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in charge

We give a warm welcome this afternoon to Mike Newell and Mick Harford and all at Luton Town. They gave me my first opportunity and will always have a special place in my heart.

The manager then was Ray Harford who recently died and will be missed by all in football, particularly myself.

Luton, like ourselves, are suffering some difficult financial problems, but they still have an excellent squad.

If they keep them together they could be a major boost to a club which, traditionally, has played at a higher level.

There has been a lot of debate about their new ground and I wish all at the club that their dream of a new stadium becomes a reality.

We go into the contest after two away games which brought us a tally of four points and made it five games unbeaten.

They, along with our last home game against Bristol City, were pleasing for different reasons.

Our play throughout that fixture rose to an excellent level.

Our movement, passing and, in particular, defending were very assured, apart from one sloppy moment which led to their goal.

It is always very special for a young man to get his first goal in league football and Calvin Zola showed his potential with a wonderful finish by passing into

the net from 22 yards. The result was no more than we deserved against a very good side who will be there or thereabouts at the end of the season.

To be honest, I really felt we might even have snatched a win because we put them under a lot of pressure in the last 20 minutes.

However, given our current predicament and the squad that Bristol City had, a point was a reasonable return.

Next up was a tough trip to high-flying Barnsley who were in the throes of a takeover and a club with vast potential.

That was mirrored by the biggest crowd in the second division.

It was also swelled by terrific away support who were very vocal throughout as they were treated to a very good footballing display.

We were hugely dominant and didn't get the goal we deserved then went behind to a wonder strike from Chis Lumsden.

Our response, though, was immediate and emphatic.

A lovely passing movement, a great ball from John Eyre saw a

lay-off from Calvin Zola and Scott Vernon came up with a cool finish.

Scott is a player who I regard very highly.

He has excellent technique and touch but just needs to improve on his awareness when receiving the ball to feet. He also needs to get used to the hurly-burly of second division football before he can become a real force.

We were given a late scare at Oakwell when the home side were given a dubious penalty which came as a blatant push on Danny Hall.

For once, fate conspired with us and Deanne Gorre put his spot kick against the bar to allow us to go home with a well-deserved point.

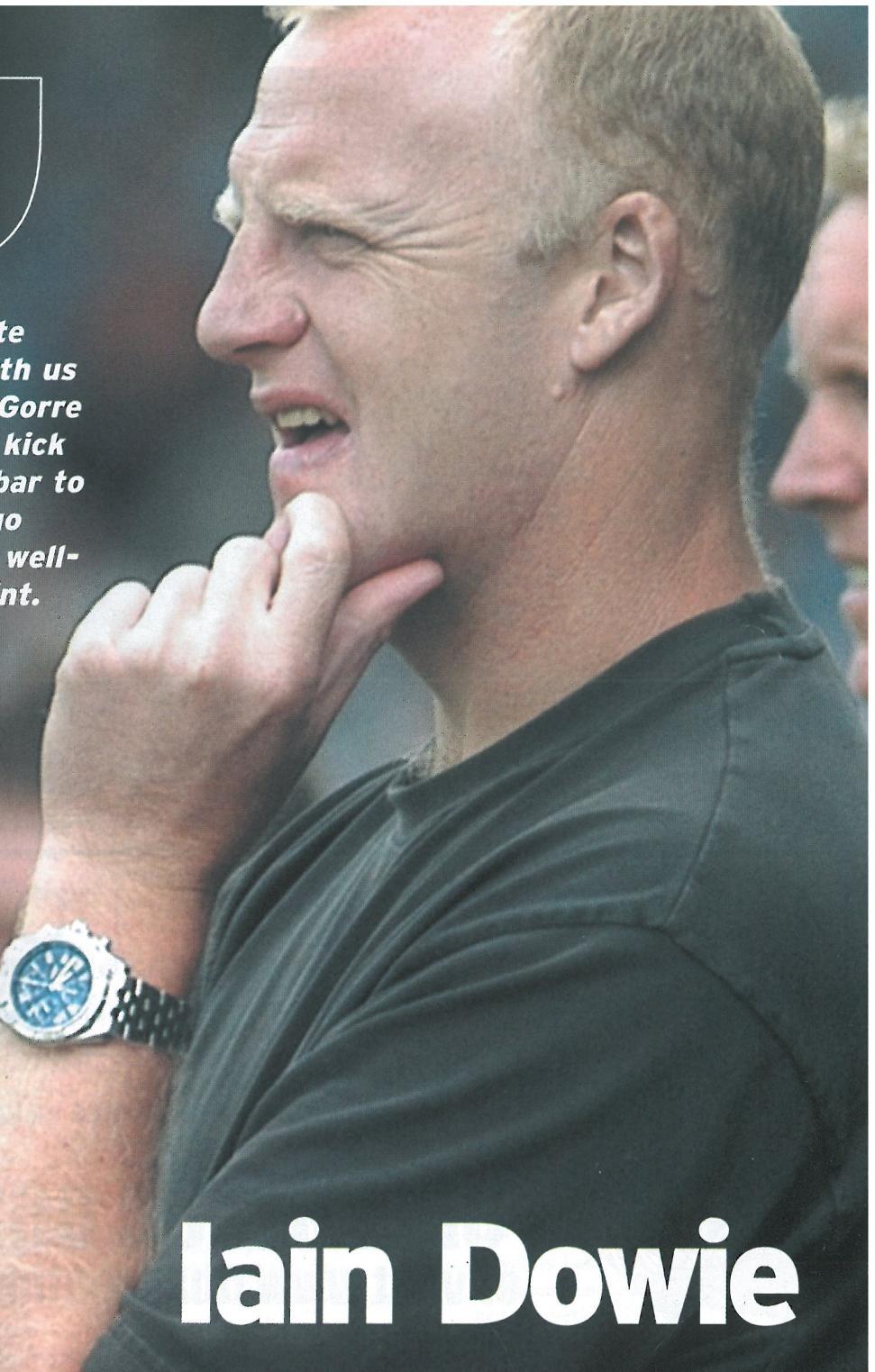
That as followed by our biggest win so far and I will go into more detail of the Wycombe rout in Tuesday night's programme notes when we take on Stockport County in another important home game.

Yours in appreciation,

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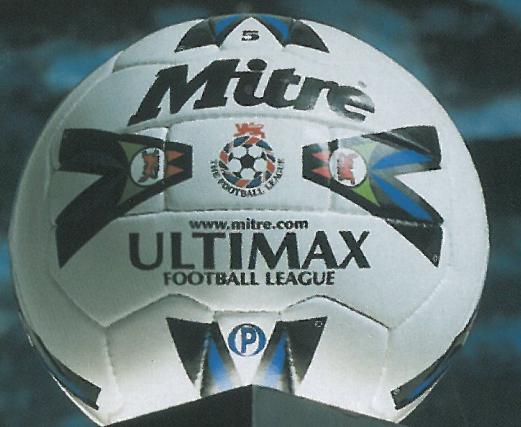


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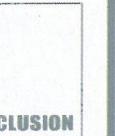


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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

Eve Chadderton was our mascot against Bristol City.



She enjoyed her day and is pictured with her favourite player, Mickael Antoine Curier.

ON TRACK

At our last home match, the Boundary Blues had a relay race at half time against the Juniors from Bristol City and we had a resounding victory! Well done to all those who ran!

PENALTY SHOOT-OUT

At our next home match (on Tuesday 30th September) we'll be having a penalty shoot-out at half-time against the Juniors from Stockport County. So if you

wish to take part just give your name in to any of the committee in the Boundary Blues Lounge today or on Tuesday.

MASCOT DRAW

At half-time today we will be making the draw for match mascots for the next eight home matches. If your name is drawn out we will send you a letter with all the details of the match you will be mascot for.

We have arranged an extra away trip for the Boundary Blues. We are going to Tranmere Rovers on the 18th October, bookings are now being taken in the club shop and in the Boundary Blues Lounge. £10 for members and £15 for parents (one parent per member).

So come along and book as soon as you can to make sure of your place on the coach!

Richard Hamill,
Eve Chadderton,
Keiron O'Loughlin,
Robert Hulme, Daniel Birtwistle,
Ian Clare, John Barker,
Christopher Lloyd, Emily Lloyd,
Jack Kilgannon, David Dyson,
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MASCOT TROPHIES

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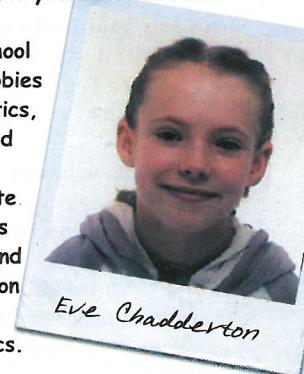
Don't forget to visit us in the Boundary Blues Lounge on matchdays, play on the playstations, visit the tuck shop or just come along to see us and have a chat!

TODAY'S MASCOT

Today it's Alison Kearney's turn to be our lucky mascot.

Alison is eight years old and she attends St Austin's School and her hobbies are gymnastics, swimming and shopping.

Her favourite player is Les Pogliacomi and her prediction for today is 2-1 to Latics.



Eve Chadderton

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MARK HUDSON will always look back on his loan spell from Fulham with warmth and affection as Latics provided him with his first experience of League football.

The 21-year-old central defender only first-team appearances for the Cottagers have been in the Worthington Cup in a two-legged tie against Chesterfield and a one off against Bury. But with Alain Goma, Martin Djetou, Zat Knight and Andy Melville ahead of him, Hudson concedes his chance of breaking through at Fulham aren't high at the moment with competition fierce. Last season Hudson's sterling displays for the reserves resulted in several inquiries to take him on loan, but these failed to materialise with managers citing his lack of experience, something which did not deter Iain Dowie. Here Hudson gives an insight into his life, both on and off the field.

Is it true you live in the fast lane? Are you referring to my love of cars which, I admit, are a passion.

What was your first car? It was a mini and along with my step dad we stripped it down and it gave me a lot of pleasure restoring it. But I had to sell it because I am 6ft 3in and needed something bigger because of the journey from home in Godalming to Fulham's training ground.

And tell us about your current car and what vehicle you dream of owning? I drive a Lexus IS 200 at the moment but would like an Aston Martin DB7. They cost around £90,000 so it is definitely a dream car. I wouldn't mind a Ford Mustang which are quite classy.

How big an upheaval has it been leaving Fulham for a club 200 miles away? I have been at Fulham seven years joining them at 14 and signing professional three years later so obviously it has been strange. But the coaching staff and players have helped me settle in and they are a good close-knit bunch with no cliques.

Isn't this your first experience of living away from home? I was still with my parents so it is a big step, but one I am comfortable with as I knew it had to be done to help my career.

How are you adapting to life on your own? Actually I am sharing a flat with Ernie Cooksey who is a top guy and we have become good mates.

So who does the cooking and other household chores? Ernie cooks one meal a month so you can appreciate I have done a lot! As for the washing up and other things we share them out.

Which team did you support as a boy? My step dad is from Liverpool so he got me hooked on Everton from an early age. As you can imagine I get some mickey taking supporting a northern club.

Who have been the biggest influences on your career? Before Chris Coleman became manager he helped build my confidence when I was in the reserves. He was a centre half and has a great knowledge of what the job entails. He is a great man and he has created a tremendous spirit at the club since becoming manager. Towards the end of Jean Tigana's time there were too cliques which is not the case now. I also owe a lot to Alan Smith who gave me my first professional contract.

What job would you have done had you not become a footballer? I couldn't see myself doing a nine to five office job so I have to say something like a PE teacher. I am also quite handy with computers so IT would be another possibility. But I can't see myself being anything but a footballer.

Have you found a big contrast to training routines between Fulham and Latics? Only slightly, and I think that is down to playing in a different division and you need to be physically stronger in the Second Division. That suits me fine as hopefully it will benefit my career.

How do you spend your afternoons? Usually I relax at the flat watching Sky Sports. Sometimes Matt O'Halloran and Will Haining pop round. Ernie and I also seem to visit Tesco's every day as we are still getting to grips with having to do with shopping for food.

Is there anybody else in your life? I have a girlfriend Gemma though obviously we don't see much of each other at the moment because of how far apart we are.

Do you play any other sports? I like a game of snooker and can swing a golf club, but wouldn't say I am particularly good at either.

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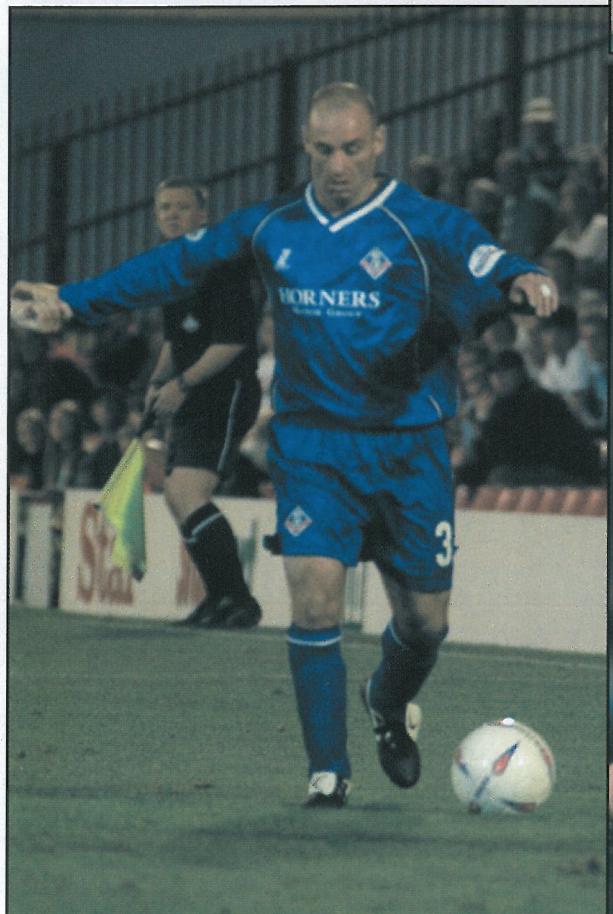
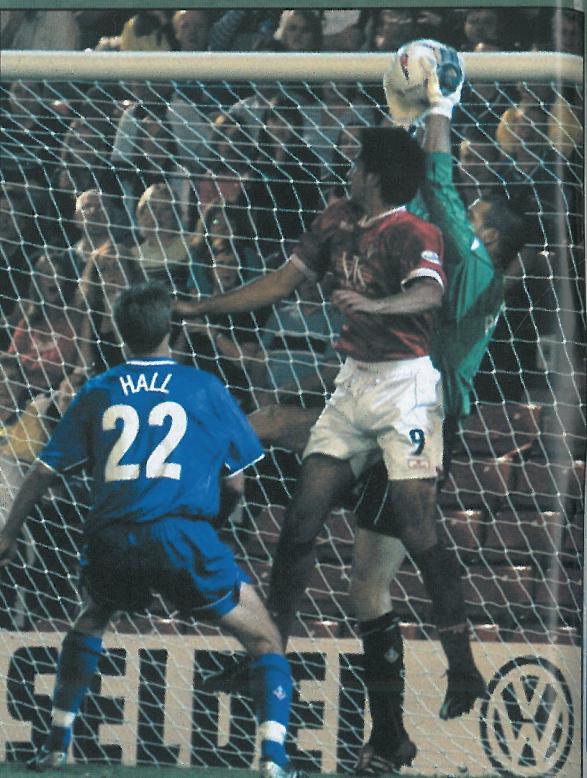
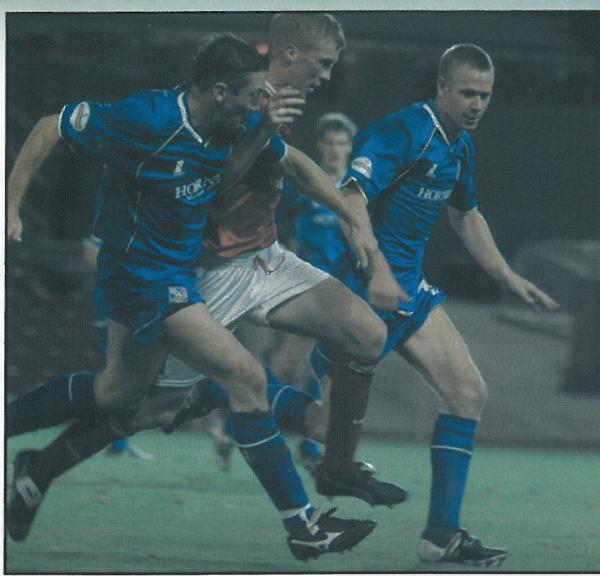


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PARK LIFE

v Bristol City



JOHN WILLIE TO HIS MATES



your country calling

Mike Milligan had the misfortune of being around when the Republic of Ireland were well blessed with midfield men of the highest quality. And that was undoubtedly why the former Latics player won only one full cap for his country.

Milligan, who is taking a year out after recently retiring to take stock of what his next career move will be, explained:

"I probably featured in about 15 full squads and it was frustrating to miss out time and time again. I have since met up with Jack Charlton at dinners and he has told me he probably ought to have played me more.

"But when I look back I faced competition initially from Liam Brady, who was his boyhood idol, John Sheridan, Ray Houghton, Andy Townsend and Ronnie Whelan who were all great players and towards the end Roy Keane was emerging."

Milligan, who represented Eire at under-21 and 'B' level, had to be content with just one senior cap which was as a substitute against the USA in 1992.

He recalled: "It was at Lansdowne Road and an awesome experience because of the crack and the passion for which the Irish are renowned.

"And it was extra special as many members of my family were there to witness the proud moment."

Eire won 4-1 that day and it might have been five had the luck of the Irish deserted him when presented with a glorious chance.

"I should have scored as I anticipated Niall Quinn's header from a corner but just couldn't get a foot to the ball in front of goal," he recalled.

There were disappointments such as missing out on two World Cup finals, Italia 90 and USA 94 as well as the play off against Holland at Anfield for a place in Euro 96.

Milligan said: "I thought I would be in the team against the Dutch because most of the old guard had started to fade, but I didn't even make the substitutes' bench.

"I remember standing on the pitch an hour before kick off and the noise was like an earthquake and it was a blaze of colour, our green and their orange."

Though born and raised in Manchester, Milligan had Irish roots with his mother from Dublin and father from Belfast.

Indeed older brother Terry, who was on the books of Manchester City and Latics and played league football for Crewe, represented Northern Ireland at under-18 level. But when Latics were enjoying enormous success in the late 1980s, Milligan suddenly became a target for not only big clubs but for international recognition.

He said: "You don't have to be a genius to know Milligan is an Irish name and as Oldham were flying at that time Maurice Setters, Jack's No 2, came to watch us play.

"Maurice approached me and I told him I would play for them which is how it came about."

After appearing for the under-21s and 'B' team - he remembers playing against team mate Andy Goram in a 'B' international against Scotland the natural progression was to the senior side.

But though Milligan received frequent call ups sadly he never managed to progress further so he joins an elite band of 'one cap wonders' as they are known.

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news and views from around Boundary Park

KICK-OFF CHANGE

The kick-off time of the Latics v Port Vale game due to be played on 11th October has been brought forward to accommodate a request from many supporters who wish to watch the all important Turkey v England Euro Qualifier on the same day.

The new kick-off time is set at 2pm thus allowing Port Vale supporters and Latics fans who travel to Boundary Park from further a field to travel home in time for the 6pm kick-off. Please make a note as there is nothing more annoying than missing the first 45 minutes of a game.

THE YELLOW PERIL

Latics have found themselves once again in a spot of bother after picking up seven yellow cards in the recent Barnsley game that ended all square at 1-1.

The seven bookings mean Latics will be fined £2500 by the Football Association as part of their tough stance on discipline this season.

The fine has come along at a very inopportune time with the clubs finances at a critical level.

ON YER BIKE

Supporters now have the opportunity to win a customised Latics Mountain Bike for only £1. The bike has been kindly donated and customised by Concept cycling, Chadderton, and has special built in features including full suspension, 18 gears, alloy wheels, box section momocoque style frame, oversize fork blades and vel type brakes ..specially customised in Latics colours and signed by Iain Dowie...if you understand all that your a better man than me!

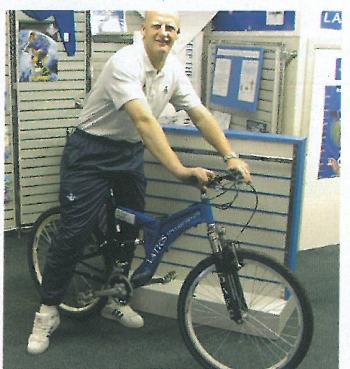
The draw will take place today at

HARTLEPOOL LDV OPPONENTS

Hartlepool Utd are Latics opponents in the first round of the LDV Trophy in a game which will be staged at Boundary Park on Tuesday 14th October 2003, kick-off 7.45pm.

The directors are currently considering reducing prices of admission to this game were by admission to the game would be £10 adults or £5 with a special voucher printed in next Tuesdays programme along with free admission for u'16's ,this

half time so please purchase a ticket from one of the sellers around the stadium, all monies collected will be sent to Trust Oldham.



promotion needs the approval of the Hartlepool directors , but we are hopefull of a positive response.

SHIRT FOR BIRTHDAY BOY

Latics fanatic David Barton celebrated his 60th birthday at Boundary Park when Bristol City were the visitors.



His daughter treating David to a day out in the Latics sponsors suite.Part of the surprise was a shirt presented to him by our very own Scot Will Haining and a autographed ball handed over by Danny Hall .

You could surprise the Latics fan in your life by contacting the Latics shop today for special celebration packages starting at only £20.

SOAP STARS AT BOUNDARY PARK

Sunday 5th October 2003 is a date for your diary, that's when stars from Coronation street, Hollyoaks and Emmerdale are set to join ex athletic manager Andy Ritchie, current manager Iain Dowie along with Tony Philliskirk, Neil Tolson, Frankie Bunn and

many more in a fund raising game for the supporters trust.

The game will take place here at Boundary Park with a 1pm kick-off , admission is priced at £2 adults ,£1 concessions, the opponents for the celebrity team will be a selective Asian eleven from the Oldham area.



SUN RISES AT BOUNDARY PARK

Athletic officials Sean Jarvis, Neil Joy, Alan Hardy and chairman Barry Chaytow were part of the official welcoming party to a Japanese Business delegation looking to forge links between Oldham and Japan.

The visitors from the land of the rising sun attended the home game against Bristol City and enjoyed some of the famous Boundary Park Hospitality before returning home to Tokyo.



A MESSAGE TO ALL ENGLAND FANS FROM THE FA

Dear Football Supporter,
You will be aware of The FA's decision not to make tickets available to England fans for next month's European Championship qualifier in Turkey. Given the unfortunate recent history between our countries, we have taken this difficult decision to ensure that this important match passes off as smoothly and as safely as possible for everyone concerned.

The FA, supported by the Government, the Police and UEFA, urges anyone thinking of travelling to Istanbul and who might be considering purchasing black market tickets NOT to do so. The Turkish authorities are not expecting our supporters to be present and there will be no segregation in the Sukru Saracoglu stadium in Istanbul for

England supporters.
The England team has worked extremely hard to secure pole position in Group 7 and, throughout this qualifying campaign, the vast majority of England fans have provided the team with fantastic support. We are extremely grateful for this. However, due to a number of unsavoury incidents involving some England supporters home and away, UEFA have made it very clear that any further trouble could lead to the team's expulsion from the tournament. We realise that our policy will prevent some fans from pursuing their hobby. We also realise that our stance penalises innocent fans. However, we are doing all we can to protect the wider interests of the game. The England team is as important to the millions of fans who

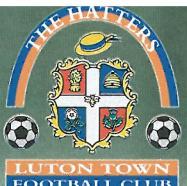
watch matches on TV as it is to the thousands who watch the team live. Please do not put our country in a position where our players' and coaches' efforts are undermined by problems off the pitch. Please ensure we do not have to face the shame and indignity of expulsion from a major tournament. On behalf of The FA and all of the England players and coaches, please respect our request for England fans not travel to Istanbul.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.
Paul Barber
Director of Marketing & Communications
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QUIZ RETURNS

Would Supporters please note that the Monthly quiz held on the first Monday of each month has returned to the Sponsors Lounge at Boundary Park. The next date will be Monday 6th October.

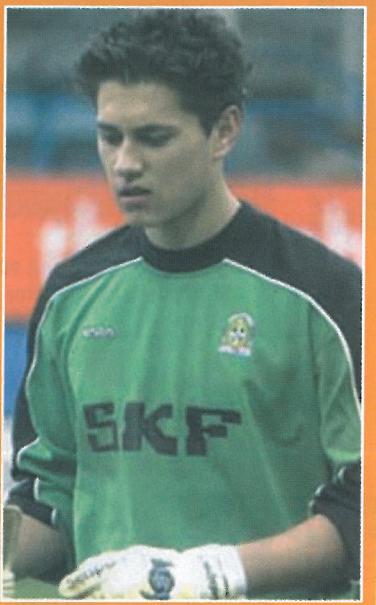
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REARGUARD

Rookie goalkeeper **ROBERT BECKWITH** made a dream start to his professional football career. The nineteen-year-old made his debut against Bristol City last season when Mark Ovendale pulled out injured minutes before kick-off. He then produced outstanding displays in the last four games to establish himself as Number One. Beckwith's progress has continued this term, prompting speculation about a move to Premiership club Arsenal, although Luton deny receiving any approach.

Eighteen-year-old understudy **Dean Brill** is yet to make a first-team appearance. The 6ft 3in stopper is highly-rated after showing exceptional handling and organisational skills last term in the club's U-17, U-19 and reserve sides last year.



DEFENCE

Right-back **Emmerson Boyce** is a youth system product who has made almost 150 league appearances for Luton. The Aylesbury-born defender likes to get forward and provide crosses to bolster the attack.

Left-back **Sol Davis** joined from Swindon Town for £60,000 in August 2002 and quickly established himself in the first-team with his strong-tackling displays. A fierce competitor, he missed five games last season through suspension and often finds himself in the referee's notebook.

David Bayliss and **Chris Coyne** form Luton's first-choice central defensive partnership. Twenty-seven-year-old Bayliss had a wretched time with injuries last term, making just four starts. The free transfer signing from Rochdale is commanding in the air and his tactical awareness marks him out as a reader of the game.

Coyne joined West Ham as a teenager after being spotted starring for Australia's under-17s team at the 1994 World Youth Cup. Known as The Aussie Bully, he had

loan spells at Brentford, Southend and Dundee before joining Luton for £50,000 in September 2001. He picked up the Player of the Year award last term after a series of domineering displays.

Former Portsmouth player **Russell Perrett** also saw last season wrecked by injury woes. He had previously formed useful partnerships with both Coyne and Bayliss as Luton won promotion from Division Three (2001/2) showing aerial strength and quick feet.

Ian Hillier can be used either as a right-back or central defender but is yet to make one position his own. A former Spurs trainee, he adds a potent long throw to attack and is a Welsh U-21 international.

Alan Neilson is another former Welsh Under-21 player, despite being born in Germany. He adds Premiership experience to the squad, having played for both Newcastle and Fulham.

MIDFIELD

284 and 5 players. Courtney Pitt has just started his second month on-loan from

Portsmouth. A left-sided wide player, his career began at Chelsea before moving to Fratton Park for £200,000. The pacy prospect has made over 50 Pompey first-team appearances.

Croatian **Ahmet Brkovic** is an FA School of Excellence product who arrived on a free from Leyton Orient in 2001. He can play anywhere across midfield but is best deployed in a holding role protecting the back four. He once scored a hat-trick in just six minutes in an LDV tie at Stevenage.

Central midfielder **Matthew Spring** rose through the ranks to first-team level in 1997 and has been a firm fixture ever since. A creative player with an eye for goal, the 24-year-old is in the final year of his contract. Spring sealed his place in folklore last season with a spectacular Worthington Cup goal against rivals Watford.

Combative youngster **Michael Leary** spent most of last season on the first-team fringe. A quality distributor of the ball, he can play in the centre or down the flanks and uses his 5ft 11in frame to good effect.

Creative player **Paul Hughes** played in the Premiership for Chelsea and Southampton but injuries have blighted his Luton career. Hughes is now getting his career back on track in his favoured central role and his vision makes him Luton's dangerman in the middle of the park.

Kevin Nicholls came through Charlton Athletic's ranks before joining Luton for £150,000 from Wigan Athletic two years ago. The all-action Hatters skipper is the driving midfield force who also poses a threat from set-pieces. **Kevin Foley** was voted Town's best Young Player of the Year for the second season running in May. He likes to push forward and is seen as a future midfield engine for his hometown club.

Right-winger **Adrian Forbes** was a cruciate knee ligament injury victim last term. A former Norwich City trainee, he returned to action this summer and appears to have lost none of his pace.

FIREPOWER

Luton's attacking menace has been diminished hit by the controversial recent transfer of Lee Thorpe to QPR for just £50,000.

Mike Newell's side will now rely heavily on **STEVE HOWARD** for goals and he has already responded by finding the net four times this term.

Howard was Luton's top goalcocer for the second year running last season with 23 strikes, having signed from Northampton Town for just £50,000 in March 2001. At 6ft 2in, he is an old-fashioned centre-forward who excels in the air and is difficult to push off the ball. A powerful leader of the line, Howard also scores plenty of goals with his feet and holds the ball up well.

Coventry City striker **Gary McSheffrey** is currently on loan at



THE GAFFER:

NAME: Mike Newell
DATE OF BIRTH: Jan 27, 1965

APPOINTED: June 2003
MANAGERIAL CAREER:
 Hartlepool United

DESPITE steering Hartlepool United to Third Division runners-up spot last term, Mike Newell was not awarded a new contract by the Victoria Park club in May. He had been appointed manager in November following the departure of Chris Turner to Sheffield Wednesday, but fans were unhappy with the team's late-season performances and he paid a heavy price.

However, Newell was to be out of the game for less than a month after topping an unprecedented telephone poll organised by Luton Town chairman John Gurney to decide the identity of the next Hatters boss.

Surprisingly, Newell won the vote ahead of highly-popular predecessor Joe Kinnear - although doubts remain over how much influence the board of directors had on the outcome. Newell's illustrious playing career

boasted over 500 league games for 14 clubs and saw him win England caps at under-21 and B level.

The Scouse striker gained his first professional experience at Crewe Alexandra, a club he would later return to.

A spell at Wigan Athletic prompted a move to Luton in 1986 where he scored 18 goals in 63 league games before joining Leicester City for two seasons in September 1987.

A return to Merseyside saw Newell briefly spearhead Everton's forward line until Kenny Dalglish handed him the chance to join a First Division promotion-chance, followed by a Premier League title with Blackburn Rovers.

Although often second fiddle to the 'SAS' pairing of Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton, Newell was a key squad member and still holds the record for the fastest-ever Champions League hat-trick - hit in ten minutes against Norwegian outfit Rosenberg.

A nomadic existence followed with spells at Birmingham,

Luton and scored last weekend in their 1-1 draw against QPR. McSheffrey, aged 21, is a speedy player who uses his close control to unsettle defenders. The highlight of his career so far came in last season's Worthington Cup when he scored a hat-trick as Coventry crushed Rushden & Diamonds 8-0.

Dean Crowe is hoping for a change in fortune after a miserable time last term.

Two goals in August were his only contribution before a series of injuries - including a broken leg - struck. A former Stoke City trainee, Crowe has spent much of his time at Luton on the bench, playing second fiddle to the likes of Howard and Thorpe.



Aberdeen, Crewe, Doncaster and Blackpool with loan deals at West Ham and Bradford City before the burly front man finally decided to hang up his boots. Newell then became reserve team boss at Tranmere Rovers before trying his luck as a coach at Conference club Doncaster Rovers.

Freshly installed in the Kenilworth Road hotseat, Newell is currently taking his UEFA coaching badges and also began studying the Certificate of Applied Management at Warwick University in the summer.

Five Star Latics

The fabulous victory march at Wycombe last week was only the ninth time Latics had scored five goals away from home in post-war history.

On average, these stunning displays in league football have come along once every six years, highlighting the special nature of Saturdays win.

2003/04 Wycombe 2, Latics 5:

Paul Murray led the way at Adams Park as Latics set the tone for their performance as early as the first minute.

The ball went from the kick off to the net via a flowing move involving six players, while Murray (2), Danny Hall, Calvin Zola and Chris Killen took the goalscoring honours.

Team: Pogliacomi, Clegg, Hudson, Hall, Holden, Eyre, J Sheridan, Murray, Eyres, Zola, Vernon.

1987/88 Sheffield United 0, Latics 5:

The team began 1988 in sizzling style, beating leaders Middlesbrough on New Years Day and the blunted Blades 24 hours later.

Sheffield United sacked their manager after the game, which was won by Frank Bunn (2), Tommy Wright, Mike Flynn and Roger Palmer. Team: Gorton, Irwin, Barlow, Flynn, Linighan, Milligan, Palmer, Donachie, Bunn, Wright, Ritchie.

1984/85 Carlisle 2, Latics 5:

Latics did not have a great season, but they ended it on the highest possible note thanks to star striker Mick Quinn.

The Liverpudlian netted a hat-trick and found able support in two-goal Roger Palmer.

Team: Goram, Barlow, Donachie, McGuire, Hoolickin, Bowden, Ward, Henry, Quinn, Parker, Palmer.

1961/62 Crewe 3, Latics 5:

Some Latics greats were on the mark at Gresty Road as John Colquhoun (2), Bert Lister (2) and Jimmy Frizzell shunted the Railwaysmen.

Team: Bollands, Branagan, Scott, Spurdle, Williams, Jarvis, Bazley, Johnstone, Lister, Frizzell, Colquhoun.

1961/62 Southport 0, Latics 5: And possibly the greatest of them all, Bobby Johnstone, scored two months later at Southport. Also on the mark were Frizzell (2), Colquhoun and Ken Branagan.

Team: Rollo, Branagan, McCue, Scott, Williams, Jarvis, Phoenix, Johnstone, Lister, Frizzell, Colquhoun.

1952/53 Darlington 0, Latics 5:

The teams met twice in the seasons first fortnight and Latics hit five both times. On this occasion it was an Eric Gemmell hat-trick, Ian Crawford and Peter McKennan.

Team: Burnett, Brook, Hardwick, Lowrie, Whyte, Smith, Munro, McKennan, Gemmell, Crawford, Ormond.

1947/48 Darlington 0, Latics 6:

Oldham Athletics biggest league away win since the war came a couple of years after hostilities ended, thanks to Ray Haddington (3), John Fryer (2) and Bill Blackshaw.

Team: McManus, Boothman, Bunting, Horton, Hayes, Bowden, Blackshaw, Haddington, Fryer, Wilson, Parnaby.

1947/48 Gateshead 3, Latics 5:

Ex Manchester City forward Blackshaw claimed two more goals, while debutant Billy Jessop also got two and Ken Brierley completed the win. Team: McManus, Horton, Bunting, Bowden, Hayes, Hurst, Tomlinson, Blackshaw, Jessop, Wilson, Brierley.

1947/48 Halifax 1, Latics 5:

The season ended with a third demolition job in which Blackshaw was the hero. He scored four this time and was joined in the record books by Lewis Brook.

Team: Ogden, Horton, Naylor, Bowden, Hayes, Hurst, Tomlinson, Blackshaw, Brook, Haddington, Bell.

Saturday April 11, 1992

Barclays League, Division One

Latics 5 (Sharp 4, Milligan), Luton Town 1 (Harford)

Attendance: 13,210.

CHRONICLED times

Latics: Hallworth, Fleming, Barlow, Henry, Jobson, Marshall, Adams (Bernard 77), Ritchie (Palmer 83), Sharp, Milligan, Holden.

Luton Town: Chamberlain, James (Rees 83), Harvey, Kamara, Dreyer, Peake, Varadi, Stein, Harford, Pembridge, Preece (Hughes 67).

Four-goal Graeme Sharp inspired Latics to their most emphatic, and arguably most significant, First Division victory of the season, wrote the Chronicle's Tony Bugby. This will be remembered as the afternoon on which Latics clinched their place in the new Premier League. Latics, back in the top flight after an absence of 68 years, were assured of a second season at the highest level with this victory five matches from the end of the campaign. They eventually finished 17th and nine points clear of the bottom three relegation places, a marvellous achievement seeing so many clubs fail to establish themselves and are relegated after only one season.

The day against Luton belonged to Sharp who gave a terrific display and with better finishing could easily have scored another three.

The 31-year-old had been under fire from fans having scored only twice in 17 games in 1992.

But the ex-Scotland international showed he was still class as he took his season's tally to 15 with those goals helping Latics prosper in a division which contained the likes of Manchester United, Arsenal, Liverpool and Chelsea.

"Sharp has led the line superbly without getting the tangible reward of goals. Much of his unselfish work goes unnoticed and unappreciated," wrote Bugby. Surprisingly it was not as clear cut a victory as it appeared with Latics only holding a slender 2-1 lead with 10 minutes remaining when the floodgates suddenly opened.

Latics had always been on top but were unable to put much daylight between themselves and Luton which ensured it was a nerve-jangling afternoon.

You could certainly detect an overwhelming sense of relief when Sharp netted the decisive third goal - it completed his treble - which was followed by two further strikes from Mike Milligan and Sharp.

Sharp opened the scoring in the 11th minute, but there was an element of fortune as he appeared the head the ball out of the hands of goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain, something the match officials didn't detect.

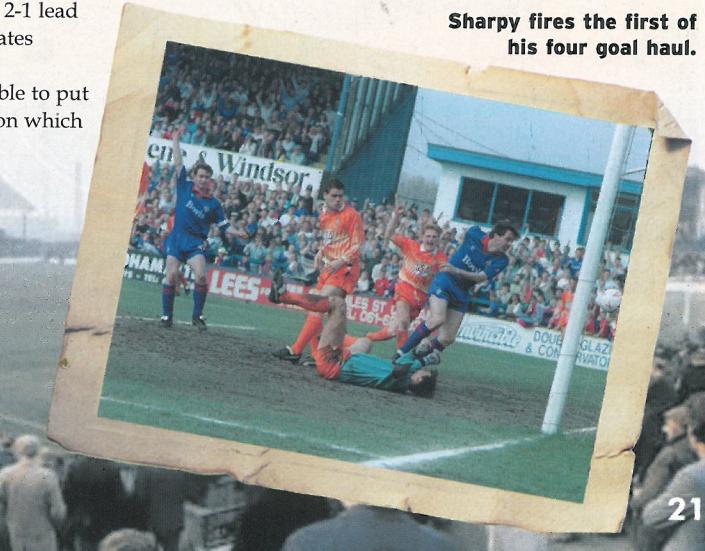
Mick Harford stooped to head home Luton's equaliser midway through the opening half only for Latics to regain the lead within one minute when Sharp struck again with a rising drive from Neil Adams' cross.

The match petered out as a spectacle until the explosive finale with Sharp making it 3-1 with a typical predator's goal after Andy Ritchie's initial effort was blocked by Chamberlain, Milligan adding the fourth sliding in to convert a loose ball after Sharp was denied by Chamberlain.

Substitute Paul Bernard set up fellow Scot Sharp who made it five with a powerful downward header from his cross.

Bernard nearly made it six in stoppage time only to see his header ruled out for offside with Sharp turning provider this time with a pinpoint cross.

Sharpy fires the first of his four goal haul.



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face to face

A look at today's other Nationwide League Division Two fixtures...

Blackpool v Notts County



Blackpool, who have lost two of their opening three home league matches, will be seeking to address that when lowly Notts

County visit Bloomfield Road. The Seasiders, who have collected eight of their 11 points on their travels, triumphed 3-1 at Stockport last Saturday while third-bottom County were being

held 2-2 at home by Tranmere.

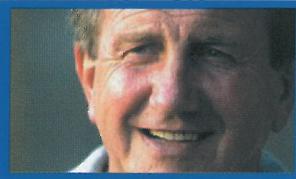


Chesterfield v Brentford



Without a win in their opening nine league matches, the pressure is mounting on Spireites manager ROY MCFARLAND whose

side crashed to a 4-0 defeat at Grimsby last Saturday. Brentford are buzzing after last Saturday's 2-1 home win against Hartlepool hoisted them to a season's high 18th place.



Colchester v Bournemouth



Colchester's 2-1 win at Peterborough last Saturday lifted them to 11th place, their highest standing so far this season.

Newly-promoted Bournemouth are up to seventh spot after Northern Ireland international WARREN FEENEY'S two goals earned a 2-1 home win against Rushden and Diamonds.



Plymouth v Barnsley



Plymouth are unbeaten in four league matches at Home Park, a statistic which will

worry visiting Barnsley, the one-time leaders, who have slipped to fifth after being held at home by Latics and Swindon in their last two fixtures.



Port Vale v Wycombe



Who can question Vale's credentials for being top after last Saturday's 1-0 win at Bristol City whose 15 match unbeaten streak

at Ashton Gate came to an end. Wycombe's 5-2 home defeat by Latics only compounds their problems at the foot of the table.



QPR v Bristol City



QPR return home having picked up four points from a possible six from their recent road trips to Wrexham and Luton to remain

one of the favourites for promotion. Early leaders City have slipped to 13th place after a disappointing sequence of results, despite seven goals from Lee Peacock.



Rushden & Diamonds v Stockport



ONANDI LOWE, who has scored seven goals, will be the major threat to Stockport who are in the bottom four



and managerless following Carlton Palmer's sacking.

John Hollins is caretaker, but Stockport lost 3-1 at home to Blackpool in his first match in temporary charge.

Sheffield Wednesday v Grimsby



CHRIS TURNER read the riot act to his Wednesday players following Saturday's 2-0 defeat at Brighton, a loss which saw them

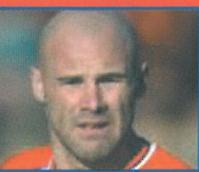
slip to 10th place. Grimsby defeated Chesterfield 4-0 to erase the painful memory of the 8-1 defeat the previous week at Hartlepool and kept a first clean sheet for 13 matches.



Swindon v Peterborough



Unbeaten since the opening day of the season, Swindon are one of the division's in-form teams with TOMMY MOONEY and



former Latics man Sam Parkin their menacing front

pairing. Posh are bizarrely unbeaten on their travels while at home have collected only one point from a possible 15.

Tranmere v Wrexham



Tranmere have been sucked down to the fringe of the relegation places after not winning

since the opening day of the season at home to Brentford. Wrexham are yet another club who has fared better on their travels.



MATCH OF THE DAY



Hartlepool v Brighton

Two divisions separated these two teams last season, but both are battling for promotion.

Newly-promoted Pool, unbeaten at home for 18 matches, will be keen to put the disappointment of Saturday's defeat at Brighton out of their system.

Seven-goal LEON KNIGHT carries many of second-placed Brighton's hopes for an immediate return to Division One.





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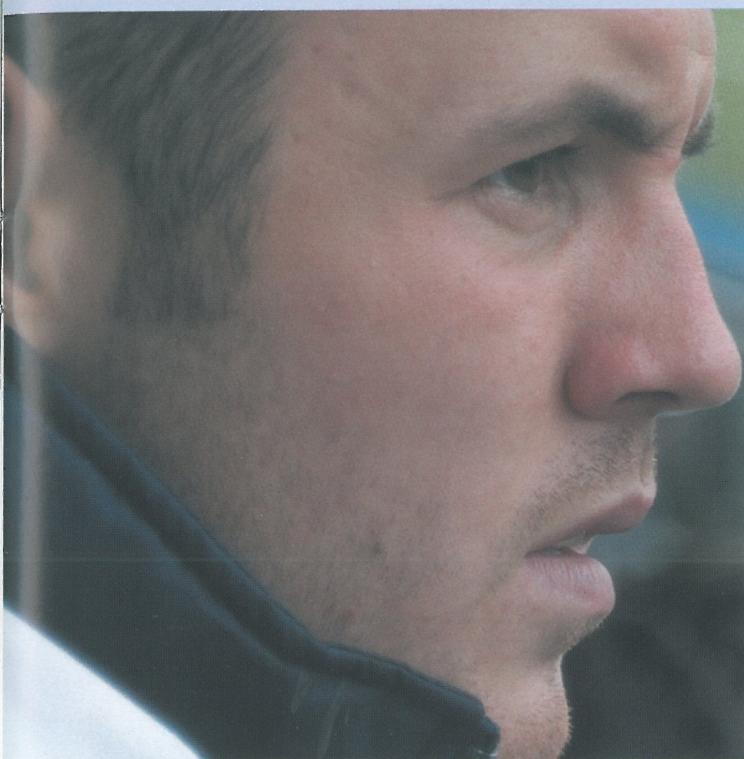
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Latics defender Will Haining admits he will suffer a nightmare afternoon if he is forced to sit in the stand for todays match against Luton Town. The Scot may be tough and unflustered when he is playing, but being left to watch his team mates will set the nerves on edge.

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Will has been out for three weeks with a hamstring injury, which he suffered in the goalless draw at Hartlepools Victoria Park. The initial fear was that he would miss double that time, and its a good job he will be back sooner than expected ... never mind the hamstring, what about the heart!

A RIGHT PAIN

Will confessed: I am a terrible watcher, an absolute nightmare. A lot of lads are the same and it is because you just want to be out there helping. You end up worrying and watching games like a coach, thinking what you would have done in every situation. It is good news I will be out for three or four weeks rather than six, but I am still not happy about it and I want to get back playing as quickly as possible. This season has been a bit frustrating because I have had

a few little niggles and for some reason they have all been on the same side.

I am sure it is just coincidence, but I have had injuries to the right ankle, right knee and now right hamstring. I hate missing games and it was disappointing to go off at Hartlepool last week, especially because we ended up with our first clean sheet of the season.

LATICS LINCHPIN

Will was not a first team regular until just before Christmas last year, but he grabbed his chance with both hands.

The 20-year-old Glaswegian has developed into a linchpin of the Latics rearguard and has ended up on the losing side in only one game out of every four he has started. Yet Will modestly insists other players can fill the void.

He said: Danny Hall has done really well this season and

Mark Hudson has been quality since he arrived. In fact Mark was probably man of the match in at least his first three games for us.

We have got David Beharall back, Michael Clegg can do a good job in the middle and Dean Holden is comfortable there as well, so I doubt I am being missed very much.

My form has been all right this season and at times we have defended well, although it is not easy when the defence is changing quite a lot.

The important thing is to play as a unit and avoid individual mistakes, which is something everybody works on.

Silly goals were a problem early in the season and maybe we were not getting the results our football deserved.

The lads know every game is tough, but we have shown what we can do when we get things together.



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When Goals Scored & Conceded

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Goalscoring Strike Rate

Goals in last 10 mins

Fouls & Offsides

Swings

Attendances

Players Used: 23

Clean Sheets: 1

Failed to Score: 1

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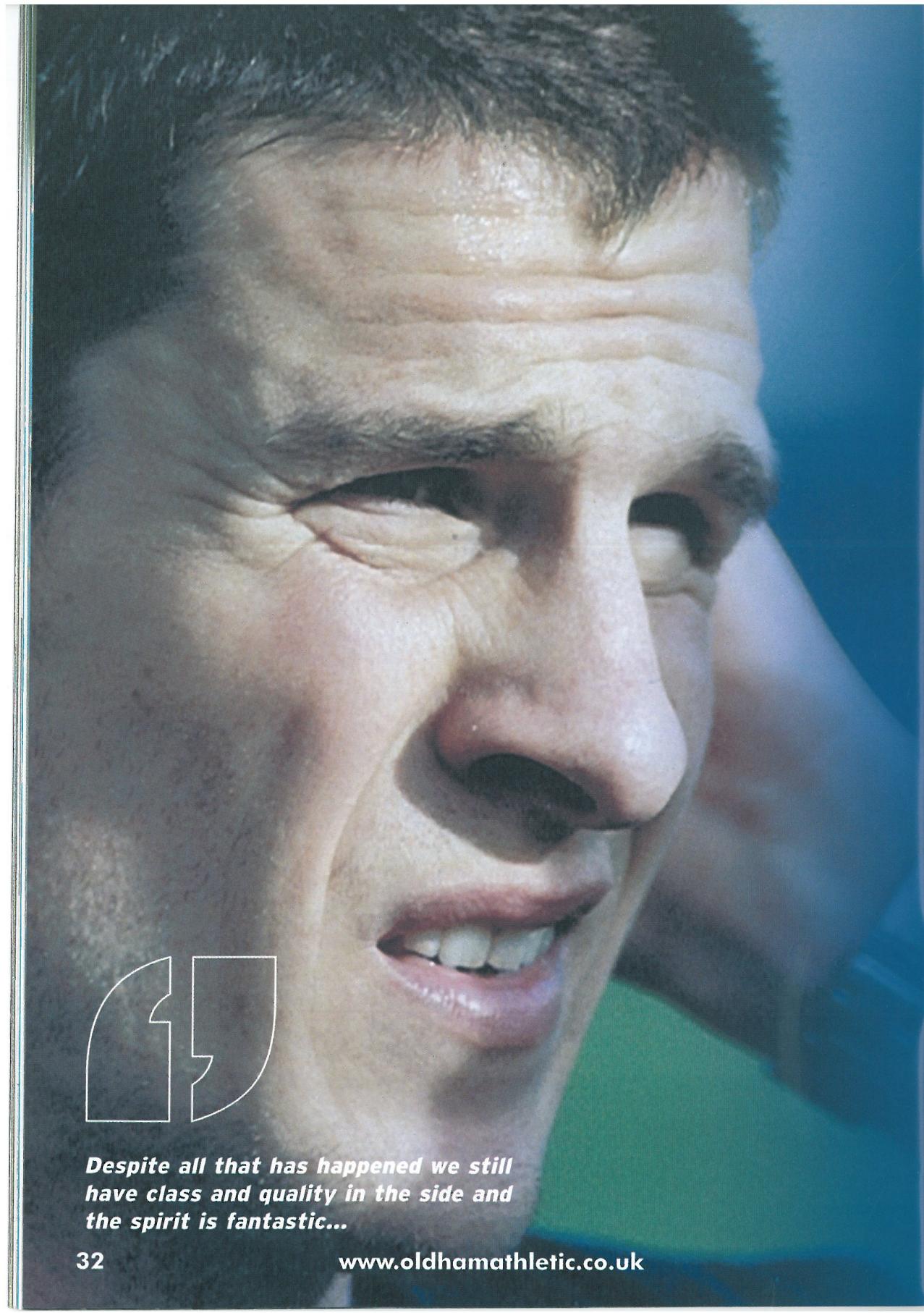
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TOTAL FOOTBALL **PAUL MURRAY**

Paul Murray is the first to agree that he needed to add another dimension to his game this season ... GOALS.

And the classy 27-year-old midfielder has responded superbly.

He hit a double in the 5-2 mauling at Wycombe last Saturday and will be looking to improve on that against Luton this afternoon. With the season nine games in, Murray is now the Latics top scorer with three league credits to his name.

In 32 appearances in the last campaign he managed just the one strike.

The former Queens Park Rangers, Southampton and England B man puts a lot of it down to having his first real pre-season free from injury.

Murray explained: "I have come into this one much fitter and was able to join in with the rest of the lads from the moment we reported back.

"I haven't been able to do that for the past two or three years.

"I have been happy with my form and a lot of it is down to the fact that I have been much fitter.

"I scored in the 3-1 defeat against Brighton on the opening day of the season and to be honest I had been disappointed I didn't follow up with more.

"But I really enjoyed the two at Wycombe and it has given my confidence a big lift.

"I have always enjoyed linking up with attack and knew I needed to hit the back of the net more often. "I will get better as the season goes on and although I am not setting any targets I should be getting into double figures.

"That's what I will be going for."

Murray admits that he was "gutted" during the Summer when the heart was ripped out of the side as key players Fitz Hall, Clint Hill and Chris Armstrong all left Boundary Park.

But he insists: "We still have class and quality."

Boss Iain Dowie has battled long and hard to put a match-winning product out on the pitch and they have slowly climbed the table despite odds of 13/8 for the drop. Workaholic Murray, who has got better with every game, said: "We have done better than a lot of people thought we would.

"The side has been put together with a few young lads and loan signings.

"But there is no doubt we haven't got the rewards we have deserved and certainly should have more points on the board."

The Latics saw an exodus of 10 players in the summer and were

left with their smallest-ever squad.

Murray said: "We have had a lot of players make their debuts so far and it takes time to find out how others play and, yes, it has been a little frustrating."

He believes the key to a successful season will be a settled side and added: "We have shown we can play a bit and if we are fortunate with injuries, I don't see any reason why we can't surprise a few people.

"Despite all that has happened we still have class and quality in the side and the spirit is fantastic, as always.

"Fans will think that staying up is a good result, while others will be happy if we end up in mid-table.

"There is not much in this division and we have outplayed some of the teams we have met so far.

"You have to be optimistic and we have no doubts ... we are going for the play-offs."

Murray's goal target could be a big factor in achieving that ambition.

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caught in the net

Three games, two goals ... that's the strike rate of on-loan teenager Calvin Zola. Latics boss Iain Dowie reckons it is going to get tougher unearthing nuggets as he juggles his shoestring squad. But he looks to have found another gem in the 18-year-old Newcastle striker.

Dowie admitted: "It was a gamble taking him because he was completely untried, but he fell into our budgetary requirements."

"He has come out of reserve team football straight into league action with no problem at all and I am delighted for him.



"Calvin looks like a player who has goals in him and he is going to be a terrific asset for Newcastle but, for the moment, let's enjoy his talent."

Yet Zola may never have been pulling on a pair of boots had he not taken a day off school.

The Congo-born youngster arrived in Britain with his family three years ago to study business management and computing.

Zola explained: "I decided to go for a kick-about at a sports centre and was invited to join other people for a game and thought, why not?"

Unknown to him, a scout was watching and he was invited to play for Northumberland County.

He was 15 and playing alongside over-21's and again he was spotted, this time by Newcastle United who took him on trial and then offered him a contract. Zola, a regular in the Geordie side's reserves, said: "A few clubs had shown interest in taking me on loan and the gaffer asked me if I felt the time was right."

"I had never played first team football and he explained that the experience would be good for me.

"I feel that coming to Oldham is a great opportunity and other clubs will also be watching my progress.

"Football is all about opinions and you never know what will happen."

Zola still dreams of adding to the fairytale by playing in the Premiership with Newcastle. But he added: "At the moment I am still learning. This is a very important stage in my career and I have a lot to do this season. I will be working very hard.

"Newcastle have a lot of good players, especially strikers, and it will be very difficult to break into the side, but nothing is impossible."

Meanwhile, Zola, who stands at 6' 3" and weighs in at 14 stone, said: "The gaffer here is great. He was a top class striker in his playing days and even in the short time I have been here I have learned a lot from him."

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DIVISION 2 STATS

Most Scoring chances per game

	On Target	Off T
Plymouth	9.44	6.22
Swindon	8.00	6.11
Rushden	7.78	5.56
QPR	7.22	5.89
Bristol City	8.00	4.78
Blackpool	6.88	4.88
Oldham	6.33	5.33
Brighton	5.67	5.78
Wrexham	6.13	5.25
Notts County	5.89	5.44
Tranmere	6.33	5.00
Bournemouth	5.78	5.22

TOP GOALSCORERS

Player	Club	Tot	in last 10 mins of match
Earnshaw	Cardiff	4	
Trundle	Swansea	4	
Fuller	Preston	3	
Noel-Williams	Stoke	3	
Robinson	Hartlepool	3	
Gabbadini	Hartlepool	3	
Paynter	Port Vale	3	
Lowe	Rushden	3	
Kuqi	Sheff Wed	3	
Wilbraham	Stockport	3	
Jones	Tranmere	3	
Tait	Bristol Rov	3	
Connell	Furlong	2	
Fortune-West	Bury	2	
Burgess	Hull	3	
Price	Hull	3	
Basham	Oxford	3	

Margins of Victory

Games WON by	1 gl	2 gl	3 gl	4 gl	5+ gl
Port Vale	5	1	0	0	0
Brighton	2	3	0	0	0
Hartlepool	2	1	0	0	1
QPR	1	1	1	0	0
Swindon	3	0	0	1	0
Bournemouth	4	0	0	0	0
Barnsley	2	2	0	0	0
Colchester	4	0	0	0	0
Luton	2	2	0	0	0
Rushden	2	2	0	0	0
Sheff Wed	3	1	0	0	0
Bristol City	1	1	0	0	1
Grimsby	1	1	0	1	0
Blackpool	2	1	0	0	0
Brentford	3	0	0	0	0
Plymouth	1	2	0	0	0
Wrexham	3	0	0	0	0
Oldham	1	0	1	0	0
Peterborough	1	0	1	0	0
Notts County	1	0	0	0	0
Stockport	1	0	0	0	0
Tranmere	0	0	1	0	0
Wycombe	1	0	0	0	0
Chesterfield	0	0	0	0	0

Scorers' Points Gained & Scoring Run

Club	Gls G/lam	Pts Run	1st G
Billy Paynter	5 0.63	9 2	2
Leon Knight	7 0.78	8 2	2
Tommy Mooney	6 0.67	6 4	3
Shefki Kuqi	5 0.57	6 4	3
Scott Taylor	4 0.50	6 3	2
Dennis Lawrence	6 0.67	5 4	1
Michael Boulding	3 0.38	5 2	2
Scott McGleish	6 0.67	4 4	3
Luke Beckett	5 0.63	4 2	3
Dean Gorre	4 0.80	4 2	2
David Fria	3 0.33	4 2	2
Stephen Purches	2 0.22	4 1	1

eg if player scores the goal in a 1-0 win, the goal is worth 2 pts as score would have been 0-0, or if 2 goals in 2-1 win, goals worth 3 pts. Also shown is goals in 2-1 win and number of games player scored 1st goal

Fouls and Offsides per game

	avg. fouls per game	avg. offsides per game	
Tranmere	16.00	Rushden	5.78
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Sidelines

Latics reserves face a busy home schedule next month, taking on three of their biggest Lancashire rivals in a mouth watering hat-trick of fixtures.

reserve team round-up

There have been goals galore at this level recently and the team is well worth watching for anyone who can get to Boundary Park at 2pm on Wednesdays 1st, 8th and 22nd of October. The reserves start their treble header against Rochdale in the Pontins Cup, kicking off a group stage which will include ties with Wigan and Rotherham later this year.

Other Latics, Wigan, arrive for a league match on October 8 and Gigg Lane neighbours Bury then complete the run of home games.

Latics suffered their first defeat of the season in Pontins League Division One West when they made the long journey to Cumbria to play Carlisle. It was also the first time they had conceded a league goal after victories over Blackpool and Wrexham.

Carlisle scored on eight minutes as former Manchester City star Craig Russell hit a free kick from 20 yards which gave no chance to keeper Adam Collin, who was playing in his hometown.

Latics fought back with chances for Matt OHalloran and Craig Fleming, but Carlisle doubled the lead before half time.

Brian Wake was pulled back as he ran into the box, with visiting defender Marc Tierney paying a high price as he was shown automatic red.

Latics were down to 10 men and Wake stepped up to convert the penalty.

But there was no lying down from Latics, who pulled one back through Matt OHalloran's third goal in three games. He fired home after being picked out by Robbie Walker, only for Carlisle to restore their two goal advantage through Brendan McGill.

Carlos Roca tried a run and shot which forced the keeper to save, but the Cumbrians made their extra man count when they made it 4-1.

David Molloy seized on a weak clearance to send the points beyond reach, although never say die Latics claimed a late consolation through Chris Halls well struck drive.

Latics: Collins, Winn, Tierney, Forde (Lever), OHalloran, Lomax, Roca, Boshell, Hall, Fleming (Barlow), Walker Jacobs).

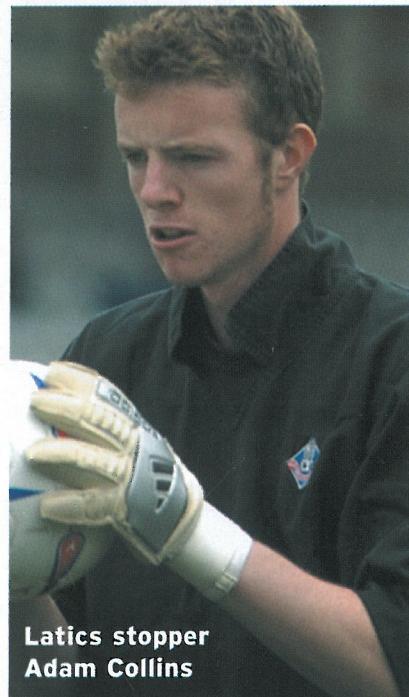
As no other game was arranged, the reserves took part in a private friendly at Boundary Park last week designed to help injured stars back from injury. The first team had played at Barnsley only 15 hours earlier, but a strong side was sent out including fit again trio Chris Killen, Adam Griffin and David Beharall.

It was a first outing of the

season for Dave and Griff, while Chris had made a brief appearance in the 1-1 draw at Oakwell.

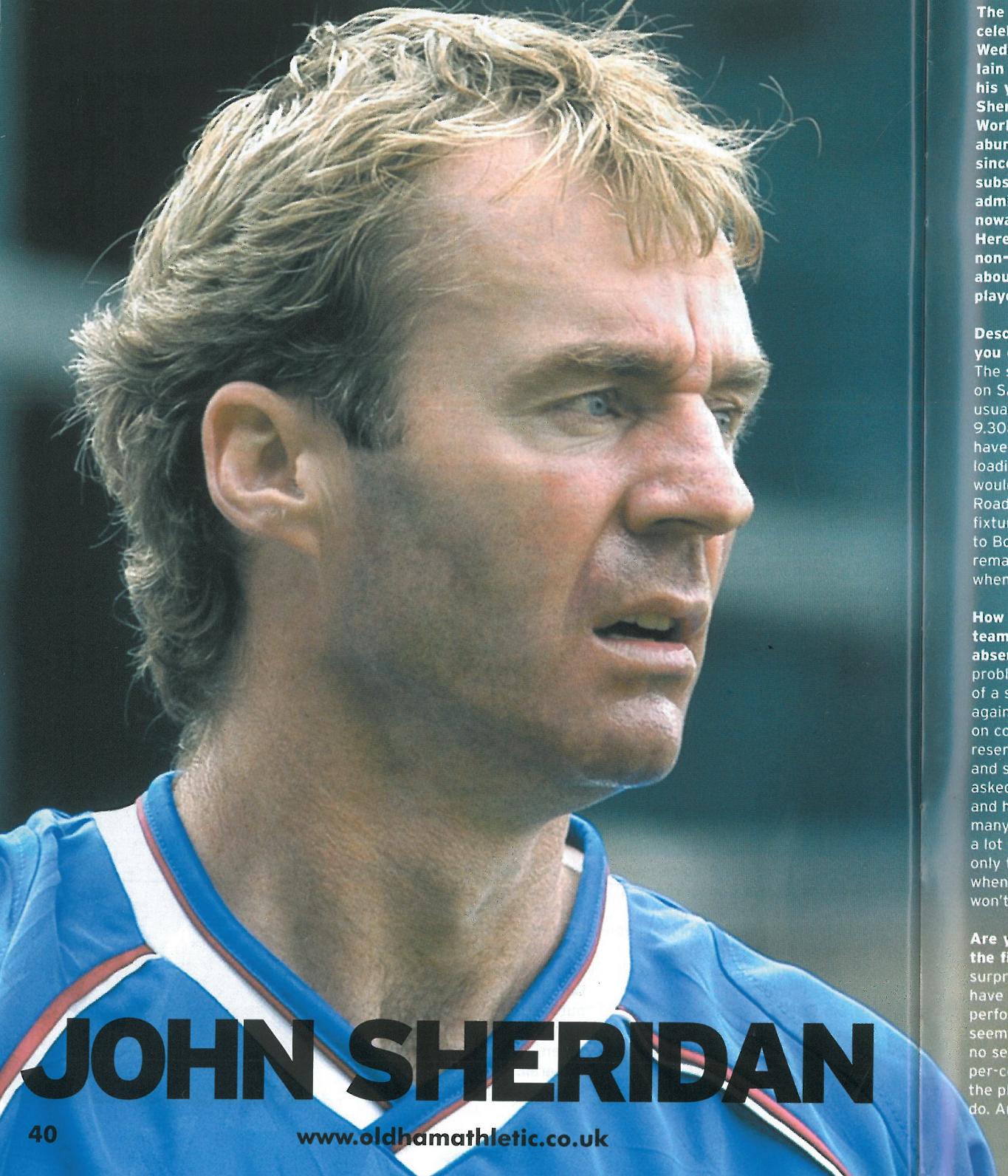
And all three could be pleased with their efforts as Latics beat Bury reserves 5-1.

Killen scored twice as he finished off a Danny Boshell free kick before heading in Darren Sheridan's accurate cross. Beharall also got on the scoresheet, along with Boshell and Craig Fleming.



**Latics stopper
Adam Collins**

THREEFIVETWO



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John Sheridan, who recently abandoned his retirement to help Latics in their hour of need, is rolling back the years with some vintage displays. The midfield maestro, who celebrates his 39th birthday on Wednesday, was summoned by Iain Dowie to provide experience his young side lacks. Sheridan, who has played in two World Cups for Eire, has that in abundance and he has proved since returning there is no substitute for class though, he admits, he is not as mobile nowadays. **Here Sheridan, who has signed non-contract forms, tells us about his match days both as a player and coach.**

Describe your Saturday's before you came out of retirement? The scholars play their matches on Saturday morning so I would usually report to the ground for 9.30am. The laundry staff would have the kit ready and after loading it on to the mini bus I would drive the players to Chapel Road where we play our home fixtures. Afterwards we returned to Boundary Park where we remained to watch the first team whenever they are at home.

How has it been back in first-team action after a 12-month absence? It hasn't been a problem, though it was something of a shock to be asked to play again as I had been concentrating on coaching the kids and reserves. We had a lot of injuries and suspensions and the manager asked me to sign non contract and help because there are so many young lads in the team and a lot of pressure on them. I was only too pleased to help out, but when everyone is fit hopefully I won't be needed for much longer.

Are you enjoying being back in the first team? I have been surprised how well it has gone. I have been pleased with my performances and the manager seems happy how I am doing. It is no secret my knees aren't 100-per-cent so I cannot train and do the physical work the other lads do. And it takes me a couple of

days to get over the stiffness I suffer after a game.

Do you still have any involvement with the scholars on match days? Tommy Wright has been helping out when I am playing. When the kids are at Chapel Road I will still go down on Saturday morning to watch them if we are at home. I like to see how they are doing and that is where my future lies once I am not needed in the first team.

What is it like to being involved in match day as a player once more? There is no substitute for playing but there comes a time when you cannot continue any longer, and I had accepted my playing days were over. It was a surprise to be asked to play again and I have enjoyed being able to help out.

How do you spend the night before a match? I usually have chicken and pasta for my evening meal and then relax after trying to get the children to bed as early as possible.

Do you sleep soundly? When you train during the day and have three young children to keep occupied at home you are guaranteed to sleep well. I am usually in bed for around 10 o'clock on Friday night.

What do you do on Saturday morning? When I was playing regularly I would usually watch television, generally any sport and often the racing channel. I would have my pre-match meal of scrambled egg on toast and possibly also cereal at about 10.30.

How do you concentrate on the match en route to the game? I am focused from the moment I wake up and don't do anything special on the 40-minute drive from Leeds. I don't have any special routine.

Did match days vary much at Leeds and Sheffield Wednesday where you spent most of your career? While we report in here at 1.30pm at my other clubs we have

generally done so a couple of hours earlier and had our pre-match meal together. We would also have a chat and watch Football Focus. All managers have different ideas and some think it is too long to be at the ground before a match. I have no problem whatever approach a manager has.

Do you have a special pre-match routine? Some players like a strenuous warm up. I prefer a few gentle stretches to minimise the risk of suffering a pull or strain and then I spend 10 minutes getting a feel for the ball. Even when I was at the peak of my career I never needed warm ups like the other lads had.

What about superstitions? The only little thing is that I always wear a long-sleeve shirt, though that is simply because I find them more comfortable.

Which other family members watch you play? My father has always watched both Darren and I play throughout our careers and he gets to as many games as possible. It has made life easier for him with both of us being with Latics.

How do you relax on Saturday night? Before we had the children I would often go out for a meal with my wife and friends. Now we usually stay in and watch television.

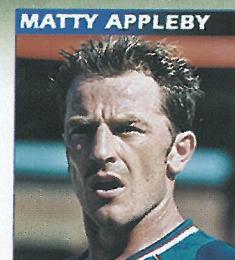
Does you routine vary much for away matches? When we have overnight stops one or two of us will have a game of cards after our meal and then around nine o'clock we will return to our rooms and watch television, especially if there is a match being played on Friday night.

How do you find travelling? I am not one for staring out of the coach window. I like to keep occupied by having a game of cards, though the team is so young that not many play these days other than snap. I like poker, but don't want to encourage them to have bad habits!

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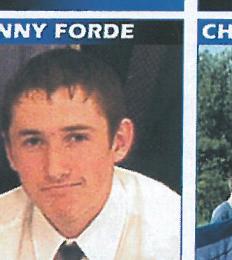
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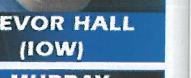
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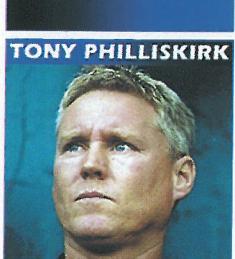
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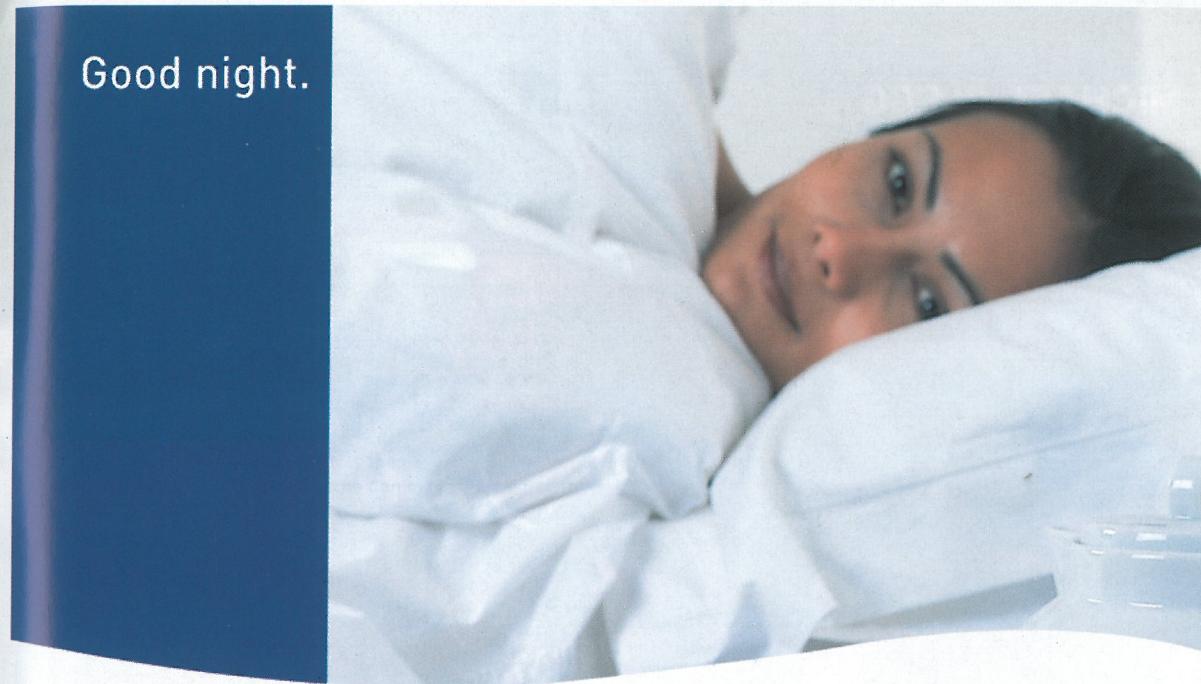
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Oldham Athletic on occasions previously have embraced this theme with various events and the Football in the Community department have been asked to support Tameside's event this coming Sunday at Astley Sports College, Dukinfield. Teams have been formed from schools, community groups and local junior football clubs.

On the day a Bangladeshi National footballer will be on hand to do some coaching and we have arranged for four Oldham Athletic players to attend the event at different times during the afternoon to support the event.

There will also be raffles taking place and the club have provided an autographed football to be used as one of the prizes.

Let's hope the event is a success and everyone has a great time.

LEARNING THROUGH FOOTBALL

A WARM WELCOME TO CHILDREN FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS parish Church and Propps Hall who are attending today's game.

A class of children from each school have recently attended Oldham Athletic for their Learning Through Football day organised by our teacher Mr Terry Taylor.

After an extensive ground tour and group work the children are provided with complimentary tickets for a forthcoming game. Let's hope the children all enjoy the game and wish to come again.

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All Star Asian XI take on Celebrity Dream Team. Only 4 weeks ago it was a mere idea to hold a match on Boundary Park to help raise funds for the trust as well as promote Oldham Athletic in the various Asian communities throughout Oldham. So Sean Jarvis & myself have been very busy having meetings, arranging teams, doing press releases etc. in order to fulfil our aims & objectives. Now we can present to you the ALL ASIAN ALL STARS Vs THE CELEBRITY DREAM TEAM. The match takes place on Boundary Park on Sunday 5th October 2003 kicking off at 1pm. The all Asian team is made up from several of the Sunday league & amateur teams that play in Oldham such as Shajalal Unity, F.C. Paris, Westwood Wanderers, Coppice F.C. Red Star Bengal etc. They will be taking on the likes of ex pros such as Andy Ritchie, Iain Dowie, Tony Philliskirk as well as celebrities from Coronation Street, Hollyoaks etc and also other staff from Oldham Athletic and the Football In The Community Team.

It's only £2 entrance on the gates and will hopefully be a great day out for the family as well as raise money for the trust and also bringing Asians into Boundary Park.



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2. 9/1	1-1 11/2	2-0 10/1
2-1 15/2	2-2 12/1	2-1 9/1
3-0 20/1	3-3 50/1	3-0 28/1
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3-2 25/1		3-2 28/1

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LATICS WORLD THIS WEEK

It has been another busy period in the Latics World studios. Since the last Web Watch we have brought you Iain Dowie's reaction to the 1-1 draw with Bristol City. We also brought you an exclusive interview with the Manager as he previewed and then reviewed the draw at Oakwell. We spoke to newly fit David Beharall and Chris Killen and also gauged Dowie's thoughts, both pre-match and post-match to Latics hammering of Wycombe last weekend. This really is the only place to get also your exclusive video content, direct from Boundary Park. In addition to your daily news bulletin, bring you highlights of all Latics matches, exclusive commentary home and away, video voting and a video vault.

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defender of the realm

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Naturally being the world's greatest mascot I am 8/11 favourite to win the race and I'm extremely confident. However I'm well aware that there is a very large conspiracy and effort to bring me down at the start. If I am subjected to a bit of argy bargy and do get taken out at the start, then I promise I won't disgrace Oldham Athletic and I will behave in the correct and proper manner which is expected of me, as I'm sure John Harbin's boxing training will come in handy. Speaking of boxing... women's boxing is barbaric! Why couldn't they be satisfied with mud wrestling? And if those feminist say that women should box because they have equal rights to men, then fair enough, but let them box topless. Ricky Hatton 7th round, cough, cough. There was supposed to be a photograph of Page 3's Michelle Marsh and me in the previous Chaddy Chirps. Instead a picture of David Eyres and me appeared. How can anyone get those two mixed up?

A latics fan phoned us the other day to book me for his daughter's birthday party. He said, "She absolutely loves you, she's got all your cuddly toys, it's a surprise and she'll be thrilled to bits." I said, "How sweet. How old is your daughter?" The Dad replied "She's 28."

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Now before we start lets put the record straight re- our trip to Wycombe last Saturday.

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The Posh still play at London Road... I know 'cause I've checked ! The location of the stadium just outside the city centre makes this one of the least stressful footie days out, there's some friendly pubs nearby and a large carpark and the railway station is close by too !

DIRECTIONS

Take the M62 to Join the A1 and travel south , exit A1 at signpost Leicester, Peterborough North A47. Turn left at T-junction on to A47 .Exit A47 after 5.3 miles at junction 15 (s/p city centre ,Orton A1260,Football car parks). At roundabout turn right (s/p city centre) on to the A1260 Nene Parkway. Exit Nene Parkway after

1.1 miles (s/p Nene Park, Orton Longueville).At mini-roundabout by the 'Gordon Arms' turn left (n/s) on to the A605 Oundle Road.The football car park is on the left hand side after 1.5miles.

PARKING

Parking at the ground costs £3 but it sometimes fills up quickly, police advise using the Meadow Car Park on Oundle road, the entrance to which is easy to spot right next to the 'Cherry Tree ' pub its council run and costs £2.

STADIUM

I asked a posh fan to describe the ground and he replied 'half empty' The new Freemans stand is huge and no one uses it, the rest of the stadium is 'traditional'which is a good way of describing run down. Last season I tried getting in through a turnstile marked 'press' to which a steward told me "That door hasn't opened for ten years..." which was pretty hilarious because when I tried the handle it opened immediately to the astonishment of the orange clad 60 year old.

Visiting supporters will be housed in the Moys End (standing) £11 Adults, £8 Concessions. Seats available in the Main stand £16 Adults, £8 Concessions, Disabled contact 01733 563948 (£8)

COACH PRICES

Only Latics travel club members can travel on official coaches, its free to become a member but you will need two passport size photographs.

Coach seats to Peterborough are priced at £11 and depart Boundary Park 10.15am.

FOOD

The usual footie fare is available inside the stadium although I can recommend the beef and onion pie (and I should know) at £1.70p. Otherwise take your pick of burgers,hotdogs, but be warned they don't come with onions. Outside the ground try The Peacock pub on London Road for grub and good ale or The Bridge (London Road) if you are happy with a sandwich.

TOP TIP

You will find loads of take-away's on London Road i.e Turkish Delight which believe it or not is a kebab house, Gino's pizza's, The Lucky House Chinese chippy and Foleys fish and chips . If your pocket extends to something more expensive I recommend The Botolph Arms 465 Oundle Road, Orton Longueville. Smart pub restaurant in a 150 year old building.

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Sat 30th	RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	H	W 3-2
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Tues 14th	HARTLEPOOL	H	LDV Vans 1 - 7.45 pm
Sat 18th	TRANMERE ROVERS	A	
Tue 21st	WREXHAM	A	7.45pm KO
Sat 25th	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	
Wed 29th	League Cup 3		
NOVEMBER			
Sat 1st	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A	
Sat 8th	FA Cup 1		
Sat 15th	SWINDON TOWN	H	
Sat 22nd	CHESTERFIELD	A	
Sat 29th	NOTTS COUNTY	H	
DECEMBER			
Sat 6th	FA Cup 2		
Sat 13th	COLCHESTER UTD	A	
Wed 17th	League Cup 5		
Sat 20th	QUEENS PARKS RANGERS	H	
Fri 26th	GRIMSBY TOWN	A	
Sun 28th	HARTLEPOOL UTD	H	
JANUARY			
Sat 3rd	BRENTFORD	H	FA Cup 3
Sat 10th	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	A	
Sat 17th	SHEFFIELD WEDS	H	
Wed 21st	League Cup Semi Final (1)		
Sat 24th	BLACKPOOL	A	FA Cup 4
Wed 28th	League Cup Semi-Final (2)		
Sat 31st	RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	A	
FEBRUARY			
Sat 7th	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	
Sat 14th	PORT VALE	A	FA Cup 5
Sat 21st	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	
Sat 28th	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	A	
Sun 29th	League Cup Final		
MARCH			
Tue 2nd	WREXHAM	H	7.45pm KO
Sat 6th	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	A	FA Cup 6
Sat 13th	COLCHESTER UTD	H	
Tue 16th	BARNESLEY	H	7.45pm KO
Sat 20th	BRISTOL CITY	A	
Sat 27th	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	
APRIL			
Sat 3rd	LUTON TOWN	A	FA Cup S F
Sat 10th	PETERBOROUGH UTD	H	
Mon 12th	STOCKPORT COUNTY	A	
Sat 17th	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	
Sat 24th	SWINDON TOWN	A	
MAY			
Sat 1st	CHESTERFIELD	H	
Sat 8th	NOTTS COUNTY	A	
Sat 22nd	FA Cup Final		

First Team Appearances	2003/04					
	LEAGUE	CUP	25/07/03	23/08/03	P	G
	P	G	P	G	P	G
MICKAEL ANTOINE-CURIER	8	2	1	1	9	3
DANNY BOSHELL	2	0	1	0	3	0
DAVE CARNEY	0	0	1	0	1	0
MICHAEL CLEGG	7	0	0	0	7	0
ERNIE COOKSIE	3	0	0	0	3	0
JOHN EYRE	9	1	1	0	10	1
DAVID EYRES	7	0	0	0	7	0
WILL HAINING	5	1	1	0	6	1
DANNY HALL	8	1	1	0	9	1
MARK HUDSON	6	0	0	0	6	0
DEAN HOLDEN	8	1	0	0	8	1
CHRIS KILLEN	3	1	0	0	3	1
NDIWA LORD-KANGANA	4	0	0	0	4	0
PAUL MURRAY	9	3	1	0	10	3
MATT O'HALLORAN	5	1	1	0	6	1
LES POGLIACOMI	9	0	1	0	10	0
CARLOS ROCA	3	0	1	0	4	0
DARREN SHERIDAN	5	0	1	0	6	0
JOHN SHERIDAN	8	2	1	0	9	2
MARC TIERNEY	0	0	1	0	1	0
SCOTT VERNON	7	1	1	0	8	1
ROB WALKER	1	0	0	0	1	0
CALVIN ZOLA	4	2	0	0	4	2

POGLIACOMI	SHERIDAN D	HALL	L-KANGANA	MURRAY	1	VERNON	BOSHELL	HAINING	KILLEN	WALKER	EYRE	GRANGE	TIERNEY	ROCA	CURIER	O'HALLORAN	
POGLIACOMI	HALL	HAINING	1	TIERNEY	ROCA	MURRAY	BOSHELL	EYRE	SHERIDAN D	CURIER	1	VERNON	GRANGE	O'HALLORAN	CARNEY	SHERIDAN J	WALKER
POGLIACOMI	SHERIDAN D	SHERIDAN J	L-KANGANA	MURRAY		EYRE	CURIER	1	CLEGG	O'HALLORAN	HALL	HAINING	GRANGE	HOLDEN	VERN	TIERNEY	ROCA
POGLIACOMI	HALL	HOLDEN	L-KANGANA	EYRES		CLEGG	SHERIDAN J	SHERIDAN D	MURRAY	CURIER	1	EYRE	GRANGE	ROCA	BOSHELL	TIERNEY	
POGLIACOMI	HOLDEN	1	SHERIDAN D	COOKSIE	HAINING	HUDSON	MURRAY	COKSIE	EYRES	EYRE	CURIER	VERNON	O'HALLORAN	ROCA	COLLIN	KANGANA	
POGLIACOMI	HUDSON	HAINING	1	HOLDEN	CLEGG	HUDSON	EYRE	ZOLA	CURIER	VERNON	O'HALLORAN	CLEGG	COLLIN	BOSHELL			
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Pontins League
Reserve Team Fixtures

Nationwide League Division 2						
27/08/03						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
1 Port Vale	9	6	1	2	15	12
2 Brighton	5	2	2	15	9	6
3 QPR	9	4	4	1	18	8
4 Swindon	9	4	4	1	17	11
5 Barnsley	9	4	4	1	12	8
6 Hartlepool	9	4	3	2	20	11
7 Bournemouth	9	4	3	2	11	9
8 Plymouth	9	3	5	1	19	15
9 Luton	9	4	2	3	14	12
10 Shif Wed	9	4	2	3	14	13
11 Colchester	9	4	2	3	13	12
12 Bristol City	9	3	4	2	12	6
13 Rushden & D	9	4	1	4	16	15
14 Wrexham	8	3	2	3	7	8
15 Grimsby	9	3	2	4	15	18
16 Blackpool	8	3	2	3	12	16
17 ATHLETIC	9	2	4	3	16	16
18 Brentford	9	3	1	5	7	14
19 Peterborough	9	2	3	4	12	12
20 Tranmere	9	1	5	3	9	11
21 Stockport	9	1	3	5	11	17
22 Notts County	9	1	3	5	6	18
23 Wycombe	9	1	2	6	11	20
24 Chesterfield	9	0	4	5	16	-11

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Boundary Park will host another derby game on Tuesday night (7.45pm kick-off) when near-neighbours Stockport County are the visitors.

this afternoon as they bid to build on just one away win so far. Before that game, County had already plunged into the drop zone and were fourth from bottom with just six points from nine games. There is little doubt that the Hatters suffered a massive blow when star striker Luke Beckett was

his autobiography that the youngster is his logical successor in the full international side.

County finished bottom of Division One a couple of years ago then made a disastrous start to their second division campaign last season.

The club's short-term objective is to regain its first division status and establish themselves as a quality outfit at that level.

New owner Brian Kenney says it is important to do that against a background of financial stability, by investing in youth and planning ahead rather than reacting to weekly results.

County have some excellent young players but after yet another terrible start, and particularly the loss of dangerman Beckett, the omens are not looking too good.

exit 20 junction

County have been a club in turmoil following the sacking of manager Calvin Palmer but the experience of caretaker boss John Hollins (or any new man who may be appointed to the hot seat) will make sure they will be totally focused on the task ahead. But there is no doubt it will be a major job for anyone to turn around their early-season fortunes. Under the stewardship of former England defender Palmer, County had won just 25 of his 92 matches, 50 of them were lost.

His parting shot was: "Over the last five matches, we won one, drew three and lost one, so on that basis every manager in the first, Second and Third Division should get the sack." County's miserable run continued with Hollins' first game in charge when they lost 3-1 at home to Steve McMahon's Blackpool. Hollins admitted afterwards: "We had a few home truths in the dressing room, but we have got to get hold of a result."

Stockport face a tough trip to second division new boys Rushden

ruled out for the rest of the season.

He had already scored five goals in four games when he was struck down by cruciate knee ligament damage. County aren't into big-name signings in the twilight of their careers, who may lack hunger and passion.

Instead, they prefer to go down the route of taking on young talent like Owen Morrison and Rob Jones.

That fits in with their academy which has produced highly-talented youngsters like Rob Clare, Aaron Wilbraham, Jon Daly and Andy Welsh.

Wilbraham, Ali Gibb and Aaron Lescott have all been offered extended contracts. A lot is also expected of Republic of Ireland under-21 striker Jon Daly. His potential has been spotted by Niall Quinn, who says in



the teams

Oldham Athletic 3 (2)

1 LES POGLIACOMI ✓
 2 DEAN HOLDEN ✓
 3 DARREN SHERIDAN ✓
 4 ERNIE COOKSEY ✓
 6 MARK HUDSON ✓
 7 PAUL MURRAY ✓
 8 JOHN SHERIDAN ✓
 9 CALVIN ZOLA ✓
 10 JOHN EYRE ✓
 11 MATTY APPLEBY
 13 CHRIS GRANGE
 14 MICHAEL CLEGG ✓
 15 ADAM COLLINS ✗
 16 MATTHEW O'HALLORAN ✗
 17 SCOTT VERNON ✓
 18 DANNY BOSHELL
 19 CRAIG FLEMING
 20 DAVID BEHARALL
 21 ASHLEY WINN
 22 DANNY HALL ✓
 23 WILL HAINING
 24 CHRIS KILLEN ✓
 25 THE SPIRIT OF OLDHAM
 26 ADAM GRIFFIN
 27 MARC TIERNEY
 28 DAVID EYRES ✓
 35 DANNY FORDE
 37 ROB WALKER
 38 CARLOS ROCA

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3 ALAN NEILSON
 4 MATTHEW SPRING
 5 RUSSELL PERRETT ✓
 7 ADRIAN FORBES ✗
 8 KEVIN NICHOLLS
 11 STEVE ROBINSON
 12 CHRIS COYNE ✓
 14 COURTNEY PITT ✓
 16 ENOCH SHOWUNMI ✗
 17 EMMERSON BOYCE ✓
 18 AHMET BRKOVIC ✓
 19 STEVE HOWARD ✓
 21 PAUL HUGHES ✓
 22 DAVID BAYLISS
 23 IAN HILLIER ✓
 24 SOL DAVIS ✓
 25 GARY MCSHEFFREY ✓
 32 LEE MANSELL ✓
 33 DEAN BRILL ✓
 34 DEAN CROWE
 38 MICHAEL LEARY ✓
 39 STEPHEN O'LEARY
 41 KEVIN FOLEY
 43 MATTHEW JUDGE
 44 PARYS OKAI
 45 LEON BARNETT
 47 ROBERT BECKWITH ✓

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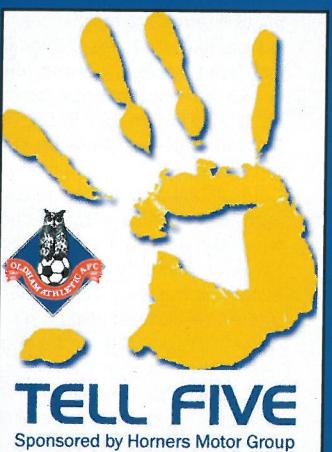
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