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WELCOME

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The clock is ticking on Season 2002-2003. Our very welcome visitors this evening from LUTON have not yet given up hope of a place in the promotion play-offs whilst our own priority is Second Division Survival. So the scene is set for yet another tense nerve-tangling thriller.

This will be the fourth occasion the two teams have met in our short Football League history and we have yet to beat The Hatters. All three games played to date have been close. We have lost 2-1 on both our visits to Kenilworth Road in August 2001 and in October 2002. Our Third Division encounter with LUTON on January 12th 2002 at Whaddon Road ended all square at 1-1 and

was generally agreed to be one of the best games of the season.

Adding that extra spice to this evening's encounter is that the teams are managed by two footballing legends, both of whom helped to establish the 'Crazy Gang' image at Football's Greatest Survivors ...

WIMBLEDON. Both managers have built reputations for coaxing towering performances from journeyman footballers and both have successfully built teams playing route one style football. It will indeed be the clash of the titans - a no holds barred game.

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FROM THE BOARDROOM



From Paul Baker Chairman

Welcome to this evening's rearranged fixture with Luton Town. Who would have thought in their wildest dreams that Cheltenham Town would have to rearrange a match due to international call-ups? It is a fantastic achievement for Grant, Shane and Michael, we sincerely hope that they will all get selected and wish them every success. It must be every player's ambition to represent his country.

The Board was delighted to announce last week that Bobby Gould would be staying on as manager – whatever happens between now and the end of the season. Three wins in the last 5 games have given us all hope but it is still very very close. Having said that I'd rather be where we are in the Second Division than one of those clubs battling for Football League status in the Third where the situation is even tighter.

Speaking personally I have really enjoyed working with Bobby, he is always smiling, always positive and always enthusiastic. He is also very aware of our financial limitations, something which he has not always had to deal with at his previous clubs, and also aware of our rapid growth which has meant that some aspects of the club are not as well developed and established as most of our football league opponents. Nevertheless his background and experience will be invaluable as we continue to play catch up in a number of critical areas.

Our progress in recent years was highlighted in the March edition of 'Real Business' magazine which reported on the top 100 businesses in terms of growth. Cheltenham Town was in at number 44, an incredible achievement, and the only football club to be featured.

This evening I hope to be presenting cheques to the three charities nominated by us to receive money from the proceeds of the F.A. Charity Shield. I am sure you will all give a warm welcome to the representatives from St Vincent's Day Centre, Bettridge School and Battledown Children's Centre who will be receiving cheques for £3,000, £2100, and £3,000 respectively. They are all hardworking and dedicated local charities and we are delighted that we are able to help their good work. Another positive example of football in the community.

It is going to be another very tough game tonight, let's create a great atmosphere and get fully behind the team.

Paul Baker, Chairman



BOBBY GOULD

When I first came to Cheltenham Town Football Club I asked everybody to accept their role in striving to keep the club in Division Two.



So far everybody here has worked very hard to the best of their ability.

We have now reached the final six games of the season and it is not a time for people to shirk their responsibilities be they players, management staff, directors and also the vital cog in the wheel – supporters.

As a player at many clubs throughout my playing career I realised

how important it was to have the supporters behind you, both as an individual and as part of a collective team. During this important run-in the supporters possibly do not realise what an integral part they can play in assisting the players.

This support works in both ways. Players must respond to the supporters but sometimes they have to produce things on the pitch that will lift the people in the stands and give them something to cheer about.

One thing I will say is that we cannot be in a position of being anxious. We must be strong minded, even to the point of being bloody minded, because in the short time this club has been in the Nationwide League it has come too far to let things go easily.

This evening we welcome Luton Town to Whaddon Road for a re-arranged game and in the away dressing room is one of my old staff from Wimbledon, Joe Kinnear.

Joe worked wonderfully well during his early career in management then suffered the anxiety of a serious medical condition. But he had the tenacity to get back into football and if you wonder why we both have grey hair then I think the answer can be found back in those years at Wimbledon!

Enjoy the game.

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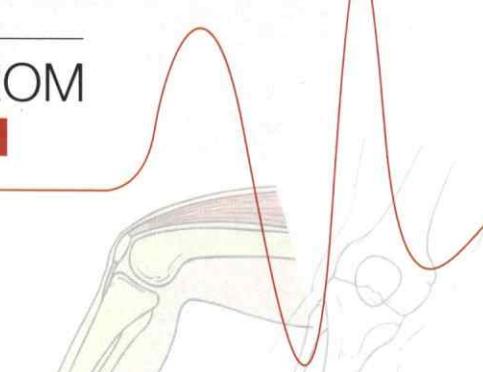
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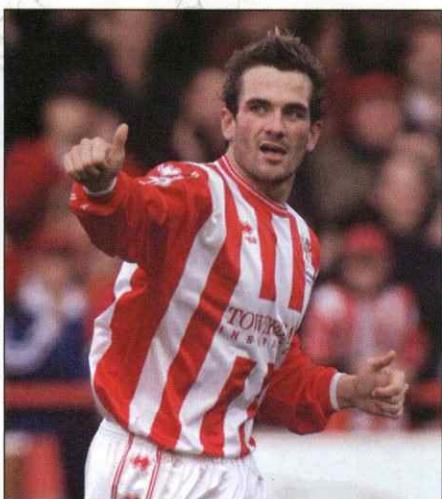
I have to write this report prior to our game at Brentford so hopefully we won't have sustained any further injuries prior to you reading this.

I now have only two players under my charge and prospects of either of them playing in the near future are very remote.

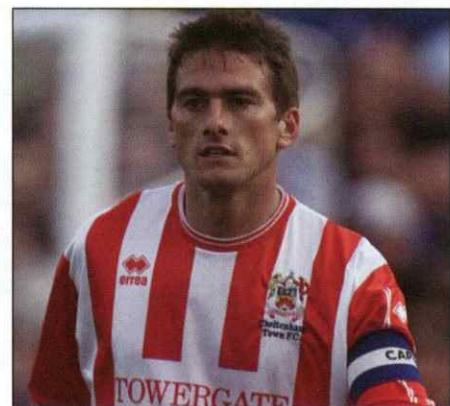
RICHARD FORSYTH has had to have a second scan on his injury. This revealed an area of fluid around the upper part of his hamstring. We think this is because a few of the hamstring fibres had torn at its attachment causing a restriction in the hamstring muscle.



With only a few weeks remaining of this season this is likely to keep Richard out of action. In time he will make a full recovery but the new scan has shown that his hamstring problem was more serious than at first thought. At least his sciatica problem has cleared up.



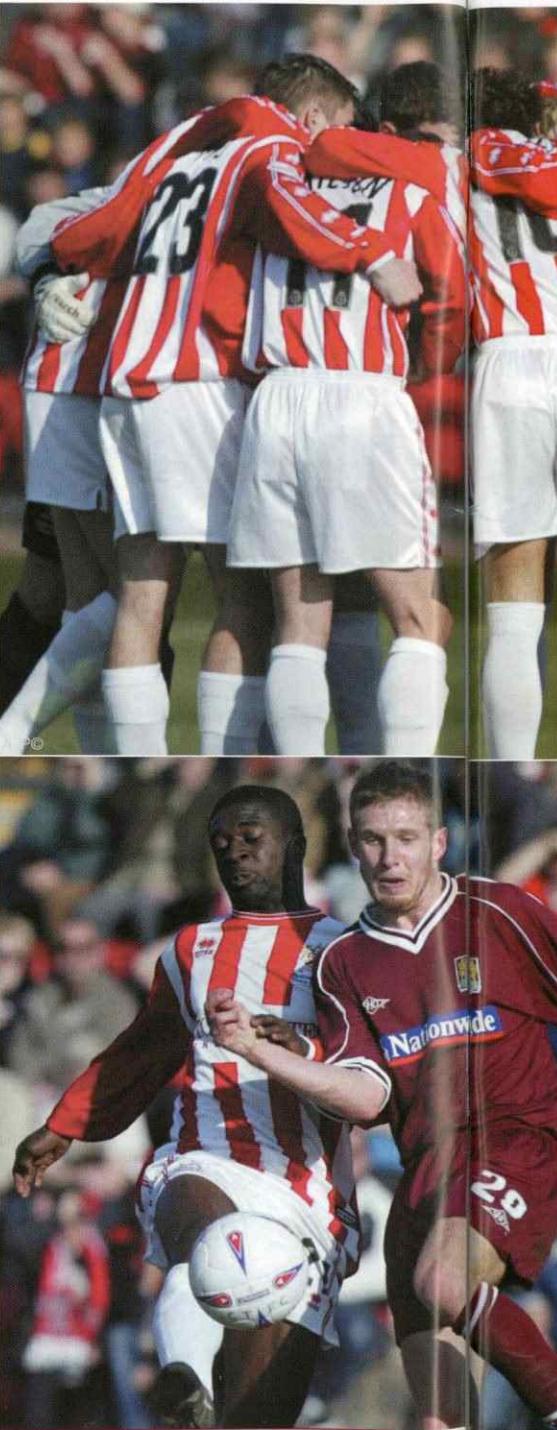
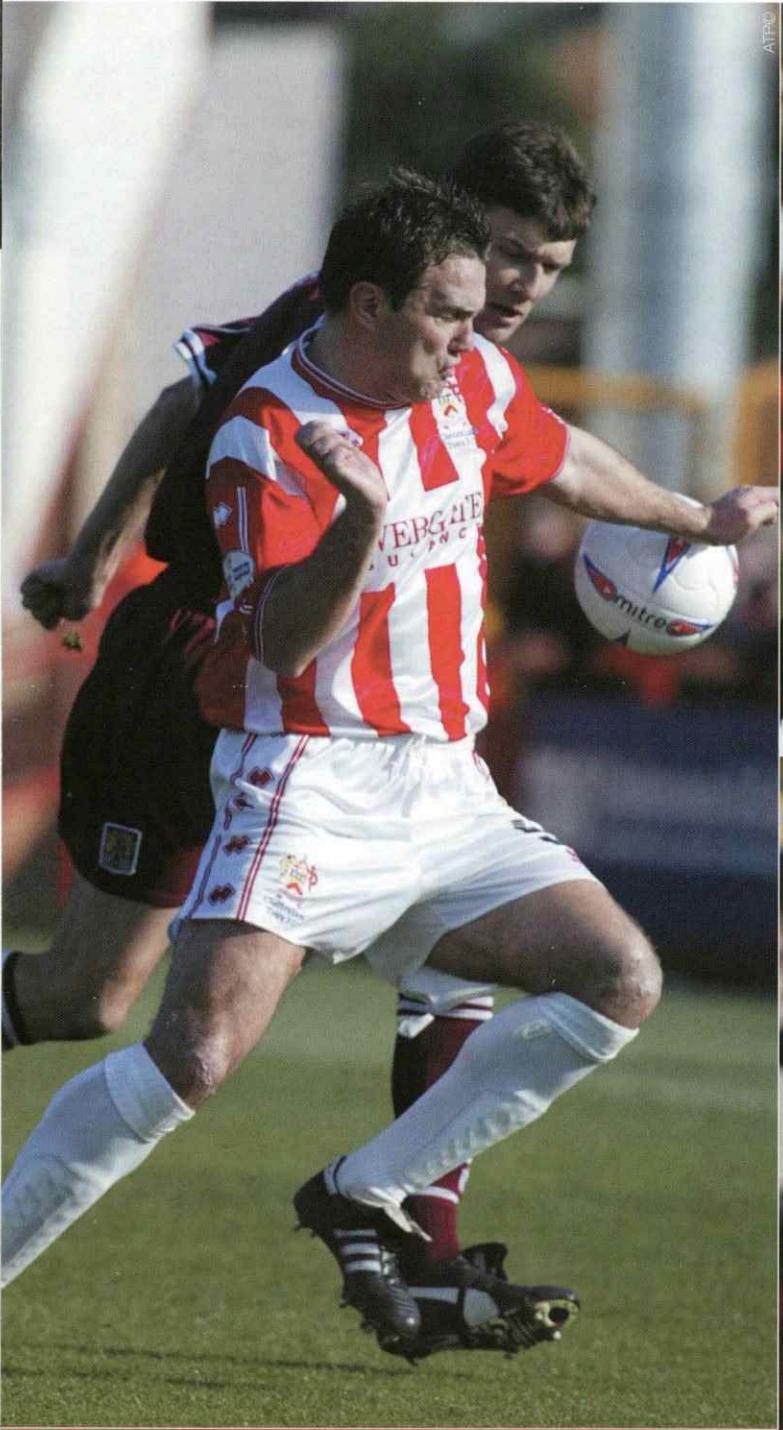
RICHARD WALKER had more surgery on his knee late last week. The specialist needed to re-assess the damage to the lining of Richard's damaged bone before deciding which surgical procedure would benefit the injury. I will update you of the operation performed and results in the OLDHAM programme.



The fortnight without a game has allowed minor injuries to settle down and heal. They included **DAMIAN SPENCER** (mild ankle sprain), **MARTIN DEVANEY** (fluid on the knee), **SHANE HIGGS** (bruised side), **STEVE BOOK** (bruised thigh) and **STEVE JONES** (ankle/groin).

Action Replay

From Paul Godfrey



CHELTONHAM TOWN (4-4-2): HIGGS; BIRD (HOWARTH 47), M.DUFF, S.DUFF, VICTORY; DEVANEY, YATES, MILTON (FINNIGAN 59), MCCANN; BROUGH, BROWN (SPENCER 68). OTHER SUBS: BOOK, BRAYSON BOOKED: NONE

NORTHAMPTON TOWN (4-4-2): HARPER; GILL, SAMPSON, REID, FRAIN; LINCOLN, HARSLEY, TROLLOPE, HARGREAVES (DUDFIELD 74), ASAMOAH, STAMP (GABBIDINI 74). OTHER SUBS: MARSH, SPEDDING, ABBEY BOOKED: FRAIN

This relegation scrap between two sides in the bottom four finished with a result that neither side would regard as particularly satisfactory. Cheltenham had the better of the first half and took the lead after an hour through Mark Yates. But Northampton hit back strongly and had a goal controversially disallowed before Paul Harsley came up with an equaliser. Robins boss Bobby Gould named an unchanged starting line-up for the first time since taking over as manager 10 games previously. The only alterations were on the substitute's bench where John Finnigan returned from a back injury in place of Lee Howells. Paul Brayson was also preferred on the bench to Tony Naylor. Cheltenham began the game strongly with Martin Devaney causing plenty of problems down the right-hand side. A series of chances came and went although the closest thing to a goal was an overhead kick from John Brough that brushed the crossbar. The teams went into the break all square following a first half in which Northampton had generally defended deep and invited the Robins to try and break them down. Devaney had seen little action after his early bursts with the Northampton midfield working hard to stifle the supply of possession to him. Cheltenham's central midfield two of Mark Yates and Russell Milton found themselves closed down very quickly every time the ball came to them, and it was thus difficult to keep the momentum going forward. The breakthrough finally arrived in the 60th minute when a wild clearance from midfielder Christian Hargreaves resulted in a corner kick. McCann took it from the left, Victory met it with a header back across goal from the far post and Yates crashed in from deep to nod the ball past the stranded goalkeeper. But Northampton hit back strongly and Shane Higgs had to make two good saves before the Robins had an amazing let-off. Sampson met a corner with a firm shot that was handled on the line by Finnigan but out of the view of the referee. Clearly incensed by the decision, Northampton piled forward and put the Cheltenham goal under heavy pressure. It paid off 15 minutes from time when a long throw by Gill was headed out to Harsley by Victory. Harsley, the former Scunthorpe and Halifax player who had been an important influence in midfield, side-stepped Finnigan before drilling a low shot past Higgs from 18 yards.

REFEREE: G. CAIN (MERSEYSIDE)
ATTENDANCE: 4,917

SHOTS ON TARGET: CHELTENHAM 2, NORTHAMPTON 6
SHOTS OFF TARGET: CHELTENHAM 3, NORTHAMPTON 5
HIT FRAME: CHELTENHAM 0, NORTHAMPTON 0
CORNERS: CHELTENHAM 2, NORTHAMPTON 6
OFFSIDE: CHELTENHAM 2, NORTHAMPTON 0
FREE KICKS CONCEDED:
CHELTENHAM 11, NORTHAMPTON 6

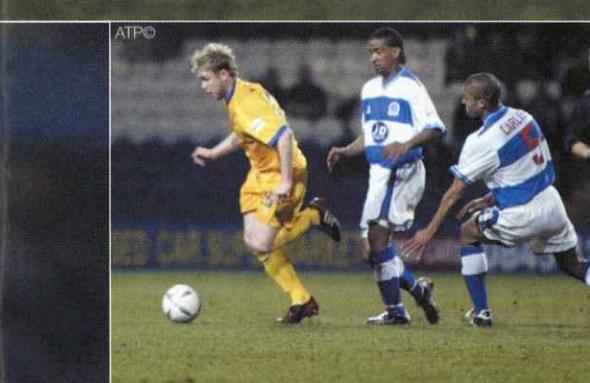
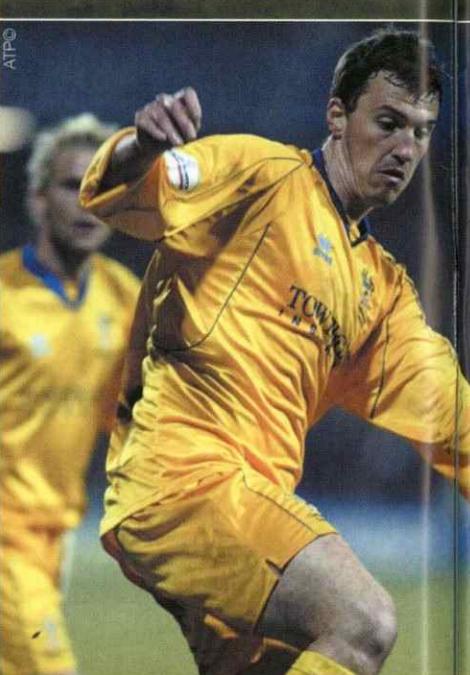
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Action Replay

From Paul Godfrey



QUEENS PARK RANGERS 4 CHELTENHAM TOWN 1



Cheltenham Town's three match unbeaten run was unceremoniously ended by an impressive looking Queens Park Rangers side at Loftus Road. The Robins grabbed a shock early lead but four goals in the space of 23 minutes either side of half-time consigned them to a sound defeat. To their credit, Bobby Gould's men never stopped working hard all evening, even when they were 4-1 down in the closing stages, but the gulf in class between the sides was clear for all to see. That early goal arrived in the fifth minute from Cheltenham's first attack of the game. Grant McCann delivered a free-kick from mid-way inside the Rangers half and Michael Duff appeared unmarked on the edge of the area to head the ball towards goal. Martin Devaney made a late run into the box to send a delicate header beyond goalkeeper Chris Day and just inside his far post. The home team were certainly rattled and Cheltenham continued to dictate for the next few minutes. The midfield four worked hard to win possession then supplied the ball early to the willing front runners Brough and Spencer. But Rangers hit back hard and the Cheltenham goal led a charmed life until the pressure finally paid off five minutes before half-time. On-loan midfielder Lee Cook beat three defenders on a mazy run down the left before crossing for Kevin Gallen to sweep in a shot from 12 yards. At that point Cheltenham would have been hoping to go into the break on level terms in order to re-group for the second half, but disaster struck right on the whistle when Michael Duff put through his own goal under pressure from Gallen. Michael Duff was carried off at the start of the second half with a head injury and the Robins, who struggled to adjust as a result, found themselves further behind in the 55th minute. Furlong intercepted a clearance to send Gallen bearing down on goal. His shot was blocked but Richard Langley was able to cross for Cook to score with a tap-in. The fourth goal arrived in the 63rd minute when Langley made a run towards goal unchecked before supplying Furlong with a pass in to feet. The former Chelsea and Watford man, who received the ball with his back to goal, spun sharply away from his marker before drilling a ground shot beyond Higgs from 10 yards.

QPR (4-4-2): Day; Forbes, Carlisle, Shittu, Williams (Padula 9); Langley, Bircham, Palmer, Cook; Gallen (Thomson 74), Furlong (Angell 74). Other subs: Griffiths, Pacquette Booked: Cook

CHELTENHAM TOWN (4-4-2): Higgs; Howarth, M.Duff (Alsop 52), S.Duff, Victory; Devaney, Yates, Finnigan, McCann; Brough, Spencer. Other subs: Book, Griffin, Milton, Brown Booked: Spencer, Finnigan

REFEREE: I.G. Williamson (Berkshire)
ATTENDANCE: 11,370

Shots on target: QPR 9, Cheltenham 3
Shots off target: QPR 4, Cheltenham 5

Hit frame: QPR 0, Cheltenham 0
Corners: QPR 10, Cheltenham 3
Offside: QPR 0, Cheltenham 9
Free kicks conceded: QPR 16, Cheltenham 16

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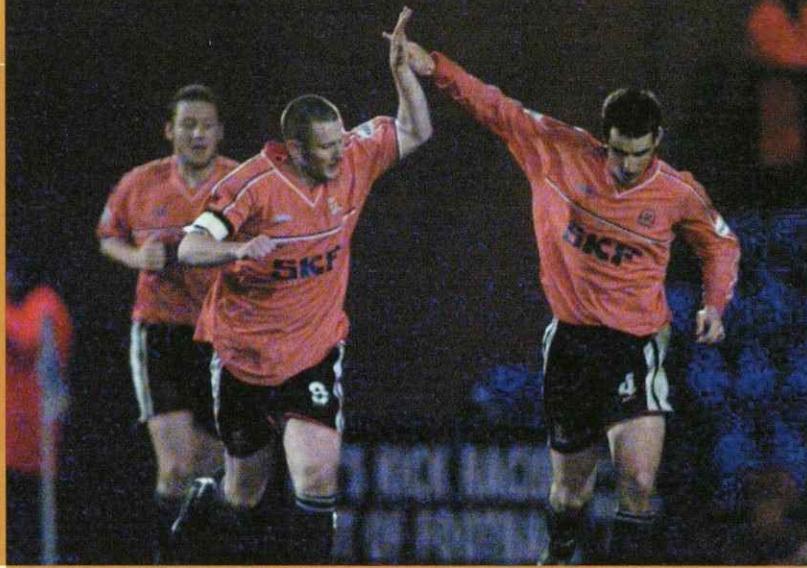
IN TOWN TONIGHT

LUTONFILE

Year Club Formed: 1885
Year Turned Professional: 1890
Ground Name: Kenilworth Road
Capacity: 9,975
Club Nickname: The Hatters
Chairman:
M Watson-Challis
Manager:
Joe Kinnear (Feb 2001)
Honours:
Division 2 Champions 1981-82
Division 4 Champions 1967-68
Division 3 (S) Champions 1936-37
Football League Cup Winners 1988

LAST TEN YEARS

1993-1996 Division 1
1996-2001 Division 2
2001-2002 Division 3
2002-2003 Division 2



Songs the Luton Town fans may be singing this evening:

"Luton, 'til I die
I'm Luton 'til I die
I know I am
I'm sure I am
I'm Luton 'til I die

"Oh when the Town, Oh when the Town
Go steaming in, go steaming in
Oh when the Town go steaming in
I want to be in that number
Oh when the Town go steaming in."
(to the tune of When The Saints Go Marching In)



LUTON TOWN

The last decade or so in Luton's history has amazingly centred around their Kenilworth Road Stadium. The quite unique ground is about half a mile west of the town centre and is hemmed in on three sides by terraced housing, so much so that the entrances to the away end cut under people's bedrooms.

There is no room for expansion with the result that Kenilworth Road's capacity is now restricted to under 10,000 which has put a financial damper on the Club's ambitions of higher status football - Division 1 at least!

Leaving Kenilworth Road has been an ambition of the club since the

1960's. Erstwhile Club Chairman and majority shareholder DAVID KOHLER spent the late 90's pursuing his dream that an oval-shaped retractable-roofed new stadium, modestly named the Kohlerdome, might be built out of town. Fierce opposition from fans and the council persuaded him to abandon his plan and he put the club into administrative receivership.

Other historical events to do with the ground had repercussions on football nationally. MILLWALL fans tore the place apart in 1986 resulting in the banning of away fans and the introduction of a membership card scheme.

And in an effort to make use of the

ground all the year round, LUTON were allowed to lay an artificial pitch in 1985. By 1991 both the plastic pitch and the away fans ban were lifted.

The current Board of Directors under the Chairmanship of Mike Watson-Challis have pledged to continue to fight to build a new stadium the size of which would sustain financially the playing ambitions of the club.

And the good news is that LUTON hope to have a new stadium within the next two years situated next to Junction 10 of the M1. Initially the stadium will have 15,000 seats with room to increase capacity to 25,000 if necessary.

A FOOTBALL LEGEND

JOE KINNEAR has been involved in football all his adult life. When he was forced to leave WIMBLEDON in 1999 because of a heart attack he spent much of his convalescence writing his autobiography and being constantly linked with managerial vacancies at SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY, DERBY COUNTY and GLASGOW CELTIC.

He surprised many by returning to football management at Second Division strugglers OXFORD UNITED in 2000 but quickly became frustrated at the lack of funds available and a seeming lack of ambition at the club. After only a few months JOE left his job at OXFORD saying that he wanted to spend more time with his family and looking after his

health ... which he did for an entire six days until taking up a similar role as Director of Football at LUTON TOWN in February 2001 with LUTON in 23rd place in Division Two.

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

However, after some early 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.

That was exactly what he achieved as the club deservedly grabbed an automatic promotion spot last season. His target this season is a second successive promotion.

JOE's reputation as a manager was established with his 7 1/2 years in charge of "The Crazy Gang" at WIMBLEDON. When he took over in 1992 the club had no ground of their own and by far the smallest fan base in the Premiership. Despite this, he led WIMBLEDON to 6th place in the top league in 1994 – their highest ever league position.

In 1996 JOE turned down the opportunity of replacing JACK CHARLTON as the REPUBLIC OF IRELAND National Team manager on the grounds that his work had not been completed at WIMBLEDON. In the following season he led "The Dons" to both the FA Cup and League Cup semi-finals and to 8th place in the Premiership.

Unfortunately, a heart attack during WIMBLEDON's game at SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY forced his departure in 1999. And it is no coincidence that soon after he had left the team's form collapsed and the 'Cinderella' club's 14

KINNEAR QUOTES

(After over-turning previous manager PETER WITHE's "No Jeans" dress code at WIMBLEDON): "...they can wear jeans and earrings for all I care ... but I draw the line at stockings and suspenders ... until after the match..."

"We rode our luck, but that's what the goalposts are there for."

"I can count on the fingers of one hand ten games where we've caused our own downfall!"



JOE KINNEAR PLAYING CAREER: (Right Back)

1965-1974	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (7 AS A SUBSTITUTE)	196 LEAGUE APPEARANCES -2 GOALS
1975-1976	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION (1 AS A SUBSTITUTE)	16 LEAGUE APPEARANCES - 1 GOAL

26 INTERNATIONAL CAPS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

MANAGERIAL CAREER

WIMBLEDON	January 19th 1992 to June 9th 1999	364 Games	130 Wins	125 Defeats	109 Draws
LUTON TOWN	February 8th 2001 on	106 Games	51 Wins	30 Defeats	25 Draws



successive seasons in top-flight football came to an end.

Like WIMBLEDON, JOE KINNEAR's playing roots are based in non-league football. He made his name as a teenager with ST ALBANS CITY and was signed as a defender at TOTTENHAM in

February 1965. Two years later Dublin born JOE KINNEAR made his REPUBLIC OF IRELAND debut at the age of 21 against TURKEY.

In all, he collected 26 international caps as well as having ten very successful years with TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR. He joined BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION in the summer of 1975 before moving into coaching.

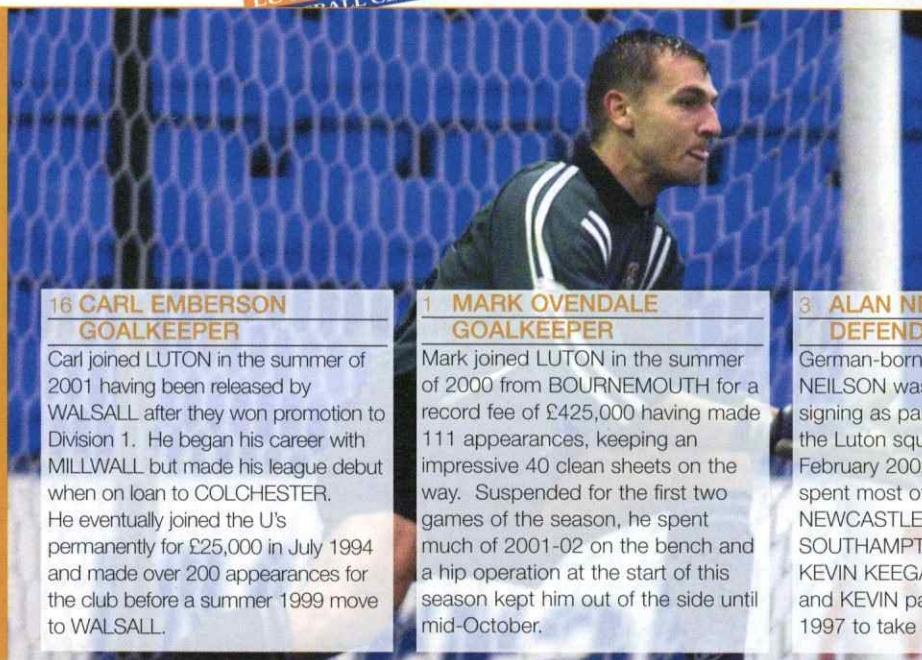
He coached the UNITED ARAB EMIRATES national side for six years working alongside former TOTTENHAM teammate DAVE MACKAY.

His managerial career really took off when he took over from PETER WITHE as WIMBLEDON boss in January 1992 with the club second from bottom of the top league and with no money available for the transfer market.

He took over at LUTON with the club next to the bottom of Division Two and not long out of administration. The new LUTON Board have made money available, a new stadium is becoming a reality, and the possibility of LUTON 'doing a WIMBLEDON' under JOE KINNEAR are not beyond the realms of credibility.



INTRODUCING LUTON TOWN



16 CARL EMBERSON GOALKEEPER

Carl joined LUTON in the summer of 2001 having been released by WALSALL after they won promotion to Division 1. He began his career with MILLWALL but made his league debut when on loan to COLCHESTER. He eventually joined the U's permanently for £25,000 in July 1994 and made over 200 appearances for the club before a summer 1999 move to WALSALL.

1 MARK OVENDALE GOALKEEPER

Mark joined LUTON in the summer of 2000 from BOURNEMOUTH for a record fee of £425,000 having made 111 appearances, keeping an impressive 40 clean sheets on the way. Suspended for the first two games of the season, he spent much of 2001-02 on the bench and a hip operation at the start of this season kept him out of the side until mid-October.

3 ALAN NEILSON DEFENDER

German-born Welsh international NEILSON was Joe Kinnear's 15th signing as part of his rebuilding of the Luton squad when he joined in February 2002. NEILSON has spent most of his career with NEWCASTLE UNITED and SOUTHAMPTON. He played under KEVIN KEEGAN at NEWCASTLE and KEVIN paid £250,000 for him in 1997 to take him to FULHAM.

5 RUSSELL PERRETT DEFENDER

Russell is an old-fashioned centre half; tall, intelligent, good in the air and has pace. He began his professional career with PORTSMOUTH but moved on to CARDIFF CITY in 1999 for £10,000 to help them win promotion to Division Two. The 6'3" defender joined LUTON in the summer of 2001 following injury problems at CARDIFF.

12 CHRIS COYNE DEFENDER

Chris began last season at DUNDEE where he featured in their Inter Toto Cup games before joining LUTON in September 2001. He is a commanding central defender who is good in the air and can tackle well. He has built up a good partnership with PERRETT in The Hatters' defence. LUTON fans have labelled him "The Aussie Bully". He has eight Under 23 caps for Australia.

17 EMMERSON BOYCE DEFENDER

Emmerson is a fast, dependable right-sided player who usually plays at full back. He is good in the air, very quick, strong in the tackle and loves to get forward down the right wing and swing over booming crosses. He is one of a number of players to come through from LUTON's schools and youth development programme.

22 DAVID BAYLISS DEFENDER

David joined ROCHDALE as a trainee in 1995 and stayed with the club for 6 years but the then manager STEVE PARKIN left for BARNESLEY and the caretaker managers didn't rate him. He joined LUTON in December 2001 which meant a new start to his career. His enthusiasm and his intelligent reading of a game has established him as a key member of the squad.

23 IAN HILLIER DEFENDER

A Welsh Under 21 international, was signed from TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR at the beginning of last season having appeared for TOTTENHAM in a pre-season game against LUTON. He signed for Spurs as a trainee and although progressing to the First Team Squad, he was restricted to reserve team football and jumped at the chance of playing in LUTON's first team.

24 SOL DAVIS DEFENDER

Cheltenham born Sol began his career with SWINDON TOWN in 1998 and joined LUTON at the beginning of this season for a transfer fee that will escalate to £105,000 if and when he plays 60 full games for The Hatters. He is a hard-tackling defender, a regular and competitive left-back, who is not afraid of joining the attack.



37 CHRIS WILLMOTT DEFENDER

Currently on loan from WIMBLEDON, Chris was another short term signing to help the defence crisis at LUTON. He began this season in the starting line-up at WIMBLEDON but was dropped after five games. Chris actually started his career at LUTON but was sold to WIMBLEDON for £350,000 in July 1999 just a month after EGIL OLSEN had taken over.

7 ADRIAN FORBES MIDFIELD

FORBES in full gallop down the right wing gets Hatters fans on their feet like nothing else but unfortunately, damaged cruciate knee ligaments in pre-season has kept him out of the squad until now. He began as a trainee with NORWICH CITY and after four years at Carrow Road he was transferred to LUTON in the summer of 2001 for £60,000.

8 KEVIN NICHOLLS MIDFIELD

LUTON's skipper and driving force just grew in stature last season - his first at the club. And his manager JOE KINNEAR called him "the life and soul of the club" as he led the players both on and off the pitch towards promotion. Tough in the tackle, KEVIN was signed from WIGAN at the beginning of last season.

25 DUNCAN JUPP DEFENDER

DUNCAN joined the club on a monthly contract at the end of February to provide cover for LUTON's injury crisis. He started out at FULHAM as a trainee and played 105 league games for them between 1993 and 1996 before JOE KINNEAR signed him for WIMBLEDON for £200,000. It was not surprising therefore that JOE signed him to help his injury hit squad.

4 MATTHEW SPRING MIDFIELD

Matthew has progressed through the youth policy at LUTON and signed professional terms in the summer of 1997. He is an established member of the LUTON midfield, giving 100 per cent in every game. He has now made over 200 appearances for The Hatters and is a prolific goalscorer.

18 AHMET BRKOVIC MIDFIELD

This skilful right sided midfielder filled in very well in an ever-changing LUTON side at the start of last season, having joined The Hatters from LEYTON ORIENT where he had made 82 appearances and scored nine times. Born in Croatia AHMET is a holding midfielder who prefers to play on the right but can also play on the left or in the centre, making him a valuable member of the squad.


**26 SAMMY IGUE
MIDFIELD**

Sammy joined LUTON on transfer deadline day on loan from READING. He started out as a trainee at PORTSMOUTH in 1994 and played 160 league games, scoring 11 goals, before READING paid £100,000 for him in March 2000. He played another 87 games for the Royals but had spent much of his time recently on the bench. Likely to be used on the left side of midfield.

**9 TONY THORPE
ATTACK**

TONY made his debut for LUTON against STOKE CITY in November 1993. In the 1996-97 season he took Division Two apart scoring 31 times and between 1992 and 1998 he scored 60 goals. He moved to FULHAM for £800,000 in February 1998 and left for BRISTOL CITY four months later for £1 million. He returned to The Hatters for free in the summer of 2002!

**20 PETER HOLMES
MIDFIELD**

PETER is a young midfield player who possesses two good feet and excellent ball control. He joined from SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY in August 2000 but in a midfield crowded with experienced signings he has found his chances to make the starting line-up few and far between, but he continues to fight for a place and impress the boss.

**21 PAUL HUGHES
MIDFIELD**

After a promising start to his career with CHELSEA, minor injuries limited his chances of first-team football and then a serious groin injury kept him out of the game for eight months. Released by SOUTHAMPTON at the end of the 2000-01 campaign, he had a brief association with BURNLEY before joining LUTON at the start of last season.

**10 CARL GRIFFITHS
ATTACK**

Carl joined LUTON from LEYTON ORIENT in the summer of 2001 and cracked in 7 goals in his first 11 games. His season ended in his 12th game away at LEYTON ORIENT with a badly broken leg which was serious enough to threaten his career – a career that has seen him play for no less than six clubs including MANCHESTER CITY and PORTSMOUTH.

LUTON'S LAST 7
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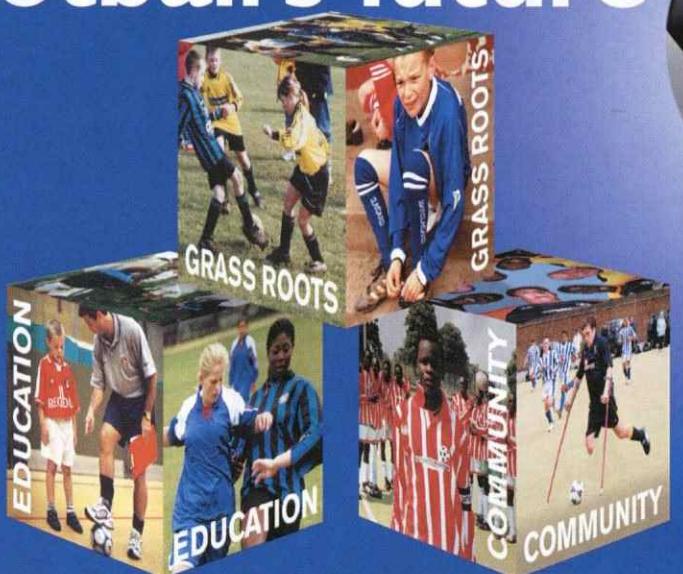
April 5	H	TRANMERE ROVERS	0-0D	A draw was not what Luton wanted and yet despite playing for 60 minutes with only 10 men (Forbes sent off) they were the more dangerous side.
Mar 22	H	CREWE ALEXANDRA	0-4L	Joe Kinnear called this 'the worst performance I have ever seen at home since I came to this club' as Crewe took the game from Luton from the start and striker Dean Ashton should have gone home with at least an hat-trick. Luton were totally destroyed.
Mar 18	H	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	0-0D	The mystery about this tense thrilling game was that it ended goal-less. Town created more and better chances and had two shots cleared off the line
Mar 15	A	WIGAN ATHLETIC	1-1D	It was hard work against a skilful Wigan side but with Russ Perrett outstanding at the back Luton held out for a valuable point after Steve Howard had headed them in front.
Mar 8	H	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	3-0W	A goal from a clearly offside Tony Thorpe in the 50th minute set Luton up for an easy 3-0 victory. Huddersfield were furious that the goal was allowed and it led to Kenny Irons being sent off. Holmes and Howard scored the other two goals.
Mar 4	A	MANSFIELD TOWN	2-3L	A superb strike from Mansfield's Wayne Corden clinched the game after a brace from Tony Thorpe had levelled the score for Luton against the run of play.
Mar 1	A	NOTTS COUNTY	1-2L	All the excitement and skill was crammed into the last 11 minutes. Luton looked well beaten by two brilliant goals by County's Paul Heffernan but were offered a late chance to save a point following a Tony Thorpe 88th minute goal.

LUTON ROLL CALL

PLAYER	POSITION	AGE	PREVIOUS CLUB	FEES
Carl Emberson	Goalkeeper	29	Walsall	Free
Mark Ovendale	Goalkeeper	29	AFC Bournemouth	£425,000
Robert Beckwith	Goalkeeper	18	Youth	-
Aaron Skelton	Defender	28	Colchester United	Free
Alan Neilson	Defender	30	Grimsby Town	Free
Russell Perrett	Defender	29	Cardiff City	Free
Marvin Johnson	Defender	34	Youth	-
Chris Coyne	Defender	24	Dundee	£50,000
Emmerson Boyce	Defender	23	Youth	-
David Bayliss	Defender	26	Rochdale	Free
Ian Hillier	Defender	23	Tottenham Hotspur	Free
Sol Davis	Defender	23	Swindon Town	£75,000+
Duncan Jupp	Defender	28	Notts County	Free
Alan Kimble	Defender	36	Wimbledon	Free
Robert Gillman	Defender	18	Youth	-
Chris Willmott	Defender	25	On Loan from Wimbledon	Loan
Kevin Foley	Defender	18	Youth	-
Matthew Spring	Midfield	23	Youth	-
Adrian Forbes	Midfield	24	Norwich City	£60,000
Kevin Nicholls	Midfield	24	Wigan Athletic	£25,000
Ahmet Brkovic	Midfield	28	Leyton Orient	Free
Peter Holmes	Midfield	22	Sheffield Wednesday	Free
Paul Hughes	Midfield	26	Southampton	Free
Lee Mansell	Midfield	20	Youth	-
Michael Leary	Midfield	19	Youth	-
Stephen O'Leary	Midfield	18	Youth	-
Steve Robinson	Midfield	28	Preston North End	£50,000
Sammy Igue	Midfield	27	On Loan from Reading	Loan
Tony Thorpe	Attack	28	Bristol City	Free
Carl Griffiths	Attack	31	Leyton Orient	£65,000
Dean Crowe	Attack	23	Stoke City	Free
James Osborn	Attack	18	Youth	-
Steve Howard	Attack	26	Northampton Town	£50,000

Leading Goalscorers (League & Cup): STEVE HOWARD 17,
TONY THORPE 15, MATTHEW SPRING 8, AHMET BRKOVIC 8

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LUTON'S HOT SHOT STEVE HOWARD



Steve joined a struggling LUTON side from NORTHAMPTON TOWN in March 2001 for £50,000. A tall and powerful striker, he initially struggled to meet with the approval of the Hatters' fans and following a controversial penalty incident

at YORK in September 2001, there were strong rumours that he was on his way out of the club. At YORK, LUTON were awarded a penalty that HOWARD insisted on taking. He missed but the referee ruled that it should be re-taken. Senior players tried to get the ball off HOWARD but he insisted on taking it again. He missed again! A furious KINNEAR substituted him and dropped him from the next game.

When he was reintroduced in to the side he scored in a 5-1 hammering of TORQUAY UNITED and thereafter the goals began to flow. A high point for STEVE last season was an outstanding hat-trick against HULL CITY and he went on to finish the campaign as LUTON's leading scorer with 24 goals to win the Third Division Golden Boot Award.

His goalscoring form has continued this season and his striker colleague TONY THORPE described HOWARD as "the best striker I have ever played alongside."

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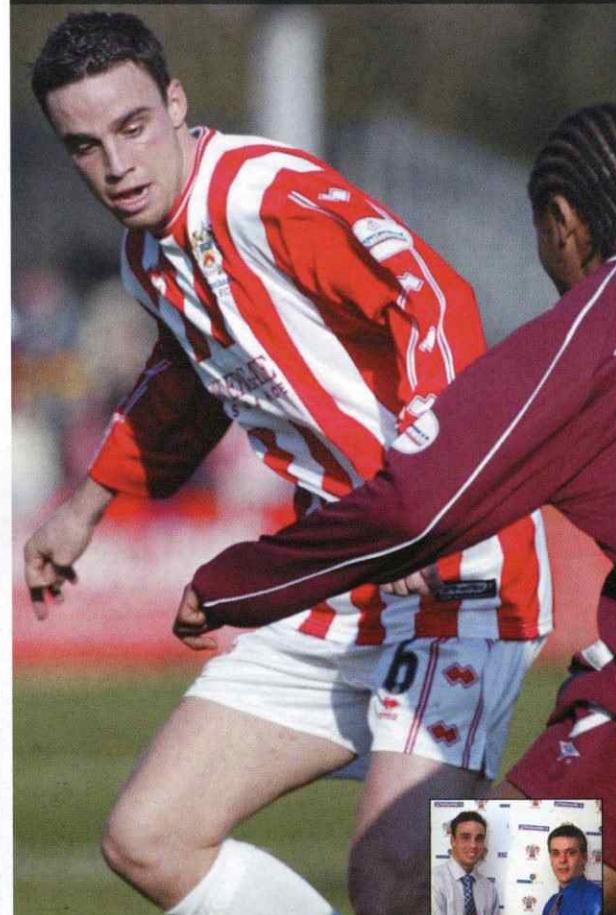
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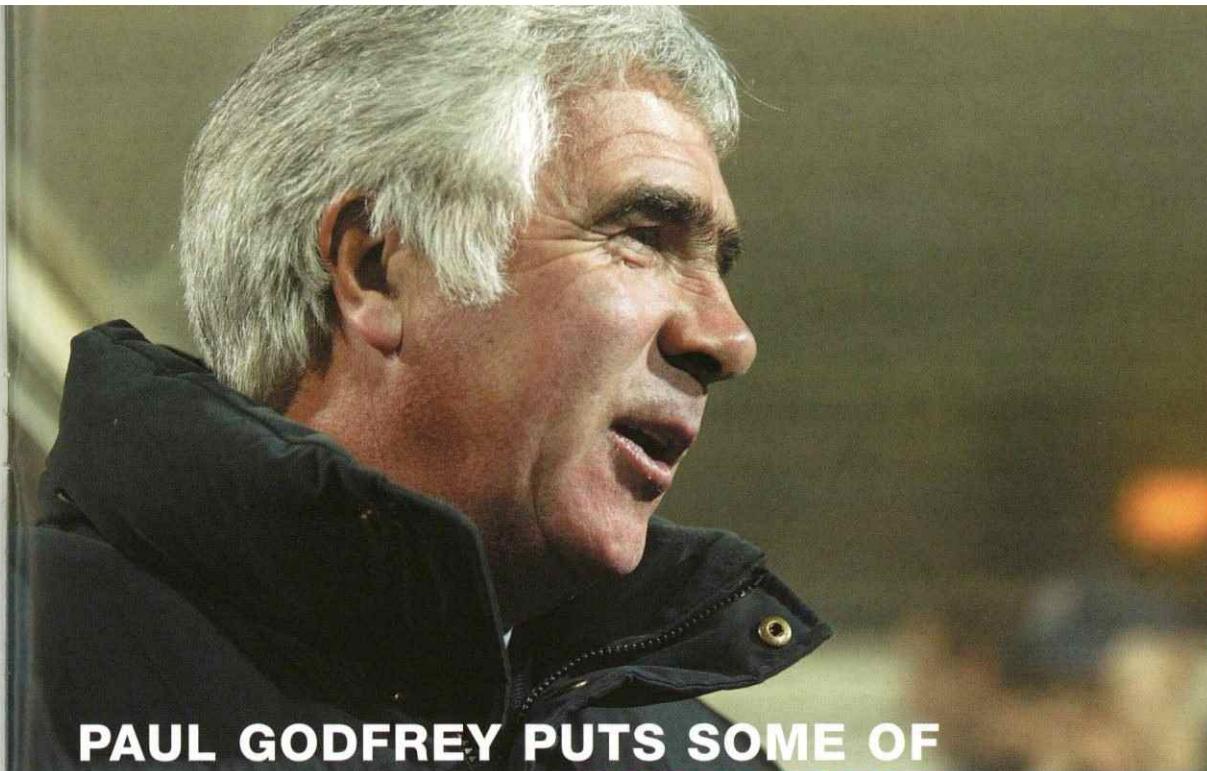


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PAUL GODFREY PUTS SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS TO BOBBY GOULD

Why the white bobble hat?

That was a superstition really. During my period out of the game I played a lot of golf and I was doing some work with Wilson, the golf equipment manufacturers, who supplied me with a new set of clubs. The hat came with them and when I wore it at first we did quite well. But like everything else with superstitions it faded away and that's what happened to it.

What bid would you put in for Michael Duff if you were at another club?

I'm still trying to improve him, to be perfectly honest. I think there are still elements of his game he can improve on. I know there was a lot of talk regarding Steve Cotterill when he went to Stoke City, but in recent conversations with Michael I've said to him that to get to the top he has to work as hard as he can. All aspects of his game have to be improved because people are always on the lookout for good defenders. The one word I always emphasize to defenders is 'delay'. If you can delay a player from getting to your goal you are doing a good job. In the

Wimbledon v Liverpool Cup Final we told Clive Goodyear to delay John Barnes and not tackle him because as soon as he committed himself Barnes would skip past. That's the art of good defending and I think Michael can put that in his locker.

Why do you play long ball rubbish, it's boring to watch and it's ineffective?

I think you get tarred with the same brush and because we played long ball at Wimbledon everybody associates me with it. That was the case when I went to West Bromwich Albion as well. Long ball at Wimbledon was quite easy to detect because they wanted the ball in the attacking third 174 times in 90 minutes. That meant they had to get 44 crosses in and it was all very

mathematically produced to create enough attempts at goal to score a certain amount of goals. A gentleman called Sir Charles Reap started it at Wolves and Jimmy Hill took it to Coventry. It was even successful at international level with Egil Olsen for Norway. It's the percentage game.

I believe we should know when to turn the opposition and make them face

their own goal and when to play it in to feet. The players know they have to use that passing ability in the right time at the right place. But my coaching philosophy has always been based on West Ham – on keep ball sessions – but you have to find the happy medium. You cannot play in front of the defence all the time because you are not going to hurt them. You have to turn them round and face their own goal so they drop off your attackers. When they do that then you go in to feet. But you have got to have players who are confident on the ball and we've got that here. At Bristol City we passed them off the park in the second half but if you are going to do that you have to have an end product to it.

What do you see as the long term future for CTFC? Will it be a 'yo-yo club' or can we establish ourselves as a Division Two side?

I think when you are a young club, like Cheltenham at the moment, you have to have an infrastructure that's very solid and that reverts to the youth policy. I believe the two ideal policies I would always follow are Bristol City's academy

built by Dave Burnside, and Crewe Alexandra's built by Dario Gradi. I've been known throughout my career for laying those sorts of foundations at clubs and you have to have the right people in place. You've got to make sure that the coaches are educated so that everyone sings from the same hymn sheet and we all know what we're aiming for. Next season we will be taking on under-eights and under-10s but a youth policy takes 10 years to mature. If you take the players at 10 years of age and want them in the first team at 18 that's eight years and it takes a big financial outlay. I say to the age group managers "what is your best team now?" and as you go up players will be eliminated and others will go forward. I watched the under-14s last Sunday and a boy had been promoted from the under-13s. What we need is an academy type structure where we have younger boys being fast tracked. We have to make sure they are good athletes, physically strong and mentally strong. It takes many different people working together to get the best out of players along the way. We have good facilities at Seasons and those things are the vital ingredients as well. Both Wimbledon and Crewe have been 'yo-yo' clubs but they've produced many good players as well.

When you are stuck in the relegation battle everyone focuses on negatives, but what positives have you seen during your time at CTFC?
We have invited somebody in on the motivational side as well but I don't want to go into too much detail at the moment. When Liverpool were successful all they said was that they played loads of five-a-sides, but there was a lot more to it than that.

We are looking to make sure that when the players go out they are not negative. Every game we ask them "can they do better?" Mental strength has to come into it and you have to be progressive with your thinking. We think that with the people we have brought in the players know what they can do, but we are asking them to stretch every sinew to do better. The goal-scoring has been

a plus in recent games and over an 11 match period we have taken more points than in any 11 match period earlier in the season, so we are going in the right direction. If we can stay out of the bottom four on the last day then we will have achieved something.

Certain players have been seen in pubs and clubs during the season having one too many jars. Have fitness levels dropped or risen since you took over?

No professional footballer is allowed to drink alcohol after a Wednesday night. Players have been educated that way. As long as the players adhere to the scientific evidence and the rules of the club, which state that they are not allowed out less than 48 hours before a matchday, then that's as far as you can go with their contractual clauses. If players want to be involved with a drinking school then one must always remember that football at all levels has been associated with pubs. But the players know what they need to do to be good professionals. Having worked with Craig Bellamy in his younger days and even Bobby Robson has found him difficult to control at times, you have to have daily communications and if the supporters think that the players are stepping out of line then all they have to do is report them to the football club.

Those players will then be challenged on their behaviour. But if you make accusations then you have to make sure they will stand up to scrutiny. If they stand up to scrutiny then the necessary action will be taken. Ultimately, though, it is down to the individual players to know the levels of professionalism that will bring out the best in them in training and in matches.

Do you believe 'if you're good enough you're old enough' and if so do we have a youth system that can foster more players like Dave Bird and Shane Duff?

Without a shadow of a doubt. I think the game lost it's way a bit when it went to under-19 football because I think players should be exposed earlier – under-16 and under-18 – and I would



challenge Howard Wilkinson who introduced it any day of the week. We 'molly coddle' players too much and players have to play out of their age as soon as possible. Wayne Rooney and Joe Cole are shining examples of that and both Bird and Shane Duff have done well for us this year. I've no doubt we will have other players that can come through as well.

We've struggled so often in matches this season after going a goal ahead. Do you think this is a physical or psychological effect?

Looking back I think it's a psychological thing. At times I think the lads don't believe they are good enough to be in front and I refer back to Arsenal again because good teams win 1-0. If you can achieve that over the season it breeds confidence as well. It's a worry when you capitulate like we have done at times. But the really pleasing thing at Port Vale was that we went 1-0 up, conceded a goal and then went on to win it. That suggests to me that we're learning but we need to be quick learners. When we get in front we have to make sure we stay in front by whatever methods we can, provided they are within the rules of the game.

How important do you feel is a settled first XI because only once have you fielded the same side two

games running? Continuity has been an important factor in our success of recent years. What are your opinions on continuity?

Everybody is for continuity but that is once you know your players. Steve Cotterill knew his players and he knew his best side. I have not had that privilege yet and throughout my time here I've been trying to stimulate players who perhaps have not had an opportunity. It's also worth noting that last season I think your record at home was 11 wins, 11 draws and one defeat. When you took off this season things didn't go that way so players were seen in a different light. As a manager you come in, you have to identify things and give people opportunities. If they take them, i.e. David Bird, then it makes it a lot easier for me. We've also had injuries but I never moan about those because injuries will always occur and you have to get on and do the job to the best of your ability. Could I pick 11 players week in, week out? Sure I could if they keep winning and stay fit!

How many players are we looking to bring in and where do you see the key areas for new players?

There will be a lot of players available in the summer. We are not there yet and it's not been given my full attention because the directive we are giving to everyone at this football club is to concentrate on keeping our heads above that line. Yes I could sit down and look at things but we are trying to

keep our status in the second division first and foremost. Then at the end of this season we will look at what we need for next season whatever division we are in.

Why did you drop Shane Higgs for the Port Vale game?

Mentally I could see that the lad had gone. You have to work with players day in, day out and see when they are on a high and when they are on a low. I thought mentally he had gone as far as he could. He had waited a long time for his chance then was suddenly thrust into the limelight for four big games in two weeks and it's a different kind of pressure. What I've said to Shane now is that he has got to go five, six or seven games before he shows mental fatigue. People do not realise how much it affects you being under the microscope like that.

Who was your best ever signing as a manager and which sale has given you the most satisfaction after initially spotting and developing someone?

Got to be Stuart Pearce and Trevor Peake at Coventry, Stuart because he became nationally known and we got him from Wealdstone for £22,500. I loved Trevor Peake who I got from Lincoln as a centre-half because he did a great job for Coventry. I suppose I also get a bit of a kick out of my son Jonathan because he was a right-back at Bristol Rovers and I said to him:



"you're like your mother, you can't run. You've got to change your position." So he did two years working for Barclays Bank and when I went to Wimbledon he came and lived with me in London. I said "I think you'll make a goalkeeper" and so after work we trained on the pitch at Plough Lane. I sent him to New Zealand and then to Jim McCallig at Halifax and he's gone on to have a great career – five and a half great years at Celtic and he's now at Preston.

Had you seen Lee Williams play before he went out on loan? What is wrong with him and surely we could use his crossing ability?

I understand what people say about him but Lee's fitness was at a low level when I came in. I saw him play wing-back at Cardiff and I think he would be the first to say that's not his position.

I thought about Paul Brayson on the right but everyone told me how well Martin Devaney had been playing and I think we've worked very hard with him. Lee expressed a desire to go out on loan and get match practice and that's what we endeavoured to do. I understand what people say about the delivery of the ball but Martin's been quite a handful for defenders since we got him playing to a high level.

Although Alsop scored a goal against Port Vale, will he still have to fight for a place in the team like everyone else?

Oh yes, that applies to all players in the squad.

What role did you have in the signing of Grant McCann?

I think there were a lot of loose ends and I spoke to Glenn Roeder on several occasions to tie up all those ends when I first came in. I don't think anyone had been able to button them down before so it was mainly phone calls to Glenn and Ted Pearce to finalise things.

Do you still believe we can stay up?

I refuse to answer that question on the grounds that it might incriminate me! Of course we can.

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THE 'ROCKIN' ROBINS SQUAD LINE-UP 2003
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The CHELTENHAM lads did their best to help raise money for Comic Relief at Training on the Friday prior to their trip to PORT VALE. It obviously worked well as they returned from Vale Park with THREE WELL DESERVED POINTS to sustain their challenge for SECOND DIVISION SURVIVAL.



JOHN BROUH leads the squad on a serious jog!

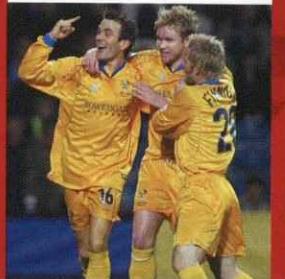
LEE "ARCHIE" HOWELLS gets in some much needed heading practice



"Gaffer" BOBBY GOULD 'blows his top'



The major boost of this plan is that it keeps the season alive...



LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS TO BE EXPANDED?

Football purists have always been opposed to the concept of a play-off system to decide promotion. After clubs have slogged through a 46-game league programme it only seems fair, so the argument goes, that the most successful three – or four – clubs should be promoted automatically. End of story. And that we should decide once and for all whether we wish to have a league system or one comprising a "knockout" competition.

Now there is a revolutionary new plan tabled for the Nationwide League which is set to hand greater advantage to clubs just missing out on automatic promotion in offering SIX teams a play-off chance of going up.

Under new proposals the play-off system would be extended to six teams, rather than the present four, but would offer the greatest incentive to the team who finished in third place, or, in the case of Division Three, fourth.

The proposal is the brainchild of PHIL ALEXANDER, the chief executive of CRYSTAL PALACE and, following a Football League Board meeting, the new plan is to be referred to a meeting of all 72 League clubs on April 24th.

The suggestion is that play-off quarter finals be instituted, with the 8th team visiting the team in 5th place, while the 7th team would go to the home of the 6th.

These games would be decided on a one-off basis and the

winners would then visit the homes of the 4th and 3rd placed teams in a one-off semi-final with the successful teams meeting, as is now, in the final.

This proposal overcomes one of the criticisms of the existing play-off schedules in that a team that has just been pipped to automatic promotion must still play the same number of games as the team who finished 6th.

The major boost of this plan is that it keeps the season alive for far more clubs and for those that feel it unfair to offer a play-off place to a club who finish as low as 8th – or 9th in the case of Division Three – should realise that for that team to be successful, they would have to win two hard away games in the space of four days before they take on a Cardiff final.

As PHIL ALEXANDER, the creator of the proposal argues, "...it offers three specific advantages. Firstly, it gives more of an advantage to the teams who finish higher up the table, and secondly it offers more excitement to supporters. Thirdly, it gives added value to sponsors and our broadcast partners.

"It has always concerned me that teams who just miss out on promotion get no real advantage.

"This proposal would also give teams whose play-off place is probably secure the incentive to finish as high as possible, rather than consolidate their position until May."

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DIVISION TWO DEADLINE DAY DEALS

THURSDAY MARCH 27TH was TRANSFER DEADLINE DAY for the current season. Activity involving Division Two Clubs was as follows:

INTO DIVISION TWO

PLAYER	FROM	TO	FEE
Tom Youngs (F)	Cambridge United	Northampton Town	£50,000
Paul Robinson (F)	Wimbledon	Blackpool	Free
Mike Flynn (D)	Barnsley	Blackpool	Free
Efan Ekoku (F)	Sheffield Wednesday	Brentford	Free
Mark Hudson (M)	Middlesbrough	Chesterfield	Free
Glyn Thompson (GK)	Fulham	Northampton Town	Free
Duncan Roberts (GK)	Bedford Town	Oldham Athletic	Free
Gavin Strachan (M)	Coventry City	Peterborough United	Free
Kieran McAnespie (M)	Unattached	Plymouth Argyle	Free
Mike Edwards (D)	Hull City	Colchester United	Free
Hugh McAuley (M)	Cheltenham Town	Kidderminster Harriers	Free
Arran Lee-Barratt (GK)	Norwich City	Cardiff City	Undisclosed
Gareth Ainsworth (M)	Wimbledon	Cardiff City	Undisclosed
Ben May (F)	Millwall	Colchester United	Loan
Martin Taylor (GK)	Wycombe Wanderers	Barnsley	Loan
Lee Fowler (M)	Coventry City	Cardiff City	Loan
Jonathan Douglas (M)	Blackburn Rovers	Chesterfield	Loan
Stefan Oakes (M)	Leicester City	Crewe Alexandra	Loan
Sammy Igoe (M)	Reading	Luton Town	Loan
Lawrie Ducfield (F)	Hull City	Northampton Town	Loan
Paddy McCarthy (D)	Manchester City	Notts County	Loan
Tony Scully (M)	Cambridge United	Peterborough United	Loan
Kevin McCleod (M)	Everton	QPR	Loan
Stephen Kelly (D)	Tottenham Hotspur	QPR	Loan
Gordon Greer (D)	Blackburn Rovers	Stockport County	Loan
Junior Lewis (M)	Leicester City	Swindon Town	Loan
Iain Anderson (M)	Preston North End	Tranmere Rovers	Loan

OUT OF DIVISION TWO

PLAYER	FROM	TO	FEE
Ben Burgess (F)	Stockport County	Hull City	£100,000
Mark McCammon (F)	Brentford	Millwall	Free
Albano Correira (F)	Bristol City	Hereford United	Free
Alan Judge (GK)	Swindon Town	Oxford United	Free
Andy Rammell (F)	Wycombe Wanderers	Bristol Rovers	Free
Andy Marriott (GK)	Barnsley	Birmingham City	Undisclosed
Leon Best (F)	Notts County	Southampton	Undisclosed
Paul Dalglish (M)	Blackpool	Scunthorpe United	Loan
Jay Lovett (M)	Brentford	Gravesend & Northfleet	Loan
Robin Hulbert (M)	Bristol City	Shrewsbury Town	Loan
Lee Mansell (M)	Luton Town	Nuneaton Borough	Loan
Paul McCarthy (D)	Wycombe Wanderers	Oxford United	Loan

OBITUARY

DAVID BALLINGER



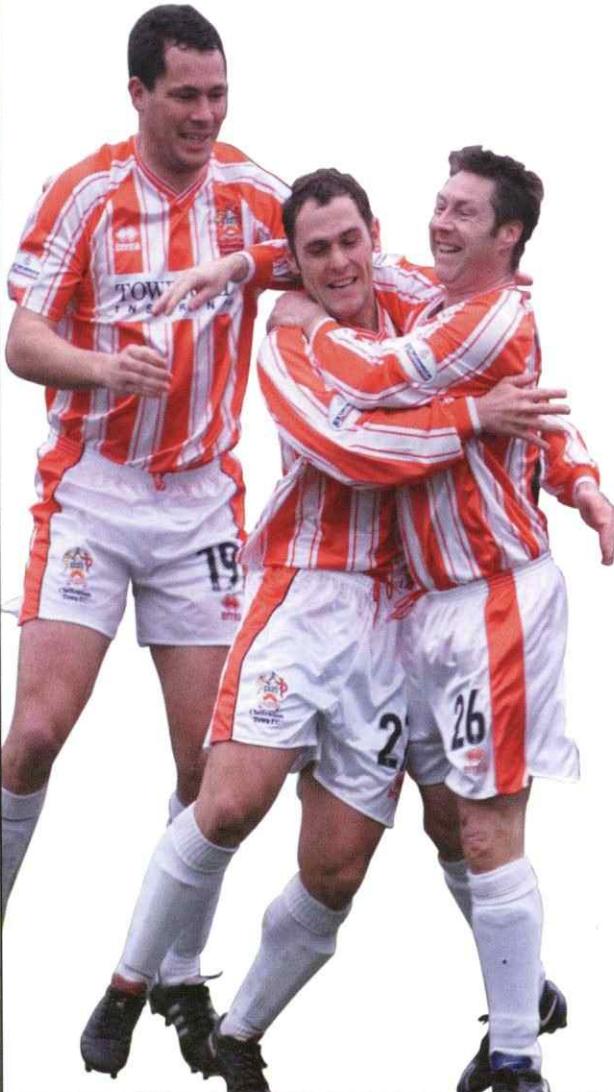
It is with great regret that we have to report the untimely death at 45 of DAVID BALLINGER someone who was deeply involved in local football as well as being a Cheltenham Town supporter through and through. David's love of football started with the 1967 FA Cup Final

when he supported Tottenham Hotspur. Later he qualified as a referee and steadily rose through the ranks. He helped youngsters by becoming involved with CHELTENHAM's youth league as a coach, manager and as an administrator. During this time he refereed a number of local youth cup finals at Whaddon Road and also found time to become a steward at Wembley during England internationals. He then moved to the North East where his love of football continued. He joined the

Northern League as referee and linesman. However, he always looked for CHELTENHAM TOWN's results first and was very proud that they had achieved league status. As many a player will remember he was firm but fair. He enjoyed his football and always had a smile and a kind word. Local football has lost a talented and well respected official as well as a decent man. Our thoughts are with Suzanne his widow and Rebecca, his 8 year old daughter, and the rest of his family.

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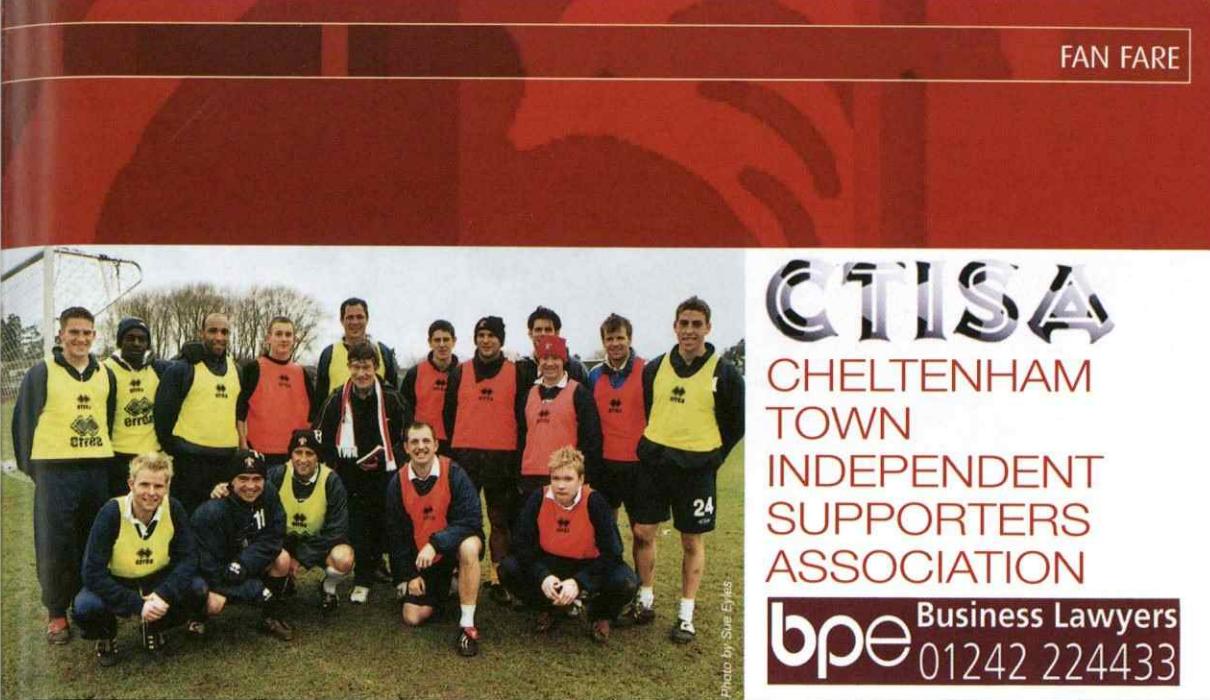
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to visit a recent training session. He was absolutely delighted!

Bobby Gould, the coaching staff and the players all made him very welcome. Watching the squad train was the first time he had met all the players and he stayed there for most of the morning! When Bill arrived, 'Bobby Gould spent some time with Bill, and explained how the training session was going to be organised.

Bill's most memorable moments of being a Cheltenham supporter have been being promoted to the Football League, and our famous FA Trophy Final visit to Wembley, but he says he would be very happy to see the Robins stay in Division 2 this season! Bill's favourite current Cheltenham players are Mark Yates and Russell Milton.

Thanks to Bobby Gould and the members of the Cheltenham squad for giving Bill a day to remember!

**IMPORTANT – FREE JUNIOR
ROBINS TICKETS V OLDHAM ATHLETIC**

Oldham Athletic visit Whaddon Road this Saturday 12th April. This is the last of the four free matches for Junior Robins. Please collect your free tickets from the Ticket Office before the day of the game. You must bring along your Junior Robins membership card in order to claim your ticket.

Oldham's away form this season has been particularly impressive (they have only lost once) and they have a very good chance of being involved in the play-offs. So we need YOU to come along and support our brave Robins for this one! Anyone who was here the last time that Oldham visited Whaddon Road (for the FA Cup 3rd round last season) will remember what a good game it was, so join Whaddon and all the rest of the Junior Robins here next Saturday, and get behind your team!!

BILL HURRELL

Bill Hurrell has been a Cheltenham Town supporter since our days in the Dr Martens' League. Bill lives in a small home for people with learning difficulties in Leckhampton, run by the Shaftesbury Society. One of Bill's items on his year's plan was to watch the Cheltenham players train. His carer wrote to the club and Bobby Gould allowed him



PROGRAMME FAIR

Our friends at Bristol City are running another of their Programme fairs later in April. Details are:

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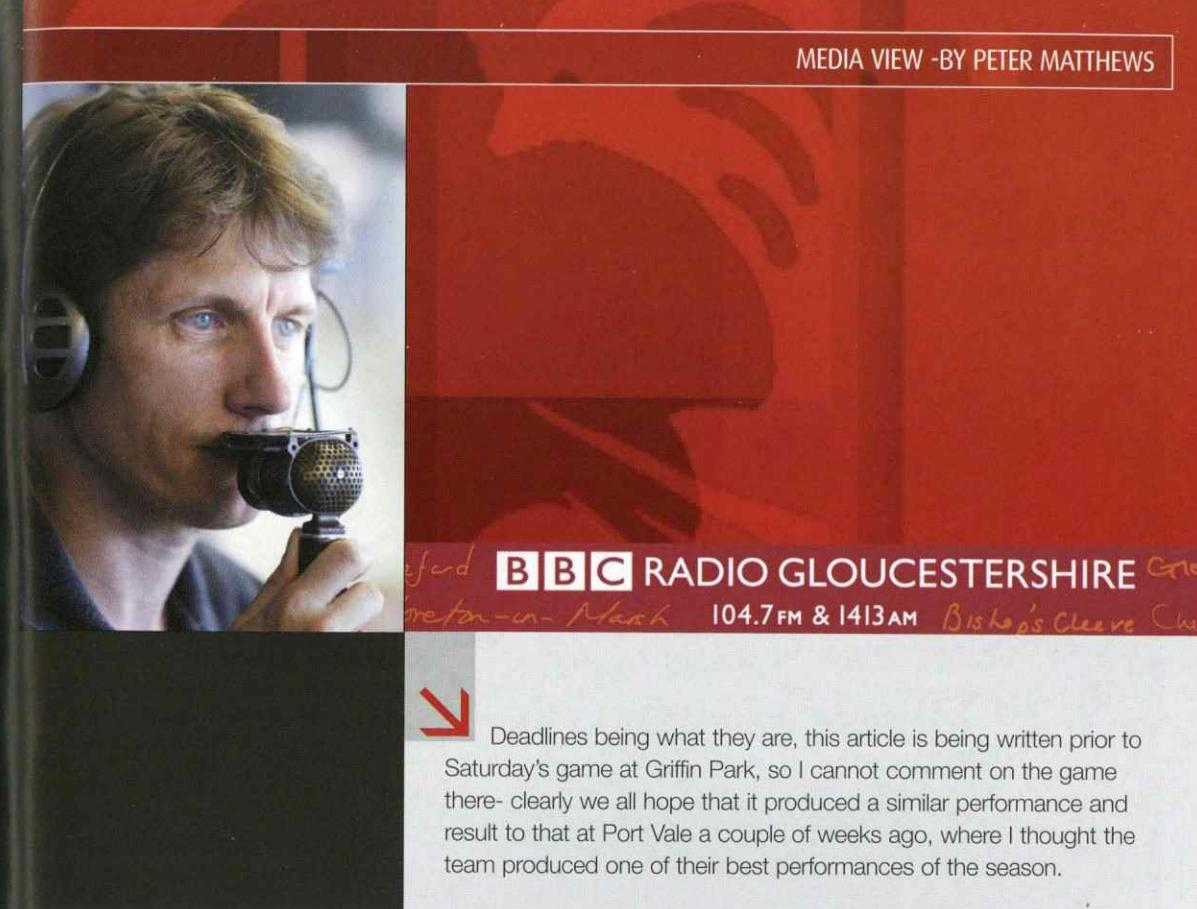
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Deadlines being what they are, this article is being written prior to Saturday's game at Griffin Park, so I cannot comment on the game there- clearly we all hope that it produced a similar performance and result to that at Port Vale a couple of weeks ago, where I thought the team produced one of their best performances of the season.

It really is getting tight now; every game becomes more crucial as the matches run out – I am sure that I am not alone in anxiously looking at the fixtures of all the clubs we are battling with and trying to work out how many points they might get. It really is anybody's guess as to what the required number of points to "survive" might be....for the record my best estimate is 51, a significantly higher number than normal, but one that reflects how evenly matched many of the clubs in this division are.

Regardless of what happens over the next six games, I think that this season has been another major step forward for the club, and should be viewed in that light. The truth is that many people expected the side to be relegated by now – the step up of a third promotion in quick succession simply being too much. There was a real risk that there would be a major gulf in class and the side would be cast adrift, if we were to believe some of the predictions pre-season. The simple truth is that the side have, generally speaking, performed admirably, and have avoided the fate of two other sides who reached Division Two shortly after leaving the Conference- Barnet and Macclesfield.

Both these sides went quickly through the Third Division (Barnet in two seasons, Macclesfield in their first season),

but both were unable to consolidate their new status- Barnet, beset by off-field problems never looked like surviving, whilst Macclesfield also, despite a brave battle, also never really looked like staying up. The fact that with six games to go, the Robins are in with a real chance of surviving says much about the progress that has been made this year. We have rarely looked out of place in the division; certainly against sides outside of the top six the side has looked the equal of most teams they've played....the only real regret being that frustrating statistic of thirteen games of holding the lead and then not going on to win.

Four of the next five games are at home. That should be a good thing. In order that it is, it is critical for us all to get behind the side and help them make the most of that advantage- how the crowd are inevitably transmits itself to the players on the pitch – we all need to be encouraging the team at this crucial time. That is not in any way meant as a criticism of the fans, merely a request that the great vocal support away from home happens at Whaddon Road as well- let's make this place worth a goal start with the atmosphere of encouragement and support that we create. It could make all the difference.....

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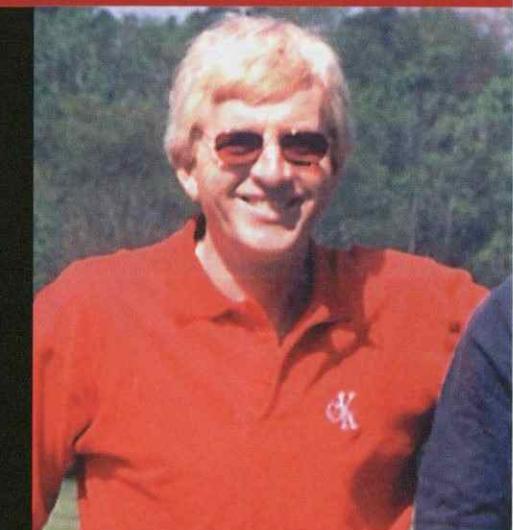
FRANK CONBOY

Versatile full-back Frank Conboy was voted Cheltenham Town's 'Player of the Year' in the 1968-69 season.

A former Chelsea apprentice, he signed professional under Tommy Docherty in July 1965 but failed to secure a First Division slot at Stamford Bridge behind internationals Ken Shellito and Eddie McCreadie as the Blues finished fifth in the top-flight and were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1965-66. He moved to Luton Town on a free transfer in October 1966 and made his League debut in that month's 5-2 defeat at home to Notts County, playing alongside the likes of David Pleat and Bruce Rioch while at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters were struggling in the Fourth Division after plummeting from the top-flight and had been FA Cup finalists just seven years earlier. His solitary goal in 19 Fourth Division games came in Luton's 2-2 draw at home to Bradford Park Avenue in October 1966 and he was one of many players released in May 1967 as Allan Brown set about building Luton's 1967-68 Fourth Division title squad. Frank spent that season out of football while he worked with his father Pat as a painter and decorator in west London.

His former Luton team-mate Graham French recommended him to Wellington Town (now Telford United) but he decided to join Cheltenham instead in July 1968 as it was nearer to his Fulham home. He partnered record appearance holder Roger Thorndale in



CONNECTIONS

By Leigh Edwards

defence while at Whaddon Road and featured prominently as Cheltenham reached the Southern League Cup final in 1968-69. Scoring nine goals in 98 Southern League games for the Robins until the travelling became too much, he briefly joined Southern League rivals Bexley United in July 1971.

Still a self-employed painter and decorator, he now lives in Tadworth near his twin daughters Louise and Adele and is a keen member of the Walton Heath golf club.

		League		FAC		LC/FAT		OTHER		Total	
		Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Luton Town	1966-67	19	(1)	2						21	(1)
	Total	19	(1)	2						21	(1)
Cheltenham	1968-69	36	1)	6		8				50	(1)
	1969-70	39	(8)	3	(1)	2				44	(9)
	1970-71	23		3		4				30	
	Total	98	(9)	10	(1)	14				124	(10)

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A BAD DAY FOR THE LADIES



Saturday 8th March? Mansfield Town at home? You were standing just about where you are now, pie in one hand, match programme in the other. (You got ketchup on the pullout of David Bird, remember, and the missus went spare.)

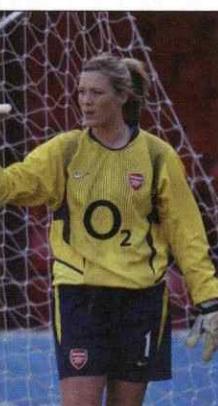
Apart from the win that put us back on the road to 2nd Division survival, you'll remember that day fondly for another reason. 8th March was the day you learned that women's football is alive and kicking at Whaddon Road. You found out that Cheltenham Town Ladies are third in the league, and that in their fifteen year history have won the league and county cups. Not to mention the fact that Fulham Ladies FC are envied throughout this sceptered isle for their status as professionals. But, as any Northampton Town fan will tell you, a month is a long time in footie. Not to mention in the shelf life of an article. No sooner have we gone to print with words of praise for Mr Fayed, than news filters through that financial support for the professional status of the Fulham Ladies team will cease at the end of this season. Humph. Scant thought given to the needs of the Cheltenham Town Ladies page there, then. Selfish considerations aside, this is bad news for everyone involved in the game, male or female. For when questioned about his reasons for withdrawing funding, Mr Fayed claimed that aside from a lack of support for the women's game from the FA (an accusation strongly refuted by the association's Acting Chief Executive, David Davies), the main reason for his decision was financial pressure. If the London Evening Standard's estimate is correct, it costs approximately £500,000 a year to maintain the Fulham Ladies set-up. In today's financial climate, that kind of expenditure is going to be difficult to justify to the shareholders of any club, particularly in an area of low return

like women's football. If top flight clubs like Leeds, Fulham, Arsenal etc are feeling the pinch, there's not much hope for Ladies teams affiliated to the Nationwide League, is there?

Undoubtedly the same old voices will cite Fulham LFC as an example of why women's football isn't anything but an affectation, a pipe dream of an affluent chairman. But was it a failure? A hugely increased profile in the UK, a quantifiable rise in standards of quality and training and a commitment by the FA to create a professional league in this country within the next three years? You do the math!

As fans of a club who has to watch the pennies, we all know the importance of prudence and careful investment. But it will be risk takers and speculators like Mohammed Al Fayed who drag the women's game from the parks and playing fields into the stadiums and onto your TV screen. All this experiment suggests to me is that the world isn't yet ready for the women's game. But in a few years time, who knows?

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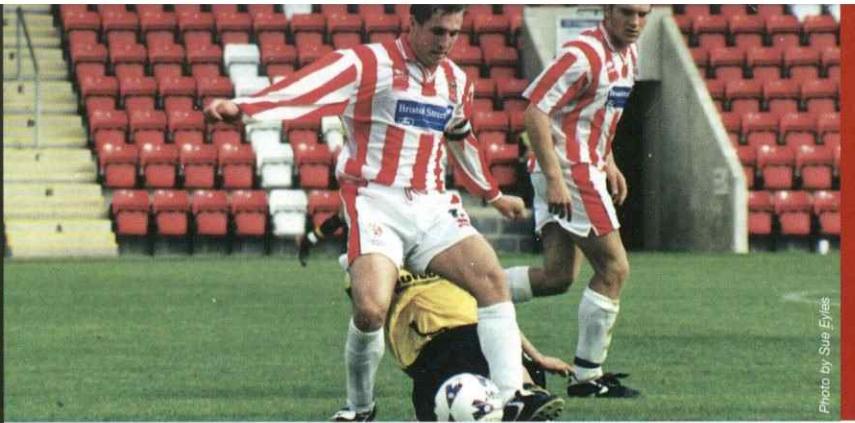


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▼ STARS OF TOMORROW

WITH THE RESERVES

Cheltenham Town Reserves 0, Norwich City Reserves 3

The Robins team included trialist Chris Wild from Leyton Orient in the centre of defence - a big, strong 19-year old player - and Portishead player Cleve Holder in midfield. New signing Christian Brutschin was unable to play as the international clearance had not yet arrived from Germany. Norwich scored their first goal after only 11 minutes when a corner taken by former Darlington player Paul Heckingbottom was met by a powerful header from the edge of the six yard box from first team midfielder Neil Embleton. Hugh McAuley forced Norwich goalkeeper Aaron Osborne to fall upon a shot from distance but the second goal arrived after 18 minutes when young defender Adam Howarth was unable to cut out a crossfield ball from David Nielsen. Striker Danny Crow was left with a free run at goal and he beat Steve Book with a low finish. Nielsen shot high from eight yards after good work from Greg Crane and Damian Batt, but a good Cheltenham move of several passes ended with McAuley supplying Paul Brayson for a shot that was blocked by defender David Tyrie. The rebound fell to McAuley, who floated an effort from the edge of the box over the bar. Osborne saved well from Brayson as Cheltenham continued to look for a goal, but when it eventually arrived the next strike was in favour of the visitors once again. Left-back Ollie Willis made it with some good skill by the goal line to beat Antony Griffin. His cross found Adam Smith, who shuffled the ball across for Nielsen to shoot past Book. Cheltenham played some better football and looked more solid in the second half, although they created little going forward. Book made one good save from Crow and held shots from Batt and Embleton, and right in the final minute substitute Luke Corbett produced a neat dummy and turn before having a shot blocked by the goalkeeper. One positive for the Robins was a full 90 minutes for midfielder Lee Howells after his long injury lay-off. Griffin also got through a full game following his hamstring problem.

CHELTONHAM TOWN RESERVES: Book, Griffin, D.Thompson, Holder (Alsop 70), A.Howarth, Wild,

Howells, McAuley (Kear 46), Brayson (Corbett 89), Naylor, Ford. Other subs: Humphries, M.Thompson

NORWICH CITY RESERVES: Osborne, Briggs, Willis, Embleton, Tyrie, Crane, Batt (Chick 70), Crow (Howell 75), Nielsen, Heckingbottom, Smith (Blackburn 59)

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WITH THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

AFC Bournemouth under-19s 1, Cheltenham Town under-19s 3

Playing on a good pitch but against a strong wind, Cheltenham took the lead after only 15 minutes of this Merit Competition game when Luke Corbett chipped the goalkeeper from 18 yards after good work by Danny Thompson. The lead should have been increased on 33 minutes when Richard Kear's pinpoint pass found Corbett but he could not convert the chance. Four minutes later goalkeeper Danny Edwards suffered a groin strain and had to be replaced by 16-year old Craig Humphries. The newcomer made a couple of good saves as the game continued to entertain with chances at both ends. He was eventually beaten 20 minutes from time by a shot from Bournemouth forward Ryan Woolfenden. Cheltenham regained the lead 10 minutes later when a free-kick from Tim Ford was headed in by Leon Henry. Six minutes later Corbett latched onto a through ball from Adam Connolly to put the result beyond doubt.

Team: Edwards, Thomas, D.Thompson, M.Thompson, Wylde, Connolly, Oldham, M.Williams, Corbett, Kear, Ford. Subs: Humphries, Langstone, Lewis, Henry

Cheltenham Town under-19s 3, Leyton Orient under-19s 2

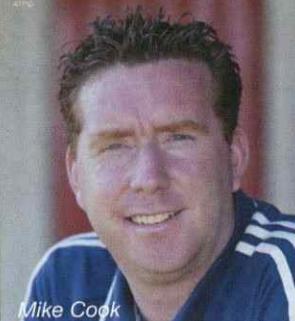
Cheltenham got off to the best possible start, taking the lead after only seven minutes when a Danny Thompson long throw to Luke Corbett was set back for 16-year old Michael Wylde to score from close range. The young Robins continued to create the better chances on a very difficult surface and increased their lead on 36 minutes when Lee Davis threaded a pass through for Richard Kear, who took the ball past goalkeeper Jones to score. Further chances went begging, the best of which falling in

the 50th minute when Davis saw a shot well saved by Jones. That miss appeared to galvanise Orient and they put the Cheltenham goal under constant pressure, which resulted in goals for Derek Duncan (55 minutes) and Tommy Laxton (65). The game continued to ebb and flow with both defences being tested until the Orient back line was finally breached 20 minutes from time when Adam Connolly scored from a Kear corner.

Team: Edwards, Thomas, D.Thompson, M.Thompson, Wylde, Connolly, Kear, Oldham, Corbett, Davis, Ford. Subs: Humphries, M.Williams, Henry, Whittington, Lewis

Football League Youth Alliance under-17

Date	Opposition	H/A	Score
Sat 17 Aug	Cirencester	A	1-5
Sat 24 Aug	AFC Bournemouth	H	3-3
Sat 7 Sep	Swindon Town	A	0-4
Sat 21 Sep	Bristol Rovers	A	4-2
Sat 28 Sep	Plymouth Argyle	H	1-1
Sat 5 Oct	Cardiff City	A	0-3
Sat 26 Oct	Swansea City	H	0-0
Wed 30 Oct	Torquay United	A	6-3
Sat 2 Nov	Exeter City	A	0-0
Sat 9 Nov	Oxford United	H	3-1
Sat 16 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	A	2-5
Sat 30 Nov	Swansea City	A	2-2
Sat 7 Dec	Torquay United	H	4-3
Sat 14 Dec	Exeter City	H	1-4
Sat 18 Jan	Cirencester	H	1-1
Sat 25 Jan	AFC Bournemouth	A	2-2
Sat 8 Feb	Swindon Town	H	0-2
Sat 22 Feb	Bristol Rovers	H	2-2
Sat 1 Mar	Cardiff City	H	1-0
	Oxford United	A	



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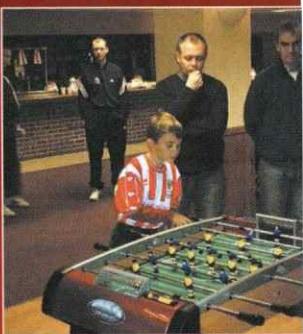
WELCOME TO THE FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY SCHEME



On March 18th Pates school represented Cheltenham Town Football Club in the annual Adidas under 13 Girls 6 a-side Football Competition. It was staged at Bristol Rovers training ground, "The Beeches". Having 9 astro turf pitches the tournament guaranteed fast play and loads of goals!

Rachel Burns, Goal keeper - Gives us a short insight into the day. The team squad for the day was:- Francis Brill, Charlotte Hartley, Catherine Godfrey, Pippa Regan, Emily Arnditz, Elena Wilson & Rachel Burns. Our team had first won the first round matches in Cheltenham which sent us through to the next stage, the area finals at Bristol. At 11.40am we set off for the tournament. We arrived at the Bristol Rovers training ground in time to have a practice before the run through of events from the organisers. Cheltenham would be in the second group, so we would wait a match before we started to play.

Although we did not do brilliantly in all of our matches, our team is quite new in playing games so it was a great experience



COLLECTING FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

Part 18 of a series by the Editor of "Programme Monthly Monthly & Football Collectable" magazine

MORE SETS TO COLLECT

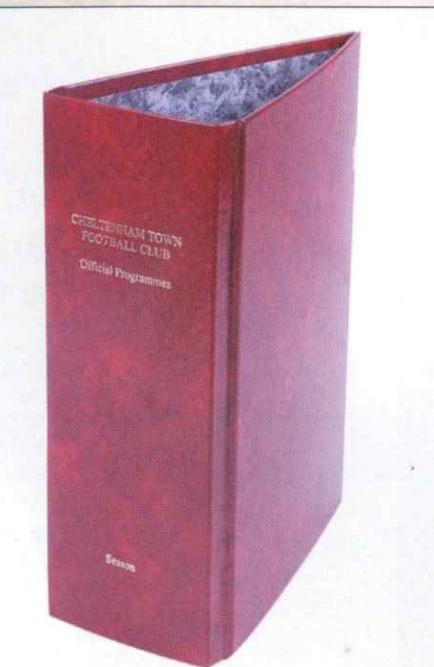
Once an original collecting set has been completed, or nears completion with the remaining items slow and difficult to come by, the collector will be well and truly hooked on the hobby and the friendships and pleasures it brings. He may cast his eye around for interesting fresh sets to collect, outwith his main speciality and the more popular collectables such as Cup Finals, Internationals, one per club etc.

The permutations are endless, but the following small sample may serve as an example of the possibilities which exist. Collecting home (and optionally away) programmes from a championship winning season is a good way to mark history, and also tends to involve a search for more difficult programmes (due to high contemporary demand for a successful club). A number of collectors look out for "milestone" programmes, such as record high or low attendances, record scores (although many of those occurred pre-war and are therefore more difficult and expensive to obtain in programme form) centenary or other anniversary matches.

In recent years a number of clubs have included reproductions of old programmes in their modern issues, and these make an interesting collection, particularly as one can see the content and standard of early century programmes for the price of a current season programme. Some collectors follow the career of a favourite footballer, collecting a programme from every match played. As this "star" is invariably an internationalist, a varied and interesting collecting results.

There is a particularly keen market in friendly match programmes between Scottish League and English League, and English League and Irish clubs, particularly for the Scottish and Irish branches of the hobby. Such matches were particularly popular with the advent of floodlights, and latterly as pre-season games, and the programmes are often different from the normal League issues of the host club, thereby providing a varied collection.

There are many more branches of football programme collecting - indeed for every one of several thousand

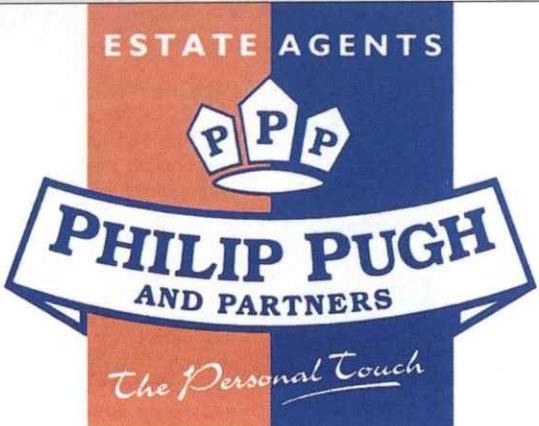


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active programme collectors, there will probably be a unique quirk of interest to illustrate the flexibility and scope of programme collecting.

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HOME V OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Saturday April 12th Kick off 3.00pm

The clock is ticking as the season runs down. We are fighting for Second Division survival and our opponents for this vital game are striving for the play-offs.

Another tense encounter. Are you up to it? Make sure you are there by booking your ticket tonight. It is NOT all-ticket

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AWAY v WYCOMBE WANDERERS

Saturday April 19th Kick Off 3.00 p.m.

You can **SAVE £2.00 PER TICKET** if you book in advance from the WYCOMBE BOOKING OFFICE. Tel. 01494 441118

Booking Charges: 50p per ticket on credit cards but no booking fee with debit cards and cheques.

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V PETERBOROUGH UNITED.

Easter Monday April 21st

Kick Off 3.00pm

Barry Fry's back in town as he brings 'The Posh' for a "6 pointer" Battle For Survival.

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V BLACKPOOL

Saturday April 26th Kick Off 3.00pm

The Seasiders may still have hopes for promotion when they pay their visit to Whaddon Road.

The game is NOT all-ticket

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IN 2 PRINT STAND

We would urge all supporters wishing to sit in this stand for our three remaining home games to PURCHASE THEIR TICKETS IN ADVANCE. OLDHAM, PETERBOROUGH and BLACKPOOL are expected to bring larger than usual numbers of travelling supporters and arrangements are being made to accommodate them in an extended visitors section.

The high demand for this area of the ground should mean a sellout in the In 2 Print Stand for all three games. Home supporters will be allowed to enter via the Parklands entrance making it easier and quicker for entry as no money will be taken at the turnstiles.

TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS

TONIGHT – After the game until 10.15pm

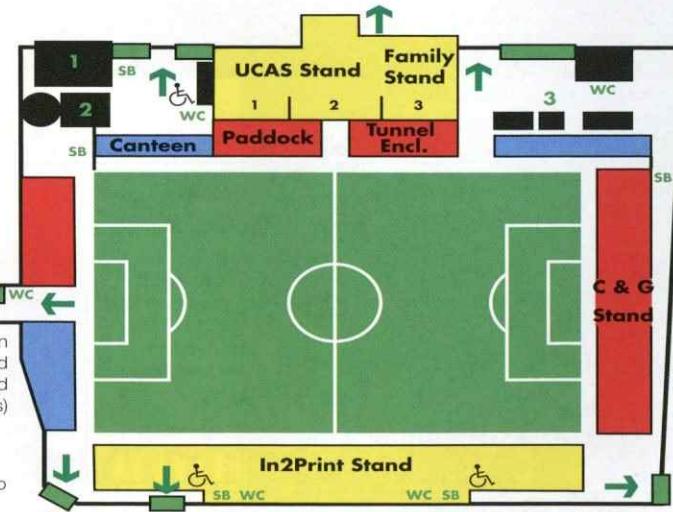
NEXT WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 10.00AM TO 4.00PM

THURSDAY 10.00am to 6.00pm

NEXT SATURDAY 10.00 to 2.50pm and 4.45pm to 5.15pm

GUIDE TO WHADDON ROAD

- [Yellow square] Seating
- [Red square] Covered standing
- [Blue square] Open standing
- [Green square] Entry turnstile
- [Green arrow] Exit gate Whaddon Road End (Visitors)
- [WC] Toilets
- [SB] Snack bar
- 1 Club shop
- 2 Match control room
- 3 Pickwicks betting shop



TODAY'S MASCOTS



GREGOR LOVATT
Age: 6
School: St Edwards Junior School
Favourite Cheltenham Player: Jamie Victory
Has been supporting The Robins for one year – he has just started playing football this year and has also joined Cheltenham RFC Under 7's team.
Other Favourite Teams: Manchester United
Other Favourite Player: David Beckham



FERGUS LOVATT
Age 9
School: St Edwards Junior School
Favourite Cheltenham Player: Steve Book
Has been supporting The Robins for 3 years.
Fergus also enjoys watching and playing sport. He plays football for Charlton Rovers, Rugby for Cheltenham RFC and Cricket for Cheltenham CC.
Other Favourite Teams: Aston Villa
Other Favourite Player: Dion Dublin

JORDEN-LEA SMITH
Age 9
School: Bourton Primary
Favourite Cheltenham Player: Martin Devaney
Has been supporting The Robins for 3 years
Other Favourite Teams: Newcastle United and Forest Green Rovers
Other Favourite Player: Neil Grayson

Bristol Street



EMILY SUMARIA
Age 10
School: Cheltenham College Junior
Favourite Cheltenham Player: Michael Duff
Has been supporting The Robins for 1 year.
Other Favourite Teams: Manchester United
Other Favourite Player: Ruud Van Nisteroy



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS from ALL THE PLAYERS, DIRECTORS and STAFF at CHELTENHAM TOWN to JUNIOR ROBINS

EMMA SAWERS who was 12 on MONDAY MARCH 24TH and CHARLOTTE HARTLEY who was 13 on TUESDAY MARCH 25TH



AWAY TO WYCOMBE WANDERERS

WYCOMBE WANDERERS V CHELTENHAM TOWN
Saturday April 19th Kick Off 3.00pm

Ground Name: Adams Park
Capacity: 10,000
Ticket Office: 01494 441118
Pitch Size: 115 x 75 yards
Team Nickname: Chairboys
Home Kit Colours: Navy & Light Blue
Kit Sponsors: Integrity Software

THE GROUND

Adams Park is located on the outskirts of WYCOMBE on the Sands Industrial Estate. The ground is situated on the edge of the industrial estate meaning that there is only one roadway in to and out of the ground. The Robins fans will be mostly located at one end of the ground in THE ROGER VERE STAND, where 2,000 supporters can be accommodated. The stand is all seating.

A relatively new addition to Adams Park is THE WOODLAND STAND which runs down one side of the pitch and has helped a lot to improve the overall look of the ground. It is a large two-tiered stand, complete with a row of executive boxes and it dwarfs the rest of the stadium. The other three stands are smaller but are all covered.

Only the home end remains as terracing. Probably because of the limited approach to the ground, the local council have stipulated that the capacity at Adams Park cannot rise above 10,000. The ground is now shared with WASPS RUGBY CLUB. The ground is situated in a very pleasant setting with a wooded hill overlooking the ground and with green fields surrounding the other sides. WYCOMBE fans are usually very welcoming and the view from the away end is excellent. Adams Park is well worth a visit.

WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK

As the ground is situated on the edge of an industrial estate there aren't many pubs around. The nearest is THE HOUR GLASS in Chapel Lane, a 15 minute walk away. On match days it is immensely popular and away fans are admitted in small groups at the doorman's discretion.

There is a supporters club in the Vere Suite behind THE SEYMORE TAYLOR STAND. Away fans are admitted for £1 on a first come, first served basis, providing that you can prove you are a member of The Robins' Supporters Club.



HOW TO GET TO ADAMS PARK FROM WHADDON ROAD BY CAR

- Follow the signs Oxford A40 to leave the town centre by London Road
- Stay on the A40 all the way to the M40
- Leave the M40 at JUNCTION 5 (signposted STOKENCHURCH) and at the crossroads turn left on to the A40 through Stokenchurch until you reach the Junction with the A4010
- At the traffic lights turn right on to the A4010 (signposted Marlow A404)
- Go forward at the first mini-roundabout and at the next mini-roundabout turn right into Lane End Road
- At the next mini-roundabout turn right into Hillbottom Road. Adams Park is at the end of this road.

Approximate Distance: 66 miles

CAR PARKING

Some of the industrial units down Hillbottom Road provide matchday parking (around £1.50-£2.00). Parking here makes it a little easier leaving after the game because there is only one road out of the stadium.

There is a fair sized car park located at the ground. Parking here is now part of a 'Green Travel Plan'; the object of which is to reduce the number of car journeys to the ground. Car sharing is encouraged and the fewer people you have in your car, the more you will have to pay to park it at the ground.

BY TRAIN

The nearest train station is HIGH WYCOMBE, situated more than 2 miles from the ground. There is no direct train from Cheltenham. HIGH WYCOMBE is on the line between LONDON MARYLEBONE (30 mins journey) and BIRMINGHAM SNOW HILL (2 hours).

Football Specials (No 500) depart the Railway Station for Adams Park at 13.55 and 14.25 and return 10 minutes after the final whistle. By taxi it will cost you around £4 from the station. For train times phone 08457 48 49 50.

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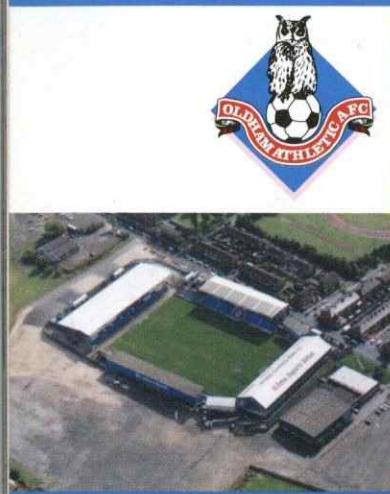


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TUE AUG 13	BARNSLEY	A 1-1	9,641	19	248	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	WALKER	VICTORY	WILLIAMS	FINNIGAN	YATES	MILTON (3)	DEVANEY	ALSOP	HIGGS	BRAYSON	NAYLOR 1	SPENCER	JONES	
SAT AUG 17	TRANMERE ROVERS	A 0-1	6,807	22	328	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	WALKER	VICTORY	WILLIAMS (6)	YATES	FINNIGAN (4)	DEVANEY (2)	ALSOP	NAYLOR	HIGGS	BRAYSON	MILTON	MCAULEY	DEVANEY	
SAT AUG 24	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H 1-2	4,713	22	1276	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	WALKER	VICTORY	WILLIAMS (3)	YATES	FINNIGAN (4)	BRAYSON	NAYLOR SPENCER (5) 1	HIGGS	BROUGH	MILTON	MCAULEY	DEVANEY		
TU AUG 27	CREWE ALEXANDRA	A 0-1	5,488	23	299	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	WALKER	VICTORY	WILLIAMS (4)	MCAULEY	YATES	MILTON (5)	BRAYSON (4)	NAYLOR	ALSOP	HIGGS	BROUGH	DEVANEY	WILLIAMS	FINNIGAN
SAT AUG 31	CARDIFF CITY	H 1-1	4395	24	1200	BOOK	HOWARTH 1	M.DUFF	WALKER	VICTORY	MCAULEY	YATES	MILTON (5)	BRAYSON (4)	NAYLOR	ALSOP	HIGGS	BROUGH	DEVANEY	WILLIAMS	FINNIGAN	
SAT SEPT 7	COLCHESTER UNITED	A 1-1	2845	23	285	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	WALKER	VICTORY	MCAULEY	YATES	MILTON	BRAYSON (4)	NAYLOR 1	ALSOP	HIGGS	BROUGH	DEVANEY	WILLIAMS	FINNIGAN	
TUES SEPT 10	NORWICH CITY (WC 1)	A 3-0	13285	-	134	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	WALKER	VICTORY	MCAULEY 1	YATES	FINNIGAN	MILTON	NAYLOR 2	ALSOP	HIGGS	BROUGH	BRAYSON	DEVANEY	WILLIAMS	
SAT SEPT 14	BRISTOL CITY	H 2-3	5895	24	1897	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	WALKER	VICTORY	MCAULEY (5)	YATES	FINNIGAN	MILTON (3)	NAYLOR (4)	ALSOP 2	HIGGS	BROUGH	BRAYSON	SPENCER	WILLIAMS	
TUE SEPT 17	SWINDON TOWN	H 2-0	5761	24	1743	BOOK	HOWARTH (5)	M.DUFF	WALKER	VICTORY	MCAULEY 1	YATES	FINNIGAN	MILTON 1	NAYLOR (4)	ALSOP	HIGGS	BROUGH	BRAYSON	SPENCER	WILLIAMS	
SAT SEPT 21	MANSFIELD TOWN	A 2-0	4116	18	382	BOOK	GRiffin	M.DUFF	WALKER	VICTORY 1	MCAULEY 1	YATES	FINNIGAN	MILTON	NAYLOR	ALSOP	HIGGS	BRAYSON	SPENCER	JONES	WILLIAMS	
SAT SEPT 28	NOTTS. COUNTY	H 1-4	4565	22	492	BOOK	GRiffin (3)	M.DUFF	WALKER	VICTORY	MCAULEY (2)	YATES	FINNIGAN	MILTON (5)	NAYLOR 2	ALSOP 1	HIGGS	BRAYSON	SPENCER	JONES	WILLIAMS	
WED OCT 2	CRYSTAL PALACE (WC 2)	A 0-7	4901	401		BOOK	GRiffin	M.DUFF	WALKER	VICTORY	MCAULEY (5)	YATES	FINNIGAN	MILTON	NAYLOR	ALSOP	HIGGS	BRAYSON	SPENCER	JONES	WILLIAMS	
SAT OCT 5	BLACKPOOL	A 1-3	6649	24	604	BOOK	JONES (5)	BROUGH	M.DUFF	WALKER	VICTORY	FINNIGAN	YATES	MCCANN	NAYLOR (2)	SPENCER (4) 1	HIGGS	BRAYSON	MILTON	DEVANEY	WILLIAMS	
SAT OCT 12	LUTON TOWN	A 1-2	6447	24	328	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	WALKER	VICTORY (2)	WILLIAMS (5)	FORSYTH	FINNIGAN	MILTON 1	NAYLOR (4)	ALSOP	HIGGS	BROUGH	YATES	BRAYSON	SPENCER	WILLIAMS
SAT OCT 19	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H 1-1	6382	24	1869	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	WALKER	VICTORY	DEVANEY 1	FORSYTH	FINNIGAN	MCCANN	ALSOP 1	BRAYSON (4)	HIGGS	BROUGH	YATES	NAYLOR	SPENCER	WILLIAMS
TUE OCT 22	COLCHESTER UTD (LDV 1R)	H 4-1	1369	77		BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	WALKER (2)	VICTORY	DEVANEY	FORSYTH	MCCANN 1	COATES (3)	ALSOP 1	BRAYSON 2	HIGGS	GRiffin	YATES	SPENCER	WILLIAMS	
SAT OCT 26	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A 2-1	5354	23	627	BOOK	GRiffin	M.DUFF	HOWARTH	VICTORY	DEVANEY (2)	FORSYTH 1	FINNIGAN	MCCANN	ALSOP 1	BRAYSON	HIGGS	BROUGH	YATES	NAYLOR	SPENCER	WILLIAMS
TUE OCT 29	PORT VALE	H 0-1	3852	23	415	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	WALKER (2)	VICTORY	DEVANEY (4)	FORSYTH	FINNIGAN (3)	MCCANN	ALSOP	BRAYSON	HIGGS	BROUGH	YATES	NAYLOR	SPENCER	WILLIAMS
SAT NOV 2	HUDDERSFIELD	H 1-0	4322	22	735	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	BROUGH	VICTORY	DEVANEY	FORSYTH	FINNIGAN	MCCANN	ALSOP	BRAYSON (4)	HIGGS	BROUGH	YATES	BRAYSON	SPENCER	WILLIAMS
SAT NOV 9	STOCKPORT COUNTY	A 1-1	4531	23	519	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	BROUGH	VICTORY	DEVANEY	YATES	FINNIGAN	MCCANN	ALSOP	BRAYSON (5) 1	HIGGS	GRiffin	YATES	NAYLOR	SPENCER	WILLIAMS
TUE NOV 12	WYCOMBE W (LDV 2R)	H 1-2*	1740	197		HIGGS	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	BROUGH	MCCANN	DEVANEY	FORSYTH 1	YATES	MCCANN	ALSOP 1	BRAYSON	BOOK	GRiffin	MILTON	ALSOP	WILLIAMS	
SAT NOV 16	YEOVIL TOWN (FAC 1)	A 2-0	6455	968		BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	BROUGH	VICTORY	DEVANEY 1	FORSYTH	FINNIGAN	MCCANN	ALSOP 1	BRAYSON (3)	HIGGS	GRiffin	YATES	MILTON	SPENCER	WILLIAMS
SAT NOV 23	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A 0-0	6575	21	283	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	BROUGH	VICTORY	DEVANEY	FORSYTH	FINNIGAN	MCCANN	ALSOP	BRAYSON (6)	HIGGS	GRiffin	YATES	MCAULEY	SPENCER	WILLIAMS
SAT NOV 30	BRENTFORD	H 1-0	5013	20	972	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	BROUGH	VICTORY	DEVANEY	FORSYTH	FINNIGAN	MCCANN	ALSOP 1	BRAYSON (3)	HIGGS	GRiffin	YATES	MCAULEY	SPENCER	WILLIAMS
SAT DEC 7	OLDHAM ATHLETIC (FAC 2)	A 2-1	4416	485		BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	BROUGH	VICTORY	DEVANEY	YATES 1	FINNIGAN	MCAULEY (5)	ALSOP (4)	BRAYSON 1	HIGGS	GRiffin	YATES	MILTON	SPENCER	WILLIAMS
SAT DEC 14	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	A 1-4	4522	23	404	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	BROUGH (2)	VICTORY	DEVANEY	YATES (4)	FINNIGAN	FORSYTH 1	ALSOP	BRAYSON (5)	HIGGS	GRiffin	YATES	MCAULEY	SPENCER	WILLIAMS
SAT DEC 21	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H 0-0	4303	21	621	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	BROUGH	VICTORY	DEVANEY	FORSYTH	FINNIGAN	MCAULEY	ALSOP	SPENCER	HIGGS	YATES	BRAYSON	S.DUFF	WILLIAMS	
THU DEC 26	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H 0-4	5548	23	859	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	SIMPKINS	VICTORY	DEVANEY	FORSYTH	FINNIGAN	MCAULEY (9)	ALSOP	SPENCER (2)	HIGGS	BROUGH	BRAYSON	S.DUFF	WILLIAMS	
SAT DEC 28	CHESTERFIELD	A 2-2	4092	23	291	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	SIMPKINS	VICTORY	DEVANEY	FORSYTH	YATES	MCAULEY	ALSOP	SPENCER 2	HIGGS	BROUGH	BRAYSON	S.DUFF	WILLIAMS	
WED JAN 1	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A 1-3	10927	23	280	BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	BROUGH	VICTORY	DEVANEY	FORSYTH	YATES	MCAULEY (4)	ALSOP	SPENCER (2)	HIGGS	BROUGH	BRAYSON	SIMPKINS	FINNIGAN	
SAT JAN 4	SHEFFIELD UNITED (FAC 3)	A 0-4	9166	1332		BOOK	HOWARTH	M.DUFF	BROUGH	VICTORY	DEVANEY	FORSYTH	YATES	FINNIGAN (4)	MCAULEY (3)	SPENCER (2)	HIGGS	BROUGH	ALSOP	SIMPKINS	S.DUFF	
SAT JAN 18	CARDIFF CITY	A 1-2	11605	23	321	BOOK	WILLIAMS (3)	BROUGH	GRiffin	S.DUFF	VICTORY	YATES (4)	MILTON (5)	FINNIGAN	DEVANEY	ALSOP	BRAYSON	HIGGS	BRAYSON	NAYLOR	MCAULEY	SPENCER
SAT JAN 25	CHESTERFIELD	H 0-0	4423	24	330	BOOK	GRiffin	M.DUFF	BROUGH	VICTORY	BRAYSON (2)	FINNIGAN	MCAULEY	MILTON	ALSOP	DEVANEY	HIGGS	NAYLOR	SPENCER	S.DUFF	WILLIAMS	
SAT FEB 1	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A 0-0	6171	24	337	BOOK	GRiffin	M.DUFF	BROUGH (5)	GRiffin	MILTON (2)	MCCANN	YATES	MCAULEY	ALSOP	SPENCER 2	HIGGS	BROUGH	BRAYSON	S.DUFF	WILLIAMS	
TUE FEB 4	TRANMERE ROVERS	H 3-1	3936	23	404	BOOK	GRiffin	M.DUFF	S.DUFF (5)	VICTORY	DEVANEY 1	YATES	MCCANN	BROWN 1	ALSOP	NAYLOR 1	HIGGS	MILTON	SPENCER	FINNIGAN	STRONG	
SAT FEB 8	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H 0-2	4692	24	545	BOOK	GRiffin	M.DUFF	STRONG	VICTORY	DEVANEY	YATES (2)	MCCANN (3)	BROWN	ALSOP	NAYLOR	HIGGS	MILTON	SPENCER	S.DUFF	FINNIGAN	
SAT FEB 15	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A 3-3	9309	24	447	BOOK	BIRD	M.DUFF	STRONG	VICTORY	DEVANEY (4)	YATES	MCAULEY	MCCANN 2	ALSOP 1	NAYLOR	HIGGS	BROUGH	SPENCER	BROWN	SPENCER	WILLIAMS
TUES FEB 18	BARNESLEY	H 1-3	3568	24	311	BOOK	M.DUFF	BROUGH	STRONG	JONES	DEVANEY	MCAULEY	MCCANN	BROWN	ALSOP	NAYLOR (3)	HIGGS	BRAYSON	SPENCER	BIRD	S.DUFF	
SAT FEB 22	COLCHESTER UNITED	H 1-1	3607	24	295	BOOK	JONES	M.DUFF	S.DUFF	VICTORY	DEVANEY (4)	YATES	MCAULEY (5)	MCCANN 1	ALSO SPENCER (3)	HIGGS	BROUGH	SPENCER	BROWN	BIRD	S.DUFF	
SAT MAR 1	BRISTOL CITY	A 1-3	11711	24	865	BOOK	JONES	M.DUFF	S.DUFF (2)	S.DUFF	VICTORY	DEVANEY (5)	YATES	FINNIGAN	MCCANN 1	ALSO SPENCER (3)	HIGGS	BROUGH	NAYLOR	MILTON	BIRD	S.DUFF
SAT MAR 8	MANSFIELD TOWN	H 3-1	3889	24	700	BOOK	HIGGS	BIRD	M.DUFF	S.DUFF	VICTORY	DEVANEY 1	YATES	FINNIGAN	BROWN	BROUGH	BROWN (1)	HIGGS	BROUGH	SPENCER	BROWN	S.DUFF
WED MAR 12	SWINDON TOWN	A 3-0	5583	21	732	BOOK	HIGGS	BIRD	M.DUFF	S.DUFF	VICTORY	DEVANEY 1	YATES	MILTON	MCCANN	BROUGH	BROWN (5)	BOOK	HOWELLs	NAYLOR	SPENCER	WILLIAMS
SAT MAR 15	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H 1-1	4917	22	856	BOOK	HIGGS	BIRD (3)	M.DUFF	S.DUFF	VICTORY	DEVANEY	YATES 1	MILTON (5)	MCCANN	BROUGH	BROWN (4)	BOOK	BRAYSON	HOWARTH	SPENCER	FINNIGAN
TUE MAR 18	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	A 1-4	11370	23	351	BOOK	HIGGS	BIRD (2)	M.DUFF (4)	S.DUFF	VICTORY	DEVANEY 1	YATES	FINNIGAN	MCCANN	BROUGH	SPENCER	BOOK	GRiffin	MILTON	ALSOP	BROWN
SAT MAR 22	PORT VALE	A 2-1	4800	21	445	BOOK	BIRD	M.DUFF	S.DUFF	VICTORY	DEVANEY	YATES	FINNIGAN	MCCANN 1	BROUGH	BROWN (5)	HIGGS	GRiffin	MILTON	ALSOP 1		
SAT APR 5	BRENTFORD	A 2-2	5011	21		BOOK	BIRD	M.DUFF	S.DUFF	VICTORY	DEVANEY 1	YATES	FINNIGAN	MCCANN 1	BROUGH	BROWN (6)	HIGGS	GRiffin	MILTON	HOWARTH	SPENCER	ALSOP ^
TUE APR 8	LUTON TOWN	H																				
SAT APR 12	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H																				



↓ NEXT AT WHADDON ROAD

OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Saturday April 12th 2003 Kick Off 3.00pm

OLDHAM ATHLETIC will be on a revenge mission when they visit Whaddon Road. The Latics are still smarting from being dumped out of the FA Cup two seasons in a row by the Robins – 2-1 here last season and 2-1 in a stirring performance at Boundary Park last December.

The Latics' priority now is promotion to Division 1 and rookie manager IAIN DOWIE has already achieved wonders with the club in his first season in charge despite the team being ravaged by injuries and suspensions – their discipline record being one of the worst in the league. They have the best away record in Division 2 and one of the best goalkeepers in the league in Australian LES POGLIACOMI. This is his first season in English football and he has already kept 17 clean sheets to set a new club record. Other names to note are striker CLYDE WIJNHARD back from the sidelines after a serious injury, the rugged no-nonsense defender CLINT HILL also back

in action after breaking his fibula earlier in the season, exciting defender FITZ HALL who has scored some decisive goals this campaign and tough tackling midfielder DARREN SHERIDAN.

The only blot on the landscape for ambitious OLDHAM is off the field. Three weeks ago the club was hit by a bombshell with the news that multi-millionaire chairman CHRIS MOORE had resigned.

The club is losing £50,000 per week and MOORE had invested £6 million in the club which is now facing its biggest ever crisis.

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