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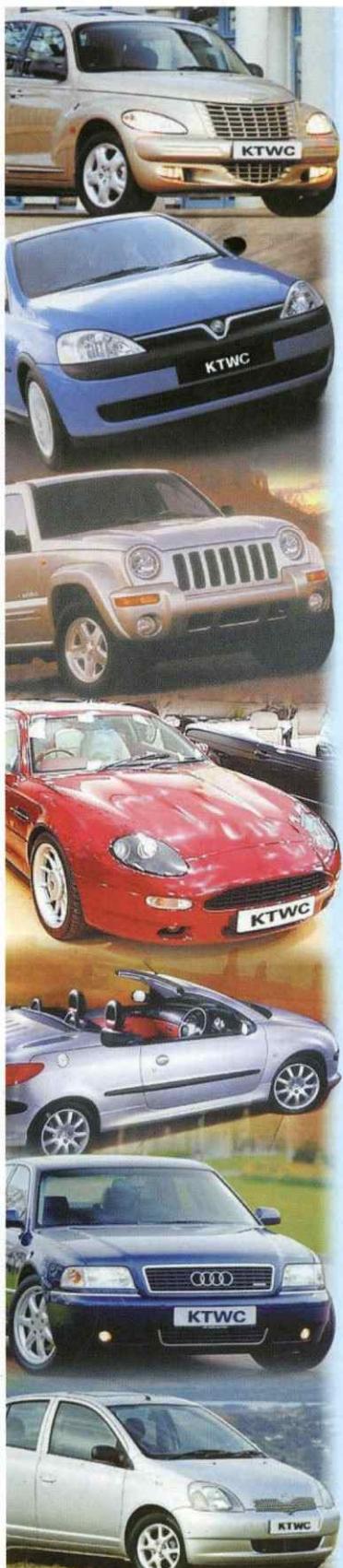
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v. LUTON TOWN

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Lennie's lines

“ There have been a number of changes since I was manager at today's opponents Luton Town – I've now been gone from there just over two years, the ownership has changed, nearly all the playing-staff apart from Matthew Spring, Emmerson Boyce and Tony Thorpe who has just re-joined them. There have been management and staff changes apart from one or two Luton stalwarts, so for me it's not like playing a former club that you know well. But they got promotion from Division Three last season so it should be an interesting game this afternoon. ”

Both of us were in action on Saturday after I did my column – we were at Swindon, Luton were at home to Barnsley, so I can't comment on those results, but Luton went into that

game on the back of three consecutive defeats which reminded me of the start of 1996/97 when I was manager at Kenilworth Road. The same thing happened then, so I decided to switch Tony Thorpe from midfield to up front and it changed things for us. He went on to score thirty-odd goals, and Luton reached the Second Division play-offs, which goes to show that you can never read too much into early-season results.

Defensive errors

That was illustrated by our own results recently – we win the opening two League games, then the opening reserve game, the youth-teams win their opening



• Danny Gabbidon – back from the Welsh trip to Croatia with Earnie and Rhys Weston

matches. Then in the space of four days, we lose at home to Northampton in the League, and then at home to AFC Bournemouth in the Avon Insurance Combination in similar manner.

Defensive errors have been a problem for us this season while we've attacked well. That was the case in the first-team game against Northampton and the reserve match against Bournemouth – I thought that we might have got a draw from the chances we created against Northampton towards the end, while against Bournemouth it was major errors at the back with what was a relatively young team. But disappointing, nevertheless, over those four days, and we have to stop it at all levels in the Club.

I was watching the Wales game against Croatia last Wednesday, and I was pleased for the Club that our three representatives – Danny Gabbidon, Earnie and Rhys Weston were all on

together for the last twenty minutes. Hopefully the whole trip didn't take too much out of them with these games against Swindon and Luton just a few days after their return.

Departures

Last week we cancelled Kevin Evans' contract by mutual consent – nothing was happening for him and he wasn't making too much progress, so a move was in his and our interests, and good luck to the boy in the future.

Simon Heal and Tony Wallis have gone on loan to Haverfordwest for experience – Simon did well for them last season and started his current loan last week with a winning goal from thirty yards. But unfortunately Tony was sent off in that game and will now be suspended. Even so, their spell with Haverfordwest should be useful for both of them.



• Kevin Evans – good luck in the future



• Good staff alongside me in Ian Butterworth, George Wood, Colin Pascoe, Jimmy Goodfellow, Dr. Len Nokes, Clive Goodyear.

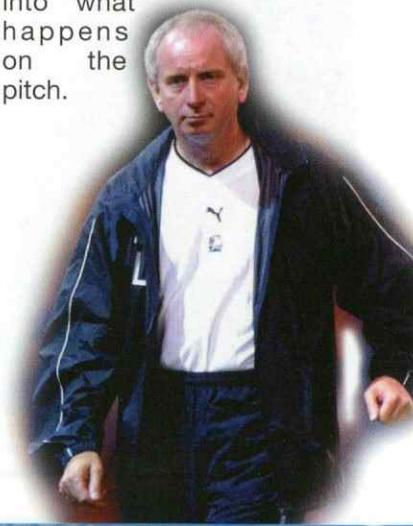
Boston United in the Worthington Cup

I went to see Bristol Rovers play Boston United in the Preliminary Round of the Worthington Cup last Tuesday as we travel to the winners in Round One on September 11th, and the fact that Boston were 2-0 winners was a bit disappointing because we could have done without a five-hour trip to Lincolnshire compared to a short journey across the Severn Bridge.

Because it's a Wednesday game at Boston, we will have to go on the Tuesday, we won't get back until 3 or 4.00 am on the Thursday morning, and that can have repercussions in our preparation for the League game on the Saturday. Added to which we will probably have the fixture at Plymouth on September 7th postponed if today's Wales squad announcement includes three or more of our players.

Good Staff

Behind the scenes, things are going well. When I came here at the start of 2002 as Director of Football, before becoming Manager, my impression was that we had a good staff and I've seen no reason to change things. I've never had a full-time goalkeeping coach before, so I'm pleased with that, we've got good physios and doctor, Colin Pascoe does a good job with the youth, so it's a good set-up here, and our aim now is to translate that into what happens on the pitch.



ninian news

Luton links

Making their first visit to Ninian Park since January 2000 are Luton Town who have one or two connections with us. Lennie Lawrence was Manager at Kenilworth Road between 1995 and 2000, while Joe Kinnear, Luton's Manager was in charge of team affairs at Wimbledon when Sam Hammam was there. And Luton defender Russell Perrett had a spell here before joining them in August 2001. The Hatters were at home to Barnsley last Saturday after our Bank Holiday deadline, while we were at Swindon, and full details on Luton, covering their opening three matches, will be found in our "Passing By" feature on Pages 10-13.



● Russell Perrett – had a spell here at Ninian Park before joining Luton



● Willie Boland – now completed his three-match suspension

Willie available

Back in contention for today's game is midfielder Willie Boland who has missed our last three matches – Port Vale, Northampton and Swindon – because of a three match ban.



Out on loan

Currently with League of Wales club Haverfordwest County are midfielder Simon Heal and striker Tony Wallis. Both players became first-year professionals at the end of last season and are with Haverfordwest to gain competitive experience.

Worthington Cup opponents

Following last Tuesday's



● Tony Wallis – now on loan to Haverfordwest County

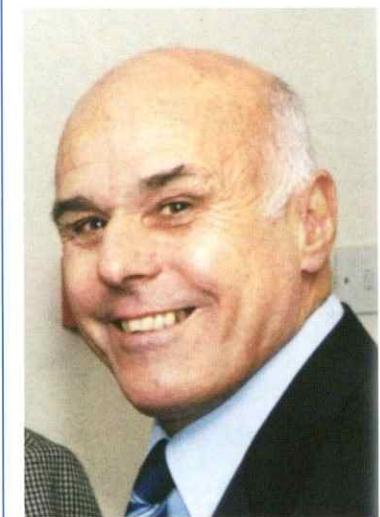
Preliminary Round match at the Memorial Ground when Boston United won 2-0 at Bristol Rovers, we will now visit Boston's York Street ground for our Worthington Cup First Round tie on Wednesday, 11th September at 7.45pm.

Possible postponement

The Wales Senior and Under-21 squads for their respective matches away to Finland on September 6th (U-21) and European Championship Qualifier (September 7th) are announced today. If we have three players or more in the squads, then our Second Division fixture at Plymouth Argyle on September 7th is expected to be postponed.

Ninian news

Midfielder or defender Kevin Evans has left the Club by mutual agreement, departing last Wednesday. Carmarthen-born Kevin, previously with Leeds United and Swansea City (loan), joined us in August 2000 and made forty League and Cup appearances for us over the past two seasons.



● Kevin Evans – has left the Club by mutual agreement



● Shaun Robjohn and his son Nathan receive their signed shirt from Robert Earnshaw

Autographed shirt

Following a successful bid on our official website, Bluebirds fans Shaun Robjohn and his 10-year old son Nathan visited Ninian Park to receive a signed shirt from Robert Earnshaw. The shirt was a signed replica of the one that Earnie wore in the game against Germany when he scored the only goal of the game and was voted as "Man of the Match". You can bid for other signed memorabilia by visiting the Club Official Website at www.cardiffcity.co.uk – then click on the "Auctions" logo at the top of the page.

Ronnie's debut

Former Bluebirds winger Ronnie Bird, now on our Hospitality staff, made his debut on "Cardiff City World" last Wednesday as expert summariser on the match

commentary for the reserve game against AFC Bournemouth, and followed up in the same role for last Saturday's Second Division match at Swindon "just like old times" reflected Ronnie. "In the reserves on Wednesday, did



● No mistaking where this photo was taken, with Sydney Harbour Bridge in the background. On the left of the back row is Bluebirds fan Mike Daughton who is originally from Cardiff and has lived in Sydney for nearly four years. This is his local five-a-side team and he has kitted them out in Bluebirds gear.

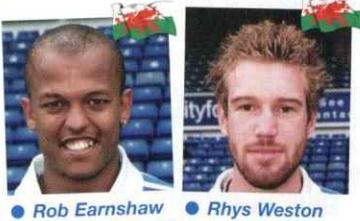
well, then first team Saturday, and left out for Gary Bell today!"

Bluebird Wales trio

The inclusion of Danny Gabbidon, Robert Earnshaw and Rhys Weston in last Wednesday's Wales line-up for the 1-1 draw in Croatia meant that we had three players in a Wales senior line-up for the first time since May 1969 when Steve Derrett, Barrie Jones and John Toshack all played in the 5-3 Home International Championship defeat against Scotland at Wrexham.



● Danny Gabbidon



● Rob Earnshaw ● Rhys Weston

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passing by

THE HATTERS
FROM
KENILWORTH ROAD



Runners up in Division Three at the end of last season to win promotion a year after going down, Luton Town won thirty of their forty-six games and finished just five points behind champions Plymouth who gained 102 points. So there was a great deal of optimism at Kenilworth Road in the summer that the Hatters, with Manager Joe Kinnear beginning his second full season in charge, would be able to take it on this year.

But they went into last Saturday's home game against

THEIR MANAGER

Dublin born Joe Kinnear took charge at Kenilworth Road in February 2001 as the Club's third manager of that season. The Club was struggling, but although he managed to improve results and performances, the gap was too great and they went down to Division Three. But he got them back up again at the end of his first full season (2001/02) as runners up to Plymouth, and he is after another promotion this time. Joe was brought up in Watford and was a teenager with St. Albans City when Tottenham's Bill Nicholson signed him in 1965. He made nearly 300 appearances as a reliable full-back in what was a great ten years for the Club F.A. Cup Winners in 1967, League Cup (1971), UEFA Cup (1972), League Cup (1973) and he played on twenty six occasions for the Republic of Ireland.

He then had four years at Brighton before going into coaching, and for six years was National Team Coach in The United Arab Emirates, working with his former Tottenham colleague Dave Mackay. He took charge at Wimbledon in 1992 and was still there when a heart attack forced him to step down. He has won two Premiership "Manager of the Year" awards in addition to several TV awards. After eighteen months out of the game and by then fully recovered, he was asked by Luton to take control of all football matters - Director of Football, Manager and Coach. His assistant is former Lincoln, Newcastle, Bristol City, Birmingham, Luton (84-89), Derby, Luton (91-92), Chelsea, Sunderland, Coventry, Wimbledon and England striker Mick Harford who began coaching under Joe at Wimbledon.

may be one or two new names in the squad today. Three newcomers had been brought in by the start of the season including a familiar name back for a fourth spell with the Club, and the tide will surely turn for The Hatters whose squad look capable of making another promotion-challenge.

FORWARDS

Experienced striker **Tony Thorpe** is the player back for his fourth spell at Kenilworth Road, and the former Bristol City forward, signed this summer, had played in all three games prior to Saturday, scoring once. At Plymouth nine days ago, he played up front with ex-Northampton forward **Steve Howard** who scored in that match and at Blackpool four days earlier, and he was signed in March 2001. On the bench in three games prior to Saturday was former junior player **Andy Fotiadis** who came on in the first two matches, and he has been a

professional with the Club since 1996 when he left school. Also on the bench in the three games before the weekend, and coming on in each of them, has been striker **Dean Crowe** who was signed from Stoke City in September 2001 originally on loan. Yet to appear up to the weekend was striker **Carl Griffiths**, the former Wales B International now in his second season with the Club following his summer 2001 £65,000 move from Leyton Orient.



● Ahmet Brkovic - came on as substitute in the opening game against Peterborough - and scored.

MIDFIELD

Another former Leyton Orient player signed in the summer of 2001 is Croatian-born **Ahmet Brkovic**. He came on as substitute in the opening game to score against Peterborough, and played from the start on the left of midfield at Blackpool and Plymouth. On the left of midfield nine days ago at Plymouth was summer signing **Steve Robinson** who

THEIR 2002-03 RECORD

(not including last Saturday)

August	F-A	Att
10 Peterborough (D2)	(H) 2-3	7,860
13 Blackpool (D2)	(A) 2-5	6,377
17 Plymouth Argyle (D2)	(A) 1-2	10,973

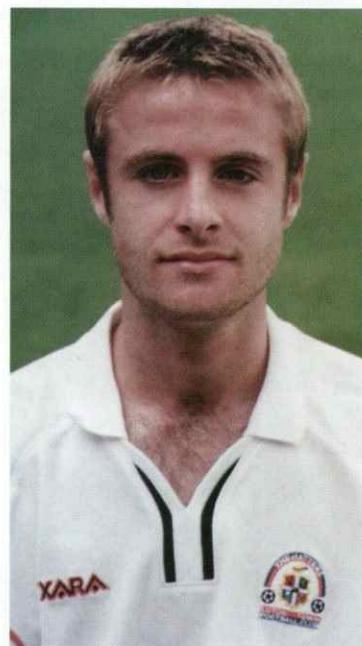
This season's scorers:
Howard 2, Brkovic 1, Crowe 1, Thorpe 1.

cost £50,000 from Preston, and the Northern Ireland International, capped at all levels for his country, had played in two of the opening three games. Ex-Sheffield Wednesday player **Peter Holmes** played on the left in the 5-2 defeat at Blackpool thirteen days ago, and he is now in his third season with the Club, while right side midfielder **Adrian Forbes**, signed from Norwich in the summer of 2001, has yet to play in League games this season and will be out for some time after sustaining a cruciate ligament injury in a pre-season match.

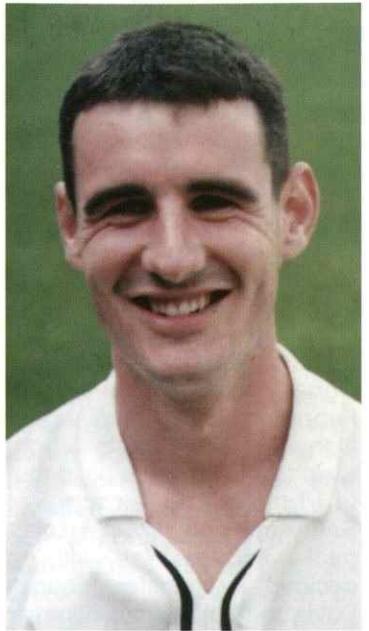
In the centre of midfield, skipper **Kevin Nicholls** and ex-trainee **Matt Spring** had both played in all three games up to last weekend. Nicholls is in his second season at Kenilworth Road following his £150,000 move from Wigan in the summer of 2001 while Spring has been a regular for the past five seasons. Also available in midfield, though they had yet to be included in the sixteen prior to Saturday, are ex-Southampton player **Paul Hughes**, signed in the summer of 2001, and ex-trainee **Lee Mansell** who made a dramatic scoring debut during January 2001 in an F.A. Cup replay against Q.P.R. when he netted after just 58 seconds!

DEFENDERS

Former trainee **Emmerson Boyce** played at right back nine days ago at Plymouth after being on the bench in the previous two games, and he can also play in a central defensive role. Boyce came in for ex-Wales cap **Alan Neilson** who came on as a substitute at Plymouth after being in the starting line up for the first two matches, and Neilson was signed from Grimsby in February 2002. Mid-August signing **Sol Davis** from Swindon Town made his debut at Plymouth a week ago last Saturday, coming in at left back, and his fee will be decided by transfer tribunal. Davis took over from summer signing **Alan Kimble** who played in the opening two matches and was non-playing substitute in the 2-1 defeat at Plymouth. Another full back with the club is Neath-born **Ian Hillier** who had yet to appear



● Peter Holmes - ex-Sheffield Wednesday.



● **Matthew Spring** –
a regular for the past five seasons.

up to the weekend, and the former Wales U21 International was signed from Tottenham in



● **Russell Perrett** – a regular last season following his move to Kenilworth Road from Ninian Park in August 2001 – in the thick of the goalmouth action against Huddersfield Town.

August 2001, originally on loan.

Central defenders in the last away game were our former player **Russell Perrett**, a regular last season after his August 2001 move from Ninian Park, and Australian born **Chris Coyne** signed for £50,000 from Dundee in September 2001. Perrett had played in two of the opening three games, while Coyne was ever present, but he was sent off at Plymouth nine days ago and will be suspended from next Saturday when Luton play Chesterfield at Kenilworth Road.

Ex-Rochdale defender **David Bayliss**, signed in early December 2001, came on at Plymouth nine days ago after being in the starting line up at Blackpool, but long serving central defender **Marvin Johnson**, over 400 appearances for the Club, had



● **Emmerson Boyce** –
a former Luton trainee

yet to be included before Saturday's game with Barnsley. Also available for a

central defensive position is former trainee **Aaron Skelton**, now in his second spell with the Club after returning from Colchester a year ago, though he had yet to appear in the line up prior to Saturday.

GOALKEEPERS

Former Walsall 'keeper **Carl Emberton**, signed in the summer of 2001, was in goal for the opening three games which saw ten goals conceded, but Luton did not have a standby 'keeper on the bench in the first three matches because **Mark Ovendale**, once with Barry Town and who cost £425,000 from AFC Bournemouth in August 2000, had a hip operation this summer, and is expected to be out until Christmas.



**passing
by**
"THE HATTERS"
FROM
KENILWORTH ROAD
LUTON TOWN
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THEIR 2002-03 PLAYERS

number age position background

22 – **David Bayliss**
(26) Defender
Ex-Rochdale trainee/full pro. Signed free early December 2001

17 – **Emmerson Boyce**
(22) Full-back/Central defender
Aylesbury-born ex-trainee. Signed pro. April 1998. Debut January 1999.

18 – **Ahmet Brkovic**
(27) Wide Midfield
Born Dubrovnik, Croatia. Ex-HNK Dubrovnik, Leyton Orient. Signed free summer 2001.

12 – **Chris Coyne**
(23) Defender
Born Brisbane, Australia. Ex-West Ham United, Dundee. Signed £50,000 September 2001.

15 – **Dean Crowe**
(23) Forward
Ex-Stoke City trainee/full pro., Northampton (loan), Bury (loan). Signed September 2001 on loan, then permanently.

24 – **Sol Davis**
(22) Full-back
Ex-Swindon Town trainee/full pro. Signed mid-August 2002, fee to be decided by tribunal. Debut nine days ago v. Plymouth.

16 – **Carl Emberton**
(29) Goalkeeper
Ex-Millwall trainee/full pro., Colchester (loan), Colchester, Walsall. Signed free summer 2001.

7 – **Adrian Forbes**
(23) Right-Midfield
Ex-Norwich City trainee/full pro. Signed summer 2001 £75,000. Currently out after cruciate ligament injury in pre-season match.

14 – **Andrew Fotiadis**
(24) Forward
Hitchin-born ex-junior player. Signed June 1996 after leaving school.

10 – **Carl Griffiths**
(31) Forward
Born Welshpool. Ex-Shrewsbury trainee/full pro., Manchester City, Portsmouth, Peterborough, Leyton Orient, Wrexham (loan), Port Vale, Leyton Orient. Signed £65,000 summer 2001. Ex-Wales B/U21/Youth International.

23 – **Ian Hillier**
(22) Full-back
Born Neath. Ex-Tottenham, signed August 2001 on loan, then for £30,000. Ex-Wales U21 International.

20 – **Peter Holmes**
(21) Midfield
Ex-Sheffield Wednesday trainee/full pro. Signed free August 2000.

19 – **Steve Howard**
(26) Forward
Ex-Tow Law, Hartlepool, Northampton. Signed £50,000 March 2001.

21 – **Paul Hughes**
(26) Midfield
Ex-Chelsea, Stockport (loan), Norwich (loan), Crewe (loan), Southampton. Signed August 2001.

6 – **Marvin Johnson**
(33) Defender
Wembley-born ex-trainee. Signed full pro. November 1986, longest serving player. Debut 1988. Over 400 appearances for Club.

31 – **Alan Kimble**
(36) Full-back
Ex-Charlton trainee/full pro. Exeter (loan), Cambridge Utd., Wimbledon. Signed free summer 2002.

32 – **Lee Mansell**
(19) Midfield
Ex-trainee, signed full pro. May 2001. Debut January 2001 v. Q.P.R. in F.A. Cup. Scored after 58 seconds!

3 – **Alan Neilson**
(29) Full-back
Born Wegberg, Germany. Ex-Newcastle trainee/full pro., Southampton, Fulham, Grimsby. Signed February 2002. Ex-Wales Full (5 Caps), B, U-21 International.

8 – **Kevin Nicholls**
(23) Midfield
Ex-Charlton trainee/full pro., Brighton (loan), Wigan. Signed £150,000 summer 2001. Club Captain.

1 – **Mark Ovendale**
(28) Goalkeeper
Ex-Wisbech, Northampton, Barry Town, AFC Bournemouth. Signed £425,000 August 2000. Out until at least December 2002 following summer hip operation.

5 – **Russell Perrett**
(29) Defender
Ex-Lymington, Portsmouth, Cardiff City (July '99-Aug '01) 35 Lge./Cup Apps. Signed a few days before start of 2001/02.

11 – **Steve Robinson**
(27) Wide/Central Midfield
Ex-Tottenham trainee/full pro., Bournemouth, Preston. Signed £50,000 summer 2002. Ex-Northern Ireland Full, B, U-21, youth, Schools international.

2 – **Aaron Skelton**
(27) Defender/Midfield
Ex-Luton trainee/full pro., Colchester Utd. Re-signed summer 2001.

4 – **Matt Spring**
(22) Midfield
Harlow born ex-trainee. Signed full pro. July 1997. Signed new contract at end of last season.

9 – **Tony Thorpe**
(28) Forward
Ex-Leicester City trainee, Luton (Aug. '92-Feb. '98). Fulham £800,000, Bristol City £1 million, Reading (loan), Luton loans in March '99 and November '99. Signed free for his fourth spell at Kenilworth Road summer 2002.

Cardiff City v Luton Town

Location <http://www.soccer-stats.com/headtohead>

For/Against Goalscoring Home/Away Top Scorer Form Guide Discipline Attendances Swings/Margins Miscellaneous

Clubs Comparison

Goals Scored

1	Shots	3
2	Headers	2
3	Volleys	0
0	Penalties	0
0	Free Kicks	0
0	Own Goals	0

Where Goals Scored

Where Goals Conceded

When Goals Scored

3	0-15 mins	1
1	16-30 mins	0
0	31-45 mins	0
0	46-60 mins	1
1	61-75 mins	2
1	75 - 90 mins	1

Form Guide

2	Won	0
0	Drawn	0
1	Lost	3
6	For	5
4	Against	10
6	Points	0
2	Goal Difference	-5
WWL	Sequence	LLL
WL	Home Seq.	L
W	Away Seq.	LL

Yellow & Red Cards

2	Yellow	8
0	Red	1

Seasonal Progress Comparison

2002-2003 Attendances

Bluebirds	Aggregate	26,617
Bluebirds	Highest	13,321
Bluebirds	Lowest	13,296
Bluebirds	Average	13,309
Bluebirds	% of Capacity	67
Hatters	Aggregate	7,860
Hatters	Highest	7,860
Hatters	Lowest	7,860
Hatters	Average	7,860
Hatters	% of Capacity	79

10 Year Record

Bluebirds	Avg Pos.	69.1
Bluebirds	among 92 clubs	54.8
Hatters	Avg Att 1993	7,878
Hatters	Avg Att 2002	7,860
Hatters	+ / - %	0

Top League Scorers

Earnshaw	For	1.67
Earnshaw	Home For	2.00
Earnshaw	Away For	1.50
Howard	Against	3.33
Earnshaw	Home Against	3.00
Howard	Away Against	3.50

Average Goals per game

2.00	For	1.67
2.00	Home For	2.00
2.00	Away For	1.50
1.33	Against	3.33
1.50	Home Against	3.00
1.00	Away Against	3.50

2002-2003 Figures

16	Players Used	18
0	Clean Sheets	0
0	Failed to Score	0
Goals scored from...		
2	Corners	1
0	Free Kicks	0
Goals conceded from...		
0	Corners	1
0	Free Kicks	0

Luton Town's 10 Year History

Div 1	20th	20th	16th	24th	3rd	12th	17th	13th	22nd	2nd	18th
Div 2	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Div 3	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18

Swings

CC	Games Won from:	LT
0	3 Goals Down	0
0	2 Goals Down	0
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Lost from:

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Drawn from:

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0	1 Goal Up	0

Margins

1	Won by 1 Gl	0
1	Won by 2 Gl's	0
0	Won by 3 Gl's	0
0	Won by 4 Gl's	0
0	Won by 5+ Gl's	0
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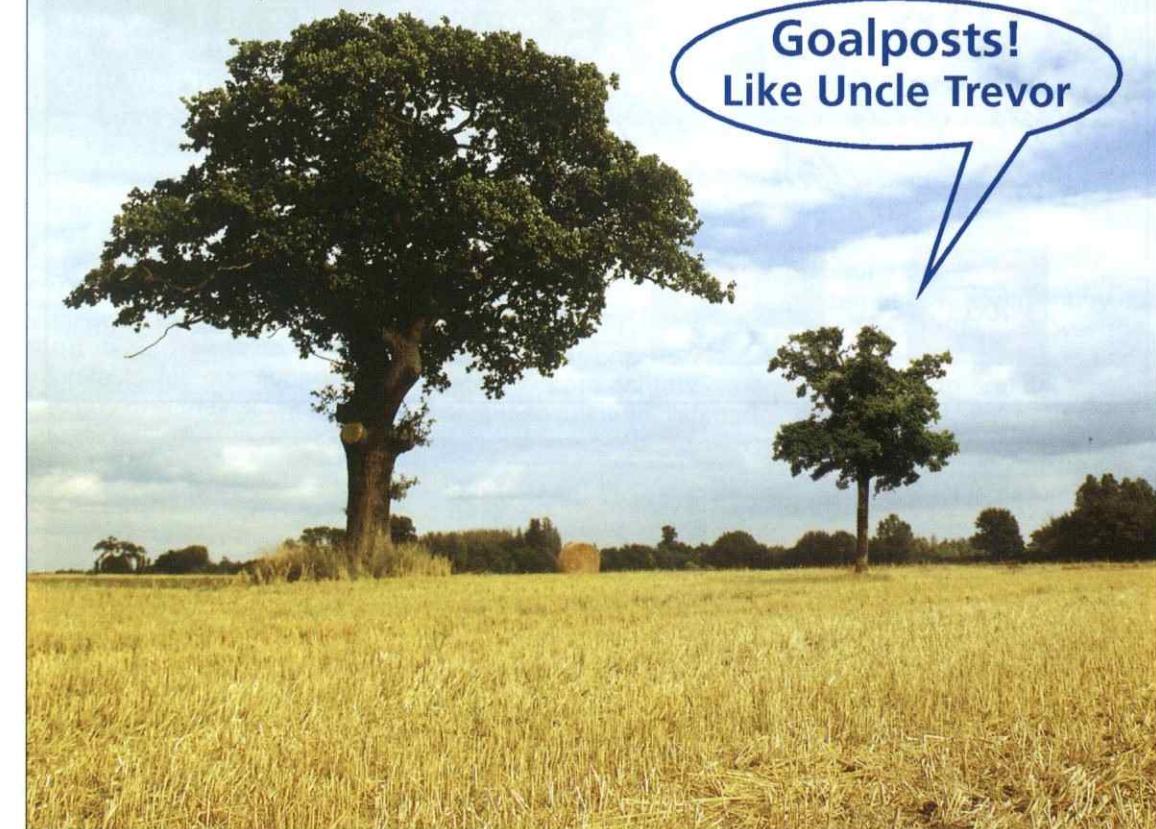
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0	No Win Run	3

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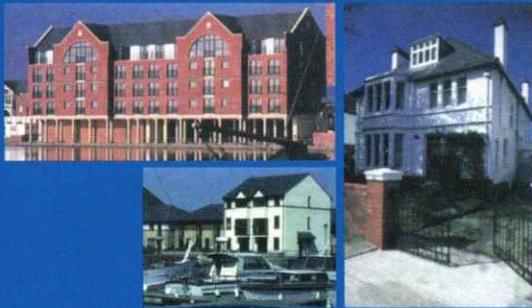
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bluebirds go multimedia

With the situation changing on an almost daily basis, Cardiff City is still waiting for the necessary assurances from FLPTV (The joint venture between the Football League and Premium TV) before fully launching the Cardiff City World premium content Internet service.

The Club need the necessary assurances that, if our supporters subscribe to this service, then we are guaranteed the platform via NTL to continue with the service.

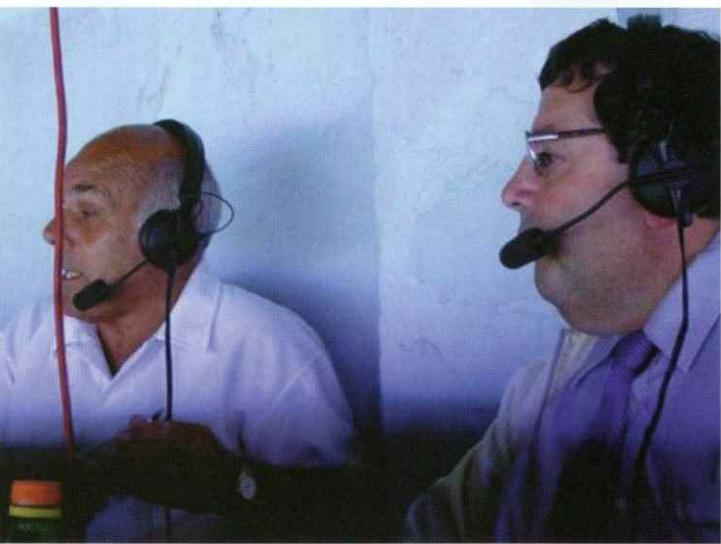
It would not be in our interests for our supporters to pay over their subscription fees, only for the service to fail through no fault of Cardiff City.

We would like to thank all supporters for their understanding of the situation and we will

continue to provide much of the content through the free to air site including the live match commentary.

Live match commentary

The ever-popular live match commentary is continuing to attract listeners from far and wide. The new format starting a half-hour before the kick-off and featuring interviews with the manager and players, together with team news is



• Ronnie Bird joins Richard Shepherd for live website commentary

proving a resounding success. We are also incorporating an ex-Cardiff City player to provide the expert game analysis alongside our professional commentator Richard Shepherd. During the last couple of Nationwide League games and at this weeks Avon Insurance match versus AFC Bournemouth we have utilised the knowledge of Gary Bell and Ronnie Bird. Judging by your E-Mails, you seem to be very happy with the new format.

International listeners

Our Cardiff City World Internet live commentary is literally worldwide. Over the last three matches fans from the following countries have joined us: U.S.A., Australia, Sweden, Malaysia, Spain, Canada, Greece, Cyprus, Japan, Ireland, Slovak Republic, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Switzerland and Hungary.

the bluebird diary

July 24th – Our Youth team win 5-0 against Cwmbran Town at Llanrumney – goalscorers were Stuart Fleetwood (2), Richard Ingram, Danny Thomas and Byron Anthony.

July 25th – Our second Scottish game sees a 1-0 win at Berwick Rangers with a second half goal from Rhys Weston.

July 27th – We go to Mangotsfield United with a mixture of Youth and Reserve players and win 2-0 with second half goals from Kristian Dimond and Gavin Gordon.

July 28th – Our Scottish tour finishes with a 1-0 defeat at Motherwell through a first half goal.

July 30th – We draw 0-0 at Port Talbot with a mixture of youth and senior professionals. Lee Kendall is released and expected to join Shrewsbury. Josh Low is on trial at Oldham.

July 31st – A 1-0 home defeat against Wolverhampton Wanderers in front of an 8,064 attendance on a rainy night.

August 1st – Our youth team win 8-1 at Ammanford Town with goals from Danny Thomas (5), Stuart Fleetwood (2) and Richard Ingram.

August 2nd – The reserves win 1-0 at Weymouth, a second half goal from Gavin Gordon.

August 3rd – Bolton Wanderers come to Ninian Park for our final first team pre-season friendly. A crowd of 5,064 see Peter Thorne and Danny Gabbidon score twice in the last eleven minutes to give us a 2-1 victory. Prior to the Bolton match, our youth team defeat Newport County 3-0 at Llanrumney with goals from Stuart Fleetwood (2) and Richard Ingram.

August 5th – Former Huddersfield Town goalkeeper Martyn Margetson completes his move to Ninian Park after a spell on trial. Our reserves go to Bath City with a strong side and draw 0-0 in a pre-season friendly.

August 10th – An opening day 2-1 away win at Oldham Athletic in front of nearly 4,000 Bluebirds supporters goals from Andy Campbell and Robert Earnshaw.

August 12th – Josh Low completes his transfer to Oldham, former Wolves and Millwall player Ryan Green, the Wales Under-21 international who has been in pre-season training with us, signs a short-term contract.

August 13th – An eventful 3-1 home win over Port Vale in front of 13,296. Peter Thorne and Leo Fortune-West put us 2-0 up in nine minutes, Graham Kavanagh has a penalty saved, Vale go down to ten men, "Kavs" concedes a penalty and it's 2-1. Andy Legg settles it in the second half.

August 14th – Our reserves open their Avon Insurance Combination League programme with a 4-1 win at Cambridge United, goals from Ceri Hughes (2), Martyn Giles and Richard Ingram.

August 17th – A 2-1 home defeat by Northampton Town in front of a 13,321 attendance. Two Marco Gabbiadini goals sink us, despite a goal from Graham Kavanagh. Our Youth teams both win – the Under-19's beat Swansea City away 4-0, the Under-17's beat Bristol Rovers away 4-1.

August 18th – Rhys Weston, Danny Gabbidon and Robert Earnshaw join the Wales squad for their friendly in Croatia in three days time.

August 21st – Our reserves lose 3-2 against AFC Bournemouth at home in the Avon Insurance Combination League after being 2-1 up at half-time. Our goals came from Richard Ingram and Des Hamilton.

HOW WE STAND NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIV. 2

(not including this past weekend's matches)

TEAM	HOME				AWAY				(GD)	Pts.		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		
1. Wigan Athletic	3	2	0	0	5-2		1	0	0	2-0	(+5)	9
2. Swindon Town	3	1	0	0	3-1		1	1	0	4-2	(+4)	7
3. Tranmere Rovers	3	1	1	0	2-1		1	0	0	4-1	(+4)	7
4. Brentford	3	1	1	0	1-0		1	0	0	2-0	(+3)	7
5. Cardiff City	3	1	0	1	4-3		1	0	0	2-1	(+2)	6
6. Plymouth Argyle	3	2	0	0	4-2		0	0	1	3-4	(+1)	6
7. Notts County	3	0	1	0	1-1		1	1	0	3-0	(+3)	5
8. Northampton T.	3	0	1	0	1-1		1	1	0	3-2	(+1)	5
9. Blackpool	3	1	1	0	5-2		0	0	1	0-2	(+1)	4
10. Q.P.R.	3	1	0	0	3-1		0	1	1	1-2	(+1)	4
11. Mansfield Town	3	1	0	0	4-3		0	1	1	5-6	(0)	4
12. Oldham Athletic	3	0	0	1	1-2		1	1	0	1-0	(0)	4
13. Barnsley	3	1	1	0	2-1		0	0	1	1-3	(-1)	4
14. Crewe Alexandra	3	1	0	1	2-3		0	1	0	1-1	(-1)	4
15. Colchester Utd.	3	1	0	0	1-0		0	1	1	1-3	(-1)	4
16. Wycombe Wands	3	0	2	0	4-4		0	1	0	1-1	(0)	3
17. Peterborough Utd.	3	0	0	2	0-2		1	0	0	3-2	(-1)	3
18. Bristol City	3	1	0	0	2-0		0	0	2	0-3	(-1)	3
19. Huddersfield	3	0	0	1	0-2		1	0	1	2-2	(-2)	3
20. Chesterfield	3	1	0	1	4-5		0	0	1	1-3	(-3)	3
21. Stockport County	3	0	2	0	1-1		0	0	1	0-1	(-1)	2
22. Cheltenham Town	3	0	0	1	0-2		0	1	1	1-2	(-3)	1
23. Luton Town	3	0	0	1	2-3		0	0	2	3-7	(-5)	0
24. Port Vale	3	0	0	1	1-4		0	0	2	2-5	(-6)	0

GAMES/GOALS 2002/03

(not including last Saturday)

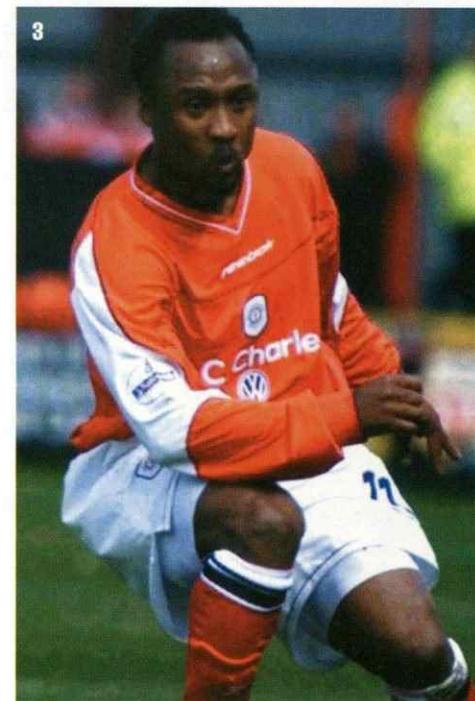
PLAYER	Games			Goals		
	Lge	Cup	(Total)	Lge	Cup	(Total)
Neil ALEXANDER	3	+ 0s	(3)	0	0	(0)
Chris BARKER	3	+ 0s	(3)	0	0	(0)
Willie BOLAND	1	+ 0s	(1)	0	0	(0)
Andy CAMPBELL	3	+ 0s	(3)	1	0	(1)
James COLLINS	0	+ 1s	(1)	0	0	(0)
Gary CROFT	3	+ 0s	(3)	0	0	(0)
Robert EARNSHAW	0	+ 3s	(3)	1	0	(1)
Leo FORTUNE-WEST	3	+ 0s	(3)	1	0	(1)
Danny GABBIDON	3	+ 0s	(3)	0	0	(0)
Graham KAVANAGH	3	+ 0s	(3)	1	0	(1)
Andy LEGG	2	+ 1s	(3)	1	0	(1)
Layton MAXWELL	0	+ 2s	(2)	0	0	(0)
Spencer PRIOR	0	+ 1s	(1)	0	0	(0)
Peter THORNE	3	+ 0s	(3)	1	0	(1)
Rhys WESTON	3	+ 0s	(3)	0	0	(0)
Gareth WHALLEY	3	+ 0s	(3)	0	0	(0)

Maximum 3 Lge, 0 Cup + Substitute Appearance (if used) † Penalty

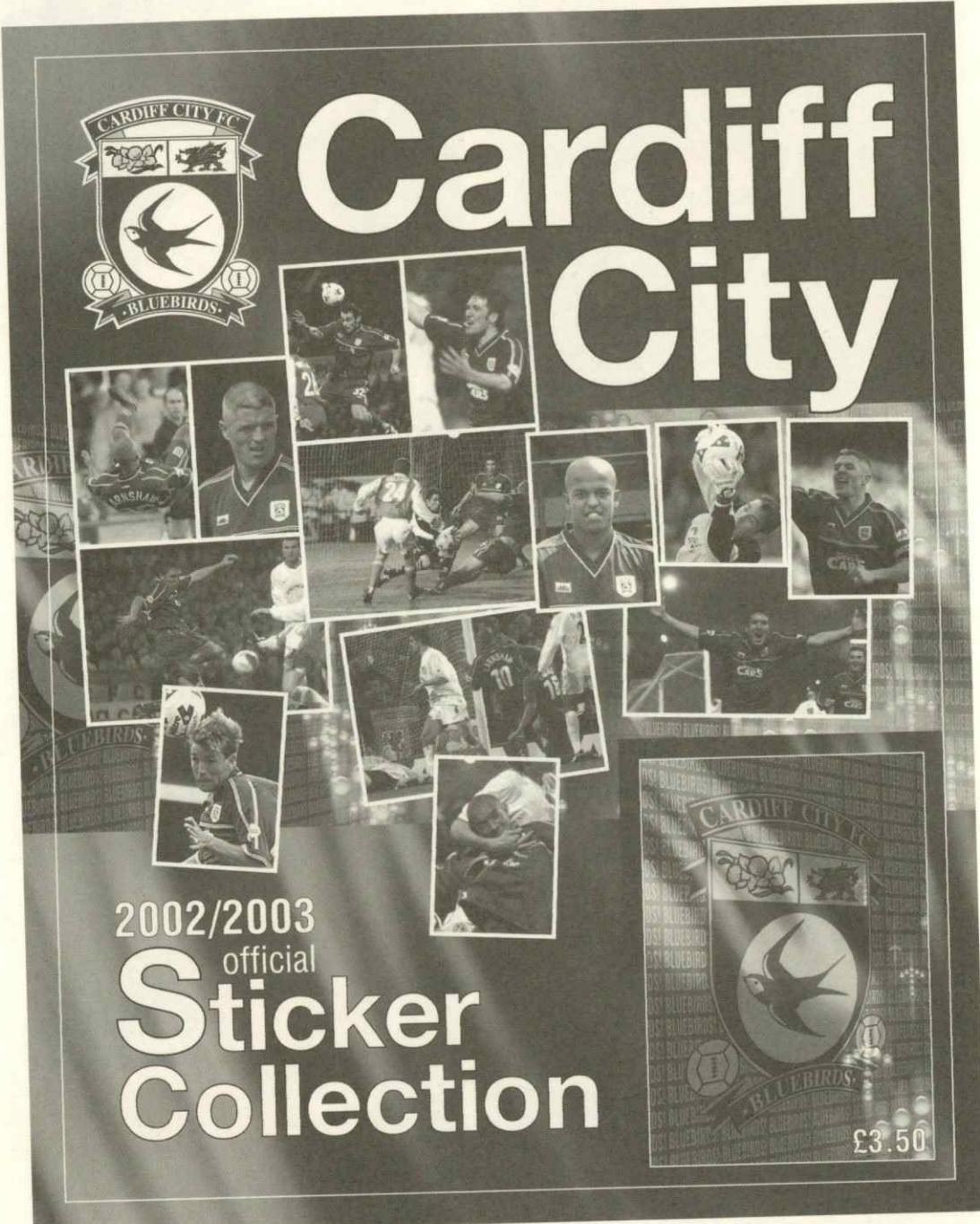
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As the scheme is open to any organisation, it operates on the 'first come, first served' principle, therefore as soon as our fixture list is known for the forthcoming season, coaches and teachers can contact me to book a package. As you can imagine the scheme is usually over-subscribed and that is the situation at the moment with all home fixtures booked up, both pre and post Christmas.

Our pre-Christmas bookings are as follows:

Tues. 17 Sept. - Brentford Jubilee Juniors (Caerphilly)
Sat. 28 Sept. - Crewe Alex. Newbridge Juniors (Caerphilly)
Sat. 12 Oct. - Wycombe W. Cascade Juniors (Caerphilly)
Sat. 26 Oct. - Tranmere Rov. Cilfynydd Juniors (RCT)
Sat. 2 Nov. - Peterborough Ponthir Juniors (Newport)
Fri. 22 Nov. - Chesterfield Porth Juniors (RCT).

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Any other organisations interested in a match-day package will either be added to a "stand-by" list and will be notified of any cancellations or they can participate in a further pre-match coaching scheme but without the game during half-time.

For further details on any matter concerning our Match-Day Package, you can contact me on 029 2034 8050.

Soccer Schools

We've now finished our summer programme of soccer schools and without doubt it has been our most popular summer ever. Our Cardiff courses have attracted over 450 children, while our first sessions at the Univ. of Glamorgan, Treloar drew around 90 children. Our final courses at Pencoed also proved very popular with over 150 children attending the three courses. Our next series of holiday activities will be during the October half-term, when we hope to run courses in Cardiff, Caerphilly, Bridgend and RCT. For further details of all our October courses, Tuesday evenings edition of the S.W. Echo (Junior Bluebirds page) will carry information and application forms.

Guests

As I've already mentioned, this afternoon's Match-Day Package guests are Penrhynceir Rangers from Mountain Ash, who will be making their third appearance at Ninian Park. Enjoy your day.

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During the month of August, we have been holding training programmes for all our age groups at the University of Glamorgan Sports Complex in Treforest with one training session per week for each age group.

All ages are being fitness tested, as they will be during the course of the season so that we can monitor their progress as regards their fitness levels to make sure that our training programmes are going along the right lines.

The groups' fitness training



● Matthew Crocker

is under the supervision of our former midfielder Chris Ingram who played fifteen first-team games in the mid 1990's. Chris, a former trainee with the Club, is our Development Centre Manager, and is also in charge of our fitness programmes in the centre of Excellence.

Agility and shuttle runs

The testing for Under-9's to Under-13's involves agility tests, thirty metre sprint tests, a standing broad jump and a turning test in which the boys have to come off each foot. From Under-14's to Under-16's, we use slightly different methods which involve 20 metre shuttle runs, standing broad jump, an agility test in which they have to run in and out of a series of cones, and also a speed test which involves a series of seven runs, with twenty seconds recovery. This measures how well a player can maintain his speed through the seven runs, and this will show his capacity for endurance. The tests are carefully planned for each age group bearing in mind the physical ability of the youngsters.



● Terry Moore

Early September start

Our actual Centre of Excellence match-days start on Sunday, 8th September when all our age groups will be playing – our Under-9's, 10's and 11's will be away to Swindon Town, our Under-12's and 13's will be away to Bristol Rovers, our Under-14's and 15's will be at home to Bristol Rovers. So our training has all been geared towards those first games, and in the meantime, our fitness testing will carry on at Treforest.

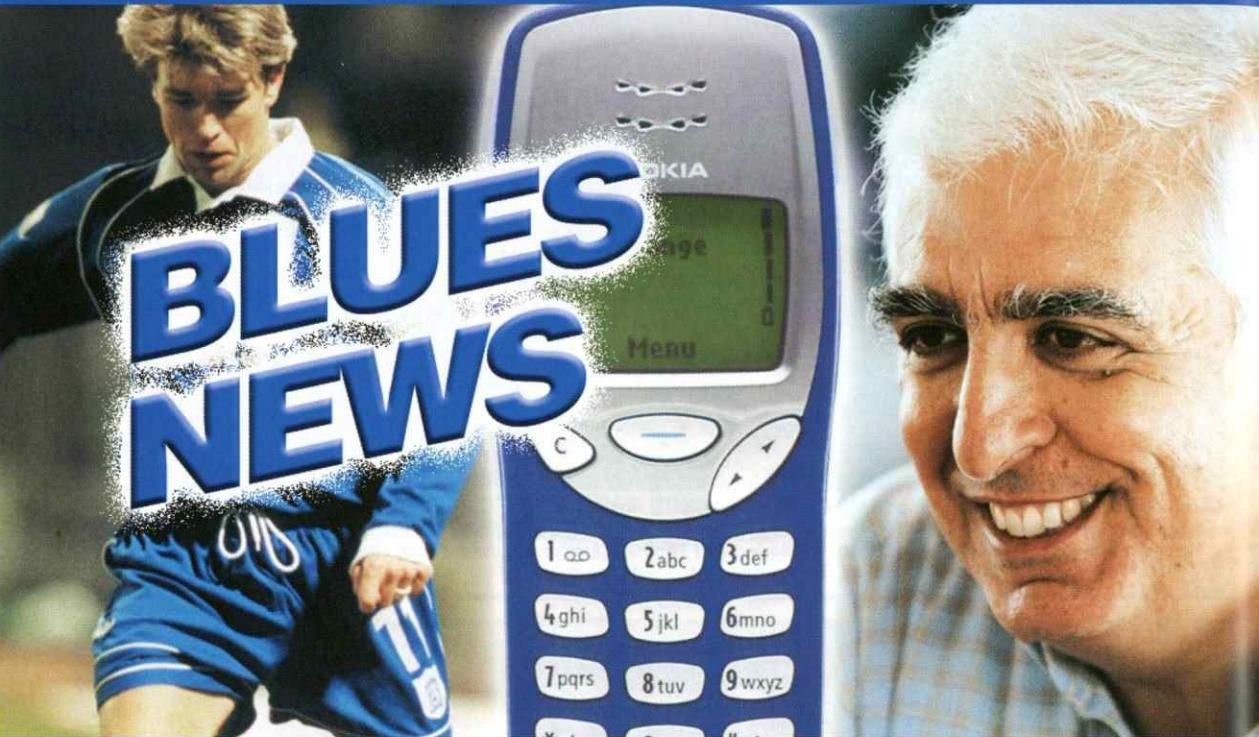


● Our Under-12 squad who lost narrowly 2-0 at Everton in early August.
Back (from left): Jonathan Rees, Tim Dunne, Dean Maynard, Rory McCreesh, Joe Lewis, Tom James.
Front: Daniel Fish, Matthew Doble, Scott Armitage, Elliot Thomas, Jordan Goodwin, Haidn Dibble.
(Absent from photo – goalkeeper James Wood, son of our goalkeeping coach George Wood).



● Our Under-11 squad who lost 4-3 at Everton in early August after being 3-1 up.
Back (from left): Nathaniel Jarvis, Jonathan Meades, Joe Perry (son of ex-Bluebird Jason Perry), Adam Meades, Tom Mouncher.
Front: Adam Matthews, Billy Taylor, Andrew Hughes, Richard Jeremiah, Jonathan Phillips, Callum Browning.
(Absent from photo: Aaron Wildig).

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WELCOME all our Junior Bluebirds to Ninian Park

CHILDREN'S birthday party packages at Ninian Park for this season have sold so fast there are just three match dates left. Packages for 20 children and adult helpers cost £300 and include:

- Football coaching.
- Meal in the South Wales Echo Corner Flag Hospitality Box.
- Autographed City football presented by a first team squad player.
- Birthday party picture in the Echo and matchday programme.
- Birthday greetings message in *The Bluebird* for the party game.
- 20 match tickets for the game in the Corner Flag Hospitality Box.
- Pay bar available for adult helpers.

To make a booking or for further details, contact Suzanne Twamley at Cardiff City on Cardiff 029 2034 8028.

Match dates at Ninian Park still available for birthday parties are:

- Tuesday, September 17 (Brentford)
- Tuesday, March 18 (Blackpool)
- Friday, March 21 (Mansfield)

To make a booking or for further details, contact Suzanne Twamley at Cardiff City on Cardiff 029 2034 8028.



● HERE are two young faces from the Spar Family Stand captured on camera supporting the City at the last home game against Northampton. One little lad was pictured at half-time avidly reading the Junior Bluebirds page in *The Bluebird* matchday magazine. And one little lady was snapped by our Junior Bluebirds photographer on the phone - no doubt passing on news of City's goal. The Spar Family Stand is the home of the Junior Bluebirds at Ninian Park.

BIRTHDAY BLUES

Happy Birthday Junior Bluebirds



JOSHUA WILLIS, of Bronllyn, Pentyrch, Cardiff, who is eight today.



ADAM DANIEL COLES, of Robert Street, Ely, Cardiff, who goes to Millbank Primary School, was eight last week.



NATHAN BALLARD, of Plymouthwood Crescent, Ely, Cardiff, who was seven last Thursday. Love from Mum, Dad, Julie, Clare, Andrew and all the family.



TOMAS LEWIS, of Laleston, Bridgend, who was five on Saturday. Love from Mummy and Daddy.



LUKE ANDERSON, of Ashburton Avenue, Llanrumney, Cardiff, who was four on Saturday. Love from Dad and Mum.



AND congratulations to two Cardiff City stars who have just celebrated birthdays:

JASON BOWEN,
who was 30 on Saturday.
JAMES COLLINS,
who was 19 last Friday.



WHEREVER you're going on holiday this summer, don't forget to take your City shirt and send us a picture of yourself wearing it. You could be going to Corfu, Cornwall or the Canaries. You may be staying at home in good old Cardiff. Whatever you're doing on your holidays we want to know who you are, where you went and what you did - and we want to see you posing in your City shirt.

Send us your Bluebirds pix - and we'll print them in a special series of City Fans on Tour holiday photo album.

Send your pix to: Junior Bluebirds on Tour, Junior Bluebirds Club, Peter Bibby, South Wales Echo, Cardiff, CF10 1XR. Don't forget to include your name, age and address and we'll send your pictures back.

KEEP up to date with all the Junior Bluebirds news and views in the South Wales Echo every Tuesday, where you will also find the latest details and booking forms for all Cardiff City holiday soccer schools.

For a half-time birthday announcement at Ninian Park this season write, ring or fax Cardiff City at Ninian Park, Soper Road, Cardiff CF11 8SX; phone 029 2022 1001.

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● January 1939 (above) and fans watch the players in F.A. Cup training behind the main stand. And (below), sixty-three years later from almost the same spot last week. The houses are still there, the shed on the left has gone and so has the fencing in the background where our Club Shop now stands.





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with CARDIFF CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB

A big hello to all the Luton Town supporters who have travelled to Cardiff and welcome to Ninian Park. We hope you had a good journey to Cardiff for this Bank Holiday fixture and the day trippers and holiday makers didn't hold you up too much.

Today's game is very important to both clubs, Luton will want to improve on a disappointing start to the campaign while City will want to put their last home performance firmly behind them and get back to winning ways here at Ninian Park.

We City supporters really need the lads to do well today because, being a Bank Holiday, a lot of us will have had pressure put on us by our loved ones to go elsewhere especially if the sun is shining. If we win there won't be too much to complain about but if the result doesn't go our way then you can imagine it can't you!! "That was a waste of time and money, I told you we should have gone to Porthcawl, all you think about is Cardiff City". C'mon the Blues!!

The last time we played Luton here at Ninian Park was to be Frank Burrows' last game in charge when The Hatters comfortably beat us 3-1. That was in January 2000. We think most City fans will agree it wasn't a good day. However, as we all know, so much has changed since then we can't imagine a repeat of that today.

Minor hitch

Well we suppose we have to lose sometime and it was a real shock to the system when Northampton came to Ninian. Most of us were expecting a Bluebirds win but Mr. Gabbiadini

from September.

There is plenty of City memorabilia and a wide selection of programmes for sale including a limited stock of programmes from our pre-season friendly tour of Scotland and our recent fixture at Oldham. The shop is behind the Canton Stand so call in and see us.

Forthcoming events

We are in the process of organizing our player of the year evening and also hope to plan a quiz night, racing night as well as a Children's Christmas Party, so watch this space, we will advertise as soon as details are known.

Away travel

New for this season is all coaches organised by CCSC will be strictly No Smoking.

We are also looking to introduce new pick up points at Ely, Fairwater, Llandaff, Llanederyn, Pentwyn and Cardiff Gate. If you are interested call into the club shop and ask, if there is enough of a demand they may become regular pick up points.

We will be running a trip to Blackpool for our fixture there on Saturday the 19th of October 2002. The coach(es) will depart on Friday and return on Sunday with an overnight stay for two nights. We are in the process of booking accommodation at the time of writing but we may know the full details by today so call in to our shop for further details.

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Sat., 31st August, 2002 K.O. 3pm

Advance Fare £11, Standard fare £15

Accompanied Juniors £8, Unaccompanied Juniors/DAP's £10

Pick-Up Point Time | Pick-Up Point Time | Pick-Up Point Time

Bridgend 10.30am | Penced 10.25am | Caerphilly 11.05am

Cowbridge 10.40am | Talbot Green 10.35am | Ninian Park 11.20am

Barry 11.00am | Llantrisant 10.40am | Gabalfa 11.40am

Merrie Harrier 11.10am | Church Village 10.45am | High Cross 11.55am

Ninian Park 11.20am | Pontypridd 10.55am | Maipas 12.00noon

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

Nationwide League Division 2

Sat., 7th September, 2002 K.O. 3pm

Advance Fare £13, Standard fare £17

Accompanied Juniors £9, Unaccompanied Juniors/DAP's £12

Pick-Up Point Time | Pick-Up Point Time | Pick-Up Point Time

Bridgend 8.30am | Penced 8.25am | Caerphilly 9.05am

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RAMS on tour

The Valley RAMS are running a trip to Blackpool on the weekend of October 18/19th. There will be coaches departing South Wales on Friday morning and there will be a two-night stay in Blackpool. Cost of the accommodation is £30 per person per night.

Space is limited and anyone interested should pay a £10 deposit to his or her local representative as soon as possible. The RAMS will also run a normal up and back service for this game.

The RAMS are also currently organising a trip to watch Wales in Italy in the European Championship Qualifiers in September 2003, the venue has not been decided yet but we currently have a savings scheme in place and all the relevant details can be obtained from Paul Corkry on (01443) 413553

Design- A- Logo Competition

The RAMS are currently running a Design-A-Logo Competition and we are looking for someone to design logos for our new line of merchandise. If there are any budding designers out there, get your designs to either Gwyn Davies (01685) 878965 or if you prefer, e-mail them to elyvalleyblue@valleyrams.com. Visit the RAMS website at www.valleyrams.com to see some of the designs sent in so far.

Matchday premises

The Valley RAMS have a match-day office at Ninian Park for general enquiries and merchandise relating to the RAMS. Everyone is welcome to call and ask any questions

RAMS District Representatives

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Saturday, 7th September, 2002 K.O. 3.00pm

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ADMISSION

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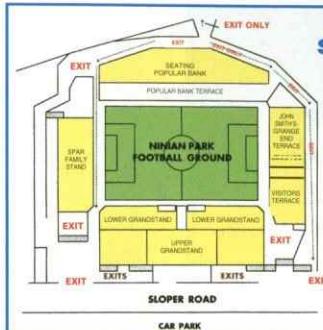
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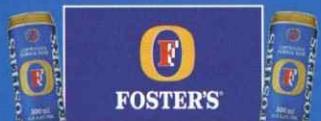
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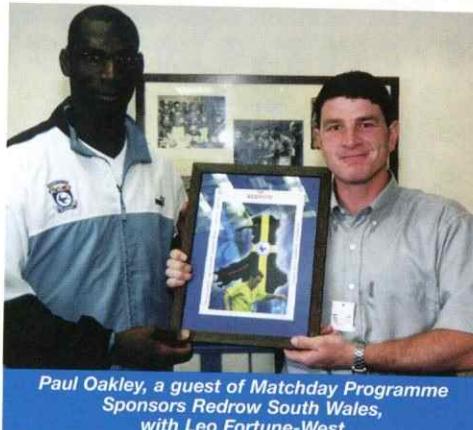
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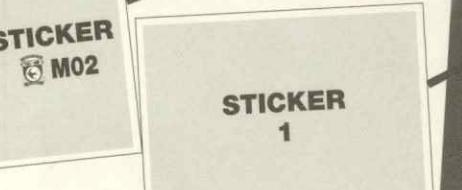
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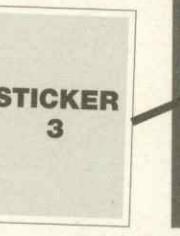
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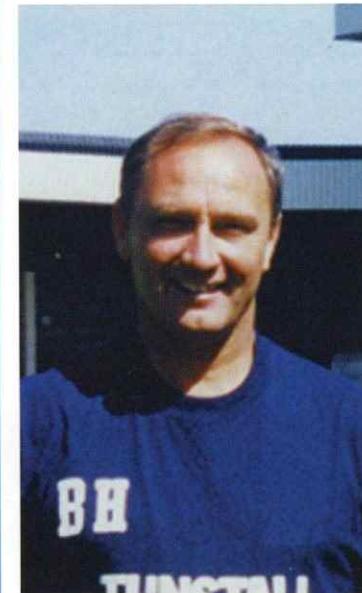


Wigan Athletic were setting the pace at the top of Division Two after each club had completed their first three games. The bookmakers second favourites for promotion won 2-0 at the JJB against **Bristol City** to make it three wins in a row. It was a record-breaking start for Paul Jewell's men as it marked the first time they had ever taken maximum points from their opening three games

Surprise packets **Swindon Town** were held 0-0 at Blackpool where the Seasiders kept a tight rein on the Robins new-signing Sam Parkin. The former Chelsea youngster who played at Ninian Park last season while on loan with Northampton Town had led the division's scoring chart with four goals, including that opening day hat-trick against Barnsley. **Blackpool** are to appeal against the red card given to Lee Collins in the opening day fixture at Bristol City after an alleged off-the-ball incident. Steve McMahon's men slipped to a 2-0 defeat after going down to nine men

against Bristol City.

Port Vale have made a shocking start to the season with a 2-1 reverse giving **Chesterfield** their first points. Vale boss Brian Horton publicly criticised Sam Collins for being sent off in the 3-1 defeat at Cardiff but he must quickly lift his side or they will find themselves stuck in a relegation scrap. A superb goal by ex-Torquay striker Chris Brandon helped the Spireites to that first win. David Reeves has agreed to go back to Chesterfield on a three-month loan from



● Vale's manager Brian Horton – publicly criticised Sam Collins for being sent off at Cardiff

Oldham Athletic to help cover a shortage of frontmen.

Bristol City's poor start to the season is a surprise after they were tipped to go well. Manager Danny Wilson will be without midfielder Aaron Brown for three games after he was dismissed against Wigan for a reckless challenge. They seem light up front where they only notched two goals from their opening three matches and could be missing Tony Thorpe who is already off the mark for his new club, **Luton Town**.

Worst possible start

Joe Kinnear's men have been all-at-sea and despite being one of the few clubs to spend money, the Hatters have leaked goals although they were yet another club to have a player dismissed last week when they were beaten 2-1 by fellow-promoted side, **Plymouth Argyle**.

Former Wimbledon boss Kinnear has quickly moved to sign Sol Davis from Swindon Town in an effort to plug the gaps at the back. The Pilgrims have had no problems in coming to grips with life in Division Two. They have won both matches at Home Park with Frenchman David Friis outstanding for Paul Sturrock's team. Paul Brayson's **Cheltenham Town** have had a tough baptism at the higher grade. One point from a 1-1 draw with Barnsley was all they had to show following their first three games and with only that one goal scored, they could be heading for a relegation scrap. **Stockport**



● Paul Brayson in his Cardiff City days – having a tough time with his new club Cheltenham Town

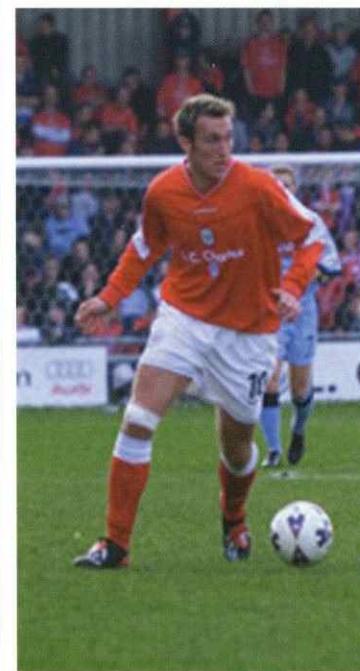
County have not had the start they wanted and only one goal from three matches shows where their problem lies. They were held to a 0-0 draw at Edgeley Park by **Notts County**.

First victories

Newly-relegated **Barnsley** took three games before registering their first victory thanks to a Chris Lumsden strike against QPR. Tykes boss Steve Parkin has signed utility man Andy Holt from Hull City on a month's loan. **Huddersfield Town** were another side taking three matches before earning their first three-pointer. A Dwayne Mattis shot gave the Terriers all the points against Barry Fry's **Peterborough United** at London Road. Two defeats from their first two home games could mean problems for Fry's men.

New strikers

Mansfield Town lost top scorer Chris Greenacre to Stoke City during the close season but they seem to have unearthed another jewel in former Wolves striker Colin Larkin. He had hit three goals after the opening week of the season and has already justified the £135,000 the Stags paid to the Midland club. Ex-Wrexham man Craig Faulconbridge is another where a change of scenery has sparked a goal rush. He netted his second of the season in **Wycombe Wanderers** 3-3 draw with Mansfield. **Crewe Alexandra** have offered a contract to former Liverpool striker John Miles who impressed in a recent trial. But he may find it difficult to dislodge the highly-rated front pairing of Dean Ashton and Rob Hulse.



● Dean Ashton – pairs well with Rob Hulse at Crewe

Another Vieira

Division Two fans will have the opportunity of seeing Vieira play league football this season.

But it won't be the Gunners Patrick Vieira. **Queens Park Rangers** have swooped to sign Portuguese striker Djailson Vieira to boost his firepower up front. Rangers have made a steady start to the season and Ian Holloway does not want to see any daylight between his side and the pacesetters. **Tranmere Rovers** can expect a cash windfall from the sale of Sean Thornton to Sunderland. The Black Cats have been ordered to pay Rovers £225,000 for the young midfielder who only started nine games for Prenton Park side. A single goal from Stuart Barlow against Cheltenham was enough to give Tranmere their second victory to keep them near the top of the table.

New signings

Colchester United are still awaiting a work permit for Trinidad and Tobago international Avery John, but they have signed Millwall midfielder Leke Odunsi on a season's loan and he went straight into the squad for the 2-0 defeat at Crewe.

Brentford have taken Arsenal's Ben Chorley on a month's loan. The Bees were held to a scoreless draw at Griffin Park by **Oldham Athletic** who have recovered well from their opening day home defeat at the hands of the Bluebirds.



the bluebird in depth



Evergreen – ageless – just two of the words used to describe one of the most committed players ever to appear for the Bluebirds.

Andy Legg has become one of the most popular players in Bluebirds history thanks to his total commitment and enthusiasm, but it wasn't always like that.

"I had a terrible time when I first arrived from Reading because the fans could not forget that I once played for Swansea.

"It took about three months before I managed to win them over to my side and now I think they are the best set of supporters any club could hope to have.

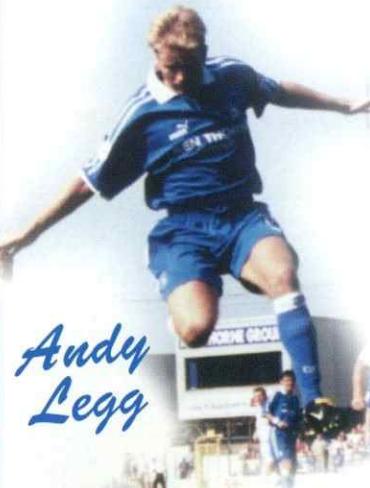
"But at the time it wore me down both mentally and physically."

Andy, or Leggy as he is generally known to his legion of fans, was brought to Ninian Park by former manager Frank Burrows who by coincidence, had also managed the Swans.

"I come from Neath and at that time I was getting stick here in Cardiff for being a former Swan, and then when I went home I was getting it for being a Neath lad playing for Cardiff. I decided that the best thing to do was to double my efforts for the club and show the fans that I wanted to play for Cardiff City and help make them successful again."

World Cup star

Leggy had a reminder of past times at the Vetch Field when Bolton Wanderers recently came to Cardiff for a pre-season friendly. Playing for Bolton was Youri Djorkaeff, who became a World Cup winner with France in 1998, and also a European Nations Cup winner two years later. Back in September 1991, Djorkaeff was in the Monaco side that beat Swansea 2-1 at the Vetch and then 8-0 in the second leg of their Cup Winners Cup tie that year. Scorer of the Swans goal in the opening game was a certain Andy Legg.



Andy Legg

"That seems a long time ago, but fortunately I don't consider myself to be reaching the veteran stage. If you look after yourself and keep fit then I think most players can extend their playing careers. Wolves have just signed Paul Ince who is just over a year younger than me, and when we met them in that pre-season friendly, their other new signing Denis Irwin was playing for them and he is nearly a year older than me.

"It really is down to taking care of yourself but I do work hard in training as well and it seems to be paying off. I'm naturally fit even though I enjoy chicken burgers now and again. The club sees to it that we all eat the right food, and when I get home I also eat well because my wife serves up nice meals."

Super-fit trio

Such is Leggy's appetite for work that firstly former manager Alan Cork reckoned he was the fittest player at the club, and now this season he is only challenged for that accolade by Willie Boland and Neil Alexander.

"Most people would agree that Willie must be fit to do all the running about he does, but the fans may be surprised to find that Neil, a goalkeeper, is also amongst the superfit at the club. I have turned this age thing into a challenge because I hate people talking about it. I want to be in the starting line-up and fortunately I have managed to break in and it went well against Port Vale particularly when I managed to score the goal that killed them off. Unfortunately things did not go so well against Northampton and the pressure is on everybody, not just me. Everyone at the club wants just one thing, and that is promotion for Sam and the fans."

Division One dream

Leggy believes that the supporters will have a massive part to play in the club's success this season.

"The fans must be patient but at the same time they want to see 100% effort. Those early difficult months when I first came to the club are now in the dim and distant past. I said when I came that I wanted to help get Cardiff City into Division One. Maybe this season we can do just that, and if I manage to earn myself another year's contract then there will be no one prouder to wear the shirt than me."

Leggy is on a one year contract which will take him up to the end of the current season. There is no doubt that the former Swansea, Notts County, Birmingham and Reading player would dearly love to convince Sam and the Gaffer that he deserves an extension.

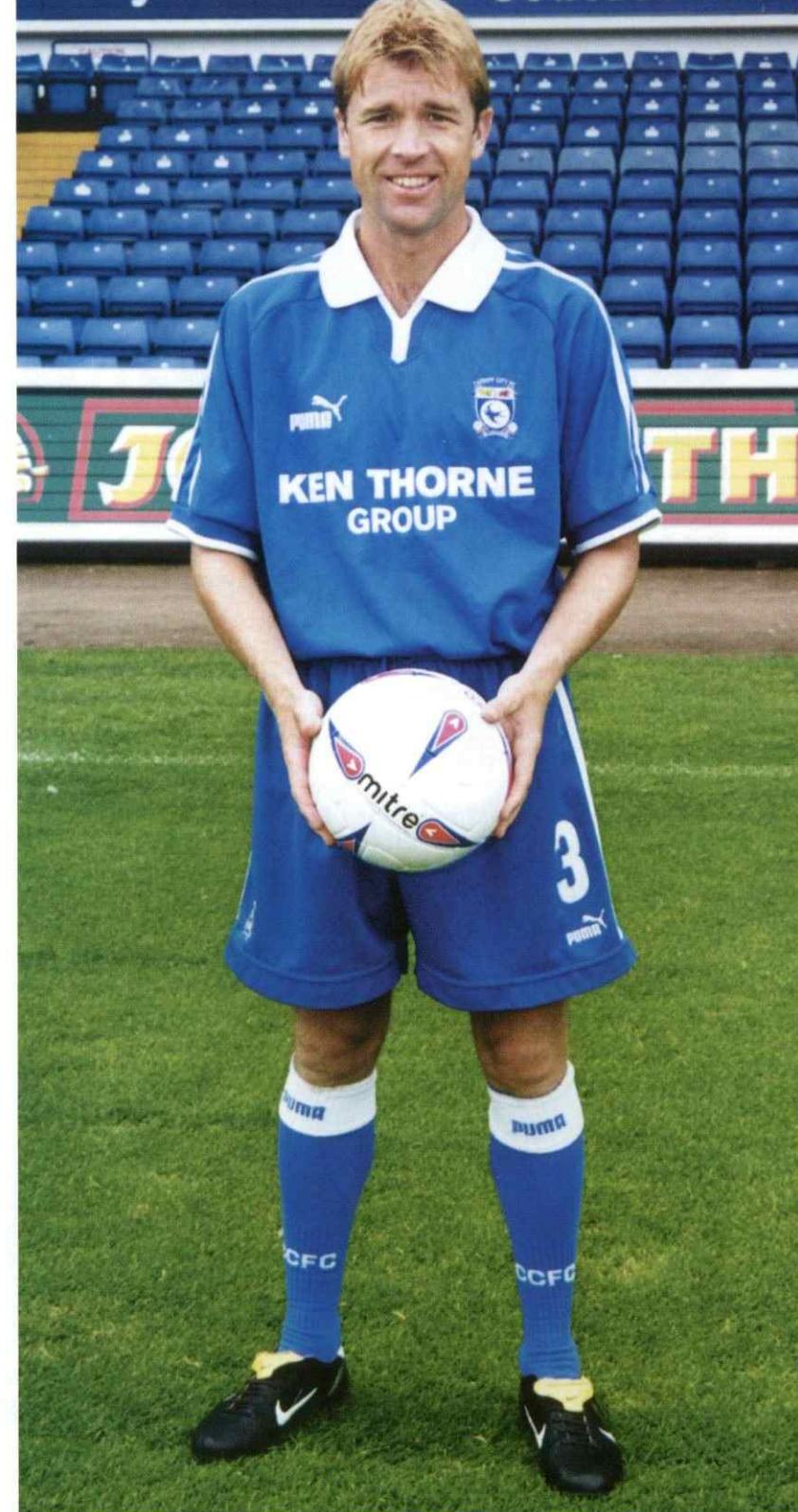
Savour the moment

"I'm going to take this season as it comes then I'll see how I feel next year. If I don't get another contract then I'll think about packing the game in. If I can't compete, chase and run then I won't carry on.

"But I am enjoying my football at the moment and perhaps that is because I may only have this season left and I must savour every moment."

A Cardiff City without the ever-popular Leggy is unthinkable.

Life goes on, but it will be a sad day when we cannot use the words ageless and evergreen to describe the performance of one of the most committed players ever to wear City colours.



past times



GODFREY INGRAM - ex-Luton forward involved in a strange Bluebirds transfer

IT was one of the oddest transfers in which Cardiff City have ever been involved, and it happened twenty years ago next month when former Luton Town forward Godfrey Ingram joined us from U.S.A. club San Jose Earthquakes in mid-September 1982 for a record Bluebird fee of supposedly £180,000, and left just over two months later to rejoin the Earthquakes for reportedly the same amount.

So, was it a loan-signing, or a permanent move or a good piece of public-relations on the part of those in charge, and what exactly did happen two decades ago? First, the background

At the end of the 1981/82 season we had been relegated for the old Second Division after coming within one match of safety. Our penultimate game of the season had seen us win 1-0 at Grimsby through a Tarki Micallef goal, which meant that if we could beat already-promoted champions Luton Town at Ninian Park in our final League game, we would be safe. Len Ashurst, the ex-Newport

County boss who had been appointed Manager in early March 1982, had bought in a number of new names – Jimmy Mullen (Rotherham), on loan, Andy Polycarpou (ex-Cambridge United), Mick Henderson (Watford), Phil Lythgoe (ex-Oxford United), and Stan McEwan (Blackpool).

Luton put us down

But despite the enthusiasm of a 10,277 crowd, Luton managed by David Pleat and who included defender Clive Goodey, now our Physio, proved too good, and we lost 3-2 after being 3-0 down having missed early chances of being in front.

So it was all change for season '82/83 in the old Third Division as Len Ashurst rebuilt his squad with little or no money. It was one of his busiest summers as a Manager with no fewer than seven signings before the start of the season – striker Jeff Hemmerman (Portsmouth) free, defender Jimmy Mullen (Rotherham) £10,000, goalkeeper Martin Thomas (Bristol Rovers) six month loan, midfielder

David Tong (Shrewsbury Town) free, goalkeeper Steve Humphries (Doncaster Rovers) on trial, full-back Paul Bodin (Newport County) free. In addition, former Newport County Physio/Coach Jimmy Goodfellow came in as Len Ashurst's assistant. Twenty years on Jimmy is still with us, apart from a brief absence in the mid-1980s following his spell as Manager.

A few weeks into '82/83 after a fairly low-key start, it was announced that we were in negotiations with San Jose Earthquakes for Godfrey Ingram. The 22 year-old forward, a former England Schools and Youth International, had begun his professional career with today's visitors and had gone to The Earthquakes for £80,000 in March 1982. He had played with them alongside George Best, the former Manchester United and Northern Ireland star and Ingram had been voted their "Player Of The Year" in the Northern American Soccer League, (NASL) scoring 17 goals in 31 games that season.

Money was extremely tight at Ninian Park in those days – we only



One of Godfrey Ingram's three goals for us – this was the winner in the 1-0 home victory over Gillingham on October 16th, 1982.

ran one team following our resignation from the Football Combination and the Welsh League a couple of years earlier, and the £180,000 fee for Ingram was to be paid in instalments with an initial £20,000 deposit which was provided by Chairman Bob Grogan whose company – Kenton Utilities in Newcastle – owned the Club. Bob Grogan had joined the Board in the summer of 1975 as part of a new consortium led by Cardiff hotelier and M.P. Stephen Terleski. And when Mr. Terleski was voted out as Chairman by his colleagues in October 1977, Bob Grogan succeeded him in the Chair the following month.

Technical problems

Unfortunately, the Ingram transfer ran into problems due to the technicalities of the move which involved ourselves, the Earthquakes, the N.A.S.L., the F.A. of Wales, the Football League and Luton themselves who were still owed money for Ingram's transfer. After a near-n fortnight's delay while it was all sorted out, Godfrey made his debut as substitute in a 2-0 home win over Sheffield United on September 25th 1982. In those days, there were no fourth match-officials but the League had decided as an experiment to suggest to clubs that they invite a local referee or linesman to be present. Cardiff police-officer Walter Williams, usually on duty in or around Ninian Park, was put on standby, and had to get changed after 23 minutes when one of the linesmen pulled a muscle, and Walter ran the line for the rest of the game.

Meanwhile, Godfrey Ingram eventually made our starting line-up, and by mid-November had played in 14 League and Cup matches scoring three goals and throughout his period in the team was referred to in press reports as "Cardiff City's record signing". Ingram had missed out on Luton's promotion at the end of the previous season, but the year before he had helped them go near to success with his goalscoring partnership alongside Brian Stein. According to an interview in our match-programme in mid-October 1982, he had hinted that some time in the future he might return to the

United States to continue his career – that was to be nearer than everyone thought!

But in early-November 1982, our strike-force of Ingram and Jeff Hemmerman, with ex-Manchester City forward Dave Bennett in a wide role, had lifted us to second position in the table. But following the 3-1 home win over Preston on November 6th when Ingram scored, it was revealed that San Jose Earthquakes had approached us with a view to re-signing him to play in the American Indoor League. According to Len Ashurst "He had his problems since joining us – his main trouble has been adapting to the way we play. In saying that, he had his best game for the Club against Preston".

The £180,000 deal had been one that we could not really afford at the time, but so far had cost us only the £20,000 deposit which Earthquakes were prepared to repay for Ingram returning to them. Our Managing-Director Ron Jones confirmed later that month that negotiations were taking place with the Earthquakes ... "The position is that while Ingram is happy with us, he has expressed concern about personal problems which he thinks could be solved by him returning to America."

Godfrey's final appearance for us



Jimmy Goodfellow – he was Len Ashurst's assistant at the time of the Ingram transfer



Chairman Bob Grogan – he paid the £20,000 deposit for Godfrey Ingram

was on November 22nd 1982 in a 3-0 F.A. Cup replay home win over Wokingham when he scored, by the end of the month he had departed for San Jose Earthquakes. His replacement at Ninian Park was the experienced Bob Hatton from Sheffield United who agreed to play as a part-timer for the rest of the season before retiring to concentrate on his insurance-broker's business and Bob duly helped us gain promotion at the first attempt.

So, after twenty years, the true facts behind the Godfrey Ingram saga have been revealed – although we had agreed to pay a club record £180,000 for him, we in fact only parted with £20,000. Ingram himself was made a good offer to return to San Jose, and in view of his personal problems outside the game decided to go. Bob Grogan had his £20,000 back, and with the signing of Bob Hatton, it turned out alright for us in the end. But for years afterwards, the annual football reference-books described former Luton forward Ingram as our record signing at £180,000 – well, it looked better than £20,000!

One final post-script when Physio Jimmy Goodfellow, who was Len Ashurst's assistant at the time of the Ingram saga, looked at this article, he smiled, shook his head, and said "I could tell you what really happened, and how big money from outside the Club left this country for the U.S.A. supposedly as part of the deal and eventually came back. But you'll have to wait until I write my memoirs!"

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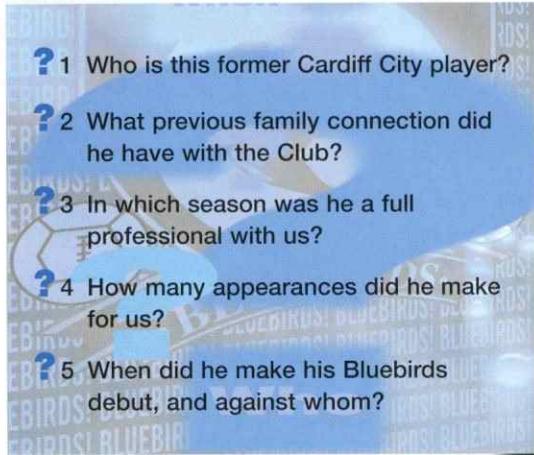


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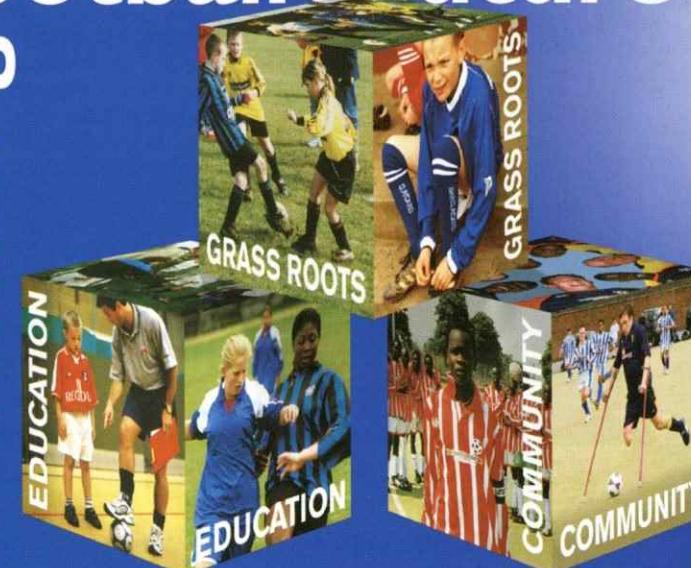


- 1 Who is this former Cardiff City player?
- 2 What previous family connection did he have with the Club?
- 3 In which season was he a full professional with us?
- 4 How many appearances did he make for us?
- 5 When did he make his Bluebirds debut, and against whom?

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reserves

It was a case of from a high to a low last Wednesday in our 3-2 home defeat against AFC Bournemouth - a disappointing ninety minutes from our point of view, especially compared to the previous week when we were outstanding in our opening reserve game at Cambridge United when we were 4-1 winners.

Against Bournemouth we gave three horrendous goals away, and you can't do that at any level whoever you are playing. In addition, we missed three or four good chances, and what happened at either end summed up our performance last Wednesday. I did not think we were positive enough over the ninety minutes - we were tentative, and at 2-1 up early in the second half we should have scored from a good opportunity when Gavin Gordon saw his effort saved by their 'keeper.

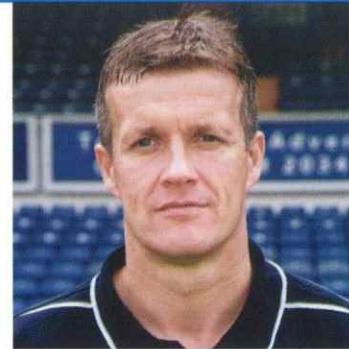
No excuse

That would have been 3-1 to give us a bit of breathing space, and while we had to make a few changes because of Jason Bowen and Gavin having to come off with injuries, it doesn't excuse some bad defending on our part.

We let crosses come in too easily into our penalty area, we were standing about trying to organise a defensive wall when they scored to make it 2-2 from a free-kick, and a mistake by Martyn Margetson cost us for their third goal to win the game.

Good move

On the positive side young Richard Ingram came on in attack for Jason Bowen ten



with
**IAN
BUTTERWORTH**

minutes before the interval, and then got our equaliser with a good goal. He should have had a second after half-time after what was probably our best move of the match involving about a dozen passes, but his shot was saved. And that was one of the few moments when we passed the ball well and created an opening.

Lightweight

Admittedly we were a little bit lightweight up front in the second half with Ingram and Danny Thomas, both of them



● **Gavin Gordon - good effort saved by Bournemouth's keeper**

youngsters, after we'd started with Jason Bowen and Gavin Gordon in attack, but generally we were not good enough on the day. For players in the reserves - youngsters and trialists - they are going to have to do better than that if they are to make any progress. We cannot have a situation at any level where we are outstanding one week, and the opposite seven days later.

RECENT LINE-UPS

August 14th v CAMBRIDGE UTD (A)
Won 4-1 (ht 4-0): Margetson, Green, Giles (1), Collins, Prior, Jones, Hughes C. (2), (sub. Dimond), Hamilton, Wallis (sub. Ingram (1)), Gordon, Maxwell (sub. Heaf).
Subs. not used: Huggins, Porter (gk).

August 21st v AFC BOURNEMOUTH (H)
Lost 2-3 (ht 2-1): Margetson, Green, Giles, Jones, Anthony, Simpkins, Maxwell, Hamilton (1), Gordon (sub. Thomas), Bowen (sub. Ingram), Dimond. Subs. not used: Porter (gk), Huggins, Williams.



14 Aug Lge Cambridge Utd.	A	4-1
21 Aug Lge AFC Bournemouth	H	2-3
28 Aug Lge Brighton & H. A.	A	
02 Sep Lge Crystal Palace	A	
18 Sep Lge Northampton Town	H	
02 Oct Lge Southend United	A	
09 Oct Lge Oxford United	H	
16 Oct Lge Portsmouth	A	
30 Oct Lge Leyton Orient	H	
13 Nov Lge Brentford	H	
27 Nov Lge Plymouth Argyle	A	
04 Dec Lge Norwich City	A	
11 Dec Lge Wycombe Wands	H	
08 Jan Lge Millwall	H	
15 Jan Lge Swindon Town	A	
29 Jan Lge Gillingham	H	
05 Feb Lge Colchester United	H	
19 Feb Lge Luton Town	H	
26 Feb Lge Peterborough Utd.	A	
12 Mar Lge Reading	H	
26 Mar Lge Bristol City	A	
02 Apr Lge Barnet	H	
16 Apr Lge Cheltenham Town	A	
23 Apr Lge Q. P. R.	A	
30 Apr Lge Bristol Rovers	A	

We have now played two games including last Saturday at both Under-19 level and Under-17 level in the Youth Alliance League, with a 4-0 away victory at Swansea City nine days ago for the Under-19s, and a 4-1 win at Bristol Rovers on the same day for the Under-17s. Both teams were in action two days ago on Saturday after I did this column - the Under-19s were at home to Cheltenham Town while the Under-17s were at home to Cirencester.

As for the opening games, there were hat-tricks from our players in each match - Danny Thomas for the Under-19s, and trialist Mike Hartley from Bridgend in the Under-17s. It was a superb performance at The Vetch Field by the Under-19s - they were 2-0 up at half-time, both from Danny Thomas who completed his hat-trick in the second half with a tremendous effort, and it was Stuart Fleetwood who completed the scoring. They also hit the post and the bar, had a number of other good chances and could have doubled the score!

All-round credit

Although Danny and Stuart took the headlines with their goals, it was a good all-round performance because we didn't concede any, so the whole team takes credit for



● **Danny Thomas - hat-trick against Swans**

youth



with
COLIN PASCOE

what was a good opening-day victory in front of the Wales Under-17 Coach Peter Nicholas who will have been impressed with what he saw from our lads.

All four of our first-year scholarship-trainees played - Danny Parslow and Stuart Fleetwood were in the starting line-up, Tariq Khalil and Anthony Taylor came on as substitutes and the four lads are settling down well to full-time training after being with our Centre of Excellence for the last few years.

Seven trialists

Regarding the Under-17s' victory at Bristol Rovers on the opening day, a good performance considering that there were seven trialists in the squad and though we had seen them in training, it was not until a match-situation that we could be sure of what they could do. We have signed some of them on for the

RECENT LINE-UPS

August 17th v SWANSEA CITY (A) Yth Alliance U-19 Won 4-0 (ht 2-0): Porter, Williams (sub. Taylor), Huggins, Anthony, Parslow, Parkins (sub. Khalil), Haywood, Fish (sub. Bashir), Thomas (3), Ingram, Fleetwood (1). Sub. not used Brimble (gk).

August 17th v BRISTOL ROVERS (A) Yth Alliance U-17 Won 4-1 (ht 1-1): Walton, Ringham, Ledley, Jenkins, Cronin, Cerith Jones, Craig Jones, Waters (1), Hartley (3), Joseph (sub. McDonald), Green (sub. Jacobson). Sub. not used: Thomas.

FIXTURES 2002/03		
THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE		
17 Aug	YA U-19	Swansea City
17 Aug	YA U-17	Bristol Rovers
24 Aug	YA U-19	Cheltenham Town
24 Aug	YA U-17	Cirencester
31 Aug	YA U-19	AFC Bournemouth
07 Sep	YA U-19c	Cheltenham Town
07 Sep	YA U-17	Plymouth Argyle
14 Sep	YA U-19c	Swansea City
14 Sep	YA U-17	AFC Bournemouth
21 Sep	YA U-19c	Bristol Rovers
21 Sep	YA U-17	Swindon Town
28 Sep	YA U-19	Exeter City
28 Sep	YA U-17	Oxford United
05 Oct	YA U-19	Bristol Rovers
05 Oct	YA U-17	Cheltenham Town
12 Oct	YA U-17	Swindon Town
12 Oct	YA U-17	Swansea City
19 Oct	YA U-19	Plymouth Argyle
19 Oct	YA U-17	Exeter City
26 Oct	YA U-19	Cirencester
02 Nov	YA U-19	Torquay United
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08 Feb	YA U-17	Plymouth Argyle
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22 Feb	YA U-17	Swindon Town

as it happens 2002-03

the date, the opposition, the results, the attendance, the line-up, the scorers

Numbers 1-11 indicate starting line up (squad Numbers are shown on P. 54)
Substitutes (if used) replaced Number. in brackets • Goalscorer ● Own Goal

Date	Opponents	F - A	Att	Pts.	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	5	5	5	5	5
Sat 10 Aug	Oldham Athletic (Div 2)	A 2 - 1	8,033	3 -		Alexander	Weston	Croft	Boland	Gabbidon	Barker	Thorne	Kavanagh	Campbell ●	Fortune-West	Whalley	Margetson	Collins (7)	Legg (11)	Maxwell	Earnshaw (9) ●
Tue 13 Aug	Port Vale (Div 2)	H 3 - 1	13,296	6 2		Alexander	Weston	Croft	Legg ●	Gabbidon	Barker	Thorne ●	Kavanagh	Campbell	Fortune-West ●	Whalley	Margetson	Collins	Hamilton	Maxwell (11)	Earnshaw (9)
Sat 17 Aug	Northampton Town (Div 2)	H 1 - 2	13,321	6 5		Alexander	Weston	Croft	Legg	Gabbidon	Barker	Thorne	Kavanagh ●	Campbell	Fortune-West	Whalley	Margetson	Prior (6)	Hamilton	Maxwell (11)	Earnshaw (9)
Sat 24 Aug	Swindon Town (Div 2)	A																			
Mon 26 Aug	Luton Town (Div 2) (3PM)	H																			
Sat 31 Aug	Cheltenham Town (Div 2)	A																			
Sat 7 Sept	Plymouth Argyle (Div 2)	A																			
Wed 11 Sept	Boston United (WC1)	A																			
Sat 14 Sept	Stockport County (Div 2)	H																			
Tue 17 Sept	Brentford (Div 2)	H																			
Sat 21 Sept	Notts County (Div 2)	A																			
Sat 28 Sept	Crewe Alexandra (Div 2)	H																			
Sat 5 Oct	Wigan Athletic (Div 2)	A																			
Sat 12 Oct	Wycombe Wanderers (Div 2)	H																			
Sat 19 Oct	Blackpool (Div 2)	A																			
Sat 26 Oct	Tranmere R. (Div 2) (5.35PM)	H																			
Tue 29 Oct	Mansfield Town (Div 2)	A																			
Sat 2 Nov	Peterborough United (Div 2)	H																			
Sat 9 Nov	Barnsley (Div 2)	A																			
Sat 16 Nov	F. A. Cup 1																				
Fri 22 Nov	Chesterfield (Div 2)	H																			
Sat 30 Nov	Queens Park Rangers (Div 2)	A																			
Sat 07 Dec	F. A. Cup 2																				
Sat 14 Dec	Bristol City (Div 2) (5.35PM)	H																			
Sat 21 Dec	Colchester United (Div 2)	A																			
Thu 26 Dec	Luton Town (Div 2) (12NOON)	A																			
Sun 29 Dec	Huddersfield Town (Div 2)	H																			
Wed 01 Jan	Swindon Town (Div 2)	H																			
Sat 04 Jan	Port Vale (Div 2)	A																			
Sat 11 Jan	Northampton Town (Div 2) (12NOON)	A																			
Sat 18 Jan	Cheltenham Town (Div 2)	H																			
Sat 25 Jan	Huddersfield Town (Div 2)	A																			
Sat 01 Feb	Oldham Athletic (Div 2)	H																			
Sat 08 Feb	Barnsley (Div 2)	H																			
Sat 15 Feb	Peterborough United. (Div 2)	A																			
Fri 21 Feb	Plymouth Argyle (Div 2)	H																			
Sat 01 Mar	Stockport County (Div 2)	A																			
Tue 04 Mar	Brentford (Div 2)	A																			
Sat 08 Mar	Notts County (Div 2)	H																			
Fri 14 Mar	Tranmere Rovers (Div 2)	A																			
Tue 18 Mar	Blackpool (Div 2)	H																			
Fri 21 Mar	Mansfield Town (Div 2)	H																			
Sat 29 Mar	Wycombe Wanderers (Div 2)	A																			
Sat 05 Apr	Queens Park Rangers (Div 2)	H																			
Sat 12 Apr	Chesterfield (Div 2) (12.15PM)	A																			
Sat 19 Apr	Colchester United (Div 2)	H																			
Tue 22 Apr	Bristol City (Div 2)	A																			
Sat 26 Apr	Wigan Athletic (Div 2)	H																			
Sat 03 May	Crewe Alexandra (Div 2)	A																			



● Spencer Prior – making his first League appearance of the season after suspension, waits for a corner against Northampton Town nine days ago, flanked by opponents Jerry Gill and Duncan Spedding

the squads



CARDIFF CITY

Blue Shirts, Shorts and Socks with White Trim

1 Neil Alexander (gk)

2 Rhys Weston

3 Andy Legg

4 Gareth Whalley

5 Spencer Prior

6 Daniel Gabbidon

7 Andy Campbell

8 Graham Kavanagh

9 Leo Fortune-West

10 Robert Earnshaw

11 Peter Thorne

12 Willie Boland

13 Martyn Margetson (gk)

14 Jason Bowen

15 Mark Bonner

16 Layton Maxwell

17 James Collins

18 Scott Young

19 Michael Simpkins

20 Gavin Gordon

21 David Hughes

22 Mark Walton (gk)

23 Chris Barker

24 Gethin Jones

25 Des Hamilton

26 Gary Croft

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28 Andy Jordan

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30 Martyn Giles

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FINAL SCORE

HALF-TIME

ATTENDANCE

Starting line-ups and substitutes will be announced

Today's Match Officials

Referee:

Paul Danson (Leicestershire)

Asst. Referee:

P. N. Gibbs



Asst. Referee:

S. J. Dorr



Fourth Official:

R. East

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Nationwide League Division Two on Saturday, 14th September 2002 Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Brentford

Nationwide League Division Two on Tuesday, 17th September, 2002 Kick-off 7.45 p.m.

Northampton Town

Avon Insurance Combination League on Wednesday, 18th September, 2002 Kick-off 2.00 p.m.



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1 Mark Ovendale (gk)

2 Aaron Skelton

3 Alan Neilson

4 Matthew Spring

5 Russell Perrett

6 Marvin Johnson

7 Adrian Forbes

8 Kevin Nicholls

9 Tony Thorpe

10 Carl Griffiths

11 Steve Robinson

12 Chris Coyne

13

14 Andrew Fotiadis

15 Dean Crowe

16 Carl Emberson (gk)

17 Emmerson Boyce

18 Ahmet Brkovic

19 Steve Howard

20 Peter Holmes

21 Paul Hughes

22 David Bayliss

23 Ian Hillier

24 Sol Davis

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36 Rob Gillman

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