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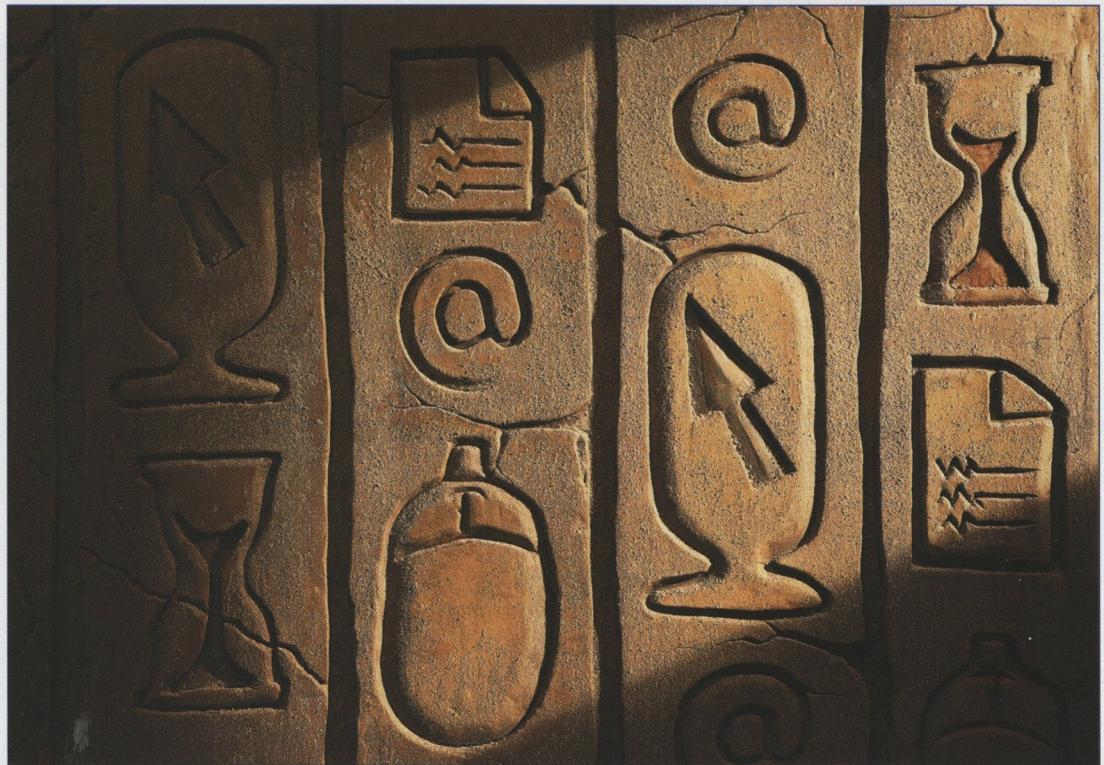
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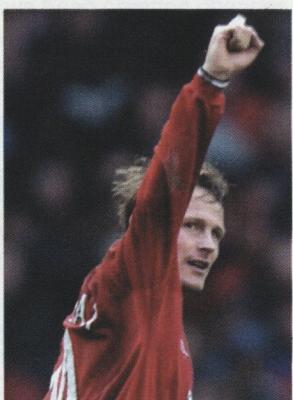
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## the boss in black & white

We created chances aplenty and Jeff Minton marked his return to midfield by scoring with a shot and a header. I cannot remember him missing a penalty before but miss he did to deny him a hat-trick which would have been some comeback.

We have not exactly been over blessed with goals from the middle of the park so it was good to see not only Jeff Minton but also Dave Brammer (for the second game running) and Marc Bridge-Wilkinson find the net.

There is an art to winning games and one thing you do not do is to go 'bombing on' for more goals when the game is effectively over.

We have been creating chances and, until last Sunday been reasonably tight but, as Stoke and Colchester from our division found out these ties are never easy.

We had decent support at Canvey Island and by and large, people seem to be enjoying watching us play but quite simply we have to win more games. For all our improvement in form of late we still hover above the trap door and, although we have a couple of games in hand over teams around us, we urgently need the points.

The mood in the camp is good and the players are more confident. We also appear to be injury free which broadens the scope for selection and increases competition for places.

Brian Horton



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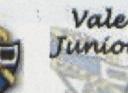
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14	Swansea	06	8	
15	Peterborough	07	8	
16	<b>PORT VALE</b>	06	7	
17	Bournemouth	06	6	
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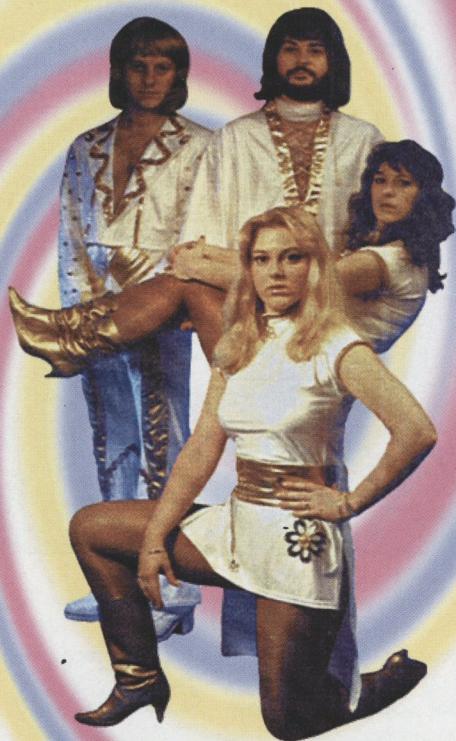
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Hi, and welcome to this afternoons game with Luton. As I'm sure everyone is aware Luton have acquired a new manager recently and they will be hoping to show an immediate improvement in their league form after safely negotiating a tricky First round tie in the F.A. Cup against local Non League opposition, Rushden and Diamonds.

We on the other hand have still to dispose of our First round opponents, Canvey Island, who showed great fighting spirit on Sunday to take the tie into a replay. Where as the score did make good headlines for the media, we were extremely disappointed to have let such a comfortable lead slip from our grasp in the last couple of minutes.

Thankfully the replay will be here at Vale Park on Tuesday night and we will endeavour to grab our second chance with both hands. (This game cannot be taken for granted, as our neighbours found to their cost at Nuneaton on Tuesday!). As for our league displays of late, well, they have been somewhat disrupted by the torrential rain most of the country has been suffering. Due to this, on a personal note it is has taken three weeks for my one match suspension to be completed.

During this period I trained with and played in two reserve games and it is refreshing to be able to say how enjoyable it is to see how the younger lads at the club apply themselves day to day. This is such an important time in their careers as this "grounding" will stand them in good stead for the rest of their respective lives as footballers. They probably won't say it yet but I'm sure they'll look back and really appreciate the effort and enthusiasm of all the coaching staff here at The Vale.

I'll finish by thanking you once again for the terrific reception we were given after our draw here against Millwall. It shows the standards we are setting ourselves when we are disappointed with a draw against one of the really fancied teams in the division. Lets hope for a change of luck in front of goal.

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by Jean Jackson

**T**he fuss about a foreigner in charge of the England football team fails to abate. I read several more letters in the weekend press castigating the men in suits at the FA for the appointment of Sven Goran Eriksson claiming lack of patriotism by those individuals responsible for the decision. I am increasingly left wondering by recent events, however, who in the higher echelons of our game really cares about England?

The managers, players and fans all seem quite happy to put club before country. The recent game against Italy was a case in point. Of those players picked in the original squad four significant members of the party, Owen, Scholes, Smith and Brown all cried off from the game. All, however, played for their clubs both the weekend before and the weekend after the match. One wonders how these four players all picked up the sort of injury which kept them out for one game only at just the time when the game concerned was not for their employers but their country. Could none of these players even risk travelling with the party? After all, the venue of the Italy match would surely have given them the opportunity of testing the miraculous healing powers of the Turin Shroud! Some players would crawl on glass for the opportunity to put on a white shirt but others it seems are too easily put off by a broken finger nail or something of that ilk.

Of the managers concerned, none was English of course, perhaps explaining to some extent their reticence in releasing these players for a friendly. One of the individuals, however, the Scottish gentleman from Old Trafford, was actually promoted by some pundits as a possible candidate for the England job! Is it a mere coincidence that this same gentleman has never made much of an effort to sign Scottish internationals in his team would perhaps have stretched his loyalties too much. Denying England is one thing but Scotland, now that's another matter!! Over the years there have been many English managers who were loath to release players to the international squad. Indeed one of the worst went on to become England manager himself and suddenly found out how it felt!

So if a number of the players aren't that bothered about England and the managers, many of whom are "foreign", don't give a monkey's, what do the fans feel about it? If I were to ask you the question, "Which would you prefer - England to win the World Cup or Vale to win the Premiership?" I suspect I wouldn't have to wait longer than thirty seconds for your considered opinion. That's not to say that we wouldn't all be absolutely delighted if the boys with three lions on their chests picked up that little gold trophy but it wouldn't actually be top of our collective wish list! How

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many of us given the choice between bringing on a local youngster with real potential who might be really big in five or six years and signing Luis Figo who will definitely win us something tomorrow would make the patriotic choice? The majority, I'm sure, would want jam today. We would want the man best able to do a job NOW - which in my humble opinion, is exactly what we've got with Mr Eriksson.



Alex Ferguson - Has never made an effort to sign Scottish players

## APPEAL FOR WITNESSES

We have been contacted by people appealing for witnesses to an incident in London two years ago. On 21st February 1998 between seven and eight in the evening two men were arrested on the main concourse of Euston Station by plain clothes police officers.

Friends and family of the two men believe that the arrest was unduly violent. A crowd of people watched the events and some of them are believed to have been Port Vale fans returning from the QPR game. Did you see the arrest? If so contact Nogah Ofer, Hickman and Rose Solicitors, 144 Liverpool Road, London, N1 1LA. Telephone 020 7700 2211.

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Yours sincerely,  
Nora Clarke  
Poppy Appeal Organiser

## RE-ARRANGED RESERVE FIXTURE

The Avon Insurance Premier League game between Rotherham United and Port Vale will now be played on Wednesday 6th December at Millmoor instead of Tuesday 5th. Kick-off is at 7pm.



## FANZINE HITS THE STREET

The editor of the Beano has bullied me into giving the magazine a plug in



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Was that a good enough plug, Dick?

## THE VALE PARK BEANO

## MAN OF THE MATCH PRESENTATION

Tony Goodier of Oasis Travel is pictured presenting midfielder Dave Brammer with a Man of the Match award. The travel agents sponsored the game against Millwall.

## NEWS ON EX-PLAYERS

Andy Porter popped into the club on his day off last week and ended up staying most of the morning. He has now signed a contract at Chester which will run until he is 35. He is enjoying working alongside the very young squad there and is particularly pleased to have linked up with another Vale favourite Paul Beesley who is assistant manager - both of them are a pair of notorious practical jokers.

Mark Snijders also telephoned last week. He has now retired completely from football and is working as a project manager for a construction company in Holland - he is a qualified building engineer. He married his long-term girlfriend in the Summer and is enjoying the job but misses us.

Jon McCarthy is another ex-player who can be seen now and again around the club. He still buys a lot of his sportswear from the Vale shop as he says they sell the best boots and studs there.

And Stewart Talbot earned a place in last weekend's Nationwide Team of the Week.

## FAIR PLAY

Port Vale are still holding on to the second place

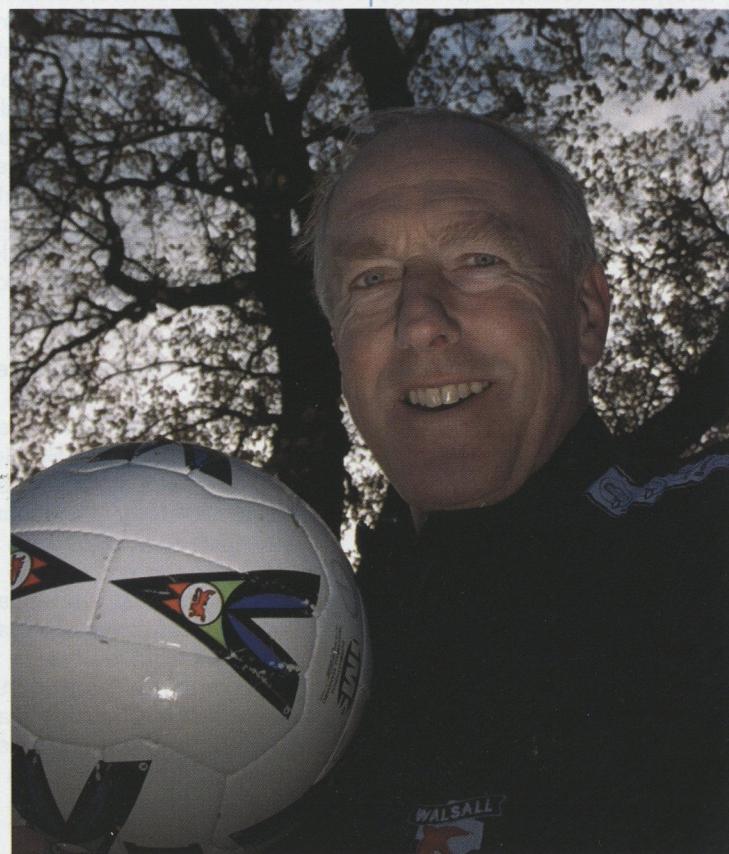
spot in the Fair Play league and are creeping up on Peterborough who are in top spot.

Vale have an average of 12.3 points per game while Peterborough have 11.4. Points are awarded so each team receives one point for a foul, two points for a booking and five points for a red card. Bottom of the table are Reading averaging at 18.3 points a game while Stoke are fifth from bottom with an average of 16.8 points a match.

## TICKETS AND TRAVEL TO WALSALL

Admission for the game against Walsall on Saturday 2nd December is on the turnstile and prices are £14 adults and £10 concessions with no student discounts.

The official coaches leave the Hamil Road Car Park at 1pm and seats can be booked in the Marketing Department for £6 adults and £5 OAPs and juveniles.



Ray Graydon - Manager of Walsall

# luton town

Luton Town, our welcome visitors to Vale Park for this afternoon's Nationwide League Division Two game, are struggling at the minute, unable to string a run of results together and as a consequence find themselves far too near the foot of the table for comfort!

They have only won two League matches in 17 starts so far this season - the first shortly after the start of the campaign, 1-0 at home against Bournemouth, and the second more recently, 3-1 v. Brentford, also at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters have since replaced Ricky Hill, a former player, in the manager's seat with Lil Fuccillo, another ex-Town star. And he knows all too well what a difficult period from now until the turn of the year, this is going to be for himself, his coach and assistant John Moore, and moreso for his players.

Anymore defeats could see the Hatters faced (even at this early stage in the proceedings) with a possible relegation battle on their hands as we enter 2001. In fact, if you glance at the League table, Luton Town are already five points adrift of the safety line!

They have been beaten in each of their last two home games - 4-3 to Wrexham (after holding a 3-0 lead with 35 minutes remaining) and 3-0 at the hands of in-form Bristol City. Their last away game resulted in a 1-1 draw against fellow strugglers Bury.

After last weekend's difficult but rewarding first round FA

Cup clash with Rushden & Diamonds of the Nationwide Conference, which ended in a 1-0 win, Luton MUST soon start recording League victories. But that's easier said than done - the Valiants know that and consequently even the club's staunchest supporters are expecting a long, hard winter at Kenilworth Road!

Former boss Ricky Hill rung the changes but to no avail. Injuries certainly didn't help matters and know his predecessor, Lil Fuccillo must inject some positive thinking and performances into his players - or else!!

In the summer Mark Stein returned to the club on a free transfer from Bournemouth. Goalkeeper Mark Ovendale, signed for £425,000, was also recruited from Dean Court, while two Sheffield Wednesday players, Peter Holmes and Dean Brennan along with Freidrich Breitenfelder on a 'free' from FC Polten moved to Kenilworth Road.

A handful of players departed, including Alan White to Colchester United, the experienced Phil Gray to Burnley, Michael McIndoe to Hereford United and Jerry Moses and Danny Tate (both released).

Fuccillo, who had a fine playing career at Kenilworth Road, was previously in charge of Peterborough United (1993-94) and is confident that his players will battle on and subsequently gain enough points to escape the drop.

## THE SQUAD

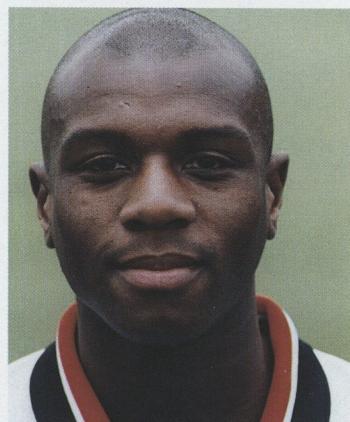
He will not have a full squad to

choose from today (owing to injuries and suspension) but those players who are likely to be in contention for a place in the line-up are as follows (listed in A-Z order).....

Islington-born goalkeeper **NATHAN ABBEY** (22) has graduated through the ranks at the club. He started this season with 45 first-team appearances under his belt, but now has newcomer Mark Ovendale to contest the number one position with.

**ROCKY BAPTISTE** (23) joined the Hatters last month and made his debut for the club in that 4-3 home defeat against Wrexham. A purposeful player with good vision, he is looking forward to making a name for himself this season

**EMMERSOON BOYCE** (21) is another former YTS graduate who has risen up from intermediate class to make the Hatters' first XI. A talented right-back or central defender, he has made around 40 first team appearances to date and is on a contract that will keep him at the club until the summer of 2002.



Emmerson Boyce

# the hatters

Dublin-born midfielder **DEAN BRENNAN** (20) did not make the first team at Hillsborough but he has already figured in the Hatters' League side this season and looks to have a promising future ahead of him. He had been with the Owls since leaving school.

**STUART DOUGLAS**, aged 22, from Enfield, plays up front. Decidedly quick, with aggression and willpower, he has already scored 20 goals for the Hatters in well over 140 senior appearances. He has been a professional at Kenilworth Road since May 1996.

**ANDREW FOTIADIS** comes from Hitchin. He is a 23 year-old forward who is another graduate from the excellent Luton Town youth academy! A former England schoolboy international, he began this season with nine goals to his credit (in 88 appearances - 54 as a substitute). He is one for the future.

Right-back **STUART FRASER** (20) was born in Edinburgh and has developed via the YTS at Kenilworth Road. A resilient performer, he has now made over 25 first team appearances with plenty more to come!

**LIAM GEORGE** (Town's hero with the winning goal against the 'Diamonds' in the FA Cup) is yet another player who has risen through the ranks at Luton. The 21 year-old local-born striker has already appeared in 75 first team matches (16 goals) and has collected international honours with the Republic of Ireland under-21 side having

earlier represented his country at youth team level. He is a tireless and gifted player with a lot to offer.



Liam George

Finnish international midfielder **PETRI HELIN** (24) was signed at the end of last month and has made an impressive start to his career in English football. He scored Town's goal in their 1-1 draw at Gigg Lane and looks a very useful acquisition.

**PETER HOLMES** (like Brennan) failed to make the first XI at Hillsborough. Aged 19, he is a midfielder from Bishop Auckland who is likely to be fighting it out in the engine-room for quite a while.

**MARVIN JOHNSTON**, on the other hand, is a vastly experienced professional with more than 400 senior appearances safely under his belt with the Hatters. Born in sight of Wembley Stadium in 1968, Johnson (32 last month) joined Luton Town on leaving school and signed professional forms at Kenilworth Road in November 1986. A very consistent performer, he is the

team captain and occupies a defensive position, although he can push forward into midfield if required.

Zaire-born **TRESOR KANDOL** (19) has developed through the youth system at Kenilworth Road to establish himself in the Hatters' first XI. A positive forward with a good attitude, he has already appeared in 15 first-class matches, having joined the club as a professional in September 1998.

**ADAM LOCKE**, aged 30, has been in League football for a decade. He joined Luton in August 1999, having previously assisted Crystal Palace, Southend United, Colchester United and Bristol City. A hard-working, forceful midfielder, he comes from Croydon and has now amassed well over 300 senior appearances at club level.



Adam Locke

**GAVIN McGOWAN** (24) from Blackheath (London) was a trainee with Arsenal before joining the Hatters in July 1998 on a free transfer from Highbury following two loan spells at Kenilworth Road.



## .....the squad continued

**PAUL McLAREN** (23) from High Wycombe, joined Luton as a youngster in 1992 and turned professional two years later. A midfielder, with grim determination, he has been plagued by injuries over the last year but is now back to full fitness and eager to add to his tally of 175 senior appearances.

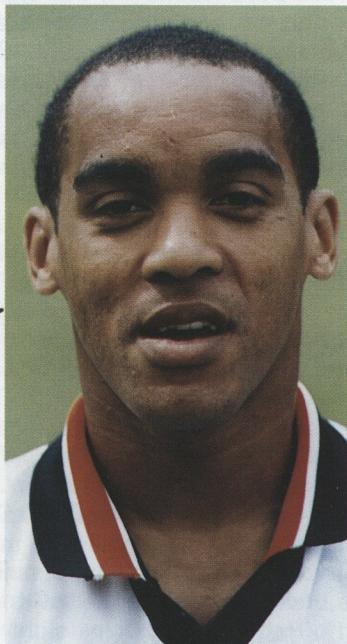
**Goalkeeper MARK OVENDALE** (26) from Leicester, started his career with Wisbech Town. From there he joined Northampton Town (1994) and made just eight appearances for the Cobblers before dropping down a peg to play for Barry Town. In May 1998 he re-entered League action when Bournemouth signed him for £30,000 and over the next two seasons he made 111 major League and Cup appearances for the Cherries before joining the Hatters last summer.

**ANDRE SCARLETT** (from Wembley) is a 20 year-old right-sided midfielder with heaps of energy and commitment. He has risen through the ranks at Kenilworth Road (like so many of his colleagues) and has now played in more than a dozen senior games - with plenty more to come one suspects.

**MATT SPRING** - yet another of the talented youngsters who have been groomed in the Luton Town nursery - is a 20 year-old midfielder who is both tenacious and competitive who loves a challenge. A professional since July 1997, he has now appeared in almost 150 games for the Hatters.

Seasoned striker **MARK STEIN** is back 'home' at Luton where he started his League career

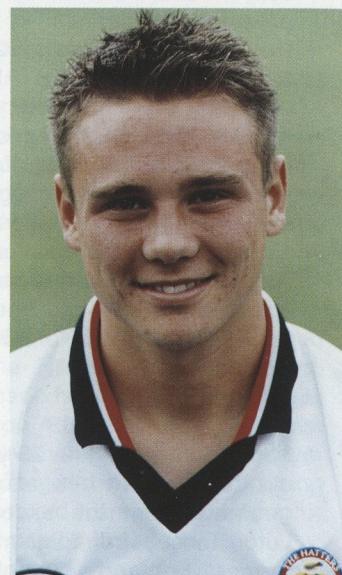
some 16 years ago. Born in Capetown, South Africa and now aged 34, he has also 'scored' for Aldershot, QPR (1988-89), Oxford United (1989-91), Stoke City (1991-93), Chelsea (1993-97), Stoke (again, on loan), Ipswich Town (1997-98) and Bournemouth (1998-2000). He was re-signed in the summer by his former playing colleague Ricky Hill and is now well on his way to reaching two personal milestones, those of 550 senior appearances and 200 first-class goals. Stein, who won England youth caps as a teenager, gained winners' medals in the following competitions earlier in his career: League Cup (Luton, 1988) and Autoglass Trophy and Second Division (Stoke, 1993).



Mark Stein

**JUDE STIRLING** (19) is another former apprentice at the club who is now eager to make a name for himself in the Hatters' first team....he could be on the bench today.

**MATT TAYLOR** (18) is a fast-raiding wide midfielder with good skills and temperament. He, too, has been reared via the club's progressive nursery system and already has 50 first-team games under his wing.



Matt Taylor

**PETER THOMSON**, a striker, was a £100,000 early season signing from the Dutch club NAC Breda. An aggressive player he has yet to make his mark in English football.

And finally we have central defender **JULIAN WATTS** (29) who is now with his 10th Football League club. He joined the Hatters in August 1999, having previously played for (in turn): Rotherham United, Sheffield Wednesday, Shrewsbury Town, Leicester City, Crewe Alexandra, Huddersfield Town, Bristol City, Lincoln City and Blackpool. Solid, competitive, strong on the ground and in the air, Watts has now appeared in some 200 first-class matches and is regarded as a pillar of strength in the Hatters' back-division.

## the visitors in charge Lil Fuccillo

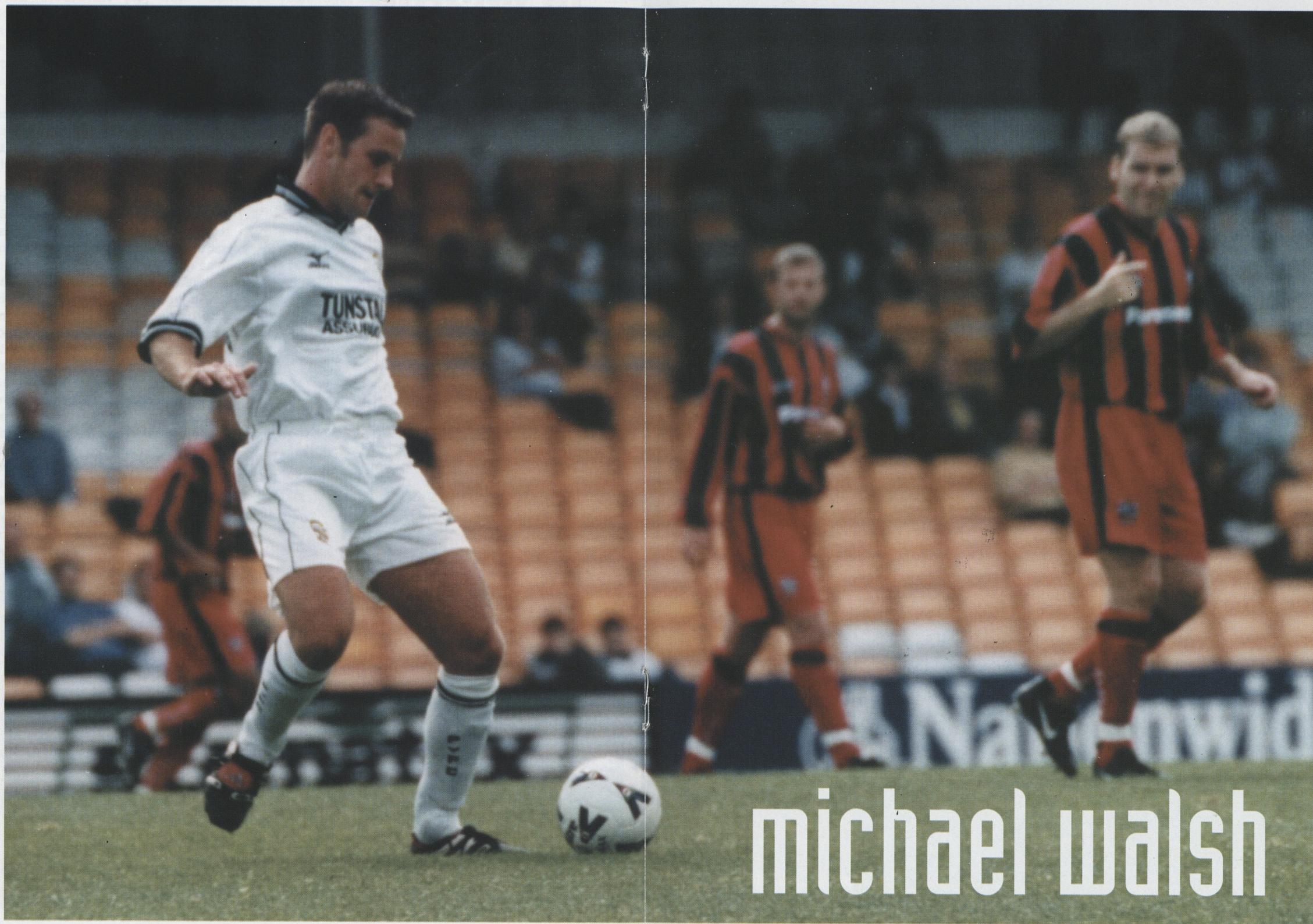
Following a brief spell as Ricky Hill's assistant, **PASQUALE (LIL) FUCCILLO** took over the reins at Kenilworth Road a fortnight ago after the Hatters had been beaten 3-0 at home by Bristol City.

Born in Bedford in May 1956, he joined Luton town as a professional in July 1974. After scoring 24 goals in 160 League games for the Hatters he went over to the States to assist Tulsa Roughnecks in April 1983, returning soon afterwards to sign for Southend United. In August 1985 he was transferred to Peterborough and then had spells with Cambridge United, Oxford United and in Malta before returning to London Road where he became Posh's assistant-manager in January 1991, taking over as team manager in December 1992. He gained his only club honour with Luton back in 1982 - winning a Second Division championship medal. He was replaced by John Still at London Road in 1994 and all told Fuccillo who was a competent, hard-working midfield player, accumulated 306 appearances in the Football League (33 goals).



### in fact...

- The Hatters hold the record for the biggest win in Third Division (S) soccer - 12-0 at home against Bristol Rovers in 1936. Joe Payne scored 10 goals in that game (also a record).
- In the mid 1920s the Hatters went 39 home League games without defeat (a record).
- In contrast during the late 1890s they played 32 League games away from home and failed to register a single win.
- Former Charlton Athletic goalkeeper Sam Bartram was manager of Luton Town from 1960 to 1962.



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1. In 1990, who did Crystal Palace sign from non-league Stafford Rangers?
2. Who beat Italy in their last group match of the 1966 World Cup Finals thus eliminating them from the competition?
3. What was the name of Glenn Hoddle and Chris Waddle's chart hit?
4. Who beat Manchester United 3-2 in the 1979 FA Cup Final?
5. Who won the League Championship with Tottenham as both a player and manager?

### HALF TIME QUIZ

6. Name the Bulgarian international who was signed by Charlton last August.
7. Which Scotland player missed a penalty against England in Euro '96?
8. With which club did Gary Mabbutt begin his professional career?
9. In 1988, from which club did Bournemouth sign Luther Blissett?
10. What was the name of Stoke City's ground before their move to the Britannia Stadium?



Can you identify these three club crests?

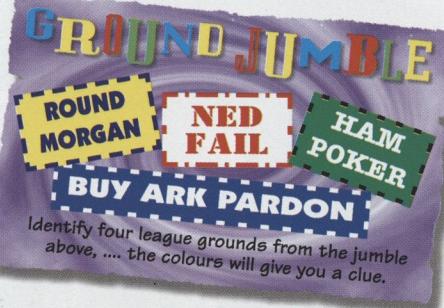
## trivia time

20 years ago this season, Nottingham Forest signed their first foreign player when Raimondo Ponte joined them from Grasshopper Zurich he was later sold to Bastia of France as Forest failed to even qualify for the UEFA Cup finishing 7th on goal difference.



Northern Ireland international who began his career at Maine Road and later enjoyed a few seasons with Strasbourg before returning to the Premiership.

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Comedian, Des O'Connor was once an apprentice at Northampton Town?



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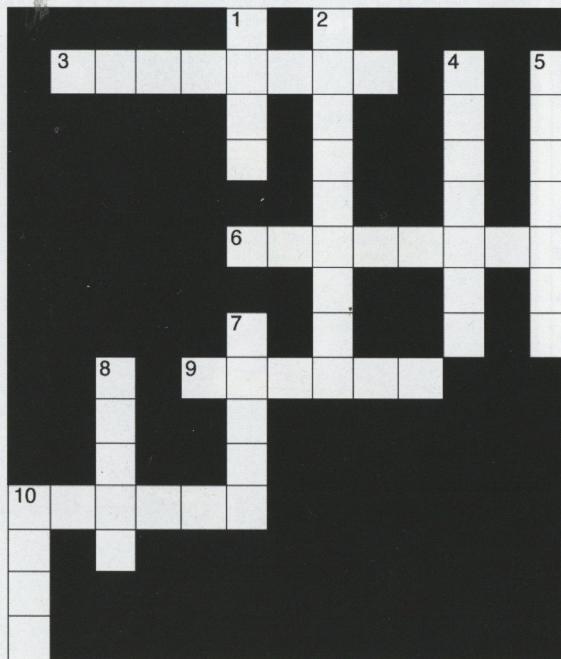
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## visitors crossword



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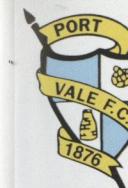
3. Manager
6. Leading scorer this season
9. Manager 1972-78
10. Scored winner last week

### Down

1. Recently departed manager
2. Record gate against these
4. Record fee received for him
5. Nickname
7. Famous for a perfect ten
8. Runners-up in this in 1998
10. Scored final goal of last season

Across: 1. Hill, 2. Blackpool, 4. Hartson, 5. Hatters, 7. Payne, 8. Simod, 10. Gray  
Down: 1. Recently departed manager, 2. Record gate against these, 4. Record fee received for him, 5. Nickname, 7. Famous for a perfect ten, 8. Runners-up in this in 1998, 10. Scored final goal of last season

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**Swansea 0 V Port Vale 1**

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# stats & facts



## Goalscoring Head 2 Head

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**10**  
Tony Naylor  
(Port Vale) vs  
**11**  
Liam George  
(Luton Town)

17 in 16 games Team Goals 17 in 17 games 1 goals

0.36 goals Player's Goals 3 in 17 games 0.18 goals

Games Scored In 3  
Games Scored 1st Goal 0  
Games Scored 1 Goal 3  
Games Scored 2 Goals 0  
Games Scored 3 Goals 0

**IMPORTANCE OF GOALS**  
(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)  
1 (2pts) Games Won -> Drawn 0 (0pts)  
0 (0pts) Games Won -> Lost 0 (0pts)  
0 (0pts) Games Drawn -> Lost 1 (1pts)  
2 Number of points gained 1

**SCORING SEQUENCES**  
Consecutive Games Scored  
2 Games 1  
3 Games 0  
2 games Maximum Scoring Run 2 games

**CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING**  
2 Games 1  
3 Games 0  
4 Games 3  
5 games Maximum Dry Spell 8 games

Vale's Results		Hatters' Results	
PORT VALE GOALS	OPPOSITION GOALS	LUTON TOWN GOALS	OPPOSITION GOALS
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
1 3 4 1	2 2 1	2 1 3 1	2 1 2
5	6	5	6
6	7	6	7

shows the number of results for each scoreline.  
eg. Vale have drawn 4 games 1-1

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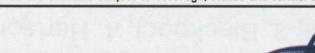
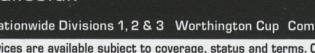
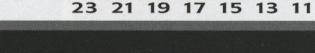
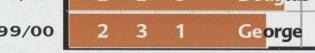
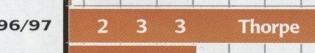
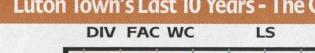
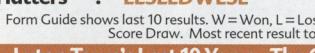
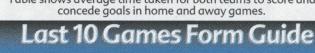
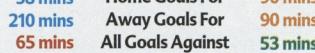
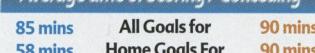
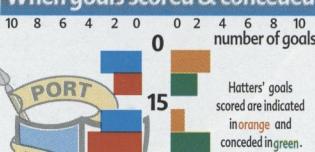
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# Stats & Facts

## When goals scored & conceded



## Face2Face

Last Season

At Vale Park .....n/a

At Kenilworth Road .....n/a

This Season

Valiants' Season records:

Home Win .....3-0 Oxford

.....3-0 Swindon

Away Win .....1-0 Swans

Home Defeat .....0-1 Reading

.....0-1 Wycombe

Away Defeat .....0-4 Cambridge

Consec. Wins .....2

Consec. Defeats .....3

Hatters' Season records:

Home Win .....3-1 Brentford

Away Win .....None

Home Defeat .....0-3 Bristol City

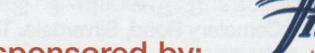
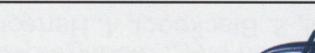
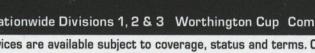
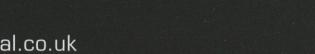
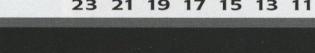
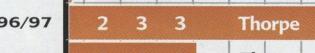
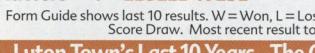
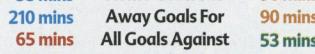
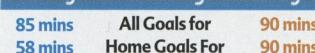
Away Defeat .....0-4 Swans

Consec. Wins .....0

Consec. Defeats .....2

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

## Average time of Scoring / Conceding



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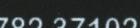
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by Kirsty Rollings



**N**obody can answer the question 'Why do you like football so much?' in one sentence. Which is a bit of a pain because I'm asked this very often. I feel like replying with 'Why do you like knitting so much?' Well, the main reason, along with many others, is that football in general is always surprising people.

I was hoping to say at this point: 'Such as last Saturday when Manchester City became champions of the city in a 4-0 defeat over rivals Manchester United.' Unfortunately I can't, because free-kick expert David Beckham is the current hero of the red of Manchester (if there is any red people living in Manchester!) after putting them ahead after just two minutes and then managing to hold onto the lead for the rest of the game.

Peter Taylor putting together an England squad of all under 30's was more than a surprise to most! What a good idea, I thought at first. A friendly is all about building experience, and who better to play than ..... Italy!!! It's a good job it worked out the way it did, imagine if we had lost 3 or 4 -0 with a team

half full of teenagers, that would have done their confidence the world of good wouldn't it?!

The side put out by Taylor was one for future, and one that did very well considering England's Euro 2000 joke. The only problem was the experience behind it all, where was the likes of Sheringham and Keown, in my opinion, the best English players in their position.

Which now brings me nicely onto my next point, about good old Teddy, who has surprised the majority of football fans this season after becoming the top goal scorer in the Premiership after his goal against Middlesbrough two weeks ago. Teddy was bought by Man United for the same amount as Vale sold Lee Mills for, and after only starting four games for Manchester United last season, he is probably worth more now than he was two seasons ago! Paul Merson is another player that was said to have past his best many years ago, it may be true, but it will take something very special to deny him from 'goal of the season award' come next May, after his fantastic last minute goal against Everton.

Lastly, Sven Gore Eriksson's appointment as England coach has certainly shocked me, the fact of the matter remains that our players aren't good enough to beat the best. Although the performance against Italy was something to be pleased about, it was after all a friendly where 100% effort and skill isn't put into the game. If,

however, Eriksson does have an impact on our National side then this surely must be seen as cheating!!

If every football game could be predicted correctly by every football fan then, one, they would probably be very rich and two, would also get very bored of watching a football game that they know the result of before it has even started. I'll predict a home win today but if I was certain of that I wouldn't be here would I?!!



Teddy Sheringham



with Tony Matthews

# soccer sensations

## plenty of beer

**I**n January 1985, a third round FA Cup-tie took place between Burton Albion, then based in the Northern Premier League and sponsored by the brewery, Ind Coope, met Leicester City, who by coincidence were also sponsored by a brewery - Ind Coope!

Albion opted to play the game at The Baseball Ground, home of Derby County, yes, you've guessed it, a club sponsored by a brewery - Bass!

With almost 22,500 fans inside the ground, the atmosphere was rowdy from the start with several supporters from both the participating teams and from this home club chanting abuse at each other.

One chant echoed from behind the goal: 'Any Derby County supporters you stand by, 'cos after the match you're gonna die.'

Leicester scored - Burton equalised - and the scores remained level until a critical incident occurred just before half-time when things started to get out of control. Some boisterous fans began tossing beer/lager cans onto the pitch, along with a few spinning coins and what seemed like a large slice of wood. This flew towards the Burton goalkeeper Paul Evans and hit him on the back of the head. He needed treatment but against doctors orders, he carried on manfully, head plastered up Apache-style.

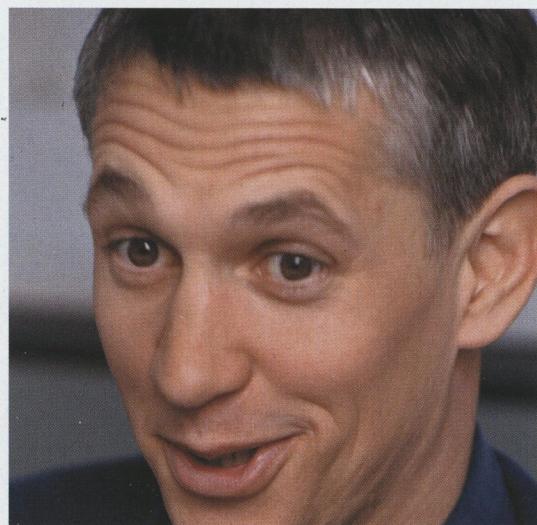
A group of supporters, who had paid good money to sit in the main stand, got up and left the ground at half-time as police moved in to try and calm things down!

During the second half luckless Burton conceded five more goals (three in the last 14 minutes) to lose the tie 6-1. Had Evans been completely fit it is doubtful whether Leicester would have netted three times. But we shall never know.

The chairman and directors of Burton Albion protested to the FA about the final scoreline, claiming that several Leicester City supporters had been responsible for missile-throwing and creating an intimidating atmosphere. The FA duly called a meeting and upheld Burton's protest....and when the draw for the 4th round was made it was incorrect....it should have read Burton Albion or Leicester City v. Carlisle United and NOT Leicester City v. Carlisle United.

After a few problems with the weather and the need to find a neutral ground, the 'replay' was eventually played behind closed doors at Highfield Road, Coventry. This time, instead of a large audience made up of yobs and troublemakers, the snowy terraces were occupied by 20 or so ball boys with 120 other spectators (mainly representing both clubs) sitting in the main stand.

This time, after a plucky display by the non-League side, the result went in favour of Leicester City by a goal (scored by Paul Ramsey) to nil ....well they should have won really with a certain Gary Lineker, Alan Smith and Ian Wilson in their ranks!



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## CANVEY ISLAND - FA CUP 1ST ROUND REPLAY - VALE PARK TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER KICK-OFF 7.45PM

**N**eedless to say, this is the first time I've had to write a preview of a Vale home game against Canvey Island! I'm sure that a lot of Vale fans said "Where is Canvey Island?" when the original draw was made. Now we know who they are, where they are and what they can do.

Founded in 1926 their record was undistinguished until their meteoric rise of recent years. They have made huge progress both on and off the field. One way of knowing this is by looking at their excellent website. This contains a huge amount of information about Canvey Island with latest news about the club, club history, pen portraits of players as well as photographs of players and ground, plus a lively discussion board.

The Park Lane ground is also making progress, as it will have to do if they are to enter the Conference and then the League.

Manager Jeff King has been behind this spectacular progress through the leagues, although he would say it has been a great team effort. He has a number of nightclubs to his name and is a larger-than-life character. He provided the motivation which enabled the players to raise their game in the second half against us last week. He generously paid tribute to Vale's performance.

Going back to their record on the field in recent times, in 1992/1993 they won the Essex Senior League and were FA Vase Semi-finalists in the same year. The following year they were runners-up in Div 3 of the Isthmian League and Champions of Div 2 in 1995-96. Unfortunately, they were immediately relegated. Since then it has been onward and upward. Div 2 Champions in 1997-98, Div 1 Champions the next year and they were 5th in the Ryman Premier League last year. This is an astonishing record by any standards.

This season they have a terrific record in League and Cup. They are currently top of the League, ahead of the better-known Aldershot Town. Although they have scored four on three occasions it has been defensive tightness which has been the foundation of their remarkable success, even though Vale scored four against them!

Their lowest league gate has been 416 and the highest 725. Their squad contains several players with substantial Football League experience, including Mick Bodley, Neil Gregory and Mark Stimson.

The game at Park Lane had everything and was highly-praised in the media. Surely the replay cannot contain such drama, or can it!?

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By George Andrews

**F**ormer Juventus legend and Leeds United and Welsh International star John Charles has told the former Wolves and Coventry star Robbie Keane to stick with the Italian job with Inter Milan.

Keane 20-year-old Republic of Ireland International joined the Italian giants Inter in the summer for a fee of £13 million, but rumours are sweeping Milan that the youngster is set to leave the San Siro when the Italian transfer window opens next month.

The £13 million Irish striker has failed to impress Inter's new coach Marco Tardelli and is set to go on loan to struggling Reggina.

But Charles feels that Keane should stay because if he does succeed Charles and many good judges feel he will prove himself and become one of the best strikers in world football.

The Italian league is still regarded as the hardest in the world to crack and the supporters are demanding and unforgiving if you don't provide them with success and you have to be prepared to work hard because the standard is so high.

Serie A is seen by those who watch it as the best league in the world and Keane has the

ability and talent to build a successful career there unfortunately, the fans like some of the players have a superior attitude towards their game but if Robbie can see it out and conquer the problems they will soon start to love him.

One of the major factors in becoming a success in the Italian game is to learn the language and Keane has already taken lessons and although he is not quite fluent in the local language Charles believes that is one of the major obstacles and why so few British players have succeeded in the Italian game.

It is an ideal country to play in, the weather is brilliant, the pitches are generally superb and as a professional Italy is everything you could ask for and I am sure Keane who was a major success with Wolves and Coventry will become just as big a success in Italy as he was in English football.

A busy week ahead for the Burslem boys with games coming thick and fast between now and the festive season with the players set to play matches on Tuesday and Saturday right up until Christmas so let's get behind them and give them the full vocal backing as they look to pick up points to help them climb the league table and maintain a run in the cup competitions.

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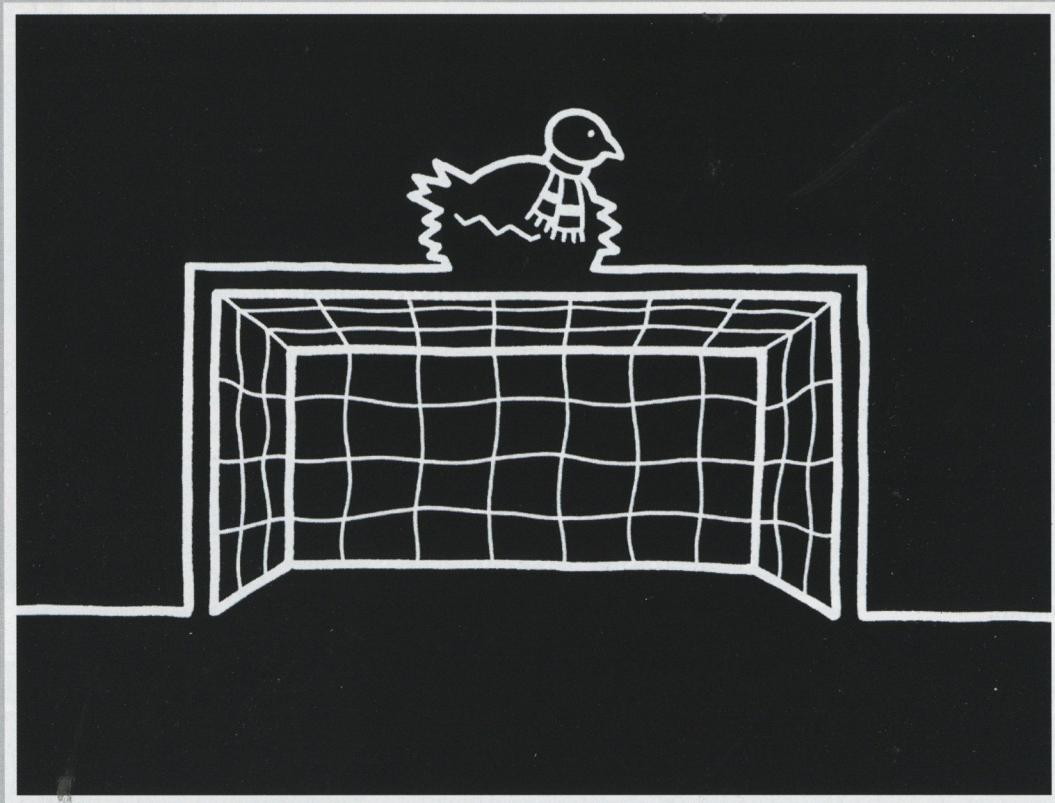
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## EARLE PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR NEW WEEKLY DRAW

Former Vale player Robbie Earle has joined Port Vale's new Lucky Seven lottery.

Robbie, who announced his retirement earlier this week, has written to the club expressing his support for the new scheme which injects money back into Youth Development at Port Vale.

The £1 a week draw guarantees a £1,000 winner every week as well as £500, £250 and £125 winners and forty £10 consolation prizes. Robbie, 35, responded after the club appealed to him for help attracting their target of 1,000 members. In his letter he writes:

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I wish Port Vale every success with this initiative, as well as those that support it by participating. Thank you also for your well wishes.

Robbie Earle MBE  
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**T**his game played on a perfect pitch at Bilstion Town was a relatively ordinary game with a number of major incidents. Wolves started the night in 4th place with Vale a point and a place behind. All the early pressure came from Wolves with chances going wide of the post and bar and Donnelly getting in a saving tackle in the first ten minutes. However this was the prelude to the lead being taken by Wolves in the tenth minute as Burns failed to cut out a ball out to the wing and Mohamed Kamara, Titi's cousin, swept the ball into the middle where Proudlock sidefooted it home from close range

Vale had been finding problems relieving the pressure as, with no recognised strikers selected in the starting line-up, the ball was coming back into the Vale half very quickly. After the goal Vale did start to press a little more and a Donnelly cross was plucked from O'Callaghan's feet. Twiss missed an opportunity in the middle of the half when he met a cross to the far post with little conviction but with all the bodies in midfield it had become a little tight on a relatively small ground.

The incidents of note began with five minutes of the half left as Vale defended a corner. Burton in optimistically trying to get a head to the ball only succeeded in heading Alexandersson in the face and the Swede, on trial at Molineux, went down immediately.

The call for a stretcher came quickly but it was a long time before one was found and Terry Connor the Wolves coach was keen to see the damage himself.

The referee had other ideas and words were exchanged before Connor was escorted from the pitch and told to go to the stands. Eventually Alexandersson was stretchered off and taken by ambulance to hospital for a broken nose and other damage and the game restarted. Just before the half-time whistle blew the referee noticed Connor was standing in the tunnel area and the game stopped again as Connor was dispatched out of sight to cool down.

Within two minutes of the re-start Vale were level as out of nowhere Brisco hit a 30-yarder which Stowell got his finger tips to, but was unable to stop hitting the top left hand corner of the net. Vale almost fashioned another good chance two minutes later as O'Callaghan almost controlled a difficult cross from Eyre but Wolves regained supremacy without scoring.

The second injury victim could not be put down to an accident however as Brisco turned from hero to villain as a flying two footed lunge in the corner of the park took out the Wolves substitute Clyde. Stowell and Kamara became involved with Brisco and the referee's red card for Brisco calmed matters down as Clyde was carried from the pitch and eventually to the dressing room as the Wolves club doctor was called for again.

Vale's ten men came under further pressure but another saving tackle from Donnelly halted the main threat from Wolves before at the end of normal time Proudlock was booked for a late challenge on Donnelly which was out of step



Dean Dealney

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League Division One Table From 23/11/00



August 2001

Sat 12	Oldham Athletic	A	5,639	1
Sat 19	Oxford United	H	3,814	3
Tue 22	Chesterfield WC1/1	H	3,485	1
Mon 28	Salford City	T	2,626	2



September 2000

Sat 02	Reading	H	4,701	0
Tue 05	Chesterfield WC1/2	A	34,80	2
Sat 09	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A		1
Tue 12	Cambridge United	A	3,660	0
Sun 17	Stoke City	H	8,948	0
Sat 23	Bury	A	3,176	0

October 2000

<b>Sun 08</b>	Peterborough United	A	4,752	0
<b>Sat 14</b>	Colchester United	H	3,192	3
<b>Tue 17</b>	Northampton Town	H	4,215	2
<b>Sat 21</b>	Wigan Athletic	A	6,275	0
<b>Tue 24</b>	Brentford	H	3,338	1
<b>Sat 28</b>	Swansea City	A	3,715	1

*November 2000*

Sat 04	Millwall	H	4,559	1
Sun 19	Canvey Island (FAC2)	A	2,282	4
Sat 25	Luton Town	H		
Tue 28	Canvey Island (FAC2R)	H		

*December 2000*

<b>Sat 02</b>	Walsall	A
<b>Tue 05</b>	Notts County (LDV)	H
<b>Sat 16</b>	Bristol City	H
<b>Fri 22</b>	Rotherham United	H
<b>Tue 26</b>	Wrexham	A
<b>Sat 30</b>	Oxford United	A

January 2001

<b>Mon 01</b>	<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>Sat 06</b>	<b>Oldham Athletic</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>Sat 13</b>	<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Sat 20</b>	<b>Wrexham</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>Sat 27</b>	<b>Rotherham United</b>	<b>A</b>

February 2001

Sat 03	Reading	A
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Sat 17	Stoke City	A
Tue 20	Cambridge United	H
Sat 24	Bury	H

March 2001

<b>Sat 03</b>	Wycombe Wanderers	A
<b>Tue 06</b>	Colchester United	A
<b>Sat 10</b>	<b>Peterborough United</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>Sat 17</b>	Northampton Town	A
<b>Sat 24</b>	<b>Wigan Athletic</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>Sat 31</b>	Bristol City	A

April 2001

<b>Sat 07</b>	<b>Walsall</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>Sat 14</b>	<b>Brentford</b>	<b>A</b>
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