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## Angle

Admin

Today the 19th August marks the twenty second anniversary of Wigan Athletic's first ever Football League game. As League season one began with a 0-0 draw away at Hereford so season twenty three began last Saturday with a similar score at the Vetch Field, Swansea. As always, optimism is sky high that this could be our year to achieve promotion and that this club could reach Division One for the first time. What can be said with confidence is that to reach our goal will take hard work, a great deal of effort, and everyone at the club pulling together. The players showed last Saturday, when down to ten men they battled resolutely to earn a creditable point.

Here at the JJB Stadium I am sure you will have been pleased to note that admission prices have remained the same as last year for the West and South Stands. Season ticket holders have had a real bargain with 1500 of you taking advantage of the 10% off package deal in July. Indeed, season ticket sales have passed the 2,000 mark for the first time in our history a major achievement when I tell you the average attendance for season 94-95 was under 1,700.

The official launch of JJB's club starts this afternoon with the whole of the North Stand being devoted to The Heinz Family Enclosure. Over 1,000 under 16 year olds have joined JJB's club and taken advantage of £30 season tickets and cut priced match day admission prices. Throughout the season we will be putting on special events for the JJB's members, the first of which was the open day on Friday 4th August, when over 600 youngsters queued up to meet and greet their Latics heroes. On most matchday Saturday afternoons the marquee will be open to kids from 1.30pm, so come along and join in the fun. The Club has also teamed up with local station Wish FM to bring you Latics FM broadcasting here at the Stadium on matchdays.

With all these added attractions to a Wigan Athletic matchday I hope you all enjoy the forthcoming season both on and off the field.

Finally, a reminder that our next home game is the Worthington Cup first round first leg game with Scunthorpe United this coming Tuesday evening 7.45pm. West stand season ticket holders have until 5pm on Monday to secure their regular seats.

Enjoy this afternoon's game and let's hope for our first three points.

Brenda Spencer chief executive



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I would like to welcome Luton Town to the JJB stadium and their new manager Ricky Hill. It is a football club that I know well, because I was brought up in the town in my early teens and spent six seasons at Kenilworth Road.

They were enjoyable times and I served under some good quality managers at the time. I am sure new boss Ricky Hill will be looking forward towards his first spell in management.

## from the manager



If I can look back last week at the match at Swansea City. The opening game of the new campaign, everybody looking forward to the game on a warm day, which is not unexpected for the first match.

Going into the half-time interval, my discussions with the players would have been that I felt we could have been more adventurous in our attacking play and that we needed to put the Swansea defensive line under a little more pressure to give them a few more problems.

But of course, we had the sending off of Kevin Nicholls just on the half-time whistle. The team talk and tactics had to be adjusted accordingly and it was really a second half when we decided we were not going to lose the point and showed a very disciplined second half performance.

But having said that, I thought we had the best chance of the match, Andy Liddell's shot finding the wrong side of the woodwork late on.

Everything considered when I look back at the pre-season programme, the games that some of the players have missed through injuries, I felt the boys came through the game quite well. I feel in due course, the players will pick up the pace and the tempo of the match and we will be better for it as a group.

The players have more in their locker and the fixtures ahead will give us a good indication of the type of progress, we are going to make. There is a good mixture in the camp; a mixture of senior players who know what it is all about and we have the youngsters, pressing for a starting line-up, which is good for us all.

We have added a couple of new face, but both are short of match practice. Gino Padula is a few weeks behind us in terms of fitness levels while Lee Ashcroft was included in the reserves on Wednesday afternoon for 90 minutes much needed match practice.

I was delighted to see so much support at the Veitch Field. It took us six hours on the Friday to get there. It is not one of the shortest trips and it was a pleasure to see them in such numbers.

Your presence and support for the lads was excellent and it is right and proper that you should be thanked for your great effort.

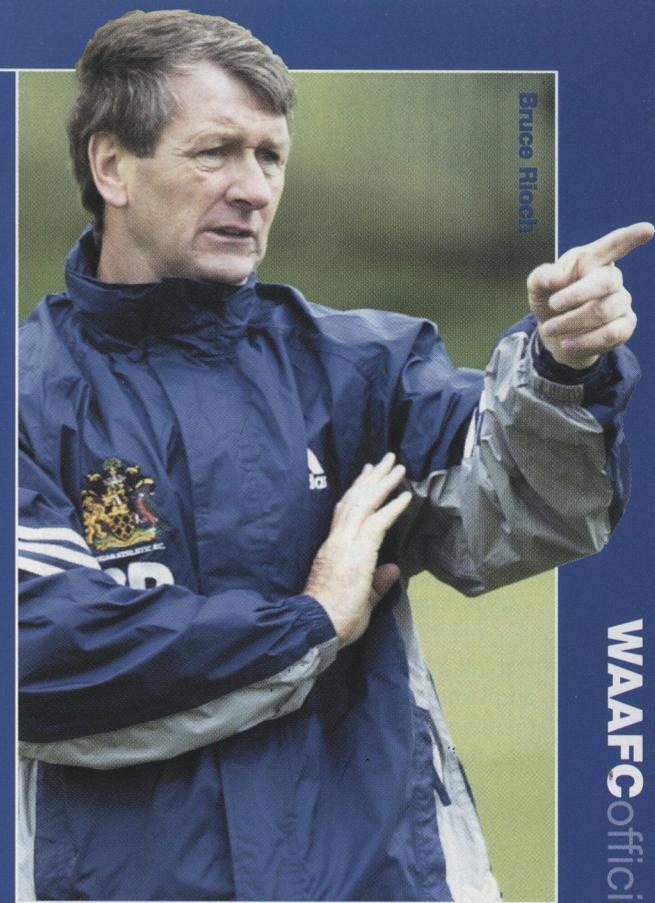
We are looking forward to the new season at the JJB stadium and hope it will be a successful one. All the games will be difficult, that is the nature of football. There are no easy games and we must work hard and apply ourselves to obtain proper the right result.

The players themselves are still probably coming to terms with my ideas and thoughts and what I am looking for and this in itself may take a short period of time. There are points to play for and I am looking forward to seeing how many we can pick up as soon as possible.

### Bruce Rioch



Bruce Rioch at Latics Open Day



Bruce Rioch

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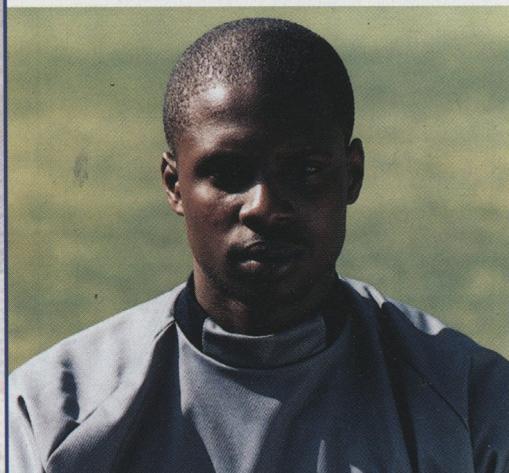
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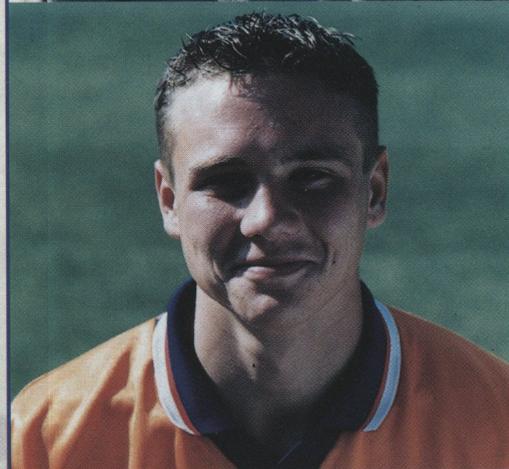
Luton Town Football Club

## Not the perfect Hill start

Notts County proved the party poopers last Saturday as hatters fans gathered to welcome a new era. A first half goal by Mark Stallard sealed all three points for the visitors at Kenilworth Road, despite Hill's side hitting the woodwork in each half. "I think a few of our players had stage fright and I know we didn't play to our potential as there was not enough quality in our attacking" was the verdict of the new manager.



Nathan Abbey



Matthew Taylor

## Summer Signings

The eve of the new season saw the hatters complete one of the biggest transfers of the close season paying £400,000 to capture the services of goalkeeper Mark Ovendale from Bournemouth. Rated as one of the best in the division Ovendale's name has been linked with a couple of Premier League sides.

As well as the return of Ricky Hill, July saw the return of another hero when Mark Stein re-signed for the club. Released by Bournemouth, Stein is now in his second spell when he become Hill's first signing. Also joining the club are two players from Sheffield Wednesday. Midfielders Dean Brennan and Peter Holmes have progressed through the youth scheme at Hillsborough when Hill coached at The Owls.

## HATTERS SQUAD

### Goalkeepers

Having paid £400,000 new close signing Mark Ovendale will be the first choice keeper. An excellent shot stopper who commands the penalty area, he was virtually an ever present for Bournemouth in his time at Dean Court. Leicester born he arrived at the Cherries for £30,000 in 1998. Nathan Abbey, a product of the youth scheme who made 32 league appearances last season will provide competition for his place.

### Defenders

Recovering from pre season injuries to take their places on the starting line-up against Notts County were central defenders Marvin Johnson and Julian Watts. Club captain Johnson is now in his 14th season with the club, which has seen him, play over 350 league matches. Watts is another player with a lot of league games played, having played for Sheffield Wednesday and Leicester City. Arrived at the club last season on a free transfer from Bristol City.

Emmerson Boyce is another of the many players to come through the youth ranks to become a regular last season. A scorer of 4 league goals last season, Matthew

Taylor produced some excellent performances having made his league debut as a seventeen year old. Missing out on last Saturday in the home defeat by Notts County was Gavin McGowan. An ankle injury forced the former Arsenal full back to sit out the match. A former captain of the youth side, Stuart Fraser is another player with promise, making 20 league appearances last season.

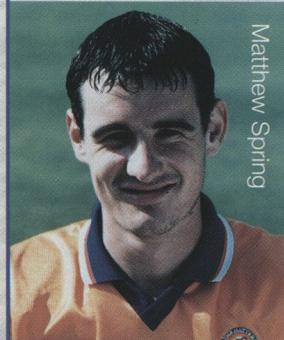
### Midfield

The subject of much interest from Premiership sides, Matthew Spring gets his fair share of goals including 6 last season. Another product of the youth system, Taylor is now in his 4th season as a professional. Celebrating a century of league starts last season, Paul McLaren is now in his 5th year as a professional.

Arriving last season from Bristol City, Adam Locke has also played for Colchester United and Southend United. Two close season signings have seen Peter Holmes and Dean Brennan join on free transfers from Sheffield Wednesday. Both known to the manager during his spell at Hillsborough, Holmes was to make his league debut last weekend, coming on as a second half substitute for Adam Locke. Also a substitute last Saturday was Andre Scarlett who made his league debut in the 1998/99 campaign.

### Strikers

Top scorer last season Liam George has been linked with a move into these parts with Burnley. A prolific scorer at junior level, which saw him capped at Republic of Ireland youth level, the Luton born player notched 13 goals last season. Returning to his first club, Mark Stein has found the net for every team that he has played for. A scorer of over a century of league goals, Stein has returned to his first club following his release by Bournemouth. Leading the attack in the first match was



Matthew Spring



Andrew Fotiadis

Andrew Fotiadis, a former England schoolboy international, he is a product of the youth system. A hamstring injury forced Stuart Douglas out of the opening league campaigner. A pacy forward, he was joint top scorer two seasons ago.



The Manager  
Ricky Hill

## Rick rolls back the years

"I am still getting used to being back at Luton as manager but I'm here to do a job and do it properly."

Last Saturday saw Ricky Hill begin his managerial career on the pitch he graced for 14 years as a player. "It would be great to bring back some of the success that we achieved in the past and we have players who are capable of doing that. Nothing has really changed. It's a bit like coming home."

Hill's appointment during the close season followed the departure of Lennie Lawrence who had been in charge at Kenilworth Road since March 1993 steering the Hatters through one of it's most difficult periods in history and have shown a profit of £5 million.

A former England international former midfielder Hill played for the club from 1975 to 1988, his appointment in his first managerial post following coaching spells in the Premier League with Sheffield Wednesday and Tottenham Hotspur.

Born: Hammersmith 05/03/59

## League Playing Career

		Apps	Goals
1975-88	Luton Town	436	54
	Leicester City	26	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>54</b>

Honours: 3 England caps



Luton Town Football Club First Team squad 2000/2001  
 back row. left to right. Andre Scarlett, Mark Stein, Alex Minton, Dean Standen, Stuart Douglas, Peter Holmes, Stuart Fraser.  
 middle row. Emmerson Boyce, Paul McLaren, Jude Stirling, James Ayres, Scott Ward, Nathan Abbey, Tresor Kandol, Andrew Fotiadis, Matthew Taylor, Dean Brennan.  
 front row. Gavin McGowan, Liam George, Marvin Johnson, Ricky Hill (manager), Chris Ramsey (ass. manager), Matthew Spring, Adam Locke, Julian Watts.

#### LAST SEASON'S ROUND-UP

**Final League Position:** 13th  
**Biggest Home Win:**  
 4-1 v Scunthorpe United  
**Biggest Away Win:**  
 3-1 v Cardiff City & Chesterfield  
**Biggest Defeat:** 1-4 v Bristol Rovers  
**Clean Sheets:** Six  
**Average Attendance:** 5658  
**Highest Attendance:** 7205 v Burnley  
**Disciplinary Record:**  
 60 yellow cards, 3 red cards  
**Players Used:** 26

#### LEAGUE SCORERS - LAST SEASON

Ricky George - 13 (1 pen)  
 Phil Gray - 11  
 Gary Doherty - 6  
 Matthew Spring - 6 (1 pen)  
 Matthew Taylor - 4  
 Julian Watts - 4  
 Stuart Douglas - 3  
 Adam Locke - 3  
 Neil Midgley - 3  
 Andrew Fotiadis - 2  
 Emmerson Boyce, Stuart Fraser, Paul McLaren, Tony Thorpe, Alan White - 1  
 Own Goal - 1  
**Total** - 61

#### LUTON TOWN LEAGUE RESULTS

Home	Opponents	Away
3-2	Blackpool	3-3
1-2	Bournemouth	0-1
1-2	Brentford	0-2
1-2	Bristol City	0-0
1-4	Bristol Rovers	0-3
2-1	Burnley	2-0
1-1	Bury	0-1
2-2	Cambridge Utd	1-3
1-0	Cardiff City	3-1
1-1	Chesterfield	3-1
3-2	Colchester Utd	0-3
3-1	Gillingham	0-2
0-2	Millwall	0-1
2-2	Notts County	0-0
1-1	Oldham Athletic	1-2
4-2	Oxford Utd	1-0
0-2	Preston NE	0-1
3-1	Reading	2-1
4-1	Scunthorpe Utd	2-1
2-1	Stoke City	1-2
1-1	Wigan Ath	0-1
3-1	Wrexham	0-1
1-1	Wycombe W	1-0

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 JUST NEVER  
 LEAVE YOU.



Our pre-season preparation took us for the first time to Italy. A five day trip to Northern Italy saw us play Italian giants Bari first at their picturesque Mezzano di Primiero training ground. A creditable 0-0 draw was recorded against the Serie A side. A few days later a few miles down the valley at the Masen Giovo Stadium, a 3-3 draw was earned against Treviso. Supporter Peter Catterall has kindly donated some pictures from the week.

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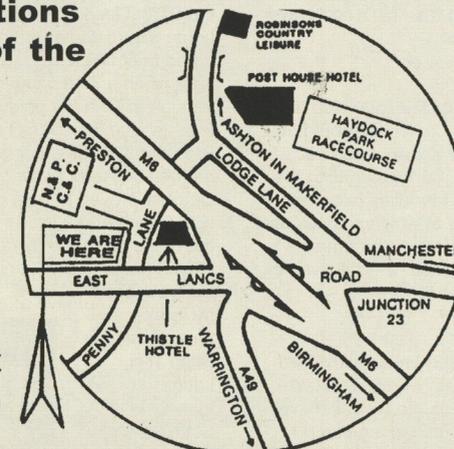
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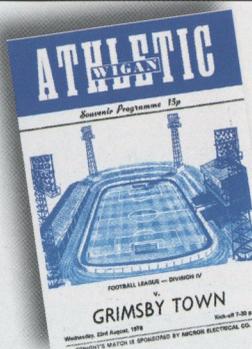
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ended 2-2. By the time the FA Cup came around, Latics had moved up to 9th position after 18 games. In the cup, Latics were to face Third Division Bury at home and 10, 142 saw Latics do well to get a 2-2 draw (Gore, Houghton) after trailing 2-0. The replay at Gigg Lane was played on a frozen pitch and as Latics struggled to keep their feet, the Shakers, wearing special boots, skated to a

4-1 win (Moore) with ex-Latics player Danny Wilson on the mark with a penalty. The next game and the first in December was at Darlington and Latics did well to earn a 1-1 draw despite having 'keeper John Brown carried off after 30 minutes with Noel Ward standing in and proving his versatility between the posts. West Brom 'keeper Mark Grew was signed on loan and his debut at Halifax saw Latics win 2-1 to go 7th after 20 games. The winter arrived and only one game was played in January with Latics very unlucky to lose 2-1 at Port Vale. February 17th saw Latics stage the only Football League north of Leicester thanks to investing in some straw. A crowd of 7420 witnessed Latics beat Huddersfield Town 2-1 with Noel Ward getting both goals and all the headlines the following day.

Midfielder Keith Mayer (17) was signed from Bolton to become the clubs' first apprentice professional and George Urquhart (26) came on trial from Ross County. Latics remained unbeaten for the next six games before travelling to Rochdale. A 2-0 win saw Latics complete the double but more importantly move into 4th automatic promotion spot after 33 games. After this game, Noel Ward was whisked off to Chelsea for a 3 day trial for the Northern Ireland squad with Danny Blanchflower denying the Londoners were also interested. Grimsby beat Latics 3-1 to become one of three sides to do the double, the others being Newport and Wimbledon. Latics new lottery made over £2,000 in its first month. At the end of March, full back John Curtis came on loan from Blackburn Rovers. Latics took an armada of fans for the game at Torquay (1-1) and they earned praise from the Town's hoteliers. One of the seasons highlights came on Good Friday when Latics came back from 3 down against Port Vale to score 5 times in the last 25 minutes in a game that saw Peter Houghton notch Latics' first league hat-trick. Unfortunately, after this game Latics were to win only one of their last seven games to eventually finish in 6th spot.

**Appearances/Scorers**  
21 players were used in the league games with Tommy Gore, Ian Purdie and Jeff Wright playing in all 46 games. Frank Corrigan appeared 45 times followed by Noel Ward (44), John Brown (42), Micky Moore (40+1 sub) and Kevin Smart (40). Leading scorer was Peter Houghton with 14 goals (13 lge, 1 FA Cup). Purdie hit 11 (3 pens) with Moore getting 10 (9 lge, 1 FAC).

Latics' average home league attendance was 6701. Tommy Gore as voted player of the season for the second successive season. All 18 full time professionals were retained. The players were also rewarded with an end of season trip to Majorca where they beat a local side 3-1.

**First Season in League Football  
1978/79 Season  
Football League Division Four**

	Home	Away	Pts
Aldershot	3-2	0-1	2
Barnsley	1-1	0-0	2
Bournemouth	1-0	1-2	2
Bradford City	1-3	1-1	1
Crewe Alexandra	1-0	1-1	3
Darlington	2-2	1-1	2
Doncaster Rovers	1-0	1-0	4
Grimsby Town	0-3	1-3	0
Halifax Town	1-0	2-1	4
Hartlepool United	2-2	1-1	2
Hereford United	0-0	0-0	2
Huddersfield Town	2-1	1-1	3
Newport County	2-0	1-2	0
Northampton Town	2-0	4-2	4
Portsmouth	2-0	0-1	2
Port Vale	5-3	1-2	2
Reading	3-0	0-2	2
Rochdale	3-0	2-0	4
Scunthorpe United	1-0	1-0	4
Stockport County	2-0	1-0	4
Torquay United	3-1	1-1	3
Wimbledon	1-2	1-2	0
York City	1-1	1-0	3

**Division Four  
Promoted: Reading (champions), Grimsby  
Town, Wimbledon, Barnsley**

	Home Goals					Away Goals					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A
Reading	46	19	3	1	49	8	7	10	6	27	27	65
Grimsby	46	15	5	3	51	23	11	4	8	31	26	61
Wimbledon	46	18	3	2	50	20	7	8	8	28	26	61
Barnsley	46	15	5	3	47	23	9	8	6	26	19	61
Aldershot	46	16	5	2	38	14	4	12	7	25	33	57
Wigan	46	14	5	4	40	24	7	8	8	23	24	55
Portsmouth	46	13	7	3	35	12	7	5	11	27	36	52
Newport	46	12	5	6	39	28	9	5	9	27	27	52
Huddersfield	46	13	8	2	32	15	5	3	15	25	38	47
York	46	11	6	6	33	24	7	5	11	18	31	47
Torquay	46	14	4	5	38	24	5	4	14	20	41	46
Scunthorpe	46	12	3	8	33	30	5	8	10	24	30	45
Hartlepool	46	7	12	4	35	28	6	6	11	22	38	44
Hereford	46	12	8	3	35	18	3	5	15	18	35	43
Bradford	46	11	5	7	38	26	6	4	13	24	42	43
Port Vale	46	8	10	5	29	28	6	4	13	28	42	42
Stockport	46	11	5	7	33	21	3	7	13	25	39	40
Bournemouth	46	11	6	6	34	19	3	5	15	13	29	39
Northampton	46	12	4	7	40	30	3	5	15	24	46	39
Rochdale	46	11	4	8	25	26	4	5	14	22	38	39
Darlington	46	8	8	7	25	21	6	7	13	24	45	37
Doncaster	46	8	8	7	25	22	5	3	15	25	51	37
Halifax	46	7	5	11	24	32	2	3	18	15	40	26
Crewe	46	3	7	13	24	41	3	7	13	19	49	26

Re-elected: Darlington, Doncaster Rovers, Halifax Town, Crewe Alexandra.

by Jeff Rouke a season to remember



**MANAGERS/PLAYERS**  
As a reward for taking Latics into the Football League, 45 year old Glasgow born Ian McNeill was given a 2 year full time contract. McNeill's first historic capture was 25 year old Ian Purdie, a former Scottish U23 international, who was

signed from Motherwell. Centre-half Neil Davids (22) was signed on a free from Third Division Swansea City. 19 year old Kevin Smart, a former Plymouth full back, came after being recommended by England manager Ron Greenwood. Alan Crompton (20) was snapped up from Second Division Blackburn Rovers. Former Bolton and Rochdale midfielder Ian Seddon (27) was signed for a 3 month trial and Southport forward Geoff Gay (22) was also signed for a trial period. Centre forward John Prescott at the age of 15 made history by becoming the club's first player to sign on schoolboy forms.

**WARM-UP GAMES**  
Latics' first game as a football league club took them to near neighbours Horwich RMI but fans expecting a goal rout were shocked as Latics went down 2-1 with Frank Corrigan getting the solitary goal. Three home friendlies followed with Birmingham City (0-0) at which a sneak thief pinched some turnstile takings. German side Erkenschwick were then beaten 2-0 followed by Scottish side St. Johnstone (1-0).

**THE MATCHES**  
The League Cup draw paired Latics with Third Division Tranmere Rovers for whom a certain Ray Mathias was at full back. In their first ever game as a FL club, Latics gained a great 1-1 draw in the first leg at Prenton Park thanks to a last minute 35 yard Tommy Gore blockbuster. Latics were to win the home leg 2-1 (Corrigan 2) to go through to the next round.

Saturday 19th August 1978 marked the beginning of an era as Latics played their first ever football league game at Hereford United and gained a point in a goalless draw spurred on by a huge following in the crowd of 5674. That historic side was - Brown, Gore, Hinnigan,

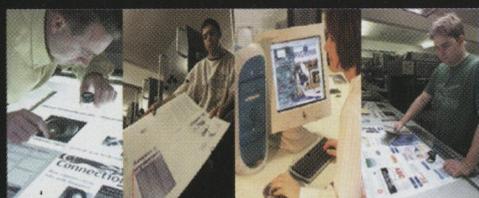
Davids, Ward, Gillibrand (capt), Corrigan, Wright, Houghton, Wilkie, Purdie sub Crompton. Their first home league game was against Grimsby Town and attracted a crowd of 9227 but Latics crashed 3-0 and even missed a penalty with Purdie the culprit. Alan Crompton became the first sub used in the FL when he replaced Gay. An away League Cup tie at Second Division Luton Town was the reward for beating Tranmere but Latics were to crash out 2-0 to a Brian Stein double and they even lost the services of Peter Houghton for a long spell with a badly broken wrist. Former striker Micky Moore was re-signed from Port Vale and made his debut in the next game against Newport County. It was in this 4th League game that Latics finally managed to score and it was defender Joe Hinnigan who made history after 331 minutes of action, but after 5 games, Latics were rock bottom with just one point.

Former Port Vale and Liverpool striker Derek Brownbill (24) was then signed on a months trial after returning from Cleveland Broncos. Latics first league win finally came in their next home match when Rochdale were demolished 3-0 and their first away league win came soon after when a 76th minute goal from Gore was enough to take the points at York City. Next to sign was Dave Fretwell (26), a former Bradford City defender who was signed on a months trial after playing in California. October proved to be a good month for Latics with 3 wins and 2 draws for which McNeill won the manager of the month award. Latics even played hosts to the Zambian national team who were coached by former

Latics manager Brian Tiler. Latics won the friendly 2-1. Stalwart Micky Worswick left to join non-league neighbours Chorley while Scottish side Dundee came to Springfield Park for a November friendly which



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## Monday 7 August

New signing Lee Ashcroft is introduced to his fellow players at his first training session following his £350,000 move from Grimsby Town. A full scale behind closed doors friendly at Christopher Park sees us defeat Bradford City 1-0. Our winner coming from Andy Porter. The game proves an excellent 90 minutes workout for a number of players such as Ian Kilford, Roberto Martinez, Alan McLoughlin, Neil Roberts and Kevin Sharp.

## Tuesday 8 August

The new season tickets arrive at the club from the printers. This season has again seen new records set with over 2100 season ticket holders. A change in the design of the passes, with blue coloured passes for adults, white for kids, the colour is green. It is a busy day for deliveries with the photos from the club roll call arriving. Final details are completed with regard to this seasons new look matchday magazine.

## Wednesday 9 August

Manager Bruce Rioch confirms that Stuart Balmer is ruled out of the opening game of the season due to a groin strain. Having started the first seven days of pre season training, Stuart suffered the problem and has not been able to train with the squad since. Glentoran's young central defender Hugh Dickson continues to train with the squad and is expected to stay for another week. In the evening the youth team register a 3-1 win away at Fulwood Amateurs. Goals from Joel Johnson twice and Gary Rae seal a win for Andy May's side.

## Thursday 10 August

Gareth Griffiths, Pat McGibbon and Gino Padula resume training and declare themselves fit for the first league game at the Vetch Field. Bruce Rioch names a squad of eighteen for the trip south, the most notable absentees are Stuart Balmer and Arjan De Zeeuw.



the players training

# latics diary



supplied by Eavesway sets off for our Swansea hotel just after 1pm.

## Friday 11 August

The first of several overnight stays this season, the players reporting to Christopher Park for lunch before the long journey south into south Wales. Our new team coach

## Saturday 12 August

The new league campaign kicks-off with a creditable 0-0 draw at the Vetch Field. Premier referee Dermot Gallagher red carding Kevin Nicholls on the stroke of half time. A backs to the wall performance earns us a share of the points, Andy Liddell enjoying the best chance to make it all three.



## Sunday 13 August

A day off for the players having only arrived back at the training ground after 10.00pm on Saturday night. However for Roy Carroll, it is midday meet up with his fellow internationals to board the plane from Manchester for the short flight over to Belfast. Roy hopes to gain his 5th cap for Northern Ireland in the friendly match against Yugoslavia.

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# inside the JJB stadium



### Welcome Aboard

A warm welcome to our two new signings Lee Ashcroft and Gino Padula. In the case of Lee it is a case of third time lucky with the capture of Lee the club keen to sign him during his time with Preston North End and West Bromwich Albion. Keen to move back to Lancashire, Lee joins us from Grimsby Town for whom he was top scorer last season with 12 league goals and made his debut at Swansea City.

Gino Padula was player of the year last season at Walsall and joins the club under the Bosman ruling. Argentinian born Gino has played for Ossie Ardiles, former Argentine club Huracan River Plate and Spanish side Xerez.

coaching at the club, travelling with the youngsters on their pre-season tour of New York. Also released in the summer, Neil Fitzhenry has teamed up with Graham Barrow at Chester City.

### PFA Job

Former record goalscorer David Lowe has left Wrexham to take up a top post with the Professional Footballers Association in Manchester.

### Latics FM

Today sees the launch of our brand new matchday service Latics FM. Wish FMs and Latics fan Andrew Goulding will be hosting the build up to the game with all the latest news from the club along with a great mix of music and chat.

### Shirts Abroad

John Heyes has sent in a picture of his grandson Jack aged 3 taken on holiday in Puerto Pollensa in Majorca.

### Birthday Greetings

Damon Spencer of

Hawkley Hall celebrated his 28th birthday last Saturday. Damon joins us today along with his girlfriend Nicky Gage. Birthday greetings also to Dave Tulloch who celebrates his birthday this afternoon.

### Departures

David Lee made his debut for Carlisle United last Saturday after signing for the Cumbrian side late last Friday. Released at the end of last season, David has been involved with



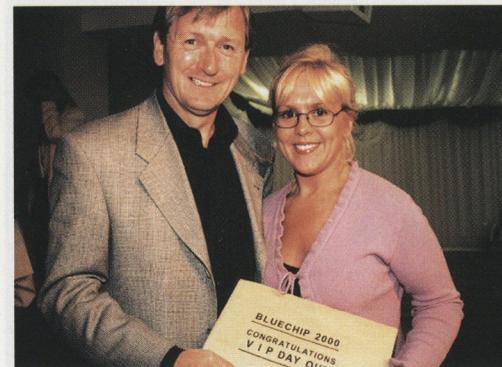
### Evening with Bruce Rioch

The season ticket holders and Blue Chip members evening with our new manager proved to be a great success. Hosted on the night by MC Malcolm Lord, over 400 fans packed into the Marquee in the South Stand to listen to Bruce Rioch.



### Three Match Ban

Kevin Nicholls sending off last Saturday should see him suspended for three matches. The red card dismissal could see him miss out the matches away at Wrexham, Scunthorpe United and Walsall.



### Blue Chip 2000

The August draw for the Blue Chip 2000 will take place on Tuesday night in the Blue Chip Lounge at half time when we entertain Scunthorpe United in the Worthington Cup. Congratulations to our winners from the draw made be manager Bruce Rioch held in the Marquee at the start of the month.

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Member: Mr C Ryder, Mill Lane, Appley Bridge



### Guest of Honour

Our half time guest this afternoon is a player who represented the club as both a non-league and a Football League player. An ever-present in our first season in the Football League making 143 league games Jeff will be making his second visit to the JJB Stadium, Jeff returning to the club last season to mark our 1000th Football League match. Jeff will help to judge and present the prizes in our half time adidas challenge.



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Barry & Tina Evans on the birth of their triplets Charley-Dee 3lb 4oz; Reece 3lb 8oz and Katie Alice 2lb 15oz born on the 24th June. Finally good luck to Lindsay Riding and Mark McKechnie for their forthcoming wedding on the 27th August.



### Happy Birthday

Congratulations to Assistant Secretary Stuart Hayton's father, Cliff who celebrates his 63 birthday today.

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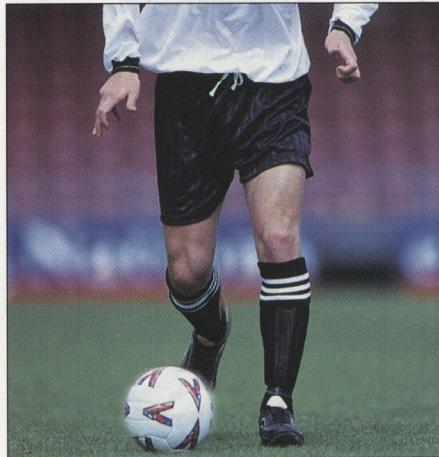
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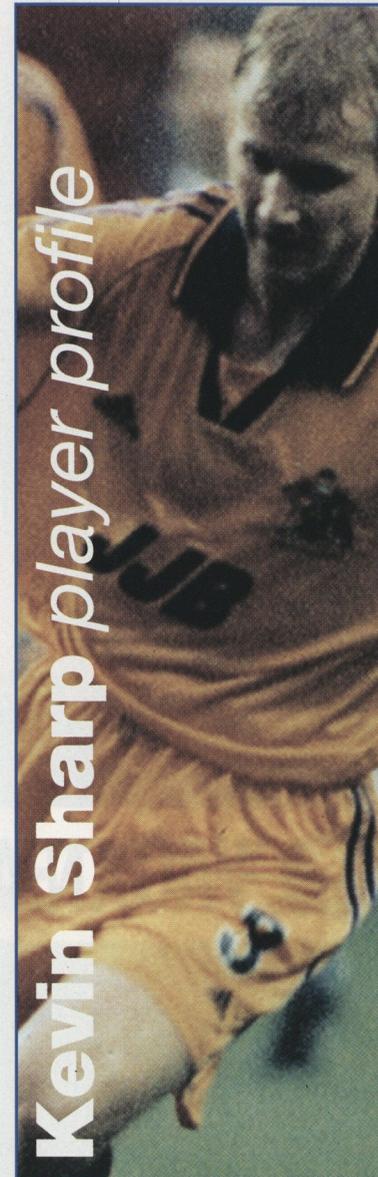
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Kevin Sharp has more reason than most to put the 1999/2000 campaign behind him.

Dogged by injuries and suspension, Kevin suffered the humiliating experience of being sent-off in the play-off final defeat against Gillingham at Wembley.

With last season dragging on until the last weekend of May. It's been a relatively short holiday period for the players.

"From a personal point of view, the season can't begin soon enough for me and I'm looking forward to getting started. The five week break was enough and I was just keen to get back to training and see all the lads again."

Kevin was the first to admit that last season won't go down as one of his best.

"I got off to a bad start when I needed a hernia operation and I missed the first ten matches. Once I returned to the team I got sent off at Cardiff and it was stop-start from then on."

The game at Wembley was a nightmare for Kevin, red carded for two bookable offences. But he says that the experience is now behind him and is just raring to go once he has sat out his three match ban. "We've got to bounce back and hopefully follow Gillingham's example of doing so straight away albeit with automatic promotion rather than through the play-offs again!

It was only a few bad results towards the end of the season which cost us, so I think we're capable of going up this time.

Bruce is here and the training is hard, but it's all quality not quantity, and working in relation to your heart rate. We've worked to our individual capabilities and that should help us achieve maximum fitness levels."

#### Kevin Sharp - Football League Career

Club	Season	Apps	Subs	Goals
Leeds United	1992-93	4	-	-
Leeds United	1993-94	7	3	-
Leeds United	1994-95	0	2	-
Leeds United	1995-96	0	1	-
Wigan Athletic	1995-96	20	-	6
Wigan Athletic	1996-97	30	5	2
Wigan Athletic	1997-98	34	4	-
Wigan Athletic	1998-99	25	6	2
Wigan Athletic	1999-2000	17	4	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>137</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>

Football League Debut Leeds United v Crystal Palace (H) 17-4-93

Wigan Athletic Debut Plymouth Argyle (A) 9-12-95

First Wigan Athletic goal Hereford United (H) 16-12-95

#### Last Time According to Kevin Sharp

##### 1. Paid to watch a football match?

"That's a long time ago, to be honest I cannot remember paying to watch a game. I still have friends at Leeds United so I am usually ok for a ticket."

##### 2. Borrowed money from a fellow player?

"Not that often, if it is I tend to borrow cash to pay our dinner money on Friday. My fellow Yorkshiremen Andy Liddell and Carl Bradshaw are the moneymen."

##### 3. Scratched/crashed your car?

"Too many, that's for sure. The last time was about seven months ago shortly after moving into my new house. It was with a pizza delivery van at the end of the road."

##### 4. Used public transport?

"Not that often, how about the plane when we flew to Italy."

##### 5. Went shopping?

"I hate shopping for food that's for sure. As for clothes that is a different matter."



**Wigan Athletic 2000/2001**

**top. left to right.** Francis McMahon, Stuart Balmer, Pat McGibbon, Gareth Griffiths, Simon Haworth, Kevin Nicholls, Kevin Sharp.

**middle.** Alex Cribley, Alan McLoughlin, Andy Morris, Paul Mitchell, Ian Kilford, Derek Stillie, Andy Liddell, Gino Padula, Neil Redfean, Roberto Martinez, Brendan O'Connell, Colin Greenall.

**bottom.** Brian McLaughlin, Andy Porter, Scott Green, Bruce Rioch, Carl Bradshaw, Neil Roberts, Darren Sheridan.

## JJs MATCHDAY CLUB

Welcome to a new season at the JJB  
 Welcome to a great new venture for all Latics Junior Fans  
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 Great News - In just over five weeks since it's launch JJ's Club has just enrolled its 1000th member.....and Martin Rawsthorne aged nine from Hindley will be joining his family for a special day at JJB to help us celebrate reaching 1000 members so quickly.

### JJs JUNIOR OPEN DAY

What a great start we had to JJ's Club at our open day, when over 600 children and parents attended a hugely successful event. Bruce Rioch and the team entertained everyone with an open training session, after many of those who attended had had their faces painted and had watched in awe as many balloons were bent into very many wonderful shapes.

The Marquee was full to bursting well before the 11am start time to see the team train on the pitch. Bruce gave a running commentary of what the players were doing and the session was brought to a climax with a shooting session at goal with cheers for every successful shot.

To round off a great day Bruce and all the players came into the Marquee and spent almost an hour and a half signing the free posters everyone were given on the day. A big thank you to Bruce and the team for all the hard work and enthusiasm they put into a wonderful day.

### THE MARQUEE

One of the features of JJ's Matchday Club will be The Marquee at The JJB, parents will be able to drop members off at The Marquee from around 90 minutes before kick off where they will be entertained with a disco and games, we will have face painters, big screen video, raffles and lots more to entertain you before the big kick off.

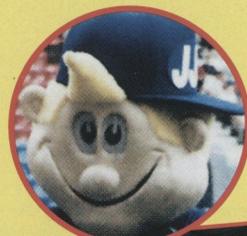
At half time you will have the chance to take part in The JJ's Adidas Challenge where you can win a brand new pair of Adidas trainers.

### LATICS FM

Our on pitch presenter will be WISH FMs Andrew Goulding who will be hosting our brand new matchday service Latics FM, were here at the stadium you will be able to hear all the latest news from Latics including.....interviews, all the build up to the game and a great mix of music and chat.

As you can see we have been busy over the summer and we hope it will make your matchday experience more enjoyable, if there is anything you think we should be doing please let us know and if possible we will try to do it.

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## HEINZ JUNIOR LATICS

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Mr Rioch was most impressed when I spoke with him about our organisation, which was formed in 1982, and he encouraged us to "keep up the good work".

For all new members who have recently enrolled, not only do you have the chance to become mascot, which involves a V.I.P. day for you and your family, but also to participate in supervised away trips to other Junior sections.

Our monthly Social Nights, which are to be held in the marquee, are always varied and feature Quiz Nights, Race Nights, Talent Competitions, Bar-B-Q, and not forgetting the Christmas Party! We are currently planning a "Hawaiian Night", so get your loud tee shirts, grass skirts and shades ready for a superb night.

This year we are hoping to nominate a local charity and encourage our Junior members to participate in a series of sponsored fund raising events.

The football section of Junior Latics welcomes John Hammond as their new Chairman and we wish him and all Managers and players a very good season.

Today, we are taking registrations and enrolments in the marquee, where our guests from the Junior Hatters are being entertained, with V.J. Martyn providing the music.

Let's get behind the team from the first whistle.

Enjoy today's game.

Laurence Fairhurst



Name: Adam Lawrence  
 Age: 5  
 School: Newchurch  
 Hobbies: Playing football - plays at the Soccer Dome. Adam attended his first game when he was 4 Wks old.  
 Ambition: To play for Wigan Athletic  
 FAVOURITES:  
 Food: Pasta  
 Drink: Coke  
 Film: George of the Jungle  
 TV Programme: Art Attack  
 Group: S club7  
 Holiday Resort: Spain, Centre Parks  
 Player: Stuart Palmer, Arjan de Zeeuw, Roy Carroll, Andy Liddell, Ian Kilford.  
 Adam's grandad was a famous goalkeeper - can you guess who he was?  
 email Norma at -  
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Name: James Mitchell  
 Age: 8  
 School: Rectory  
 Hobbies: Sports and computers  
 Ambition: To play for Latics  
 FAVOURITES:  
 Food: McDonalds  
 Drink: Red Bull  
 TV Programme: The Renford Rejects  
 Group: S club7  
 Holiday Resort: Disneyland Paris  
 Player: Andy Liddell



## Happy Birthday's

Best wishes to the following Junior Latics Members -  
 Debra Duddle  
 Liam McDermott  
 Stephanie Duddle  
 Sarah Patten  
 Ian Richardson  
 Martin Robey  
 Katie Price  
 Lee Duffy  
 Michael Pattison  
 Christopher Qewhat  
 Liam Ratcliffe  
 Daniel Gore



Even on holiday Norma can't get away from Junior Latics. here she is in Majorca with Lee & Shauna Duffy



Vice Chairman Martin Ode who was married at St Williams, Ince to Susan on Saturday 22nd July. Guards of honour were members of the Junior Latics.



# Directory

## CLUB OFFICIALS

First Team Coach: Colin Greenall  
Physiotherapist: Alex Cribley  
Reserve Team Coach: Brendan O'Connell  
Youth Team Coach: Andy May  
Youth Development Officer: David Crompton  
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Promoted to Third Division: 1981-82  
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Football League Cup Best Season 4th Round: 1981-82  
FA Cup Best Season 6th Round: 1986-87  
Record Football League Appearances: Kevin Langley 317 1981-86 and 1990-94  
Record Football League Goalscorer: David Lowe 66 1982-87 and 1995-99  
Record Football League Scorer in a season: Graeme Jones 31 1996-97  
Most Capped Player: Roy Carroll 4 Northern Ireland  
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Record Attendance: Springfield Park 27,526 v Hereford United FA Cup 12 December 1953  
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# Wigan

Evening Post

from the  
**press box**  
with  
Tony Dawber



In the words of that trendy film I never got round to watching, I know what you did last summer. And I reckon I've a fair idea of what you did this summer too. Last summer, you probably got drunk a few times, had a couple of weeks somewhere near the Mediterranean, moaned about the weather and the state of English cricket, and spent the rest of the time cursing referees and Manchester City.

This year, you probably got drunk a few times, had a couple of weeks somewhere near the Mediterranean, moaned about the weather and the state of English cricket, and spent the rest of the time cursing referee and Gillingham.

Well so did I, although I did manage to fit in getting married and a honeymoon in Australia.

Some of you might have been Down Under, and if you have, like me you probably realised why they seem to beat us at everything.

I was going to say everything except football, but with the likes of Viduka, Kewell and Bosnich now in their line up, I'd better not tempt fate.

The main reason I believe is that they are absolutely sports mad in Australia, and have a deep and genuine passion for playing and watching all sports.

Add to that a fiercely competitive nature, and you have the recipe for sporting success that I'm afraid we in the mother country are still trying to work out.

The fact that the evening news consists of about one minute on world and home news and 59 minutes of sport is testament to that.

I'd like to say it should be the same in this country, but my new wife might just take exception to that.

So anyway, that took up three weeks of my summer, and with Latics making the play-off finals and then kicking off in mid-July against Leigh RMI, that took up a good proportion of the close season.

The rest was spent at the Observer trying to keep you updated on news of the race for a replacement manager, new deals or otherwise for the out-of-contract players, and the latest on the new fixtures and departures and arrivals at the club.

As for the players, they only had around five weeks' break before resuming pre-season training, and even then one of two of them were back at the club regularly if they needed to build up their fitness after late season injuries.

And for the club officials, there was no real break as they welcomed new boss Bruce Rioch and kept things ticking over behind the scenes.

So barely two months on from Wembley, and here we all are again. Renewed hope, renewed optimism, the favourite's tag again, but a whole host of new challengers for that priceless promotion slot.

My feeling is that Rioch has the experience and the know how to guide Latics up, but it's asking an awful lot to get anywhere near last season's amazing unbeaten start. So the message is don't panic if there are one or two hiccups early on or at some stage before Christmas.

It can still be done. And lastly, thanks for all your letters and calls at the Observer last season. I will be covering Wigan home and away this year so I hope you'll continue following Latics fortunes with the Observer. Please feel free to write to me or call me direct on 01942 506267, and your views on the club, any gossip you might have heard or any suggestions as to new features or new angles we could use to make our coverage of Wigan Athletic even better would be most welcome. And most of all, enjoy the season - it should be a humdinger.

**Tony Dawber**  
Wigan Observer



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# by Harold Ashurst a fans view



The editor's request seemed simple enough: "Will you write a column for the programme this season?" "What about?" "Anything." "How many words?" "Leave that to you, just produce something."

So it was with those clear and concise instructions that I set about the task of thinking what will keep the fans interested for a minimum of 23 league games, and hopefully a good number of cup ties, until the season ends next May.

So, after much pondering, we've decided on a column about football's current issues. We'll take an in-depth, sometimes irreverent, look at the goings on in the game, from top to bottom, Premiership to non-league, and hopefully get you talking during your half time cuppa.

The hallowed halls of Rochdale Football Club are not altogether renowned for being the font of all football knowledge, but Chairman David Kilpatrick proved himself to be a shining beacon this week when he was asked about the plight of the smaller clubs.

In a game awash with money, most of which goes to the Premiership giants, David slapped down the merchants of doom and gloom who continually - and sometimes with morbid pleasure - predict the death knell for any club below half way in the First Division.

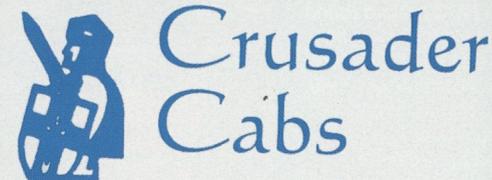
After steering the Third Division club through some of the stormiest waters in its chequered history during his 20 years on the Board, David was in bullish mood - and with good reason. He said: "We spent years simply surviving. Now we are coming to the end of a £4 million redevelopment of our ground. We have no overdraft and have just declared a profit of a quarter of a million pounds."

He doesn't fear the end of clubs like Rochdale in the mad, mad world of massive transfer fees, saying quite realistically: "The Second and Third Division clubs are not buying clubs any more. The sort of players we want are aged 24 plus and we can get them for free."

"There is more money coming into the game than ever and I have no patience with people who moan about what the top clubs are getting. If we all accept where we are in the pecking order and stop being greedy, we should be able to balance the books and stay full time."

And, in a statement which will ring true to Latics fans who can recall the situation at the club not all that long ago, he concluded: "The game has been littered with big-time Charlies who have promised the earth, then walked away and left the next lot to clear up the mess."

With refreshing, realistic and forthright views such as those, it is hoped that Mr Kirkpatrick is in a position where his views and advice are listened to. If not, he should be.



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## Latics Ladies

Our first pre-season friendly last Sunday saw us return from Warrington with a convincing victory. Against opponents from a higher division we took control from the kick-off, taking the lead after twenty minutes with a super goal from last seasons top scorer Beverley Ingram. Although the home side levelled the score minutes later. After 65 minutes our advantage was restored, Bev Ingram netting her second with a scrambled goal. This was soon followed by a scorching volley from Sarah Whitehead.

Our new season kicks off in a fortnights time when Greyhound Gunners will provide the opposition. We will be hopeful of improving on last season's excellent campaign, which saw us finishing third in the table and in Bev Ingram have the division's top scorer. Bev finished last season with 43 goals from his 18 appearances.

DATE	OPPONENTS	V			
03-Sep	Greyhound Gunners	H	03-Dec	League Cup	2R
06-Sep	Higherfolds	A	10-Dec	Higherfolds	H
10-Sep	Hopwood	A	17-Dec	Hopwood	H
17-Sep	Blackburn	H			
24-Sep	Burnley	A	07-Jan	Blackburn	A
			14-Jan	Div Cup	2R
01-Oct	Burnley - Lge Cup	A	21-Jan	Burnley	H
08-Oct	Accrington Stanley	H	28-Jan	Accrington Stanley	A
15-Oct	Darwen	A			
22-Oct	Divisional Cup	1R	04-Feb	Darwen	H
29-Oct	G.M.P.	H	11-Feb	G.M.P.	A
			18-Feb	Inter F.C.	A
05-Nov	Inter F.C.	H	25-Feb	Phoenix	H
12-Nov	Phoenix	A			
19-Nov	M'chester Stingers	H	04-Mar	M'chester Stingers	A
26-Nov	Greyhound Gunners	A			

# Latics Ledgeends

Leigh Edwards traces former favourites



## Mike Newell

Much-travelled striker Mike Newell scored in Wigan Athletic's 1985 Freight Rover Trophy Final triumph at Wembley. A former Liverpool junior, he joined Crewe Alexandra in September 1983 and Harry McNally snapped him up on a free transfer a month later. He was Wigan's leading marksman in 1985/86 and scored 25 times in 72 Third Division games before being sold to Luton Town for £100,000 in January 1986. Joint top scorer in 1980/81, the England U-21 international netted 18 goals in 63 First Division outings for today's visitors prior to joining Leicester City for £350,000 in September 1987. He moved to Everton for £850,000 in July 1989 and joined Blackburn Rovers for £1,100,000 in November 1991, scoring their penalty winner in the 1991/92 Second Division play-off final at Wembley. Also featuring in their 1994/95 Premiership title campaign, he was sold to Birmingham City for £775,000 in July 1996 and had loan spells at West Ham and Bradford City prior to joining Aberdeen for £160,000 in July. He moved to Crewe Alexandra in March 1999, then had a spell with Doncaster Rovers prior to joining Blackpool in February 2000.



	L	FAC	LC	T
Wigan Athletic	1983/84	9	-	9
	1984/85	39 (9)	4 (3)	47 (13)
	1985/86	24 (16)	4 (3)	30 (19)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>72 (25)</b>	<b>8 (6)</b>	<b>86 (32)</b>
Luton Town	1985/86	16 (6)	-	16 (6)
	1986/87	42 (12)	5 (1)	47 (13)
	1987/88	5	-	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>63 (18)</b>	<b>5 (1)</b>	<b>68 (19)</b>

## Darren Patterson

Central defender Darren Patterson scored as Wigan Athletic took Coventry City to an FA Cup third round replay in 1990/91. A former West Ham trainee, he failed to secure a first-team place at The Hawthorns and moved to Wigan on a free transfer in April 1989. He made his League debut as substitute in the 1-0 defeat at Leyton Orient five months later and took over from Paul Beesley in the heart of defence alongside Peter Atherton, netting six goals in 97 League games for Latics before being sold to Crystal Palace for £225,000 in July 1992. Following two years in their reserves, during which time Palace won the First Division title in 1993/94, he secured a Premiership slot and was an FA Cup and Coca Cola Cup semi finalist in 1994/95 as well as gaining Northern Ireland international recognition before moving to Luton Town for £100,000 in August 1995. He made 56 League appearances for today's opponents, featuring in the 1996/97 Second Division play-offs and capped four times by his country while at Kenilworth Road. After a loan spell at Preston NE, he joined Dundee United on a free transfer in July 1998.



	L	FAC	LC	T
Wigan Athletic	1989/90	29 (1)	2	33 (1)
	1990/91	28 (4)	4	34 (4)
	1991/92	40 (1)	3	47 (1)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>97 (6)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>114 (6)</b>
Luton Town	1995/96	23	1	24
	1996/97	10	2	13
	1997/98	23	1	24
	<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>61</b>

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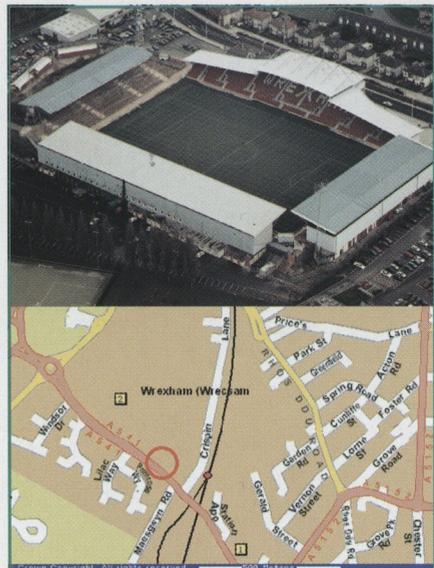
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We are still in the process of dealing with the membership forms and the signs are that we will have more members than ever before, such is the increased interest in the fortunes of our football club. The forms will all be sent out in due course, so please be patient with us.

MEMBERSHIPS

This season we have introduced reduced membership rates for families and 'parent & child'. This will also result in reduced priced travel. The membership cards will have a coloured back this year to differentiate between the memberships, the colour codes are as follows:

- White - Adult membership
Blue - Concession membership
Orange - Parent/Child membership
Green - Family membership

Anyone wishing to join the Supporters & Travel Club can pick up a form from the kiosks on matchdays and the JJB Soccer Dome. Alternatively, you can write to us at the usual P O Box address with your name, address, date of birth and telephone number.

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Family Membership (2 adults/2 children) - £10.00

If you require parent/child or family memberships, it would be appreciated if you could please give details of all family members.

Joining the Supporters and Travel Club will give you priority to various events throughout the season and also reduced price coach travel.

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You committee for this season are:

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Secretary: Kathryn Rimmer
Treasurer: Roy Highton
Webmaster: Mark Ashurst
Committee: Chris Coffey (Federation Rep)/Alison Maloney/Mick Wimsey/Jeff Rourke/Danny Kennedy/Neil Sherratt/Lindsey Taylor/Caroline Molyneux

Over the next few weeks we will be profiling all committee members.

KATH Supporters & Travel Club Secretary

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Hursts - 1.10pm

Walsall - Saturday 2nd September

- Members: Adult: £8.00
Concession: £6.00
Parent/Child: £11.00
Non Members: Adult: £10.00
Concession: £8.00
Soccer Dome - 12.15pm
Hursts - 12.25pm

Scunthorpe - Tuesday 5th September (Worthington Cup)

- Members: Adult: £9.00
Concession: £7.00
Parent/Child: £14.00
Non Members: Adult: £11.00
Concession: £9.00
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Hursts - 4.10pm

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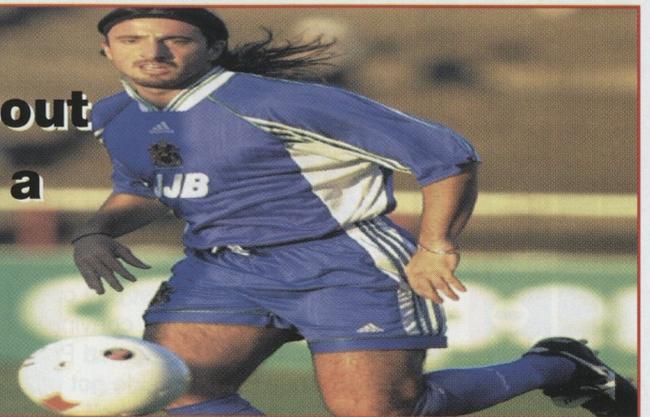
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by Geoff Lea

Oldham Athletic produced the performance of the first day of the new season with a 4-1 convincing home victory over relegated Port Vale. Andy Ritchie's side got off to the perfect start as first half strikes by Neil Adams and Mark Hotte gave them a 2-goal half time advantage.

New signing Carlo Corazzin ensured all 3 points after one of Vale's new signings, Michael Twiss, had pulled a goal back for the relegated side.



Tim Cahill

Walsall performed the comeback of the day when they fought back from 2 goals behind to defeat newly promoted Rotherham United. Once again it was a case of scoring debuts, former Manchester United striker Mark Robins netting twice against his old club for the Yorkshire side. Ray Graydon's side responded, new Saddlers signing Brett Angell netting twice to be followed by a debut goal by Marvin Bryan. Sadly for the former Blackpool defender, it was to an own goal.

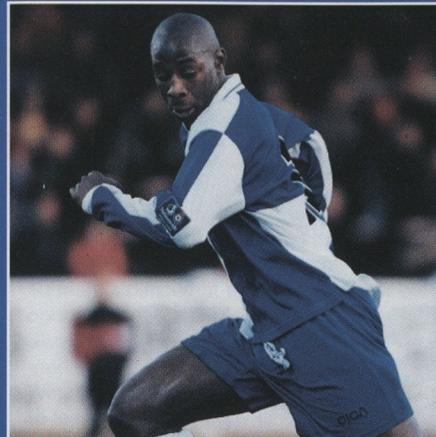
Jamie Forrester was another to score on his debut for newly promoted Northampton Town, a late goal by Ivar Ingimarsson allowing Brentford a share of the points. Bristol Rovers striker Jamie Cuerton started the new season as he finished last season by scoring from the penalty spot. The striker, who wants away from the club following the sale of Jason Roberts to West Bromwich Albion for £2 million, couldn't help his side to victory, new Bournemouth signing Chukke Eribenne netting the Cherries equaliser.

Millwall confirmed their status as one of the promotion favourites, Tim Cahill netting a brace in a 2-0 home win over Reading, while a same scoreline saw Danny Wilson start his management career with a victory, Tony Thorpe and former Chesterfield player Paul Holland sealing a good away win at Wrexham.

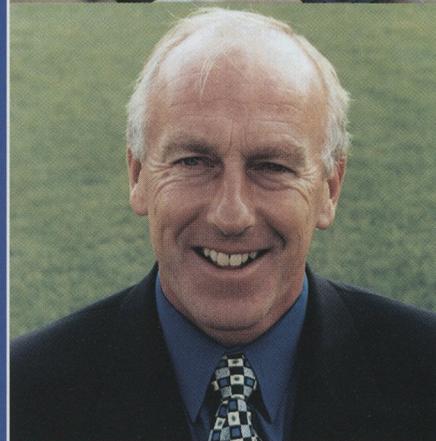
Carlo Corazzin



Jason Roberts



Ray Graydon



Also victorious on their travels were Bury, Notts County and Peterborough United. The Shakers recorded their opening day success at Cambridge with an only goal by Paul Barnes, newly promoted Posh taking the points at Oxford with a goal by David Farrell. In the show down of the new managers, it was Jocky Scott's Notts County that earned the honours over this afternoon's opponents Luton Town.

Swindon Town, with 6 new faces in the starting line-up, could not make it a winning start for their new owner Terry Brady. The father of Birmingham City's Managing Director Karen Brady took control of the relegated side on the Friday, Colchester United earning a share of the points at the County Ground.

Stoke City keeper Gavin Ward could face a long lay-off after being carried off in a bruising encounter against Wycombe Wanderers. The match saw 6 bookings, yet failed to produce a goal in what was described as a full blooded encounter.

**Nationwide League Division Two**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oldham	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Bristol City	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Millwall	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Walsall	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Bury	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Notts County	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Peterborough	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Bournemouth	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Brentford	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Bristol Rovers	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Northampton	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Colchester	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Stoke	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Swansea	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Swindon	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Wigan	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Wycombe	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Rotherham	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Cambridge Utd	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Luton Town	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Oxford Utd	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Reading	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Wrexham	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Port Vale	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

**Today's Fixtures**

Bournemouth v Cambridge United  
 Brentford v Swansea City  
 Bristol City v Stoke City  
 Bury v Wrexham  
 Notts County v Millwall  
 Port Vale v Oxford United  
 Reading v Swindon Town  
 Walsall v Oldham Athletic  
 Wycombe Wanderers v Northampton Town


**Nationwide Division Two  
 Statistics Week One**

Total Goals: 21  
 Highest Attendance: 14,532, Stoke City  
 Lowest Attendance: 3,654, Bury  
 Total Cards: Red 1, Yellow 37  
 Leading Scorers  
 Brett Angell - 2  
 Tim Cahill - 2  
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Gutsy, courageous and fearless are all words that could describe Latics second half performance against Swansea. To play an entire 45 minutes with 10 men is difficult at the best of times, but on the opening day of the season, away to a team of Swansea's quality with an expectant crowd watching made the performance an outstanding effort. Wigan arrived at the Vetch Field carrying injuries and to leave Wales with any kind of result was always going to be a tough ask. But you could actually see the determination on the players faces when they stepped out for both the first and second halves, that the Swansea attack would not be allowed to pass, and that must give everyone huge satisfaction. It's not fair to pick out individuals after a team display like that but a few players deserve a special mention for a performance above and beyond the call of duty. Carl Bradshaw and Darren Sheridan were playing in unaccustomed positions due to the injury problems but didn't put a foot wrong and battled from the first minute to the 90th. Andy Liddell and Lee Ashcroft were asked to move into a midfield role in the second half and neither of them looked out of position as they dug in and



tracked back.

Also Simon Haworth, who was given an unenviable but necessary role of lone striker while being marked by 3 centre halves and simply had to battle for scraps but he ran all afternoon and his effort was certainly appreciated by his manager.

Hopefully it won't be necessary to play heroics with 10 men this afternoon against Luton but a display of similar commitment and passion would give us a cracking chance of 3 points. Don't forget, Wish FM will be providing full second half commentary of every Latics away match this season. Get behind the team this afternoon and lets make the JJB a fortress this season.



# In reserve

Our first match in the newly titled Avon Insurance League saw us involved on a feast of goals at Wrexham on Wednesday afternoon. After winning the Pontins Second Division championship last season, our first competitive game in Division one saw us concede two early goals away in North Wales, Kevin Nicholls pulling back a goal. The robins two-goal advantage was again restored, before Neil Roberts playing against his hometown club netted before the half-time break. Last season's leading scorer Brian McLaughlin grabbed a second half goal to earn us a share of the points.

## TEAM

Stillie, Kilford, McLaughlin, Mitchell, Dickson, De Zeeuw, Martinez, Nicholls, Ashcroft, Roberts, McLoughlin.

**Subs** Prunty, Morris, Spearitt, Tynan (GK)



The play-off semi-final match last season against Millwall saw the club presented with the Pontins League Division Two championship. Pictured are Chairman David Whelan and David Lee with the trophy.

The summer has seen Avon Insurance announce the sponsorship of the Avon Insurance league formerly known as the Central league. Avon Insurance has sponsored the Football Combination in the south of England for the last six seasons, and this new sponsorship deal covers the Midlands and north of England. Avon Insurance now supports reserve team football on a nationwide basis for all Football League clubs.

## first up at the Robin Park Arena

The reserve team's first home game fixture takes place on Wednesday 30th August versus Walsall at the Robin Park Arena and kick off is at 2.00pm.

Prices for the reserves are £2 adults, £1 concessions



## division one fixtures

<b>august</b>		
Wed 16	Wrexham	A
<b>Wed 30</b>	<b>Walsall</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>september</b>		
<b>Wed 6</b>	<b>Grimsby Town</b>	<b>H</b>
Wed 20	Shrewsbury Town	A
<b>October</b>		
Wed 4	Darlington	A
<b>Wed 11</b>	<b>York City</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>Wed 25</b>	<b>Sheffield United</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>november</b>		
Wed 8	Lincoln City	A
Wed 15	Blackpool	A
<b>Wed 22</b>	<b>Scunthorpe United</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>december</b>		
Mon 4	Stoke City	A
Wed 13	Wrexham	A
<b>january</b>		
Wed 10	Walsall	A
<b>Wed 24</b>	<b>Stoke City</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>february</b>		
Wed 7	Grimsby Town	A
<b>Wed 14</b>	<b>Shrewsbury Town</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>Wed 28</b>	<b>Darlington</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>march</b>		
Wed 14	York City	A
<b>Wed 28</b>	<b>Lincoln City</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>april</b>		
Wed 11	Sheffield United	A
Wed 18	Scunthorpe United	A
<b>Wed 25</b>	<b>Blackpool</b>	<b>H</b>

## Final table 1999/2000

### Division Two

	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
<b>Wigan Athletic</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>41</b>
Darlington	20	13	1	6	48	25	23	40
Bury	20	13	1	6	44	26	18	40
Hull City	20	9	4	7	32	26	6	31
Chesterfield	20	7	7	6	30	28	2	28
Macclesfield	20	7	4	9	27	29	-2	25
Hartlepool Utd	20	7	4	9	27	32	-5	25
Mansfield	20	7	3	10	27	36	-9	24
Halifax Town	20	5	4	11	20	34	-14	19
Rochdale	20	4	6	10	23	38	-15	18
Chester City	20	5	3	12	29	51	-22	18

# a whole new ball game

The 2000/2001 season brings a number of changes to the game - new players, new managers and new rules, with a number of significant alterations to the Laws of the Game.

John Baker, The Football Association's Head of Refereeing, is predicting that Law changes will help to speed up the game, and improve decision-making through better co-operation between the match officials.

The most-talked about change is the '10-yard Rule', which is in fact an experiment, being trialled in the F.A. Premier League, Football League and the F.A. Cup (from the First Round Proper), with a view to a possible permanent change to the Laws of the Game.

If, after a free-kick has been awarded, a player fails to retire 10 yards, delays the restart, shows dissent or is guilty of unsporting behaviour (or any other cautionable offence), as well as the player being punished with a caution, the team will also be penalised by having the free-kick moved forward 10 yards. This can only happen once per free kick awarded. "Where this experiment has been tried in other competitions there has been a noticeable improvement in the behaviour of players at free-kicks," says John Baker. "The International FA Board is interested to know if the same improvements will be noticed at the top level. Reports will be made after each game to record the effects of the experiment."

The other most notable change relates to goalkeepers. The requirement of the 'keeper to release the ball after four steps has been removed. From this season, an indirect free-kick will be awarded if a goalkeeper, inside his own penalty area, takes more than six seconds while controlling the ball with his hands before releasing it.

"If you watched the games in Euro2000 you probably noticed how this has speeded up the game," comments The F.A.'s refereeing supremo. "The six seconds start from the moment the referee

considers that the goalkeeper is fully in control of the ball. A goalkeeper can easily travel to the edge of the area and release the ball in this time."

Other key amendments affect the duties of the Assistant Referee and Fourth Official. The Assistants will play a greater role in indicating offences to the referee if they have a clearer view of an incident at the taking of penalties, and at free-kicks. They will also be able to judge whether or not the ball has fully crossed the goal line. The Fourth Official will have the additional duties of indicating to the referee when a player is wrongfully cautioned due to mistaken identity, a player is not sent off having been seen to be given a second caution, or when violent conduct occurs out of view of the referee/assistant referees.

"A key change for the Fourth Official is his ability to draw the match officials' attention to 'off the ball incidents of violent conduct' out of the view of the match officials," says Baker. "Previously he just used to report this after the match, now he will let the referee know immediately so that the correct action can be taken."

Two final changes cover 'Offensive or insulting or abusive gestures', which now constitute a sending-off offence, and penalty shoot-outs. If a team has had a player sent off, an equal number of players from each side will take part in the penalty shoot-out.

"This is designed to make things equal for both teams in case it gets to the stage where everyone has to take a kick," says Baker. "Without this rule the team that were short of players because they had had a player sent off would be able to go back to their number one kicker whilst the other team would have to rely on their worst kicker."

More information on the changes to the Laws of the Game are available at [www.thefa.org/thefa/control/rules/index.htm](http://www.thefa.org/thefa/control/rules/index.htm)



# Goalscoring Head 2 Head

In the graphics below, Latics' figure is to the left with the goals scored indicated in blue and conceded in red, Hatters' to the right and scored in orange and conceded in purple

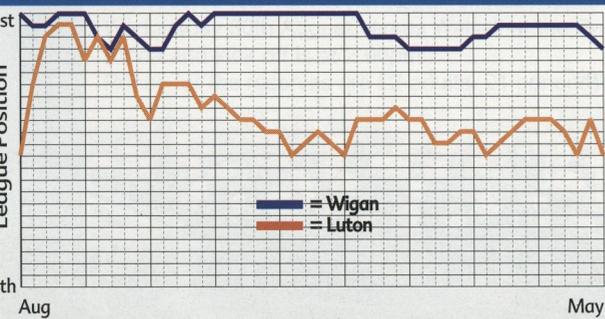
## Where



## How



## Seasonal Progress Comparison



# Stats&Facts

## Last Season's Top Scorers

<b>19</b> Stuart Barlow (Wigan Athletic) vs	<b>11</b> Liam George (Luton Town)
72 in 46 1.57 goals	61 in 46 1.33 goals
18 in 33 0.545 goals	14 in 42 0.333 goals
15 Games Scored In	10
8 Games Scored 1st Goal	5
13 Games Scored 1 Goal	6
1 Games Scored 2 Goals	3
1 Games Scored 3 Goals	0

### IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)

4 (8 pts) Games Won -> Drawn	5 (10 pts)
0 (0 pts) Games Won -> Lost	1 (3 pts)
5 (5 pts) Games Drawn -> Lost	0 (0 pts)
13 Number of points gained	13

### SCORING SEQUENCES

6 Consecutive Games Scored	2
3 2 Games	0
3 3 Games	0
6 games Maximum Scoring run 2 gms (x2)	0
4 CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING	3
3 2 Games	4
3 3 Games	4
1 4 Games	4
5 games Maximum Dry Spell	9 games

### Latics' Results

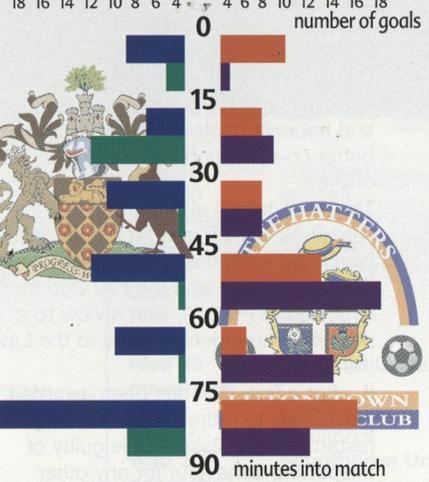
WIGAN GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	3	4	8	2				
1	4	9	4	2	1	1		
2		3	4					
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								

### Hatters' Results

LUTON GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	2	3	1					
1	6	5	4	5	1			
2	4	5	2	2	1			
3	2	1	1					
4		1						
5								
6								
7								

shows the number of results for each scoreline. eg. Wigan won 8 games 2-0

## When



## Average time of Scoring / Conceding

58 mins All Goals for	68 mins
56 mins Home Goals For	50 mins
59 mins Away Goals For	104 mins
109 mins All Goals Against	64 mins
148 mins Home Goals Against	59 mins
86 mins Away Goals Against	69 mins

Table shows average time taken for both teams to score and concede goals in home and away games.

## Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

Latics : **WWLWLLWSLS** F 12 A 9 Pts 14

Hatters : **LSWWWLLWS** F 14 A 13 Pts 15

Form Guide Shows last 10 results. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = No Score Draw. Most recent result to the right

## Cambridge's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	1	4	2	Elstrup	15 10,275
91/92	1	3	2	Harford	12 9,711
92/93	1	4	2	Gray	19 8,213
93/94	1	SF	1	Dixon	9 7,878
94/95	1	4	1	Marshall	11 7,350
95/96	1	3	1	Guentchev/Marshall	9 7,223
96/97	2	3	3	Thorpe	28 6,294
97/98	2	1	2	Thorpe	14 5,879
98/99	2	2	5	Douglas	9 5,527
99/00	2	3	1	George	14 5,658

## Face2Face

Last Season: At JJB Stadium.....1-0

At Kenilworth Road.....1-1

Latics' Season Records:

Home Win...5-1 Blackpool

Away Win...4-1 Preston

Home Defeat 5 gms by 1 gl

Away Defeat 1-2 Oldham

.....1-2 v Gillingham

Consec. Wins.....5

Consec. Defeat.....2

Hatters' Season Records:

Home Win...4-1 Scunthorpe

Away Win.....3-1 Cardiff

.....2-0 Burnley 3-1 Chstrfld

Home Defeat...1-4 Bristol R

Away Defeat...0-3 Bristol R

.....0-3 Colchester

Consec. Wins.....3

Consec. Defeat.....4

## Division 2 1999/00 Ave. Attendances

Club	2000	4000	6000	8000	10000	12000	14000
AFC Bournemouth	4,917						
Blackpool	4,841						
Brentford	5,742						
Bristol City	9,803						
Bristol Rovers	8,402						
Burnley	12,937						
Bury	4,025						
Cambridge United	4,404						
Cardiff City	6,895						
Chesterfield	2,935						
Colchester United	3,782						
Gillingham	7,087						
Luton Town	5,658						
Millwall	9,260						
Notts County	5,667						
Oldham Athletic	5,391						
Oxford United	5,790						
Preston North End	12,819						
Reading	8,985						
Scunthorpe United	4,064						
Stoke City	11,426						
Wigan Athletic	7,007						
Wrexham	3,952						
Wycombe Wanderers	5,101						

## Division 2 General Stats

Club	PU	CS	FS	PU	CS	FS	
Bournemouth	34	12	11	Luton	25	6	14
Blackpool	40	6	13	Millwall	27	14	7
Brentford	33	12	18	Notts County	32	12	13
Bristol City	41	14	17	Oldham	29	13	12
Bristol Rovers	33	18	11	Oxford	31	9	16
Burnley	24	18	9	Preston	29	24	8
Bury	32	11	15	Reading	37	14	10
Cambridge	33	10	12	Scunthorpe	36	9	16
Cardiff	30	10	13	Stoke	34	15	9
Chesterfield	34	8	21	Wigan	28	17	7
Colchester	33	8	13	Wrexham	31	15	13
Gillingham	32	13	7	Wycombe	29	12	15

PU = Players Used CS = Clean Sheets FS = Games Team Failed to Score

## Division 2 Campaign Records

Highest Gate: .....22,310 Burnley v Preston

Lowest Gate: .....1,903 Chesterfield v Bury

Highest Aggregate Score: .....Colchester 5-4 Bristol Rovers

Biggest Home Win: .....Burnley 5-0 Wrexham

Biggest Away Win: .....Blackpool 0-5 Bury

Consecutive Records:

Wins .....Bristol Rovers, Millwall, Stoke 6

Games Unbeaten .....Wigan 24

Defeats .....Notts County, Oldham 5

Winless Run .....Chesterfield 18

Games: .....552

Home Wins: .....234 (42%)

Away Wins: .....163 (30%)

Draws: .....155 (28%)

1-1 Draws: .....75 (14%)

0-0 Draws: .....40 (7%)

Average goals per game: .....2.54

Yellow Cards: .....1,407

Red Cards: .....78

Total Attendance: .....3,700,457

Average gate: .....6,704

Statistics compiled by FOOTBALL INFORMATION SERVICES Telephone: 0151-632 5679

# Statson2

## League Scorers: the difference their goals made

Club	Player	Gls	Gms	GI/Gm	W>L	W>D	D>L	Pts	Run	Dry
Burnley	Payton	27	41	0.66	1	10	6	29	3	5
Wycombe	Devine	23	39	0.59	1	7	5	22	4	6
Stoke	Thorne	24	45	0.53	0	9	3	21	5	5
Millwall	Harris	25	38	0.66	2	4	6	20	5	3
Bristol Rovers	Roberts	22	41	0.54	1	7	1	18	4	5
Preston	Macken	22	44	0.5	2	4	4	18	3	6
Colchester	McGavin	16	34	0.47	2	3	2	14	3	7
Reading	Caskey	17	44	0.39	0	5	4	14	2	5
Cardiff	Bowen	12	39	0.31	2	3	2	14	2	8
Luton	George	14	42	0.33	1	5	0	13	2	9
Wigan	Barlow	18	33	0.55	0	4	5	13	6	5
Brentford	Owusu	12	41	0.29	1	3	2	11	3	9
Bury	Preece	12	43	0.28	1	2	4	11	1	9
Chesterfield	Reeves	14	43	0.33	2	1	3	11	4	16
Oldham	Allott	10	32	0.31	0	4	2	10	3	5
Bournemouth	Stein	11	34	0.32	0	3	3	9	2	5
Bristol City	Thorpe	13	31	0.42	1	2	2	9	3	4
Cambridge	Benjamin	20	44	0.46	0	2	5	9	8	7
Oxford	Murphy	11	46	0.24	0	4	1	9	2	10
Scunthorpe	Ipoua	9	40	0.23	1	2	2	9	3	18
Blackpool	Murphy	10	39	0.26	0	2	3	7	2	12
Notts County	Stallard	13	36	0.36	0	2	3	7	6	7
Wrexham	Faulconbridge	9	34	0.27	1	0	2	5	1	8
Gillingham	Southall	9	27	0.33	0	1	2	4	1	8

Each club's leading league scorer and their goals per game (GI/Gm). Next 3 columns show taking off their goals how many games change from Win to Loss (W>L), Win to Draw (W>D), Draw to Loss (D>L) and Points (Pts) lost. Last 2 figures show best scoring run, and longest dry spell in consecutive games.

## Division 2 Results Grid

AWAY GOALS	HOME GOALS								
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	40	63	37	26	3	2			
1	42	75	51	22	5	4			
2	32	44	36	11	3	3			
3	9	13	9	3	2	1			
4	4	6		2	1	1			
5	2								
6									
7									
8									

Grid shows the number of games ending with each result. e.g. 5 matches were a 4-1 win for the home side and 6 were a 4-1 win for the away team

## Referee's Report

Referee	Gam	Red	Yell	Av. Yell
Hill	28	9	114	4.07
Bates	31	8	107	3.45
Warren	29	6	97	3.34
Hall	30	1	99	3.30
Tomlin	27	3	89	3.30
Lynch	34	15	111	3.26
Bennett	18	1	58	3.22
Parkes	27	5	86	3.19
Ryan	27	8	85	3.15
Wilkes	31	6	96	3.10
Fletcher	36	7	110	3.06
Jordan	29	1	87	3.00
Foy	31	7	93	3.00
Beeby	27	7	81	3.00

## Division 2 Hotshots - The most prolific marksmen

Club	Player	NL	WC	FA	Tot	Gms	Avg
Millwall	Neil Harris	25	0	0	25	41	1.64
Burnley	Andy Payton	27	0	0	27	46	1.7
Wigan	Stuart Barlow	18	2	2	22	40	1.82
Bristol Rovers	Jason Roberts	22	3	0	25	46	1.84
Wycombe	Sean Devine	23	1	1	25	47	1.88
Stoke	Peter Thorne	24	1	0	25	49	1.96
Reading	Martin Butler	18	3	2	23	50	2.17
Colchester	Steve McGavin	16	0	0	16	35	2.19
Preston	Jonathan Macken	22	2	1	25	55	2.2
Bristol Rovers	Jamie Cureton	22	1	0	23	51	2.22
Cambridge	Trevor Benjamin	20	0	3	23	51	2.22
Reading	Darren Caskey	17	2	3	22	53	2.41
Bristol City	Tony Thorpe	14	1	0	15	37	2.47
Wigan	Simon Haworth	13	3	3	19	47	2.47
Luton	Phil Gray	11	0	1	12	32	2.67
Cambridge	Tom Youngs	8	0	0	8	22	2.75



Date	Opponents	V	Res	Att	Pts	Pos
Sat 12 Aug	Swansea City	A	D0-0	8391	1	16
Sat 19 Aug	Luton Town	H				
Tue 22 Aug	Scunthorpe United WC1/1	H				
Sat 26 Aug	Wrexham	A				
Sat 2 Sep	Walsall	A				
Tue 5 Sep	Scunthorpe United WC1/2	A				
Sat 9 Sep	Colchester United	H				
Tue 12 Sep	Peterborough United	H				
Sat 16 Sep	Bristol Rovers	A				
Sat 23 Sep	Northampton Town	H				
Sat 30 Sep	Swindon Town	A				
Fri 6 Oct	Reading	H				
Sat 14 Oct	Notts County	A				
Tue 17 Oct	Bournemouth	A				
Sat 21 Oct	Port Vale	H				
Tue 24 Oct	Oxford United	A				
Sat 28 Oct	Bury	H				
Sat 4 Nov	Rotherham United	A				
Tue 7 Nov	Millwall	H				
Sat 11 Nov	Cambridge United	H				
Sat 18 Nov	FAC 1st Round					
Sat 25 Nov	Bristol City	A				
Sat 2 Dec	Brentford	A				
Sat 9 Dec	FAC 2nd Round					
Sat 16 Dec	Wycombe Wanderers	H				
Sat 23 Dec	Stoke City	H*				
Tue 26 Dec	Oldham Athletic	A				
Sat 30 Dec	Luton Town	A				
Mon 1 Jan	Wrexham	H				
Sat 6 Jan	Swansea City	H				
Sat 13 Jan	Millwall	A				
Sat 20 Jan	Oldham Athletic	H				
Sat 27 Jan	Stoke City	A				
Sat 3 Feb	Walsall	H				
Sat 10 Feb	Colchester United	A				
Sat 17 Feb	Bristol Rovers	H				
Tue 20 Feb	Peterborough United	A				
Sat 24 Feb	Northampton Town	A				
Sat 3 Mar	Swindon Town	H				
Tue 6 Mar	Notts County	H				
Sat 10 Mar	Reading	A				
Sat 17 Mar	AFC Bournemouth	H				
Sat 24 Mar	Port Vale	A				
Sat 31 Mar	Wycombe Wanderers	A				
Sat 7 Apr	Brentford	H				
Sat 14 Apr	Oxford United	H				
Mon 16 Apr	Bury	A				
Sat 21 Apr	Rotherham United	H				
Sat 28 Apr	Cambridge United	A				
Sat 5 May	Bristol City	H				

Key to symbols

- 1 Goals scored
- 1 Substitute/player replaced
- FAC FA Cup
- WC Whorthington Cup



last seasons player of the season  
Andy Liddell

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Player	League	FA Cup	League Cup	Other
S Balmer	41 (0) 2	4 (0) 0	4 (0) 0	4 (0) 0
S Barlow	24 (9) 18	3 (0) 2	4 (0) 2	1 (2) 1
M Bowen	7 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	3 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
C Bradshaw	21 (5) 1	2 (0) 0	2 (0) 1	1 (1) 1
R Carroll	34 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	3 (0) 0	2 (0) 0
M Clegg	6 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
T Cooke	10 (0) 1	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
A De Zeeuw	39 (0) 3	3 (0) 0	3 (0) 0	3 (0) 0
N Fitzhenry	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
S Green	32 (1) 2	4 (0) 0	3 (0) 0	4 (0) 0
C Greenall	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
S Greenwood	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
G Griffiths	10 (6) 1	1 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	2 (1) 0
S Haworth	36 (4) 13	3 (0) 3	4 (0) 3	5 (0) 1
G Jones	1 (2) 1	0 (0) 0	0 (2) 0	0 (0) 0
I Kilford	18 (3) 1	3 (0) 0	3 (0) 0	4 (0) 0
D Lee	0 (4) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (3) 0	0 (0) 0
A Liddell	41 (0) 8	3 (0) 1	3 (0) 0	3 (0) 0
R Martinez	14 (11) 3	3 (1) 0	1 (0) 0	0 (3) 1
P McGibbon	30 (4) 2	3 (0) 0	1 (1) 0	5 (0) 0
B McLaughlin	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (1) 0	1 (0) 0
A McLoughlin	11 (4) 1	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	2 (0) 0
P Mitchell	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (1) 0
A Morris	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (2) 1
K Nicholls	6 (2) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
M O'Neill	30 (0) 2	4 (0) 0	4 (0) 0	1 (0) 0
J Peron	19 (4) 0	1 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	1 (1) 0
A Porter	2 (3) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (1) 0	0 (0) 0
N Redfearn	12 (0) 6	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	3 (0) 0
N Roberts	8 (1) 1	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
K Sharp	17 (4) 0	2 (2) 0	1 (0) 0	5 (0) 0
D Sheridan	25 (6) 3	1 (1) 0	4 (0) 0	5 (0) 1
D Stillie	12 (1) 0	2 (0) 0	1 (0) 0	3 (0) 0
S Willis	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0

Key to table:

appearances (app as sub) goals scored

NB: Players with a zero in every column only appeared as unused substitutes

When & Where the goals were scored last season

minutes played	Wigan Ath		Opponents	
	North Stand	South Stand	North Stand	South Stand
01-15	6	-	-	3
16-30	8	1	1	3
31-45	5	-	-	2
46-60	-	4	1	1
61-75	1	7	-	3
76-90	1	14	2	2
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