R, SUB USED-*, OWN GOAL-●, BOOKED-b, SENT OFF-S

	TAYLOR	FINNAN	BREVETT	MELVILLE	COLEMAN	MORGAN	DAVIS	CLARK	HORSFIELD	COLLYMORE	HUGHES	HAHNEMANN	HAYWARD	PESCHISOLIDO	TROLLOPE	NEILSON
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TAYLOR	FINNAN	BREVETT	MELVILLE	COLEMAN	MORGAN	TROLLOPE	CLARK	HORSFIELD	PESCHISOLIDO	DAVIS	HAHNEMANN	UHLNBECK	HAYWARD	BETSY	SYMONS	
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Fulham Top Scorers 1999/2000

Geoff Horsfield	11
Paul Peschisolido	6
Barry Hayles	4

Fulham Average Gate 1999/2000

12,771

The Fizz by Dennis Turner



Finn had been sidelined with a knee ligament injury which limited his ability to turn sharply and to kick, obviously two vital components of a game of football.

Last weekend's game against Birmingham saw a welcome return to first team action for both Steve Finnan and Paul Peschisolidi. Finn had been sidelined with a knee ligament injury which limited his ability to turn sharply and to kick, obviously two vital

components of a game of football. It was pleasing, therefore, to see him complete 90 minutes without any reaction after a relatively lengthy absence. Pesch also returned after a week in the treatment room with a hamstring strain. With a week's full training now behind him Pesch will have hopefully have regained any of the fitness and sharpness he may have lost over the last month or so.

Enjoy the game.

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Captain Cookie

Welcome back to Craven Cottage for today's game and we want a repeat of the Tottenham performance and not the one against Birmingham City. We never really got going last Saturday. You can blame the conditions and the exertions of the Spurs game, but we know that we have to play a lot better if we are to be successful in the league. The only positive notes were that we kept our first clean sheet for six games and that Finns came back for his first game in two months.

The game was in complete contrast to the Wednesday night when the Cottage was absolutely buzzing after we showed once again that we can compete with the Premiership big boys. Geoff once again stole the headlines but there were some great performances all through the team and I would like to mention Barry, Wayne and Rufus, in particular.

As I am writing these notes, Kevin Ball is undergoing a medical with a view to joining the club and he will

add experience and know-how to the side. With Melv and Clarky already here from Sunderland we might have to change our kit to red and white striped shirts. You won't find any of us taking Luton lightly. We remember only too well the way they outplayed us the last time they came to the Cottage. We made some amends at Kenilworth Road in March but we definitely do owe them one still. We've really enjoyed our exploits in the cup over the past couple of seasons, and

we want some more experiences like Southampton, Aston Villa and Tottenham, so we know what we have to do today. Of course, it's not just us in FA Cup action this weekend. Fulham Ladies play their Third Round FA Cup tie tomorrow at Motspur Park and it would be great if both Fulham sides make it as far as possible in the cups. As this is the last home match before Christmas, on behalf of all of the players,

I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas. And, let's hope that by the time we're back here on Boxing Day we will be through to the Fourth Round of the FA Cup and have six points from two very tough away games at Nottingham Forest and Crystal Palace.



Today's Mascots



Name: Jean-Andre Prager

Age: 6

School: Eaton House

Favourite hobbies & Interests: Art, Music and Fulham

Favourite Player: Pesch & Maik Taylor

Ambition: A Doctor



Name: William Chipperton

Age: 8

School: Auriol Junior

Favourite hobbies & Interests: Football & Tennis

Favourite Player: Geoff Horsfield

Favourite sports Person: Tim Henman

Ambition: Tennis Player or Footballer

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Saturday 11th December 1999

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FA Cup 3rd Round



Fulham Luton

Final Score _____

Half Time _____

Scorers _____

Yellow Cards _____

Red Cards _____

Attendance _____



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Maik Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nathan Abbey
Steve Finnan	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gavin McGowan
Rufus Brevett	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Efetobore Sodje
Andy Melville	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew Spring
Chris Coleman (C)	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alan White
Kit Symons	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marvin Johnson
Paul Trollope	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	Phil Gray
Lee Clark	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul McLaren
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Steve McAnespie	<input type="checkbox"/>	22	<input type="checkbox"/>	Daniel Tate
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Reading	v	Plymouth
Norwich	v	Coventry
Nottm Forest	v	Oxford
Wigan	v	Wolves
West Brom	v	Blackburn
Charlton	v	Swindon
Hull	v	Chelsea
Chester	v	Man City
Walsall	v	Gillingham
Sheff Wed	v	Bristol City
Tranmere	v	West Ham
Watford	v	Birmingham
QPR	v	Torquay
Wimbledon	v	Barnsley
Preston	v	Oldham
Crewe	v	Bradford
Exeter	v	Everton
Sunderland	v	Portsmouth
Grimsby	v	Stockport
Wrexham	v	Middlesbrough
Hereford	v	Leicester
Derby	v	Burnley
Bolton	v	Cardiff
Aston Villa	v	Darlington

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