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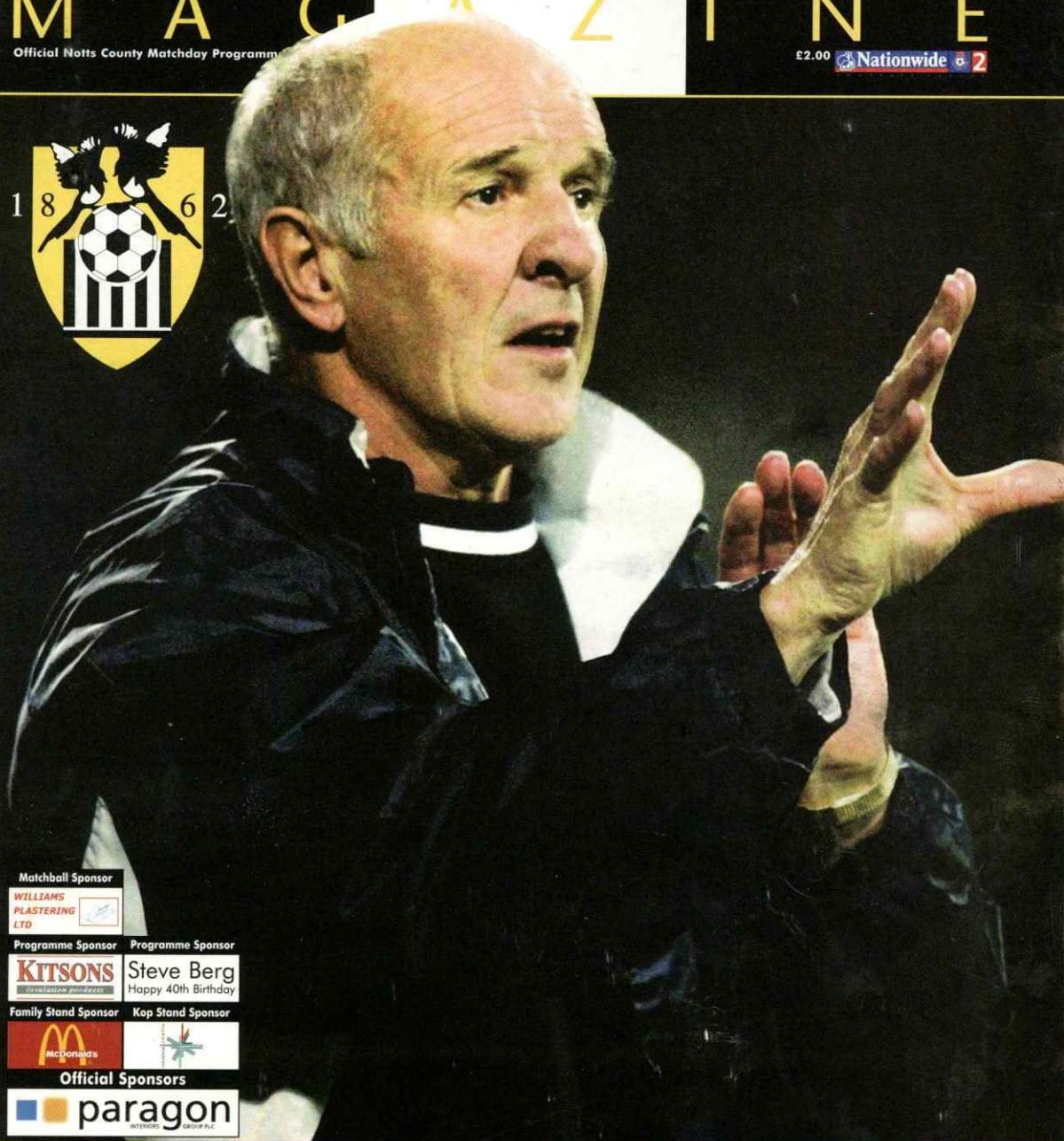
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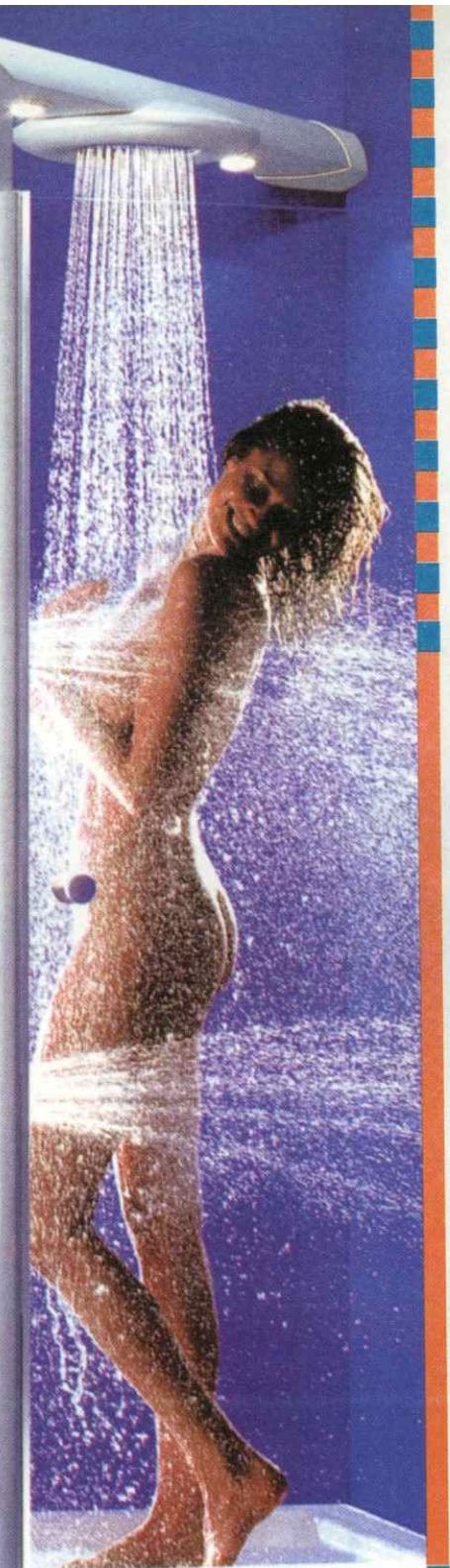
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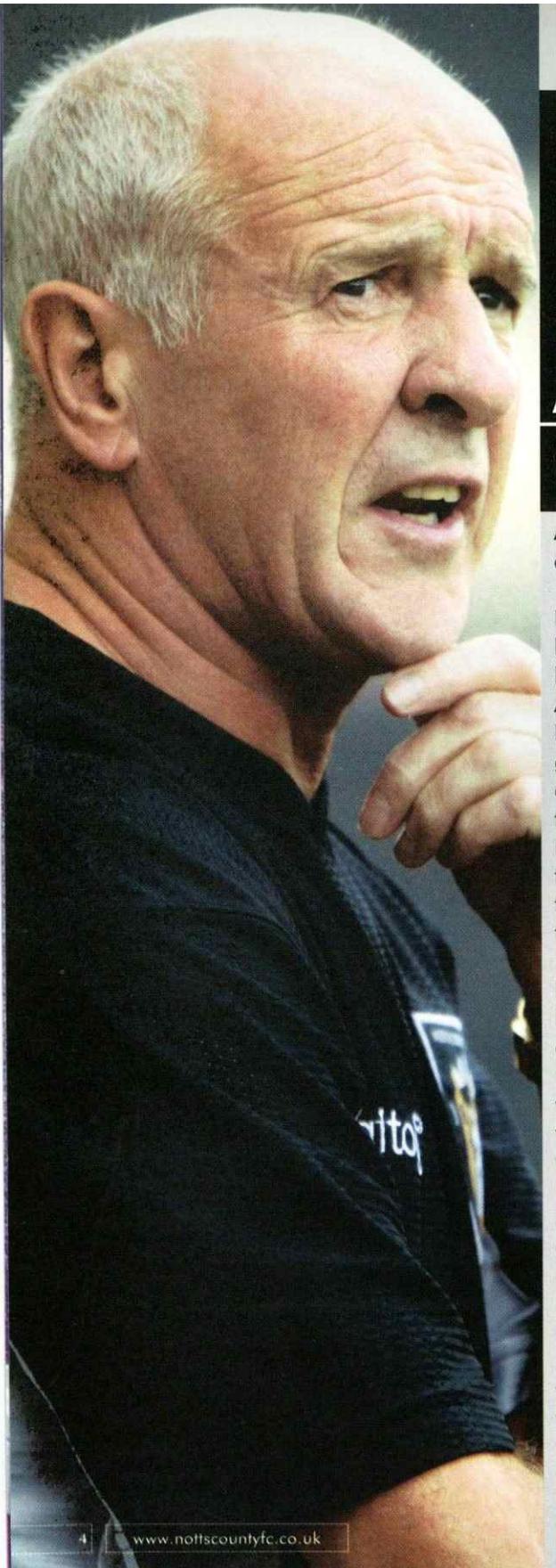


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BILLY DEARDEN

A WORD FROM BILLY

A warm welcome to Joe Kinnear and everyone else at Meadow Lane for this afternoon's game.

I said before the Bristol City game that we had been working on defending as a team to try and keep a clean sheet and the hard work paid off. Although we didn't play particularly well in the first half against Bristol, we defended well against a good team and restricted them to a couple of efforts on goal. In the second half we upped the tempo, had a real go at them and got our just rewards. I told them to get on the ball and express themselves, because the game was there for the taking. We wanted the ball in the second half and that really showed.

It was a real boost to have Brough and Bolland back in the team as they give us a lot of energy and have a great attitude. I decided to play Bolland at full-back and told him to get forward when he could and he did that very well. As a whole unit we looked good in the second half. Goalkeepers love keeping clean sheets and nobody deserved to keep a clean sheet more than Steve Mildenhall, because he has been very consistent over the last few weeks, and has shown great confidence.

On to our trip to Boundary Park and I thought we did very well. Oldham are a good team who are flying at the moment and have a lot of experience throughout the side. We might have come away with all three points right at the end after playing very well in the second half. We gave them a stupid goal in the first half but apart from that, we



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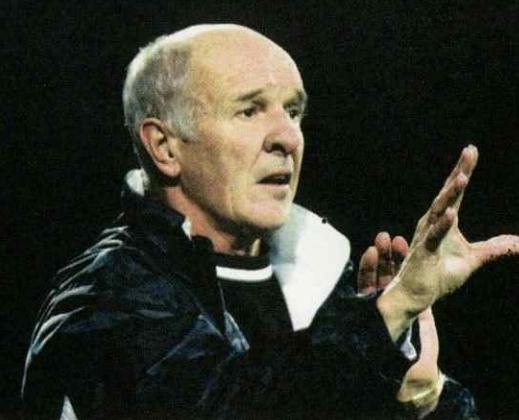
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defended well and got bodies in the way, as well as tackles and headers. They were all disappointed to come in 1-0 down at half-time.

We showed what we can do when we believe in ourselves and in the second half we got on the ball passed it like we can do, and fully deserved the goal. We had a lot of possession and created some good chances. Caskey provided a very good free-kick for the goal, and I'm pleased Heffernan stuck it away, as we need him to continue scoring goals. Caskey's set pieces are as good as anybody's, we've come to expect that from him but I also thought he ran the show a bit in the second half. He nearly stole the points for us at the end, but we had a scare at the other end right at the death when we blocked an effort on the line.

At the time of writing we don't have any fresh injury concerns to contend with, but we will be without Nicky Fenton for today's game and Tuesday's game against Port Vale due to suspension, which is a big blow. Michael Brough will also be suspended for today's game, which is another blow but we have to deal with it in the best way possible and reshuffle the pack once more, which gives the opportunity for two other players to come in.

Young Willis did well again after coming on against Oldham and Bristol City, so there is a chance he may be involved again, but we will see, if the administrators come in and say I can bring two players in then I will.



"It was a real boost to have Brough and Bolland back in the team as they give us a lot of energy and have a great attitude."

On to today's game and Luton are a good side and are doing well at the top end of the table having been in the top eight for most of the season. We know we are capable of beating Luton, especially if we play like we did against them earlier in the season, when we went two goals up, lost Ian Baraclough through injury and ended up drawing the game. We know what to expect from Luton, but if we play like we know we can we will beat them. Luton have spent a bit of money and signed a few players and I know Joe Kinnear will have his team motivated for today's game, as always.

After getting a draw at Oldham we have to carry on and build on the result and put three or four results together to get on a run and pull away from the relegation battle. We are all confident we can achieve this.

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MASCOT: CHARLOTTE CHADWICK



10 year old Charlotte is from Arnold where she attends the Arnold View School. She enjoys karate, swimming and brownies, and when she is older she would like to be a nurse. Her favourite players are Danny Allsopp and Mark Stallard.

MASCOT: JAMES MEE



5 year old James is from Littlethorpe in Leicester where he attends the Greystoke County Primary School. James enjoys football, swimming, model railways and going to the cinema, and when he is older he would like to be a footballer, train driver or a pilot. His favourite players are Danny Allsopp, Nick Fenton and Kevin Nicholson.

NOTTS GET THE THUMBS UP

On Saturday (15th) I made the 300 mile round trip from my home in Surrey to Meadow Lane to see County take on Bristol City. From the moment I arrived I was made most welcome by supporters, stewards, catering staff (love the chips and peas!) and felt so lucky to be at England's oldest club.

I watched with great enjoyment at the goalkeepers warm up with the coach and especially liked the encouragement he gave them. County's lightening spirit deserved the three points and the second goal was in my top three of all time, absolutely fantastic. Thank you everybody at Notts County for making my day so special, I hope to return soon.

Brian Dorley
(lifelong Birmingham City fan)

FOOTY FOR A FIVER

All Tickets for Tuesday's game against Port Vale will be £5, for all stands, and don't forget that Under 12's will be free of charge as usual.

news»»»

Town at Meadow Lane on Monday 10th March 2003 in the Third Round of the Midland Youth Cup.

The game kicks off at 7pm, with progression through to the next round of the competition earning a semi-final tie away to Walsall.

COMPETITION WINNER

Congratulations to Ady Richards of Stapleford who correctly answered all 5 Competition Time questions in the Magpies Magazine for the game against Bristol City.

Ady wins a signed Notts County football. For your chance to win, turn to Competition Time on page 11.



FRANCIS READY FOR ACTION

Notts County Youth team captain Willis Francis is delighted to be involved in the first team and has shown he is ready to make his first senior start if called upon. After impressing in a number of substitute appearances for the Magpies, including last weeks game at Boundary Park, the 17-year old midfielder looks to have a bright future at Meadow Lane.

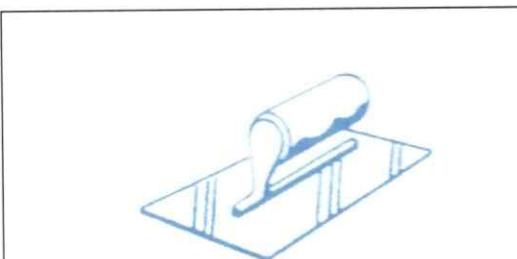
Speaking to Magpies Magazine for the first time, he said "I can't believe it, I wasn't expecting to be involved in the first team at the start of the season, but as time has gone on I've pushed on."

"I didn't expect to be on the bench when we played Blackpool, and then to be playing after 10 minutes was great."

"I didn't really have time to get nervous, because I was thrown straight in. A lot of the players have given me a lot of support."

"It was great to make my first senior appearance at Meadow Lane against Bristol City. Some of the fans were shouting my name before I went on, it was amazing."

"It's good to have Shaun Harrad coming through at the same time as I have played with him since I was nine as we were a West Bridford Colts together."



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The lads are all pleased with the last couple of performances, although it seems to be our second half performances that make them count. We worked hard against Bristol City and we definitely deserved the win. We managed to get hold of the ball in the second half and passed it well, I think our second goal reflected that.

It was nice to beat Bristol as their fans always give me a bit of stick having played for Reading, but I don't mind getting a bit of stick as it usually gives me an extra boost. I've had a few derby battles with them so it was nice to turn them over, but more importantly it was vital for us to keep our good home form going.

We were pleased to carry on our good form and come away from Oldham with a point. To concede the way we did was disappointing, but it was just as important that we got it out of our heads so we could remain positive. We did that and Heffernan thoroughly deserved to grab a goal. It was pleasing to score from a set play, because we have been defending well, so if we can look dangerous from attacking set pieces and keep clean sheets then obviously we will win games.

It's nice to see some of the younger players coming through. Willis Francis has done very well, since he's been involved, but we give him a bit of stick and a bit of banter in the dressing room, as well as getting him to make us the odd coffee on the coach, just so he keeps his feet on the ground. We all know we can't go and buy players but it's great to see players like Willis Francis and Shaun Harrad doing well and hopefully they can stay in the first team squad.

Confidence is high going into today's game because we have been playing well at home and scoring goals, but we have got to build on the last few results and get ourselves out of trouble at the bottom, and with your help I have no doubt we can do that.

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PAUL TAYLOR »

The Nottingham Evening Post's Paul Taylor writes for Magpies Magazine

TODAY, as Notts County prepare for yet another vital Division Two fixture, they will do so with two significant members of their squad in the stands.

Manager Billy Dearden has already pin pointed the next two games, against Luton today and Port Vale on Tuesday, as being crucial in their fight against relegation. He believes six points, from these two home games, would give the Magpies a significant and perhaps even decisive advantage over their rivals. But they will go about their task without the services of Nicky Fenton and, for today's game, Michael Brough.

Fenton has amassed ten bookings this season, which is as many as anyone in the division.

On that evidence, you would imagine Fenton is a dirty player.

Especially when you add the fact that all of the yellow cards awarded against him have been as a result of fouls.

But is that really the case? Not really. No more so than most other players performing in his position.

Fenton is not a player to shirk a tackle, but nor is he one who relies on cynically hacking the opposition down on a regular basis.

Yet, over the course of the next four days, the Magpies defender will sit out his second and third matches of the season through suspension.

Kenny Burns made his name as a no-nonsense defender on the other side of the River Trent.

But, despite his status as a former Forest player, many Notts fans would probably have appreciated his words, in the Evening Post, this week. "I wouldn't fancy playing in the game today," he said.

"In fact, I would probably be red carded in the warm up. These days the only way a player gets injured is when his manager kicks a boot at him. "In my day you hadn't been in a game unless you came off the pitch black and blue, with a fat lip."

Obviously football has changed a lot in the last 20 years, although not everyone would say for the better.

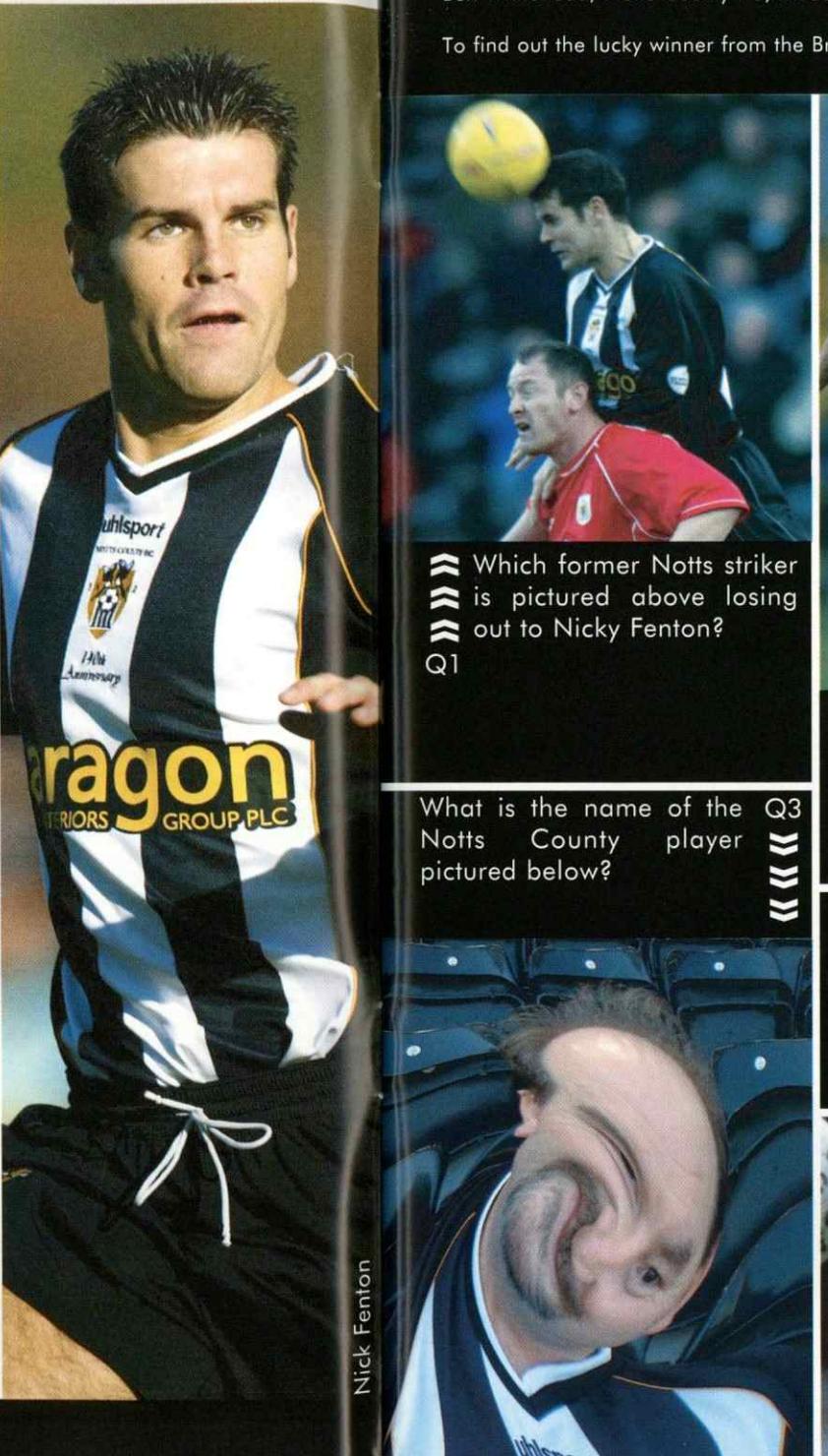
But it is an interesting point. Notts, for the second season running, are in a battle.

They are fighting to avoid relegation into Division Three at a time when, because of their perilous financial position, it could prove to be an especially costly slip.

There are going to be matches where they have to fight and scrap for 90 minutes for a share of the spoils.

But their ability to do that is going to be badly hampered if, as a result, they are losing players through suspension every other week.

Perhaps it is time for referees - and FIFA - to realise that football is a physical game. It is not netball. At least not yet.



»»»»» competition time

Welcome to the Mr and Mrs Magpie Quiz. Now it's your turn to win with Magpies Magazine, for your chance to win a copy of David McVay's new book - Steak... Diana Ross, all you have to do is answer the following set of questions, and email your answers to ben.whitehead@nottscountyfc.co.uk, or post them to Ben Whitehead, Notts County FC, Meadow Lane, Nottingham, NG2 3HJ by Saturday 8th March 2003.

To find out the lucky winner from the Bristol City programme, see Magpies News on page 7.

»»»»» Q1
Which former Notts striker is pictured above losing out to Nicky Fenton?

»»»»» Q2
What is the name of the Notts County player pictured below?

»»»»» Q3
Which Notts midfielder is close to doing the splits against Bristol City?

»»»»» Q4
What is the name of this former Magpies striker?



»»»»» Q5
Who has former Magpie Iain McCulloch selected as his number 4 in his Notts County XI?



LUTON TOWN FC »

Visiting Meadow Lane today



JOE KINNEAR »»»

Joe Kinnear took over the managerial reins from Lil Fuccillo at Kenilworth Road on February 8 2001 after just a week as Luton Town's Director of Football.

The ex-Wimbledon manager returned to the game after a 20 month break having spent seven-and-a-half years as the 'Crazy Gang' boss.

His achievements at Wimbledon are well renowned in English football: having kept his unfashionable side in the top division throughout his time at Selhurst Park, despite having to sell several of the club's best players to balance the books.

His return to football with The Hatters came

as something of a surprise, with the club languishing at the bottom end of Division Two.

His immediate aim was to save them from relegation to Division Three before attempting to transform their fortunes and lift them back to the top division in English football.

However, after initial success, Kinnear could not prevent Luton from slipping into the bottom tier of the football league and his sights were set on a quick return to Division Two.

In 2001-02, the team finished as runners-up in Division Three and secured an immediate promotion back to the Second Division.

Luton Town FC have enjoyed life at the very top, and suffered the indignity of twice tumbling all the way from the highest division to the lowest. Now, they hope, they are on their way back again after finishing last season as runners-up in Division Three.

In 1974 Luton were the first club in the country to sink from the top division to the bottom, and back all the way up again. Now their supporters are hoping that history can repeat itself.

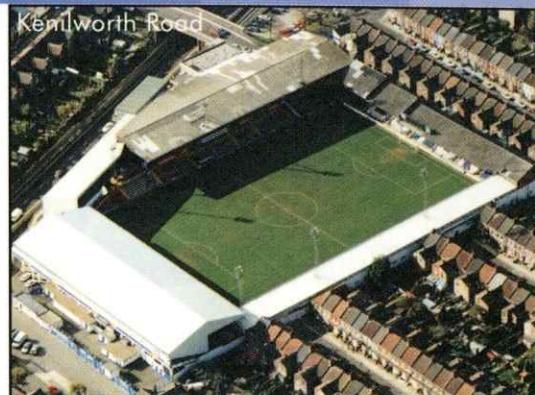
After the club survived receivership, an old friend returned as the new owner and chairman - Mike Watson-Challis, who had been a director in Luton's glory years, for a decade when they flourished in the old First Division, now the Premiership.

He and his colleagues on the board made an inspired choice when they decided to appoint the respected and highly experienced Joe Kinnear as manager in February 2001. It was too late to prevent the relegation that had looked nearly certain since the early days of that season, but on the day relegation was confirmed Kinnear promised the fans: "We'll be promoted in 12 months time..." Brave words, but Joe kept his promise to make it a brief stay in Division Three. Four club records tumbled in the process: 30 league victories, a run of 12 on the trot, 15 away wins and 97 points gathered. Luton went into the 1990s as a top club - they had ten glorious years in what is now the Premiership, and won the Littlewoods Cup by beating Arsenal in the 1988 final.

But then came a decline, with a club in an antiquated stadium and unable to compete with the big-money outfits. They missed the first season of the Premiership, through relegation just as it was set up in 1992, and the decline continued, with a drop into the Second Division in 1996.

Previous boards of directors took plenty of stick from fans as the Hatters slumped - the club sold at least £1million worth of talent every year, without bringing in adequate replacements.

But now, with a new board and management team in place, money available for players, and plans taking shape for a new stadium, the supporters hope that at long last the Hatters really are set to move ahead again.



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February 13th, 2001 - Division Two

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The One To Watch...

STEVE HOWARD »

Joe Kinnear swooped on deadline day in March 2001 to prise the tall striker away from Northampton for £50,000, and the deal looks a bigger bargain with every game. Howard had cost the Cobblers a then record club fee of £120,000 when they recruited him from Hartlepool two years previously. He helped Northampton win promotion to Division Two, and they grudgingly accepted a third of their asking price for a player who would have left for nothing soon afterwards under the Bosman ruling. Howard exploded into action in his first full season with Luton, and his 24 goals made him the Third Division's top league marksman, and played a major part in Luton's drive to promotion. Not surprisingly, the fans voted him their player of the year.



Paul Hughes

MARK OVENDALE

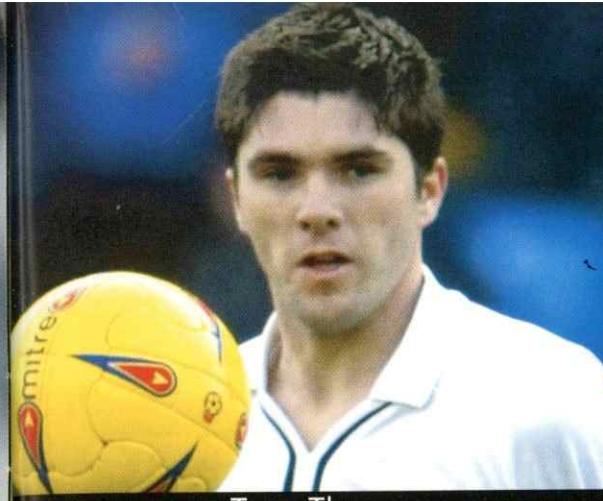
GOALKEEPER

22/11/73 - Leicester
Ovendale joined Luton from Bournemouth for £425,000 in the summer of 2000, a Luton Town record fee for a goalkeeper. He was previously with Wisbech, Northampton and Barry Town.

CARL EMBERSON

GOALKEEPER

13/07/73 - Epsom
Wanting competition for the first team goalkeeper's spot, Joe Kinnear signed Emberson in the summer of 2001. His career began at Millwall as a trainee, but he made his name at Colchester.



Tony Thorpe

MARVIN JOHNSON

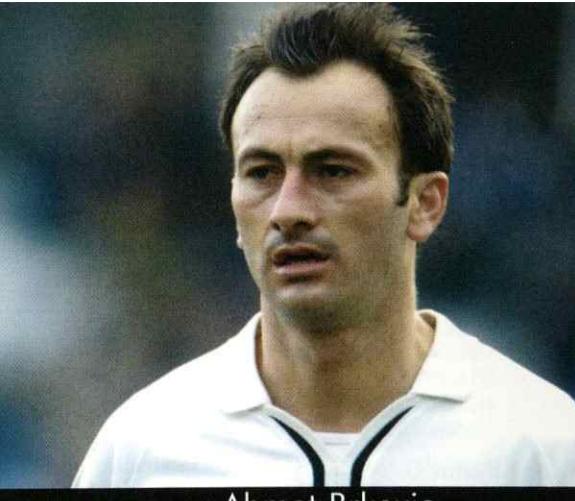
DEFENDER

29/10/68 - Wembley
Now in his 15th season as a first-team regular at Luton, his only club, having been on the books since he was schoolboy. He is the only member of the staff to have appeared in all four divisions for Luton.

DAVID BAYLISS

DEFENDER

08/06/76 - Liverpool
David jumped at the chance to join the Hatters, and played a full part in the promotion campaign that followed. An inch under six foot tall, he made over 200 first-team appearances for Rochdale.



Ahmet Brkovic

IAN HILLIER

DEFENDER

26/12/79 - Neath
A former captain of the Tottenham reserves side and Welsh U-21 international, Joe Kinnear took the young right back to Luton on loan before deciding to buy him for a bargain fee of £30,000.

ALAN KIMBLE

DEFENDER

06/08/66 - Dagenham
Joe Kinnear felt that he needed more experience in his squad to help his young side cope with the Second Division. Having been together at Wimbledon, Kinnear knew Kimble was the man he needed.

ALAN NEILSON

DEFENDER

26/09/72 - Wegberg
His international career began with appearances for Wales at youth and under-21 level, followed by five full caps. He also enjoyed a good career in the Premiership, with Newcastle, Southampton and Fulham.

CHRIS COYNE

DEFENDER

20/12/78 - Brisbane
Coyne signed for the Hammers as a teenager, but Premiership chances were few and far between, and soon moved to Dundee before a £50,000 move to Kenilworth Road in September 2001.

LEE MANSELL

MIDFIELDER

23/09/82 - Gloucester
The young midfielder is hoping to make the permanent breakthrough into Luton's first team this season, after making a dramatic surprise debut, scoring just 58 seconds into his debut against QPR.

KEVIN NICHOLLS

MIDFIELDER

02/01/79 - Newham
The tough-tackling midfielder began his career as a trainee at Charlton and quickly made an impact after skippering England youth teams at under-18, under-19 and under-20 levels.

PETER HOLMES

MIDFIELDER

18/11/80 - Bishop Auckland
Midfielder who once seemed destined for soccer stardom - he is a product of the FA School of Excellence, from the same year as Michael Owen. Was on the fringe of Luton's promotion squad last season.

AHMET BRKOVIC

MIDFIELDER

23/09/74 - Dubrovnik
Believing a move would be good for his career, the Croatian born midfield playmaker refused new terms at Leyton Orient in the summer of 2001, to join Luton on a Bosman free transfer.

PAUL HUGHES

MIDFIELDER

19/04/76 - Hammersmith
Worked his way up at Stamford Bridge from trainee to Premiership, before moving to Southampton. The Saints then made him available for transfer, and Luton boss Joe Kinnear was delighted to pay £75,000 for the right winger.

ADRIAN FORBES

MIDFIELDER

23/01/79 - Ealing
with an England youth cap to his credit, it was a surprise when Norwich made Forbes available for transfer, and Luton boss Joe Kinnear was delighted to pay £75,000 for the right winger.

STEVE ROBINSON

MIDFIELDER

10/12/74 - Lisburn
Joe Kinnear knew that an even stronger squad was needed for this season's challenge of Second Division football, and one of his first summer signings was midfielder Robinson, for £50,000 from Preston North End.

DEAN CROWE

STRIKER

06/06/79 - Stockport
Signed on loan from Stoke City in September 2001 when an injury crisis decimated the Hatters squad. He made an immediate impact, scoring on his debut, and was soon signed on a permanent deal.

CARL GRIFFITHS

STRIKER

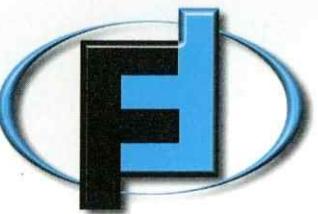
15/07/71 - Welshpool
An impressive scoring record - a goal in every 2.5 starts for seven previous clubs. His earlier moves had totted up to well over £1million, after starting as a trainee at Shrewsbury Town.

TONY THORPE

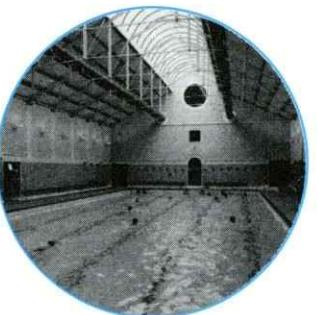
STRIKER

10/04/74 - Leicester
It was a case of "coming home" for the striker when he joined Luton as a Bosman free transfer in the summer - it was the fourth time he had signed for the Hatters, first joining the club from Leicester in 1992.

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I mentioned in the programme against Bristol City that we still had some opportunities for sponsorship available for today's fixture - well I am delighted to announce that, during the last week, a lot of those gaps have been filled and consequently, we have 2 Matchball Sponsors and 2 Programme Sponsors!

Firstly, thanks to Williams Plastering Ltd for their support today, as our 1st Matchball Sponsor. The service they provide is second to none, so for all your plastering and internal moulding requirements, please speak to Steve Williams on 07940 502403.

Our other Matchball Sponsor today, is a company who have very generously given us their support, but don't require any advertising, but thanks to John - you know who you are!

The first one of our two Programme Sponsors today, has been done as a 40th birthday surprise - Steve Berg has been well and truly surprised (and highly embarrassed, I should think!) by his mates. He had absolutely no idea that this was happening today and will undoubtedly be cringing at the full page advertisement placed on his behalf! Hope you have a great birthday...

Secondly, I am delighted to welcome Shaun from Kitsons Insulation Products again, as our other Programme Sponsor. As hopefully you are all aware now, Kitsons are based at 139 Scudamore Road in Leicester and can be contacted on 0116 232 5000.

I hope all of you have an entertaining afternoon with us and thank you once again for your support.

For our last fixture against Bristol City, Nottingham Steel Supplies Ltd were our programme sponsors, a company headed up by

Glynne Martin. That's Glynne, not Glynn, if you see what I mean! Glynne can be contacted on 0115 940 4949, not 940 3850 (which is the fax number!) as previously printed in error.

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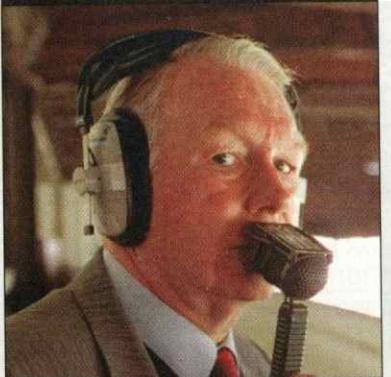
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COLIN SILATTER

MANY OF US enjoy watching fly-on-the-wall documentaries on television as the cameras take us into situations previously hidden from our eyes and ears.

It's why the media have been devoting masses of space to the flying boot incident involving Sir Alex Ferguson and David Beckham - though, five years on, it tends to be forgotten that ITV were actually allowed into the Old Trafford dressing room to film a documentary on the manager.

Nor is that the only example of TV cameras gaining access into dressing rooms which, at other times, Ferguson himself has described as sacrosanct.

Not so when we were witnesses to scenes involving Dave Bassett when he was manager at Sheffield United and, later, when Peter Reid was in charge at Sunderland.

There's clearly a huge market for this kind of insight, which is good news for David McVay, whose own football diaries, based on his time at Notts, have just been published.

The book has a lot in common with those TV documentaries

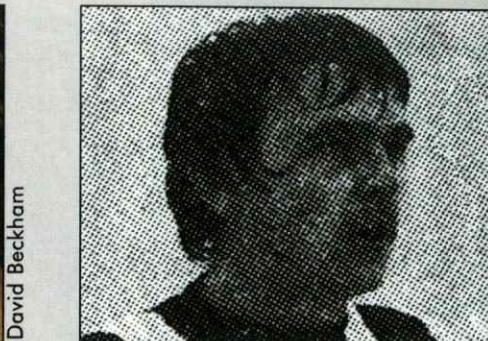
on Ferguson, Bassett and Reid.

For one thing, it tells us of situations as they were - or, at least, as McVay perceived them to be, with no gloss or, as we say these days, spin. So there is humour (in plenty), drama, conflict, embarrassment and a certain amount of absurdity. In writing as these days on TV (at least after the nine o'clock watershed) McVay makes no attempt to clean up the nature of the exchanges between the personalities about whom he writes. I did warn a lady caller on the BBC Radio Nottingham football phone-in show that she should avoid the book if she's offended by bad language, because there's no "health warning" on the cover.

It remains to be seen what David's disclosures will do to his personal relationships with some of those fingered in a less-than-friendly fashion.

He reserves much of his fire for former Notts manager and coach Ronnie Fenton and for his former team-mate Don Masson, admired as a player but not as a man - though today, as his friends know, we find a Masson totally transformed in temperament and attitude.

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David Beckham

David McVay

In other words, they didn't have the ability or character to change the course of a game when the chips were down.

If Jimmy had permitted himself to adopt a more liberal approach in interview he would have come across to a wider public as a truly knowledgeable man with strong and worth-while opinions.

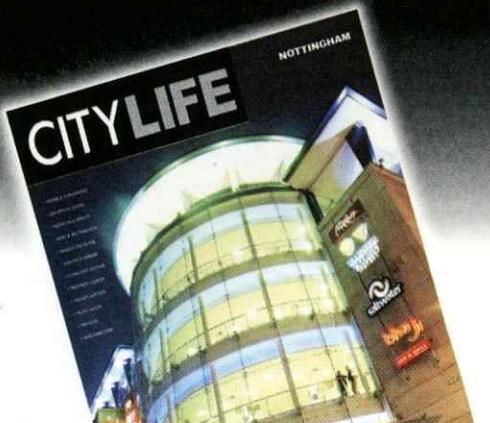
He was, of course, fully prepared to offer kind words about his own players when he really admired them. Listeners may have caught an echo of that when BBC Radio Nottingham met public demand by replaying a couple of weeks ago our special tribute programme to mark his 80th birthday, extracts from some of my numerous interviews with him being included.

I believe David McVay's book to be unique in the sense that nobody previously, and certainly no former Notts player, has had a book published, let alone one which takes you behind the Meadow Lane scenes. It is, of course, his second book, following the biography on the late, great Tommy Lawton.

Writing is his stock-in-trade nowadays, having started as a sports and feature writer on the "Evening Post" and now being a football correspondent on "The Times". He recounts how John Barnwell, on becoming manager at Meadow Lane and finding David was writing on the club's affairs, expressed the hope that he was a better writer than he had been a player.

It's not for me to judge. But he certainly tells a good tale!

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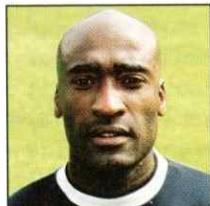
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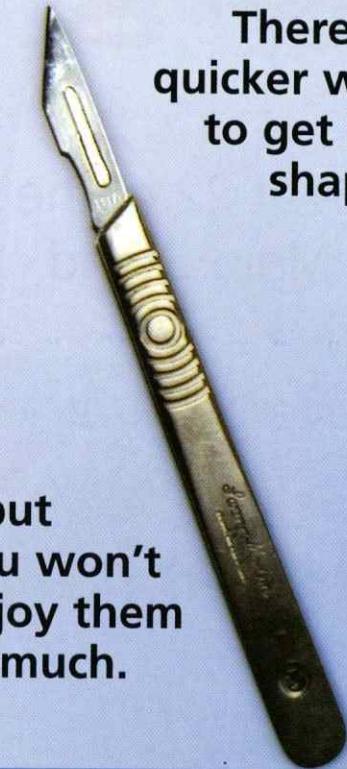
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PARKINSON NAMED COLCHESTER BOSS

Colchester have installed former Reading Captain Phil Parkinson as the new manager at Layer Road. The 36-years old replaces Steve Whittom who was sacked last month, and cuts his ties with the Royals where he has failed to be a regular after making over 400 appearances for the club.

FENWICK SACKED

Northampton Town have parted company with manager Terry Fenwick after only seven weeks in charge at Sixfields. The former Tottenham defender took charge after Kevin Broadhurst was sacked in January. Town currently lie second from bottom in the table.

LAWRENCE DENIES INTEREST

Cardiff City boss Lennie Lawrence has denied press speculation that his ready to bring in Bjarne Goldbaek from Fulham and Craig Hignett to add to the Bluebirds promotion challenge.

FED UP FARRELL MAY QUIT

Peterborough United winger David Farrell has revealed he may retire from the game. The player has struggled to cement a regular place in the Posh team this season, but has denied rumours of a bust up with coach, Phil Chapple.

CURLE CONFIRMS EATON BID

Mansfield player manager Keith Curle has confirmed he has submitted a bid to Preston Northend for defender Adam Eaton. Both the chairman and supporters association have agreed to make the necessary funds available.

STOCKPORT CUTS ARE DONE

Stockport County chairman Brendan Elwood believes the recent cutbacks at Edgely Park will be the last. Elwood was forced to make youth team coach Nigel Deeley redundant last week. Player Manager Carlton Palmer also recently agreed a fifty per cent pay cut.



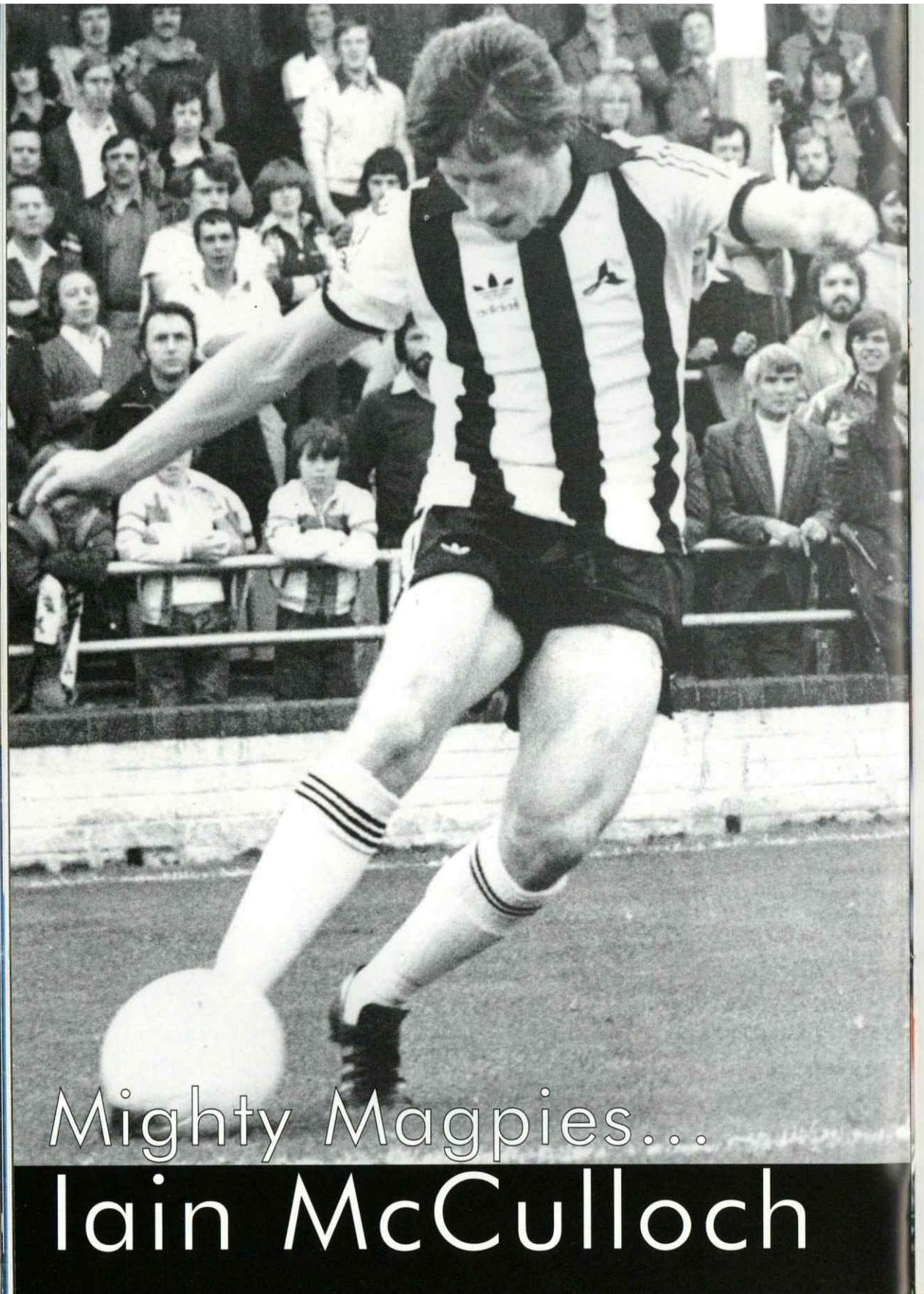
new U's boss Phil Parkinson.

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Mighty Magpies... Iain McCulloch

"A player with sufficient pace to frighten opposing defences" - Colin Slater, MBE »»»

Iain McCulloch played an important part in one of the most successful Notts County teams of all time. Starting as a right winger, McCulloch went on to form a lethal partnership with Trevor Christie that produced the goals that helped take Notts County back up to Division One for the first time since 1926.

BY BEN WHITEHEAD

You joined Notts from Kilmarnock in 1978, how did your move South come about?

Jimmy Sirrel and Colin Murphy had been up to watch me when we played Rangers in a pre-season friendly in the summer of 1977. They came back eight times between then and when they actually signed me. They actually tried to sign Davie Provan, who presents Scottish Football on Sky TV now, but he ended up going to Celtic. Notts wanted to sign the two of us but Kilmarnock wouldn't sell us both, so they bought me with the view to going back for Provan but they were too late. At the time Kilmarnock were a great side, with a young crop of players coming through at the time, Jim Stewart, Davie Provan, Gordon Smith, Paul Clarke and myself.

Was it a free transfer?

There was nothing like that in my day, there were always transfer fees involved. I think it was £80,000 they paid for me.

You scored two goals on your debut for Notts at Upton Park, what can you remember from that game?

I remember like it was yesterday. I remember one of the old directors, Ralph Sweet, who said to me before the game that I was on £20 a goal, so I came in after the game and took £40 off him and said thanks very much! It was a funny game because we were losing by three goals at the time and then we got it back to 3-2 and could have snatched an equaliser. West Ham then went down the other end of the park and made it 4-2 then 5-2. I still enjoyed it, because it was against an old Kilmarnock goalkeeper, Bobby Ferguson, so that made scoring two goals even better.

Who did you partner when you played upfront for Notts?

I started playing on the right-wing, but when Trevor Christie arrived I played upfront with him the year we won promotion. We struck up a good partnership, had a good understanding and

scored a few goals. He won a lot of the balls in the air, and we worked hard for one another.

Your goals helped Notts win promotion to the First Division, you must have some fond memories...

I really enjoyed my time here and there were plenty of fond memories. As a team we had always strived to get better. Jimmy Sirrel was the master behind the progress we made. When Howard Wilkinson came in, he organised everything a bit better, and he was Jimmy's legs to a certain degree, but he learnt his trade from Jimmy and it worked because Howard Wilkinson went on to better things, winning the Championship with Leeds, but Jimmy was the master.

It's interesting that your most fruitful season was when Notts were playing in Division One...

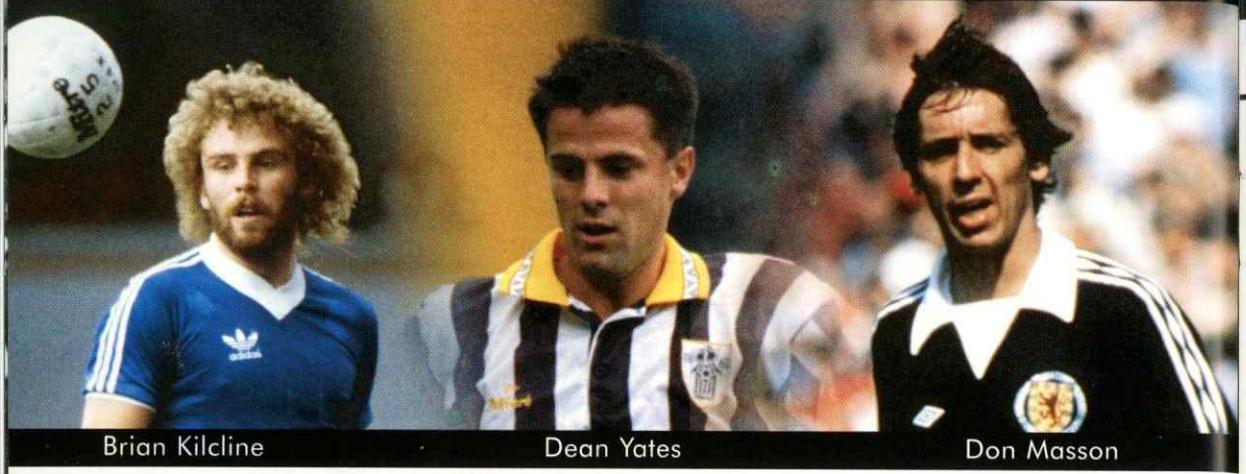
It was down to fitness really, because at the end of the day when I first arrived here I had only been playing part-time and it took me two years to get the fitness, and the body shape. When I reached the level of the other players who had been training full time I was flying, but I struggled with injury the next season and only played half a season and the season after that I had to retire through injury, maybe it was the way I played, but I wouldn't change anything if I could do it again as I thoroughly enjoyed my time here.

You had to retire early though injury, but you left the game at the top....

I left the game having achieved a lot of things in the game and a lot of that was down to Jimmy Sirrel and Don Masson, because of their attitudes and their will to win and succeed. I felt I was at my prime when I got injured, but I finished at home playing Manchester United in front of a full-house. If that was the way it was meant to be, then that's the way it was meant to be.



Mighty Magpies: Iain McCulloch's XI



Brian Kilcline

Dean Yates

Don Masson

Iain McCulloch's PROFILE »

FULL NAME:
IAIN JOHN BALFOUR McCULLOCH
DATE OF BIRTH:
28/12/1954
POSITION:
STRIKER
MAGPIES DEBUT:
19/08/1978 v WEST HAM
LAST MAGPIES GAME:
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2 TRISTAN BENJAMIN

We used to call him 'Shaft'. He was another very agile player, who was also very quick. He never dived in and made it very difficult for wingers to go past him.

3 RAY O'BRIEN

I had a very good understanding with Ray, that was almost telepathic. He had a great left foot, and was very good at taking free-kicks. He wasn't the quickest but read the game very well.

4 BRIAN KILCLINE

Also known as 'Killer', he was very strong in the air and on the ground, he actually got quicker as he got older.

5 DEAN YATES

A very athletic player who read the game exceptionally well. He wasn't as strong as

some of us but he was strong enough. Due to injury he didn't fulfil his full potential.

6 EDDIE KELLY

A very good passer of the ball, with a great will to win. Also very good in the tackle as well as organising with his mouth.

7 MARTIN O'NEILL

Always very organised, worked very hard and did all the simple things very well. Reliable and worked hard to keep the shape of the team.

8 DON MASSON

The best passer of the ball I've ever seen. His attitude was second to none and he was a winner through and through. He was a shining light to the younger players at the club and he dedicated himself to the game.

9 LES BRADD

'Bomber' as he was known as in the dressing room, was very good in the air, strong and had a very good attitude when playing. Could always sniff a goal.

STARTING ELEVEN »



10 CHARLIE McPARLAND

Quick off the mark, very fast and scored a lot of goals. He was a brave player with a very good scoring record. Had a good eye for goal.

11 ARTHUR MANN

Another industrious player with a cracking left foot. Another player with a tremendous will to win. He never knew when he was beaten.

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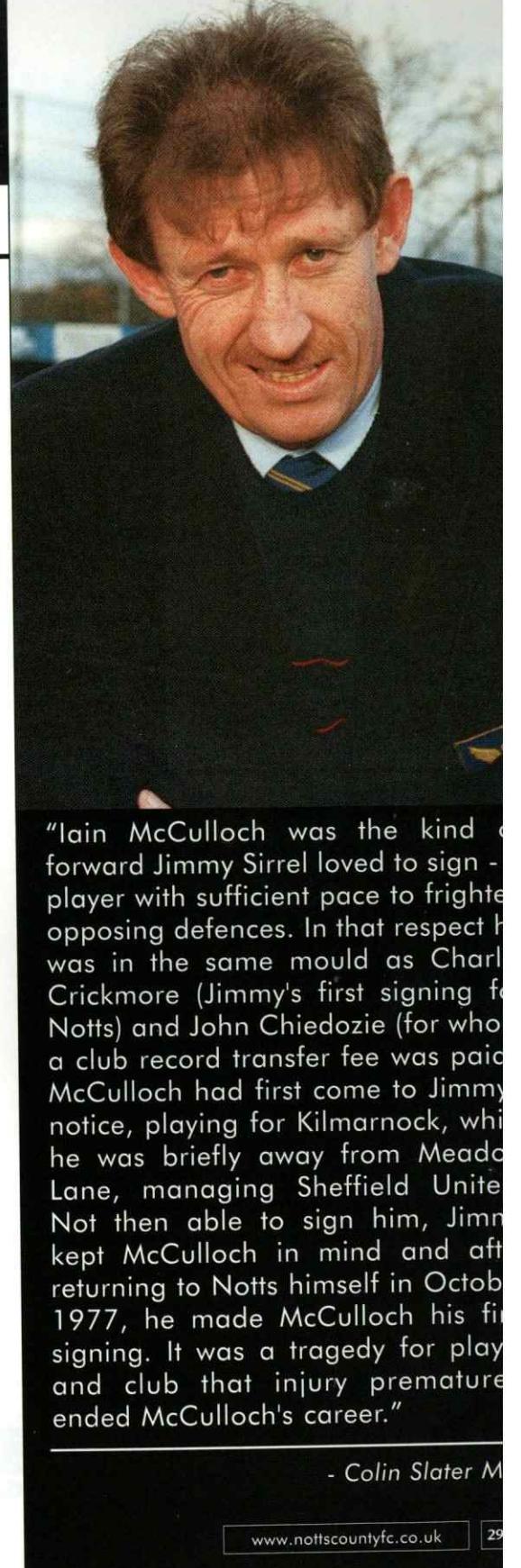
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Mighty Magpies

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"Iain McCulloch was the kind of forward Jimmy Sirrel loved to sign - player with sufficient pace to frighten opposing defences. In that respect he was in the same mould as Charlie Crickmore (Jimmy's first signing for Notts) and John Chiedozie (for whom a club record transfer fee was paid). McCulloch had first come to Jimmy's notice, playing for Kilmarnock, where he was briefly away from Meadow Lane, managing Sheffield United. Not then able to sign him, Jimmy kept McCulloch in mind and after returning to Notts himself in October 1977, he made McCulloch his first signing. It was a tragedy for player and club that injury prematurely ended McCulloch's career."

- Colin Slater M

FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY »

With Graham Moran

RIGHT ROYAL AWARDS

It is a very special day for us today as we are hosting some very special youngsters who have achieved various Duke of Edinburgh Awards. It is particularly special today as boys from Hadden Park High School are receiving their certificates for work they have been doing with our coaching programme between ourselves and the school. As a licensed access organisation for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme we are very honoured to be able to host today's presentation and look forward to developing what has already become a very positive partnership. We would like to welcome all those associated with the Awards to today's game, in particular David Williams and Gary Wood who do a fantastic job in promoting and delivering this highly respected and recognised scheme, not forgetting our own Colin Slater who will be presenting today's certificates.

The Award continues to develop in this city. Around 1,000 young people 14 to 24 are currently involved. The city has had several firsts this last year. Beeston Hockey Club based at Highfields Sports Club became the first hockey club in the country to give their youngsters the award. Notts County Football in the Community is now enabling young people to complete part of the award. Today a group we are working with from Hadden Park High school are receiving certificates.

A group from William Sharp school who have completed a diving course are here today as are young people from the Tartanaires Marching Band from Aspley, Wilford Explorer Scouts and Top Valley school are receiving certificates today.

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Margaret Cooper - Arnold
Richard Ward - Balderton
Chris Humphries - Barton Green

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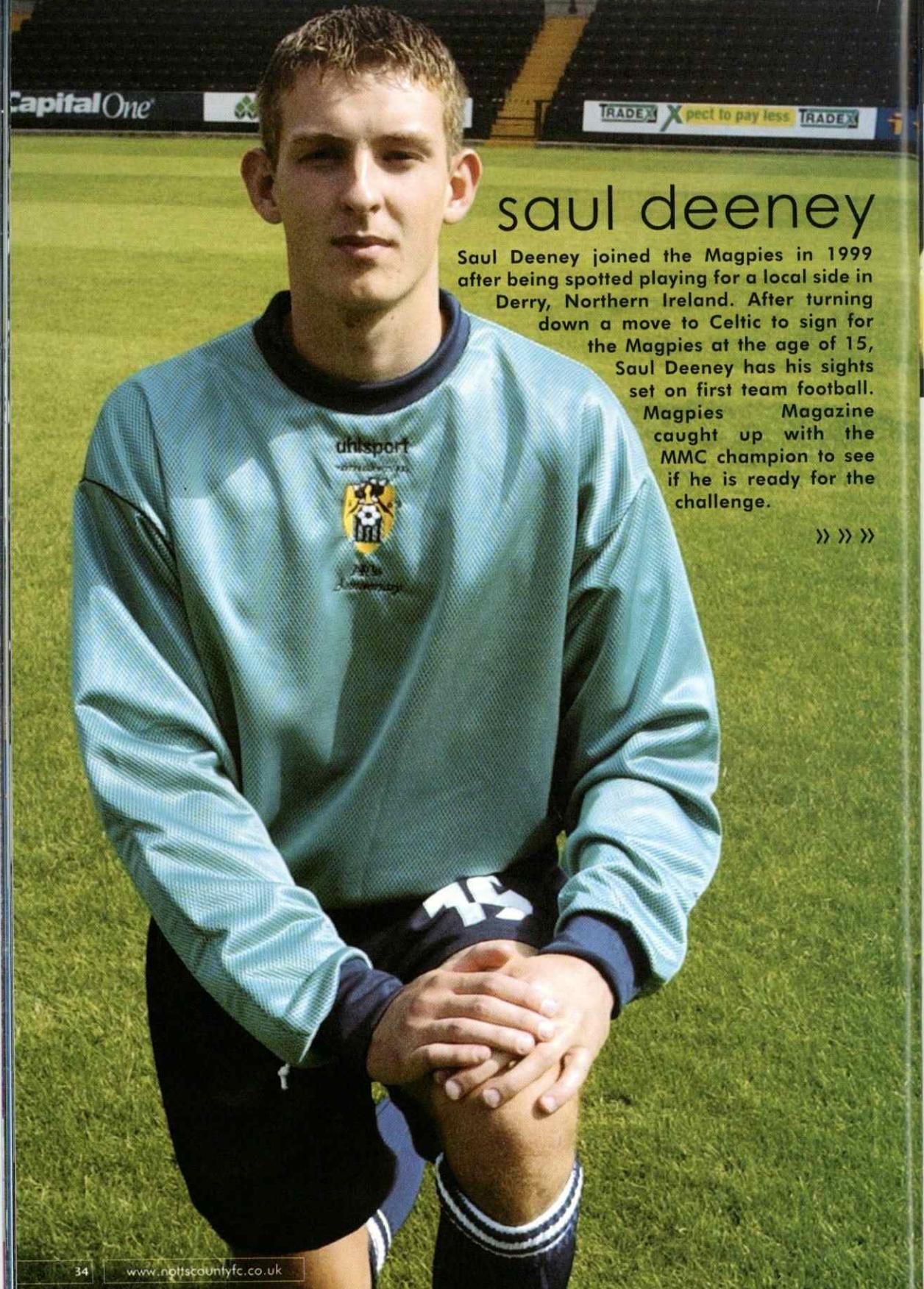
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MMC Champion... Saul Deeney

You joined in 1999, were any other clubs after your signature?

When I signed from a local side in Derry, I had a couple of other clubs interested, Norwich and Celtic. Obviously Celtic was tempting. I spent a month there on trial and actually got offered a four-year contract but I turned it down. I could have gone there and competed with eight goalkeepers but I opted for Notts County where I was challenging four goalkeepers. I am only a young lad, but the sooner you get in there the better.

Did you enjoy your time at Hull City this season?

I enjoyed it. I didn't get in the first team but I was playing regularly in the reserves, which I hadn't been doing here. I got half a game against Sunderland in the opening of the new stadium in front of 24,000 fans, it was good, and we won 1-0 so it was even better.

What was it like playing in front of all of those people?

I loved it. I've played in front of an 18,000 crowd playing for Ireland as well.

Have you played for Northern Ireland?

No, I have only played for Ireland. I've got 12 caps now.

How come?

I have an Irish passport and when I was younger Northern Ireland never approached me. I got approached when Sam Allardyce brought me here, I trained under Steve Sutton, and he improved me a lot very quickly. He made me a better player and a stronger person, and my confidence was sky high.

Which goalkeepers do you aspire to?

Goalkeepers like Richard Wright and Paul Robinson, because they are both young lads but are playing at massive clubs and doing well. I'm in a different situation, but that's where I want to be, it may be a high standard but if I don't set it I won't get there.

Did you always want to be a goalkeeper?

It's funny I used to be centre forward when I was fifteen, before I came to Notts County. I

score 30 goals one season. I was never quick enough, so I thought I would follow in my old man's footsteps and become a goalkeeper. I keep getting told that I'm not as good as him yet, but we will soon find out!

Are you ready for first team football, when you get your chance?

I'm ready. I'm in the reserves now and playing regularly, which is good because I have been here four years.

Is that your aim this season?

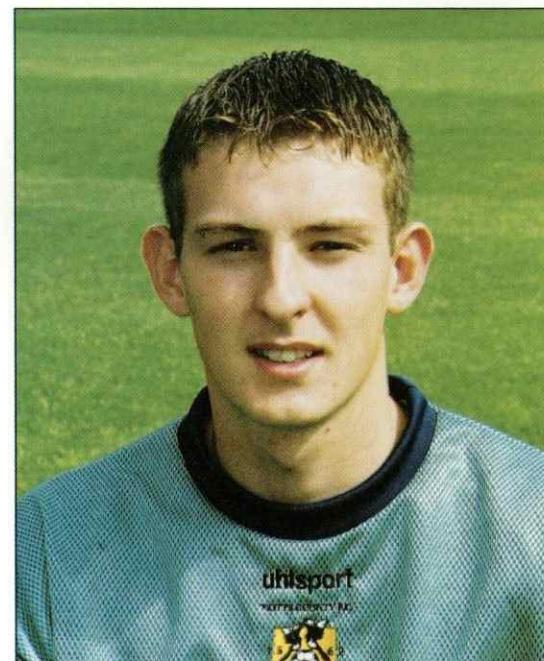
My aim is to get a new contract and if I'm not getting games I just want to keep getting better and better and challenge for the number one spot.

When did you realise you were the Magpies Magazine Challenge Champion?

I knew as soon as I took part!

Kevin Nicholson came in second place, would you be willing to take part in a grand finale?

He always beats me at snooker, so I would love to beat him at a game of FIFA on the Playstation.





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Fenno seems sturdy, a solid young man
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11 Kevin NICHOLSON

[HK] Stephen Newton
[AK] Agent Jay
[TK] X-Files
[TL] Leah Hosker



12 Stuart GARDEN

[TK] Wilkie, Tweaky & Orme
[TL] Alex Marshall



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[HK] 'The Pie'
[AK] Fellows, Morton & Clayton Magpies
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[TL] Innes Watt



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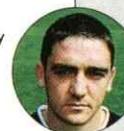
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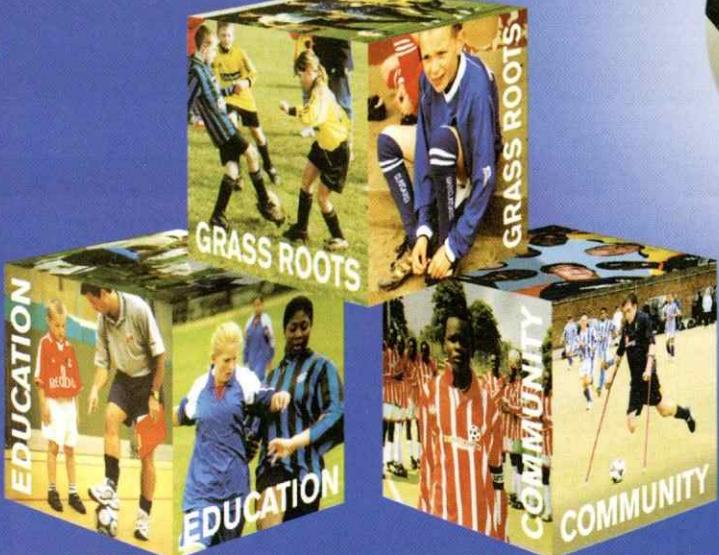
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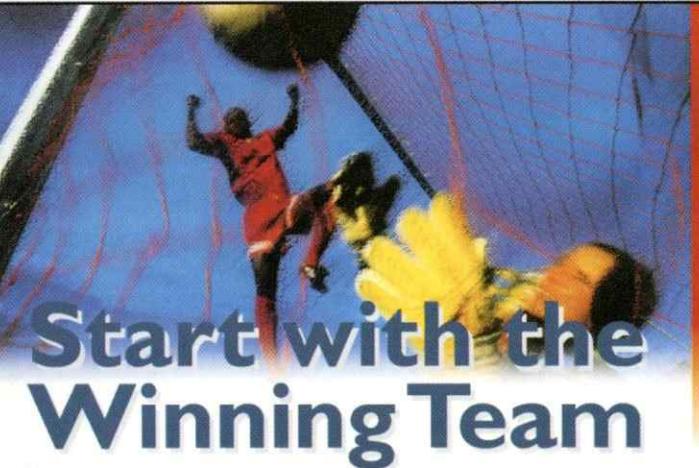
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Striker Tony Hackworth on his injury
plagued time at Meadow Lane...

Plus>>>

What a wonderful Pie»

We meet the lady behind the Pies at
Meadow Lane to find out how the
Magpies have the best Pies around.

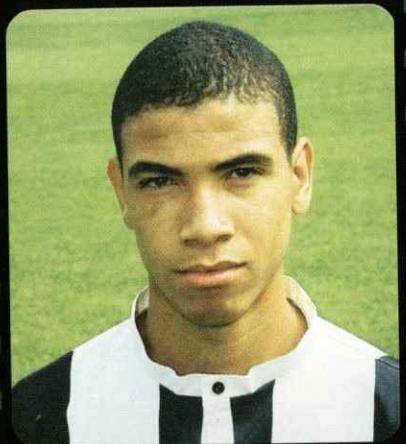
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Impressive performance from Kris Nurse, scoring 2 for the youth team.



Striker Leon Best also bagged a brace for the youth team.



Ali Bacherini gave an outstanding performance in goal for the Magpies.

reserve & youth»»»

LINCOLN CITY RES 3 NOTTS COUNTY RES 1



A relatively young Notts side fell to a disappointing defeat at the hands of Lincoln City.

Notts Coach Peter Fox was disappointed with the performance.

Fox said, "Injuries in the first team have a knock on effect on the reserves, so a lot of players haven't played first team games."

"We look for passion and commitment in reserve games, because players know they have chance at getting into the first team."

"The gaffer certainly told them what he expects from them, and they have got to improve to get into the first team, but when you only have 16 fit first team players to pick from it's very difficult to leave people out."

"Paul Riley got the goal after we pushed him upfront. We actually had three or four chances in the last ten minutes and could have snatched a draw but it would have been flattering."

"We were disappointed with the first 70 minutes."

NOTTS COUNTY YTH 4 CHESTER CITY YTH 0



A domineering performance from the young Magpies, including two goals a piece for the impressive strike duo of Leon Best and Kris Nurse gave the Under-19's a good home win over Chester City.

Chester City were the first to shoot on goal, as Kelvin Wilson did well to block a 15-yard strike.



Peter Fox

John Gaunt

Gary Brazil

The Magpies found their feet after fifteen minutes when Leon Best gave the Magpies the lead in spectacular fashion. Kris Nurse crossed from the left to Best who took the ball on his chest with his back to goal before finishing with an overhead kick, low to the right, giving the keeper no chance.

Craig Appleby nearly doubled the lead after breaking through the defence from the right and shooting just past the post, and moments later Kris Nurse fired wide cutting in from the left as the Magpies began to run riot.

Leon Best, a constant threat, then beat the keeper to a through ball but was stopped by a last ditch tackle.

Shaun McFaul had the next effort, curling a shot from 25-yards, just past the post. The inevitable second goal then arrived as Leon Best set Craig Appleby away on the right wing and his pin-point cross was met by Kris Nurse to make it 2-0.

Leon Best then had another effort cleared off the line, before creating the third goal on the stroke of half-time, superbly controlling a long-ball before lifting the ball over the defence for the on-running Kris Nurse who made no mistake with the finish, to make it 3-0.

After an action packed first half, the second half saw both sides miss half chances before Kris Nurse nearly claimed his hat-trick after being one-on-one with the keeper. Leon Best made amends two minutes later slotting the ball past the keeper from 10 yards to score his second goal.

Leon Best and Kris Nurse could have both claimed their hat-trick as Notts continued to dominate, before Ali Bacherini was called into action, first palming away a powerful drive and then saving with his feet to give the Magpies a clean sheet as they ran out 4-0 winners.



RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES LIST 2002 - 2003						
21 AUG	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	1	1		
28 AUG	DARLINGTON	A	3	0		
18 SEP	SCARBOROUGH	A	2	0		
2 OCT	LINCOLN CITY	H	4	0		
16 OCT	HARLEPOOL UTD	H	0	1		
30 OCT	SCUNTHORPE UTD	A	1	2		
13 NOV	YORK CITY	A	2	0		
27 NOV	HULL CITY	H	0	1		
4 DEC	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	0	1		
11 DEC	BOSTON UTD	A	2	0		
15 JAN	DARLINGTON	H	4	1		
12 FEB	HULL CITY	A	0	1		
19 FEB	LINCOLN CITY	A	1	3		
26 FEB	SCUNTHORPE UTD	H	2	PM		
5 MAR	SCARBOROUGH	H	2	PM		
12 MAR	HARLEPOOL UTD	A	2	PM		
19 MAR	MANSFIELD TOWN	A	2	PM		
26 MAR	YORK CITY	H	2	PM		
16 APR	GRIMSBY TOWN	A	7	PM		
23 APR	BOSTON UTD	H	2	PM		

DIVISION ONE (EAST)

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
HULL CITY	12	8	2	2	19	11	26
SCUNTHORPE	14	8	0	6	36	21	24
YORK CITY	13	7	1	5	23	18	22
HARLEPOOL	12	6	3	3	27	16	21
NOTTS CO	13	6	1	6	20	11	19
BOSTON	11	6	0	5	20	17	18
GRIMSBY	12	5	2	5	13	22	17
LINCOLN CITY	13	4	2	7	20	29	14
MANSFIELD	11	4	2	5	16	27	14
DARLINGTON	10	3	1	6	19	28	10
SCARBORO	11	2	0	9	9	22	6



MERIT DIVISION FIXTURES LIST 2003

	22 FEB	CHESTER CITY	H	4	0
	28 FEB	CARLISLE UTD	A	1	PM
	8 MAR	GRIMSBY TOWN	A	11	AM
	15 MAR	DONCASTER	H	11	AM
	29 MAR	BURNLEY	H	11.30AM	
	5 APR	LINCOLN CITY	A	11	AM
	12 APR	OLDHAM ATH	H	11	AM
	19 APR	BRADFORD CITY	A	11	AM
	26 APR	STOCKPORT	A	11	AM

MERIT DIVISION TWO (NORTH)

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
NOTTS CO	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
BURNLEY	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
GRIMSBY	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
OLDHAM ATH	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
BRADFORD	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
DONCASTER	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
STOCKPORT	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
CARLISLE UTD	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
LINCOLN CITY	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
CHESTER CITY	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

Location <http://www.soccer-stats.com/headtohead>LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB

Clubs Comparison

	Goals Scored
Shots	29
Headers	9
Volleys	7
Penalties	3
Free Kicks	1
Own Goals	0

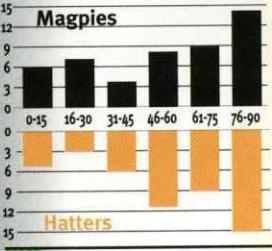
Where Goals Scored



Where Goals Conceded



When Goals Scored

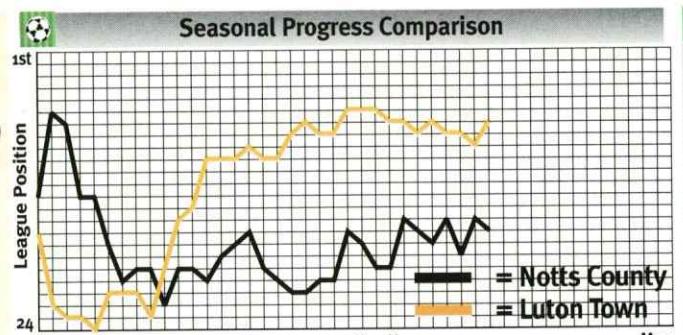


Form Guide - Last 6

1	Won
2	Drawn
3	Lost
8	For
11	Against
5	Points
-3	Goal Difference
LLDLWD	Sequence DWLWLW

Yellow & Red Cards

59	Yellow
2	Red



2002-2003 Attendances

Magpies	Aggregate	Hatters
94,806	117,589	
10,302	Highest 9,477	
3,875	Lowest 5,890	
5,925	Average 6,917	
29	% of Capacity 69	

10 Year Record

Magpies	Avg Pos.	Hatters
55.1	among 92 clubs	53.3
8,346	Avg Att 1993	7,878
6,205	Avg Att 2002	6,842
-26	+ / - %	-13

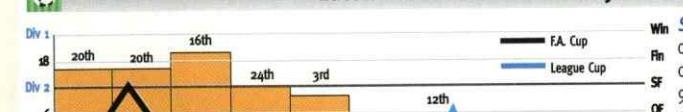
Average Goals per game

For	1.48
Home For	1.53
Away For	1.44
Against	1.30
Home Against	1.24
Away Against	1.38

2002-2003 Figures

25	Players Used
6	Clean Sheets
8	Failed to Score
2	Goals scored from...
8	Corners
6	Free Kicks
4	Goals conceded from...
6	Corners
4	Free Kicks

Luton Town's 10 Year History



Swings

NC	Games Won from:	LT
0	3 Goals Down	0
1	2 Goals Down	0
1	1 Goal Down	6

Lost from:

0	3 Goals Up	0
0	2 Goals Up	0
4	1 Goal Up	3

0	3 Goals Up	0
3	2 Goals Up	1
4	1 Goal Up	0

Drawn from:

0	3 Goals Down	0
3	2 Goals Down	1
4	1 Goal Down	0
3	3 Goals Up	0

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

Margin

3	Won by 1 Gl	11
1	Won by 2 Gls	2
3	Won by 3 Gls	2
0	Won by 4 Gls	0
0	Won by 5 Gls	0

Games

6	Lost by 1 Gl	7
5	Lost by 2 Gls	1
1	Lost by 3 Gls	2
0	Lost by 4 Gls	0
0	Lost by 5+ Gls	0

Misc stats

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



DIVISION 2 STATS



WINNING MARGINS

Gms won by:

1 gl

2 gls

3 gls

4 gls

5+

FULL GROUNDS - ATTENDANCES

Club

Aggregate

% Capacity

Lge

Pos

CLEAN SHEETS

Gms without

conceding

Lge

Pos

FAILED TO SCORE

Gms without

scoring

Lge

Pos

SEQUENCES: DIV 2

CONSECUTIVE WINS:

Wigan

Bristol City

Oldham

Port Vale

QPR

Crewe

Plymouth

UNDEFEATED RUN:

Wigan

Bristol City

Blackpool

Colchester

Mansfield

Peterborough

Blackpool

Luton

Northampton

Port Vale

Wycombe

LOSING STREAK:

Swindon

Colchester

Mansfield

Peterborough

Blackpool

Luton

Northampton

Port Vale

Wycombe

NO WINS:

QPR

Bristol City

Cheltenham

Chesterfield

Colchester

Northampton

Notts County

Plymouth

Stockport

Mansfield

Peterborough

Swindon

HIGHEST & LOWEST ATTENDANCES

Premiership

67,691 Man U v Southampton

14,253 Fulham v Boro

Division 1

33,016 Derby v Reading

849 Wimbledon v Rotherham

Division 2

18,085 Bristol C v Plymouth

2,721 Colchester v Wigan

Division 3

22,319 Hull v Hartlepool

1,576 Macc v Hartlepool

| Wigan | 10 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 |<th
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

STATISTICS >

KEY
 PLAYED FULL GAME
 SUBSTITUTED OFF
 27 SUBSTITUTED ON (NUMBER SHOWS WHO FOR)
 PLAYED AND SENT OFF
 1 PLAYED AND SCORED 1 GOAL
 1 SUBSTITUTED OFF, SCORED 1 GOAL
 1st SUBSTITUTED ON, SCORED 1 GOAL

Nationwide 2
FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SA 10 AUG	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	1-1	6,012
TU 13 AUG	CREWE ALEXANDRA	A	3-0	6,141
SA 17 AUG	STOCKPORT COUNTY	A	0-0	5,047
SA 24 AUG	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	0-2	6,302
MO 26 AUG	BARNESLEY	A	0-0	10,431
SA 31 AUG	BRENTFORD	H	2-2	5,551
SA 7 SEP	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	1-3	5,435
SA 14 SEP	LUTON TOWN	A	2-2	6,456
TU 17 SEP	PORT VALE	A	2-3	3,505
SA 21 SEP	CARDIFF CITY	H	0-1	6,118
SA 28 SEP	CHELTENHAM TOWN	A	4-1	4,565
SA 5 OCT	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H	2-2	6,548
SA 12 OCT	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A	0-3	9,984
SA 19 OCT	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	2-1	6,009
SA 26 OCT	CHESTERFIELD	A	0-0	4,539
TU 29 OCT	SWINDON TOWN	H	1-1	4,797
SA 9 NOV	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	2-2	10,302
SA 23 NOV	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	2-3	4,626
SA 30 NOV	BLACKPOOL	A	1-1	5,843
TU 3 DEC	BRISTOL CITY	A	2-3	10,690
SA 14 DEC	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	3-0	5,343
SA 21 DEC	TRANMERE ROVERS	A	2-2	8,275
TH 26 DEC	BARNESLEY	H	3-2	7,413
SA 28 DEC	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A	0-1	11,901
WE 1 JAN	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	1-3	6,009
SA 18 JAN	BRENTFORD	A	1-1	5,112
TU 21 JAN	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	3-2	4,392
SA 25 JAN	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	0-2	6,329
SA 1 FEB	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	A	1-3	5,690
TU 4 FEB	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	2-2	3,875
SA 8 FEB	MANSFIELD TOWN	A	2-3	8,134
SA 15 FEB	BRISTOL CITY	H	2-0	5,754
SA 22 FEB	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A	1-1	5,657

THE FA CUP

SA 16 NOV	SOUTHPORT	A	2-4	3,519	9	2	27	26
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THE WORTHINGTON CUP

WE 11 SEP	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A	2-3	4,205	1	21	19	
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LDV TROPHY

TU 22 OCT	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	2-3	1,020	1	21	15	28
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1	Steve MILDENHALL	2	Nick FENTON	3	Ian BARACLOUGH	4	Ian RICHARDSON	5	Marcel CAS	6	Jeff WHITLEY	7	Mark STALLARD	8	Kevin NICHOLSON	9	Stuart GARDEN	10	Danny ALLSOPP	11	Richard HOLMES	12	Richard LIBURD	13	Paul BOLLAND	14	Michael BROUH	15	Shane McFAUL	16	Richard DEENEY	17	Simon RAMSDEN	18	Jon ASHTON	19	Paul HEFFERNAN	20	Duncan JUPP
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21	Willis FRANCIS	22	Darren CASKEY	23	Shaun HARRAD	24	Tony HACKWORTH	25	Craig IRELAND	26	Danny STONE	27	Paul RILEY
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DIVISION TWO

WIGAN	33	10	5	1	27	12	13	2	2	26	7	34	76
CREWE	33	9	2	5	21	12	10	5	2	36	17	28	64
CARDIFF	32	10	5	2	29	12	8	3	4	21	14	24	62
OLDHAM	33	7	4	6	26	16	9	7	0	23	13	20	59
BRISTOL CITY	33	8	5	3	26	12	8	3	6	30	25	19	56
QPR	33	10	3	4	29	17	5	6	5	19	20	11	54
LUTON	33	7	4	6	26	11	8	4	4	23	22	6	53
BLACKPOOL	33	9	5	2	27	14	5	4	8	17	27	3	51
TRANMERE	33	9	4	4	23	17	6	2	8	21	30	-3	51
PLYMOUTH	33	7	4	5	24	19	5	6	6	17	18	4	46
BRENTFORD	32	7	5	3	18	9	5	4	8	17	24	2	45
SWINDON	33	6	4	6	21	20	5	6	6	22	27	-4	43
WYCOMBE	33	7	4	6	31	27	4	5	7	15	15	4	42
CHESTERFIELD	33	8	4	5	20	17	3	2	11	9	28	-16	39
BARNESLEY	33	5	6	6	21	25	4	3	9	17	24	-11	36
Notts County	33	5	6	5	26	26	2	8	7	22	27	-5	35
PETERBOROUGH	32	5	4	7	18	16	3	7	6	15	23	-6	35
COLCHESTER	32	4	6	6	14	16	4	5	7	19	28	-11	35
PORT VALE	33	5	4	8	22	25	4	4	8	16	27	-14	35
STOCKPORT	33	5	5	6	27	28	4	1	12	16	27	-12	33
HUDDERSFIELD	33	5	6	5	18	17	3	3	11	7	22	-14	33
MANSFIELD	33	6	2	8	30	33	3	4	10	20	36	-19	33
NORTHAMPTON	33	5	3	9	18	22	3	4	9	13	31	-22	31
CHELTENHAM	33	4	5	8	15	25	2	7	7	17	25	-18	30

PLAYER STATISTICS

	L	LG	C	CG	TG	TGS
STEVE MILDENHALL	15	-	1	-	16	-
NICK FENTON	29	2	2	-	31	2
IAN BARACLOUGH	24	2	1(1)	-	25(1)	2
IAN RICHARDSON	20(4)	1	2	1	22(4)	2
MARCEL CAS	10(6)	2	3	-	13(6)	2
JEFF WHITLEY	12	-	3	-	15	-
MARK STALLARD	30(2)	17	3	1	33(2)	18
DANNY ALLSOPP	25(2)	9	2(1)	2	27(3)	11
KEVIN NICHOLSON	22(3)	-	1	-	23(3)	-
STUART GARDEN	18	-	2	-	20	-
RICHARD LIBURD	16(6)	2	2	-	18(6)	2
PAUL BOLLAND	18(2)	3	(1)	1	18(3)	4
MICHAEL BROUH	17(4)	1	2	-	19(4)	1
SHANE McFAUL	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICHARD HOLMES	2(1)	-	(1)	-	2(2)	-
SIMON RAMSDEN	17(7)	-	2	-	19(7)	-
SAUL DEENEY	-	-	-	-	-	-
JON ASHTON	4	-	-	-	4	-
PAUL HEFFERNAN	14(10)	6	1(2)	1	15(12)	7
DUNCAN JUPP	6(2)	-	(1)	-	6(3)	-
WILLIS FRANCIS	(4)	-	-	-	(4)	-
DARREN CASKEY	25(5)	3	2	-	27(5)	3
SHAUN HARRAD	(5)	-	-	-	(5)	-
TONY HACKWORTH	3(2)	-	(1)	-	3(3)	-
CRAIG IRELAND	22(2)	-	2	-	24(2)	-
DANNY STONE	11(2)	-	2	-	13(2)	-
PAUL RILEY	2	-	-	-	2	-
DAVID BAYLISS	-	-	-	-	-	-



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TODAY'S SQUADS >



Saturday 1st March 2003

NOTTS COUNTY



1 Steve Mildenhall	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Nick Fenton	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Ian Baraclough	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 Ian Richardson	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Mark Stallard	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Danny Allsopp	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 Kevin Nicholson	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 Stuart Garden	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 Richard Liburd	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 Paul Bolland	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 Michael Brough	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 Shane McFaul	<input type="checkbox"/>
17 Richard Holmes	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Simon Ramsden	<input type="checkbox"/>
19 Saul Deeney	<input type="checkbox"/>
21 Paul Heffernan	<input type="checkbox"/>
23 Willis Francis	<input type="checkbox"/>
24 Darren Caskey	<input type="checkbox"/>
25 Shaun Harrad	<input type="checkbox"/>
26 Tony Hackworth	<input type="checkbox"/>
27 Craig Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/>
28 Danny Stone	<input type="checkbox"/>
30 Paul Riley	<input type="checkbox"/>
55 David Bayliss	<input type="checkbox"/>

LUTON TOWN

1 Mark Ovendale	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Aaron Skelton	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Alan Neilson	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Matthew Spring	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Russell Perrett	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 Marvin Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Adrian Forbes	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Kevin Nicholls	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Tony Thorpe	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Carl Griffiths	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 Steve Robinson	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 Chris Coyne	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 Dean Crowe	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 Carl Emerson	<input type="checkbox"/>
17 Emmerson Boyce	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Ahmet Brkovic	<input type="checkbox"/>
19 Steve Howard	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 Peter Holmes	<input type="checkbox"/>
21 Paul Hughes	<input type="checkbox"/>
22 Dave Bayliss	<input type="checkbox"/>
23 Ian Hillier	<input type="checkbox"/>
24 Sol Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>
27 Lars Hirschfeld	<input type="checkbox"/>
31 Alan Kimble	<input type="checkbox"/>
32 Lee Mansell	<input type="checkbox"/>
36 Robert Gillman	<input type="checkbox"/>
37 Chris Willmott	<input type="checkbox"/>
38 Michael Leary	<input type="checkbox"/>
39 Steven O'Leary	<input type="checkbox"/>
40 James Osborn	<input type="checkbox"/>



Today's Other Fixtures...

Blackpool vs Wycombe
 Brentford vs Tranmere
 Bristol C vs Cheltenham
 Colchester vs Port Vale
 Crewe vs Peterborough
 Huddersfield vs Northampton
 Mansfield vs Oldham
 Plymouth vs Barnsley
 Stockport vs Cardiff
 Swindon vs QPR
 Wigan vs Chesterfield

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2nd Assistant



Mr T Massey

4th Official

Mr E L Ilderton

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Division Two

Tuesday 4th March 2003

Kick-Off 7.45pm