



100 Years at Edgeley Park

Nationwide League Division Two

Stockport County v Luton Town

Saturday 5th October 2002 - Kick Off 3.00pm

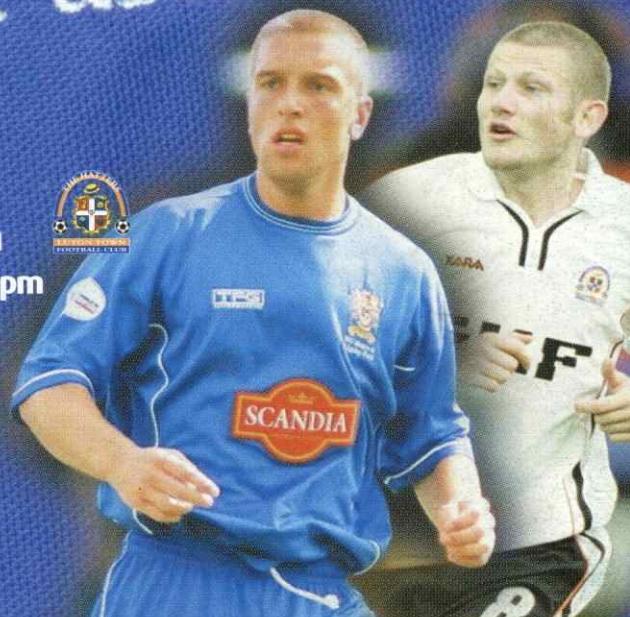


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THE VIEWS OF COUNTY BOSS CARLTON PALMER

I think the game against Gillingham showed just how far we have come. It needed a magnificent strike from Tommy Johnson to beat us, but he's made his living doing that.

Jim and Lee both apologised to me afterwards but I told them there was no need to because it was a wonder goal.

I thought over the 90 minutes we just shaded it. Sure, they had a lot of possession but we knew that it we played Rickie Lambert Gills' skipper Paul Smith would get on the ball. But they never hurt us. They played backwards or square and Jonah didn't really have to make a save.

In fairness their 'keeper didn't have to make a save either but I thought we put in better crosses than them.

What we didn't do, though, was take our half chances like Johnson did. If we had then I'm sure no one could have denied us the victory.

There are still things we need to improve on, I know that, but overall I was proud of each player.

Our home fans got their first glimpse of Anthony Tonkin, a player I've been trying to bring to Edgeley Park for a long time. Fortunately, and I'd like to thank him for that, the chairman has backed my judgement and we've finally got our man.

Anthony will only get better and become a major player for Stockport County.

Rickie Lambert also got his chance and, against a First Division side, showed what a talent he is.

We need to get him fitter but I'm more convinced than ever now that he can play at a higher level.

I was pleased with the way we started on Tuesday. I've brought a new fitness coach in and we talked to the players about what we needed to change. Perhaps I've forgotten that young lads who were reserve team players last season are now in the first team. That's a big change for them mentally. I've been in the game



▲ Ben Burgess...
may play in next reserve
game.

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20 years and I know what I need to do to be ready for the start of the game. Maybe the kids don't know what they need to do to prepare mentally. They've got to get used to being first-team regulars, knowing that they are first-team players and deal with that mental pressure. We made the warm up a little sharper and I think it worked. I thought that we started very well and had they not scored the goal at the time they did then maybe the game would have been different.

I was so pleased that Jon got off the mark on Tuesday. People forget that he is still only 19 but he's doing a great job and I can tell you he's going to be a really good player.

Hopefully Jon can go on and score a few more now because over the next few weeks he's going to have people breathing down his neck.

Ben Burgess may play in the next reserve game and Alby's back jogging as well so there's going to be competition up front.

I also think that we have got good competition for places throughout the squad. Rob Clare was a little sore on Tuesday so I didn't risk him. Jim Goodwin switched to centre-back, which is his position, for the first time

and he did very well. It means that I've got a selection headache today but I'm not complaining about that. I've told the players that we should have six more points on the board with a game in hand but we haven't. So we've just got to keep going but what we can't do is come out today and let ourselves down.

We have four home games in the league this month, which gives us a great opportunity to pick up points and climb the table.

Luton, after a poor start to the season, are now just behind us and have won their last two games without conceding a goal. Like us they were knocked out of the Worthington Cup in midweek so I'm sure they'll be working doubly hard to extend a run that has seen them lose just one Second Division game in seven.

Joe Kinnear did a great job leading them out of Division Three last season and they were widely tipped to push for a play-off place this term.

We've got a difficult game on our hands, that's for sure, but with your excellent support, I know it's a game we can win.

Carlton



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GEOFF THOMAS' RESERVE REPORT

Nantwich Town 1 County Reserves 1

A young reserve side travelled to Jackson Avenue on September 16th to take on Nantwich Town in the first round of the UniBond Cheshire Senior Cup.

Karim Fradin, the only non-teenager in the 145-man squad, made a welcome return from injury. Mark Byrne also



David Holt hit the County equaliser in the Cheshire Senior Cup

made his first start of the season. Kicking down the slope County were soon on the attack and Ryan Elderton fired over from the edge of the box. David Holt then sent Byrne clear but Stuart Heeps in the home goal made a good save.

Craig Madden reserve team manager.



◀ Ryan Elderton had a goal disallowed at Nantwich

a little niggle crept into the game. In the closing stages Elderton and then substitute Danny Campbell both came close to breaking the deadlock but the game ended 1-1.

Although the Hatters had one or two anxious moments they had chances to win the game in extra time. But Fraser McLachlan and substitute Jamie Baguley were both denied by Heeps.

County: Spencer; Ogden, Eames, Thomas, Kielthy, Walsh, McLachlan, Fradin (Baguley), Byrne (Campbell), Holt, Elderton (Cartner).

Nantwich: Heeps; Thomasson, Melling, Packman, Gleghorn, Bostock (Hutchin), Brooks (Hampshire), Knight, Dawson, Bailey (Hough), Hackney.

Shrews Test

County Reserves will be in action again on October 16th when we travel to Shropshire for what looks to be a very tough game against league-leaders Shrewsbury Town. The Shrews took full advantage of our 3-2 win at Stoke on Wednesday by jumping to the top of the table following their 5-1 win over Rochdale.

Kick off time at Gay Meadow is 7.00pm.



RESERVES APPEARANCES & SCORERS 2002-03

	Lge	Gls	Cup	Gls
Jamie Baguley	0+1	0	0+1	0
Keith Brings	1	0	1	0
Mark Byrne			1	0
Danny Campbell			0+2	0
Michael Cartner			0+1	0
Jon Daly	1	2		
Haydn Eames	1+2	0	2	0
Ryan Elderton	2+1	0	1+1	0
Kevin Ellison	4	0	1	1
Karim Fradin	2	0	1	0
Jim Goodwin	1	0		
Glynn Hancock	2	0		
John Hardiker	1	0		
David Holt	1+1	0	2	2
Anthony Kielthy	4	0	2	0
Michael Ingham	2	0		
Rickie Lambert	1	0	1	0
Aaron Lescott	2	0		
Fraser McLachlan	4	1	2	0
Michael Ogden	0+1		1+1	0
Martin Pemberton	1	0		
Neil Ross	4	3	1	0
Jon Scragg	0+1			
James Spencer	2	0	2	0
Andrew Thomas	4	0	2	0
Gareth Walsh	1+1	0	2	0
Andy Welsh	2	0		
Chris Williams	0+1	0		
James Wonfor	1	0		
Own Goals		2		

AVON INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 WEST							
P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	
Shrewsbury Town	5	4	0	1	12	4	12
Stoke City	5	3	1	1	11	7	10
Rochdale	4	3	0	1	11	7	9
Wigan Athletic	4	2	1	1	11	6	7
COUNTY	4	2	0	2	8	8	6
Wrexham	4	2	0	2	6	10	6
Macclesfield Town	3	1	0	2	5	7	3
Chesterfield	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Blackpool	4	1	0	3	6	12	3
Doncaster Rovers	4	0	0	4	5	12	0

Up to and including October 2nd

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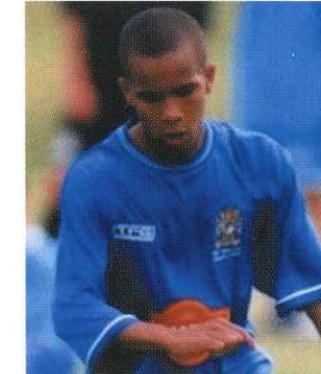
The under 19's qualified for the second round of the Football League Youth Alliance League Cup after finishing top of group 4. The draw for the second round is Preston North End v York City, County v Tranmere Rovers, Hartlepool United v Grimsby Town, Mansfield Town v Walsall, Swindon Town v Northampton Town, Brighton and Hove Albion v Luton Town, Colchester United v Peterborough United and Cardiff City v Exeter City.

As the ties have to be completed by 11 November 2002 County changed their league game last Saturday 28th September with Tranmere to the cup second round. The league game will now take place on 4th January 2003. Tranmere won the game 4-0 to go through to the third round.

County beat Rochdale 1-0 in the second group game at Bowlee Country Park, Heywood and Oldham Athletic 3-1 in the third group game at Manor Farm to finish top of the group. The only goal of the Rochdale game came after 12 minutes when Gareth Walsh headed down a Wesley Gollup free kick to David Holt to stroke home from close range. County had further chances from Holt, Danny Campbell, Michael Cartner, Jamie Baguley and 2 long range efforts from Haydn Eames but were unable to add to the scoreline.

Team: Spencer, Warrender, Gollup, Ogden, Walsh, Lord, Campbell, Eames, Cartner, Holt, Allen (sub Baguley).

Unused Subs: Coppinger, Paterson, Meadowcroft and Wonfor.



County defence allowed Ashley Win to tap home at the back post. This was the end of the scoring but County had further chances from Holt and Oliver Hilton to increase their lead.

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County have been paired with either Halifax Town or Doncaster Rovers in the first round of the AXA FA Youth Cup. Details of the game will appear on the club's website.

The spotlight this week falls on Michael Ogden. Michael signed professional in the summer after 2 years as a youth trainee. He was born on 28 April 1984 and comes from Worsley. A midfield player who was at Bradford City's Centre of Excellence before joining County in 1999. In his 35 appearances for the youth team he has scored 2 goals and following his reserve debut in the Cheshire Senior Cup at Nantwich Town in September 2001 he has gone on to make 12 reserve team appearances. He showed his versatility against Wrexham when he replaced Anthony Kielthy at half time and played as an emergency centre half for the second half.

Michael Ogden...12 appearances for the reserves



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YOUTH TEAM UPDATE

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE NORTH WEST CONFERENCE 2002/2003

	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tranmere Rovers	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
Preston North End	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
Oldham Athletic	2	1	1	0	7	3	4
Bury	2	1	0	1	6	5	3
Carlisle United	2	1	0	1	6	6	3
Burnley	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Blackpool	2	0	1	1	4	6	1
COUNTY	2	0	1	1	2	7	1
Rochdale	2	0	0	2	2	9	0

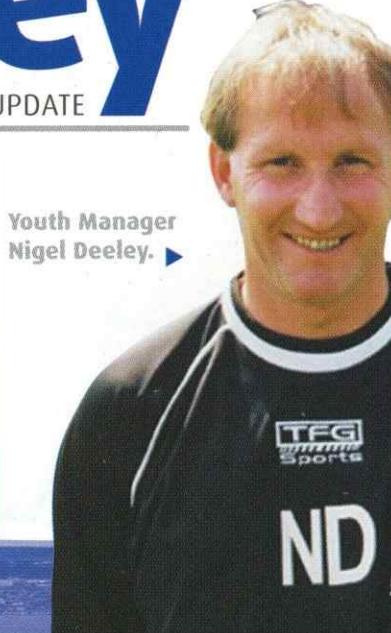
Up to and including September 14th

LEAGUE CUP GROUP FOUR

	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oldham Athletic	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
COUNTY	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Bury	2	1	2	0	4	4	2
Rochdale	2	0	0	2	0	2	0

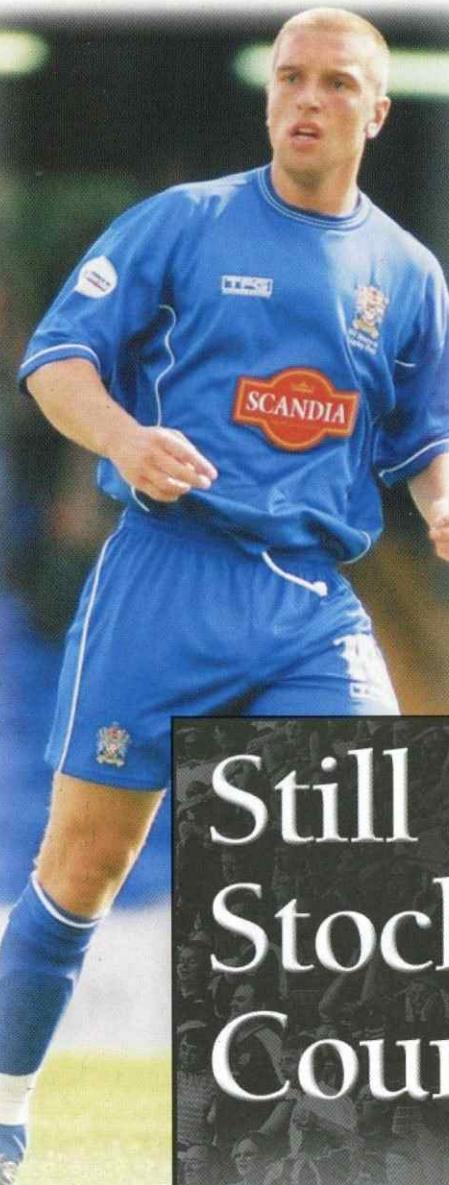
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Youth Manager Nigel Deeley.



STARS IN THE making

Rickie Lambert...
non stop. ▾



MIKE BRADLEY OF THE STOCKPORT EXPRESS

Like a badly poured pint, Stockport County's Worthington Cup dream went flat on Tuesday night. Of course, I would have loved a crack at Oxford United, Man City or Rotherham or one of the really big teams like Arsenal reserves. I didn't shed any tears when I got home after the narrow defeat against Gillingham, instead preferring to look back on the performances of several of Carlton's young guns - and one or two older ones. (Happy 27th birthday captain!) Many raised their eyebrows when the gaffer paid £400,000 for Rickie Lambert. But it is a snip in today's market and judging by his non-stop performance on Tuesday night his value must have doubled by now. Carlton has already likened Lambert's passing ability to two of his former teammates, Paul Gascoigne and John Sheridan. He just needs to replace the weight he has lost with some stamina before

Carlton makes him a regular in his starting line-up. And just how good a player could Jon Daly develop into? He needed that goal; especially with Ben Burgess and Aaron Wilbraham both back in training.

Ali Gibb hasn't had a bad game all season and seems to have his mind on the job now he is off the transfer list.

It says a lot for the strength of the squad when a player like Martin Pemberton is forced to keep the bench warm.

But the old guard are also pulling their weight.

Providing Lee Jones steers clear of injury I expect Mark Hughes to be in touch very soon and the gaffer remains in the thick of the action despite nearly 700 first-class appearances.

I remember our skipper saying he didn't want to be known as the next Mike Flynn, but to become accepted as the first Dave Challinor. Well, I think he's achieved that already. Disappointed to be out of the Worthington Cup? Not me, we've got some real stars in the making here and I'm loving every minute of it.

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WELCOME

Welcome back to Edgeley Park for the first of four important League games during October.

A very warm welcome to everyone connected with the other 'Hatters' who are with us this afternoon.

Luton have made just six league visits to Stockport. The 1-1 draw in 1996 was their first game in Stockport for 26 years and they have still to taste victory.

County have won four of the games and drawn the other two scoring eleven and conceding four.

FA YOUTH CUP

Nigel Deeley's kids have been handed a home tie in this season's FA Youth Cup. Doncaster Rovers will visit Edgeley Park on Tuesday, October 15th.

We hope to be in a position to advise you of the kick-off time and admission prices in next Tuesday's match programme against Peterborough United.

FOOTBALL FOR A FIVER

Staying with the visit of Posh for a moment, don't forget that the club has slashed prices for fans wanting to sit in the Railway End of the ground.

Adults will be charged £5 and juniors just £1 as the club hopes to attract a bigger-than-average gate for the match, originally scheduled for September 7th but cancelled due to our international commitments.

Spread the word ... let's have both ends of the ground roaring Carlton's kids onto victory.

MORE PRICE CUTS

Prices have also been slashed for our LDV Trophy clash with Darlington on Tuesday, October 22nd.

Adults, (including Leisure Key holders), will be charged £10, OAP's and Students £8 and juniors £4.

CAN YOU HELP

Have you got a spare programme from our game against Luton on October 15th, 1996? If you have could you contact Mr M P Woodford at 71 Overhill, Southwick, West Sussex BN42 4WH.

Doesn't it say something about his feelings towards Stockport County that he is prepared to travel all the way from Las Vegas to be present?

Chris Beaumont, one of Danny Bergara's



▲ The Cheadle Enders enjoyed the second half against Barnsley.

RELIVE TYKES DEMOLITION

A specially edited video of our last home game against Barnsley is now available in the Club Shop.

Relive those exhilarating twelve minutes, when the Tykes were blown apart by four quality goals, again and again. Priced at just £12.99 the video, which contains footage and commentary on the whole 90-minutes, is sure to prove a winner with the County faithful.

CHESHIRE SENIOR CUP

Woodley Sports are the latest team to reach the Cheshire Senior Cup quarter-final following their midweek replay win at Alsager.

Only one tie – the Macclesfield-Tranmere replay – is outstanding and the draw is scheduled to take place on October 7th.

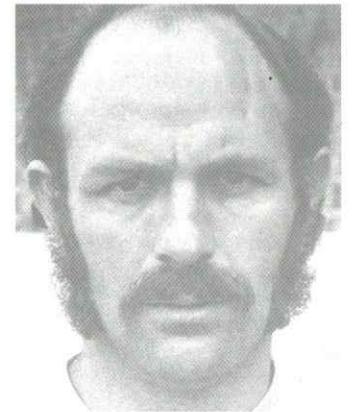
ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Jim Fryatt, the swashbuckling centre-forward and Edgeley Park idol during the late 1960s, has confirmed that he will attend the dinner to celebrate 100 years of football at Edgeley Park.

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Chris Beaumont, one of Danny Bergara's

greatest signings and the wonderfully talented Terry Park, a star of the 1970s, have also recently accepted our invitation. With only a handful of tickets still remaining fans thinking of attending the special evening on October 12th are requested to contact Simon Woodall on 0161 286 8891 without delay. It's now certain that this unique event will sell out and the club are expecting to stop taking bookings this Monday.



▲ MIGHTY JIM ... the unmistakable Jim 'Pancho' Fryatt

We hope that you have enjoyed your visit to Edgeley Park. However, if you have experienced anything that you feel is unsatisfactory or, indeed, have any ideas on how we can improve things, please contact Steve Bellis

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Listening to music is one of the most therapeutic activities listed by people coping with mental distress. It seems music has a tremendous influence on our lives and enormous powers to affect our moods. This highlights the message of World Mental Health Day that everyday activities can help us all to look after our mental health. Stockport promotes the themes of World Mental Health Day, held each year on 10th October, through a number of public events throughout September, October and November, including roadshows, art exhibitions, work in youth centres and colleges, a comedy night and, of course, a music night.

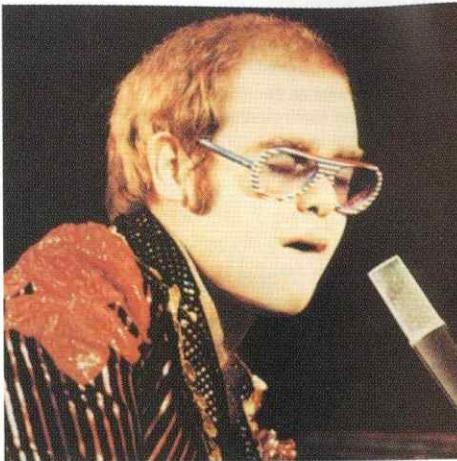


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feeling
happy?

Thursday 10th October
Comedy Night

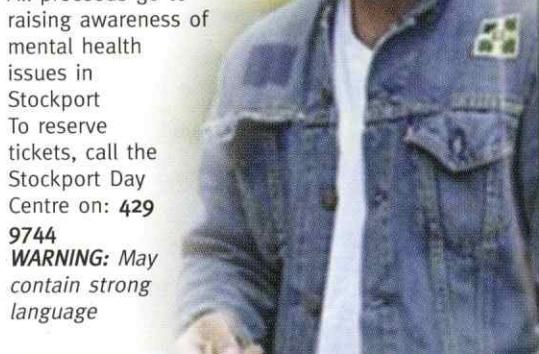
An evening of stupendously funny comedy with comedians Robin Ince; Justin Moorhouse; Mick Ferry; Harriet Bowden; Lavina Murray.

Venue: Stockport County Football Club Pavilion Suite 2, Edgeley Park
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All proceeds go to raising awareness of mental health issues in Stockport

To reserve tickets, call the Stockport Day Centre on: **429 9744**

WARNING: May contain strong language



Feeling you need to chill out or de-stress ...

1 Dido - *Thank you*
2 Simon and Garfunkel - *Bridge over troubled water*
3 Moby - *Porcelain*

What would be your choice?

Saturday 16th November

1 in 4 Music Night

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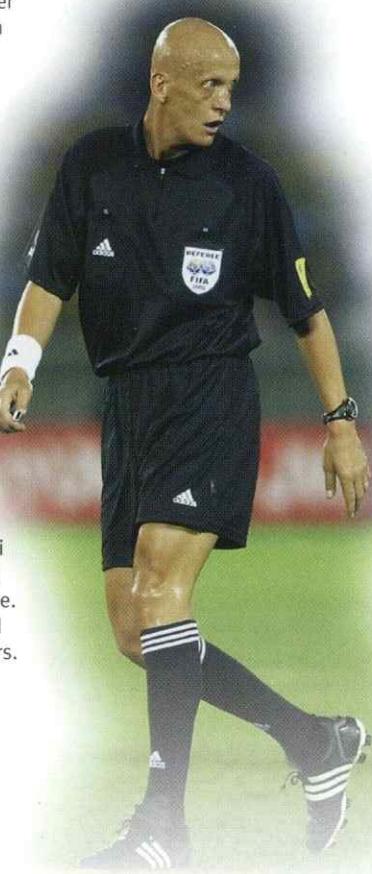
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STEVE THE snapper

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What are they good for? Absolutely nothin' (say it again). I know, it's nice to give them something to do, they do need to be there in case the black-shirted arbiter should tweak a hamstring, but really! It's power without responsibility, that's what it is. They prowl the touchline, looking for anyone with a foot outside the technical area, making sure only one person is standing in the technical area (a bizarre rule which I wasn't aware of until last week). They tell us that there is 1 minute of added time even though there have been no stoppages, they deal with the onerous duties of substitutions. Still, God loves a trier, or so I have been told. So, hurrah for the 4th official, cheers for you lino and play up referee... on second thoughts, carry on hurling your pearls of wisdom at them, but remember we wouldn't have a game without them.

This was a partly hysterical broadcast, on behalf of the Referee's Party (to be held in the referee's room, 7:30 for 8. Bring your own bottle.)

Yours in sport,
Steve Southart

Offer of the Week:

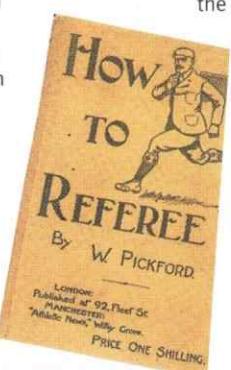
Who can resist this priceless (i.e. worthless) Farnworth pottery... it's "the most original porcelain ever designed for Farnworth". Wow.



I suppose it was only a matter of time before Referees were sponsored. The ethos these days seems to be "if it moves, put an advert on it. If it doesn't move - like so many referees - put an advert on it anyway." Scottish refs, hilariously, have received a whopping £1million deal from Specsavers. I wonder if there are any agencies which specialize in parentage claims who could sponsor refs in England?

Having got all our pre-conceived ideas about referees out of the way ask yourself could you do the job? Every decision you make is greeted with derision, and worse. Foul language, your blood-line called into question, insults. And that's all just from the wife before you set out for the match.

Good referees are like hen's teeth (a rare commodity, apparently, a bit like wasps' whiskers). Pierluigi Collina stands out as THE best ref/Uncle Fester hybrid bar none. Others are just picky frustrated army officers and schoolmasters. Others like a laugh with the players, which is just embarrassing, frankly. Assistant referees (ok, linespersons, ok, linesmen) certainly get my sympathy because there is just nowhere to hide. A volley of abuse is met by silence, a firm jutting jaw. Just once I would love to see a linesman lose it and have a go back. I remember the dread when, as sub on the school football team, you were asked to run the line. Do you follow the Corinthian spirit and give it as you see it? Well, you could if you want your head flushed down the boys' toilet for



the next week, I suppose. I always plumped for the outrageously biased option myself, safe in the knowledge that one of their subs was doing exactly the same thing on the other side of the pitch. Which brings us to...4th officials.

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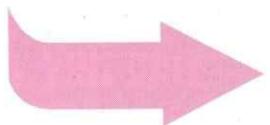
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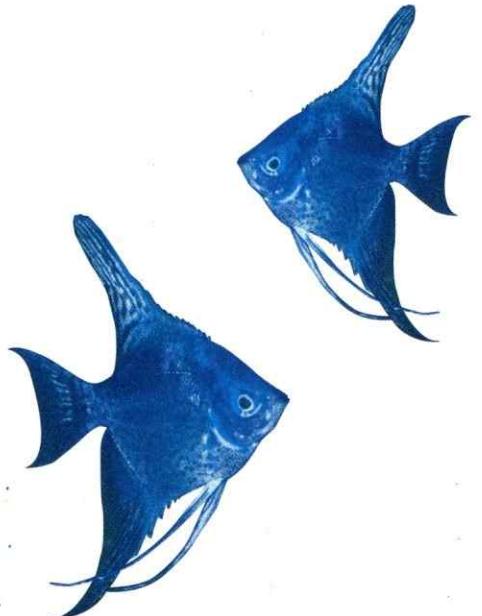
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Using state of the art Digi handy cams the pupils used their imagination to change the layout of the Study Centre to resemble a post match press conference (Theatre style chairs, Chinese backdrop on the Interactive Whiteboard, Microphone). With their own ready made press badges and expertly presented questions they set about finding out more



receive their own uniquely created DVD promoting the kind of work their pupils covered whilst attending the Centre. Each school receives a "Video Diary" edited using the Apple Mac "i" Movie software that covers all the activities and experiences their pupils followed.

The school can then use the finished DVD for promotional purposes, to show future pupils parents and governors the unique experience their pupils had at the Centre. Finishing on a very positive note the Study Centre has just been used as an exemplar for excellent practice by the DFES, for its use of Multi Media. DVD it created which highlighted Stockport County's continued commitment to the "Playing For Success" initiative. Covering "Signing On" and "Presentation Evenings" "Player Interviews" and its involvement with Gifted and Talented summer schools is being used as an example to all Premier League and Nationwide League Football Clubs.

Gary Richards
Study Centre Manager

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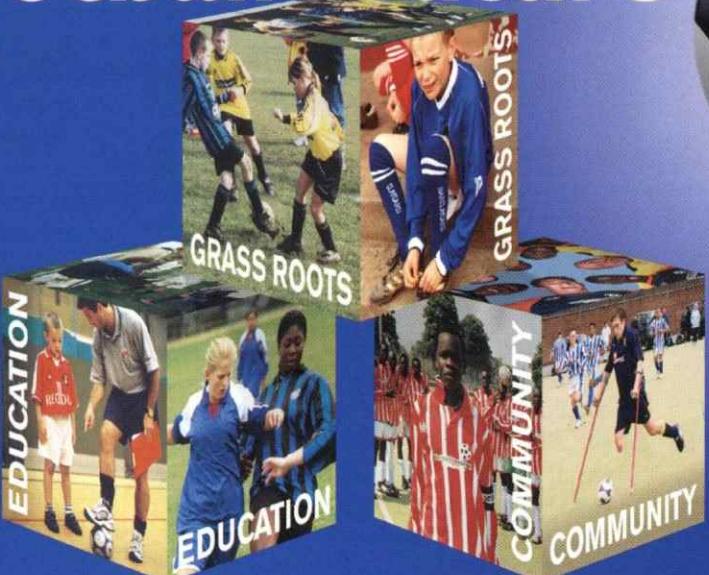
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It took a special moment of sheer class to decide the Worthington Cup tie against Gillingham on Tuesday night; a wonder goal from Tommy Johnson proved to be the only difference between the two sides. You only had to look at the relief on the faces of the Gills' players to see that it had been a very close contest. But despite being on the wrong end of a 2-1 scoreline, Carlton Palmer must have been delighted with both the performance and the fitness levels of his young side. And what a wonderful diving header from Jon Daly to open the scoring.

We are becoming a difficult side to beat here at Edgeley Park, as Barnsley found out a couple of weeks ago. I am still struggling to catch my breath after that awesome display against the Tykes. In the space of twelve second-half minutes, we blew them away with four quality goals. The only grumble is that Luke and Jim probably both should have had hat tricks!

However, the gaffer now has a major dilemma. He has SEVEN central midfield players battling for just three places in the starting line-up: Briggs, Lambert, Fradin, Lescott, Hardiker, McLachlan and Goodwin - but only three of them can start.

It is a great problem to have, but one,



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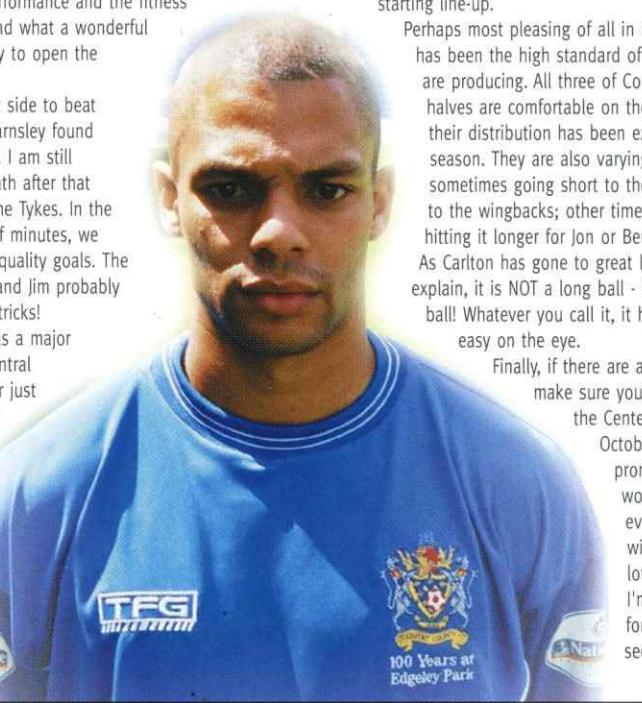
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which must be giving Carlton severe headaches! Take Aaron Lescott, for example. He has worked as hard as anyone in that midfield trio and if you speak to any of the lads they will tell you that he is the best midfield player at the club. Just ask Jim Goodwin, who made that very statement on Imagine FM after the final whistle against Barnsley. There are some tough decisions to be made by the County management team and some players will have to settle for a seat on the bench. The important thing is for the lads to grasp their chance when it comes along and force the manager to select them, as Keith Briggs has done recently.

Over the next couple of months the competition for places will become even more intense, with both Aaron Wilbraham and Ben Burgess back in training. Ben is back in competitive action this week, whilst Alby is progressing well and doing plenty of work in the gym. By Christmas, Carlton will hopefully have four or five strikers battling for a place in the starting line-up.

Perhaps most pleasing of all in recent weeks has been the high standard of football we are producing. All three of County's centre halves are comfortable on the ball and their distribution has been excellent all season. They are also varying the passes, sometimes going short to the midfield, or to the wingbacks; other times they are hitting it longer for Jon or Ben to flick on. As Carlton has gone to great lengths to explain, it is NOT a long ball - it is a good ball! Whatever you call it, it has been very easy on the eye.

Finally, if there are any tickets left, make sure you get along to the Centenary Bash on October 12. It promises to be a wonderful evening, which will bring back a lot of memories. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

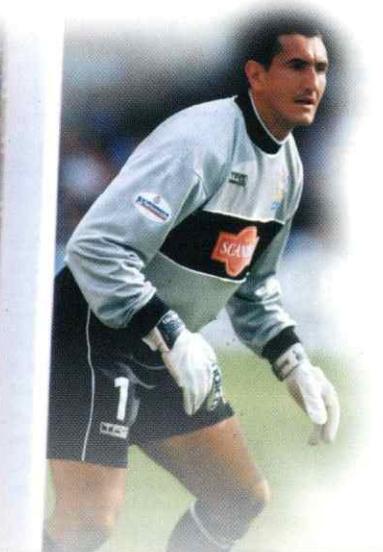


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THE NEW SUPPORTERS CLUB

It's the battle of the Hatter's as we play host to Luton Town in today's Second Division encounter. Managed by ex-Wimbledon boss Joe Kinnear, Luton are entering today's game buoyed by their recent results following a poor start to the season. Recent weeks have seen them defeat Huddersfield and Swindon although they did go down 3-0 at Aston Villa on Wednesday night. With both teams having the potential to be match winners, today's game has all the ingredients to be a cracker. Memories of course will flood back when we last played Luton on the last day of the season of our promotion year 1996-97. On that day we travelled down South knowing promotion had already been achieved the week before at Chesterfield. History could well repeat itself again this season as we travel to Luton for our last away game of the season. Fingers crossed!!

At Tranmere we just didn't seem to get out of the blocks until the second half, and by then the damage had already been done. Although we weren't helped by the whistle happy referee who seemed to blow his whistle at every given opportunity. The second half was of similar vein to



the matches against Chesterfield and Barnsley where we piled on the pressure. Why can't we force this kind of pressure in the first half of a match? It's still early days and with three consecutive home matches coming up hopefully we can at least gain at least seven points. That would then push us up the table and in contention for a play-off spot, nicely placed for the winter months when it gets colder, the pitches get muddier and players get injured. Ooooh, just thinking about that is making me get my thermals and hot flask of Bovril ready!

Onto Supporters Club matters and last Wednesday saw us hold our regular monthly meeting here at Edgeley Park. Luke Beckett and Ben Burgess had confirmed their attendance so a good night should have been had. I will give you a full report on the meeting in the Peterborough programme next Tuesday. As was written last Tuesday, membership is still rising as we approach the 'Target 1000' mark. If you haven't joined yet, then why not join today by completing a membership form in the Club Shop or completing a form on-line via www.stockportcounty.com. Membership is an unbelievable £2 for so many fantastic deals that have been mentioned now on numerous occasions. With membership on the rise, so is the attendance in the Supporters Club Bar before the game, at half time and after the game. The bar provides County supporters with a place where they can watch County videos on the large screen whilst having a drink and sampling some of the excellent cuisine that is laid on. Such delights as Balti/Masala curries have been on the menu, but if you require something a little more lighter then sandwiches are also available. Remember what I said about the approaching winter months, it definitely beats standing on a cold terrace with an even colder pie.

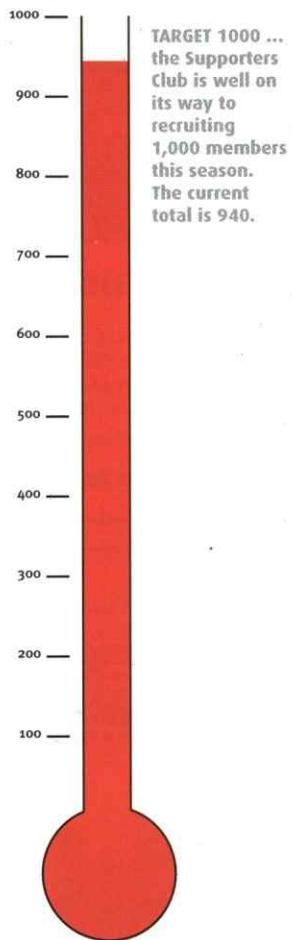
If you decide to come to the Supporters Club bar after the game then you will have the chance to vote for your Man of the Match for that game. Currently this has been proving very popular amongst fans who have the opportunity to present their chosen player with a bottle of champagne. Over the course of the season we will be keeping a count of the Man of the Matches and will be using the votes towards a Supporters Club Bar Player of the Season. Current winners of the coveted bottle of champagne have included Lee Jones (x 2), Ali Gibb & Luke Beckett. Normally once the presentation has been made we are

◀ Lee Jones... 2 bottles of bubbly!

usually treated to the delightful tones of Steve Bellis who has a quick chat to the chosen player about the game. Also in attendance after the game are usually a few players who make the effort to have a chat with the fans and sign autographs for the younger fans. So, following today's game, why not pop in to the Supporters Club Bar to discuss all Hatters (County's not Luton's!!) matters!

See you all next Tuesday when we entertain Barry Fry's Peterborough United here at Edgeley Park.

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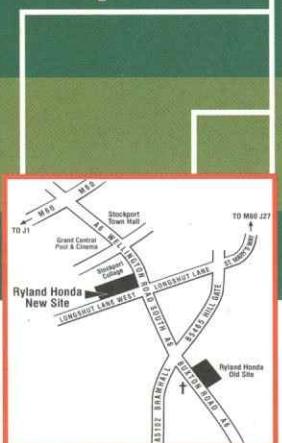
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Ballboys

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The players on ball duties with us today are as follows: -

Sam McLennan, Joshua Hooley, Thomas Grice, Kurtis Rayner, Liam Hartnett, Boyd O'Neill, Christopher Smitham, John Milman, Dean Hemmings, Matthew Southam, Scott Smith, Ben Hackney, Stefan James, Joseph Shaw and finally, Samuel Wilcock.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Edgeley Park and we wish you all the best for the rest of the season.

Guests

Our Football in the Community guests today are participants from our after school session held at High Lane Primary School, Mr. & Mrs. Jenner, Marple Athletic JFC. We hope you have a pleasant afternoon with us at Edgeley Park.

End of Season Raffle

Last season we held an end of season raffle, with the first prize being a Smoby Table Football signed by the Stockport County players. The winner of the table is Mr. Jenner of Bramhall, who is our guest for today's fixture. Mr. Jenner will be presented with his prize during half time today. Hope you've brought a big van!!!

For more information contact the Community Office on 0161-282-2971.

Matchday Clubs
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And finally...
That's all for now folks, see you all back at EP next Tuesday when we play host to our 'Posh' visitors, Peterborough United. Enjoy the game and have a safe journey home.

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JOHN ENGLAND'S VIEW

"THE NEW WEMBLEY"

So now we have it, the longest running saga in English football is over. The FA (appropriate initials for that august body!) have announced their plans for the "New Wembley". After three years of prevaricating, dithering, stop-starting and down right incompetence English football's controlling body announced last week that the old stadium would be bulldozed and redeveloped. Even then they still made a cock-up over the timing of the announcement and had to delay it for a further day. By comparison they make the Civil Service look slick.

It's all going to cost £757 million and evidently the cost is going to be shared by a German Bank (yes really!), the FA, lottery funding and to a lesser degree by the Government and the London Development Agency. Staggering isn't it? When it's completed (whenever that may be – and I'm sure

there's still time for a few more hiccups) it will be the most expensive stadium in the world. It will have cost nearly four times as much as the Millennium stadium in Cardiff and over twice as much as the alternative stadium proposed for Birmingham.

How can such an astronomical amount be justified in today's economic climate? Couldn't the money have been better spent elsewhere? Three years ago it seemed like a good idea to redevelop Wembley. It was our national football stadium, it was famous throughout the world and it was steeped in history and tradition. But things are different now. Football seems to be gradually coming to its senses and our big clubs, with one or two exceptions, no longer throw their money around like confetti. Priorities are changing and many clubs now think little further than survival on a season-to-season basis.



▲ Cardiff's Millennium Stadium roughly a quarter of the cost of the 'New Wembley'.

Add to this the fact that England, over the last two years, have played all their home games in different venues up and down the country thus allowing greater and more varied numbers of people to watch their national team. It's been surprisingly successful in a playing sense too and I'm pretty sure it helped us qualify for the world cup after losing that qualifying game against Germany in Wembley's finale. Indeed most England players, when interviewed, remarked on the fact that they felt less pressure when playing in the provinces and consequently performed better. I would have thought that that's a fairly strong argument for continuing to play England games nationwide.

What really grates though is that it all this comes at a time when many clubs are facing bankruptcy and closure and many professional footballers at the lower end of the market are struggling to find clubs. Can't the FA use their money to help solve these problems? Can't they help provide our schools with decent football facilities? How about spending some money in the creation of more regional centres of excellence and thus improve the quality of our footballers.

In short, do we really need the new Wembley?

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THE VIEWS OF COUNTY CAPTAIN
DAVE CHALLINOR

September was a frustrating month as far as I was concerned. We were far too inconsistent for my liking. A good performance at Lincoln was followed by back-to-back defeats at Cardiff and Chesterfield where we were below par in the first half but dominated after the break. It was the same story against Barnsley and Tranmere as well. Fortunately we hit a purple patch against the Tykes and scored four goals in just twelve minutes to



▲ Jon Daly celebrates his first goal of the season against Gillingham

record our biggest win of the season. Unfortunately we couldn't repeat that form a Prenton Park and we went down to Simon Haworth's early goal. I was desperate to beat my former club and to lose was a big personal disappointment. Hopefully we can turn them over when they come to Edgeley Park next May. October didn't start too well either although I thought there were plenty of positives to come out of Tuesday night despite losing to Gillingham in the Worthington Cup. I was delighted that Jon Daly scored his first goal of the season. He's been working so hard for the team after replacing Ben but, despite the fact that he's been playing well, hadn't managed to find the back of the net. His finish against the Gills showed the fans what all the lads know already; that Dinty is going to be a top player. Talking of not scoring for a moment I thought I'd broke my duck against Gillingham but a defender, Barry Ashby I think, cleared my header from Rickie's corner. I managed to score a few goals at Tranmere and it's about time I managed one for County! I'd like to use my column to welcome Anthony Tonkin to Edgeley Park. He was thrown in at the deep end at Tranmere and

kept his place on Tuesday. He has settled in very quickly and looks another very good player. The squad is so strong now that everyone has to be really on their game or they could lose their place.

That's a good thing, though, and I think we showed on Tuesday just how far we've come over the past few months.

The nucleolus of the Gillingham team have been together for a few years now whereas ours is still developing.

But, although they had long spells of possession, I thought that we caused them problems and created the better chances.

In the end the game was settled by what the gaffer described as a wonder goal by Tommy Johnson. I wouldn't disagree with the boss on that point. It was a class effort and showed why some big clubs have spent so much money on him throughout his career.

Today is the first of four home games in October, which gives us a great opportunity to start climbing the table. Your support against Barnsley was fantastic and more of the same will do very nicely today!



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thingy ma jig has gone to people's heads! They keep on persisting with the hat so I will take my hat off to them. I heard the other day that everyone wore big hats and caps so they could mingle in the crowd and not get noticed coz they weren't supposed to be at the footy. I've been looking at the old photos and I'm glad to say I'm glad I wasn't around in them days coz I would have been a black and white bear like a Panda. Yep, honest in them days everything was black and white and grey and dark I know that coz my mate Alfonzo was in a black and white movie. He won't tell me what it was but all I know is that he tells me it would be called something like 'confessions of a photographer!' if it was in English, coz he couldn't understand Swedish!

Actually Alf and both his mates are here today and I know that he will be on the toilet a bit today coz

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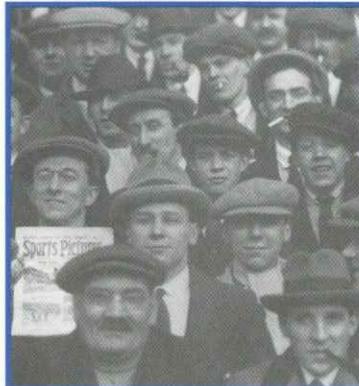
getting on my own nerves when I kept hearing myself.

The next day, I was really confused as Sue from the lottery place said to Matty that the Earth moved the night before that could only mean one thing? ...and that is that someone up there was playing chess with the world. I hope we won! All I know is that I couldn't go to the National and run in the race that has 6 fences. Rodger Wilde told me I couldn't go, I said I could, he said I couldn't and that if I did it would be wrong. I said I don't care I'm going to have a ball, he then said it would be below the belt if I went, which was right coz that's where it hurts. So the National will have to go and 'run and jump!' it's a pity coz I've had the runs lately but not a jump in 12 months.

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Vernon

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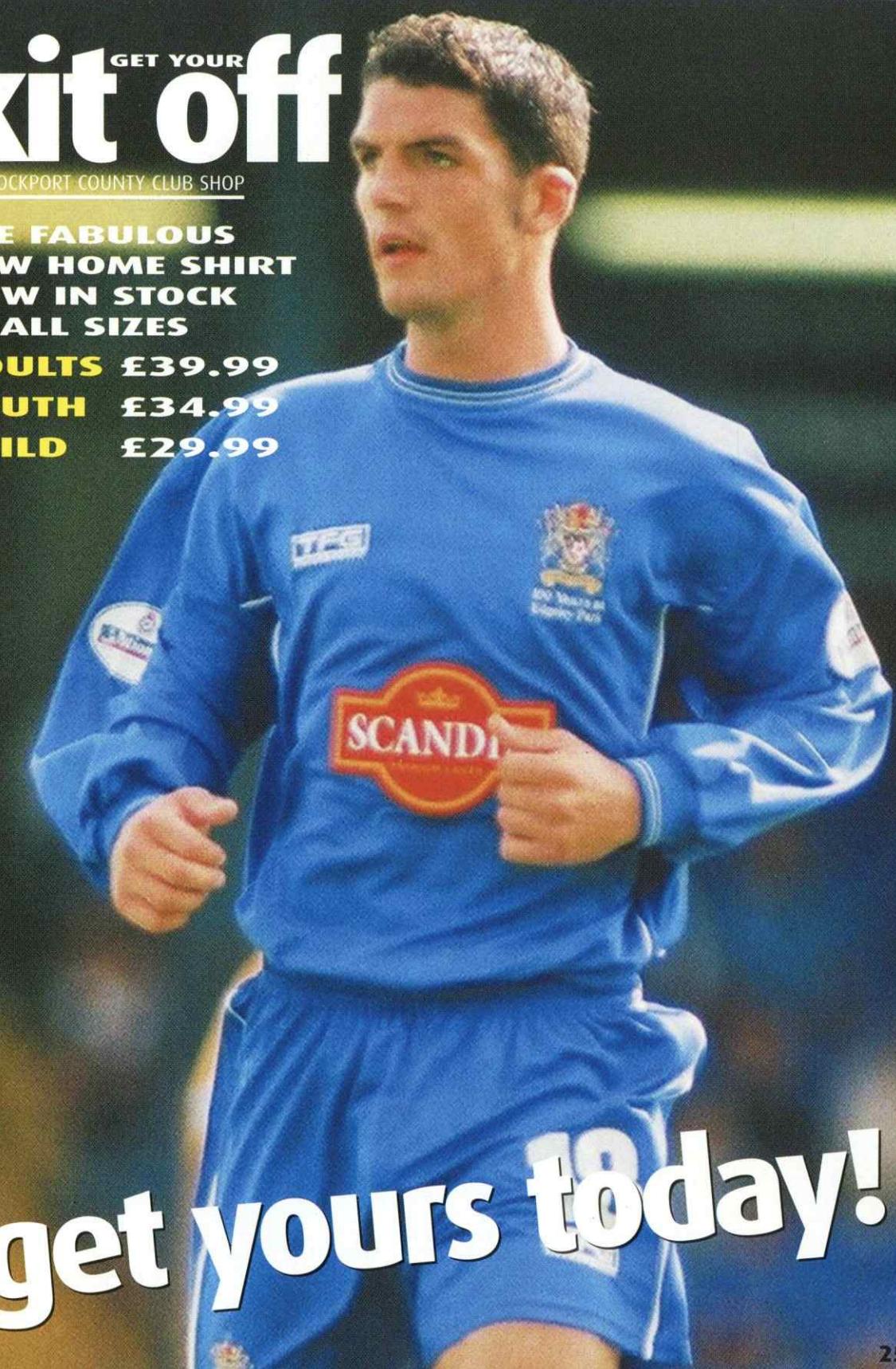
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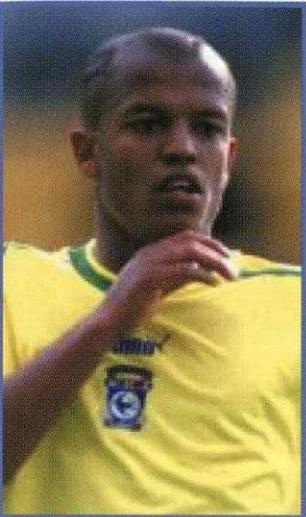
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CHRIS PEEL'S REGULAR DIVISION TWO ROUND UP



Robert Earnshaw (above) hit two late goals last Saturday to steer Cardiff City away from impending defeat to beat Crewe Alex at Ninian Park and stay top of the Second Division. Lennie Lawrence's side had trailed to a goal from Rob Hulse in the 48th minute but Wales international Earnshaw late show saw goals in the 84th and 86th minutes to sneak the points against a side Lawrence claimed to be the best passing side in the division.

It was just as well for the Bluebirds that they took maximum points, as Queens Park Rangers and Wigan Athletic both maintained their impressive starts to the season and kept up the pressure on the Welshman. QPR beat Colchester United 2-0 at Loftus Road thanks to goals in either half from Karl Connolly and Kevin Gallen (pictured right), whilst Barnsley old boy Andy Liddell set Wigan on their way to a 3-1 away win against his former club. He opened the scoring at Oakwell in the second minute with his seventh goal of the season with Matt Jackson adding a second nine minutes later. Scott Green made the points secure with a third after 65 minutes and although Kevin Betsy pulled one back a minute later, there was no more drama for the Latics.

It was an unhappy return to Oldham

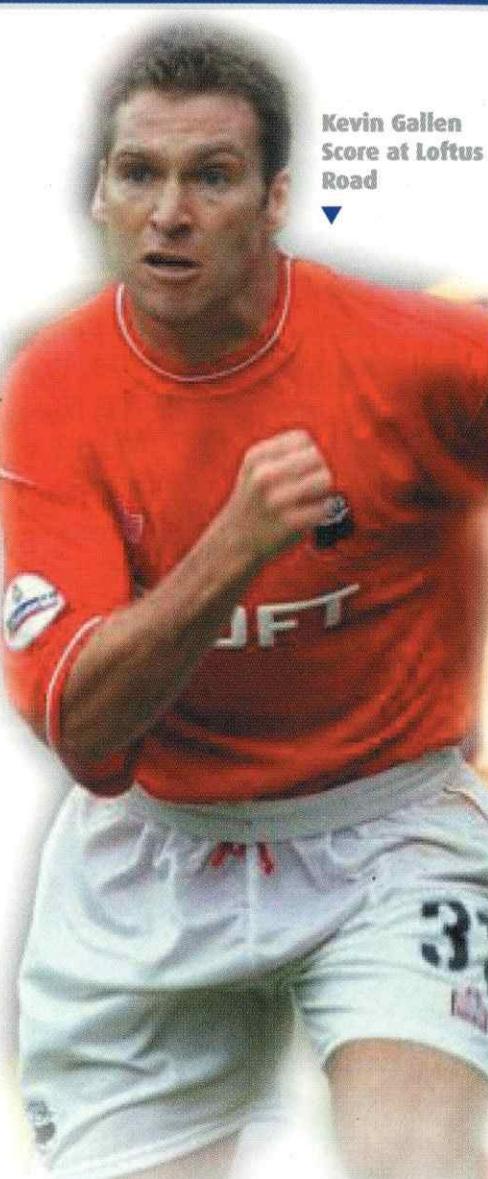
Athletic for former boss Mick Wadsworth as his Huddersfield Town were hammered 4-0 at Boundary Park. Former Terrier Clyde Wijnhard scored twice for Oldham with David Eyes and Lourenco da Silva their other scorers. As a result Iain Dowie's side moved into third above Wigan on goal difference. However, Huddersfield's defeat left them second from bottom as Peterborough United and Notts County both recorded moral-boosting wins.

The Posh thrashed Brentford 5-1 at London Road, Simon Rea setting them off to the perfect start with a goal in the first minute. Jimmy Bullard doubled the lead from the penalty spot, Bradley Allen tucked in a third and David Farrell made it four by the 77th minute. Rowan Vine scored an 86th minute consolation for the visitors but Andy Clarke restored the four goal victory margin in the last minute.

Notts County, still to win at home this season, won 4-1 at Cheltenham Town thanks to two goals apiece from Mark Stallard and Danny Allsop, with Julian Alsop scoring the home side's only goal. Mansfield Town continue to struggle at the very bottom, still shipping goals for fun. Saturday saw them lose 2-0 at Northampton Town who won thanks to a third minute Marco Gabbiadini penalty and an 80th minute strike by Paul Trollope.

Chesterfield have started well for Dave Rushbury and moved up three places to fifth with a 1-0 home win over Blackpool thanks to a 49th minute goal from David Reeves.

Bristol City climbed to two places to eighth as they beat Port Vale 3-2 at Vale Park. Peter Beadle (18th minute) and Scott Murray (40th) put the Robins in command at half time, but the Valiants appeared to have earned a point when Billy Paynter pulled one back on the hour and Michael Cummins levelled the score in the 89th minute. However, City were not finished and snatched the win when Leroy Lita found the net in the last minute. Plymouth Argyle were beaten 2-1 at Wycombe Wanderers with Darren Currie netting both for the home side, either side of David Friis's equaliser.



Kevin Gallen
Score at Loftus Road

Today's Second Division fixtures

Blackpool v Cheltenham Town
Brentford v Barnsley
Bristol City v Chesterfield
Colchester United v Wycombe Wanderers
Crewe Alexandra v Queens Park Rangers
Huddersfield Town v Port Vale
Mansfield Town v Tranmere Rovers
Notts County v Peterborough United
Plymouth Argyle v Northampton Town
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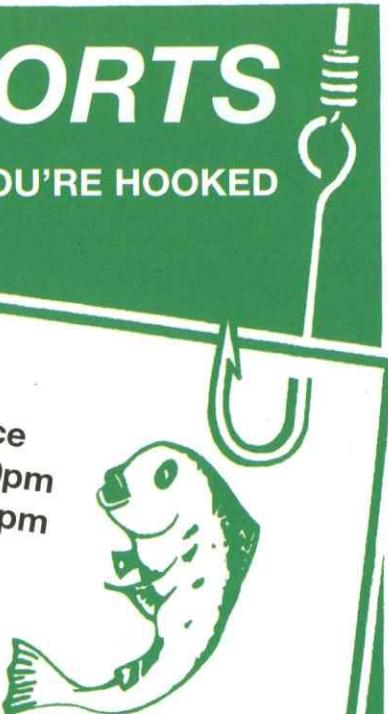
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he said, dangling a P-45-shaped object from his left hand. Oh well, here goes...

CORONATION ST... right then, er, Ken Barlow and his blushing young bride Dierdre have a spat. Mike Baldwin gets punched. A game of doms in the snug ends in uproar as Ena Sharples and Minnie Caldwell slug it out. In the crossfire, Mike Baldwin gets punched. At a community street party, things get out of hand. Everyone punches Mike Baldwin.

BROOKSIDE... Bobby and Sheila Grant change their name and move to Manchester. Damon is arrested for selling dodgy shell-suits and moustaches. The bizzies give him a right going over. The Jordache patio yields its grizzly secret...a pile of Claire Sweeney records.

EMMERDALE FARM... (What? Really? OK)... **EMMERDALE...** Mandy Dingle and, er, erm, Amos Brierley declare their undying love. Not for each other, though. A mysterious visitor from Manchester gets punched.

EASTENDERS... Mark, Beppe, Dot and Pete set a trap for Nick Cotton - with hilarious consequences! Dr. Legg has serious news for Arthur Fowler.

HOLLYOAKS... (really struggling here)... Samantha and Ted have a conversation.

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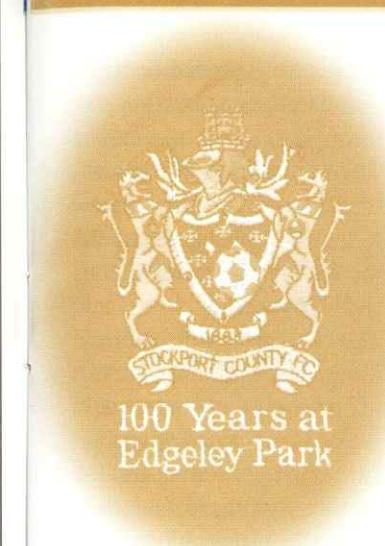
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One of the most memorable games during this period of Stockport County history was the now famous 'Longest Game' – a Northern cup-tie between County and Doncaster. In the first leg on March 23rd 1946, the two sides drew two-all at Belle Vue. A week later and they played out another two-all draw at Edgeley Park, in front of



Throughout the season, Richard Harnwell and Phil Brennan look back at the good and the bad times that make up the history of Stockport County since admission to The Football League in 1900.

Part 5 – Longest ever game, Record League win and the end of the war

12,730 fans, Ken Shaw scoring both County goals. Extra time failed to separate the teams and the rules were clear: 'next goal the winner'. Indeed this was the original 'golden goal rule'. And so, the game went on... and on... and on! After almost three hours of football, Les Cocker finally scored for County – but his goal was ruled out for handball. The two teams played on... and on... it's a fact that some supporters even went home for dinner and came back later to find the game still going on.

Eventually bad light stopped play – it was dark, it was almost seven o'clock and the match was now three hours and 23 minutes old.

On the toss of a coin, Doncaster won home advantage for the replay, and Rovers went on to win the tie 4-0 in front of a crowd of 13,500.

The game at Edgeley Park created a record, which

still stands today, that of 'the longest ever game'. The new record beat the existing time, by just one minute, when during the previous season Cardiff City defeated Bristol City.

This is not the only occasion that Stockport County have entered the record books, with the club holding both wanted and unwanted records.

Having already entered the record books with the lowest crowd, when the official attendance had been given as just 13 spectators, for that last day game against Leicester City back in 1921. County saw their name added to the record books again, and once more the number 13 was to play a significant part. As it was 13 years later on 6th January 1934, Stockport County created a Football League goal scoring record that still stands today, by defeating Halifax Town 13 nil. The first half

◀ *Les Cocker*

Percy Downes ► of the Division Three North fixture saw second placed County take a two-goal lead against the fourth placed Yorkshire side. In an amazing second half the 'Hatters' found the back of the net on a further 11 occasions, with



player to score a hat-trick, with three in just seven minutes, adding a fourth to his personal tally two minutes from time to complete the rout.

With the war coming to an end in 1945, and with no plan to resume League football until the following year, the F.A. Cup was re-introduced, and for the first and only time, the

games were played on a home and away basis through to the semi-final. The new rule didn't affect the 'Hatters', as they were to lose 3-2 on aggregate in the first round to local rivals Rochdale.

The resumption of league football saw County kick off with only two players, Jack 'Tiger' Bowles and Jimmy Morris, who had previously played League football for the club.

The opening game of the season saw Halifax Town as the visitors to Edgeley Park; ironically the same club were the visitors on the opening day of the campaign that had been suspended at the outbreak of war. The majority of the 'Hatters' team that day had represented the club in

'regional' football the previous season, and their experience showed as County ran out easy 4-1 winners.

Although the 'Hatters' finished a creditable 4th place in the Division 3 North table, a 3-1 win at runaway Champions Doncaster Rovers the highlight, too many defeats were to cost the club dear. Ken Shaw, in his first Football League campaign, finished the season as the club's top scorer with 16 goals.

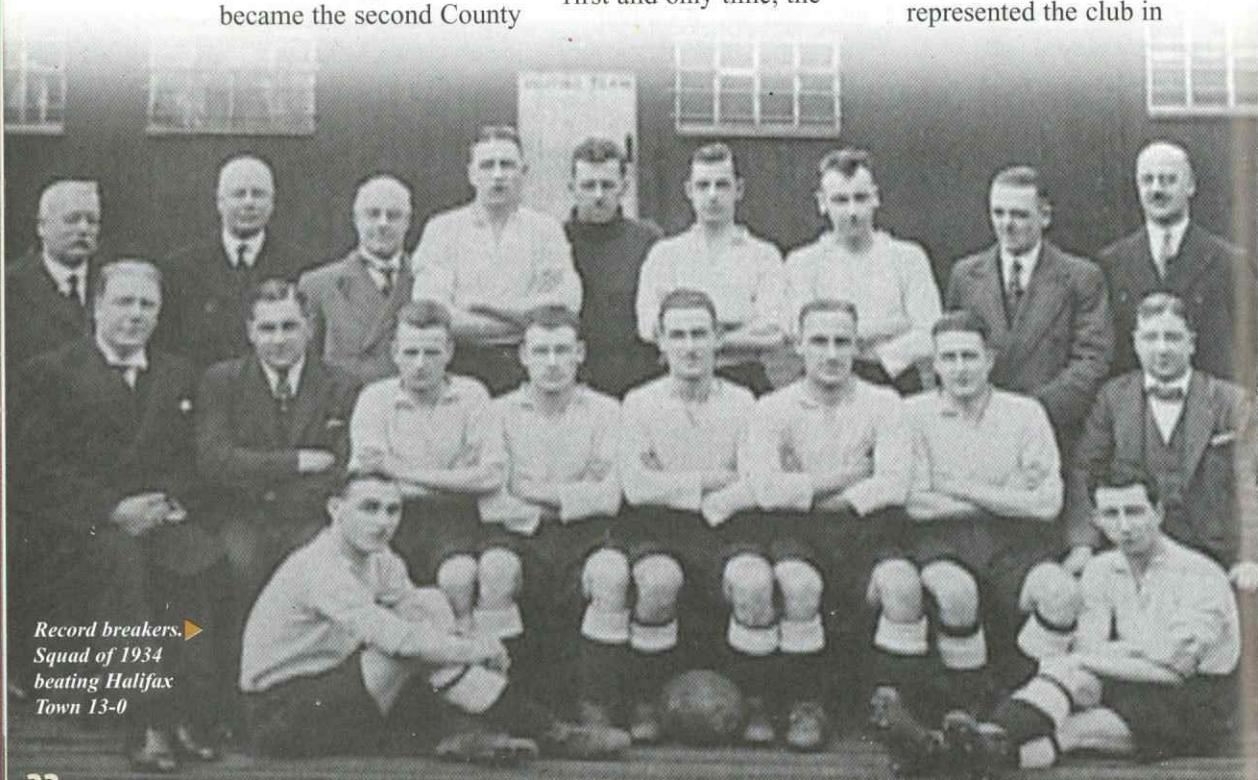
The 1947-48 season that started brightly with two wins was to take a dramatic turn for the worst as the team then played 13 games without a win. Three successive wins at

Edgeley Park appeared to have restored some calm, but this was followed by a further run of nine games without a win, which left the team near the bottom of the table. As the season entered its final stages, and with the club in serious danger of having to apply for re-election, manager Marshall signed a number of players, with 36 year old Alex Herd from his former club Manchester City, proving to be a masterstroke. (Insert Alex Herd photo)

County won seven of their last eleven games, and although avoiding re-election, the end of season form was not good enough to prevent the club from finishing 17th, a lowest

ever placing in the Northern Section. The major bright spell of the season was the club's F.A. Cup run. Having defeated Accrington Stanley 3-1 at Edgeley Park in the first round, non-league Shrewsbury Town 3-2 in extra-time in a second round second replay at Maine Road and Torquay United 3-0 again at Edgeley Park. The 'Hatters' travelled to Cup Holders Charlton Athletic, where a near 40,000 crowd saw a brave fight by County, before the 'Addicks' clinched a 3-0 win.

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STEVE BELLIS TAKES HIS USUAL SIDEWAYS LOOK AT THE WEEK JUST PASSED

On a couple of occasions on Tuesday evening I must admit to being embarrassed by a small section of our supporters. The cup game against first division combatants Gillingham had all the appeal of blind date with Ann Widdecombe and was never going to have the coffers swelling or tills jingling. It is on evenings such as this that the fans can hear every word uttered by the players and vice versa. Midway through the first half Gillingham forward Ipoua chased a lost cause towards the Cheadle End and was greeted by some supporters with monkey imitations. I thought that such infantile actions had long since gone but it seems that some of our supporters still find such childish and insulting behaviour amusing. Let me therefore remind those buffoons that not only is this kind of behaviour completely unacceptable and about as funny as a poke in the eye with a sharp stick but it is also a criminal offence in the stadium. We will not accept such behaviour and will take great pleasure from prosecuting and banning any future perpetrators. As for the game, I thought we were superb and no neutral could possibly have had an easy task working out which was the First Division club. Losing to a wonder goal is never pleasant but I can think of worse ways to exit the cup. More of the same this afternoon and we will undoubtedly end up on the winning side. The early evening chill is now with us,



London's burning is back on the box and that can only mean one thing....winter is on its way. I quite like winter because it probably saves me around £100 per year in light bulbs. You see my Mrs hates any type of creepy crawlies especially those that have mastered the art of flying. For some unknown reason my home has become a haven for daddy long legs and if for some reason I am not there to gently guide them out of the house my better half takes more drastic action normally comprising of wildly swinging a towel above her head in an attempt to fight off the long legged



monster. The end result is usually the sound of breaking glass (I used to love Blondie) and darkness. So roll on the winter!

Some of you may have read this week about the club signing two new mascots, namely a pair of goldfish. The story as printed in the Daily Star was of course a right boad of lollocks and was about as near to the truth as Colchester is to Stockport.. Our friendly Internet bank Smile who sponsor our fabulous learning centre have actually donated the two fish, aptly named Carlton and Palmer, to act as a calming influence in the centre. Of course it would be a bit far fetched to expect the Daily Star to get the facts right particularly as the story didn't feature any half naked ladies!,

Finally, what about Dime nuggets, have you tasted them?. My eldest daughter bought a bag of these and left them far too close to my mouth for comfort, well, they were in the same room. I used to get frustrated with Dime bars because I couldn't bite them and leave a straight edge, petty but true. Now my problems have been solved by the nugget version, which is just a bag of dime bits covered in Chocolate. You've got to try them but not before a brew, they make your tea taste funny. To our visiting fans, I hope you have had a safe journey here, have a miserable afternoon on the footballing front and then a pleasant and equally safe journey home.

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THE LATEST FROM THE JUNIORS

Hello again and welcome back to Edgeley Park for this afternoon's match against Luton Town. A warm welcome to a party of Luton Juniors who have made the long trip north to be here as our guests today. We hope you enjoy your visit to Edgeley Park and have a safe journey home. I write these notes before our cup tie with Gillingham and just after a great win against Barnsley. How a match can change in a matter of minutes 1-0 down to 2-1 up who would have guessed we would have run out 4-1 winners at half time. Not the result Mike Flynn would have wanted on his return to Edgeley Park. Didn't it seem strange to see him in the red and white of Barnsley not the blue of County! That's all for this week. Cheer on the lads to another 3

points.
Ian Butterworth
County Juniors
Away Travel
Our next away travel will be on Saturday 19th October for the trip to Wigan. For further details or to book your seats please contact Brenda on 0161-487-2766 or myself on 0161 456 7606.

Further trips to Blackpool Tuesday 29th October
Oldham Saturday 2nd November
Huddersfield 14th December

Blackpool Trip
Our trip to Blackpool and the lights will this year take place on Sunday 3rd November leaving Edgeley Park at 9.45am. The day in Blackpool will be followed by a trip through the lights returning to Edgeley Park around 9.30pm. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first

served basis. To book your seats please contact either Brenda or myself on the usual numbers.

Meetings

Our October meeting of County Juniors will take place on Sunday 13th here at Edgeley Park usual start time of 10.45am. We will leave for football at Power League at 11am. County players will be along to join us so bring your cameras and autograph books.

Just for Fun

Without looking at the back page which squad numbers do the following players hold.

Martin Pemberton
Ryan Elderton
Gareth Walsh
Ben Burgess
Peter Wild
Karim Fradin
John Hardiker

Which teams in our league play at the following grounds:-

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MATCH MASCOTS



JACK BREWER is 6 years old and attends Ladywood Primary School in Ilkeston. His hobbies are swimming and playing with his favourite cousin Georgina Trace. Jack's mum's family are life long Forest fans and his dad's family are life long County fans. He is looking forward to getting into Division 3 so we can beat Forest 7-0. Jack's favourite players are Keith Briggs, Robert Clare and Ali Gibb.



TERO BERNATAVICIUS is 11 years old and attends St. Matthews RC High School in Moston. His hobbies are cricket, golf and computers and his favourite players are Carlton Palmer, Lee Jones and Luke Beckett.



ROSS HALL is 8 years old and attends Our Lady's RC School. He enjoys playing most sports especially football and cricket as well as playing on his Playstation. His favourite players are Luke Beckett, Aaron Wilbraham and Lee Jones.

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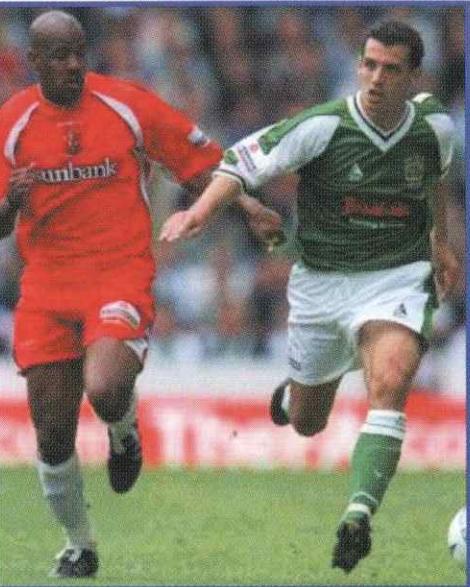
Nationwide

Chester City are still my tip for the conference title but after watching Yeovil on the box recently I was really impressed by their football. The club that have come so close to the championship in recent years look to be on course again for a real assault on the title. Despite losing defender Anthony Tonkin to County, some of the football that Yeovil played was on a different planet to their opponents that night Woking. What a rotten losing spell they are on at the moment after a decent start. Manager Geoff Chapple is one of the most experienced managers in the Conference but I can't believe that his Chairman has just given him a public vote of confidence. I thought they were a thing of the past.

Anyway back to Chester who are flying at the moment. Talk is that they may be signing Daryl Clare from Boston United. Clare has fallen out with the current management team at the struggling Third Division club and Chester see him as a big boost for their championship ambitions, Clare would be a great signing for Chester. He knows the league, he scores goals and he helped to get Boston out of the conference last

season. The fact that two clubs will be promoted this season does ease the problem slightly but at the end of the day, it is only the champions who will go up automatically. The next place goes to the winners of the new play off system. That could see both Chester and Yeovil spending even more money to guarantee them promotion.

Hyde United are having another poor season and it is difficult to see why they are struggling after so many years of great success in the Unibond. They kept their place in the top flight by their fingernails last season as ground problems at Bishop Auckland saved them from relegation. Manager Dave Nolan is struggling to improve the team and Hyde again find themselves staring at relegation. I know we shouldn't be talking of relegation in October but the glory days at Hyde seem a long way away. Their previous manager Mike McKenzie had so much success in his tenure at Evan Fields it is interesting to know where he has disappeared. I reckon that he is biding his time and waiting for a new club to offer him an ambitious job. One just down the road beginning with just tempt him.



▲ County new boy Anthony Tonkin on the ball for Yeovil

► Woking's experienced manager Geoff Chapple



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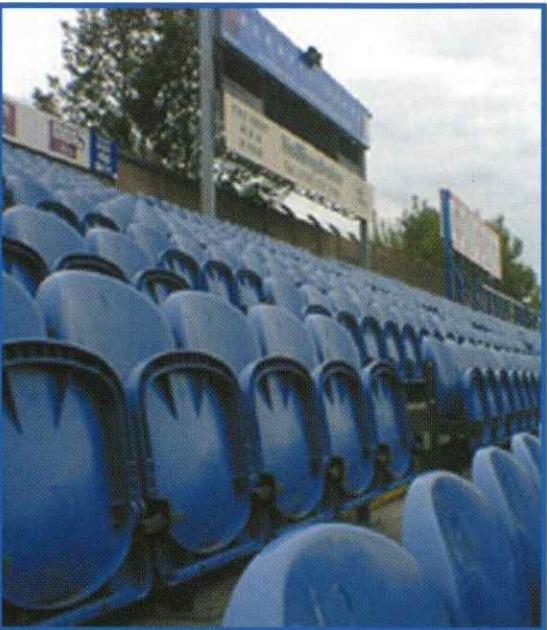
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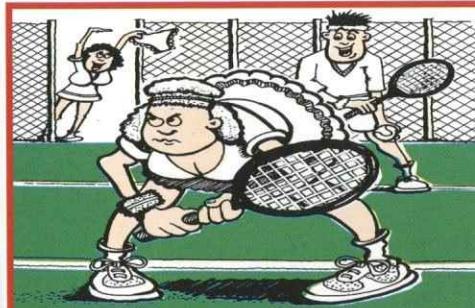
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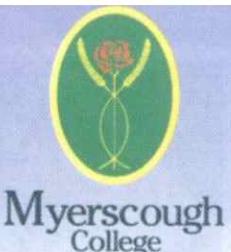
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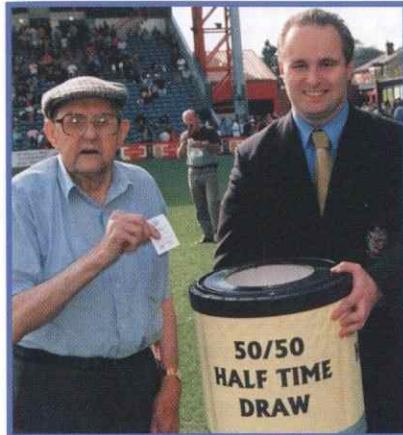
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▲ **Chris Beaumont...**
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A MEMORABLE OCCASION

The evening of Saturday, October 12th is shaping up to be one of the club's greatest occasions but, if you are thinking of attending the special dinner to celebrate 100 years of football at Edgeley Park then you are running out of time.

Nearly all of the 350 tickets available have gone and organisers fully expect the 'sold out' sign to be in place by Monday.

Apart from the fans, though, our former players have also been contacting Director Mark Maguire on a daily basis to accept invitations to attend.

"The response has been fantastic," Maguire beamed. "Players attending will span eight decades from George Haigh in the 1930s right through to the likes of Kevin Cooper and Sean Connelly in the new millennium. It's going to be a memorable night" One thing's for sure, though, no one is likely to travel further to the Edgeley Park bash than Jim Fryatt. The swashbuckling striker, idol of thousands of County fans in the late 1960s, is making the journey from his Las Vegas home to return to the ground where he scored 29 goals just 46 games before a big-money move to Blackburn Rovers.

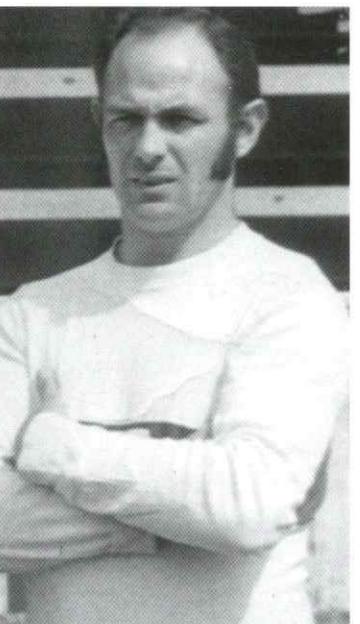
Mentioning Fryatt to any older fan and I guarantee the name of Bill Atkins would enter the conversation immediately.

The pair formed one of the club's finest strike partnerships in the halcyon GO GO GO COUNTY era and the untimely sale of their prized possessions is still blamed for the

clubs decline in the 1970s. We are hopeful that Big Bill will be here on the night but another of Fryatt's team-mates Alan Ogley will definitely be present.

Ogley moved to Edgeley Park from Manchester City in 1967 in the deal that saw Ken Mulhearn make the opposite journey. With County also receiving £18,000 it is without question one of the club's best pieces of business.

Until his acrimonious departure to Darlington in 1975 Ogley developed into not only one of the club's finest players but also one of its most



▲ **Jim Fryatt...**
swashbuckling striker.

Park had more natural ability than any player he'd played with.

"You'll never beat Bill Williams" was a regular chant from Pop-Siders on cold Friday nights at Edgeley Park. The song was in response to the majestic performances of defender Bill Williams, a class act in the rough and tough world of Fourth Division football.

Bill emerged from the Dark Age to play a key role in Danny Bergara's renaissance and he appeared in all four of our Wembley games.

Bill will be joined at the dinner by his teammate Chris Beaumont who, at £8,000, was undoubtedly one of Bergara's best signings.

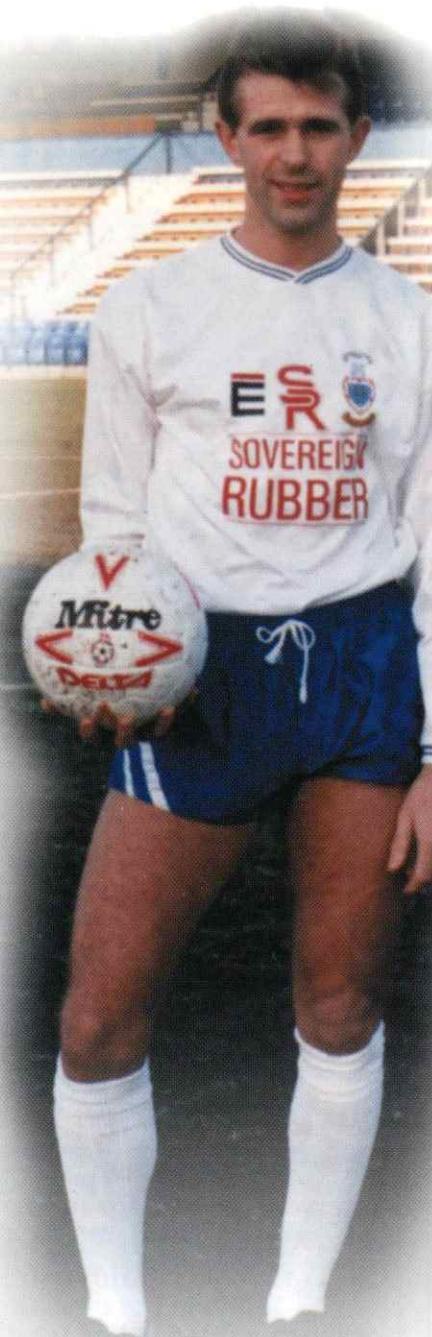
An unsung hero at Edgeley Park, Beaumont weighed in with many vital goals and he became the only player to appear in all ten of our play-off games between 1990 and 1994. The evening will also be used to honour players who have made a significant contribution to the club's history.

A number of former stars will be invited to enter a new Hall of Fame that will be situated, appropriately, in the Sapphire Suite, now occupied by the Supporters' Club.

Votes have been flooding in for the likes of Billy Bocking in the 1930s, Jack Connor in the 50s, Len White in the 60s and Kevin Francis in the 90s. What do YOU think, though? Who are YOUR favourite players? What's the best game YOU'VE seen at Edgeley Park? What's the best goal? What's the best save?

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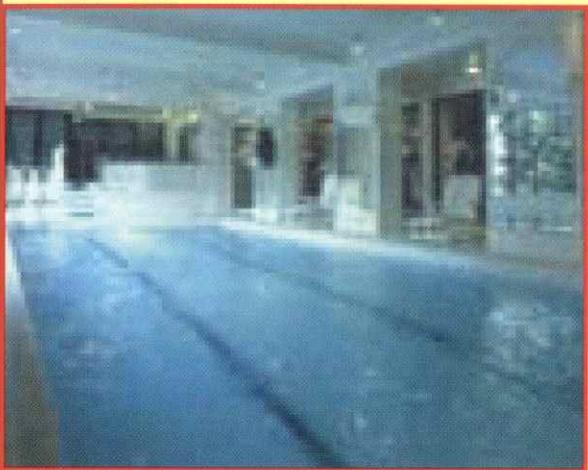
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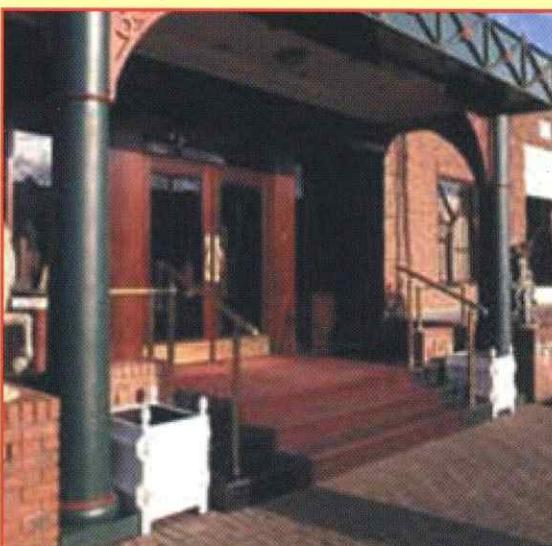
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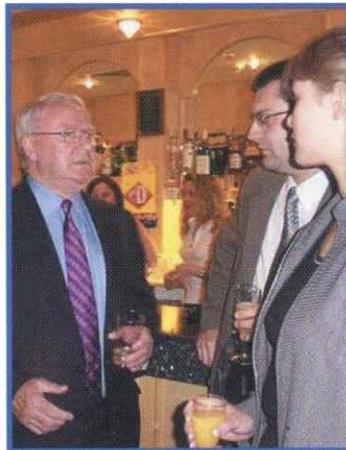
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Blackpool Wren Rovers were the latest team to suffer at the hands of the superb County girls. Blackpool have always been considered a particularly strong side and this result will have really made County the team to beat. Once again the goals were spread about the team with Lucy Lutton getting 2 and Jane Fox, Nikki Daniels, and Donna Davidson also scoring. A trip to Gretna is the schedule for the girls this coming weekend (29th).

In the County League the Blues squad had another excellent result with a 1-1 draw at home to Tameside Girls. Janette Broadbent scored the County goal. The HNR squad, though, broke their winning streak when they were beaten 6-1 by Everton St Domingos. With Rachel Brindley scoring for County.

In the junior leagues the Under 15's Blues beat Oldham Saints 4-0 with goals from Kelly Hutchinson (2) Katie Needham and Lauren Taylor. The U15's Hatters side



◀ JANE FOX...
on the scoresheet

Bentley (2) Melissa Barclay (2) Toni Petters and Cheryl Burns.

New First Team Matchday Magazine

We now have our very own matchday magazine for all the first team home games thanks to our Marketing & Promotions Officer, Stevie Johnson who has done a great job in organising, preparing and producing the programme. The magazine has gone down really well with both home and away supporters and we would like to thank the following companies who have kindly helped to sponsor this venture – Adlington Equestrian Centre, TN Robinson Ltd, Britannia Hotels, Miller Walmleys Consulting, The Bulls Head, Marple and M & G Domestics.

We would also like to thank Lambs Coaches who will be providing the transport for our more distant away fixtures. This will enable the team to travel together and will ensure they do not have to play after driving themselves.

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JUST FOR YOU... OUR VISITORS THAT IS!

1. Lee Jones - goalkeeper

Bargain £50,000 buy from Bristol Rovers in the summer of 2000. Now fully fit after breaking his collarbone last March and back as the club's Number One.

2. Keith Briggs - midfield

The former trainee was a revelation following the arrival of Carlton Palmer in November and he ended the season with two player of the year awards.

4. Dave Challinor - defender

Moved across Cheshire last season when we paid Tranmere Rovers £120,000 for his services. Dave is now established at the heart of our defence where his accomplished performances have seen him handed the captain's armband.

5. Robert Clare - defender

Still hard to believe that Rob is not yet 20. A product of our highly successful youth programme the cultured defender has been included in England's Under-20 squad to play Germany later this month.

6. Carlton Palmer - defender/midfield

The Gaffer! Inspirational figure who leads on and off the pitch. Carlton has turned the club around in a relatively short period of time whilst remaining a top-class player. There won't be many better in Division Two this season. Scored the first goal in our Worthington Cup win at Lincoln

7. Aaron Lescott - midfield

Aaron became Carlton's first signing when the boss went back to Hillsborough to pay his former club £75,000 for the former England Schoolboy international in November. Now fully fit after missing the final ten weeks of the season due to serious knee injury.

9. Luke Beckett - striker

Luke arrived from Chesterfield just before last Christmas for what's proved to be a bargain £100,000. The former Barnsley and Chester City hitman quickly endeared himself to the Hatters faithful with his hard-working performances and eye for goal. Has already scored eight times this season.

10. Rickie Lambert - midfield

Rickie joined us from our Cheshire

neighbours Macclesfield in the summer for a cool £300,000. The former Blackpool trainee revived his career with the Silkmen under our former assistant manager, Dave Moss, where he became the first Macc player to hit a League hat-trick.

11. Martin Pemberton - defender/midfield

Martin decided to move to Edgeley Park on a Bosman free just weeks after helping Mansfield win promotion last season. The 26-year-old has also served Oldham, Doncaster, Scunthorpe and Hartlepool.

12. Jim Goodwin - defender

Jim turned down the opportunity of a new contract with Celtic to head south to Edgeley Park in the summer on a Bosman free. Jim is captain of the Ireland Under-21 team that also includes his County teammates Ben Burgess and Jon Daly. Scored twice in our last home game against Barnsley.

14. Fraser McLachlan - midfield

Fraser, another of our successful trainees, has not looked back since he was handed his debut at Sheffield United in March. Became a regular in our engine room and was rewarded with an extended contract at the end of the season. Unfortunately dismissed for two yellow cards at Colchester on the opening day of the season he has struggled to win his place back in the squad.

15. Kevin Ellison - midfield

Came to prominence just down the road at Altrincham where he became one of non-league football's hottest properties. A £50,000 move to Leicester brought him to the attention of Colin Murphy who, following his return to EP as Director of Football in November, recommended Ellison to Carlton Palmer. After a short trial period we paid the Foxes £55,000 to make the move permanent.

16. Jonathan Daly - striker

Just returned from the UEFA Under-19 Finals where his three goals helped Ireland qualify for next year's World Youth Championships. A prolific scorer with our youth and reserve teams the Dubliner became our second-youngest first-team player when he made his debut at Walsall in 1999. Scored his first

Doesn't it drive you crazy when you get a programme at an away game only to read everything you already know about your own players, when what you really want is to know who you're up against? Well folks this is for you!



▲ ROB CLARE...
cultured
defender

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Club' player
of the year
last season



▼

goal of the season in our Worthington Cup defeat by Gillingham.

18. John Hardiker - defender

John became the Conference's most-expensive defender when we paid Morecambe £150,000 to bring him to EP in January. Scored on his Football League debut at Rotherham and he gained cult status by hitting both goals in our pulsating victory over Manchester City in March. One our most consistent players this season.

26. Ali Gibb - midfield

Last season's Supporters' Club player of the Year Ali started his career at Norwich and moved to EP from Northampton in February 2000 for £50,000. Asked for a transfer in the summer but delighted everyone at Edgeley Park when, after a string of impressive performances, he asked to come off the list.

32. Ben Burgess - striker

At £450,000 Ben, who joined us from Blackburn in July 2002, is our second most expensive signing. Scored 17 goals on loan at Brentford last season to help the Bees reach the Second Division Play-Off Final. Injured his knee at Cardiff and is not expected to return to action until November.

33. Neil Ross - striker

Neil joined us on a free transfer from Leeds United in January 2000. Opened his first-team account with our final, equalising, goal in the thrilling 3-3 draw at Gillingham last season. Scored twice for our reserves in their excellent win at Stoke on Wednesday.

34. Michael Ingham - goalkeeper

Currently on loan from Sunderland. The Northern Ireland Under-21 international made his Hatters debut in our 3-1 Worthington Cup win at Lincoln.

35. Anthony Tonkin - defender

Our latest acquisition joined us from Yeovil for a fee of £50,000 on September 26th. Lightening-quick he has already made a big impression on everyone here at Edgeley Park.

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WELCOME TO Luton Town

A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR VISITORS



▲ Chris Coyne

Luton Town arrive at Edgeley Park this afternoon looking to bounce back from Wednesday's Worthington Cup defeat at Villa Park.

Conceding an early goal to De la Cruz settled Villa's nerves and two Dion Dublin goals ensured there would be no upset.

Defeat, though, didn't dampen the enthusiasm of more than 4,500 Town fans who, much like ourselves in the same competition back in 1995, out-chanted the Villa fans throughout the game.

Defeat could also come at a cost for the other Hatters after an injury to Russell Perrett that casts a huge shadow over his chances to play today.

The former Portsmouth and Cardiff defender is a key member of Joe Kinnear's squad and already has two goals to his name this season.

Replacing Perrett during the interval at Villa Park was Ian Hillier. The Welsh Under-21 international, who moved to Kenilworth Road from Spurs, dropped into the left-back position with Alan Nielson moving to the centre of defence. Although born in Germany Nielson has figured for Wales at full and under-21 level. The 30-year-old has worked with Kevin Keegan at Newcastle and Fulham either side of a spell with Southampton. The Australian Chris Coyne is likely to partner Nielson. West Ham United gave the Brisbane-born defender his big break in English football but, after failing to make the grade at Upton Park, he joined Luton from Dundee in September 2001.

Emmerson Boyce, a product of Town's youth set-up, plays mainly



▲ Matthew Spring

at right back. The 23-year-old who possesses pace and tenacity can also play in midfield.

Left-back Sol Davies moved to Kenilworth Road from Swindon days after Town had lost their second-successive game at the start of the season.

The Cheltenham-born defender made 114 league appearances for the Robins, previously his only professional club.

With more than 200 games to his name Matthew Spring is almost an automatic choice in Kinnear's engine-room.

Not 23 until next month the Harlow-born midfielder almost joined West Bromwich Albion in the summer but delighted everyone at Kenilworth Road when he opted for a new two-year contract with Luton.

Alongside Spring Steve Robinson is a Northern Ireland international who moved from Bournemouth to Preston North End for a fee of £375,000 in May 2000.

Strangely, though, he never established himself at Deepdale and he agreed to drop a division to join Luton for what could prove a bargain £50,000. Paul Hughes made seven appearances for County on loan from Chelsea in the 1998-99 season. A midfield player of immense quality his career has, unfortunately, been blighted by injury and the 26-year-old, a former England Schoolboy international, has only 61 league appearances to his name.

Four years Hughes' junior Peter Holmes is another midfielder to represent England at schoolboy level.

He joined Town from Sheffield Wednesday in August 2000 but has struggled to hold down a first-team place.

A third England Schoolboy on the books at Kenilworth Road is striker Andrew Fotiadis. After a successful traineeship he turned professional with Town in July 1996.

Like Hughes his career has been blighted by injury. Most of his 113 league appearances have come from the bench with a result that he's only found the back of the net on 13 occasions.

One of the 13, though, was against County in May 1997, the last time the two clubs met. That game finished 1-1 with the corresponding clash at Edgeley Park ending the same way. Other than 1996-97, though, games between the two Hatters have been rare. The two clubs have only met in six seasons and here at Edgeley Park County remain unbeaten with four wins and two draws.

A significant game took place almost 34 years ago on November 29th 1968. County won the Third Division clash 2-0

thanks to goals from Freddie Goodwin and Bill Atkins. The match will be remembered, though, for the debut of Alex Young. The former Everton genius joined us from Glentoran for what was then a club record £15,000.

Known as the Golden Vision for his blond hair and fantastic ability the Scottish international helped double our previous home attendance to 13,246.

Another much talked about game against Luton came in the FA Cup in 1958. Both teams wore white shirts at the time, so both had to change. County ran out in an Old Gold and Black strip inspired by Wolves one of the dominant forces in English football during the 50s.

The kit proved lucky as County hammered Town, then riding high in the old First Division, 3-0 in front of more than 18,000 ecstatic fans.

Dean Crowe, who replaced Fotiadis after 73 minutes of Wednesday's game at Villa, won't need directions to Edgeley Park. Born in Offerton, the striker slipped through the County net to serve his apprenticeship with Stoke City.

Loan spells followed at Bury, Northampton and Plymouth followed before he agreed a permanent move to Kenilworth Road in September 2001.

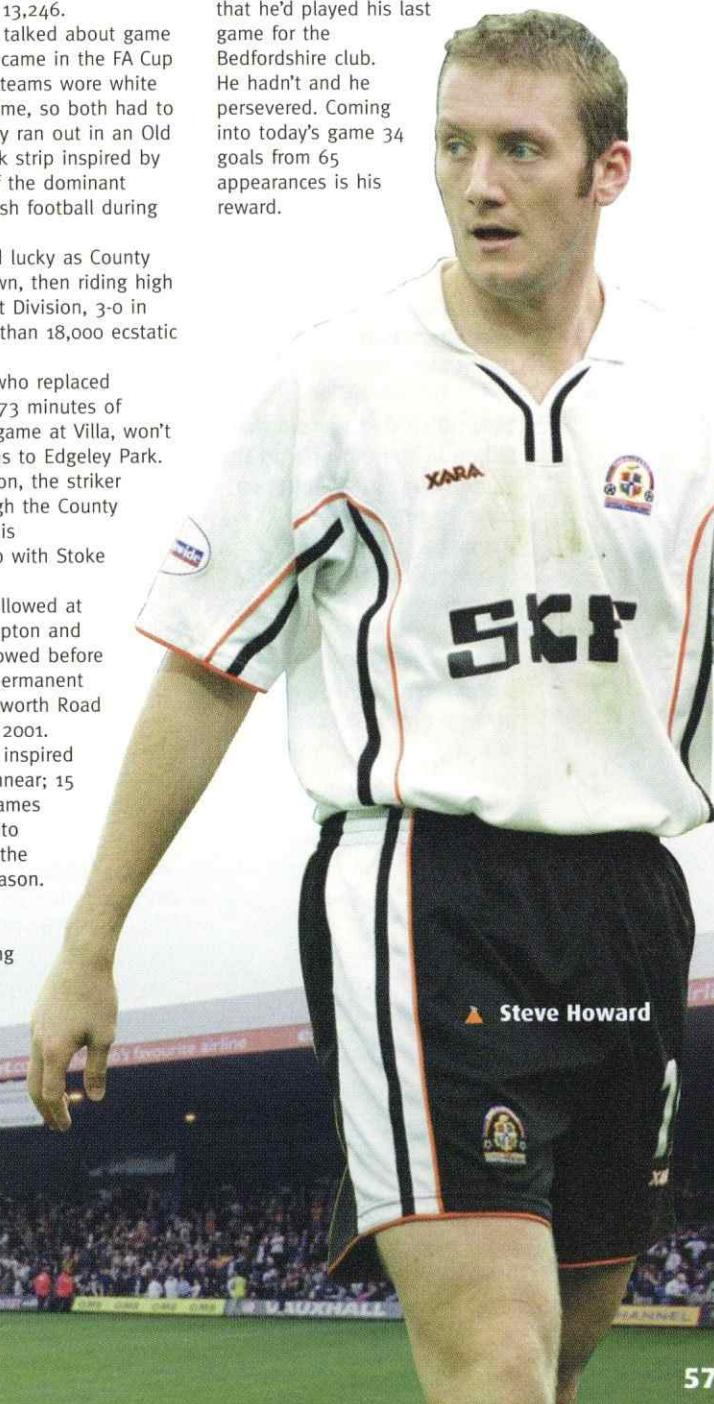
He proved an inspired signing by Kinnear; 15 goals in 34 games helped Luton to promotion at the end of the season. Steve Howard leads the Hatters' scoring charts this

term with eight goals, testimony to his character as much as his ability.

The Durham-born former Northampton striker has had a difficult time in trying to win the support of the Luton faithful.

Early last season he insisted on twice taking a penalty despite advice from other players. He missed both and it seemed that he'd played his last game for the Bedfordshire club.

He hadn't and he persevered. Coming into today's game 34 goals from 65 appearances is his reward.



▲ Steve Howard



VISITORS

view

WORLDWIDE HATTERS ON THE SUPER HIGHWAY (WHOOSH) MAILING LIST GIVE US THEIR VIEWS ON WHAT IT IS LIKE TO FOLLOW THE 'OTHER' HATTERS...

How enjoyable was the promotion last season?
Sex with a supermodel wouldn't come close... although many would say we should never have been in Div 3!

How much damage did the failure in the playoffs do the club in 1997 after being so close to promotion?

Damaged the quality of Division One more than that it damaged the Club!

Over the last twenty years Luton have been up and down all four divisions. Which one is their true home?

We should be at home in the First division, with the occasional good cup run. It is our rightful place.

How do you think the Bosman ruling followed by the collapse of ITV

digital will affect Luton?
It has affected us greatly, the loss of transfer revenue, which for so long has our lifeblood. Fortunately as a result of the Administration period and MWC taking over the ITV digital money has not been as badly missed.

Are there any plans for the club to relocate?
Yes, but don't hold your breath.

What will your derby match be this season?
Just had it against Watford in Worthington Cup but in the same Division it would be Wycombe and Northampton.

Why is there some much animosity towards Watford?
Three reasons History, History, and History. Plus the fact they are seen as posher neighbours. Having

Graham Taylor as a Manager, twice, is surely enough to make everyone dislike Watford, isn't it?

Which of your ex-players who is still playing would you welcome back?
Matt Taylor & John Hartson.

Who gets a hard time at Kenilworth Road?
(ref/manager/player?)
The Luton players in the dressing room after they've lost!

What mascot have Luton got?
The highly respected Happy Harry, A true legend amongst club mascots and known to be deadly from 6 inches with a football.

Did Eric Morecambe ever make it to Kenilworth Road?
Many times. He was a Director at one time and would occasionally provide hilarious commentary on the radio.



This afternoon County welcome Luton Town, the other Hatters, to Edgeley Park for what promises to be a robust, competitive encounter. After a trio of away league defeats the Stockport Hatters will be looking to replicate their second-half display against Barnsley to get this glut of home fixtures off to a winning start. Luton arrive here a solitary place

and just two points behind County, although they have played one game more.

Following promotion last season Town initially found life tough in Division Two. They lost at home on the opening day to Peterborough, 3-2, and Barnsley also left Kenilworth Road victorious by the same scoreline.

Sandwiched in between were a brace of away defeats at Blackpool, where our former striker Scott Taylor scored twice in the Seasiders' 5-2 win, and Plymouth, 2-1. Their first league point, surprisingly, came at Cardiff when they held the promotion favourites to a goalless draw.

Their first victory, 3-0 against Chesterfield at Kenilworth Road, followed before another battling

performance, at Brentford, secured a second away point.

Late goals from Perrett and Howard extended Town's unbeaten run as they fought back from 2-0 down against Notts County but although they scored another two late goals in their next game it was a case of too little, too-late as Mansfield had already built up a 3-0 advantage. Kinnear's men have put that setback behind them, though, to record back-to-back victories in their last two league games; a 1-0 success at Huddersfield and a 3-0 home win against Swindon.

FOR THE record

Holidaymakers Beware
Luton is of course a significant transport link on the map of the UK. Its airport sees a large number of travellers pass through it but the place has a chequered past. Those of a certain age will easily be able to recall the 1970's advert for a certain alcoholic beverage featuring a youthful Lorraine Chase cackling the much-mimicked phrase 'Luton Airport' in her delightful accent. But how many can remember the far more frightening song of the same period sung by 'ace' outfit Cats UK (where are they now), altogether now 'Luton Airport oo-ee-oo' or something like that. These days of course you're more likely to get harassed at the Easyjet check-in desk by a film crew, no doubt demanding you shout at a check-in assistant for the delight and delectation of the watching masses.

LOCAL knowledge

THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT LUTON

Famous Fans

Luton's most famous supporter is now, tragically, no longer with us but Eric Morecambe will certainly live long in the memory as will the legendary Cleopatra sketch where Eric's Roman Centurion displayed his love for the team. Luton can also call upon former Breakfast TV stalwart, Nick Owen and perhaps most surprising of all, purveyors of grunge and all-round top American Indie band Pavement. How did that happen?

Early Days

Luton were formed following the merger of Belgian-sounding Luton Excelsior and Luton Wanderers in 1885. They were the first southern club to go professional with players in 1890

earning 5 shillings a game. They dipped in and back out of the Football League around the turn of the century, although the dipping out was more due to the cost of away travel to the largely northern-based clubs in the league rather than actual relegation.

So who are the true Hatters then??

Luton adopted the nickname Hatters in the 30's replacing their previous nickname of the Straw Plaiters, which aren't proper hats anyway, not like they made up north any road up!! Still we're a forgiving bunch in Stockport and I'm sure every one of us is honoured that Luton were inspired enough to borrow our nickname.





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2002/03 SEASON DIVISION TWO DATABASE

Largest Win

HOME: 6-1 Oldham Athletic V Mansfield Town (24/9)

AWAY: 5-0 Crewe Alexandra at Mansfield Town (31/8)

Highest Crowd: 14,001 QPR V Plymouth Argyle (31/8)

Lowest Crowd: 2,721 Colchester United V Wigan Athletic (31/8)

Penalty Scorers: 3 Hunt (Brentford), 2 Hills (Blackpool),

Parkin (Swindon), 1 sixteen players.

Total successful penalties: 23 (Home Team 15, Away Team 8)

SECOND DIVISION HOTSHOTS 2002/03 SEASON

	League	Cup	Total
Earnshaw (Cardiff)	7	3	10
Wijnhard (Oldham)	8	1	9
Beckett (County)	7	1	8
Gallen (QPR)	7	1	8
Howard (Luton)	7	1	8

COUNTY GOAL TIMINGS (League) 2002/03

Minutes	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	Tot
Goals Scored	0	2	1	2	5	0	10
Goals Conceded	1	2	2	1	1	0	7

OUR VISITORS GOAL TIMINGS (League) 2002/03

Minutes	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	Tot
Goals Scored	2	0	2	2	4	8	18
Goals Conceded	2	6	2	3	1	4	18

EDGELEY PARK GOAL SUMMARY (League & Cup) 2002/03

	Cheadle End	Railway End
For	6	2
Against	2	2

Statistical Shorts

■ By a strange coincidence, the referee in charge of our Worthington Cup defeat against Gillingham on Tuesday night was also the man in the middle when County exited the same competition last season at the Second Round stage losing out in a penalty shoot out at Nottingham Forest.

■ Today's visitors Luton Town can also boast an impressive record win, albeit just short of County's demolition job in 1934. Two years later in 1936 they beat Bristol Rovers 12-0 in a Division Three South game with Joe Payne helping himself to an individual tally of ten goals.

■ Only Oldham Athletic can boast a meaner defence than County in all three divisions of the Nationwide League. The Latics have conceded just six goals this season to date - 1 fewer than County.

SECOND DIVISION ATTENDANCES AND LEADING LEAGUE GOALSCORERS 2002/03

TOTAL ATT	HIGHEST ATT	AVERAGE ATT	2000/01	AVERAGE	LEADING LEAGUE GOALSCORER
Barnsley 58428	10431	8738	13323	Dyer 3	
Blackpool 35572	8201	7114	5993	Murphy 4	
Brentford 32102	7145	6420	6714	Vine 4	
Bristol City 54662	12221	10932	11220	Murray 6	
Cardiff City 76967	13564	12828	12523	Earnshaw 7	
Cheltenham Town 30459	5895	5077	4073	Alsop 3	
Chesterfield 23072	4488	3845	4391	Hurst 4	
Colchester Utd. 15022	3300	3004	3839	Keith 3	
Crewe Alex 29479	6875	5896	7129	Hulse 7	
Huddersfield Town 48846	11989	9769	10881	Five players with 1	
Luton Town 39003	7860	6501	6853	Howard 7	
Mansfield Town 25447	7258	6089	4919	Corden, Larkin 3	
Northampton Town 30190	5694	5032	5253	Gabbidianni 7	
Notts County 29418	6302	5884	5958	Allsopp 6	
Oldham Athletic 38645	8033	6441	6800	Wijnhard 8	
Peterborough Utd. 28231	5205	4705	5457	Clarke 5	
Plymouth Argyle 52001	11922	10400	8788	Wotton 5	
Port Vale 27470	5689	4123	5206	Angell, B-Wilkinson 4	
QPR 73649	14001	12275	11749	Gallen 7	
STOCKPORT COUNTY 21738	5811	5435	6245	Beckett 7	
Swindon Town 28470	7564	5694	6362	Parkin 5	
Tranmere Rovers 44132	8153	7355	8555	Haworth 5	
Wigan Athletic 30372	6848	6074	5717	Liddell 7	
Wycombe Wanderers 36865	8383	6144	6621	Faulconbridge 4	

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 2002/03

League Apps	Cup Apps	County Apps	League Gls	Cup Gls	County Gls
Luke Beckett 10	7	1	1	-	27(2) 14
Keith Briggs 7(2)	-	1	-	-	41(7) 1
Ben Burgess 6(1)	-	-	-	-	6(1) -
Mark Byrne -	-	-	-	-	1(4) -
Dave Challinor 10	-	1	-	-	28 -
Rob Clare 9(1)	-	1	1	-	49(6) -
Peter Clarke 5	-	-	-	-	50(6) 2
Jon Daly 4(4)	-	-	-	-	15(10) 1
Kevin Ellison 1(4)	-	-	-	-	7(9) -
Karim Fradin -	-	-	-	-	64(8) 9
Ali Gibb 9(1)	-	1	-	-	100(4) -
Jim Goodwin 4(4)	2	-	-	-	4(4) 2
John Hardiker 6	-	1	-	-	17(1) 3
Michael Ingham -	-	1	-	-	-
Lee Jones 10	-	-	-	-	58(2) -
Ricky Lambert 3(2)	-	1	-	-	3(2) -
Aaron Lescott 5(4)	-	1	-	-	22(4) -
Fraser McLachlan 3	-	-	-	-	14 1
Carlton Palmer 10	-	1	1	-	30(1) 3
Martin Pemberton 7	-	1	-	-	7 -
Neil Ross 0(1)	-	1(1)	-	-	2(4) 1
James Spencer -	-	-	-	-	1(1) -
Andrew Thomas -	-	-	-	-	7(3) -
Anthony Tonkin 1	-	-	-	-	1 -
Andrew Welsh -	-	-	-	-	9(6) -
Aaron Wilbraham -	-	-	-	-	78(38) 20
Peter Wild -	-	-	-	-	1 -
Chris Williams -	-	-	-	-	1(4) -
Own Goals -	-	-	-	-	-

The County team that created a Football League record by beating Halifax Town 13-0 in 1934 ▼



Stockport County Football Club

Fixtures & Results Season 2002-2003



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Nationwide Division 2



Pos	Team	HOME						AWAY						
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cardiff	11	4	1	1	10	5	3	2	0	7	4	8	24
2	QPR	11	5	1	0	14	3	2	1	2	9	7	13	23
3	Oldham	11	4	0	2	14	5	3	2	0	5	1	13	23
4	Wigan	11	3	1	1	10	5	4	1	1	9	2	12	23
5	Chesterfield	11	3	1	1	5	3	2	3	1	10	5	7	19
6	Crewe	11	3	1	1	5	3	2	3	1	10	5	7	19
7	Blackpool	11	3	2	0	11	4	2	1	3	4	6	5	18
8	Bristol City	11	4	0	1	11	3	2	0	4	6	10	4	18
9	Brentford	11	3	2	0	5	1	2	1	3	7	12	-1	18
10	Tranmere	11	4	0	0	8	5	1	0	4	4	10	-3	16
11	Plymouth	11	3	1	1	8	5	1	2	3	9	12	0	15
12	Northampton	11	3	2	1	8	3	1	1	3	3	11	-3	15
13	Port Vale	11	3	0	3	8	10	2	0	3	7	9	-4	15
14	STOCKPORT	10	2	2	0	7	2	2	0	4	3	5	3	14
15	Luton	11	2	1	3	14	11	1	2	2	4	7	0	12
16	Wycombe	11	2	2	2	12	10	1	1	3	3	8	-3	12
17	Bransley	11	2	3	1	6	6	1	0	4	5	11	-6	12
18	Peterborough	10	2	1	3	7	4	1	1	2	5	7	1	11
19	Notts County	11	0	2	3	4	9	2	3	1	11	6	0	11
20	Colchester	11	2	1	2	3	3	1	1	4	3	10	-7	11
21	Swindon	11	2	0	3	6	5	1	1	4	5	12	-6	10
22	Cheltenham	11	1	1	4	7	12	1	2	2	4	4	-5	9
23	Huddersfield	11	1	2	2	2	4	1	1	4	3	11	-10	9
24	Mansfield	11	1	0	4	4	16	1	1	4	9	18	-21	7

Table as at 29-09-02



DIVISION ONE WEST

Date	Opposition	Venue	K-O	Res	Att	Scorers
21 Aug	Rochdale	Away	2pm	0-4	64	
28 Aug	Blackpool	Home	7pm	5-1	202	Daly 2, Ross, O.G. 5.2
16 Sep	Nantwich Town (CSC)*	Away	7.45pm	1-1	118	Holt
18 Sep	Wrexham	Home	7pm	0-1	225	
25 Sep	Nantwich Town*	Home	7.25pm	2-1	219	Holt, Ellison
30 Sep	Stoke City	Away	2pm	3-2	228	Ross 2, McLachlan
16 Oct	Shrewsbury Town	Away	7pm			
30 Oct	Doncaster Rovers	Home	7pm			
13 Nov	Wigan Athletic	Away	2pm			
20 Nov	Macclesfield Town	Home	7pm			
11 Dec	Chesterfield	Away	2pm			
8 Jan	Rochdale	Home	7pm			
15 Jan	Blackpool	Away	2pm			
5 Feb	Wrexham	Away	7pm			
19 Feb	Stoke City	Home	7pm			
26 Feb	Doncaster Rovers	Away	2pm			
12 Mar	Shrewsbury Town	Home	7pm			
26 Mar	Wigan Athletic	Home	7pm			
2 Apr	Macclesfield Town	Away	2pm			
23 Apr	Chesterfield	Home	7pm			

All home game to be played at Edgeley Park

* = Cheshire Senior Cup



NORTH WEST CONFERENCE 2002-03

Date	Opposition	Venue	Result	Scorers
17 Aug	Blackpool	Home	2-2	Davies, Holt
24 Aug	Preston North End	Away	0-5	
7 Sep	Bury (FLYAC)*	Home	1-1	Campbell
14 Sep	Rochdale (FLYAC)*	Away	1-0	Holt
21 Sep	Oldham (FLYAC)*	Home	3-1	Holt 2 Warrender
28 Sep	Tranmere Rovers**	Home	0-4	
5 Oct	Wigan Athletic	Home		
12 Oct	Oldham Athletic	Away		
19 Oct	Carlisle United	Home		
26 Oct	Burnley	Away		
2 Nov	Rochdale	Away		
9 Nov	Bury	Home		
16 Nov	Oldham Athletic	Home		
23 Nov	Wigan Athletic	Away		
30 Nov	Carlisle United	Away		
7 Dec	Burnley	Home		
14 Dec	Rochdale	Home		
11 Jan	Bury	Away		
18 Jan	Blackpool	Away		
25 Jan	Preston North End	Home		
1 Feb	Tranmere Rovers	Away		
8 Feb	Merit games			
15 Feb	Merit games			
22 Feb	Merit games			
1 Mar	Merit games			
8 Mar	Merit games			
15 Mar	Merit games			
22 Mar	Merit games			
29 Mar	Merit games			
5 Apr	Merit games			
12 Apr	Merit games			
19 Apr	Merit games			
26 Apr	Merit games			



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2.	Keith Briggs	<input type="checkbox"/>
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30.	Haydn Eames	<input type="checkbox"/>
31.	Ryan Elderton	<input type="checkbox"/>
32.	Ben Burgess	<input type="checkbox"/>
33.	Neil Ross	<input type="checkbox"/>
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		player	sub	scored
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2.	Aaron Skelton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Alan Neilson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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6.	Marvin Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Adrian Forbes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Kevin Nicholls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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10.	Carl Griffiths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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12.	Chris Coyne	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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15.	Dean Crowe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.	Carl Emberson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17.	Emmerson Boyce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.	Ahmet Brkovic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19.	Steve Howard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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24.	Sol Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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38.	Michael Leary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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41.	Kevin Foley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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