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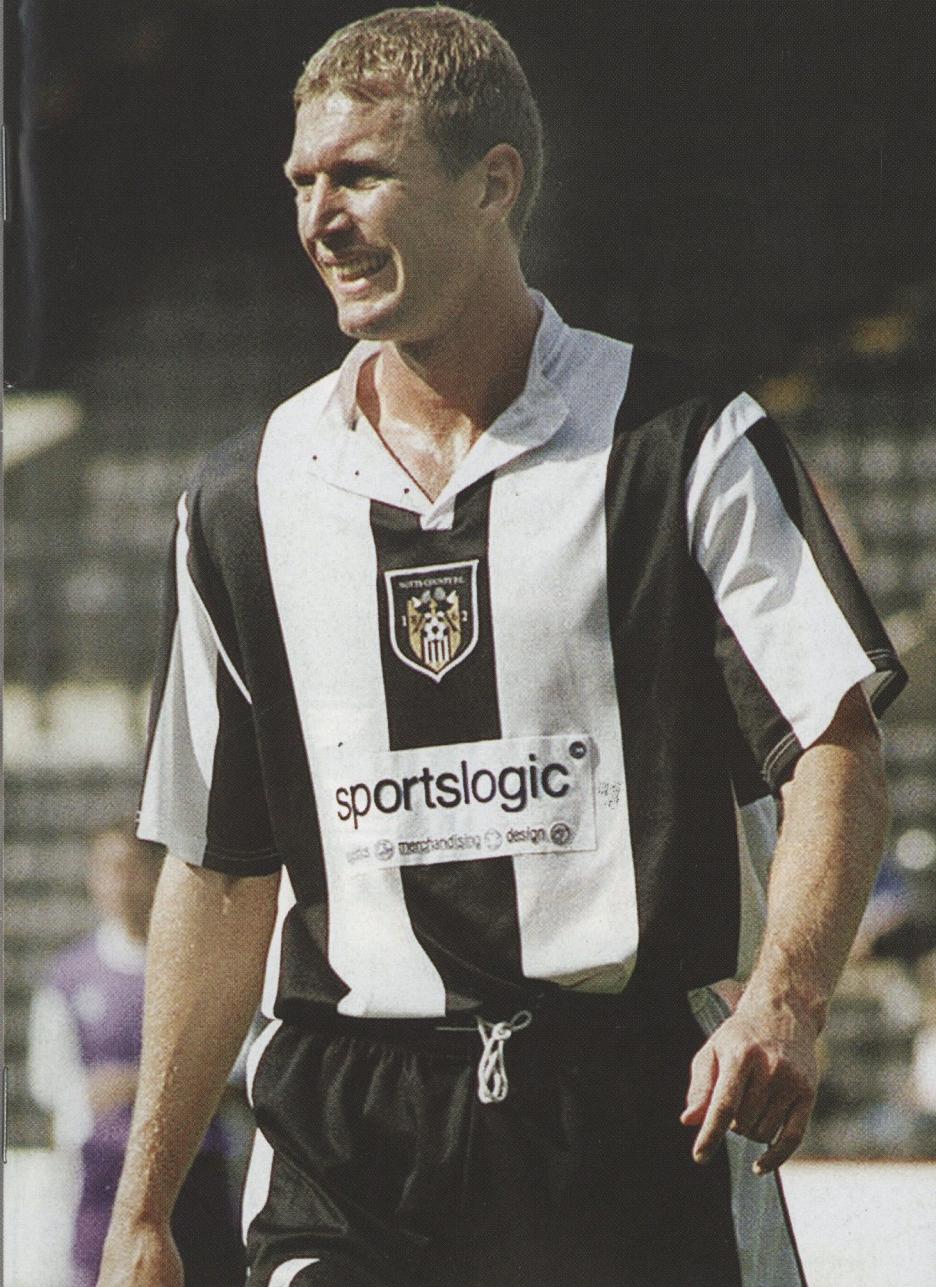
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We are now approaching a crucial time in the season, with our promotion drive picking up pace - but we still have a long way to go.



Last Saturday's home game against Oldham was by no means pretty - they passed the ball better than us, and their movement was also better. It wasn't our best performance this season, but it was by no means our worst.

The team stuck to their task, and thanks to that we came away with three points. Results like those are - in a way - pleasing. It shows how far we have come when we can play below recent standards and still manage to dig out a result.

I like to watch good football as much as the next man, but I would rather see a gritty performance and three points in the bag than an entertaining game where we lose, and I'm sure you will feel the same.

*"It shows how far we have come when we can play below recent standards and still manage to dig out a result."*

We travelled to Bristol Rovers on Saturday, and it was a similar performance. We did have a couple of opportunities to grab a goal and win the game, but we were unable to take them. We knew it was going to be a hard-fought match - especially after our previous meeting - and the lads dug in once again to earn a result.

You often find that a team fighting near the bottom of the table can be just as hard to play against as those at the top - their need for points may not be as glamorous, but it is just as vital. We still managed to leave the Memorial Stadium with a point, and although we would have liked all three, we will settle for the one.

Tonight's match against Luton will be just as tough a test, Joe Kinnear's arrival at Kenilworth Road has obviously given the Hatters a boost. Their 1-0 victory over Northampton was an important and impressive win for them - we know from experience how tough it can be there - and that will obviously have given them a lift going into tonight's match.

As I have said, Luton's position in the table does not mean that tonight is a guaranteed three points, we will need to approach this game just like any other. Every side in this division is capable of achieving a result on their day, and we must make sure that it is ourselves who leave the pitch victorious tonight. We know that we have the ability to beat any side in this division, and if we can recapture our attacking play and preserve our run of clean sheets, then I see no reason why we cannot continue to climb the table.

Enjoy tonight's game.

**Jocky**



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## Today's Guests

Notts County and Notts County Patrons welcome Brian Stubbs and Mick Rose as Celebrity Guests for Saturday's match against Northampton



Mick first made his debut away at Barnsley in 1967 and went on to play 109 games in goal, joining the Magpies from Charlton Athletic. During his County career Mick kept 33 clean sheets, including six consecutive matches during the 1968/69 season. Jimmy Sirrel eventually sold Mick to

neighbours Mansfield Town upon the arrival of Barry Waitling in 1969/70.

Brian Stubbs needs little introduction. Signed from Loughborough 1968, and making his debut in a 3-0 defeat by Swansea, he formed a most successful defensive partnership with David Needham. Brian - a no-nonsense player - went on to make 426 league appearances, scoring 21 goals. He was a member of the 1970/71 Championship-winning side, and the 1972/73 promotion team. Brian was allowed to leave Meadow Lane before having the chance to play in the old First Division.



We wish both our guests an enjoyable afternoon with us on Saturday. Both will be in Lawton's Bar at approximately 2.10 - 2.20pm, and the Jimmy Sirrel Stand (Block 6 Stairway) at 2.25 - 2.35pm. We are certain that they would be delighted to have a few words with you.

## Reserve Team Fixture Alterations

Doncaster Rovers - The reserve team entertain Doncaster Rovers tomorrow afternoon (Wednesday 14th February).

**"Brian Stubbs needs little introduction. Signed from Loughborough 1968..he formed a most successful defensive partnership with David Needham."**

The match will be played at Ilkeston Town's Manor Road with a 2.00pm kick off. Admission is free, so try and get along to support the boys.

*Halifax Town - On Wednesday 21st February, Notts entertain Halifax at Meadow Lane. Please note that the kick off is now 7.00pm.*

## Youth Team Fixture Alterations

The game against West Bromwich Albion will now be played on Tuesday 20th February. Kick off is 1.00pm, and the game will be played at Boots Sports Ground.

## Peter Storrie on Referee's verdict



Deputy Chairman Peter Storrie has reacted to rumours that Referee Paul Taylor was completely exonerated on the Sean Farrell incident:

*"The official finding was 'not proven'. They certainly did not declare that Taylor was completely exonerated, and they certainly did not say that there was no incident to charge. Those comments have come solely from the Referee's Association and the press. There was clearly an incident, everyone knows that."*

*"With regards to the two players called to give evidence, [Ian Hamilton and Wigan's Scott Green] they were giving evidence to confirm that Taylor had acknowledged there had been an incident and had asked Hamilton in particular to calm Sean down. They were never giving evidence to say they heard what the Referee said to Sean. They were collaborating that something must have been said because of what Taylor said to Ian."*

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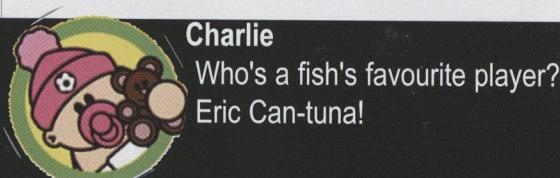
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## Fenton Player of the Month

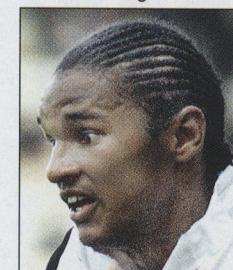
Defender Nicky Fenton was awarded the Patron's 'Player of the Month' award for January.

Fenton's sterling displays at both right-back and centre-back have helped the Magpies continue their unbeaten League run. The Patron's nominations are tallied up at the end of the season and go towards the final 'Player of the Year' award. Last year's winner was Alex Dyer.



## Liburd Negotiations

Richard Liburd's recent displays look to have earned the utility man a new contract. Peter Storrie has declared that he will be sitting down with the player in the next few weeks to discuss a new deal. Liburd's recent form has seen him bag a number of goals whilst occupying various positions.



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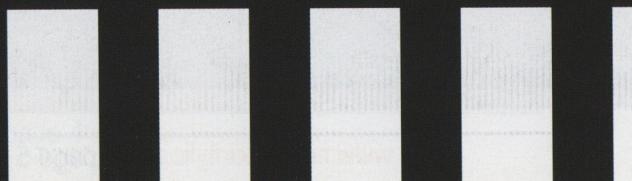


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### A Question of Allegiance

By Sean Turtle

International football has to be the pinnacle of a player's career - competing with the highest calibre of players the world has to offer, pulling on your national shirt with pride and knowing that you are one of the country's elite in your profession. Except that today, that's not really the case.

The demands of being successful in football are constantly increasing - players are expected to push back the boundaries of the modern game, and the margins for success or failure are so close that they are hard to distinguish.

Which is maybe one reason why - and it is something that irks me to the very core - managers of today's national sides cast their nets much further afield, and are far less scrupulous when it comes to a player's heritage.

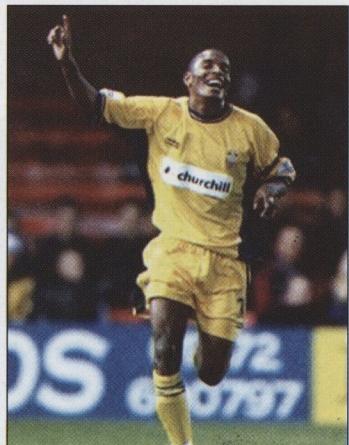
Craig Brown has recently expressed his admiration for Millwall hotshot Neil Harris - the Lions' forward has bagged 21 goals so far this season, and his manager Mark McGhee has admitted that the only player he can compare him to is Alan Shearer. So it is unsurprising that Brown is now trying to tempt Harris into wearing the Red Lion of Scotland rather than England's three.

Fair enough, a manager is bound to utilise everything at his disposal to ensure he is successful. But I honestly feel that enticing players through their fourth cousin by marriage (twice removed) is stretching a player's allegiance more than a little.

Cases in point:

#### 1. Tony Cascarino

London-born Cascarino, then a Gillingham player, applied for an Irish passport in 1985 after being told he qualified for the Republic through his grandparents. It has since emerged that his mother, Teresa, was adopted by a family named O'Malley, from Westport, and definitely qualified for Irish citizenship. But, crucially, she never took up this option. In 1996, when FIFA's new rules demanded players must be citizens of the country they represented, Cascarino, who had won 64 caps by then, needed an Irish passport. But a passport was still granted, possibly because of Cascarino's services to the state.



*"Mick McCarthy has contacted me and says he wants me there, so I will have to see what England are saying and then decide" - Clinton Morrison*

#### 2. David Johnson

The former Ipswich striker who has recently signed for our neighbours across the Trent flirted briefly with an international career with Scotland. Johnson, originating from Jamaica, had hoped one day to represent England, but after losing his regular place in the Ipswich line-up, decided to set his sights a little further up north.

#### 3. Clint Morrison

The cocksure Palace striker's recent form has alerted Mick McCarthy to his potential lineage, and Jamaica have also sniffed around the pacy forward. Morrison has declared his desire and belief that he can play for England, but seems to want assurances from Sven-Goran Eriksson that he will make the grade. If not, he is more than prepared to turn out for the Republic - proving that allegiance in today's game is non-existent.

**There are numerous cases to put forward of where a player has not opted for the country where he was born and raised, and instead has gone on to play for his parent's or grandparent's native land. The only conclusion I can draw is this - the player is simply not good enough to represent his own country, and opts for a side with smaller resources so that he can earn international caps. Surely national pride counts for something?**

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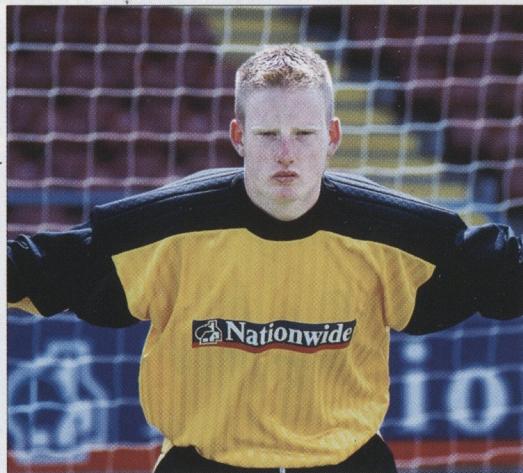
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A decade or so after mixing with England's football elite, Luton Town have had to cope with a variety of difficulties in the last few years - not least the threat of closure. Their participation in the 1999/2000 season was in doubt until a few hours before it kicked off.

That summer was a mixture of gripping fear, nagging worry, and eventual relief for Hatters supporters as disputes in the boardroom led to the club going into receivership. It was not until fifteen hours before Luton's first league match kicked off that the club knew for sure they would remain in the Football League.

New ownership stabilised the club, and Luton's season finished with the club in a respectable thirteenth place, but the following summer also brought disruption.

Mike Watson-Challis - a former director in Luton's glory years - returned to the club along with his associates, determined to bring back the days when the Hatters rubbed shoulders with the likes of Arsenal and Liverpool on a weekly basis. They brought with them Ricky Hill, a gifted and popular player with the club in the 70's and 80's, and now a respected coach. Hill's aspirations were to take the club back to the top-flight - yet his hopes would come to nothing as he left the club in November, with Luton perilously close to the bottom of the table.

Two men already on the coaching staff - Lil Fuccillo and John Moore - were handed the task of averting the club's slump. Their most recent signing has been former Notts' defender Richard Dryden, who has joined on a free transfer from Southampton. Dryden had trained with Notts earlier in the season, but Jocky Scott had decided not to take up the chance to re-sign him.

Luton's main failing this season has been a lack of goals, with no player yet managing to reach double figures in the scoring charts. Liam George (left) is the Hatters top marksman with five strikes to his credit.

At the time of writing, Luton have not won a match since Boxing Day, though that was a resounding 3-2 victory with goals from Boyce, Spring and Holmes.

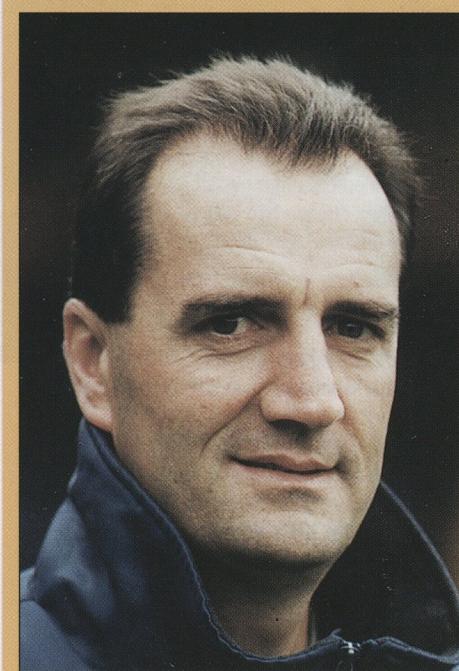
In meetings between the two sides, Luton have won almost twice as many matches as the Magpies, although Notts did earn a 1-0 victory over the Hatters on the opening day of the season, thanks to a Mark Stallard strike.



Back Row: Mark Stein, Andre Scarlett, Stuart Fraser, Andrew Fotiadis, Matthew Taylor, Peter Holmes, Stuart Douglas, Gavin McGowan, Dean Brennan.

Middle Row: John Moore (Assistant Manager), Peter Thompson, Jude Stirling, Kent Karlsen, Nathan Abbey, Mark Ovendale, James Ayres, Friedrich Breitenfelder, Tresor Kandol, Rocky Baptiste, Brian Stein (Youth Team Coach).

Front Row: Liam George, Emmerson Boyce, Petri Helin, Matthew Spring, Lil Fuccillo (Manager), Paul McLaren, Julian Watts, Marvin Johnson, Adam Locke.



### Manager - Luc Fuccillo

Fuccillo began his playing career with Luton as an apprentice at 16, graduating to the first team via the youth squad and reserves - battling back twice from broken legs. In ten years with the Hatters, the midfielder made 180 league and cup appearances, and helped the club reach the First Division - now the Premiership - in 1982. Fuccillo then played briefly in America before returning to these shores to take up a career in coaching.

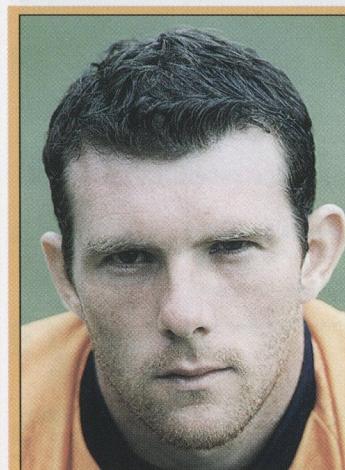
He cut his teeth in the managerial hot-seat with Peterborough - first in a caretaker role, and later returning to take the Posh to their highest ever league place - tenth in Division One.

Other coaching appointments followed at Sheffield Wednesday and Barnet before he returned to Luton on the scouting staff in September of last year, before returning to coaching a month later, as assistant to Ricky Hill.

With the Hatters embroiled in a relegation battle, Hill and the club parted company a few weeks later, and Fuccillo was the unanimous choice of the directors to become first team manager.

### Nathan Abbey

A goalkeeper who has battled defiantly to keep his career going at Kenilworth Road. He joined Luton as a YTS boy after being spotted in local schoolboy football. A succession of good goalkeepers left Nathan as a near-permanent understudy. He nearly accepted a free transfer move to Holland in the summer of 1999, but decided to stay on.



Mark Ovendale

The arrival of a new board of directors at Kenilworth Road early last summer enabled Ricky Hill to break a mould that had been set over the previous three years, that enabled Ricky Hill to secure 26-year-old goalkeeper Ovendale from Bournemouth for a substantial fee. Previously with Wisbech, Northampton and Barry Town, he was immediately given the No.1 shirt in Luton's squad-number list for this season.

### Rocky Baptiste

Having had to wait until he was 28 to break into League football, Baptiste was keen to make up for lost time when he joined Luton for a nominal fee from Conference club Wealdstone in October. Released as a teenager by Chelsea and Brentford, Baptiste settled for non-league football, and after emerging as a top striker in the Conference was delighted to accept Luton's offer of a contract until the end of

the season.

### Friedrich Breitenfelder

The lanky midfielder was one of many hopefuls who presented themselves for trials at Kenilworth Road before the start of the season. He started with Rapide Vienna as a 15-year old schoolboy, and moved up through the ranks to win an occasional place in their first team. At 18, he moved on to Casino Bregenz, before FCM St Polten signed him.

### Dean Brennan

After several years of penny-pinching caused by continual trading losses, Luton had only 19 full-time professionals on the books when Ricky Hill became Manager, and he moved swiftly to strengthen the club at all levels. His long coaching career included three years looking after the youth squad at Sheffield Wednesday, and Hill went back to Hillsborough for two young midfielders, Brennan one of them.

### Stuart Douglas

A striker with excellent pace, Douglas was a 17-year old trainee when he scored on his league debut for Luton against Oldham in 1995, and seemed set for instant stardom. Yet the he was hit by a series of injuries before he could establish himself, but determination overcame all difficulties, and he won a regular place in Luton's side the 1998/99 season, flourishing as a marksman also a creator of chances for his front-line colleagues.

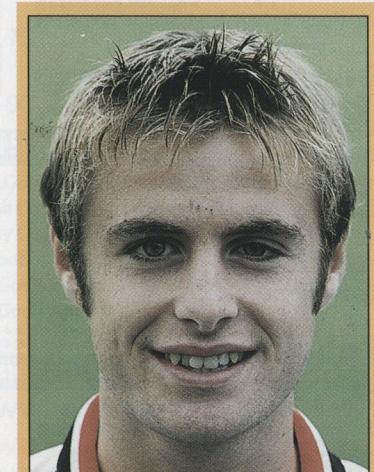
### Richard Dryden

Former Notts defender Dryden answered the call from old friend Lil Fuccillo when the new Luton Manager signed him on a free transfer from Southampton in February.

The two had been player and coach together at Birmingham City eight years previously. Dryden started his career with Bristol Rovers, but after a handful of games joined Exeter City for £10,000. Two years later he came to Meadow Lane for £250,000, later sold to Birmingham City for £165,000. Terms at Bristol City and Southampton followed, and after loan spells at Swindon and Northampton, joined the Hatters on a free.

### Andrew Fotiadis

Another local discovery, Fotiadis chose to stay at school to gain A-Levels before becoming a full-time professional. He won England Schools caps at U-15 and U-18 levels, and developed a style to delight Luton fans and worry opposing defences. An old-fashioned centre forward, with good physique, power and concentrated determination to score goals.



Peter Holmes

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

### Stuart Fraser

Stylish defender and former skipper of the Luton youth team, given his league debut against Carlisle in a 3-2 win on the final day of the 1997/98 season. Within a year he was an established regular of the first team squad.



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## NOTTS COUNTY SUPPORTER'S CLUB - QUIZ RESULTS

The winners of the above quiz (closing date 31st January)

1st Prize - **Bernadette Davey (Clifton)** - Two bottles of wine  
2nd Prize - **Doreen Vernon (Hucknall)** - Box of chocolates



The second prize was actually tied with David Fells (Shepshed) but as there were two winners for second place, it was drawn out of a hat.

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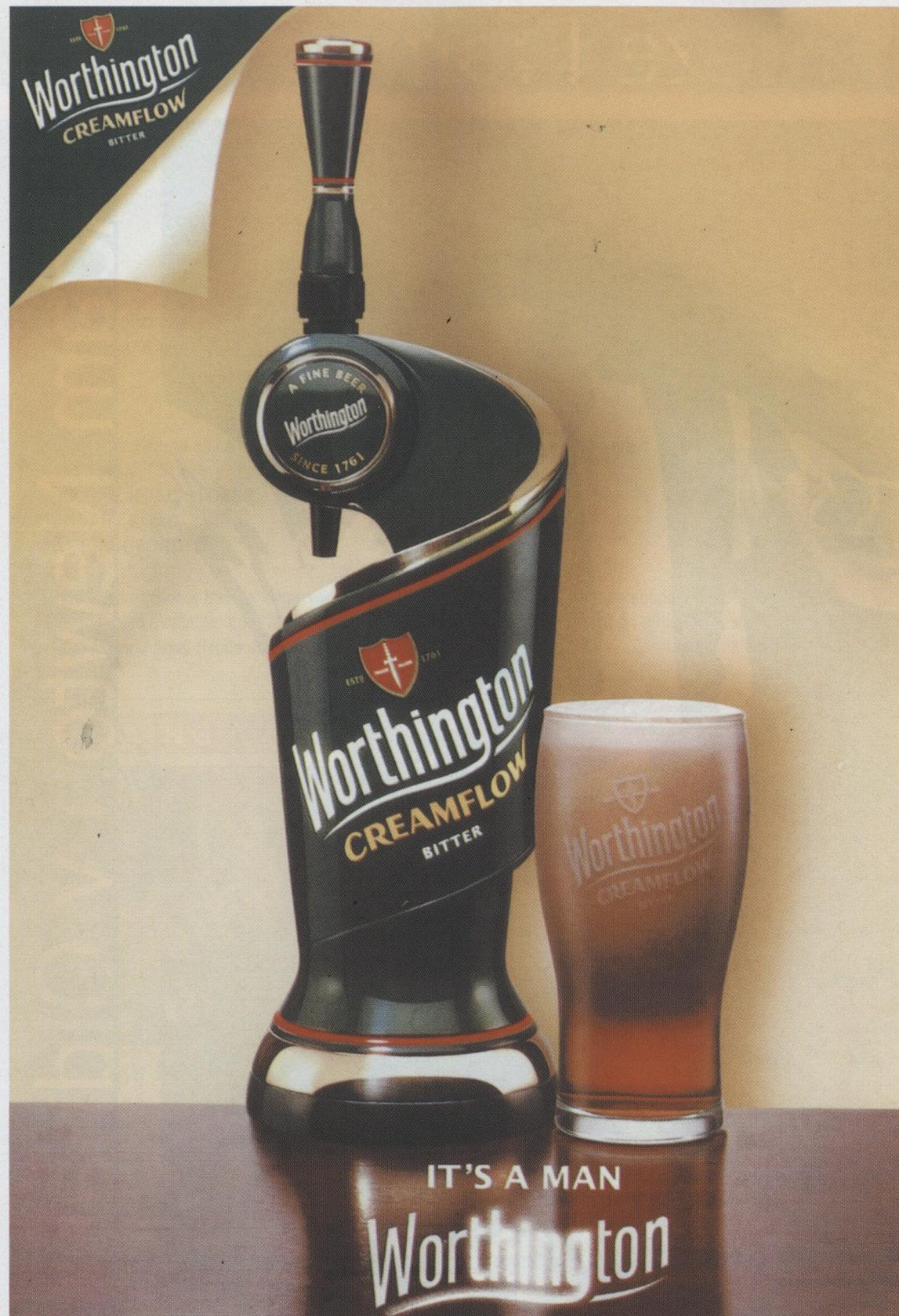
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## Who's read all the Pies?

We have all seen them. That strange bunch of men who appear several times each season. Standing on street corners outside Meadow Lane, occasionally accepting pound coins from complete strangers in exchange for the content of their plastic bag!

Who are these men? Forest fans let out for the weekend? On the contrary - they are the sellers of Notts County supporters' original fanzine, the Pie. From its humble beginnings in 1987 the Pie, despite the Magpies' fluctuating fortunes, has been a constant fixture in the club's recent history. The latest offering was issue No 63 - or put another way between 4 to 5 issues each year. Very few of the 500 copies printed last month are left. At its height over 1000 were printed. The people that print The Pie (all big Notts supporters) specialise in religious documents, so often at their offices the Pie is stacked alongside church journals and religious tracts. A strange match!

It may surprise fans to hear that the Pie was one of the first fanzines to hit the streets. In the intervening years, despite several changes in personnel, the objectives of the publication remain the same - to represent the views of the supporters. The current editorial team, Steve Westby and Neil McGowan, are keen to stress this point.

'We are not linked to the club in anyway. We remain truly independent. If we think the club are doing things wrong, we will tell them'

Has this stance led to any problems with the club?

'We were forced to withdraw one issue when a certain Mr Birtles objected to an article. But as a rule we have had no major run ins. Well apart from the time when Larry Lloyd, employed by Century Radio at the time, accused us of being cheap and nasty with delusions of becoming journalists. It made us laugh as nothing could be further from the truth'

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Meet any of the editorial team, or the bunch of people who contribute to the Pie, and it is easy to understand why they continue to produce the fanzine, when others around the country are fast disappearing. Their love for the game and their passion, sometimes tested to the full, for Notts County comes over loud and clear. And it should not be forgotten that monies raised from the sale of the publication has allowed the Pie to sponsor player's kits for many a year - this season's choice, goal machine Richard Liburd!

Other notable successes include lobbying Radio Nottingham to give greater coverage to Notts and the links they have developed with other fanzine editors around the country. But what is this fascination with real ale?

'We like to think that the average Notts' fan is a discerning drinker. In fact one of our greatest rewards came when an acquaintance said Notts fans know their beer, unlike Forest fans who tend to drink lager. That's why we always feature a guide to local pubs for up and coming away fixtures in every issue. Mind you it did back fire one time when we directed fans to a pub that had been demolished five years previous!'

And are there any plans for Issue No 64?

We hope to have the next issue out before the end of the season. We are greatly encouraged by the noises coming from the club's new owners. It seems to have inspired everyone involved - it's a lot easier to pull together when things are on the up!'

So the next time you encounter these dedicated bunch of men why not give them a pound! They will make it worth your while!

# Past Encounters

## Notts County v Luton Town



It would be fair to say that Luton Town have tended to enjoy their visits to Meadow Lane, as out of 28 League games played here, Notts have won just seven. The Hatters have secured full points on eleven occasions, with ten draws, since the teams first met here in league action in 1930.

Notts' best win here was in March 1979, when Arthur Mann, David Hunt and Paul Hooks were on target in a 3-1 victory, Bob Hatton replying, although we did manage a 5-4 victory in January 1952, four months after losing 6-0 at Luton! The Hatters best result here was in November 1976 when Alan West, John Aston, Jimmy Husband and Stephen Buckley all hit the back of the net in a 4-0 win.

Recent players with feet in both camps include Luton's Lee Nogan who played six games for Notts whilst on loan from Reading in 1997. He moved on to Grimsby, then Darlington before signing for Luton last November. Sean Farrell started his career at Luton as a trainee in 1987, and was transferred to Fulham in 1991. He joined Peterborough United three years later, and signed for Notts in October 1996.

We have to go back as far as 1992 for the last time we triumphed at Meadow Lane against Luton, also one of the most dramatic games between the sides.

Saturday 2nd May 1992 - League Division One

### NOTTS COUNTY (1) 2 LUTON TOWN (1) 1 (Att: 11,380)

On the last day of the season, with ourselves and West Ham already relegated, Luton needed a win to have any hope of avoiding the drop. Backed by nearly 5,000 fans, the visitors took a deserved lead through a Julian James shot in the 17th minute. Rob Matthews, still a student at Loughborough University, hauled Notts level in the 35th minute from close range.

At half time, it looked as if Luton might pull off a great escape, as Coventry, one place and two points ahead of them were losing 2-0 at Aston Villa. But Matthews had the last word, scoring his second with a fine shot twenty minutes from time.

Both clubs went down - just missing out on the Premiership, which started the following season. It was also the last league game to be played at the 'old' Meadow Lane, as redevelopment of three sides of the ground was about to begin. Rob Matthews signed pro forms for Notts, and in 1994 was transferred - to Luton!!

**Notts Co:** Cherry, Palmer, Thomas, Craig Short, Chris Short, Draper, Williams, Harding, Agana, Matthews, Wilson (Devlin). **Sub not used:** M Johnson.



**Luton Town:** Chamberlain, J James, Salton (Gray), Kamara (Rees), Dreyer, Peake, Oakes, Stein, Harford, Pembridge, Preece.

Our last meeting at Meadow Lane with the men from Kenilworth Road must have come as a great relief to all connected with Luton Town. Until the day before, the Hatters, in receivership at the time, had been under a Football League suspension.

Despite all the distractions Luton made their point in a dullstart to the campaign. Both teams did get the ball in the net, Luton after ten minutes following Spring's long free kick, and Notts through Craig Ramage a minute later, but neither counted. Apart from that, the nearest anyone came to scoring was when Mark Stallard shot wide after Peter Beadle's shot was blocked.

Duane Darby, out injured since joining Notts a year earlier, finally made an appearance, and said "It's been a long time waiting for my debut, but I got on for ten minutes at the end, which was great. In a way, I was disappointed not to be in the starting eleven."

Lennie Lawrence, Luton manager, said, "It's been a traumatic week, but I'm well pleased with the result."

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Saturday 7th August 1999 - League Division Two

### NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0 LUTON TOWN (0) 0 (Att: 6,141)

**Notts Co:** Ward, Holmes, Warren, Redmile (Bolland 87), Blackmore, Liburd (Robson 58), Richardson, Ramage, Murray, Stallard (Darby 80), Beadle. **Subs not used:** Gibson, Hughes.

**Luton Town:** Abbey, White, Watts, Johnson, Fraser, McLaren, Spring, McIndoe, Taylor (Boyce 69), Douglas, Gray.

**Subs not used:** George, Tate, Scarlett, Zahaniioni.

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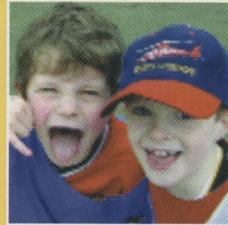
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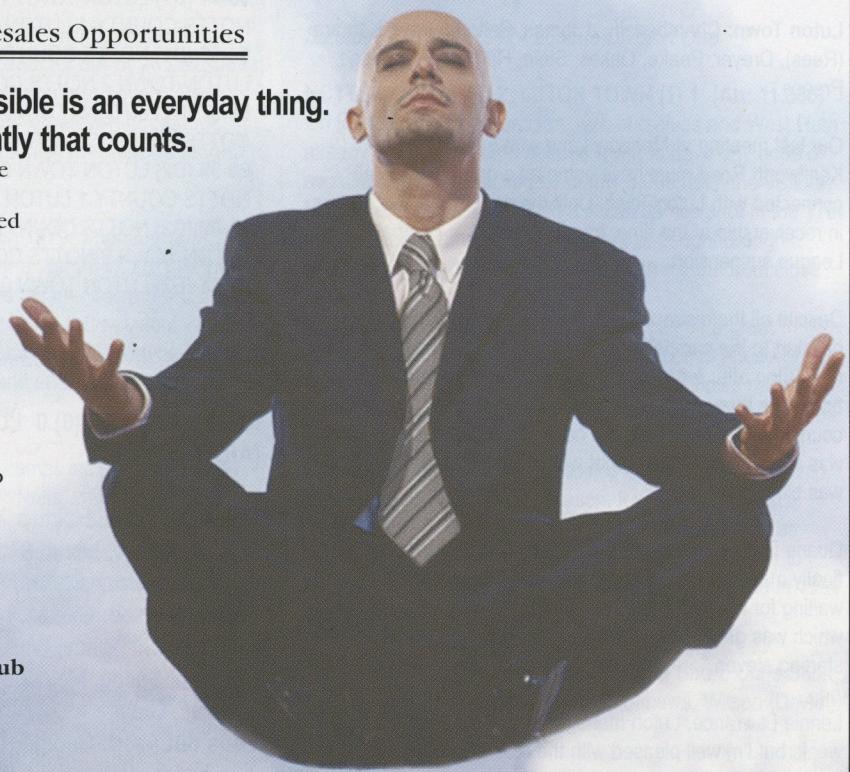
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### Fortress Meadow Lane?

With the completion of the Derek Pavis Stand, the new look Meadow Lane ground opened its gates for the first time on 21st August 1994. The visitors that day were Wolverhampton Wanderers and we went onto share the points in a 1-1 draw. In the intervening years the Magpies have played over 150 league games at the Lane. In that time much has been spoken about making the ground into a fortress, a place where no team would like to play. But do the statistics back this up?

The early signs were not good. Notts failed to win any of their first seven league games, having to wait until the visit of Sunderland in early November, to secure their first three point trawl with a 3-2 victory against the men from Wearside.

Notts recent run of home form is far more impressive. You have to go back nearly five months to find our last home defeat at the hands of Swansea City. Since then we have played nine league games, winning six and drawing three.

What has happened in between can be best described as inconsistent.

Season	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Ratio
94/95	23	7	8	8	42%
95/96	23	15	5	3	72%
96/97	23	4	9	10	30%
97/98	23	15	6	2	74%
98/99	23	9	6	8	48%
99/00	23	9	6	8	48%
Current	13	6	4	3	56%
TOTAL	151	65	44	42	53%

Points ratio is the amount of points Notts won as a percentage of the total points on offer

Of the 151 games played, we have managed to win 65 and draw 44. This gives an average points ratio of 53%. - i.e. we have won 53% of the points on offer from all our home league games in that time. This is slightly less than the average for the whole of Division Two teams this year (54%).

Two seasons stand out - 1995/96 and the promotion-winning year on 1997/98. In both seasons we secured over 70% of the points on offer. Compare that to the meagre 30% in 1996/97.

*“...some say that many teams raise their game when they come to the Lane, especially if they are used to less palatial surrounds. With more and more ground developments, this excuse will start to wear thin.”*

Without those two good years, Notts home record is not something to shout about. The reasons? Well some say that many teams raise their game when they come to the Lane, especially if they are used to less palatial surrounds. With more and more ground developments, this excuse will start to wear thin.

But the trend appears to be moving in the right direction. With increased attendances and the atmosphere that comes with that let us hope that the Fortress has finally arrived!

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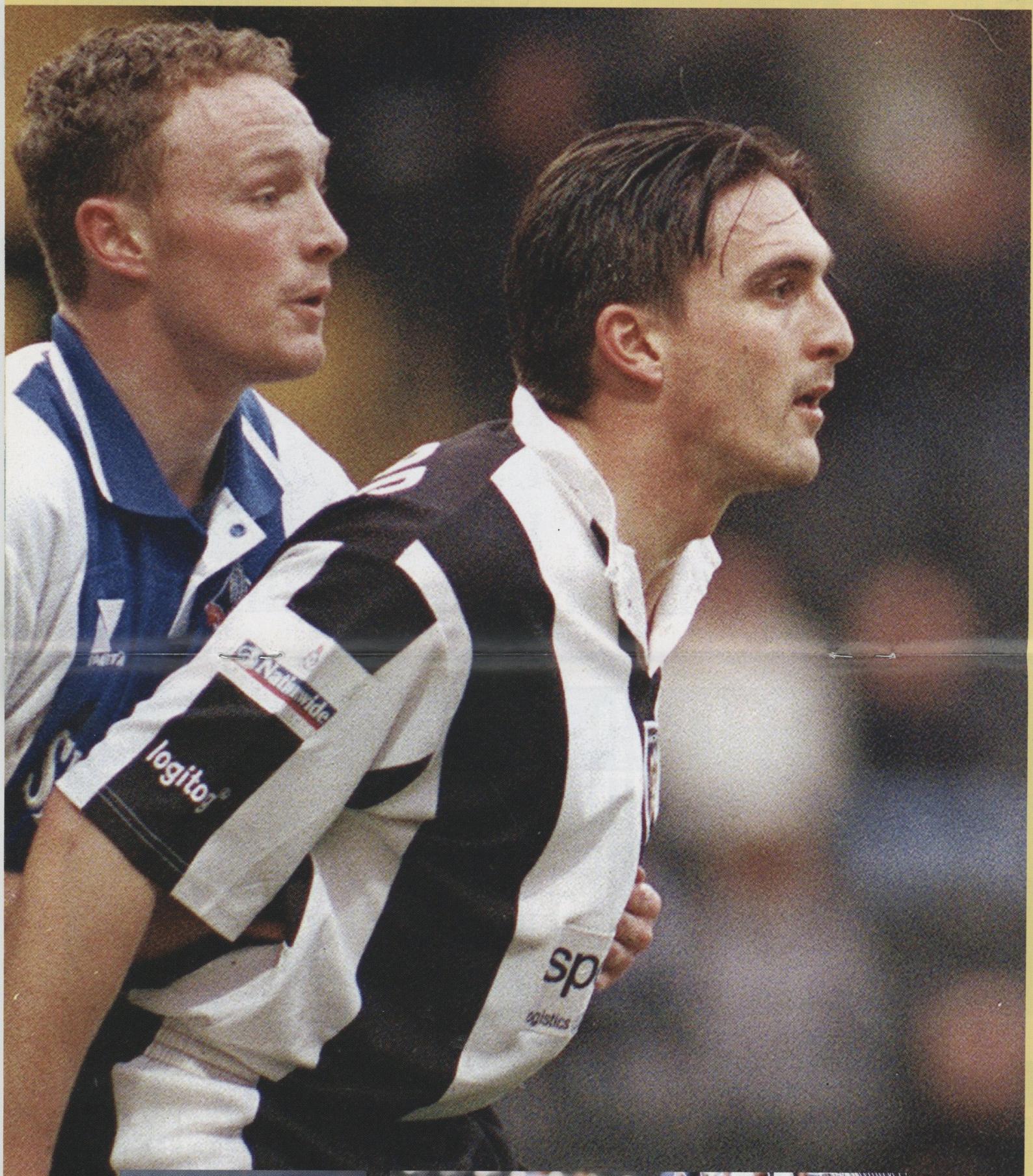
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Rotherham ..... 1Reading ..... 5  
Oldham ..... 0Millwall ..... 5  
Oxford ..... 0Millwall ..... 6  
Colchester ..... 1Biggest  
Away Win  
Brentford ..... 2  
Bristol Rovers .6

Peterborough 0

Stoke ..... 4

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Wigan ..... 18Consec. Defeats  
Bury ..... 5Winless Run  
Cambridge ..... 12Total Games  
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148 ..... 44%Away Wins  
101 ..... 29%Draws  
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## Division 2 Ave. Attendances

## Bigest Wins & Losses

## Last 5 Home Results

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Prosser	15	4	62	4.13
Cooper	11	5	43	3.91
Foy	19	4	74	3.89
Dowd	18	8	70	3.89
Knight	10	4	38	3.80
Mathieson	19	2	71	3.74
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Riley	7	25	3.57	
Hill	16	4	57	3.56
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This new feature gives you the chance to send your questions, compliments and complaints to the club, and we do our best to give you the answer. Answering this issues questions:



Peter Storrie  
Deputy Chairman  
Bob Davy  
Stadium Manager  
Clair Finnigan  
Business Development Manager  
Sean Turtle  
Media Designer

There are always large queues for food and drink under the Jimmy Sirrel Stand, because of this some poor souls miss ten minutes of the second half. This problem will only be compounded as our attendances increase. One suggestion might be to install beer pumps as the current 'can opening' system is very slow. Another might be to appoint some more senior supervisors behind the counters as some of the youngsters lack urgency!

In the long term beer pumps are something that we will be looking to implement, but in the short term it would not be feasible - the length of hose it would take to carry the beer would result in a lot of wastage. We are looking into bringing in some more supervisory caterers, and having some typical food orders ready before half time. The catering side of the matchday events is something we are monitoring and looking to improve. Having said that, whichever ground you go to, even the biggest clubs with the best facilities will have queues.

Bob Davy

Has the club considered asking the turnstile operators to hand out '8 Through the Gate' leaflets to people entering the ground? I have come across people who don't read the Evening Post and who don't buy a programme so they are unaware of the £15.00 Family Ticket promotion for the Northampton game.

Utilising the turnstiles is something we have done at frequent intervals, last Saturday's game a prime example - where we offered flyers for tonight's game. It is an avenue that can be of great benefit, and it is something we will continue to use whenever possible.

Peter Storrie

Could Notts not promote the '8 Through the Gate' campaign at some of Nottingham's larger businesses, where there are large workforces to target?

This is an area that we have recently looked at. A new package for employees of Boots, Capital One, Nottingham City Council and Experian has been offered to their employees in an effort to encourage new faces down to Meadow Lane

Clair Finnigan

*"By structuring our offers - and aiming for different catchment areas - we believe our goal to bring new families to Meadow Lane will be achieved with widespread success" - Peter Storrie*

The voucher scheme for the Wimbledon game was a huge success, with over 8,500 fans turning up for Notts that day. Much of this can be credited to fans handing out their 'spare' vouchers to friends and family. Why not open this to every match this season?

I understand and appreciate the idea, but the reality is that you would be 'hitting' the same people every time. By structuring our offers - and aiming for different catchment areas - we believe our goal to bring new families to Meadow Lane will be achieved with widespread success, i.e.:

"8 Through the Gate" - (Buy one adult ticket, second for £8.00) - Port Vale, Reading and Luton.

"Family Ticket" - (Two adults and two children entrance to the ground, major discount) Wrexham and Northampton.

"Kids for £2" (Entrance fee only £2.00 for all league games until end of season)

Peter Storrie

As a relative newcomer to Notts County, I am a little concerned about having to leave my son unattended when entering the ground. I know that it is only for a few seconds, but is there no way that we can both enter the stand through the same turnstile?

This is a problem that was addressed earlier in the season. I'm happy to say that you can enter the ground with your children through allocated stiles. They are:

Derek Pavis Stand - Stile 3 (Main Gate - entry to Blocks A & D)  
Family Stand - Stile 13 (Meadow Lane Corner)

Jimmy Sirrel Stand - Stile 28 (County Road - Entry to Block Y)  
Bob Davy

The programme earlier in the season was of a particularly poor standard, but has been revamped considerably, well done.

The programme has undergone a rapid transformation in recent weeks, with more funds being allocated to its production. In addition, I have had considerable help from supporters in its content. I'd like to say a big thank you to Richard Stanton, Pete Gill and Neil MacGowan in particular, and to all those who have contributed to its improvement.

Sean Turtle

If you have a question you would like answered, please write to:

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Every week, Bex tries to impress the Kidz United Gang by writing a daft eleven, but they usually just groan and tell him to be quiet. This week he's been watching the cars go past and he's come up with this Road 11. Prepare to groan!

1. Simon ROLLS ROYCE - Leicester
2. Albert FERRARI - Chelsea
3. Gianluca FIESTA - Middlesbrough
4. Horacio CARBURETTOR - Derby
5. RENAULT Ferdinand - Leeds
6. Noel WHEELAN - Middlesbrough
7. Matt JanSUNROOF - Blackburn
8. Nolberto SALOONo - Newcastle
9. Gary SPEEDOMETER - Newcastle
10. Jimmy Floyd HATCHBACK - Chelsea
11. Stan LARRYmore - Real Ovideo

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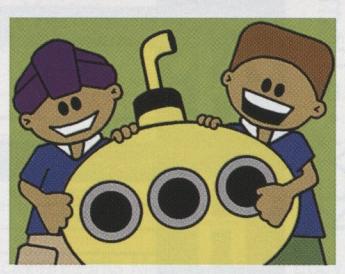
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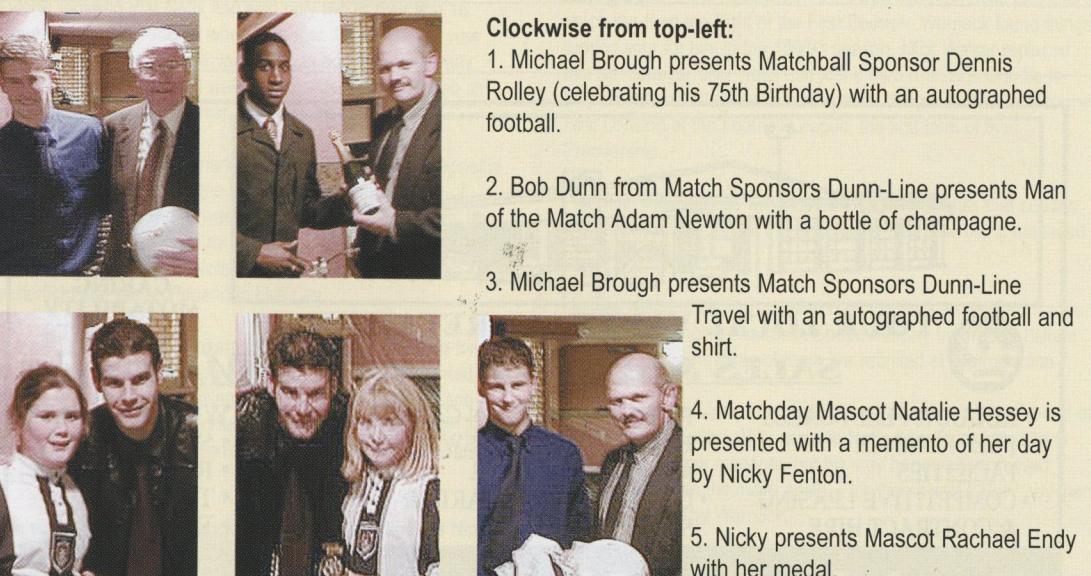
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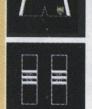
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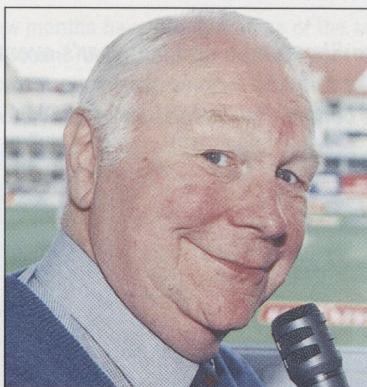
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# On This Day... with Colin Slater



*"If he has a distinctive trademark it is Warnock's insatiable appetite for wheeling and dealing in the transfer market."*

and, in need of a striker, he turned to Stant, having to pay Hereford £175,000 for the man who had headed the scorers' list the previous season.

Warnock's opinion of Stant was reinforced by his assistant, John Newman, who had previously managed Hereford and was responsible for signing Stant, who was bought out of the army for a mere £750. It represented quite a profit for Hereford and is yet another example of the price of that rare commodity - a proven goalscorer.

Incidentally, the fee for Short was £100,000, with a further £60,000 payable depending on appearances. Later, of course, Craig was followed from Scarborough by his brother Chris - who, very recently, and most sadly, has had to give up the game on account of illness.

Having been at the helm when Notts won two promotion play-offs to reach the then top flight of the First Division, Warnock found things turning sour for him in the 199/93 season. Mick Walker replaced him as manager after Notts had lost a third round FA Cup-tie to Sunderland, and they were in relegation danger in the newly formed First Division of the Football League, the first term of the Premiership.

I mention this because two players in County's ranks that season are now key members of the Sheffield United side being managed by...Neil Warnock.

He was responsible for recruiting Paul Devlin from Stafford Rangers in 1991 and bringing Australian Shaun Murphy from Perth Italia a year later. Now the three of them are reunited at Bramall Lane.

Notts also figured in another example of Warnock re-signing one of his 'old' players. Chris Billy came to Notts from Plymouth, where Neil was again the manager, but his stay here was short-lived before he was on the move again. This time it was Bury - by then being managed by Warnock.

Going back to Short and Stant, the former has recently been sidelined by a bad injury but on his way back to joining Blackburn Rovers push for promotion. Stant has become another in quite a large colony of former Notts players who have turned manager, being in charge of Lincoln City.

Other League bosses include Nigel Worthington (Norwich City), Kevin Wilson (Northampton Town) and Nicky Law (Chesterfield), while many more are working as assistant managers and scouts, or managing non-league clubs.

While still at Scarborough, Neil had nearly signed striker Phil Stant

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# Behind The Scenes

The past few months have brought some of the severest weather on recent record, and although it might not be the most important factor on a wider scale, it's caused havoc for Club Groundsman Trevor Hutchinson. Here he talks to Sean Turtle on how frustrating it's been.

You've had to contend with all kinds of weather this winter, but surely the flood must have been the most devastating? The damage it caused to the pitch set us back no end - the pitch for that time of year was looking quite good up until then. We're still suffering to this day from the after-effects that is caused, and I don't see the effects fully leaving us until the summer when we'll have a chance to look at it without games being played every week.

#### What was actually involved to repair the damage?

We had a 20% area of the pitch relaid on the advice of a microbiologist - a build up of a silt layer that impeded the drainage and the refuse that came from the Trent was hazardous to the players, hence the need to postpone games.

After all that, things didn't let up as you had to contend with the persistent rain.

Because of what had happened during the flood, any rain we get now just stays on top of the pitch because it is so saturated. All we can do is keep forking and 'verti-drain' (a machine that can fork the pitch on a bigger and quicker scale) to help the ground to aeration, as it will help the water to pass through much quicker.

You hired a plastic sheet covering to try and prevent any water from reaching the pitch, without much success. What actually happened?

It's a simple case that the covering failed to be waterproof. In all honesty, the pitch was probably wetter than if we hadn't covered it at all. I came in at 7.00 last Saturday morning - hoping to remove the cover and have a relatively easy day of getting the pitch ready - and spent the next five hours rushing to get both the pitch and cover free of water and ready for play.

#### Is the pitch covering something you would try again?

It's not the idea that was the problem, we just seemed to suffer with a bad experience. I think it is something we will look at in the future because the coverings are supposed to protect against frost as well as rain.

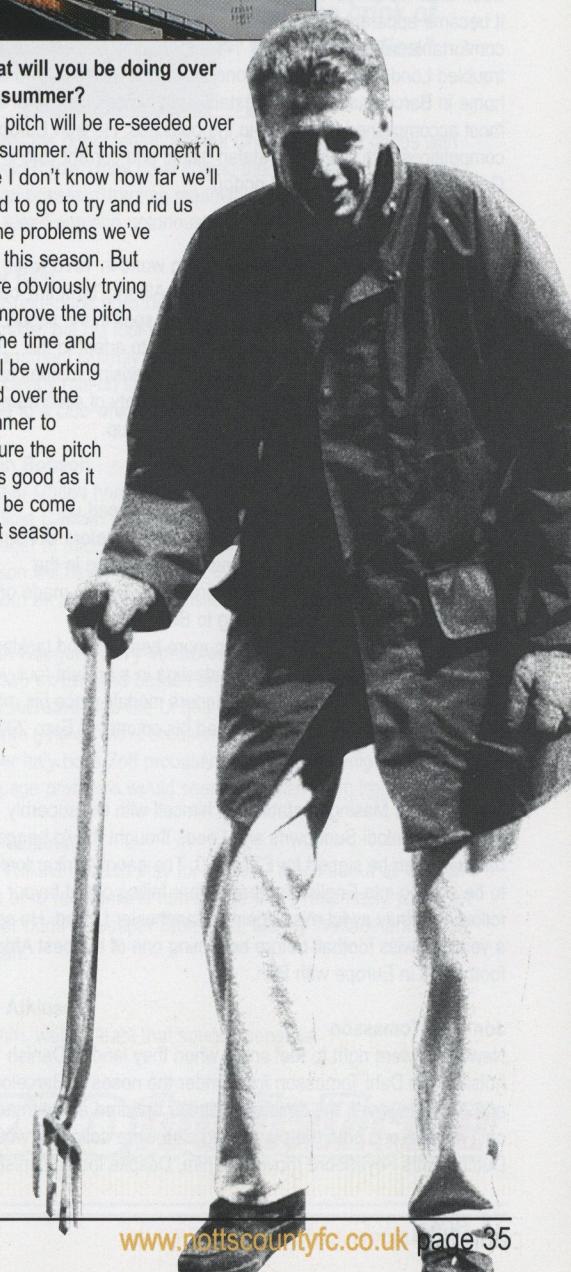
#### How has the frost hampered you?

We've been fortunate in that we've had no games called off due to frost. In actual fact, playing on a pitch that is heavily frosted is the worst thing you can do - it makes the pitch 'fluffy' and the roots kick out - that's why when you see a sliding tackle, instead of just a blade of grass coming up, you see great divots coming out of the pitch.



What will you be doing over the summer?

The pitch will be re-seeded over the summer. At this moment in time I don't know how far we'll need to go to try and rid us of the problems we've had this season. But we're obviously trying to improve the pitch all the time and we'll be working hard over the summer to ensure the pitch is as good as it can be come next season.



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## SILK PURSES FROM SOWS EARS

By Kev Ashby

Serie A outfit Perugia are reportedly demanding nearly £10 million for Marco Materazzi - a king's ransom for a defender who'd make Rigobert Song look solid. ZOOfootball checks out foreigners who've gone on to greater things since quitting these shores in anger.

## Gheorge Popescu

Soon after his arrival at White Hart Lane in the summer of 1994 it became apparent the ball-playing Romanian wasn't comfortable with Ossie Ardiles' 1-1-9 formation. Popescu quit the troubled London club after just one season and was far more at home in Barcelona, where he established himself as one of the most accomplished sweepers in the business. He won European competitions with both the Catalan giants and current club Galatasaray after escaping London.

## Alberto Tarantini

Birmingham City shocked the footballing world in 1978 when they signed Argentine World Cup winner Alberto Tarantini, but the flamboyant former Boca Juniors star's spell in the second city was a troubled one. Despite struggling to adapt to the English game, Tarantini played some mesmerising football upon his return to his homeland where he won plenty of silverware and was an ever present in the 1982 World Cup.

## Patrik Andersson

Then Blackburn manager Kenny Dalglish snapped up accomplished Malmo defender Andersson just before Christmas 1992 to shore up a defence playing its first season in the Premiership. He needn't have bothered. The Swede made only seven appearances before moving to Borussia Moenchengladbach, where he won more headers and tackles than any other defender in the Bundesliga in a brilliant four-year spell. He's picked up even more winners medals since his move to Bayern Munich and also captained his country at Euro 2000.

## Phil Masinga

South African Masinga established himself with the superbly named Mamelodi Sundowns and Leeds thought they'd bagged a bargain when he signed for £275,000. The gangly striker looked to be settling into English football before falling out of favour following a truly awful miss against Manchester United. He spent a year in Swiss football before becoming one of the best African footballers in Europe with Bari.

## Jon Dahl Tomasson

Newcastle were right to feel smug when they landed Danish hotshot Jon Dahl Tomasson from under the noses of Barcelona and Ajax. However, the diminutive striker endured a nightmare on Tyneside and both the player and club were delighted when Dutch giants Feyenoord moved for him. Despite looking finished,

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a minor miracle occurred and after regaining his confidence he fired the Rotterdam side into the Champions League and almost single-handedly shot Denmark to last summer's European Championships.

## Savo Milosevic

Christened 'Miss-a-lot-evil' by the English press, Yugoslav forward Savo Milosevic's spell at Villa Park was a troubled one. He only seemed to score against Coventry City and after spitting on Villa fans following a 5-0 drubbing at Ewood Park he was duly sold to Real Zaragoza for £3.5 million. Brian Little laughed all the way to the bank, but not half as loudly as the Spanish club who palmed him off to Parma for a gigantic £16 million after Milosevic topped the scoring charts at Euro 2000.

## Gennaro Gattuso

When Walter Smith signed unknown Perugia midfielder 'Reno' Gattuso in 1997 a few eyebrows were raised among the Ibrox faithful, but the combative young Italian soon established himself as a crowd idol as the Gers completed yet another double. His short stay in Glasgow was a memorable one and after a brief spell with unfashionable Salernitana he moved to the San Siro, where before long he was representing both AC Milan and Italy.

## Jesus Seba

Zaragoza to Wigan via Villarreal is not a path traditionally taken by Spanish midfielders, but Seba's career has been an unorthodox one. After failing to set the scoring charts alight in his home country, Seba arrived in Lancashire as part of the 'Three Amigos' along with Isidro Diaz and Roberto Martinez. He liked the nightlife but wasn't too keen on the football in England and after moving to Portugal he somehow discovered a goalscoring touch and amazingly topped the country's scoring charts last season with Belenenses.

## Stefan Beinlich

Current German international Beinlich is the archetypal boy done good (after an inauspicious spell in England). He joined Aston Villa in 1991 along with unknown compatriot Matthias Brekutz, but failed to make an impression in the first team. He quit the Midlands for Hansa Rostock where he rapidly established himself as one of the finest midfielders in the Bundesliga. Bayer Leverkusen happily paid a significant fee for what many thought of as the finest left foot in Germany, who repaid the club by taking them close to the title last season. Unlucky not to feature at Euro 2000, he's set to become an international regular thanks to a recent move to Hertha Berlin.

With Sir Alex Ferguson due to retire at the end of next season, possibly the biggest job in European football will become vacant. Having been in solitary command of the club since November 1986, his departure will create a massive gap at Old Trafford, but here are the people that SportingOdds.com think are most likely to fill it. Whoever takes the job will have to contend with the supporters with the highest expectations in England and the prospect of having the most successful manager in recent British history roaming around the corridors of Old Trafford like a miserable poltergeist.

## Steve McLaren

The current assistant boss has been warned off taking the job by his old boss, Derby manager Jim Smith, but he's shown by deputising in Ferguson's absence that he's capable of keeping his pretty boy charges in check. A suitably faceless front-man for a remarkably faceless club.

## Martin O'Neill

With O'Neill having made an immediate impact at both of his top-flight clubs - Leicester City and Celtic - he's been making all the right moves to catch United's eye. However, he's very much his own man and won't appreciate Fergie hanging around Old Trafford, and who's to say that the job at Parkhead isn't really his dream job.

## Jean Tigana and Mark McGhee

We told you there were some weird choices. The Fulham manager has achieved the unmiraculous by using a series of blank cheques to hurl his side to the brink of promotion while Millwall boss McGhee seems to have been tipped simply because, like Ferguson, he's spent a few years in the hotseat at Pittodrie.

## David O'Leary

As far as SportingOdds.com are concerned, Ferguson's tipping of O'Leary as his successor was little more than another example of his notorious psychological warfare tactics. A drab season at Elland Road has shown that, even with Peter Ridsdale's millions at his command, O'Leary can't mount quite the challenge some pundits might have hoped.

## Steve Bruce

He made an absolute horse's arse of managing Huddersfield, but as far as the bookies are concerned, that's no bar to managing the biggest club in the world. Bruce's status as a United legend is more or less guaranteed as it is - why ruin it by giving him a job he can't do?

## Gordon Strachan, Roger Lemerre, Johann Cruyff and Fabio Capello

The foreign managers in the frame with no English experience are surprisingly long shots. French national manager Lemerre, Roma boss Capello and Barca technical director Cruyff all seem



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to have the right credentials, but Chelsea's experiences with Claudio Ranieri may have cooled the Reds' enthusiasm for foreign bosses. Strachan meanwhile is a tactical incompetent who Alex Ferguson notoriously dislikes.

## Peter Reid

The Sunderland boss has been a resounding success on Wearside, but his foul-mouthed, blood and guts style of management is firmly outside the United tradition. A manager who clearly has no time for petulant stars is arguably not best suited to a club which has no shortage of potential primadonnas.

## Bryan Robson

Another United hero gone to the dogs, the humiliation that the one-time Captain Marvel is suffering as effective assistant manager at Middlesbrough is probably enough to ensure that Robson will never pass through the hallowed portals at Old Trafford as anything but a visitor again.

## Kevin Keegan, Terry Venables, Marcello Lippi, Dino Zoff

The two ex-England bosses are probably a bit too loose-lipped for a secretive club like United and everyone knows how well Keegan gets on with Ferguson. Juventus manager Lippi and former Italy boss Zoff probably have a good pedigree, but language problems would seem to banish them from contention.

## Ray Wilkins

Ray Wilkins used to play for United - that's about all we can think of to recommend him for the job. Presumably you'd get similar odds on Jesper Blomqvist, Danny Wallace and Mike Phelan.

## Ron Atkinson

Hmmm, well at least that sounds sensible.

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### 8. Mark Draper

Superb midfielder. Excellent distribution, and an excellent free-kick specialist. I don't think we've had a player with his dead-ball skills since.

App - 270 Goals - 50

### 9. Tony Hateley

The finest header of a ball I've seen in a Notts shirt. His scoring ratio (better than a goal every other game) says it all. We only saw him at the beginning and end of his career. In between, he pleyed his trade at the top-level.

App - 207 Goals - 114

### 10. Gary McSwegan

Classy forward who - when fully fit - was the complete forward. Turned well, struck the ball well, and a good finisher with his head. App - 76 Goals - 26

### 11. Iain McCulloch

A whole-hearted player who never gave up on a lost cause. Would chase any ball, and created many goals because of this. Made the penultimate fourty for Scotland's World Cup squad while still at Meadow Lane.

App - 259 Goals - 54

### 3. Ray O'Brien

The best left-footed player I've ever seen play for Notts. Also appeared for his country (Republic of Ireland) while at Meadow Lane. Excellent when pressing forward with the ball, and weighed in with his fair share of goals.

App - 385 Goals - 39

### 4. Dean Yates

For as long as I've been watching Notts, there have been two excellent defensive partnerships - Stubbs & Needham, and Yates & Short. My pairing is what I consider to be the cream of each. Yates was a classy footballer - good in the air, and extremely quick and perceptive on the ground.

App - 404 Goals - 37

### 5. Dave Needham

Dave Needham is truly one of the Notts' greats, making nearly 500 appearances for the Magpies. It was only when he left Meadow Lane that Needham made the England 'B' side - something that probably wouldn't have been achievable whilst he stayed here.

App - 491 Goals - 35

### 6. Willie Carlin

Perhaps a controversial choice, but an excellent competitive ball-winner. Carlin's aggressive style would complement the creative urges of both Draper and Masson. I would also make him captain of the side, his tenacity and will to win was second to none

App - 67 Goals - 3

### 7. Don Masson

Unsurprisingly, the best player I've ever seen in a Notts shirt. Masson's ability to manipulate a ball was unsurpassed - many a game he dominated the midfield, scoring goals from every area. Add to that a strike ratio of almost 1 in 5 - high for a midfielder, and you've got some player. Yet suffered in the same respect as Needham - should have played for his country while at Meadow Lane but had to leave the club for recognition.

App - 453 Goals - 97



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**23,513** The crowd packed into Meadow Lane on April 28, 1973 to witness Notts' 4-1 over Tranmere. Goals from Randall (2), Needham and Nixon helped secure promotion to the old division 2 after a spell of 15 years.

**3** occupants of the Manager's Office at Luton this season. Ricky Hill, Lil Fuccillo and more recently Joe Kinnear

**3p** The cost of the Football Post on the day Notts beat Tranmere!

**429** games in a Magpies shirt for Dave Needham before his transfer to QPR. The fee - £90,000. How times have changed!

**£75,000** The target for the 'Buy Roeder Fund' in 1983. Supporters pledged close to £20,000 but in the end Glen Roeder returned to QPR.

**30p** The price of the 'Magpie' match day programme in 1981 for the visit of Man City, Notts first game back in the big time.

**12** The number of Notts County management teams in Derek Pavis' fourteen years as chairman. Can you name them all? Answers below.

**6** Luton's unbeaten run of league games at Meadow Lane. In those six games the Hatters have won 4, drawn 2, scoring seven goals to our three!

**1982** The year Don Masson finally hung up his boots. In total the midfield maestro played 402 league games for Notts, finding the net on 92 occasions.

**7,059** turned up at Kenilworth Road to watch Notts first game of this season. Notts' first opponents the previous season? Luton Town!

**11** The number of League games the Magpies has won by a single goal margin this season. Seven games finished 1-0, the remaining four 3-2 to the Magpies. Only the 4-1 thrashing of Rotherham has bucked the trend.

Answers  
Jockey Scott was Derek Pavis' 12th management appointment. His first was John Barnes followed by John Newman, Neil Warlock, Mick Walker, Russell Slade, Howard Kendall, the trio of Steve Nicol/Tony Agana/Gary Strodder, Colin Murphy/Steve Thompson, Mark Smith, Sam Allardyce and Gary Brazil.



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The Adidas "WANT TO PLAY DAY" proves to be a huge success, attracting around sixty

youngsters from the Broxtowe Estate. For many of them it was their first experience of taking part in such a high quality event. A full day's coaching and five a side matches took place on Broxtowe Park, and all the children went away with loads of goodies - including a new Adidas ball. Once again this was another major national activity which received the backing of

**Sportsmatch**. We worked on a number of new projects during this month, including work in the Bulwell, Hyson Green and Radford areas - where we set up football-related activities for 5-16 year olds, engaging youngsters between the hours of 10.00am until 9.30pm (depending on their age). Once again this was for many their first opportunity to attend a Football in the Community activity.

#### September

Start of the new school year, and as in previous years we saw an expansion in the amount of activity sessions that were provided to local schools - Eastglade,

Northglade, Brooksby Greencroft and Brocklewood were added to our growing list of schools receiving regular activity sessions. This is due to funding from a variety of routes, including **Bestwood Area Committee**, **The Urban SRB Fund**, **Clifton & Wilford Area Committee** and the **New Opportunities Fund**.

#### RailTrack "Play Safe" Trophy

Thursday February 1st was the date for the first round of our six a side tournament for primary schools. This year we will have forty-two teams taking part which is a record for us! Harvey Hadden Sports Centre was the venue with ten teams battling it out to see who progressed through to the next stage. Further rounds are being held on 15th of February. First round schools involved were:

Edna G Olds

Sneinton Church of England

Haydn

Hyson Green St. Marys

Henry Whipple

Gladehill

Middleton

Warren



Hayden Primary 'A' line up for the camera after beating Gladehill in a tense and dramatic sudden-death penalty shoot-out in the final.

After almost two hours of non-stop action, Haydn 'A' and Gladehill 'B' contested the final. At the end of normal time, it remained goalless. So into sudden death penalties, where Haydn managed to hold their nerve to emerge winners. Thanks to all the schools who contributed to an excellent evening's football. Special thanks also go to 'Mikey' and 'Shammy' - our men in the middle.



Top Referee 'Mikey' steps into the action as a Gladehill 'B' forward is upended in full flight.



Hayden Primary 'A' attack the Gladehill 'B' goal.



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"I missed a bit of pre-season, came back and then got injured again. I'm just hoping I can hold out now and make it through to the end of the season. I've got bills to pay and a family to look after like everybody else. I need to get back in the team, show what I can do and hope there's a new contract for me at the end of it."

**DENNIS PEARCE**

"Michael Brough has all the attributes to go on and become captain of this club one day. It's in his hands now. He has been given the opportunity and has to take his career forward. But if he listens and learns he has every chance of having a very good career at Notts."

**GARY BRAZIL**

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"I knew Craig Ireland because he lived in the same village as me when I was in Scotland. In fact when I was about 10-years-old he was a bit of a hero of mine and the rest of our village because he'd just signed for Aberdeen. I'd not seen him for 11 years before he joined County and he looks solid, commanding in the air and is a good talker which helps a lot."

**NICK FENTON**

"The gaffer said before the Oldham game that we have 20 games left and we need to win at least 13 of them to put us in contention for the play-offs or even automatic promotion. That's our goal, that's what we hope to achieve and hopefully we can continue our good run."

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# It's A Funny Old Game

Football commentators are renowned for the odd slip of the tongue. Things said in all innocence that simply do not come out right. Here are some of the best - and you'll see from the list that such mistakes are not restricted to the world of football!

"He's pulling him off! The Spanish manager is pulling his captain off!"

(Soccer commentator George Hamilton on Spain manager Luis Suarez's substitution of Butragueno during their world cup qualifier with Ireland in Seville, 1992)

"The black players at this club lend the side a lot of skill and flair, but you also need white players in there to balance things up and give the team some brains and some common sense."

(Crystal Palace chairman Ron Noades, speaking in 1991)

"The lead car is absolutely unique, except for the one behind it which is identical"

(Murray Walker)

"I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother and father"

(Greg Norman)

"Sure there have been injuries and deaths in boxing - but none of them serious"

(Alan Minter)

"The racecourse is as level as a billiard ball"

(John Francome)

"If history repeats itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again"

(Terry Venables)

"Ah, isn't that nice, the wife of the Cambridge president is kissing the cox of the Oxford crew."

(Harry Carpenter - BBC TV Boat Race 1977)

"Julian Dicks is everywhere. It's like they've got eleven Dicks on the field."

(Metro Radio)

And it would remiss not to finish with the king of the cocks-up, Mr Ron Atkinson!

"I would not say he (David Ginola) is the best left winger in the Premiership, but there are none better."

"He dribbles a lot and the opposition don't like it - you can



"The black players at this club lend the side a lot of skill and flair, but you also need white players in there to balance things up and give the team some brains and some common sense."

(Crystal Palace chairman Ron Noades, speaking in 1991)

see it all over their faces."

"Well, either side could win it, or it could be a draw."

Mind you, Big Ron has made bigger mistakes, hasn't he!

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# Notts County FC Stats 2000/01

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Home		Away										
Sa 12 Aug	Luton Town	1-0	7,059	Ward	McDermott	Liburd*	Warren	Redmile	Dyer	Owers	Hughes	Ramage
Sa 19 Aug	MILLWALL	3-4	6,046	Ward	McDermott	Liburd	Warren	Redmile	Dyer	Owers	McCann*	Ramage
Tu 22 Aug	Hull City WC 1 (1)	0-1	2,675	Ward	McDermott	Liburd	Warren	Richardson	Dyer	McCann*	Hamilton	Ramage
Sa 26 Aug	Stoke City	1-0	13,041	Ward	McDermott	Liburd	Warren	Richardson	Dyer	Owers	Hamilton	Ramage
Mo 28 Aug	CAMBRIDGE UTD	0-1	4,424	Ward	McDermott	Liburd	Warren*	Richardson	Redmile	Owers	McCann*	Ramage
Sa 2 Sep	Oldham Athletic	1-0	4,424	Ward	McDermott	Liburd	Warren	Richardson	Dyer	Owers 1	Hamilton	Ramage
Tu 5 Sep	HULL CITY WC 1 (2)	2-0	1,907	Ward	McDermott*	Liburd	Warren*	Richardson	Dyer	Owers	Hamilton	Ramage
Sa 9 Sep	BRISTOL ROVERS	1-1	5,511	Ward	Hughes	Liburd	Warren	Richardson	Dyer*	Owers	Hamilton*	Ramage
Tu 12 Sep	SWANSEA CITY	0-1	3,395	Ward	Hughes*	Liburd*	Warren	Richardson	Redmile	Owers	Hamilton	Ramage
Sat 16 Sep	Northampton Town	0-1	5,703	Gibson	Hughes*	Liburd	Warren	Richardson	Redmile	Owers	Hamilton	Ramage
Tu 19 Sep	WATFORD WC 2 (1)	1-3	2,346	Gibson	McDermott	Pearce	Warren	Richardson	Redmile	Owers	Hamilton	Ramage
Sa 23 Sep	BRENTFORD	2-2	4,164	Ward	McDermott	Liburd	Warren	Richardson	Redmile*	Owers	Hamilton	Bolland*
Tu 26 Sep	Watford WC 2 (2)	2-0	7,677	Ward*	McDermott 1	Liburd*	Dyer	Richardson	Fenton	Owers	Hughes 1	Bolland*
Sa 30 Sep	Walsall	1-5	5,211	Lindley	McDermott*	Liburd	Dyer	Redmile*	Fenton	Owers	Hughes	Bolland
Fri 6 Oct	Wycombe Wanderers	1-3	5,080	Lindley	Hughes*	Pearce	Dyer	Warren	Fenton	Owers	Hamilton	Bolland*
Sa 14 Oct	WIGAN ATHLETIC	2-2	4,567	Gibson	McDermott	Pearce	Dyer	Warren	Fenton	Owers	Hamilton	Ramage
Tu 17 Oct	BURY	1-0	3,461	Gibson	McDermott	Pearce	Jacobsen*	Warren	Fenton	Owers	Hamilton	Ramage
Sa 21 Oct	Peterborough Utd	0-1	5,889	Gibson	Hughes*	Richardson	Jacobsen	Warren	Fenton	Owers	Hamilton	Ramage
Tu 24 Oct	AFC Bournemouth	1-0	3,556	Gibson	Jacobsen	Richardson	Warren	Fenton	Hughes*	Owers	Hamilton	Ramage
Sa 28 Oct	SWINDON TOWN	3-2	4,502	Gibson	McDermott	Pearce	Warren*	Fenton*	Jacobsen	Owers	Hamilton	Ramage
Sa 4 Nov	Bristol City	0-4	10,250	Gibson	McDermott	Pearce	Richardson	Fenton	Jacobsen	Owers	Hamilton	Ramage
Sa 25 Nov	Oxford Utd	3-2	4,765	Gibson	McDermott	Pearce	Richardson	Fenton	Jacobsen	Owers	Hamilton	Bolland*
Sa 2 Dec	Colchester Utd	0-2	3,280	Gibson	McDermott	Pearce	Richardson	Fenton	Jacobsen	Owers	Hamilton*	Bolland*
Fri 9 Dec	Gravesend & Northfleet (FAC 1)	2-1	2,376	Ward	McDermott*	Pearce	Richardson	Fenton	Jacobsen	Owers	Hamilton	Murray*
Tu 12 Dec	Wigan Athletic (FAC 2)	1-1	3,338	Ward	Liburd	Pearce	Richardson	Fenton	Jacobsen	Owers	Hamilton	Hughes
Sa 16 Dec	READING	3-2	5,106	Ward	Liburd*	Pearce	Richardson	Fenton	Jacobsen	Owers	Hamilton	Hughes
Tu 19 Dec	WIGAN ATHLETIC (FAC 2R)	2-1 (aet)	3,349	Ward	Liburd 2	Pearce	Richardson	Fenton	Jacobsen	Owers	Murray*	Hughes*
Sa 23 Dec	WREXHAM	1-0	6,296	Ward	Liburd 1	Pearce	Richardson	Fenton	Jacobsen	Owers	Murray*	Hughes
Tu 26 Dec	Rotherham Utd	0-0	7,673	Ward	Liburd	Pearce	Richardson	Fenton	Jacobsen	Owers	Brough	Newton
Sa 30 Dec	Millwall	3-2	11,495	Ward	Liburd	Holmes	Richardson	Newton*	Jacobsen	Owers 1	Brough*	Hughes 2
Mo 1 Jan	STOKE CITY	2-2	9,125	Ward	Liburd 1	Holmes	Richardson 1	Fenton	Jacobsen	Owers	Brough	Hughes
Sa 6 Jan	Wimbledon (FAC 3)	2-2	4,391	Ward	Liburd	Newton*	Richardson	Fenton	Jacobsen	Owers	Brough	Hughes 1
Tu 8 Jan	Port Vale (LDV 1)	0-3	1,911	Gibson	Holmes	Bolland	Jorgensen	Warren	Gellert	Dunn*	Hamilton	Murray
Sa 13 Jan	Cambridge Utd	2-2	4,029	Ward	Liburd	Fenton	Hughes	Jacobsen	Richardson	Newton*	Owers	Brough*
Sa 20 Jan	ROTHERHAM UTD	4-1	7,010	Ward	Liburd 1	Fenton	Holmes*	Jacobsen 1	Richardson	Murray	Owers	Newton
Sa 27 Jan	WIMBLEDON (FAC 3R)	0-1 (aet)	9,084	Ward	Liburd	Fenton	Richardson*	Jacobsen	Newton	Hamilton*	Owers	Hughes
Sa 3 Feb	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	1-0	5,286	Ward	Liburd	Fenton	Ireland*	Jacobsen	Newton	Hamilton	Owers*	Hughes
Sa 10 Feb	Bristol Rovers	0-0	6,914	Ward	Liburd	Fenton	Pearce	Jacobsen*	Newton	Hamilton	Brough	Hughes
Tu 13 Feb	LUTON TOWN											
Sa 17 Feb	NORTHAMPTON TOWN											
Tu 20 Feb	Swansea City											
Sa 24 Feb	Brentford											
Sa 3 Mar	WALSALL											
Tu 6 Mar	Wigan Athletic											
Sa 10 Mar	WYcombe WANDERERS											
Sa 17 Mar	Bury											
Fr 23 Mar	PETERBOROUGH UTD											
Sa 31 Mar	Reading											
Tu 3 Apr	Wrexham											
Sa 7 Apr	COLCHESTER UTD											
Sa 14 Apr	AFC BOURNEMOUTH											
Mo 16 Apr	Swindon Town											
Sa 21 Apr	BRISTOL CITY											
Sa 28 Apr	Port Vale											
Sa 5 May	OXFORD UTD											

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P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Millwall	30	19	4	7	61	29	61
Wigan	31	15	12	4	42	27	57
Walsall	31	16	8	7	52	32	56
Rotherham	29	15	8	6	48	34	53
Stoke	29	14	10	5	47	28	52
Reading	28	15	5	8	56	34	50
Bristol City	29	13	9	7	50	29	48
<b>Notts County</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>43</b>
Northampton	30	11	9	10	33	34	42
Wycombe	28	11	8	9	29	28	41
Oldham	31	10	10	11	38	40	40
Bournemouth	28	10	9	9	45	35	39
Brentford	29	9	12	8	32	40	39
Wrexham	27	9	8	10	37	43	35
Colchester	28	9	8	11	29	35	35
Cambridge Utd	30	9	8	13	39	48	35
Bury	29	10	5	14	26	39	35
Peterborough	29	9	7	13	34	41	34
Swindon	28	7	7	14	28	46	28
Port Vale	26	7	6	13	27	34	27
Bristol Rovers	26	5	11	10	28	32	26
Swansea	27	5	9	13	27	42	24
Luton	27	5	6	16	28	51	21
Oxford Utd	28	4	2	22	30	62	14

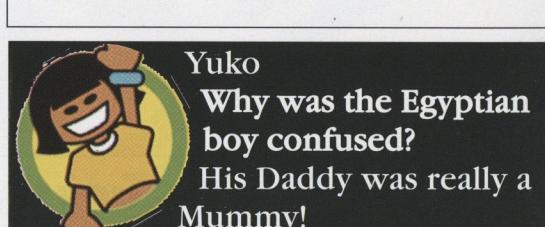
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