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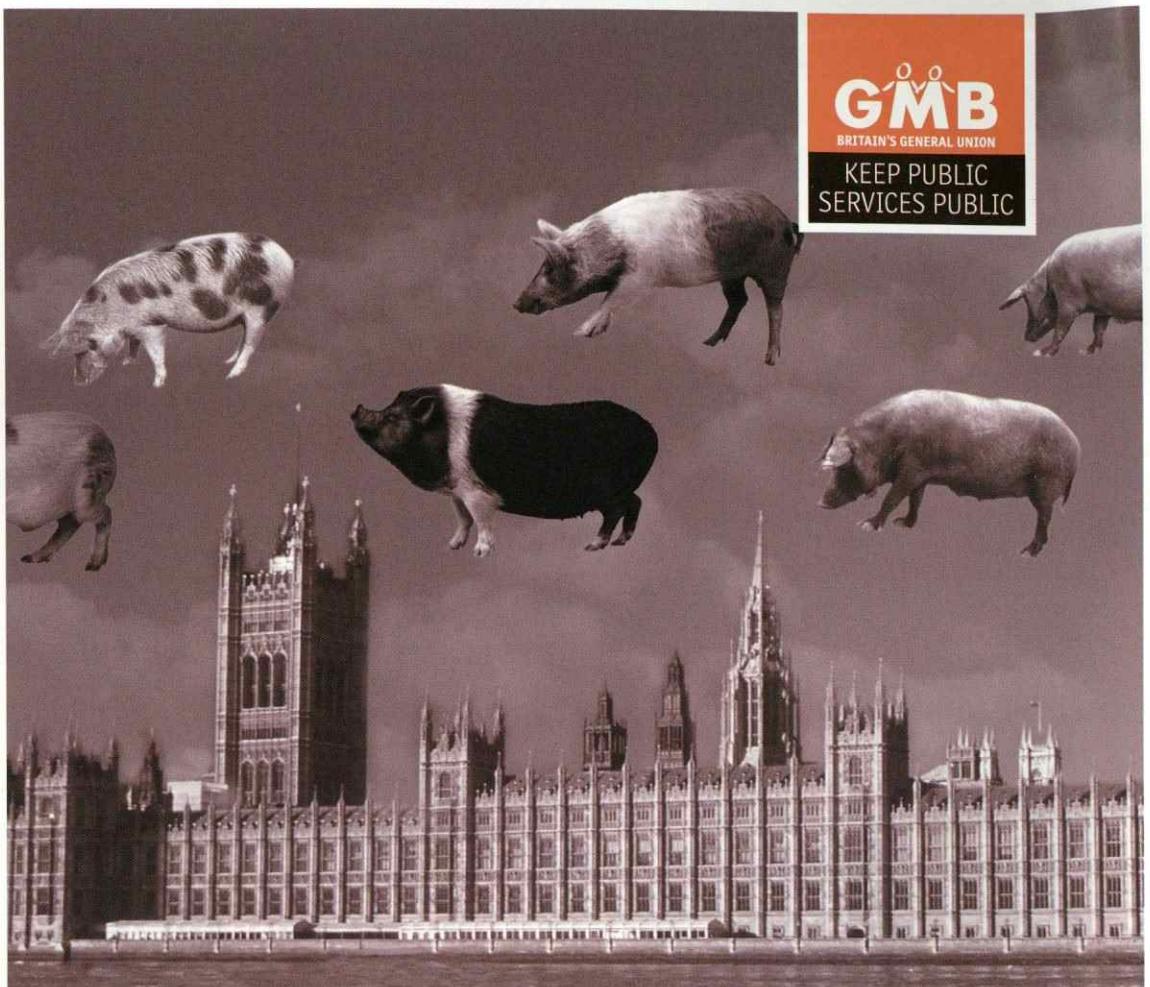
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## WALLY'S WELCOME

WALLY DOWNES

**First I would like to thank all the supporters who played a big part in the comeback at Notts County last week. Attacking into the goal in front of you Bees fans after the break certainly inspired the second half performance and it was fitting that we could reward your efforts with two good goals and I think we were unfortunate not to get a winner. I didn't think we played very well in the first half and I told the players so at half time. I responded in the time-honoured way of going two down before I got into my seat. This seemed to relax us somehow and we began to play.**

We keep getting asked by journalists how the players are going to keep it going, and how will they respond to different scenarios, such as going behind, getting beaten, losing players to injury or suspensions. The answer is simple...wait and see! So far every challenge has been met and overcome. But in football the

next challenge is always on the fixture horizon.

Since my last notes Rowan Vine, Leo Roget, Jamie Fullarton and Ben Chorley have all signed on their respective dotted lines, and Sonko is the only one left. If all five sign, the Chairman and John Griffin deserve a pat on the back for they have taken most of the weight of negotiations off me.



Something else that has pleased me is our disciplinary record. Every referee has told me that they have enjoyed refereeing our games and we have only had two players

cautioned (both centre forwards!). For someone who didn't have an unblemished disciplinary record this is something I am very proud of and I would not tolerate dissent or raising of the hands, as both of these actions are counterproductive to the aims of the team.

Finally welcome to Joe Kinnear. Joe has as a superb track record as a manager except for one moment of madness when he tried to sign me for Doncaster Rovers! Keeping Wimbledon in the Premier League was a magnificent achievement for the period of time that he did it, and you can see what a good job he did there by the way they have struggled since he left.

Thanks for coming today, enjoy the game and sing your hearts out for the lads.

Wally Downes



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# Awaydays

by Paul Stedman

**Bournemouth vs Brentford** • Tuesday 10 September 2002 • Kick off 7.45pm • Worthington Cup 1st Round

Fitness First Stadium  
Dean Court, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH7 7AF  
Telephone No: 01202-726300  
Ticket Office: 01202-726303  
Ticket Hotline: 0845-0112322

**Capacity: 9,986**  
Admission for Away Fans ALL SEATING East Stand (Wings): Adults £12.50, OAP's £5, Jnrs £3

**What's The Ground Like?** Anyone who visited the old Dean Court, will not now be able to recognise it, as it has been completely re-developed. In a matter of months the old ground was completely demolished and a new stadium built. The stadium currently comprises of three new stands, which are of roughly the same design and height and are quite smart looking, with the Main Stand having a row of executive boxes to its rear. The pitch has also been rotated by 90 degrees, from its old position, so if you visited the old ground ground, you can play a game trying to figure

## Tranmere Rovers vs Brentford

Prenton Park, Prenton Rd West, Birkenhead, CH42 9PY

Telephone: 0151-609-3333  
Ticket Office: 0151-609-3322  
Official Web Site: [www.tranmererovers.co.uk](http://www.tranmererovers.co.uk)  
Admission Prices for visitors (All Seat)  
Away Fans: capacity 2,500 • Cowshed Stand:  
Adults £15 • OAPs £8.50 • Jnrs (under 16) £3

Young Person's 17-22 years (purchase tickets from Club Offices and you will need to provide documentary evidence to prove your age) £13

**Getting to Tranmere** Approx distance 225 miles (Directions and parking details supplied by web site <http://tranmererovers.rivals.net>

By Car: Join M53 heading up towards the Wirral from Chester. You can come off at one of two junctions.

**Junction 4** – follow r/about round, and take exit just after the m/way (fifth exit). Follow this road, Stornton Road, until you come to a pair of mini roundabouts. Take third exit into Thornton Rd and when you get to the end of the road, turn left into Borough Rd. Follow road along, and Prenton Park is on left. Don't go this way if you are intent on getting into the ground car park (not many spaces, and best to park on local streets, though be warned parking is restricted.) Also be aware if taking this

**Cardiff City vs Brentford** • Tuesday 17 September 2002 • Kick off 7.45pm • Nationwide 2nd Division

Ninian Park, Sloper Rd, Cardiff CF11 8SX.  
Club Tel: 02920-221001  
Ticket Office: 0845 3451400  
Official Web Site: [www.cardiffcityfc.co.uk](http://www.cardiffcityfc.co.uk)  
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Total capacity: 20,000

**Visiting Fans:** Now a mixture of Terrace and Seating in the Grangetown Stand with two price options:

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TERRACE on the day £15 (conc. £11).

SEATING in advance £13 (conc. £10)  
SEATING on the day £17 (conc. £13)

Purchase advance tickets from Cardiff City on 0845 3451405 or 0845 3451400

out where the old Brighton Beach End was! All that is required now, is to find funding for the missing fourth side and to build an extensive community building. Away fans are located on one side of the East Stand, at one side of the pitch. Up to 1,000 away fans can be accommodated in this area of the stand which is shared with home supporters. Please also note, stadium is strictly no smoking

### Getting to Bournemouth By Car & Where To Park

Approx 100 miles. M3 to M27 to A31 to A338; Follow the A338 towards Bournemouth. The ground is situated on the left of the A338 in the outskirts of Bournemouth. If you keep looking up to the left as you go into Bournemouth you will eventually see the tops of the ground floodlights. At this point take the next exit off the A338 and turn left towards the ground. There is a large car park located at the ground. Alternatively, there is a council run car park, on the opposite side of the dual carriageway, which is handy for getting away quickly after the game.

### • Saturday 14 September 2002 • Kick off 3.00pm • Nationwide 2nd Division

route, that there is a speed camera not long after the Travellers Rest pub on Stornton Rd.

Alternatively, rather than turning down Thornton Rd, you can continue along Stornton Rd, until you are within sight of the second set of tights, and Woodchurch Lane as mentioned below, is the last road on the right. Parking is less restricted in this area. If you turn up Prenton Rd West, left at the first set of lights, there is plenty of street parking. You can then walk down Prenton Rd West, over the lights and down to the ground.

**By Coach:** Travel by coach: Coaches leave the Layton Rd Car Park at 9am. Cost £19 (£17 for Lifeline Members, Season Ticket holders, members of Football Club and BIAS). Concession £1 in either category for junior and OAPs. To book for coaches please call into the AWAY TRAVEL office or telephone 020-8941 0425.

**By Train:** BIG PROBLEMS! There is a series of ongoing engineering works on the West Coast line up to Merseyside and the North West; to make the journey to Birkenhead would involve departing St Pancras, changing at Leicester, again at Nuneaton, and again at Liverpool Lime Street, so probably not advisable. For latest situation: National Rail Enquiries 0845 7484950.

**Car Parking:** Parking is not as easy as it could be, as there is a lot of residents parking round the ground and on matchdays the traffic wardens are out in force. If you get to the ground early enough,

### Cardiff City vs Brentford • Tuesday 17 September 2002 • Kick off 7.45pm • Nationwide 2nd Division

**Getting to Ninian Park**  
By road: Approx 150 miles from Brentford. (Directions supplied by official Cardiff web site: [www.cardiffcityfc.co.uk](http://www.cardiffcityfc.co.uk))

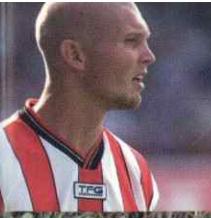
Exit the M4 Motorway at junction 33 (Signposted Cardiff West/Barry/Penarth/Cardiff Bay) and follow these signs onto the A4232. Turn off after 6.1 miles (Signposted Leckwith Industrial Estate & Athletics Stadium) onto the B4267 - Leckwith Road - following the signs for the 'City Centre'. After 0.5 miles turn right at the traffic lights into Sloper Road. Ninian Park is situated on the left hand side of the road.

**Travel by coach:** Coaches leave Layton Road Car Park at 3pm. The cost will be £17 (£15 for Lifeline Members, Season Ticket holders, members of the Football Club, BIAS) with Concessions of £1 off. To book for coaches call into the Sales & Marketing office or phone 020-8941 0425

**AWAY SUPPORTERS TO USE THE GRANGE END WHICH IS SITUATED AT THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE GROUND AS YOU LOOK AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE.**

**Travel by Train:** Not worth it as the last train from Cardiff Central departs at 2130 at that also means changing at Bristol Temple Meads.

# THE CAPTAIN'S STANCE



**MICHAEL DOBSON**

We were quite pleased with our last home performance, which saw two early goals and a second half goal from Mark McCammon which led to quite a celebration.

Taking our chances was just what was needed on the day. There weren't many clear-cut chances as it happens but those that there were, were taken well.

Swindon have got a few good players up front who are lively and can get in

where it hurts, but we managed to keep them quiet. Added to that their back four struggled a bit. Once Swindon had come back and reduced our lead, they must have thought they had a chance. But it was then that I thought we played really well. We kept them back and they had few chances, and once we scored our third it was all over.

I think it's fair to say that our first half performance at Notts County was poor. It took us so long to get going and I think both Leo and Ibu will admit that they didn't have their best games for us. But by the time we had

picked ourselves up we were two goals in arrears. The game itself was scrappy but we dug in there and got a couple of chances here and there and managed to nick a draw, and in fact could well have won it. But that's football for you. We didn't play to the best of our ability but still came away with a draw.

Today we meet Luton which constitutes a local derby so there should be quite an atmosphere. It's going to be a battle right from the outset and may well come down to the side who wants it more. It's up to us to make sure it's

Brentford. You the Bees fans may have a big say in the outcome today. You've certainly played your part so far this season, and in particular at

Notts County last Saturday when the fans waited behind to cheer us at the end of the game. That really does make a difference when you know that the fans are right behind you. So give us your best this afternoon and we'll do our best to reciprocate.

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# ACTION REPLAY



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**Saturday 24th August 2002**  
**COLCHESTER UNITED 0**  
**BEES 1**

**UNITED:**

McKinney, Keith, Johnson, Pinault, Warren (Steele 41), Izzet, Morgan, Coote (Opara 77), Bowry, White, Stockwell (Rapley 64).

Subs not used: Brown & Odunsi.

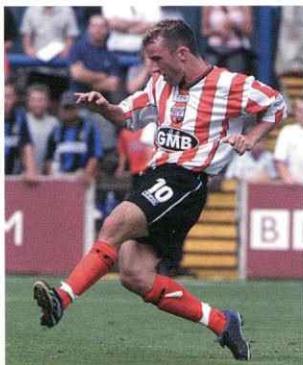
**BEES:**

P Smith, Dobson, Sonko, Roget, Somner, O'Connor, Hutchinson, J Smith, Hunt, McCammon, Vine (Constantine 90).

Subs not used:  
 Julian, Chorley, Peters & Evans.

**Scorer:** Hunt 45 pen.

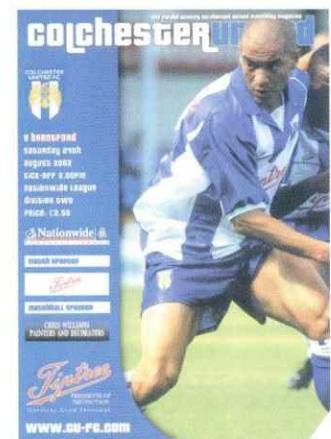
Attendance: 3,135



Hunty cracks home the penalty



Hutch takes flight



Mark scores, but it's disallowed

**Saturday 31st August 2002**  
**NOTTS COUNTY 2 BEES 2**

**COUNTY:**

Garden, Stone, Ireland (Richardson 86), Fenton, Nicholson, Heffernan, Bolland (Ramsden 78), Caskey, Baraclough, Stallard, Allsopp.

Subs not used:

Mildenhall, Hackworth, Riley,

**Scorers:** Stallard 10, Heffernan 47.

**BEES:**

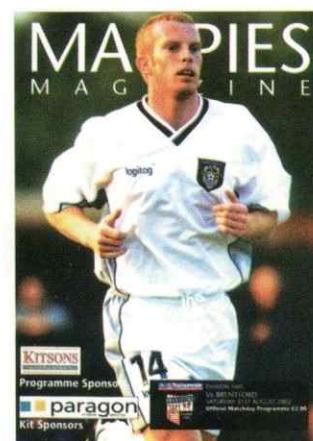
P. Smith, Dobson, Sonko, Roget, Somner, O'Connor (Williams 71), Hutchinson, J Smith (Fullarton 63), Hunt, McCammon, Vine.

Subs not used:

Julian, Chorley & Evans.

**Scorers:** McCammon 56, Williams 78.

Attendance: 5,551



Jamie back in action



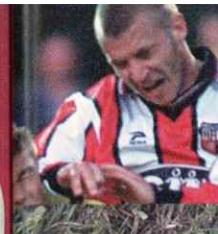
Super Mac scores



Rowan sets up Willo

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# AROUND THE HIVE



A special welcome to you all here at Griffin Park this afternoon, whether Bees fans or Luton Town supporters. The two clubs meet here today following a one year's absence. The last meeting between the two clubs was on the 3rd May 2001, which was a Thursday evening.

Congratulations to Wally for being named as the Nationwide's Second Division Manager of the Month for August. He was presented with his trophy at a luncheon last Wednesday.

On Tuesday next we travel to take on Third Division AFC Bournemouth in the First Round of the Worthington Cup. The match kicks off at 7.45pm. Should the match prove indecisive at the end of ninety minutes there will be 30 minutes extra time. Again should the scores remain level, penalties will decide who goes through. Admission prices are Adults: £13, Concessions £5.00. Although the game is not All Ticket, Bournemouth have sent us the tickets for supporters to purchase in advance as tickets cannot be



purchased on the turnstiles on the evening. Instead supporters have to queue at the ticket office to purchase tickets and this can take some time.

Oli Gottskalksson who has recently had a reoccurrence of the injury he sustained towards the end of last season, saw a specialist a couple of weeks ago who advised him to seek surgery. Oli thus went into hospital two weeks ago and underwent an operation on his shoulder. The operation showed that the injury was more severe than first anticipated. It was known that there was a tear in the muscle tendon, however up to two thirds of that area had been torn. The operation allowed for the removal of latent matter in the vicinity of the tendon, and softened the bones. It is now expected that Oli will require up to six weeks to recover before he visits the specialist again for an update on the situation. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Meanwhile Oli's former teammate Ivar Ingimarsson has picked up two bookings for his new club Wolves. When we spoke to Ivar about this having gone the whole of last season without receiving a yellow card, he said

that it must be the water in Wolverhampton. He sends his best wishes to all Bees fans.

Talking of Ivar (and this is most remiss of me), I have omitted to tell Brentford Supporters that their Player of the Year last season was Ivar. No doubt that doesn't come as a surprise to anyone, but the announcing of the winner was held over because of the tension in our end of season matches last season. The Trophy was eventually awarded to Ivar at our Sporting Dinner last May.

Congratulations, from his daughter Lisa in particular, to Mike Scoates who celebrates 50 years of watching the Bees this month. Mike has been a good supporter and Sponsor of Brentford over the years.

We regret to report the passing of Season Ticket holder and former BSA Committee Member Trevor Garner. He was also a local referee and a Manager of the Junior Bees for five years. We extend our condolences to his wife Tina.

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Now that we have dotted the i's and crossed the t's with regard to a few players contracts, let's tell you a bit about our newcomers this season...

**Rowan Vine** will be twenty later this month. He has joined us on a season long loan from Portsmouth where he made his League debut the season before last. Originally a defender he was converted to a striker following Peter Crouch's departure in March.

**Leon Constantine** who is 24, made his debut for Millwall. Last season he

spent time with both Leyton Orient and Partick Thistle before being released by the Lions in the summer. He has signed a one-year contract.

**Jamie Fullarton** has signed a one year's contract. The 27 year old who won 17 Scottish Under 21 caps, has seen service with St Mirren, Bastia (France), Crystal Palace, Bolton Wanderers and more recently Dundee United.



**Leo Roget** (25), made over 20 appearances for Stockport last season before being loaned to Reading for their promotion run in. He started out at Southend where he made almost 140 appearances. Has signed a contract which expires at the end of the year.



**Ben Chorley** (19) has just agreed to an extension of his loan to three months. He played in the same successful Arsenal Youth side as Steve Sidwell.

# FROM THE CHAIR



## RON SPEAKS OUT

Last weekend saw the introduction by FIFA of transfer Windows for International and Premier League transfers. The Football Association of course has resisted the introduction of Windows and hope to get some consideration and sympathy from FIFA and up to now has had a favourable response to its request. The Football League recognises the financial plight of its Clubs and for some the situation is quite desperate. The introduction of Windows could have been the final nail in the coffin. It doesn't only affect transfers of course, it also affects temporary transfers. The temporary transfer, otherwise known as a player loan, is used by Clubs in emergency situations. They are also used to assess a player before signing and by bigger Clubs to give their players match practice following injury by loaning out to the lower divisions and yearly loans by Premier Clubs of their younger players to help in their development.

Personally I cannot see any logic in Windows, unless it is a vendetta against agents, because fans like to see players in and out particularly when interest and results are waning. Just imagine if FIFA's regulations had come in. We would now have 500 players, some very good - out of work and unable to sign for anybody from last Saturday. Not very cleverly thought out was it?

Why have Clubs got into financial problems this summer? Well it's been creeping up on us for a while now but over the past three years we have seen the demise of player sales by

Football League Clubs to the Premier League. You may see articles by those in office telling you that transfer monies between the two Leagues has risen year by year, but this is a myth. Either they don't understand Clubs' problems or they are misrepresenting the facts. The money moving from the Premier League to the Football League may have increased but only a few Clubs have benefited. We have had three or four moves a season at £3million-£5million at a time but only three or four Clubs have benefited. Previously we had dozens of deals and anyone needing money could always sell one of their better players to satisfy the Bank Manager.

What has happened over the past three years is that the EEC requirements for freedom of movement has started to bite. The majority of League Clubs are losing substantial monies annually which they can no longer recover by selling players.

The ITV company should be despised but this fiasco is not the reason for Clubs being in trouble, it just compounded it. After all if your Club is losing £800,000 per annum what difference does another £200,000 make? The situation was desperate before, ITV was irrelevant and Boards of Directors up and down the country will not have the personal money to put in or be willing to make up the deficit. What will they do? Some will go into administration and some will try to buy time. This summer players have been released whose contracts have run out. Valuable and good players have been available on free

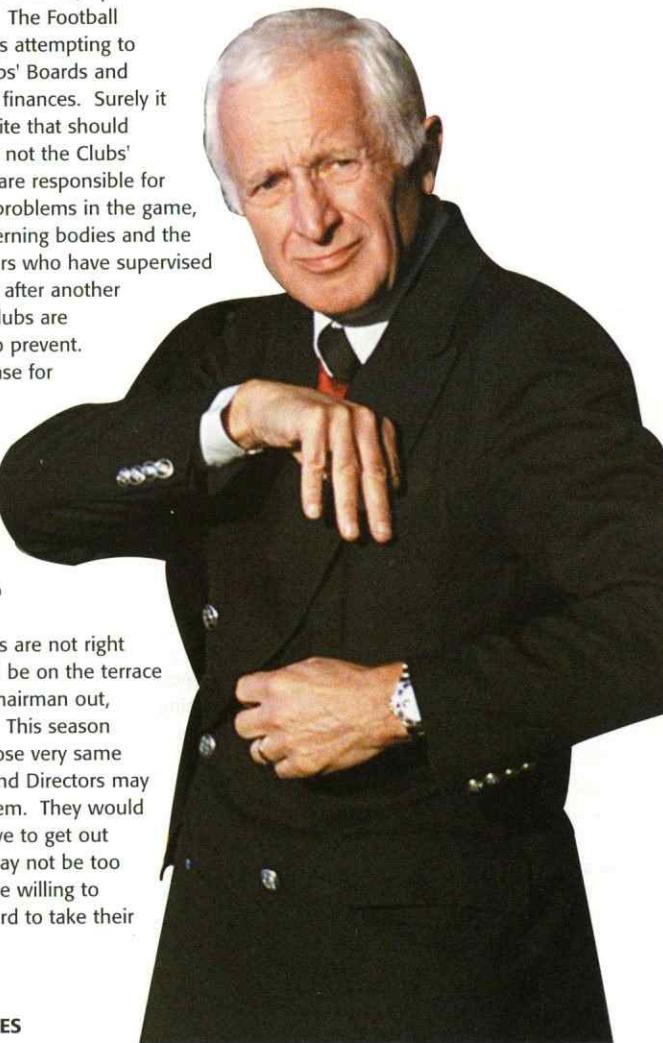
transfers but very few Clubs have taken them on and if they have, it's at vastly reduced wages. Managers have been allowed to leave or their contracts terminated and promotion has been from within. This season teams will contain many more young players, some will be first and second year professionals. It will be a great opportunity for anyone who gets a chance to play or manage for the first time ~ Ray Lewington at Watford, Micky Adams at Leicester, Wally Downes here at Brentford, Martin Hinshelwood at Brighton, John Taylor at Cambridge, Graham Allner at Cheltenham, Dave Rushbury at Chesterfield, John Cornforth at Exeter, Paul Groves at Grimsby and Ian Britton at Kidderminster all have been promoted from within. Success in football is often down to being in the right place at the right time and the next generation of successful managers and players may well look back on this summer quite differently from Club Directors. How long will the cost cutting last? Well contracts in the lower divisions are usually two or three years which means it will take at least two years for Clubs to cut their outgoings by reducing wages. New contracts will probably be for one year only. You can expect the trend to continue throughout the season and a repeat next summer of what has happened this close season before Clubs get their income and expenditure columns to balance out which again only happens at the expiry of existing player contracts and their non-renewal.

The requirement for cost cutting is particularly evident in those Clubs relegated from the Premier League. Bradford of course almost sank without a trace with their financial problems and Leicester are desperately giving quality players like Matt Elliott a free transfer and attempting to terminate their financial obligations with Dennis Wise. If there was a transfer market these players would still fetch substantial fees but their salary obligations now cost more than their transfer value. I went to Brussels as part of the Football League delegation to protest at their plans for football telling them it would decimate our industry, damage our Clubs and lead to widespread unemployment, all to no avail. The PFA did not help; they supported the changes because FIFA or UEFA wanted them, possibly because you cannot make progress on FIFA committees by opposing FIFA. I don't know any union who would support changes which would lead to massive unemployment of their members or favour the better off members to the detriment of the less fortunate or less skilled. If our industry had stood together we could have opposed the proposals but in my opinion we broke ranks each for our own reasons. The Premier League thought it would not affect them and the Clubs were concerned about losing their European places. The Football Association did not understand the problem and did nothing, perhaps another FIFA seat was open for nominations.

What are the governing bodies doing

now to help the Clubs in trouble? Absolutely nothing. The PFA are making loans to pay their members' wages providing they are repaid, possibly with interest, by a new Board of Directors. The Football Association is attempting to regulate Clubs' Boards and control their finances. Surely it is the opposite that should happen, it is not the Clubs' Boards that are responsible for the current problems in the game, it is the governing bodies and the administrators who have supervised one disaster after another which the Clubs are powerless to prevent. There is a case for Clubs to regulate them, after all they have a pretty bad track record up to now. When results are not right the fans will be on the terrace chanting "Chairman out, Board out". This season however those very same Chairmen and Directors may well join them. They would probably love to get out but there may not be too many people willing to come forward to take their place.

**RON NOADES**



# BRENTFORD FC SPORTSMAN'S DINNER!

THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2002 AT THE RENAISSANCE HOTEL, HEATHROW

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Check the opposite page for details of our Sporting Dinner at The Renaissance Heathrow on Thursday evening 28th November.

Don't forget the Brentford Golf Day is now just under three weeks away. It's Friday 27th September at Harleyford Golf Club in Marlow.

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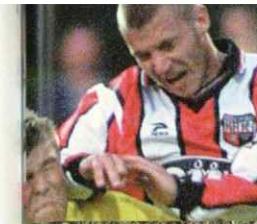
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## BEE-HIND THE LINES



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### EX BEES

There was a time in the not too distant past when you would have been hard pressed to find many ex Bees still plying their trade in top class football. That is hardly the case now! Just wade through this little lot, enough to stock three decent Nationwide teams! How about these line-ups?

### TEAM A

Pollitt (Rotherham), Watson (Brighton), Grainger (Birmingham), Ingimarsson (Wolves), Powell (Crystal Palace), Hreidarsson (Ipswich), Evans (Bradford City), Gayle (Watford), Asaba (Sheffield United), Owusu (Sheffield Wednesday), Holdsworth (Bolton).

### TEAM B

Dearden (Torquay), Ashby (Watford), Cullip (Brighton), Mahon (Watford), Javary (Sheffield United), P Smith (Gillingham), Scott (Oxford United), Forster (Reading), Taylor (Grimsby), Leo Fortune-West (Cardiff), Bent (Ipswich).

### TEAM C

Woodman (Oxford United), Boxall (Bristol Rovers), Quinn (Bristol Rovers), Oatway (Brighton), Hutchings (Leyton Orient), McGhee (Leyton Orient), Canham (Leyton Orient), Rapley (Colchester), Partridge (Rushden & Diamonds), Broughton (Kidderminster), Price (Tranmere).

Altogether in excess of £35 million has changed hands in the transfer market, Hermann Hreidarsson topping the bill. He is Brentford's incoming and outgoing record transfer, costing £850,000 from Crystal Palace and moving to Wimbledon for £2.5 million, and then joining Ipswich for £4 million. Tractor Boy's teammate Marcus Bent ploughs a similar furrow (Bees to Palace £150,000, to Port Vale £375,000, to Sheffield United £300,000, to Blackburn £1.3 million, to Ipswich £3 million). And also in the Big League, moneymore, are Dean Holdsworth, his fees totalling £4.3 million, Bob Taylor £3.5 million,

Marcus Gayle £2.5 million, Carl Asaba £1.5 million and Nicky Forster £1.4 million.

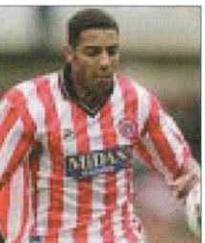
### MONKEY BUSINESS

When West Ham held Arsenal 2-2 last Saturday week, it ended the Gunners hopes of setting a new League record of 15 straight wins. Having won 14 off the reel Arsenal had equalled the record shared by Manchester United (1904-05), Bristol City (1905-06), and Preston (1950-51). Bristol City, who went on to become Second Division Champions did suffer a defeat during that run when Southern League Brentford put paid to their hopes of FA Cup success by beating them 2-1 at Griffin Park. The visitor's led 1-0 at the break, before "Monkey face" Corbett, a former City player, struck twice to give the Bees a famous victory.

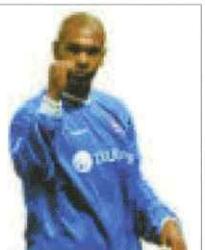
The opposition's failure to penetrate the Bees' defence for the first 376 minutes of the season is a new Club record. The all time record for keeping a clean sheet is held by Reading, who kept the opposition at bay for a total of 1103 minutes in 1979. The team which ended that sequence? Brentford, of course, when Henderson put through his own net in the 2-2 draw at Elm Park on 18th August.

In a similar vein the Bees have been party poopers on a number of occasions. Take the 1975-76 campaign when Lincoln strolled to the Fourth Division title and set a record by securing 74 points (106 under the three points for a win ruling) and also a new record of 32 wins and just 4 defeats. You can read about one of those losses in today's "Match To Remember"! Then take the record number of wins in a season in the old Third Division South. Millwall (1927-28) and Plymouth (1929-30) are joint holders on 30, but both took a beating at Griffin Park. Millwall were walloped 6-1, and Plymouth 3-0. Argyle equalled Southampton's record set in 1921-22 of only 4 defeats all season, one of the

Saints' few setbacks coming here when Elliot's penalty earned a 1-0 home win. There is another side to the coin however. In 1924-25 Merthyr finished bottom of the Third South with a new low of 21 points, only two of which were gained away (one in a 2-2 draw at Brentford). The luckless Welshman also beat Brentford 4-0 at home. The following season QPR equalled that points tally and finished bottom, their sole away success coming in a 2-1 victory here.



Asaba



Bent



Grainger



Hreidarsson

# PERSONALLY SPEAKING

They're a funny lot, Bees supporters! Apart from a fierce loyalty to the Club, they tend to do the same things, wear the same clothes, take the same route to the ground, stand or sit at the same spot ... they do it with clockwork precision, whenever the Bees play.

Why? Well, it's all to do with luck and not tempting fate. That shirt worn by the outwardly normal office worker down there in the paddock was probably the one he wore when the Bees won 4-1 at wherever. You don't change the shirt after an event like that, the same score could happen again, clearly the shirt was responsible.

Ever wondered why the same hardy bunch of fans gather in the same pubs for home games? Same again. It's probably the pub they were in the day that the mighty Bees stormed to a stunning victory over whoever. You don't change a winning format.

A chum of mine who runs his own very successful computer business when not attending Bees matches always has a model frog in his right hand pocket. That frog was there - a gift from his young son - the day the Bees won 1-0 at Peterborough to clinch promotion in 1992. As far as my chum was concerned, the frog did the business. Blissett's goal was merely inspired by the frog. It's been unearthed for every game he's gone to since.

Some years ago, an elderly chap used to sit in the centre of the Braemar Road stand, always carrying an umbrella. When Brentford scored, his trilby hat was placed on the umbrella, which was then raised sky high in salute. Why? Without that silent tribute from



him, the Bees would not win he would tell you. Nobody near him murmured. If that's what helped the lads, then carry on.

There's the fella in the Brook Road end who never reads the programme or looks at the opposition when they trot on to the pitch. The programme stays firmly folded in his right hand pocket - not the left, note! - until the game ends.

To read anything about the other team brings bad luck, he says. Behind me in the stands sits The Coach. A charming chap who works for various charities during the week. On match days he sits there barking clear and lucid instructions to players who can't hear him. 'Get the ball out to the left, so and so. Get onside, thingummy. Keep the ball on the ground, what'sit.' It's a football education to hear him. He loves his football and Brentford. For that, we can forgive anything.

Ever wondered why some parts of New Road are more densely populated than others? Simple. Most of the fans who sit there used to be in almost the same spot when they had to stand. To move

away from the desired and much loved spot is tempting fate. Seats and facilities make not a jot of difference. It's the site that counts.

It's all part of the eccentricities that make us Bees fans so loyal to the Club. It's why I'm in Bees United along with all the rest of my loyal mates. It's Bees United that will help me to continue the perfectly normal good luck routines I go through before home games.

What are they? Perfectly normal to me. I get in the ground half an hour before kick off, meet my regular mates then, on my way to D Block, pop in the gents through the right hand door. Having done the business, I leave through the left. Nothing odd about that. Without that routine, we'd never win!

You doubt me? I was late for my match winning routine once and we got to half-time with the score at 0-0. I knew instantly what was wrong. I nipped downstairs, ran through the routine, and went back up to my seat. We won 2-0. Nuff said.

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# FAN BASE

## THORNE IN THE SIDE

This dream just goes on and on doesn't it? 2-0 down and riding our luck, you'd have been excused for thinking that our bubble had finally burst. But in true Brentford style, Wally's boys rolled up their sleeves and showed the passion and desire that is the envy of the division.

The last time I wrote in the match day programme scoring goals was somewhat of a problem. Mark McCammon's time was running out and not many of us honestly had the faith in him. Since then, however, the lad has shown an amazing amount of courage to pull through his nightmare spell and scored two vital goals to continue our fine form.

I don't think I've known a crowd willing a player to score so much as we did Mark. When he went through one on one against Swindon the whole place went silent, quickly followed by an eruption when the ball hit the back of the net.

Marks celebration will be fondly remembered for many years to come. Lets hope we see it another twenty odd times for this campaign. Not wanting to pour cold water on our achievements, but I have yet to see a side of real quality so far this season. I thought Swindon were by far the best we've come up against and really took the game to us once they'd pulled a goal back, but I'm expecting a stiff challenge by today's opponents in Luton who turned around their disastrous start to the season with a good win at the weekend. I think Luton were fancied by many as an outside bet for promotion this season, so well have to show the same commitment and desire if we're to overcome the Hatters today.

Our first issue of the fanzine will be on sale for the home encounters against Wycombe and Barnsley so keep an eye out for us during those games around the ground and if there is anything you want to get off your chest then why not drop us an email at the address below. All the best, Rich and Nick.

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## BEESOTTED

Brentford may not have lost the services of Sonko and Roget ahead of the transfer deadline last weekend as feared, but the duo's fragile arrangement with Brentford underlines what strange footballing times we are living in. It was good to see Roget sign a short-term contract which may keep him at Griffin Park until December - the former Stockport defender has been in outstanding form - but Sonko's reluctance to do the same means that we should expect to be seeing Arsenal's Ben Chorley strutting his stuff in a Bees shirt sooner rather than later.

Any loss would be a disappointment, with Brentford at the top of the league it would be great if the players wanted to stay and help build on the success already achieved, but with agents working overtime on securing big money deals elsewhere, that looks unlikely. Both players have been heavily touted by their agents in recent weeks (in fact Sonko has two agents, one French, one English working for him) and Millwall are believed to be favourites to land the Senegalese defenders longer-term signature. The reality is that Brentford have to adapt to a very strange transfer climate - where out of contract players come and go while they search for a permanent deal elsewhere. Unfortunately, in the clubs current financial situation, there is little chance of Brentford being prepared to match wages offers from other clubs and a high turnover of staff is almost inevitable.

As fans, perhaps all that we can hope for right now is that these mercenaries play well for the club while they are at Griffin Park and we can use them just as much as they use us. The situation is far from ideal though is it?

Thanks to everyone who came down to support Beesotted v Hey Jude last Sunday, the quality of play may not have been up to much, but with almost £10K added to Bees United's coffers it proved to be the biggest single day fund-raiser for the trust.

The Cult Bees & Legends book launch takes place in Stripes Bar on Thursday

26th September at 7:45, the party will include guest book signings, a question and answers session with the players involved, a quiz, raffle for Bees United and classic Brentford matches shown on a giant TV. All Bees fans are invited, but there is a limited capacity. If you'd like to attend, please send me an e-mail to [beesotted@hotmail.com](mailto:beesotted@hotmail.com) or phone 0780 361867.

A brand new issue of Beesotted is on sale for today's match with Luton and will be on sale before and after the game as well as at the match at Bournemouth on Tuesday night.

Dave Lane

## THORNE IN THE SIDE

Following the success of Thorne in the Side fanzine's World Cup Prediction Competition, they are running a similar 'October Prediction Comp' with 50% of the money going to Bees United and the rest to the eventual winner, each entry costs £10, and last time the winner collected over £400!

Forms can be picked up from the Bees United stand outside The Griffin Public House, on the GPG website or by contacting Thorne in the Side at; [thorneintheside@hotmail.com](mailto:thorneintheside@hotmail.com)

## BEES UNITED/BIAS

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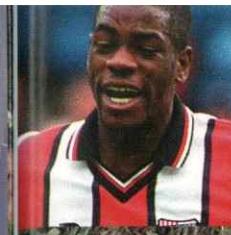
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**WITH THE PLAYERS**

**MARK CHAPMAN**

### **ROGET'S THESAURUS**

It's ironic that amongst the scenes of joy for Reading's players and supporters on April 20th after winning promotion at Griffin Park, little did Leo Roget know that TW8 would be his next permanent port of call.

The Brentford centre back was on the bench for The Royals that day, having spent the last two months of the season on loan from Stockport County.

"I played the one game (a 0-0 draw at Swindon in February). By the time I went there I was mentally and physically tired after what went on at Stockport so I never trained to my potential. Having said that I enjoyed my time there and the way they were trying to do things."

Leo, born on the 1st August 1977, hails from East London and was educated at Valentines High School in Gants Hill. His first introduction to football however, came at the tender age of six. "I first went along to a training session for a team called Redbridge United and I played there for seven years, and when I was thirteen, I moved to Waltham Forest".

"I wrote for trials to six or seven different League clubs and I got a response off Southend and Cambridge. I played one game in the midweek and on a Sunday and they said they were interested and I was there for the next eight or nine years".

It's hard to believe Leo is just twenty-five, as he seemed to have been patrolling the defence at Roots Hall for a long time.

"I got into Southend's team in the First Division when I was eighteen, so I've been around for a little while. In all honesty, from when I was about twenty

to about twenty-two, it was a little bit disappointing. I was out for nine months with a back injury and when I got back, they were in the Third Division. It took me a while to adapt to the Third Division, to get my head round it mentally".

His move to Stockport County in February 2001 was meant to be the kick-start to Leo's football career but things didn't turn out quite as planned and he left not long after Carlton Palmer's appointment as Manager.

Leo takes up the story "We had fourteen games left and we were third from bottom and in a relegation dogfight

and managed to stay up with two or three games left. We were optimistic for the next season but things started badly. We were getting beaten by the odd goal - then the manager got sacked. At first when he (Carlton) came in, we got on well for about three weeks but after that it just got to a stage where I didn't want to be there."

In the summer, County paid Leo's contract up and he joined the many band of footballers looking for employment after the collapse of ITV Digital in May.

"There are so many players out of work. I've spoken to players that have played

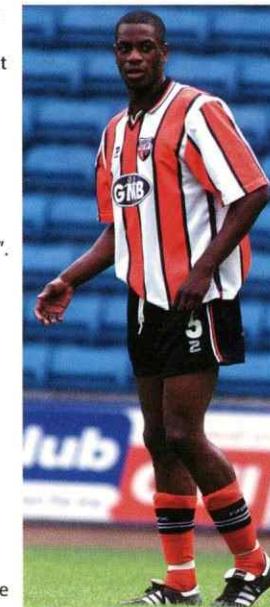
thirty or forty games in the Second Division and they can't even find a Football League or Conference club. They're having to find a Ryman league or Doctor Martin League, which is not being disrespectful but if you've had a good season in Division Two, you should at least expect to be at a Football League club. It's a major reality check for football."

So the hunt for a club was on. "I trained for a couple of weeks at Southend, as its ten minutes from my doorstep plus I knew the manager from my playing days."

After this, Leo got a chance at Oxford United and played in five or six pre-season friendlies before Wally Downes gave him a last minute call up for the game at Millwall.

"I finished playing (for Oxford against Southampton) and at quarter past ten in the evening, I got a phone call from my agent saying that Brentford wanted me to play in a game tomorrow afternoon! I wasn't best prepared for the match but it was a case of going out and doing your best".

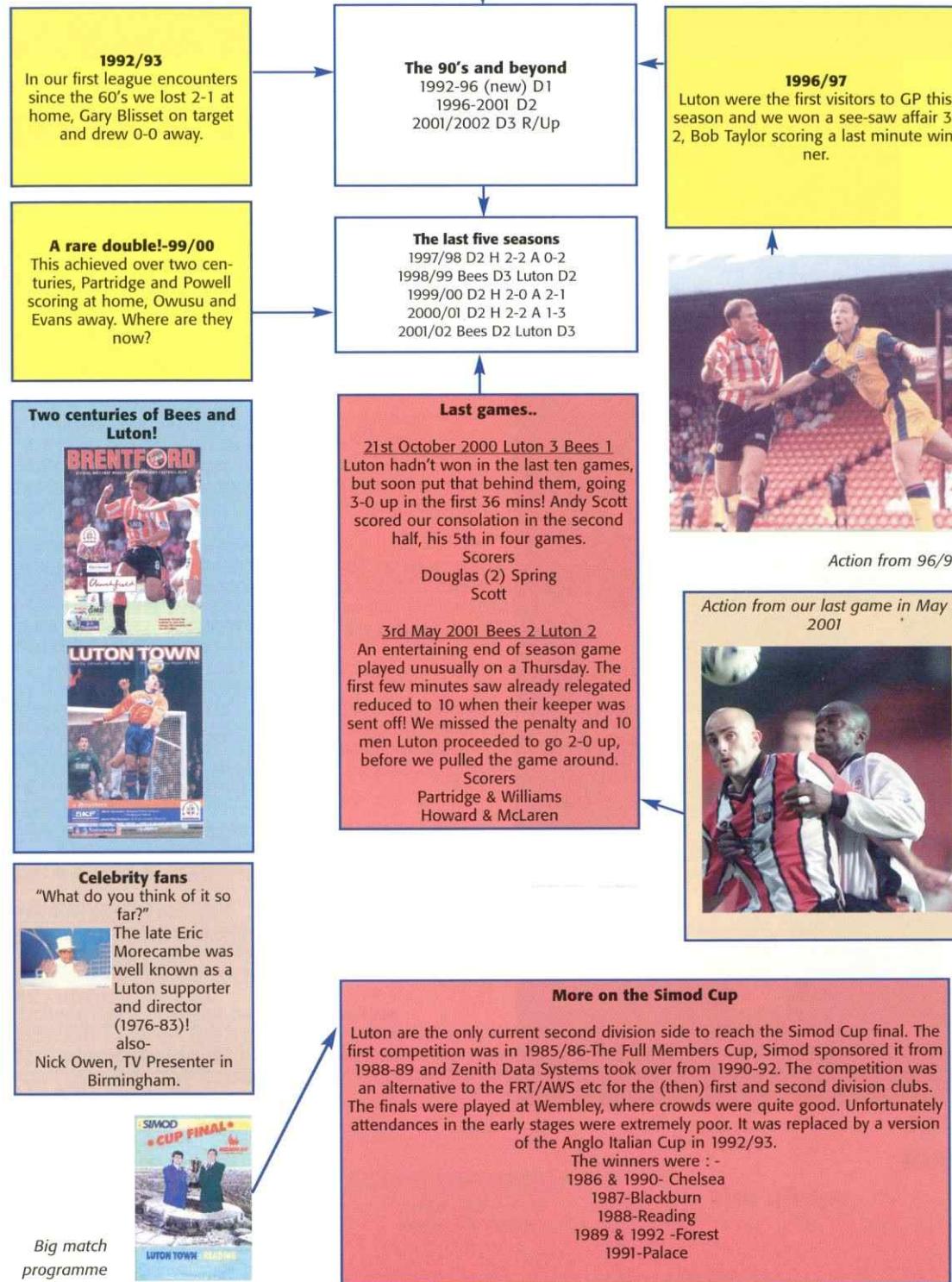
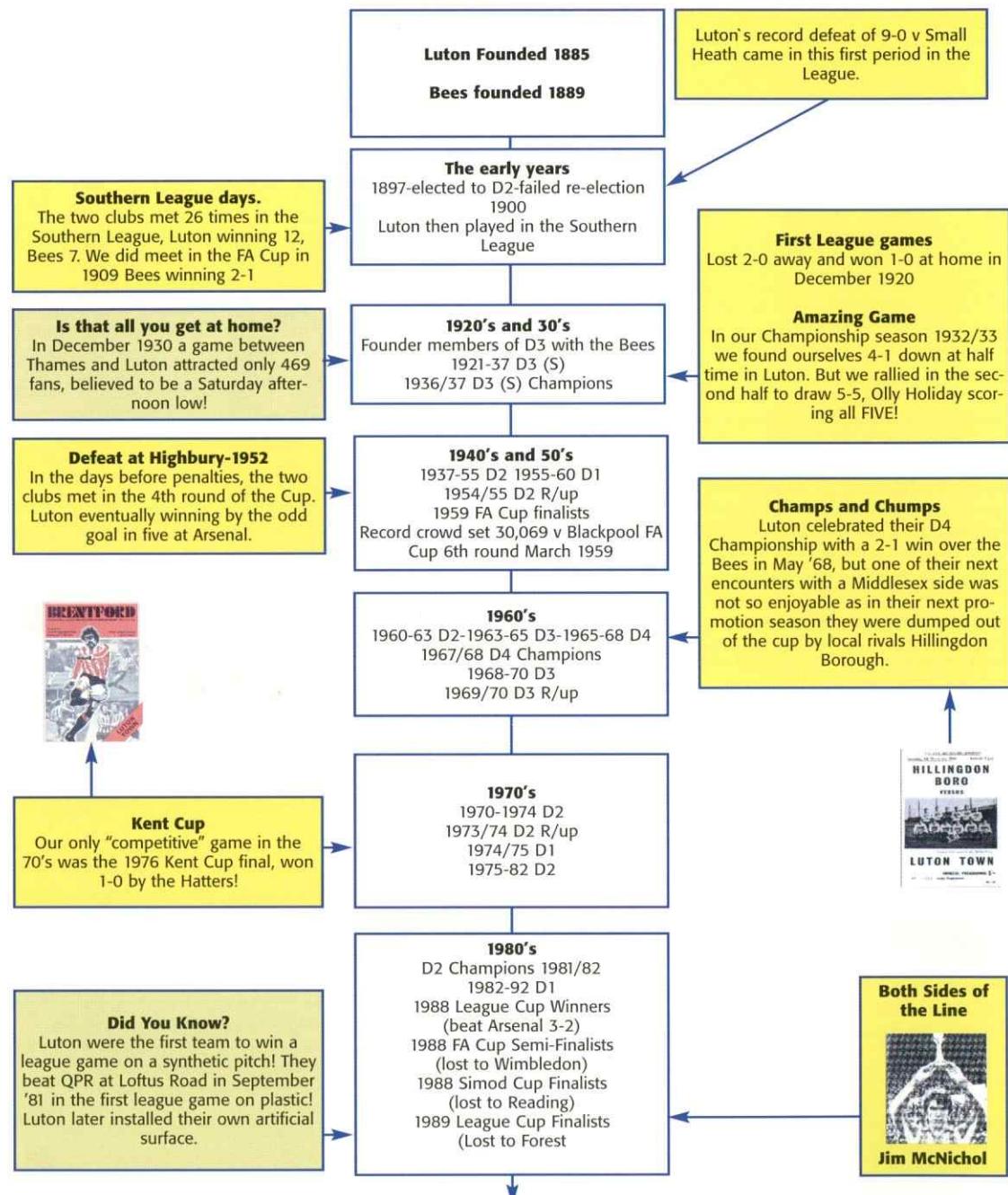
Since then, Leo has played in every game and he gave his impression on life at Griffin Park "I like it. I've got on with everybody. The results have been brilliant and I've never been top of the league in my life so it's a first for me".



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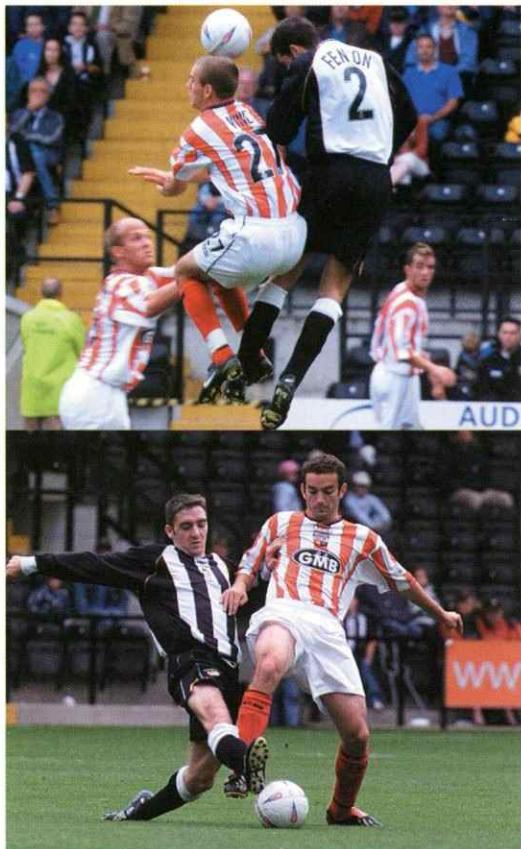
## MARK HARFIELD



# TEAM LINE-UP



## ACTION FROM LAST SATURDAY



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# Trusting in Bees United

Formed just 15 months ago, Bees Utd recently recruited its 1,000th member and as a result has established itself as one of the fastest-growing and most successful Supporters' Trusts in the country. More important than any impressive facts and figures though is the simple truth that Bees Utd represent the best chance, perhaps the only chance, for the future of Brentford FC.

### Who are Bees Utd?

Comprising a cross-section of Brentford supporters, with a wide range of talents, the Brentford Football Community Society Ltd, or Bees Utd, was set up under the Government's Supporters Direct initiative. Registered as an Industrial and Provident Society, which means they abide by the legal requirements established for an IPS, Bees Utd is a not-for-profit organisation. Bees United represent a fresh start in a relationship between supporters and Brentford FC. As Andy Burnham, Chair of Supporters Direct and MP for Leigh recently said: "Supporters' Trusts are the right idea at the right time. Fans everywhere are saying they are no longer prepared to be taken for granted. Many are ready to dig deep to help the clubs they love through these hard times. But, in return, they are rightly demanding a proper say in club affairs and seats on boards."



Bees United Chair, John McGlashan, alongside local MP, Ann Keen, receiving a cheque for "players' pledges" at the recent supporters' Fundraising Game for the Trust.

### What are the aims of Bees United?

The initial aims were to raise funds for investment and, as result, gain at least one place on the board of Brentford FC. In January 2002, this latter aim was achieved when Bees Utd Chair, John McGlashan, was appointed to the Board. Ron Noades' company Altonwood, has agreed to Bees Utd taking on their majority shareholding in the club. Bees United's option to take control of the club, initially, was due to expire by the end of September 2002, Altonwood have agreed in principle, for this to be extended until September 2003.

### What is Bees United's £1m appeal for?

Launched in the Summer the £1m appeal is to raise funds to reduce the current overdraft and implement a viable business plan. Brentford FC needs working capital for the next year; Ron Noades has capped the club's losses at close to their present level, which means the club could soon be in a position whereby it will not be able to pay its way. Money raised by Bees United will be used to invest in Brentford FC, either through the purchase of shares or providing secured loans to the club.

### How can I help?

Firstly by joining Bees Utd. However, membership subscriptions are not in themselves sufficient to fulfill the society's aims. We welcome additional donations, either as one off gifts or as regular standing order donations. Standing order donations are particularly welcome as, by ensuring a regular source of income, they enable the society to plan and budget its activities.

### How much has been raised?

By September 2002, the Trust had received, or were in receipt of pledges, approaching £300,000. While still some considerable way short of the initial target this does not in any way mean that the appeal has been a failure, it simply means that there are other options with, other partners, to pursue. The more money Bees Utd raises, the more options the Trust has.

### What is Bees Utd's position on a new stadium?

Central to Bees Utd's Business Plan is the recognition that turnstile and transfer revenue alone can no longer sustain a football club. Income needs to be derived from alternative sources, such as sponsorship deals and other local initiatives. We have to accept that the facilities at Griffin Park cannot cope from these extra demands. Bees United are seeking a partnership with

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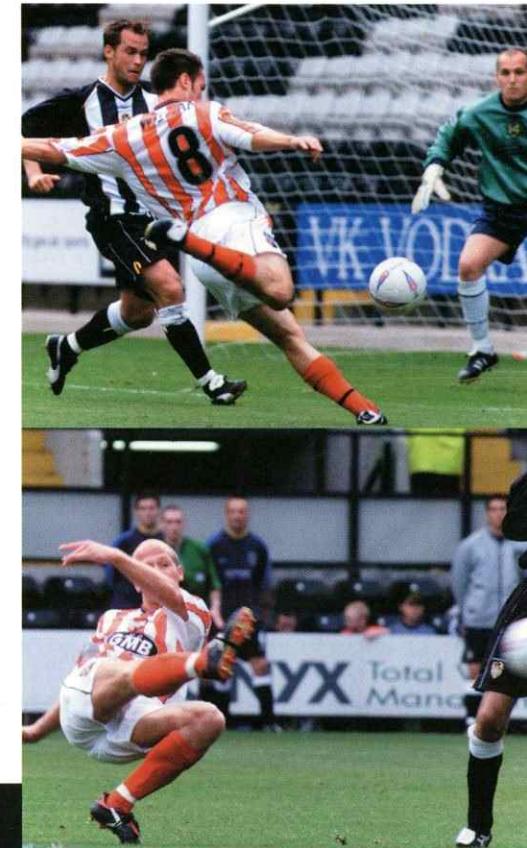
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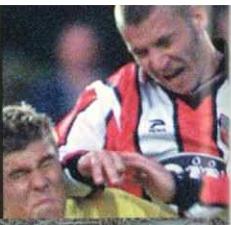
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# LUTON TOWN



## IAN WESTBROOK

**Luton finally got their season off the ground last Saturday with a welcome 3-0 win over Chesterfield. The victory halted a disastrous return to the Second Division which had seen them lose their first four matches.**

The opening day of the season saw them lose 3-2 at home to Peterborough, Barry Fry's side's only win so far, and that was followed by a 5-2 hammering at Blackpool three days later. They were then beaten 2-1 at Plymouth and the goals continued to rain in a week later as Barnsley won 3-2 at Kenilworth Road.

They stopped the rot with a goalless draw at Cardiff on Bank Holiday Monday, although they slipped to the bottom of the table, before gaining their first three-point haul seven days ago.

The results were a far cry from last season when they swept virtually all before them to earn an instant return to this Division by finishing second in Division Three – their first season in the basement since 1968. They were never lower than fifth in the table and gained promotion with four matches still to play following a 3-1 win at Swansea. Their 97 points were five less than Plymouth but a whopping 18 points ahead of third-placed Mansfield.

Manager Joe Kinnear had promised at the start of the season that his side would win promotion after arriving too late to prevent relegation the

previous May. By the time he took over in mid-season the club were firmly entrenched in the bottom four and although they won their first three games under his leadership, and five of the first seven, it proved to be a false dawn as a run of 13 winless matches to end the season condemned them to the drop.

### FIVE FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT LUTON TOWN

1 – The Hatters smashed four club records in winning promotion from Division Three last season. They claimed 30 League victories, with 12 in a row to beat their previous best run of nine in early 1977. The 15 wins on their travels also set a new club record while their 97 points beat their previous best under the three points for a win set-up of 88, achieved in winning the old Second Division title in 1981/82.

2 – Joe Payne etched himself into football's record books when Luton took on Bristol Rovers in Division Three (South) in April 1936. Payne, usually a wing-half, was shoved up front for the first time and responded with 10 goals – an individual record in English football. He showed it was no fluke by hitting an amazing 55 League goals the following season to lead Town to promotion. However Payne's efforts are not a British record as 51 years earlier, Arbroath's John Petrie struck 13 times in his side's record 36-0 Scottish Cup win over Bon Accord.

3 – Town appeared at Wembley

three times in four weeks back in 1988. Their first visit came on March 27 when they lost 4-1 to Reading in the Simod Cup final while three weeks later they were beaten 2-0 by Manchester United in the second phase of the League's Centenary Tournament. However just seven days later, on April 24, they were celebrating after two late goals helped them beat Arsenal 3-2 to win the Littlewoods Cup. They missed out on a fourth appearance when eventual winners Wimbledon beat them in the FA Cup semi-finals.

4 – Luton would have had the potential to boast the Second Division's highest attendances this season if former chairman David Kohler had got his way and moved them into the Kohlerdome in the late 1990s. Kohler wanted to build the club a brand new stadium with a capacity of up to 50,000 close to the M1 but the plan fell through.

The Hatters are still hoping to move to another site close to the motorway, owned by current chairman Mike Watson-Challis, and have applied for planning permission.

5 – Luton were the first club in the south of England to embrace professionalism after paying players for the first time in 1891.

### LAST TIME

Luton's last visit in May 2001 was unusually on a Thursday night and was our third game in six days as we caught up following our LDV Vans Trophy final appearance.

A bizarre night saw Town keeper Mark Ovendale sent off in the second minute for a foul and debutant Scott Ward save Lloyd Owusu's penalty with his first touch in League football. Steve Howard and Paul McLaren then put relegated Luton 2-0 up before Scott Partridge and Mark Williams earned us a point. Partridge was also on target in their previous visit in September 1999 as he and Darren Powell struck in the second half to earn us a 2-0 win.

### THE MANAGER

**Joe Kinnear** took over as manager at Kenilworth Road in February last year. Before a brief spell at Oxford, Kinnear had been out of the game for almost two years since leaving Wimbledon after suffering a heart attack just before a game at Sheffield Wednesday.

Kinnear was with The Dons for seven years and in that time inspired them to a sixth place finish in the Premiership and semi-final places in both the FA and League Cups. Within a year of him leaving, Wimbledon's 14-year stay in the top flight had ended with relegation.

As a player Kinnear won 26 caps for the Republic of Ireland at right-back and spent 10 seasons of his career at Tottenham before finishing off with a short spell at Brighton.

### THE PLAYERS

(Squad numbers in brackets)

Luton are likely to field an unchanged 4-4-2 line-up following the win over Chesterfield. That means on loan Charlton goalkeeper

**Ben Roberts** (34) (ex-Middlesbrough) will play with **Carl Emberton**

(16) (ex-Millwall, Colchester and Walsall)

on the bench. **Mark Ovendale** (1) (ex-Wisbech, Bournemouth and Northampton) is sidelined after a hip operation.

Former junior **Emmerson Boyce** (17) and **Sol Davis** (24) (ex-Swindon) will fill the full-back roles with

**Russell Perrett** (5) (ex-Lymington, Portsmouth and Cardiff) and **David Bayliss** (22) (ex-Rochdale) in central defence and former Bees loan

player **Chris Coyne** (12) (ex-West Ham and Dundee) returning from suspension to sit on the bench alongside former Welsh international

**Alan Neilson** (3) (ex-Newcastle, Southampton, Fulham and Grimsby).



Sol Davis



Russell Perrett



Joe Kinnear



Steve Robinson

Luton's longest-serving player **Marvin Johnson** (6) and **Alan Kimble** (31) (ex-Charlton, Cambridge and Wimbledon) are both unlikely to figure.

**Ahmet Brkovic** (18) (ex-HNK Dubrovnik and Leyton Orient) and **Paul Hughes** (21) (ex-Chelsea and Southampton) are wide midfielders with ex-YTS

player **Matthew Spring** (4) and skipper **Kevin Nicholls** (8) (ex-Charlton and Wigan) in the middle and Northern Ireland international

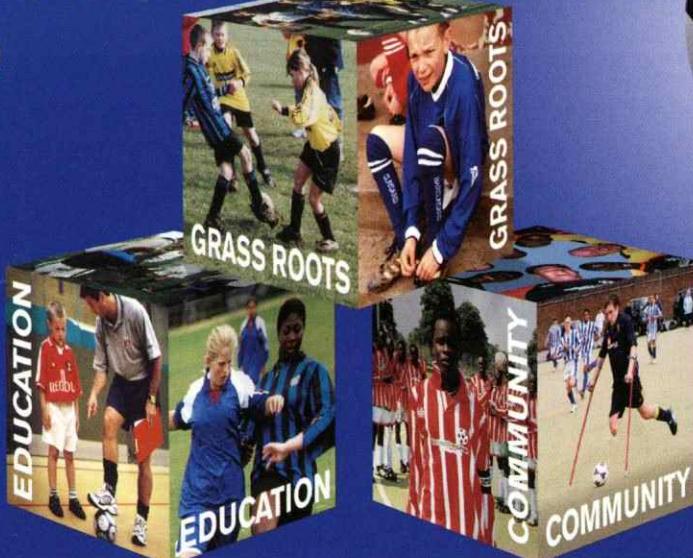
**Steve Robinson** (11) (ex-Tottenham, Bournemouth and Preston) among the substitutes.

**Steve Howard** (19) (ex-Hartlepool and Northampton) and **Dean Crowe** (15) (ex-Stoke) will share the striking responsibilities with **Tony Thorpe**

(9) (ex-Leicester and Bristol City), in his fourth spell at the club, and homegrown striker **Andrew Fotiadis** (14) possible substitutes. **Carl Griffiths** (10) (ex-Shrewsbury, Manchester City, Portsmouth, Peterborough, Leyton Orient and Port Vale) is coming back from injury

but winger **Adrian Forbes** (7) (ex-Norwich) is out for the season with cruciate damage.

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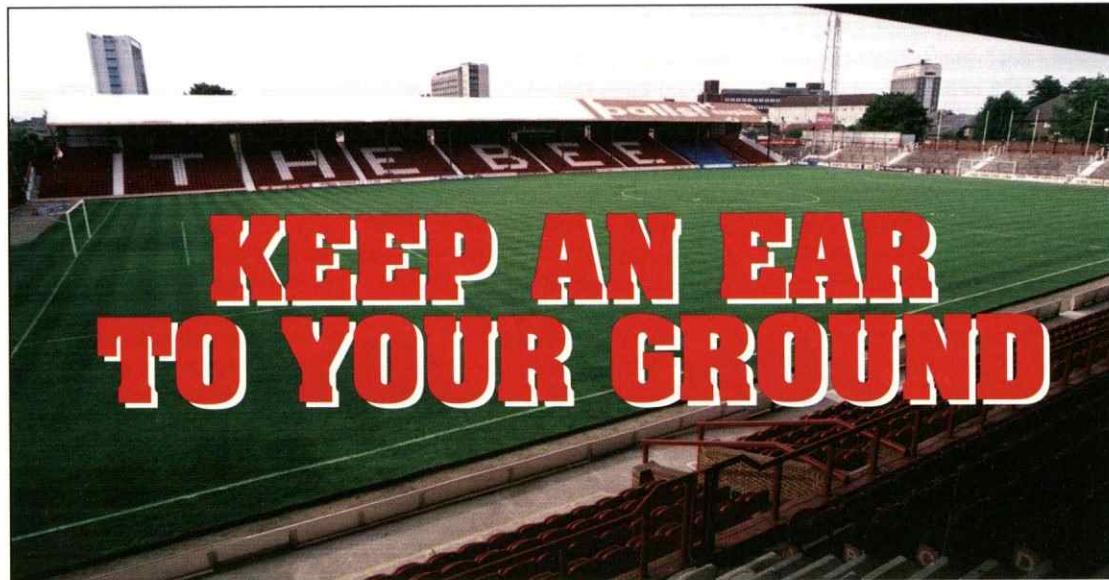


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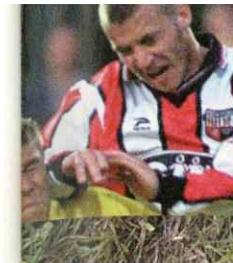
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## NON LEAGUE SCENE

**MARK HARFIELD**



So this season's FA Cup competition is well and truly up and running. Two local sides went into the extra preliminary round a couple of weeks ago, but there was no luck for **Ruislip Manor**, beaten at Raunds Town. More success for one of today's featured teams though, **Brook House**, who beat Bedford. Unfortunately for Brook, that's where the story ended as they bowed out in the preliminary round last week at home to Bucks side Burnham.

One of the biggest stories from the Preliminary Round included one of the sides we have already mentioned this season. Not a local side, but the "alternative Oldham"-Oldham Town who were crushed 17-1 by Stocksbridge Park Steels. Steel sound like a Rugby League side and it was certainly a RL scoreline!

Last season **Southall** were on the wrong end of a high scoring game but this year it was their turn to knock in the goals, smashing six at Stowmarket.

Unfortunately it was not so rosy for "the other" Southall -**Town**, who conceded six to Wroxham in their FA Cup debut.

Two other clubs filling their scoring boots on were **Edgware** (5-2) and **Yeading** (5-0), both winning away at Hullbridge and Wivenhoe respectively. Not to be left out, the **Met Police** also thumped in four at home to Lancing.

As per the remainder of other Middlesex sides, **Uxbridge**, **Northwood**, **Harefield Utd** and **Bedfont** all made it through. **Hillingdon Borough** and **Staines** face replays, whilst **Wembley**, **Wealdstone**, **Hanwell**, **Kingsbury** and **Ashford Town** must look for success in one of the other tournaments.

### Draw for 1st Qualifying Round of FA Cup

14th September  
**Cheshunt** v **Edgware Town**  
**Letchworth/Staines** v **Uxbridge**  
**Harefield Utd** v **Barton Rovers**  
**Tilbury** v **Yeading**  
**Northwood** v **Wisbech Town**  
**Southall** v **Northampton Spencer** or **Yaxley**  
**VCD Athletic** v **Bedfont**  
**Met Police** v **Corinthian Casuals** or **Epsom & Ewell**  
**Hillingdon Borough** or **Chessington & Hook** v **Lymington & New Milton** or **Dulwich Hamlet**.

### Draw For 1st Qualifying Round of the FA Vase

7th September  
**Hoddesdon Town** v **Ruislip Manor**  
**Brook House** v **Leighton Town**  
**Lowestoft Town** v **Edgware Town**

**Not This time—WEALDSTONE**  
The Stone's best performance in the FA Cup came in 1977/78 when they reached the 3rd Round. On the way to the 3rd, they knocked out Hereford United (then D3), away after holding them at home and in the second round beat Reading (D4) at Lower Mead. In the third, they had to make the relatively short trip to Loftus Road to take on the mighty R's who were struggling near the foot of D1. Unfortunately no more giant killing as Rangers won 4-0, Stan the man scoring a penalty. This result however meant that Wealdstone were a far better team than West Ham -How? Well in the next round QPR, were drawn against the mighty Hammers, after drawing 1-1 at Upton Park, they brought them back to Loftus Road and Hammered them 6-1. West Ham fans were not impressed—how do I know? I was there (left at 5-1).



### The A-Z of Local Sides

#### **BROOK HOUSE**

**League** Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division  
**Ground** Farm Park, Kingshill Avenue, Hayes.  
Now out of the FA Cup, Brook can hopefully extend their run in the Vase competition and maybe emulate or improve on their best performance of the 3rd round proper in 97/98. Last season they finished 6th in the league, their best position was runners up in 1999/2000. Famous Brook names from the past include Neil Shipperley (Palace) and Mark Perry (ha).

### Local Rivals

#### **BRACHE SPARTA**

**League** Spartan South Midlands Division 1  
**Ground** Foxdell Sports Ground, Dallow Rd, Luton.  
Last season Sparta finished second from bottom of the Premier League and were therefore relegated. They lost both games against Brook, 2-0 in Hayes and 2-1 at home and also lost 7-3 to Hanwell! They are currently bottom of the First with no points from four games. They have been runners up twice in the South Midlands League and won the Premier Cup in 97/98.

## SECOND TO NONE

IAN WESTBROOK

Next week sees the first round of the Worthington Cup make a later than usual entrance into this season's fixtures.

The competition traditionally kicks off in the middle of August, and in fact that did happen again this season, but with a one-match preliminary round. This was needed because of Ipswich's participation in the UEFA Cup which delayed their Worthington Cup entry, leaving the competition with an uneven 71 teams. (Ipswich incidentally will not join the competition until round three if they do well in Europe.)

To resolve the problem, the League decided to have an extra match between the two teams who finished lowest in the League last season which meant Conference champions Boston travelling to Bristol Rovers, who came 23rd in Division Three. The League new boys marked their debut in the competition with a 2-0 win - earning themselves a home second round tie with Cardiff.

The draw has thrown up it's

usual batch of interesting ties for Second Division sides with The Bees having the chance to visit Bournemouth's rebuilt Dean Court and today's visitors earning a mouthwatering local derby with arch rivals Watford. Blackpool travel to Burnley, Mansfield entertain Derby, Swindon meet Wycombe and Port Vale take on Crewe in other derby clashes.

Ties are one-off games with extra-time and penalties and the full draw, with Second Division teams in capitals, is:

**Worthington Cup**

**HUDDERSFIELD** v Darlington  
**Rotherham** v Carlisle  
**Lincoln** v **STOCKPORT**  
**Wrexham** v Bradford  
**Grimsby** v **CHESTERFIELD**  
**NORTHAMPTON** v **WIGAN**  
**MANSFIELD** v Derby  
**OLDHAM** v **NOTTS COUNTY**  
**Sheff Utd** v York

Preston v Scunthorpe  
**Hull** v **Leicester**  
**Hartlepool** v **TRANMERE**  
**Nottm Forest** v **Kidderminster**  
**Burnley** v **BLACKPOOL**  
**Bury** v **Stoke**  
**PORT VALE** v **CREWE**  
**Macclesfield** v **BARNESLEY**  
**Sheff Wed** v **Rochdale**  
**BRISTOL CITY** v **Oxford**  
**SWINDON** v **WYCOMBE**  
**Walsall** v **Shrewsbury**  
**Rushden & D'monds** v **Millwall**  
**Leyton Orient** v **QPR**  
**Cambridge Utd** v **Reading**  
**Torquay** v **Gillingham**  
**Watford** v **LUTON**  
**Bournemouth** v **BEES**  
**Boston** v **CARDIFF**  
**Norwich** v **CHEL滕HAM**  
**Brighton** v **Exeter**  
**Crystal Palace** v **PLYMOUTH**  
**Swansea** v **Wolves**  
**Coventry** v **COLCHESTER**  
**Portsmouth** v **PETERBOROUGH**



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## QUEEN BEES



Last season was a stormer for Amy's Army, stunning the Viking Marauders 4-1 to lift the Middlesex Women's Junior Cup at Hayes. They also just missed out on promotion, finishing a respectable 5th in the league. This season, the club look to continue their success, with promotion to the Premier Division their aim. The season however starts tomorrow at Cranford when they entertain Hayeswood Heath in the FA Cup. Be there.....

If you are going, here is a breakdown of the squad,

- 1) Danielle Whelan
- 2) Vanessa King
- 3) Amanda Smith
- 4) Helen Woodman

## THE BEE'S BACK UP TEAM



Roger, Capt,  
Amy  
Richard Dobson -  
coach

ROGER CROOK  
Secretary/Chairman  
RICHARD DOBSON  
Club coach

AMY CROOK  
Player / Manager  
VANESSA KING  
Club Captain

Sun	8th Sep	THE FA WOMENS CUP 1ST PRELIM ROUND HAYWARDS HEATH LFC	H
Sun	15th Sep	LEAGUE MATCH HILLINGDON BOROUGH	A
Sun	22nd Sep	LEAGUE MATCH VIKING LADIES	H
Sun	29th Sep	THE FA WOMENS CUP 2ND QUALIFYING ROUND BILLERICAY TOWN/ BARNET COPTHALL	A
Sun	6th Oct	LEAGUE MATCH CROYDON POSTAL	H
Sun	13th Oct	LEAGUE MATCH NORTHWOOD	A
Sun	20th Oct	LEAGUE CUP 1ST ROUND COUNTRY CLUB	H
Sun	3rd Nov	LEAGUE MATCH HILLINGDON BOROUGH	H
Sun	10th Nov	LEAGUE MATCH VIKING LADIES	A
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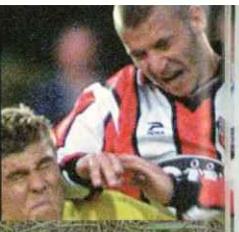
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The Bees made a promising start to the season and by mid September were good value for their third place in the table.

Higher division Brighton had been outwitted in the League Cup and in the next round the Bees led Manchester United at Old Trafford only for two soft goals to hand them victory on a plate.

Unfortunately from them on the wheels parted company with the wagon Big Time, and as the season progressed John Docherty's men became locked in a battle to escape the re-election quicksands.

Meanwhile, Graham Taylor's Lincoln were carrying all before them and by the time they were due at Griffin Park in March, had promotion in the bag a mile clear of everyone else apart from Bill Dodgin's Northampton.



Gordon Sweetzer in action

On form it was a banker away win as in 13 games Lincoln had been beaten just three times and were fast approaching a century of goals. That record contrasted starkly with Brentford's a distance behind, and into a miserable run which had seen them pick up only seven points from 13 games.

However, if you were clutching at straws there was a glimmer of hope in that the only success during this period was against Lincoln's running mates for the championship, Northampton.

But even then you would be hard pressed to forecast a Brentford win, especially as it came on the back of successive defeats by Scunthorpe destined to escape re-election on goal average, and Newport County, who were not so lucky.

And to add to the air of gloom, Brentford's previous home game, a 0-0 bore draw with Cambridge United, was considered by George Sands reporting on his 1,111th consecutive Bees game for the Middlesex Chronicle, to have been the worst performance he had seen during a sequence which stretched back to December 1953!

Despite this, Lincoln's reputation helped draw in 5,380, an increase of almost 1,400 on the Cambridge game.

Brentford had striker Andy McCulloch, the Club's new record buy at £25,000 from Oxford United, making his home debut, but it was old stager Gordon Riddick, back from injury, who caught the eye.

Replacing Lawrence at the heart of the Bees' defence, he was in the

thick of the action until forced to limp off with eight minutes remaining. In the meantime he was equal to everything Lincoln's strikeforce, led by the prolific John Ward, threw at him and with the rest of the team playing out of their skins, a neutral observer could have been forgiven for thinking it was Lincoln and not Brentford in the red and white stripes.

Brentford attacked with gusto from the off and in the opening period Lincoln keeper Grotier saved well from Roger Cross and Leigh cleared McCulloch's goal bound effort off the line.

When the visitors did push forward they hit a brick wall in the shape of Riddick & Co and after Grotier once more denied the Bees with a breathtaking save from Scales, the goal which Brentford deserved duly arrived in the 32nd minute. The home fans had already warmed to McCulloch and his popularity jumped another notch when he was heavily involved in the move which was rounded off by Roger Cross.

The Lincoln defence seemed ill at ease as McCulloch chased into the box and centred for Bence whose lay off was touched on by Johnson for Cross to nod home.

Brentford were now a team inspired and although numerous chances went begging, Lincoln finished a well-beaten side.

As Graham Taylor observed afterwards: "3-0 to Brentford would have been a fairer reflection of play." So the Bees were now back on the straight and narrow? Unfortunately not!

Midweek they travelled to bottom of

the table Southport and, yes, you've guessed it, lost 2-0!

The Bees eventually finished 18th, just three points clear of the re-election zone (thank heavens for the Lincoln and Northampton wins), while Lincoln were not beaten again and romped off with the championship.

Under the three points for a win ruling the Imps would have notched 106 points, and their home record of P.23 W.21 D.2 L.0 F.71 A.15 is one that only Brentford in 1929/30 (all 21 home games won) have surpassed. Team: Priddy, Bence, Allen, Johnson, Riddick (Sharp), N Smith, Graham, Scales, McCulloch, Sweetzer, Cross.

### WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

Div 1	LIVERPOOL	(41,623)
Div 2	SUNDERLAND	(31,250)
Div 3	HEREFORD UNITED	(8,186)
Div 4	LINCOLN CITY	(8,401)
FA CUP	SOUTHAMPTON	
LGE CUP	MANCHESTER CITY	

### JAILBIRD

Times were hard at Griffin Park in the mid seventies and the Bees never really looked capable of winning promotion from Division Four. But while it was hard labour for the regulars, for one fan it was welcome relief from a five-year jail sentence.

His name was Maurice O'Mahoney and in 1974 he had been convicted of armed robbery. To lessen his sentence he turned informer and put the finger on more than 100 criminals, helping to clear up London crimes

involving £2million in stolen cash and goods.

For his own protection O'Mahoney served his sentence in the relative safety of Chiswick Police Station and being a keen Bees' fan was allowed out on match days to attend games handcuffed to a detective.

### CONSTABLE DAN

Brentford manager John Docherty was never afraid to give youth its chance and for the match at home to Watford on 15th November introduced Danis Salman as substitute for Gordon Riddick with ten minutes remaining. Danis was 15 years, 8 months and 3 days old at the time, the youngest ever Bee in League football.

The afternoon was significant for another reason as Chairman Dan Tana took the bull by the horns, so to speak, and performed a citizen's arrest on a Watford supporter causing offence with his foul ad abusive language.

### WALKER TAKES THE BISCUIT

Still on the youth front Bees regular midfielder 17 year old Nigel Smith earned a call up for the England Youth squad and associate schoolboy Paul Walker skippered England schoolboys to a 4-1 win over Wales at Wembley in March.

The previous month Docherty signed Scotland Under 18 schoolboy's captain David Oxley. Although he never made the first team, Walker did and was 15 years, 7 months, 28 days

when he made his debut in a League Cup-tie at Watford on 14th August 1976.



Terry Johnson on the ball

### ROGER AND OUT

The month of December saw no less than five players depart for an early bath during games at Griffin Park. Against Rochdale, their keeper Mick Poole and Bees' Gordon Sweetzer and Terry Johnson failed to last the trip and the Yuletide visit of Reading ended ten a side after Cumming went early for a tackle on Roger Cross so late it almost missed the match. Cross was just that, retaliated, and joined Cumming on the long walk down the tunnel.

Brentford beat Rochdale 3-0 and won the return as well (2-1), where the crowd of 894 is the lowest authenticated audience at a League game in which Brentford have been involved. We were definitely Rochdale's bogey team as it took our record against them to played 16, won 10, drawn 6.

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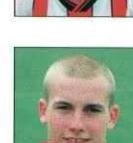
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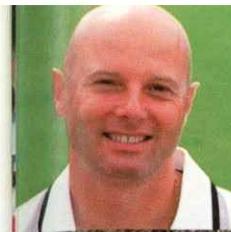


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## IN RESERVE

**ROBERTO FORZONI**



Today we welcome Danny Rose and Andrew Tracy from Avon Insurance to Griffin Park to present Peter Gilham with a cheque for £1,000 as Brentford were last season crowned the Avon Insurance Combination Programme Award Winners!. Awarded to the member club, which provides the most comprehensive coverage of the Avon Insurance Combination in its First Team Matchday Programmes and Club Magazines throughout the season, Brentford will be investing the money in the new "Bees Kickathon" scheme.

Polly Kates explains, "The Bees Kickathon" scheme will involve the community staff visiting local schools and challenging the children to dribble and shoot at various man-made targets. Each child will be sponsored to take part in the event, raising money for new sports equipment for their school."

Club Secretary Robert Jones, Sponsorship Co-ordinator at Avon Insurance, "Avon Insurance are proud of their association with football and through the "Bees Kickathon" scheme will enhance ties between Brentford and the local community in which they operate".

### QPR 2 BEES 1

The Bees went down by the odd goal at Northwood having taken the lead. Mark Williams' throw in was crossed to Mark Peters who headed home. The Bees missed chances to extend their lead before the reigning Combination champions scored the two goals to give them maximum points.

**Bees:** Julian, Chorley, Rehman, Allen-Page, Marshall, Evans (Hughes 45), Lovett, Williams (Traynor 78), Peters, Constantine (Blackman 45), Anderson. Sub not used: Quilter.

**Scorer:** Peters 21.

### LEYTON ORIENT 6 BEES 1

All in all a bad day at the office, with the Bees two down in the first eleven minutes. Stephen Hughes pulled one back in the 17th minute but within ten more minutes they had conceded two more goals.

But two further goals in the second half completed the rout

for the O's.

**Bees:** Julian, Quilter (Rehman 60), Anderson, Evans, Chorley, Marshall, Lovett, Fullarton (Allen-Page 60), Constantine, Williams (Traynor), Hughes.

**Scorer:** Hughes 17.



**Appearances (max 4):** Julian, Lovett & Marshall 4 each, Allen-Page 3 (1), Anderson, Chorley, Constantine, Evans, Peters, Quilter & Williams 3 each, Hughes 2 (2), Traynor 1 (3), Blackman 1 (2), Rehman 1 (1), Brayley & Fullarton 1 each, Gauci, McNamara & Wells (1).

**Scorers (4):** Peters 2, Constantine 1, Hughes.

### THE OPENING AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION FIXTURES 2002/2003

Wed 14th Aug	Cheltenham Town	A	Won 1-0
Tue 20th Aug	BRISTOL CITY	H	Drew 1-1
Tue 27th Aug	Queens Park Rangers	A	Lost 1-2
Wed 4th Sep	Leyton Orient	A	Lost 1-6
Wed 18th Sep	OXFORD UNITED	H	7 pm
Tue 24th Sep	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	2 pm
Wed 2nd Oct	Bristol Rovers	A	7 pm
Tue 8th Oct	PORTSMOUTH	H	2 pm
Wed 16th Oct	Southend United	A	7.30 pm

**NEXT AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION MATCH  
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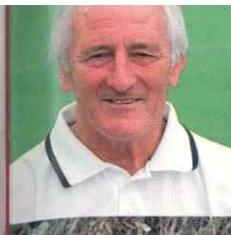
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## YOUTH TO THE FORE

**GEOFF TAYLOR**

### UNDER 17s

#### Bees 2 Southend United 3

The Under 17s were unable to add another victory to the previous weekend's 4-0 win over QPR, when they lost by the odd goal in five against Southend. Luke Muldowney and George Moleki were the scorers.

**Team:** Lennie, Hiller, Cope, Weber-McCarthy, L. Muldowney, Downes, O'Sullivan (Weight 60), Green, Matharu (Moleki 55), C Muldowney, Watts (Browne 80).

### UNDER 19s

#### Southend United 0 Bees 5

The Under 19s kicked off their League campaign as Champions in spectacular fashion a fortnight ago, notching five goals against Southend.

Lloyd Blackman scored a hat trick with Stephen Hughes and Dominique Gauci adding one apiece.

**Team:** Marchena, Allen-Page, Wells, Palmer, Scotchford (Thomas 80), Traynor, Paterson (Lake 65), McNamara (Morrison 88), Hughes, Blackman, Gauci.



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### FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE FIXTURES SEASON 2002/2003

#### UNDER 17

Sat	17th AUG	10.45	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	W 4-0				
Sat	24th AUG	10.45	SOUTHEND UNITED	L 2-3				
Sat	7th SEP	11.00	Gillingham	A				
Sat	14th SEP	10.45	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALB	H				
Sat	28th SEP	10.45	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H				
Sat	5th OCT	11.00	Portsmouth	A				
Sat	12th OCT	11.00	Cambridge United	A				
Sat	19th OCT	10.45	LEYTON ORIENT	H				
Sat	2nd NOV	10.45	COLCHESTER UNITED	H				
Sat	9th NOV	11.00	Luton Town	A				
Sat	16th NOV	11.00	Wycombe Wanderers	A				
Sat	23rd NOV	10.45	PORTSMOUTH	H				
Sat	30th NOV	11.00	Leyton Orient	A				
Sat	7th DEC	10.45	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H				
Sat	14th DEC	11.00	Colchester United	A				
Sat	11th JAN	10.45	LUTON TOWN	H				
Sat	18th JAN	11.00	Queens Park Rangers	A				
Sat	25th JAN	11.00	Southend United	A				
Sat	1st FEB	11.00	Peterborough United	A				
Sat	8th FEB	10.45	GILLINGHAM	H				
Sat	15th FEB	11.00	Brighton & Hove Albion	A				
Sat	22nd FEB	10.45	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H				

#### UNDER 19

Sat	24th AUG	11.00	Southend United	W 5-0				
Sat	7th SEP	10.45	LUTON TOWN Y.A. Cup	H				
Sat	14th SEP	11.00	Wycombe Wanderers YA Cup	A				
Sat	21st SEP	10.45	OXFORD UNITED Y.A. Cup	H				
Sat	28th SEP	10.45	PORTSMOUTH	H				
Sat	5th OCT	10.45	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALB	H				
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Sat	14th DEC	10.45	GILLINGHAM	H				
Sat	11th JAN	11.00	Colchester United	A				
Sat	25th JAN	10.45	SOUTHEND UNITED	H				
Sat	1st FEB	11.00	Portsmouth	A				

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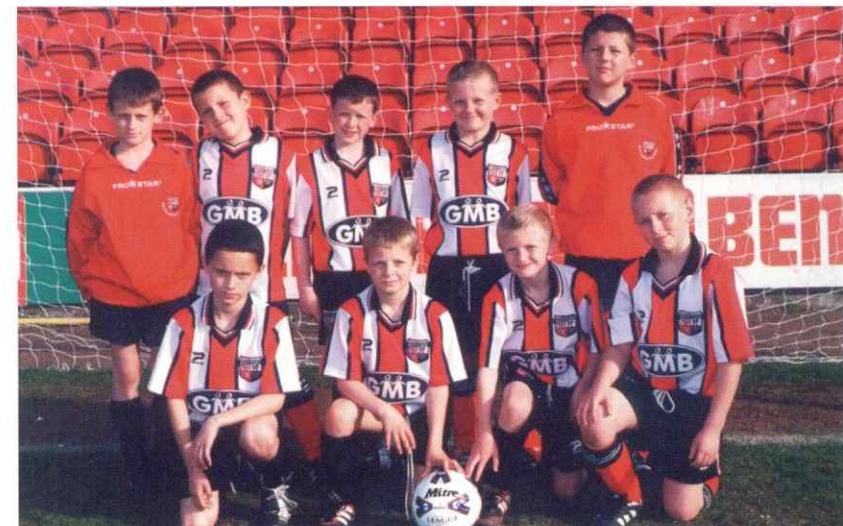
# BEE WARE



## CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

**BARRY QUIN**

### THE FINAL COUNTDOWN



Tomorrow, Sunday 8th, the Centre of Excellence teams finally start their own season. After much preparation by Centres all over the country the real thing starts at last. We are running an extra team this year at under 11 which means fielding five sides on a Sunday in the Football League Centres Conference and two on a Saturday, playing in the Football League Youth alliance. The 11's will travel to Bournemouth along with the U/12's and 13's while the 14's and 15's begin their campaign at home. The home sides will play once again at the excellent venue The Kempton ground, (formerly known as Lazards) Kempton

Park, kicking off at 10.45 am.

This week has been pleasing on several accounts. Firstly we played a Premiership side at U/14 and U/13 level and the 14's lost 3-2 but took their opponents all the way to the final whistle. Due to players being on holiday we actually fielded several younger lads playing up which made the way we played even more pleasing.

When I took charge of the Centre I told the players BE SMART. Think, act and dress smart. I also banned 'foreign kits' being worn. I didn't like the idea of boys wearing other clubs kit. They were

allowed to wear plain kit or their Country's kit or of course Brentford. Nowadays we provide registered players with training kit to keep our identity. But when new boys come in for a trial they wear their own training kit. So I was extremely pleased this week when I was working with the new U/10's and another coach pointed out how 'smart' the group looked. Remember that these boys were new to us and had never been told about the ban but there was only one not wearing the full Brentford kit! A good sign for our future.

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# ACTION REPLAY



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## BEES' TEAM:

P. Smith, Dobson, Sonko, Roget, Somner, O'Connor, Hutchinson, J Smith, Hunt, McCammon (Constantine 87), Vine. Subs not used: Julian, Chorley, Anderson, & Evans. Scorer: Vine 7, 14, McCammon 78.

## ROBINS' TEAM:

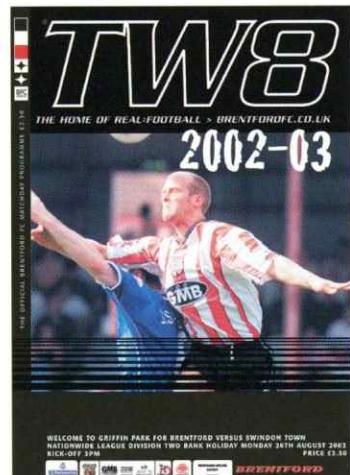
Griemink, Edds, Willis, Gurney, Heywood, Duke, Davis, Miglioranzi, Robinson (Invincible 71), Sabin, Parkin. Subs not used: Reeves, Edwards, Farr & Dykes.

Scorer: Davis 16.

## Referee:

R Beeby

Attendance: 6,299 (Town fans 1,217)



## BEES 3 SWINDON TOWN 1

Two classic strikes from Rowan Vine and protracted goal celebrations following a Mark McCammon goal were sufficient to ease the Bees through against Swindon this afternoon, and in doing so take them to the top of the table.

Once again the Bees were unchanged, and they took the game to Swindon direct from the start. Stephen Hunt won a free kick to the right of the area after just ninety seconds which was blocked. But Jay Smith picked up the clearance, played wide to Hunt who saw his rising shot fly just wide of the post.

In the fifth minute Mark McCammon did well to take the ball and play through for Hunt. The ball was played on via Jay Smith to Rowan Vine who underhit his shot straight at the keeper. But two minutes later he was back with a vengeance. Michael Dobson played his centre in to Rowan just inside the area. He took control and in turning on the spot flashed a thunderbolt of a shot into the top left-hand corner of the net. McCammon had half a chance in the

ninth minute but the keeper gathered, while a minute later a terrific centre from Hunt was dropped by the keeper but Kevin O'Connor was wrong footed to seize on the half chance. The Bees were running rampant at this stage and in the 14th minute came a goal



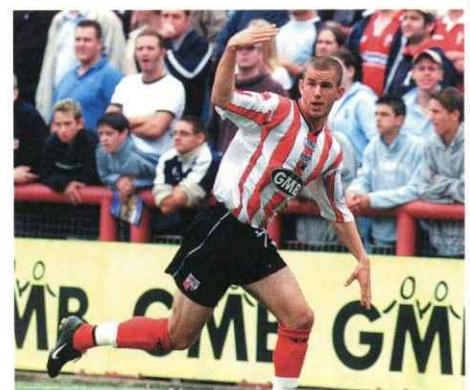
of the highest quality. Man of the Match Mark McCammon won the ball down by the touchline and, in managing to hold off allcomers, he weaved the ball through to Dobbo who drilled in a peach of a centre which Vine connected with perfectly and sent a brilliant header into the top right hand corner of the net... a goal of the highest vintage.

But two minutes later, the visitors most dangerous player, Jimmy Davis (on loan from Manchester United), ran strong and hard at the Bees defence and on entering

the area flashed his shot past Paul Smith into the far corner of the net.

This led to the Bees withstanding a fair amount of pressure. However in the 21st minute an excellent free kick from Hunt just eluded Dobbo's dipping head at the near post.

Seven minutes later and a poor clearance by the Town defence fell straight to Hunt who played on to Vine whose shot was blocked. The ball ran loose to



Jay Smith who in turn played wide to Dobbo. The skipper whipped in another excellent centre which Mark McCammon headed just wide of the target. Within the minute it was O'Connor's turn to send over an inch perfect centre which Vine headed just wide of the target. Swindon then reasserted themselves in the main through Davis who first, in the 34th minute, progressed down the right flank before centring for Sam Parkin who headed wide of a gaping target. A minute later Davis bamboozled three Bees defenders in the area before sending his shot across the face of the goal.

Swindon now had the bit between their teeth, but as has been obvious in each of their performances this season, the Bees do not know when to lie down and having taken the best that the visitor's could offer they started to get right back into the game. With Rowan Vine and Mark McCammon getting a better understanding each game that they play, a goal always looked likely.

In the 54th minute another wayward clearance was picked up by Eddie

Hutchinson who played the ball to the unmarked O'Connor. But Kevin rushed his shot and ballooned the ball over the bar. The game went a bit off the boil for a period before, in the 70th minute Leo Roget's powerfully struck header, from Dobbo's centre. Swindon decided to bring on Danny Invincible a minute later to bolster their strikeforce.

With 14 minutes remaining Davis was on the rampage again when he took the ball from deep before laying off for David Duke who looked to go clear in the area. But he hadn't bargained on the superbly timed tackle off Matt Somner who seemingly came from nowhere to avert the danger.

Within two minutes the Bees were to



capitalise on the fact that their lead had not been wiped out by extending their goal difference still further. It started with a clearance by Bart Griemink, Leo Roget headed the ball back into the Town half and with Eddie Hutchinson hassling for the ball Stefani Miglioranzi played the ball back towards Andrew Gurney. But the visitors number 6 had not reckoned on Mark McCammon homing in on him, and as he did he took control of it and ran for goal. With Griemink coming out to narrow the angle, Mark slipped the ball through his legs and into the back of his net, and the crowd went wild. The Bees had chances to extend their lead even further in the time remaining with both Rowan Vine missing a chance to complete his hat trick, and Leon Constantine a late substitute for Mark McCammon mishitting a chance in the 88th minute.

But when the final whistle was blown to complete the Bank Holiday weekend programme, the tally was two games, three days, six points, and top of the table...as The Who said, "The Kids Are Alright".

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## THIS 'N THAT



### THE BERNIE WATSON MEMORIAL MATCH

The Bernie Watson Memorial Match is held annually in honour of a much-loved supporter of the Club whose passion for the Club was both legendary and infectious. Bernie was tragically killed last year and is sadly missed by his loving family and many friends at Brentford.

Last Sunday saw the second Bernie Watson Memorial Match staged here at Griffin Park between Hey Jude and Beesotted. The match, which was sponsored by Barclays Bank, was watched well over 400 spectators and, even more importantly, the amount raised for Bees United through admission, sponsorship, raffles etc was in excess of £9,000. The match was won by Hey Jude 5-2, which levelled the series at one apiece.

For the statisticians among you the teams were represented thus:



**BEESOTTED:** Neil Digby, Doug Collins, Dave Lane, Paul Stone, Tony Ryan, Steve Cox, Mark Digby, Brendan Ryan, Graham Clark, Jan Pratt, Angelo Basu. Subs: John Conlon, Dan Suh, Alex Woods, Jon Rostel, Caleb Johnstone-Cowan.

**Scorers:** Brendan Ryan, Alex Woods.



**HEY JUDE XI:** Rhys Williams, Phil Merchant, Jonno Fitzmaurice, Paul Griffiths, Mike Williams, Paul Minkinen, Rik Scales, Rob Ryle, Jim Finnigan, Gary Paul, Paul Harrison. Subs: Dave Johnson, Steven Smith, Steve Harrison, Dave Merritt, Paul Fitzsimmons, Josh Stedman, Joe Stedman, Sam Fenton Elstone, Muk Yahya.

**Scorers:** Rob Pyle 2, Jim Finnigan, Steve Harrison, O.G.

The match was an entertaining one and one that remained in the balance until just before the break when Hey Jude scored two quick goals to ease into a 3-1 lead, having earlier seen their one goal lead evaporate almost straight from the restart.

Hey Jude extended their lead in the second period but Beesotted fought valiantly to reduce the scoreline, but all to no avail as Hey



Jude sealed it with a fifth.

Prior to the match the teams were presented to Ann Keen MP for Brentford and John McGlashan, Brentford FC Director and Chairman of Bees United. After the match the trophies were presented by Bernie's widow Mandy and son George. Congratulations to everyone involved in organising this event, and in particular Paul Stedman, Pete Johnston, Dave Lane, Dan Suh and Paul Fitzsimons.

### TODAY'S MASCOTS

We have three Mascots this afternoon, eight year old Lawrence Bryar, seven year old Thomas Grogan and six year old Harry Webb.

Lawrence lives in Ealing and goes to North Ealing Primary School. His hobby is football alone.

Thomas who lives locally in Brentford attends Our Lady and St John School. He enjoys watching sport in general, playing football and Beavers. His favourite player is Stephen Hunt.

Harry lives in Stevenage and attends Peartree Spring Infants School. He plays football for Broadhall Youths and also enjoys swimming. His favourite player is Michael Dobson.

Have a great afternoon lads.



Lawrence Bryar



Thomas Grogan



Harry Webb

### SUMMER CONNEXIONS FREE FOOTBALL 2002

Brentford Football Club and Community Initiative Partnership's summer of FREE football coaching ended last week with a tournament and barbecue. Over 4 weeks Brentford's Football in the Community coaching staff have been providing youngsters at 24 Hounslow estates with the opportunity to participate in organised daily coaching sessions, culminating at the end of the week in a tournament.

More than 300 young people aged between 8-19 years converged on Redlees Park to compete in three age groups. Special congratulations go to Oriel estate who's 8-10 year old team managed to win their respective age group following a penalty shoot-out against Redlees estate. The team was made up of boys and girls and was just reward for their tremendous determination and spirit.

600 young people attended the sessions each week, making the programme a resounding success. All of the participants will be offered complimentary tickets to watch a Brentford match during the season. Watch this space for Summer Connexions 2003 and news of other FITC football coaching courses near you.

# BRENTFORD



# STATISTICS FOR 2002-2003

DATE	POSITION	OPENENS	RESULT	CROWD	Key
Sat Aug 10	4	Huddersfield Town	2-0	9,635	P Smith   Dobson   Sonko   Roget   Sommer   O'Connor   Hutchinson   Fullarton   Hunt   McCammond   Gotskallson   J Smith   Constantine   Williams   Marshall
Tue 13th AUG	4	<b>BRISTOL CITY</b>	1-0	7,130	P Smith   Dobson   Sonko   Roget   Sommer   O'Connor   Hutchinson   J Smith   Hunt   McCammond   Gotskallson   J Smith   Constantine   Williams   Marshall
Sat 17th AUG	4	<b>OLDHAM ATHLETIC</b>	0-0	5,356	P Smith   Dobson   Sonko   Roget   Sommer   O'Connor   Hutchinson   J Smith   Hunt   McCammond   Gotskallson   J Smith   Constantine   Williams   Marshall
Sat 24th AUG	2	Coventry United	0-1	3,115	P Smith   Dobson   Sonko   Roget   Sommer   O'Connor   Hutchinson   J Smith   Hunt   McCammond   Gotskallson   J Smith   Constantine   Peters   Evans
Mon 26th AUG	1	<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	3-1	6,299	P Smith   Dobson   Sonko   Roget   Sommer   O'Connor   Hutchinson   J Smith   Hunt   McCammond   Gotskallson   J Smith   Constantine   Anderson   Evans
Sat 31st AUG	1	Notts County	2-2	5,551	P Smith   Dobson   Sonko   Roget   Sommer   O'Connor   Hutchinson   J Smith   Hunt   McCammond   Gotskallson   J Smith   Constantine   Williams   Marshall
Sat 7th SEP		<b>LUTON TOWN</b>			
Tue 10th SEP		7,45pm AFC Bournemouth WC 1st Round			
Sat 14th SEP		3pm Tranmere Rovers			
Tue 17th SEP		7,45pm Cardiff City			
Sat 21st SEP		3pm Wycombe Wanderers			
Sat 28th SEP		3pm Peterborough United			
Tue 7th OCT		7,45pm WC 2nd Round			
Sat 5th OCT		3pm BARNESLEY			
Sat 12th OCT		3pm Northampton Town			
Sat 19th OCT		3pm PORT VALE			
Sat 26th OCT		3pm Stockport County			
Tue 29th OCT		7,45pm PLYMOUTH ARGYLE			
Sat 2nd NOV		3pm BLACKPOOL			
Sat 9th NOV		3pm Crewe Alexandra			
Sat 16th NOV		3pm FA 1st Round			
Sat 23rd NOV		3pm WIGAN ATHLETIC			
Sat 30th NOV		3pm Cheltenham Town			
Sat 7th DEC		FA Cup 2nd Round			
Sat 14th DEC		3pm CHESTERFIELD			
Sat 21st DEC		3pm Queens Park Rangers			
Thu 26th DEC		3pm Swindon Town			
Sat 28th DEC		3pm MANSFIELD TOWN			
Wed 1st JAN		3pm COVENTRY CITY			
Sat 4th JAN		3pm Bristol City			
Sat 11th JAN		3pm Oldham Athletic			
Sat 18th JAN		3pm NOTTS COUNTY			
Sat 25th JAN		3pm HUDDERSFIELD TOWN			
Sat 1st FEB		3pm CREWE ALEXANDRA			
Sat 8th FEB		3pm BLACKPOOL			
Sat 15th FEB		3pm Mansfield Town			
Sat 22nd FEB		3pm Tranmere Rovers			
Sat 1st MAR		3pm CARDIFF CITY			
Sat 8th MAR		5pm Wycombe Wanderers			
Sat 15th MAR		3pm STOCKPORT COUNTY			
Sat 18th MAR		7,45pm Port Vale			
Sa 23rd MAR		3pm NORTHAMPTON TOWN			
Sat 29th MAR		3pm CHELTENHAM TOWN			
Sat 5th APR		3pm Wigan Athletic			
Sat 12th APR		3pm QUEENS PARK RANGERS			
Sat 19th APR		3pm Chesterfield			
Sat 26th APR		3pm Barnsley			
Sat 3rd MAY		PETERBOROUGH UNITED			

## TODAY'S OTHER SECOND DIVISION FIXTURES

Blackpool v Tranmere Rovers    Colchester United v Cheltenham Town  
 Crewe Alexandra v Chesterfield    Huddersfield Town v Barnsley  
 Mansfield Town v QPR    Notts County v Oldham Athletic  
 Swindon Town v Port Vale    Wigan Athletic v Wycombe Wanderers

## LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

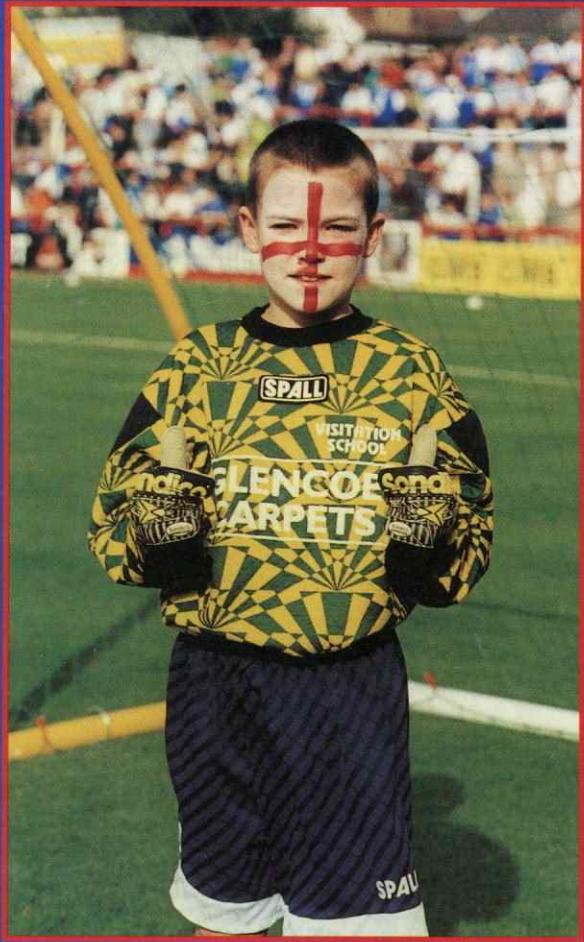
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Pos Team	HOME										AWAY										HOME										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	G	D	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	G	D	Pts			
<b>1 BEES</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>15/2</b>	<b>22/3</b>	<b>2/4</b>	<b>22/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>15/2</b>	<b>2/4</b>	<b>22/3</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>15/2</b>	<b>2/4</b>	<b>22/3</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
2 Plymouth Argyle	6	3	0	0	6	2	1	1	1	7	13				<b>4</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
3 Wigan Athletic	6	2	0	1	5	3	1	0	1	4	12				<b>3</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
4 Crewe Alexandra	6	2	0	1	3	3	1	2	0	7	11				<b>1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
5 Cardiff City	6	1	1	4	3	2	1	0	4	2	11				<b>2</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
6 Stockport County	6	1	2	0	3	1	2	0	1	2	9				<b>1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
7 Tranmere Rovers	6	2	1	0	4	2	1	0	2	4	10				<b>1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
8 Colchester United	6	2	0	1	5	3	1	0	1	2	10				<b>1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
9 Wycombe Wanderers	6	1	2	0	8	5	1	1	3	4	9				<b>1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
10 Bristol City	6	3	0	2	5	1	0	0	3	0	5				<b>2</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
11 Blackpool	6	1	2	0	5	2	1	1	0	2	9				<b>1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
12 Chesterfield	6	0	1	8	5	1	0	2	1	0	9				<b>1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
13 QPR	6	2	1	0	7	3	0	1	2	1	3				<b>1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
14 Oldham Athletic	6	1	0	2	3	4	1	2	0	1	0				<b>1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
15 Barnsley	6	1	2	0	5	2	1	0	2	4	6				<b>1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
16 Northampton Town	6	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	3	6				<b>1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
17 Notts County	6	0	2	1	3	5	1	2	0	3	1				<b>1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
18 Swindon Town	6	1	0	2	3	3	1	1	1	5	7				<b>1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
19 Port Vale	6	1	0	2	5	1	0	2	3	5	6				<b>1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>14/2</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>18/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>

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