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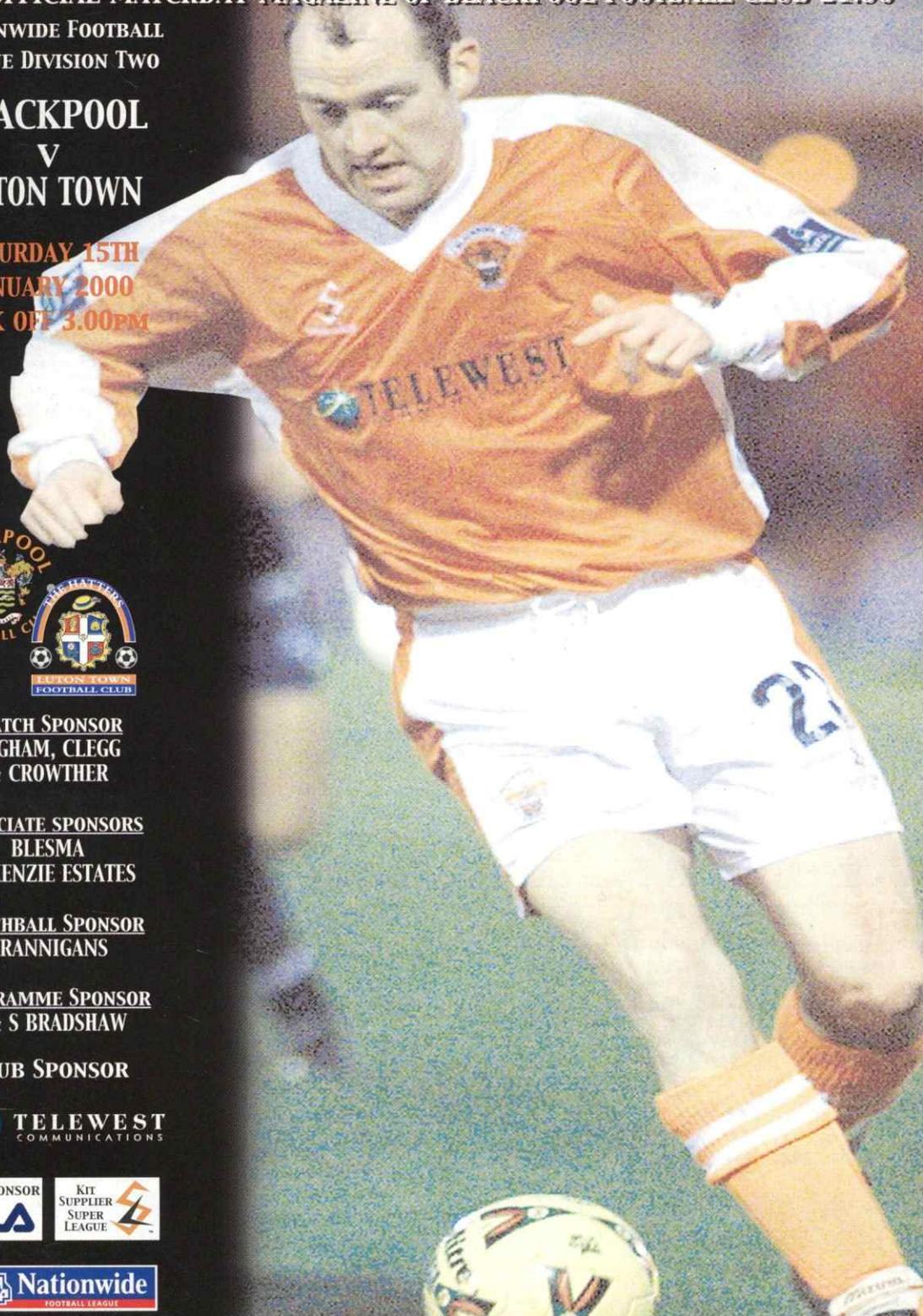
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On behalf of everybody at Blackpool Football Club may I send our deepest condolence to the family of the late Ken Parr who died this week. Ken was a respected authority on the club and a former Football League referee and LFA Councillor. He was a former Director of the Club and an avid supporter. Our thoughts go out to his Widow and children.

## TODAYS GUEST

**JOHN DEARY** Is today's guest, well remembered as a hardworking midfield player for the club with an eye for goal.

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On behalf of all Blackpool supporters may I welcome new manager STEVE McMAHON to his first game at Bloomfield Road. I am sure that all supporters will get behind him and the players in their endeavours for the rest of the season. Every game is important and so is every point. The point at Reading last week was a good start despite many injury problems and losing Barry Shuttleworth sent off. It was good to see

on loan player Rob Matthews open his account with a well taken goal. Welcome to new signing GARY ABLETT and on loan KEVIN RICHARDSON both have great experience at the highest level. Both played their part in the 1-0 victory at Mansfield Town in the Auto Windscreen Shield last Tuesday. Today we welcome Luton Town to Bloomfield Road for this important fixture. The Managers column will resume in the next programme.

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**Blackpool:** Banks, Bryan, Shuttleworth, Bardsley, Carlisle, Ormerod, Thompson, Clarkson, Aldridge, Busheil, Malkin. **Subs:** Bent for Aldridge, Nowland for Ormerod, Hughes for Malkin **Scorer:** Nowland  
**Luton T:** Davis, Alexander, McGowan, Spring, Davis, Johnson, Cox, Evers, Douglas, Gray, McIndoe  
**Subs:** Marshall for Douglas, Thomas for McIndoe, Bacque for Gray.  
**Referee:** Mr G Cain (Bootle)

**PREVIOUS FOOTBALL LEAGUE MEETINGS**

1897/8	Div 2	1-0 (H)	1-3 (A)
1898/9	Div 2	2-3 (H)	2-3 (A)
1955/6	Div 1	3-2 (H)	1-3 (A)
1956/7	Div 1	4-0 (H)	2-0 (A)
1957/8	Div 1	1-2 (H)	0-2 (A)
1958/9	Div 1	3-0 (H)	1-1 (A)
1959/60	Div 1	0-0 (H)	1-0 (A)
1971/2	Div 2	0-1 (H)	4-1 (A)
1972/3	Div 2	1-1 (H)	2-2 (A)
1973/4	Div 2	3-0 (H)	0-3 (A)
1975/6	Div 2	3-2 (H)	0-3 (A)
1976/7	Div 2	1-0 (H)	0-0 (A)
1977/8	Div 2	2-1 (H)	0-4 (A)
1996/7	Div 2	0-0 (H)	0-1 (A)
1997/8	Div 2	1-0 (H)	0-3 (A)
1998/9	Div 2	1-0 (H)	0-1 (A)
1999/2000	Div 2		2-3 (A)

**BLACKPOOL'S TOTAL LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST LUTON**

	P33	W13	D6	L14	F42	A45
<b>AT BLACKPOOL:</b>	P16	W10	D3	L3	F26	A12
<b>AT LUTON:</b>	P17	W3	D3	L11	F16	A33

**MEET THE MANAGER**

Name: Lennie Lawrence  
 Place of Birth: Brighton  
 Date of Birth: 14th December 1947  
 Date of Appointment: December 1995  
 Previous Clubs:  
 As Manager: Plymouth Argyle (caretaker), Charlton Athletic, Middlesbrough, Bradford City.  
 As a Player: Croydon, Carshalton Athletic, Sutton United



**HONOURS**

As a Manager: Charlton Athletic, Division Two Runners Up 1985/86  
 Now approaching four years in charge, Lennie arrived at Kenilworth Road following the departure of Terry Westley.  
 As a player, Lennie saw service with non-league Carshalton Athletic and Sutton Town. His managerial career started as assistant at Plymouth and then Lincoln City, before becoming manager of Charlton Athletic in 1982, having initially joined as a reserve team coach.

It was with Charlton where he made his name. Against all the odds, he took the club into the top flight in 1986, keeping the South London side there for four seasons.

Heading North to Middlesbrough, he guided the Teeside club into the FA Premier League in 1992 in his first season with them. A short spell at Bradford City followed before his appointment in December 1995.

In his first full season in charge the Hatters made the play-offs, the last two seeing the club finish mid table

**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 England Under 21 keeper 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.**

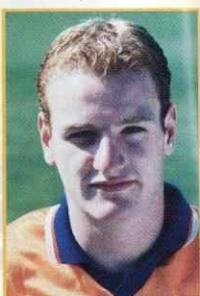
One of the many to come through from Luton's schools and youth development programme, the defender was signed as a YTS boy in the summer of 1995, and graduated to the first team squad after a debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999. By the end of the season he was a regular in the squad, 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 (PICTURED)**

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 to: 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



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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.

**ANDREW FOTIADIS (PICTURED)**

Another local discovery, Fotiadis chose to stay at school to gain GCSE A-levels before being a full-time soccer professional. He won England School Caps at under-15 and under-18 level, and developed a style to delight Luton fans and worry opposing defences, as a old-fashioned centre-forward, with good physique, power and concentrated determination to score goals. Luton record to the start of this season: 61 appearances, 7 goals.

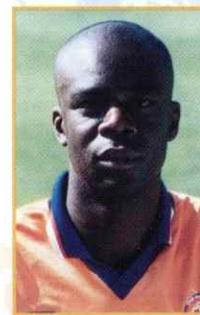


**STUART FRASER**

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

**MARVIN JOHNSON (PICTURED)**

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.

**LIAM GEORGE**

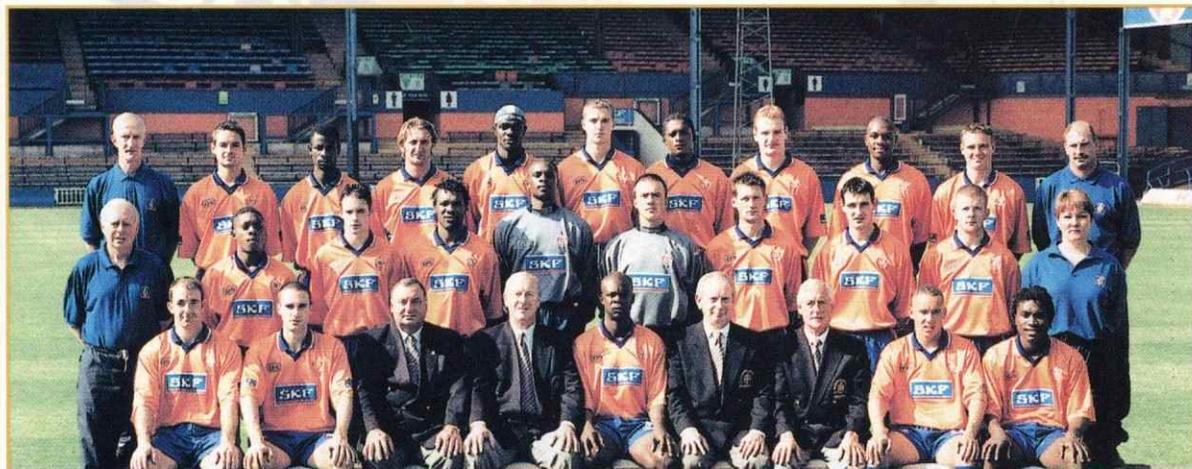
Full of pace and nimble footwork, striker George was well set a year ago to clinch a league place after impressing as a constant scorer in Luton's youth and reserve teams. A regular member of the Republic of Ireland squad that progressed to the European youth championships final in the summer of 1998, 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 rediscovered his goal touch was recalled to the Northern Ireland squad in November.

**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



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could not afford to make an offer, and was delighted to conclude a deal a year later when Arsenal offered the defender a free transfer.  
**HAEL MCINDOE**  
 He 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 first team which won the South East Counties League championship in 1997/98. He made his first team debut in the Worthington Cup first round victory over Oxford United a year ago.

**JL MCLAREN**  
 He was still a schoolboy when Luton realised that he had enough talent and strength to play regularly in their youth team. A YTS transfer was a formality, and he was offered pro terms while still only 17. Confident and always ready to back up attacks, he soon became a regular player in a 1994 debut.

**TOBORE SODJE**  
 He 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 Two. British, but qualifying for Nigeria, where he spent much of his childhood, "Effy" came back to England in 1994 to try his luck in the football League. Luton were interested but then manager David Pleat missed the young hopeful to join neighbouring Stevenage Borough, but he then came back 12 months later. But Sodje did so well in the reference 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.

**THEW SPRING**  
 Competitive midfielder, Spring was a driving force in the Luton side which reached the FA youth cup semi-finals in 1997, and it was no surprise when he was called up for a league debut, when still only 17, in a sub against Bristol City in September 1997. Last season was his best - he topped the Hatters appearances with 54 games, and scouts from the big clubs gathered in droves to watch him. Luton record to the start of this season: 67 appearances, 3 goals.

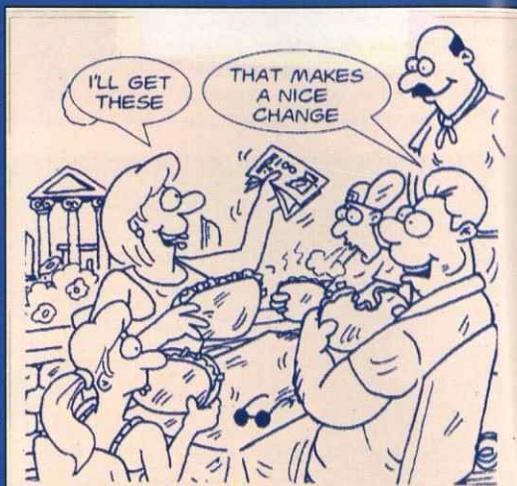
**THEW TAYLOR**  
 When Luton were in receivership throughout the summer, players had to be sold or given away to save money, while severe restrictions were imposed on new recruits. So once more Luton had to look at the young talent coming up through the ranks, and midfielder Taylor, though still only 17, was given his chance. Impressive performance in pre-season trials saw him leap from youth team to league squad, and after helping Luton win the South East Counties championship last season he sealed this with a league debut on opening day, at Notts County.

**JAN WATTS**  
 Signed on a month's loan from Bristol City at the start of the season, and then on to get his career moving again after falling out of favour at Ashton. Rotherham gave the defender his first taste of league football, but 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.

**ALAN WHITE**  
 Lennie Lawrence went back to Middlesbrough, one of his old clubs, when an injury crisis robbed him of three of his back four in September 1997. Centre-half White was a prospect Lawrence knew well: Lennie had signed him as a 17 year old at Ayresome Park. White was unable to force his way into Middlesbrough's Premiership squad after the advent of Bryan Robson and big-money signings, and grabbed the chance to rejoin Lawrence in a 40,000 transfer. Luton record to the start of this season: 71 Appearances, 2 goals.

**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.



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With hindsight its easy to make wise observations, nevertheless the body language of Nigel Worthington at Preston indicated a disillusioned manager who was about to relinquish control of team matters. During thirty months in charge Nigel Worthington with total honesty would admit that bad defeats have been too regular, far too frequently Blackpool have waved the white flag of surrender. At a difficult time for small town clubs to wheel and deal successfully in the transfer market Nigel Worthington was unable to find players who could perform consistently to the same standards the former Irish International had set himself during his own playing career. In search of the magic formula which required fourteen players who were prepared to battle, to stand up tall, not be frightened of pressure, to be positive, there was a big turnover in playing staff illustrated by two games against Premier teams at the either ends of Worthy's reign. Not a single player involved in the first game against Coventry City, Phil Clarkson did play second leg at Highfield Road, played in the FA Cup tie against Arsenal. The home side have to be warmly applauded for showing respect to the Seasiders by selecting the strongest possible team which helped 'Pool' attract the biggest gate at the Third Round stage. Amongst

that attendance the Seasiders had a marvellous following of nearly three thousand who shared a champagne moment when Phil Clarkson breached the highly rated Gunners defence. Good old fashioned British Beef contained foreign flair, raising hopes for a lucrative replay at Bloomfield Road with less than thirty minutes left. The effort taken in closing down top class opposition eventually took its toll, Tony Adams and Marc Overmars scoring the goals that confirmed their higher status, although it was never the thrashing that some silly newsreader announced on Television the next morning. Still that reflects the national media ignorance of football outside the top flight, more aware locals focussed on how the same team that emerged with much credit from playing against top class Premiership opposition had only managed to win three time sin the first half of their Nationwide campaign. The height of Blackpool's ambitions a goal-less draw at Preston remained intact for seventy minutes. What no team can legislate against is a piece of individual brilliance that can change the course of a game in an instant. The pain made worse when the mortal blow a stunning free kick is struck by an ex-player David Eyres. In scenes reminiscent to Turf Moor when Mellon scored for the Clarets, on this occasion it got worse Eyres had time to grab another goal, in between Appleton had sandwiched a second giving the North End fans a flattering scoreline to gloat about.

The three games that Mike Davies took in temporary charge mirrored all the teams bad habits so far this season. Against Stoke a ten minute spell of slack defending presented the visitors with a two goal lead. Despite a spirited fight back in the second half after Adam Nowland had reduced the deficit Blackpool lacking the suspended John Murphy hadn't got the power up front to repair earlier damage. The spineless performance at Scunthorpe was something that has happened far too often when we have played away. Fans who have taken the time, paid good money to travel deserve much better than a team only playing for the last few minutes. Total domination of the first half against Colchester needed the security of a second goal to add to an earlier Junior Bent effort. Without the inevitable happened, early in the second half the visitors equalised a valuable, vital two points had been lost. When we came within a whisker of promotion under the management of Sam Allardyce, Steve McMahon was achieving that target with Swindon Town taking them up as champions. Now fate has decreed in our hour of need Steve McMahon has arrived to inspire us, to steer this great club to better times.

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Firstly, on behalf of all the Community Staff, I would like to wish Steve McMahon all the best for his first home match and for the rest of the season.

Over the Christmas period, I spoke at a Sportsman's Dinner to help raise funds for Hambleton Tennis Club. I would like to thank everyone involved for a very enjoyable evening and for making me feel so welcome (see picture).

Thanks to Ian Carthy, School of Excellence Under 16 goalkeeper for attending a penalty shoot out for Clifton Rangers football club. The Under 10s took penalties against Ian to raise funds for their football club, I hope all the lads had a great day. (See picture).

Obviously the new year sees our National adidas Competition underway with the Predator Community Cup for boys under 11s and girls under 13s. Details of dates for both competitions will be announced as soon as the venues have been confirmed. Watch this space.

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Luton Town came to Bloomfield Road on 8 September 1956 riding high in the First Division table and having hit six goals past Sunderland and scored four in a nine goal thriller against Wolverhampton Wanderers they were in goalscoring form. Indeed, the forwards were said to be the fastest in the country and it was said with some authority.

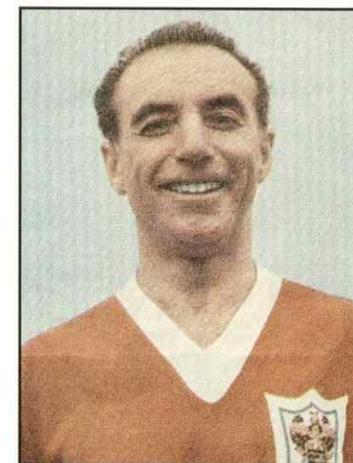
Blackpool therefore expected a tough game against the team from Kenilworth Road although they themselves were feeling fairly confident having won four and lost two of their opening six League games. And into the bargain the goals were flying in as 18 had been scored which included five against Everton and four against Tottenham Hotspur. The Blackpool line-up of Farm, Armfield, Wright, Kelly J, Gratix, Kelly H, Matthews, Brown, Mudie, Durie, Perry was unchanged for the third successive game so the 32,112 spectators settled back for what they thought would be an intriguing and evenly-matched contest.

What followed was quite the opposite for as one jubilant supporter exclaimed as he left the ground "they'd nowt to beat". And that was the way it seemed for although Luton started brightly enough they quickly faded and although their forwards were admittedly swift when they had the ball, they did not get it often enough to do any damage. The half back line was so occupied with trying to keep our the rampant Blackpool forwards that it had little time to devote to feeding the forwards. And when the forwards did get the ball, they were unable to hold onto it for long enough to cause problems as the Blackpool full backs and half backs dispossessed them very quickly or, on rare occasions, the Luton forwards wasted the ball in their vain efforts to create something dangerous.

The net result was that Blackpool kept a clean sheet for the first time in 13 games; full backs Jimmy Armfield and Jackie Wright, until he got injured, made it all look so simple and they both found time to assist in building up Blackpool attacks and Hughie Kelly was on top form, never looking deadlier in the tackle and seldom putting a foot wrong all afternoon. As for the forwards, the score of 4-0 is testament to their ability on the afternoon and if it had not been for the acrobatics of

Bernard Streten in the Luton goal the result would have been even more emphatic; one report even suggested that his performance qualified him for a spot in the Tower Circus! Blackpool perhaps should have scored more goals for the wizardry of Stanley Matthews was sometimes wasted by the other forwards; he constantly showed his amazingly speed as he made his unerring way towards the Luton goal only for his crosses either to be over-generously knocked wide or for Streten to display his agility.

His inside partner Alan Brown scored one of the goals which qualified for 'goal of the season' and in addition was always prompting and providing ammunition for the others. On the left wing Perry and Durie were no less productive although it was said of the latter "(he) still baffles the experts, so clumsy one minute, producing a pass of the copybook the next". But that was how 'legs' played the game and he did add one of the four goals. Perry on the wing was as fast as ever and although he was finding goals hard to come by, his direct and aggressive wing play provided fodder for the rest. And from one of his crosses centre forward Jackie Mudie scored his sixth goal of a season which was to see him equal Jimmy Hampson's 32 goal season record. Blackpool's fourth goal came from a limping Jackie Wright, the only goal he was to score for the club in 167 League and Cup games. And on the afternoon's display it was acknowledged that "they have a good team at Blackpool today" and that Luton Town only played as well as they were allowed. Blackpool did indeed have a good team for they continued their good progress to finish in fourth position in Division One, following a second place finish the previous season.



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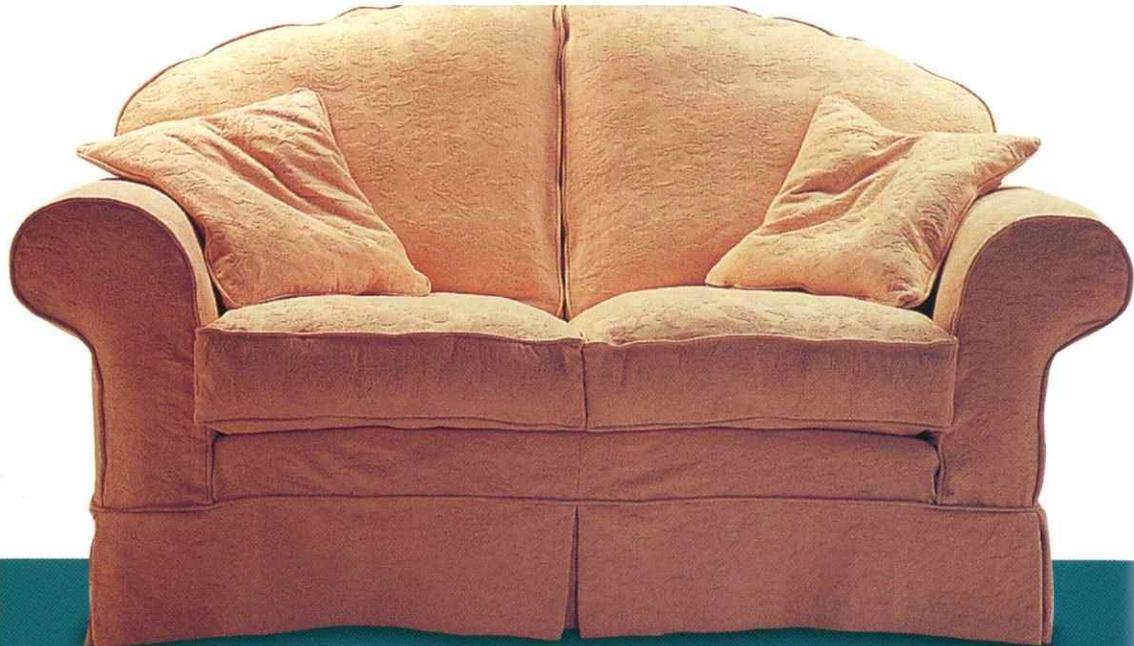
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Shots on Target (inc goals)	14	27
Shots off Target	10	14
Blocked Shots	3	12
<b>Passing</b>		
Goal Assists	3	3
Total Passes	718	614
Pass Completion %	51%	66%
<b>Crossing</b>		
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Cross Completion %	50%	34%
<b>Dribbling</b>		
Dribbles & Runs	28	64
Dribble Completion %	96%	59%
<b>Defending</b>		
Tackles Made	3	16
Tackles Won %	33%	31%
Blocks	4	5
Clearances	12	3
Interceptions	10	10
<b>Discipline</b>		
Fouls	62	20
Offside	10	20
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**John Murphy v Liam George  
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Although very different in their playing styles, Blackpool's rangy striker John Murphy and Luton's pacemeister Liam George are two of the most promising front-men in the second division and will play crucial roles in the outcome of today's match. Both men are in excellent scoring form in 1999-2000, netting 18 goals between them in what can be described, at best, as indifferent seasons for the respective clubs.

Big Murphy has made an equally large impression at Bloomfield Road since his summer move from Shester and has tucked away eight goals with a degree of confidence and is likely to prove a key figure under the new broom of Steve McMahon.

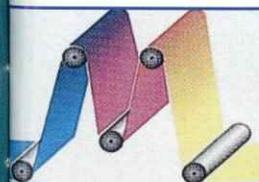
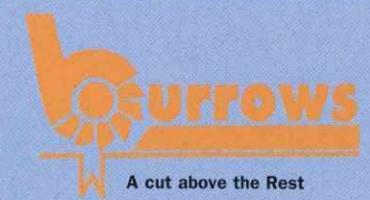
Luton's youth team product George is not as adept in the air as Murphy but has a bag of tricks up his sleeve and lightening pace to match. He has netted 10 goals this term while another 17 of his rasping efforts have been dealt with by opposing goalkeepers.

Both men have set-up three goals this season, although George has a superior completion ration in terms of passing the ball. However, Murphy is surprisingly more successful when dribbling with the ball, belying his tall frame.

George has helped out defensively on more occasions, in fact he has attempted 16 tackles in 1999-2000, despite conceding just 20 free-kicks. Murphy's style in the tackle is more forthright. He has committed a massive 62 fouls, has been booked four times and was sent-off once this season in the match against Wrexham.

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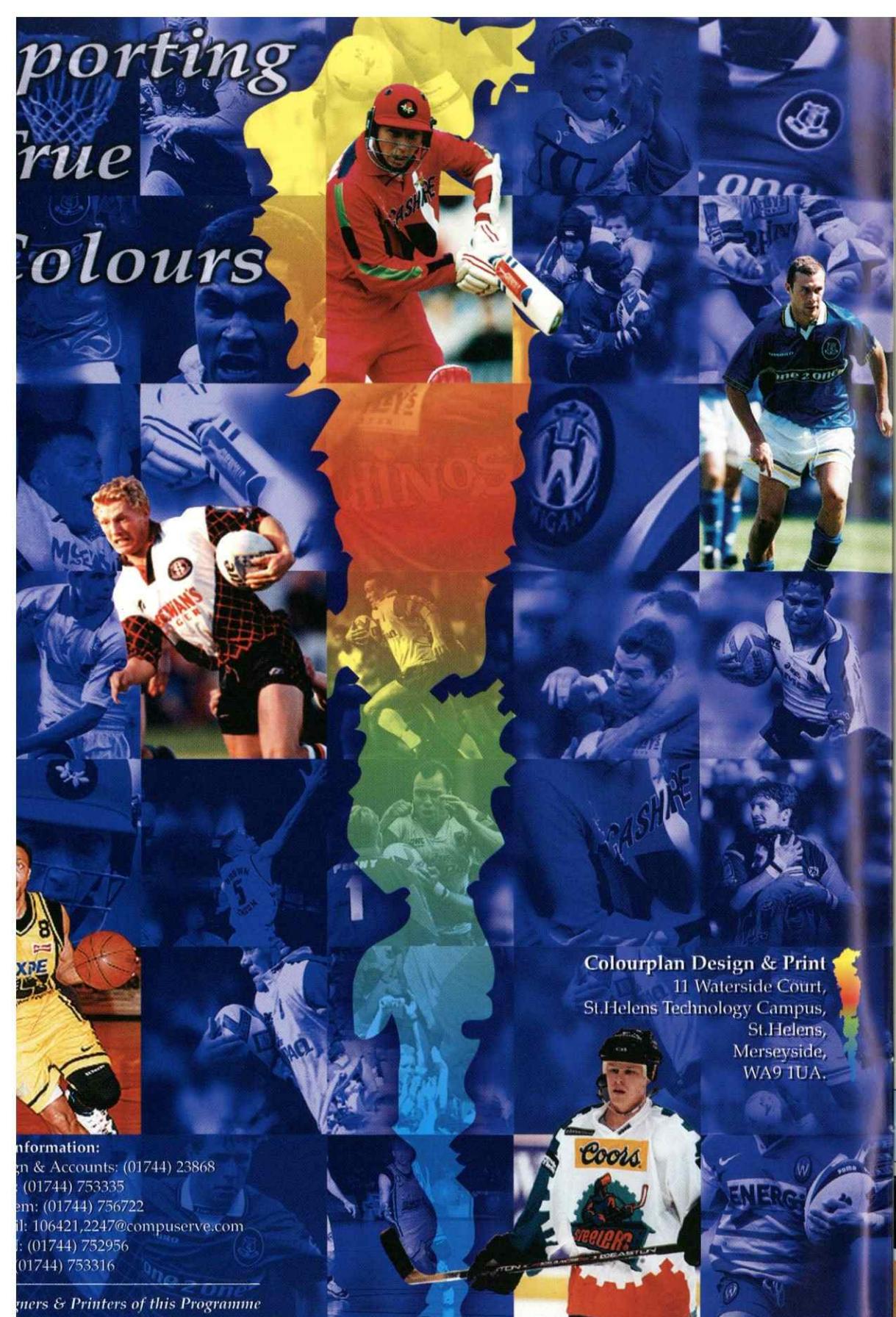


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# ANOTHER VIEW FROM THE TOWER

BY THE EDITOR

If a week is a long time in politics, then a month seems a lifetime in football. Although you'll have read my ramblings over Xmas and New Year, these were actually written just after the Arsenal game, since when we've lost one manager and gained another, failed to win in the league and lost against one of our major rivals. Ironically the one thing that hasn't changed is our league position.

Like most Seasideers, the news that Nigel Worthington had resigned came as a huge surprise. If Nigel had been thinking of leaving the club there had been plenty of opportunities to do so during this season, not least after our 5-0 home defeat against Bury in October. Repeatedly he told us that he wasn't going to quit the job and recently at a fans forum said that he loved the club. Which makes his departure ahead of a crucial Xmas programme even more astonishing. Following his departure, it became clear over that festive period that the players lacked confidence and the results against Scunthorpe and Colchester, where we 5 dropped points, may well prove costly come the end of the season.

Thus it was essential that we brought some new blood in to the club. The squad, of whom I've repeatedly said are in a position which doesn't reflect their abilities, were in need of a motivator, tactician and most importantly someone who would pass on their passion for the game which has so often been missing from Blackpool's performances. A few months ago when things were starting to look bleak at the seaside, a friend of mine predicted that Steve McMahon would be the next manager at Bloomfield Road. Thankfully I didn't place a wager with him or I would now be a few pounds worse off. When the short list of candidates was announced and speculation began, the nervous tremors could be felt across the North West as Blackpool fans shook in their boots at the prospect of Ian Atkins, John Beck or Ted MacDougal. Steve McMahon was the fans favourite for the job and you could hear the collective sigh of relief as his name was announced. Karl Oyston and his team have

come in for some renewed criticism of late, but this decision shows accusations of a lack of ambition within the club are unfounded. When interviewed about the appointment, Karl Oyston stated that the best way Blackpool fans can back the new manager is to come back through the turnstiles of Bloomfield Road which will mean money can be made available to the new manager. Hopefully that plea hasn't fallen on deaf ears and today's attendance will be healthier than the meagre 3,400 who turned up for the Colchester game. Once again an on loan player has shone out for the rest of the team after his arrival at the club. Rob Matthews has been our best player by far in the last 3 games, creating our goals against Colchester and Reading thus rewarding the team with a couple of much needed points. Despite this, it's obvious to all that it's victories that we need and not an occasional point here and there. This has got to start at Bloomfield Road where the atmosphere for the last 12 months has been sombre to say the least. Travelling Blackpool fans show the noise they can create when they are in far fewer numbers away from home, if we could just recreate that at Bloomfield Road it would surely have a positive effect on the players. So good luck to Steve McMahon on his first home match in charge today and let's hope we can get the win which will provide the side with something to build on for the rest of the season.

As always your comments and contributions about Blackpool FC are required for the next issue of AVFTT. You can write to AVFTT, PO Box 106, Sale, Cheshire, M33 7AA or e-mail us at AVFTT@aol.com



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Nick Wolstencroft of Layton Finance was incorrectly referred to as Mick Wolstenholme.

Our programme Sponsor Mark Bradley of Mark Bradley Builders was completely missed from the Commercial column.

Blackpool FC wish to apologise for these errors.

Today we welcome our new manager, Steve McMahon, to his first home game in charge at Bloomfield Road. I am sure you will all join me in wishing him every success. He has already been active in the transfer market bringing in two very experienced players and this experience will be vital if we are to perform the great escape and pull away from the relegation zone.

Fortunately there is time and

plenty of points to play for and if the effort and commitment shown at Reading last week are anything to go by it will surely be one hell of a second half of the season to look forward to. As you are no doubt aware the 'Break the Gate' scheme is in operation once more today and if this proves as great a success as it did when it brought Andy Watson to the club all those years ago then it will be well worth it. One vital factor of great importance is that we need to start winning home games and you can all play your part by getting behind the team right from the kick off and making Bloomfield Road a daunting place for the opposition sides to visit.

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pictures of the various sponsorship presentations. Clarke Carlisle receives his Man of the Match v Stoke from John Schofield representing the Vice Presidents who sponsored the game.

Rob Matthews receives his Man of the Match award at the Colchester game from Nick Wolstencroft of Layton Finance. Stoke match ball sponsor Mark Pilling of Royal & Sun Alliance presents the ball to referee Mr Kaye Colchester match ball sponsors Michael Tomlinson & Harry



Gardner present the ball to referee David Crick. One further presentation took place - that of John Hills winning the Match Magazine 2nd Division Matchman of the Month for November. Their representative is seen making the presentation.



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with number 383. It proves that some numbers can be lucky as the first prize winner against Colchester for £302.50 was also won by ticket 670 this time held by Paul Mellor of Eider Close, Thornton. The £10 winning ticket was number 766. Pictured below are guests Derek Spence and Barry Siddall making the two draws and Paul Mellor collecting his prize at the Colchester game.



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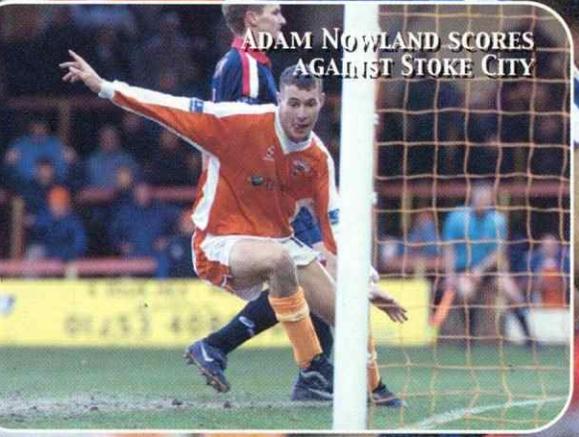
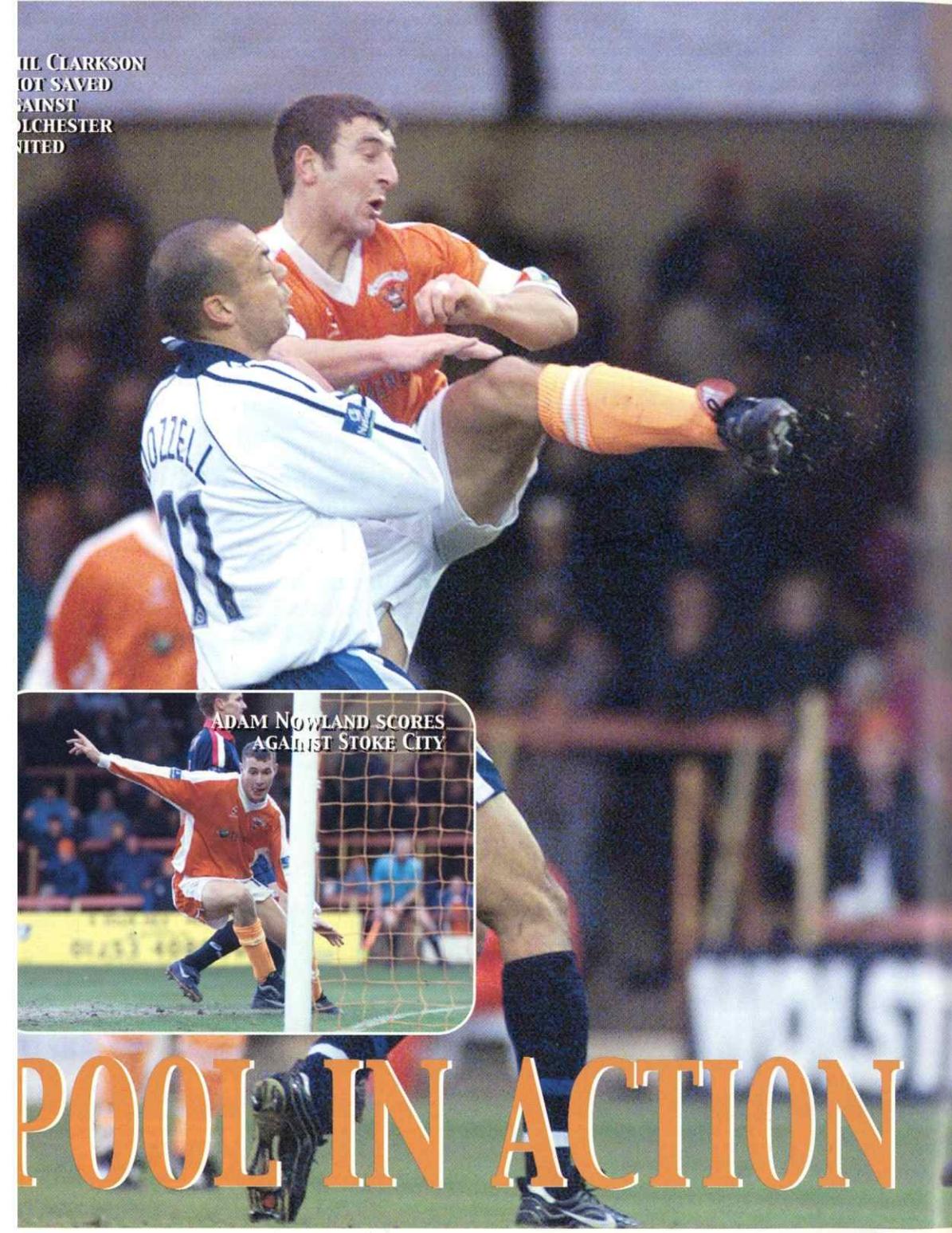
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- Blackpool beat York City 3-0 with goals from Tony Ellis and James Quinn, two. Gary Megson's view was "I thought we started the game well.....got a deserved start in so much as we scored.....in the second half the second goal eased a little bit of the tension."
- After being initially left out of the York game and then belatedly reinstated, Andy Preece handed in a shock loan request. He said "I have worked hard to get back in the team. I have got back and done well. I've scored in one of the game and I find myself being dropped. It just makes you wonder what kind of future you've got."
- A special fans forum was arranged for 15 January when supporters would be able to question manager Gary Megson and a number of the club's directors.
- Gary Briggs ended a five match ban and his Christmas wish to be recalled for the game with Burnley on Boxing Day. He commented "Before Saturday's game I thought I would walk straight back into the team. But everyone played well, it's going to be hard."
- Blackpool had injury doubts over Chris Malkin, hamstring, Lee Philpott, achilles, and Jason Lydiate, back for the Burnley game.
- In the event the Burnley game was called off due to frost but Blackpool beat the freeze as they trained on the beach for the clash with Walsall. Gary Megson said "We did some good running just to keep everything ticking over. The spirit in the camp is really bouncy at the moment" he added.

## DIVISION TWO REVIEW



**2** Wigan Athletic lost their unbeaten league record losing 1-0 at home to Oldham Athletic while their nearest rivals Preston were involved in the FA Cup.

Third placed Bristol Rovers lost 5-4 at Colchester United despite two goals from Jason Roberts. Stoke City moved into 5th place after beating Luton Town 2-1 at home. Chesterfield moved off the bottom thanks to a last minute goal from David Reeves to beat

Brentford 1-0. Reading drew their 7th home league game 1-1 to Blackpool who had been reduced to 10 men. In the FA Cup 3rd round replay Oxford United lost 3-1 at home to Nottingham Forest after taking the lead. Gillingham beat Walsall 2-1 after extra time and are now at home to Bradford City. In the 4th round Preston NE won 3-0 at Plymouth and Cambridge United won 2-1 at Wrexham. Burnley lost 3-0 at Coventry City.

# Tango

A Happy New Millennium to you all lets hope we have lots to shout about in the months ahead. Well as I mentioned last time the Christmas Party was superb with disco dancing, games, a visit by the players with which we all got to have our photographs taken with our favourites and of course the man himself Father Christmas made a special trip ahead of his busy

schedule. I was there as well to help Santa give out the presents and after supper we were treated to Michael Jackson, or it certainly looked like him to me. That is Michael Jackson the singer and not the footballer from down the road, I was a little worried because he mistook me for his pet monkey Bubbles and wanted to take me home but he realised his mistake when he took off his dark glasses, and for our older members we had the ten pin bowling the previous evening and again a great night was had by all. So after the festivities here at the Tango Club we are busy organising more trips and events for you so watch out for your next newsletter and my column in the programme for information.

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On behalf of the Blackpool Supporters Association I would like to give a very

warm welcome to our new manager Steve McMahon. Steve's pedigree as a player speaks for itself. He played for the team of the 80s - Liverpool - and won plenty of trophies along the way and made several appearances at Wembley. Hopefully, he'll now continue the Wembley habit as a manager at Blackpool - the Auto Windscreens maybe. I think all Blackpool fans will remember Steve from his managerial days at Swindon Town when we were neck and neck with Swindon for most of the season and we had two great games against them. But, of course, we all know what happened to us so we won't go any further into that. It does prove, though, that Steve can work on a tight, limited budget and also do a very good job. All Blackpool fans know that we have not got the money to go out and buy players but most fans did not feel that Nigel Worthington was the man that could do the job as manager. I think our present position in the league proves this. We are now in a lot of trouble near the bottom but we have got the change that we wanted and I think that now is the time for all Blackpool fans to get behind Steve McMahon and the players. Let's see if we can also make a difference and keep Blackpool in Division 2 next season. On to other things now. At the BSA meeting before the Colchester United match the other talking point (apart from the issue of who was going to be appointed as the new manager) was the subject of the early kick offs. Now I think every Blackpool fans is agreed that if these early kick offs do not benefit anyone apart from the police. The Stoke game at Christmas without doubt cost Blackpool and extra 1,000

fans through the gates. Also, if 'them down the road' can play us at 3pm with 16,000 fans there, then I am quite sure that the police can handle 2,000 Stoke fans. Whilst talking about the police, I thought that outside the ground at Preston they were the worst I have ever seen at a football match. Some of the things that happened outside the ground should never have happened anywhere.

Well, we all went down to Reading and what can you say? Steve McMahon's first game in charge saw lots of passion. A great performance and then who steps in? - Barry Shuttleworth. Now it is so frustrating when you travel 250 miles and, for me, it was looking like three points well won. All of a sudden in one moment of, well, all I can say is absolute stupidity two extra points have disappeared. I hope that Shuttleworth is dealt with because every Blackpool fan who was present must have been completely gutted. We found ourselves down to nine men for the last ten minutes with John Hills getting injured and all our substitutes had been used. But typical of Hills he carried on and put in a star performance.

If you are reading these notes before 1pm on the day of the Luton match you've still got time to come to our BSA members meeting in the No. 1 club. There will, no doubt, be plenty of discussion points as usual so why not come along and add some input of your own. Don't forget you can join BSA at any time - and it still costs only £2 per annum. BSA will be running a coach to Gillingham next Saturday (22 January). It could well be an interesting match at the Priestfield Stadium - I'm sure you'll remember the controversy which raged during and after the first match at Bloomfield Road earlier in the season when 'Pool scored a hotly-disputed equaliser in that "unsporting" throw in incident. The cost of the trip is £15 and we will be making an early start at 7am. If you'd like to book or require more details please contact either Malcolm on 01253 311664 or Francis on 01253 762222 as soon as possible.

# TODAY'S



Today's mascot is 10 year old ALEX EDWARDS who goes to St. John's Vianney School. His hobbies are football, music and swimming. His favourite players are Michael Owen and his favourite Blackpool player is Adam Nowland.

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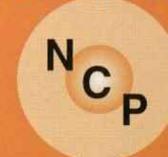


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## ORDER...MEMORIES OF A SUPPORTER...MEMORIES

**Supporter NICK HILL gives some thoughts on watching Blackpool over some 30 years. It is also his birthday today, all the best.**

**First Game:** My first game at Bloomfield Road should have been the marvellous FA Cup tie with Arsenal in the 1969/70 season (we won 3-2 after being 2-0 down), but although I had a seat ticket with my Dad and one of my brothers to go to the game, as I was ill I could not go. I remember them both saying what a fantastic game it was. My Dad promised that he would take me to the next match, which was Mansfield Town in the 4th Round at home, so my first Blackpool game was a 2-0 defeat on 24 Jan 1970!

**First Blackpool Goal:** A Fred Pickering header against West Bromwich Albion on Aug 22nd 1970 in a 3-1 win in the First Division (now Premier League).

**First FA Cup Win:** The great 4-0 win in 1970 over West Ham United (Bobby Moore, Jimmy Greaves etc. all and it was on Match Of The Day).

**First Away Game:** The 3-1 defeat at the hands of the super Leeds team on Nov 14 1970. The late John Craven scored for Blackpool in a scoreline which did not do justice to Blackpool on the day.

**Most Memorable Occasion:** This may surprise you, but it was the Play Off Final against Torquay United on a rather cold Friday night in May. I remember Paul Groves leading the team out of the tunnel and at last I could say I saw the team at Wembley. Some might argue but I thought that match was better than the Scunthorpe game a year later which we won.

**Biggest Disappointment:** The last day of season defeat at Walsall at the Bescott. We all went down there for a big party and took over more than half the ground, needing only 1 point to go up, when it all went horribly wrong with a 2-0 defeat and the other results went against us. The amazing scenes when the Pool supporters went over to the Walsall fans at the end of the game, not to fight (as the police thought) but to congratulate them on their win, will also stay in my memory.

**Favourite Manager:** This has to be Billy Ayre who turned Bloomfield Road into a fortress over two years when we hardly lost a game during that record run. Indeed we were disappointed when we only drew a game. His clenched fist salute to the 'Pool fans behind the South Stand goal was something else!

**Worst Manager:** A toss up here between Graham Carr or Alan Ball. Ballie was a great player for 'Pool, Everton, Arsenal and England, but was hopelessly out of his depth when it came to his first managerial position, playing a 15 year old schoolboy and Ted McDougall, need I say more!

**Dislikes:** The Membership Scheme forced upon the club by the old Conservative Party. Whilst not wishing to take anything away from the dreadful tragedy at Hillsborough, to tar every club with the same brush was wrong - OK for the top two divisions maybe, but for a club getting gates of less than 8000 many people found it all too much trouble to get photos and to expect them to pay for the cards was too much.

The dug-outs, yes the new style ones, they block the view of everybody in the

West paddock and it is even worse when everyone stands up in the blasted things!

The new ticket office - I don't like having to queue outside, do you?

All ticket matches and silly kick off times. I hate having to make an extra trip to the ground to get a ticket and why do our Police insist on these times for gates of 5000 when I see Cardiff v Millwall kick off (both matches) at 3.00 when you just know there will be trouble!

**Favourite Goal:** It has to be the one that everyone who was there or who has seen it on the TV - the Mickey Walsh goal Vs Sunderland in the 70's. You have to remember we were 2-0 up thanks to Paul Hart and Wyn Davies when Sunderland pulled it back to 2-2 and had just missed a penalty just before Mickey set off on his fabulous run.

**Other Highlights:** The home 1st Division matches (what is now called the Premiership) against Liverpool (my first League game), Leeds, Man City and Man United (all draws believe it or not).

Defeating Carlisle 4-0 in our last home game only to lose to Sunderland in the last match and miss out by one point in the days before playoffs.

The 10-0 win over Lanerosii Vizenza in the Anglo Italian Cup.

The many Cup Ties with Man City, remember the 1-1 draw here with the City goal in the fifth minute of injury time after the ball pinged about in the box for what seemed an eternity (!) to rob us of a well deserved win.

The 3-0 win over PNE with an Ainscow hat-trick amongst many fine wins and draws against that lot at the end of the M55 on their patch (we generally seem to do better there than at home). The 2-0 and 3-1 wins over Bolton at Burnden Park in the 70's and 80's respectively and also the extra time defeat in what is now an Auto Windscreens Northern Final.

The 6-1 win over Crewe and the 2-0 win over Hereford in 1985 which all but clinched promotion.

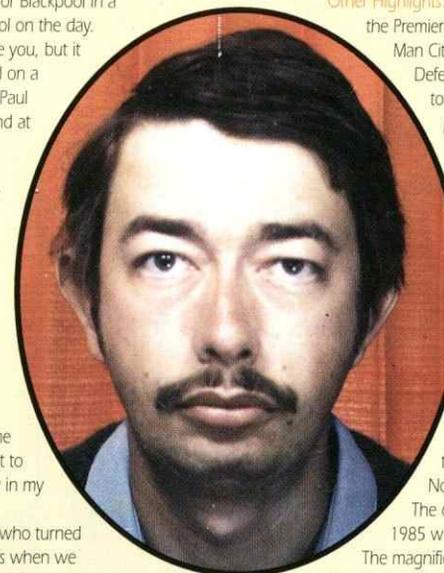
The magnificent 3-1 win at Ayresome Park over Middlesbrough (Mark Taylor (2) and Paul Stewart) in 1986.

The 1-0 win over Aldershot in 1992 which counted for nothing as Aldershot only played one more away game before folding. (I feel sorry for Tony Rodwell who scored a hat trick in the away game earlier in the season which was scrubbed from the records!)

The 4-0 win over Tranmere in the League Cup after being 3-0 down from the first leg, not many people were at this game, not surprisingly, but I was there. There are many others, mainly from our old Division Four promotion seasons, but, finally, the best of all (beside the win at Stoke) from last season, the 89 min Brett Ormerod header at the Baxi HQ!

I hope that this little history note brings back memories for some supporters and I would just like to wish our new manager all the best in our efforts to stay up and make further progress in 2000.

Nicholas Hill



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 S1-S2-S3 - SUBSTITUTE PLAYING  
 S - NON PLAYING SUBSTITUTE  
 S-H-P - SCORED (SHOT/HEADER/PENALTY)  
 M - MAN OF THE MATCH  
 B - BOOKED, S/O - SENT OFF

DATE	VERSUS	SC	AT	AWAIT	POS
AUG 7	WREXHAM	H 2-1	5008	1139	-
AUG 10	TRANMERE ROVERS W(C)/I	H 2-1	3298	496	-
AUG 14	LUTON TOWN	A 2-3	5176	464	12
AUG 21	GILLINGHAM	H 1-1	4203	670	11
AUG 24	TRANMERE R. (W/C R112)	A 1-3	4800	812	-
AUG 28	BRENTFORD	A 0-2	5353	428	18
AUG 30	OXFORD UNITED	H 1-1	3670	726	16
SEP 4	BRISTOL CITY	A 2-5	8439	141	20
SEP 11	NOTTS COUNTY	A 1-2	5512	445	21
SEP 18	BOURNEMOUTH	H 0-0	4471	273	22
SEP 25	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H 1-2	3452	371	22
OCT 2	BRISTOL ROVERS	A 1-3	7715	121	23
OCT 9	CHESTERFIELD	A 0-0	2804	309	23
OCT 16	BURY	H 0-5	5270	1112	23
OCT 19	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H 1-2	3845	1138	24
OCT 23	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	A 2-0	5021	297	23
OCT 30	STOKE CITY FAC 1	H 2-0	4721	2314	-
NOV 2	CARDIFF CITY	A 1-1	4523	101	22
NOV 6	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H 2-2	4535	1876	21
NOV 14	BURNLEY	A 0-1	12898	1263	23
NOV 20	HENDON FAC 2	H 2-0	2975	220	-
NOV 23	MILLWALL	H 1-2	2819	185	23
NOV 27	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H 2-1	4040	377	22
DEC 4	WREXHAM	A 1-1	2668	482	22
DEC 7	NOTTS COUNTY (AWS1)	A 1-0	1167	101	-
DEC 13	ARSENAL (F13)	A 1-3	34143	2600	-
DEC 18	PRESTON NORTH END	A 0-3	16821	1982	22
DEC 26	STOKE CITY	H 1-2	5274	2079	22
DEC 28	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	A 0-1	4476	356	23
JAN 3	COLCHESTER UNITED	H 1-1	3462	81	22
JAN 8	READING	A 1-1	7297	419	22
JAN 11	MANSFIELD TOWN (AWS2)	A 1-1	1844	84	-
JAN 15	LUTON TOWN	H			
JAN 22	GILLINGHAM	A			
JAN 29	BRENTFORD	H			
FEB 5	OXFORD UNITED	A			
FEB 8	READING	H			
FEB 12	BRISTOL CITY	H			
FEB 19	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	A			
FEB 26	BOURNEMOUTH	H			
MAR 4	NOTTS COUNTY	A			
MAR 7	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H			
MAR 11	CARDIFF CITY	A			
MAR 18	MILLWALL	A			
MAR 21	BURNLEY	A			
MAR 25	STOKE CITY	A			
APR 1	PRESTON NORTH END	H			
APR 8	COLCHESTER UNITED	A			
APR 15	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	H			
APR 22	BURY	A			
APR 24	BRISTOL ROVERS	H			
APR 29	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A			
MAY 6	CRESTERTFIELD	H			



**DATE VERSUS**

DATE	VEN	SC	POS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
AUG 18	SCUNTHORPE UNITED(7PM)	A	0-0	CAIG	BRYAN	SPWORTH	LANBERT	DNIGTON**	ELISON	GARVEY	FORSTH	AUDRIDGE	BUSHELL	NOWLAND*	FAHEY**	-	KENNEDY*	GILMORE	-	
SEPT 1	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	1-3	R'BSON D'R'BSON PB	R'BSON P	SPWORTH*	COUZENS	THOMPSON	DNIGTON**	GARVEY	LAMBERT	NOWLAND H**	AUDRIDGE	COD	CONNELL**	FAHEY	GILMORE	ELISON	DAVIES*	
SEPT 8	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	0-3	R'BSON D	B'DSLEY**	FAHEY	GILMORE***	THOMPSON B	R'BSON P	GARVEY*	BUSHELL	NOWLAND	AUDRIDGE	COD	LAMBERT**	-	ELISON**	CONNELL*	MANCHESTER	
SEPT 15	NOTTS COUNTY	A	1-0	RACHEL	SMYTH	FAHEY	GILMORE	THOMPSON	R'BSON P	GARVEY*	LAMBERT	CONNELL SBB	NOWLAND	COD	LYNCH	M'CHESTER	MADEN	-	-	
SEPT 29	LINCOLN CITY(7PM)	A	1-3	CAIG	COUZENS*	FAHEY	GILMORE	THOMPSON	ROBINSON P	GARVEY***	GILMORE	BENT**	CARROLL	COID S	ELLISON**	LYNCH***	SMYTH*	-	-	
OCT 6	SHEFFIELD UNITED(7PM)	H	2-0	RACHEL	FAHEY	SPWORTH	COUZENS	THOMPSON	COUZENS	COID S*	GILMORE	LAMBERT B	CONNELL B	NOWLAND P	SMYTH	ROBINSON D	LYNCH	ROBINSON C	MADEN*	
OCT 27	SHREWSBURY TOWN(7PM)	A	1-3	BARNES	B'DSLEY*	FAHEY	COUZENS	THOMPSON	BEESLEY*	GARVEY	SHREBOTHAM	AUDRIDGE S	AUDRIDGE S	FORSTH	GARVEY*	CONNELL***	ELISON	CONNORS***	SHREBOTHAM	
NOV 3	WALSALL	H	1-0	BARNES	B'DSLEY*	SPWORTH	COUZENS	THOMPSON	BEESLEY*	COUZENS	BEESLEY*	LAMBERT**	BENT	FORSTH S	GARVEY*	CONNELL**	ELISON	CONNORS***	SHREBOTHAM	
NOV 16	York City(7PM)	A	4-0	BARNES	B'DSLEY B	ROB'N P**	COUZENS S	THOMPSON	BEESLEY	BENT S	LAMBERT	NOWLAND*	CONNELL	FORSTH S	GARVEY*	S P'WORTH**	MADEN	-	-	
DEC 1	SCARBOROUGH	A	2-2	BARNES	BRYAN***	SPWORTH	COUZENS	THOMPSON	LAMBERT	BENT S**	FORSTH	PELL S	NOWLAND*	COID	ROBINSON P**	GARVEY**	-	-	-	
DEC 8	York City	H	0-1	RACHEL	BRYAN***	B'JOHNSON	LAMBERT	THOMPSON*	COUZENS B	BENT S	FORSTH	PELL	PELL S	COID	GARVEY	ROBINSON P*	GILMORE**	FAHEY***	CONNELL	
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**RESERVES & YOUTH**

The Reserves opening game of the year ended in a creditable 0-0 draw against Sheffield United at Bramall Lane. Ian Hughes played an hour on his comeback from injury and Adam Rachel kept a clean sheet.

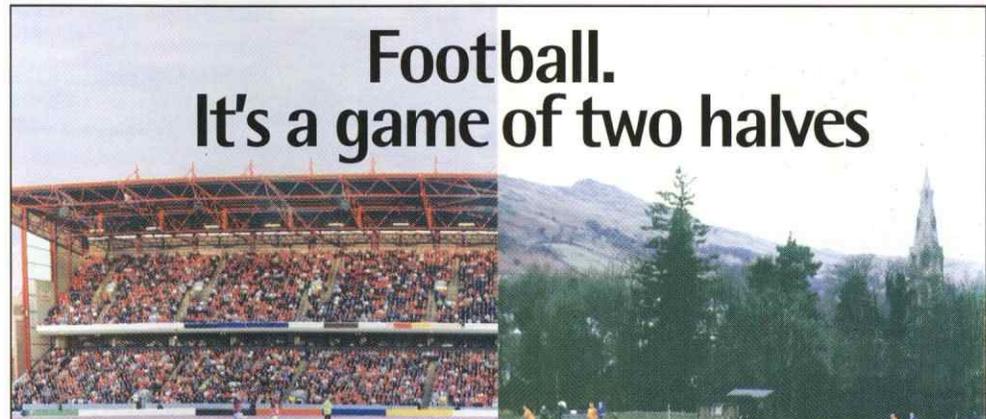
Reserves Team Scorers  
Reserves: Coid 3, Aldridge 2, Bent 2, Nowland 2, Connell 1, Couzens, Forsyth 1, Garvey 1, Pell 1.  
Total: 14

The Youth teams first game of the year ended in a 1-1 draw at Carlisle United with Pat Lynch scoring  
Youth Team Scorers: Connell 5, Ellison 4, Sidebotham 4, Carroll 2, Coid 2, Maden 2, Gilmore 1, Lynch 1, Robinson (c) 1, Smyth 1, Watson 1.  
Total: 24

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE (NORTH WEST)**

Aug 14	Tranmere Rovers	H	3-2
Aug 28	Burnley	H	2-2
Sept 4	Oldham Athletic	A	1-3
Sept 11	Carlisle Utd	H	1-1
Sept 18	Bury	A	1-1
Sept 25	Wigan Athletic	H	1-1
Oct 2	Preston NE	A	1-1
Oct 16	Rochdale	H	4-1
Oct 30	Carlisle Utd (LC)	H	1-1
Nov 6	Wigan Ath (LC)	A	2-4
Nov 13	Preston NE (LC)	H	1-1
Nov 20	Burnley (LC)	A	0-1
Nov 27	Tranmere Rov	A	0-1
Dec 11	Burnley	A	1-0
Dec 18	Oldham Athletic	H	0-2
Jan 8	Carlisle Utd	A	1-1
Jan 15	Bury	H	
Jan 22	Wigan Athletic	A	
Feb 5	Preston NE	H	
Feb 12	Rochdale	A	

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For this afternoon's memorabilia feature I have illustrated some unusual stickers that I have in my collection that will appeal to the younger generation of collectors.



These cartoon characters were produced by Fun Products Ltd of Leeds and I would, I guess, date from the middle to late 1970s?

Finally, best wishes to Steve McMahon. I only hope he can instill into his players the determination and will to win that he had as a player!

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