

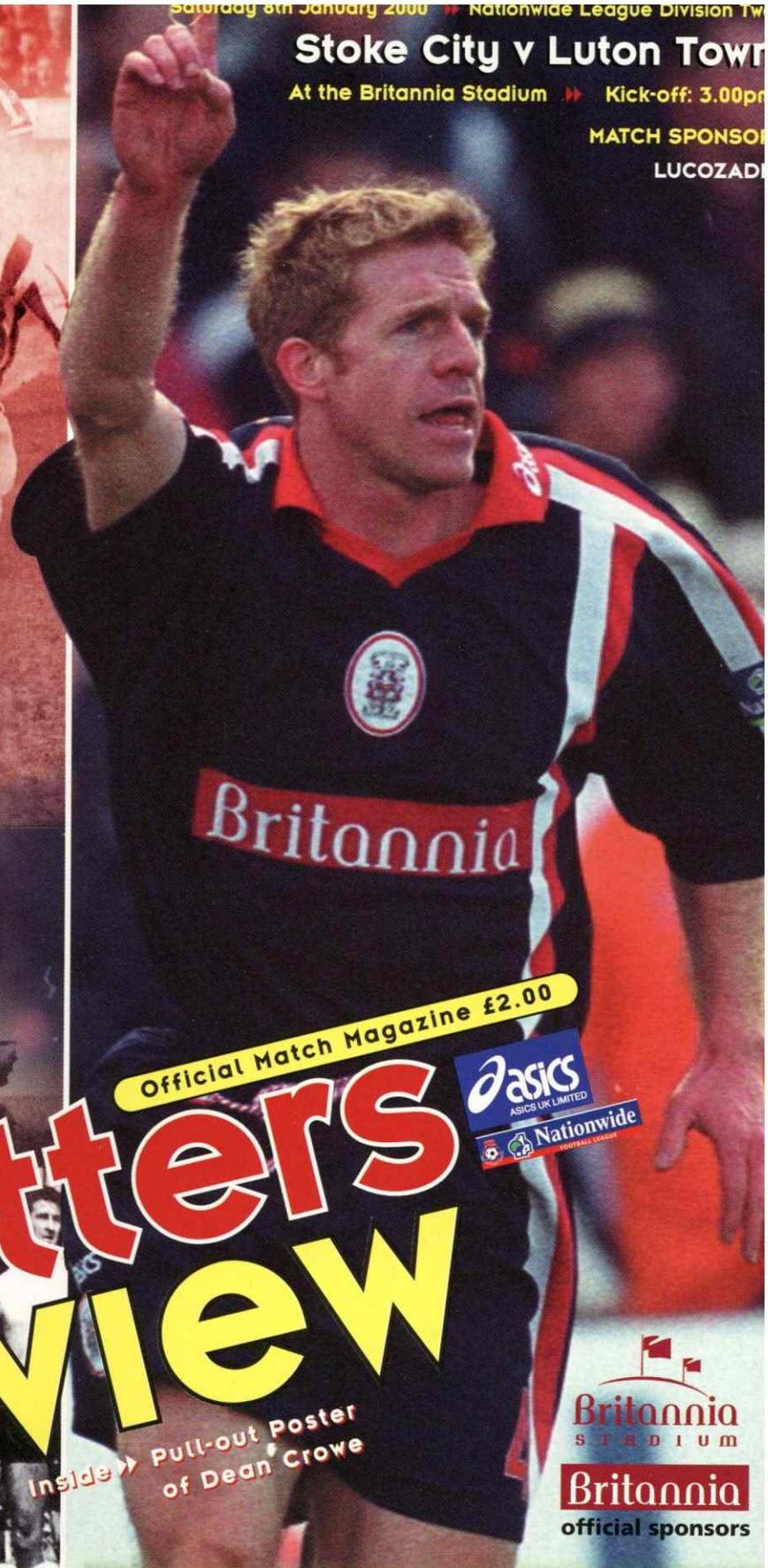
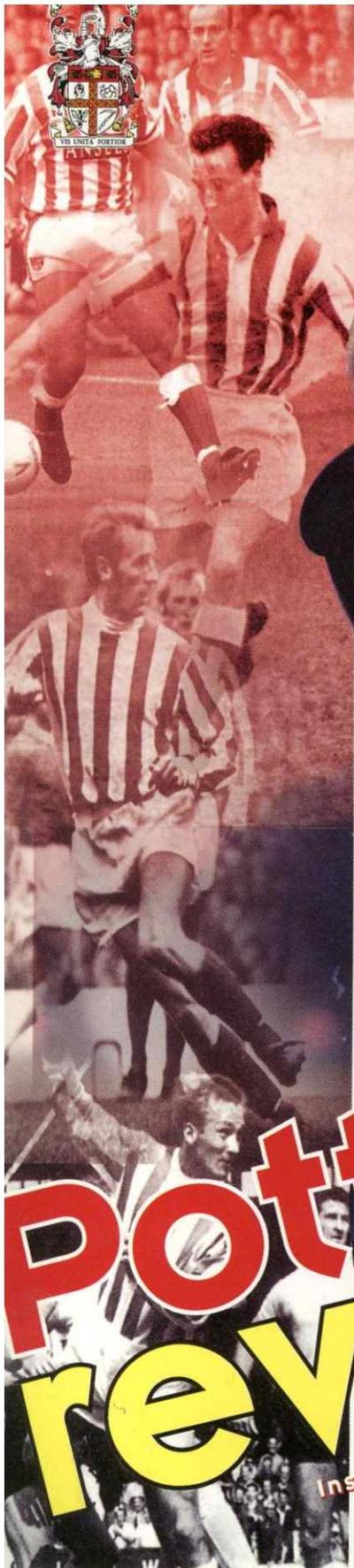
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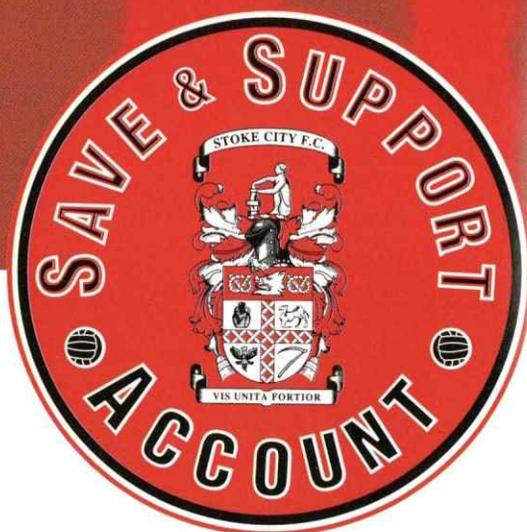
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TODAY we welcome Luton to the Britannia Stadium for our first home game of the new Millennium.

The Hatters visit on such an historic occasion is appropriate, considering some of the exciting and goal-laden clashes put on by the two teams in the latter part of the last century.

Who could forget the memorable 4-4 draw at the old Victoria Ground in September 1982, rated as one of Match of the Days games of that season, or our 5-0 win in November 1995 after four goals in the last 15 minutes?

That victory was revenge for our 6-2 defeat at Kenilworth Road two years earlier after leading 2-0! and if one thing seems to be almost guaranteed when we meet it is goals.

Today the most important factor is the three points as we look to build on the good work of the holiday period. The 0-0 home draw with Oldham on Christmas Bank Holiday Tuesday was disappointing, but excellent away wins either side of that at Blackpool on Boxing Day and at Brentford on Monday mean we go into the New Year in good shape and with every hope of challenging for promotion.

Luton, too, showed some stability and form over the long festive spread after having the stuffing knocked out of their FA Cup hopes just before Christmas.

The Hatters could have been otherwise engaged at Kenilworth Road this afternoon, taking on Wimbledon in an FA Cup Fourth Round tie, had they not crashed 3-0 at home to Fulham in a third round replay after a creditable 2-2 draw at Craven Cottage.

Those results were arguably symptomatic of the consistency boss Lennie Lawrence is finding difficult to coax from his largely young and up-and-coming side and Luton remain enigmatic, capable of beating anyone on their day but struggling against anyone if it is not.

A 1-1 home draw with rock-bottom Chesterfield on Boxing Day was nothing to enthuse about, but The Hatters rallied from that to force a creditable 0-0 draw against improving Bristol City two days later and whipped Scunthorpe 4-1 at Kenilworth Road on Monday in one of their best displays of the season.

Luton's form at home in the league has been good, with seven wins and only one defeat in 12 games, but it is away where their lack of experience has been found wanting with just two away wins (at Reading in August and the last at Oxford in October), two draws (at Bristol and at Notts County on the opening day of the campaign), and eight defeats, with only five goals scored in those 12 matches.

It is possible to argue that Town's greatest battle this season has already been won. In August, after a turbulent few months and a

summer of uncertainty during which plans for a new stadium were rejected by planners and the government, the very future of the club seemed to be in doubt with debts of nearly three million pounds and the liquidators poised to move in.

Former chairman David Kohler had already announced his intention to resign and without a saviour it looked as though Luton could go to the wall until local haulage contractor Cliff Bassett took control.

Bassett, a director, was one of those owed money by the club and his guarantees were sufficient to keep the receivers at bay, and while it remains to be seen whether he will stay in control for the longer-term, his presence now is at least allowing Luton important breathing space.

Not surprisingly, in such a climate Lennie Lawrence is pursuing a youth production policy which is already reaping dividends. Liam George, 21 next month, tops the Hatters scoring charts with 12 goals, while Sunderland and Leeds are already believed to have checked out versatile young Irish attacker/defender Gary Doherty, 19, while Matthew Springs two goals against Scunthorpe will inevitably have stirred further interest among the clutch of Premiership clubs said to be tailing him.

Lawrence is not under pressure to sell while Luton still have a chance of promotion and regaining the First Division place they lost four seasons ago. The former Charlton and Middlesbrough boss is now into his fifth year in charge after taking over in December 1995, but promotion back to Division One is proving difficult though the Hatters went close with a play-off semi final defeat in 1997.

Luton's history has been chequered since they joined the Football League in 1897. They failed to gain re-election three years later and dropped out until rejoining the old Third Division in 1920.

The majority of their early history was spent in Divisions Three and Two until promotion to the old First Division in 1955. The five-year spell which followed, including an FA Cup final appearance in 1959, was their best until the 1980's when, under David Pleat, they rose again to the old First Division before Pleat's successor John Moore now youth coach at the club took them to their highest-ever league position of 7th and then Ray Harford led them to a Football League Cup win in 1988 and runners-up a year later.

Happy Birthday to Catherine Bennett who is 18 today. Best wishes from all your friends and family in the North Stand.

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Wigan Athletic	1417
Scunthorpe	753
Reading	567
Wrexham	522
Notts County	766
Bristol City	873
Darlington (AWS)	118
Colchester United	258
Bristol Rovers	1090
Oldham Athletic	871
Stoke City Away following	
Macclesfield (W'gton)	972
Preston NE	1795
Burnley	1225
Cambridge	644
Chesterfield	1427
Sheffield Wednesday	2752
Wrexham	1582
Bournemouth	1033
Cardiff City	531
Blackpool	2400
Bury	1346
Wycombe	573
Oxford United	1192
Blackpool	2050
Brentford	1230

CHANGE OF FIXTURE DATE

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IS there a phobia in the dressing room about the Britannia Stadium? The question was raised again after we failed to beat Oldham here eleven days ago, and I can assure everyone the answer is NO.

Another home draw was obviously disappointing, especially after our great win at Blackpool on Boxing Day two days earlier, but there is definitely no complex among the lads about playing at home. We are as mystified as anyone else by our back to front results so far this season. Our away record is second to none and better than most of the other teams home records including some of those in the promotion chase - yet our results at the Brit have been nothing to shout about.

Why? Who knows, but we do know our knack of regularly winning away makes our home form look even poorer. In any other circumstances seven points from the three holiday games was a decent return and one we may well have settled for beforehand, but the inability to win another home match nagged at everyone. I've been asked about it and the lads have talked about it. As I say, we are all confident there is nothing in it and by the end of the season things will have sorted themselves out and our home record will look a lot more impressive.

But one theory we can knock on the head right now is that we have a fear of playing in front of large numbers of our own fans. This is nonsense because we have one of the best away followings in the league, and always noisy, and if we had that sort of problem then we wouldn't be winning away either.

Our support at Blackpool on Boxing Day and at Brentford on Monday was terrific and we won both games. We are the envy of most other clubs in this league because of the size of our away support and whereas other teams might take two or three hundred fans with them we take two thousand. So our Brit form is nothing to do with that.

We approach every game the same way home or away. We are always confident of playing well and getting the right result.

If there is a difference it's the fact that other teams love to come and play at the Britannia. It is a superb stadium and some players treat their trip here as the Wembley of their season and

raise their game accordingly. That is what we have to come to grips with. Having said that, no-one could ever pretend the Oldham match was a classic. It was one of those days when both teams cancelled each other out and put the game in a stranglehold. Nothing much happened and what did was very average.

It was in many ways a typical Division Two contest and the sense of anti-climax was probably aggravated by the delayed kick-off.

I've been on a couple of team coaches in the past at Notts County and Huddersfield when we've been stuck in traffic and had to get changed on the bus on the way to a ground in order to be ready to kick-off on time. But I've never known a game be put back nearly an hour because of traffic jams.

When we first heard Oldham were stuck in that massive jam on the M6 there was talk the match might have to be cancelled altogether. No one seemed to know whether they would be one, two or even three hours late and players who had reported to the ground at 1.30pm to begin their usual pre-match routines found themselves hanging around.

Most went to the Players Lounge to read or watch TV and generally relax while waiting for further news. Anyway, at 2.20pm it was finally announced the match would start at 3.45pm and preparations began again. Obviously, something as unusual as that affects everyone. Not so much mentally, but physically because players eat at a certain time earlier in the day to ensure they reach an energy peak between 3pm and 5pm and all the calculations are therefore thrown out by a delayed kick-off.

So here's hoping for a prompt start to our first home game of 2000 and, of course, the right result so we can begin to banish this myth about the Britannia! Enjoy the match.



THE VIEWS OF GUDJON THORDARSON...

I am still looking in to the strengths and weaknesses of the group

SEVEN points from our three holiday games was not a bad return, and possibly one we would have settled for beforehand, but with hindsight not entirely satisfactory. Wins at Blackpool and Brentford, especially Brentford, were encouraging, but the result and performance which disappointed me was the draw with Oldham.

Once again, it seemed as though we just could not get going at home. I still cannot understand why we should be having so much trouble winning at home and it is something I am looking in to.

If we are to mount a serious promotion bid then our form at the Britannia Stadium has got to be a fundamental part of that and when I first came here I looked around a magnificent ground and thought it would be.

But so far it has not been, and if that doesn't change we will struggle to keep pace with the leading clubs and it already looks like Preston and Wigan are pulling away with Wigan especially now looking very strong indeed.

We are about to enter a very important period. After today, our next four games are all against rivals in the promotion race and that speaks for itself. It is absolutely imperative that we get results from those games and, as two of them are at home, the need to sort out our form here is vital.

Having said that, the only fixture which interests me this afternoon is Luton. I anticipate this being a difficult game, as all are in this division, and we need the three points.

We can at least go into the match encouraged by our victory at Brentford on Monday. That was an acid test for us against another side in the promotion picture and we came through it well.

Today we may have a new face in the side, Brynjar Gunnarsson. The fact that we have paid a club record 600,000 to bring Brynjar here has been widely reported in the local media, as has my high regard for the talents of a player who is an established Icelandic international and who played for me many times when I was in charge of the national team.

Brynjar's considerable ability has long been appreciated by myself and I am sure will quickly be appreciated by our fans. He is a good player and a good character and I am very happy he chose to sign for us.

I know Stoke City has not been used to signing players for this sort of money in recent times, but if we are looking to bring in people of Brynjar's quality then those are the sort of prices we have to pay.

It was reported in the media that I am ready to spend more money if necessary. On this issue, I feel it is important to stress that I would do that but ONLY if I feel those players are better than what we already have here.

I am still looking in to the strengths and weaknesses of the group overall. There is no need to rush new players in and no point in spending for the sake of it. It has to be done with the aim of improving the group, and I want to work with what I have here for as long as possible to try to get the best out of them and give them a decent opportunity to show me what they are capable of doing.

Some areas of the team are good, other areas are giving me plenty to think about and is a case of pinpointing where we can improve.

Brynjar will improve us, and his arrival represents a very good deal indeed for the club because English players of the same quality are much more expensive than those from

Scandinavia. That is more or less the reason why our signings so far have been Scandinavian.

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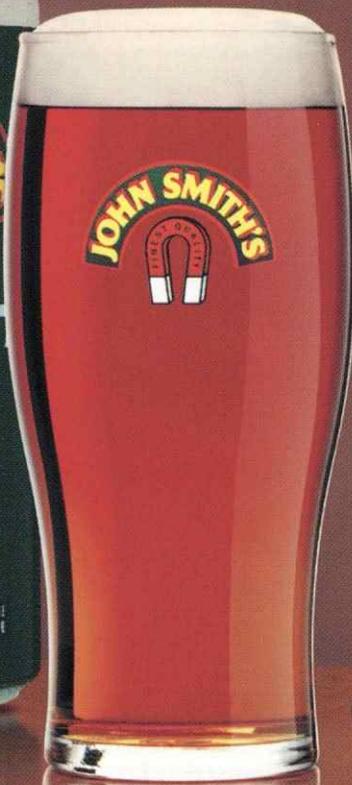
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BOLTON DOUBLE SWOOP They paid Everton £400,000 for midfielder Gareth Farrelly and took defender John O'Kane on a free transfer from Goodison Park.

BARNSELY Signed Nottingham Forest defender Steve Chettle on a free transfer and paid Blackburn £100,000 for 19 year old central defender Keith Brow.

BRISTOL ROVERS Paid £100,000 to Skonta Riga for Vitaus Astaf Jevs.

MANCHESTER CITY Joe Royle signed midfielder Tony Grant from Everton for £450,000.

GILLINGHAM Signed Ty Gooden and Iffy Onuora from Swindon Town on loan with a view to a quick permanent deal.

BRENTFORD Extended the loan deals of Neil Clement (Chelsea) and Patrick Agyemang (Wimbledon).

FORTHCOMING LIVE GAMES ON SKY SPORTS

SUNDAY 9TH
Manchester City v Leeds (FA Cup 4th rd)
TUESDAY 12TH
Worthington Cup Semi final

FRIDAY 14TH
Stoke City v Preston NE
SUNDAY 16TH
Man City v Fulham
FRIDAY 21ST
Swindon v Crystal Palace
Friday 28th
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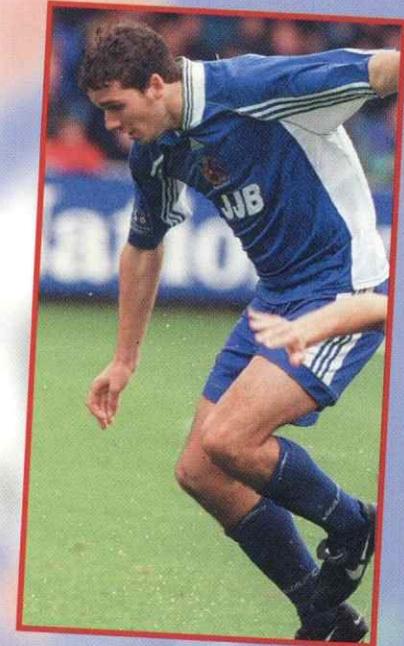
TODAYS OTHER FIXTURES
NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Bournemouth v Notts County
Chesterfield v Brentford
Colchester v Bristol Rovers
Millwall v Wycombe
Reading v Blackpool

PETERBOROUGH UNITED Sold highly rated youngsters striker Matthew Etherington (England U18 International) and midfielder Simon Davies (Welsh U21) in a joint £1.2 million deal to Spurs. There are add ons depending on appearances.

WALSALL Signed fromer Leeds striker Jamie Forrester from Dutch side FC Utrecht until the end of the season. Midfielder Tom Bennett (pictured) also arrived at the Bescot Stadium on a months loan from Stockport County

WOLVES Extended the loan of Everton striker Michael Branch (21) until 22 Jan but hope to clinch a £500,000 per.ament deal by this weekend



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The Stoke City manager Gudjon Thordarson is still a mystery man to most supporters - the former Icelandic team manager who saw the Britannia Stadium, when he came to run the rule over Larus Sigurdsson, and decided that he wanted to

become manager of the Potters. Gudjon was a guest on Rick Bailey's "Midweek Sport" on BBC Radio Stoke recently, when he talked about his life inside and outside football;

GT: I was born in Akranes. I played over 400 matches for my home town club, which was my only club in 15 years as a player. I began playing in the first team when I was 16 and I managed to win everything with the club - five or six championships - five cups - and we even did well in Europe against famous clubs like Dynamo Kiev and Barcelona I decided to give up playing when I was 31, and became the Akranes manager.

RB: It's rare for any player to show that much loyalty to one club?

GT: It was rare, even at that time in Iceland. I had opportunities to play in Reykjavik and in Scandinavia, but I decided to stay at home. I had a family, so I wasn't on my way

Gudjon Thordarson

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anywhere. Akranes was a small town - only 5,400 people - but it had been a big club in Iceland for fifty years.

RB: Let's go back to your childhood. Was it happy?

GT: Very happy. My father was the captain on a fishing boat. My mother was raised in the country. It was a tough life - they were hard-working people. I worked with my father on the boat for two summers when I was 14 and 15 - it was a close decision whether I became a footballer or a seaman.

RB: Any brothers or sisters?

GT: Two sisters, two years and four years older than I am, so I was the baby.

RB: Did you enjoy school?

GT: In a way, but I had other things on my mind. I qualified as an electrician and got a diploma, to say I'd qualified to run my own business as an electrician before I became a full-time manager ten years ago.

RB: What was your first management job?

GT: I managed Akranes when I retired as a player, but it didn't work out - I was too close to the board and to the players. It was difficult for some people to accept that I'd just been a player, and now I was in charge, so I moved to the Akureyri in

northern Iceland. People thought I was crazy - not for the first time. Akureyri had never been higher than sixth in the first division, but in my first season we won the championship. In the mean time, my old club, Akranes, had been relegated to the second division, and they asked me to return as manager.

RB: Had the two years away from the town helped people to accept you as a manager, rather than a former player?

GT: Yes. And I changed everything completely. We trained more. We worked harder.

I would hope to be in a position to go for a decent run in the Premier League

I brought in lots of young players. In the first year we were Second Division champions. The following year we won the league championship and the year after that the league and cup double. I then moved to KR in Reykjavik where we won the cup twice, before I returned to Akranes a second time, when we did the league and cup double again.

RB: How ruthless are you as a manager?

GT: It's like playing a piano. It depends on the situation how noisy it can be or how nice it can be. I proved to myself, and to the people around me, that my ideas worked. Football is all about team spirit and you have to build it from the kit manager, to the lady who does the washing, to me.

RB: Tell us about your time as the Icelandic National coach.

GT: I found a suitable system for the team. We stopped giving silly goals away and kept clean sheets. The stronger nations found difficulties against our defence - for example France, Ukraine and Russia. Russia just beat us 1-0. When we played France last October, we came from 2-0 down to equalise - and you couldn't hear a single sound.

RB: You have a five year contract with Stoke. Where do you hope and expect the club to be in five years' time?

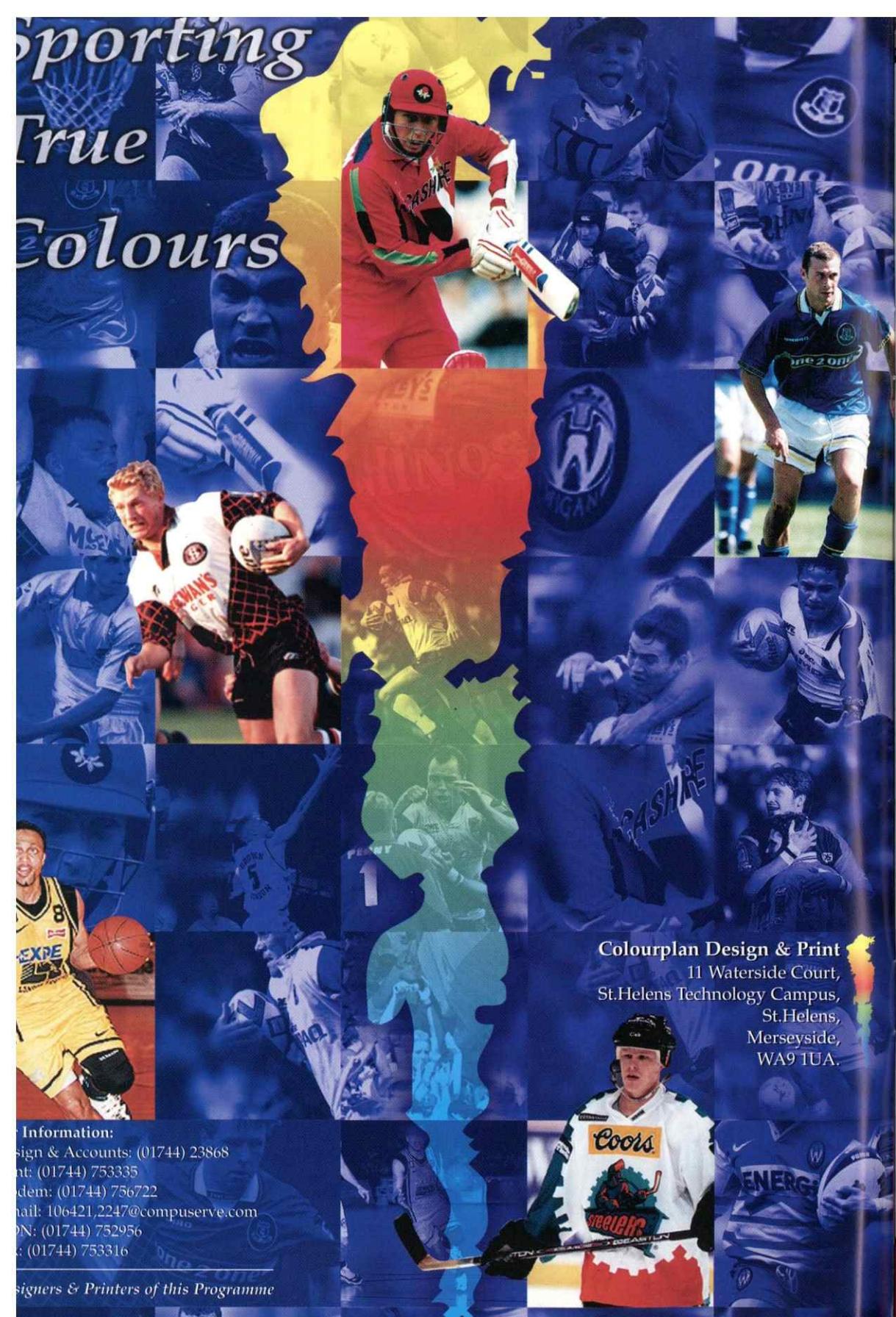
GT: It's difficult to say. We have a big need for better training facilities. We need two maybe three new players. The money for new players has to come from the new owners - and from the spectators. I hope we will be in the play-offs next spring, although it might take longer. After one or two years in the first division, I would hope to be in a position to go for a decent run in the Premier League, so that's the final destination.



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Potters Diary

THURSDAY 23 DECEMBER
Norwegian U21 International defender Frode Kippe (21) arrives on a months loan from Liverpool. He was signed from Lillestrom 18 months ago for £700,000 in a deal which could rise to £2million depending on appearances.

FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER
It is revealed that Icelandic International Brynjar Bjorn Gunnarsson has been in talks over the past 48 hours after the club gained permission to speak to the player from his Swedish side Orgryte IS. The 24 year old utility player who can figure in defence or midfield has played 21 times for his country and has interested clubs in Germany and France. No deal can be agreed before the Christmas fixtures.

SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER
Our sixth win from 11 league trips comes in a 2-1 win over Blackpool before 2000 jubilant travelling supporters. First half goals from Phil Robinson and Graham Kavanagh clinch the points. Manager Gudjon Thordarson reflected afterwards: "The performance wasn't that good, but the main thing was the three points which keeps us in touch with the top teams."

MONDAY 27 DECEMBER
Gudjon Thordarson fears transfer target Brynjar

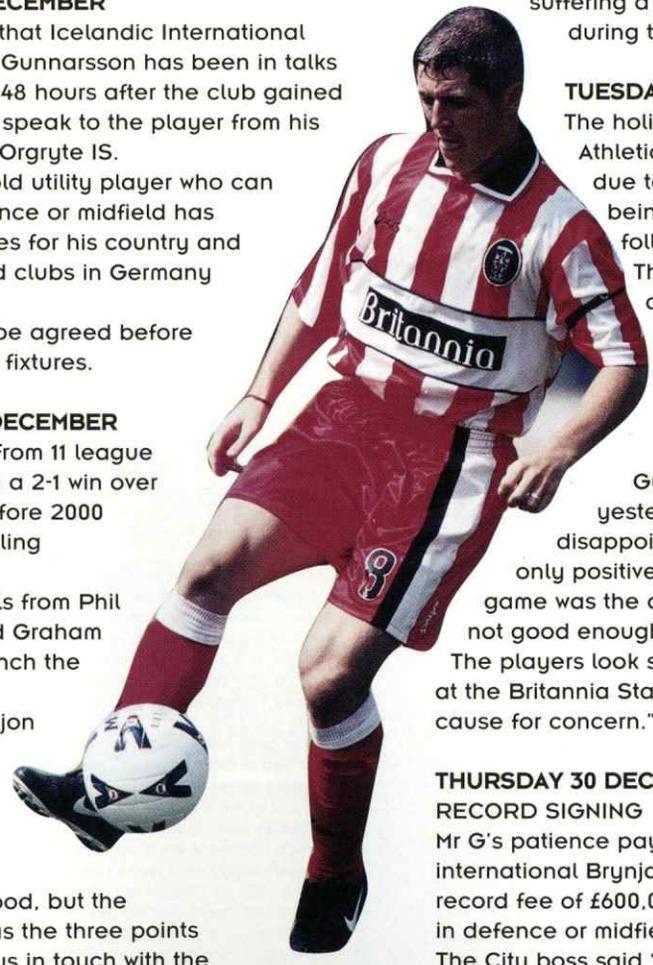
Gunnarsson is slipping through his fingers after becoming embroiled in a three club price war. He revealed that the players previous club Valerenga of Norway still own 50 per cent of him and that Swedish side Orgryte had suddenly upped the asking price because of this.

Nicky Mohan is an early doubt for tomorrow's home clash with Oldham Athletic after suffering a tightening of a hamstring during the win at Blackpool.

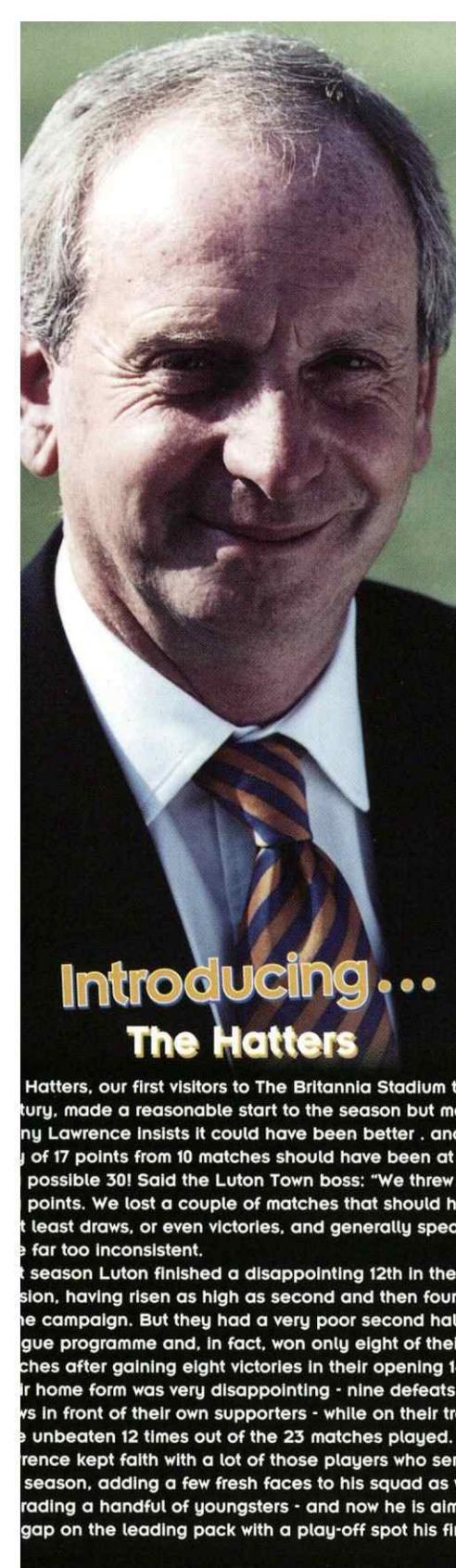
TUESDAY 28 DECEMBER
The holiday fixture with Oldham Athletic kicks off 45 minutes late due to the visitors team coach being trapped on the M6 following a 9 vehicle pile up. The game itself ends in a disappointing 0-0 draw for the 13,709 crowd. The result leaves us still in eighth place in the league table.

WEDNESDAY 29 DECEMBER
Gudjon Thordarson reflects on yesterdays result; "I'm very disappointed" he complained "The only positive thing to come out of this game was the clean sheet, our home form is not good enough, it's difficult to explain. The players look scared when they are playing at the Britannia Stadium, and that gives me cause for concern."

THURSDAY 30 DECEMBER
RECORD SIGNING
Mr G's patience pays off when Icelandic international Brynjar Gunnarsson signs for a club record fee of £600,000. The 24 year old can play in defence or midfield. The City boss said "I know the player very well both from Iceland and the national team, so I know what I am buying." The player becomes City's first major cash signing since Kyle Lightbourne in February 1998.



■ Graham Kavanagh goal scorer at Blackpool



Introducing... The Hatters

Hatters, our first visitors to The Britannia Stadium this century, made a reasonable start to the season but manager Kevin Lawrence insists it could have been better, and that the tally of 17 points from 10 matches should have been at least 20 or possibly 30! Said the Luton Town boss: "We threw away some points. We lost a couple of matches that should have resulted in at least draws, or even victories, and generally speaking we were far too inconsistent. Last season Luton finished a disappointing 12th in the Second Division, having risen as high as second and then fourth early on in the campaign. But they had a very poor second half to their league programme and, in fact, won only eight of their last 32 matches after gaining eight victories in their opening 14! Our home form was very disappointing - nine defeats and four draws in front of their own supporters - while on their travels they were unbeaten 12 times out of the 23 matches played. Lawrence kept faith with a lot of those players who served the club last season, adding a few fresh faces to his squad as well as signing a handful of youngsters - and now he is aiming to close the gap on the leading pack with a play-off spot his first objective.

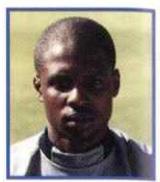


LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

THE PLAYERS

Nathan "Tanny" Abbey.

The goalkeeper and his manager agreed at the end of last season that Tanny needed a move to further his career. For two years he had been waiting in the wings, as understudy to Kelvin Davis, and for all his potential Abbey had few first-team chances. So he left Luton to join a club in Antwerp, but the deal went wrong. By the time he came back to England



Luton had sold Davis to Wimbledon - the receivers thought £600,000 plus £200,000 more on appearances was too good to turn down - so Abbey returned to Kenilworth Road in the hope of becoming No. 1 five years after joining The Hatters as a YTS boy.

Emmerson Boyce.

One of the many to come through from Luton's schools and youth development programme, the defender was signed as a YTS boy in the summer of 1995, and graduated to the first team squad after a debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999. By the end of the season he was a regular in the squad, but made only one start in the league, and came into this campaign looking for better than a regular place on the subs' bench.

Gary Doherty

Big and brave, Doherty is a centre-half who can also operate as a centre-forward. He played in central defence for the Luton team which won the South East Counties League championship last season. He became a temporary striker to help an injury crisis, and did well enough to make the switch permanent. And he is making an impact on a bigger stage too: after being capped at youth level he has already been on the subs' bench for the Republic of Ireland.

Stuart Douglas

A real hotshot in youth and reserve team football, Douglas was a 17 year old trainee when he made his league debut for Luton against Oldham in 1995, he had to battle to overcome injuries before winning a regular place in Luton's league side last season in which he played 50 games.



Stuart Fraser

Stylish defender and skipper of the Luton Youth team which ran away with the South East Counties League championship last season. Reckoned by the Luton coaching staff to be an outstanding prospect, he was given his league debut against Carlisle, in a 3-2 win, on the final day of the 1997-98 season and within a year he was competing hard with the redoubtable Mitchell Thomas for the left back spot

Liam George

Full of pace and nimble footwork, striker George was well set a year ago to clinch a league place after impressing as a constant scorer in Luton's youth and reserve teams. A regular member of the Republic of Ireland squad that progressed to the European youth championships final in the summer of 1998, George had made his league debut against Bristol City in September 1997, and started last season as an established first choice. But he broke a leg at Wigan a year ago and the season was nearly over by the time he had recovered.

Phil Gray

Signed by Luton for the second time in September 1997, the Northern Ireland striker hopes to get in a full season after being hit by a succession of injuries. He was in Spurs reserves when David Pleat, ex-boss at White Hart Lane, and then in his second spell as Luton manager, splashed out £275,000 for him in August 1991. Two years later he moved on to Premiership football with Sunderland, for £800,000 and after three years at Roker went to Nancy in France, and then Fortuna Sittard in Holland. He needed little encouragement to return to Kenilworth Road in exchange for £400,000, and having

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rediscovered his goal touch was recalled to the Northern Ireland squad in November.

Harvin Johnson

Longest-serving player at Kenilworth Road, Johnson is a versatile defender, normally a centre-half but capable of filling in on the flanks or in midfield. Johnson is starting his 12th season as a first-team regular at Luton, his only club. Injuries have been a problem, but he has always bounced back and is now a fixture and skipper of the team he joined as a schoolboy.

Gavin McGowan

A right back fighting for the Premiership place against very stiff competition at Arsenal, McGowan signed for Luton for the third time in June 1998. The first two were loan deals, one in March 1997 ending prematurely through injury. He re-joined Luton on loan again for three months, at the start of the 1997/98 season. Lennie Lawrence rated him, but could not afford to make an offer, and was delighted to conclude a quick deal a year later when Arsenal offered the defender a free transfer.

Michael Ndindoe

Made his debut for Luton's senior side last season when injuries hit three players above him in the pecking order for the wide left-midfield slot. He joined Luton as a YTS boy after



leaving school, and was part of their youth team which won the South East Counties League championship and the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup in the 1997/98 season. He made his first team debut in the Worthington Cup first round victory over Oxford United a year ago.

Paul McLaren

The midfielder was still a schoolboy when Luton realised that he had enough talent and strength to play regularly in their youth team. A YTS offer was a formality, and he was offered pro terms while still only 17. Forceful and always ready to back up attacks, he soon became a regular after a 1994 debut.

Efetobore Sodje

It was second time lucky for the defender and Luton Town when he signed at the start of this season, after declining to accept a new contract at Macclesfield, who had just been relegated back to Division Three. British, but qualifying for Nigeria, where he spent much of his boyhood, "Effy" came back to England in 1994 to try his luck in the Football League. Luton were interested but then manager David Pleat advised the young hopeful to join neighbouring Stevenage Borough, and then come back 12 months later. But Sodje did so well in the Conference that Stevenage declined to let him go. He helped Stevenage to the Conference championship, and then moved to Macclesfield for £30,000, playing a major role as they came up from the Conference and won Third Division promotion in their first season.

Matthew Taylor

When Luton were in receivership throughout the summer, players had to be sold or given away to save money, while severe restrictions were imposed on new



recruits. So once more Luton had to look at the young talent coming up through the ranks, and midfielder Taylor, though still only 17, was given his chance. Impressive performance in pre-season friendlies saw him leap from youth team to league squad.

and after helping Luton win the South East Counties championship last season he started this with a league debut on opening day, at Notts County.

Julian Watts

Signed on a month's loan from Bristol City at the start of the season, and keen to get his career moving again after falling out of favour at Ashton Gate. Rotherham gave the defender his first taste of league football, and it was ambition achieved when he signed for the home town club he supported, Sheffield Wednesday. Changes in managers have not helped his progress: Trevor Francis bought him for Wednesday, but new manager David Pleat sold him off to Leicester for £200,000 in 1996.

Two years later he left Filbert Street as a Bosman, and John Ward signed him for Bristol City. Three months later, Ward was out, and soon afterwards so was Watts, with neither of the two City managers since Ward wanting to keep him, and Watts jumped at the chance of first-team football with Luton.

Landry Zahana-Oni

Signed by Lennie Lawrence in January 1999, from Bromley, of the Ryman Premier League, Zahana-Oni had attracted the interest of several other league clubs with his abilities as an old fashioned left winger. A French national, he had six years with Le Havre before crossing the Channel to try to make the grade in British football. He spent eight months at Stirling Albion before joining Bromley, and Luton paid £25,000, with more to follow depending on the player's progress. Luton record to the start of this season: 8 appearances, no goals.

Neil Midgley

Currently on loan from Ipswich Town the striker made his Luton debut last Saturday in the 4-2 victory over Oxford United. Top scorer in the reserves at Portman Road last season.

In Brief...



a.. The ten goals Joe Payne scored for Luton in the 12-0 win over Bristol Rovers in 1936 remains a Football League individual record for one match. Unfortunately, Paynes name did not even appear in the programme he was a late replacement.



b.. Luton's youngest-ever player, Mike O'Hara, made his debut on Oct 1 1960 aged 16 years and 32 days...against Stoke.



c.. Former Macclesfield defender Efetobore Sodje misses today's game for two reasons. He would have been serving a suspension, but the Greenwich-born 27-year-old is away with the Nigerian squad for the African Nations Cup.



d.. Phil Gray, who cost 400,000 from Sunderland in 1997, was Luton's last major cash outlay. Boss Lennie Lawrence can, if he wishes, put out a team which cost



nothing in fees thanks to their youth policy. e.. Town's record fee received remains the bumper 2.5million cheque from Arsenal in January 1995 for John Hartson.



f.. Goals guaranteed...the 14 league games between the two clubs at Stoke have produced 46 goals, an average of over three per match.

Potters v Hatters



Hatters' Goals For & Against

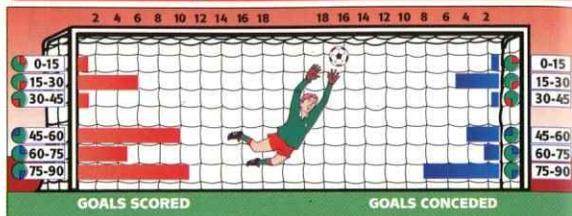


Hatters' Hard Men

- McLaren 4
 - Watts 4
 - Fraser 3
 - Locke 3
 - Spring 3
 - Douglas 2
 - Taylor 2
 - Thorpe 2
 - Doherty 1
 - Gray 1
 - Johnson 1
- n.b League Details Only



Potters' Timing - Goals Scored & Conceded



Hatters' last time out

- Nathan Abbey** Goalkeeper 24 Apps 0 Goals Age 21 Ht 6'1" Wt 11:13 Prev Club: - Int: -
- Julian Watts** Defender 24 Apps 0 Goals Age 28 Ht 6'2" Wt 13:06 Prev Club: Bristol City Int: -
- Matthew Taylor** Defender 23 Apps 1 Goal Age 18 Ht 5'10" Wt 11:08 Prev Club: - Int: -
- Marvin Johnson** Defender 23 Apps 0 Goals Age 31 Ht 6'1" Wt 13:00 Prev Club: - Int: -
- Gary Doherty** Defender 22 Apps 1 Goal Age 19 Ht 6'1" Wt 13:00 Prev Club: - Int: -
- Emmerson Boyce** Defender 6(4) Apps 0 Goals Age 20 Ht 5'11" Wt 11:02 Prev Club: - Int: -
- Matthew Spring** Midfield 24 Apps 4 Goals Age 20 Ht 5'11" Wt 11:07 Prev Club: - Int: -
- Adam Locke** Midfield 10(4) Apps 2 Goals Age 29 Ht 5'11" Wt 12:07 Prev Club: Bristol City Int: -
- Liam George** Forward 21 Apps 10 Goals Age 20 Ht 5'9" Wt 11:04 Prev Club: - Int: -
- Stuart Douglas** Forward 18(3) Apps 3 Goals Age 21 Ht 5'8" Wt 11:05 Prev Club: - Int: -
- Phil Gray** Forward 8(1) Apps 2 Goals Age 31 Ht 5'9" Wt 12:07 Prev Club: Sunderland Int: N Irl
- Andrew Fotiadis** Forward 6(2) Apps 2 Goals Age 22 Ht 5'11" Wt 11:07 Prev Club: - Int: Eng Sch
- Stuart Fraser** Defender 18 Apps 1 Goal Age 19 Ht 5'9" Wt 10:06 Prev Club: - Int: -
- Paul McLaren** Midfield 17(2) Apps 0 Goals Age 23 Ht 6'1" Wt 13:00 Prev Club: - Int: -
- Neil Midgley** Forward 8(2) Apps 3 Goals Age 21 Ht 5'11" Wt 11:08 Prev Club: on loan from Ipswich Int: -
- Efetobar Sodje** Defender 4(4) Apps 0 Goals Age 27 Ht 6'1" Wt 12:00 Prev Club: Macclesfield Int: -

Stoke's Goals For & Against

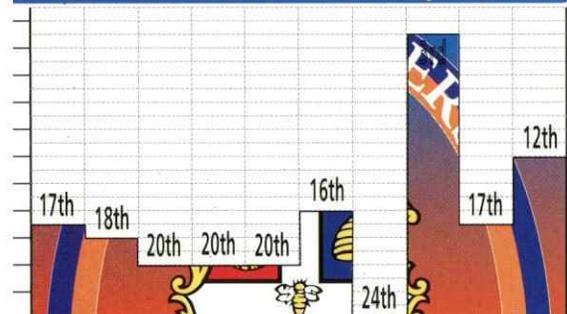


MATCH

The UK's Biggest Selling Football Magazine!
Below is a club-by-club run down of Division 2's top scorers for the season so far...

Team	Player	Lge	Cup	Total
Bournemouth	Stein	8	3	11
Blackpool	Murphy	8	0	8
Brentford	Owusu	9	1	10
Bristol City	Tinnion	3	2	5
Bristol Rovers	Roberts	13	3	16
Burnley	Payton	13	0	13
Bury	Lawson	10	1	11
Cambridge	Butler	14	4	18
Cardiff	Nugent	6	3	9
Chesterfield	Reeves	8	2	10
Colchester	Tresor Lua Lua	5	2	7
Gillingham	Thomson	7	1	8
Luton	George	10	2	12
Millwall	Harris	13	0	13
Notts County	Stallard	10	0	10
Oldham	Allott	8	1	9
Oxford	Murphy	7	6	13
Preston	Macken	13	3	16
Reading	Caskey	5	5	10
Scunthorpe	Ipoua	8	0	8
Stoke	Thorne	8	1	9
Wigan	Barlow	16	4	20
Wrexham	Faulconbridge	8	1	9
Wycombe	Devine	15	2	17

Luton Town's Last Ten Years - The Complete Record



Season	89/90	90/91	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99
W	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
D	3	4	3	4	SF	4	3	3	1	2
L	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	3	2	5
S	Black	Elstrup	Harford	Gray	Dixon	Marshall	Gnch/Mshl	Thorpe	Thorpe	Douglas
ts	11	15	12	19	9	11	9	28	14	9
tt	9,872	10,275	9,711	8,213	7,878	7,350	7,223	6,294	5,879	5,527

Luton Town's Timing - Goals Scored & Conceded



Hatters' Form Guide - Result, Points, Position

Season	89/90	90/91	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99
W	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
D	3	4	3	4	SF	4	3	3	1	2
L	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	3	2	5
S	Black	Elstrup	Harford	Gray	Dixon	Marshall	Gnch/Mshl	Thorpe	Thorpe	Douglas
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Ground: Kenilworth Road
Capacity: 9,975
Pitch Measurement: 110 x 72
Record Attendance: 30,069 v Blackpool, FA Cup 6th round replay, 4 Mar 1959
Record Receipts: £115,541.20 v West Ham, FA Cup 6th round, 23 Mar 1994
Year Formed: 1885
Record League Win: 12-0 v Bristol Rovers, Division 3 (S), 13 Apr 1926
Record Cup Win: 9-0 v Clapton, FA Cup

Form Guide shows last 15 results. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw.

1st round replay (after abandoned game), 30 Nov 1927
Record Defeat: 0-9 v Small Heath, Division 2, 12 Nov 1898
Most Lge Goals: 103, Division 3 (S), 1936-37
Most Lge Points: 88, Division 2, 1981-82
Top League scorer in a season: Joe Payne, 55, Division 3 (S), 1936-37
Most Capped Player: Mal Donaghy, 58 (91), Northern Ireland
Most Lge Appearances: Bob Morton, 494, 1948-64

Nationwide

FOOTIE FACTS



Head to Head



Nicky Mohan v Julian Watts

	MOHAN	WATTS
Minutes On Pitch	1688	2067
Tackles and Blocks		
Total Tackles made	22	51
Last Man Saving Tackles	0	0
Tackles Won %	23%	53%
Shots and Crosses Blocked	19	7
Clearances		
Total Clearances Made	304	278
Headed Clearances	232	153
Shots Cleared Off the Line	0	1
Corners Conceded	26	21
Distribution		
Total Passes	364	551
Pass Completion %	52%	64%
Going Forward		
Goals	4	0
Shots on Target	8	2
Shots off Target	6	3
Discipline		
Total FOuls Conceded	20	24
Fouls in Danger Area	9	8
Penalties Conceded	0	0
Yellow Cards	3	4
Red Cards	1	0

Statistics supplied by Carling Opta

Nicky Mohan has been explosively effective as an attacking force for Stoke City this season. Out of favour at Wycombe Wanderers this time last year, his career has seen a renaissance since he moved north and the big man has scored four goals already in the red and white shirt.

Julian Watts has performed well since he joined Luton from Bristol City. He is an experienced stopper and both he and Mohan have played in the top flight during their careers. Luton are impressive at Kenilworth Road but have been less effective on their travels. They will be hoping that an improved performance can be found away at the Britannia Stadium.

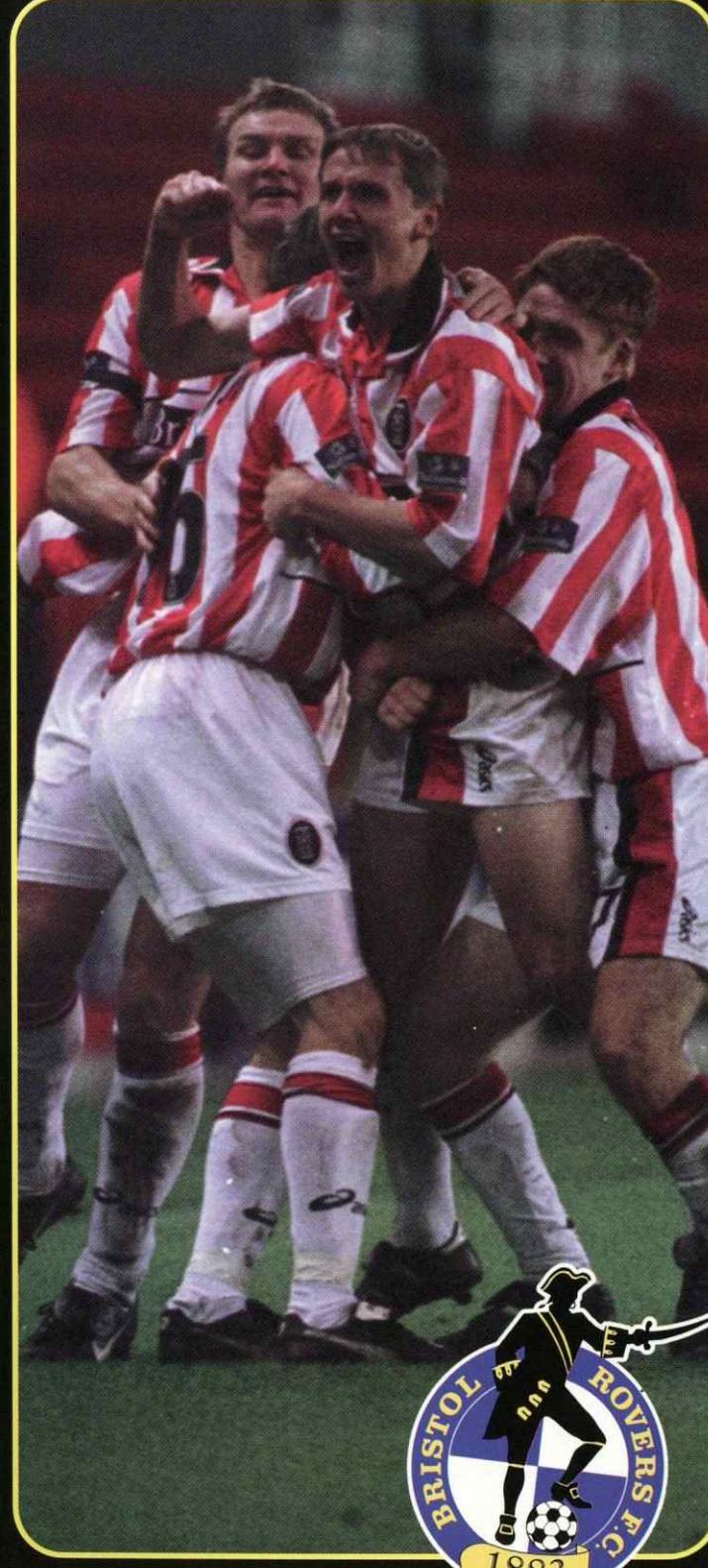
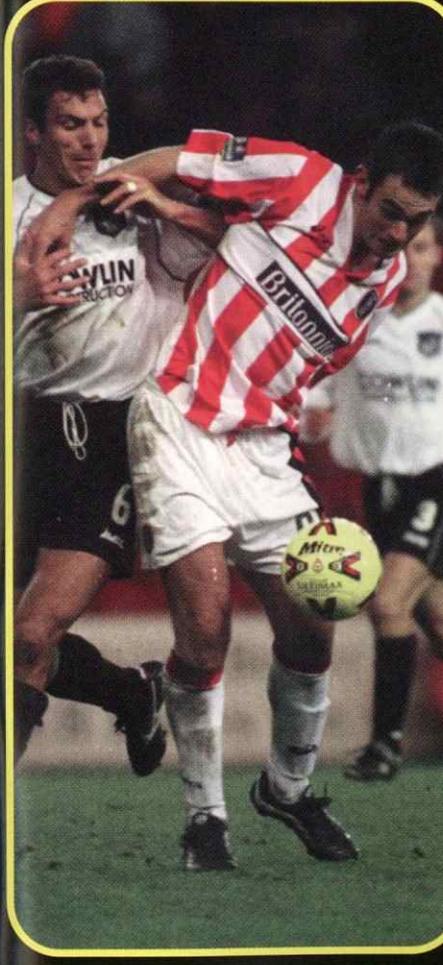
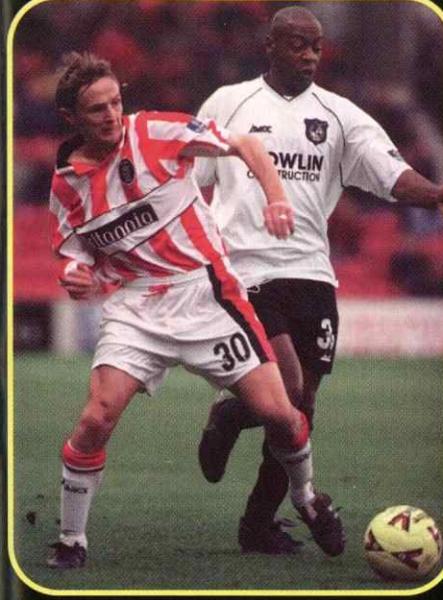
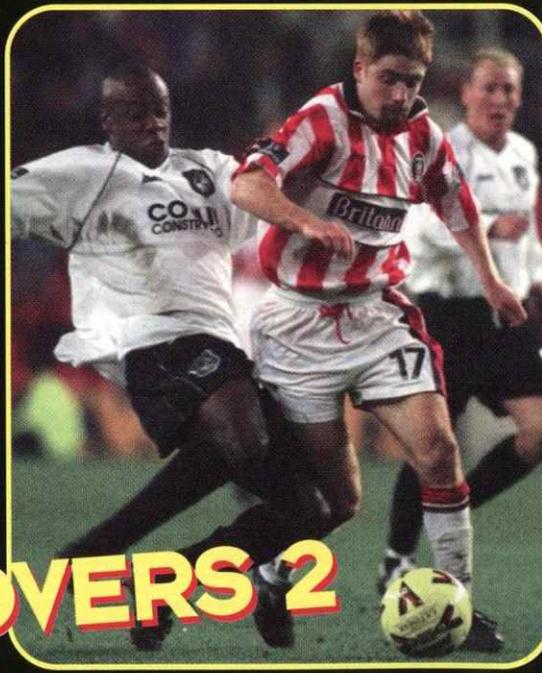
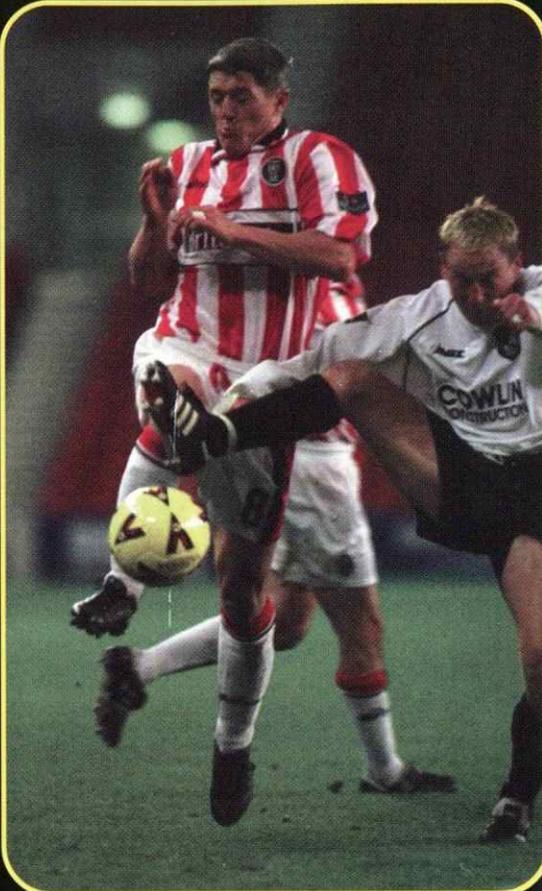
For all his danger as an attacking force, Mohan has a very low tackle completion rate, just 23 per cent. Watts has been far more effectual, winning over half of the balls he has challenged for. He also made far more passes and with a substantially better pass completion. But Mohan's stern head has been busy, as the former Middlesbrough man has cleared the ball 232 times in that manner.

Neither man will ever shirk a tackle and referees have had to take action. Mohan was ordered from the field in the game at Bournemouth and has picked up three yellow cards. Watts has yet to see red but has been booked four times.

This game is one which Stoke will hope to win to cement their place in the play-off positions, while Luton fans will know that if they can reproduce their home form on their travels, then they too can challenge for honours.



**STOKE 1
BRISTOL ROVERS 2**



Potters postbag



Dear Sir
I enclose a picture of our first and recent addition, Calum Edward Chaldecott who was born on the 5th of October 1999 at 6lb 10oz to Steve and Lisa Chaldecott. He will soon be following in my footsteps in supporting our beloved potters

Yours Sincerely
S. Chaldecott

Dear Sir
I am a man of 77 years of age, and I have been a supporter of Wycombe Wanderers since 1929 when I was a very young boy. When your team came to Wycombe and gave us a goodashing, I enjoyed every minute of the game. Good luck to your team and Club for the future (nice to know you have a Wycombe man in your team - Kevin Keen). Your supporters were great and their singing was wonderful, to see it gave such a wonderful atmosphere around the ground. See you again, good luck and I look forward to our return game to you on March the 18th.

The best and a very happy Christmas to you all.
Yours faithfully
Gill Rance
Gill Wycombe

Dear Mr Moxey
I am writing to thank Stoke City FC for a super day out when my son Ricky aged 7 was chosen as one of the mascots for the home game vs Wrexham. My son is football mad - this is his fourth season attending matches and he described being a mascot as "the best day of my life". Thanks to the players for their willingness to sign autographs and pose for photos, especially his hero Graham Kavanagh whose goalkeeping power he tries to match when playing for his Under 8's team on a Sunday! Also please pass on a special thankyou to Phil Pearson who looked after the mascots and their families from the moment they arrived at the ground until they were in their seats for the kick off.

edit where credits due! Well done City, a great day out!
Best regards
John, Sue and Richard Breward.
The Bridge

Dear Mr Hurst
In mid October I saw an advertisement for a three day football course organised by Stoke City's Football in the Community. I had to make 2 telephone calls to clarify some points and then enrolled my Grandson, aged 5, in the 'mini kickers' section. I have to tell you how impressed I was with the course and its organisation. My telephone queries were dealt with efficiently and in a most pleasant manner, and the young men I saw at the event in Stone seemed to be enjoying themselves and bringing much pleasure and delight to the children. I would like to pass on my thanks to all those involved in this venture, together with my best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely
K. W. Hamilton
Stone

Dear Mr Morgan
We would like to thank you for your kind donation to help with our fund raising event for the specially adapted Mini Bus. It was greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully
Mrs C Wilson
Administrator
Stadium Court
Residential & Nursing Home

Dear Mr Moxey
I am writing to thank everyone at Stoke, particularly Andy Morgan who organised for complimentary tickets v Colchester on Saturday and a presentation with the new manager Gudjon Thordarson, to honour my Nanna and Grandads diamond sixtieth Wedding Anniversary. Andy made us thoroughly welcome and made it a day, which my Grandad said he will never forget. Thanks for everything and good luck to Mr G and the lads this season. I hope they get us back to where we should be.

Yours thankfully
David Meigh
Stoke on Trent

Pictured here at Caesars Palace Las Vegas, for the recent Lewis Holyfield World title fight are Frank Maloney and Stoke City's T.J.



Transport Scheme...

As you may have read recently in the Sentinel, Stoke City Football Club are to start an initiative to create a service for supporters to organise transport from their areas to the Britannia Stadium on matchdays. We know that the Knypersley and Biddulph supporters Club already run a successful scheme which has benefited supporters from that area for sometime and there are public houses which run their own schemes. Stoke City would like to expand this concept and Peter Martin a lifelong Stoke fan has volunteered to co-ordinate the scheme and give support to pubs, clubs, supporters or anyone who would like to run a scheme from their area. You can contact Peter by ringing Stoke City on 01782 592288 for more details. Peter has already arranged some very competitive coach hire rates which will benefit anyone wanting to start a scheme. Peter is

about to launch two pilot schemes from Chesterton and Kidsgrove so again if you would like to take advantage of this service please contact Peter, he may well be able to arrange a pick up on the way. The Club would like to stress that they are not looking to takeover existing schemes but would like to help to make these schemes bigger by maybe advertising these schemes through the programme and other media. Our aim is to make getting to the Britannia Stadium a more easy and enjoyable experience but we need supporters help and also to help our fans become closer to their Club.



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1926-27
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1963-64
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1991-92
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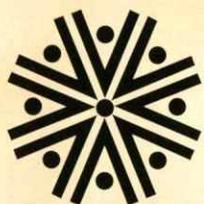
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North Stand View



I'll tell you what Dave this has got to be the easiest ground in the country to come to. These were words that were shouted to me by a disgruntled Stokie as I made my way from the ground after the disappointing 0-0 draw against Oldham. Only minutes earlier I'd left a red faced Martin Smith, who through gritted teeth, was asking if Oldham needed a goalkeeper because we never bothered him. Well it is no consolation I know, but the ground you want to be going to is Saltergate because Chesterfield have only managed 6 points at home all season. However, with 19 points dropped at the Brit already I think we all know where that frustrated Stokie was coming from. So where do we go from here?

Well it won't be easy, already the Gaffa has said that the players seem frightened of playing at home. The problem is, as I have said in this column before, sides come to the Brit to keep it tight and to catch us on the break. No problem there if you can break them down early in the game to force them to come out. Sadly, this we have failed to do and at times have looked clueless. Just to think back to the last five league games here, Oldham, Bristol City, Colchester, Bristol Rovers and Notts County, all the games we have had the greater percentage of play and yet didn't win a single game. If we are to do anything this season this must alter.

All sounds a bit depressing doesn't it, well it would be if our away form wasn't so

good. A quick look at the League table shows that only Preston, who are on a 19 match unbeaten run can match our total of 24 points. This lends even more weight to the argument that at home the problem is breaking sides down. When we play away we don't have this problem because the onus is on the home side to force the pace.

Finally a big welcome to our second signing Brynjar Bjorn Gunnarsson I think this signing sends out a double message to the supporters, if there is quality out there then we are interested and to the players it is to get over your fear of playing at the Brit or face the consequences. Enjoy today's game Stokies and remember this time last year Manchester City were 14 points off the pace and now they are the bookies favourites for gaining promotion to the Premiership. Watch this space!

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Ticket and Travel Information

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Evening match 9.00am to kick off
Final whistle to 10.00pm
On the weekday prior to a home game with the exception of Sunday and Monday fixtures, the ticket office will remain open until 7.00pm.
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BY POST

Cheques and postal orders are made payable to Stoke City FC Ltd are accepted. In your letter please state clearly the match area and number of tickets required. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope for the return of your ticket or stipulate if you require collection on the day of the game. Postal applications can also be made with payment by credit card or debit card by quoting the relevant card number to be charged and expiry date. For home matches tickets paid for by credit card are subject to a 50p per ticket booking fee.
NB: Orders by post, fax and telephone are dealt with when the queues subside.
PLEASE BUY TICKETS IN ADVANCE TO AVOID QUEUES ON A MATCHDAY.

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD - SECOND ROUND

v Oldham Athletic (AWAY)

Tuesday 11th January 2000, KO 7.45 pm

For Stoke City supporters admission to the fixture is by cash payments at the turnstiles.

Seat ticket prices £5.00 Adults £1.00 Senior Citizens / Juniors (Allocation 3,000).

Disabled supporters contact Oldham Athletic Ticket Office on 0161 624 4972.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

v Preston North End (HOME)

Friday 14th January 2000 KO 7.45 pm

Normal ticket prices/arrangements apply and tickets are now on sale. Visiting supporters are to pay cash at turnstiles. Prices £15.00 Adults £9.00 Concessions

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

v Millwall (AWAY)

Saturday 22nd January 2000 KO 3.00 pm

For Stoke City supporters admission to this fixture is by cash payment on the day of the game. Stoke supporters will purchase tickets from kiosk's by the turnstiles at Millwall before entering the Stadium with their match ticket.

Seat ticket prices £13.00 Adults £7.00 Senior Citizens £5.00 Juniors (Allocation 2300)

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v Oldham Athletic 11 - 01 - 2000

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v Millwall 22 - 01 - 2000

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Reserve Team News

... WITH IAN CRANSON

WITH DAVID KEVAN

PONTINS LEAGUE
TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER 1999
MANCHESTER CITY 3
STOKE CITY 1
SCORERS
MAN CITY - ALLSOP, KILLEN,
DAY
STOKE - CROWE
 (played at Hyde United)



Jamie Cartwright...



... and Jamie Godbold both performed well against Man City.

CLARKE, CARTWRIGHT
 (McGEOUGH), PETTY,
 SIGURDSSON, BULLOCK
 (BURGESS), GODBOLD,
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 (GOODFELLOW), SUBS IN
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FORTHCOMING PONTINS
LEAGUE FIXTURES

MONDAY 17TH JAN
WOLVES AWAY
 7.00 pm ko at Mollneux

MONDAY 24TH JAN
PRESTON NE HOME
 7.00pm ko at Newcastle Town

MONDAY 31ST JAN
PORT VALE HOME
 7.00pm ko at Newcastle Town

STAFFORDSHIRE SENIOR
CUP COMPETITION
3RD ROUND
TAMWORTH V STOKE CITY

WE HAVE BEEN DRAWN AWAY
 TO TAMWORTH IN THE STAFFS
 SENIOR CUP COMPETITION
 AND THE GAME HAS BEEN
 ARRANGED FOR TUESDAY 15TH
 FEBRUARY 2000, KICK OFF 7.45
 PM AT TAMWORTH.

The first half seemed to be ending goalless until a 5 minute hold up while City defender Tskhadadze was stretched off with a shattered knee cap seemed to break our concentration and we were punished for two individual errors and found ourselves 2-0 down. Dean Crowe pulled a goal back on 55 minutes when he steered home Matt Bullocks low right wing cross. The home side though restored their two goal buffer when Rhys Day netted following a free kick. The main difference was the impact their front two had on the game. We found them difficult to handle. Overall though, I did feel it was an improved performance from the players and youngsters Jamie Godbold and Jamie Cartwright performed well in midfield.

LINE-UP
 FRASER, WOOLISCROFT,

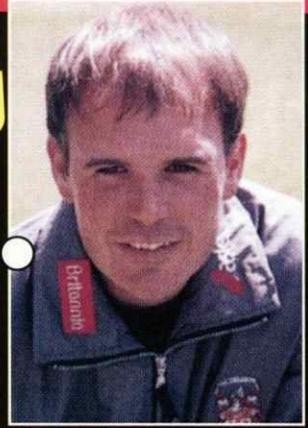


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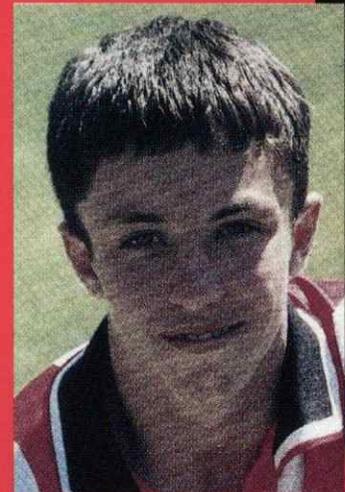
FIXTURES - SEASON 1999-2000

Wed 18 Aug	Port Vale	0-0
Wed 8 Sept	Tranmere Rovers	0-4
Mon 13 Sept	Birmingham City	1-0
Wed 29 Sept	Wolves	0-1
Mon 4 Oct	Oldham Athletic	0-1
Wed 27 Oct	Grimsby Town	1-1
Mon 8 Nov	Burnley	3-3
Wed 17 Nov	Huddersfield	0-2
Wed 29 Nov	WBA	1-1
Tue 14 Dec	Manchester City	1-3
Tue 4 Jan	Preston NE	Away
Mon 17 Jan	Wolves	Away
Mon 24 Jan	Preston NE	Home
Mon 31 Jan	Port Vale	Home
Mon 28 Feb	Birmingham City	Away
Mon 13 Mar	Tranmere Rovers	Home
Wed 29 Mar	Manchester City	Home
Mon 10 Apr	WBA	Away
Mon 15 Apr	Grimsby	Home
Wed 19 Apr	Burnley	Away
Tue 25 Apr	Huddersfield	Home

FA Premier Academy League...



Our final game before the mid season break saw us draw 1-1 with Derby County at Newcastle Town. It was a very pleasing performance, despite going a goal down, we played some good football passing it around well and creating some good chances. Our equaliser came in the 70th minute when Louis Neal bent a 25 yard free kick around the defensive wall and into the net via the post. It has been a tough season so far for the lads and they were ready for the break. I do feel though that they are learning and improving all the time and hopefully results will begin to show that.



LOUIS NEAL
 GOALSCORER v
 DERBY COUNTY

SUBS
 EVANS, MACHIN, CROMIE

ACADEMY FIXTURES
SAT 22 JAN
ASTON VILLA
HOME
 11.00am ko, at
 Britannia Stadium

SAT 29 JAN
NOTTINGHAM
FOREST
HOME
 11.00am ko at
 Newcastle Town

SAT 11/12/99
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SCORER - NEAL

LINEUP
 HEMMINGS, WILSON,
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 GIBSON, SIGURDSSON,
 LAGAN, SCHEUBER,
 SHAW, GOODFELLOW,
 NEAL

THE PREMIER LEAGUE ACADEMY LEAGUE UNDER 19 FIXTURES 1999-2000

Sat Aug 28	West Ham Utd	1-0
Sat Sep 4	Tottenham	0-0
Sat Sep 11	Chelsea	1-0
Sat Sep 18	Wimbledon	0-2
Sat Sep 25	Man Utd	0-5
Sat Oct 2	Peterborough	0-2
Sat Oct 16	Birmingham City	0-1
Sat Oct 23	Derby County	1-5
Sat Oct 30	Nottingham F.	0-5
Sat Nov 6	Aston Villa	1-3
Fri Nov 12	Coventry	0-2
Sat Nov 20	Leicester	1-2
Sat Nov 27	Peterborough	2-2
Sat Dec 4	Birmingham City	0-2
Sat Dec 11	Derby County	1-1
Sat Jan 22	Aston Villa	H
Sat Jan 29	Nottingham	A
Sat Feb 5	Coventry	A
Sat Feb 12	Leicester	H
Sat Feb 19	Liverpool	A
Sat Feb 26	Bolton	H
Sat Mar 4	Everton	A

PONTINS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
PORT VALE	10	5	3	2	18	12	6	18
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	10	5	3	2	18	13	5	18
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	10	5	2	3	11	7	4	17
WOLVERHAMPTON W	10	5	2	3	12	11	1	17
BIRMINGHAM CITY	9	4	4	1	12	5	7	16
TRANMERE ROVERS	9	4	2	3	12	10	2	14
MANCHESTER CITY	8	3	3	2	14	14	0	12
BURNLEY	10	2	6	2	15	17	-2	12
WEST BROMWICH A	9	2	1	6	9	13	-4	7
GRIMSBY TOWN	9	1	3	5	11	15	-4	6
STOKE CITY	8	1	3	4	6	14	-8	6
PRESTON NORTH END	8	0	4	4	9	16	-7	4

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TONY MATTHEWS ...

Stoke City Managers

Over the last 125 years or so Stoke (City) football club has seen over 30 managerial changes, the details of which are as follows:

- Thomas Charles Slaney: Aug. 1874 - May 1883
- Walter Cox: June 1883 - April 1884
- Harry Lockett: April 1884 - August 1890
- Joseph A. Bradshaw: Aug. 1890 - Jan 1892
- Arthur Reeves: Jan 1892 - May 1895
- William Spencer Rowley: May 1895 - Aug 1897
- Horace D. Austerberry: Sept 1897 - May 1908
- Alfred J. Baker: May 1908 - April 1914
- Peter Hodge: June 1914 - April 1915
- Joseph A. Schofield: May 1915 - Jan 1919
- Arthur J. Shallcross: Feb 1919 - March 1923
- John Rutherford: March - April 1923
- Thomas Mather: Oct 1923 - June 1935
- Robert McGrory: June 1935 - May 1952
- Frank Taylor: June 1952 - June 1960
- Tony Waddington: June: 1960 - March 1977
- George Eastham, OBE: March 1977 - Jan 1978
- Alan A'Court: January 1978
- Alan Durban: February 1978 - June 1981
- Richie Barker: June 1981 - December 1983
- William Asprey: January 1984 - May 1985
- Mick Mills, MBE: May 1985 - November 1989
- Alan Ball: November 1989 - February 1991
- Graham Paddon: February - May 1991
- Lou Macari: May 1991 - November 1993
- Joe Jordan: November 1993 - October 1994
- Lou Macari: October 1994 - May 1997
- Chic Bates: July 1997 - January 1998
- Chris Kamara: January - March 1998
- Alan Durban: March - May 1998
- Brian Little: May 1998 - June 1999
- Gary Megson: July - November 1999
- Gudjon Thordarson: November 1999 to date

• Acted as caretaker-manager.

NB - As you can see, over a period of 25 years: 1952 to 1977 - the Potters had just two managers. Amazingly between 1979 and 1999 (20 years) the club saw 15

LOU MACARI



men in charge of team affairs and in the 1990s alone eleven men held the position of team boss!

Tony Matthews.

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Connections

This is the Potters' League record against the Hatters:

Venue	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	15	6	6	3	29	21
Away	15	6	5	4	15	20
Totals	30	12	11	7	44	41

■ Stoke's best win of the 12 so far recorded against the Hatters is that of 5-0, achieved at The Victoria Ground in November 1995. A crowd of a shade under 9,400 saw a late goal flurry that day when Canadian international Paul Peschisoldo fired in the opener in the first half to be followed by four more efforts in the last 17 minutes from Simon Sturridge (2), John Gayle and Nigel Gleghorn.

■ Luton's best win over Stoke arrived in November 1993 at Kenilworth Road - and it wasn't the greatest of debuts for the Potters' new goalkeeper Gordon Marshall! After taking a deserved 2-goal lead the Potters caved in and the Hatters raced on to register an emphatic 6-2 victory with former England striker Kerry Dixon claiming a hat-trick.

■ A First Division match at Stoke in September 1982 ended all-square at 4-4 - this after the Potters had seen their goalkeeper Peter Fox sent off before half-time (Derek Parkin taking over between the posts). With their fans urging them on in the near 18,500 crowd Stoke salvaged a point with a dramatic equaliser eight minutes from time by Brendan O'Callaghan who struck home Peter Hampton's delightful cross. Right at the death Luton had the chance of winning the game but David Moss's penalty kick struck a post with Parkin diving the wrong way.

■ Before the First World War Stoke lost two and drew one of four Southern League games with Luton Town.

■ The teams have also met twice in the FA Cup, Luton winning 3-2 at Stoke after a 1-1 home draw back in season 1984-85.

■ Luton also won a Simod Cup game 4-1 at their Kenilworth Road ground in 1988.

■ Players who have served with both clubs include: Jimmy Adam, Ian Allinson, Viv Busby, John Dreyer, Ashley Grimes, Vince Hilaire, Mick Kennedy, David Oldfield, Bryan Small, Frank Soo and Mark Stein.

Ashley Grimes
Played for both clubs

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PREDATOR CUP NEWS**

Luton Town, Football in the Community would like to wish **Happy Birthday** to Joseph Jones and Jacob Orrell-Davies. Today's matchday visitors are Anson Primary School from Great Haywood



Pictured here is action from the Predator Cup Preliminary round. Over 15 teams took part in the competition. The winning schools from the two heats were Woodhouse Primary School, from Longton and Burnwood Primary School from Chell Heath, the final between these two teams is due to be played on the pitch before one of the first team fixtures.



Pictured above are Blythe Bridge F.C. U10's who recently attended a matchday visit at the Britannia Stadium. If you would like to bring your team/school/group for a visit which includes a tour of the stadium, group photographs and match tickets then please call Will Clowes on 592251 for further details.

FOOTBOWL

Don't forget our next Footbowl fixture is against Preston North End. Please note that this fixture has been brought forward to Friday night. So if you fancy two games of bowling and watching Stoke City live at the Britannia Stadium, then this is for you, for further details please contact Will Clowes on 01782 592251, and for further reference here are the remaining Footbowl fixtures:
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Millennium Masters

goals in 126 senior appearances. Born in Prescot on 29 January 1930, he moved to The Victoria Ground from Gorleston in Norfolk in 1953. He did his National Service in the RAF and actually assisted in providing the cost of buying himself out of the forces in the summer of 1955, when he immediately signed professional forms for the Potters. In the next season he established himself in the first XI. Coleman was transferred to Crewe Alexandra for £1,000 in February 1959 and went on to score 16 goals in 73 league outings for the Gresty Road club before pulling out of competitive football in 1961.

NEVILLE J COLEMAN



'Tim' Coleman holds the record for scoring most goals in a game for Stoke City - he netted seven times in an 8-0 victory over Lincoln in a Second Division fixture at The Victoria Ground on 23 February 1957. After this flourish outside-right Coleman failed to hit the target again for the Potters that season - but during his six years with the club he amassed a pretty useful set of statistics: 52

QUIT SMOKING IS THE MESSAGE TO YOUNGSTERS FROM THE PLAYERS AT STOKE CITY

Thinking of Quitting Smoking?

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North Staffordshire Smoke Free Alliance

Pictured behind the advertisement board at the Britannia Stadium are Stoke players along with Andy Morgan, and Kate May, (health promotions programme co-ordinator) supporting the North Staffs Health Line Promotion "Smoke Busters". This is an ongoing campaign to prevent teenagers from starting to smoke or to encourage youngsters to stop. Already players have been involved with the Signal Radio Smoke Busters by recording adverts for the local radio station. It is planned to take the players out to local schools to help spread the message.

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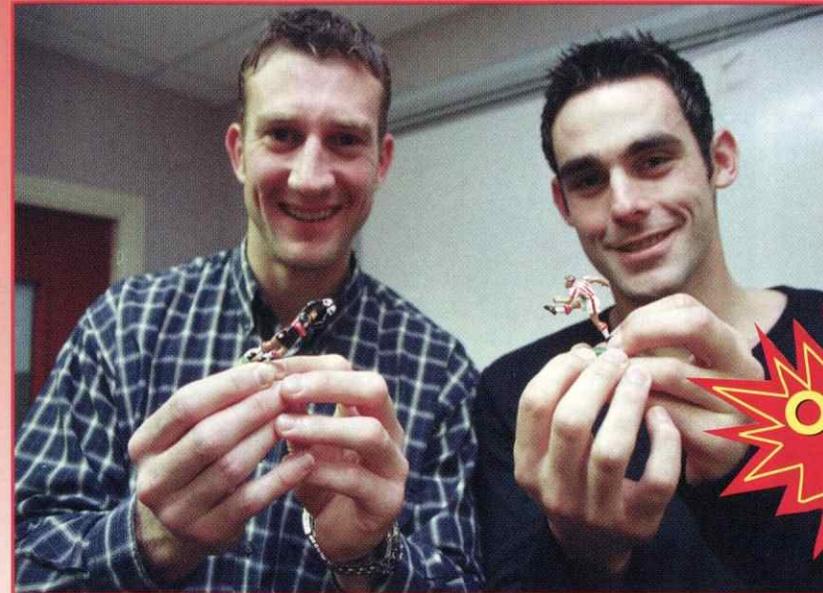
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Look Back ...



... c 31st 1899
 ... the Football League Division
 ... table one hundred years
 ... saw current Football League
 ... the Sheffield United take a six
 ... nt lead into the new century.
 ... wever Villa, the outstanding
 ... m of the 1890's, eventually
 ... rmed to the title thanks to 27
 ... als from the country's leading
 ... orer Bill Garraty. The
 ... 9/1900 title was their fifth of
 ... decade.

Everton	13,875
Glossop North End	4,005
Liverpool	11,820
Manchester City	15,510
Newcastle United	16,445
Nottingham Forest	7,620
Notts County	8,665
Preston	5,020
Sheffield United	11,350
Stoke	7,275
Sunderland	11,265
West Brom	5,735
Wolverhampton	6,780

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LEADING GOALSCORERS (at the end of the season)

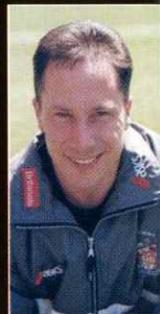
Bill Garraty (Aston Villa)	27
Steve Bloomer (Derby County)	19
John Calvey (Nottm Forest)	17
John Peddie (Newcastle)	15
Walter Bennett (Sheffield Utd)	15

AVERAGE ATTENDANCES FOR THE SEASON

... on Villa	18,765
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Stoke	21	9	4	8	26	27	22
Bury	18	9	3	6	29	25	21
Nottingham Forest	19	8	5	6	31	29	21
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Newcastle United	17	6	5	6	25	26	17
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Notts County	19	5	4	10	28	41	14
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Liverpool	20	4	5	11	25	33	13
Preston	18	4	4	10	16	29	12
Glossop	17	3	4	10	18	41	10

On the Treatment Table



Rob Ryles

Robert Heath has got a slight groin problem as a secondary injury to his bad knee. His groin injury is coming on well and he should be running again by the time this game is played, with a view to rejoining training very soon. Calvin Dixon has just returned from a break over the Christmas period to allow his ankle to settle down. He should be running by the end of the week and rejoining training soon. Chris Short has appointments to see various specialists to try to resolve his long standing problems of cramps and fatigue.

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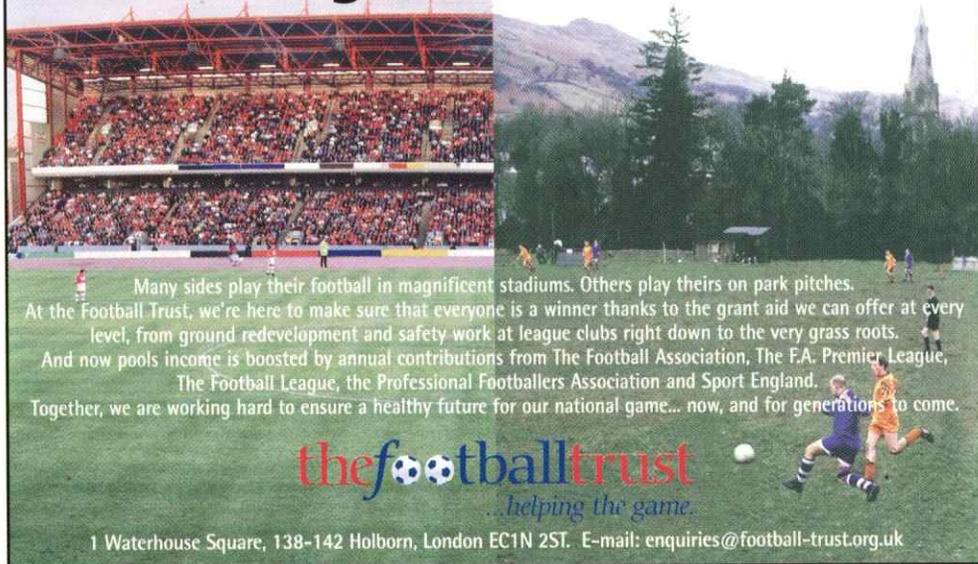
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ROBERT McGRORY

Bob McGrory joined Stoke in April 1921 after service with Dumbarton and Burnley for whom he made three League appearances. He stayed at The Victoria Ground for the next 31 years, as a player and then



manager. Born in Bishoptown on 17 October 1891, and a Scot through and through, he was an apprentice joiner on Clydeside before taking up football. He never regretted that decision and had a fine career in the game, performing supremely well at right full back for the Potters. A strong tackling defender, whose positional sense was second to none, he was hardly ever flustered, playing the game wholeheartedly and was very rarely spoken to by the referee. McGrory went on to appear in 511 League and Cup games for the Potters skipping the team for quite some time. He made his debut in May 1921 and played his last first-team game 14 years later in May 1935 when well past his 43rd birthday. In 1932 he had actually stepped down from regular first-team football to take over the running of Stoke's reserve team but injuries meant that he was recalled to senior action much to the delight of manager Tom Mather. McGrory

appeared in all 42 League games in his final season as a player in 1934-35. When Mather left The Vic for Newcastle United in June 1935, McGrory was asked to take over the managerial hotseat. He took to it like a duck to water and made hardly changes in the personnel at the club. One of his best buys was Tommy Sale. In the summer of 1952, McGrory stepped down as boss, handing over the reins to Frank Taylor, having managed the team in 192 League games of which 90 ended in victories. He remained in close contact with the club until his death in Glasgow on 24 May 1954.

MOULD, WILLIAM

Born at Great Chell on 6 October 1919, defender Billy Mould played as a full-back and centre-half for Stoke City in a total of 194 League and Cup games plus another 83 in wartime competitions. He was a fine



player, dedicated to the game who replaced Arthur Turner at the heart of the Stoke defence. He joined the Potters from Summerbank FC as a junior in 1936 (along with Alec Ormston) and went on to serve the club until July 1962 when he was given a free transfer to join Crewe Alexandra. During the hostilities he was wounded in the leg while serving with the Royal Artillery in Normandy and spent a short time in Ireland with a handful of other Stokies including Syd Peppitt and Ormston. Mould captained the side several times and was a fine club man. He retired from football in May 1954 to concentrate on his successful sports-outfitters business.

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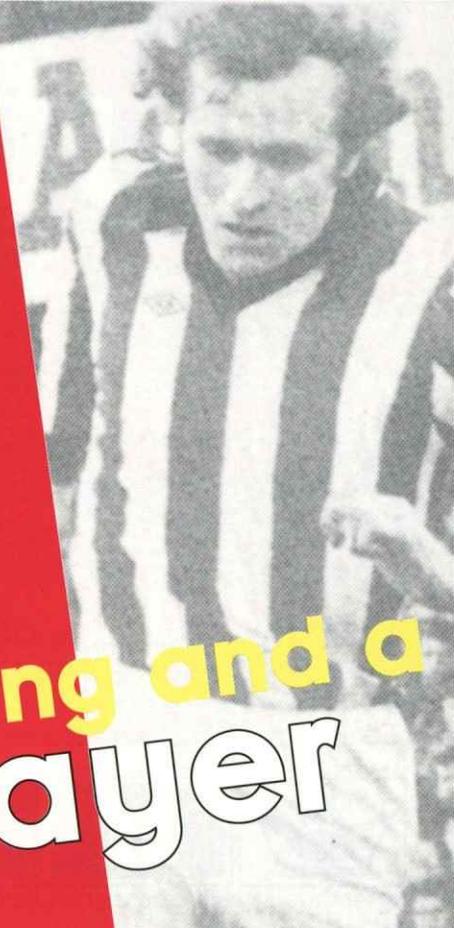
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With the season reaching the halfway stage over the holiday period, we are nicely placed to make a real challenge over the next few months. By the end of February, we will have played all the contenders above us, and this will reveal if we are good enough to gain automatic promotion, or be in contention for the play offs. Our away form is probably the best in the division, yet we still struggle at the Britannia. Nobody can understand why this should be. When you think that last season we missed out on the play offs by 8 points, we are already on target to beat last years tally if we maintain our present form. The table looks very familiar with Wigan, Preston and Gillingham who were all play off victims last year, and who have rock solid form. With our squad size increasing, it means competition should be greater within the team, and that can only increase our prospects of maintaining a realistic challenge. In the first division, Birmingham have spent heavily over the last three seasons. Yet they are no nearer the promotion play offs. You cannot legislate for injuries, and unfortunately they have suffered more than any other side in any division. I watched them against West Ham in the Worthington Cup 5th

round game and they had 14 players out through injury. No matter how big your squad is, you cannot possibly overcome injuries on that large scale. Given that they have a change of luck, I can see them make a late push for the play offs. St Andrews is now a magnificent stadium and worthy of Premier League football. In the Premier itself, I think that the Manager of the Year should be Walter Smith. When you consider that they just about maintained their status over the last 4 seasons, Smith has worked wonders. With the problems of Peter Johnson's Chairmanship and promises not kept, he has managed to blend very experienced players, with some younger ones, they have an outside chance of getting a place in Europe next season. Considering all their problems, their fans have stood behind them and should we reach the Premiership, I have no doubt, that we will be playing to a full house regularly at the Britannia. A prosperous and healthy New Year to you all.

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KEVIN KEEN'S QUIZ NIGHT
Kevin Keen, renowned as being the player's 'quizmaster' has agreed to become involved in our quiz competition involving players and supporters. Kevin is to prepare the questions and will be on hand to oversee proceedings and the event is designed to raise money for local charity. Due to Kevin's commitments elsewhere the quiz has been put back slightly and has been provisionally re-scheduled for 15th February 2000. Full details of this event will be published as soon as they are available.

COMPLETELY BOWLED OVER!
At long last the information we've been trying to keep a secret since the end of November, the ten-pin bowling competition with Stoke Police resulted in a proper drubbing for the Supporters team! Club stalwart Andy Tideswell top-scored with a 137 & 101, beating off Brian Shaw from the

Police Team who gained a 137 & 92. Booby prize went to Jayne Hill (a Vale fan!) from the Police team, with a low-score of 45. However there's no getting away from the fact that the Police were overwhelming victors with a combined score of 2335 to the Supporters 1860. Thanks to everyone concerned.

ENGLAND EXPECTS
With the news that the national side is to be grouped with Germany both in Euro 2000 and in the World Cup play-offs, the fanatical interest in the England team is certain to continue. Coaches are going to Wembley for the England match with Argentina on Wednesday 23rd February 2000 (which also happens to be half term), leaving the Britannia Stadium at 2.30pm. Travel costs are £12 to Supporters Club members, £12 to junior supporters and £14 to all others. There are also a limited number of half-priced junior match tickets available strictly on a first-come first-served basis. Bookings for this match can be made by contacting Ken Marek on 01782 - 505 115.

CLUB BADGE
Applications will still be accepted for membership of the Supporters Club and subscription is just £5. Each member gets a free exclusive 'Millennium' Supporters Club badge, subject to availability.



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The last stickers to complete your Collect and Win album will be issued at today's game, against Luton Town, by police officers or stadium officials on duty. You will then be tested to see if you have the potential to manage a football team, by selecting your very own Dream Team from the squad of Stoke City players which you have collected in your album. Gudjon Thoranderson will judge the entries, and will present the most skilful junior manager with an exclusive signed framed picture of their chosen team, and a pair of match tickets. Four runners-up will each receive Stoke City signed goodies and match tickets. Don't worry if you've missed collecting any of the stickers, as

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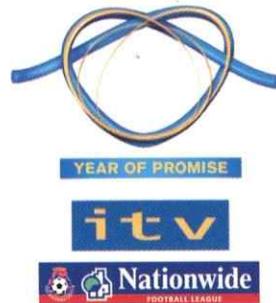
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PLAYER INTERVIEW...



PHIL ROBINSON is one of the growing band of modern players who have prepared for a second working life when the boots are finally put away for good.

Not that he's planning to pack the game in just yet! But our club captain, who celebrated his 33rd birthday two days ago, added the letters BSc after his name during 1999 and when retirement day does arrive he can look forward to the future with confidence after securing his degree in Physiotherapy at Salford University. Five years of squeezing part-time studies around his normal day job paid dividends when he graduated with honours, and Phil has no doubts the long hours and late-night homework was all worth it.

"It's something I would recommend every player to do, he says. "Unless you are one of the lucky few who make their fortune from football and wont need to work again when they retire youve got to look to the future and there is no reason why anyone should now leave the game with nothing to offer their next potential employers. "The Professional Footballers Association provides so much support, advice and financial help in studying and courses that anyone who does leave with nothing is foolish.

Educated footballers is not a new phenomenon. Steve Coppell gained his degree before breaking into the game in the early 1970s and many have followed since. But never before have players had so many opportunities to further their education while still plying their trade. Phil's own studies were backed by the PFA while he pursued his career with Chesterfield and Notts County before signing for City 18 months ago and classroom colleagues on his course included Steve Whitehall (Oldham), Steve Macauley (Crewe), former Bradford City midfielder Paul Showler and Blackburn's Stuart Ripley.

Phil is now entitled to register as a Chartered Physiotherapist and could work either inside or outside of soccer, maybe in the National Health Service or even set up his own private practice. It's all a far cry from the days when the most popular non-footballing option for ex-players appeared to be finding a pub to run. He says: "Id like to stay within the game. I've just taken my UEFA B coaching certificate and I fancy coaching or management. The physiotherapy is a bonus and hopefully I can start to move in one of those directions while I am still playing.

That conjures up a few ideas. Player/managers and player/coaches are not that uncommon, but a player/physio? "I think it would have to be player/assistant physio. I doubt I could play and then run off to the touchline to

collect my bag if someone got injured before running back on to treat them! And it would look even sillier if I had to hobble off to treat myself!

"But I do want to try and get into something else while I am still playing though I intend to carry on doing that for a while yet.

"I still feel fit and reckon there's another few more years left in me. I'm definitely not going to make the mistake of packing in too early that would just be frustrating because the best thing about football is playing.

Phil had a special reason to celebrate the festive season at Blackpool on Boxing Day when he scored his first goal for over a year. It helped set up our 2-1 win and he readily admits he thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

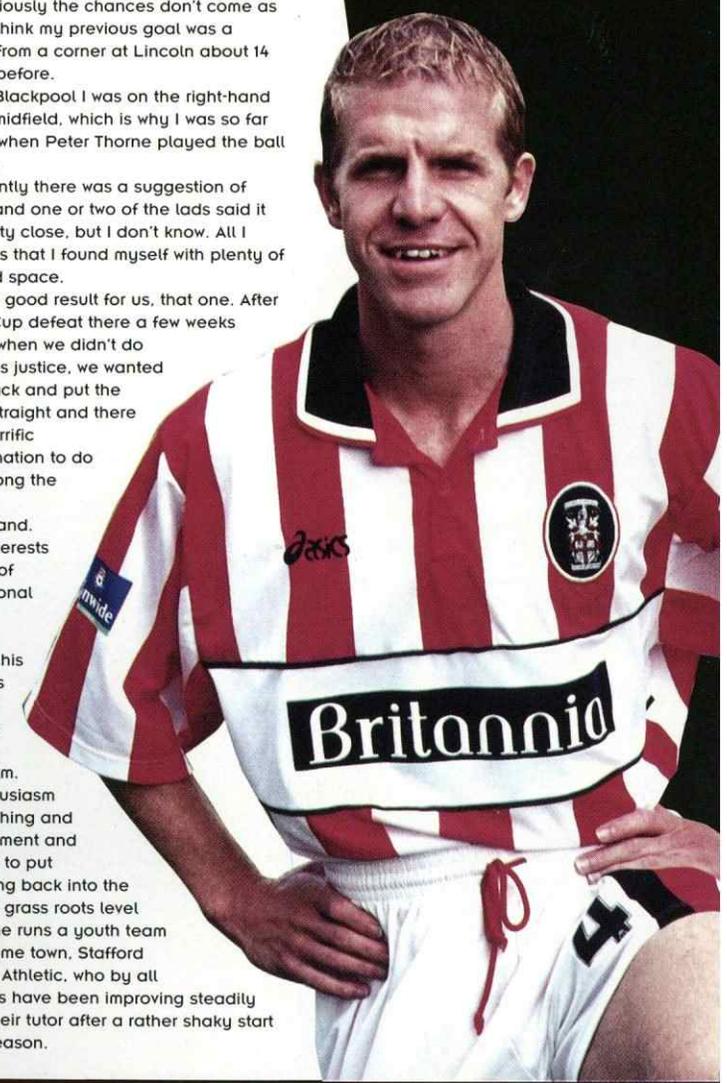
"I don't get too many these days, though I've played mainly as a defender at Stoke and obviously the chances don't come as often. I think my previous goal was a header from a corner at Lincoln about 14 months before.

"But at Blackpool I was on the right-hand side of midfield, which is why I was so far forward when Peter Thorne played the ball through.

"Apparently there was a suggestion of offside and one or two of the lads said it was pretty close, but I don't know. All I know was that I found myself with plenty of time and space.

"It was a good result for us, that one. After the FA Cup defeat there a few weeks before, when we didn't do ourselves justice, we wanted to go back and put the record straight and there was a terrific determination to do that among the players beforehand. Phil's interests outside of professional soccer stretch beyond his status as the dressing room bookworm. His enthusiasm for coaching and management and keenness to put something back into the game at grass roots level means he runs a youth team in his home town, Stafford Falcons Athletic, who by all accounts have been improving steadily under their tutor after a rather shaky start to the season.

"I'm definitely not going to make the mistake of packing in too early, that would just be frustrating..."



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AGENT OF THE WEEK

Our Agent of the week is Dave Gidman who is a long serving member of the Lottery team here at Stoke City. Dave collects Pot of Gold Membership subscription around his home in Longton and Sandford Hill area. The main reason for featuring Dave is that it is his birthday on Monday when he hits the big 40. We at the Club would like to wish Dave a very Happy Birthday and thank him for all his loyal support and hard work over many years.



SOUTH CAR PARK TICKETS - NEW AGENT

We have secured a new agent to sell South Car Park tickets. The Cafe Royal Newsagent which is situated on the Trentham Road in Blurton on the corner of Ripon Road next to the Tollgate Hotel and virtually opposite the Douglas MacMillan Hospice. The newsagent will be selling car park tickets and programmes before each home game subject to stocks remaining unsold.

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Our last home game against Oldham Athletic has produced a winner of the £500 jackpot on the Potteries Lottery Halftime Draw. As we go to press I have had a phone call claiming the winning prize and I am awaiting a visit from the lucky winner with his winning. Hopefully in our next programme against Preston North End.

Here are some of our supporters who claim £5.00 for matching 3 lucky numbers in our Potteries Lottery Halftime Draw against Oldham Athletic:-

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Cliff Egan
 Promotions Manager



Stoke City Football Club
 CLUBCALL: 09068 12 10 40 (Calls cost 60p per minute)

Boxing day saw Stoke fans making the relatively short journey up the M6 to the seaside where the Potters took on a managerless Blackpool side and seeking revenge for that early FA Cup exit at the hands of the Seaside.

LOOKING BACK Sunday 26th December 1999

Nationwide League Division Two
 Kick Off: 1.00 pm
 Venue: Bloomfield Road
 Attendance: 5,247 Stoke following: 2,400
 Result: BLACKPOOL 1 STOKE CITY 2

THE JOURNEY By car for me via the M6, M55 to park on the Club car park adjacent to the ground. The eight Travel Club coaches were also parked here giving everyone easy access to the away turnstiles. The journey North was without any hold-ups although a very substantial accident on the M6 Southbound just before Junction 22 slowed traffic to view the mayhem on the opposite carriageway. The weather looked promising for a brief stroll on the prom before kick off but nearer to the Fylde coast the storm clouds were gathering and it looked as though the waterproofs would be in use once more on the open Spion Kop terrace.

THE GROUND Bloomfield Road at the turn of the 20th Century provides a very sad sight indeed as this famous old stadium continues to decay awaiting the promise of re-development that never seems to be fulfilled. The ground has changed little since those heady days of the early fifties when the Tangerines came home with the FA Cup and seems to be falling into more dis-repair as times wears on. Even the Spion Kop had its partial roof removed some years ago for safety reasons leaving visitors out in the open. For our visit we had an allocation of 2,400 terrace tickets divided between the open Kop End and covered East Paddock (under cover but not good viewing, especially when play is down the nearside touchline). Catering was available from the Burger Van located just inside the ground or from the Club kiosk situated at the back of the open terrace dispensing a variety of warm pies and drinks. Toilets were inadequate.

THE PROGRAMME "Seaside" priced at £1.90 contained 42 pages of which 9 adverts. Three pages on the visitors and the departed Nigel Worthington's column - his late demise presumably too late for the printers deadline over the holiday period.

THE MATCH Stoke fans were looking for a much improved performance following that dismal Cup defeat at Bloomfield Road in October but it was keeper Gavin Ward who kept his side in the game with two early saves as the home side tried for an early knock-out. However, Mr G's re-shaped side took the lead with goals from Phil Robinson and Graham Kavanagh to lead 2-0 on the half-hour. Some second half jitters set in as Stoke failed to capitalise on their overall superiority and the Seaside pulled one back after 65 minutes but Stoke ran out worthy winners too give the travelling faithful some Christmas cheer.

STOKE MAN-OF-THE-MATCH Nicky Mohan for a sound defensive display without regular partner Anders Jacobsen alongside and loan debutant Frode Kippe looking a little nervous in the first period.



On the Road with the Potters...

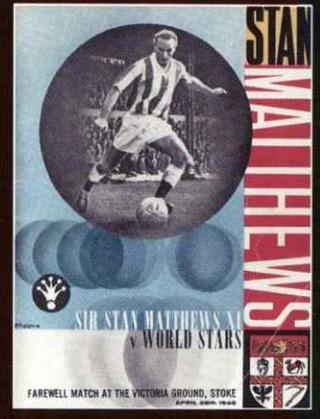
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A NOSTALGIC LOOK WITH ...

Julian Boodell

For the first match into the new Millennium, it seems appropriate to review one of Stoke's most well known players from the last one.

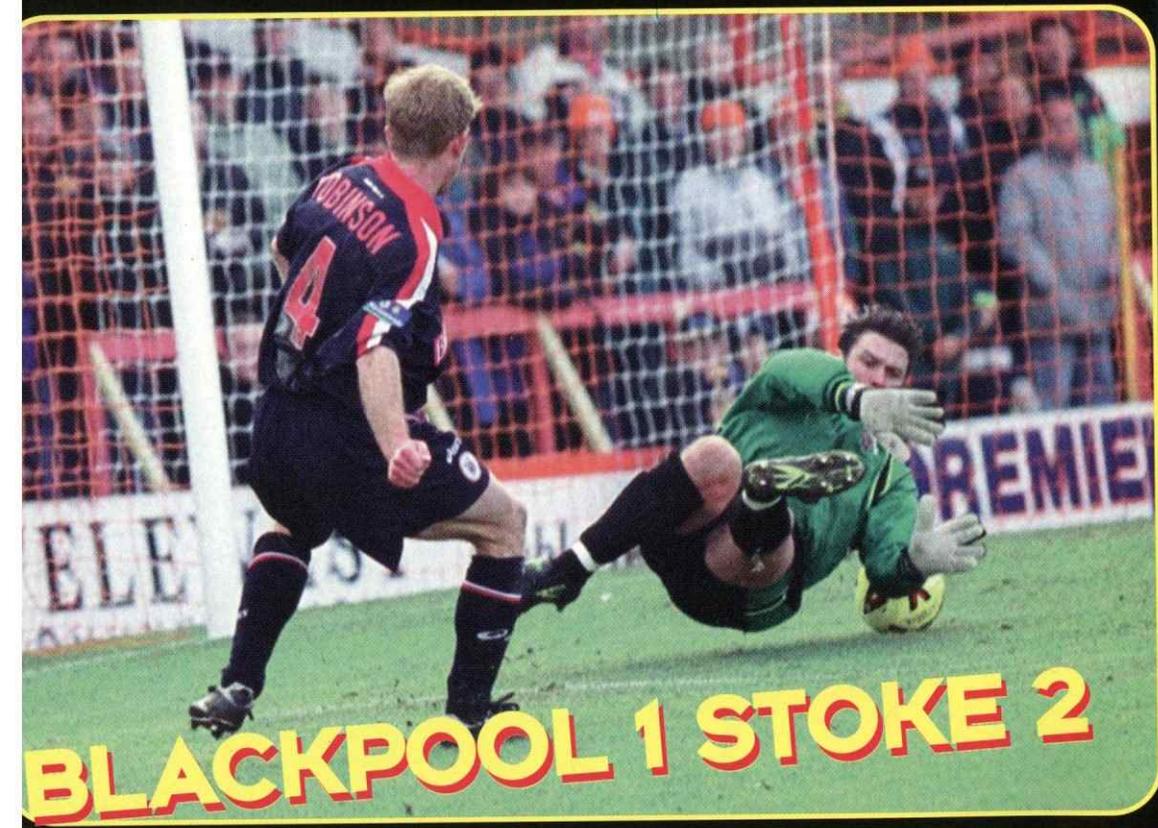
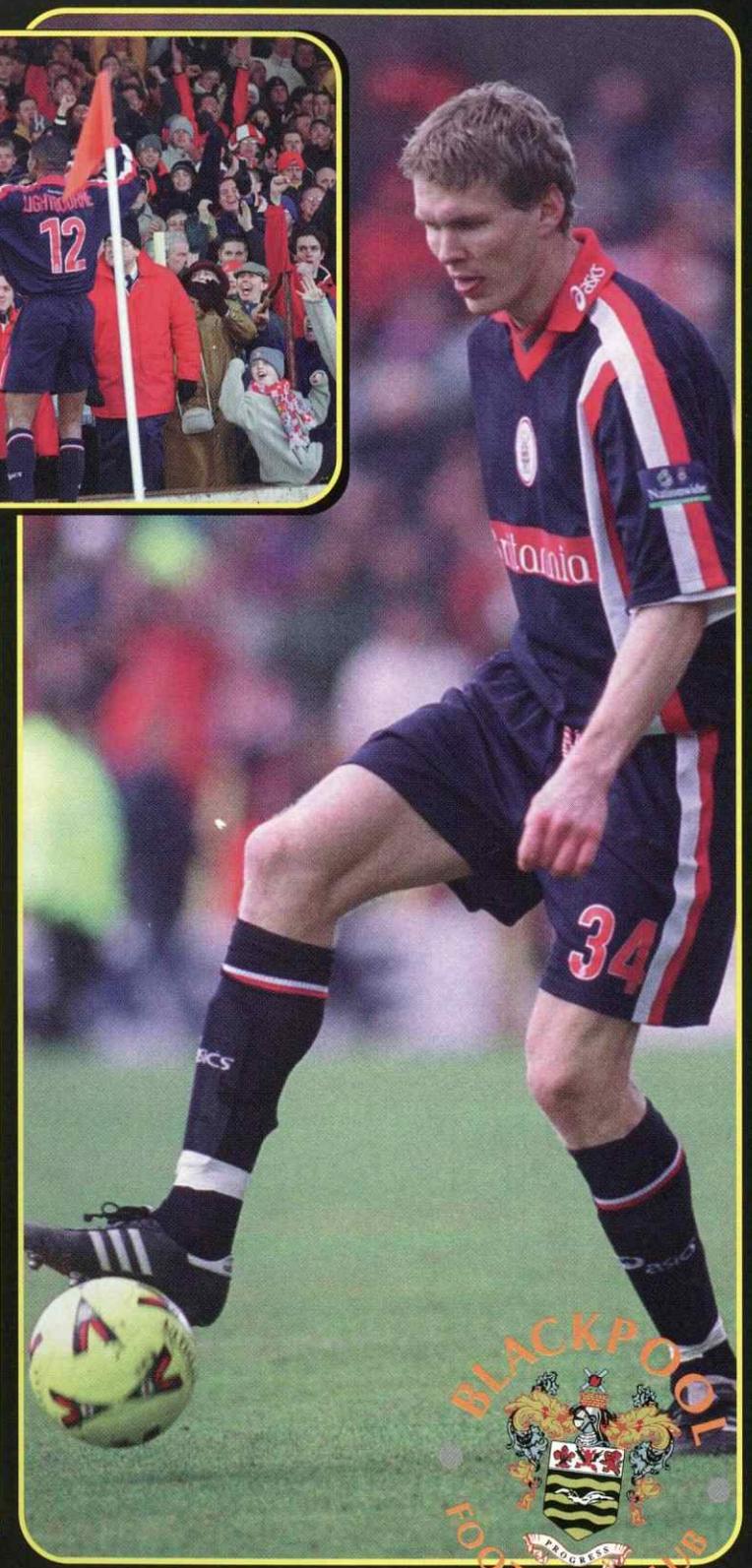
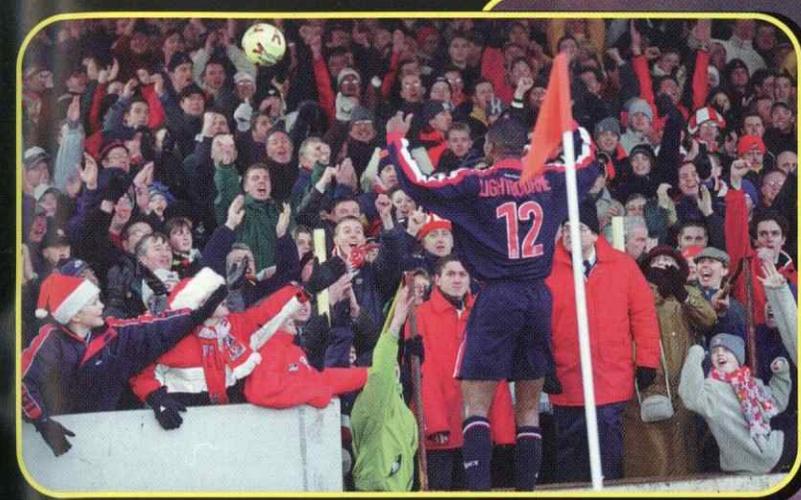
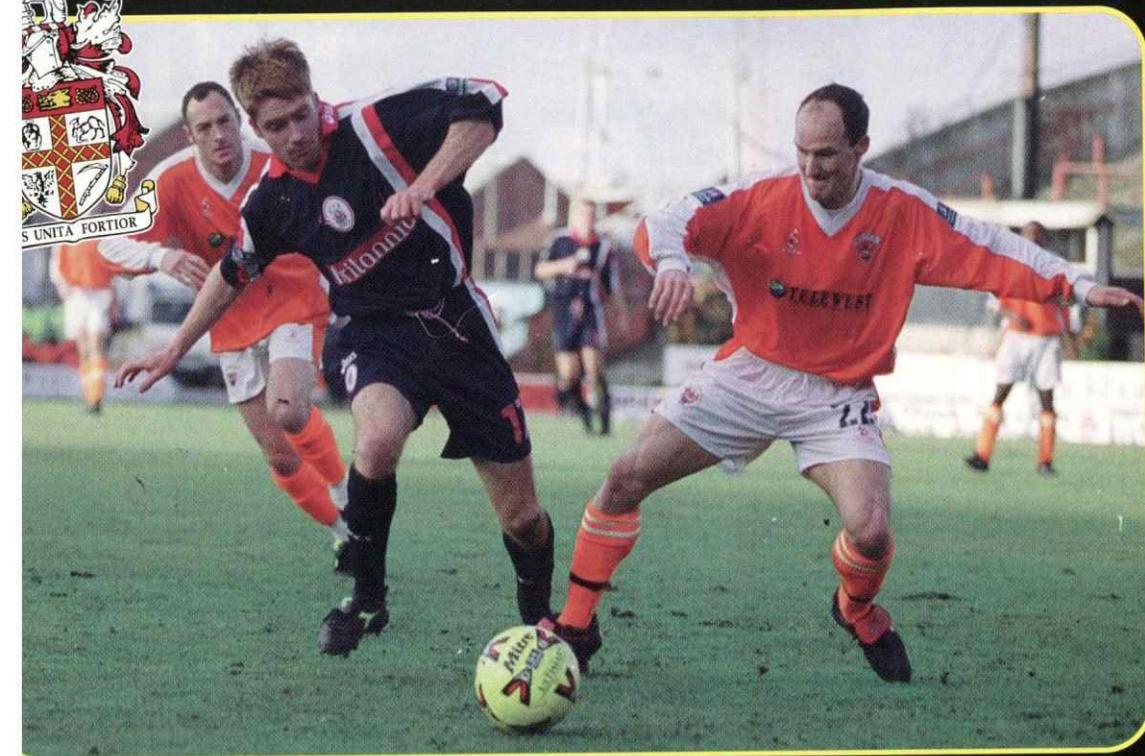
Stan Matthews for those lucky enough to have seen him play was one of THE greats of English football. Making his debut on March 19th 1932 in the 1-0 win at Bury. Within two years he had won his first England cap (v Wales) and he made his last appearance for the England team in 1957 (some 23 years later v Denmark.) Although he left Stoke just before the end of 1946-47 season,



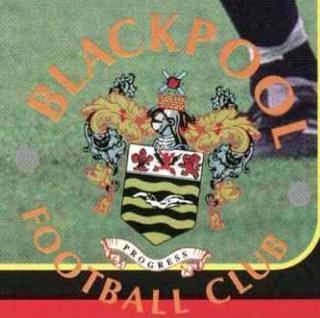
at a time when Stoke were on the brink of winning the First Division Championship - we eventually finished fourth after losing our last match v Sheff Utd when a win would have secured the title. He then went on to win an FA Cup Winners medal in 1953 (at the third attempt) when Blackpool defeated Bolton 4-3 in *The Matthews Final*. He returned to Stoke in 1961 and in his first game back, a superb 35,974 turned out to witness a 3-0 win at the Victoria Ground v Huddersfield Town. The gate at the previous match was 8,409! Stan Finally hung up his boots on 6th February 1965 in a 3-1 win at home to Fulham aged 50 years and 5 days, even then he felt he had finished two years early - feeling he could have switched inside to eke out his career.

He was rewarded with a testimonial match in April 1965. (The programme is reproduced here) a huge crowd of 35,000 turned out to watch a truly International team of stars including Puskas, Yashin and a Stoke team that included Jimmy Greaves. The game was shown live throughout Europe and a further 100,000 watched the great man finally end his career.

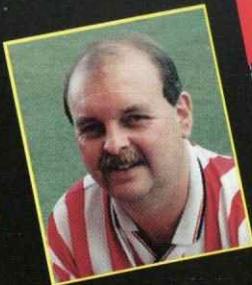
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BLACKPOOL 1 STOKE 2



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Can you name the ex Stokie who recently
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ours list?

Half Time Teaser

... WITH DAVE COXON

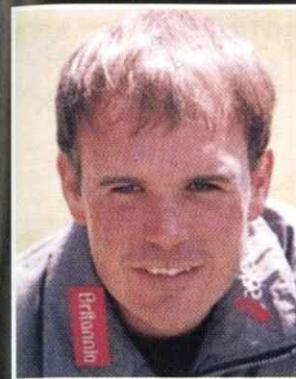
2/ Who was the ex Stokie who was shown the red card in Cambridge United's recent 1-0 defeat at Bristol Rovers?

3/ Our best victory over Luton took place at the Vic on 4th November 1995. With 17 minutes to go the score stood at 0-0 but a goal blitz saw us run out 5-0 winners, can you name our scorers that day?

The holiday post means I cannot tell you who was the lucky winner of the quiz I set in the Bristol Rovers programme. I can tell you the answers though 1/ Swansea's Walter Boyd made his way into the record books because he was sent off after 0 secs in their game against Darlington 2/ The Stoke forward who made his way from Bristol Rovers in December 1978 for £150,000 was Paul Randall 3/ The Stoke striker that joined Bristol Rovers for £70,000 in February 1990 was Carl Saunders.

Good luck with this weeks quiz, I'll have another for you in the Preston programme.

INTERVIEW...



OUR Academy youngsters are back in action this weekend after their mid-winter break and this week we depart from the usual player interview to seek a half-term report on their progress so far.

YOUTH will be thrust even further to the forefront during the second-half of our FA Premier Academy League campaign.

That's the promise of coach

David Kevan, who has been monitoring the progress of our group of 16 to 19-year-old startets this season.

After nearly four months of action our youngsters have learned an awful lot about Academy League football.

Sometimes they have impressed, sometimes they have struggled...but all have improved and are better footballers for the experience.

Watching it all has been the coach, who believes the young lads are now refreshed after their month-long fixture break and ready to go again when the League programme resumes at home to Aston Villa on January 22.

Before that come warm-up friendlies against Blackburn (today) and Nottingham Forest next weekend to ease the players back towards match sharpness and two good wins would do much to build confidence when the real stuff starts again.

"Results are important to us, there is no getting away from that, says Dave. "But the main issue is the development of the players and we are making good progress.

"The lads have come on, even though they started the season well by winning two of their first three matches and then faded.

"They lost their way a bit in the middle with a run of defeats, but I think a lot of it was down to confidence.

"We've got such a young team compared to others in the league, and therefore confidence is a major factor with them.

"The lads were not getting the breaks when they deserved them, were finding it hard to score goals, as they still are, and keeping a clean sheet also became a bit of a problem.

"It was not a recipe for success but after that they came again with a couple of decent performances and results before the break and we can now build on that.

"All the games have been very competitive and of a high standard. Its helped the lads progress, both collectively as a team and as individuals, and the future looks good.

"It's important to remember that most of our players are not just eligible for this season, but next season and in some cases even the season beyond.

"This season we have blooded six of our

new first-year intake into under-19 football and it's been a big step for them, playing against people who are physically more developed and who have two or three years of learning already behind them. "So it's understandable that it has been hard and is going to be hard. The policy for the New Year is to push under-19s like Kris Sigurdsson, Dave McGeough, Lewis Neal and Stuart Scheuber on to the reserve squad to work with Ian Cranson.

"We need to see them cope at that level now and they should be playing at that level, but it means the Academy side will be even younger. So again results could be hard to find but we feel that long-term it will help the younger lads towards next season and the season after that.

After such a long break is there a danger the youngsters may have forgotten some of what they have learned so far?

Not so, says Dave, who adds: "It's been a long time, but they needed it. The rest has done them a power of good, certainly more good than harm. A football season is a long slog, especially for those just out of school, and the break came at just the right time.

"We've tried to give them a rest, while keeping them fit. They did a bit of training before we let them all go home for Christmas, which was for 12 days and we encouraged them to put their families first and their football on the back burner for a little while and rest the mind as well as the body, but they've been working hard again since coming back prior to this weekends first friendly.

"One of the most pleasing aspects has been the way they all looked after themselves over the holiday period, as we expected them to, and now they are all raring to go and we don't need to do another mini pre-season as it were to get them prepared again."

David Kevan

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Statistics Review

NATIONWIDE DIVISION 2

Pld	HOME					AWAY					G.D.	Pts
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
24	10	2	0	24	6	5	7	0	23	14	27	54
24	9	1	2	20	10	6	6	0	22	9	23	52
24	8	3	1	16	6	7	2	3	16	9	17	50
24	7	4	1	20	10	6	2	4	18	15	13	45
24	10	1	1	25	9	2	6	4	8	12	12	43
23	8	2	2	25	12	4	4	3	17	16	14	42
25	6	3	4	20	14	6	3	3	17	12	11	42
24	4	5	3	14	11	7	3	2	20	10	13	41
25	7	3	3	21	15	3	4	5	15	18	3	37
25	8	2	2	23	8	2	2	9	12	28	-1	34
24	7	4	1	25	15	2	2	8	5	17	-2	33
24	6	3	4	20	17	2	5	4	10	13	0	32
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24	3	4	5	20	21	0	3	9	10	20	-11	16
23	1	3	6	5	11	1	5	7	8	17	-15	14

1999/2000 FACTFILE

KEY TO SYMBOLS

- Played
- Playing Sub
- Non-Playing Sub

DATE	OPPONENTS	VENUE	F-A	ATT.	POS.
Aug 7 Sat	OXFORD UNITED	H	1-2	11,300	-
Aug 10 Tue	Macclesfield Town wct(1)	A	1-1	2,551	-
Aug 14 Sat	Preston North End	A	1-2	11,465	-
Aug 22 Sun	MILLWALL	H	3-1	7,054	22
Aug 25 Wed	MACCLESFIELD TOWNwct(2)	H	3-0	5,003	-
Aug 28 Sat	Burnley	A	0-1	11,328	-
Aug 30 Mon	GILLINGHAM	H	1-1	8368	-
Sept 4 Sat	Cambridge United	A	3-1	4,007	-
Sept 11 Sat	Chesterfield	A	2-0	4,285	7
Sept 14 Tue	SHEFF WED	H	0-0	9313	-
Sept 18 Sat	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	1-1	11,195	-
Sept 22 Wed	Sheff Wed wc2(2)	A	1-3	10,993	-
Sept 25 Sat	Wrexham	A	3-2	5,924	-
Oct 2 Sat	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	H	1-0	13,068	-
Oct 9 Sat	READING	H	2-1	9,621	-
Oct 16 Sat	AFC Bournemouth	A	1-1	5,990	4
Oct 19 Tue	Cardiff City	A	2-1	6,146	-
Oct 23 Sat	WREXHAM	H	2-0	10,545	3
Oct 30 Sat	Blackpool FA Cup 1	A	0-2	4,721	-
Nov 3 Wed	NOTTS COUNTY	H	0-1	11,619	-
Nov 6 Sat	Bury	A	0-0	4,280	6
Nov 14 Sun	BRISTOL CITY	H	1-1	10,775	-
Nov 23 Tue	Wycombe Wanderers	A	4-0	4,345	7
Nov 27 Sat	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	1-1	14,183	-
Dec 4 Sat	Oxford United	A	1-1	5,700	-
Dec 7 Tue	DARLINGTON (AWS)	H	3-2	3,341	-
Dec 18 Sat	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	1-2	10,379	8
Dec 26 Sun	Blackpool	A	2-1	5,274	-
Dec 28 Tue	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	0-0	13,709	-
Jan 3 Mon	Brentford	A	1-0	6,792	8
Jan 8 Sat	LUTON TOWN	H	FA Cup 4		
Jan 14 Fri	PRESTON NORTH END	H	7.45		
Jan 22 Sat	Millwall	A			
Jan 29 Sat	BURNLEY	H	FA Cup 5		
Feb 5 Sat	Gillingham	A			
Feb 12 Sat	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H			
Feb 19 Sat	Colchester United	A	FA Cup 6		
Feb 26 Sat	Wigan Athletic	A			
Mar 4 Sat	CHESTERFIELD	H			
Mar 8 Wed	BURY	H			
Mar 11 Sat	Notts County	A			
Mar 18 Sat	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H			
Mar 21 Tue	Bristol City	A			
Mar 25 Sat	BLACKPOOL	H			
Apr 1 Sat	Bristol Rovers	A			
Apr 8 Sat	BRENTFORD	H	FA Cup Semi-Final		
Apr 15 Sat	Oldham Athletic	A			
Apr 22 Sat	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H			
Apr 24 Mon	Scunthorpe United	A			
Apr 29 Sat	CARDIFF CITY	H			
May 6 Sat	Reading	A			
May 20 Sat	FA Cup Final				

Luton Town - To be rearranged

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34		
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Frode Kippe																																			



Player Appearances & Scorers FOR THE 1999-2000 SEASON



Player	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G
BULLOCK	2+4	-	-	-	0+1	-	-	-
MARK	17+2	1	-	-	1	-	3+1	-
MOR	11+6	3	-	-	0+1	-	2+2	1
OWE	0+6	-	1	-	-	-	0+2	-
NIELSSON	3+4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
DRYDEN	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SEINN GISLASON	4+1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
HANSSON	4+1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
HEATH	0+3	-	-	-	0+1	-	0+1	-
JACOBSEN	18+2	1	1	-	1	-	3	-
KAVANAGH	22+4	5	1	-	1	-	4	1
YANAGH	20+2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
EN	20+2	1	-	-	1	-	3+1	1
PPE	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HTBOURNE	18+1	5	0+1	2	1	-	3	-
KENZIE	0+2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HAN	20	4	1	-	-	-	3	-
CONNOR	20	2	1	-	1	-	3	1
DFIELD	6+10	1	0+1	-	-	-	2+1	-
Y	1+4	-	0+1	-	-	-	1	-
Y	14+5	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
ORT	14	-	-	-	-	-	2+1	-
HALL	5+2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
GURDSSON	5	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
TAAFFE	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
ORNE	22+1	8	1	-	1	-	3	1
ARD	24	-	1	-	1	-	4	-
WOOLISCROFT	-	-	-	-	1	-		

The



Match Facts

STOKE CITY

LUTON TOWN

- Gavin WARD 1
- Bryan SMALL 3
- Phil ROBINSON 4
- Nicky MOHAN 5
- Sigursteinn GISLASON 6
- Chris SHORT 7
- Graham KAVANAGH 8
- Peter THORNE 9
- Dean CROWE 10
- David OLDFIELD 11
- Kyle LIGHTBOURNE 12
- Carl MUGGLETON 14
- Mikael HANSSON 15
- Paul CONNOR 16
- James O'CONNOR 17
- Ben PETTY 18
- Robert HEATH 21
- Clive CLARKE 22
- Ashley WOOLISCROFT 23
- Matthew BULLOCK 24
- Jamie CARTWRIGHT 25
- Calvin DIXON 26
- Stuart FRASER 27
- Jamie GODBOLD 28
- Richard BURGESS 29
- Kevin KEEN 30
- Richard DRYDEN 31
- Anders JACOBSEN 32
- Einar Thor DANIELSSON 33
- Frode KIPPE 34

- 1 Nathan ABBEY
- 2 Gavin McGOWAN
- 3 Efetobore SODJE
- 4 Matthew SPRING
- 5 Alan WHITE
- 6 Marvin JOHNSON
- 7 Phil GRAY
- 8 Paul McLAREN
- 9 Stuart DOUGLAS
- 10 Michael McINDOE
- 11 Liam GEORGE
- 12 Gary DOHERTY
- 13 Stuart FRASER
- 14 Andrew FOTIADIS
- 15 Matthew TAYLOR
- 16 Landry ZAHANA-ONI
- 17 Emmerson BOYCE
- 18 Tresor KANDOL
- 19 James AYRES
- 20 Jerry MOSES
- 21 Andrew SCARLETT
- 22 Daniel TATE (GK)
- 23 Jude STIRLING
- 24 Scott WARD (GK)
- 28 Adam LOCKE
- 31 Paul READ
- 39 Tony THORPE
- 40 Julian WATTS



OUR MASCOT'S
RICKY SHERWIN
 His favourite players are Gavin Ward and Peter Thorne
 His hobby is football and Playstation computers and his ambition is to play for Stoke City.



TIFFANY TYLER
 Her hobbies are cycling and computing. Her favourite players are Graham Kavanagh and Carl Muggleton and her ambition is to be a hairdresser.



KIRTSY SHERWIN
 Her hobbies are football, art, swimming & computing. Her favourite players are Graham Kavanagh and Peter Thorne Her ambition is to be a vet.

MATCH RECORD

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 Luton Town Scorer(s):



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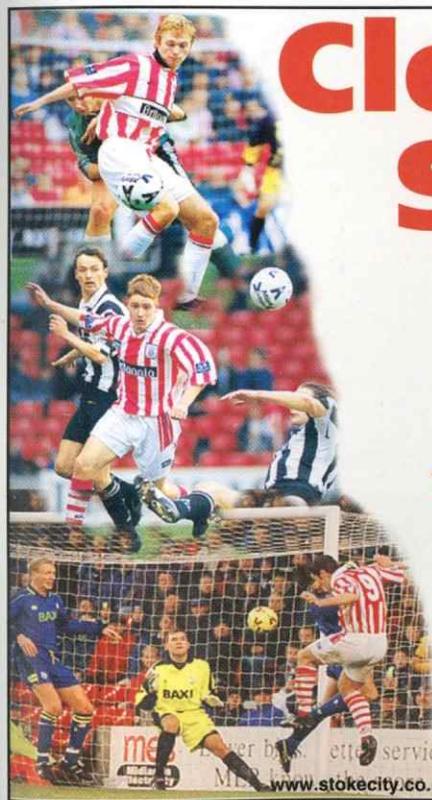
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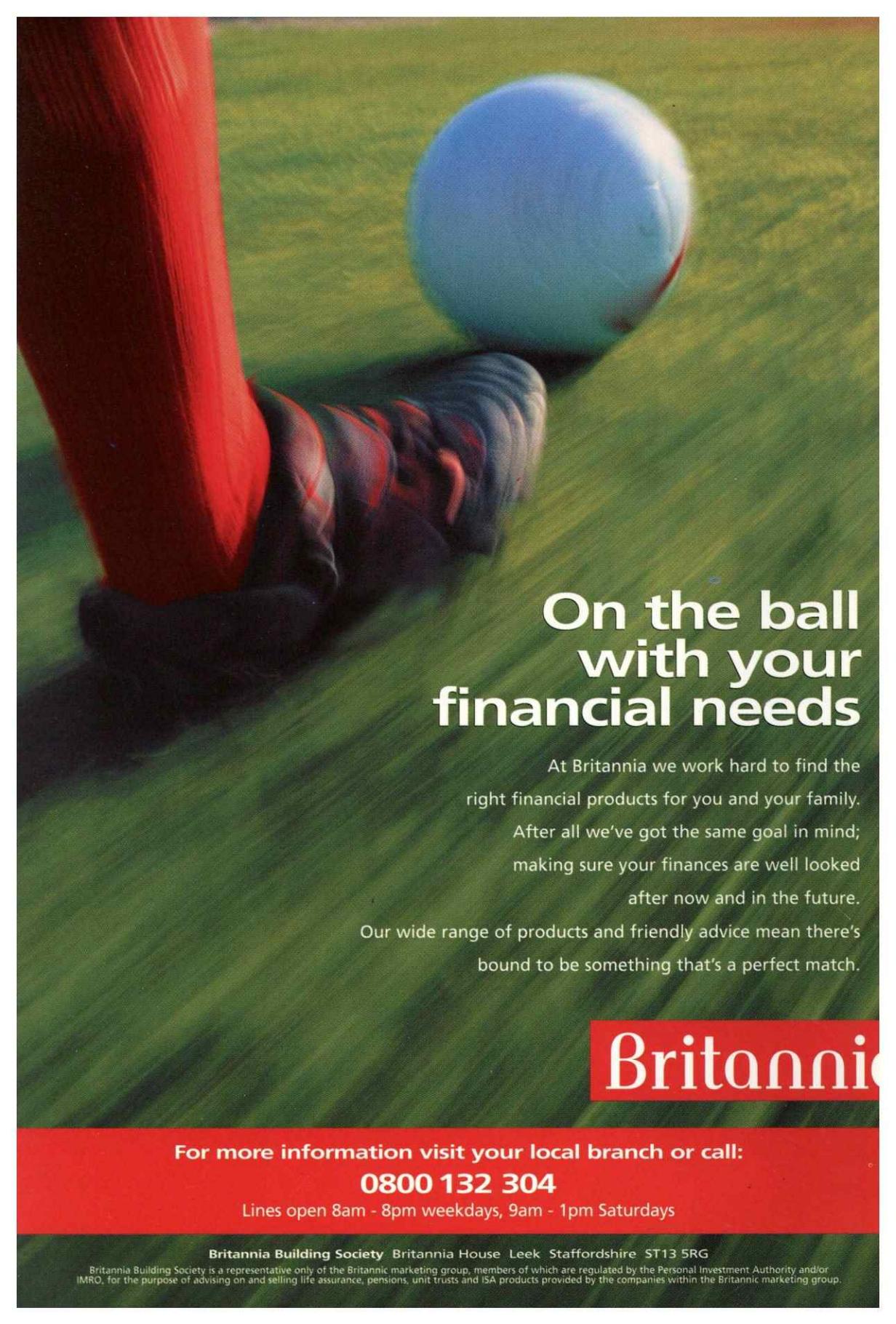
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