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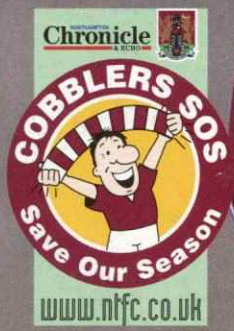

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Good afternoon and welcome to what I'm sure will be a keenly contested local derby.

The SOS appeal continues and we are as ever touched by the support shown to the club by all those who have donated, organised or supported any event. The next such event takes place on Monday evening, when lifelong supporter Mr Richard Knight holds a sponsored bowling marathon. If you are at a loose end, please pop along and show your support. The event takes place at the Megabowl here at Sixfields from 6pm.

Of course also on Monday, at 4pm, we are holding an EGM to hopefully clear the way for the issue of the non-voting shares that will be on sale from just £1 each. More details on the web site and in the local media next week, but the current idea is to put these shares on sale for £1 each and a minimum purchase of 25. The EGM is open to shareholders only, but news of the meeting will be issued via text message from the Sixfields Message Service upon the meeting's conclusion.

We have two cup ties to look forward to in the next few weeks, and we are pleased to have been given two home draws. We have reduced prices for the Cambridge tie in the LDV Trophy, and hopefully the gesture will be rewarded with a good sized crowd.

> *"We have two cup ties to look forward to in the next few weeks..."*

Thank you to everyone who supported Claret Day yesterday, and Mr Loebell and his fellow walkers, who should hopefully arrive at Sixfields this afternoon after his overnight walk from Luton. Last night there was a sponsored pub crawl down the Wellingborough Road in Northampton, while there are many more events planned, and the auction evening on December 16 continues to attract some fantastic items for auction.

Finally, good luck to the youth team who play in the second round of the FA Youth Cup at Oadby on Monday.

As always, many thanks for your support.

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Good afternoon and welcome to Sixfields for our second successive Saturday home game. Luton are our visitors today in what is sure to be a keenly contested local derby. I had a few months in charge of Luton's Reserve team a couple of seasons ago before I took over at the Cobblers on a full time basis so it will be nice to pit my wits against a few of my old friends.

I hope that the players will show some pride and passion in the shirt today and put our home record straight after a disappointing defeat last weekend. It is nice to see Jamie Forrester back in form, he is looking sharp and scoring goals again. I think the spell out has refocused him and he has looked more like his old self is in recent weeks. The chances are dropping for him at the moment and long may that continue. He has been our top goalscorer for the last couple of seasons and he'll be keen to catch up with Marco.

It is good to see the players who have been out for a while successfully returning to action, however we only have a small squad here and it has been stretched all season. We have five players who have long term injury problems and they have been missing for a quite some time. When we play Saturday-Tuesday-Saturday you find that players will pick up little niggles because of the close proximity of the games and that has hit us as much as any other side, probably more so because there are sides in this division that can afford to be without almost a quarter of the squad but not us.

> *"Let's try and get that going at home again."*

The last couple of home games have been disappointing for everyone connected with the club and I know the crowd have been frustrated but this afternoon is a time when we must all pull together, get behind the lads and hopefully we can turn things around collectively. At Tuesday night at Oldham we showed there is not a lot wrong with an excellent performance that demanded so much more than we got, and we have to keep going knowing we are not a million miles away. Please cheer the players on when things aren't going right, the lads appreciate that kind of backing and do respond to it. Anyone who has been to see us away from Sixfields this year will admit we've turned in some good footballing performances on the road and the support you have given us has been magnificent. Let's try and get that going at home again.

We have an England Under 19 international and two cup matches coming up at Sixfields before our next home game in the league against Port Vale on November 23rd so hopefully we can sign off with the right result this afternoon.

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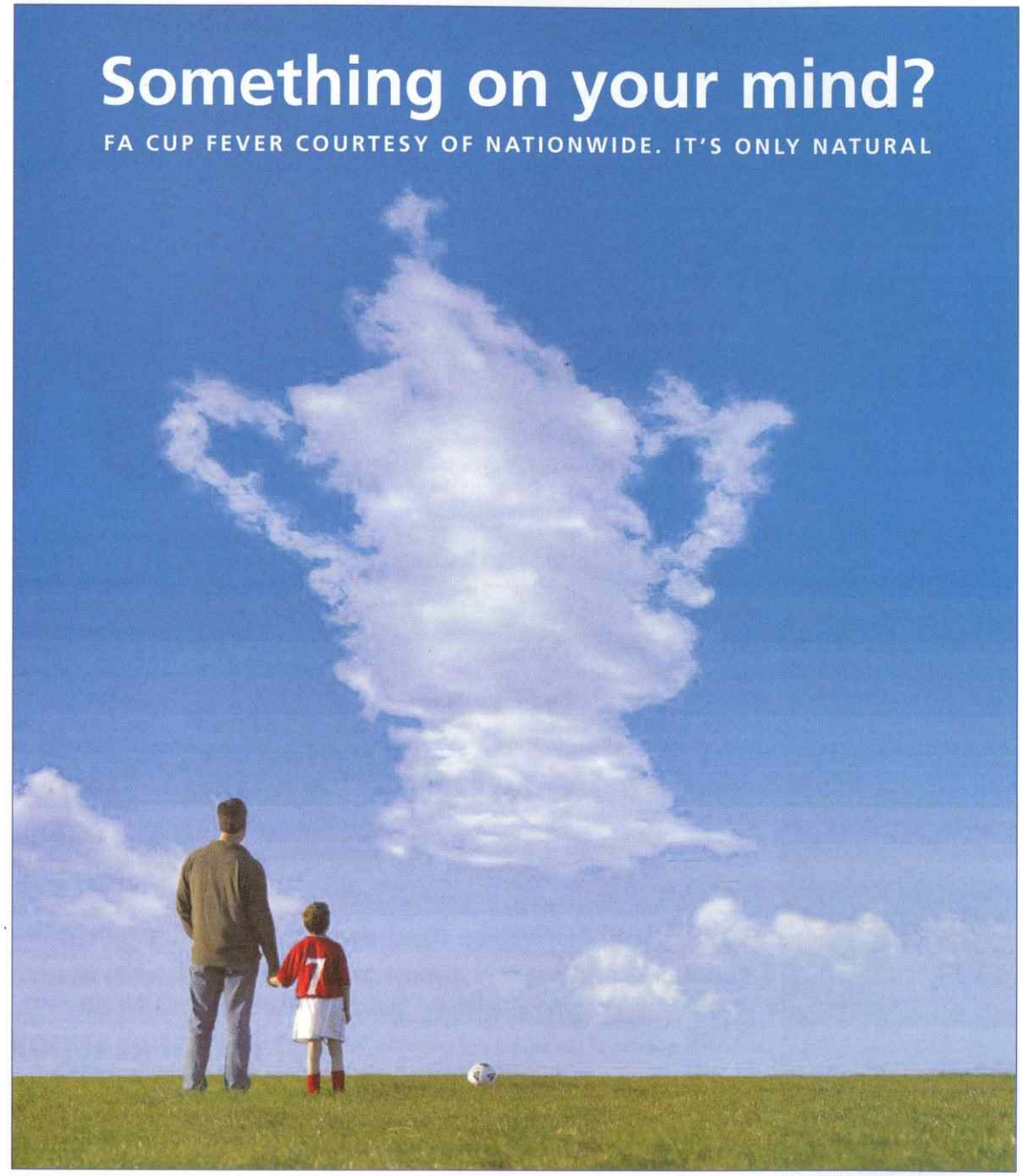

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To boost the Cobblers SOS appeal, Mr Steve Marks, a Cobblers fan from the East of Northamptonshire, has donated 2 tickets to the Manchester United v Bayer Leverkusen Champions League tie at Old Trafford on 13 November.
These are 2 prime seat tickets for 1 adult and 1 junior, which will be awarded to the person making the highest pledge to the Cobblers SOS appeal. Anyone interested is invited to contact Mr Marks on 01933 625290 or 01933 624488.

Records tumbled at Edgar Street as the Cobblers beat Hereford United 4-3 in the LDV Vans Trophy 11 days ago.
Jamie Forrester opened the scoring after just 24 seconds with his 100th career goal, while the Cobblers scored four goals away from home for the first time since Febraury 1995 and a 4-4 draw with Fulham at Craven Cottage.
The goal from Jamie Forrester that won the tie was the club's first ever golden goal, while the third goal at Edgar Street has been officially credited by the club to Richard Hope.

The Cobblers trip to Loftus Road next Saturday is ALL TICKET for Cobblers fans.
The Cobblers have been given an initial allocation of 1,000 seating tickets costing £16 adults, and £8 for junior/OAP/student. This allocation will rise to 3,100 tickets if demand requires. (To claim a student discount students must produce NUS card at time of purchase AND on entry to Loftus Road.) These tickets are now on unlimited general sale from the Sixfields Box Office.

Cobblers fan Nicky Sarti is after the shirt worn against Bury on 17 April 1965 by then club captain Theo Foley as the club won promotion to Division One. Nicky is also after other memorabilia of Mr Foley's so if anyone can help she can be contacted on matchdays at the St Johns Ambulance point.

Today sees the first use of the yellow Mitre Fluo Flare balls. They will be used through the darkest months of the year, up to the end of February. The white balls will return on March 1st 2003.

In a bid to keep costs down in the current climate, the club will be producing an 8 page programme priced at £1 for the Cambridge United LDV Vans Trophy round 2 tie on Tuesday week. Normal service will resume for the Boston FA Cup tie.

Leicester City's Director of Football and former Wimbledon, Watford, Sheffield United and Nottingham Forest Manager Dave Bassett has shown his support for the Cobblers SOS appeal.
Bassett told the club's recent Executive Dinner that it is vital for clubs like Northampton Town to survive, and he wishes everyone associated with the appeal every success.
The comments were met with approval from those in attendance, and the Leicester Director of Football pledged to add the signatures of the Leicester City players to the shirt, which will be auctioned to support the appeal.
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Northampton Town Football Club are holding an Extraordinary General Meeting at Sixfields at 4pm on Monday.

The meeting is being held to approve an increase in share capacity to allow supporters to purchase £1 ordinary non voting shares to raise funds for the Cobblers SOS appeal. The minimum subscription will be £25 and more details will be available after the meeting.

OTHER EVENTS

Monday November 4 - Ten pin bowling marathon - organised by Mr Richard Knight. Venue Megabowl at Sixfields from 6pm onwards

Saturday November 16 - Ringstead WMC hosting fundraising family disco evening and auction

Tuesday November 19 - An Evening with the Players at Chicagos. Tickets on sale now costing £10 from Chicagos, the Sixfields Box Office or the club shop.

If you would like your event publicised, please contact Gareth Willsher at the club on 01604 757773, by fax on 01604 751613 or by-email, gareth.willsher@ntfc.tv

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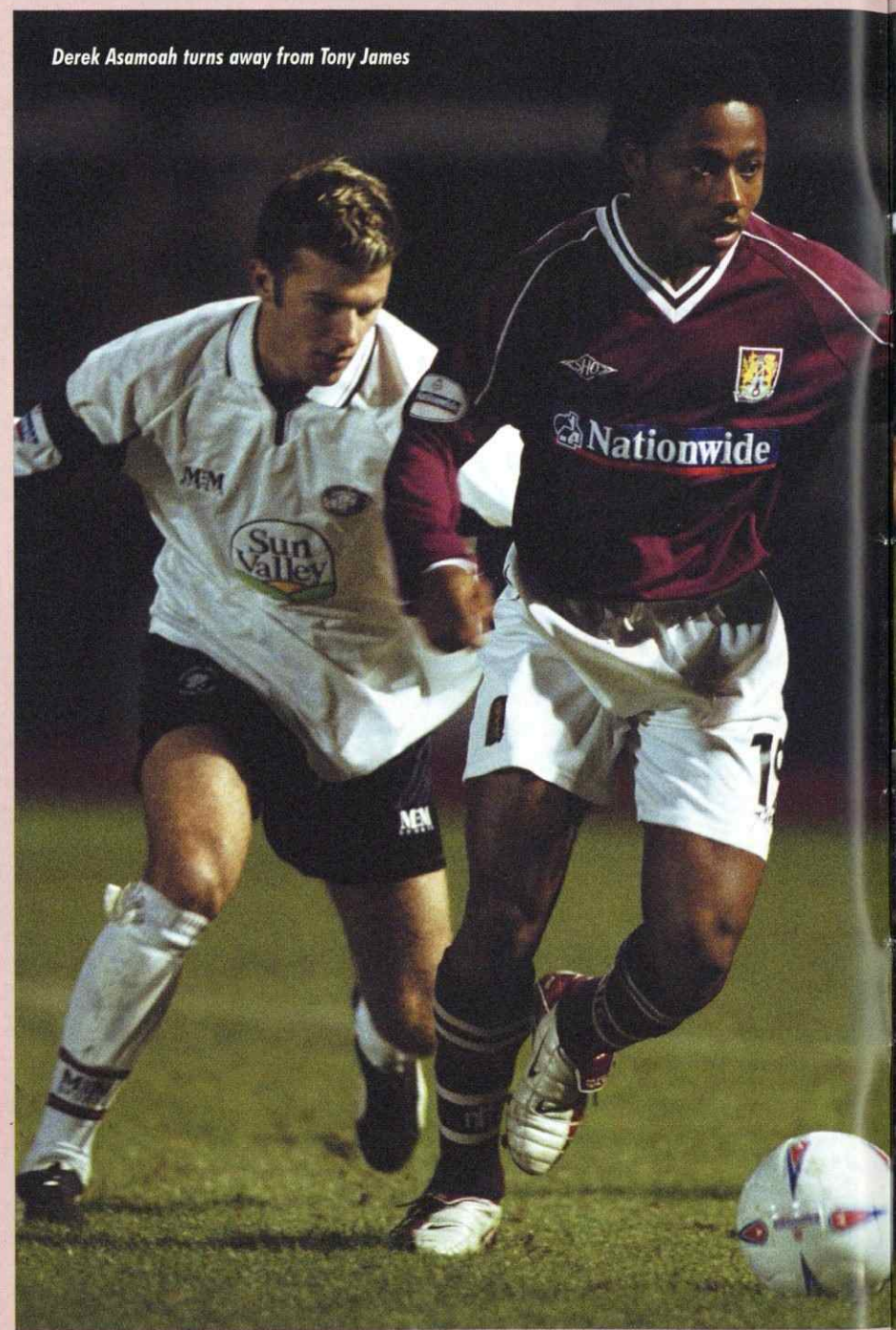
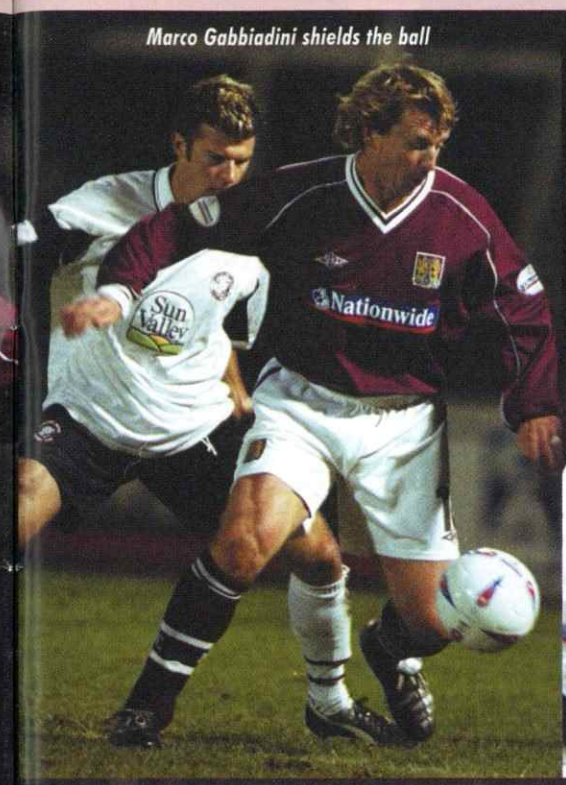
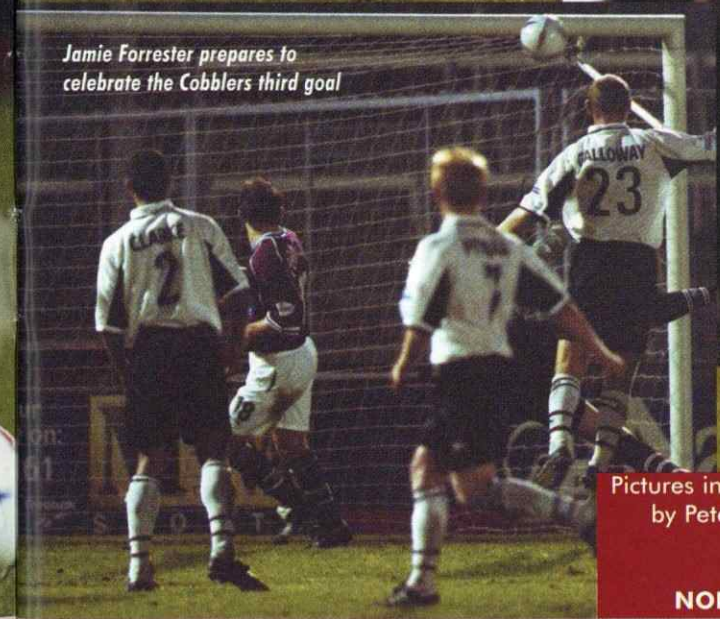


Derek Asamoah turns away from Tony James



Marco Gabbiadini shields the ball

Ian Sampson clears from Danny Williams



Jamie Forrester prepares to celebrate the Cobblers third goal

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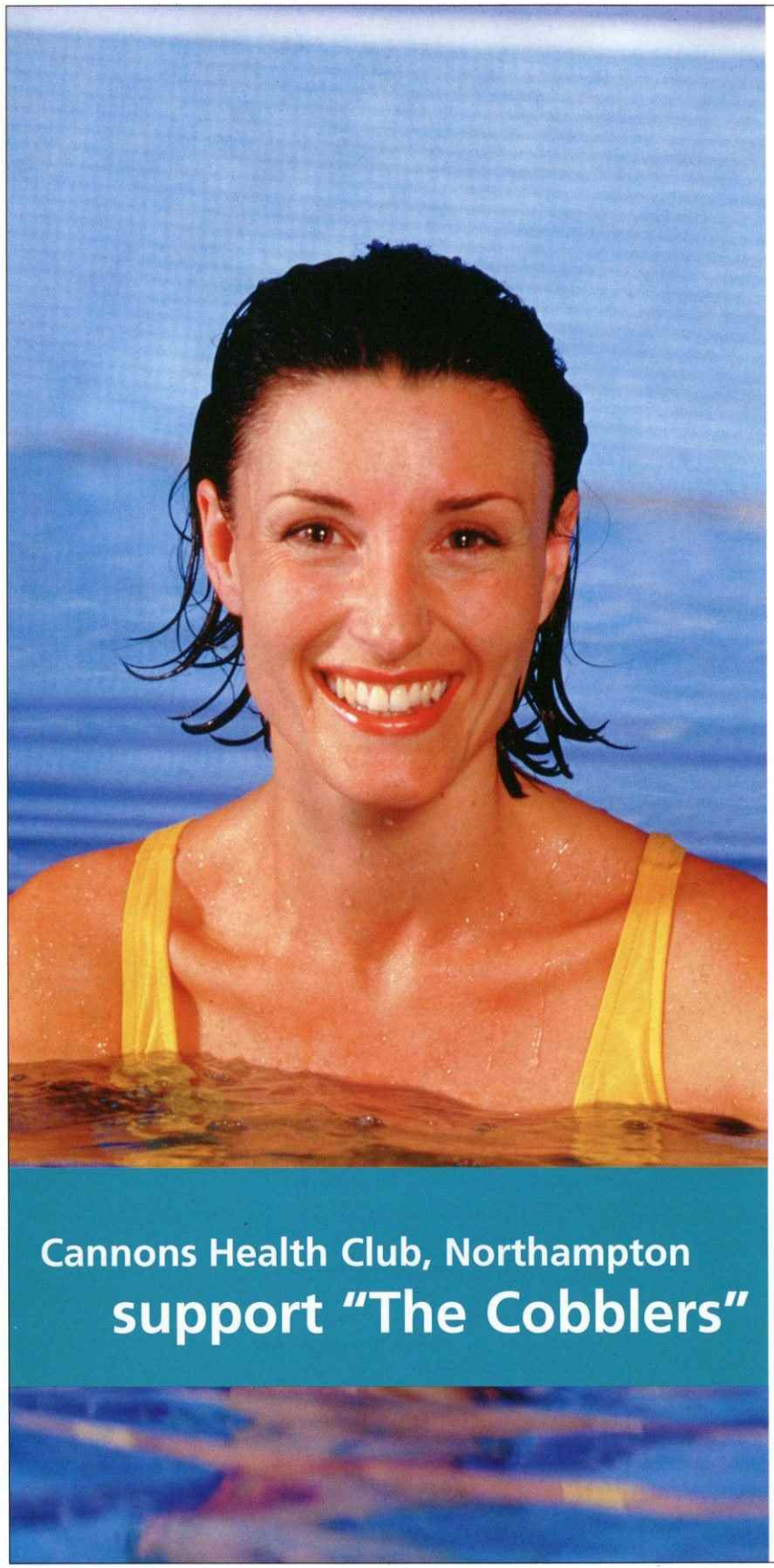
Tue Oct 22 - Hereford United 3 Northampton Town 4 - Forrester scores 100th career goal after 24 seconds, and settles game with golden goal penalty. John Frain makes first start of the season as Cobblers progress. First goals of season for Hope and Rickers.



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IT wasn't just the team that was below par during last Saturday's 2-1 defeat to Cheltenham Town, the atmosphere inside the ground wasn't much to write home about either.

There are times, mainly under the floodlights, when Sixfields is a real cauldron of passion, and there are other occasions – such as last weekend – when it is more like a library. Apart from the travelling Robins supporters chirping up with the odd song – including a well received 'stand up if you hate Rushden' - the noise inside the ground was at a minimum, Jamie Forrester's goal and late second-half rally by Town apart. It's a situation that raises an old argument: Is it up to the supporters to raise the players, or is it up to the team to do the business on the pitch and give the fans something to shout about?

Well, I'm a firm believer in the former.

Of course the players are paid to entertain and do their best to do just that. And when things go to plan and the football's flowing as everybody wants it to be, then the supporters will be on their feet and making a rare old racket anyway. But it's when things aren't going to plan – as they didn't last weekend - that the supporters can come into their own and have their chance to have a real influence on proceedings. A player having a stinker won't be lifted by indifferent silence or abuse from the stands, but he may just be shaken from his stupor by some vocal encouragement. He will certainly try that extra bit harder to sort his game out. So although I appreciate that it is sometimes difficult to stay positive and upbeat when the team is playing poorly, doing just that can make a real difference and could well turn imminent defeat into a draw or a victory.

So come on everybody, no matter what the situation today, stay behind the lads and give them your full backing.

Times are tough at the moment, and it's a time when everybody with the Cobblers at heart needs to pull together to get the right result. So sing up and let the players know you are on their side...

> ***"...it's a time when everybody with the Cobblers at heart needs to pull together..."***

BIG Steve Howard makes his return to Sixfields today and I'm sure he will receive a warm welcome from the home as well as the visiting supporters. Howard was always a big favourite with the Cobblers fans, with most of them probably wishing he was still with the club and banging in the goals. But unfortunately, that is not the case.

Howard is a fully-fledged Hatter now and in the past 14 months – after a difficult start at Kenilworth Road - has finally began to deliver on the prolific goal-scoring promise he showed during his time with the Cobblers. Howard was once tipped by Kevin Wilson as being good enough to play in the Premiership, and I'm sure nothing would please most Cobblers fans than seeing the big man battling it out with the elite of the English game.

To do that he is going to have to keep hitting the old onion bag on a regular basis and I'm sure that won't be a problem – although I'm hoping he won't be able to hit a cow's backside with a banjo this afternoon!

THERE was much debate over Manchester United's decision to send a weakened team out to Cyprus for their Champions League clash in midweek. Some thought Alex Ferguson was wrong and was letting down the other teams in the group who would expect United to beat Maccabi Haifa rather than lose 3-0. I actually think it's a manager's prerogative to play whatever team he likes. United had already won the group and if Ferguson wanted to blood some squad players then he should be able to – but I just hope the United boss remembers what he did on Tuesday later in the season. I can just imagine the fuss emanating from the hot-headed Scot if United are going for the title and one of their rivals comes up against a side that has nothing to play for in the league, but is perhaps looking forward to a cup final or semi-final. Yes, I'm sure if that happens then Ferguson will fully understand and accept it if the team with nothing to play for in the Premiership sends out a weakened team and gets smacked 3-0 to hand his rivals three points...not!

TUESDAY night's defeat at Oldham was one of those frustrating occasions when the whole world seemed to be against the team. The Cobblers played some good football and created a host of good chances against one of the best sides in the division – and got turned over 4-0! You could sense the disbelief among Kevan Broadhurst's men at the final whistle, but the players shouldn't get too downhearted. As the manager said after the game, if they can continue to play as they did at Boundary Park then they will soon be winning matches. And today against Luton Town would be a good time to start. Up the Cobblers.

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Thank you to Alan & Tressa Gregory for the use of the Monks Park Club. £1,214 was raised for the SOS appeal. £200 winner of the Tri Cast Card was Mr Neil Pritchard.

AGM

The Sixfields Travel Club AGM will take place at Sixfields on Thursday November 21st, at 7.30pm

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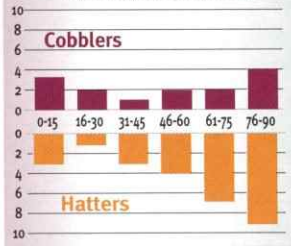

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10	Against	5
4	Points	16
-5	Goal Difference	7
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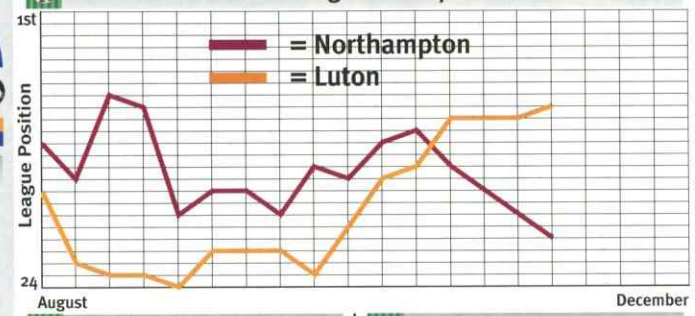
Yellow & Red Cards

17	Yellow	33
3	Red	1

Seasonal Progress Comparison



2002-2003 Attendances

Cobblers		Hatters
41,283	Aggregate	52,814
5,739	Highest	7,860
3,663	Lowest	6,004
5,160	Average	6,602
67	% of Capacity	66

Average Goals per game

0.88	For	1.69
1.25	Home For	2.13
0.50	Away For	1.25
1.50	Against	1.44
0.88	Home Against	1.63
2.13	Away Against	1.25

2002-2003 Figures

22	Players Used	33
4	Clean Sheets	6
7	Failed to Score	2
	Goals scored from...	
0	Corners	4
0	Free Kicks	2
	Goals conceded from...	
1	Corners	1
5	Free Kicks	2

10 Year Record

Cobblers	Avg Pos.	Hatters
70.5	among 92 clubs	53.4
3,443	Avg Att 1993	7,878
5,160	Avg Att 2002	6,602
50	+ / - %	-16

Top League Scorers

Gabbiadini		Howard
7	League Goals	8
16	Games Played	15
0.44	Lge Goals/Game	0.53
6	Points Gained	5
1	Scoring Run	4
1	Hat-Tricks	0
3	Close Range	4
3	Inside Area	3
1	Long Range	1
3	Shots	3
1	Headers	4
2	Volleys	1
1	Penalties	0
0	Direct FKs	0

Swings

NT	Games Won from:	LT
0	3 Goals Down	0
0	2 Goals Down	0
0	1 Goal Down	3
	Lost from:	
0	3 Goals Up	0
0	2 Goals Up	0
1	1 Goal Up	1
	Drawn from:	
0	3 Goals Down	0
0	2 Goals Down	1
2	1 Goal Down	0
0	3 Goals Up	0
0	2 Goals Up	0
0	1 Goal Up	1

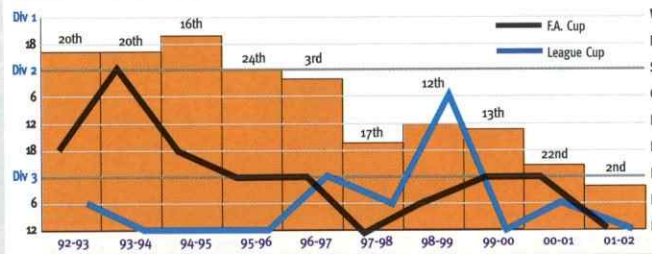
Margins

2	Won by 1 Gl	5
1	Won by 2 Gls	0
1	Won by 3 Gls	2
0	Won by 4 Gls	0
0	Won by 5+ Gls	0
	Games	
4	Lost by 1 Gl	4
1	Lost by 2 Gls	0
1	Lost by 3 Gls	1
2	Lost by 4 Gls	0
0	Lost by 5+ Gls	0

Misc stats

8	Highest Pos.	9
20	Lowest Pos.	24
0	Winning Run	5
3	Unbeaten Run	7
4	Losing Run	4
5	No Win Run	5

Luton Town's 10 Year History



Win	Season	Leading Scorer	Ave A
Fin	01/02	Howard.....24	6,85
SF	00/01	George.....7	5,75
QF	99/00	George.....14	5,65
Rd.5	98/99	Douglas.....9	5,52
Rd.4	97/98	Thorpe.....14	5,87
Rd.3	96/97	Thorpe.....28	6,29
Rd.2	95/96	Guentchev/Marshall.9	7,22
Rd.1	94/95	Marshall.....11	7,35
	93/94	Dixon.....9	7,87
	92/93	Gray.....19	8,21

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NORTHAMPTON TOWN V CAMBRIDGE UNITED
LDV VANS TROPHY ROUND 2
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12 7.45PM

Admission prices for the evening are as follows; adults £8, juniors and senior citizens £2.T he club will only be opening the West and South stands for the game, subject to demand. Tickets will are now on sale, and where applicable season ticket holders seats in the West Stand will be reserved until close of business on Monday November 11.

NORTHAMPTON TOWN V BOSTON UNITED
FA CUP ROUND 1
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16 3PM

Ticket prices have been confirmed as normal matchday admission prices. The game will see the likes of Ray Warburton, Daryl Clare, James Gould and Tony Battersby make a return to Sixfields as part of the Pilgrims squad. Tickets are now on sale this Thursday, and season ticket holders seats will be reserved until Friday 15 November. Supporters can pay on the day of the game. Should a replay be required, that will take place at Boston United's York Street ground on Wednesday November 27th, with a 7.45pm kick off.

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1. MARK OVENDALE
Former Cobblers keeper Mark spent 2000-01 sharing the No 1 spot with Nathan Abbey and a year later after Abbey's departure, found himself in another battle, this time with new signing Carl Emberson. Emberson came off better with 33 League starts to Ovendale's 13, which was slightly disappointing after Mark was brought to Kenilworth Road in the early days of Ricky Hill's reign for £425,000 from Bournemouth. He cost The Cherries £30,000 from Barry Town in July 1998 and made 111 appearances with the Dean Court club, keeping an impressive 40 clean sheets on the way.

2. AARON SKELTON
Aaron is a very useful utility player, who can play a holding role in midfield, in central defence or at right back, and was Colchester United's Player of the Year before re-joining the Hatters. A trainee at Kenilworth Road in 1992, Skelton had few opportunities to break into the First Team squad. In days of cutting wage bills, manager Lennie Lawrence decided to let him go and in July 1997, Skelton joined Colchester United. He went on to play 144 times for the Layer Road team in four seasons that saw Colchester promoted from the Third Division and establishing themselves in the Second.

3. ALAN NIELSON
German-born Welsh defender Alan Neilson became manager Joe Kinnear's 15th signing since his summer rebuilding work began when he joined in February 2002. Joe turned to a man who had cost a total of £1million in transfer fees during a career spent mostly in the Premiership with Newcastle and Southampton. He played under Kevin Keegan at Newcastle, where he made 50 appearances between 1991 and 1995 before moving to Southampton for £750,000 in June 1995. He plays mainly at right back or in the centre of defence, but can also play a holding midfield role, sitting in front of the back four, and he seldom gives the ball away or makes mistakes. His experience and calm defending won him a two-year contract in the summer of 2002.

4. MATTHEW SPRING
Matthew Spring came close to leaving Kenilworth Road after his contract expired at the end of the 2001-02 season, but after rejecting an offer from West Brom, manager Joe Kinnear was delighted to persuade the midfielder to sign on for another two years. Spring is now one of Luton's most senior players with more than 200 appearances for the Club and is one of the first names on the teamsheet.

5. RUSSELL PERRETT
Manager Joe Kinnear made Russell Perrett his seventh signing in the summer of 2001 as he began his rebuilding of the Luton squad. Perrett, a tall and intelligent centre half, made his debut at Carlisle on the opening day of the season barely 24-hours after joining the Hatters. Perrett began his pro career at Portsmouth after being spotted playing non-league football with Lymington, his home-town club. He moved on to Cardiff City in 1999 for £10,000 and helped them win promotion to Division Two. Then Cardiff spent big money during the summer, including £600,000 for Spencer Prior. Chairman Sam Hammam, a long-time friend of Kinnear from the days when they were at Wimbledon together, agreed to allow Perrett to come to Luton on a free transfer. Bournemouth made a late bid for him, but after hearing Joe's vision of Luton Town's future the defender moved to Bedfordshire.

6. MARVIN JOHNSON
There is only one Marvin, the longest-serving player at Kenilworth Road, now well past 500 career appearances for the Hatters in 14 long years. If his legs are not always up to three games in eight days any more, his heart is as big as ever and his presence in the dressing room with a young side around him is more than influential. Hatters fans just love to see Marvin surging forward over the halfway line and though he does not score too many goals, when he does they tend to be important. A one-club man since he joined as a schoolboy, Marvin took over the captaincy when Davis rejoined Burnley at the end of December 1998, and did much to keep morale high as a young team went through the trauma of receivership.

7. ADRIAN FORBES
Adrian in full gallop down the right wing gets Hatters fans on their feet like very little else. A real battler, who gives everything he's got for the cause, he also played up front in his first season at Kenilworth Road when there were suspensions and injuries. Forbes became manager Joe Kinnear's fourth summer capture when he signed a three-year contract in July 2001. He cost £60,000 from Norwich City and the reaction of the Canaries fans revealed that he was a crowd-pleaser and that they were sorry to see him go.

8. KEVIN NICHOLLS
Luton's skipper and driving force just grew in stature in his first season at Kenilworth Road until his manager Joe Kinnear called him "the life and soul of the football club" as he led the players both on and off the pitch towards promotion. Brought from Wigan just before the start of the 2001-02 season, he quickly made the holding role in left central midfield his own and began a partnership with Matthew Spring that saw the two play together 38 times in the season. Tough in the tackle - sometimes too tough for referees liking, which led to four matches missed through suspension - Nicholls was also able to get forward and create many important goals with visionary passes out of defence. Nicholls signed a three year contract from Wigan for a staged fee that could grow up to £150,000 if he plays enough games.

9. TONY THORPE
Signed on a free transfer from Leicester, Tony Thorpe was originally played as an attacking midfielder with only limited success but when moved to a more advanced role he came into his own, scoring goals for fun. After scoring seven times in a poor side as the Town were relegated from Division One in 1996, Thorpe took Division Two by storm netting more than 30 times in all competitions, the first Luton player to do so since 1966, as the team narrowly failed to achieve promotion at the first time of asking. Quick-footed and confident, Thorpe was seemingly able to score at will as he displayed the single mindedness all top strikers possess. It was probably not a shock when a cheque for £800,000 took him to Fulham but he has returned to his spiritual home, on loan, on two separate occasions since to add to his goals tally for the Hatters.

11. STEVE ROBINSON
Northern Ireland midfielder Steve Robinson became the second of manager Joe Kinnear's new faces in the summer of 2002 when he signed his a two-year contract from First Division Preston for a fee of £50,000. He was brought in to strengthen the right side of midfield, a position that no Luton player had quite made his own in the season before. Robinson cost Preston £375,000 from Bournemouth in May 2000. At Bournemouth, he scored an impressive 62 goals from midfield in 288 appearances, his best season being 1998-99 when he scored 16.

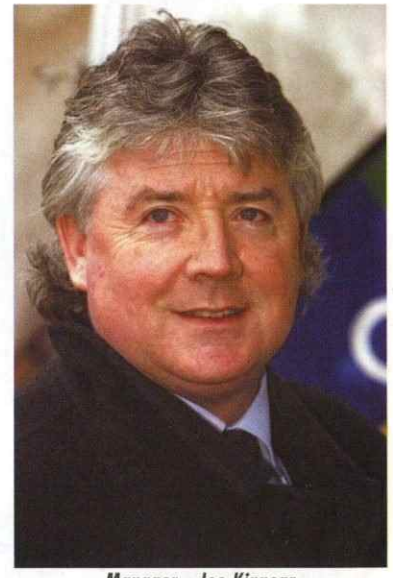
12. CHRIS COYNE
Aussie defender Chris Coyne had a few bad breaks but finished up in a dominant centre back partnership with Russell Perrett that helped to keep 10 clean sheets in the last 14 games - all unbeaten - as promotion was clinched. Like Perrett, Coyne is strong in the air and on the ground and he has plenty of courage as he showed when coming back from a bad knee ligament injury that kept him out for 12 matches. He started out at West Ham, but made just one substitute appearance before moving to Dundee after loan spells at Brentford and Southend.

14. ANDREW FOTIADIS
Joe Kinnear has called Andrew Fotiadis the unluckiest footballer ever as no matter what he does, he seems to pick up an injury. After six seasons at Kenilworth Road, he has made just 106 league appearances, 64 of them from the bench. He won England Schools caps at Under-15 and Under-18 level, and looked to be on the way to becoming an old-fashioned centre-forward, with good physique, power, and concentrated determination to score goals.

15. DEAN CROWE
The former Cobblers loanee joined Luton the day after Carl Griffiths' season ended at Leyton Orient in September 2001 - and he carried on where Carl left off, a poacher for a poacher. Small, but quick in the box, good at turning people and a lethal finisher, he first came to Kenilworth Road on a month's loan from Stoke City in September 2001. Crowe stepped up and scored four times in his first six games, winning over the crowd. When the loan was up, manager Joe Kinnear immediately signed him on a free transfer for two-and-a-half years, with a sell-on clause that Stoke City were to receive 50 per cent of any future transfer fee. He had loan spells here at Sixfields, Bury and Plymouth, but later had the chance to come to Kenilworth Road.

17. EMMERSON BOYCE
A strong and intelligent defender, Emmerson Boyce more than held his place as Joe Kinnear just kept on signing defenders all around him. It says a lot that out of the squad that Joe inherited, Boyce was one of only three players who continued to be regulars. One of the many to come through from Luton's schools and youth development programme, Boyce was signed as a YTS boy in the summer of 1995, and graduated to the First Team squad after a debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999.

19. STEVE HOWARD
Steve Howard struggled to win over the crowd more than he struggled to convince the manager that he was worth his place after joining the Hatters from Northampton in March 2001. A tall and powerful striker, who can be a real asset in both penalty areas, he began his Luton career in a losing battle against relegation, but once manager Joe Kinnear began rebuilding the Hatters side in the summer of 2001, Howard was an ever present on the team sheet. Sections of the crowd have booed him, but those who understand more about the game see his value. He ran into trouble early in the 2001-02 season when he insisted on twice taking a penalty against the advice of several senior players. He missed both and was disciplined amid hints from Joe that he had played his last match for the Hatters. But Howard battled back, scored three goals in his next four games and never looked back.



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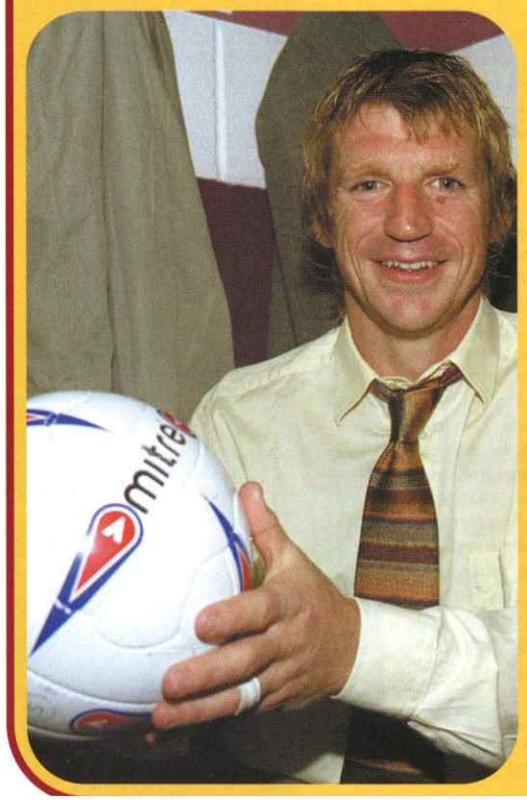

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Hello everyone and welcome to what promises to be a cracking local derby.

The games against Luton often have plenty of incident and we are sure today will be no different. Until kick off however, sit back, relax and let us bring you the best pre-match entertainment around.

At 2.40pm we will go pitchside and get the latest team news and hear from Pete Smith. Either side of that, it's all your messages, requests and dedications.

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TRUST UPDATE

Trust News

The Trust AGM will soon be upon us this has been arranged for Thursday December 5th 2002 in the Platinum Lounge at Sixfields 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. We will shortly be sending out our latest newsletter to members. Within the newsletter will be information you would normally receive in the AGM mailing.

Within the newsletter will be nomination forms for Officers positions. Nominations must be received by the returning officer within 14 days of the AGM. The returning officer is Brian Lomax at 24 Castle Mound, Barby, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV23 8TN. Basically any Trust member can be nominated providing we have something in writing with their signature and the signatures of the Trust members proposing and Seconding them.

The nominations for the post of Supporters Representative have to be in by the first Executive Committee meeting after the AGM. This has to be someone who is on the Executive Committee and has been on the committee for more than two years.

Trust Travel are running two coaches to QPR one leaving at 9am where people can either watch / play in the supporters football match between NTFC supporters & QPR Supporters. Players are required for this, contact myself, see details below. Supporters can also enjoy a day down in London by going on this coach doing what they choose to. The other coach will be leaving solely for the main match at 12 noon. See elsewhere in the programme for times and prices.

Trust Travel runs a raffle on every away game for two tickets to the away game that we are travelling to. Congratulations to Spencer Lawrence (again) and Alan Rabbit who won the latest tickets for Notts County. All proceeds to the Trust and therefore to NTFC.

Save Our Season Fundraising.

The Quiz Night in aid of the Save Our Season appeal in Earls Barton on Friday 18th October raised £315.50 for the Trusts coffers and hence NTFC. Thanks to everyone who attended, a very enjoyable evening was had by all. Thanks in particular to Nick Haycox who managed to shout all the questions out. Well done Nick. Thanks also to Roger Averill for part organising the evening with Nick.

The collection scheme before the Cheltenham match raised £1,293.61 including £110 from the sale of the Save Our Season Car Stickers. That brings the grand total to £6,900.69 over the six games. We are always seeking volunteers to help collect the donations on match days. Anybody who can help should contact myself, see details below. We meet at 1:15 outside the club shop, but any time you can spare up until kick off, will be greatly appreciated.

Supporters are reminded that anybody wishing to donate to the Save our Season appeal through the Northampton Town Supporters' Trust should make cheques payable to Northampton Town Supporters' Trust and send them to Stuart Taylor(Membership Secretary), 13 Whitegates, West Hunsbury, Northampton, NN4 9XA.

Just a reminder also to Trust members that we are asking supporters to renew their membership early or if possible upgrade to Life Membership. If you are not a member, why not? Instead of donating £5 to the appeal (or £2 for under 18's / over 60's), join the Trust and the money will still go to NTFC. As at 18th October there has been £3149 in the way of membership fees. There has also been £3116 in the way of donations, when you add the £315 from the Quiz a similar figure from the Disco/Karaoke night and the £6,900.69 from the car parking that is £13,480.69 raised by the Trust so far.

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We continue our look back at great Cobblers sides from the past. Today we cover players who represented the club in the 1948-49 season.

TOM SMITH: Manager Tom Smith brought some well known names to Northampton during his spell as manager. Internationals from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland wore the claret and white during the war. He left in 1948 after a dispute.

RON JAMES: After spells with Wolves and Birmingham Ron joined the Cobblers in May 1948 but failed to hold down a regular first team place and returned to Birmingham. He later played for Kidderminster Harriers.

TOM SMALLEY: Tom was 30 when he signed for the Cobblers at the beginning of the war, yet he stayed until 1951 as the regular right back, forming a formidable partnership with Bill Barron. He became player coach at upper Gornal.

HARRY LOWERY: Harry was one of the three players transferred from West Brom in October 1945, for a combined fee of £4,500. During the war he had guested for Walsall, injury forced him to retire from the league, he joined Bromsgrove.

JACK ANSELL: 'Jack', real name William was signed from Bletchley brick works as cover but once he got a first team place he could not be shifted. It was a broken leg v Southend that saw him lose his place. He moved onto Oxford.

BILL COLEY: After spells with Wolves, Bournemouth and Torquay, Bill joined the Cobblers having been a guest for them during the war. His tough tackling often got him into trouble with referees and he was the first post war Cobbler to be dismissed.

EDDIE FREIMAN: Eddie came to England as a translator during the war, he had represented his country 12 times. A prolific scorer with Peterborough in the midland league his stay at the County Ground was short, he moved on to Nuneaton.

JACK JENNINGS: This ex Preston, Cardiff and Middlesborough wing half had visions of being a surgeon until the war changed his plans. He became a physio and coach, not only to Northampton, but to the British Olympic, and England Amateurs.

TOMMY FOWLER: 'Flash' was to spend 16 seasons at Northampton and play over 500 league games for the club, more than any other player, yet he only turned up at the County Ground after being stationed at Bromham recovering from wounds.

DAVE SMITH: Ex South Shields and Newcastle player Dave, played for Northampton during the war and was also prominent in the army side that toured the Rhine area. After playing he became the club secretary and manager for a spell.

BILL BARRON: Bill was to be the last man to play for Northampton and Northants C.C.C on a regular basis. He also guested for the club many times during the war. Although he started life as a winger he developed into a top flight defender.

BILL SMITH: After being released by Plymouth and Reading, Bill settled into the Cobblers side however competition for places saw him move on to Birmingham and Blackburn Rovers before accepting a position of player coach at Accrington.

GWYN HUGHES: Welshman Gwyn was living in Rugby when he was recommended to the club by ex player Len Hammond. He was to stay 11 seasons playing in all the five forwards, and three half back positions, before joining Bedford.

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FIXTURES & RESULTS

. . . who, where and when

Date	Opponents		Res	Att (away)	Pts	Pos	Kit																	
SAT 10 AUG	**CREWE ALEXANDRA**	**H**	1-1	5,694(1,097)	1	12		Harper	Gill	Spedding	Marsh	Hope	Trollope ^	McGregor†	Harsley#	Stamp*	Forrester	Hargreaves	**GABBIADINI***	Carruthers#	Lincoln	Abbey	Asamoah†
Tue 13 Aug	Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-1	5,993(745)	2	15		Harper ^	Gill	Spedding	Burgess	Hope	Trollope	Marsh	Harsley	Morison*	**FORRESTER**	Hargreaves	Gabbiadini*	Carruthers	Lincoln	Abbey	McGregor
Sat 17 Aug	Cardiff City	A	2-1	13,321(388)	5	8		Harper	Gill	Spedding	Sampson	Burgess	Trollope	Marsh*	Harsley	**GABBIADINI(2)# ^**	Forrester†	Hargreaves	Morison#	Carruthers*	Lincoln	Abbey	Asamoah†
FRI 23 AUG	**BLACKPOOL**	**H**	0-1	5,556(683)	5	8		Harper	Gill	Spedding	Sampson	Burgess ^	Trollope	Marsh*	Harsley	Gabbiadini†	Forrester†	Hargreaves	Morison	Carruthers	McGregor*	Abbey	Asamoah†
Tue 27 Aug	Chesterfield	A	0-4	3,585(818)	5	18		Harper	Gill	Spedding	Sampson	Burgess	Trollope	Carruthers	Harsley†	Gabbiadini*	Forrester#	Hargreaves	Morison#	Marsh	McGregor†	Abbey	Asamoah† ^
SAT 31 AUG	**BARNSLEY**	**H**	1-0	5,004(865)	8	16		Harper ^	Gill	Spedding	Sampson	Burgess	Trollope	Asamoah#	Harsley	Gabbiadini†	Forrester*	Hargreaves	Morison#	Lincoln	**MCGREGOR†**	Abbey	Carruthers*
Fri 6 Sep	Bristol City	A	0-3	11,104(371)	8	16		Harper	Gill	Spedding	Sampson	Burgess	Carruthers	Asamoah*	Harsley ^	Gabbiadini†	McGregor	Hargreaves	Morison	Lincoln	Forrester*	Abbey	Rickers†
TUE 10 SEP	**WIGAN ATHLETIC (WC1)**	**H**	0-1	2,336(82)	-	-		Abbey	Gill	Spedding ^	Carruthers	Burgess#	Trollope	McGregor	Harsley	Gabbiadini†	Forrester*	Hargreaves	One†	Lincoln	Asamoah*	Harper	Rickers#
SAT 14 SEP	**HUDDERSFIELD TOWN**	**H**	0-0	4,679(641)	9	18		Harper	Gill	Carruthers	Rickers	Burgess	Trollope	McGregor†	Harsley	Gabbiadini	One*	Hargreaves	Forrester*	Lincoln	Asamoah†	Abbey	Morison
TUE 17 SEP	**COLCHESTER UNITED**	**H**	4-1	3,663(151)	12	14		Harper	Gill	Carruthers	Sampson	Burgess*	Trollope	McGregor	Harsley	**GABBIADINI(3)# ^**	**ONE†**	Hargreaves	Forrester#	Lincoln	Asamoah†	Abbey	Rickers*
Sat 21 Sep	Swindon Town	A	0-2	4,719(506)	12	14		Harper	Gill	Carruthers ^	Sampson	Spedding	Trollope	McGregor*	Harsley	Gabbiadini#	One†	Hargreaves	Forrester†	Lincoln	Asamoah*	Abbey#	Rickers
SAT 28 SEP	**MANSFIELD TOWN**	**H**	2-0	5,594(597)	15	12		Harper	Gill	Carruthers ^	Sampson	Burgess	**TROLLOPE**	Rickers†	Harsley	**GABBIADINI(p)#**	One*	Hargreaves	Forrester#	Lincoln	Asamoah*	Abbey	Hope†
Sat 5 Oct	Plymouth Argyle	A	0-0	8,530(265)	16	11		Abbey	Gill	Carruthers ^	Sampson	Burgess	Trollope	Rickers	Harsley	Gabbiadini	One*	Hargreaves	Forrester	Lincoln	Asamoah*	Bunn	Hope
SAT 12 OCT	**BRENTFORD**	**H**	1-2	5,739(517)	16	14		Harper	Gill	Carruthers	Sampson ^	Burgess	Trollope	Rickers†	Harsley#	Gabbiadini	One*	Hargreaves	Forrester†	Lincoln	**ASAMOAH***	Abbey	Hope#
Sat 19 Oct	Notts County	A	1-2	6,009(877)	16	16		Harper	Gill	Carruthers	Sampson	Burgess*	Trollope	Rickers†	**ASAMOAH ^**	Gabbiadini	Forrester	Hargreaves	Morison†	Frain	Harsley	Abbey	Hope*
Tue 22 Oct	Hereford United (LDV 1)	A	4-3**	1,087(92)	-	-		Abbey	Gill*	Frain#	Sampson	**HOPE**	Trollope	**RICKERS**	Asamoah	Gabbiadini†	**FORRESTER(2-1p)**	Hargreaves	Morison#	Carruthers†	Harsley*	Bunn	Lincoln
SAT 26 OCT	**CHELTENHAM TOWN**	**H**	1-2	5,354(627)	16	18		Harper	Burgess	Frain*	Sampson	Hope	Trollope	Rickers†	Carruthers	Gabbiadini ^	**FORRESTER#**	Hargreaves	Morison#	Asamoah*	Harsley†	Abbey	Lincoln
Tue 29 Oct	Oldham Athletic	A	0-4	5,512(207)	16	20		Harper	Burgess	Frain	Sampson	Hope	Trollope	Rickers*	Harsley	Gabbiadini†	Forrester	Hargreaves	Morison	Asamoah*	Carruthers	Abbey	Lincoln†
SAT 2 NOV	**LUTON TOWN**	**H**	live and interactive ntfc.tv																					
Sat 9 Nov	Queens Park Rangers	A	live and interactive ntfc.tv				ALL TICKET																	
TUE 12 NOV	**CAMBRIDGE UTD (LDV 2)**	**H**	REDUCED PRICES																					
SAT 16 NOV	**BOSTON UTD (FAC 1)**	**H**																						
SAT 23 NOV	**PORT VALE**	**H**																						
Sat 30 Nov	Wigan Athletic	A																						
Sat 7 Dec	FA Cup 2R	-																						
SAT 14 DEC	**TRANMERE ROVERS**	**H**																						
Fri 20 Dec	Stockport County	A																						
THU 26 DEC	**CHESTERFIELD**	**H**																						
Sat 28 Dec	Peterborough United	A	12 noon																					
Wed 1 Jan	Barnsley	A																						
SAT 4 JAN	**WYCOMBE WANDERERS**	**H**																						
SAT 11 JAN	**CARDIFF CITY**	**H**	12 noon **ALL TICKET**																					
Sat 18 Jan	Blackpool	A																						
SAT 25 JAN	**PETERBOROUGH UTD**	**H**	12 noon **ALL TICKET**																					
Sat 1 Feb	Crewe Alexandra	A																						
SAT 8 FEB	**QPR**	**H**	**ALL TICKET**																					
Sat 15 Feb	Luton Town	A																						
SAT 22 FEB	**BRISTOL CITY**	**H**																						
Sat 1 Mar	Huddersfield Town	A																						
Tue 4 Mar	Colchester United	A																						
SAT 8 MAR	**SWINDON TOWN**	**H**																						
Sat 15 Mar	Cheltenham Town	A																						
TUE 18 MAR	**NOTTS COUNTY**	**H**																						
SAT 22 MAR	**OLDHAM ATHLETIC**	**H**																						
Sat Mar 29	Brentford	A																						
FRI 4 APR	**WIGAN ATHLETIC**	**H**																						
Sat 12 Apr	Port Vale	A																						
FRI 18 APR	**STOCKPORT COUNTY**	**H**																						
Mon 21 Apr	Tranmere Rovers	A																						
SAT 26 APR	**PLYMOUTH ARGYLE**	**H**																						
Sat 3 May	Mansfield Town	A																						

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GOALS: 2002/2003 0 NTFC 0 Career 0
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Born: Frimley 07/09/77
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GOALS: 2002/2003 0 NTFC 2 Career 2
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Born: Liverpool 17/12/74
APPS: 2002/2003 6 + 2 NTFC 46 + 8 Career 149 + 47
GOALS: 2002/2003 1 NTFC 6 Career 37
PLAYER SPONSOR
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Born: Scunthorpe 29/05/78
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GOALS: 2002/2003 0 NTFC 0 Career 7
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GOALS: 2002/2003 0 NTFC 3 Career 24
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Born; Islington 11/07/78
APPS; 2002/2003 3 + 1 NTFC 3 + 1 Career 123 + 2
GOALS; 2002/2003 0 NTFC 0 Career 0
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Jerry Gill

Born; Clevedon 08/09/70
APPS; 2002/2003 16 NTFC 16 Career 69 + 18
GOALS: 2002/2003 0 NTFC 0 Career 0
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GOALS; 2002/2003 0 NTFC 0 Career 0
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Cardiff	16	10	4	2	25	12	34	13
Oldham	16	10	3	3	28	10	33	18
Bristol C	16	11	0	5	31	15	33	16
Wigan	16	9	5	2	28	13	32	15
QPR	16	8	4	4	28	17	28	11
Crewe	16	8	4	4	23	12	28	11
Blackpool	16	7	5	4	24	17	26	7
Brentford	16	7	5	4	19	19	26	0
Luton	16	7	4	5	27	23	25	4
Chesterfield	16	7	3	6	15	19	24	-4
Wycombe	16	6	4	6	22	22	22	0
Port Vale	16	6	3	7	21	25	21	-4
Stockport	16	6	2	8	21	21	20	0
Plymouth	16	5	5	6	20	23	20	-3
Tranmere	16	6	2	8	15	27	20	-1
Notts Co	16	3	8	5	20	22	17	-2
Huddersfield	16	4	5	7	13	19	17	-6
Colchester	16	4	5	7	12	18	17	-6
Barnsley	16	4	5	7	16	25	17	-9
Northampton	16	4	4	8	14	24	16	-10
Swindon	16	4	3	9	16	24	15	-8
Peterborough	16	3	5	8	19	22	14	-3
Cheltenham	16	3	4	9	16	24	13	-8
Mansfield	16	3	2	11	20	40	11	-20

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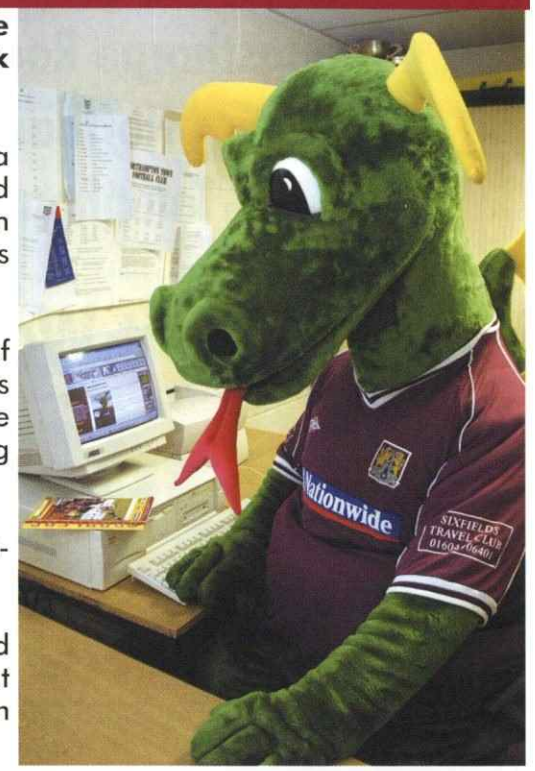

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You will be able to enjoy a pre-match four-course carvery meal including coffee whilst looking over the matchday programme and muling over the competition. At half time return to the warmth of the Restaurant for your complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits. After the final whistle you will again return to the Restaurant to observe the sponsors' presentations.

PLAYERS LOUNGE

The Lounge, although dedicated to past players, gives you the opportunity to mix with the current squad. The package includes a car park pass, complimentary matchday programme, half time tea, coffee and biscuits.

As members of the Players Lounge you will also have the chance to pick your own Players Lounge Man of the Match. We will also arrange priority reservations for away tickets upon request.

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COMMERCIAL BREAK WITH PAUL MARTIN

LDV and FA Cup ties.
With the local derby against Cambridge United in the 2nd round of the LDV Cup on 12th November and the first meeting in the FA Cup 1st round against Boston United on Saturday 16th November we currently have match and matchball sponsorships available for both games. Hospitality packages start from £40+Vat and £55+Vat respectively.

Hopefully all seasonal members will have received their ticket information for the extra cup games in the post this week.

Wilf McGuiness Executive Dinner.
On Thursday 5th December we will be holding our second Executive Dinner of the season at the Hilton Hotel at Collingtree. Wilf the former Manchester United manager will be ably supported by that well know circuit comedian Billy Bean.

It wasn't until last Saturday when one of our debenture holders informed me that Wilf was manager when the Red Devils infamously beat us 8-2 at The County Ground and George Best scored six.

Christmas Fans Package.
Fans are already taking up the opportunity of becoming sponsors for the day and see the Club from a commercial perspective at the Chesterfield home match on Boxing Day.

The package includes a tour, matchday programme and competition, the chance to go out on the pitch and present the referee with the matchball, a four-course pre match meal and pick the man of the match as well as an exclusive sponsors gift. The price is £27.50inc VAT without match ticket or £42.50inc VAT with.

On your bike!!
Pitsfords Cycles of Brixworth Country Park came to the rescue last week. When literally the wheels fell off Denis Casey's rehabilitation schedule. The clubs training bikes urgently needed replacing and they kindly stepped in to provide three excellent reconditioned bikes to the club. We were very grateful for their speedy response!!

Vincent Butterworth
The club would like to send our condolences to the friends and family of Vincent Butterworth. Vincent passed away peacefully at home in Earls Barton on October 22. He was an ardent Cobblers fan and will be sadly missed by all at Sixfields.

Matchday Sponsors
Finally I would like to welcome today's Match Sponsors Zedi Signs and Matchball Sponsors Chalky Whites. I hope that they and all our guests have a great day out.

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If you wish to discuss any of the above or any commercial activities please do not hesitate to contact me or Paula Kane on 01604 757773 or sales.dept@ntfc.tv.

PRESENTATIONS ... v Cheltenham

Matchday Sponsors Sportswise Marketing's Man of the Match Paul Trollope presents Mr McCaughey with his exclusive sponsors gift

The sponsors exclusive Matchday gift is kindly sponsored by Gallery 177

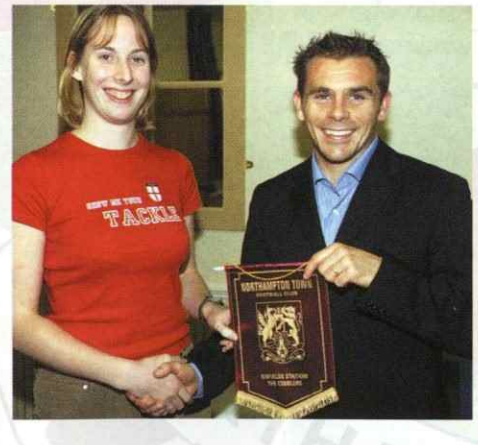
Paul Trollope receives his Man of the Match award from Mr McCaughey of match sponsors Sportswise Marketing

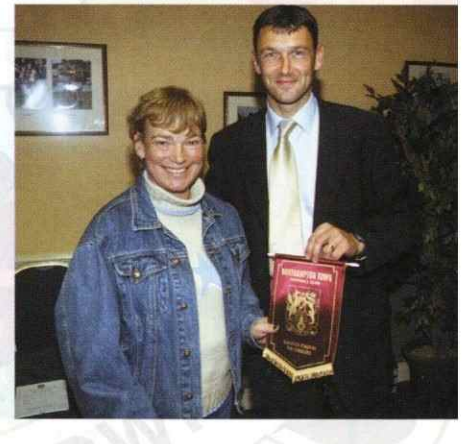
Man of the Match Champagne is kindly sponsored by The Square Salon

The captains and match officials line up with Clarence and representatives of sponsors Sportswise Marketing prior to kick off

Executive Lounge Man of the Match Jamie Forrester presents Nicola Smithr with her signed penant

Players Lounge Man of the Match Ian Sampson presents a signed penant





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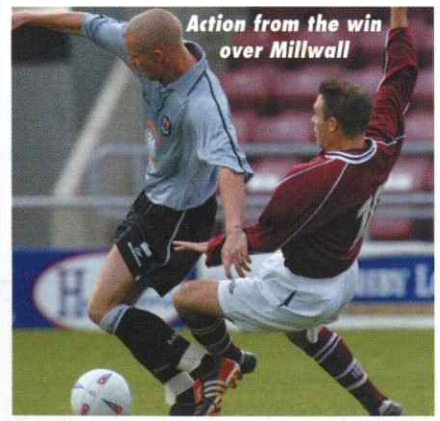
The Cobblers recorded their first victory of the Avon Insurance campaign on home soil against Millwall at Sixfields recently. The two teams both named relatively young sides however the Cobblers reaped the benefits of the performances of their first teamers on duty, Jamie Forrester and John Frain in particular catching the eye. There were plenty of half chances created by both sides during the first 45 minutes, both Forrester and Steve Morison forced saves from Chris Harpur during the early exchanges. At the other Nathan Abbey had to be on his toes on a couple of occasions but he was confidently dealing with everything that the Lions could throw at him.

Northampton Town took the lead through Forrester shortly before half time after a quickly taken free kick from Frain. The experienced campaigner rolled the ball into the path of last season's top scorer who fired home from close range, despite the despairing lunge of Paul Robinson who tried to prevent the ball crossing the line.

The second half followed a similar path to the first although the home side created some more clear cut chances, twenty minutes into the second half a rasping shot from trialist Marcus McGillycuddy struck the foot of the post and the lively Derek Asamoah then tried his luck from 25 yards out with a low drive which Harpur did well to get down to and keep out as the Cobblers looked to double their lead but they had already done enough to follow up the win at Cambridge with another three points.

The Cobblers second string will take on Desborough on Tuesday night at the Waterworks Field in the quarter final of the Hillier Senior Cup. Kick off is 7.30pm.


Action from the win over Millwall

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Wed Aug 28	C PALACE	H 0-7
Wed Sep 4	BOURNEMOUTH	H 1-3
Wed Sep 11	Bristol Rovers	A 1-4
Wed Sep 18	Cardiff	A 0-3
Tue Sep 24	Brentford	A 2-3
Wed Oct 2	BRISTOL CITY	H 1-2
Wed Oct 9	Cambridge	A 1-0
Wed Oct 16	MILLWALL	H 1-0
Tue Nov 5	Desborough (NFA Cup)	A 19.30
Wed Nov 13	Brighton	A 19:00
Wed Nov 20	L ORIENT	H 14:00
Wed Nov 27	LUTON	H 14:00
Wed Dec 4	PORTSMOUTH	H 14:00
Wed Dec 11	Oxford	A 14:00
Wed Jan 8	PETERBOROUGH	H 14:00
Tue Jan 14	Plymouth	A 19:00
Wed Jan 29	NORWICH	H 14:00
Wed Feb 5	Swindon	A 14:00
Wed Feb 19	WYCOMBE	H 14:00
Tue Feb 25	QPR	A 19:00
Wed Mar 12	CHELTENHAM	H 14:00
Wed Mar 26	READING	A 14:00
Wed Apr 2	GILLINGHAM	H 14:00
Wed Apr 16	Colchester	A 14:00
Wed Apr 30	Barnet	A 14:00

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The Cobblers began their FA Youth Cup campaign at Shrewsbury Town with a 2-0 win in their First Round tie. The goals came courtesy of Yakoob Khan and Matthew Howard, extending the side's successful run this season to just one defeat in nine games, leaving coach Mark Kearney delighted with the display.

"This was another good team performance," he said. "We scored two excellent goals from training ground routines and we kept our discipline and a good shape throughout the 90 minutes. Mark Bunn showed outstanding handling and kicking in goal, but all of the lads involved worked very hard. The boys are delighted to be in Round Two, and the dressing room is buzzing."

In the second round draw, the Cobblers were given an away tie against Leicestershire based non-league side Oadby Town. The tie will take place this Monday with a 19:45 kick off.

Yakoob Khan with Marco Gabbiadini

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE FIXTURES

Sat Aug 17	Oxford	1-0
Sat Aug 24	W B A	3-4
Sat Sep 14	Kidderminster (FLYA Cup)	2-1
Sat Sep 21	RUSHDEN (FLYA Cup)	2-0
Sat Sep 28	Luton	1-0
Sat Oct 5	Walsall	2-0
Sat Oct 12	RUSHDEN	1-1
Sat Oct 19	Kidderminster	1-1
Wed Oct 23	Shrewsbury (FAY Cup)	A2-0
Sat Nov 2	CAMBRIDGE	H
Mon Nov 4	Oadby (FAT Cup)	A
Sat Nov 9	Peterborough	A
Sat Nov 16	Swindon (FLYA Cup)	A
Sat Nov 23	WALSALL	H
Sat Nov 30	KIDDERMINSTER	H
Sat Dec 14	Cambridge	A
Sat Dec 21	Rushden	A
Sat Jan 11	PETERBOROUGH	H
Sat Jan 18	OXFORD	H
Sat Jan 25	W B A	A
Sat Feb 1	LUTON	H

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Director of Youth Development: Paul Curtis

Director of Youth Development Paul Curtis writes;
Last Sunday all of our scheduled games against Oxford United were cancelled because of the stormy weather. One of the unfortunate drawbacks of not playing local games was that Oxford travelled and had to be turned back. But, despite the weather, last Sunday was not a wasted day, and our Under 9's 10's and 11's had a tutorial session discussing diet and nutrition. Even at this age, it's important for the players to learn good habits, and to be aware of what they are eating. As the players enter the 14,15 and 16 age group their performance levels will be affected by health and fitness factors.

Obviously our scholarship players are given guidance on their food and nutrition in terms of training and match preparation within the course of a week. As can be seen by Charlie Brewster's report below on the under 9s, it's important to start the players off in their careers as professionally as possible.

Youth Recruitment Officer Charlie Brewster writes;
During the recent half term our Under nine players took part in a residential course under the title - "The beginning for a young professional."

Arriving early Wednesday morning to the training camp near Peterborough the young players struggled to carry their bags up the stairs to the rooms (first lesson only pack what you need!). Having settled in I gave them a talk on how to get from under nine to under nineteen followed by our first training session. They responded brilliantly to our talk and had a great session. Having monitored what they chose to eat for evening meal it was a great time for our diet talk, and the benefits and good habits to get into before packing them off to bed.

The next day breakfast was interesting - who had listened to the food talk? Mental notes taken we continued with our next training session, a balance and co-ordination session, in for lunch and departure to Staverton Park, Daventry for some matches before parents arrived to pick them up again.

Residential days like these are invaluable in learning about our young players and dealing with information learnt. It also implants small pieces of software into the players minds that will be of great use in future months and years to come. I know most of the young under nines enjoyed the days. I will see over the coming months who benefits the most from the information gleaned."

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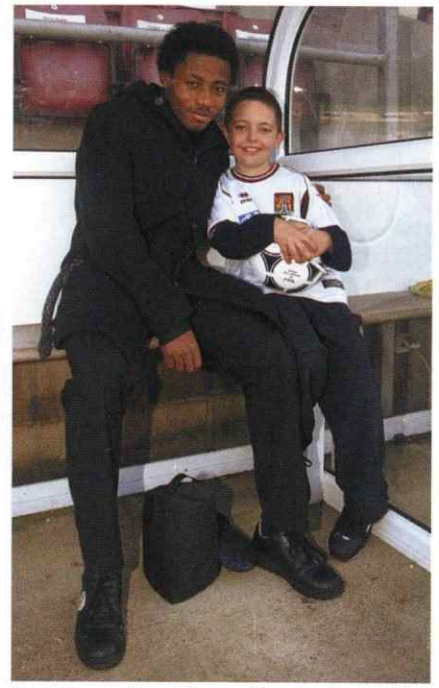

Northampton Town Football in the Community would like to welcome the children and adults from Preston Gawcutt FC and Wicken Rangers FC who are taking part in our Saturday Club this week. They will have taken part in football training in the morning followed by lunch at McDonalds and then watch the match.

We would also like to welcome Connor Baxter and Lewis Williams who are having a birthday party with us this week.

The pictures show those who celebrated a party with us at the Cheltenham match last week

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The ntfc.co.uk Man Of The Match vote via the website will still be available for those who don't have a mobile phone or would prefer to vote via the web. The results will still be published on the website 48 hours after the game and in the subsequent matchday programme but now the results will also be sent as a text message to everyone who voted using their mobile within the 48 hour window.

Vote for your ntfc.co.uk Man Of The Match NOW!

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Cardiff	13,564	11,546	Brentford	7,145	5,177
Bristol City	13,205	9,597	Swindon	7,564	4,136
Huddersfield	11,989	8,467	Notts County	6,548	4,797
Plymouth	11,922	8,530	Stockport	6,468	4,601
Barnsley	10,495	9,134	Mansfield	7,258	3,441
Blackpool	8,201	6,377	Cheltenham	6,382	3,852
Tranmere	8,153	5,980	Port Vale	6,374	3,328
Luton	7,860	6,004	Peterborough	5,332	4,203
Oldham	8,033	5,490	Northampton	5,739	3,663
Wigan	8,047	5,358	Chesterfield	4,539	3,189
Wycombe	8,383	4,897	Colchester	3,300	2,721

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Crewe	6	23	26	Mansfield	7	40	18
Swindon	5	16	31	Wycombe	6	22	27
Wycombe	5	22	23	Wigan	4	13	31
Bristol City	5	31	16	Colchester	4	18	22
Cheltenham	4	16	25	Notts County	4	22	18
Oldham	4	28	14	Cheltenham	4	24	17
QPR	4	28	14	Northampton	4	24	17
				Barnsley	4	25	16
				Port Vale	4	25	16

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Player	Club	Tot
Larsson	Celtic	5
Campbell	Everton	3
Taylor	Burnley	3
Johnson	Forest	3
Helguson	Watford	3
Angell	Port Vale	3
Faulconbridge	Wycombe	3
Conlon	Darlington	3

scored from outside area

Player	Club	Tot
Tudor	Cambridge	5
Zola	Chelsea	4
Liddell	Wigan	4
Simpson	Rochdale	4
Henry	Arsenal	3
Mulryne	Norwich	3
Corden	Mansfield	3
Wotton	Plymouth	3
Langley	QPR	3
Tinkler	Hartlepool	3

Goals conceded from Set Pieces

CLUB	Co	FK	CLUB	Co	FK
Mansfield	8	8	Colchester	3	0
Huddersfield	4	6	Luton	1	2
Blackpool	4	4	Plymouth	1	2
Barnsley	3	4	Port Vale	3	0
Cheltenham	3	4	Stockport	3	0
Tranmere	5	2	Wycombe	1	2
Northampton	1	5	Bristol City	0	2
Notts County	2	4	Cardiff	1	1
Peterborough	2	3	Chesterfield	2	0
Swindon	0	5	Crewe	0	2
Oldham	2	2	Brentford	0	1
QPR	3	1	Wigan	0	1

Co = Corners FK = Free Kick Routines

COMEBACKS

Won from	-3	-2	-1	Tot
Blackpool	0	0	3	3
Luton	0	0	3	3
Mansfield	0	0	2	2
Oldham	0	0	2	2
Port Vale	0	0	2	2
QPR	0	0	2	2
Swindon	0	0	2	2
Tranmere	0	0	2	2
Wigan	0	0	2	2

THROWAWAYS

Lost from	+3	+2	+1	Tot
Cheltenham	0	0	4	4
Barnsley	0	0	2	2
Notts County	0	0	2	2
Plymouth	0	0	2	2
Port Vale	0	0	2	2
Stockport	0	0	2	2

number of games when clubs have come behind to win or been ahead and lost.

Margins of Victory

Gms won by	1 gl	2 gl	3 gl	4 gl	5+ gl
Bristol City	3	4	3	1	0
Cardiff	7	2	0	1	0
Oldham	5	2	0	2	1
Wigan	2	6	1	0	0
Blackpool	4	2	2	0	0
Crewe	3	3	1	0	1
QPR	1	5	1	1	0
Brentford	5	2	0	0	0
Chesterfield	5	1	0	1	0
Luton	5	0	2	0	0
Port Vale	6	0	0	0	0
Stockport	3	2	1	0	0
Tranmere	4	1	1	0	0
Wycombe	3	2	1	0	0
Plymouth	4	1	0	0	0
Barnsley	4	0	0	0	0
Colchester	3	1	0	0	0
Huddersfield	2	1	1	0	0
Northampton	2	1	1	0	0
Swindon	1	3	0	0	0
Cheltenham	1	2	0	0	0
Mansfield	2	0	0	0	1
Notts County	1	0	2	0	0
Peterborough	1	1	0	1	0

Scorers' Points Gained & Scoring Run

		Gls	Pts	SR
Robert Earnshaw	Cardiff	10	9	3
Nathan Ellington	Wigan	8	9	3
Luke Beckett	Stockport	13	8	4
Rob Hulse	Crewe	11	7	3
Paul Wotton	Plymouth	5	7	4
Marco Gabbiadini	Northampton	7	6	1
Sam Parkin	Swindon	7	6	2
Bruce Dyer	Barnsley	4	5	1
Martin Smith	Huddersfield	4	5	1
Steven Howard	Luton	8	5	4
Marc Bridge-Wilkinson	Port Vale	5	5	1

eg if player scores the goal in a 1-0 win, the goal is worth 2 pts as score would have been 0-0, or if 2 goals in 2-1 win, goals worth 3 pts

Goals from close range

Scored inside 6 yard box		Conceded inside 6 yard box	
Wigan	11	Mansfield	17
Blackpool	10	Barnsley	11
Luton	10	Peterborough	8
Wycombe	10	Port Vale	8
QPR	8	Tranmere	8
Stockport	8	Cheltenham	7
Barnsley	7	Chesterfield	7
Notts County	7	Northampton	7
Peterborough	7	Notts County	7
Port Vale	7		
Tranmere	7		

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CHAIRMAN BARRY STONHILL WRITES:

It is now 8 weeks since we launched our SOS appeal, the aim of which is to raise £500,000 additional income for the club to ensure it's survival during what is well documented as an extremely difficult time for ALL football clubs. Many people/organisations have either said they will pledge money or have promised a donation, but to date the response has on the whole has been disappointing.

As a guide I am setting out below how we broke down the £500,000 and have listed along side the money received to date along the respected areas:-

I appreciate monies from organised events will trickle in over the next three months but to date the response from the public at large, (save for the few who have organised and supported events) and local companies has been cool to say the least.

Just think if 20% of our season ticket holders donated £100 this would produce £50,000. If 10% of the 40,000 that went to Wembley donated £20 that would produce £80,000! Surely it's not too much to ask to ensure the survival of what after all is an integral part of Northampton's history and hopefully future.

I would also like to address a couple of common questions that are often asked. What happens if the money is not raised and what about the future?

Firstly if the money is not raised it is doubtful that the Cobblers will be able to continue. Secondly the business plan produced by the club for the next two seasons addressing medium term problems and the club will be able to continue trading provided certain income/expenditure budgets are adhered to.

As a club we have always tried to be open with the public at large and fans in particular. We have nothing to hide and will shortly be holding a public meeting at Sixfields to answer any criticisms/comments.

In the meantime it is a particularly frustrating period on and off the pitch. We as a board are confident Kevan and his team will turn things round on the pitch and with your help we can do likewise off the pitch. However everyone at the club needs your support during these troublesome times.

Finally a big thank you to all those who have already donated or helped the appeal and if you have thought about a donation, please do it now!

Area	Target	Received	Shortfall
Directors	£100,000	£100,000	nil
Cost Savings	£25,000	£20,000	£5,000
Grand Business Draw	£100,000	£26,000	£74,000
Functions	£50,000	£6,000	£44,000
Additional Commercial	£75,000	£11,000	£64,000
Car Park Collection	£25,000	£6,900	£18,100
General Appeal	£75,000	£7,400	£67,600
Season Ticket Holders	£60,000	£12,100	£37,900
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1976 Division 4 runners up
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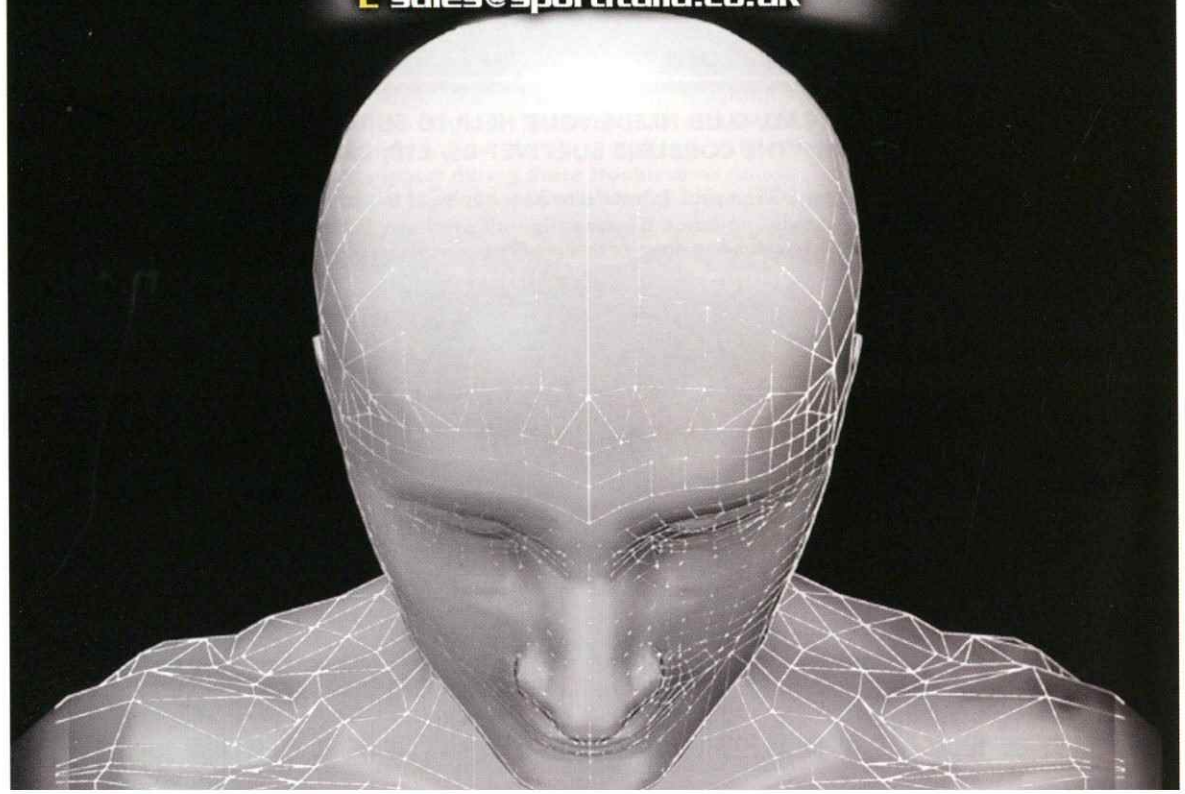

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