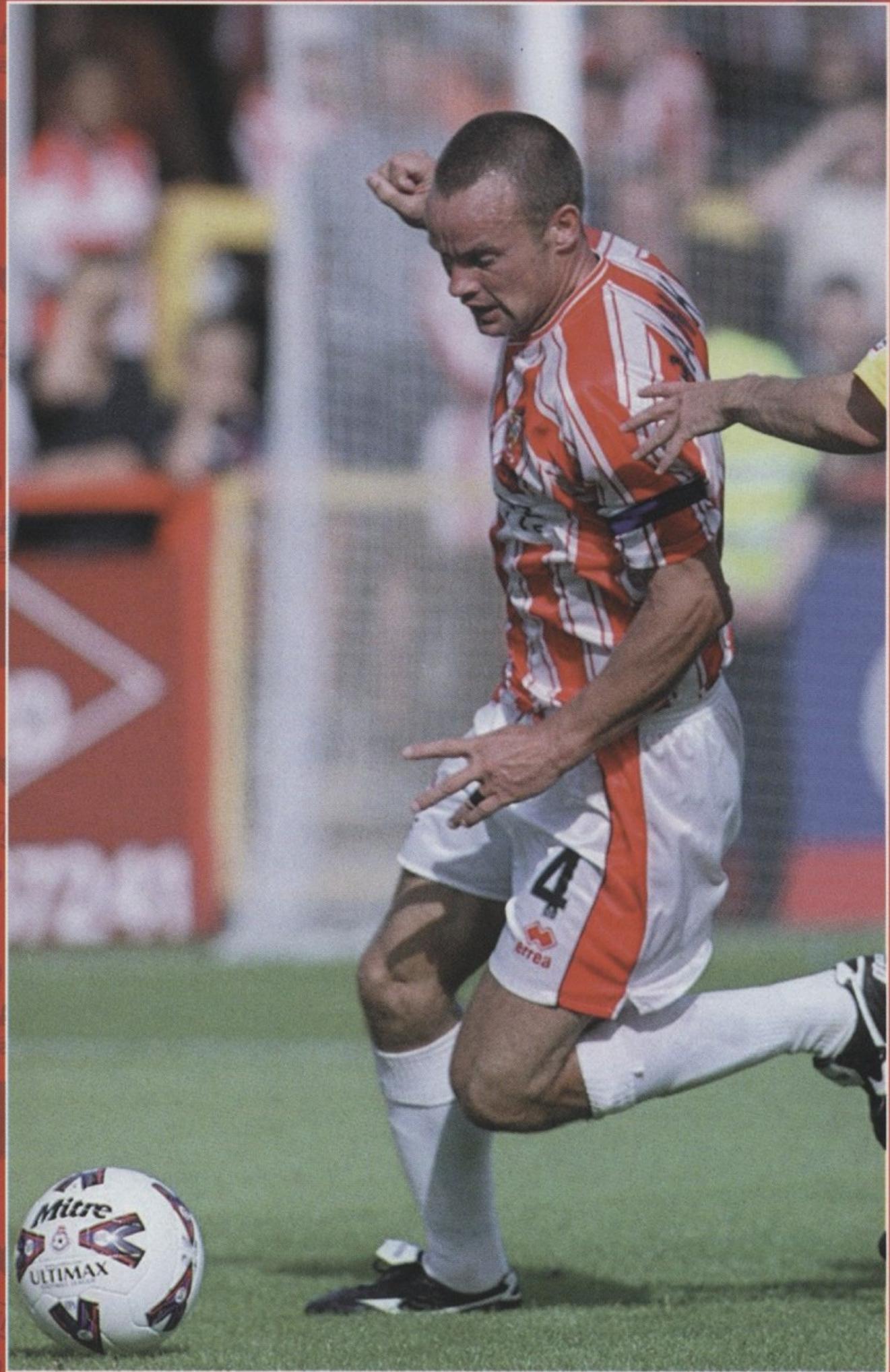


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Steve Cotterill

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Whaddon Road. This afternoon we welcome my old manager at Wimbledon, Joe Kinnear, and everyone associated with his Luton Town team for their first ever visit to Whaddon Road.

Joe and his assistant Mick Harford have done a fantastic job this season in reviving Luton's fortunes. They have been on a good run and if both teams play according to their current form we should be in for a very good game.

Obviously the talk of the town in the last week or so has been the FA Cup game against Oldham, which was a very good day for all of us at the club. It was a very good game featuring some excellent football from both sides and obviously we are delighted to be going into the fourth round for the first time in our history.

I would like to make special mention of the crowd at this game, which I think was the best since I have been back here at Cheltenham Town. What a difference it would make to us if we could have that level of support week in, week out. It would certainly mean more league points if we could have that level of vocal support, let alone numbers. All the players commented on what a great atmosphere there was at the game and that type of support will be needed today against Luton, who are sure to bring a big travelling contingent with them. I felt on Sunday that against Oldham the crowd kept the players going and gave us that edge.



I have seen Luton play a few times this season and while I think Plymouth are right up there with regard to consistency, I feel that Luton are probably the best equipped team for promotion. Today will be a very tough game for us and we will have to play very well to win.

Today is our physio Andy Mitchell's last match with us. We have had a few good days lately but this will be a particularly sad one. Mitch will be missed by everyone at the club but especially me as he has been a huge help over the past two and a half years. I really hope that we can win today in his last match with us.

On the injury front, Mitch has brought Richard Walker virtually up to scratch following his ankle operation and will be working with Keith Hill, who has had a hernia, this week. I am hoping that both players will be able to join in training towards the end of next week.

Enjoy the game and thank-you for your support, Steve Cotterill

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From the boardroom

Well, what a Sunday?
These notes are being
compiled on the Monday
after our historic cup win
and what a win?

The satisfying aspect was the nature of the performance - polished and accomplished in every department. We showed that not only could we use Jules's mastery in the air to great effect but that we could also pass the ball around with a level of confidence that was a delight to watch. After the match Steve allowed the players to go into town and have a well-deserved beer and they were joined by some of the staff and directors. These moments are worth savouring.

What a pity the sports headlines have been monopolised by the events at Ninian Park. We must all form our own opinions on these very negative issues. I have to say that the behaviour of our fans for the Oldham match was impeccable, particularly when one considers that the Wymans Road stand does not have any barriers to stop fans rushing onto the pitch. I would like, on behalf of the Board, to thank you all for exercising control, particularly when one considers the atmosphere and emotion that we all felt, thank you all. Next season, when the pitch is moved, the area between the tarmac walkway in front of the Wymans Road stand and the pitch will be enlarged. This will allow advertising boards to be erected and they will be designed so as not to interfere with anyone's sight line.

As a director you always hope for the big team to be drawn out of the hat. Assumed revenue against any of the big boys will have been mentally calculated and we can see financial security for a few years ahead. When you don't draw a 'big one' you are immediately deflated. However, that's when the football fan in you comes out and you think Burnley, yes that is one we can win. Remember Watford and the way we

**With director
John Wood**



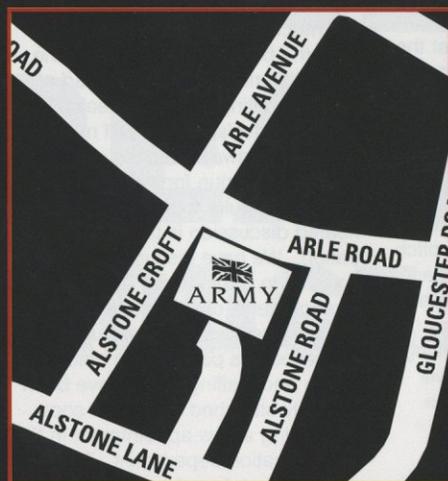
played at Vicarage Road? At that time they were near, if not top, of the first division. We, as a team, are far better equipped to take on Burnley. So, all in all, a very good draw.

My notes today have not included too much in the way of information from the boardroom, as due to the holiday period we have not had a formal meeting for a few weeks. However, decisions are still made. Car trips to away matches are always the venue for informal discussions. A regular topic of sometimes-heated discussion is that of administration. We have discussed this from Torquay to Darlington. The present arrangements cannot cope with the level of business now conducted; our resources particular in office space and staffing levels have been severely stretched. We shall soon be making a new appointment in the administration department. This appointment, together with the completion of the new office and shop complex, will at last allow us to move forward off the pitch.

Today we welcome Luton Town. The year has started well. Let's keep the momentum going. On the pitch the lads will do their bit so it's up to us, the fans, to do our bit and get behind the team. Thank you.

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Club news and views

Sponsors presentations



Top to bottom: Stan Gough of match sponsors General Services Group presents the man of the match award to Tony Naylor after the match against Oldham. Director John Wood makes the match ball sponsorship presentation to CAT FM. Steve Cotterill receives a bottle of bubbly in recognition of the team's FA Cup win.
Photos: © ATP

Cup tie switch

Cheltenham Town's FA Cup fourth round match against Burnley has been switched to Sunday 27 January at Whaddon Road (1pm kick-off).

The change has been made to avoid a clash with a big race meeting at Prestbury Park the day before.

For FA Cup ticket details please see page 11.

New Darlington date

The away match at Darlington, which was postponed on December 22 due to a frozen pitch, has now been rearranged for Tuesday 12 February at 7.30pm. We have ordered a small number of programmes from the postponed game for collectors. Please enquire at the club shop for details.

Hill due back

Central defender Keith Hill is due to return to Cheltenham Town when his loan spell with Wrexham ends this weekend.

Hill has been on loan with the Welshmen since October and made 15 appearances before suffering a hernia injury.

"Wrexham cannot afford to sign him so he will be coming back to us," said Steve Cotterill.

"He's had a hernia injury but he will train with the physio next week to see how far away from fitness he is."



• Keith Hill

Also suspended

Julian Alsop has collected a one match suspension and misses today's game. Alsop has totted up five bookings this season, his yellow card in the Boxing Day match against Shrewsbury Town being his fifth, so the club's leading scorer will have to sit out the first ever visit of the Hatters to Whaddon Road. Alsop and his striking partner Tony Naylor have scored 26 goals in all competitions between them this season.

Robins sevens trophy

Battledown Saracens A take on Charlton Rovers A in the second round of the Cheltenham Town sponsored competition for under-11 seven-a-side teams at Whaddon Road today, kick-off 1.50pm.

Round one results

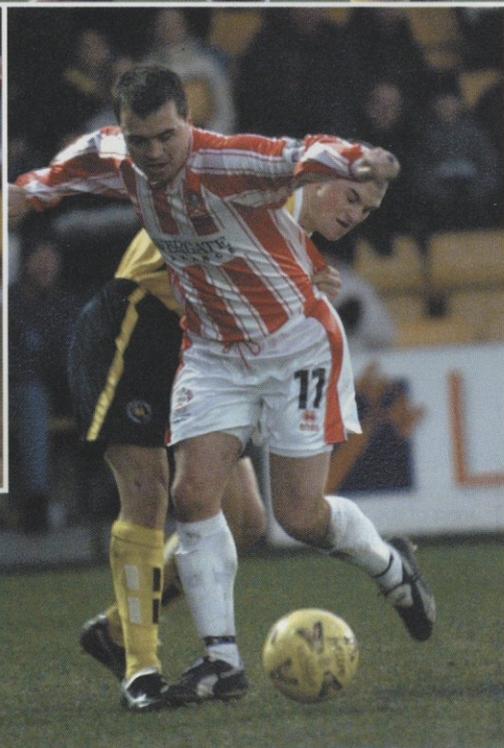
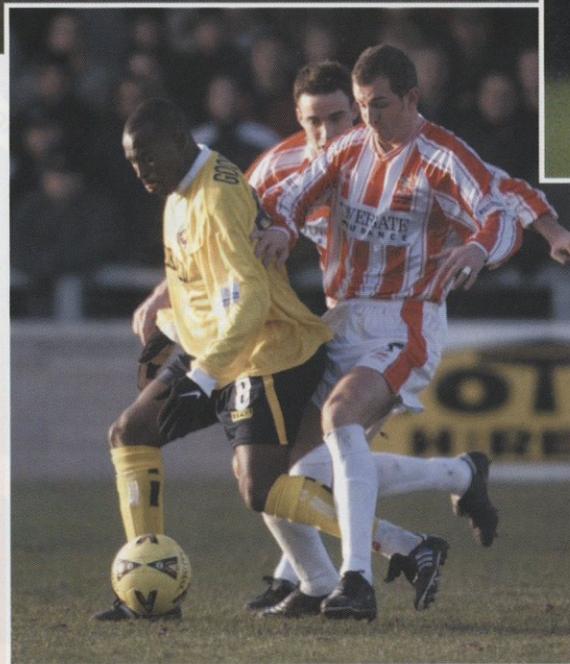
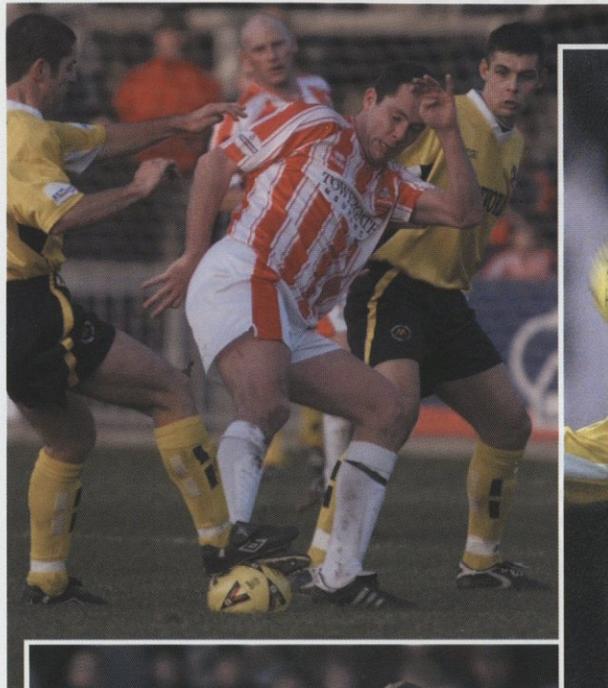
Cirencester	2-1	Leckhampton R
Chelt YMCA	4-2	Churchdown PC
Southside Blues	4-3	Cleeve Colts
Battledown Sar B	2-0	FC Lakeside
Charlton Rov B	1-4	Churchdown Reds
Tewkesbury Yth	4-0	Southside Whites
Cleeve C Rovers	2-3	Battledown Sar A
Charlton R Blues	0-1	Charlton Rov A
Round two (Whaddon Rd 1.50pm)		
Cirencester	1-0	Chelt YMCA
Southside Blues	v	Battledown Sar B
		(February 16)
Churchdown Reds	v	Tewkesbury Yth
		(February 1)
Battledown Sar A	v	Charlton Rov A
		(January 12)

Today's Third

Division fixtures

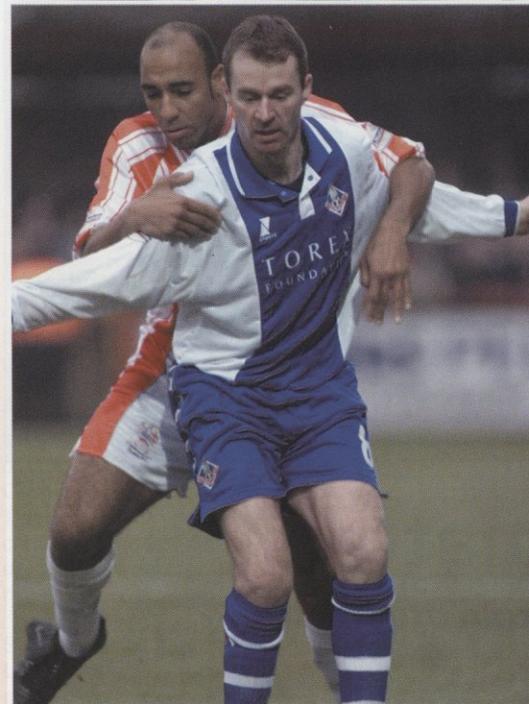
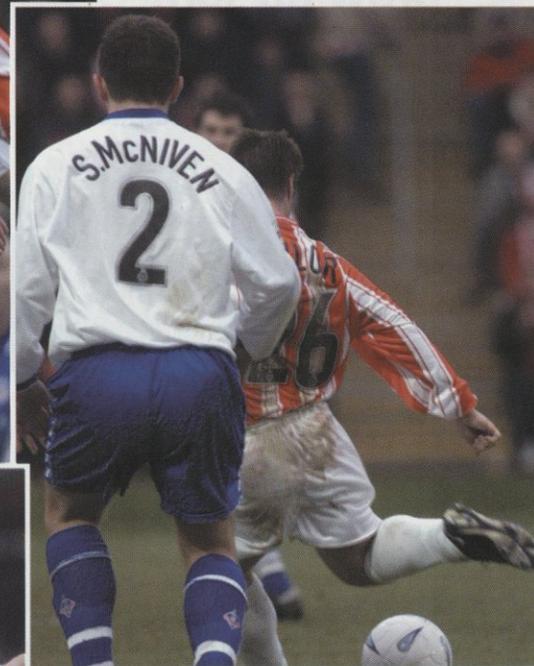
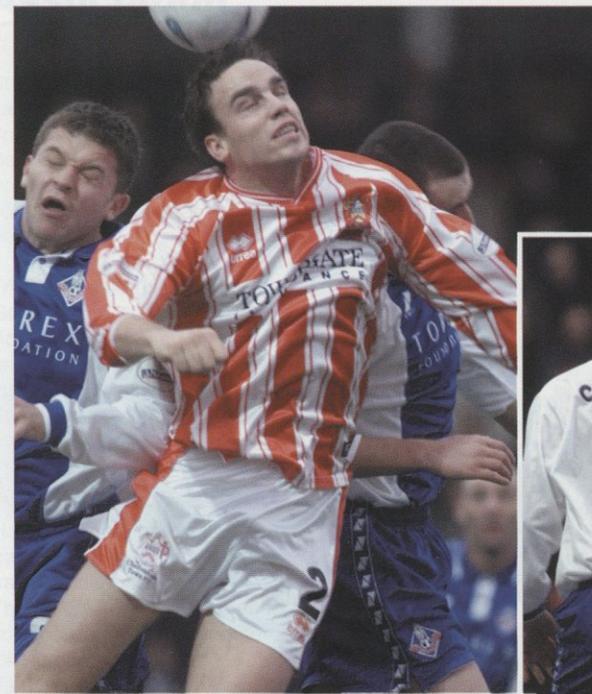
Bristol Rovers	v	Scunthorpe Utd
Carlisle United	v	Leyton Orient
Cheltenham T	v	Luton Town
Exeter City	v	Halifax Town
Hartlepool Utd	v	Shrewsbury T
Kidderminster H	v	Darlington
Lincoln City	v	Rushden & D
Macclesfield T	v	Rochdale
Oxford United	v	Swansea City
Plymouth Arg	v	Hull City
Southend Utd	v	Mansfield T
York City	v	Torquay Utd

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• Top: Julian Alsop in the thick of the action at Plainmoor.
 Above right: Chris Banks tries to wrestle his way past Torquay United's Eifion Williams.
 Below left: Former Cheltenham Town loan signing Greg Goodridge on the ball with Lee Howells in attendance.
 Below right: Russell Milton - back in the team after a spell out with injury.
 Photos: © ATP

Pictures from Torquay United away and Oldham Athletic at home in the Cup



• Top: Michael Duff in aerial action
 Above right: Tony Naylor about to put the Robins 1-0 up against Oldham.
 Bottom left: Jamie Victory tries to get the better of former Irish international John Sheridan.
 Right: Julian Alsop on the ball.
 Photo: © ATP



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Forthcoming events

St Valentine's disco and karaoke Saturday 16th February 8pm till 12.30am in the Main Bar. Tickets are now available from the Robins Bar or any committee member at only £3 each.

Friday 8th February there is a General Knowledge Quiz in the Robins Nest starting at 8pm, teams of 4 £10 per team which includes raffle tickets. See Steve Smith or any committee member to enter a team.

Away transport

Having trouble getting to a game? Going to a match and have space for another? The CTISA Travel Club enables you to arrange lifts with other Cheltenham fans. If you are in need of a lift or can offer one, see the travel club page on the CTISA website www.thisischeltenhamshire.co.uk complete the form.

Social Club

Entertainments

Wednesday evenings

There is karaoke in the Social Club every Wednesday evening from eight until 11pm. Polish off those vocal chords!

Saturday 2 February

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Saturday 9 February

Laura Jay, female vocalist singing rock, pop, country - music for all tastes. Live in the Main Bar.

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Forthcoming matches



Darlington home, Tuesday 22 January

This Tuesday evening match (kick-off 7.45pm) is NOT all ticket although tickets are available in advance at the usual sales times. See page 19 for details.



Burnley home, FA Cup fourth round Sunday 27 January

Tickets will go on sale tomorrow from 10am at Whaddon Road. The match is NOT all-ticket although supporters are strongly advised to purchase tickets in advance. Burnley will be sent just under 2,000 tickets.

Adult ticket prices have been increased slightly as follows:

Seats: adult £15, concessions £10, under-14s £5
Terraces: adult £13, concessions £7, under-14s £3

Season ticket holders will have until Monday 21 January to purchase their tickets. Any tickets unclaimed by season ticket holders will go on general sale from Tuesday 22 January.

Special ticket sales times have been implemented for the FA Cup tie:

Sunday 13 January 10am - 4pm, social club
Monday 14 - Wednesday 16 January 10am - 5pm in reception
Thursday 17 January 10am - 5pm in reception then 5pm - 8pm in the shop
Friday 18 January 10am - 5pm in reception

Tickets will not be on sale on either Saturday 19 or Sunday 20 January and the sales times will revert to normal from Monday 21 January. Tickets will, however, be on sale AFTER the home match against Darlington on Tuesday 22 January. Please note that telephone credit card bookings can only be made on weekdays between 10am and 3pm when the office is fully staffed.

Cheltenham Town chairman has explained the thinking behind the tickets pricing and availability policy for the FA Cup tie with Burnley.

"We have gone for a slight increase in ticket prices for adults but not for concessions or children," he said.

"This reflects the status of the game, the attractiveness of the opposition and the need to maximise revenue from the game.

"We feel that the price increase is a fair one and by keeping prices for children low we hope to encourage families to attend the game."

Baker has also defended the club's decision not to introduce a voucher scheme for tickets.

"We will have over 5,000 tickets available to Cheltenham supporters and our average home crowd discounting away fans is about 3,300," he said.

"We are also opening the ticket office for longer hours and will be open for tickets all day on Sunday 13 January so there will be plenty of opportunity for people to buy tickets.

"All season ticket holders, both seating and standing, will have their tickets reserved until January 21.

"We have tried to make the sale of tickets as simple and straightforward as possible and we are very confident that everyone who wants a ticket will get one - as long as they don't leave it late."



• Paul Baker

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Home and Away

Williams on the mark at Torquay

Torquay United (0)0, **Cheltenham Town** (0)1
Cheltenham goal: Williams (59). A Russell Milton corner kick was cleared to the edge of the area. Lee Williams collected it and skipped past Richard Logan before sending a right-foot shot across the goalkeeper and inside the far post from the right-hand side of the box.

Torquay (4-4-2): Dearden; Tully (Rees 86), Woods, Hankin, Hanson; Goodridge, Fowler, Russell, Preece (Hill 69); Graham (Williams 66), Logan

Booked: Fowler, Tully

Cheltenham (4-4-2): Book; Griffin, M.Duff, Banks, Victory; Williams, Yates, Howells, Milton; Alsop, Grayson

Booked: Alsop, M.Duff, Howells

Referee: J.J.Ross (London)

Attendance: 2,952

Match stats

Shots on target: Torquay 4, Cheltenham 3

Shots off target: Torquay 6, Cheltenham 2

Hit post/bar: Torquay 0, Cheltenham 0

Corners: Torquay 2, Cheltenham 6

Caught offside: Torquay 8, Cheltenham 15

Fouls: Torquay 13, Cheltenham 21

Summary: The Robins' good run continued with a hard-fought win at Plainmoor on New Year's Day. It was a bitterly cold afternoon and the match was the only one in Division Three to survive the cold snap, and even then Steve Cotterill was unhappy with the condition of the pitch before the game.

The surface was hard and uneven but playable, although it made for a poor quality first half as both teams struggled to get the ball under control. Torquay goalkeeper Kevin Dearden made a magnificent save from Lee Howells just after half-time as the Robins made a good start to the second half, which resulted in a goal for Lee Williams on the hour - his second for the club.

Torquay hit back strongly and mounted heavy pressure in the closing stages but the defence coped extremely well to register the team's 10th win of the season. The result also made it only two defeats in 20 league and cup games and only one defeat in 16 matches against teams from Devon since Cheltenham have been in the Football League.

Robins make history in the Cup

Cheltenham Town (1)2, **Oldham Athletic** (1)1
Cheltenham goals: Naylor (25). Big Julian Alsop flicked on a long clearance from goalkeeper Steve Book and Tony Naylor produced a sharp piece of skill to get round defender Scott McNiven. He then drove a shot past goalkeeper Gary Kelly from 15 yards. Naylor (60). Russell Milton's crossfield pass found Lee Williams and his high, hanging cross found Naylor, who scored with a deflected header at the far post.

Oldham goal: Eyres (43). Darren Sheridan supplied John Eyre down the right. He got to the byline and crossed for David Eyres to shoot in off Book from point-blank range.

Cheltenham (4-4-2): Book; Griffin, M.Duff, Banks, Victory; Williams, Yates, Howells, Milton; Naylor (Grayson 90), Alsop.

Booked: Alsop

Oldham (4-3-3): Kelly; McNiven (Baudet 68), Beharall, Balmer, Murray; Duxbury, J.Sheridan, D.Sheridan; Eyre (Tipton 68), Smart (Dudley 74), Eyres.

Booked: D.Sheridan

Sent off: D.Sheridan (81)

Referee: M.J. Brandwood (Staffordshire)

Attendance: 5,801

Match stats

Shots on target: Cheltenham 8, Oldham 3

Shots off target: Cheltenham 8, Oldham 2

Hit post/bar: Cheltenham 0, Oldham 0

Corners: Cheltenham 7, Oldham 3

Caught offside: Cheltenham 3, Oldham 9

Fouls: Cheltenham 20, Oldham 11

Summary: Well, what an afternoon this was.

Cheltenham Town made FA Cup history with this win over Oldham Athletic and even the visiting management team conceded that the result was fully deserved.

Tony Naylor grabbed all the headlines for his two goals but it was a tremendous all round team performance. The defence coped particularly well with everything Oldham had to throw at them, the midfield worked hard and both Russell Milton and Lee Williams had good games out wide. Up front Oldham could not contend with the height and power of Alsop and the trickery of Naylor.

It was also wonderful to see so many people in the ground and such a great atmosphere as well. It's been a long time in coming but Cheltenham Town can finally experience some of that FA Cup magic.



● Steve Cotterill celebrates at the final whistle against Oldham. Photo: © ATP

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The Hatters

An unsuccessful battle against relegation last season completed an unwelcome new chapter to the long history of Luton Town - the wheel had turned full circle for the second time.

A quarter of a century ago they boasted of being the first club in the country to sink from the top division to the bottom then back all the way up again. Now their supporters are hoping that history can repeat itself, after the Hatters once more find themselves in the bottom division. The club has had to cope with all sorts of difficulties in the last few years, including almost going out of existence when they were in receivership in the summer of 1999. They survived, and a year later Mike Watson-Challis, a director in Luton's glory years in the old First Division, returned as chairman. The new board appointed former Wimbledon boss Joe Kinnear as manager but he was unable to prevent relegation last term. Luton went into the 1990s as a top club - they had ten glorious years in what is now the Premiership and won the Littlewoods Cup by beating Arsenal in the 1988 final. But then came a decline, with a club in an antiquated stadium unable to compete with the big-money outfits. They missed the first season of the Premiership through relegation just as it was set up in 1992, and the decline continued with a drop into the Second Division in 1996. Previous boards of directors took plenty of stick from fans as the Hatters slumped - the club sold at least £1 million worth of talent every year, without bringing in adequate replacements. But now, with a new board and management team, money available for

players, and plans for a new stadium, the supporters hope that the Hatters are set to move ahead again. One of the oldest football clubs in England and the first in the south to turn professional, Luton Town FC was formed in 1885 and were founder-members of the Southern League in 1891. Six years later they joined the Football League Second Division, but patchy results and rising costs led to the Club returning to the Southern League until joining Division Three of the Football League in 1920. In 1936, centre-forward Joe Payne scored ten goals in a 12-0 win over Bristol Rovers at Kenilworth Road - a record likely to stand forever. Luton reached the FA Cup final in 1959, but lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest, and by the mid-1960s had tumbled all the way down to the old Fourth Division. The climb back began in 1968 and in 1974 Luton won promotion to the First Division. They were relegated after only one season but in 1982 David Pleat led them back to the top flight, where they stayed for 10 seasons. The abiding image of that time is of Pleat, joyous at avoiding relegation on the last day of the 1982-83 season, skipping across the pitch at Manchester City to congratulate goalscorer Raddy Antic. Luton lost in the 1985 FA Cup semi-final to Everton, but in 1988 a major trophy was landed at last, when Arsenal were beaten 3-2 in the final of the Littlewoods Cup. The Hatters returned that summer for the Football League's Centenary Tournament and for the Simod Cup final, which they lost to Reading. They nearly got there four times: an FA Cup run ended in defeat in the semi-final to the eventual winners, Wimbledon. Twelve months later Luton were at Wembley again to defend the League Cup, but they lost to Nottingham Forest, to revive memories of the 1959 disappointment.

Form Guide

Aug	11	Carlisle United	A	2-0
	18	Cheltenham Town	H	2-1
	21	Reading (WC 1r)	A	0-4
	25	Bristol Rovers	A	2-3
	27	Southend United	H	2-0
Sep	1	Exeter City	A	1-1
	8	Oxford United	H	1-1
	15	York City	A	2-1
	18	Lincoln City	H	1-1
	22	Torquay United	H	5-1
	25	Leyton Orient	A	3-1
	29	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-2
Oct	5	Darlington	H	5-2
	13	Scunthorpe United	A	2-0
	20	Rochdale	H	0-1
	23	Halifax Town	A	4-2
	27	Swansea City	H	3-0
	30	Dagenham & R (LDV 2r)	A	2-3
Nov	3	Mansfield Town	A	1-4
	10	Shrewsbury Town	H	1-0
	17	Southend Utd (FAC 1r)	A	2-3
	20	Hull City	H	0-1
	24	Macclesfield Town	A	1-4
Dec	8	Hartlepool United	A	2-1
	15	Rushden & Diamonds	H	1-0
	22	Hartlepool United	H	2-2
	26	Oxford United	A	2-1
	29	Southend United	A	2-1
	8	Kidderminster Harriers	A	
Jan	12	Cheltenham Town	A	
	19	Carlisle United	H	
	23	Hartlepool United	A	
	26	Darlington	A	
Feb	2	Plymouth Argyle	H	
	9	Rochdale	A	
	16	Scunthorpe United	H	
	23	York City	H	
	26	Lincoln City	A	
Mar	2	Torquay United	A	
	5	Leyton Orient	H	
	9	Rushden & Diamonds	A	
	16	Kidderminster Harriers	H	
	23	Halifax Town	H	
	30	Swansea City	A	
Apr	1	Mansfield Town	H	
	6	Hull City	A	
	13	Macclesfield Town	H	
	20	Shrewsbury Town	A	
TBA		Exeter City	H	



Back Row (left to right): Russell Perrett, Andrew Fotiadis, Adam Locke, Matthew Spring, Emmerson Boyce, Jude Stirling, Richard Dryden, Kevin Nicholls, Stuart Fraser
 Middle Row: Bruce Sewell (sports therapist), Mick Harford (first team coach), Kent Karlsen, Steve Howard, Mark Ovendale, Scott Ward, Carl Emberson, Paul Hughes, Peter Holmes, Brian Stein (reserve team coach), John Moore (youth team coach)
 Front Row: Liam George, Lee Mansell, Carl Griffiths, Marvin Johnson, Joe Kinnear (manager), Aaron Skelton, Adrian Forbes, Stuart Douglas, Matthew Taylor

Goalkeepers

Mark Ovendale

Born 22.11.73, Leicester. The arrival of a new board of directors in the summer of 2000 enabled Luton to break a mould that had been set over the previous three years of financial problems. Cash available to secure goalkeeper Ovendale from Bournemouth for £425,000. He was previously with Wisbech Town and Barry Town in non-league football before joining Northampton and Bournemouth.

Carl Emberson

Born 13.7.73, Epsom. Joe Kinnear moved swiftly in the summer of 2001 to persuade Emberson to choose Luton instead of Plymouth, who were also interested, when his contract at Walsall ended. His career began at Millwall but he made his name in a seven-year spell at Colchester before going to the Bescot Stadium in 1999. There he was in the squad which won promotion to Division One, and Kinnear hopes he will enjoy similar success at Luton.

Defenders

Aaron Skelton

Born 22.11.74, Welwyn. Aaron signed for the Hatters for the second time in July 2001. He had joined the club as a schoolboy but a terrible run of injuries hampered his progress. He joined Colchester in the Summer of 1997 on a free transfer and he became a big favourite at Layer Road. Colchester wanted him to sign a new contract in the summer, but the invitation to move back to his old club, on a Bosman, was too tempting.

Marvin Johnson

Born 29.10.68, Wembley. The longest-serving player at Kenilworth Road, Johnson is a popular player now in his 14th season as a first-team regular at Luton, his only club. Marvin, who is club captain, is desperate to enjoy this season after a serious neck injury restricted him to only 11 games last year. He is the only member of the playing staff to have appeared in all four divisions for Luton - he made his debut at Goodison Park in 1988.

Russell Perrett

Born 18.5.73, Barton on Sea. Russell helped Cardiff City win promotion to the Second Division in May 2001, but the big central defender was the victim of a huge recruitment drive at Ninian Park and was allowed to join Luton in the summer. Strong in the air, and with a good first touch on the ground, Perrett began with non-league Lymington before being snapped up by Portsmouth in 1995. He did well in the First Division and moved to Cardiff four years later.

David Bayliss

Born 8.6.76, Liverpool. Luton suffered an illness and injury crisis in November, with 24 players unavailable for one match. Joe Kinnear spent a week chasing players and was delighted to hear that Rochdale were prepared to release their longest-serving player. Centre-half Bayliss jumped at the chance to join the Hatters and went straight into the squad. David had been at Spotland since he was a trainee and made over 200 first-team appearances for Rochdale.

Emmerson Boyce

Born 24.9.79, Aylesbury. One of the many to come through from Luton's schools and youth development programme, Emmerson signed YTS forms in the summer of 1995 and made the breakthrough to the League squad at the age of 19. A commanding defensive figure, he was a regular last season and junior members of Luton Town Supporters Club voted him their player of the year.

Chris Coyne

Born 20.12.78, Brisbane. Centre-half who was playing for Perth Soccer Club when he was selected for the Australian under-17 squad for the 1994 youth World Cup. He joined West Ham as a teenager but Premiership chances were few and far between, and after loan spells at Brentford and Southend he moved to Dundee. Luton boss Joe Kinnear remembered him from his West Ham days and paid £50,000 for him in September 2001.

Ian Hillier

26.12.79, Neath. Welsh under-21 international who made his League debut for Luton against Cheltenham earlier in the season. The day before he was training with Spurs where he was captain of the reserves, but a crop of injuries at Luton led to Joe Kinnear taking the young right back on loan, and Hillier settled in so quickly that Luton soon decided to buy him for a bargain £30,000 fee.

Midfield

Ahmet Brkovic

Born 23.9.74, Dubrovnik. Midfield playmaker who refused new terms at Leyton Orient in the summer of 2001 to join Luton on a Bosman free transfer. Orient had signed him on a free from HNK Dubrovnik in the autumn of 1999, and he was a regular in their league squad last season. He was bitterly disappointed when they failed to win promotion last season and thinks he can do it this time with Luton.

Kevin Nicholls

Born 2.1.79 Newham. Tough-tackling midfielder who began his career as a trainee at Charlton and

quickly made an impact after skipping England youth teams at under-18, under-19 and under-20 levels. Joe Kinnear had followed his progress and was surprised and happy to hear that Nicholls was available for transfer. Charlton had sold him for £250,000 to Wigan in 1999, but the move did not work out and Luton paid £150,000 to bring him south again.

Matthew Spring

Born 17.11.79, Harlow. A competitive midfielder, Spring has been at Luton since he was a schoolboy, and was a driving force in the side which reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997. After a league debut when still only 17, he soon became a regular in Luton's Second Division team. His first 100 appearances were clocked up when he was only 20.

Matthew Taylor

Born 27.11.81, Oxford. A former Luton youth team player who was thrust into the first team at the age of 17. With his pace and fierce shooting ability, he settled in immediately and has developed into a top class player. At the end of his first season he was named young player of the year by the Luton management and coaching staff. Twelve months later, in May 2001, he swept the board in the player of the year votes and the goal of the season award.

Forwards

Adrian Forbes

Born 23.1.79, Ealing. Former England youth international with plenty of first division experience, who was surprisingly released by Norwich City summer of 2001. Luton boss Joe Kinnear was delighted to pay £75,000 for the right winger. He had been at Carrow Road for four years, starting as a trainee, before his move to Luton.

Steve Howard

Born 10.5.76, Durham. Deadline day March 2001 signing from Northampton for a bargain fee of £50,000. The price was down to the Bosman effect - he cost the Cobblers a then record club fee of

STAR MAN

Jean-Louis Valois

Born 15.10.73, Si Priest, France. Left-winger who turned down the chance to stay at Lille Olympique Sporting Club, despite the lure of European Champions League football, because he was desperate to play in England. Luton were one of several clubs interested in a man with a good reputation in French football, and after a brief trial, signed in him a Bosman free transfer. Valois became an instant hero at Kenilworth Road, pulling most of the strings and scoring a spectacular goal on his debut as Luton beat Torquay 5-1.

£120,000 from Hartlepool two years previously. His height and power as a target man, and a scoring rate of a goal every four games, helped Northampton to win promotion to Division Two. He earned his chance in the League with Hartlepool after impressing with non-league Tow Law Town.

Dean Crowe

Born 6.6.79, Stockport. Dean was signed on loan from Stoke City in late September when an injury crisis decimated the Hatters squad. The striker made an immediate impact, scoring on his debut at Plymouth, and was signed on a permanent deal. Crowe began his career as a YTS boy at Stoke, but found it difficult to hold down a regular place in their league side. He was made available by Stoke in the summer of 2001 after loan spells at Northampton and Bury.

Stuart Douglas

Born 9.4.78, Enfield. Stuart was a 17-year old trainee with Luton when he scored on his debut for the club in 1995, but a series of injuries delayed his progress before he won a regular place in the team during the 1998-99 season. He has flourished as both a maker and taker of goals, and Luton will always wonder if relegation might have been avoided if he had not suffered the injuries which restricted him to only 15 games last term.

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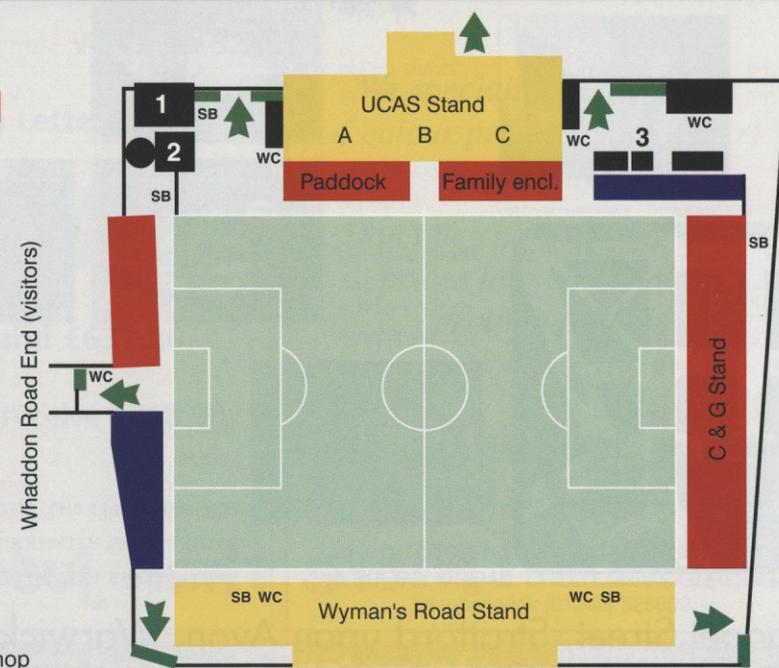
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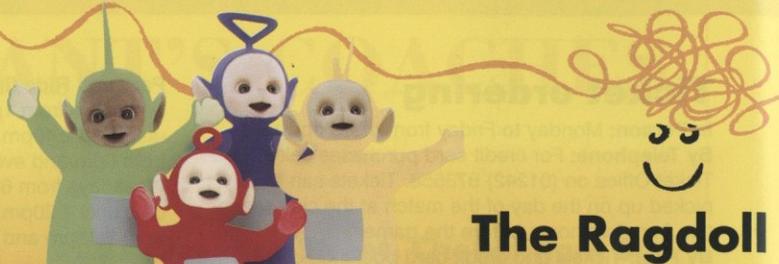
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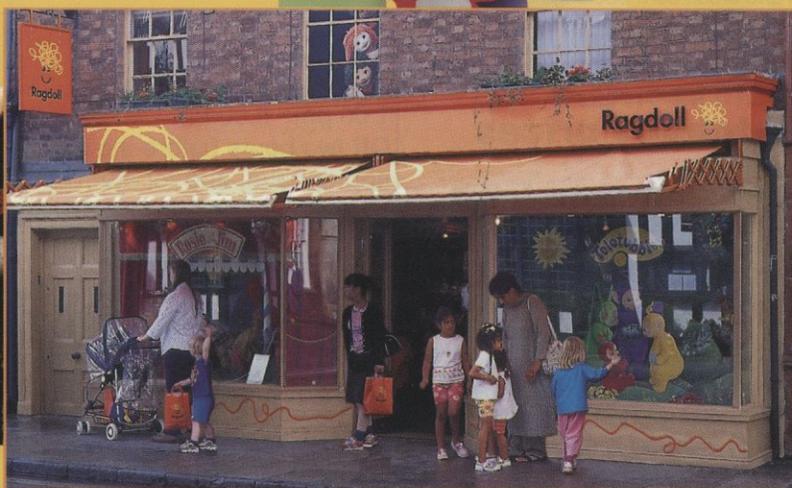
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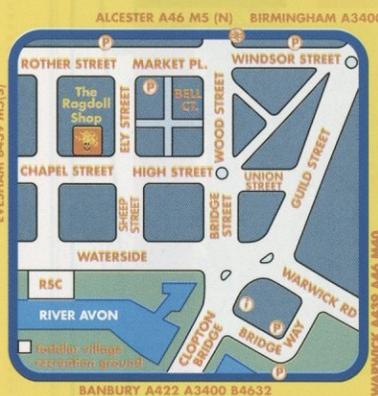
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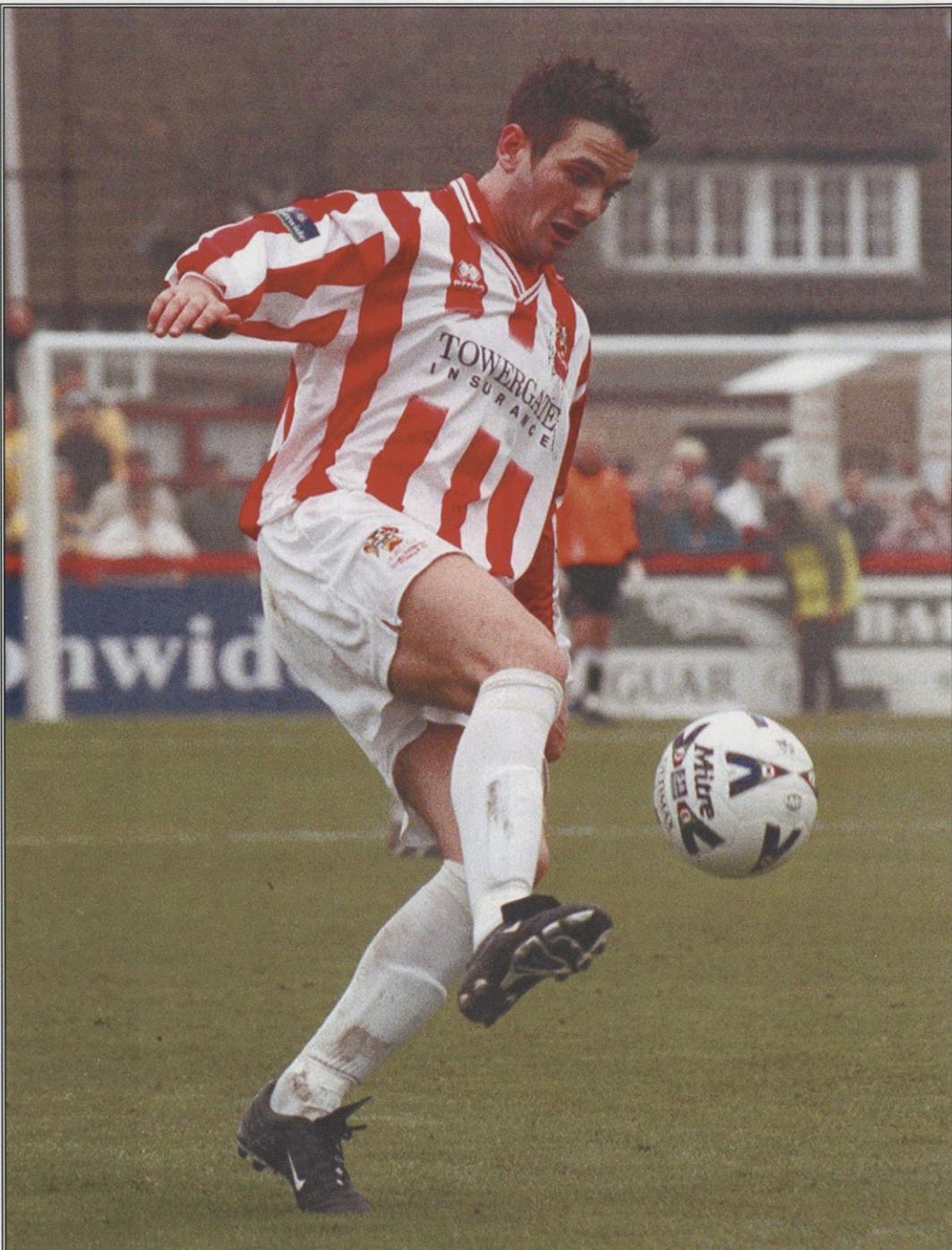
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Goals Info:



Where



How

Shots	13
Headers	12
Volleys	10
Penalties	1
Free Kicks	0
O.G.s	1

Top Scorers

Alsop	11
Naylor	6
Victory	5
Yates	3

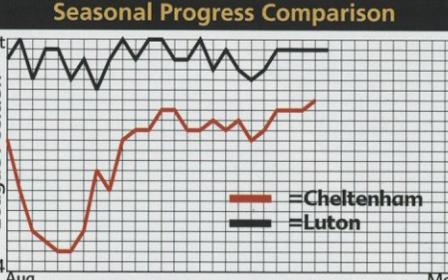
2001-2002

Highest Gate	5,035
vs Plymouth	
Lowest Gate	2,420
vs Macclesfield	
Average Gate	3,680
Players Used	23
Clean Sheets	8
Failed to Score	5
Consec. Wins	3 games
Consec. Defeats	2 games

Robins' Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
W	Torquay	A	21st
D	Swansea	H	14th
W	Shrewsbury	H	6th
W	York	A	20th
W	Halifax	H	23rd
L	Oxford	A	21st
W	Macclesfield	H	23rd
D	Plymouth	H	1st
D	Bristol Rovers	H	19th
L	Hull	A	4th

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Hatters' Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
W	Kidderminster	A	9th
W	Southend	A	12th
W	Oxford	A	17th
D	Hartlepool	H	12th
W	Rushden	H	8th
W	Hartlepool	A	9th
L	Macclesfield	A	23rd
L	Hull	H	5th
W	Shrewsbury	H	6th
L	Mansfield	A	5th

Goals Info:



Where



How

Shots	30
Headers	14
Volleys	8
Penalties	1
Free Kicks	0
O.G.s	0

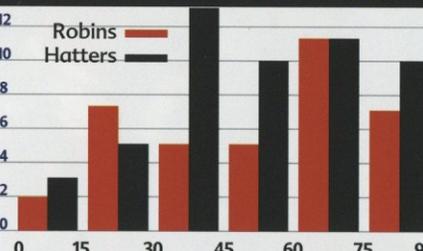
Top Scorers

Crowe	10
Taylor	7
Griffiths	7
Howard	6
Spring	5
Nicholls	3
Forbes	3
Valois	3

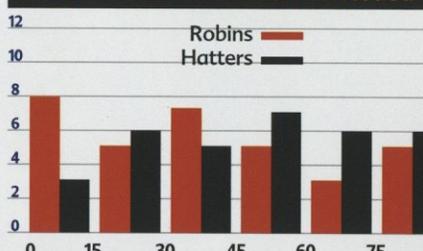
2001-2002

Highest Gate	7,696
vs Rochdale	
Lowest Gate	5,066
vs Lincoln	
Average Gate	6,729
Players Used	32
Clean Sheets	6
Failed to Score	2
Consec. Wins	3 games
Consec. Defeats	2 games

When Goals have been Scored



When Goals have been Conceded



Julian Alsop (Cheltenham) Top Scorers Comparison Dean Crowe (Luton)



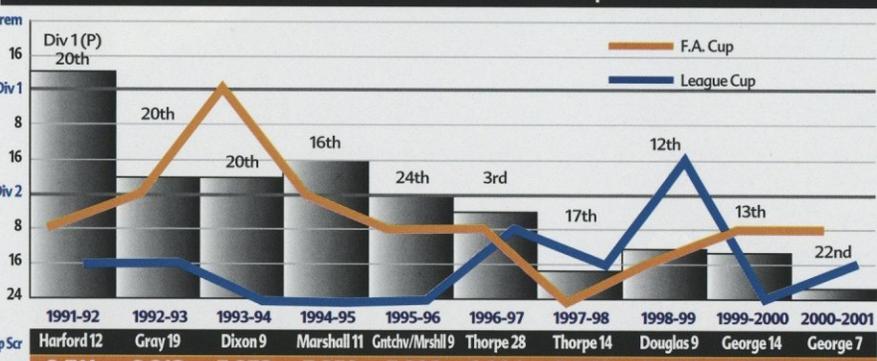
9 games	Total Games Scored In	9 games		
7 games	Games Scored 1 Goal	8 games		
2 games	Games Scored 2 Goals	1 game		
0 games	Hat-tricks	0 games		
W->L	0 (0pts)	Season's Results and (loss of points) without the two goalscorers goals	W->L	0 (0pts)
W->D	3 (6pts)		W->D	5 (10pts)
D->L	2 (2pts)		D->L	0 (0pts)
2 games	Maximum scoring run	3 games		
4 games	Maximum Dry Spell	3 games		



Goals	11
Games	23
Average	0.48
Cheltenham Goals	37
Cheltenham Games	25
Cheltenham's Goal Ave	1.48

4	Shot	7
5	Header	1
2	Volleyed Shot	2
0	Penalty	0
0	Direct free Kick	0
Luton Goals	53	
Luton Games	26	
Luton's Goal Ave	2.04	

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- 06.00 Ben Williams
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- 13.00 Non-stop Music Hour
- 14.00 Ian Timms
- 18.00 Wired Weekend
- 19.00 Scott Temple
- 21.00 The Big Chill
- 23.00 The Overnight Experience

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- 06.00 Ben Williams
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- 22.00 The Big Chill
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1977

Dave Lewis, Keiron Hehir and Terry Paterson score as Cheltenham Town defeat Stourbridge 3-0 at Whaddon Road in the Southern League Division One. The result helped the Robins towards promotion to the Premier Division that season as runners-up to Worcester City.

Team: Miles, Murphy, Dangerfield, Foster, Dean, Gardner, Paterson, Lewis, Hehir, Davies, Thomas
Non-League giantkillers Northwich Victoria reach the FA Cup fourth round with a 3-2 win at home to Watford... Fellow non-Leagueurs Wimbledon hold First Division high-fliers Middlesbrough to a 0-0 draw in the FA Cup third round... Billy Bingham is sacked as Everton's manager despite their Cup successes.

Top of the Pops: When a Child is Born - Johnny Mathis. Box Office: The Pink Panther Strikes Again

1981

Popular striker Charlie Green scores twice and Malcolm Kavanagh gets the other as Cheltenham Town defeat Enderby Town 3-2 at Whaddon Road in the Southern League Midland Division. Green was a legend during his brief spell at Whaddon Road and was last heard of as a successful hotelier. The result came during a run of 22 league games unbeaten in the league.

Team: Mogg, Willetts, Burns, Craig, Vircavs, Whelan, Crowley, Eves, Walsh, Buckland, Jordan
Brentford reach the FA Cup fourth round for the first time in 18 years with a 1-0 replay win over Walsall... Arsenal surprisingly lose 1-0 at home to London rivals West Ham in their FA Cup third round replay... Chelsea sign goalkeeper Dave Beasant from First Division rivals Newcastle United

Top of the Pops: Imagine - John Lennon. Box Office: Flash Gordon

1985

Cheltenham Town's 1984-85 campaign was a hectic round of league and cup success which resulted in the Southern League title and a League Cup appearance. There was also a harsh winter but during a break in the cold snap the Robins

achieved a 3-0 Southern League Cup win over Forest Green Rovers with goals from Stuart Cornes and Brian Hughes (2).

Team: Moss, Boxall, Baddeley, Collicutt, Cornes, Goff, Hughes, Baverstock, Boyland, Cotterill, Jordan
Bryan Robson dislocates his right shoulder as Manchester United lose 1-0 at home to Coventry City... Everton go to the top of the First Division with a dazzling 4-0 victory at home to Newcastle United... Previous leaders Tottenham Hotspur are held to an exciting 2-2 draw on QPR's controversial plastic pitch.

Top of the Pops: Do They Know Its Christmas? - Band Aid. Box Office: Ghostbusters

1989

Cheltenham travelled to Surrey Docks to play Fisher Athletic in the first round of the FA Trophy. Fisher had just been promoted to the Conference and were a strong side at the time. It was therefore a notable result to win 1-0 with a goal from Peter Shearer, later of Bournemouth and Birmingham City.

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• Peter Shearer

for a £750,000 fee.

Top of the Pops: Especially for You - Kylie Minogue and Jason Donovan. Box Office: Who Framed Roger Rabbit

1993

FA Trophy time again and a trip to Adams Park to play Wycombe Wanderers. Southern League Cheltenham gave a good account of themselves against that season's Conference champions and scored a good goal through Jason Eaton. The Chairboys proved too strong, however, and ran out 3-1 winners en route to completing the non-league double at Wembley.

Team: Churchward, Lovell, Willetts, Brown, Howells, Tucker, Wring, N.Smith, J.Smith, Eaton, Bloomer
Eric Cantona inspires Manchester United as they beat Tottenham Hotspur 4-1 to top the Premier League for the first time... Aston Villa move into second place as Dean Saunders scores their winner in a 2-1 victory at Liverpool... Newcastle United triumph 2-1 at Bristol City to lead the First Division by 14 points.
Top of the Pops: I Will Always Love You - Whitney Houston. Box Office: A Few Good Men

1997

Two second half goals earned the Robins a 3-2 win over Baldock Town at Whaddon Road. The result helped the team to promotion from the Dr Martens League in manager Chris Robinson's last league game in charge before making way for Steve Cotterill. The goals came from Mark Freeman, John Symonds and a Colin Omogbehin own goal.

Team: Gannaway, Wotton, Wring, Banks, Freeman, Victory, Chenoweth, Wright, Boyle, Symonds, Bloomer
Kevin Keegan stuns the football world with his sudden resignation as Newcastle United's manager after five years... Premiership leaders Liverpool are held to a 0-0 draw at Anfield by struggling West Ham... Manchester United win 2-1 at Tottenham Hotspur to go above Arsenal into second spot in the Premiership.

Top of the Pops: Professional Widow - Tori Amos. Box Office: 101 Dalmations

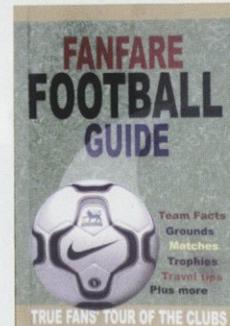
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the Football League has now been matched by a record-breaking qualification to the 4th Round of the F.A. Cup. But for our first visit to Darlington prior to Christmas being postponed Steve might have become the Third Division's December Manager of the Month - an honour bestowed upon today's visiting manager Joe Kinnear.



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Caught in the net

Cheltenham Town media manager **Paul Godfrey** talks us through the latest developments in the official website.

New on the official site

The issue of FA Cup ticket allocations certainly sparked a vigorous debate on the official site message board, which registered its highest traffic for weeks in the wake of the victory over Oldham Athletic.

There was some lively debate and some good points raised, and it is important to remember that the club does take your views into consideration (even if it doesn't always seem like it!)

Over the last two weeks we have seen some interesting and revealing interviews on the site with Tony Naylor, Julian Alsop and coach Graham Allner. The website was also first with all the news regarding FA Cup tickets, reaction to the FA Cup draw and produced the statistical breakdown of the Oldham attendance by area that appears on page 33 of this programme.

The club personnel section has now been updated to include everyone who works behind the scenes at Whaddon Road and there are also fully up to date player profiles with pictures of all the current squad.

There are lots of interesting and informative things happening on the official website each week. Log onto the official site to see for yourself.

Froghopper

The online business directory Froghopper is due for launch on Monday. This is an exciting new venture which links across all 72 Football League club websites and several in the Premiership as well. The directory has



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It is simple and easy to use. Every business in a given post-code area is listed in the directory so if you live in Cheltenham and want a carpenter then Froghopper will instantly find a list of all the carpenters in Cheltenham. You can also search on a national scale if, for example, you want a hotel in Devon.

Each business gets a simple text listing free of charge but if you want to get ahead of the competition there are various packages available ranging from colour

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Football in the community



By Mike Cook,

Welcome to the Cheltenham Football in the Community Scheme.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS START AGAIN

After the well-deserved Christmas break, we will be starting the after school clubs as soon as we get back. The week beginning the 7th January will see our return into the office and a return to the after school clubs.

We have already had a strong interest within the schools so far and there has been a few new school's added to the list.

These are the schools who have booked after school clubs with Cheltenham Town Football Club; Holy Trinity, St Mary's, Charlton Kings, Richard Pates, Naunton Park, Glenfall, Hesters Way, Bisley Junior School, St James, Pittville, and Rowanfield. We will also be coaching at Ingleside Private School in Cirencester, Prestbury Nursery.

We will also be coaching at two special needs schools after previous success, these being Alderman Knight and Belmont School.

If you would like to book an after

school club with Cheltenham Town Football Club then call us on 01242 518630

Forth Coming Events

Forth coming events to look out for are :- The ADIDAS COMMUNITY CUP for GIRLS UNDER 13'S. Local competition winners by no later than MARCH 2002. If your school is interested in taking part in the Girls event, please phone either Mike Cook, or myself Richard Archer on 01242 518630.

We will also be holding the Smoby table football championships, with the winner being identified no later than April 2002.

The area final of the Rail track Play Safe 6-a-side trophy will take place on Wednesday 30th January at the Beeches Complex in Bristol (Bristol Rovers Training Ground). The representatives from the Cheltenham area are Charlton Kings Junior School. We wish all the players involved the best of luck.

Development Centres

Over the last ten weeks Cheltenham Town Football Club have been holding development centres, for children from the age of 8 right up to the age of 13.

This has been a tremendous success for everyone involved and can only be beneficial to the football clubs future. Due to this success we will be continuing the centres after the Christmas Break, for a further ten week block starting on Thursday the 10th January for the under 12's and under 13's at Bournside School. Also Friday 11th January for the under 9's, under 10's and under 11's at Sir Thomas Riches. The centres are for players who show potential to step up into a Centre of Excellence place. They are also for the player who is not quite ready for that step up so we can hopefully improve them with our coaching program. These courses are designed to improve the individual skill and deci-

sion making of each player. There are limited places and the course will only be open to players by invitation only.

Most of the children recommended will have already been on a football in the Community course or attended a trial and not progressed. At present because there is no funding available there is a charge of £2.50 each week per child. We hope in the future to cover these costs with funding from the Football league.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY COURSES

Due to another successful fun day over the Christmas period at three separate venues. We will again be holding several fun days over the February half term holidays. It will be the week commencing 11th to 15th of February. The specific dates and venues of the fun days have not yet been confirmed.

However we are looking to hold the courses at Archway School in Stroud, Sir Thomas Riches School in Gloucester, Hardwick Campus in Cheltenham, Tirlebrook School in Tewkesbury and Charlton Kings School in Cheltenham.

The dates and venues of the half term fun days will be printed as soon as they have been confirmed.

Thanks again Arch.

For more information on the Football in the Community Scheme, please phone Mike Cook or Richard Archer on 01242 518630.

Hope you enjoy the game !

Mike Cook
Cheltenham Town Football In The Community Officer

Richard Archer
Cheltenham Town Football In The Community Assistant Officer

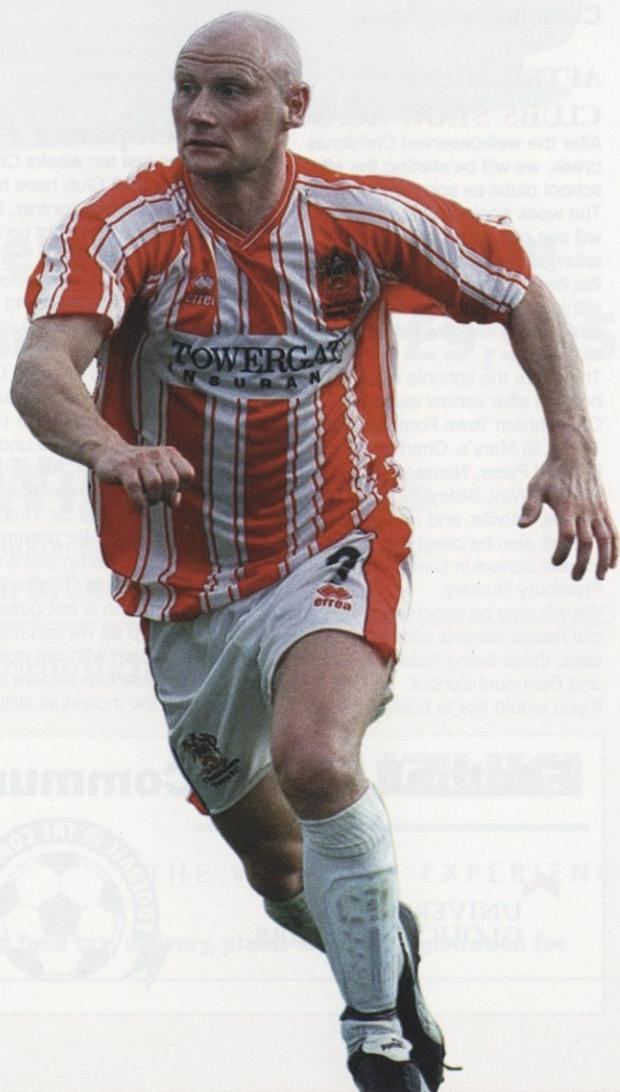
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Player profile – Lee Howells

Cheltenham Town's longest serving player Lee Howells is enjoying his best Football League season to date.

It may have taken the Australian-born midfielder a while to adjust to the demands of full-time professional football, but his performances this season suggest that the transition has now been fully made.

Last week Lee gave an interview to Australian football magazine Tribal Football, part of which is reproduced here.

Q. How does Cheltenham Town compare now with when you first signed for them? What stands out as the biggest difference between now and then?

When I first joined the standard was similar to what I had been used to in Australia but the big difference now is full-time training, which has benefited all the players at the club over the last few years. Off the field the club has made a lot of progress. Over 11 years the ground has improved immensely.

Q. For those who know little of the club, how would you describe Cheltenham Town?

It is a family club and quite happy-go-lucky, but even now they are still quite ambitious. Four or five years ago they were happy just to be in the Conference, but now they are looking at the chance to go higher than Division Three.

Q. To what do you put down your longevity at the club? Have there ever been occasions when you could have moved and chose not to?

I had a couple of chances to leave, yes. The reason I stayed at one Australian club for three seasons was because I was happy there and it's the same with Cheltenham. I got a feel for the place, got to know the people and became comfortable here. I think if you are happy at a club then that shows in what you do on the pitch.

Q. Why did you decide to leave Brisbane all those years ago to try your luck in the Conference?

I left Australia because my mother was very ill so I came back to be with her. She passed away 18 months later, and by then I had settled back into the English way of life - and football.

Q Do you know when you happen to be facing another Aussie in the 3rd Division (such as Oxford Utd's Scott Guyett or Luton's Chris Coyne)?

No, I didn't know anyone in Division Three and it is surprising how many Australians are here in both the top level and lower divisions. It just shows how big football is getting in Australia now.

Q What are Cheltenham Town's ambitions this season? Where would you like to see Cheltenham at the end of your career?

The main aim is to remain a football league club but

there is no reason why we cannot go higher than Division Three. It was a big jump up from the Conference so to go into Division Two may not be much bigger.

Q How does Steve Cotterill compare under other Managers you've worked under?

Very different. He's the first Manager I've had in full time football and he is very professional in all things. In part time football in Australia we used to drink four cans of 4X after the game, the climate was very different and it was much more casual. Steve expects us to be professional on and off the field in everything we do.

Q Who have been the best players you've played with and against? What have been your greatest achievements so far with Cheltenham?

Probably playing along side Clive Walker because of what he achieved in the game. I've played against a number of good players such as Paul Simpson at Blackpool and Lee Hughes at West Brom, now Coventry. Biggest achievements would be winning the FA Trophy at Wembley, getting into the Football League in 1999 and beating Oldham Athletic to get into the fourth round of the FA Cup.

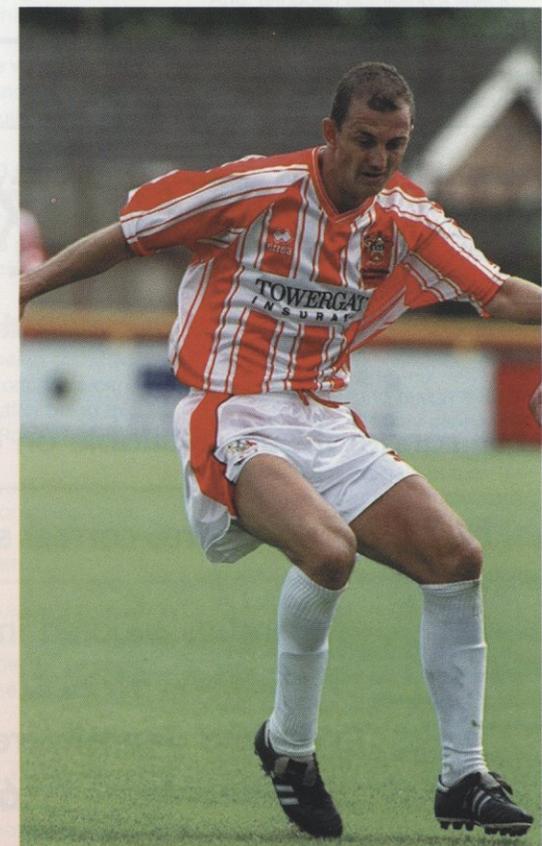
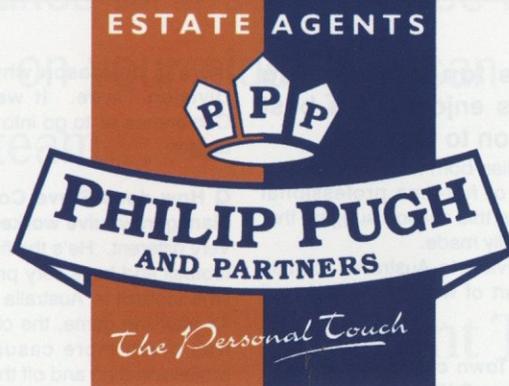


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News from three

Bristol Rovers

Vice-chairman Geoff Dunford and major shareholder Ron Craig have taken Rovers off the market after the club failed to attract any serious offers.

The pair have decided not to go ahead with the decision to sell the club. Dunford had last week revealed that there were three parties interested in buying the club but talks had progressed slowly. "They have had long enough but it is clear there are no big money backers out there," said Dunford. Dunford has insisted all along that he and Craig would only sell their shares to someone who has the best interests of Rovers in mind. They stressed it would not purely be a financial decision and the future of the club was paramount.

Carlisle United

Manager Roddy Collins is holding talks with Newcastle United boss Bobby Robson in a bid to have Stuart Green's loan term extended. Midfielder Green was brought in from the Premiership outfit for a month, yet has only played twice to date because of bad weather. The Cumbrians have revealed fresh financial concerns after the postponement of the Hull City match cost them £10,000 in TV revenue. The game was to be shown on ITV Digital, but fell victim to the bad weather that decimated the fixture list over Christmas. Frost and snow have combined to ensure Carlisle have not played since December 22, and have not played a home game since the December 1 thrashing of Scunthorpe.

Halifax Town

Boss Alan Little is set to introduce a new code of conduct at The Shay in the wake of five dismissals in the last four games. However, he has refuted suggestions that his players lack discipline on the field despite the rash of red cards. Of the five dismissals, only two were for shows of petulance. It is

violent conduct and dissent which Little is seeking to stamp out. He said: "People will say that Halifax lack discipline because they have had five red cards in four games, I don't think that is the case."

Hartlepool United

Manager Chris Turner believes Hartlepool are close to forming an unofficial alliance with North-East neighbours Newcastle or Middlesbrough.

Turner has seen the likes of York and Hull reach an agreement with Sunderland, which has seen some of The Black Cats' best young players join the Division Three clubs on loan and Sunderland given first option on the top youngsters produced at Bootham Crescent and Boothferry Park respectively. Turner insists Pool would benefit from such an arrangement and is confident of reaching an agreement.

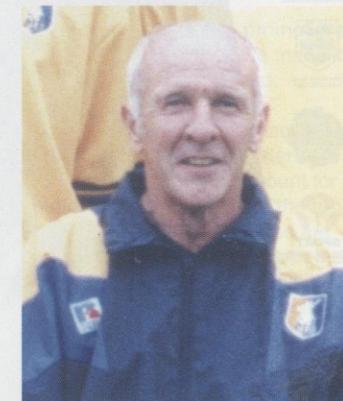
He revealed: "We want to achieve with Newcastle and Middlesbrough what York and Hull have done with Sunderland. "We would get an option on their younger players and those coming back from injury, while they would get the chance to give our players a bit of experience."

Macclesfield Town

Richard Eyre is being linked with a trial move to Second Division Oldham Athletic after being told he can leave Moss Rose when his contract expires. The winger's current deal lasts until the end of the month and David Moss has told the 25-year-old that he will not be offered a new contract. The former Port Vale youngster joined Macc in the summer when Gil Prescott handed him a six-month deal but he has failed to impress.

Mansfield Town

Billy Dearden has revealed his disappointment at not being offered a new contract at Town after he



• Billy Dearden

resigned to take the reins at Notts County. Dearden was confirmed as the new Magpies boss after resigning from his position at Field Mill last Saturday following the FA Cup defeat against Leicester. And, although admitting it was a "wrench" to leave The Stags, the 55-year-old insists he was disappointed that chairman Keith Haslam did not even attempt to persuade him to stay. He said: "Keith Haslam has never mentioned a new contract to me or tried to keep me at Mansfield Town which is disappointing, so I was very pleased to be offered the chance to come to Notts."

York City

Cash strapped York City have stated their intention to resign from the Football League if they cannot find a buyer. A blueprint for the sale of the Nationwide League third division club today underlined the board's determination to close down the football club if new owners cannot be found. It stated the club have given 'provisional notice' of their intention to resign from membership of the Football League at the end of the current season. If no sale is agreed by the end of March the club will confirm their resignation from the Football League on April 1 2002, although the club would fulfil their fixtures for the remainder of the season.

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Press box view



**By Ian Randall of BBC
Radio Gloucestershire**

Clearly I spent too long in a car with Cheltenham's media guru Paul Godfrey on the recent abortive trip to Darlington. We'd got just north of Tadcaster when the match was called off - long enough to discuss a whole shed load of football topics.

Mention of today's game took my mind back 10 years, and made me realise just how quickly football fortunes can change. A decade ago, Luton were in the old First Division and Ally Robertson was Cheltenham Manager - but that's a story for another day. Both teams were trying to avoid relegation - neither managed it - and while Cheltenham have climbed back, and gone up one level, Luton have not. They're not alone, however, and it's interesting to look at the make up of Division One in its final season before the Premier League was formed. It was only 10 years ago, yet not all the clubs are obvious ones.

It's surprising that of the 22 teams

only nine have maintained their status, and only two - Arsenal and Manchester United - have been Champions since 1991-2, when Leeds won it. (Blackburn weren't in the top flight at the time). Leeds have won nothing since, and neither have Southampton. The other five - Aston Villa, Chelsea, Everton, Liverpool and Spurs - have all had to make do with Cup success as the League title has eluded them.

The one team who've genuinely turned relegation into a positive are West Ham. Their one season out of the Premiership was its first - and they've been there ever since. Coventry were ever presents until last May, though an immediate return for them looks unlikely. Indeed, they're one of eight clubs who were in Division One 10 years ago who are now in... Division One. Only football could come up with such logic.

Of the other seven, Norwich and Sheffield United are the most stable. The Blades have been in Division One for eight years and the Canaries seven, with City the best placed for a promotion challenge under Nigel Worthington. The rest are a real mixed bag, with Crystal Palace and Nottingham Forest at least gaining plaudits for courage. Each have won promotion to the Premier League three times and been relegated twice, Palace after just one season on each occasion. Both now have financial troubles despite reasonable gates - it's been feast or famine. Sheffield Wednesday and Wimbledon have both only had two seasons outside the highest echelons of the game, but money is a problem here too. That leaves Manchester City, who under Kevin Keegan are blazing their way back towards competing with their near neighbours United, though not quite on an equal footing. The Theatre of Base Comedy has been from the old Division One to the old Division Three and back

in the last decade - two promotions and three relegations have made it far from dull at Maine Road.

Statistical nuts (or mathematicians) will have worked out that there are just three teams left to account for from Luton's last season in the top flight. The Hatters themselves are one of only two teams to reach the basement in that time - the other is Notts County, the last of the relegated clubs that season. They spent 1997-8 in Division Three, going up as Champions, but on current form they could be back, emphasising how the wheel can turn a long way over a 10 year period. The remaining two, who were founder members of the Premier League, are Oldham (remember them?) and QPR, who for the time being are back among the clutch of London clubs trying to stay afloat in the shadow of Arsenal, Chelsea, Spurs et al - though their fans will feel if Charlton can do it, their time may come again. The Addicks, though, have had Alan Curbishley in charge since 1991, and stability is important.

This is Luton's first visit here, as it was for the Latics last week. The afternoon was the mix of heart and energy we've come to expect, with 'Naylor the nugget' as my colleague Peter Matthews calls him, richly deserving his standing ovation for ANOTHER classy performance. His ability to make something from very little remains something Cheltenham fans have rarely seen to such a degree before. Talk post-match was that "surely it's our turn to get a big fish." I don't wish to be ungrateful, but the reality wasn't quite so glamorous. Burnley should ensure a sell out here, but there will be no big pay day from Premiership level gate receipts or TV money from live coverage. Only thing is, I suppose, to knock them out too!

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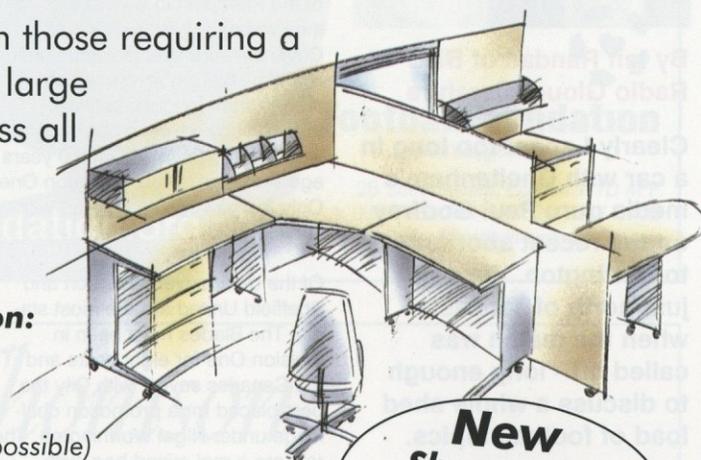
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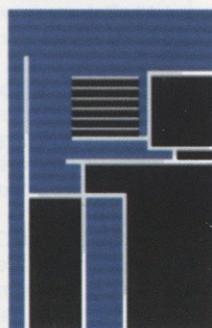
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On the road



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London traffic can be like.

Official coaches depart: 10.15 am.

Travel club members: £9.00 / £7.00 (conc)

Non-members: £11.00 / £9.00 (conc)

Visiting supporters will be allocated around 1,000 (covered) seats in the East Stand on one side.

Prices: Seats only: £16.00, (£10.00 conc).

Programme: £2.00

Visitors entrances: Via gates C and D.

Disabled: 13 Wheelchair places and one toilet available for visiting supporters. Commentary available for the blind or partially sighted. Telephone Anna Fleming on 07968 524413.

Car parking: Limited street parking around ground. As with many London grounds, parking can be tricky.

By rail: Leyton Midland Road and Leyton (underground Central Line) are the nearest stations.

Road Directions: Take A40 to Oxford then M40 to junction 1A (M25 intersection). Follow M25 clockwise to junction 27 (M11 intersection). Follow M11 to the end, then bear right onto A406 North Circular Road westbound. Stay in the left-hand lane and exit onto the A104 towards Whipps Cross. Take the 2nd exit at the next island towards Leyton, then left down Leyton Green Road and left again at the T-junction into Leyton High Road. Ground on right after a mile. Approx mileage: 125.



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Cup crowd explained

Cheltenham Town director Rod Burge responded to accusations from fans that the crowd for the FA Cup third round tie against Oldham Athletic was under reported.

Fans logged onto the official website message board claiming that more people than the official 5,801 attendance figure were inside the ground.

"The 5,801 figure was accurate," said Burge.

"The only part of the ground that may not have been counted is the disabled enclosure but that only holds 28 and there were only a handful in there.

"Every person in the ground has to be accounted for in the attendance figures - including press, directors and sponsors."

The capacity of Whaddon Road varies depending on how many visiting supporters are being catered for. The Oldham match featured an 'Option Three' capacity which is 5,345 for Cheltenham supporters and 1,961 for visitors with a segregated 'sterile area' comprising 76 seats in the Wymans Road stand. The total capacity under this option is 7,306.

At the cup tie there were 1,296 Oldham supporters in the ground leaving a spare 665 capacity in the visiting sections and 840 spare home tickets. Of these, there were a small number of individual seats unsold but there was spare capacity in the C&G, Paddock,

Canteen and Family terraces. Although some parts of these enclosures seemed full, other were less so and the problem with large crowds is how to distribute the fans equally.

One other question that cropped up involved areas of empty seating within the 'sold out' home areas.

"Virtually all the seats were either sold or allocated as sold," said Burge.

"Some of the seats may have been given over to corporate sponsors who either didn't take them up or made other arrangements."

The breakdown of capacity and ticket sales for the Oldham game was thus:

Section	Capacity	Attendance
UCAS Stand	1068	1040
Wymans (home)	1143	1114
Wymans (away)	799	460
C&G Stand	1980	1465
Paddock	554	488
Canteen	202	136
Family	370	253
Away terrace	1162	836
Total seats	3010	2614
Total terraces	4268	3187
Disabled	28	
Total	7306	5801



Aug 13	Crystal Palace	A	1-6
Aug 29	Reading	H	0-2
Sep 19	Bristol City	H	0-1
Sep 26	Barnet	A	2-0
Oct 3	Portsmouth	A	0-2
Oct 10	Swindon Town	H	1-0
Oct 17	Oxford United	A	3-1
Oct 24	Brentford	A	0-5
Nov 7	Brighton & HA	A	2-2
Nov 14	AFC Bournemouth	H	0-0
Nov 19	Peterborough Utd	A	0-3
Dec 12	Norwich City	H	1-1
Dec 19	Bristol Rovers	H	1-1
Jan 9	Southend United	H	1-0
Jan 16	Colchester United	A	2.00
Feb 6	Cambridge Utd	H	2.00
Feb 13	Northampton Town	A	2.00
Feb 20	Luton Town	H	2.00
Mar 6	Millwall	H	2.00
Mar 13	Leyton Orient	A	2.00
Mar 27	Gillingham	H	2.00
Apr 3	Wycombe Wanderers	H	2.00
Apr 10	Cardiff City	A	2.00
Apr 17	QPR	H	2.00

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE



Home matches played on Saturday mornings at Eagle Star sports and social club.

Aug 18	Bristol Rovers	A	11-0
Aug 25	AFC Bournemouth	H	4-0
Sep 1	Swindon Town	A	4-0
Sep 8	Swansea City	H	4-2
Sep 15	Cirencester	A	1-0
Oct 6	Oxford United	H	0-0
Oct 20	Cardiff City	H	4-0
Oct 23	Plymouth Argyle	A	4-0
Nov 3	Exeter City	H	0-1
Nov 17	Oxford United	A	3-3
Dec 1	Cardiff City	A	1-2
Dec 15	Plymouth Argyle	H	0-2
Jan 12	Torquay United	H	
Jan 19	Exeter City	A	
Feb 2	Bristol Rovers	H	
Feb 9	AFC Bournemouth	A	
Feb 16	Swindon Town	H	
Feb 23	Swansea City	A	
Mar 2	Cirencester	H	
TBA	Torquay United	A	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Swindon Town	14	10	1	3	45	24	31
Cheltenham Town	12	7	2	3	37	10	23
Exeter City	12	5	4	3	18	11	19
Cardiff City	12	6	1	5	27	28	19
Cirencester	14	5	3	6	23	24	18
Plymouth Argyle	12	6	0	6	16	23	18
Torquay United	13	5	2	6	22	28	17
AFC Bournemouth	12	5	1	6	25	23	16
Swansea City	13	4	2	7	20	30	14
Bristol Rovers	12	4	0	8	19	40	12
Oxford United	12	3	2	7	13	24	11

Reserves on top against Southend

Cheltenham Town Res 1, Southend United Res 0

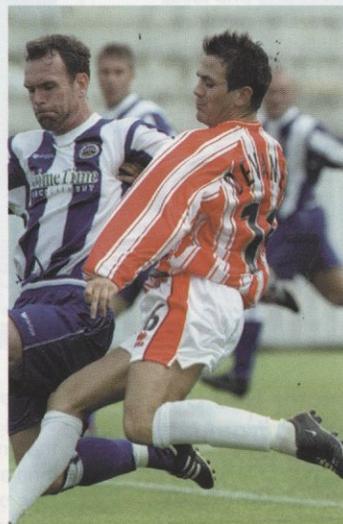
The reserves put up a good performance to defeat Southend United in the Avon Insurance Combination at Whaddon Road this afternoon.

Southend fielded a strong side but Cheltenham improved as the game went on with Martin Devaney their key player.

Operating on the left-hand side of midfield, the Cheltenham-born youngster scored a spectacular goal and proved a threat for most of the second half.

After a quiet opening to the game Hugh McAuley almost gave Cheltenham the lead from an unlikely source when his cross-cum-shot drifted over goalkeeper Daniel Gay and landed on the top of the net.

Shane Higgs was called into action to make a good save from Scott Forbes on the half-hour, diving to his right to push away a 30-yard shot, but Jason White volleyed over the bar from a



• **Martin Devaney - spectacular goal against Southend.**

Richard Kear cross only moments later.

Duncan Willetts just failed to reach a pass from Kear eight yards out and then Gay dived to hold a curling shot from Martin Devaney.

White touched a cross from Devaney over the bar from six yards but when Devaney tried to get past Scott Forbes a second time he was held up by the former Saffron Waldon Town player. His frustration earned him a booking as he and Forbes niggled off the ball.

Higgs pulled off a notable save when he blocked a shot from Mark Rawle after a good run and cross by Dan Trenkel, then Tony Richards hit the outside of

the post with a deflected shot from a David McSweeney cross. Southend could easily have been at least one goal to the good by the 65th minute when Cheltenham took the lead with a spectacular goal against the run of play.

McAuley slipped a pass to Devaney in midfield and travelled forward before unleashing a rocket 25-yard drive that cannoned in off a post.

Devaney almost grabbed another goal when he turned sharply on the edge of the box and his shot was deflected wide. From the resulting corner, taken by Michael Jackson, Devaney's flick header was cleared off the line by Daniel Kerrigan.

McAuley forced another good save from Gay as Cheltenham ended the game on a high note.

Cheltenham Town Reserves: Higgs, Howarth, S.Duff, Brough, Jones, McAuley, White, Jackson, Kear, Willetts (Corbett 76), Devaney. Subs: Bird, Corbett, Taylor, Benbow.

Southend United Reserves: Gay, McSweeney, Kerrigan, Wardley, Risbridger, Johnson, Chibogu (England 84), Trenkel (Cleverley 76), Richards, Rawle, Forbes. Other sub: Coburn.

Weather ruins holiday matches for youth teams

Snow and ice resulted in several holiday games for the youth team being cancelled. Only two games were played. Both were home friendlies against Hereford FA U16 and Kidderminster Harriers.

Cheltenham Town under-16 1, Hereford FA under-16 1

This was an opportunity for three more talented youngsters from the Robins Youth Development Scheme to step up and gain experience. Cheltenham-born James Campbell, a defender aged 13, Will Pedley, age 15 and West Midlands County player, and 14-year old defender Michael Whyld all had impressive games with Pedley scoring the Robins' goal and missing a penalty.

These young players, in their third year with the club, are players with huge potential. Will Pedley is now a regular scorer at all age groups.

Team: Craig Humphries, Andy Reynolds, Dan Lacey, Dan Mazetek, Michael Whyld, Richard Streatin, Ryan Cooke, Adam Connolly, Graham Cheal, Dan Thompson, Leon Henry, Will Pedley.

Subs: Phil Waters, George Crump, Rob Algar, James Campbell.

Cheltenham T under-17 10, Kidderminster H under-17 0

The young Robins under-17s proved too strong for a very young and inexperienced Harriers team.

This was an impressive performance from players now part of a group put together three years ago. They never allowed the young Harriers team any chance to influence the game. A terrific first 20 minutes with the home side three goals up proved too much for the visitors. Three further goals and four in the second period completed a very satisfying performance.

The Cheltenham Town Youth Development Scheme appreciates the support it receives from the following companies and organisations:

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MIDLAND FLOODLIT YOUTH LEAGUE SOUTHERN DIVISION

Home matches played on Thursday evenings at Evesham United's Common Road ground.

Aug 20	Evesham United	A	8-0
Aug 30	Harrow Hill	A	5-2
Sep 4	Chesterfield (MYC 1r)	A	5-1
Sep 6	Pegasus Juniors	A	4-1
Sep 8	Oxford Utd (FLYAC)	H	0-0
Sep 13	Pershore Town	H	7-0
Sep 19	Worcester City	A	3-3
Sep 24	Evesham United	H	5-0
Oct 2	Wellington	A	2-3
Oct 11	Luton Town (FAYC 1r)	H	3-4
Oct 18	Gloucester City	H	1-2
Oct 21	Tytherington R (CYS 1r)	A	3-0
Oct 29	Notts Co. (MYC 2r)	A	3-0
Oct 31	Dudley Sports (LC 2r)	A	5-1
Nov 3	West Brom (FLYAC)	H	3-2
Nov 5	Kidderminster H (FLYAC)	A	3-3
Nov 15	Bromyard Town	A	8-0
Nov 18	Cadbury Heath (CYS 2r)	A	0-1
Nov 22	Malvern Town	H	1-0
Dec 13	Worcester City (LC 3r)	A	1-3
Dec 19	Pershore Town	A	8-0
Jan 10	Worcester City	H	
Jan 17	Wellington	H	
Jan w/c 21	Southam United	A	
Jan w/c 28	Gloucester City	A	
Feb 21	Bromyard Town	H	
Feb w/c 25	Malvern Town	A	
TBA	Southam United	H	
	Harrow Hill	H	
	Pegasus Juniors	H	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Wellington	11	9	2	0	27	9	29
Cheltenham Town	11	8	1	2	52	10	25
Gloucester City	10	7	1	2	43	14	22
Malvern Town	9	7	1	1	27	3	22
Worcester City	9	7	1	1	31	9	22
Pegasus Juniors	9	4	0	5	19	21	12
Evesham United	12	4	0	8	20	40	12
Southam United	9	3	0	6	14	33	9
Bromyard Town	9	2	0	7	8	30	6
Harrow Hill	11	2	0	9	17	42	6
Pershore Town	12	0	0	12	5	52	0

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
QPR	13	8	5	0	35	12	23
Portsmouth	12	7	3	2	21	12	23
Cardiff City	11	6	3	2	19	10	21
Norwich City	12	6	3	3	22	16	21
Reading	11	6	2	3	22	10	17
Brentford	11	6	2	3	23	17	17
Crystal Palace	12	6	2	4	22	17	20
Peterborough Utd	12	6	2	4	21	20	17
Oxford United	12	5	5	2	13	14	19
Millwall	12	4	5	3	20	17	17
Wycombe Wanderers	12	5	2	5	18	18	17
Luton Town	10	4	4	2	15	11	15
Gillingham	10	4	3	3	16	9	12
Bristol Rovers	11	4	3	4	11	12	14
Leyton Orient	11	4	1	6	17	30	13
Cheltenham Town	13	3	4	6	11	24	12
Southend United	10	3	3	4	11	13	12
Bristol City	9	2	4	3	10	13	10
Barnet	11	3	1	7	12	21	7
AFC Bournemouth	10	2	4	4	9	19	7
Colchester United	13	2	3	8	15	23	9
Cambridge United	11	2	2	7	11	18	7
Northampton Town	11	1	5	5	10	18	7
Brighton & Hove Alb.	8	1	4	3	8	9	7
Swindon Town	12	1	2	9	10	19	5

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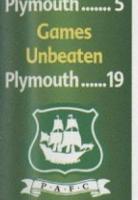
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Records

Highest Gate	13,677
Plymouth v Torquay	
Lowest Gate	1,356
Macclesfield v Hartlepool	
Highest Agg Score	
Scunthorpe7	
Darlington1	
Bristol Rov.....5	
Orient3	
Biggest Home Win	
Scunthorpe7	
Darlington1	
Biggest Away Win	
Exeter0	
Scunthorpe4	
Consec. Wins	
Plymouth5	
Games Unbeaten	
Plymouth19	
Consec. Defeats	
Torquay5	
Winless Run	
Bristol Rov.....14	



Total Games 296

Home Wins	137	46%
Away Wins	77	26%
Draws	82	28%
1-1 Draws	26	9%
0-0 Draws	37	13%

Average Attendances

	2000	4000	6000	8000	10000
Bristol Rovers					7,139
Carlisle					2,920
Cheltenham					3,680
Darlington					4,047
Exeter					3,467
Halifax					2,004
Hartlepool					3,546
Hull					9,654
Kidderminster					3,106
Orient					4,787
Lincoln					3,241
Luton					6,729
Macclesfield					2,133
Mansfield					4,308
Oxford					6,519
Plymouth					6,216
Rochdale					3,342
Rushden					4,255
Scunthorpe					3,719
Shrewsbury					3,536
Southend					4,212
Swansea					3,612
Torquay					2,523
York					2,604

Goals - When Scored

	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
BR	1	4	4	2	3	8
CU	3	5	4	4	0	3
CT	2	7	5	5	11	7
Da	1	5	4	2	9	6
EC	5	5	5	3	7	2
HT	2	4	4	3	1	4
HU	2	1	9	5	7	7
HC	3	6	4	9	5	10
Ki	3	4	4	7	5	9
LO	4	5	4	9	6	10
LC	1	5	3	3	5	8
LT	3	5	14	10	11	10
MT	3	3	5	3	5	4
MT	5	7	6	5	5	10
OU	6	3	2	10	5	7
PA	4	6	7	7	5	7
Ro	5	5	5	5	7	7
RD	4	7	5	3	4	5
SU	9	7	8	5	7	6
ST	6	3	6	2	10	9
SU	5	2	2	8	4	8
SC	7	8	4	3	4	7
TU	4	4	3	2	4	5
YC	3	1	6	5	4	8

Form Guide: Home & Away

Home Form	most recent results to left	Away Form
WWLLL	Bristol Rovers	LLDDL
WLLDW	Carlisle	LDLDD
DWWWD	Cheltenham	WWLLD
WWWLL	Darlington	LLLLD
DLWDW	Exeter	WWWLD
LWDLD	Halifax	LDLLL
WLDWW	Hartlepool	DWLWL
DWDWD	Hull	LLWLL
LWWWW	Kidderminster	WLWWL
WDWLW	Orient	LLLDL
WDLWD	Lincoln	DLDDD
DWLWW	Luton	WWWWL
LDWWD	Macclesfield	DWLLL
LWDWW	Mansfield	WLWWL
WLWWD	Oxford	LDLLL
WDWWW	Plymouth	LDWDW
LDWDD	Rochdale	DLDLW
WWDWW	Rushden	LLLLD
WWWWW	Scunthorpe	LLDWD
WDLWW	Shrewsbury	DLWWL
LWDLW	Southend	DWLLL
DWDLD	Swansea	DWLWW
LLDLL	Torquay	DDLDD
DLLLW	York	LDDL

Clubs' top scorer & the points their goals have won

see key below	Leading Scorer	GS	Sc1	Sc2	HT	GmsGls/Gm	Pts	Run	
York	Michael Proctor	8	6	1	0	23	0.35	11	2
Mansfield	Chris Greenacre	14	10	2	0	23	0.61	10	4
Shrewsbury	Luke Rodgers	14	9	1	1	24	0.58	10	4
Hull	Gary Alexander	13	9	2	0	23	0.57	10	5
Luton	Dean Crowe	10	8	1	0	16	0.63	10	3
Bristol Rovers	Nathan Ellington	7	4	0	1	13	0.54	9	3
Cheltenham	Julian Alsop	11	7	2	0	23	0.48	8	2
Plymouth	David Friio	7	7	0	0	22	0.32	8	2
Torquay	David Graham	5	5	0	0	25	0.20	8	1
Carlisle	Ritchie Foran	6	6	0	0	17	0.35	7	3
Macclesfield	Lee Glover	8	6	1	0	24	0.33	6	2
Darlington	Barry Conlon	6	4	1	0	20	0.30	6	1
Lincoln	Lee Thorpe	7	5	1	0	18	0.39	5	1
Swansea	Mamady Sidibe	6	4	1	0	16	0.38	5	2
Exeter	Chris Roberts	6	4	1	0	22	0.27	5	2
Oxford	Paul Moody	8	5	0	1	18	0.44	4	1
Rochdale	Kevin Townson	8	4	2	0	20	0.40	4	3
Halifax	Paul Harsley	7	5	1	0	24	0.29	4	2
Rushden	Scott Partridge	5	3	1	0	19	0.26	4	1
Scunthorpe	Martin Carruthers	10	6	2	0	22	0.45	2	2
Kidderminster	Dean Bennett	7	7	0	0	23	0.30	2	7
Hartlepool	Gordon Watson	9	6	0	1	16	0.56	1	3
Southend	Tesfaye Bramble	5	5	0	0	22	0.23	1	2
Orient	Steve Watts	9	5	2	0	16	0.56	0	3

Biggest Wins & Heaviest Defeats

Club	Win - vs.	Defeat - vs.	PU	CS	FS
Bristol Rov	5-3 Orient	1-3 O's, Rush	27	7	11
Carlisle	3-0 Scunthorpe	0-3 Plymouth	34	7	10
Cheltenham	4-1 Macclesfld	1-5 Hull	23	8	5
Darlington	4-0 Exeter	1-7 Scunthorpe	29	7	8
Exeter	2-0 Torquay	0-4 Scun, Darl	30	8	8
Halifax	2-0 Swan, Tray	1-6 Oxford	24	8	11
Hartlepool	4-0 Hull	0-2 Ornt, Linc	24	7	8
Hull	5-1 Cheltenham	0-4 Hartlpool	27	11	7
Kidderminster	4-1 vs 3 clubs	0-4 Shrswsbry	27	10	9
Orient	5-0 Lincoln	1-4 Scunthorpe	33	8	5
Lincoln	3-0 Swansea	0-5 Orient	21	8	8
Luton	5-1 Torquay	1-4 Mans, Mac	32	6	2
Macclesfield	4-1 Luton	0-4 Mansfield	25	6	12
Mansfield	4-0 Maccsfield	0-3 Plymouth	22	9	5
Oxford	6-1 Halifax	0-3 Ornt, Hull	26	6	10
Plymouth	3-0 vs 3 clubs	1-2 Roch, Scun	22	15	6
Rochdale	3-1 Mansfield	1-4 Kiddermstr	29	8	4
Rushden	3-1 vs 3 clubs	0-3 Kiddermstr	32	10	11
Scunthorpe	7-1 Darlington	0-3 Carlisle	25	9	7
Shrewsbury	4-0 Kiddermstr	1-3 Hart, Scun	22	9	5
Southend	4-1 Halifax	0-2 vs 4 clubs	26	8	9
Swansea	3-0 Exeter	0-3 vs 3 clubs	29	8	11
Torquay	2-1 vs 5 clubs	1-5 Luton	37	4	13
York	3-0 Torquay	0-4 Hull	27	4	6

Key: GS=Goals Scored; Sc1=Games Scored 1 Goal; Sc2=Games Scored 2 Goals; HT=Hat-Tricks; Each club's leading league scorer and avg. goals per game (Gls/Gm). Next column shows taking off their goals, how many Points (Pts) lost. Last figure show best scoring Run in consecutive games.

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

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Nationwide League Division Three

Date	Opponents	H/A	Res	Att	Vis	Goalkeeper	Defenders	Midfielders	Forwards	Substitutes
Aug 11	Leyton Orient	H	1-1	643		Muggleton	James	Banks	Walker	McAuley
Aug 18	Luton Town	A	1-2	6177		Muggleton	Jones	Banks	Walker	McAuley
Aug 25	Mansfield Town	H	2-3	3105	226	Muggleton	M.Duff	Banks	Walker	Milton
Aug 27	Swansea City	A	2-2	3343	234	Muggleton	Howarth	Banks	Walker	Howells
Sep 1	Torquay United	H	2-2	3167	322	Muggleton	Howarth	Banks	Hill	Howells
Sep 8	Shrewsbury Town	A	1-2	3395	447	Muggleton	M.Duff	Banks	Hill	Howells
Sep 15	Carlisle United	H	2-0	3081	317	Book	M.Duff	Banks	Walker	Howells
Sep 18	Hartlepool United	A	1-0	2599	79	Book	M.Duff	Banks	Walker	Howells
Sep 22	Rushden & Diam.	A	0-1	4116	776	Book	M.Duff	Banks	Walker	Howells
Sep 28	Southend United	A	1-0	3709	139	Book	Howarth	Banks	Walker	Howells
Oct 5	Lincoln City	H	2-1	3315	181	Book	Howarth	Banks	Banks	Howells
Oct 13	Kidderminster H	A	0-0	3554	1090	Book	Howarth	Banks	Banks	Howells
Oct 20	Exeter City	H	3-1	3393	499	Book	Howarth	Banks	Banks	Howells
Oct 23	Rochdale	H	2-2	3279	161	Book	Howarth	Banks	Banks	Howells
Oct 27	Scunthorpe United	H	3-3	3295	239	Book	Howarth	Banks	Banks	Howells
Nov 3	Hull City	A	1-5	9435	230	Book	Howarth	Banks	Banks	Howells
Nov 9	Bristol Rovers	H	0-0	5035	1569	Book	Howarth	Banks	Banks	Howells
Nov 20	Macclesfield Town	H	4-1	2420	75	Book	Howarth	Banks	Banks	Howells
Nov 24	Oxford United	A	0-3	6740	1205	Book	Howarth	Banks	Banks	Howells
Dec 1	Halifax Town	H	2-1	3304	115	Book	Griffin	Banks	Banks	Howells
Dec 15	York City	H	3-1	2082	157	Book	Griffin	Banks	Banks	Howells
Dec 26	Shrewsbury Town	H	1-0	4561	723	Book	Griffin	Banks	Banks	Howells
Dec 29	Swansea City	H	2-2	4130	968	Book	Griffin	Banks	Banks	Howells
Jan 1	Torquay United	A	1-0	2952	390	Book	Griffin	Banks	Banks	Howells
Jan 12	Luton Town	H								
Jan 19	Leyton Orient	A								
Jan 22	Darlington	H								
Jan 26	Lincoln City	H								
Feb 1	Southend United	H								
Feb 5	Mansfield Town	A								
Feb 9	Exeter City	A								
Feb 12	Darlington (7.30)	A								
Feb 16	Kidderminster H	H								
Feb 23	Carlisle United	A								
Feb 26	Hartlepool United	H								
Mar 2	Rushden & Diam.	H								
Mar 5	Bristol Rovers	H								
Mar 9	York City	H								
Mar 16	Halifax Town	H								
Mar 23	Rochdale	H								
Mar 30	Scunthorpe United	A								
Apr 1	Hull City	H								
Apr 6	Macclesfield Town	A								
Apr 13	Oxford United	H								
Apr 20	Plymouth Argyle	A								

* Some fixtures an own goal

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Date	Opponents	H/A	Res	Att	Vis	Goalkeeper	Defenders	Midfielders	Forwards	Substitutes
Nov 17	Kettering Town (1r)	A	6-1	2942	524	Book	Howarth	M.Duff	Banks	Howells
Dec 8	Hinckley United (2r)	A	2-0	2861	730	Book	Griffin	M.Duff	Banks	Howells
Jan 6	Oldham Athletic (3r)	H	2-1	5801	1296	Book	Griffin	M.Duff	Banks	Howells
Jan 27	Burnley (4r)	H								

Worthington Cup

Date	Opponents	H/A	Res	Att	Vis	Goalkeeper	Defenders	Midfielders	Forwards	Substitutes
Aug 21	Bristol City (1r)	A	1-2	5367	765	Muggleton	Howarth	Banks	Walker	Griffin-2, White-11, Jackson, Alosop-9, Higgs

LDV Vans Trophy

Date	Opponents	H/A	Res	Att	Vis	Goalkeeper	Defenders	Midfielders	Forwards	Substitutes
Oct 16	Plymouth Argyle (1r)	H	2-1	1310	226	Book	Howarth	M.Duff	Banks	Brough, Griffin, Devaney, Jackson, Muggleton
Oct 30	Cambridge Utd (2r)	A	1-1*	1511	109	Book	Howarth	M.Duff	Banks	Brough, Grayson-6, McAuley-9, Devaney, Muggleton

* Cambridge United won 5-4 on penalties

Gloucestershire Senior Challenge Cup

Date	Opponents	H/A	Res	Att	Vis	Goalkeeper	Defenders	Midfielders	Forwards	Substitutes
Oct 8	Bristol City (1r)	H	1-4	253		Muggleton	Griffin	Brough	Hill	Higgs, Willetts, Taylor-5, Kear, Corbett

Appearances and goals

Player	League	Cup	Total	C.T. Career				
Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals			
Julian Alosop	20(3)	11	5(1)	4	25(4)	15	59(16)	22
<i>Born: 28.5.73, Nuneaton; Signed from Swansea City, June 2000</i>								
Chris Banks	25	6	6	31	382(4)	14		
<i>Born: 12.11.65, Stone, Staffs; Signed from Bath City, July 1994</i>								
Steve Book	19	5	24	24				
<i>Born: 7.7.69, Bournemouth; Signed from Forest Green Rovers, July 1997</i>								
John Brough	(9)	1(1)	1(1)	1(1)	71(46)	9		
<i>Born: 8.1.73, Ilkeston; Signed from Hereford United, July 1998</i>								
Martin Devaney	8(13)	1	2(2)	1	10(15)	2	60(35)	20
<i>Born: 1.6.80, Cheltenham; Signed from Coventry City, August 1999</i>								
Michael Duff	25	2	6	31	2	246(6)	13	
<i>Born: 11.7.78, Belfast; Signed from Youth Training Scheme</i>								
Shane Duff		1	1	2	3	1		
<i>Born: 2.4.82, Wroughton; Signed from Youth Training Scheme</i>								
Neil Grayson	10(9)	1	3(3)	1	13(12)	2	149(30)	60
<i>Born: 1.11.64, York; Signed from Hereford United, March 1998</i>								
Anthony Griffin	5(2)	3(1)	8(3)	1	43(21)	1		
<i>Born: 22.3.79, Bournemouth; Signed from AFC Bournemouth, June 1999</i>								
Shane Higgs					5(1)			
<i>Born: 13.5.77, Oxford; Signed from Worcester City, June 1999</i>								
Keith Hill	2(3)	1	1	3(3)	1	3(3)	1	
<i>Born: 17.5.69, Bolton; Signed from Rochdale, June 2001</i>								
Gareth Hopkins	(3)	1	1	1(3)	1	7(14)	3	
<i>Born: 14.6.80, Cheltenham; Signed from Youth Training Scheme</i>								
Neil Howarth	13(5)	1	4	17(5)	1	99(14)	8	
<i>Born: 15.11.71, Bolton; Signed from Macclesfield Town, February 1999</i>								

League table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Plymouth Arg	25	9	1	2	21	7	6	6	1	15	8	52
Luton T	26	7	3	2	23	10	9	4	30	23	52	
Mansfield T	24	8	2	2	25	12	5	3	4	13	14	44
Shrewsbury T	26	7	3	3	20	12	5	3	5	16	16	42
Hull City	24	8	4	0	24	5	3	4	5	13	20	41
Rochdale	24	5	5	1	18	9	6	2	5	16	18	40
Cheltenham T	25	6	1	24	15	4	3	5	13	18	39	
Scunthorpe Utd	24	7	3	2	25	12	3	5	4	17	16	38
Kidderminster H	25	7	4	2	20	9	4	1	7	12	17	38
Exeter City	25	5	5	4	16	21	4	2	5	11	18	34
Rushden & D	25	6	4	2	19	12	2	5	6	9	15	33
Hartlepool Utd	24	6	3	4	23	11	3	2	6	8	20	32
Swansea City	26	3	6	4	13	13	5	2	6	20	24	32
Southend Utd	25	7	2	4	23	14	2	2	8	6	16	31
Leyton Orient	25	6	2	4	24	16	2	4	7	14	25	30
Oxford Utd	26	5	3	5	23	17	2	5	6	10	17	29
Darlington	23	7	2	2	17	5	1	3	8	10	27	29
Lincoln City	25	5	3	4	14	11	1	8	4	11	19	29
Bristol Rovers	24	5	3	4	16	15	3	4	5	9	17	27
Macclesfield T	25	3	5	5	14	16	2	3	4	7	19	24
Torquay Utd	26	5	2	7	15	22	1	4	7	7	19	24
York City	23	4	2	6	11	16	2	3	6	16	25	23
Carlisle Utd	23	4	3	4	10	9	0	5	7	9	21	20
Halifax T	24	2	6	3	9	11	2	9	9	9	28	20

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D Emma Biston
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