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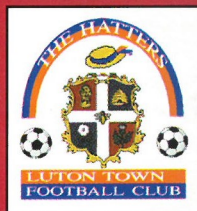
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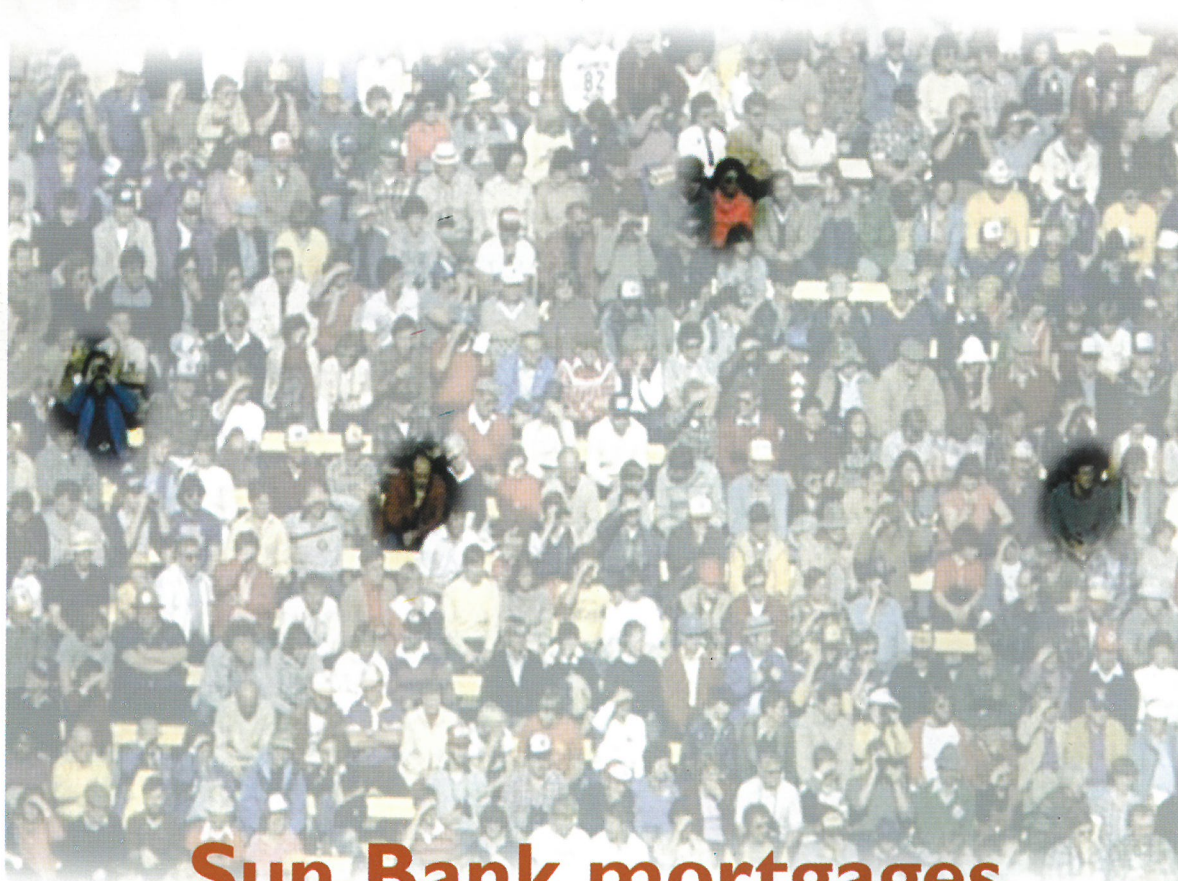


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GW SAYS

I continue to believe that the squad here at Stevenage is capable of winning promotion. We are a disappointing 9th and you only need to look at the stupid points that we have squandered to know that I am right. We could so easily have earned another 8-10 points.

But results don't lie and we have to improve in what we're doing if we are going to give Stevenage any success this season. I don't plan to be talking about 8-10 more squandered points in 14 games time!

So what needs to change?

1. We need to get rid of our injury crisis and get important players like Westhead, Goodliffe, Watson, Carroll, Maamria back and available; if those players were fit and not selected then, with their abilities, this team would be on fire. Nothing is going to change without change so we are going to re-vamp our training programme to assist in the fitness of our players.

2. We need to learn to win at home; our home record is currently worse than our away record. That too has got to change so we're making alterations to the way in which we prepare for games and the way in which we approach games at home.

3. We need to get our fans right behind us as you were at the end of last season. 'Win and they'll be there' is a popular retort. But I think that we must re-create that urgency, trust and togetherness of last year and build upon it, home and away. The team didn't wait for the crowd and the crowd didn't wait for the team; we went at it together as one. Remember how we scored the second goal on Saturday after 5 minutes of atmosphere building noise from the East Terrace.

4. And finally, both the team and the individuals within it have got to perform to acceptable standards; individual battles have to be won. Success won't come to those who don't earn it. I believe in my squad but I'm not going to tolerate players that can't succeed under the pressure of being required to win. We've had the 'excuses' of being a 'new team'; of 'inconsistent selection through injury' etc. Now, I need players who are not only 'able' but who are 'capable' of performing to winning standards consistently. Most players here can so they

must let themselves.

When I joined Stevenage we were 21st. We finished the season twelfth. Now we're ninth. I need to take similarly dramatic steps now to the ones I took when I first came here. And then, with the talent at the club I believe that we can go on and win promotion, which would be an amazing achievement for everybody at our club including our fans.

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PHIL WALLACE

Welcome to this evenings game and a warm welcome to the directors, management, players, officials and supporters of Luton Town for this LDV 1st round tie. It's true that not many of the League sides take this as seriously as, say, the FA Cup - but they do when they get close to the Final stages and our guests tonight would probably feel they have a reasonable chance of making that stage of this competition. However, the difference in levels between the top dozen or so Conference sides and the lower half of the 2nd and all of the 3rd division is not that great and therefore we have every chance of doing very well in this, our first cup competition under Graham Westley (I'm not counting our FA Trophy game at Tamworth as he was just a spectator).

True, we've all been disappointed in the points dropped - particularly at home this season - but there's a long, long way to go yet. As long as we're around the top 7 or 8 come Xmas we'll have a great chance of making the play offs.

This week provides me with a couple of extra days to catch up on Conference work and spend some time at the Club. I'd planned to be in Cologne until tomorrow so I was well pleased to come back early at the weekend and have the chance to get some work sorted out Monday and today. I have a meeting at the FA tomorrow, representing the Conference in a meeting with the 3 feeder leagues and a Conference board meeting the following day, here at Stevenage. The 'Alliance' seems to be moving forwards well with all parties, except the Ryman League, genuinely excited by the move that will improve football at the high-

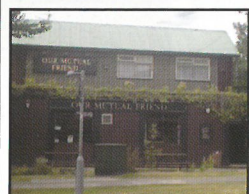
est level. The Conference has been improving standards at an incredible pace, with the majority of clubs now full time and stadia and commercial opportunities improving every year. The gap was getting very, very hard for clubs in the feeder leagues to bridge. Moving to national football has proved very difficult for most clubs gaining promotion with teams like Tamworth, Leigh and Gravesend all doing ok but finding the going hard after promotion. True, Aldershot have set off at an alarming pace, but they have a big set-up and a decent budget from good crowds. It is my firm belief that we need to put a stepping stone between clubs playing regional football and clubs playing

professional, national football. The new Conference South and Conference North allows for clubs to make that first step into 'semi national' football and adapt. The ground criteria is basically the same as the feeder A grade that exists now, although it will improve later, so there are no new barriers for clubs to jump. Change is refreshing and the new Alliance is good for the game. Yes, we could have left it the same, possibly tweaked a few boundary changes, but that's not change. We need to keep raising standards to attract customers. We can only do that if we move with the times.

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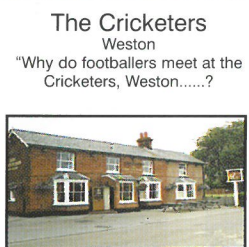
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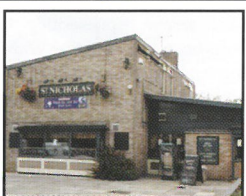
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FROM THE SKIPPER

Looking back for a moment to the recent game at Woking I have to pay thanks to the superb Boro fans that made the journey down to Surrey and gave the lads an amazing amount of support. It was a great atmosphere to play in and hopefully it could be appreciated that the players that were fortunate enough to get out on the pitch gave the level of commitment and desire to win against our greatest rival that was needed on the night. The spirit which continues to develop within our squad was such that the players who were on the sidelines that night still felt so involved that hopefully they contributed to become the 12th man (or in this case 11th) that was required to get a result. That level of fight, spirit and desire is something that we need to see every single game that we as a club play. That said it is a mystery why that was all of a sudden missing on Saturday against Scarborough. It was so disappointing to

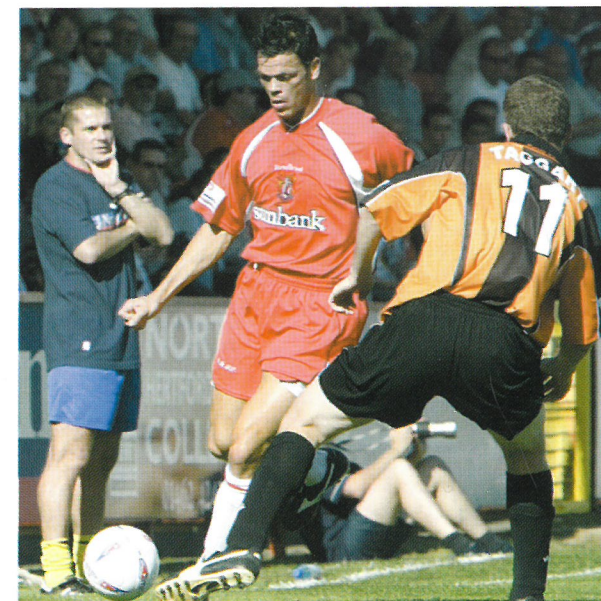


see the other side of the coin so quickly and witness a very lack lustre performance. We need to be nailing players the way we did against Woking all the time and not just every now and again. Fair but hard in the tackle and determined to win all throughout the ninety minutes. Gary's sending off was harsh on Tuesday but I think that you should never take that type of controlled aggression out of your game. It was a decision that could have gone either way and to say we were surprised to

see Gary get his marching orders is an understatement.

The injuries at the moment within the club are having an effect on the way we plan for games and the way we play them. This is not to be taken as any form of excuse though since the squad should be deep enough to cope with these and they are part and parcel of the modern game. They do have an effect though. The next week or so should see Graham's choice of players to pick extended as Jason Goodliffe, Dino

Maamria, Danny Carroll and myself should all have shaken off our respective injuries and be available once more. However it should be noted that despite our lack of wins lately we still sit just 5 points off the play off places and ready to challenge. As Christmas approaches with a lot of games in a short space of time we need to maintain our position and improve upon it. As Dagenham have shown in the past couple of years a late run to the play off places is possible but of course we don't want to leave it as late as they have been doing.



Steve Watson in the local derby against Barnet

With respect to tonight it's nice to see some League opposition at Broadhall Way and it should prove to be a

good test for the team. Hopefully we can progress through the rounds and take a few League scalps along the way. Let's try not to make it too comfortable for Luton so get behind the lads and cheer them on to a win. Everybody at the club wants to be playing this quality of team every single week and show them what all aspects of Stevenage Borough Football Club are all about.

So, let's all bond together to get the win tonight, it should be a cracking atmosphere. Speak to you soon.

Steve



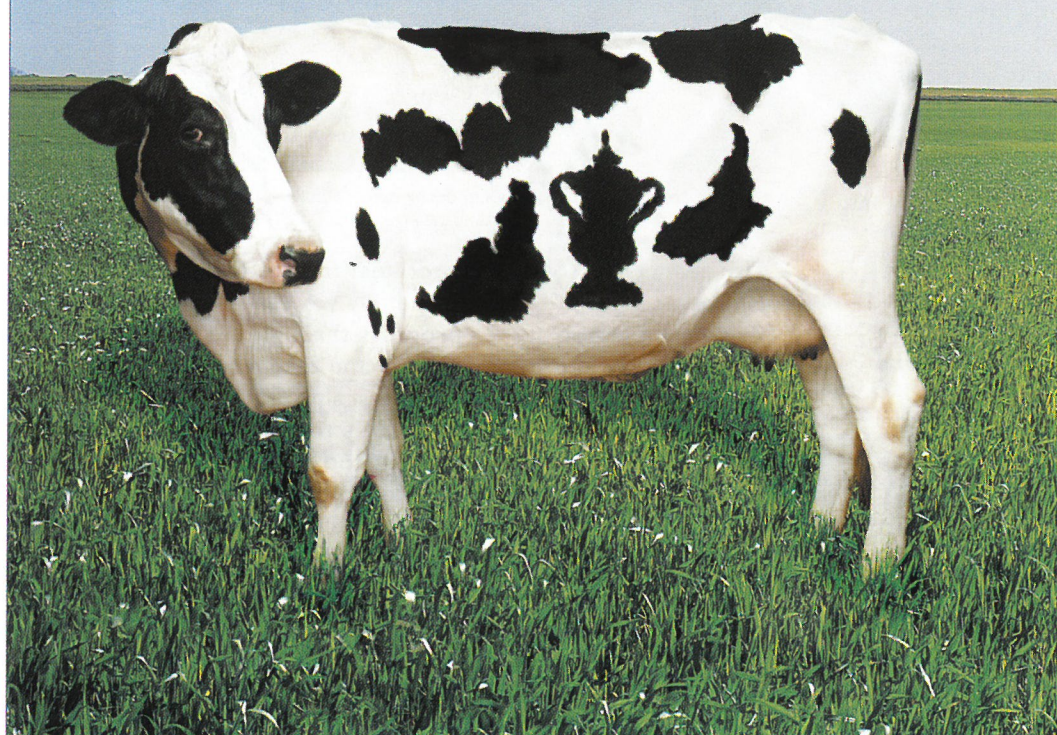
Jason Goodliffe should be back and available for selection soon

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Tonight James Patrick Briscoe, SBFCSA President, 'A Team' founder member, Broadhall Way stalwart and now Octogenarian, THIS IS YOUR LIFE.

Whether you know him well, have met him only briefly, or are still to have that pleasure, be assured you will never forget the time spent in his company. Jim is to Stevenage football what Shankley was to Liverpool or Busby to United, he lives and breathes SBFC. Phone him at home and while most people answer with their number or perhaps a cheery "hello", not so our Jim. An adopted southerner for over 50 years and never losing his native Yorkshire accent he always answers with "Stevenage for League football." What the unsuspecting telesales person makes of him I shudder to think, but they will certainly know more about SBFC once HE has chosen to end the call.

Born 14th October 1923 in Swinton, Sth. Yorkshire, the younger of two brothers. Upon leaving school a career in engineering beckoned until WW2 intervened, signing up for the Fleet Air Arm he was sent on arctic convoy duty. It has been suggested that the posting had certain inevitability, the Russians being the only people who could understand him. Nevertheless while most folk celebrate their 21st birthday with a party, Jim spent his high

up in a freezing "Crows Nest" riding the wild North Sea.

1940 Jim signed amateur forms for Sheffield Wednesday but as the conflict escalated most people's lives were put on hold. His delayed debut arrived on Boxing Day 1943 in a local derby with Sheffield United. Weighing 12 stones and a towering 6'1" Jim donned the No.9 jersey for Wednesday's short trip to Bramall Lane.

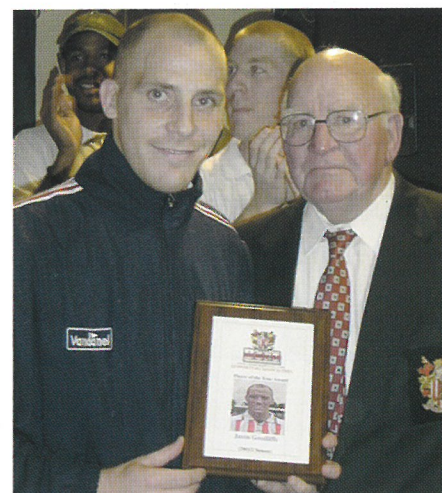
Another posting took him north of the border to Donibristol and a loan spell with Raith Rovers. Reputed to be the first Englishman to score a hatrick against Glasgow Rangers (according to a Rangers year-book) Jim eventually moved on to play for the Royal Navy. A match against the RAF at a capacity Villa Park was followed by a visit to the Olympic Stadium, Amsterdam (home of Ajax) where 132,000 people watched the first international to be played in Europe since 1939. Holland v The Combined Services seems an unlikely fixture by today's standards but these were extraordinary times.



Jim and Boro Chairman Phil Wallace

Peacetime arrived with an offer from Portsmouth for his services but more importantly an acceptance from Mary to become Mrs Briscoe, their marriage on 26th December 1945 another Boxing Day "debut". Returning to Wednesday, Jim signed professional forms for the 1946-47 season and despite scoring three goals in five consecutive starts, the form of England centre forward Redfern Froggatt kept Jim in the reserves. On one occasion he managed to hospitalise the Swansea goalkeeper after attempting a "Nat Lofthouse" on him. Wednesday insisted he visit the poor chap every day whilst he recovered, I wonder if grapes were off ration by this time?

Jim's next move, to



Jim presents the Player of the Year award to Jason Goodliffe

Gainsborough Trinity had the local newspaper heralding "Best start for 30 years - 15 goals from 4 matches and Briscoe scores 9 of them". The next match at Bradford he broke his leg and missed the rest of the season, football can be a cruel game sometimes.

An offer to play for Ramsgate (with house included) was enough to lure Jim and Mary south. Making over 200 appearances for them between 1948-53 and breaking the Kent league scoring record twice, his 55 goals are unequalled to this day. Between 1953-58 he played 100 games for Margate finally hanging up his boots for a career manufacturing amusement arcade machines. The sea air and spare time were followed (although not too closely it would seem) by the pater of tiny feet as daughter Linda was born in 1948, followed by sons Lloyd in 1955 and Russell in 1959.

With time on his hands Jim started a football team which spawned a very successful youth club. Known as Ramsgate Sporting and with facilities that include canoeing, boxing,

wrestling, football and cricket it still exists today. Around this time he also helped to organise dances in a local ballroom booking some of the big pop names of that era such as The Kinks, Heinz and the Rolling Stones.

1968 he accepted an offer from Stevenage Town Manager Tommy Bickerstaff, to become the club's commercial manager, uprooting the family

from Kent to Hertfordshire. Jim was not to know that the club was in trouble and shortly afterwards Tommy departed for Cambridge City and the Town folded. Rising from the ashes, Stevenage Athletic was born with Jim becoming their first Manager. Long-suffering but staunchly supportive, wife Mary suddenly found herself in the position of landlady and surrogate mother to a succession of young footballers that lodged with them. Johnny Harley (eventually sold to Reading), Drew Noble (who's son David was a recent £1M transfer from Arsenal to West Ham), Jack Parks, Bobby Samuel and Mick Hennigan (eventually became Howard Wilkinson's No.2 at Sheff Wed and also Leeds Utd championship winning side), are just a few to have grown up with the family Briscoe.

His first interview in the Stevenage News on 20th August

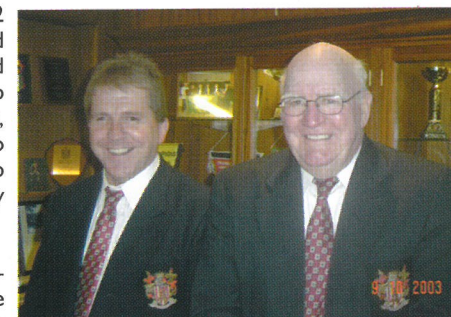
1968 quotes 'Mr Briscoe's ultimate footballing ambition is to see Stevenage Athletic as an F.A. League team....' I just cannot imagine us not being in it with 200,000 people living here within the next 15 or 20 years". Thirty five years on and while Stevenage are closing in on that Football League place, the population growth has someway to go but Jim's passion and enthusiasm has never wavered.

These days Managers tend to move on when replaced, but for Jim this was never an option. The day job became Marconi engineering, evenings and weekends were spent at Broadhall Way as groundsman until 1976 and Deja Vu this time saw Athletic follow Town into liquidation. Undeterred, Jim with his infectious enthusiasm immediately set about galvanising a small group of supporters together to form Stevenage Boro'. The rest as they say is history.

Passionate about sport, Jim also excelled at cricket, was a talented golfer, and even boxed whilst in the forces. He still thrives on his connection with The Boro and is a proud and loving father and grandfather.

"Old footballers never die - they just shout louder!"

Happy Birthday Jim and many more of them.



Jim with his son Lloyd Briscoe carrying on the family association with the Boro

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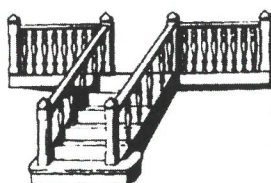


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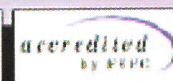
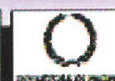


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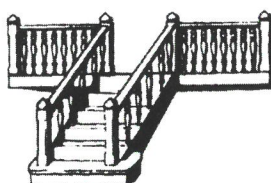


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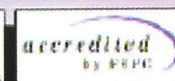
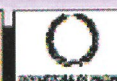


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TODAY AT BROADHALL WAY



DAVID BAYLISS

Ex Manager Joe discovered to his great delight that Rochdale were prepared to release their longest-serving player. Centre-half Bayliss jumped at the chance to join the Hatters, and played a full part in the promotion campaign that followed. An inch under six foot tall, he had been at Spotland since he was a trainee, and made over 200 first-team appearances for Rochdale before deciding not to accept a new contract with them.

EMMERSON BOYCE

One of the many to come through from Luton's schools and youth development programme, the defender was signed as a YTS boy in the summer of 1995, and made the breakthrough to the League squad at the age of 19 midway through the 1999/2000 season after occasional appearances following a debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999. He became a regular at right back, with a liking to attack on the overlap, and signed a new contract in the summer of 2002.

AHMET BRKOVIC

Believing a move would be good for his career, the midfield playmaker refused new terms at Leyton Orient in the summer of 2001, to join Luton on a Bosman free transfer. He played a valuable role, mainly on the right flank, to help Luton return to the Second Division at the first attempt.

CHRIS COYNE

The centre-half was playing for Perth Soccer Club when he was selected for the Australian under-17 squad for the 1994 youth World Cup, and came to the notice of Harry Redknapp, then manager of West Ham. Coyne signed for the Hammers as a teenager, but Premiership chances were few and far between, and after loan spells at Brentford and Southend, Coyne went to Dundee. A £50,000 cheque persuaded the Scottish Premier League club to let the defender move to Kenilworth Road in September 2001 and Coyne rapidly became a crowd favourite in the promotion run that fol-

lowed.

DEAN CROWE

Dean made an immediate impact after signing on loan from Stoke City scoring on his debut, at Plymouth, and was soon signed on a permanent deal. His goals helped Luton win promotion last season. He was made available by Stoke after loan spells at Northampton and Bury.



SOL DAVIS

When Swindon boss Andy King failed in attempts to persuade Sol to sign a new deal Luton manager Joe Kinnear nipped in to add the tough-tackling left back to his squad. Davis had joined Swindon as a trainee in the summer of 1998, and made rapid progress through the youth and reserve teams to become a regular in the Nationwide League.

ADRIAN FORBES

Forbes is noted for his ability to run at and past defenders, either to deliver crosses from out wide, or to cut in and have a crack at goal. He had been at Norwich for four years, starting as a trainee, before his move to Kenilworth Road.

CARL EMBERSON

Emberson's career began at Millwall as a trainee, but he made his name in a seven-



year spell at Colchester before going to the Bescot Stadium and Walsall in the summer of 1999. Wanting competition for the first team goalkeeper's spot, Joe Kinnear signed Emberson in the summer of 2001.

STEVE HOWARD

Howard exploded into action in his first full season with Luton after joining from Northampton and his 24 goals made him the Third Division's top league marksman, and played a major part in Luton's drive to promotion. Not surprisingly, the fans voted him their player of the year.

PAUL HUGHES

Hughes worked his way up at Stamford Bridge from trainee to Premiership, learning his trade under Glenn Hoddle's management, and gained experience on loan to Stockport, Norwich and Crewe. When Hoddle became manager of Southampton he soon recruited Hughes, but a serious groin injury put the midfielder out of football for nine months. Southampton, by then under new management, made him available for transfer, and he joined Luton just before last season kicked off.

LEE MANSELL

The young midfielder is hoping to make the permanent breakthrough into Luton's first team this season. Luton had looked after him since he was an 11-year-old,



and signed him as soon as he left school. He was rewarded with a full professional contract, but still goes into this season fighting against stiff competition for a permanent place in Luton's midfield.

ALAN NEILSON

Neilson's international career began with appearances for Wales at youth and under-21 level, followed by five full caps, and he enjoyed a good career in the Premiership, with his first club Newcastle and then with Southampton and Fulham, and established himself at right back for Luton in the closing stages of last season.

KEVIN NICHOLLS

A £150,000 offer from Joe Kinnear to Wigan led to him moving to Kenilworth Road. He quickly became team captain, and his huge enthusiasm and ferocious tackling soon made him a big favourite with Luton fans, although opponents did not always view his all-action style with similar relish.

RUSSELL PERRETT

Perrett's career had begun with non-league Lymington before he went to neighbouring Portsmouth in 1995 and then to Cardiff four years later. Now a regular first teamer he is expected to be rested for tonight's game.

STEVE ROBINSON

Capped five times by Northern Ireland, the attacking midfielder had made his name at Bournemouth after joining the Cherries on a free transfer from Spurs, where he had been a trainee. He hit 60 goals in 286 appearances for Bournemouth, an enviable strike rate from midfield, and Preston paid £375,000 for him. But he failed to make the same impact in two years at Deepdale, and jumped at the chance to get his career

moving again when Luton came in for him.

MATTHEW SPRING

After a league debut when still only 17, he soon became a regular in Luton's Second Division team, and his first 100 appearances were clocked up while he was only 20. He was influential in the Luton team that won promotion and manager Joe Kinnear's determination to guide Luton to a second successive step up helped to persuade Spring to remain at his only club, rather than insist on leaving under freedom of contract.

DEAN BRILL

Luton-born goalkeeper Dean Brill is another young player of whom big things are expected. Last season in the first year of his scholarship he represented the club at Under-17, Under-19 and Reserve level, and was named on the bench six times for the First Team.

MICHAEL LEARY

A combative midfielder in the Kevin Nicholls mould, Michael Leary spent his season on the fringes of the First Team without ever making his debut, the closest he came being five appearances as an unused substitute. He started at Woking in the LDV Vans Trophy and came on as a sub at Stevenage in the same competition but did not manage to get the nod he waited for so desperately. And the one time he might have had a chance, when both Kevin Nicholls and Matthew Spring were out injured, Leary himself was serving a suspension.

MATTHEW JUDGE

A striker from London, Judge was snapped up by the Town on scholarship forms after being released by the Tottenham Hotspur Academy at the age of 16. A prolific goalscorer at schoolboy level, many were surprised that he didn't make the grade at Spurs, but their loss has been Luton's gain as the youngster has seized the chance to impress at Kenilworth Road.

GARY MCSHEFFREY

Coventry-born McSheffrey joined Luton from his home town club in August 2003. Having found first team opportunities limited under Gary McAllister the striker arrived at the Hatters initially on a month's loan. He netted three times in six starts during that spell and ensured that Tony Thorpe's departure was quickly



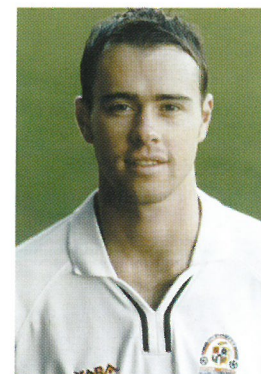
forgotten. He extended his loan for a second month prior to the game with Queens Park Rangers, ironically the side Thorpe left to join.

KEVIN FOLEY

A career waiting to happen, Kevin Foley has been chosen by former manager Joe Kinnear as Young Player Of The Season two years running but in spite of a string of impressive Reserve games, the closest he has come to the first team have been two substitute appearances - 20 minutes at home to Bristol City and seven minutes at Swindon at the end of 2002/03. He also played in the two LDV Vans Trophy games at Woking and at Stevenage, the second in the starting line-up.

IAN HILLIER

A crop of injuries at Luton led to Joe Kinnear taking the young Spurs reserve captain on loan, and Hillier settled in so quickly that Luton soon decided to buy him for a bargain £30,000 fee and he became a regular squad member.



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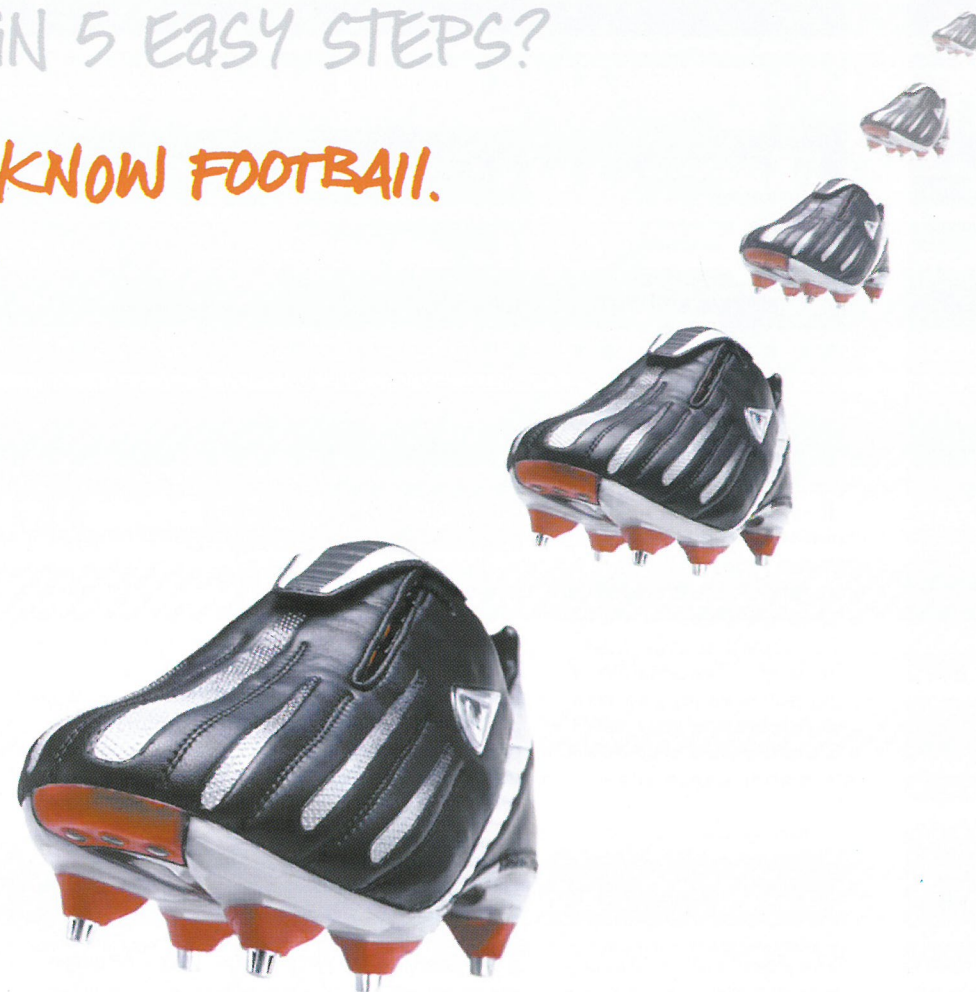
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The friendly was a preparation match for both sides, who travel next month to the United Arab Emirates for the delayed staging of the World Youth Championships.

The crowd at Stevenage Borough's Broadhall Way did not have long to wait to celebrate a goal, as Chopra gave England the lead after Czech goal-keeper Tomas Grigar comically slammed his clearance against the Newcastle United man, with the ball bouncing into an open net. The Czechs then came into the match but lacked quality in terms of a finish, with David Limbersky going the closest with his strike across the face of England's goal. England had more chances before the break through Arsenal's Justin Hoyte, Leeds United's Matthew Kilgallon and Portsmouth's Gary O'Neil while Chopra missed a major opportunity for a second goal following a square pass from



The players congratulate Chopra on England's opening goal

O'Neil.

Following the break, Les Reed's Young Lions doubled their lead in spectacular fashion as Arsenal youngster Bentley hit a piledriver from the edge

of the box to beat Grigar and make it 2-0.

The home side looked comfortable following Bentley's goal, and England Under-20s will travel to the Middle East



Newcastle United's Michael Chopra opened the scoring in fortuitous fashion



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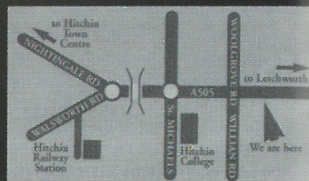
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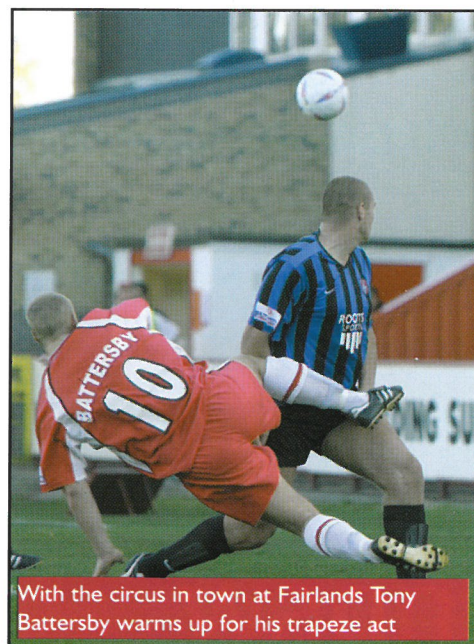
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Nathan Bunce shows the type of determination that was missing from most on Saturday



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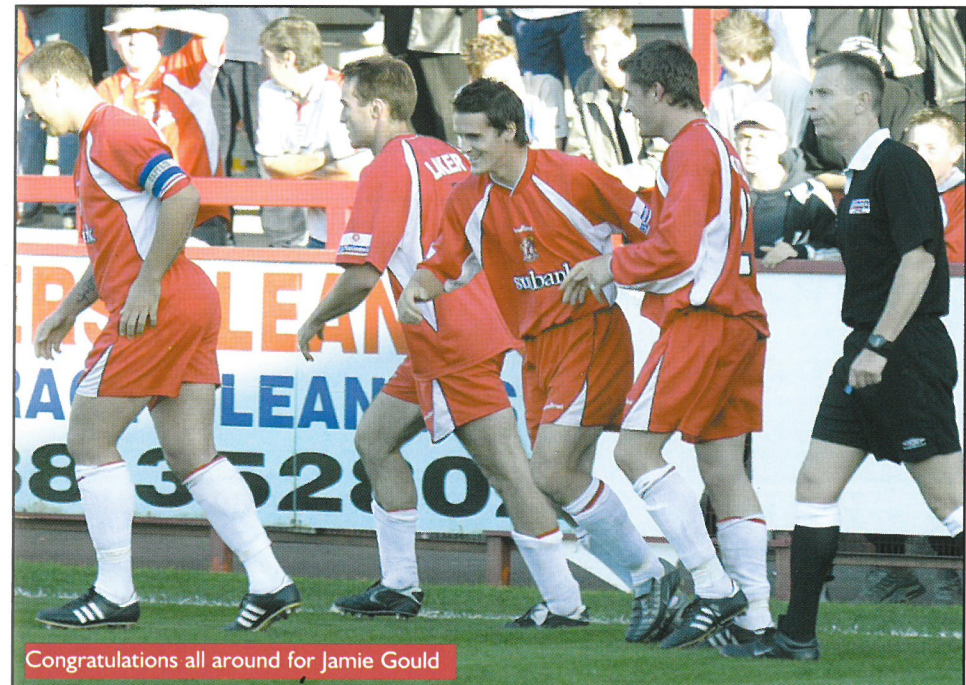
One of Nathan Bunce's easier aerial encounters with Clint Marcelle



Simon Wormull battling well in midfield



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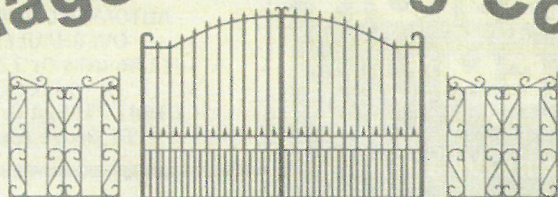
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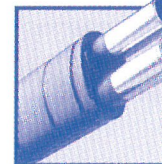
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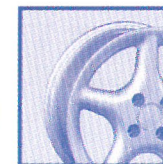
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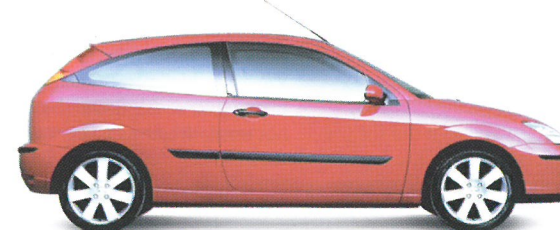
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STEVENAGE BORO 2 SCARBOROUGH 2

Time to trudge home disappointed once again Boro's infuriating ability to turn form on its head in a very short space of time reared its ugly head once again on Saturday as they twice surrendered a lead in another below par performance against Scarborough.

Fielding the same side that put in such a fighting performance at Woking, it meant that players such as Steve Watson, Jason Goodliffe, Dino Maamria and Danny Carroll were to miss out. But there was still reason to believe that we could expect the same sort of spirit seen a few days earlier. Yet again, Boro found themselves with a 1-0 lead at the break, by virtue of a Tony Battersby penalty after the ever industrious Jamie Gould, making his first home start, was tripped in the area by Jimmy Kelly. But before that Boro had been in severe danger of going behind, with Clint Marcelle, released a few weeks ago leading the Seadogs charge. First he forced Lionel Perez into a fine save with his legs, and then left Nathan Bunce for dead as he rounded him before squaring for team-mate Mark Quayle to touch wide of an open goal from close range. Boro had started very slowly, but once ahead, looked very comfortable on the ball.

After the break though two early chances went begging before Scarborough forced an equaliser out of nothing. Mark Hotte rose unmarked to head goalwards from a corner. His



Tony Battersby buries the penalty for Boro's first goal.

effort crashed off the crossbar but in his follow-up, he managed to bundle the ball over the line. All of a sudden, Boro again lost their way. Stray passes, poor crosses and meaningless punts upfield crept into their play, and a restless home crowd were becoming increasingly frustrated. Boro looked to have bagged the points with 12 minutes remaining when perhaps their most impressive player on the day stooped to head home Simon Wormull's corner, aided by visiting keeper Leigh Warren who dropped the ball. But not for the first time this season, the lead was short lived. With 5 minutes remaining, a spectacular bicycle kick from substitute Chris Senior left Perez stranded from a corner, and sailed into the net, putting the Seadogs well onto their way back up the A1 with a share of the points.

Again Boro had under-performed after a good midweek showing, again Boro had turned around at the break a goal to the good but failed to go on to win, and again Boro had conceded a goal in the last 5 minutes to surrender a lead. The home faithful, were less than happy as they trudged out of the ground.

Boro: Perez; Warner, Flynn, Bunce, Laker; Travis (Cook), Wormull, Holloway, Gould; Elding (Richards), Battersby. Subs not used: Westhead, Brennan, Costello

Steve Watkins

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Player	Votes	%
Tony Battersby	16	29
James Gould	13	24
Lionel Perez	13	24

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY JIM

Having known Jim for 35 years the memories are both plentiful and varied. His whole hearted "get yer finger out" style of motivation was rather intimidating for a lad of 15 I seem to recall, but over the years he has become a great friend and travelling companion. Volunteers are like gold dust to football clubs and Jim maintains a personal vigil over this club offering constant encouragement, which has touched everyone from Chairmen and Managers through to players and kitmen. There are those who have yet to experience Jim "chuffin" his way into their room to chew the fat but those of us who have are the richer for the time spent in his company. Jim championed the call for league football when he arrived here in 1968 and this burning desire has not diminished one jot in all that time. What a birthday gift it would be to lift the Championship this year and whether pulling a roller over a sodden pitch or driving to an away game it's always great fun to be in his company. Just be sure to keep your distance if he has a paint brush in his hand.

Keith Berners

When I answered a programme ad, asking for a Communications Officer for the Supporters Association, I attended the first meeting and ended up wondering what on earth I'd let myself in for.

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I couldn't really understand the question at the time, but now, some 5 years later I think I do.

Having travelled with "Sir Jim" to hundreds of Boro games, I've got to know a little bit about the guy. Always entertaining with countless stories of his past days (many of them mis-spent!), and sometimes real breath-

less, painfully side-splitting humour.

An energy that belies his 80 years has seen him work non-stop for the benefit of others, and if at the age of 80 I were able to say I'd been able to work at half the rate for Stevenage Borough as he has, I suppose I might be able to claim that "Yes, I am a REAL Stevenage Borough Supporter".

Jim Briscoe is simply a role model for me and my son Daniel, and I would suggest many many more people.

Happy Birthday Jim.

Steve Watkins

Having been travelling to away games in Jim's excellent company for a few months now I have discovered that he has been a miner, a promoter of gigs (including booking the Rolling Stones when they were worth booking!), a maker of arcade machines, a sailor, boss of a youth club, football manager and no doubt many other things as well.

He also makes a damn fine pot of tea, is a superb ambassador for the club and he's as funny a raconteur as you could wish to spend a couple of hours with. Oh, and he used to play football back in the days when men were men and headed balls properly, as he's no doubt told Graham Westley on many occasions! Best wishes, Jim, on your 80th birthday and here's to many more post-away game fish and chip suppers.

Ken Jude

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means so much. We are essentially just a collection of like minded souls, men, women and children who are participating in something that we all love doing on all sorts of levels. But look a little beyond that love and you meet people like Jim Briscoe. Jim is the very epitome of all that is good and right with Stevenage Borough FC; he is the very lifeblood of small clubs up and down the country. His enthusiasm and infectious kind nature say a lot about the man and portray this club in the best light possible at all times. Something surely that a lot of young Premiership stars of today could learn from. Jim is someone who has contributed everything to this club of ours at all levels. He has managed the club in his time, looked after the pitch and now acts as both a 50/50 draw seller and also hospitality steward on a Matchday. If his drive and keenness had not been around in the seventies perhaps we would not be sitting here today in the Conference. On non matchdays he's to be seen around the club as part of the infamous A team helping to keep the ground we all take for granted spick and span and makes a mean cup of tea. He always appears with a cheery smile, an anecdote or two from the past and a warm welcome. He is in short a diamond of the highest order and hopefully you'll all join me in wishing him a superb 80th birthday tonight.

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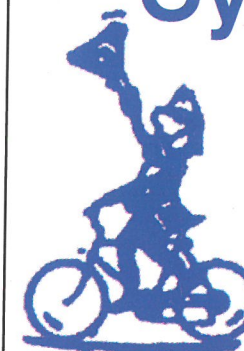
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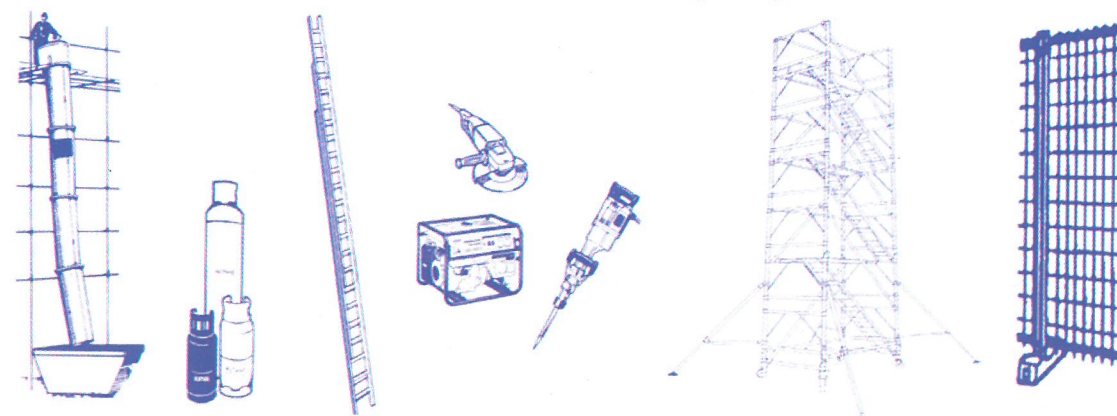
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Tommy Taylor has resigned as the manager of Farnborough Town following Saturday's 3-1 defeat at Accrington Stanley. Farnborough are rock-bottom of the Nationwide Conference table having failed to win any of their 14 games so far this season. "Unfortunately results have not been good enough and I have accepted the resignation of Tommy Taylor," said chairman Vic Searle. "Football can be a cruel sport sometimes when things do not work out. Tommy Taylor has been man enough to know that his efforts have been unsuccessful. In the wake of Tommy Taylor's decision I think that the club has to start afresh and that is why the decision has now been made to terminate the services of first-team coach Ian McDonald. As from Monday 13th October Ken Charlery will take charge of coaching and I will be responsible for the team until I find a suitable manager. I have given Tommy Taylor and Ian McDonald my 100 per cent support but unfortunately the combination has not worked. The club has to go forward and I see this as the best decision at this time."

Chester City closed the gap at the top of the Nationwide

Conference table as they won 2-1 at home to Woking, while Aldershot moved third with a 3-1 victory over Halifax Town. Ben Davies netted a 25-yarder for the Blues after 17 minutes and Michael Twiss made it 2-0 just before the hour. Raphael Nade netted a consolation for the Cards. Barnet fell behind after five minutes at Tamworth, with Lambs assistant manager Mark Cooper the goalscorer with a trademark free-kick. Cooper made sure of a home win just after the hour with another set-piece. Aldershot took the lead 11 minutes before half time at home to Halifax Town, with Roscoe D'Sane scoring his sixth goal of the season from the penalty spot. Lee Charles made it 2-0 on the stroke of half time, before Mark Monington netted for the Shaymen. D'Sane's second penalty late on wrapped up the Shots' victory. Exeter City saw off Northwich Victoria 2-0 thanks to a Sean Devine double at St James' Park. Morecambe lost their 100 per cent home record as Jim Bentley's goal was cancelled out by Ben Abbey for



Gravesend & Northfleet. Pat Gradley gave Fleet the lead 12 minutes from time, only for Kieron Walmsley to make the final score 2-2. Accrington

Stanley took just four minutes to breach basement side Farnborough Town, with Paul Mullin on target for the Reds. Peter Cavanagh doubled the lead ten minutes later, before Billy Beall halved the deficit with just 18 minutes played. Lutel James' 65th minute penalty wrapped up victory for the Conference newcomers and kept Boro rooted to the foot of the table. Stevenage led 1-0 against Scarborough thanks to a Tony Battersby spot-kick nine minutes before half time at Broadhall Way. Loan signing Lloyd Blackman made it 1-1 soon after the break for the Seadogs, but James Gould's late goal gave Boro the lead again. Chris Senior then snatched a point three minutes from time for the visitors. Neil Grayson put Forest Green Rovers in front in first-half injury time at home to Burton Albion, but Gary Twigg made it 1-1 with 12 minutes left. Margate took a 14th minute lead at home to Leigh RMI, with Adrian Clarke netting from close range. Jay Saunders made it 2-0 midway through the second half as Gate took the points.



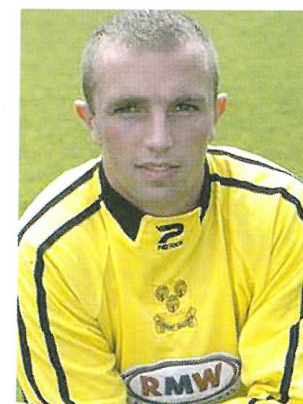
Tamworth manager Darron Gee refused to get too carried away despite his side clinching a fine 2-0 win against high-flying Barnet

on Saturday. A Mark Cooper brace helped the Lambs move four points clear of the Nationwide Conference relegation zone but Gee played down the result after the match. "It was a fantastic result but we can't afford to get carried away like we did after the Dagenham game," he said. "I will be speaking to Darryl Finney, the reserve team manager, to get the lads playing on Tuesday night in the reserves."

Gravesend & Northfleet manager Andy Ford thought his side could have secured a shock win at Morecambe on Saturday. Ford's side led 2-1 with just seven minutes left at Christie Park but the Shrimps hit back to score a late equaliser. "Having gone a goal down and fought back to 2-1 up, it seems we can't kill games off," Ford said after the match. "A set-piece has undone us, and there are one or two things that aren't right but overall it was a good performance. That's the first points Morecambe have dropped here, but we could have ended up with all three."

Margate manager Chris Kinnear admitted he was relieved when his side finally scored their second goal in Saturday's 2-0 victory against Leigh RMI. Adrian Clarke gave the Kent-based side an early lead but Gate then missed a hatful of chances before Jay Saunders netted the clinching second goal midway through the second half. "We always thought we were going to win, but being 1-0 up for such a long time, you get a bit jumpy and nervous," Kinnear revealed after the match. "I wish the second goal had come earlier, but once we

went 2-0 up, we played some nice stuff and we could have won by five or six. But you've got to get three points in this league - that's what we've done."



Shrewsbury Town duo Ian Dunbavin and Leon Drysdale have been placed on the transfer list, a day after Steve Jagielka was told he could leave Gay Meadow. Shrews boss Jimmy Quinn is trying to make room in his squad for new arrivals and keeper Dunbavin and full-back Drysdale have been informed that they can leave the club. Quinn told the Shropshire Star: "We can't afford to have two first-team keepers on the books so with Scott Howie blocking Ian's way, I think it's better for him to look elsewhere. I've told him he's too good a keeper to be on the bench or in the reserves, he needs to be getting out and playing regular first-team football. Leon has found it difficult to break into the team because there are a couple of people in Ben Sedgemore and Darren Moss blocking his way, and at his age he understandably wants to

play first-team football. There are individual circumstances with all of them, but we'll be doing our best to help them find another club."

Leigh RMI goalkeeper Stuart Coburn has been told he can leave the club after losing his first-team place to veteran Gary Kelly. Coburn joined the Railwaymen from Altrincham in the summer of 2002 and was a regular until the arrival of Kelly at the beginning of the current campaign. Leigh boss Mark Patterson told the Bolton Evening News: "It's a tough decision to let Stuart go. I know there'll be a lot of people in Leigh who are disappointed to see him leave, but I live and die by those decisions and I've chosen to go with Gary. I don't want to detract from anything that Stuart's done, but Gary's got a better knowledge of the game and a better presence in the dressing room. I'll be looking for a small fee for Stuart." Defender Nicky Hill has also left Hilton Park at the end of his short-term contract.



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Welcome

For consecutive seasons now we are pleased to welcome everyone from Luton Town to Broadhall Way and look forward to a repeat of the cracking LDV encounter staged here last year. The Wayne Turner connection plus several ex-Hatters in the Boro line-up might just have had something to do with that but it takes two teams for a match of that quality so I wouldn't bet against another full throttle 90 minutes tonight.

Birthday Greetings Mr President

Our President Jim Briscoe is 80 years young today and we would ask everyone to join with us in wishing him a marvellous day, how fitting it is that tonight's match coincides with his special day. We have negotiated a leave of absence from his usual Boardroom duties (thanks Phil) and whisked him away as a guest of Norton Insurance (thanks John) to their hospitality box for a nip or two to celebrate the occasion. Make the most of it Jim, you're back on washing up duty tomorrow when Spurs reserves entertain Watford. Have a great day Jim.

The S.A. in New York

Fancy taking a bite out of the Big Apple? Take in the sights or shop till you drop in one of the world's most exciting cities. We are exploring the possibility of putting

together a trip in March 2004. At the moment the cost per person is coming out somewhere between £350-£400. This price includes return flights from London to New York and three nights accommodation (based upon two sharing). The weekend of March 20th is looking favourite with us departing on Thursday 18th and arriving back on Monday 22nd. If you would be interested in this adventure please contact John Gardner on 01438 740039 or email

johng3@lineone.net. Airline prices fluctuate and in order to get the best price we need to make a firm booking ASAP, leave it too long and the trip is likely to cost more. If we get sufficient interest to proceed, a non-refundable deposit of £100 per person will be required to confirm your place. Look forward to hearing from you, it should be one heck of a weekend.

The Booze Cruise to Calais is almost full, Friday 14th November crossing to Cite Europe via Le Shuttle with detour for the smokers

to Belgium. The best way to stock up for Christmas, door to door just £30 SA members, £35 non-members. See John Gardner urgently for the last few remaining places. 01438 740039.

Way Out West

We are back in action on Nationwide Conference business this coming Saturday, destination Forest Green Rovers in the picturesque village of Nailsworth. The SA coach departs 11.00am fares for SA members £14 adults, £12 concessions, non-members £16 & £14 respectively. See John Carroll at gate 8 tonight or phone 01438 814285 to book our seat.

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Hereford	13	5	1	0	19	9	5	1	1	18	7	21	32
Chester	14	6	1	0	12	2	3	3	1	10	5	15	31
Aldershot	14	6	1	0	17	8	3	1	3	16	14	11	29
Barnet	14	4	2	1	13	7	4	1	2	10	11	5	27
Exeter	14	3	4	0	8	4	4	0	3	15	13	6	25
Accrington Stanley	14	5	1	1	17	9	1	4	2	8	9	7	23
Morecambe	14	6	1	0	15	8	1	1	5	6	12	1	23
Shrewsbury	12	4	1	1	11	4	2	3	1	8	7	8	22
STEVENAGE	14	2	3	2	10	8	3	2	2	11	7	6	20
Woking	14	4	2	1	13	10	1	2	4	9	13	-1	19
Halifax	14	4	1	2	11	8	1	2	4	6	14	-5	18
Telford	13	3	2	2	11	11	1	3	2	5	7	-2	17
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Dagenham	13	3	2	2	16	8	1	1	4	6	10	4	15
Margate	14	2	0	5	8	11	2	3	2	8	11	-6	15
Tamworth	14	2	3	2	9	8	1	2	4	7	12	-4	14
Forest Green	14	1	3	3	9	13	2	2	3	11	16	-9	14
Gravesend	14	2	1	4	10	15	1	3	3	11	14	-8	13
Leigh	13	1	3	2	7	8	1	1	5	4	15	-12	10
Northwich	14	1	3	3	7	12	0	1	6	7	19	-17	7
Farnborough	14	0	3	4	8	17	0	1	6	7	17	-19	4

Nationwide Conference

Player	League		Cup's		Boro Career	
	App's	Goals	App's	Goals	App's	Goals
Abbey, Nathan	6				6	
Baptiste, Rocky	5 (6)	3			5 (6)	3
Battersby, Tony	8 (1)	3			12 (3)	6
Brennan, Dean	2				2	
Bunce, Nathan	9				48 (1)	2
Carroll, Danny	8 (1)				23 (1)	5
Cook, Jamie	8 (6)				15 (12)	1
Costello, Peter	7 (3)	1			7 (3)	1
Elding, Anthony	14	8			26 (2)	15
Flynn, Lee	14				14	
Goodliffe, Jason	8	1			83 (3)	8
Gould, Jamie	2 (1)	1			2 (1)	1
Holloway, Gary	8 (4)	2			14 (7)	2
Laker, Barry	14				28	1
Langston, Matt	1 (2)				1 (2)	
Maamria, Dino	1				9 (3)	5
Marcelle, Clint	(3)				(3)	
Perez, Lionel	8				12 (1)	
Pitcher, Geoff	4 (1)				4 (1)	
Richards, Justin	(8)	1			14 (15)	7
Travis, Simon	14	1			58 (3)	1
Warner, Michael	2 (5)				12 (6)	
Watson, Steve	5				20	
Wormull, Simon	6				65 (11)	8
own goals				0		

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It is about a 17-mile drive on the A46 until you reach the village of Nailsworth. After entering Nailsworth, take a left at the mini roundabout signposted Forest Green (you can't miss it as it is the only mini roundabout in the whole of Nailsworth!!) You should now be in Spring Hill. The Lawn is approximately 3/4 of a mile up the hill on the left.

Distance from Stevenage
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Approximate driving time
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There is a car park adjacent to The Lawn, in the grounds of Stroud College, a few yards past the FGR Sports and Social Club. There is a capacity that caters for 250 cars, but it is often full,

especially if you arrive late! As an alternative, there are numerous residential streets that afford street parking.

So what is the score @ The Lawn ??

Forest Green does not operate a segregation policy, but request that the away support gain entry to The Lawn via the turnstiles in Nympsfield Road. Terrace admission is £8 (Adults) and £5 (Concessions) with seats costing £10 (Adults), £6.50 (Senior Citizens) and £4.50 (accompanied children).

"The Lawn" - The Official Match Day Programme retails at £2. Rovers play in Black and White striped shirts and black shorts. It is likely that Boro will play in the first choice all red strip for this encounter.

Last Season

Last season, in the equivalent fixture at The Lawn, played in September, Boro ran out comfortable winners - 3-0. Super Sam McMahon with a trademark free kick, Sir Jase with a penalty so fiercely hit that it nearly broke the net and a Kirk Jackson strike secured the points for Boro.

In the return fixture at Broadhall Way, played in March, Boro secured a point following a tense 0-0 draw. This was Graham Westley's third game in charge and was his third draw on the bounce following draws against Morecambe (home) and Hereford (away).

Kennedy's View

Firstly, welcome to everyone connected with Luton Town Football Club for this evening's LDV 1st round tie. I hope you enjoy your brief stay at the home of Stevenage Borough and have a safe journey home.

The games this time of the year come thick and fast, as the Conference teams become involved with the various cup competitions for the first time.

Stevenage Boro will be looking to get their first three points in four Conference games when they travel to Forest Green Rovers. Whilst results lately have been a little patchy, Boro are still in touching distance of the play off places but really need to string together some wins - I have a degree in the obvious!

The away form this season is good, but we need to capitalise on this when we visit the Lawn. The support for this game is historically quite good and we need to keep this going as the Boro management team strive to start a sequence of wins!

Jamie Gould capped an outstanding performance against Scarborough with a goal. He showed great desire and was very positive when going forward. He is the Kennedy man to watch at The Lawn: -



Come on Boro !!

Paul Kennedy

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First race is at 8pm, call Clive Abrey on 01438 218073 for more information.

Belated birthday wishes to Harry Gibbs. Harry was 18 last Saturday. He is Boro' mad, very rarely missing a match home or away. Harry attends Freeman College in Buntingford and last summer he spent a week here doing his work experience. Congratulations Harry.



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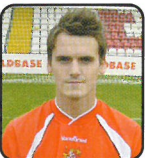
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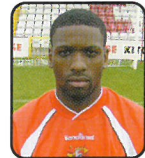
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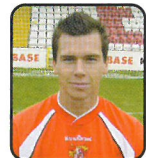
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Aug	9	CHESTER	0-0	2,502	Perez	Travis	Flynn	Laker	Goodliffe	Watson	Pitcher
	12	Dagenham	2-1	1,948	Abbey	Travis	Flynn	Laker	Goodliffe	Watson	COSTELLO
	16	Burton	1-1	1,572	Abbey	Travis	Flynn	Laker	Goodliffe	Watson	COSTELLO
	23	NORTHWICH	1-0	1,869	Abbey	Travis	Flynn	Laker	Bunce	Pitcher	COSTELLO
	25	Margate	4-1	755	Abbey	Travis	Flynn	Laker	Bunce	Pitcher	COSTELLO
	30	HEREFORD	0-2	2,705	Abbey	Travis	Flynn	Laker	Bunce	Pitcher	COSTELLO
Sept	6	Exeter City	0-1	3,012	Abbey	Travis	Flynn	Laker	Goodliffe	Watson	COSTELLO
	13	BARNET	1-2	3,019	Perez	Travis	Flynn	Laker	Goodliffe	Watson	COSTELLO
	20	Telford	2-0	1,703	Perez	Travis	Flynn	Laker	GOODLIFFE	Bunce	Holloway
	23	GRAVESEND & N	2-2	1,732	Perez	Travis	Flynn	Laker	Goodliffe	Bunce	Holloway
	27	LEIGH RMI	4-0	1,734	Perez	Travis	Flynn	Laker	Goodliffe	Bunce	Holloway
Oct	4	Halifax	1-2	1,437	Perez	Travis	Flynn	Laker	Langston	Bunce	Holloway
	7	Woking	1-1	2,592	Perez	TRAVIS	Flynn	Laker	Warner	Bunce	Holloway
	11	SCARBOROUGH	2-2	1,776	Perez	Travis	Flynn	Laker	Warner	Bunce	Holloway
	14	LUTON (LDV1)									
	18	Forest Green									
Nov	1	SHREWSBURY									
	11	Tamworth									
	15	ACCRINGTON									
	22	Morecambe									
	25	ALDRSHOT									
	29	EXETER CITY									
Dec	6	Barnet									
	13	Chester									
	20	DAGENHAM									
	26	Farnborough									
Jan	1	FARNBOROUGH									
	3	Hereford Utd									
	17	BURTON									
	24	Gravesend & N									
Feb	7	TELFORD									
	14	Leigh RMI									
	21	HALIFAX									
	28	Scarborough									
Mar	6	WOKING									
	13	TAMWORTH									
	20	Accrington									
	27	MORECAMBE									
Apr	3	Aldershot									
	10	Northwich									
	12	MARGATE									
	17	Shrewsbury Town									
	24	FOREST GREEN									

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Scorers in BOLD

First Sub
Second Sub
Third Sub

Heart-warming News For Fans Of Man United

"Our interest is financial and is not strategic. We don't look as Manchester United as a football club. We look at it as a brand," says Frank Botman, director of Talpa Capital, who have increased their stake in Man United. Botman. Ha.

Dicky Ticker! The Eurosport news ticker: Football 17:59

Arsenal and England defender Sol Campbell receives 33,220



euros after kicking Man. United's Eric Djemba-Djemba during the Community Shield. A nice afternoon's work for the boy Sol!

Riagate: Quote Of The Week

"Many people don't understand footballers, thinking that they have their brains in their feet. What they don't understand is that they're caring people" - Gordon Taylor, Radio Five.

Les Rosbifs?

Another day, another scandal. Mediawatch has the unfortunate duty of bringing to light yet more unsavoury revelations that threaten to stain the tragic, tearful visage of our once beautiful game. (The 'How To Write Like Henry Winter Evening Classes' are going well, as you see).

2003/04

				Substitutes				
8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17
Carroll	Elding	Battersby	Cook	Baptiste	Costello	Marcelle	Holloway	Abbey
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Carroll	ELDING	Battersby	Cook	Baptiste	Langston	Pitcher	Holloway	Benstead
Carroll	ELDING	Battersby	Cook	Baptiste	Langston	Marcelle	Holloway	Perez
HOLLOWAY 2	ELDING	BAPTISTE	Cook	Battersby	Langston	Marcelle	Warner	Perez
Holloway	Elding	Baptiste	Cook	Richards	Langston	Marcelle	Carroll	Perez
Carroll	Elding	Maamria	Cook	Baptiste	Langston	Holloway	Warner	Perez
Carroll	Elding	BAPTISTE	Cook	Richards	Langston	Holloway	Warner	Abbey
Carroll	ELDING	Baptiste	Wormull	Richards	Cook	Gould	Warner	Abbey
Carroll	ELDING	BAPTISTE	Wormull	Richards	Cook	Costello	Warner	Abbey
Brennan	ELDING 2	BATTERSBY	Wormull	RICHARDS	Cook	Baptiste	Warner	Abbey
Brennan	Elding	BATTERSBY	Wormull	Richards	Cook	Baptiste	Warner	Abbey
Gould	Elding	Battersby	Wormull	Richards	Cook	Baptiste	Costello	Westhead
GOULD	Elding	BATTERSBY	Wormull	Richards	Cook	Brennan	Costello	Westhead

Leafing through the recently-published 'The Glorious Game' for its bedtime reading (Mediawatch doesn't get out and about as much as the nation's footballers, alas) it was rather surprised to learn:

"Pires' home in Regent's Park is close enough to his Hampstead-based colleagues Vieira, Henry and Wiltord for him to see them socially and he often shares a nosh with Henry at an unostentatious noodle bar."

Goodness gracious. Is this yet another example of the mysterious practice of "roasting"?

Good: The New Good

Has Tiger Tim Henman (former amateur goalie and celebrity fan of Ian Atkins' Oxford United battlers, fact fiends) missed his calling? Surely he could have made it as a footballer? "To beat Sjeng is a really good win. I played two really good sets. The middle one wasn't too good."

Non-Football Quote Of The Week from www.football365.com

From our friends on Planet-F1:
Question: "Has it been a bit strange over the last couple of weeks, because you're fairly certain to be World Champion - but you're not? How difficult has that been?"
Michael Schumacher: "Not so difficult because my mathematics are quite good and I obviously feel that I am the champion if I am and I'm not. So a lot of people think that the thing is done, most of the people do, but I don't think so."

Worry Of The Week

The Daily Mail appear to have changed Jeff Powell's picture byline. Yesterday he was all serious. Now, on his "Don't feel any sympathy for Sven after his failure to halt Rio rebellion" piece, they've given him a grin. Imagine Jeff's joy if the rumours are true and Sven does go! They'll have to hose down on a twice-hourly basis.

STEVENAGE 0(0)

Manager: Graham Westley

- 1 MARK WESTHEAD ✓
- 2 SIMON TRAVIS ✓
- 3 LEE FLYNN S
- 4 NATHAN BUNCE
- 5 JASON GOODLIFFE
- 6 BARRY LAKER ✓
- 7 SIMON WORMULL ✓
- 9 JUSTIN RICHARDS ✓
- 10 TONY BATTERSBY ✓
- 11 JAMIE COOK S
- 14 MATT LANGSTON
- 15 DEAN BRENNAN X
- 16 LIONEL PEREZ X
- 18 DANNY CARROLL
- 19 PETER COSTELLO ✓
- 21 JAMIE GOULD ✓
- 22 ROCKY BAPTISTE
- 23 GARY HOLLOWAY ✓
- 27 DINO MAAMRIA S
- 32 MICHAEL WARNER ✓
- 34 STEVE WATSON
- 37 ANTHONY ELTING



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- 4 MATTHEW SPRING
- 5 RUSSELL PERRETT ✓
- 7 ADRIAN FORBES X
- 8 KEVIN NICHOLLS
- 11 STEVE ROBINSON ✓
- 12 CHRIS COYNE ✓
- 16 ENOCH SHOWUNMI ✓
- 17 EMMERSON BOYCE
- 18 AHMET BRKOVIC ✓
- 19 STEVE HOWARD
- 21 PAUL HUGHES
- 22 DAVE BAYLISS
- 23 IAN HILLIER ✓
- 24 SOL DAVIS ✓
- 32 LEE MANSELL ✓
- 33 DEAN BRILL ✓
- 38 MICHAEL LEARY ✓
- 39 STEVEN O'LEARY X
- 41 KEVIN FOLEY
- 43 MATTHEW JUDGE S
- 44 PARK OKAI ✓
- 45 LEON BARNETT
- 47 ROBERT BECKWITH X

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the teams

Today's Officials

Referee: Mr M Cooper Assistants: Mr S Artis & Mr P Martin 4th Official Mr G Ives

Next Home Game

Saturday 1st November 2003 - Kick off 3.00pm Nationwide Conference v Shrewsbury Town



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