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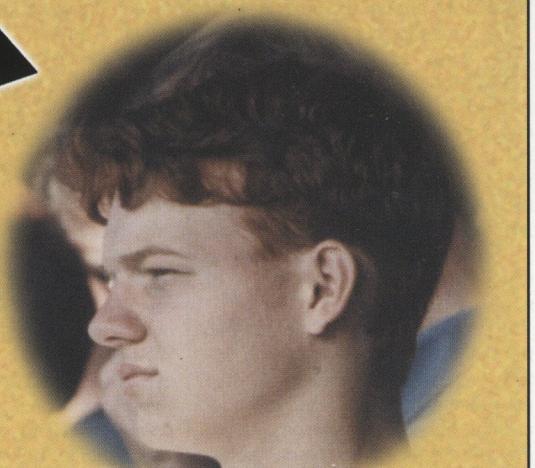
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From the Gaffer

- The views of U's boss Roy McFarland

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....We are in the process of signing all those players, and if we can't it won't be for the want of trying. We are trying to give those players the rewards they deserve while they are here at Cambridge United....

to accept it wasn't working. I took the decision to change back to 4-4-2, and after Tom Youngs got that important goal just before half time we dominated the match, although there were a few lapses. I still believe the sweeper system is an option for us in certain games against particular teams, but on this occasion it didn't provide what we wanted. Like all the players I learn something from every game, I'm not afraid to put my hand up and admit I might have made a move which didn't work out as hoped, and although it's not always easy to make major changes during a match I'm glad I did on this occasion.

Overall I thought we played quite well, and created a number of chances that we should have scored from. We didn't, I think there were reasons for that and we were a little bit off that pace. I think the fact we missed the Swindon game affected our sharpness and fitness. But it could have been different if the Rovers goalkeeper had not been in such great form. He's on loan from Manchester United and looks to have an excellent future.

I let the dust settle, and we sat down with the players and watched the video together and it surprised one or two of them as regards how well we had played. They felt quite tired, and not very sharp, but it looked a bit better on the video.

patchy performance

It was a patchy performance at Oldham. We gave the ball away when we were not under pressure, we weren't really with it in the first half an hour, and we didn't take half of our chances again. When we went 2-0 up we eased off, and Lionel Perez had to make a very good save then to stop Oldham getting back into it.

Starting with the sweeper system was not meant as a negative tactic, but I had

sure in the first half when we were fortunate that Lionel was on song, as well as our centre-backs, Andy Duncan and John Dreyer. That's the best they've played.

Tom Youngs has that knack of getting into scoring positions and is a very cool finisher. His first goal with defenders snapping at his heels was expertly taken.

new contracts

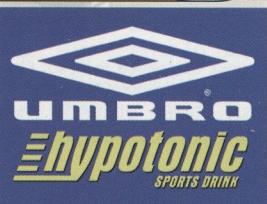
We are offering new contracts to a number of players. Me, the Chairman and the board have tried to anticipate situations because of what players have done. I think we soon find out what players are doing on the football pitch, and when they are doing well and showing signs they will be consistent, we feel it right that we should offer them new contracts.

Zema Abbey has obviously attracted a lot of attention recently, but we are also in offerings new contracts for Alex Russell, whose contract is up this year, Tom Youngs and Shaun Marshall. We are in the process of signing all those players, and if we can't it won't be for the want of trying. We are trying to give those players the rewards they deserve while they are here at Cambridge United.

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The Boss

ricky hill

I feel so far we have under-achieved. At the end of the day we have been put in a situation, under no fault of anybody, where we haven't had a really settled side. We definitely haven't had our strongest side out throughout the season and at times the concentration level hasn't been good enough and we have given away silly goals at important times.

From a creative aspect we haven't looked at our best and I would like to see more of that which I know we can do. We have not really been able to get in front in enough games so again that is disappointing. On the positive side I have been impressed with the attitude, especially after the criticism they have been in, unfortunately that doesn't win us any games.

I haven't been here very long but at the moment, despite our poor form the job has been very exciting, there is a lot of work still to be done. I never thought for one minute it would change over night. We do need to strengthen the squad in all areas, just for competition for places, if not for anything else.

We really do need to get back to just winning again and getting some kind of a winning run going. We have to start somewhere and hopefully it will happen at Cambridge. We do have a problem in winning games but in order to do that we need to play a lot better and that is what we are actively doing at the current time.

People keep talking about pressure but at the end of the day I didn't come believing that I would wave a magic wand and make things better and put it right overnight with the same personal. What I am looking for personally is to be given the opportunity to bring in a certain amount of players. If I get given a fair crack of the whip and get given the chance of proving myself then that is totally okay and I will hold my hands up and say yes it didn't work out, but at the moment pressure has really not sunk in to me yet.

Cambridge have done very well this season, they started a bit slowly but then they had a great patch when they were beating everybody so I have to admit it has been a bit of a surprise in the way they have started. Obviously they knew what they had within and they had Zema and others. Roy seems to have got over the difficult periods the Club were having and has turned it around.

Steven Dove - Collings Sport



uton Town come to the Abbey Stadium in search of their first win since the end of August when they recorded their sole victory so far under new boss Ricky Hill, a 1-0 home win against Bournemouth.

the squad

In goal today should be Mark Ovendale, signed from Bournemouth for £425,000 in August. He was immediately given the No. 1 shirt for this season but he faces competition from Nathan Abbey, and there is little doubt the young goalkeeper would love to play today against his older brother, Cambridge striker Zema.

In defence expect to see Matthew Taylor, one of many talented young teenagers introduced into the side after Luton went into receivership last summer and experienced players had to be sold or given away to save money. He firmly established himself as part of the team last season and has nearly 50 appearances already at the age of 18.

He is expected to play alongside Gavin McGowan who joined on a free transfer from Arsenal in June 1998 after two loan spells with the Hatters, and Julian Watts, an experienced defender who played a major part in Luton's recovery from receivership restrictions last season, after joining on a free transfer.

Veteran defender Marvin Johnson is probably the most popular member of the Kenilworth Road staff with his colleagues and with the fans. He is in his 13th season as a first-team regular at Luton, his only Club, and is Club Captain.

Other young defenders on regular first team duty are Emmerson Boyce, another product of Luton's youth scheme to establish himself last season, and Stuart Fraser a former youth team skipper who has already made nearly 40 appearances at the age of 20. Following in their footsteps is James Ayres, a commanding centre-half who skippered the youth team to the championship of the South East Counties League and has already made his first team bow.

In midfield Luton are likely to name the well-travelled Adam Locke, who joined them on a free transfer from Bristol City in the summer of 1999 to bring experience to a young squad. He is expected to play alongside Paul McLaren who has been with the Club since he was a schoolboy, and is a forceful midfield



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Luton town

presence ever ready to back up attacks.

Matthew Spring is yet another of the teenagers in the Luton side. A competitive midfielder who made his league debut at 17, Spring was a driving force in the Luton side which reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997. 20-year-old Dean Brennan is a new signing who was delighted to join up again with former Sheffield Wednesday youth boss Ricky Hill when he was offered a free transfer by the Owls this summer.

Peter Holmes arrived by the same route as Brennan, snapped up by Ricky Hill for a nominal fee when relegated Wednesday looked to cut their wages bill this summer. A two-footed midfielder, he is a product of the FA's School of Excellence where he played alongside Michael Owen.

Winger Andre Scarlett made his league debut in October 1998, coming off the bench against Oldham with the score at 0-0. He helped to set up one goal and scored the other in 2-0 victory, but has not yet established himself in the team. Lanky midfielder Fredrich Breitenfelder was born in Vienna and was one of the hopefuls who joined Luton on trial this

summer, and the former Rapide Vienna schoolboy impressed enough to be offered a one year contract.

Luton have plenty of talent in attack and Liam George is probably one of the best known young talents after breaking into the first team two years ago. A pacy, tricky player, he earned Ireland under-21 honours while finishing last season as a first team regular and leading scorer.

He is likely to be joined by Trevor Kandol, a lanky Zairean born teenager who has broken into the team this season and scored goals, and 34-year-old veteran Mark Stein, who returned to Luton to help out former teammate Ricky Hill nearly 20 years after joining Luton as a schoolboy.

Andrew Fotiadis is another local discovery, a strong 'old fashioned centre forward' who has been capped by England at under-15 and under-18 level. Peter Thomson was released by home town Club Bury as a teenager but established his goalscoring credentials at non-League Clubs Chorley and Lancaster, before joining Dutch club NAC Breda for £25,000. His regular goals there persuaded Luton to sign him for a reported £100,000 in September.



Andre Scarlett

Fellow strikers are Stuart Douglas, a nippy striker who scored on his debut as a 17-year-old in 1995 but found his early career interrupted by injury, and Bermudan Tommy Carter who was capped twice by his country while still a student. He earned a short-term contract with his displays on trial this summer.

Andrea Thrussell



Adam Locke

Luton Town Statistics...

Last 10 games:

Division 2 Rotherham United 1-1 Luton Town 02-09-00
League Cup Peterborough 2-2 Luton Town 05-09-00
 Division 2 Luton Town 0-2 Northampton Town 09-09-00
 Division 2 Luton Town 0-0 Walsall 12-09-00
 Division 2 Swansea City 4-0 Luton Town 16-09-00
League Cup Sunderland 3-0 Luton Town 19-09-00
 Division 2 Luton Town 2-3 Swindon Town 23-09-00
League Cup Luton Town 1-2 Sunderland 26-09-00
 Division 2 Bristol Rovers 3-3 Luton 30-09-00
 Division 2 Luton Town 0-1 Millwall 08-10-00

Odd Stat: By some strange quirk of fate it is almost 20 years - to the day - that Luton Town last recorded a victory at the Abbey Stadium

Will Jones

Cambridge Connections

They played for both...**league record v luton town**

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home	6	1	3	2	9	10
away	6	0	4	2	4	7
total	12	1	7	4	13	17

martin Butler, Trevor Benjamin and Michael Kyd scored the goals which gave Cambridge United a 3-1 Second Division win on Luton Town's last visit to The Abbey Stadium on November 12th 1999. Cambridge gained a 2-2 draw in the return fixture four months later with goals from Trevor Benjamin and Ian Ashbee. The Hatters last triumphed here in the League 1-0 in March 1982 with a goal from Brian Horton.

ever-present

Former Luton Town defender Jamie Campbell was ever-present for Cambridge United in 1997/98. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in July 1991, he featured in Luton's 1993/94 F.A. Cup run and his solitary goal in 36 League games came in their 2-1 defeat at Leicester City in August 1992. He joined Cambridge on a free transfer from Barnet in August 1997 and starred in the 1998/99 promotion triumph. Fellow defender Ben Chenery joined Cambridge on a free transfer from Luton in July 1997 and also featured prominently in United's 1998/99 promotion campaign.

record goalscorer

Former Luton Town striker John Taylor



Chris Turner

holds Cambridge United's goalscoring record. Initially moving to The Abbey Stadium from Sudbury Town in August 1988, he starred in Cambridge's meteoric rise under John Beck and was swapped for Bristol Rovers' Devon White in March 1992. He joined Luton from Bradford City for £200,000 in March 1995 and scored three times in 37 League outings for today's visitors prior to rejoining Cambridge in January 1997. Starring in the 1998/99 promotion success, he has now netted a record 83 goals in 297 League games overall.

wembley winner

Cambridge United player-coach David Preece featured in Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph at Wembley. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Walsall for £150,000 in December 1984, the England B international also played for Luton in the 1989 Littlewoods Cup final and starred in their 1993/94 F.A. Cup run. He scored 21 times in 336 League games for today's opponents prior to joining Derby County on a free transfer in August 1995. Tommy Taylor signed him in September 1996 and he featured in Cambridge's 1998/99 promotion success. Central defender John Dreyer was ever-present in three consecutive seasons for Luton, netting 13 goals in 214 League outings.

irish international

Ex-Luton Town midfielder Tom Finney gained a record seven Northern Ireland caps while at Cambridge United. Having to Kenilworth Road from Crusaders for £17,000 in August 1973, he featured in Luton's 1973/74 promotion success and netted five times in 14 Second Division games for today's visitors before being sold to Sunderland for £30,000 in July 1974. He joined Cambridge for £10,000 in August 1976 and starred in two consecutive promotion campaigns, returning from a ten month spell at Brentford to score 61 goals in 332 League games overall.

managing to succeed

Former Luton Town central defender Chris Turner had a spell as Cambridge United's manager. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Peterborough United for £100,000 in July 1978, he netted five times in 30 Second Division outings for Luton before being sold to New England Teamen for £90,000 in May 1979. He joined Cambridge four months later and returned from Swindon



Lil Fuccillo

Town in October 1980 to score three goals in 90 League games overall, then became manager for four years in January 1986. Ex-Luton defender John Ryan was Cambridge's player-boss for a year.

two spells

Former Luton Town striker Steve Claridge had two spells at Cambridge United. Initially moving to Abbey Stadium from Aldershot for £75,000 in February 1990, he starred in Cambridge's meteoric rise under John Beck and was sold to Luton for £160,000 in July 1992. He scored twice in 16 First Division outings for today's visitors prior to rejoining Cambridge for a record £190,000 in November 1992 and was leading marksman in 1992/93, netting 46 goals in 132 League games overall before moving to Birmingham City for £350,000 in January 1994.

title triumph

One-time Cambridge United midfields Lil Fuccillo featured prominently in Luton Town's 1981/82 Second Division title triumph. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in July 1974, he netted 24 goals in 160 League games for Luton prior to joining Tulsa Roughnecks in April 1983. He joined Cambridge on a non-contract basis in January 1988 and scored twice in 19 Fourth Division outings while at Abbey Stadium. The likes of Jack Bannister, Ian Benjamin, John Collins, Alan Guild, Rick McEvoy, Peter Phillips and Robin Wainwright have also played for both Clubs.

Leigh Edwards

actionshot



Jonas Axeldal takes a buffeting from the Bristol Rovers defence



Key Encounter

- Analysis of one of today's key match-ups

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HEAD2SOAETH

an intriguing encounter in tonight's game comes in the centre of the pitch, between two inspirational midfielders - Matthew Spring of Luton and Cambridge United's Paul Wanless.

main play-maker

Matthew Spring is just 20-years-old but has already made over 100 appearances for the Hatters and is making a name for himself in the domestic game.

A tough tackler and inspired passer, Spring is the main playmaker and driving force in Luton's midfield and despite his tender age was a regular in the Luton team last season.

The 6ft tall midfielder is not shy of scoring the odd goal either. He has managed 11 goals so far for Luton, including several spectacular long-range efforts, one of which got a place in Match of the Day's goal of the month top-ten.

The youngster's efforts have not gone unnoticed, as a host of top clubs have visited Kenilworth Road to catch a glimpse of the young star. Tottenham Hotspur's Director of Football David Pleat admitted that he was watching the youngster, and Ipswich and Wimbledon are also keen admirers.

influential midfielder

Spring will face a tough battle with U's captain Paul Wanless. A hero among the Abbey Stadium supporters, Wanless has been praised for his efforts on and off the pitch.

Signed on a free transfer from Lincoln City, this brave, powerful midfielder shows true heart and determination.



Paul Wanless



Matthew Spring

V

every time he pulls on the Cambridge United shirt.

Although happiest in the centre of midfield, the 27-year-old has proved to be more than versatile, and has played in a variety of roles for the U's.

The influential midfielder is always committed on the pitch. Off the pitch the popular midfielder is committed to a fund-raising campaign for the Special Care baby Unit at Hinchingbrooke hospital, who cared for his baby daughter Emily who was born prematurely.

key factor

Tonight's match could be won or lost in midfield, and Wanless and Spring will play a key factor in that. Wanless will never miss a tackle and will give 110%, but one moment of magic from Spring could decide which way the three points go.

Calvin Rowley - Collings Sports

ten to tackle

with Dave Brown

1. Who is the Manager of Kidderminster Harriers?
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3. In which Country would I be in if I saw a FC Jazz v VPS Vaasa match?
4. What is the nickname of Barnsley FC?
5. Who replaced Barrow in the Football League in 1972?
6. Which Club not only doubled tonight's visitors 'The Hatters' in the League, but also put them out of the Worthington Cup last season?
7. Martin Butler's last ever goals for the U's last season were against whom?
8. Which Club have Brian Kidd, John McGrath and Les Chapman all managed?
9. Last season's losing semi-finalists in the FA Cup were who?
10. The U's replaced Bradford Park Avenue in the League in 1970, in which Division are they now playing their football?

Answers on Page 38

Welcome to tonight's long awaited local derby against Luton Town. I hope you all enjoy tonight's much anticipated game.

Before I tell you who is our sponsors are for this evening I would like to say a big thank you and a goodbye. As you have probably heard I am leaving Cambridge United to pursue a career in Event Management. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at The Abbey and know that without the experience gained here I would not have the opportunity I have now.

I'd like to thank Colin and Carla who this time last year gave me the chance to take this role and

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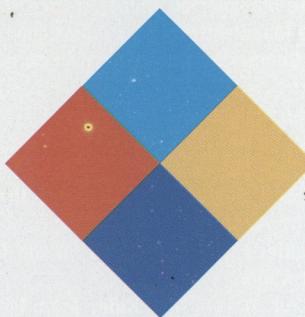
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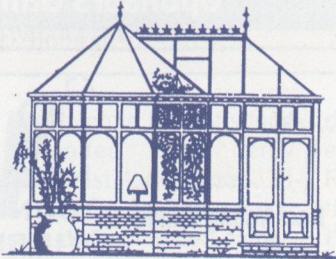
We are joined today by Steve Line from SGL Management and 21 of his colleagues and friends. Steve has been a life long Cambridge United Football Club fan and can be seen at not only the home fixtures but also the away.

Over the years Steve has been a director of the club and is now this seasons Patron of the Ruston Suite. This year's captain of the winning team of our annual Premier Travel Golf Tournament, he is always involved with other fundraising activities such as the Sporting Dinner.

His Luton connection is that until recently Steve had been living in Luton for 20 years. Football wise, his allegiance has always remained at the Abbey but professionally he became the main caterer for Luton Town Football Club. His catering company supplied many football clubs including Southampton, Derby and Birmingham along with major leisure attractions such as golf tournaments, air shows and the Reading Rock Festival. We welcome him and his guests to today's match and thank him for his continued support.

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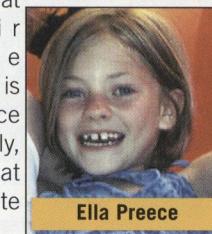
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art for art's sake

Thank you to Adam Jolley, aged 6 who has sent in this great drawing of our very own goalkeeper, Lionel Perez. I am sure Lionel is pleased with the terrific sup-

today's mascots

this evening's mascots are Ella Preece and Jack Filmer. Both attend school in Luton and, for some reason, both say that their favourite United player is David Preece (well, actually, Ella said that her favourite



Ella Preece



Jack Filmer

United player was 'Daddy'!). It's no coincidence that Jack's favourite U's star also happens to be United's number 16 - Preecy is his Uncle!

We hope they both enjoy their evening here with us at The Abbey Stadium.

port shown by you all.

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Result: Oldham 1 Cambridge United 3
Method of Travel: Car
Departure Time: 9am

Arrival at Ground: Low cloud, mist and fog were the prevailing conditions for the drive up, leaving no doubt that the football season was now in full swing. These conditions, coupled with accident-induced jams and a rather leisurely coffee stop, meant that I didn't arrive at the ground until 12.45pm.

This did give me time to discover possibly the only place in the world where you can buy a scarf and book your holiday. Yes, the Club Shop (sorry, Latique) is also a travel agency. And once in the ground, I was amused to hear that the Latique was selling a limited edition Oldham Athletic watch which was "only in while stocks last" - although it would be difficult to imagine an alternative arrangement!

MJ's Mileage: 371.5 miles

Admission Price: £15, £12 or £7 - depending on the usual concessionary criteria.

Programme: £2 for 52 pages sounds good value. Unfortunately, many of the articles went for the big print approach to fill as much space as possible with minimum effort approach (something we're

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match report - portsmouth

2 Mins: Dudley turned Dreyer, took the ball to the by-line, good fierce cross cleared for a corner by Ashbee.

6 Mins: Adams crossed from the right, cleared for a corner by Duncan.

12 Mins: Rickers' fierce shot from the left wing pushed onto the bar by Perez.

17 Mins: Oldham break, but the shot was cleared off the line.

45 Mins: Tom Youngs bursts through on goal, coolly lifts the ball over the advancing keeper.

50 Mins: Good work from Tom Youngs, low cross into Jonas Axeldal who's rasping goal-bound drive is cleared off the line.

53 Mins: Jonas Axeldal fouled on the edge of the area. Tom Cowan's fiercely driven free kick is tipped over the bar by the keeper.

62 Mins: Tom Youngs scored his second - another well-taken goal.

63 Mins: Perez makes a point blank save, Oldham head high and wide from the resulting corner.

65 Mins: Corazzin misses a chance from a ball put into the box for him.

66 Mins: Dreyer clears an Oldham attack, followed by another clearance a minute later.

70 Mins: Dreyer again clears from just outside the box.

85 Mins: Alex Russell fires an unstoppable drive past Kelly.

90 Mins: Oldham free kick wide on the left curls in off the head of John Dreyer.

Man of the Match: Tom Youngs topped an excellent performance with two well-taken goals.

The Away Travel Gang



On the road...

colchester utd

The Time: Saturday, October 21st - 3pm

The Venue: Layer Road, Colchester

By Car: Exit A12 at s/p 'Colchester West, Halstead A1124'. At roundabout follow signs to 'Tollgate Retail and Business Park, Lexden, Mersea' into Essex Yeomanry Way. At Tollgate roundabout after 0.3 miles, take the 2nd exit (s/p Lexden, Mersea) into London Road. At lights after 0.8 miles, turn right (by NatWest Bank on the left s/p Mersea) into Straight Road. To double roundabout after 1.3 miles, by the 'Leather Bottle': turn left at the first, right at the second (s/p Mersea, Layer) into Gosbecks Road. At roundabout after 0.4 miles turn left (s/p Mersea B1025, Layer B1026). At double roundabout after 0.4 miles turn left (s/p Town Centre) into Layer Road - where you should be able to park. The ground is on the left after 0.9 miles.

By Coach:

Ely: 11am

The Abbey: 11.45am

Price: £8

Phone 01223 566503 to book your place

Visitors Seating: We have been allocated 196 seats in the Clock end and 850 terrace spaces at the Layer Road end. Prices are £12 adults, £7 OAPs and under 16's in the seats and £10 adults, £5 concessions on the terrace.

This match is all-ticket for U's fans.

Programme: £2.

With such a long break between home games, a lot has happened on the U's Net web site since the Bristol Rovers match. On the message board there has been the usual range of messages - from light-hearted banter between home and visiting supporters alike, items of speculation, questions about players, old programmes, long lost friends etc. Last weekend, as the long break without a match took hold, the messages turned to the England match, news of Kevin Keegan's departure, and speculation over his successor. Our own Roy McFarland received more than one mention!

questions, questions

In the wake of the good news from the Government about the allotment land there was a fresh wave of questions about the redevelopment. Most of them had been answered previously so I supplied director Gary Harwood with a list of the common queries and he provided the answers, which have formed the basis of a one page FAQ ('Frequently Asked Questions') about the redevelopment. Hopefully that page will remain a reference point over the next couple of years and can be added to as new concerns surface.

Two more weekly opinion polls have taken place since the last home match. The first asked visitors to the web site to vote for their preferred strike partnership, and there was a clear preference for Zema Abbey and Jonas Axeldal to continue their partnership. They attracted 62% of the votes but there was support too for an Abbey/Youngs pairing, which received 22% of the votes, and an Abbey/Slade partnership received 12%.

the next poll

Daniel Lee suggested the next poll, asking how people first heard about the new supporters' organisation Cambridge Fans United. The result is obviously only relevant in respect of those with access to U's Net, but the result showed that the web site and the distribution of leaflets at the ground were the most effective initial means of reaching those supporters. 39% said they found out from U's Net while 30% said it was the leaflets. You can find out more about Cambridge Fans United (CFU) at their new web site at www.cambridgefansunited.org.

A vote to find the U's Net Player of the Month for September has been running on the site for the last week and despite a high number of votes there is no clear front-runner at the moment. Tom Youngs, Ian Ashbee, John Dreyer and Zema Abbey are the front-runners at the time of writing and I hope to bring you the result in the next programme.

more questions, questions

Kevin Palmer kindly offered a signed copy of his forthcoming complete league history of Cambridge United for a quiz on U's Net, and the lucky winner was David Stroud. His name was the one drawn from those of several supporters who knew the answers to the following questions:

Q. When Cambridge United entered the league they weren't playing in amber shirts, what colour shirts did they wear for the first two seasons?

A. White

Q. Only two current premiership teams haven't met Cambridge in the League, League Cup or FA Cup, Liverpool is one, which is the other?

A. Southampton

Q. In which year did Roy McFarland become the Manager of Cambridge United?

A. 1996

ian wright, wright, wright

Finally, the bidding on special items to raise money for Paul Wanless' SCBU appeal now exceeds £1,300. John Taylor's signed hat trick ball comfortably leads the way with a top bid of £750 as I write, but Burnley supporters are competing for Ian Wright's signed shirt and there is a new item in the shape of a personalised caricature by Colin Proctor. To see the latest bids click on the link on the front page of U's Net.

Andrea Thrussell

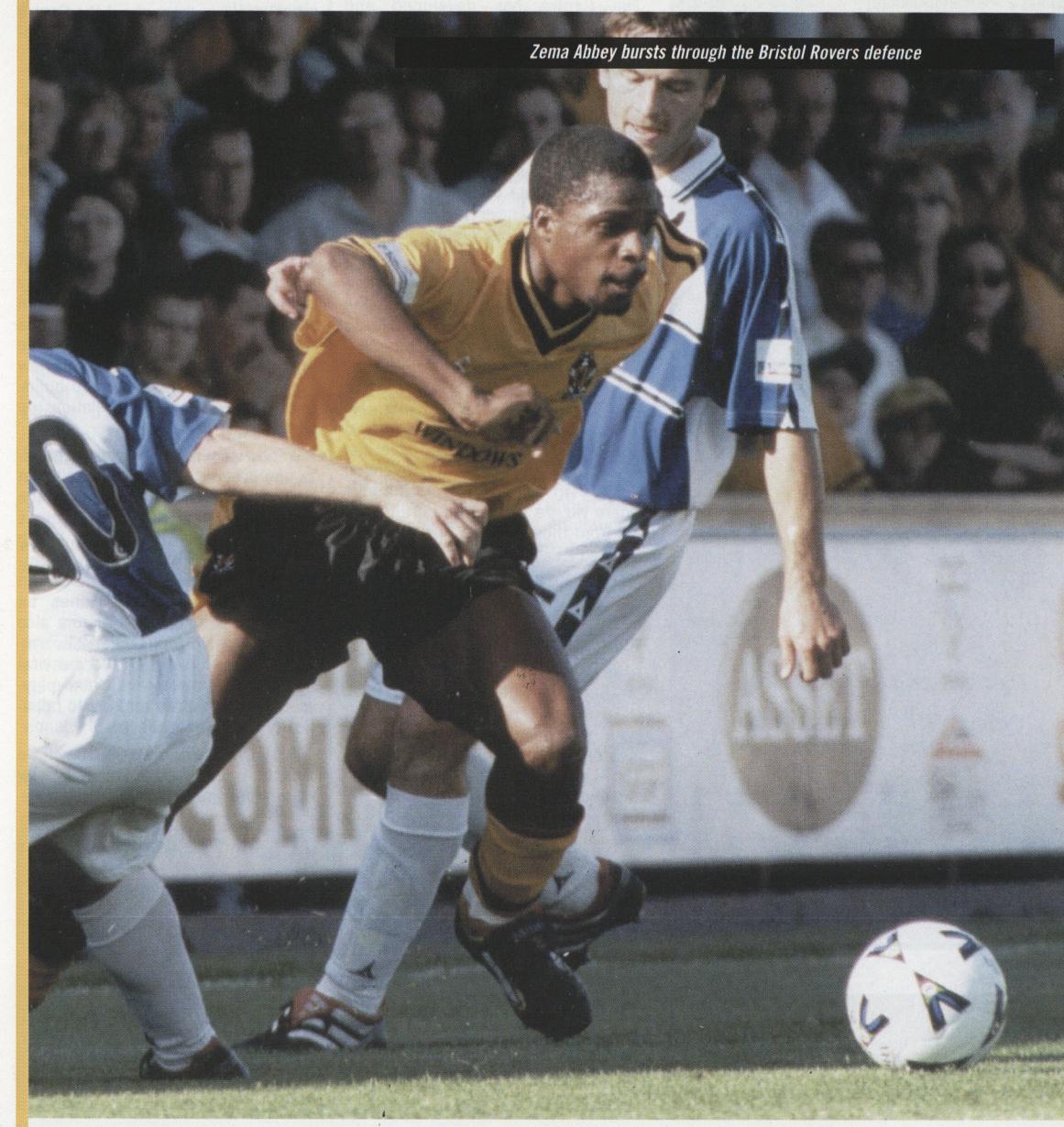
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action shot



Zema Abbey bursts through the Bristol Rovers defence

Under 17's Fixtures

South East Conference

Sat Aug 19	Leyton Orient (a)	L0-4
Sat Aug 26	Barnet (H)	D2-2
Sat Sep 2	Portsmouth (a)	D1-1
Sat Sep 9	Northampton Town (a)	W1-0
Sat Sep 16	Wycombe Wanderers (H)	W7-3
Sat Oct 7	Southend United (a)	L1-3
Sat Oct 14	Colchester United (a)	
Sat Oct 21	Brentford (H)	
Sat Oct 28	Brighton & Hove Albion (a)	
Sat Nov 4	Gillingham (H)	
Sat Nov 11	Leyton Orient (H)	
Sat Nov 18	Barnet (a)	
Sat Nov 25	Portsmouth (H - k.o. noon)	
Sat Dec 2	Wycombe Wanderers (a)	
Sat Dec 16	Northampton Town (H)	
Sat Jan 13	Southend United (H)	
Sat Jan 27	Colchester United (H)	
Sat Feb 3	Brentford (a)	
Sat Feb 10	Brighton & Hove (a)	
Sat Feb 17	Gillingham (a)	

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Paul Taylor

Under-17s Coach:

Dougie Evans

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centre of excellence

The Centre of Excellence is now fully underway with all age groups from U'9 to U'16 now undertaking their weekly training programme. The Centre has developed and become even bigger this season with one U'9 squad, which will progress into two squads at about Christmas time, then we have two squads in the U'10, U'11 and U'12 age groups. This is due to a couple of reasons, the first and main point is that we now operate our squads in relation to the players date of birth. So therefore, we now have a younger and older squad per age group.

The other reason is that we have developed our recruitment procedure for players in this age group with the introduction of a dedicated Youth Development Officer, being Paul Taylor whose sole responsibility is to overlook the U'9 - U'12 section of the Youth Development Scheme. He is also in charge of our newly formed Advanced Centres that we have just set up. There are 6 Advanced Centres in and around Cambridge where we are looking to recruit players from these centres into our main Centre of Excellence.

At U'13, U'14 and U'15 age group we have just one squad, while the U'16 play in our newly formed U'17 Youth Team.

We compete in the Centres League on Sundays with the U'12, U'13, U'14 and U'15s. This League consists of only professional Clubs who also operate a Centre of Excellence. The League is about development and not winning, as there are no

results published or table produced. We also have a couple of different rules to encourage the emphasis of development.

I will tell you more about the Centre of Excellence and how it is developing later in the season.

new staff

Paul Taylor has come on board full time within the Youth Development Scheme as the new Assistant Youth Development Officer.

Paul was a part-time member and worked with the U'9 squad last season, he also did a vast amount of scouting for me, securing some very talented players. I know that Paul will be very successful in this area due to his knowledge and experience and I wish him all the best in his new position and I look forward to building a successful working relationship with him.

Wendy Gammon has recently, within the last couple of weeks, taken over the administration role for the Youth Development Scheme. This is a vital area within our Youth Development Scheme as it is essential that all communication between players, parents and coaches be passed on efficiently. Her role also involves updating our databases system, which is in place to record vital information on every individual player enabling my staff and me to holistically develop our players.

Within the next few weeks, I will be able to inform you of another new member to the Youth Development

South East Conference Under 17 Section

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leyton Orient.....	5	5	0	0	15	1	15
Brighton & Hove Albion ..	3	2	1	16	11	11	
Northampton Town	6	3	1	2	11	8	10
Southend United	5	3	0	2	9	10	9
Cambridge United	5	2	2	1	11	10	8
Brentford.....	5	2	0	3	11	10	6
Gillingham.....	5	2	0	3	9	11	6
Portsmouth	6	1	2	3	5	8	5
Colchester United	5	1	1	3	6	10	4
Barnet.....	5	1	1	3	7	13	4
Wycombe Wanderers.....	5	1	1	3	11	19	4

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Scheme as we are looking to appoint a full time physiotherapist. News on who has been appointed will be passed on later on in the season.

Ricky Martin
Youth Development Officer

Eastern Junior Plate Final
Thursday 28th September 2000
Southend Manor 0 Cambridge United 7

Cambridge United under 19s came into this game on the back of six straight wins and were always going to have to match for a Southend Manor team who had done remarkably well to reach the final. On a bumpy pitch the U's got the ball down well and fell into their early passing rhythm.

Matthew Haniver got the ball rolling with 2 first half goals (one a penalty).

In the second half Owen Paynter added another followed by goals from Demba Traore, Kevin Winkworth, a lovely clipped finish from David Bridges and Alex Revell, who was excellent on the right side of three up top.

It was a thoroughly deserved win and United brought their 1st piece of silverware this season.

Matthew Haniver

It was a thoroughly professional performance on a difficult playing surface, but the pleasing aspect from my point of view was the way that the lads conducted themselves professionally throughout the 90 minutes.

On arriving at the ground the day after the match, the Club had been sent a fax complimenting not only the

lads' performance, but also again their professionalism in a game that we obviously dominated from start to finish.

We take these comments seriously as they are a reflection on the way we at Cambridge United are trying to develop the lads in the Youth Team. I recently saw an excerpt from Alex Ferguson's autobiography, talking about David Beckham and how important it is to work on the basic principles of technical work, and the repetition of such work.

He was making the point that David Beckham's ability to cross the ball unfailingly with such quality was not a God-given right - but that it comes through practice, practice and more practice. The point being that whether we play a Youth Alliance game, F.A. Youth Cup or Eastern Junior Cup match, we have to ensure that at all times we are trying to do the right things in the right ways.

This is a principle that we apply in training on a daily basis. We believe that what you attempt to undertake or achieve on the training ground, will be the habits you take into match situations.

Can I take this opportunity personally to compliment all the lads on their progress so far this season, not only shown by their position in the League, but also by the hard work they have put in on the training ground.

Keep it up lads, good luck with your careers.

Dale Brooks

South East Conference Under 19 Section

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge United	6	6	0	0	16	6	18
Brighton & Hove Albion ..	6	4	1	1	10	4	13
Brentford.....	6	4	0	2	14	8	12
Southend United	6	3	1	2	14	16	10
Wycombe Wanderers.....	6	2	3	1	10	5	9
Leyton Orient.....	6	2	1	3	13	8	7
Colchester United	5	2	1	2	8	7	7
Luton Town	6	1	3	2	7	10	6
Gillingham.....	5	1	2	2	6	12	5
Portsmouth	6	1	2	3	8	14	5
Barnet.....	6	0	2	4	6	13	2
Northampton Town	6	0	2	4	2	13	2

Under 19's Fixtures

South East Conference

Sat Aug 19	Leyton Orient (H)	W2-1
Sat Aug 26	Barnet (a)	W1-0
Sat Sep 2	Southend United (H)	W6-3
Sat Sep 9	Northampton Town (H)	W2-1
Sat Sep 16	Portsmouth (a)	W3-0
Sat Sep 23	Luton Town (a)	W2-1
Fri Oct 6	Brentford (H)	D1-1
Sat Oct 14	Gillingham (H)	
Sat Oct 21	Colchester United (a)	
Sat Oct 28	Wycombe Wanderers (H)	
Sat Nov 4	Brighton & Hove Albion (a)	
Sat Nov 11	Leyton Orient (a)	
Sat Nov 18	Barnet (H)	
Sat Nov 25	Southend United (a)	
Sat Dec 2	Portsmouth (H - k.o. noon)	
Sat Dec 16	Northampton Town (a)	
Sat Jan 13	Brentford (a)	
Sat Jan 20	Luton Town (H)	
Sat Jan 27	Gillingham (a)	
Sat Feb 3	Colchester United (H)	
Sat Feb 10	Wycombe Wanderers (a)	
Sat Feb 17	Brighton & Hove Albion (H)	

Eastern Junior Plate

Final (carried over from last season)

Thu Sep 28 Southend Manor (a) W7-0

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Reserve fixtures

Avon Insurance Combination

Wed 16 Aug	Leyton Orient (H)	W3-1
Wed 23 Aug	Brentford (H)	D0-0
Wed 30 Aug	Gillingham (a)	W2-0
Wed 13 Sep	Fulham (H)	L1-3
Tue 19 Sep	Queens Park Rangers (a)	L0-1
Wed 27 Sep	Reading (a)	D1-1
Tue 3 Oct	Crystal Palace (H)	W2-1
Wed 18 Oct	Norwich City (H - League Cup)	2.00pm
Wed 25 Oct	Luton Town (a - League Cup)	2.00pm
Wed 1 Nov	Bristol City (a)	2.00pm
Wed 8 Nov	Portsmouth (H)	2.00pm
Wed 15 Nov	Swindon Town (a)	2.00pm
Wed 22 Nov	Colchester U (a - League Cup)	2.00pm
Wed 29 Nov	Wycombe Wanderers (a)	2.00pm
Wed 6 Dec	Oxford United (H)	2.00pm
Mon 11 Dec	Peterborough U (a - League Cup)	2.00pm
Wed 20 Dec	Brighton & Hove Albion (H)	2.00pm
Wed 3 Jan	Gillingham (H - League Cup)	2.00pm
Wed 10 Jan	AFC Bournemouth (a)	2.00pm
Wed 17 Jan	Bristol Rovers (H)	2.00pm
Thu 25 Jan	Norwich City (a)	7.30pm
Wed 31 Jan	Cheltenham Town (H)	2.00pm
Wed 7 Feb	Colchester United (a)	2.00pm
Wed 14 Feb	Southend United (H)	2.00pm
Mon 26 Feb	Peterborough United (a)	2.00pm
Tue 20 Mar	Northampton Town (H)	2.00pm
Wed 28 Mar	Luton Town (a)	2.00pm
Wed 4 Apr	Barnet (H)	2.00pm
Tue 10 Apr	Millwall (a)	2.00pm

Reserve Team Manager: John Taylor



news from the aic

afc bournemouth

goalscorers: J. Hayter, C. Eribenne, B. Stock **trialists/new signings:** David Woozley (Crystal Palace defender) **other:** Simon Rayner, 17 year old goalkeeper, debut against Swindon. Brian Stocks scored his first AIC goal v Brighton in 7-1 defeat

barnet

goalscorers: B. Strevens, W. Purser, B. Jakow **trialists/new signings:** Stuart Niven (Ipswich Town)

brentford

goalscorers: G. Graham 2, L. Adjali, L. Pinamonte, S. Partridge, T. Folan, J. Charles, D. Theobald **trialists/new signings:** Lakhdar Adjali (Albanian striker)

brighton & hove albion

goalscorers: R. Thomas 6, L. Steele 5, S. Ramsay 3, S. Melton 2, D. Davis, A. Crosby, C. McPhee **trialists/new signings:** Lee Johnson (ex-Watford)

bristol city

goalscorers: M. Brown 2, A. Brown, S. Clist, R. Hulbert, J. Burnell, T. Docherty, K. Sheppard

bristol rovers

goalscorers: M. Meaker 2, D. Francis, M. Walters, R. Trees, C. Parker, D. Moussa, C. Ellis **trialists/new signings:** Dwayne Plummer (Chesham and ex-Bristol City), David Young (Rangers), Luis Bolinhas (Portuguese midfielder), Moussa Dagnogo (French striker)

cambridge united

goalscorers: J. Axeldal 2, N. Lamey 2, J. Hansen 2, D. Chillingworth, S. Oakes, J. Taylor **trialists/new signings:** Scott Oakes (ex-Sheffield Wednesday), Rory Prendergast (Barnsley)

cheltenham town

goalscorers: G. Hopkins 2, R. Bloomer, J. Alsop, J. Brown, J. White **trialists/new signings:** Sasa Curic (ex-Aston Villa) Russell Kelly (ex-Chelsea, Darlington defender)

colchester united

goalscorers: L. Opara, S. Okafor, D. Morgan **trialists/new signings:** Adam Tanner (ex-Ipswich Town), Alan McCloud (Arsenal fullback)

crystal palace

goalscorers: M. Fowler 2, R. Kember, R. Dsane, S. Kabba, A. Frampton, J.

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fulham

goalscorers: L. Cornwall 3, P. Trollope 2, E. Hammond 2, T. Hutchinson, B. Lwando, L. Boa Morte, N. Lampton, S. Keevil, P. Peschisolido

gillingham

goalscorers: C. Lee 2, M. Saunders, R. Rowe, K. James, P. Shaw, og **trialists/new signings:** Anthony Mattelani (Peruvian Under 21 international)

leyton orient

goalscorers: S. Watts 2

luton town

goalscorers: P. Thomson 3, D. Brennan 3, T. Kandol 2, T. Carter, J. Ayres **trialists/new signings:** Marvin Walker (Harrow Borough), Matthew Joynson (ex-Norwich fullback), Enoch Showunmi, Stokey Mason (Trinidad international), Danny Newell

millwall

goalscorers: L. Constantine 2, T. Tyne, S. Nethercott, B. Bubb **trialists/new signings:** Medi Himeur (French midfielder), Sam Parkin (Chelsea striker)

oxford united

goalscorers: S. Weatherstone 2, J. Cook, P. Fear, L. Mike, C. Hackett, J. Brooks **trialists/new signings:** Leon Mike (Manchester City striker)

peterborough united

goalscorers: J. Cullen 2, F. Green, D. Broughton, D. French, og **trialists/new signings:** John Vaughan (ex-Lincoln City goalkeeper)

portsmouth

goalscorers: L. Nightingale 3, N. McNab 2, M. Panopoulos, K. Harper **trialists/new signings:** Pedro Jordao (Portuguese striker)

southend united

goalscorers: A. Abiodun 2, E. Duah, T. Fitzpatrick **trialists/new signings:** Lee Boylan (ex-West Ham forward), Simon Vickers (Canada)

swindon town

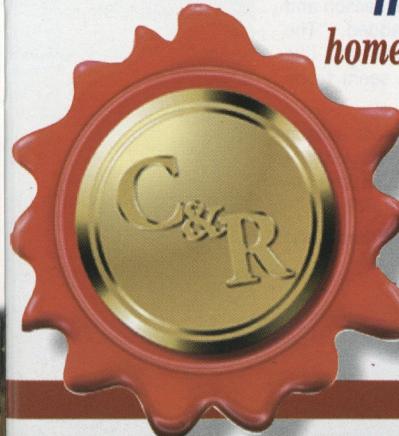
goalscorers: C. Griffin 8, A. Young 4, S. Cowe 2, G. Grazioli, P. McAreavey, M. Williams **other:** Charlie Griffin scored consecutive hat-tricks in the AIC v Bristol Rovers and Cheltenham and now has 8 goals in his last 4 games.

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zema abbey

the task was never going to be easy - but without a doubt the early form of Zema Abbey has taken everyone by surprise. Abbey came from non-league football with Hitchin Town and has filled the boots of departed Trevor Benjamin with ease, scoring three times already this season and showing a wealth of promise.

Abbey joined the U's in February 2000 from Ryman League side Hitchin Town for a nominal fee after a successful trial period and the early form he has shown at the Abbey Stadium has been nothing less than brilliant.

So good in fact that a host of top Premiership Clubs are sitting up and taking notice at his recent good form. But Abbey is taking life day by day and admitted that he is more than happy at Cambridge.

"If there was ever an attractive Premiership offer then obviously I would consider it," said Abbey. "The temptation is going to be there, no doubt, but I don't think that will happen at the moment."

"At this current time I am happy learning my trade at Cambridge United. I haven't been at this Club long and I'm still learning the game as I go along."

His form so far suggests he can become the next Benjamin, but Abbey is hoping that he can bring his own ideas to the Club.

Abbey continued: "For me Trevor going was the best thing for me. I found myself in for my first game against Bury and I grabbed that opportunity with both hands."

"I always just go into each and every game to do the best I possibly can, I like to bring in my own ideas and for me it is just a case of simply doing my best."

Everything has happened in such a short space of time for the striker, and even though he is a latecomer to the professional football world, his grass-roots football started at the age of 10.

A member of a Sunday League side in Luton, where he was born, he then moved to Hitchin under-18's while at University studying a degree in sports science and leisure management.

He then earned a playing contract at Arlesey Town and then at Baldock Town where he remained under the guidance of Robbie O'Keefe at both Clubs.

So it was inevitable that when O'Keefe took over at Hitchin, Abbey would follow again. It was his spell at the Ryman League Club that made the U's stand up and take notice.

He scored six goals in a dozen appearances in the 1997/98 season and the following year he led the way with 20 goals as the Club bounced back with immediate promotion.

It was that form that brought him to the Abbey Stadium and it has been a wonderful time for the 23-year-old striker, who is enjoying every moment of his professional career, especially under the guidance of manager Roy McFarland.

"Roy is a terrific bloke," he said. "I get on with him extremely well and he is an approachable bloke, unlike some managers. He has always let me know where I stand and I have been ever so grateful for that."

While playing non-league football in his early days, his younger brother Nathan, the current Luton Town goalkeeper, was well on the way to making a success of his football career.

So this clash has been a day Zema has been waiting for and he is crossing his fingers, in the hope, that his brother will play a part in today's game, as he is adamant he will score.

"I'll defiantly stick one past him, without a doubt," said Abbey. "I really hope he plays. I don't know if after the game it will go down too well but I'd love to score against him."

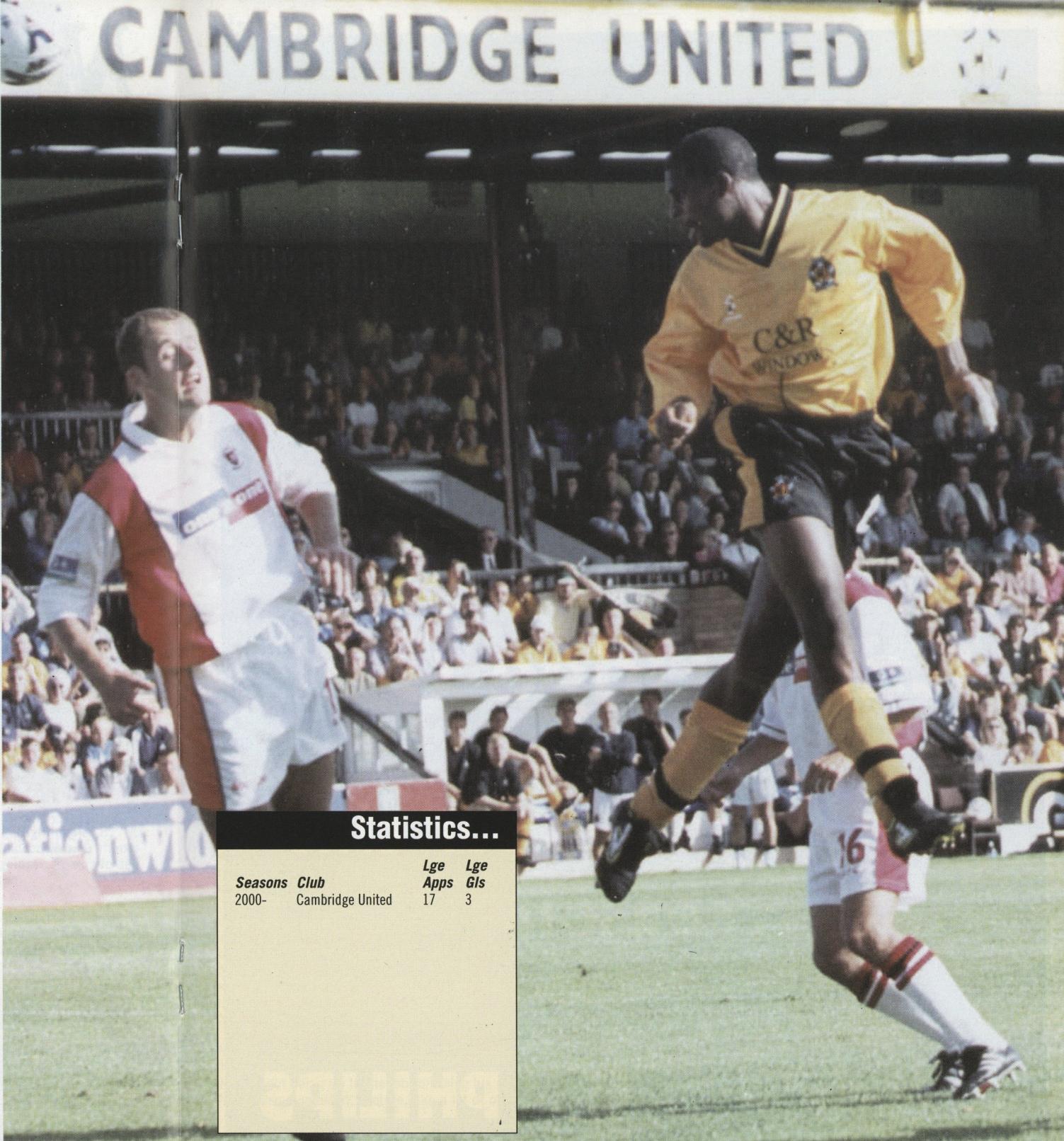
"I speak to him every day and he has been a big influence on me. Even though he is younger than me I always look up to him and ask him for advice."

But it is keeping Cambridge at the right end of the table that is the most important factor for him at the moment. Abbey is hoping that will continue today against the team from where he was born.

"So far it has been a good start to the season and hopefully we can keep it up," he added. "The gaffer has brought in some experienced pro's like John Dryer and Lionel Perez and we seem to be conceding a lot less goals."

"But this is an improvement from last season and we need to try and keep this form going, I hope that I can remain on the score sheet constantly because it all helps with my confidence."

Steven Dove - Collings Sport



Statistics...

Seasons	Club	Lge Apps	Lge Gls
2000-	Cambridge United	17	3

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brazilian football is suffering somewhat of an upheaval at present. Congress has launched a special investigative commission into corruption in the game. The objective is to open the black box of Brazilian soccer where the relevant facts are hidden, denigrating the image of our country abroad ... at least according to Alvador Dias, who proposed the investigation.

The investigation comes in the wake of allegations that Clubs pensions have failed to make payments and tax evasion by coaches. The sale of players to abroad is done in a hidden way because there is no control.

Meanwhile, the national team suffered a humiliating exit at the Olympics when nine-man Cameroon recorded one of the biggest upsets in Olympic soccer history, in one of the most exciting games, when they defeated the Brazilians 2-1 in an astonishing quarter-final match in Australia. The winning golden goal came from substitute Modeste Mbami in the 113th minute when he cracked a scorching right foot drive from the edge of the box past the Brazilian keeper. Cameroon didn't look in with a chance when they went into extra time without skipper Geremi Njitap, who had been sent off after 75 minutes, and defender Aaron Nguimbat who followed him in the last minute of regular time. Following the second red card, Brazil equalised almost immediately to take the tie into extra-time ... only for the nine men to stage one of the biggest smash-and-grab raids in Olympic history. Cameroon went on

to win the Gold Medal, defeating Chile in the semi-finals and Spain in the final, following a penalty shoot out. Chile won the bronze medal play-off game.

Following the alarming exit manager Wanderley Luxemburgo was released from his contract with immediate effect. An announcement of Luxemburgo's successor will not be made immediately, with assistant coach Candinho taking on the job in a caretaker capacity.

UEFA have fined Crvena Zvezda, formerly known as Red Star Belgrade, for their supporters behaviour when the Club beat Leicester City in a UEFA Cup second leg tie last month. Former United star Trevor Benjamin watched events from the touchline as a substitute. Offences included racist chanting against Foxes players and the throwing of flares towards fans and keeper Tim Flowers. Racist chanting was directed towards Ade Akinbiyi and Andy Impey, while Leicester fans were forced to retreat from flares hurled towards their section of the stadium following a Crvena goal.

Finally, German Christoph Daum is having his hair tested in order to prove his innocence of accusations that he took cocaine. The Bayer Leverkusen coach, who is due to take over from Rudi Voeller as the German national coach at the end of the season, has given a sample of his hair to be examined by a doctor after the allegations from the media. If the results prove the allegations it's likely to be a case of hair today, gone tomorrow ...

Will Jones

as Wembley emptied for the last time on Saturday to the strains of Frank Sinatra crooning "That's Life", down in its bowels a certain someone was saying "That's it!"

England were deservedly booed off the pitch after the self same fans, minutes earlier had been desperately chanting "stand up if you won the war". It was yet another example of Keegan being found to be tactically wanting. The Germans started with one man up front and we had four defenders marking air. The Germans had seemingly hundreds in midfield, whilst Southgate played out of position just in front of Keown and Adams, what a luxury! It has to be the worst first half display ever that England have played! Their 'keeper had only one moderately difficult save to make in the entire game. It's alright, our players will return to their Clubs, pick up their hefty wage packets, and continue adding to the misbegotten belief that they are playing in the 'best League in the World'. Lots of their teams are out of European Competitions already!

I received unconstructive criticisms, when in our first Programme this season I called Keegan the most highly paid cheerleader in the business. I think his comments and admissions of not being up to the job following his resignation, proved that! I also suggested, that he, like a lot of other National team

managers considerably more successful than him, should have resigned following our dismal Euro performances this summer. It would have given someone new a clean slate in the build up to this World Cup campaign, instead KK has left us in the lurch. At the time of writing I don't know the result of the Finland game played a couple of nights ago.

Questions still have to be asked of our FA, who took him on in the first place. Keegan only wanted to do it for 4 games whilst still managing 'cash rich' Fulham. Unfortunately they listened to not only the media but also too many fans, and ultimately it was the fans who Keegan felt he had let down. Keegan might now be called a 'bottler', but his managerial cast had already been set at Newcastle. The FA's next full time appointment has to be right. Surely the names of Bryan Robson and Peter Reid aren't going to come up again? Venables, who we are led to believe is the 'People's choice' is shamelessly being touted by the low quality Sunday tabloid that he writes for!

Surely we need a complete change of direction, a manager with no preconceived ideas on the tactics and players available, and doesn't therefore pick them because they're buddies or that the Press want them, in other words a foreigner. I reckon he shouldn't have managed or played in this Country before either. I have my own ideas on who.

Dave Brown

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The A-Z of Cambridge United

Mark Anthony CROWE (1987-88)

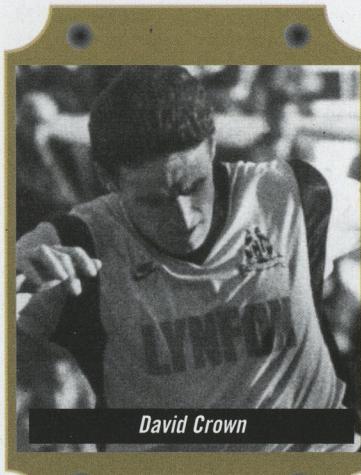
51 Ige apps, 0 gls

A Suffolk-born lad, but started his career at Norfolk's top Club. His only league appearance in a Norwich shirt was as a substitute for Steve Walford in a 0-3 defeat at Brighton in December 1982. He earned a professional contract on the back of that, but didn't play in the league until he transferred to Torquay in July 1985. Became an established central defender in Devon before making the move to Cambridge in December 1986. He made his debut in the heat of a Cambridgeshire derby and went on to form a partnership with Lindsay Smith for just over a season. He was replaced at the end of the following season by Phil Chapple.

David Ian CROWN (1985-87)

106 Ige apps, 44 gls

Ken Shellitto is widely regarded as the worst-ever U's manager, but he does get



David Crown

credit for signing this prolific striker. David was a late starter to League footy, only leaving Walthamstow Avenue at the age of 22 in 1980. He was a mediocre player with Brentford, Portsmouth and Reading scoring only 28 League goals in 169 games in total before Shellitto snapped him up in July 1985. The U's had to apply for re-election for the only time at the end of his first season, but it wasn't David's fault. He set a Club record (which still stands) of 24 League goals that season, including a hat-trick against Halifax. The following season he shared the limelight with Mark Cooper, but is remembered for a wonder-goal that sunk East-Anglian rivals Ipswich in the Littlewoods Cup. Unusually, he nearly always wore the number 11 shirt. Inevitably he wanted to move on, but it was a disappointment that his fee was only £45,000 and that he went to lowly Southend in November 1987. Incredibly he started rattling in even more goals, garnering 61 in 113 League games for the Shrimpers, before adding another 38 for Gillingham in the early nineties.

Liam Sean DAISH (1988-93)

138+1 Ige apps, 4 gls

Portsmouth-born, but only made one appearance for his hometown Club before Chris Turner signed him in July 1988. He made his league debut along with Dion Dublin in a 1-3 defeat at Wrexham in December 1988. Became United's established central defender throughout the glory days of the late eighties and early nineties. Although his partners Phil Chapple and Mick Heathcote were more cultured footballers, Daish stands out for his strength, commitment and inspirational captaincy. A reckless sending off cost



Graham Daniels

him a place at Wembley in the 1990 Play-Off Final, but he played in nearly all the big games of that era. He had already played for the Irish Republic's Under-21 and 'B' sides, but his appearances for Cambridge led to Jack Charlton calling him up to the full squad, for whom he played twice in 1992. Made big money moves to Birmingham in January 1994 and Coventry in February 1996. With the latter he resurrected his international career briefly, bringing his total number of caps up to five.

Graham David DANIELS (1983-85)

37+2 Ige apps, 4 gls

Born in Hampshire, but listening to him there can be no mistaking that he was brought up in Wales. Started in Cardiff City Reserves, then left to study Philosophy at the University of Wales. He was playing for Cardiff Corinthians when he found himself wanted by

Cardiff City (again), Bristol Rovers and Cambridge United. He joined the U's to 'broaden his horizons' and he certainly did that. They were bottom of the old Second Division, and though only 21 years old was a year older than his skipper (David Moyes). The state of the team can be ascertained by the fact that Graham's 39 League appearances produced just three wins. An ankle injury forced him out, and he joined Cambridge City, before becoming assistant manager at Sudbury and manager at Histon and Cambridge City. He also became interested in theology, becoming minister at Hardwick Evangelical Church between 1988 and 1991 and a member of the Christians in Sport movement. He is now a presenter on Radio Cambridgeshire, usually in the afternoons.

Michael James DANZEY (1992-94)

18+9 Ige apps, 3 gls

Failed to make an impression with Nottingham Forest, Chester or Peterborough and was playing for St Albans City when United signed him. Scored on his debut at Notts County in the Coca-Cola Cup (in his home city), but that was as good as it got and he became a fringe striker for the U's. Left to join Aylesbury.

Ian Claude DAVIES (1984)



Tony Dennis

5 Ige apps, 0 gls

A specialist left-back, he started at Norwich, but didn't establish himself fully until he joined Newcastle United in 1979. After 75 games for the Magpies he moved to Manchester City where he was farmed out on loan to various Clubs including Cambridge. He came to us in February 1984 during our disaster season in the Second Division. He helped us to a rare point on his debut at Oldham, but his last four games were all defeats. Went on to play for Carlisle, Exeter, Yeovil, Bristol Rovers and Swansea.

Kevin Charles DEARDEN (1989)

15 Ige apps, 0 gls

Made just one substitute appearance for Spurs in the 1992-93 season, but this goalkeeper was loaned out to Cambridge in March 1989 when John Vaughan was injured. He played in the last 15 games and was a fine keeper. He made more loan appearances for Hartlepool, Swindon, Peterborough, Hull, Rochdale and Birmingham. Finally in 1993 he became the first-choice keeper for Brentford, making over 200 League appearances for them.

John Anthony DENNIS (1989-93)

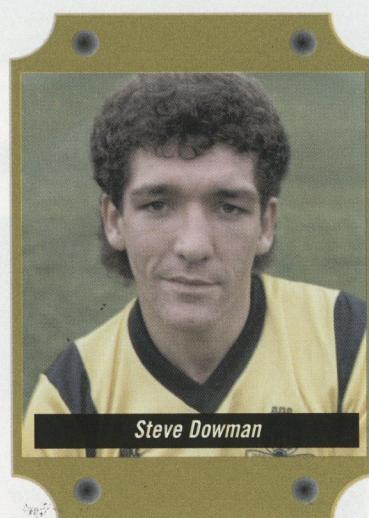
89+22 Ige apps, 10 gls

One of my favourites. Tony was a right-winger, briefly with Plymouth and Exeter before moving to Slough Town. He joined Cambridge in February 1989 for £15,000 and fought out that right-wing berth with Michael Cheetham and Steve Claridge in his time here. Nippy and enthusiastic he was a very strong member of United's impressive squad of the early nineties. He moved to Chesterfield in June 1993 for £20,000 before moving on to Colchester and Lincoln.

David John DONALDSON (1980-84)

130+2 Ige apps, 0 gls

Started off with Arsenal, but made his League debut with Millwall, for whom he signed in June 1973. Made 216 League appearances for the Lions before joining John Docherty's Cambridge in February 1980. Was first-choice right-back for four seasons in the old Second Division and is one of



Steve Dowman

the few players who has impressed for United in that most troublesome of positions. He was a largely unsung hero of Doc's amber army. He left before we went down to the Third Division. He went on to manage Ramsey Town.

Stephen John DOWMAN (1985-87)

45 Ige apps, 3 gls

Made over 150 League appearances for Colchester as a central defender in the late seventies. Went on to star at Wrexham (1980-83) and Charlton (1983-85) before moving to Newport County in August 1985. He was only there for two months before joining the mighty U's as we started to pull out of the team's mid-eighties recession. He usually partnered Andy Beattie and Lindsay Smith. It was the footballer's curse of injury that forced him to leave, but he went on to become another player to make his name in non-League management, this time with Wivenhoe Town.

John Brian DREYER (2000-)

9 Ige apps, 0 gls to date

Almost into double figures as regards League appearances for the U's, his career total is well in excess of 400, mostly for Luton. For a fuller picture you are going to have to peruse this season's programmes.

Kevin Palmer

action shot



Paul Wanless battles it out against Bristol Rovers

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● Latest Supporters' news

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nick Pomery is not a well-known figure at the Abbey Stadium, yet he is the Chairman and one of the leading proponents of Cambridge Fans United. So who is Nick, and what are his connections with United?

Nick was raised in Cambridge, his mum moving to Gilton soon after his father's death when he was five. "I was the youngest of four brothers, the eldest (who were already grown-up) were Spurs and Colchester fans, and I went to the odd game with them in the late 60's. United were elected to the League when I was nine, and I saw virtually every game that first season I was hooked, and my poor mother was nagged into taking me to sit in the Main Stand every two weeks. My pocket money was just enough to get me into a game a fortnight, including programme. In the mid seventies I graduated to standing, switching between the Corona and the Habbin as the mood took me."

Six form and college loomed, but there was time to start taking some away trips, notably the 2-0 win at Brighton in '79, as well as an unnecessarily exciting excursion to the Euro Championships in 1980, part of the terrace that serenaded the Turin police chief with a rendition of 'Nessun Dorma' and was tear-gassed by the Polizei Urbani for their pains.

"Later I moved to London. What with studying for accountancy and treasury qualifications, playing sport on Saturdays and getting married to a lady who admits to loathing football, for the next ten years I only got to a few games a season, I admit I was a typical glory hunter."

The turning point was three years ago when Ann, his wife, was searching for ideas for his Christmas present. In desperation she hit on the idea of buying shares in Cambridge United FC, and unwittingly bought enough to make Nick the 12th largest shareholder. She also got Steve Greenall, then Club secretary, on the phone asking who this Nick guy was!

Since then Nick has been involved in the redevelopment saga, lobbying local and national politicians, as well as the national Supporters Direct initiative. He also prepares the analysis of the Club's annual accounts for U's Net every year.

What led him to get involved in the founding of CFU? "I have enough accounting knowledge to be able to look at the Club's financial results and know for certain that the Club can't prosper without greater support from local business and from the fans. The aim of CFU is to bring the fans and the Club together, maximising support. Both sides get something big out of the set-up - influence (through shareholding and a fans' director) for the fans, money and practical help for the Club.

It seemed to me that helping to set up CFU was the best way that I could give something back to the Club that has given me so much joy, and heartache, over the years. I have friends who are Chelsea or Man Utd. fans, and they have never known the fun, the emotion that I have, following United. We've had some great teams at the Abbey, from the team that achieved League status, through Ron Atkinson's great side and the Cup heroes of the early 90's, to now - I think this team can match the best of them, given a chance. I want to help them, and the Club, achieve the most that they can."

Dave Matthews-Jones

Dave Brown chats with David Stroud

david has been a lifelong fan of the U's, ever since when at the tender age of four, his Dad brought him along to witness our inaugural season in the League (1970-71). It seemed obvious however that Ron Atkinson's Championship side of 1976-77, impressed him the most, because in his best ever categories he plumped for Malcolm Webster in goal, the best ever defender was spread between Steve Fallon, Dave Stringer and Brendon Batson. It was a similar story for midfielders, with Steve Spriggs and Tom Finney being added to Paul Wanless. Up front, David wasn't able to split between Dion Dublin, David Crown and Alan Biley.

Tonight's Cambridge born and bred subject is also a great away fan as well, and many I am sure will recognise him from his photo. He has chalked up an amazing 82 away grounds, all whilst watching the U's, so which ones have impressed him the most? Immediately he replied

"Turf Moor due to the atmosphere generated, shame we won't be going there this season". Funnily enough The Clarets along with Oldham were the away teams who most impressed him last season here at The Abbey.

At the other end of the scale he was pretty scathing about Colchester's Layer Road calling it a "dump"! One away trip that he certainly didn't want reminding of, was our 2-0 FA Cup defeat at Plymouth in 1989. He and his mates were ambushed in their minibus after the game, with the windows being put out by a variety of objects including a skateboard. With the January chill getting through to them, they also got lost going across Dartmoor, eventually arriving back in Cambridge at 5.00 on Sunday morning! Away Supporters in those days had to endure this sort of thing regularly.

This Corona Ender has always been impressed by the openness of the

Club as a whole and also marvels that being such a small Club it appears that everyone seems to know everyone else. His favourite Manager during all of our Football League career which he has witnessed? Without a moments hesitation he replied; "Roy McFarland, not only is he a good Manager working with a small budget, but he is also approachable and very open."

David's love of the Club meant that he wanted to get a lot more involved, and he certainly got his reward when last year he was voted in to become a member of the CUSA. He has since then tended to specialise, not unnaturally, in the Away Travel arm, being champion of their interests. He certainly did his bit in the highly successful Yellow Card protest of January this year, similarly the petition signing in April. Knowing him personally, I know he believes unwaveringly that the CUSA are looking after the interests of the fans and is more than glad that the Board recognise this!

David, I feel, is the sort of guy who is the future, and will strive to ensure that the ordinary Supporters views are taken into account when any major decisions have to be made.

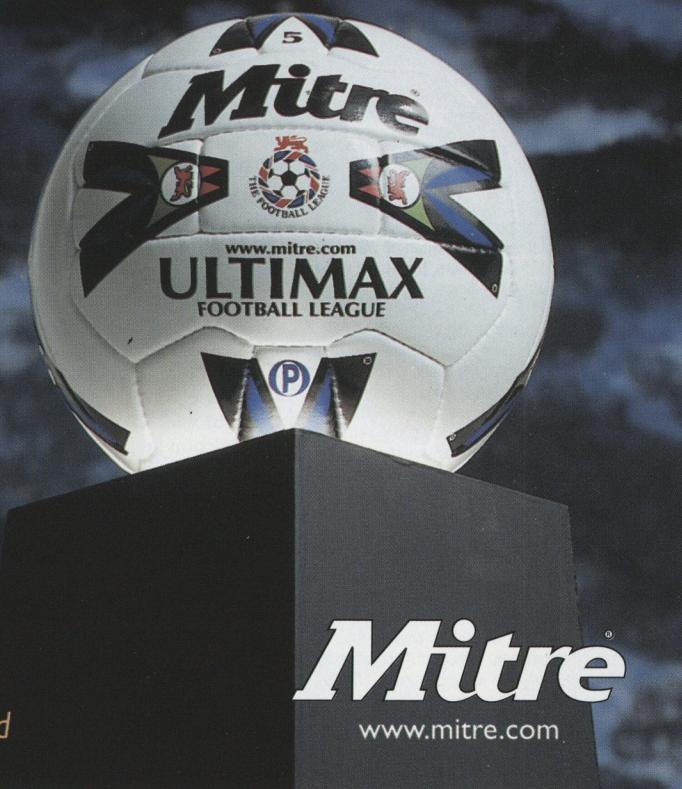
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• F.I.T.C. News with David Toombs

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It has been wet and windy week in the community shed, in preparation for the October half term program. Listed below are all the courses available, including the City Council funded, girls only courses and a Specialist day at Swavesey Village College. This follows on from the successful summer days in Cambridge.

October half term dates two day courses

(CC) Coldhams Common Cambridge 23/10/00-24/10/00 9.30am - 3.00pm £15.00
(LR) Long Rd Sixth Form College 26/10/00-27/10/00 9.30am - 3.00pm £15.00

girls two day course

(LRG) Long Rd Sixth Form College 26/10/00-27/10/00 9.30am - 3.00pm £7.50
(CCG) Coldhams Common Cambridge 23/10/00-24/10/00 9.30am - 3.00pm £7.50

one day courses

(IM) Impington Sports Centre 23/10/00 9.30am - 3.00pm £8.00
(ST) Crosshall School - St Neots 23/10/00 9.30am - 3.00pm £8.00
(IV) Wheatfields School St Ives 24/10/00 9.30am - 3.00pm £8.00
(RO) Heath Sports & Social Club Royston 24/10/00 9.30am - 3.00pm £8.00
(CO) Comberton Village College 25/10/00 9.30am - 3.00pm £8.00

bar hill in service day

Last Friday the community scheme held a fun day at Bar Hill School while the teachers had a training day. The day was a great success with over 50 children attending the day and over £100 being raised for the school.

back to school

With the summer holidays now a distant memory, do not forget about your Cambridge United community activities. The Cambridge United after school club is a great way to get your child (ren) involved with playing football and the Cambridge United Community Scheme. It also gives them a chance to develop their own skills in a familiar and safe environment.

The coaching sessions consist of a warm up, fun games, which incorporate coaching techniques and small-sided games to finish.

There will also be a prize for every one who completes the sessions. Players also have the chance of being recommended to the Cambridge United Centre of Excellence, however the main priority of the after school club is for the children to have some fun.



Mark Nutter & Dave Toombs

This term the community scheme has been involved with over 30 schools. So involve your school in after school, in school coaching sessions or take part in a penalty shoot and help raise funds for the school. Contact David Toombs or Mark Nutter for further information

adidas want to play day

Football in the community projects all over the country invited around 60 children¹ in each locality to join in a "Want to Play?" Day. Adidas sponsored the event, providing each child that takes place with an Adidas football and other Adidas gifts to take home.

The Cambridge United Want to play day was held on the 17th August. Our photograph shows the children who attended the Bristol City game where they received their Adidas prizes from the Want to play day.

matchday visit

Bookings are now being taken for the Match Day visits. These include a tour of the Abbey Stadium, coaching, lunch and a ticket to the game in the afternoon. So if you and your teammates fancy a day out, then arrange a day with the Community Scheme.

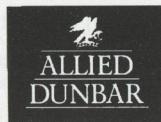
Bookings are also being taken for Birthday parties both at your home and at the club. The club parties are based on the Match Day Visits with the birthday boy or girl receiving a signed Cambridge United ball.

David Toombs & Mark Nutter
Community Officers

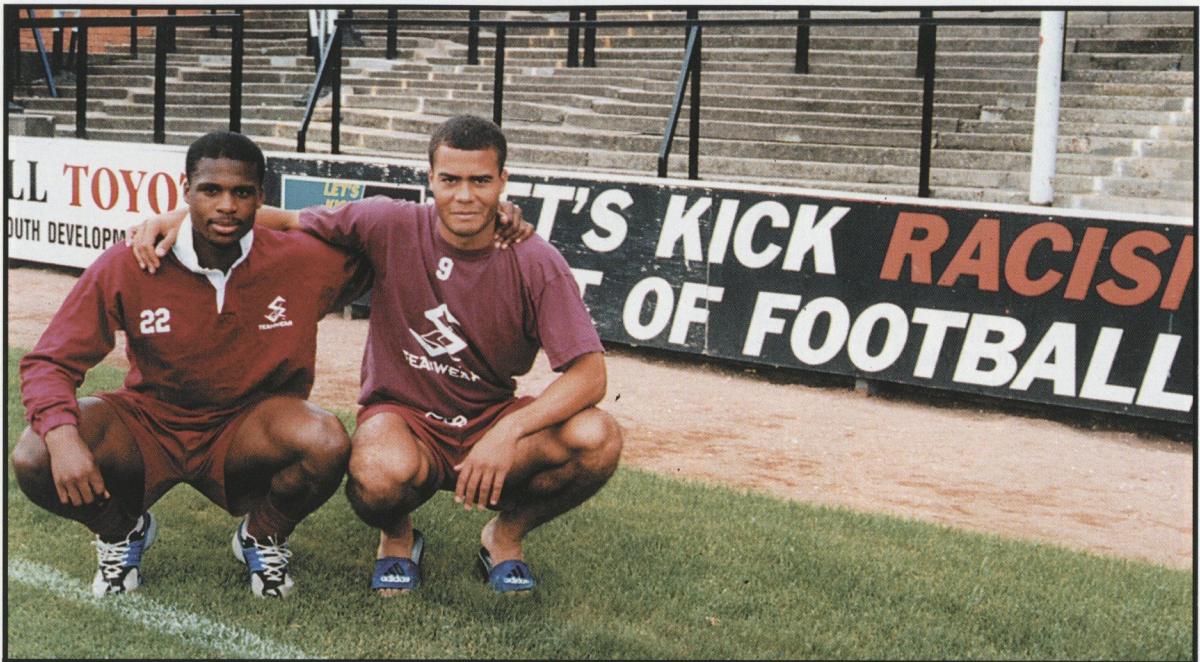
For further information about Football in the Community, contact David Toombs on 01223 416238.



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Back page U's

• What the papers said...

ten goals in four days. Wow! I was really looking forward to reading some column inches about this. But a trawl of local papers from Rotherham and Port Vale respectively drew a blank. The Sheffield Star and Stoke Evening Sentinel (yes, that's what it's really called) weren't playing.

I hunted down the 'web sites, where it appears that everyone connected with Rotherham were too p***** off to write a word on the game. I had a little more luck with Vale, where a solitary poor soul, who sounded totally dejected came up with this opening paragraph:

"After the disgust and emotion I felt after last nights game, I have only just calmed down enough to write a rather more lucid account of what transpired at a so called 'football' match last night at Abbey Rd."

Oh well, all you Abbey Road faithfuls, you may as well read on: "Let's face it, Port Vale were dreadful last night. They were at least consistent enough to carry on the nightmare performance played out some days earlier at Bournemouth where the same unlucky supporters had to witness the same pathetic showing by the Vale team."

As down in the depths as the poor chap sounded, credit where it's due, he did at least give credit where it was due: "From the kick off last night Cambridge showed they were a football team, first touch immaculate and showing good movement and running off the ball, outplaying the Vale team by some way. In some respects they looked like the Vale of old, is this how low Vale have come!"

"For the first twenty minutes Cambridge made all the running with the odd exception of the lively Minton getting hold of the ball and holding it up well. In the 20th minute after more Vale headless chicken routine in defence, Uriah Rennie gave a penalty which was duly dispatched.

He summed up the entire second half with this couple of sentences, gave more credit to United and Steve Slade, who obviously caught his eye: "The rest of the game went pretty much of a blur as Cambridge looked a class outfit and could have scored lots more than the 4 goals. Their last goal - a half volley by the impressive Abbey (I think) - looked impressive even from the other end of the ground."

Verdict: Horton must go before a Stoke embarrassment.

Man of the Match: Abbey (Cambridge striker)

Gordon Theobald

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The Twilight Zone

tales from the gaslit end of the stats book...

the wrong net most own goals by a united player

5 Steve Fallon

3 Lindsay Smith

2 Alan Guild, Brendon Batson, Chris Turner, Mark Crowe, Jamie Campbell

It must be pointed out that Fallon and Lindsay played a lot of games for the U's, so the law of averages works against them. Of the players listed above it is Mark Crowe who has the worst strike rate (an own goal every 261/2 matches). John Dreyer's deflected own goal was the 44th occasion when a United player scored an own goal.

York have benefitted three times from own goals by United players. In February 1974 an Alan Guild deflection helped them to a 2-0 win, but the most astonishing game came in September 1984 when Steve Fallon got two own goals in a 2-3 defeat at Bootham Crescent in the Third Division. He put York in front after three minutes with a deflection, then put York 3-1 up after 84 minutes with a mis-hit clearance.

Two months later, Richard Overton put through his own net whilst playing for Burnley to give United a 2-0 lead, then Fallon booted again to level the match at 2-2. Burnley eventually won 3-2.

Other U's matches to feature an own goal on each side are a Division Four game against Maidstone in September 1989 when Lindsay Smith's misdirected header gave the Stones the lead, only for Tony Pamphlett to score a classic o.g. when he ran the ball into the net when under no pressure at all to make it 2-2.

Three months later Colin Baille turned the ball into his own net to give Lincoln the lead, then Matt Carmichael volleyed in an own goal to give United a 3-2 lead. Carmichael made amends by scoring an equaliser for Lincoln, who then went on to win 4-3.

Other players who have scored a goal for each side are: Eddie Garbett for Barrow in January 1971 in a 3-3 draw; Alan Biley for Cambridge at Burnley in November 1979 (Burnley won 5-3); George Oghani for Bolton in May 1985 (United lost 2-3); Neal Heaney for Cambridge in a 6-1 win over Bristol Rovers in February 1992; Ricky Otto of Birmingham who scored all the goals in a 1-1 draw against Cambridge in December 1994 and our own dear John Taylor who emulated the feat against Shrewsbury in January 1998 (another 1-1 draw).

Other teams have gifted United own goals on 48 occasions. Teams from the South-west being particularly adept at it. Exeter players Munks and Bond got an own goal each in a 1-4 home defeat in April 1974, whilst Kruse and Sandercock did the same in a 2-2 draw in January 1977. Kruse's goal being the fastest o.g. ever at six seconds.

Where United players have gaffed, the opposition has won 28 times, with 9 draws and 6 U's wins. Where the other team have booted, United have been victorious 28 times, lost 8 times with 10 drawn.

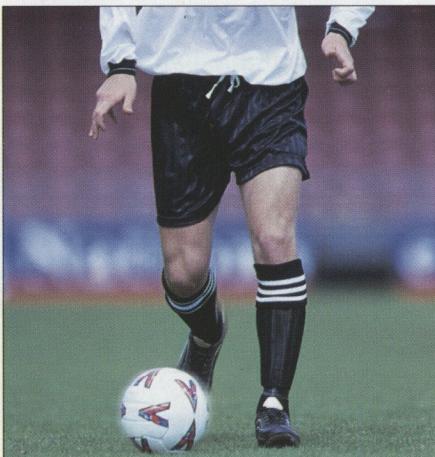
Most spectacular U's own goal is probably a bicycle kick from Graham Howell against Stockport in September 1975. The only really crucial one was Jamie Campbell's in the giantkilling by Stevenage in 1997. The two most memorable to benefit Cambridge were Dave Thompson's backpass that enabled us to knock First Division Millwall out of the FA Cup in 1990 and Lee Sinnott's wild slice that won us promotion against Bradford a year later.

Mis-directed clearances are the most common type of own goal (39%), followed by deflections (24%), turning the ball into the wrong net (20%), sliced clearances (10%) and backpasses (7%).

Statistics gathered from 'Cambridge United - A Complete League Record' by Kevin Palmer (published October 2000)



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with Graham Eales

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Membership of the Band is open to all, regardless of age, ability or previous musical experience and anyone wanting to know more about Arco Iris.

get your kit on for shelter

Last week all the office staff wore their Cambridge United colours with pride in support of the national Get Your Kit on for Shelter Campaign.

At the end of the week when we secured the final go ahead for the re-development of the Abbey Stadium we all hope this is the last administrative staff team photo to be taken outside the 'temporary' offices in which we've been based for the past 20 plus years.

The picture shows Roy and the office staff outside CUFC Reception.



The players are pictured with HMV Manager John Abrahams performing the draw and the lucky winner of a platinum disc of Robbie Williams 'Sing When You're Winning' was Simon MacLean who is here as our guest tonight to receive his prize.

As well as music from HMV tonight we also have some live music performed by Arco Iris the Cambridge community samba band.

Arco Iris was formed in 1994 with help from the City Council to encourage the playing of street music. Much of their repertoire is inspired by Brazilian and Cuban street music and they perform

50 year old memories

Looking forward to next year when we celebrate 50 years of Cambridge United we are thinking of various celebratory ideas. We would welcome any help from supporters regarding the Club at the time

of the switch from Abbey United to Cambridge United which was sanctioned at the end of the 1950-51 season with the team playing its first game as CUFC on August 18th at home to Great Yarmouth.

If anyone has a team strip, newspaper article, Match day programme, colour photos or anything similar we would love

to borrow the items to help us in our planning for the Year. If you have anything tucked away in your attic, which you think is relevant, please give us a call here at the Club and speak to Colin, Katie or myself.

marvin aloose about the country

Marvin has been very active in recent weeks with high profile appearances in the Mascot Grand National at



Huntingdon Racecourse and the England v Germany U21 International at Pride Park, Derby County's ground but watch this space for more details in a forthcoming programme.

matchday videos

CU in association with the Club are now producing full length, commercial reproductions in VHS format of all our home games starting with tonight's match. The cost is £10 and anyone interested in ordering a copy needs to call at the Trailer outside the Club Shop after the game.

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colchester tickets....new dates....stewards required....new lottery launch....young ladies....important safety information....10 to tackle answers

the match at Colchester on October 21st is all-ticket for Cambridge United fans. Season Ticket holders and Away Travel Club Members had the chance to buy a ticket up to kick-off time today, so all remaining tickets will now go on sale after tonight's final whistle.

new dates

New dates for the matches at Swindon and Wrexham have now been confirmed. We will now be travelling to Swindon on Tuesday, October 31st for a 7.45pm kick-off and to Wrexham on Tuesday, November 21st. Kick-off in Wales will be at 7.30pm.

As ever, the Away Travel Club will be running coaches to the matches. Contact the Club Shop to book you place.

stewards required

More Stewards are urgently required for matchday work. If you are aged between 18 and 55, physically fit and interested in becoming a steward here at The Abbey, please contact Stadium Manager **Ian Darler** on **01223 566500**. It would be an advantage if you are used to dealing with the public, but no experience is necessary - just common sense.

And still on the subject of matchday staff, we are also on the look-out for a few more programme sellers. If you are over 16,

reasonably outgoing and used to handling cash, please contact **Mark Johnson** on **01223 566500**. We look forward to hearing from you.

it's a lottery

With the building of the redeveloped Abbey Stadium due to start during early April 2001 the time has come to begin serious fund raising. The first of a number of funding initiatives is to be launched next Tuesday at the Stoke match.

"The Great Weather Lottery" will feature in the programme, be announced on the pitch and be in a special leaflet on the night. The scheme has already been tried, with tremendous success, by several League and Premiership Clubs and we have high expectations of it as a major contributor to our funding needs. You will soon be able to read about it in the press, in the programme, and pickup a leaflet at several sales points around the Stadium.

Our target for the first year is to raise £100,000 ... we can do that with your help. All money raised for redevelopment will be put into the "Abbey Stadium Redevelopment Trust".

The Trust has six Trustees who are Brian Attmore, Paul Mayes, Tony Douglas, Renford, Sargent, Gary Harwood and Richard Summerfield.

young ladies

The opening game for the Cambridge United Women's under 12 side was an even match against Cherry Hinton Crusaders. New signing Emily Deibert rifled home the opening goal from a cross by Georgina Spilsbury. The second half was more even and brought saves galore from both keepers. With two minutes to go, Cherry Hinton turned on the pressure and levelled the score when the ball slipped under the body of the United goalkeeper, trickling into the net. Both managers are looking forward to the rematch! **Cambridge United A under 12 1 Cherry Hinton 1**.

The under 14s started their season with a pleasing win over Atzecs. Amanda Binge led the way with 5 goals. Naomi Lyon scored a hat trick on her debut. Kerry Elmer, Sian Randall and Sarah Gee netted one each. **Cambridge United under 14 11 Aztecs 1**.

The C.U.W.Y.F.C. are still looking for girls to join. Ages from 8-13. Training takes place on Thursdays on the Coldham's Common Astroturf from 6 to 7 pm. Please contact John Everton on 01353 741109 or Adrain Gee on 01223 571272 for more information.

safety matters

All safety announcements will be preceded by a 'bing-bong' sound from the tannoy. Please listen carefully to any subsequent information.

10 to tackle answers

1. Jan Molby
2. Moss Rose Ground
3. Finland
4. The Tykes
5. Hereford Utd
6. Bristol Rovers
7. Oldham (home)
8. Preston N.E.
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action shot



Jonas Axeldal in action against Bristol Rovers



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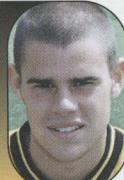
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● Nationwide League Division Two News

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It seems like an absolute age since we were all here at The Abbey, and I appear to have what seems like hundreds of matches to catch up on. The Bristol Rovers game a few weeks ago was a touch strange I think you will all agree, but we proved it was a one off by going to Oldham a week later and coming away with an easy three points. Let's hope the trend continues this evening against Luton.

The Hatters, under new manager Ricky Hill, currently lie in 22nd place with just one win to their credit, so will be looking to turn things around here tonight. Their last three games have brought just one point, due to home defeats against Swindon, 2-3, and Millwall, 0-1, with their point coming in a creditable 3-3 draw away Bristol Rovers.

saddlers soar

Walsall have won gained maximum points in their last three matches and are currently three points clear at the top of Division Two. Portuguese striker Jorge Leitao has been in sparkling form of late, bagging goals in all of the aforementioned wins. The first of his trio came in a narrow 1-0 victory away at Wrexham, which was followed by a 67th minute strike in the Saddlers

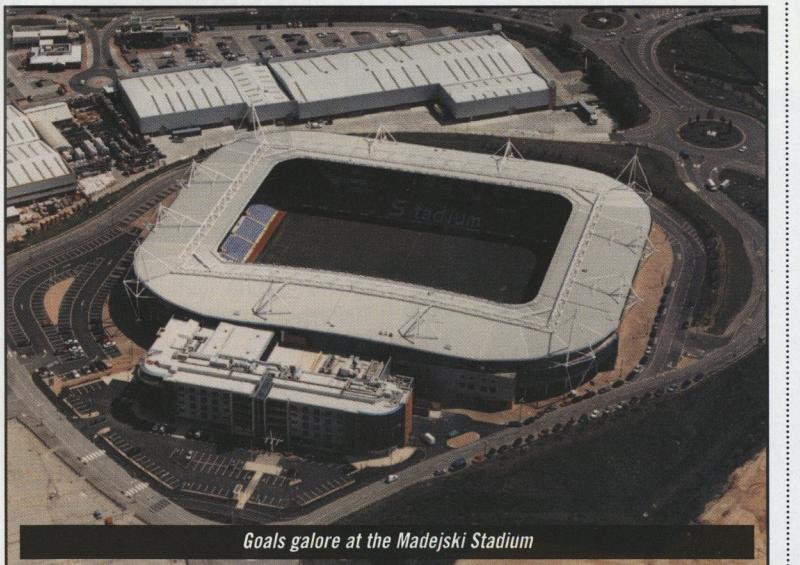
thumping 5-1 home success against Struggling Notts County. He then scored the decisive second goal in another away victory, this time at Colchester, 2-0 the final scoreline. The win also came despite the 16th minute sending off of Tony Barras for a professional foul. £150,000 signing Leitao has now bagged six goals this season, and along with Brett Angell and Darren Byfield the frontline have notched an impressive 16 goals.

Another side with no problems in front of goal are Reading. They have scored nine in the past three matches, and now lie in fourth place. Ex-U Martin Butler is now the Division's top scorer with eight League goals and he, like Leitao, has scored in the last three fixtures. The floppy-haired forward won a man of the match award for his hat-trick against Swansea during a 5-1 win at The Madejski Stadium, and then took just six minutes to score at Rotherham in The Royals fine 3-1 away win.

He then continued his exploits with a 9th minute goal in a tough 1-1 draw with Wigan at The JJB Stadium last Friday night.

shakers on a roll

Bury continue to confound the critics and have won all of their last three



Goals galore at the Madejski Stadium

fixtures...

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Bournemouth v Rotherham United
Brentford v Peterborough United
Bristol Rovers v Northampton T.
Millwall v Bury
Notts County v Wigan Athletic
Oldham Athletic v Swindon Town
Oxford United v Wrexham
Port Vale v Colchester United
Reading v Wycombe Wanderers
Swansea City v Stoke City
Walsall v Bristol City



games. An easy 2-0 home win over a desperate Port Vale side was followed up a week later with an away victory at Swansea, again the scoreline 2-0. They then faced Bristol Rovers at Gigg Lane in one of Division Two's more attractive fixtures last weekend. The Shakers ran out 1-0 victors and stay in second place thanks to a Nick Daws goal in the 81st minute, with Rovers despair added too in the 76th minute with the sending off of 17-year-old midfielder Steve Foster.

Millwall seem to be profiting from the appointment of Mark McGhee as their new first team manager, and as with Bury have gained a maximum nine points. The previously mentioned success over tonight's opponents Luton was preceded with a 5-0 win over bottom placed Oxford, in which Neil Harris bagged a classy hatrick, and a ridiculously easy 4-1 win at London Road in the clash with Peterborough. As a result of this The Lions move up to 5th place with two games in hand.

After that 5-0 drubbing Oxford parted company with manager Denis Smith, who has bizarrely stayed on at the Club to help appoint his successor! Since his 'departure' the other U's have lost two M4 derbies, the first being a 1-0

defeat at home to Bristol City which prompted an after match protest, and the second a narrow 2-1 loss at the County Ground at the hands of slowly improving Swindon, who had a week earlier drawn 2-2 at the same venue with Bruce Rioch's 6th placed Wigan side.

chairboys challenge

Jumping quickly back to the top of the table, Wycombe have also put together an impressive run that has seen them claim a maximum nine point haul. The signing of Andy Rammell seems to have paid dividends and the disappointment of losing Sean Devine to long-term injury is fast fading for the fans at Adams Park. The former Walsall man grabbed the winner in a 1-0 travelling victory over Port Vale a fortnight ago, and was on hand to knock in the Chairboys' second goal during last weeks 3-1 win at home to Notts County, who bagged their only point in a month during a 2-2 draw with Brentford. Three weeks ago Lawrie Sanchez side also defeated table dropping Peterborough 2-0 in Buckinghamshire, which means his charges remain in third place on 21 points. Barry Fry's not-so-Posh side then regained some missing pride with a 2-0 win over lowly Port Vale to leave them in 12th position.



Bournemouth's Dean Court - baffling performances by The Cherries

"Sean O'Driscoll remains mystified as his Bournemouth side gained just two points from their last four games, despite some improved performances"

Just above Boro' in 11th place are Northampton, who have had mixed fortunes lately. They fell to two first half Wigan strikes in the 2-1 loss at The JJB Stadium last month, then a week later scored two second half goals at home to freescoring Wrexham, who had taken a speedy 2-0 lead after just 18 minutes. Jamie Forrester grabbed the point for them with a spectacular 87th minute goal, powerfully lobbing the Robins keeper from all of 25 yards.

bournemouth baffled

Sean O'Driscoll remains mystified as his Bournemouth side gained just two points from their last four games, despite some improved performances and a total of seven goals. They dominated against Oldham but had to rely on a 62nd minute Steve Fletcher goal to secure a 1-1 draw, then took a 1-0 lead at Brentford only to lose 3-2. The following week they again took a 1-0 lead, this time at home to Wrexham,

but conceded two goals in the last three minutes to go down 2-1. Moreover, in the game at Bristol City last week they once again took the lead but were then victims of a twelve-minute Tony Thorpe hat-trick to trail 3-1 after just 38 minutes. However, a Claus Jorgenson goal on 44, and an 89th minute Gareth O'Connor strike sealed a point for the hardworking Hampshire side.

Bristol City themselves are still finding Division Two life tough. Along with this draw and the win over Oxford they also stumbled to a 1-1 home stalemate with Colchester, which leaves them in 19th place.

Meanwhile, Oldham have continued their poor start to the campaign. As well the 3-1 home reverse to The Mighty U's and the draw at Bournemouth they were soundly beaten last weekend by Ronnie Moore's progressing Rotherham side. 3-0 was the final scoreline, so Andy Ritchie's days in the hot-seat are now surely numbered as his side drop to 23rd place.

Tuesday's visitors to The Abbey are Stoke City, who are currently in 9th place but like United have two games in hand. The Potters have also suffered from the same fixture headache as United recently, but have been boosted by the return from injury of Peter Thorne. He popped up to convert the winner during the single goal success at Colchester the weekend before last, then saved the Staffordshire sides blushes by scoring in the 81st minute to secure a point against Rotherham in the 1-1 draw at The Britannia Stadium.

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Sat 19 Aug	AFC Bournemouth	A	D1-1 (19th)	4,869 (448)	Perez
Tue 22 Aug	Portsmouth (Worthington C1(1))	H	0-0	2,904 (480)	Perez
Sat 26 Aug	Bristol City	H	W1-0 (11th)	3,715 (640)	Perez
Mon 28 Aug	Notts County	A	W1-0 (6th)	5,020 (709)	Perez
Sat 2 Sep	Oxford United	A	D1-1 (7th)	4,479 (608)	Perez
Tue 5 Sep	Portsmouth (Worthington C1(2))	A	Lo-1	5,578 (200)	Perez
Sat 9 Sep	Rotherham United	H	W6-1 (4th)	3,925 (485)	Perez
Tue 12 Sep	Port Vale	H	W4-0 (2nd)	3,660 (160)	Perez
Sat 23 Sep	Bristol Rovers	H	Lo-3 (6th)	4,624 (516)	Perez
Sat 30 Sep	Oldham Athletic	A	W3-1 (6th)	3,888 (269)	Perez
Fri 13 Oct	Luton Town	H	8.00pm		
Tue 17 Oct	Stoke City	H	7.45pm		
Sat 21 Oct	Colchester United	A	3.00pm		
Tue 24 Oct	Northampton Town	H	7.45pm		
Sat 28 Oct	Millwall	A	3.00pm		
Tue 31 Oct	Swindon Town	A	7.45pm		
Sat 4 Nov	Brentford	H	3.00pm		
Sat 11 Nov	Wigan Athletic	A	3.00pm		
Sat 18 Nov	FA Cup 1				
Tue 21 Nov	Wrexham	A	7.30pm		
Sat 25 Nov	Swansea City	H	3.00pm		
Sat 2 Dec	Reading	A	3.00pm		
Sat 9 Dec	F.A. Cup 2				
Fri 15 Dec	Peterborough United	H	8.00pm		
Sat 23 Dec	Walsall	A	3.00pm		
Tue 26 Dec	Wycombe Wanderers	H	3.00pm		
Sat 30 Dec	AFC Bournemouth	H	3.00pm		
Mon 1 Jan	Bristol City	A	3.00pm		
Sat 6 Jan	Bury	A	3.00pm		
Sat 13 Jan	Notts County	H	3.00pm		
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Sat 3 Feb	OXFORD UNITED	H	3.00pm		
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Sat 17 Feb	Swindon Town	H	3.00pm		
Tue 20 Feb	Port Vale	A	7.45pm		
Sat 24 Feb	Bristol Rovers	A	3.00pm		
Sat 3 Mar	Oldham Athletic	H	3.00pm		
Tue 6 Mar	Luton Town	A	7.45pm		
Sat 10 Mar	Wrexham	H	3.00pm		
Sat 17 Mar	Stoke City	A	3.00pm		

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Sat 31 Mar	Peterborough United	A	3.00pm		
Sat 7 Apr	Reading	H	3.00pm		
Fri 13 Apr	Northampton Town	A	7.45pm		
Mon 16 Apr	Millwall	H	3.00pm		
Sat 21 Apr	Brentford	A	3.00pm		
Sat 28 Apr	Wigan Athletic	H	3.00pm		
Sat 5 May	Swansea City	A	3.00pm		

Goalscorers in Red, 1 2 3 - Players introduced/Replaced

U's Roll (2) 2000/2001

Player	Apps 2000/2001			Goals 2000/2001			League Career		
	Lge	Cup	Total	Lge	Cup	Total	U's Apps	U's Gls	Walsall
Zema Abbey	9	1 (1)	10 (1)	3	0	3	17	3	Bury
Ian Ashbee	.9	2	11	2	0	2	128	9	Weymouth Wanderers
Jonas Axeldal	.9	2	7 (2)	1	0	1	7	1	Reading
Dan Chillingworth	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	Millwall
Tom Cowan	8	1	9	0	0	0	12	0	Wigan Athletic
John Dreyer	9	2	11	0	0	0	9	0	Cambridge United
Andy Duncan	9	2	11	0	0	0	88	2	Rotherham United
John Hansen	0 (2)	1	1 (2)	0	0	0	18	3	Stoke City
Marc Joseph	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	0	Bristol Rovers
Nathan Lamey	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	4	0	Northampton Town
Neil McKenzie	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	Wrexham
James Mercer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Colchester United
Neil Mustoe	3 (5)	2	5 (5)	0	0	0	75	3	Rotherham United
Shaun Marshall	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	Swansea City
Steve McNamee	9	2	11	0	0	0	9	0	Bristol City
Martin McNeil	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	Northampton Town
James Mercer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Peterborough United
Lionel Perez	9	2	11	0	0	0	120	1	2
David Prece	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	1	Brentford
Alex Russell	8 (1)	1 (1)	9 (2)	2	0	2	61	9	Port Vale
Steve Slade	2 (4)	0 (1)	2 (5)	1	0	1	7	1	Luton Town
Adam Tann	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oldham Athletic
John Taylor	1 (3)	0 (1)	1 (4)	0	0	0	297	83	Oxford United
Paul Wanless	9	2	11	2	0	2	182	25	
Tom Youngs	8 (1)	1 (1)	9 (2)	5	0	5	39	14	

The teams

• the line-up's for today's fixture...



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 3. Ian Ashbee
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 6. Neil Mustoe
 7. Paul Wanless
 8. John Taylor
 9. John Hansen
 10.
 11. Alex Russell
 12. Tom Cowan
 13. Shaun Marshall
 14.
 15. Tom Youngs
 16. David Preece
 17. Steve Slade
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 20. John Dreyer
 21. Adam Tann
 22. Zema Abbey
 23. Neil Mackenzie
 24. Steve McAnespie
 25. Martin McNeil
 26. Nathan Lamey
 27. Daniel Chillingworth
 28.
 29. Jonas Axeldal
 30.
 31. James Mercer
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 34.

Luton Town

1. Mark Ovendale
 2. Gavin McGowan
 3.
 4. Matthew Spring
 5. Julian Watts
 6. Marvin Johnson
 7. Peter Thomson
 8. Paul McLaren
 9. Stuart Douglas
 10. Mark Stein
 11. Liam George
 12. Adam Locke
 13. Stuart Fraser
 14. Andrew Fotiadis
 15. Matthew Taylor
 16. Nathan Abbey
 17. Emmerson Boyce
 18. Tresor Kandol
 19. James Ayres
 20. Peter Holmes
 21. Andre Scarlett
 22. Dean Brennan
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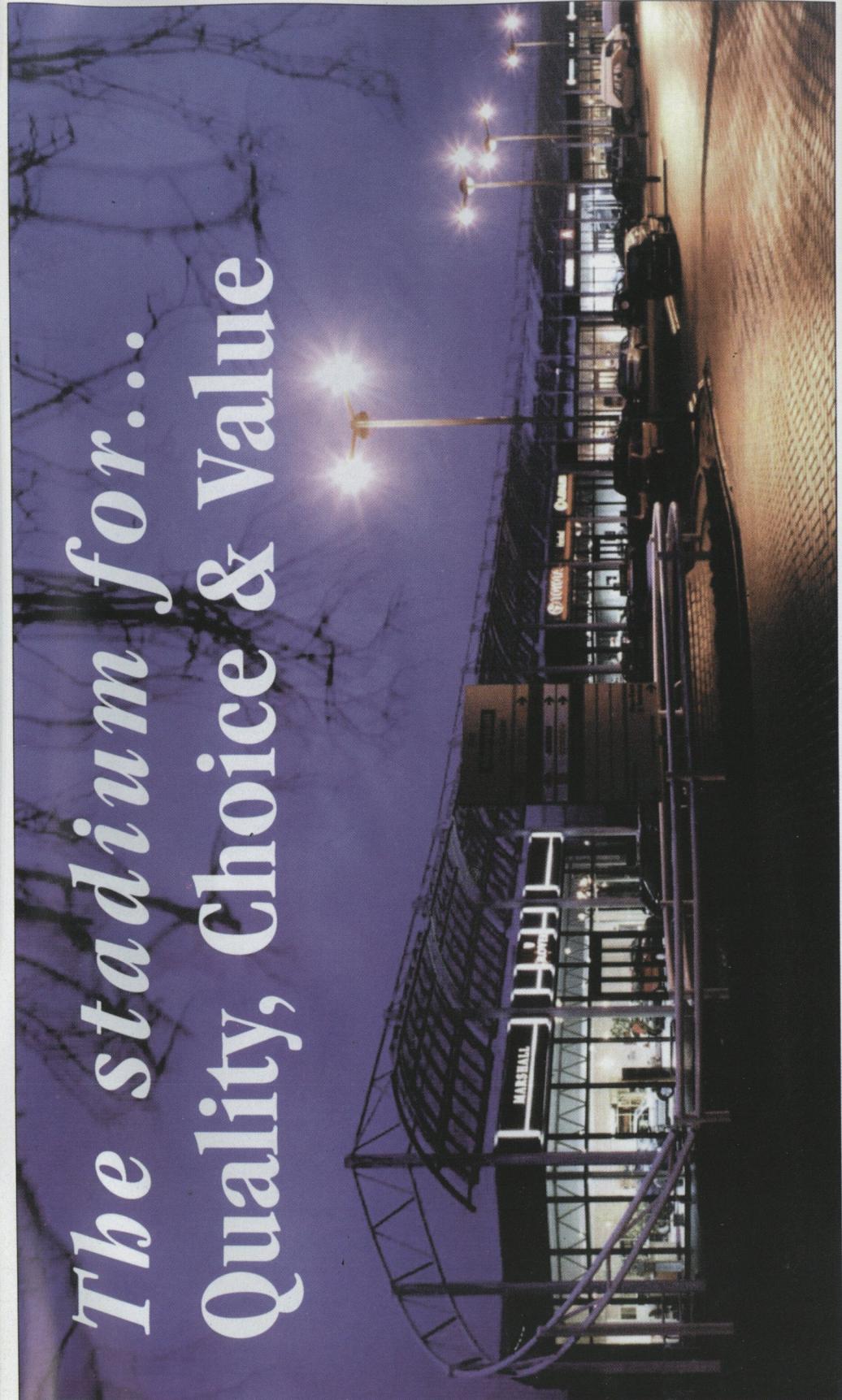
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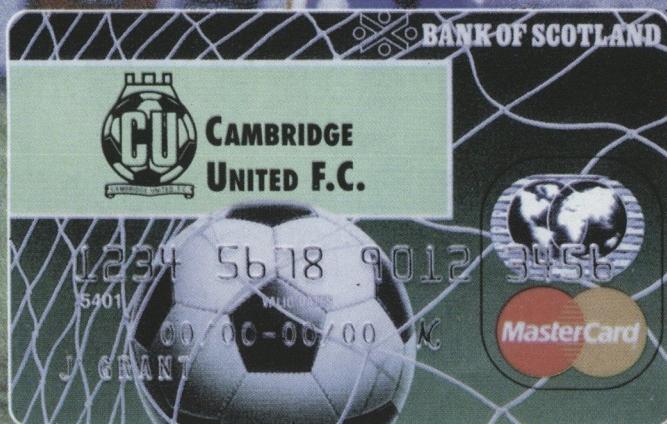
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