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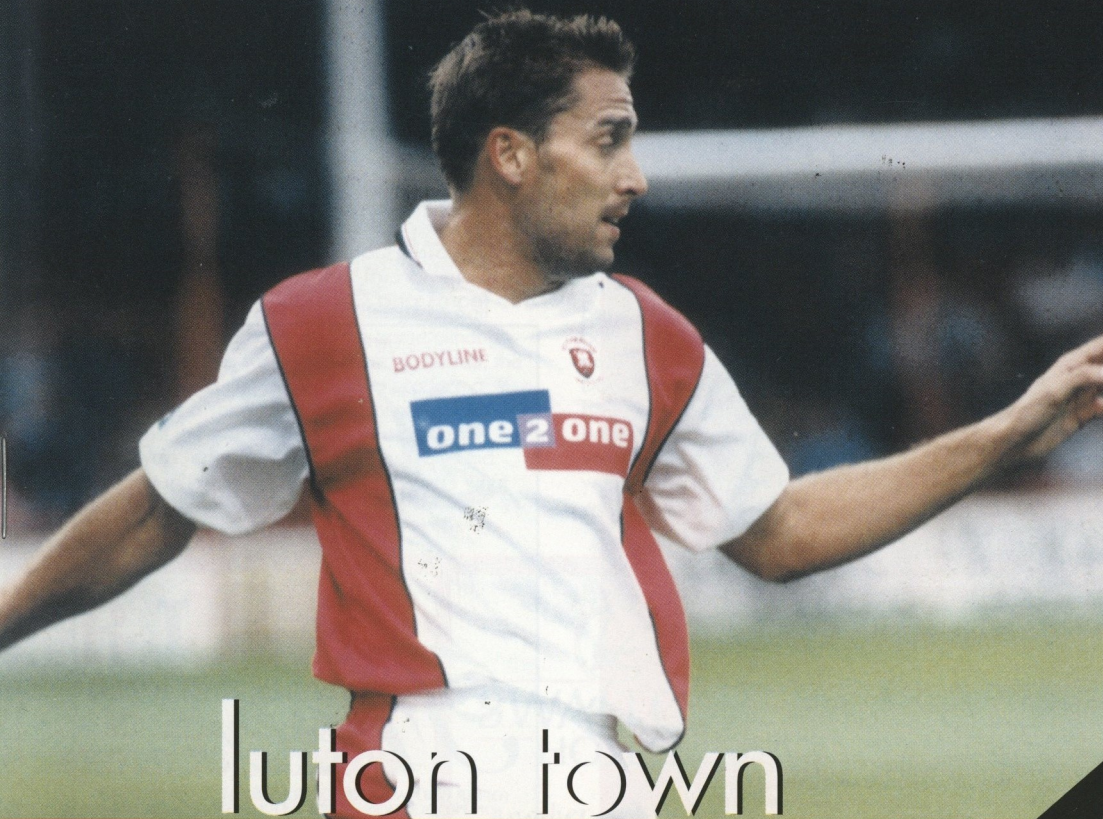
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 Turned Professional: 1905. Limited Company: 1920.
 Ground Capacity: 11,158
 Record Attendance: 25,170 (v Sheffield United, Div Two, 13th December 1952)
 Record Receipts: £79,155 (v Newcastle United, FA Cup 4th Rnd., 23rd January 1993)
 Record League Victory: 8-0 (v Oldham Athletic, Division Three North, 26th May 1947)
 Record Cup Victory: 6-0 (v Spennymoor United, FA Cup 2nd Round, 17th December 1977, v Wolverhampton Wanderers, FA Cup 1st Round, 16th November 1985 and v King's Lynn, FA Cup 2nd Round, 6th December 1997)
 Record Defeat: 1-11 (v Bradford City, Division Three North, 25th August 1928)
 Most League Points: (2 points for a win): 71, Division Three North, 1950/51
 Most League Points: (3 points for a win): 82, Division Four, 1988/89
 Most League Goals: 114, Division Three North, 1946/47
 Most Goals in a Game: Jack Shaw, 5 (at Darlington, FA Cup 1st Round, 25 Nov 1950)
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 Most League Appearances: 459, Danny Williams, 1946-62
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 Football League Record: 1893 Rotherham Town elected to Div 2; 1896 failed re-election; 1919 Rotherham County elected to Div 2; 1923-51 Div 3 (N); 1951-68 Div 2; 1968-73 Div 3; 1981-83 Div 2; 1983-88 Div 3; 1988-89 Div 4; 1989-91 Div 3; 1991-92 Div 4; 1992-97 Div 2; 1997-2000 Div 3 2000 Div 2
 Honours: Football League: Div. 2 Best Season: 3rd 1954-55 (equal points with championship and runners up); Div. 3 Champions 1980-81; Div. 3 (N) - Champions 1950-51; Runners up 1946-47, 1947-48, 1948-49; Div. 4 Champions 1988-89; Runners up 1991-92; Div. 3 Runners up 1999-2000
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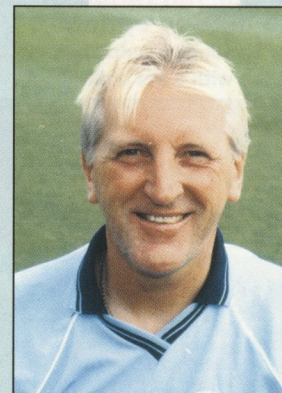
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with ronnie moore



Obviously the game against Bury last Saturday was bitterly disappointing for everybody and I said one or two things that I felt needed to be said. The players know deep down that they let themselves down and we have to make sure our commitment is there right through all our 46 league games. If it's not and we drop below our standards, the kind of Bury result is what will happen to us. We had a chat about things and I could have easily made three or four changes for the game at Bristol City and no one could have complained about it. I knew they couldn't possibly play as badly as that again and only the injured Rob Scott was missing as I gave them a last chance to produce the goods. However, last Saturday we still had some half decent chances to have won the game although the performances wasn't good and to be fair, the lads then rolled their sleeves up to produce a tremendous display at Bristol on Monday. It was just the sort of response I wanted from the players, one or two of them probably said stick that in your pipe and smoke it. That's what we need.

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The commitment was there again but we also passed the ball well and we had enough chances to have won by two or three goals. We had a lot of the play and it turned out to be one of the best away performances we have had.

When you think City have paid £600,000 for a centre forward and they have 40 professionals on their books while they have 9,000 season tickets holders, it shows they are a massive club so for us to do what we did was magnificent.

That's the standard we have set ourselves and we have to maintain that week in, week out. Today's opposition Luton Town have had to work to stay at their level and they haven't got millions to fork out for players and they will again provide tough opposition for us. We have to try and follow their example to maintain our position.

They have done well over the last few years and now Ricky Hill has taken over and they got a tremendous result to take a point at Wycombe so we will have to be at our best to match them.

Just briefly looking at Tuesday night's game at Barnsley, if anyone thinks we are dead and buried, they are in for a surprise despite our one goal, deficit. We are sometimes at our best away from home and if we score we are back in the tie. I would like to see us do well in the competition and Dave Bassett will know the game isn't over.

Barnsley have no game this weekend but sometimes a rest can work against you so here's hoping we can pull one out of the bag.

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Paul Furlong - Birmingham City to QPR
James Pinnock - Gillingham to Dover Athletic
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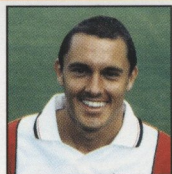
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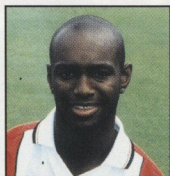
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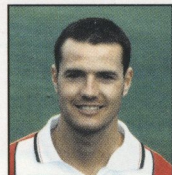
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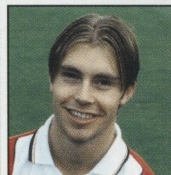
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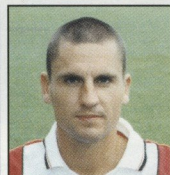
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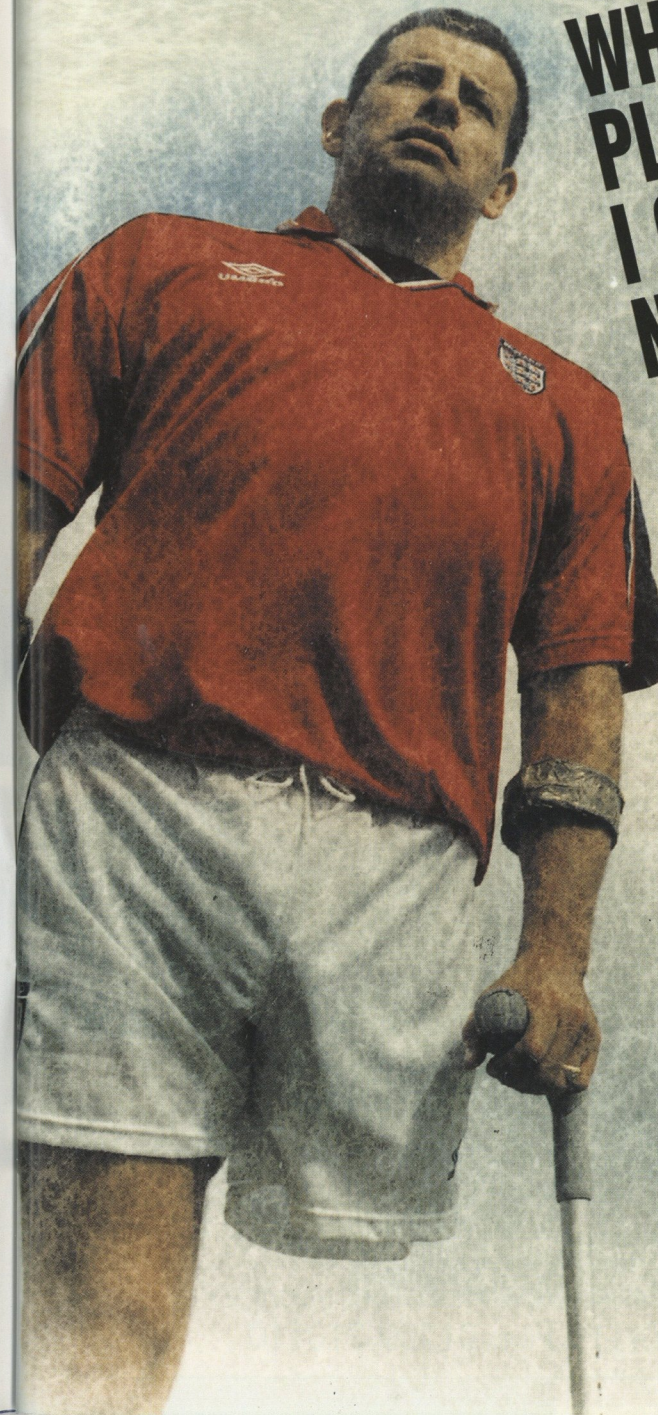
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recent reports

Millers 1 Bury 2

Rotherham were hoping to reproduce the good form they had showed against Barnsley in midweek but they weren't able to do so and were punished when Bury showed them how to take chances.

All three injury doubts - Kevin Watson, Chris Beech and Stewart Talbot - were able to retain their places as the Millers made a good start coming close to taking a sixth minute lead.

Beech headed across the face of goal and Guy Branstion climbed above the Bury defence to power a header into the net but the joy was short lived when the linesman raised his flag for offside.

Ian Gray saved a 20 yarder from Littlejohn before two Bury corner were cleared without too much trouble.

Watson twice hit free kicks too deep and on 28 minutes, Rotherham came close to opening the scoring with a good move. Talbot and Watson linked well for Mark Robins to hit a first time shot which was saved by Kenny. Three minutes later a great ball from Beech put Robins through but before he could control the ball properly, the keeper was out quickly to block his shot.

Paul Warne headed wide following a Watson corner and as the Millers kept up the pressure, Branstion headed wide from another corner.

But despite doing most of the attacking, Rotherham fell behind in the 43rd minute when Bhutia curled a superb 25 yarder into the net. However, the lead lasted just two minutes before the Millers grabbed an equaliser. A corner wasn't cleared properly and when Robins hit a deep cross to the far post, Rob Scott scored with a header. Eight minutes into the second half Branstion again came close, heading just over the bar but in the 64th minute he almost put the Millers in front. He met a corner and his header looked to be going in the net only for the keeper to produce a brilliant save.

Worse was to follow a minute later when Bury went in front again, Littlejohn volleying home a Collins long throw.

From then on Rotherham were unable to create an impact up front as they slipped to their third home defeat of the season.

Rotherham: Gray, Bryan, Scott (Varty 61), Branstion, Beech, Talbot, Watson (Monkhouse 57), Garner, Warne, Robins, Fortune-West (Berry 70).

Bury: Kenny, Unsworth, Collins, C. Swailes, Redmond, Daws, Reid, Billy, Bullock, Littlejohn (Crowe 81), Bhutia (James 87).

Referee: Bill Burns (Scarborough).

Bristol City 0 Millers 1

Just one change was made to the team which visited Ashton Gate with criticism from manager Ronnie Moore ringing in the players' ears following the defeat against Bury. Brian Wilsterman came in for his first game of the season to replace the injured Rob Scott.

City were soon into the attack and Ian Gray had to get down well to save Tinnion's header following a Peacock cross but the Millers replied quickly.

Kevin Watson curled in a free kick which Leo Fortune-West headed down and Paul Warne's shot was deflected for a corner. Two minutes later the City keeper almost let a fierce Warne cross slip into the net while at the other end, Gray saved comfortably from Thorpe's header. Rotherham looked the better side as they passed the ball about well and came close when Mark Robins turned smartly but his 20 yarder was just too high.

Guy Branstion had a header saved following another Watson free kick and on 23 minutes, the Millers came within a couple of inches of taking the lead when Robins' shot hit the inside of the post and came back into play. Millen headed over the Rotherham bar and Bell drove a free kick through the defensive wall but Gray was equal to it. A smart link up between Chris Beech and Watson saw Robins to hit a deep cross which Millers plucked away from Fortune-West's head and in first half injury time, a good Branstion tackle conceded a corner.

City started the second half in much more lively fashion and in the first couple of minutes substitute Goodridge cut in to fire a shot into the side netting.

Peacock headed wide from a Tinnion corner and on the hour mark City came close to taking the lead when Holland headed only just wide from a corner. But it was Rotherham who broke the deadlock on 64 minutes when Darren Garner quickly played a short free kick to Marvin Bryan who sent over a perfect cross which big Leo met superbly at the far post to head home his first goal of the season.

Bristol responded with Goodridge having a shot saved and then Holland shot straight at Gray before appeals for handball in the Rotherham penalty area were denied. Rotherham might have increased their lead in the 77th minute when a quick break saw Garner and Robins combine well only for Warne to hit his shot too high. Fortune-West then brought a great save from Miller with a left foot shot and five minutes injury time brought City no reward as the Millers recorded their second away win of the season.

Bristol: Miller, Carey, Bell, Millen, Murray (Goodridge 46), Holland, Thorpe (Odejayi 81), Tinnion, Peacock, Duning, Lavin.

Rotherham: Gray, Bryan, Wilsterman, Branstion, Beech, Talbot (Hurst 53), Watson, Garner, Robins, Fortune-West, Warne.

Referee: Phil Dowd (Stoke).

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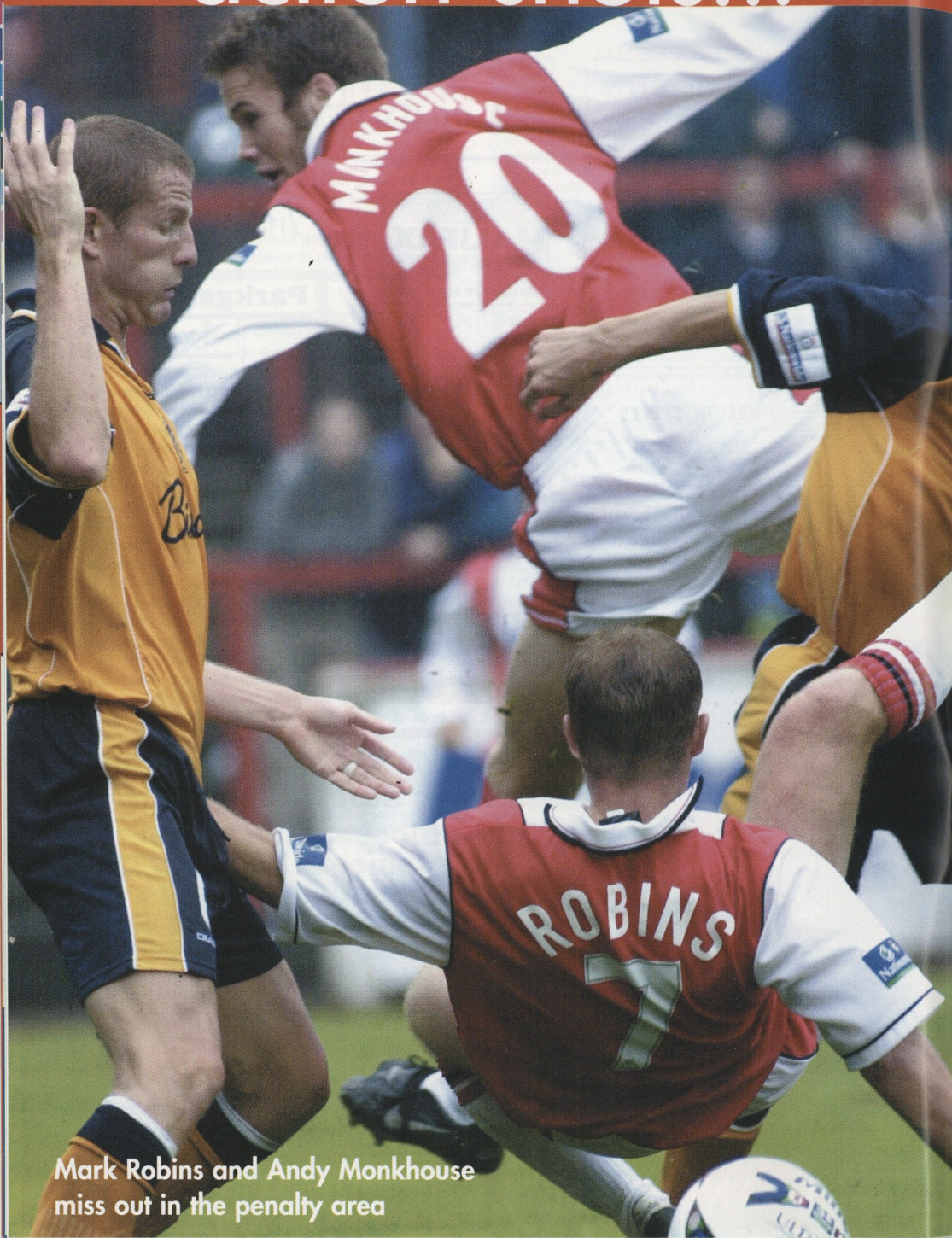
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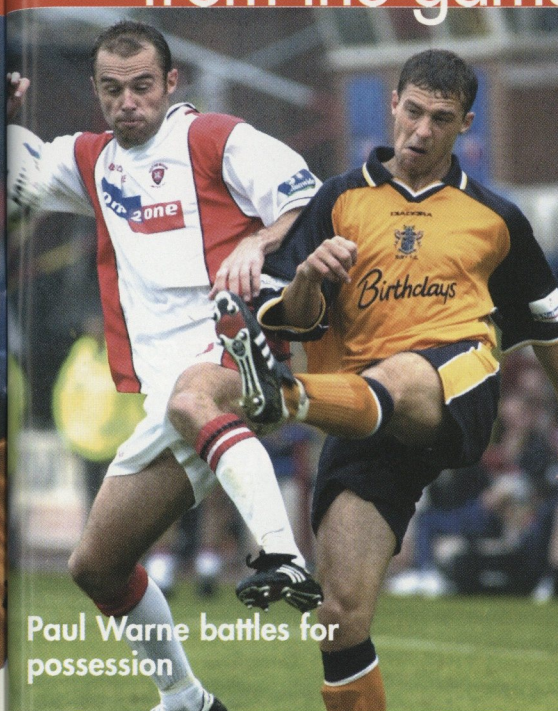
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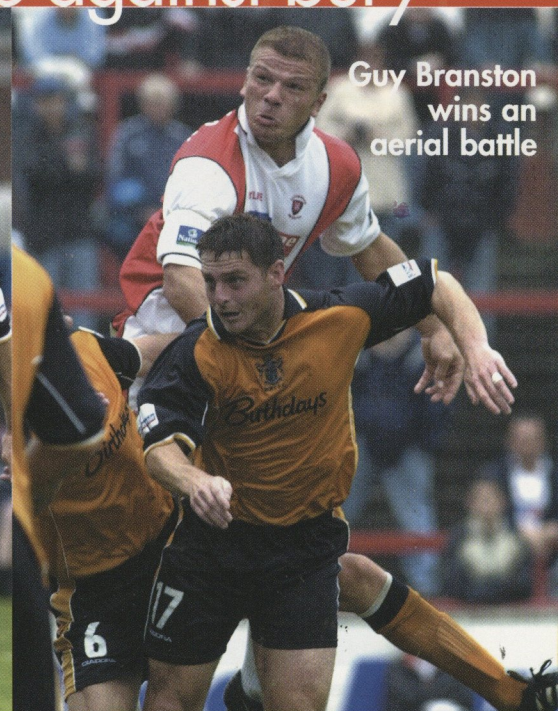


Mark Robins and Andy Monkhouse miss out in the penalty area

from the game against bury



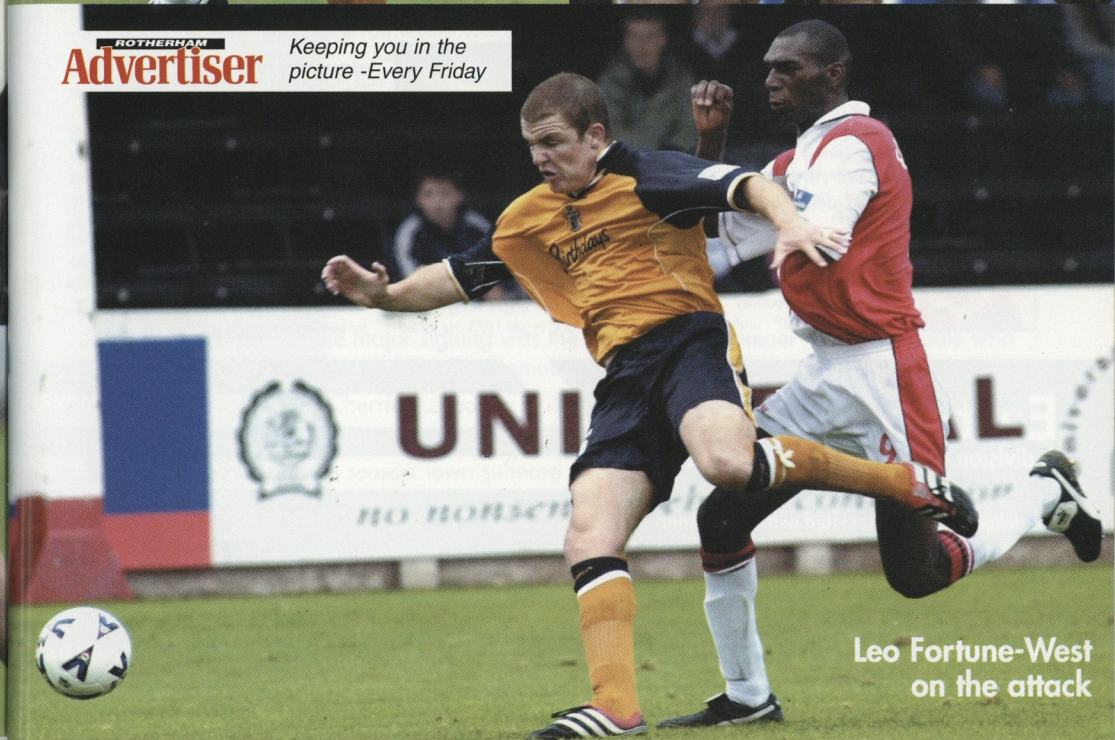
Paul Warne battles for possession



Guy Branston wins an aerial battle

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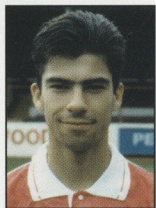


by football historian Leigh Edwards



MUCH-TRAVELLED

Luton Town's much-travelled central defender Julian Watts began his League career with Rotherham United. Signing professional at Millmoor in July 1990, he featured in Rotherham's 1991/92 promotion campaign and his solitary goal in 20 League games clinched the 2-1 win at home to Walsall in November 1991. He was sold to Sheffield Wednesday for £80,000 in March 1992 and joined Luton on a free transfer from Bristol City in August 1999, netting four goals in 45 Second Division outings for the Hatters last season.



PROMOTION WINNER

Former Luton Town midfielder Steve Thompson was an experienced figure in Rotherham United's promotion success last season. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Bolton Wanderers for £180,000 in August 1991, he made five consecutive First Division appearances for Luton prior to joining Leicester City in an exchange deal involving Scott Oakes and Des Linton in October 1991. He joined Rotherham on a free transfer from Burnley in July 1997 and



scored 14 goals in 103 League games before moving to Halifax Town this summer.

LEADING MARKSMAN

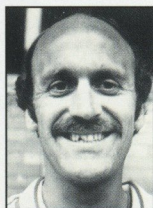
Luton Town's former loanee striker Lee Glover was Rotherham United's leading marksman in 1997/98. Moving to Luton on loan from Nottingham Forest in September 1991, his solitary League appearance for the hatters was in that month's 2-1 win at home to Southampton. He joined Rotherham from Port Vale for £150,000 in August 1996 and featured in last season's promotion campaign scoring 29 goals in 85 League outings prior to joining Macclesfield Town this summer. Ex-Luton loanee striker Imre Varadi was Rotherham's leading goalscorer in 1993/94.

IRISH INTERNATIONAL

Ex Rotherham United midfielder Tony Grealish was capped 17 times by the Republic of Ireland while at Luton Town. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Orient for £150,000 in August 1979, he scored twice in 78 Second Division games for Luton before being sold to Brighton for £100,000 in July 1982. He joined Rotherham on a free transfer from Manchester City in August 1987 and was an experienced figure in the 1988/89 Fourth Division title triumph, netting seven goals in 110 League outings prior to joining Walsall as player-coach in August 1990.

TITLE TRIUMPH

Former Luton Town striker Rodney Fern featured prominently in Rotherham United's 1980/81 Third Division title triumph. Moving to Luton from Leicester City for £45,000 in June 1972, he featured in their 1973/74 promotion campaign and scored five times in 39 League games for today's visitors before being sold to Chesterfield for £8,000 in July 1975. He joined



Rotherham for £35,000 in June 1979 and netted 34 goals in 105 League outings while at Millmoor until retiring in May 1983 to run a local pub.

TOP SCORER

One-time Rotherham United striker Vic Halom was Luton Town's top scorer in 1972/73. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Fulham for £35,000 in September 1971, he netted 17 goals in 59 Second Division games for Luton prior to joining Sunderland for a similar fee in February 1973. He joined Rotherham as player-coach from Oldham Athletic for £25,000 in February 1980 and featured in the 1980/81 Third Division title campaign, scoring twice in 20 League outings while at Millmoor before coaching Norwegian side Fredrikstad.

SEASMAN'S SUCCESS

Former Luton Town midfielder John Seasman was an influential figure in Rotherham United's 1980/81 Third Division title success. Moving to Luton from Tranmere Rovers for £14,000 in January 1975, he sampled top-flight soccer with the Hatters that season and scored twice in eight League games before being sold to Millwall for £10,000 in February 1976. He joined Rotherham for £30,000 in August 1980 and netted 25 goals in 100 League outings while at Millmoor prior to joining Cardiff City in August 1984.

PROMOTION PUSH

One-time Rotherham United centre-forward Laurie Sheffield featured in Luton Town's 1968/69 promotion near-miss. Moving to Millmoor from Norwich City in August 1967, he netted six goals in 19 Second Division games for Rotherham prior to joining Oldham Athletic four months later. He joined Luton in July 1968 and scored 12 times in 35 League outings while at Kenilworth Road before returning to Doncaster Rovers in October 1969. The likes of Andy Kiwomya and Robert Wilson have also played for both clubs since the war.

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LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB - SEASON 2000/2001

BACK ROW André 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 Fotiaodis, Matthew Taylor, Dean Brennan
FRONT ROW Gavin McGowan, Liam George, Marvin Johnson, Ricky Hill (Manager), Chris Ramsey (Assistant Manager), Matthew Spring, Adam Locke, Julian Watts

Luton Town make a rare visit to Millmoor this afternoon but they do so with the knowledge that they have lost a league game here since December 1962, although in fairness they have only played four games since then.

Last season they finished in a mid-table 13th position not really being involved in either the battle for promotion or the need the fight against relegation.

During the close season the major signing was the acquisition of keeper Mark Ovendale who cost £425,000 when he moved from Bournemouth.

He was joined by former Cherries colleague striker Mark Stein and these two were among the five newcomers while the same numbers move don to pastures new.

On the opening day of the season Town suffered a 1-0 home defeat at the hands of Notts County and then were then beaten 2-1 at Wigan Athletic where their goal came from former Miller Julian Watts who will be offered a warm welcome back to Millmoor today.

Then came a goalless home draw against Peterborough United in the Worthington Cup and last Saturday Town recorded their first win of the season when a penalty gave them a 1-0 win against Bournemouth at Kenilworth Road.

On Monday the Hatters took their first away point from a 1-1 draw at Wycombe Wanderers.

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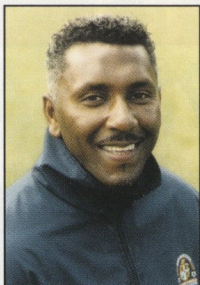
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RICKY HILL (Manager) Born London 3.5.59

In a summer of immense change at Kenilworth Road, a long-time fans' favourite returned as the choice of a new board of directors to become a manager for the first time. But the former Luton star midfielder had undergone his apprenticeship in management with coaching appointments in this country and in the USA, where he was player-coach of the year while assisting Rodney Marsh at Tampa Bay in the early 90's. Hill is remembered with great affection by Luton supporters as one of the most creative midfielders the club has ever had. He joined as a school boy, and was a regular in Luton's league team by the time he was 17. He went on to win three caps for England. More importantly for Luton fans, he was a driving force in the team which won the League Cup at Wembley in 1988 in a memorable match against Arsenal. It is still the only big prize Luton have ever landed. After 14 years with Luton, Hill played in France for a year before signing for Leicester City, where the manager was David Pleat, who had been youth coach when Hill joined Luton. After ending his playing career in the USA, Hill returned to England to become a coach at Sheffield Wednesday in the summer of 1996. Pleat was the Hillsborough manager who recruited him, and after three years in Sheffield, Hill rejoined Pleat yet again to become coach at Tottenham. But he had always maintained links with Luton, his first football love, and then the chance came to return as manager in succession to Lennie Lawrence in July 2000 he needed little time to accept the offer.

CHRIS RAMSEY (Assistant Manager)

Born Birmingham 21.12.43
Knowing that he needed an experienced assistant, Ricky Hill recruited one of the FA's top coaches to help him at Kenilworth Road. To most fans Chris Ramsey will best be remembered as a defender at Brighton. He was in their 1983 FA Cup final team which drew 2-2 with Manchester United, but was injured and replaced by Steve Foster in the replay which United won 4-0. Ramsey had been at Bristol City before moving to Goldstone, and went on to play for Swindon



and Southend. He started his management career as player-manager with Naxxar Lions in Malta, before joining the FA's coaching team under Howard Wilkinson. He and Hill knew each other as players and coaches, and mutual respect ensured that when the chance came to team up at Luton both were more than pleased to accept.

NATHAN ABBEY (Goal Keeper)

Born Islington 11.7.78
The goalkeeper has battled defiantly to keep his career going at Kenilworth Road. He joined Luton as a YTS boy after being spotted in local schoolboy football. But a succession of good goalkeepers left Nathan as a near-permanent understudy. He nearly accepted a free transfer move to Holland in the summer of 1999, but decided to stay on, and was rewarded with No.1 shirt after the sale of Kevin Davis. Luton record to the start of this season: 45 appearances

JAMES AYRES (Centre-half) Born Luton 18.9.80
A commanding centre-half, Ayres joined his home town club as a YTS boy in 1996, and two years later skipped Luton's youth team to the championship of the South East Counties League.

He made his debut at Oxford in December 1999 in the Auto Windscreens Shield, and did well enough to merit occasional places on the bench for league side after that. His soccer education included a loan spell at Stevenage Borough towards the end of last season. Luton record to the start of this season: 1 appearance

EMERSON BOYCE (Defender)

Born Aylesbury 24.9.79
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 made the breakthrough to the League squad last season after occasional appearances following a debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999. Luton record to the start of this season: 37 appearances, 1 goal

FRIEDRICH BREITENFELDER (Midfielder)

Born Vienna 16.6.80
The lanky midfielder was one of many hopefuls who presented themselves for trials at Kenilworth Road before this season kicked off. He impressed in trial games, and the award of a contract ended a major problem for him, because he was out of work with no hope of being recompensed by an employer who had gone out of business. He started with Rapide Vienna as a 15 year-old schoolboy, and moved up through the ranks to win an occasional place in their first team. At 18 he moved on to

Casino Bregenz, before another Austrian club signed him. It turned out to be an unlucky move, because FCM St Polten went broke in March 2000, leaving all their players out of work, but free agents, and Luton came to the rescue with a one-year contract.

DEAN BRENNAN (Midfielder) Born Dublin 17.6.80

After several years of penny-pinching caused by continual trading losses, Luton had only 19 full-time professionals on the books when Ricky Hill became manager, and he moved swiftly to strengthen the club at all levels. His long coaching career included three years looking after the youth squad at Sheffield Wednesday, and Hill went back to Hillsborough for two young midfielders. Dean Brennan was doubly valuable because he can also play in attack, and was delighted to join up again with Hill when Wednesday offered him a free transfer.

TOMMY CARTER Born Bermuda 9.7.77

Capped twice by his country while still a student, the nimble striker put education before his football ambitions, which was why he was 23 years old when he arrived at Luton at the start of the season to ask for a trial. He studied for four years at the Old Dominion University in Virginia, USA, to earn a degree in health and physical education. He began his football career at the Academia de Tahuichi in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, before deciding to try his luck in Europe. In pre-season games, Luton boss Ricky Hill saw enough to offer Carter a short-term contract, which he signed in August.

STUART DOUGLAS (Striker) Born Enfield 9.4.78

A striker with excellent pace, Douglas was a 17 year-old trainee when he scored his league debut for Luton against Oldham in 1995, and he looked set for more than fleeting instant stardom. He was hit by a series of injuries before he could establish himself, but determination overcame all difficulties, and he won a regular place in Luton's league side in the 1998/99 season, flourishing as a marksman and also a creator for his front-line colleagues. Luton record to the start of this season: 139 appearances, 18 goals

ANDREW FOTIADIS (Centre-Forward)

Born Hitchin 6.9.77
Another local discovery, Fotiadis chose to stay at school to gain GCSE A-levels before being a full-time soccer professional. He won England Schools caps at under-15 and under-18 level, and developed a style to delight Luton fans and worry opposing defences, as an old-fashioned centre-forward, with good physique, power, and concentrated determination to score goals. Luton record to the start of this season: 85 appearances, 9 goals

STUART FRASER (Defender)

Born Edinburgh 17.6.80
Stylish defender and former skipper of the Luton youth team who 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 was established as a regular member of the Luton squad. Luton record to the start of this season: 37 appearances, 1 goal

**LIAM GEORGE (Striker)** Born Luton 2.2.79

Full of pace and nimble footwork, the striker came through the ranks after joining Luton as a schoolboy, and became a regular member of the Republic of Ireland squad that progressed to the European youth championship final in the summer of 1998. George had made his league debut in September 1997, but suffered a broken leg soon afterwards. He returned in triumph, to complete his first full campaign in the league last season, in which he was Luton's leading scorer and also progressed to win Ireland under-21 honours. Luton record to the start of this season: 67 appearances, 16 goals

PETER HOLMES (Midfielder)

Born Bishop Auckland 18.11.80
As well as being with Ricky Hill in the youth squad at Sheffield Wednesday, Peter Holmes moved to Luton as one of Hill's first signings with a better than usual pedigree. He is a product of the FA's School of Excellence, in the same year as Michael Owen. But relegation from the Premiership in May 2000 left Hillsborough desperate to cut the pay-roll. Hill took full advantage, snapping up the two-footed midfielder for a nominal fee.

MARVIN JOHNSON (Defender)

Born Wembley 29.10.68
Longest-serving player at Kenilworth Road, Johnson is arguably the most popular member of the Kenilworth Road staff with his colleagues and with the fans. Always cheerful, even when recovering from injury setbacks, the defender is in his 13th season as a first-team regular at Luton, his only club, and skipper of the team he joined as a schoolboy. Luton record to the start of this season: 406 appearances, 9 goals

TRESOR KANDOL (Striker)

Born Banga, Zaire 30.8.81
Talent spotted by Luton playing in schoolboy football in London, Kandol is a lanky striker who became a YTS boy at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1997. His first team debut was in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999, against Walsall, and he made a Football League debut a month later, being on the fringe of the first team ever since. Luton record to the start of this season: 10 appearances, 1 goal

ADAM LOCKE (Midfielder)

Born Croydon 20.8.70
Well-travelled in football terms, the midfielder joined Luton on a free transfer from Bristol City to add experience to a predominantly young squad in the summer of 1999. He began as a YTS boy with Crystal Palace, his local club, but could not get into the league team at Selhurst, and moved on to Southend, Colchester and Ashton Gate before becoming a regular with Luton last season. Luton record to the start of this season: 40 appearances, 3 goals

GAVIN MCGOWAN (Defender)

Born Blackheath 16.1.76
A defender fighting for a 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, but they could not afford a transfer fee to make the move permanent. But he was back a year later when Arsenal gave him a free transfer. Luton record to the start of this season: 63 appearances, no goals

PAUL MCLAREN (Midfielder)

Born High Wycombe 17.11.76
The midfielder was still a schoolboy when Luton realised that he had enough talent and strength to play regularly in their youth team. A YTS offer was a formality, and he was offered pro terms while still only 17. Forceful and always ready to back up attacks, he soon became a regular after a 1994 debut. Luton record to the start of this season: 157 appearances, 2 goals

MARK OVENDALE (Goalkeeper)

Born Leicester 22.11.73
The arrival of new board of directors at Kenilworth Road early last summer enabled Ricky Hill to break a mould that had been set over the previous three years. Then, with continuing financial problems, including a spell in receivership, Luton had been unable to buy players, while selling talent worth more than £3million. That changed when Mike Watson-Challis became the chairman and made cash available. The new manager moved swiftly to secure 26 year-old goalkeeper Ovendale from Bournemouth for a substantial fee. Previously with Wisbech, Northampton and Barry Town, he was immediately given the No.1 shirt in Luton's squad number list for this season.

**ANDRÉ SCARLETT** Born London 11.1.80

The then 18 year-old made an unforgettable league debut in October 1998. Because of injuries the winger was on the subs' bench

against Oldham, and was sent on with 20 minutes to go, with the score at 0-0. He helped set up one goal, and then netted the clincher in a 2-0 victory. Luton record to the start of this season: 12 appearances, 1 goal

**MATTHEW SPRING (Midfielder)**

Born Harlow 17.11.79
A competitive midfielder, Spring was a driving force in the Luton side which reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997, and after a league debut when still only 17 he soon became a regular in Luton's Second Division team. Luton record to the start of this season: 119 appearances, 11 goals

MARK STEIN (Striker) Born South Africa 28.1.66
Nearly 20 years after joining Luton as a schoolboy, the striker returned to Kenilworth Road in the summer to help out his old playing pal, new manager Ricky Hill. The two are the only men now at Luton who were members of the team which won the club's only major trophy, the League Cup in 1988. Brother of Brian, another noted Luton striker, Mark had four years at Luton before enjoying a career as a popular goalscorer with QPR, Oxford, Stoke, Chelsea and Bournemouth. He was poised to join Swansea as a Bosman in the summer, but rapidly agreed to go 'back home' when the call came from his old mate Hill, and he became the manager's first signing.

MATTHEW TAYLOR (Wing-back)

Born Oxford 27.11.81
When Luton were in receivership in the summer of 1999, 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 through the ranks, and wing-back, though still only 17, was given his chance, and immediately settled to become a regular in the team. Luton record to the start of this season: 47 appearances, 5 goals

JULIAN WATTS (Defender)

Born Sheffield 17.3.71
Keen to get his career moving again after falling out of favour at Bristol City, the reliable defender played a major part in Luton's recovery from receivership restrictions last season, after joining on a free transfer. Rotherham gave the defender his first taste of league football, and he also played for Sheffield Wednesday and Leicester before going to Ashton Gate in 1998. Luton record to the start of this season: 52 appearances, 4 goals



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The result ran true to form with the Hatters recording a convincing 3-0 victory, their 13th away win of the season and it was enough to take them up into second spot with seven matches left to play. All the goals came from Tony Thorpe, two in the first half and the third 11 minutes from time.

Rotherham: Pilkington, Bowman, Roscoe (Hurst 70), Bain, Breckin, Dillon (McKenzie 69), Hayward, McGlashan, Landon (Jean 55), McDougald, Garner.

Luton: Feuer, James, Thomas, Waddock, Davis, Johnson (Patterson 84), Hughes, Alexander, Oldfield, Thorpe (Marshall 80), McClaren (Grant 66).

Referee: Ian Cruikshanks (Hartlepool).

Attendance: 2,609

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Season	Div	Venue	Score	Rotherham scorers
1954/55	Div 2	H	2-0	Grainger 2
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	Div 2	A	0-4	
1960/61	Div 2	H	5-2	Houghton 2, Kirkman 2, Perry
		A	1-2	Kirkman
1961/62	Lg Cup 2	A	0-0	
	Replay	H	2-0	Houghton, own goal
	Div 2	A	3-4	Kirkman, Sawyer, Taylor
		H	1-1	Kirkman
1962/63	Div 2	A	3-2	Kirkman 2, McIlmoyle
		H	2-1	McCole 2
1968/69	Div 3	A	1-3	Storrie
		H	2-2	Storrie, Quinn
1969/70	Div 3	H	1-1	Leigh pen
		A	1-2	Swift
1981/82	Div 2	A	1-3	Fern
		H	2-2	Moore, Seasman
1983/84	Lg Cup 2/1	H	2-3	Gooding, Kilmore
	2/2	A	2-0	Walker, Kilmore
1996/97	Div 2	A	0-1	
		H	0-3	

Overall record

Home: Played 14, Won 5, Drawn 4, Lost 5, Goals For 23, Against 20.

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Things never seem to work out just right do they? I did not think we were that poor against Bury just lacking that oh so important Killer touch.

Prior to the Bury game I had decided that the trip to Bristol was just that bit too far for me at the moment and so my gang wouldn't be there to shout the lads on.

I had hoped that Radio Sheffield might feature the Millers as a commentary match, but alas not. It was of course so difficult to listen to those ever so nice Barnsley players getting hammered at Birmingham City. Anyway nice one Leo good to see you on the score sheet and what a fantastic win it was for our boys.

I for one never expected a win down at Bristol City and once again I think it shows the quality and determination and motivational skills of

Ronnie Moore and the backroom staff. Well done everyone.

The disabled carpark seem to have slowed a little since I last mentioned it in my notes. We have some very nice sponsors boards up advertising the area, no tarmac as yet and no disabled parking as people who are not disabled are parking up before the carpark people start work?

Finally due to circumstances beyond our control the NADS AGM due to take place on 7th September 2000 at Pride Park Derby has been postponed and will now happen in November 2000 instead. Before that meeting NADS will be launched on the 15th September at a Press conference from Highbury and then our starter and information packs will be released to all the football clubs and disable supporters associations.

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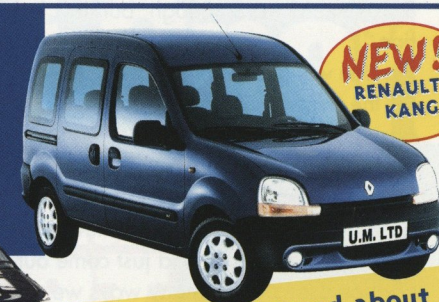
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Big Leo Fortune-West invariably comes in for some rough treatment from opposing players and supporters but there's no doubt whatsoever that he is a favourite with the supporters at Millmoor.

Last season he netted 17 goals as he played a major part in helping the team to gain promotion and he has a very creditable scoring rate with 30 goals to his credit from 63 league appearances. Looking back at last season's success, Leo told us: "It was nice to achieve our job and go up to Division Two. During the close season I took the opportunity to have a rest and then in July I had a hernia operation. It had been troubling me since Christmas but I managed to get through the games. "It wasn't the best time to have the operation and I struggled a bit during the pre-season training because of it. Training is always hard work, though, but now I am fine."

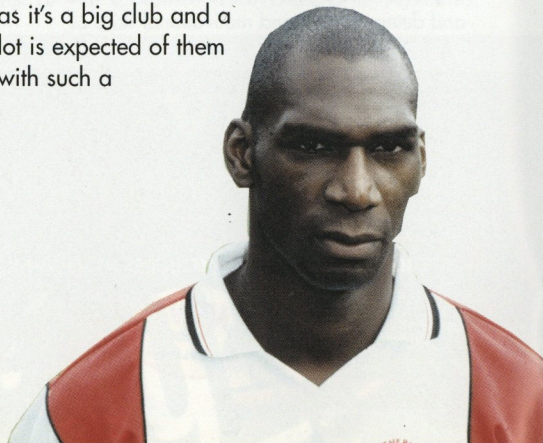
No one will need reminding that the season for the Millers got off to something of a disappointing start when they surrendered a two goal lead to lose against Walsall and Leo confessed: "I think we lost the game because we didn't mentally believe we were playing them as they had just come out of Division One and in many ways we were still like a Division Three team."

"Nevertheless, being two goals up against them showed what we are capable of and for me, the key word is belief. If we actually believe in ourselves then I'm sure we will surprise a lot of teams this season."

"We certainly did that at Colchester where we got that first win. They were a decent side and we did well as we did against Barnsley even though we lost."

"But it wasn't so good against Bury last Saturday and for some reason we seem to be better away from home. It could be that there is less pressure on us although our fans are more vocal in away games."

"But they were outnumbered at Bristol on Monday. It's a great place to play and we produced a great performance. In many ways I felt sorry for the City players as it's a big club and a lot is expected of them with such a



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"We fully deserved our win and two or three goals wouldn't have flattered us at all. It is good to get on the scoresheet especially after last Saturday when we came under a lot of criticism from the manager."

"Everyone is entitled to their opinion and there is still a long way to go. Sometimes you will have a bad game but we came back as a team a lot better on Monday. We are quite a good unit and we need to play together."

This season Leo is one of the three strikers as the Millers have got under way with a different formation and he observed: "It takes time to adjust to but now after five games we are getting the hang of it and it is getting a

bit easier. Sometimes you find each other occupying the same space at times."

"We have shown as a team that we have nothing to fear in this division and it's not just a matter of survival. We thought Bury were just an average side but they have many players who have played in the first division so we took them for granted a little bit and paid the penalty. Hopefully we have learned the lesson and that won't happen again."

"It's the mental thing again and today will be no different. With some good vocal support behind us, however, there's no reason why we can't get that first home win." Leo has now topped his half century of goals in his career so here's hoping that in the coming months he will be well on course to make it a ton before much longer.

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OPPONENTS: WREXHAM

DATE: Tuesday 12th September 2000 KO 7.45pm

GROUND: Racecourse Ground, Mold Road, Wrexham L211 2A1

TEL: 01978 262129 FAX: 01978 357821

COLOURS: Red shirts with white shoulders, white shorts, red socks

PITCH SIZE: 111 x 71 yds CAPACITY: 12,000 SEATING: All seater

NICKNAME: Robin's PROGRAMME COST: £2

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE: 34,445 (26.1.57)

NEAREST RAILWAY STATION: Wrexham Central (adjacent)

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PUB GUIDE:

Near the ground there's only the welcoming **Turf Hotel**, a Marston's pub serving food from 11-2, however, it soon gets packed, and fans have to be turned away. It's only a short walk into town. A particularly football-friendly pub there is the small traditional **Horse and Jockey** on Hope Street.

FOOD GUIDE:

Decision time: either eat from the burger van at the ground, or head into town. Regent Street has a McDonalds and Burger King, while nearby King Street has a 'Kebabs and Pizza', offering chicken and chips for £2.60; a 'Dino's Pizza', a King Chef fish and chip shop and an 'Ecclestons' bakers.

travellers tales

Opponents: Bristol City F.C.

Match: League Division 2

Date: 28.8.00

Result: Bristol City 0 Rotherham united 1

Method of Travel: Rotherham United Supporters Club

Departure Time: We departed from Millmoor at 9.15am for the journey to Ashton gate.

Arrival at ground: on the way down to Ashton gate we made a stop at Strensham Services at 11.15am for about 45 minutes. We left at 12 noon and we arrived at Ashton Gate at 1.15pm.

Mileage: A round trip of 366 miles from millmoor to Ashton gate.

Admission Prices: The way supporters Section was the Wedlock Stand and it was seating only for Rotherham United fans. £13 Adults and £10 OAP & Students, £8 for Juveniles.

Programme: Bristol City's Official Matchday Programme was reasonable at £2. The coverage on Rotherham United Football Club was excellent and everything was up-to-date which is good to see. Paul Warne, Guy Branston and Ian Gray were men to watch for in the Millers line up.

Millers Travelling Contingent: Around 300 Millers fans made the long journey down to Ashton Gate this afternoon from South Yorkshire.

Conduct of United Fans: Once again it was an excellent following by the Rotherham United faithful. They gave their side very good support during the 90 minutes and when the final whistle went there were chants of "Leo, Leo, Leo" and I must say I was pleased Big Leo scored because he works really hard up front alongside Robins and Warney.

Food and Drink: When we arrived at Ashton Gate some Millers fans went to The Ship and Castle public house for a drink. A pint of lager and pint of beer came to £4.50 and it was very enjoyable. In the ground there were beefburgers at £2.15, cheeseburgers at £2.25, hot dogs at £1.80, steakpastries at £1.70, steak and kidney pies at £1.80 and sweets at 50p. All hot drinks, coffee, tea,

hot chocolate and oxo were £1. All cold drinks were £1.50.

Official Performance: Referee Mr P Dowd was consistent - and you can not ask for much more than that. He booked just two Millers players, Guy Branston and Marvin Bryan.

Additional Comments: After Saturday's visit of bury to Millmoor, The Millers then headed off cross-country for the showdown with Bristol City. As preparation for the game in the West Country the Millers Squad were back in training on Sunday for a morning session before making the journey in the afternoon ahead of Monday's game at Ashton Gate. The Millers are likely to be without injured skipper Kevin Watson for the trip to Bristol City. That would be a major blow with Watson a key component of the Millers set-piece drills. But the squad should be boosted by the return of Brian Wilsterman after completing the three-match ban he collected for his sending off in the last game of last season against Swansea City. Giant striker Leo Fortune-West headed in a 64th minute winner as newly promoted Rotherham United stunned Bristol City. The visitors secured the points when Fortune-West leapt at the far post to convert Marvin Bryan's cross. Mark Robins had hit a post for the Millers on 24 minutes as they enjoyed the better of the first period. City were more effective in the second-half - in front of a restless crowd - before Fortune-West headed home. On the coach on the way home, everyone was very happy and the man of the match was Marvin Bryan who was outstanding at right back. We arrived back at Millmoor at 8.20 and enjoyed a drink in the Millmoor Hotel.

P.S. Brian Wilsterman played very well at centre back this afternoon in place of the injured Rob Scott and he looked very solid along side Guy Branston who again was outstanding.



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AT A GLANCE MATCH GUIDE

1st Substitute and who replacing
2nd Substitute and who replacing
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	Opponents		F A	Att	League Pos	Goalscorers
AUGUST 2000						
Sat 12	WALSALL	H	2-3	5423	18	Robins 2 (1 pen)
Frj 18	Colchester United	A	1-0	3807	8	Robins
Tue 22	BARNSELY (W'ton Cup 1/1)	H	0-1	4940		
Sat 26	BURY	H				
Mon 28	Bristol City	A				
SEPTEMBER 2000						
Sat 2	LUTON TOWN	H				
Tue 5	Barnsley (W'ton Cup 1/2) A					
Sat 9	Cambridge United	A				
Tue 12	Wrexham	A				
Sat 16	WYCOMBE WANDERERS H					
Sat 23	Stoke City	A				
Sat 30	READING	H				
OCTOBER 2000						
Sun 8	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H				
Sat 14	Bournemouth	A				
Tue 17	Bristol Rovers	A				
Sat 21	OXFORD UNITED	H				
Tue 24	SWANSEA CITY	H				
Sat 28	Northampton Town	A				
NOVEMBER 2000						
Sat 4	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H				
Sat 11	Brentford	A				
Sat 18	FA Cup 1					
Sat 25	PETERBOROUGH UNITED H					
DECEMBER 2000						
Sat 2	MILLWALL	H				
Sat 9	FA Cup 2					
Sat 16	Swindon Town	A				
Frj 22	Port Vale	A				
Tue 26	NOTTS COUNTY	H				
Sat 30	COLCHESTER UNITED	H				
JANUARY 2001						
Mon 1	Bury	A				
Sat 6	Walsall	A				
Sat 13	BRISTOL CITY	H				
Sat 20	Notts County	A				
Sat 27	PORT VALE	H				
FEBRUARY 2001						
Sat 3	Luton Town	A				
Sat 10	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H				
Sat 17	Wycombe Wanderers	A				
Tue 20	WREXHAM	H				
Sat 24	STOKE CITY	H				
MARCH 2001						
Sat 3	Reading	A				
Tue 6	BOURNEMOUTH	H				
Sat 10	Oldham Athletic	A				
Sat 17	BRISTOL ROVERS	H				
Sat 24	Oxford United	A				
Sat 31	SWINDON TOWN	H				
APRIL 2001						
Sat 7	Millwall	A				
Sat 14	Swansea City	A				
Mon 16	NORTHAMPTON TOWN H					
Sat 21	Wigan Athletic	A				
Sat 28	BRENTFORD	H				
MAY						
Sat 5	Peterborough United	A				

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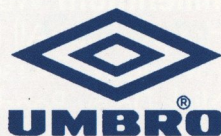
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Bury	4	1	0	1	2	4		2	0	0	3	1	9			
Wycombe	4	1	1	0	2	1		1	1	0	2	1	8			
Wigan	3	1	0	0	2	1		1	1	0	3	1	7			
Peterborough	4	0	1	1	2	4		2	0	0	5	1	7			
Cambridge	4	1	0	1	1	1		1	1	0	2	1	7			
Port Vale	3	2	0	0	6	0		0	0	1	1	4	6			
Millwall	3	1	0	1	3	2		1	0	0	4	3	6			
Notts County	4	0	0	2	3	5		2	0	0	2	0	6			
Rotherham	4	0	0	2	3	5		2	0	0	2	0	6			
Bristol Rovers	3	0	1	0	1	1		1	1	0	8	4	5			
Colchester	4	0	1	1	1	2		1	1	0	2	0	5			
Stoke City	4	0	1	1	0	1		1	1	0	5	4	5			
Swansea	4	0	1	1	0	2		1	1	0	2	0	5			
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Bristol City	4	0	0	2	1	3		1	0	1	2	1	3			
Bournemouth	3	0	1	0	1	1		0	1	1	1	2	2			
Swindon	4	0	1	1	1	4		0	0	2	0	5	1			
Oxford Utd	3	0	0	2	0	2		0	0	1	0	3	0			

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The next meeting of the RUFC Collectors Club will be held in the Millmoor Hotel at 8pm on Thursday 14th September 2000. The guest for the evening will be Tommy Docherty's first signing on becoming Rotherham Uniteds manager, Johnny 'The Mighty' Quinn. Come along, a great evening is expected. Membership is £3.00 per season with each member receiving a free limited edition collectors club badge.

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Last Saturday Peterborough United pulled off a fine 4-1 win at Oldham Athletic to maintain their good start to the season. Thanks to goals from Andy Clarke, Francis Green, on loan Guy Whittingham and an own goal while Matthew Tipton hit the only home goal.

Walsall hit the goal standard again with a 4-1 win at Swindon Town to make the Millers recent result against them look quite good.

The marksmen for the Saddlers were Darren Wrack, Dean Keates, Darren Byfield and Jorge Leitao while Australian Danny Invincible netted for Town.

Wigan Athletic were also convincing away winners with goals from Andy Liddell, Simon Haworth and Arjan de Zeeuw giving them a 3-1 victory at Wrexham who are having a real topsy turvy season. Hector Sam replied for the Welshmen.

Paul Wanless' penalty gave Cambridge United their first victory with a 1-0 scoreline against Bristol City at the Abbey Stadium, the goal coming after Mickey Bell had handled a Zima Abbey header.

Today's visitors Luton Town were also 1-0 winners with a penalty, Matthew Spring's 73rd minute spot kick giving them their first win of the season.

Yet another 1-0 scoreline came at the Manor Ground where Oxford United were beaten 1-0 by visitors Brentford where Tony Folan gave the Bees their first win since February. He fired in a shot from 22 yards while Mark McCammon had a shot cleared off the line by Oxford's Jon Shepherd.

Still on the 1-0 theme Notts County went back home from the Britannia Stadium with three points in the bag after beating Stoke City, the winner coming from Mark Stallard.

David Livermore and Steven Reid were sent off as Millwall lost their 100 per cent record in an explosive clash at the New Den. Wycombe Wanderers' boss Lawrie Sanchez had to be restrained by police but he was well satisfied with goals from Andy Baird and Dannie Bulman after Neil Harris had given Millwall a tenth minute lead.

Jamie Forrester hit both goals in Northampton Town's 2-0 home win against Reading while another two goal man was Colchester United's Lomana Lua Lua who gave his team a 2-0 win at Swansea City to leave the Swans still looking for their first goal of the season.

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	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	
David Artell	0	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	
Chris Beech	4	0	1	0	5	33(1)	0	5	0	
Trevor Berry	0(2)	0	0	0	0(2)	121(42)	19	21	4	
Guy Branston	4	0	1	0	5	34	4	3	0	
Marvin Bryan	4	0	1	0	5	4	0	1	0	
Paul Dillon	0	0	0	0	0	66(5)	2	14	0	
Leo Fortune-West	4	1	1	0	5	63	30	6	0	
Darren Garner	3	0	1	0	4	174(5)	19	30(1)	7	
Ian Gray	4	0	1	0	5	4	0	1	0	
Danny Hudson	0	0	0	0	0	29(16)	6	6(5)	2	
Paul Hurst	0(2)	0	0(1)	0	0(3)	141(38)	8	29(4)	1	
Andy Monkhouse	0(2)	0	0	0	0(2)	0(7)	1	1(1)	0	
Paul Pettinger	0	0	0	0	0	3(1)	0	3	0	
Mark Robins	4	3	1	0	5	4	3	1	0	
Chris Sedgwick	0	0	0	0	0	53(22)	8	6(8)	1	
Rob Scott	3	1	1	0	4	41(2)	3	11(1)	1	
Stewart Talbot	4	0	1	0	5	4	0	1	0	
Andy Turner	0	0	0	0	0	26(6)	1	3	0	
Will Varty	1(1)	0	0(1)	0	1(2)	41(2)	0	6(2)	0	
Paul Warne	4	0	1	0	5	62(4)	18	8(1)	0	
Kevin Watson	4	0	1	0	5	48	1	7	0	
Mark Williams	0	0	0	0	0	10(1)	0	0(2)	0	
Brian Wilsterman	1	0	0	0	1	39(4)	3	6	0	

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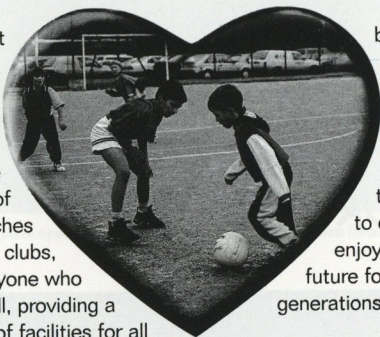


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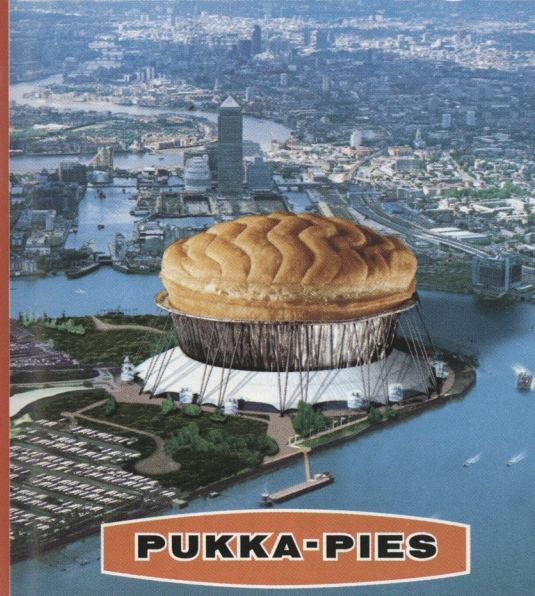
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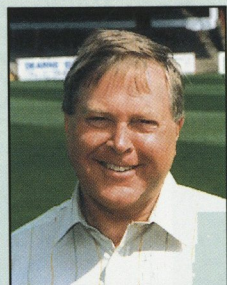
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He was criticised for being too lenient on one occasion last season and now because he is carrying out the rules to the letter of the law he has been accused of lacking in common sense.

Don't forget that on the night in question he had an assessor sitting in the stand in addition to the referees' chief Philip Don and the FA chief Adam Crozier. If he had shown such leniency again, you can bet he would have come under criticism from his superiors.

It was refreshing to read last Friday that Coventry City boss Gordon Strachan, no stranger himself to conflict with referees, stated it was time managers and players had a good look at themselves before they spoke out so strongly and the men in the middle. His words should be thought about carefully, especially by those in the Premiership and don't forget the referee's actions are analysed in absolute detail in slow motion by the television cameras and the poor old ref has just one split second in which to make his decision.

So perhaps now is the time to start thinking about introducing the sin bin when players who are shown the yellow card are sent off for ten or 15 minutes.

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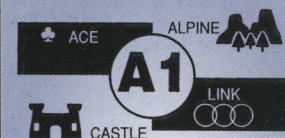
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Five years

Bournemouth 2 Millers 1

Bournemouth employed a five man defence and left striker Jones up front on his own but their movement off the ball was good enough to launch numerous attacks which kept the Millers defence at full stretch.

In contrast Rotherham's attacks lacked the necessary incisiveness to penetrate the home back line and they were unable to reproduce their best move of the game which brought an equaliser with a telling pass.

The home team started like an express train and took a sixth minute lead when John Bailey was left in far too much room and he was able to provide the opening for Brissett to score from the edge of the penalty area with the Rotherham defence nowhere in sight.

Brissett was wide with another effort five minutes later but Rotherham weathered the storm for Andy Hayward to shoot wide following a good move involving Mike Jeffrey and Shaun Goodwin.

The home crowd was silenced in 34 minutes when Hayward split the defence for Shaun Goater to race through and score as he beat the advancing keeper.

Just went it looked as if Rotherham would be going into the interval all square, Bournemouth went in front again with Holland scoring from the edge of the penalty area when the ball fell kindly for him as Jones was tackled by Goodwin and Chris Wilder.

Seven minutes into the second half, Matt Clarke produced a brilliant save from a close range Bailey effort before Rotherham could have pulled level on 59 minutes. Jeffrey and Goodwin combined to give Goater a good scoring chance but Andrews got down to save his shot.

In the last couple of minutes, Clarke had to pull off another two fine saves to prevent the defeat from being more decisive.

Bournemouth: Andrews, Beardsmore, Young, Morris, Murray, Pennock, Bailey, Holland, Mean, Brissett, Jones. Subs: Rawlinson, Victory, Town.

Rotherham: Clarke, Wilder, Breckin, Blades, Hurst, Hayward (James 74), Goodwin, Garner, Roscoe, Jeffrey, Goater. Subs: Pettinger, Richardson.

Referee: Steve Bennett (Dartford).

Attendance: 4,906.

Ten years

Millers 2 Shrewsbury Town 2

Nicky Law looked on his way to a dream debut until a cruel deflection off his leg gifted Shrewsbury an equaliser with the last kick of the match. Law had scored at the

right end after the Shrewsbury full back Lynch had pulled down Des Hazel.

Martin Scott curled the free kick towards the far post and Law rose highest to head in off the bar. That put the Millers 2-1 up with nine minutes left to play.

But it was Town who made the early running and Kelham. O'Hanlon came to the rescue when Moore zipped in a shot. However, Hazel showed some neat skill to go past several challenges before exchanging passes with Clive Mendonca to set up Bobby Williamson.

His shot was too strong for the keeper and Hazel nipped in to tuck away the rebound in the 23rd minute. Shrewsbury continued to have the upper hand in a low key game with Blake heading over and Scott had to head a dangerous cross behind.

A minute into the second half Williamson was pulled down by Heathcote who was booked and at last the Millers clicked into gear. But they couldn't take full advantage and Town pulled level on 72 minutes when John Buckley trod on the ball and Kelly quickly seized possession to send Moore away with a tremendous 40 yards pass.

Moore's low cross was rocketed first time into the roof of the net by Naughton.

Rotherham: O'Hanlon, Forrest, Scott, Goodwin (Buckley 64), Law, Barnsley, Dempsey, Spooner, Williamson, Mendonca (Goater 74), Hazel.

Shrewsbury: Parks, Worsley, Lynch, Kelley, Heathcote, Blake, Moore, Hartford (Wimbleton 79), Spink, Brown, Naughton. Sub: Weir.

Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport).

Attendance: 4,817.

Fifteen years

Millers 2 Bristol City 0

Rotherham United really should have gorged themselves on a plateful of juicy offerings. Tony Simmons should have had a hat-trick, Tommy Tynan, Mike Trusson and dean Emerson could all have been among the goals.

And those were just from the clearest of openings. But no one should underestimate the performance of keeper Waugh who was frequently left exposed and he helped to save his side from an embarrassing defeat.

His save from a first half Trusson header was the highlight while a flying Emerson header that thumped the bar was the height of United's bad luck as opposed to bad finishing.

The route down Bristol's left was the one Rotherham used to good effect and it provided the first goal, a typical dummying, weaving Gerry Forrest solo that began on the touchline.

He went past three defenders and shot low past Waugh. The inevitable second goal on 56 minutes brought Tynan his first goal for the club. It came from the spot after Alan Birch had been toppled by Hirst.

Rotherham: O'Hanlon, Forrest, Dungworth, Trusson (Gooding 82), Smith, Pickering, Birch, Martin, Tynan, Simmons, Emerson.

Bristol: Waugh, Llewellyn, Newman, Curle, Rogers (Marshall 77), Hirst, Pritchard, Hutchinson, Johnson, Walsh, Neville. Referee: Bob Nixon (Wirral).

Attendance: 3,134.

Twenty five years

Southend 1 Millers 2

The Millers grabbed a welcome first win to help soothe what had been a worrying start and did so with probably the unlikely goal of the day's fixtures.

The home side had equalised with under two minutes to go but skipper Jimmy Goodfellow picked out Mick Leng with a splendid pass. Leng turned one way and then the other to beat Taylor and hit a low angles shot across the keeper and into the far corner.

Rotherham rode out the best of Southend in the first half and they struck a golden patch in the second. Both sides had looked eagerly for goals from the start and Graham Haslam made a good save from Nicholl and excelled this with a brilliant one from Pountney while Silvester headed narrowly wide.

Dick Habbinn had opportunities either side of half time before Rotherham struck in 53 minutes after Worthington had been booked for a foul on Alan Crawford.

The free kick went from Goodfellow to John Breckin and then penetratingly deep into the area for Habbinn who rolled it back to offer Richard Finney the sort of chance he tucks away so well.

Webster made a fine save from Goodfellow while John Green had to clear off the line and Haslam saved well from Nicholl. In the 88th minute Townsend headed on a corner and Brace brushed it into the net for the equaliser. Southend thought that was it but up popped Leng with that vital, late winner.

Southend: Webster, Worthington, Taylor, Little, Townsend, Moody, Pountney, Brace, Parker, Nicholl, Silvester. Sub: Ford.

Rotherham: Haslam, Green, Breckin, Wagstaff, Standcliffe, Derrett, Leng, Finney, Habbinn, Goodfellow, Crawford. Sub: Phillips.

Referee: R. Robinson (Norwich).

Attendance: 4,219.

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'Today's interview'

Luton Boss Ricky Hill

Millers: Have you any particular memory or recollection of Rotherham United?

Ricky: 'Always a difficult game, both teams like to attack. So matches at Millmoor are generally exciting and the slope from left to right sticks in my mind.'

Millers: How would you best describe the Millers?

Ricky: 'A very friendly club with a fantastic football pitch.'

Millers: Which person do you always associate with Rotherham United?

Ricky: 'Current Manager Ronnie Moore, a hard but fair centre forward.'

Millers: If someone mentions Rotherham United what is the first thing that comes to mind?

Ricky: 'Fond memories of Friday night games at Millmoor.'

Millers: What has been the happiest time in your career?

Ricky: 'Playing for England at Youth, under 21 and full international levels. Also my debut and the 1988 Littlewoods Cup victory over Arsenal 3-2.'

Millers: What is the biggest frustration as the manager of a football club?

Ricky: 'When the team make silly mistakes, which lead to the opposition scoring then winning. We should always make teams work for everything. They get no gifts.'

Millers: Have any of your family followed you into the profession or will they in the future?

Ricky: 'My son Shane was on Sheffield Wednesday's Academy books, during my time with the 'Owls'. It still remains to be seen if he will pursue a career in football.'

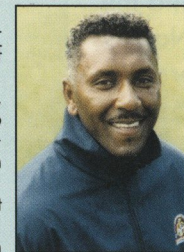
Millers: How would you feel if he did?

Ricky: 'I will always be there for him whatever he decides to do. All I will ever ask of him, is to give his maximum effort and try his best at all times in whatever profession he chooses.'

Millers: Who has been your biggest friend/mentor in the football world?

Ricky: 'Friends: My wife Sharon, mother Kwabeno Manso, Merrison Gittens and Mark Stein, Mentors: Danny Begara and David Pleat.'

Our grateful thanks to Ricky for the interview and our best wishes to him and Luton Town F.C. for a successful season.



Close encounters of a previous kind

It is hard to locate a programme for a previous Millers v Luton clash as they are relatively few and far between. For this game we go back only three years to a Division 2 encounter. Luton were heading for promotion in 3rd place after 40 games and the Millers were fighting the other sort of battle; second from bottom.

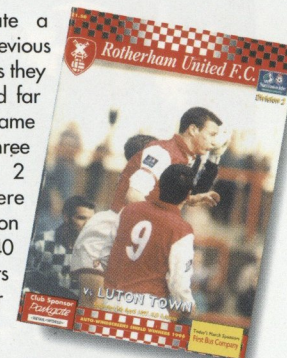
The Hatters were on the crest of a wave with Manager Lenny Lawrence in his first stint with the club. Key players in this campaign were defenders Steve Davis and ex Spurs man Mitchell Thomas.

In contrast the Millers were under Danny Bergara's turbulent spell as Millers head coach and as with many relegation infected teams, the Rotherham appearances list had thirty-three names on it. Amongst the more consistent players were Manchester United loan keeper Kevin Pilkington, defender Ian Breckin and winger come defender, Andy Roscoe. The old league review mentioned here on more than one occasion made a comeback as the Nationwide Review.

The biggest clue that the latter was recent was it's sponsorship.

This programme cover proudly boasted that we were 'Auto Windscreens Shield Winners 1996'. Sadly one of the few things to cheer about in the 1996/97 season.

Anyway to finish on a high note, the publication did include a section on 'Programme Collecting for non anoraks'!



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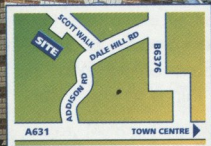


The volcanic island of Lanzarote and the lovely city of Naples in Italy is where we find our Millers on tour this week.

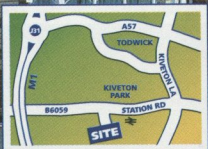
14 year old BEN HUBBARD proudly wears his Millers shirt in Lanzarote, while RICHARD PEASE is pictures with the city of Naples in the background.



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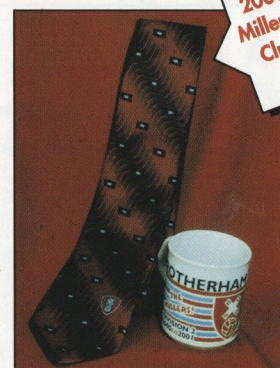


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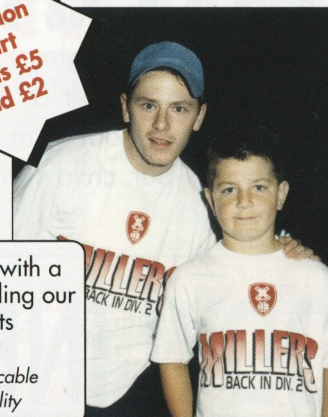


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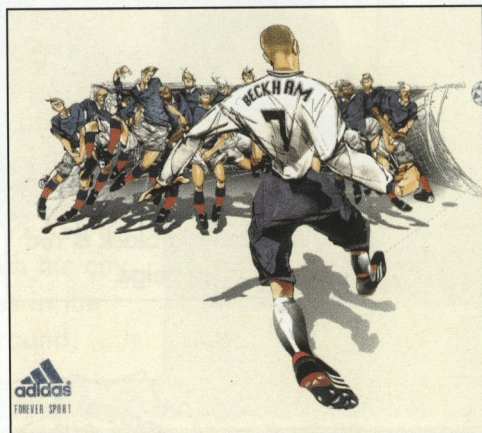
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football in the community



We finished our Summer Soccer Schools on a high note, when we had our Want to Play? Day at the Aurora Sports Club yesterday. Around 50 children attended and we had the pleasure of watching them show off their repertoire skills. The kids had to do Zinedine Zidane keep ups, Harry Kewell dribbling skills, David Beckham shooting and a Del Piero penalty competition. We will have photographs of the day shown at a later date and details of winning children also. Remember parents our After Schools Club begins on Wednesday 6 September at 5.00-6.00 p.m. in the indoor gym here at Millmoor. If your child is aged



between 5-12 years of age and you would like them to attend please contact me on 01709 512761. Take care and enjoy the game.

Teddy and Chris.

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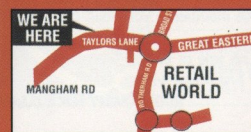


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WELCOME

First of all today we would like to welcome David and his gang from Luton. We hope you all had a good journey this morning and have enjoyed your day with us. I is a number of years since we were able to arrange exchange visits, due to being in different divisions, but from past experience we are looking forward to visiting you later in the season.

GUESTS

We have arranged for two special guests to attend our meeting on Thursday 14 September and it would be great for them to see the club packed so come along and bring your parents along too.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of Millers United is open to anyone under the age of 16 years and joining could not be easier. Just come along to our Club at the bottom of Millmoor Lane any Thursday and ask for Greg. You will need to bring along two passport size photos and £2.00 and of course parents are more than welcome to come along. There will be various activities taking place throughout the season with something for everyone young or old to enjoy.

BALLBOYS/GIRLS & MASCOTS

We have started taking names for any member who wishes to be a ballboy/girl at Millmoor during the season and also for anyone who would like to be a mascot at a first team game at Millmoor. Members only.

FOOTBALL SECTION

Our Under 10s team are still looking for players. Anyone who qualifies please come along to next Thursdays meeting and see our team manager. You must not be registered with any other team in the Sunday League.

MEETINGS

Meetings are every Thursday in the Club House Millmoor Lane, 7.00-9.00 pm. Parents welcome.

CAROL STOREY

LONDON MILLERS

Well, three out of three at home so far. Defeats that is. And, of course, home games that I've missed. There's got to be a correlation there. The team's missing me. I would like to say that I've seen both away wins, but I didn't get to Bristol, so I can't. Still Colchester was fun. Cambridge next Saturday will be as well I hope, although our token Cambridge member, Rob Cameron, can't make it as he's on holiday. There should be a big turn out of the rapidly increasing Millers' East Anglian contingent. We're meeting at our usual pub, the "Champion of the Thames" on King Street, which is just east of the centre of the city, about 25 minutes walk from the ground. The last time we were there we got cabs to the ground. Unfortunately the cabs turned up late, so we missed the kick-off. This doesn't bother me as I miss most kick-offs (I'll probably be in the Kingfisher while you're reading this!), but one of our members, John Ward, hasn't missed a kick-off in his life. Er, that should be hadn't. I've never seen anyone more agitated as he realised what was happening. Except for me after the Colchester game, when we followed our fundraisers for what seemed like miles to find a pub for the post-match drink. They hadn't told me that they knew where they were going, I just thought they were lost.

It's just been confirmed that this season we're in the top division of the 5-a-side darts league, after walking away with the second division last season. We'll be up against the big boys, such as Coventry and Norwich. We also reached the cup-final, losing to the biggest boys of the lot (pie-eaters to a man), Derby. The game was first to 6, and we were 5-0 down horribly quickly, but got back to 5-3 before losing another singles. After the last singles and the beer leg, the score was a creditable 6-5. Oh, and our captain, Dave Baister, scored a 180 in his singles. Which we all missed, as we were chatting, and the scorer didn't do the Sid Waddell shout of "One Hundred and Eighty". Our first 180 for years (if not ever) and I missed it. Life's tough.

Timothy Green (Chair)

PS If you would like to know more about the London Millers, please call Ian Clarke on 020 8239 9629

SUPPORTERS CLUB

A very warm welcome back to Millmoor to the supporters, players and club officials from Luton Town. Much of what you see will be very familiar to - apart from having to sit down to watch the game and a new toilet block. (If it is dull day please note the newish flood-light bulbs!). Next time you visit there will hopefully be more significant changes.

TRAVEL INFORMATION - Members Only

Barnsley - Tuesday 5th September. Tickets £4.00
Depart Trades Club 5.45pm, Millmoor 6.00pm
Cambridge - Saturday 9th September. Tickets £7.00
Depart Trades Club 10.15am, Millmoor 10.30am
Wrexham - Tuesday 12th September. Ticket £6.50
Depart Trades Club 4.00pm, Millmoor 4.15pm

Membership is £3 per season for adults, £1 for under 16's (if under 16's are travelling with us they must be supervised by a responsible adult). Family membership is £5 per season.

Social Events

A family trip to Blackpool for the illuminations has been arranged for Sunday 22nd October. The cost is only £5 and coaches will leave the Trades Club at 9.45am, Millmoor 10am. See Graham Dobson for more information and booking.

On Saturday 28th October, 8pm, we are holding a 'fundraising' night in the Millmoor Hotel. For further details see notices or committee members on matchdays up in the millmoor clubroom. We need as many of you there as possible to make it a success - remember all moneys raised go to benefit you the members and the Football Club through sponsorship etc (as per our constitution).

Annual General Meeting

This will take place on Sunday 24th September. Nominations are required for various positions on the committee - get involved - we need new ideas and people willing to work hard. Nomination papers are available from committee members - you need a proposer and seconders who are R.U.S.C. members.

Don't forget the new Supporter's Club badge is now on sale at £2.

Enjoy the game - get behind the team - let's have our first home win!

RUTH COWLEY FOR R.U.S.C.

POLISH MILLERS

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The final league table is below, although as I have said in previous articles the clubs will no doubt be meaningless to most Millers supporters. They are located around the towns of Bielsko and Cieszyn in Southern Poland within 50 km near where the borders of the Czech Rep. Slovakia & Poland meet - if anyone is interested! TROJWIES means three villages and encompasses an area with a population of 10,000. Champions, Ole, Ole, Ole!

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13 RKS Chybie	26	25	36-83	-47	3-0	6-3
14 LZS Miedzyszczecze	26	18	48-78	-30	10-1	6-2

This is our SECOND CHAMPIONSHIP in our existence as THREE years as a league club (Runners-up last year) and our SECOND PROMOTION. The previous club in this area (started about 20 years ago) took five seasons to reach promotion from the basement league (Klasa C) and then folded after playing just slightly over half the season in the higher division (Klasa B), never completing the league fixtures. Hence we can be proud to say we have achieved more and in a shorter period of time. Peter Jalowiczar Chairman

RUFC VICE PRESIDENT

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to all the players fans and officials from Luton Town who have made the journey for the game today. Luton are below us in the league so it should be a good game because they will be looking for a win away from home, and I hope we will be looking for our first home win.

The performance against Bury was poor to say the least in a number of areas and must improve. I ask where has the pride, the passion and the will to win gone? We must work harder in all areas of the game if we are to get success in this division.

What we saw on Saturday against Bury was poor control, poor passing and a lack of ambition, totally opposite to the game against Barnsley, so come on lads we can do it.

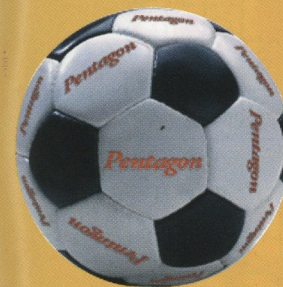
Just a word on the Referees, it seems we are in the silly season as far as red cards go, and with regard to the standard we have seen this season I think the FA have lost the plot.

Players can't speak. Managers can't have their say after a game without being fined, but the fourth official goes up and down the touch line as if he is god, what is the game coming to.

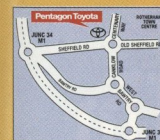
The FA says players must improve the standard of play. I think that the FA must improve that standard of referee throughout the football league.

Please enjoy the game today and get behind the team, we need that win to build confidence.

Ray Smith Chairman.

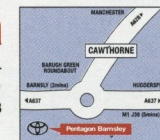


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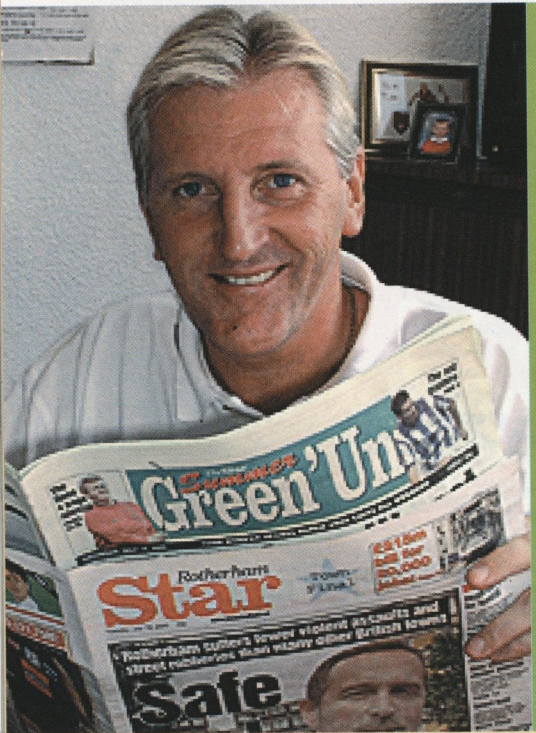
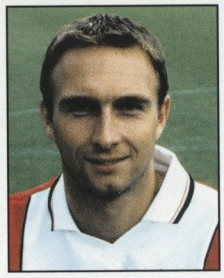
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captain's corner

Just turning the clock back to last Saturday against Bury, we all knew we had under achieved, it was a poor performance which led the manager to give us a real rocket. His reaction was understandable in the circumstances especially for the first 20 minutes when I thought we were really woeful. Bury started on the front foot and we let them do that as we stayed on the back foot. For ten minutes we couldn't get out of our own half which set the tone for the game in the slow start. Last season we had some very quick starts although for the last 20 minutes of the first half we started to get on top until they scored. The gaffer wasn't very pleased with the three of us in midfield and he was right. I can't blame my knee injury and he could have hauled anyone of us off to be honest. Stewart Talbot was the best of the midfield as he got a few tackles in but they won every second ball to put them on the front foot. When they scored their opener we seemed to stand off him although from their point of view it was a good goal but a bad one from ours. Then in the second half we could have gone 2-1 up and suddenly we were behind again with another bad goal. That was the way things went for us. W had to get that out of our system and we went to Bristol with that very much in mind. We knew it would be difficult but we pulled off a tremendous performance. It's a really nice place to play and we wanted to do ourselves justice after Saturday. Everything went well and we were by far the better side for the whole game. At half time the gaffer said the only thing we hadn't done was score but that can sometimes mean nothing. But we got a good goal with a superb header and cross and we could have gone on and got some more goals. We were quicker to the ball and had time to play our passing game. Now we have to sort out the home results even though we played well in two of them. If we play to our standards we can get that first win as the crowd will be expecting while looking at the cup tie at Barnsley on Tuesday, the tie isn't dead by any means. It's not beyond us with only a one goal deficit and really it's half time and we are one down. The draw could have given us an easier tie but we will still give it our best shot and if we can go into the game with confidence anything can happen.

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Oldham	24/2	27/1	16/9	16/4	31/3	30/9	13/1	24/10	25/11	24/3	2/9	7/4		2/12	1-4	4-1	20/2	10/3	28/4	4/11	14/10	30/12	26/12	10/2	17/10
Oxford Utd	26/12	0-1	30/9	4/11	16/9	2/9	27/1	17/10	24/2	16/12	25/11	7/4		0-1	30/12	16/9/4	24/3	20/2	28/4	10/3	13/1	24/10	14/10	10/2	
Peterborough	21/4	6/3	14/4	2-2	2/9	31/3	28/10	20/1	30/9	23/12	21/10	1/1	6/1		8/10	16/9	5/5	10/2	0-2	11/11	17/2	20/2	21/2	24/2	
Port Vale	10/2	24/10	16/12	1/1	24/2	20/2	14/10	25/11	4/11	17/10	28/4	6/1	3-0	10/3		2/9	22/12	17/9	16/4	3-0	7/4	24/3	20/1	30/9	
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Rotherham	6/5	28/4	13/1	17/3	1-2	10/2	30/12	2/9	2/12	16/4	26/12	8/10	21/10	25/11	27/1	30/9		24/2	24/10	31/3	2-3	4/11	20/2	16/9	
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reserves & youth alliance



Millers 1 Walsall 6

After getting their season off to a winning start against Mansfield Town, the junior were brought down to earth when they suffered a heavy home defeat against Walsall, who were a much bigger and experienced outfit.

Rotherham were the first to launch a major attack in the seventh minute when a good run by Shaun Barker saw his cross cleared. Three minutes later a corner brought no reward for the Millers before the visitors got on to the attack and when Ben Gregory was outpaced in a chase for a ball over the top of the defence, the Walsall strike beat the advancing Ashley Connor to open the scoring.

Five minutes later a free kick for the visitors saw Connor make a superb save to keep out a header and then Walsall wasted a free kick by straying offside.

A low cross from Ian Holyer went through to the far post when Mark Wright struck a shot into the side netting and when a free kick was knocked out to Holyer, a first time shot from Simon Barraclough was saved.

The Millers came close to grabbing a 37th minute equaliser when a long ball from Connor saw Holyer and Barraclough link well but Leon Clarke's shot was turned round the post for a corner.

From the flag kick Barker headed wide before Walsall increased their lead in the 40th

minute. A through ball should have been knocked back for Connor to clear but hesitation saw the striker move in to take advantage and score.

Three minutes later Walsall went three up when Darren Boyd was beaten too easily inside the penalty area and the resulting shot gave Connor no chance again.

On the stroke of half time, a Boyd free kick was saved easily and two minutes into the second half, two Rotherham corners were cleared. A Barraclough cross was headed out for another corner before Walsall wasted a good chance by putting a header over the bar.

The visitors threw away another opening before Connor pulled off another fine save but he could do nothing about a 75th shot on the turn as Walsall increased their lead.

Clarke had a shot deflected for a corner but Rotherham were yet again caught on the break from the flag kick clearance. Walsall raced up the field and the striker rounded Connor to score the fifth goal in the 79th minute and they added a sixth two minutes later.

Connor pulled off two more great saves to keep the score down before Rotherham grabbed a consolation goal, in injury time, Kris Bowler scoring with a deflected shot.

Team: Connor, Gregory, Lees (McCoy 67), Clarke (Lucas 84), Barker, Letts, Holyer, Boyd, Wright (Alabi 46), Barraclough, Bowler.

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Day	Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
Tue	Aug 15	Preston North End	H	0-0	
Wed	Aug 30	Birmingham City	A	0-0	
Wed	Sep 20	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H		
Wed	Sep 27	West Bromwich Albion	A		
Tue	Oct 3	Oldham Athletic	A		
Tue	Oct 10	Bolton Wanderers	H		
Wed	Oct 25	Port Vale	A		
Tue	Oct 31	Barnsley	H		
Tue	Nov 7	Stockport County	H		
Wed	Nov 15	Tranmere Rovers	A		
Wed	Nov 22	Burnley	A		
Tue	Nov 28	Huddersfield Town	H		
Wed	Dec 6	Port Vale	H		
Wed	Dec 13	Barnsley	A		
Mon	Jan 8	Preston North End	A		
Tue	Jan 23	Birmingham City	H		
Tue	Feb 13	West Bromwich Albion	H		
Mon	Feb 26	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A		
Wed	Mar 14	Bolton Wanderers	A		
Tue	Mar 27	Oldham Athletic	H		
Wed	Apr 4	Stockport County	A		
Tue	Apr 10	Tranmere Rovers	H		
Tue	Apr 17	Burnley	H		
Mon	Apr 23	Huddersfield Town	A		

All games kick off at 7pm

Avon Insurance League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Barnsley	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Stockport	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
Tranmere Rovers	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Huddersfield Town	2	1	0	1	8	5	3
Burnley	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
West Bromwich	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Bolton Wals	2	1	0	1	3	6	3
Rotherham United	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Preston	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Birmingham	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Wolves	1	0	1	4	3	1	1
Oldham	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Port Vale	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

Youth Alliance Group Table.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Notts County	2	2	0	0	8	0	6
Walsall	2	2	0	0	10	2	6
West Brom	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Port Vale	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Sheffield United	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Rotherham United	2	1	0	1	3	7	3
Mansfield Town	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Macclesfield Town	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Chesterfield	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Shrewsbury Town	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

Final Merit Premier North Table.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bury	8	5	2	1	12	7	17
Blackpool	8	5	1	2	16	12	16
Rotherham Utd	8	4	2	2	10	9	14
Oldham Athletic	8	4	1	3	15	10	13
Scunthorpe Utd	8	4	1	3	15	10	13
Hartlepool Utd	8	4	0	4	12	12	12
Sheffield Utd	8	2	2	4	10	15	8
Port Vale	8	1	2	5	9	17	5
York City	8	1	1	6	8	15	4

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The action doesn't get under way until the Millers home game against Wycombe Wanderers on Saturday 16th August as it would be very difficult to arrange fixtures until the schools return from their summer holidays.

The preliminary round draw is: Sat Sep 16 - Ferham v Sitwell; Sat Sep 30 - Greasbrough v Thurcroft; Sun Oct 8 - Mexborough Montagu v Maltby Craggs; Sat Oct 21 - Rawmarsh St. Josephs v Wickersley St Alban's.

The round one games are as follows: Tue Oct 24 - Brinsworth Howarth v Edlington St. Mary's; Sat Nov 4 - Roughwood v Blackburn; Sat Nov 25 - Ferham or Sitwell v Maltby St. Mary's; Sat Dec 2 - Meadowhall v Whiston Worrygoose; Tue Dec 26 - Aughton v Mexborough Montagu or Maltby Craggs; Sat Dec 30 - Thornhill v Rosehill; Sat Jan 13 - Bramley Grange v St. Josephs or St. Alban's; Sat Jan 27 - Greasbrough or Thurcroft v Thrybergh Fullerton.

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Wednesday 20th September
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Rotherham Utd Res v Wolves Res

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Man in the Middle

This afternoon we welcome Mr Christopher Foy as our match referee. A police officer he commenced refereeing in 1983 in the local leagues progressing through the Northern Premier League on to the Football League line in 1997. Two years later he was promoted to the Football League referees list.

He is assisted today by Mr.

A. Page and Mr. K. Powell with Mr. D. Naylor as the fourth official.

We hope they all have an enjoyable afternoon with us at Millmoor.

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Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Luton Town and their fans who have made the journey up the M1.

It was nice to have a chat with Billy Mercer at Bristol on Monday and also a keen Millers fan Trevor Smallwood and his son Paul. Trevor who is now semi-retired and happily living in the Bristol area is about to become an associate director here at Milmoor this season. We look forward to seeing him on our travels and wish him well. Today we welcome the OneZone Call Centre from Wath-upon-Deane as our match sponsors. A fair number of Millers fans are now employed at the call centre, we hope they enjoy the

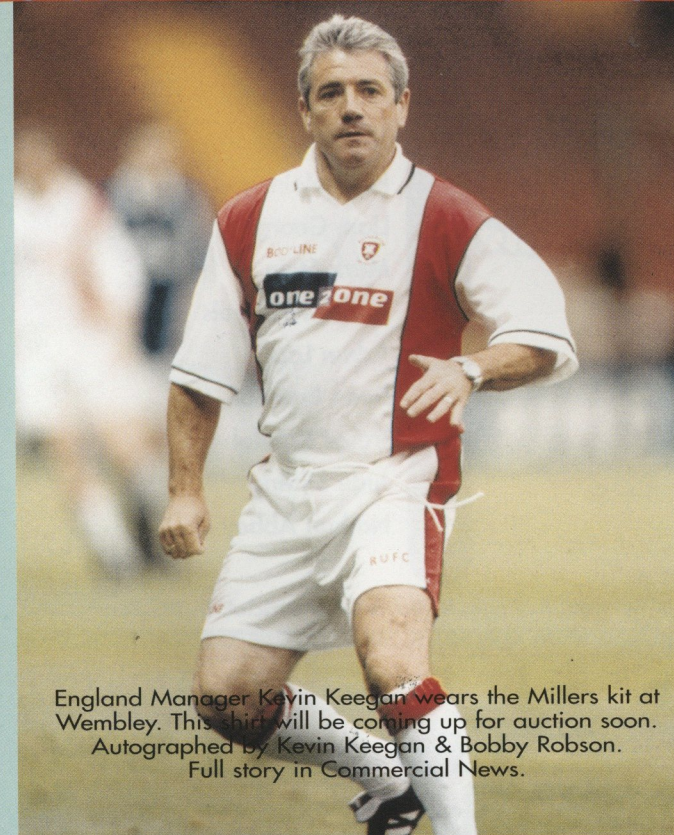
afternoon with us. Welcome also to Bass who are match ball sponsors. We have just one advertising board returning for this season and a couple of shirts available to sponsor. Anyone interested should contract myself or Hayley my assistant on (01709) 512760.

A couple of weeks ago my wife and I were guests of OneZone at Wembley for the Charity Cup Final, after the main event another game took place, with a team wearing the new Rotherham United home kit and the other team wearing the Everton kit (both clubs are sponsored by OneZone). The Everton team was captained by Peter Beardsley with the England Manager Kevin Keegan captain of the Rotherham Utd team. Final score Millers 3 Everton 1. The much sought after photos of Kevin Keegan wearing the Millers kit will be available with later in the season, by a silent auction.

Enjoy the game and get behind Ronnie and the lads this afternoon.

Dave Nicholls
Commercial Manager

welcome to the millers kevin



England Manager Kevin Keegan wears the Millers kit at Wembley. This shirt will be coming up for auction soon. Autographed by Kevin Keegan & Bobby Robson. Full story in Commercial News.

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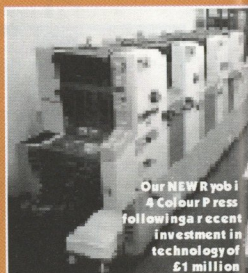
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