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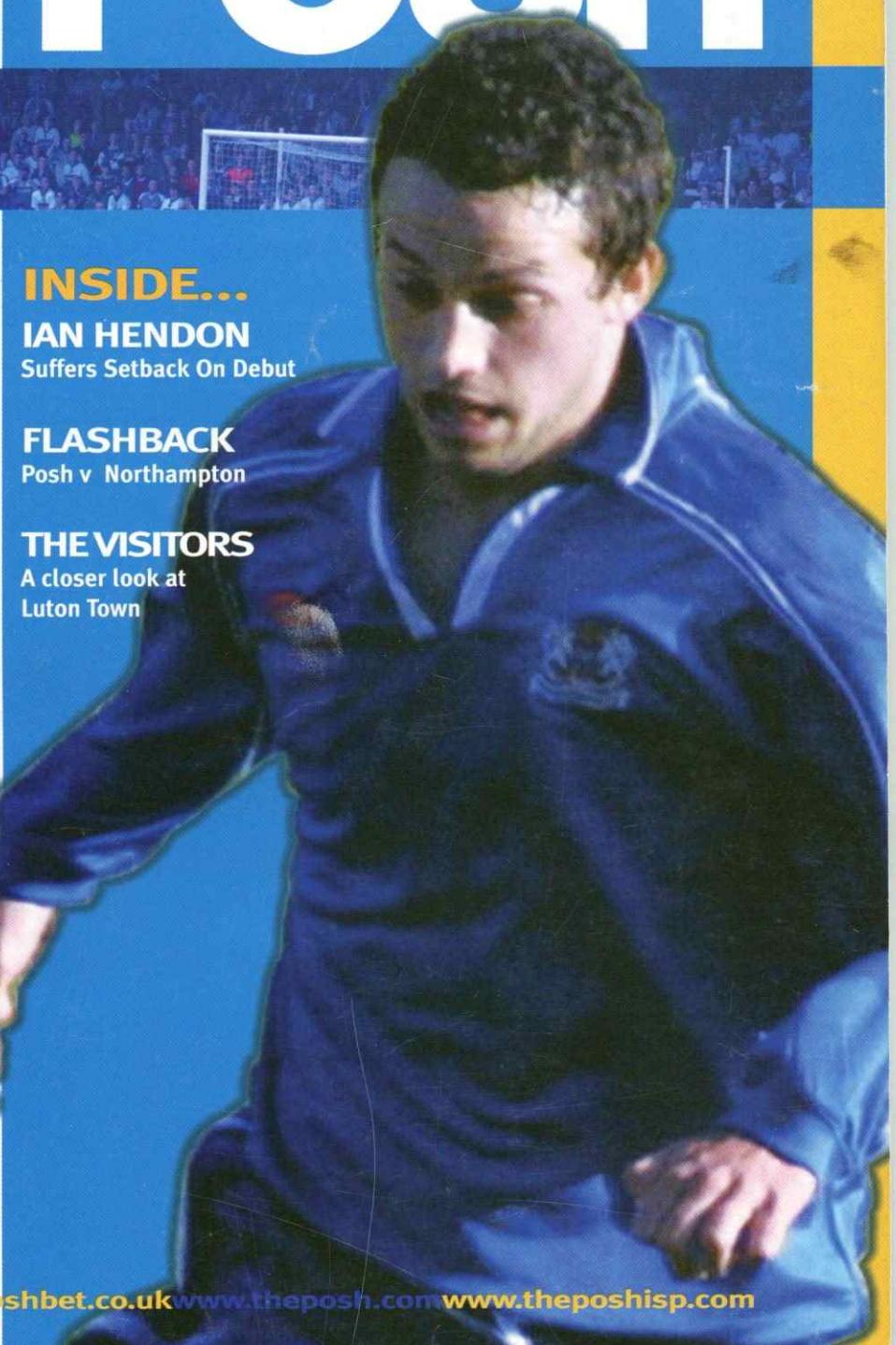
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London Road Latest

Theposh.com Surge Up The Internet League Table

The off the field battle with Victoria Beckham and the ongoing take-over of the club has helped the Peterborough United official website surge up the internet League table and theposh.com are now receiving more monthly unique visitors several big First Division clubs.



Posh are currently ninth in the unique visitors table, with only Premiership outfit Blackburn Rovers and Birmingham City along with big First Division sides, including Sheffield Wednesday and Wolverhampton Wanderers ahead of theposh.com

Chief executive Geoff Davey told theposh.com: 'It is fantastic news for the club that our website is doing so well. The club receives additional revenue from how well the site does and for a club who are struggling to get 5,000 supporters through the turnstiles, it is amazing that we are getting

55,000 different people visit theposh.com during December.

'The battle with Victoria Beckham certainly helped as we have received visitors from across the world including Australia and the Caribbean. It would be great if fans can open as many pages on the website as possible as we want to try and get into the top five of the internet league so we can earn even more extra revenue,' said Davey.

Hendon Ruled Out For Up To A Month

Peterborough United new signing Ian Hendon is expected to be out of action for up to month after suffering medial ligament damage in his knee during Saturday's 1-0 win against Northampton Town at the Sixfield's Stadium.



The defender made his debut for the club in the game, but was forced to leave the field in the second half after an awkward challenge and is set for a spell on the sidelines.

Clarke Bags 15th Goal Of Campaign In Derby Win

Striker Andy Clarke has spoken of his relief after scoring the all-important goal that secured all three points for Peterborough United in the local derby clash against fellow strugglers Northampton Town at the Sixfields Stadium last week.



'I thought the game was going to be so frustrating for me because the offside flag kept going up and I thought a few of those decisions were dubious. I was a bit impatient at times, but I kept working hard and I knew I would get my chance.'

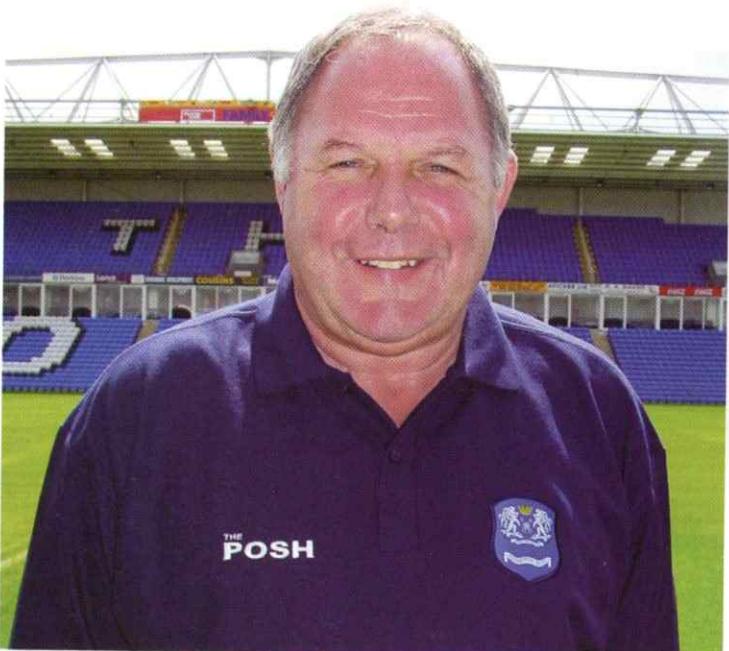
'We got a bit of luck for a change with the goal. The ball just fell at my feet after a defensive mix-up, I thought the goalkeeper would just boot it clear, but I just don't know what happened. All I know, is the ball was at my feet and I had an empty net in front of me. It was such a relief to score the goal and we deserved it,' said Clarke.

On The Bench With Barry Fry

A big welcome to Luton chairman Mike Watson-Challis. I am not sure Mike will be seeing his beloved Luton team today because when I spoke to him last week, he told me he wasn't liking the British weather and he couldn't wait to get back to his warm Florida home.

Mike has done wonders for Luton after his dream of owning the club came true when his charming wife bought him the club as a present. He has pumped over £10 million into the Hatters and I know he is very keen to get the Hatters a new stadium and I really hope he succeeds in his ambition.

I also welcome his fellow directors, players, officials and



supporters of Luton Town Football Club, especially their manager Joe Kinnear. Joe performed miracles at Wimbledon year after year, not only competing with the best in the country, but beating them.

Since he took over the reigns at Kenilworth Road, he has continued to perform those miracles. He got promotion last year and even though he had a disastrous start to this season, losing his first four matches, he has now put together an outstanding run, particularly away from home, which has taken the club to the fringes of the play-off positions.

Joe and Mick Harford and his team are confident they are good

enough to get into the play-offs and they are also confident of gaining promotion for the second successive campaign. Joe has got a large squad with plenty of strength in depth and if he can stay free of major injuries, I would not be betting against Joe taking the Hatters into the First Division.

I watched Luton's game against Wycombe Wanderers last week and they won much easily than the 1-0 score-line suggested. In Steve Howard and Tony Thorpe they have the ideal front partnership and in Matthew Spring they have got a talented midfielder who has a great eye for goal.

The rest of the team is very solid and strong and we will have to be at our very best and have a bit of luck to earn three points and complete the double over Luton. We can take a lot of heart from our victory at Northampton Town last week where we looked very solid ourselves and secured a vital win, which took us several places up the table.

We have not had back-to-back wins all season, in fact we have not had many at all since we gained promotion from the Third Division. It is vital that we try and pull out all the stops to get a win against Luton because those three points are so crucial and might take us a few more places up the table. I think there are 10

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Andy Edwards missing today, Bullard I hope is with us, Francis Green and Jason Lee out through injury

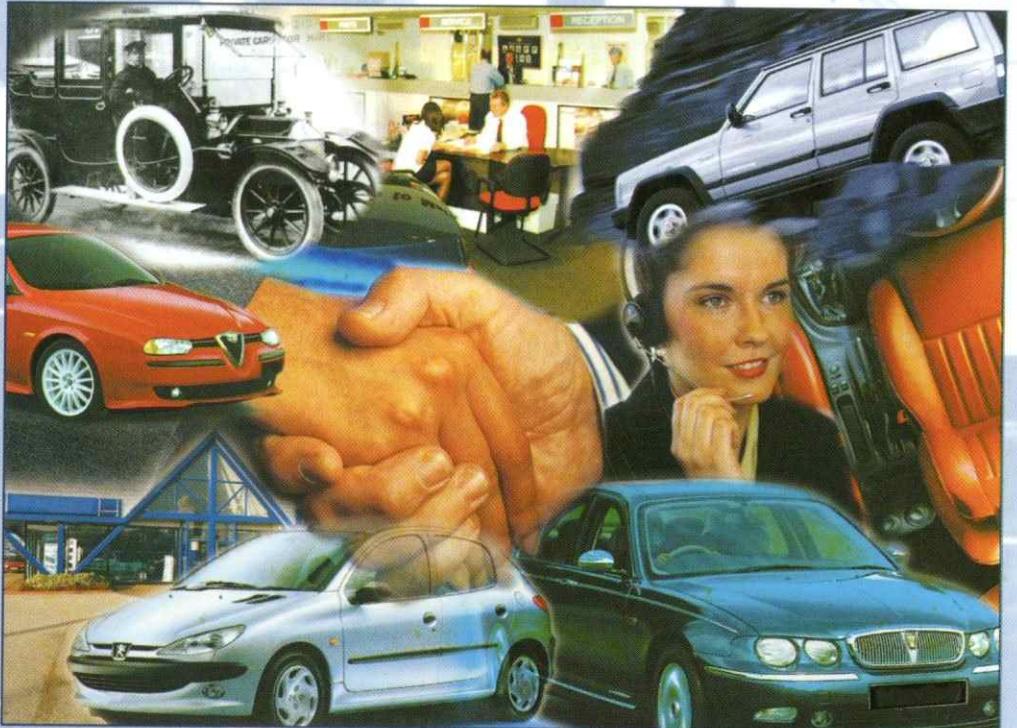
clubs in a relegation battle and it will fluctuate every week.

This is a very difficult game for us, Luton will fetch a couple of thousand fans with them and it is sure to be a cracking atmosphere. Our support at Northampton was second to none, you got behind the lads from start to finish and hopefully you will do the same today in what will be a very close encounter.

The injury situation does not get any better. Ian Hendon is set to be out for four weeks after picking up a knee injury on his debut while Andy Edwards is again suspended today. Mark Tyler, Dennis Pearce, Jason Lee, Francis Green, Lee Clarke and Leon McKenzie are all still ruled out through injury.



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From The Chief Executive

The January window during which Premiership clubs could conduct transfers closed yesterday. The expected flurry of activity simply did not happen and even the pessimistic have been surprised at just how quiet the market has been. Those clubs and managers who have spoken out against transfer windows would have expected much more activity and, to their disappointment, the evidence is unlikely to support their position.

To the contrary, it seems that financial considerations rather than windows, have determined a significant downturn in the movement of players. It had been hoped that Football League clubs would benefit from the January window, in a chain re-action fuelled and funded by even just a few players moving from the First Division to the Premiership.

With just a handful of exceptions, the message is patently clear. The transfer market of the present and for the foreseeable future is at best a shadow of what we have known. Financial pressures have driven demand and therefore values, down dramatically.

Here at Peterborough we have first hand experience. We had hoped that Tottenham would sell Simon Davies or Matthew Etherington for big bucks. A much-trailed move for Simon to Man Utd did not materialise.

Matthew was made available at a bargain price this week, underlining the shortage of money even at the highest level.

It is largely because chairmen, directors and managers – and yes, even supporters – have in the past had expectations beyond their club's means, that football finds itself in the mess it is today. What I mean to say is that our ambition – all of us, collectively – has tempted and pressurised us to overestimate our resources and our ability to deliver. The

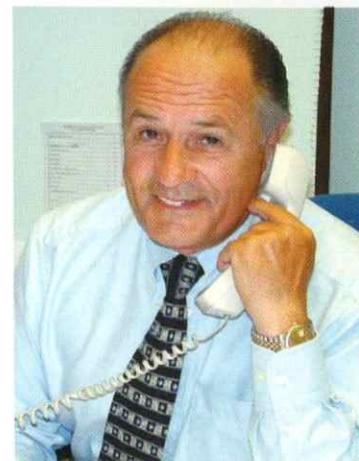
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And so to football and the test

today, a stiff one to be sure. Since our victory at Luton on the opening day of the season, they

have produced the better results and currently look good for a play-off spot. As for ourselves, the win at Northampton last Saturday has given us renewed confidence and enthusiasm as well as lifting us above the



relegation zone. But there are only a few points covering as many as ten teams whom must all be considered as possible candidates for the drop.

Our form has been much improved in recent games but all our points in January came away from home. If we are able to emulate those performances on the road in front of our own supporters, we should find ourselves in a comfortable mid-table position. Three out of four matches in February are at home but March looks tough. No time like the present then, to consolidate our revival.

We welcome the supporters, players and officials of Luton Town and look forward to an entertaining and competitive encounter. Last weekend was great – three points in the bag before the rest even started and the Sundays made good reading. I'll settle for a repeat, please.

View On Two



Shock Horror For Wigan And Cardiff

Although Farnborough and Shrewsbury Town could not pull off any famous giant killing acts in the F.A. Cup last weekend, there were certainly two shock results in the Second Division. Firstly, Swindon Town ended Wigan Athletic's 21-match unbeaten run and secondly high-flying Cardiff City went down to bottom club Huddersfield Town.

Wigan had not lost in the league since August prior to their long trip to the County Ground, but two goals in the first half from the Robins sent them packing with their third defeat of the season. Australian midfielder Danny Invincible opened the scoring on 24 minutes for the home side before Andy Gurney increased the advantage ten minutes before the break. Wigan did pull a goal back through Lee McCulloch in the second half but their efforts for an equaliser were in vain as Swindon displayed stubbornness at the back to repel further visiting attacks.

Huddersfield boss Mick Wadsworth saw the pressure on his job slightly relieved as his side snatched a late victory over big-spenders Cardiff. With Huddersfield being a reported £10million in the red and Cardiff boasting million-pound players such as Graham Kavanagh and Peter Thorne in their side, the

two clubs could not have been further contrasted going into their encounter at the Alfred McAlpine Stadium.

However, former Sheffield Wednesday striker Andy Booth was at hand to head home a Kenny Irons free-kick on the 80-minute mark for the home side, much to the delight of Wadsworth who has been under severe pressure lately. Town moved themselves off the bottom with the victory and are only three points off safety, a clear indication of how tight the bottom of the Second Division table is.

Oldham Undone By Impressive Alex

The biggest result of the day came at Boundary Park, where Crewe Alexandra leapfrogged Oldham Athletic to move into second spot in Division Two. Oldham picked up an invaluable win at Crewe last month but on this occasion the boot was on the other foot as Dario Gradi's side soared to a 3-1 success.

Oldham's cause was not aided by the dismissal of Fitz Hall on 28 minutes, although it did take until the hour-mark for Crewe to find the net when Rob Hulse pounced for his 21st goal in a productive individual campaign.

The Latics did find an equaliser through Chris Armstrong just four minutes later, before Hulse

By Paul Crisp



restored Crewe's lead with his second of the afternoon in the 86th minute. Andy hopes of another Oldham comeback were dashed when substitute Dean Ashton hit Alex's third two minutes on.

City And Rangers Frustrated At Home

Bristol City had a frustrating afternoon as they could only draw with ten-man Stockport County. The visitors were reduced to 10 men on 22 minutes as Aaron Lescott received two yellow cards, shortly after they had taken the lead through Luke Beckett. Christian Roberts hit Bristol City's leveller early in the second period but Danny Wilson's men could not find the elusive winner.

Tranmere Rovers left it late at Loftus Road but eventually came away with all three points, to end Queens Park Rangers' four-match winning run. Steve Palmer had put Rangers ahead on the hour but Tranmere got back on level terms through Marvin Robinson, who scored with his first touch of the afternoon after coming on as a substitute 10 minutes from the end. And, just as the affair

looked like heading for a draw, Simon Haworth popped up with a dramatic injury-time winner for Rovers.

Best Of The Rest

Steve McMahon saw his Blackpool side extend their unbeaten run to seven matches as goals from John Murphy and Danny Coid earned a comfortable 2-0 win at Colchester United, who have now been pushed into the thick of the relegation zone, just three points above Cheltenham Town. Bobby Gould took over as Cheltenham boss earlier last week but his first game in charge ended in a 0-0 stalemate with Chesterfield, although Julian Alsop did come close to a winner as his fierce 20-yard shot rebounded off the woodwork.

Matthew Spring scored the only goal of the game at Kenilworth Road, as Luton Town recorded a league double over Wycombe Wanderers. Peterborough-born David Norris grabbed a brace for Plymouth Argyle as the Pilgrims recorded a 2-0 victory at struggling Notts. County, while Port Vale and Barnsley battled out a goal-less draw.

TODAY'S FIXTURES DIVISION TWO

Barnsley	v	Swindon	v	Mansfield
Blackpool	v	Bristol City	v	Colchester
Brentford	v	Huddersfield	v	Tranmere R
Crewe Alex.	v	Northampton	v	Port Vale
Cardiff City	v	Oldham Ath.	v	Cheltenham
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Chapple's Corner

We go into today's clash with Luton Town on the back of a vital 1-0 win at Northampton Town last week.

The victory at Sixfield's was our second away win in a row and our third game without conceding a goal and we look much more solid as a defensive unit, but I think the key to last week's victory was that the team defended from the front.

Our back three defended our own box well and I felt the midfield trio and strikers did their jobs and worked tirelessly closing down the opposition and that makes a big difference. In our predicament, we have to grind out results, it might not be pretty, but it is effective and that is the main thing.

We always look likely to score ourselves away from home and with Andy Clarke's pace we have an outlet. Earlier in the season, away from home we never really looked like grinding out a 1-0 win, but we have recorded two successes on the road by that score-line in our last two games and we were unlucky not to pick up all three points at Oldham Athletic.

Looking forward to today's game against Luton Town and it is sure to be another entertaining match with both sides needing all three points for different reasons.

Luton are currently just outside the play-off zone in Division Two and they will be looking to sneak into that final place with QPR struggling a bit with form.

I think the top five teams in the division are clear of the rest now, but there is still plenty up for grabs for the teams just outside the play-off positions. Luton have done very well, especially away from Kenilworth Road and they boast one of the division's leading marksmen in Steve Howard, who will be a threat.

The onus will be on us as the home team to dictate the pace, but we must make sure we are tight at the back. We have picked up some good points against the top sides, holding Wigan at the JJB Stadium, claiming a draw at Oldham and picking up a point from the home game against Crewe Alexandra. On the opening day of the campaign we made the trip to Luton and came away with a 3-2 victory.

The Hatters side has not changed that much since then, but they certainly have changed their fortunes. I am sure Luton will bring a healthy away following and it will be a cracking atmosphere at London Road.

I hope the 12pm kick-off does not affect the gate too much, it certainly doesn't seem to be affecting the players.



First team
coach
Phil Chapple

'Our away fans have been excellent this season and I would like to thank them for their efforts at Sixfields last week. We have not set the world alight at London Road with our performances, but with your help we will be pushing for all three points. We want to string back-to-back wins together for the first time this term and if we can do that, the league table will look a bit better from the club's point of view'.

Get behind the lads.

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'Eagle' Has Landed

I was suspended for last week's local derby meeting at Northampton Town, but I still made the journey to Sixfields to support the lads and I was delighted we came away with all three points. It was also brilliant to see such a sizeable away support at the ground with over 1,000 Posh fans getting behind the lads.

It certainly makes a huge difference to the lads to see so many Posh fans and we appreciate it. The fans were up for it and so were the players and together we got the right result, which we desperately needed. I enjoyed watching the game from the stands, although you do have mixed feelings because if the team plays well, you might not get back into the side. It was a good away performance and we looked very solid at the back from my position in the stand.

The lads defended very well and the formation we played did not allow Northampton to get many clear-cut chances and when they did, Lee Harrison made some good saves. We always looked likely to get a goal ourselves and Andy Clarke popped up with the winner and if I was a betting man, I would have predicted that score-line.

Speaking of betting, I must comment on the recent press stories surrounding Liverpool and England front man Michael Owen

who is reported to have spent £30,000 on bets in one day. I don't see the problem with it myself, the amount of money he earns it is hardly a drop in the ocean.

Today we face Luton Town and it is the second game of my suspension, so again I shall be watching not playing. Our home form has certainly been patchy this season and we need to make sure we build on the win against the Cobblers.

The supporters have not been as vocal at London Road, but we have not exactly gave them much to cheer about. Everyone needs to pull in the right direction to help us move away from the bottom of the Division Two table, we have the players, we just need to string some good results together.

We had a disappointing first half of the season, but we have made a better start to 2003 with two wins away from home and a battling draw at high-flying Oldham Athletic, but it is no good getting these results if we are going to throw it away at home.

It will be tough today, but with your support we are hopeful of getting the right result. It is another local derby and I am sure there will be a decent crowd, so get behind us from start to finish and with a bit of luck we can get a victory.



By
Posh Skipper
Andy 'Eagle'
Edwards

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Sound Bites

□ Posh legend Tommy Robson shared the commentary duties with me at Sixfields last Saturday extending his 100% record to two matches following his coverage of the season's opener at Luton Town. Needless to say, Barry Fry has requested Tommy attends the rest of Posh's away fixtures until the end of the season!

Lee Harrison also appears to be a good luck charm for Posh on their travels - the Barnet loanee hasn't been on the losing side away from London Road since his debut at Colchester United on Boxing Day.

Back to Tommy though and it was certainly appropriate that he should resume his BBC Radio Cambridgeshire summarising duties last weekend as he actually made his Northampton debut as a fledgling 17-year-old in a derby match against Peterborough United in 1962. Unfortunately, I don't remember the occasion myself, although I do recall my grandad telling me all about it!

□ Last Saturday's high-noon showdown meant that it was a marathon six-hour sports programme on 95.7FM and of course, that will be the case again today with Posh involved in a 12 o'clock kick off for the fourth time this season. It just doesn't feel right somehow switching from the traditional three o'clock time, but then again neither does

it seem appropriate for a fourth round FA Cup tie to kick-off at 6.30pm on a Sunday evening. But such are the demands of the police and the TV companies these days that the paying punter becomes secondary with his views of inconsideration and inconvenience kicked firmly in touch.

□ Kerry and David fought Posh's corner in the busy phone-in last Saturday. Not surprisingly, done to the staggered start times, they were out-numbered by five to two, with Cambridge United fans keen to voice their opinions following the U's disappointing home draw against Hartlepool United.

Kerry made the point that Posh are showing an ability to grind out results when it matters, particularly away from home and she picked out Mark Arber and Lee Harrison for special mention, before finally nominating Andy Clarke as the 'man of the match.'

David also praised Lee for his contribution since his arrival on loan from Barnet, but he selected stand-in captain Sagi Burton as his top man in the derby clash.

He also joyfully pointed out that Tommy and myself, both supposedly on post-Christmas weight watchers diets, were spotted in Burger King before the game.



Tommy Robson my co-commentator for the win at Sixfield's is used to being on the winning side. Here he is in 1974 with the Division Four Championship winners medal

□ And finally, there are two 'firsts' available for Posh today as a victory over Luton would provide them with their first 'double' of the season, together with their first pair of back-to-back wins in the whole campaign. But play-off chasing Luton will provide stiff opposition as their away record is impressive with seven victories and three draws gained on their travels so far.

In The Posh Spotlight

IAN HENDON

Hendon Suffers Injury Setback On Debut

Defender Ian Hendon made his Peterborough United debut in the 1-0 derby day victory at Northampton Town last week, but the win was slightly soured for the experienced right-back as he suffered a medial knee ligament injury, the same as striker Francis Green.

Hendon fell awkwardly during the second half of the high-noon clash at Sixfield's and was forced off the field and is now facing a spell on the sidelines which is likely to keep him out for at least a month.



'The injury took the shine off the win from my point of view and it was disappointing. I just went in for a challenge and fell awkwardly, I thought I had just twisted my knee, but I have injured my medial ligaments and will be out for a while,' said the defender.

Hendon signed for the club on a non-contract basis prior to the derby at Northampton and manager Barry Fry named him in the starting line-up for the clash against the Cobblers, a game that Posh went on to win 1-0 thanks to an Andy Clarke strike.

'It was a good win for us and from my point of view, I was delighted to come to my old club and get a victory. I was a bit disappointed I didn't get to see one of Barry Fry's celebrations when we scored! I went looking for it, but I was kind of disappointed to see him only standing in the dugout. At the end of the day, we went to get the three points and that is what we achieved.

'The Northampton Town fans gave me a bit of stick, but it wasn't too bad. I obviously played there for a few years and I certainly enjoyed my time with the club. We had a bit of success and I think the supporters took that into account as they didn't boo me too much,' added Hendon.

The injury could not have come at a worse time for Hendon as he is on the look-out for a new club after he was released from First Division Sheffield Wednesday earlier in the month. The tough-tackling right-back is grateful to manager Barry Fry for giving him the opportunity of a game.

'I was on a non-contract for the game against Northampton and we were going to sit down on Monday and have a chat, but the injury has obviously got in the way.

'I have got other irons in the fire and a few things could happen, but I have an injury now and that might slow things down. I am just appreciative to Barry Fry for giving me a chance and having the faith to throw me into the side and I hope I repaid him,' added Hendon'.

The experienced 31-year-old began his career as a trainee at Tottenham Hotspur back in 1989. Hendon had loan stints at Portsmouth, Barnsley and then Leyton Orient before joining the latter on a permanent basis with a fee of £50,000 involved.

A loan spell at Birmingham City followed with Posh manager Barry Fry in charge at St. Andrews at the time. In 1997, Hendon joined Notts. County and skippered them to the Third Division title before leaving to join Northampton for £25,000.



Position: Defender

Squad No: 12

Date Of Birth: 5/12/71

Weight: 12st 10lb

Height: 6ft

A move to the First Division followed as Sheffield Wednesday secured his services, but after 49 League appearances at Hillsborough, Hendon was released and snapped up on a non-contract basis by Posh boss Barry Fry. Hendon is dangerous at set-pieces and has scored 25 goals in over 500 career appearances.



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Game To Remember

By Matt Hill

Peterborough United 0 Luton 1



26 April 1997 Division Two

Attendance: 9,499 Referee: B. Knight (Orpington)



London Road's biggest crowd of the season witnessed promotion-chasing Luton condemn Posh to their second relegation in four years. The Hatters, themselves relegated from Division One twelve months ago, were hoping for an immediate return and they arrived at London Road in confident mood following a recent run that had seen them concede only one goal in their last seven matches.

Victory over Posh would possibly keep alive their automatic promotion hopes ahead of the final match of the season next week. Near-torrential downpours prior to kick-off made for difficult conditions during the first half, with players from both sides struggling to keep their feet.

Nevertheless Posh carved out several clear chances, but were denied a goal by a combination of weak finishing and charmed goalkeeping from Ian Feuer. Former Posh loanee Feuer was fortunate in scrambling away a couple of scuffed Miquel De Souza strikes and the giant Canadian was then nearly embarrassed when a tame header from Posh skipper Andy Edwards took a wicked bounce.

De Souza shot hurriedly wide



Bart Griemink



Miquel De Souza

after Wayne Bullimore and Roger Willis had helped him through, before Willis saw a close range header chested off the line by Hatters captain Steve Davis. At the other end, Posh keeper Bart Griemink was largely untroubled in the opening half, although he was helped by a poor shot from a well-placed Graham Alexander and a subdued display from 28-goal striker Tony Thorpe.

But Luton improved markedly after the interval. Manager Lennie Lawrence introduced teenage forward Andrew Fotiadis at the break and within ten minutes the Hitchin-born youngster had responded with a goal. Mick Bodley's unfortunate slip send David Oldfield scurrying away down the left wing and his cross was converted by the supersub at the second attempt.

Posh heads visibly dropped from

that moment as the visitors showed exactly how they had been breached just once in over eleven hours of football. By the final whistle a desperate Barry Fry had made his now customary three substitutions but the switch had little effect as the Hatters defence stood firm to the delight of their large travelling support.

For dejected home fans relegation to the soccer basement, which had seemed inevitable for the past three months, was finally confirmed.

Posh: Bart Griemink, Ashley Neal, Simon Clark, Andy Edwards, Mick Bodley, Des Linton, Miquel De Souza (sub Greg Head), Wayne Bullimore, Roger Willis, Ricky Otto (sub Danny Carter), Louie Donowa (sub Zeke Rowe).

Luton: Ian Feuer, Julian James, Mitchell Thomas, Gary Waddock, Steve Davis, Marvin Johnson, Ceri Hughes, Graham Alexander, David Oldfield, Tony Thorpe, Andy Kiwomya (sub Andrew Fotiadis).

Up Close & Personal

With Helgi Danielsson

Icelandic under 21 international Helgi Danielsson has been on the fringes of the first team this season, but the creative midfielder has been a success at London Road since joining the club from Fylkir FC in his native country. Danielsson has made 31 starting League appearances for the club, scoring twice.

The Reykjavik-born star completed our Up, Close and Personal feature after a training session on Monday, but we still have yet to find a Posh player who can tell us a clean joke. I think we will have to make one up for them soon!

Date of Birth

30th July 1981

Position

Midfielder

Marital Status

I live with my girlfriend

Nickname / childhood nickname

'Helgs'

First Job

I did a bit of landscaping in the summers between my school years

Do you have any pre-match superstitions

I don't clean my boots at all until I am in the changing room

Whose your best mate at the club

I don't have a particular best mate, I get on well with the younger lads best

Would you like to go into management after your playing career, if not, what do you see yourself doing

No, management is not for me. I tried doing the coaching course and I don't like it. I am going to study philosophy at university next year so hopefully I can do a job involving that.

You are stranded on a desert island. Which three possessions would you want with you

The lads are a good bunch

My girlfriend, a guitar and my computer

Did you excel at sport during your time at school

Yes, I used to play basketball, handball and athletics as well as football

What part of your game improved the most last season

My fitness. I felt tired a lot the season before, but it improved a lot last year

What do you think of Posh's new home and away strips

I think they are OK. They are not as good as they have been, I don't particularly like the orange shirt

Who is your favourite football pundit?

Gary Lineker

And worst pundit

Mark Lawrenson

Tell us a clean joke

I know a clean one, but it is so long that it would fill up the entire page. Plus, I can't remember all of it

Predict this season's Division

Bristol City and Wigan Athletic

The best thing about playing for Posh is...?

Loud, old school



What do you think of Posh's local media coverage

It's OK, a bit harsh at times. The official website (www.theposh.com) is very good.

What is the worst part about being a footballer

For me, it is not going home for Christmas

Who was your player of the World Cup and which team impressed you

Ronaldo and South Korea

Who will win the Premiership

Liverpool, because I support them

Describe Barry Fry in three words?

Loud, old school



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Youth Update

Peterborough United under 19s suffered a 3-1 defeat at Oxford United in the Youth Alliance League and senior youth team manager John Morling will be looking for his side to make a positive response when they face Cambridge United today.

The first half was a scrappy affair with neither side controlling possession for any length of time until Oxford broke the deadlock from the penalty spot just after the half hour mark. Shane Tolley nearly equalised moments later with a fierce drive, but the goalkeeper did well to smother the effort.

Michael Frew headed wide just after the interval and Tolley was denied again by the goalkeeper after a snap-shot from just outside the area. Rory Hutton saw a cross-shot drift over the top before Tolley fired wide of the target after a neat build-up.

Oxford got a second goal midway through the second half after a collision between Chatfield and Bowater allowed the striker to tap into the empty net. Posh made a good response and reduced the arrears through Bowater who latched onto a Frew pass before coolly slotting past the goalkeeper.

Tolley chipped just over the top moments later before a mistake from St. Ledger allowed Oxford to

increase their lead and secure all three points. Morling told theposh.com: 'It was our worst performance of the season and I am very disappointed. We have to learn from our mistakes and make up for it when we face Cambridge on Saturday.'

Meanwhile, the under 17s also suffered a narrow 1-0 loss with a last minute penalty condemning Kevin Flynn's side to defeat at the Pearl Woodlands Centre, Castor last week. Injuries robbed Posh of several of their first-teamers, but the London Road youngsters did make a positive start and Stevens should have opened the scoring, but he blazed wide.

It was all one-way traffic, but Posh could not force a goal and it looked likely that the two sides would have to settle for a point. Luton did not cause Posh too many problems, but three minutes into injury time, the Hatters got an unlikely winner.

Luke McShane was adjudged to have brought down a Hatters' striker in the penalty box following a quick break-away and Luton took advantage from the spot. Manager Flynn said: 'I was disappointed with our first half performance, but we improved after the break. Their goalkeeper was superb and denied us on many occasions - it was just one of those days when we could not get the ball in the back of the net.'

POSH UNDER 19S FIXTURES 2002-2003		
AUGUST	Fixture	RES
SAT 17	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	A 0-1
SAT 24	OXFORD UNITED	H 5-0
SAT 31	IN SERVICE	
SEPTEMBER		
SAT 7	COLCHESTER UNITED	H 2-2
SAT 14	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H 4-1
SAT 21	SOUTHEND UNITED	A 7-1
SAT 28	WEST BROMWICH A.	A 1-2
OCTOBER		
SAT 5	RUSHDEN & DIA.	A 4-1
SAT 12	LUTON TOWN	H 3-1
SAT 19	KIDDERMINSTER H.	H 4-1
NOVEMBER		
SAT 2	WALSALL	A 3-2
SAT 9	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H 3-0
MON 18	COLCHESTER (LC)	A 4-5
SAT 23	RUSHDEN & DIA.	H 5-0
DECEMBER		
SAT 14	WALSALL	H 2-0
JANUARY		
SAT 4	IN SERVICE	
SAT 11	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A P-P
SAT 18	WEST BROMWICH A.	H 3-0
SAT 25	OXFORD UNITED	A 1-3
FEBRUARY		
SAT 1	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H
SAT 8	LUTON TOWN	A
SAT 15	MERIT DIVISION	

Posh U19: Chatfield; Thomas, Thompson (sub Cobb 45min), St. Ledger, Hutton; Bowater, Last, Burton, Day; Frew, Tolley. Unused subs: Hughes, Berry.

POSH UNDER 17S FIXTURES 2002-2003		
AUGUST	Fixture	RES
SAT 17	WYCOMBE WAND	H 4-0
SAT 24	LUTON TOWN	A 0-6
SAT 31	IN SERVICE	
SEPTEMBER		
SAT 7	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H 3-2
SAT 14	COLCHESTER UNITED	A 2-0
SAT 21	BRENTFORD	H 3-0
SAT 28	LEYTON ORIENT	A 2-0
OCTOBER		
SAT 5	QPR	H 0-0
SAT 12	BRIGHTON & H.A.	A 3-0
SAT 19	PORTSMOUTH	H 4-2
NOVEMBER		
SAT 2	GILLINGHAM	H 1-0
SAT 9	SOUTHEND UNITED	A 4-2
SAT 16	LEYTON ORIENT	H 1-3
SAT 23	QPR	A 0-0
SAT 30	PORTSMOUTH	A 0-0
DECEMBER		
SAT 7	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H 3-0
SAT 14	GILLINGHAM	A 4-1
SAT 21	FREE WEEK	
JANUARY		
SAT 4	IN SERVICE	
SAT 11	SOUTHEND UNITED	H P-P
SAT 18	WYCOMBE WAND	A 0-0
SAT 25	LUTON TOWN	H 0-1
FEBRUARY		
SAT 1	BRENTFORD	A
SAT 8	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	A
SAT 15	COLCHESTER UNITED	H

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The weather has severely affected our schoolboy training and matches over the last couple of weeks, games against Luton Town and Southend United were called off at the last minute. At this time of year we make a concentrated effort to trial Under 16 players who are released by the Premier League and First Division clubs.

With our continued contact with the Academy Directors, several trialists are recommended to us before they are circulated to other professional clubs. Last week our Under 17s played away against Wycombe Wanderers FC at Monks Risborough.

We included two trialists from Chelsea in our side, who had just been released. Dean Sylvester, a centre forward from Harlesden who has represented England at Under 15 level, played the second half and certainly made a good impression.

Dean Carr, who is also Under 16, is a goalkeeper and spent the day with us and trains mid-week with the Under 17 squad at RAF Wittering. Although we have trialled several Under 16 goalkeepers, we have still yet to find the right one so we are still busy looking.

We shall also be attending the Premier League Under 16 exit trials at Warwick University on Thursday 20th February when

there should be a good selection of players released from Academy clubs.

Over the February half-term the department have organised an internal trial for the Under 16 players. With the many letters from players leaving school at the end of the year and trialists leaving the Premier League and Academy clubs, there should be no shortage of talented players who might have just slipped through the net.

Our schoolboy goalkeeping coach Kevin Oldham from Peterborough is busy on Saturday mornings at the Pearl Woodlands Centre, Castor. His work with the young goalkeepers is concentrated on general handling techniques, footwork and shot-stopping. Kevin backs this work up by assessing them in the matches on Sunday mornings.

Once into the game, Kevin can talk to them about their distribution, communication, starting positions and dealing with back-passes.

Recently, Kevin helped Luke McShane during the FA Youth Cup matches with his warm-up and match preparations and seeing Luke's performances, he certainly looked like he benefited from Kevin's experience and expertise.

Well done Kevin!



By Youth Development Officer Paul Lowe

'Over the February half-term the department have organised an internal trial for the Under 16 players'.



Centre of Excellence U12 player Daniel Andrew in action

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I Remember My First...

Front man Francis Green Recalls Some of his Football Memories

Match Played In

It was at Darlington when I first signed for Peterborough United

Goal

My first goal was in a 3-1 defeat at Plainmoor against Torquay United back in April 1998 in my debut season

Injury Sustained

I suffered ankle ligament damage when I was at non-league Ilkeston Town

Game watched on TV

It was in 1989, Liverpool v Arsenal.

Manager Played Under

Keith Alexander

Trophy / medal won

It was for City boys - one of my younger teams and we won the League title

Football player worshipped

Ronaldo, but now it's Thierry Henry, who is the best striker in the country

Football Bet Won

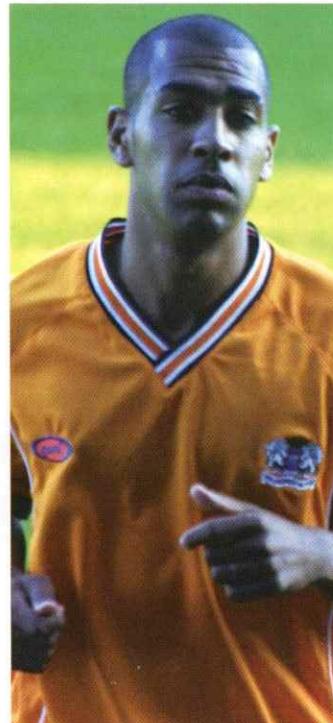
I have never put a bet on a football match yet

Team supported as a child

Liverpool, but then I changed and started supporting Arsenal

Team Played For

Ilkeston Town



Sending Off

I have never been sent-off in a professional game

Penalty miss

It was in a game at Southend United

Pair of boots

Gola moulds

Strip played in

Independent boys - it was a brand new Umbro kit, it was well smart

Interview mishap:

None so far, but Posh World subscribers will know that I do a wicked impression of the character 'Borat' from Channel 4's Ali G show

First telling off by a manager

It was by Keith Alexander in an FA Youth Cup tie against Doncaster Rovers. He was upset because I didn't score and he really hammered me

Football pay packet

Last month!

Autograph signed

I can't remember, it was too long ago

Time you were recognised

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Around The Ground

Groundman Chad Oliver Gives Us The Lowdown On The Big Posh Cover-up

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Oliver said: 'We look at weather reports every day and the forecast in the week was for cold winds and frost over-night, so we have covered the pitch with some light covers to keep the frost away from the surface.'

'The covers allow the sun to get to the pitch and any rain we have will also get through the covers, but it is the frost we are protecting the pitch from.'

The pitch was covered for the FA



Cup fourth round tie against Newcastle United last season, but they were different strength of protection. 'The covers that were used for that cup-tie were to protect against the rain and they were much sturdier. These are thin covers, but they will hopefully do the job.'

Posh have yet to have a match postponed this season, which is a

fantastic achievement for the ground staff with several games postponed last year due to the frost and waterlogged pitches. Oliver is delighted Posh have not had to call-off any of their matches this term.

'It is fantastic that we have yet to have a game called off this term and that is down to the hard work of the contractors. They have been allowed to finish the job they started and the draining system at the ground now is so much better,' added the groundsman.

Oliver also admitted he is eager to take a peak underneath the covers on arrival at the ground: 'I am not supposed to look under the covers, but I suspect that I will be the first person at the ground and I will be keen to take a peak to see what the pitch is like.'



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The closing time is an hour after the final whistle and fans are sent a text message with the MOM results after closing time.

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The Posh Supporters Trust

QUESTION TIME WITH LEIGH PORTER, CHAIRMAN OF THE POSH SUPPORTERS' TRUST

Q : What caused you to establish the Posh Supporters Trust ?

A : With all the uncertainty surrounding the club I felt there was a need for supporter representation on a different level than there already is. I looked into existing trusts and the work of Supporters Direct and felt it was something that our club really needed.

Q : Were you surprised by the interest shown at the public meeting on 9 November 2002 ?

A : I always knew that there were lots of fans who had the club at heart, but the way in which it was received was fantastic. I had nothing but support from all supporters' organisations and the club, which was just what we needed. The way that everyone dug deep into their pockets from day one was unbelievable and made all the hard work worthwhile.

Q : Why did you think it was necessary to set up a third

organisation separate from the Official Supporters Club and PISA 2000 ?

A : A supporters' trust is very different from a supporters' group, in that it is set up as an Industrial and Provident Society, a non-profit making business, whose main objectives are to acquire shares and have a representative on the club board, in order to give fans a stronger voice. The trust is owned by its members and, although it needs a committee for its day to day running, no member has more than one vote. The trust will definitely be looking to work very closely with both existing supporters' groups and I would like to think we will ALL grow stronger together.

Q : What are your objectives for The Posh Supporters Trust by the end of 2003 ?

A : Firstly the trust needs to gain as many members as possible to give us a strong base. In the current climate there is a real chance that trusts can be in a position to gain from the sale of clubs and offer assistance in exchange for shares and board representation.

The main misunderstanding is that a trust is just an extra revenue stream for the club. As a business we need to make sure that the trust and all its members gain.

So, to answer the question, a strong membership base, a shareholding in the club and a healthy professional relationship with all supporters' groups and the club's owners, whoever they may be.

I also plan to win the lottery, buy the club and hand it over to the trust.

Q : Would you like to become a director of Peterborough United ?

A: I've always said that my dream job would be to work at Posh at any level, although I would not like to go in as an individual. I would love to represent every Posh fan and put OUR points across to help make the club a success both on and off the pitch.

Q : What would you like to see changed at Posh ?

A : Fans with a shareholding at the club and a elected supporters' representative on the board, Bill Gates as Chairman, Zidane in midfield and new toilets in the London Road end.

The Posh Supporters Trust

Posh Ladies

by Manager Brett Whaley

MIDLAND COMBINATION FIXTURES 2002-2003

SEPTEMBER	Fixture	RES
SUN 1	STAFFORD RANGERS	H 1-1
SUN 8	ROTHERHAM UNITED	A 3-2
SUN 15	TELFORD UNITED	H 5-1
SUN 22	HIGHFIELD RANGERS	A 1-3
SUN 29	COVENTRY CITY	H 0-4
OCTOBER		
SUN 13	SHREWSBURY TOWN	A 0-3
SUN 20	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H 1-7
NOVEMBER		
SUN 3	NORTHAMPTON (FAC1)	H 2-1
SUN 17	ILKESTON (FAC2)	H 6-1
SUN 24	BRIDGNORTH	A 0-3
DECEMBER		
SUN 15	TELFORD UNITED	A 3-1
JANUARY		
SUN 5	LICHFIELD DIAMONDS	A 1-1
SUN 19	COVENTRY CITY	H 2-4
SUN 26	LOUGHBORO' STU'S	A 0-3
FEBRUARY		
SUN 2	BRIDGNORTH	H
SUN 9	CHESTERFIELD	H
SUN 16	LANGFORD (C CUP)	H
SUN 23	SHREWSBURY TOWN	A
MARCH		
SUN 3	LOUGHBORO' STU'S	H
SUN 9	STAFFORD RANGERS	A
SUN 16	HIGHFIELD RANGERS	H
SUN 23	ILKESTON	A
SUN 27	CHESTERFIELD	A
	HOME GAMES PLAYED: PETERBOROUGH RAILWAY CLUB, EYE	

more and effectively won the game. Posh then began to play the some of the football that they are capable of without really stretching Loughborough.

Manager Brett Whaley said: 'We were beaten by a better side, they started quicker than us and took the game away from us. We have now got nine games left and need to start digging out results. I can't fault the effort, but unfortunately that isn't going to get us out of the trouble we're in at the moment.'

Posh Ladies Reserves

Meanwhile, the reserves extended their unbeaten run to six games as they claimed a 1-1 draw from their meeting with Cottenham. Striker Rachel Burbridge earned Posh a point with a fierce drive after the visitors had took the lead in the first period of the game.

The first half was played mainly in the Posh half, but the back four were extremely solid and prevented Loughborough from any clear cut chances. The home side's best opportunities came from set pieces, with a number of corners causing Posh problems.

Goalkeeper Claire Ireson produced some excellent handling to make sure the score-line remained level, but five minutes before the break Loughborough took the lead, another corner from the left was met six yards out and buried in the bottom corner.

Within 10 minutes of the restart Loughborough had scored twice

Posh will be looking for maximum points when they entertain Rushden and Diamonds on 2nd February. Manager Sam Kettle said after the game: 'The way the whole team played football today was very encouraging and good to watch. We created a lot of good opportunities through out the team and did enough to win but on the day came up a strong, hard working Cottenham side whose goalkeeper played extremely well and did well for their point.'

Posh Ladies: Ireson, Lloyd, Gross, Toms, Woods, Steele, Geldart (sub Rees), White, Tyler, Hilson (sub Whaley), Larham.

Posh Ladies Reserves: S Bell, V Fort, L Vickers, S Gore (sub S Campbell), C Clarke, G Riggio, M Chilcot, M Chappell, D Fort, R Burbridge, R Copping.

Below Clare Ireson produced some excellent saves



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Supporters Club

Player of the Month

Supporters Club members are being invited today to vote for their January 2003 'Player of the Month' in the Starlight Suite prior to the match or by email to shell_posh@hotmail.com.

So far this season the accolade has been awarded to Mark Tyler, Sagi Burton and Andy Clarke for the last three consecutive months.



The winning player will be awarded with the customary bottle of champagne; with Andy Clarke now able to open his own off licence as he has received so many bottles this season. And remember the votes cast now are collated to form the overall Supporters Club 'Player of the Season Award', which is presented at the end of season Supporters Club presentation evening (details of which will hopefully be released soon).

Those members who vote for the player of the month are also entered into a draw, with the winner being given the opportunity to present the award

and also winning a meal for two in the Executive Suite before a match of their choice, kindly donated by GBS Caterers.

Quiz Night

Can you beat the 'TEACH'? Will your knowledge gobsmack 'GOBBA'? If so the Supporters Club are holding their second quiz night of the season on Friday 7th February in the Executive Suite London Road, with a return performance of quiz master 'JUST DAVE'. Entry is £4 per team of four and is open to all, members and non-members with the first question to be given at 7.30, so get down to London Road for 7pm.

Entry forms can be picked up in the Starlight Suite on match days, the Club Shop or just turn up on the night. The quiz questions will cover sport, general knowledge, famous faces, film and music and science and nature, there is something for everyone so bring along the family or work colleagues.

The last quiz night raised £200 for the youth team set up, which has already gone to good use in purchasing bench coats and waterproof jackets. Lets see if this time we can double the figure and show the young lads that supporters are committed to their futures at Posh and how proud we are of their recent efforts in the cup. The committee look forward to seeing you there.



By Michelle Chapman, Chairman
E-mail Peterborough United Supporters' Club: info@psc.theposhisp.com

Committee Members Required

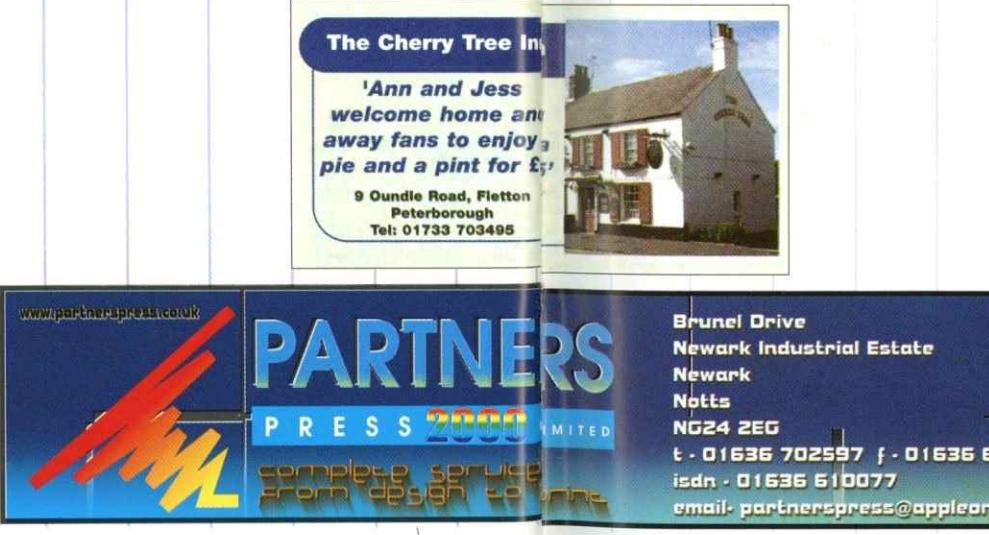
If you feel that you would like to help organise Supporters Club event there is still a place open on the committee so if you are feeling enthusiastic, particularly if you would like to get involved with compiling and editing the Supporters Club magazine/news letter the Posh Post. Whilst on the issue of the Posh Post we are now looking for material for the next edition, any articles, letters or competition ideals (we'll find a prize) are welcome. Drop us a line via London Road and you'll reach fellow Posh fans all over the country.

On a personal note I would like to thank my friends (I think that's what they are) who contributed to make me mascot as a 30th birthday present on New Years Day for the game against QPR. In particular, Maz who set the whole thing up - I certainly won't forget my day and neither will those who witnessed me in shorts (not a pretty sight).

Posh Statistics 2002-2003

AC(1) - FA CUP (ROUND) -
WC(1) - WORTHINGTON CUP (ROUND)
PLAYER IN RED DENOTES GOALSCORER
NUMBER IN (BRACKETS) DENOTES SUBSTITUTE USED

DATE	OPPONENTS	F&A	ATTEND.	1	2	3	4	5
AUGUST 2002								
Sat 10	Luton Town	A	3-2	7,860	TYLER	GILL(s)	REA	JOSEPH
Tue 13	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	0-1	5,204	TYLER	GILL	REA	JOSEPH
Sat 17	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	0-1	5,205	TYLER	GILL(1)	EDWARDS	JOSEPH
Sat 24	Queens Park Rangers	A	0-2	11,510	TYLER	JOSEPH	REA	EDWARDS
Mon 26	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	0-1	4,203	TYLER	GILL	JOSEPH (1)	EDWARDS
Sat 31	Port Vale	A	0-1	3,862	TYLER	PEARCE	REA (2)	EDWARDS (1)
SEPTEMBER								
Wed 10	Portsmouth (WC1)	A	0-2	8,581	TYLER	PEARCE	REA	JOSEPH
Sat 14	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	0-0	4,345	TYLER	JOSEPH	EDWARDS	BURTON
Tue 17	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	2-0	4,208	TYLER	JOSEPH	EDWARDS	BURTON
Sat 21	Wigan Athletic	A	2-2	5,797	TYLER	JOSEPH	EDWARDS	BURTON
Sat 28	BRENTFORD	H	5-1	5,066	TYLER	JOSEPH	EDWARDS	REA
OCTOBER								
Sat 5	Notts County	A	2-2	6,548	TYLER	JOSEPH	EDWARDS	REA
Tues 8	Stockport	A	1-2	4,726	TYLER	JOSEPH	EDWARDS	MACDONALD
Sat 12	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	0-0	5,539	TYLER	JOSEPH	REA	BURTON
Sat 19	Wycombe Wanderers	A	2-3	5,067	TYLER	BURTON(3)	EDWARDS(1)	REA
Tue 22	Leyton Orient (LDV 1)	A	2-3	953	TYLER	JOSEPH	EDWARDS	REA
Sat 26	BRISTOL CITY	H	1-3	5,332	TYLER	JOSEPH	EDWARDS	GILL
Tue 29	Tranmere Rovers	A	1-1	5,960	TYLER	JOSEPH	BURTON	REA
NOVEMBER								
Sat 2	Cardiff City	A	0-3	12,918	TYLER	JOSEPH	EDWARDS	REA
Sat 9	CHESTERFIELD	H	1-0	4,359	TYLER	BURTON	EDWARDS	MACDONALD
Sat 16	Rochdale (FAC1)	A	2-3	2,560	TYLER	JOSEPH	REA	BURTON
Sat 23	BARNESLEY	H	1-3	4,449	TYLER	BURTON(3)	EDWARDS(1)	REA
Sat 30	Swindon Town	A	1-1	4,709	TYLER	JOSEPH	EDWARDS	GILL(2)
DECEMBER								
Sat 14	CHEL滕HAM	H	4-1	4,522	CONNOR	JELLEYMAN	EDWARDS	REA
Sat 21	Blackpool	A	0-3	5,068	CONNOR	JELLEYMAN	EDWARDS	JELLEYMAN(1)
Thu 26	Colchester United	A	1-1	3,760	HARRISON	JELLEYMAN(1)	EDWARDS	REA(3)
Sat 28	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	0-0	7,767	HARRISON	JELLEYMAN	EDWARDS	REA
JANUARY 2003								
Wed 1	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	0-2	6,210	HARRISON	JELLEYMAN	EDWARDS	ARBER
Sat 4	Oldham Athletic	A	0-0	5,922	HARRISON	JELLEYMAN	EDWARDS	REA(4)
Sat 11	Huddersfield Town	A	1-0	9,022	HARRISON	JELLEYMAN(1)	EDWARDS	ARBER
Sat 18	PORT VALE	H	1-2	4,770	HARRISON	GILL(1)	EDWARDS	ARBER
Sat 25	Northampton Town	A	1-0	5,906	HARRISON	JELLEYMAN	HENDON(1)	REA
FEBRUARY								
Sat 1	LUTON TOWN	H						
Sat 8	Chesterfield	A						
Sat 15	CARDIFF CITY	H						
Sat 22	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H						
MARCH								
Sat 1	Crewe Alexandra	A						
Tue 4	Plymouth Argyle	A						
Sat 8	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H						
Sat 15	Bristol City	A						
Tue 18	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H						
Sat 22	TRANMERE ROVERS	H						
Sat 29	Mansfield Town	A						
APRIL								
Sat 5	SWINDON TOWN	H						
Sat 12	Barnsley	A						
Sun 13	FA Cup Semi-Final							
Sat 19	BLACKPOOL	H						
Mon 21	Cheltenham Town	A						
Sat 26	NOTTS COUNTY	H						
MAY								
Sat 4	Brentford	A						
Sat 17	FA Cup Final							



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Division Two Table 2002/2003



	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
Wigan	29	10	3	1	26	11	11	2	23	7	31	68	
Crewe	28	9	1	4	18	8	8	4	2	30	14	26	58
Oldham	29	7	3	5	25	14	8	6	0	20	11	20	54
Cardiff	27	10	2	2	26	9	6	3	4	18	14	21	57
Bristol City	28	8	4	2	25	10	7	2	5	28	22	21	57
QPR	29	9	2	4	23	15	4	5	5	14	17	5	46
Luton	27	5	4	4	21	15	7	3	4	20	20	6	43
Blackpool	28	8	4	2	26	14	4	3	7	12	23	1	45
Tranmere	28	7	4	3	20	15	5	2	7	19	27	-3	42
Plymouth	27	6	4	4	21	17	4	5	4	15	15	4	39
Swindon	29	6	4	5	21	17	4	4	6	19	25	-2	36
Chesterfield	28	8	3	3	18	11	3	2	9	6	21	-8	38
Brentford	26	6	5	2	16	7	4	2	7	16	23	2	37
Wycombe	29	6	3	5	28	24	3	5	7	12	15	1	35
Port Vale	27	4	3	6	15	18	4	4	6	16	22	-9	31
Notts County	28	4	5	5	22	24	2	7	5	18	20	-4	30
Peterborough	29	4	3	7	15	15	3	6	6	15	23	-8	30
Stockport	29	5	4	5	25	25	3	1	11	14	25	-11	29
Northampton	28	5	2	7	16	18	3	3	8	8	25	-19	29
Barnsley	28	4	5	5	18	22	3	2	9	13	22	-13	28
Mansfield	28	5	1	8	27	31	3	3	8	17	30	-17	28
Colchester	28	3	6	6	13	16	3	3	7	15	25	-13	27
Huddersfield	28	4	5	5	14	14	2	2	10	6	21	-15	25
Cheltenham	27	3	4	6	10	18	2	5	7	14	22	-16	24

First Team Appearances 2002/2003

Player	League	Cup	Total	Goals
Mark Tyler	18	3	21	-
Matthew Gill	24 (2)	1(1)	28	-
Dennis Pearce	2	1	3	-
Marc Joseph	16(1)	3	20	-
Simon Rea	18	2	20	2
Andy Edwards	24	2	26	1
David Farrell	17(5)	1(1)	24	2
Richard Forsyth	6(2)	-	8	-
Andy Clarke	22(4)	2(1)	29	13
Jason Lee	12(3)	1(1)	18	3
Adam Newton	19(4)	2(1)	26	2
Gary Macdonald	6(2)	1(1)	9	-
Daniel Connor	4	-	4	-
Francis Green	8(8)	1(1)	18	2
Steven Laurie	-	-	-	-
Jimmy Bullard	26	3	29	3
Leon McKenzie	(1)	-	1	-
Lee Clarke	(2)	-	2	-
Gareth Jelleyman	12(2)	1(1)	16	-
Tony Shields	17(3)	3	23	-
Adam Fry	-	-	-	-
Neale Fenn	4(5)	1(1)	10	1
Heigi Danielsson	7(2)	2(1)	12	-
Daniel French	-	-	-	-
Dan Murray	-	-	-	-
Shane Tolley	-	-	-	-
Ryan Semple	1(1)	-	2	-
Roger Willis	1(3)	-	4	-
Bradley Allen	10(1)	1	12	3
Graham Hyde	4(1)	-	5	-
Sagi Burton	6(3)	1	10	-
Lee Harrison	5	-	5	-

Posh Production Team

Scott Dennison
Philip Adlam
Contributors:
Matt Hill, Edwin Overland &
Paul Crisp

Peterborough United v Luton Town

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

THE SP For/Ragainst Goalscoring Home/Away Top Scorer Form Guide Discipline Attendances Swings/Margins Miscellaneous

Clubs Comparison

Goals Scored

Shots	26
Headers	8
Volley	5
Penalties	2
Free Kicks	0
Own Goals	0

Where Goals Scored

Where Goals Conceded

When Goals Scored

Hatters

Form Guide - Last 6

Won	4
Drawn	1
Lost	1
For	10
Against	6
Points	13
Goal Difference	4
Sequence	DWWLWW

Yellow & Red Cards

Yellow	54
Red	5

Seasonal Progress Comparison

Swings

PU Games Won from: LT

3 Goals Down	0
2 Goals Down	0
1 Goal Down	5
3 Goals Up	0
2 Goals Up	0
1 Goal Up	3

Lost from:

3 Goals Up	0
2 Goals Up	0
1 Goal Up	3

Drawn from:

3 Goals Down	0
2 Goals Down	1
1 Goal Down	0
3 Goals Up	0
2 Goals Up	0
1 Goal Up	2

10 Year Record

POSH **Hatters**

Avg Pos.	64.5
among 92 clubs	53.3
Highest	9.477
Lowest	5.890
Average	6.881
-30	+/- %
5,192	7,878
Avg Att 2002	6,842

2002-2003 Attendances

POSH	72,264
Aggregate	89,449
Highest	7,767
Lowest	4,203
Average	5,162
% of Capacity	69

Top League Scorers

Clarke A **Howard**

12 League Goals	13
28 Games Played	25
0.43 Lge Goals/Game	0.52
8 Points Gained	9
3 Scoring Run	4
0 Hat-Tricks	0
6 Close Range	5
6 Inside Area	6
0 Long Range	2
8 Shots	5
2 Headers	5
5 Unbeaten Run	7
5 Losing Run	4
0 No Win Run	5

Margins

4 Won by 1 Gl	8
1 Won by 2 Glis	2
1 Won by 3 Glis	2
1 Won by 4 Glis	0
0 Won by 5+ Glis	0
Games	
7 Lost by 1 Gl	6
4 Lost by 2 Glis	0
2 Lost by 3 Glis	2
0 Lost by 4 Glis	0
0 Lost by 5+ Glis	0

Misc stats

8 Highest Pos.	6
23 Lowest Pos.	24
0 Winning Run	5
5 Unbeaten Run	7
5 Losing Run	4
0 No Win Run	5

Luton Town's 10 Year History

Win Season Leading Scorer Ave Att

01/02	Howard	24	6,853	
00/01	George	7	5,754	
99/00	George	14	5,658	
98/99	Douglas	9	5,527	
Rd.5	Thorpe	14	5,879	
Rd.4	96/97	28	6,294	
Rd.3	95/96	Guentchev/Marshall	9	7,223
Rd.2	94/95	Marshall	11	7,350
Rd.1	93/94	Dixon	9	7,878
	92/93	Gray	19	8,213

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THE SP DIVISION 2 STATS

WINNING MARGINS

Club	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4+
Wigan	9	11	1	0
Crewe	6	7	2	2
Cardiff	10	2	1	3
Oldham	9	3	0	3
Bristol City	5	5	4	1
QPR	5	6	1	1
Tranmere	7	2	2	1
Blackpool	5	4	3	0
Luton	8	2	2	0
Chesterfield	9	1	0	1
Brentford	7	2	0	1
Swindon	5	3	2	0
Plymouth	6	3	1	0
Wycombe	4	3	1	1
Mansfield	4	2	0	2
Stockport	4	2	1	1
Northampton	4	1	3	0
Peterborough	4	1	1	1
Barnsley	6	1	0	0
Cheltenham	5	1	0	0
Colchester	5	1	0	0
Walsall	4	2	1	1
Oldham	6	2	2	0
Crewe	5	7	2	2
Blackpool	8	8	10	10
Huddersfield	8	16	14	14
Northampton	8	19	17	17
Chesterfield	8	23	21	21
Peterborough	10	17	14	14
Brentford	9	13	12	12
Swindon	9	11	10	10
Blackpool	9	8	8	8
Cheltenham	8	24	22	22
Colchester	8	22	20	20
Walsall	8	16	14	14
Notts County	8	14	12	12
Plymouth	8	10	8	8
Wycombe	8	6	5	5
Forest	7	9	8	8
Port Vale	7	15	13	13
Stockport	6	18	16	16
Oldham	6	3	2	2
Colchester	5	7	5	5
Wigan	3	20	18	18
Cardiff	5	4	3	3
Luton	5	7	5	5
Wigan	3	20	18	18

FULL GROUNDS - ATTENDANCES

Club	Aggregate	% Capacity
Luton	89,449	69
Cheltenham	64,310	67
Northampton	71,525	67
QPR	191,053	67
Tranmere	7	14
Blackpool	94,469	66
Cardiff	182,051	65
Chesterfield	60,187	61
Crewe	89,996	63
Wycombe	84,688	60
Bristol City	168,857	56
Oldham	102,146	50
Mansfield	66,539	48
Plymouth	135,224	48
Brentford	76,553	46
Cheltenham	3	20

CLEAN SHEETS

Club	Gms without conceding	Lge Pos
Wigan	15	1
Oldham	13	3
Chesterfield	13	12
Peterborough	12	17
Cardiff	12	12
Brentford	10	7
Swindon	9	11
Blackpool	9	8
Cheltenham	8	24
Colchester	8	22
Walsall	8	16
Notts County	8	14
Plymouth	8	10
Wycombe	8	8
Forest	7	10
Port Vale	7	15
Stockport	6	18
Oldham	6	3
Colchester	5	21
Walsall	5	7
Cardiff	5	4
Luton	5	5
Wigan	3	3

FAILED TO SCORE

Club	Gms without scoring	Lge Pos
Huddersfield	14	23
Northampton	14	19
Mansfield	12	21
Peterborough	12	17
Cardiff	12	12
Brentford	9	20
Swindon	9	11
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On The Road

Away News And Travel Information

CHESTERFIELD

Saturday 8th February



Posh travel to Saltergate on Saturday 8th February for a Division Two fixture against Chesterfield (3pm).

TICKET PRICES:

Posh fans will be accommodated in either the Cross Street Terrace with ticket prices set at £13 for adults and £7 for concessions, or in the seated Cross Street Wing Stand, with prices at £14 for adults and £8 for concessions.

DISABLED FANS:

There are five spaces for wheelchair users, but they have to be booked in advance by telephoning the club on 01246 209765.

MATCH PROGRAMME:

The Chesterfield match day programme costs £2.50

CREWE ALEXANDRA

Saturday 1st March



Posh head to Gresty Road for a match against promotion-contenders Crewe Alexandra on Saturday 1st March (3pm).

TICKET PRICES:

Posh fans are accommodated in the Bluebell BMW stand with adults paying £16, OAP's £13 and children under 16, £4.

DISABLED FANS:

There are limited spaces available in the North Stand for wheelchair users, but it is advised that you book a place by telephoning Nick Cavanagh on 01270 213014.

MATCH PROGRAMME:

The Crewe match day programme costs £2.50.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

Tuesday 4th March



Posh make the long journey to Devon to face Plymouth Argyle on Tuesday 4th March (7.45pm).

TICKET PRICES:

Posh fans are accommodated in the Barn Park end of the ground with adults paying £15, students and OAP's £10 and under 16s £5.

DISABLED FANS:

There are eight spaces for wheelchair users at Home Park in the Davenport end. Places must be reserved in advance by telephoning the club on 01752 562561.

MATCH PROGRAMME:

The Plymouth Argyle match day programme costs £2.50.



TEAM LINE-UPS



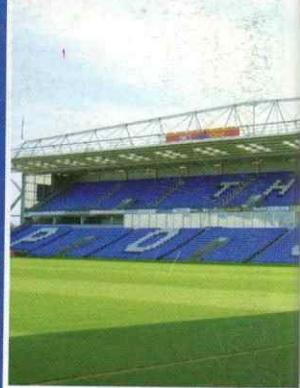
PETERBOROUGH UNITED

	Manager Barry Fry
1	Mark Tyler
2	Matthew Gill
3	Dennis Pearce
4	Mark Arber
5	Simon Rea
6	Andy Edwards
7	David Farrell
8	Richard Scott
9	Andy Clarke
10	Jason Lee
11	Adam Newton
12	Ian Hendon
13	Daniel Connor (GK)
14	Francis Green
15	Steven Laurie
16	Jimmy Bullard
17	Leon McKenzie
18	Lee Clarke
19	Gareth Jolleyman
20	Tony Shields
21	Adam Fry
22	Neale Fenn
23	Helgi Danielsson
24	Daniel French
25	
26	Shane Tolley
27	Ryan Semple
28	
29	
30	Sagi Burton



LUTON TOWN

	Manager Joe Kinnear
1	Mark Ovendale
2	Aaran Skelton
3	Alan Neilson
4	Matt Spring
5	Russell Perrett
6	Marvin Johnson
7	Adrian Forbes
8	Kevin Nicholls
9	Tony Thorpe
10	Carl Griffiths
11	Steve Robinson
12	Chris Coyne
13	
14	Andrew Fotiadis
15	Dean Crowe
16	Carl Emberson
17	Emmerson Boyce
18	Ahmet Brkovic
19	Steve Howard
20	Peter Holmes
21	Paul Hughes
22	David Bayliss
23	Ian Hillier
24	Sol Davis
31	Alan Kimble



SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2003
KICK-OFF 12 NOON

AVAILABLE MASCOT DATES

The thrill of leading Peterborough United on to the London Road pitch as the club's official match day mascot provides a memory that any youngster will treasure for the rest of their life.

The mascot is fitted out with a full Posh replica strip and up to three additional family members are greeted by our host on arrival at London Road.

LAST REMAINING DATES:

POSH V WYCOMBE 18th March
POSH V BLACKPOOL 19th April
POSH V NOTTS COUNTY 26th April

The Package Cost £125 + Vat for 3 adults and the child's ticket including full kit and a tour of London Road, contact Mary on 01733 563947

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: P.J. JOSLIN

Assistant 1: P.C. MARTIN Assistant 2: G.J. SUTTON
4th Official: S. M. HUTCHINSON

NEXT HOME GAME:

POSH RESERVES V LEYTON ORIENT

WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY
KICK-OFF 2PM