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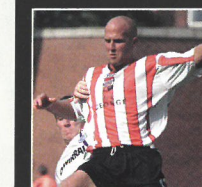
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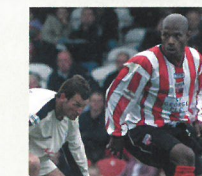


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<Wally's Welcome>

Welcome today to Luton Football Club, their supporters, Directors and players. A special welcome also to their manager Mike Newell and his assistant Micky Harford. I'm certainly glad these two are on the bench today and not out there performing against us as they would have made a formidable strike force had they ever played together.

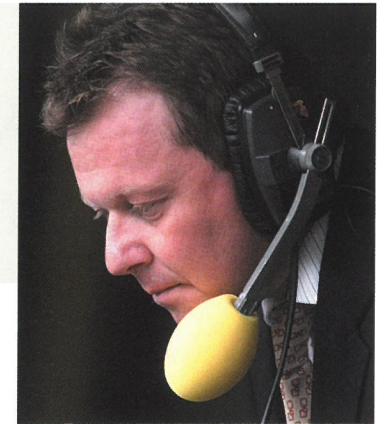
Our last home match against Sheffield Wednesday was a disappointing result but the first half performance didn't reflect the scoreline. I thought we more than matched Wednesday up until the time we conceded the first goal and two poor pieces of defending, on our part, cost us, on reflection, the game. This took us back to earlier in the season when we were gifting teams goals without them having to work too hard and it was disappointing that we had reverted to that type of scenario, after having worked so hard during the past month, to accumulate points. The second half turned out to be a bit of a damp squib for the simple reason that having given an experienced and quality team a two goal start, they are normally more than capable of sitting on it, stifling the game and seeing time out for the three points. This Sheffield Wednesday did and even managed to increase their lead with a header from Lloyd Owusu who I must say was exceptional on the day.

As I said previously the players had been working very hard in the period up to the Sheffield Wednesday game and I thought we needed a break to get the result out of our system. Sometimes it's great to get straight back in and work on the Monday, which is what we normally do, but on this occasion, because we had a two week break I decided to give the players a few days off. This was only the players who had played in all the games and the rest of the Club functioned as we always do. We came back in on the Thursday and Friday and I gave the players some very hard and intense physical work and I'm sure they were glad of the weekend off. Then it was back to work last Monday in preparation for the Barnet game on Tuesday.

Tommy Wright as you know was suspended for this game which forced me into playing Jide Olugbodi. Jide has been signed for a month so that we can have a look at how he performs in games. He certainly bangs the goals in, in training, but there is no substitute for watching players in games. When you take a player who has come from outside the country you must sign him on a contract before you can play him. That is why we signed him for a month.

Jay Tabb and Stephen Evans came into midfield. These two have not had the best runs in the team recently although I know they are both capable of holding down a first team place, and in the second half they certainly showed they are capable of doing just that.

Back to the game and I wasn't happy for the first time this season with the application of the players. In my time as manager here I have always prided myself on the way that the players have gone out and performed. They have never shirked any responsibilities in the games that we have played in. But the first forty-five minutes on Tuesday were unacceptable to me, it should be unacceptable to the fans and more importantly, unacceptable to the players. Fortunately we were capable of redressing this situation in the second half and the performance during that period only highlighted how poor we were in the first period. I'd said to the players before the game that cup games have a different perspective to League games and you get into the hat by hook or by crook, having done whatever you have to to win. But I thought we took it to the 'nth degree on Tuesday by the first half performance, getting back into it in the second half, getting the lead during the "silver goal" period of play and then giving them a lifeline with a minute to go. But having said that our nerve held well for the penalties and we did make it through to the next round. Extra time always takes a lot out of players and we have modified the training since so that we are fresh for today's game. During the past month or so there have



been a lot of allegations thrown at the game we all love. It hurts me as someone who has been a player and is now on the other side of the fence, that these accusations are made and more importantly that they could possibly be true. And yet if it is true, it is only the tiny minority of players, albeit Premier League players, who are involved. The vast majority of professional footballers conduct themselves correctly and look after themselves superbly. But unfortunately there are always a couple that will let the rest of the side down. Where I must draw the line though is that no Nationwide League players have been accused in this reason space. It doesn't make good copy to emphasise the good behaviour and the high standards set by players and to a certain extent that should be a given. But I do think that the positive side of the rest of the footballers, especially in the Nationwide and also the Premiership, should be reiterated at times. I know the few make the headlines but there are a lot of footballers who are out there being good role models for young people. In closing I've said before how important your support has been to us this season. Let's make sure that together this afternoon we get the result we are seeking.

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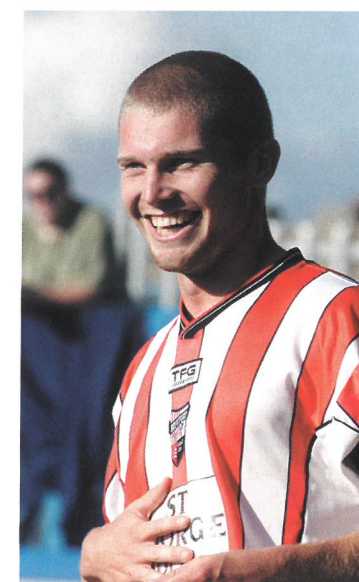
<Dobbo's Diary>

We've played two matches - Sheffield Wednesday and Barnet - since I last wrote. Personally, by the end of the Wednesday game, I thought that the scoreline made it worse than what it was.

The first two goals were terrible, the worst defending - comical to be honest. Those kinds of things can happen, and unfortunately it's happened to us too many times this season. The last goal was bad marking at a corner, but the damage was done by then. We were trying to pull it back in the second half, and that's when you end up letting another one in if you're not careful. If we had come away from the game with a nil-nil draw in that game, performance-wise we wouldn't be too unhappy.

On Tuesday, we played at Barnet in the LDV Vans Trophy. In the first-half, we were terrible. We dropped to their level, and that's the problem with playing teams a couple of divisions below you - they're hungry for it and you start playing their game, which is exactly what happened. I don't think anyone was happy with the first-half performance. We didn't get started, and we didn't play well enough. They used the hill to their advantage, and had a few nippy players.

We turned it around in the second-half and full credit to everyone, we came straight at them, and it showed why



they are in the Conference. They make errors when you play better, and we forced them to make those errors. Again, we should have won it once we got to three-two up. You could say it was a bit of luck with their last goal; it took a couple of ricochets and went straight into the path of the forward. But again, it could have been defended better.

The extra thirty minutes of extra-time does take an effect on you, especially on a pitch like that, because playing up the hill, it's a bigger slope than what it actually looks. It can tire your

legs. To make it worse, I ended up going to wingback. Playing in that position with ten men is near impossible, especially in such a scrappy game like that. When you play wingback, you've got to knock the ball around. It wasn't ever going to be that game - it was up and down, backward and forwards. You're hardly touching the ball, but you're just running for forty-five minutes.

Although I fancied us to go through, you never know with penalty shoot-outs, things can go wrong. Leo is normally very good at penalties in training, and he was the first one to put his hand up and say, "I want one - I'm not missing". It was the first penalty I've seen him miss. He was shocked by it at the end of the game. Three of their penalties were diabolical - although Smudger did save two of them, I think even I could have! It was a game to forget in a way. The main point was getting into the hat for the next round.

Looking at today's game with Luton, we do play better at home than we do away - but it's the same for most teams. It's going to be tough, but at the same time, we've had a good run, and come off the back of a bad defeat and bad performance on Tuesday. We've got to make sure we put it right, and put in a solid performance today.

MICHAEL DOBSON

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BEES 0 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 3

Bees team: P Smith, Dobson, Kitamirike, Roget (Wells 81), Somner (Tabb 72), Rougier, O'Connor, Hutchinson (Olugbodi 72), Hunt, Wright, May.

Subs not used: Julian & J Smith.

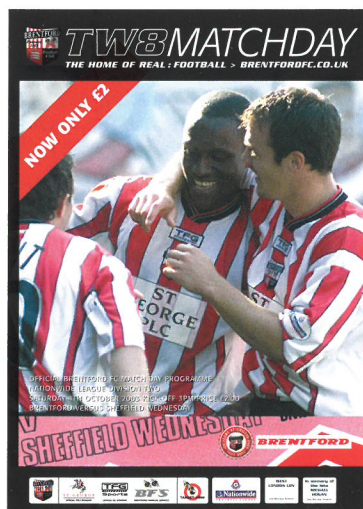
Wednesday team: Lucas, Geary, Murphy, Lee, Smith, Bromby, Cooke, McLaren, Holt (Reddy 72), Owusu (Nsungu 84), Haslam.

Subs not used: Wood, Mustoe & Ogden.

Scorers: Holt 38, 45, Owusu 74.

Referee: P Armstrong.

Attendance: 8,681.



The scoreline may give one the impression of a trouncing, and in truth given the double intervention of the woodwork during a basically one-sided second half, that's what it could have been.

But based on the action witnessed in the first half such a scoreline could never have been anticipated. The Bees went close as early as the first minute when Stephen Hunt's near post effort was blocked just short of the line with Eddie Hutchinson's goal bound header being plucked out of midair by the keeper from the resultant corner. Five minutes later from Kevin O'Connor's diagonal ball, Hunt drove wide from 25 yards out.

Wednesday had started rather tentatively but came to life briefly with a flashing shot from Quinn two minutes later. But back came Brentford with first a back header from Ben May which was cleared and then a terrific shot from Dobbo which flew narrowly wide of the post.

The Bees early dominance was now being slightly eroded as the visitor's themselves

went close on a few occasions. The best chance fell to former Bee Lloyd Owusu midway through the half who honed in on goal only to be deprived by the out running Paul Smith.

On the half hour May, having chased a seemingly lost cause, superbly worked the ball in from the byeline but his pinpoint centre was just missed by Tommy Wright in front of goal.

With ten minutes to go to the break Wednesday were fortunate that the referee assistant's unsighted intervention found in favour of the keeper, whereas a penalty to Brentford was the correct, but not given, decision following a coming



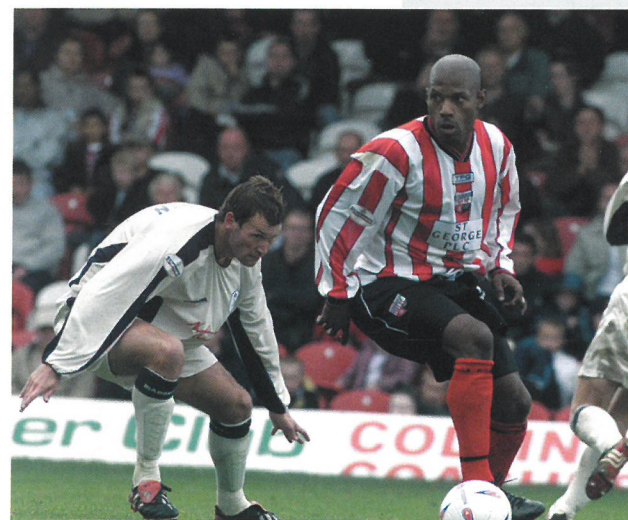
together between Lucas and Wright. Three minutes later and the Bees were one goal down when Grant Holt rose highest to head home into the far corner of the net. Salt was rubbed further into the self-inflicted wound on the stroke of half time

when Holt seized on a mix up

between Kitamirike and Somner to fire home from ten yards. Any hopes that Brentford, playing



towards their favoured Brook Road and roared on by a vociferous Bees crowd would eat into the deficit, were soon dashed as the noise of the visiting



fans together with the Sheffield Wednesday Band seemed to intimidate the Bees fans, and players, into submission.

Apart from a cast iron penalty appeal in favour of Tony Rougier, which was turned down by the referee twelve minutes in and two more stinging shots from Michael Dobson, it was Sheffield who were totally dominant. Leigh Bromby was denied by the woodwork on two occasions and it was left to Owusu to score the visitors' solitary second half goal when his determined header found the back of the net in the 74th minute.

A just result in the end but one which really could have been avoided.



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<Around the Hive>

A warm welcome to one and all this afternoon as we entertain Luton Town here to Griffin Park.

We also welcome back some of our players who have been absent on International duty. Congratulations are therefore in order to Kevin O'Connor who represented the Republic of Ireland Under 21s in their 2-0 away win against Switzerland and Tommy Wright who was in the England Under 20s side that defeated the Czech Republic side 2-0. However commiserations to Matt Somner who remained on the bench in Wales Under 21 international home defeat against Serbia & Montenegro and Ibrahima Sonko whose Senegal side were eliminated at the qualifying stage in the 8th All Africa Games in Nigeria.



Kevin O'Connor



Tommy Wright



Matt Somner



Ibrahima Sonko

As a result of the International call ups, the away match against QPR has now been rescheduled for Tuesday evening 11th November (7.45pm). Please note tickets for this match are now on **GENERAL SALE**.

Brentford's Youth side have been drawn away to Havant & Waterlooville in the First Round Proper of this season's FA Youth Cup. The match will take place at their Westleigh Park ground on Wednesday next, 22nd October (7.30pm).

Please note that the Draw for the First Round Proper of the FA Cup will take place next Saturday, 25th October, in the Final Score programme on BBC1, at 5.05pm.

The Draw for the Second Round of the LDV Vans Trophy was due to have taken place on Sky Sports' Soccer AM this morning.

We extend a Special welcome this afternoon to those who are attending under the "Lapsed Fan" initiative. The initiative enabled current Bees fans to invite those who "used" to support the Bees for any number of reasons but no longer made Griffin Park their regular Saturday afternoon fix, to check us out, as it were. We hope they enjoy their return to our humble abode, and maybe it will be the kick start they require to come back on a regular basis. Don't forget if you have any innovative ideas which you think the Club may be interested in, please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you have time this evening, take time out to pop into Stripes where there is a Charity Music Night in aid of Diabetes UK. Apart from the entertainment there is also an Auction to help swell the funds. Admission is FREE. See page 2 for the full details.

Listen out for today's Lifeline Draw at halftime when the winners will be guests of the Society at the Barnsley game which is being sponsored by Lifeline. Also check page 25 of today's programme with early notice of our first USA Holiday Draw which will take place on Tuesday evening.

There will be a Table Top Sale here at Griffin Park on Sunday 30th November. Doors open at 9.30 with the event closing at 4pm. Tables cost £15 each and may be ordered through Katrina on 020 8755 2341 (evenings). Entrance will cost 50p with children under 12 free. Please support the event and Help The Bees!

The Winning 50/50 Ticket number drawn out at the Sheffield Wednesday game was 010863, and the person who purchased that ticket was Ashley Simmonds of Oxford whom won £170.

Congratulations to **Clive (Oo Arhh) Mortimer** who reached the big 60 last Wednesday. Congratulations also to Club Director **John Herting**, and his wife Janet, who celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary this weekend. A Get Well message from all at the Club goes to **Des Crowhurst** who lives just yards from Highbury, but nevertheless has supported the Bees for sixty plus years. Unfortunately ill health has prevented him from attending this season, and he is missed by all his friends.

FUNNY SHAPED BALLS

On Tuesday week it's the turn of the men who play with funny shaped balls! Yes Rugby League returns to GP as an England "A" X111 takes on the mighty Aussies! Plenty of Antipodean support expected at GP so don't let them outnumber us. The game against New Zealand was a blinder last year so get your tickets now. The match starts at 8pm. Call 0871 222 1657 or check out the website www.londonbrancos.co.uk

<Who were Acton United?>

The Brentford FC Programme Collectors Club are after your help. Any Programme collectors out there may have noticed that during season 1943-44 the fixtures of ACTON UNITED appeared in the Brentford Programme. The question that was brought up at the last Programme meeting was "Who are Acton United?" Unfortunately we do not appear to be able to find out and are looking for your help on the matter.

A news paper article that appeared on the 6 August 1943 which listed the Brentford fixtures for that season had a sub heading as follows: -

Nursery Team

Promising youngsters will be given every opportunity in the "nursery" team to be known as Acton United. Applications to join should be made to Mr Curtis at Griffin Park, giving details of age and weight.

The opening match that season was against Clapton Orient. Inside the programme appeared the following:

Many difficulties are experienced in raising a team each week, but we must place on record the kind co-operation received from the respective Commanding Officers of the Service players, for on nearly every occasion permission is given if the player's Military Duties permit. While every effort will be made to put a

strong side out each week, it should be stated that our chief concern is our post-war position regarding our playing strength, and with this in mind we have made arrangements for the Acton United F.C. to play their Home games on this ground. They compete in the Middlesex Senior League and many Cup Competitions. This should assure a number of interesting games being witnessed.

Although the Amateur Club will be considered our Nursery team, it will manage it's own affairs, and have its own Committee and Hon. Secretary (Mr R.C.Bond). The net gate receipts of their Home games will be the Club's in full, and its playing members will have full facilities for training etc.

Our aim will be to give any of their promising players (and there are many) a run in our League side with the future in mind, and we feel sure all patrons will appreciate the necessity of this decision and will encourage it.

Acton United F.C will be at Home to HES-TAIRCO F.C. kick-off at 3.30pm 4 September. Admission 7d (Braemar Road



Entrance only)

Later in the season in the Reading Home programme of the 15 April 1944 it states that " Our Amateurs - Acton United- were defeated in the Final of the Middlesex Senior Cup by Finchley F.C. at Finchley, on Easter Monday, by three goals to two. With 15 minutes remaining they were leading two nil." It went on to say that

they now have a fight to gain the League Championship as they only drew 3-3 at home to R.A.P.C.

The answers we are after are: -

- 1) Did they win the Championship?
- 2) Were there programmes issued for any of their Home matches?
- 3) Did they exist before 1943-44 and if so where did they play?
- 4) What happened to them after 1943-44?

We believe that they started the next season but can find no information about them from the Brentford Home programmes. I do have the programme shown which as you can see shows two players from Acton. J. Baynham and E.Ballard. Is the J.Baynham the same player that played for Brentford that season? Can anyone out there help us solve the mystery? Please can you contact me via the Football Club.

DAVID HARRISON

<Bees United News>

THE COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE

Bees United organises its activities' through six sub-committees, namely Finance, Communications, Fundraising, Community, Stadium and Administration. The community sub-committee is broad ranging in scope and is currently broken down into three sub-divisions.

National Organisations

Community activities at a national level, involve the maintenance of relations with UK wide organisations that have a direct impact on the objectives of the trust. These organisations include among others:-

- Supporters Direct, the umbrella body for football supporters trusts.
- FSF (Football supporters federation), the national organising body for football supporters.
- The football regulatory authorities - The FA, football league, PFA (Professional Footballers Association) and LMA (League Managers Association).
- Government bodies - DCMS (Department for Culture, Media and Sport), the football foundation and the All Party Parliamentary Committee on Football.

The club is reliant on the football regulatory authorities for a significant part of its income and joint regulatory/governmental grant funding of the youth development program.

Local Government, business and community organisations

Community activities at a local level involve liaison with local authority sports, education and health departments and local councillors in the surrounding boroughs with the Stadium group and Luke Kirton, Brentford's AbecC councillor, maintaining ongoing links with the Hounslow Council executive. Local business networking organisations and local community spirited organisations also come within the ambit of this sub-division. The trusts relationship with the local

School, weekend and holiday youth training programmes in the community. For more details contact Carl Gibbons on 020 8758 9430.

Today's game will feature activities supporting Bees Against Racism and along with all 92 professional clubs celebrate the success of black and Asian footballers in the English game. Brentford FC can be proud of its reputation as a welcoming, family orientated club without the

hooliganism problems that have plagued other football clubs in the past. The club featured prominently, as an example of good practice, in the recent BBC TV documentary 'The Colour of Football' and was represented by Bees Fan - Billy Grant.

Bees United seeks to build on this position of trust to encourage greater interest among local Asian football supporters. The trust is attempting to maintain a year round presence in the local boroughs. The community committee is continually seeking fans that are willing to develop community projects on their own initiative. If you feel that community liaison work at whatever level is up your street, then contact BEES UNITED on 0845 166 7222 or by email to questions@beesunited.org.uk. For further information see the website at www.beesunited.org.uk

Joe Bourke
Chair
Bees United Community
Sub-Committee

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The Brentford Supporters' Trust

council and local community has been a key plank in establishing a foundation from which the trust can seek to develop a viable future for the club.

Football Community

The football community encompasses the Middlesex FA, Local league representatives, local amateur football clubs and Brentford Supporter Organisations such as Lifeline, BIAS and BSA. The Clubs FITC (football in the community) program is one of the most highly rated in the country, thanks largely to the enthusiasm and efforts of the FITC manager, Lee Doyle, and his dedicated team. The FITC are always on the look out for coaches willing to undertake a program of training and assist with

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Bees United is the trading name for The Brentford Football Community Society Ltd

TWB MATCHDAY SALES PITCH 15

<Sales Pitch>

First of all, welcome to Peter Mitchell and his guests, who are being entertained in the Sponsors Lounge. Rumour has it they may be cheering on the Hatters!

We held a greyhound racing evening at Wimbledon Stadium last night. Congratulations to those who won a fortune and commiserations to those who didn't. No doubt everyone had a great time.

Hopefully Bees fans will have noticed several new advertising boards around Griffin Park this afternoon. Apart from those watching the game from Brooke Road, F. P. Herting's sign (replacing Atari's) is very hard to miss! Advertising around the pitch perimeter, or an elevated site, represents excellent value for any

company looking to raise the profile of their brand. Local companies can benefit from this type of exposure - it's not restricted to the budgets of national or international brands. Give the Commercial Department a call on 020 8847 2511 for further information.

Hospitality at next Tuesday evening's game against Brighton and Hove Albion is completely sold out. However, we have packages available at our next home game against Barnsley on Saturday, November 1st.

For the promotional price of £49 including VAT, hospitality for the visit of the Tykes includes:

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- Half Time tea and coffee
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- Team sheet
- Free to enter competition

For bookings or further information please call 020 8847 2511.

In the Sheffield Wednesday programme we touched upon an official off-site hospitality package for the home game against Queens Park Rangers. Although the fixture isn't until February 14th all hospitality places at Griffin Park are sold out. Consequently, to satisfy demand, we are delighted to offer the following at the Radisson Edwardian Hotel, Heathrow:

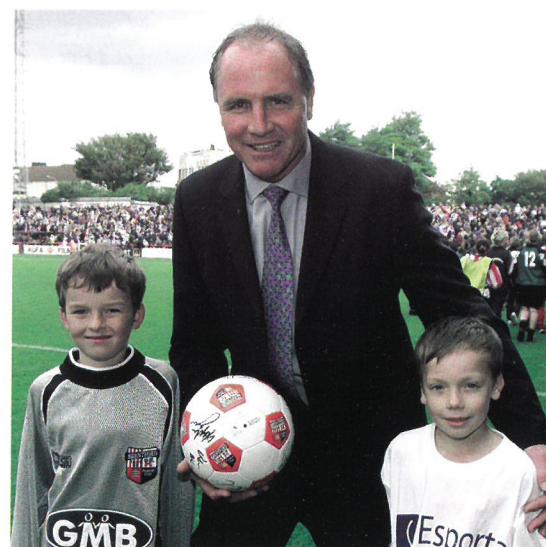
- Three-course lunch with coffee at the Radisson Edwardian
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Always good to see former players here at Griffin Park, and such was the case at our last home match when Andy McCulloch was our guest. Here he can be seen with Luke Harrington and friend.

Finally, we are holding our next Sporting Dinner on December 5th with Sir Geoff Hurst as the guest speaker. Please take a look at page 6 for full details.

Ian Davies



BRENTFORD CLUB CALL

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<Meet the Fans>

'COMMUNITY AND FAMILY' ARE STEVE'S WATCHWORDS - AND AIMS

Bees United board member Steve Cowan is 110% in favour of seeing Brentford become the focal point of the local community - yet his long-term vision goes far beyond that.

"If you live in an area with a family, a football club gives you a feeling of belonging. In a fairly ruthless world, a lot of people don't have that," he says.

"You need a community spirit - but one of my main interests on the board is to make sure that we at Brentford also play a role on the national stage. We are just one of almost a hundred Supporters' Trusts around the country - it's quite a national movement representing quite a substantial lot of people - and between us we can shift the power away from the large multi-millionaires who ran football before and turn it towards the ordinary family supporter on the terrace.



"Right now, we should all be proud that Brentford and Bees United is one of the highest regarded of those Supporters' Trusts."

That, he insists, should be quite a matter of satisfaction to all supporters of The Bees.

"It is particularly pleasing because the main point at the outset was simply to unite all the supporters, and I think that is what we have achieved. We were not working together - but we are now," he goes on.

"In those early days, though, there were two massive problems. We made a decision to take on the local authority, which had until then been holding us back, and we decided to hit them where it hurt them - in the polls. At the same time, we had to take on Ron Noades. Either of those two things was high risk on its own - together it was multi-risk.

"But it worked. And now we are into the third stage - where supporters can take the Club to a new level. Taking things stage by stage, we now have a good strategy in place - we are clear where we want to go. There has been a sea change, and there is no going back.

"It is a measure that over the last two years we have only moved forward. Today there is a real sense of direction."

Behind that two-year history, though, is a vision that with any luck will take the Club far beyond its current - hopefully temporary - financial crisis. But Steve reckons the groundwork being put in right now by everyone at Brentford is sowing the seeds for that future.

"We took on the council at the polls (he was Cllr. Luke Kirton's agent in the supporters' ABeeC campaign at last year's local council elections) and we got the message across," he goes on.

"As a result, there was a change in the council leadership - and today the council and its officers are on our side. We both have priorities in promoting local sport and putting Brentford Football Club at the heart of a cultural sense of community."

And that, too, is part of Steve's own larger dream - of making Brentford a community club and an inspiration for other clubs around the country.

Community. Now that's a word that Steve likes.

As a self-professed Londoner (although he was born in the Midlands, he has never lived there) he has worked for the people of his adopted West London ever since moving there, and today is the secretary of the Richmond branch of the UNISON trade union negotiating on behalf of some 5,500 workers.

His first contact with his local Bees was at a reserve game on a Wednesday evening some time in the 50's - he can't really remember it, although his brother still has the programme - and Brentford quickly became 'his' team. "You can never explain it - why you support a team," he muses.

"But although at one time I lived in North London, big clubs like the Arsenal just never appealed to me - it's just not my scene. There is a quality about real football at a club like Brentford - not the glamour or the money."

Maybe it's something to do with the spirit that makes him a successful union official!

Whatever the reason, though, Steve these days is really hooked on Brentford. He worked for the club's Football In The Community programme in the mid-90's, and used to arrange family coaches to away games. "For me, one of the highlights of supporting the club has been seeing Dean Wells (who used to travel on the coaches) come through the juniors, the youth teams, and now into the first team squad," he says. "We first met when he was nine or ten on the family team coach to Blackpool - it's wonderful for me to see him progressing, and I think it points the way to the future of the Club."

There have been other inspiring moments, too, though. Another of his "best moments" came when he took his son Caleb to a game against Plymouth some years back. Because it was Caleb's birthday, Steve's mother also went (her first game ever) - and they all saw the Bees win 7-1. "Both

Caleb and my mum are now keen followers of the Bees, too," he says - delighted that he has introduced two more members of his family to the Brentford community.

But that's what Steve Cowan reckons football is all about...community and family belonging.

And it's not only on the terraces - Steve talks about his "friends and colleagues" on the Bees United board, and insists that they work as a family team behind the scenes. "It's been a tremendous privilege for me to work alongside them, and things can only get stronger because these days it is all truly democratic," he sums it up.

"What is really marvellous for all of us in the Brentford family is the consistent

calibre of the people we have appointed both to Bees United and the Football Club board itself. We have unsung heroes like Joe Bourke, and it seems to be unknown and unrecognised by a lot of people that he was recently appointed to the board of Supporters' Direct (the organisation working to help all Supporters' Trusts around the country). He has substantial financial knowledge and combines that with a modesty and kindness that seems to me to be the hallmark of what the whole board of Bees United is about".

"I think his appointment to Supporters' Direct is a symbol that Bees United means something...nationally."

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KICK IT OUT NATIONAL ANTI RACISM WEEK OF ACTION IN FOOTBALL 2003

Brentford Football Club is taking part in football's biggest ever initiative against racism by joining over a hundred other clubs, community groups, schools and fans in the Anti Racism Week of Action in Football.

The week of action (16th-28th Oct) has been co-ordinated by football's anti racism campaign, Kick It Out, as part of the game's ongoing contribution to tackle racism involving over 400 organisations, including all 92 professional clubs. The week will run alongside a series of events across Europe through the Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) network.

Brentford FC has designated today's game against Luton to celebrate the Kick It Out Campaign.

Brentford Football Club fully supports the Kick It Out campaign and believe the focus of this anti racism day should be highlighting the role that football can play in bringing communities together. A number of activities today clearly spell out the clubs position on racism.

- Brentford FC players wearing KIO T-shirts to warm up and cool down.
- Brentford management, staff, stewards

and programme sellers wearing KIO merchandise.

- Mini-match at half time between children from St Paul's Primary School all wearing KIO T-shirts.
- Giveaways prior to kick off and at half time – KIO posters, badges/tickets and leaflets.
- KIO banner – 'Bees Against Racism' to be paraded on pitch by school children.

Kick It Out T-Shirt Competition 2003

Over the last 3 weeks students from 10 primary schools in Ealing and Hounslow have participated in a fantastic competition. Children from years 3, 4, 5 & 6 have designed anti racism T-shirts to support the Kick It Out campaign.

Out of about 800 colourful and original designs a panel of judges at the Club has chosen the top 3 as follows:

- 1st Place -**
Perry Burke (Our Lady of the Visitation School, Greenford)
- 2nd Place -**
Ishiv Choppla
(Blair Peach Primary School, Southall)
- 3rd Place -**
Sam Molloy
(Viking Primary School, Northolt)

tickets.

Well done to everyone involved and we hope they have an enjoyable afternoon!

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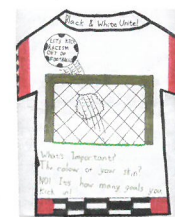
1st place tee shirt

Congratulations to all those who contributed to a fantastic competition with a hugely important message. A special thanks goes to the Winners and runners up of each school (names will appear in Tuesday's programme against Brighton).



2nd place tee shirt

Perry Burke's winning design has been produced on a T-shirt and is worn by the Brentford players today to warm up and cool down in. Perry also has the chance to meet the players prior to kick off and will take part in a photo on the pitch at half time along with Ishiv Choppla (2nd) and Sam Molloy (3rd). Perry's school, Our Lady of the Visitation Primary will receive the winning T-shirt signed by the Brentford team and framed.



3rd place tee shirt

The winners and runners-up from each school will receive Certificates and are invited for a photo on the pitch at today's game. All participants and have also been offered free



<Tommy Wright>

Tommy Wright, Brentford's on-loan striker from Leicester City, makes his comeback today after serving a one-match suspension. His crime? Celebrating a goal!

The teenage striker was dismissed immediately after scoring what turned out to be Brentford's winner at Chesterfield in September. "I couldn't believe he (Referee Grant

Hegley) did it", said Tommy. "It's one of those things, you score a goal – your emotions run high. I didn't know that rule, and I've done it before at Leicester, jumped on the boards, jumped over them. I've even been in the crowd at Leicester and didn't get booked. As soon as he reached for his pocket I thought: "what is he doing".

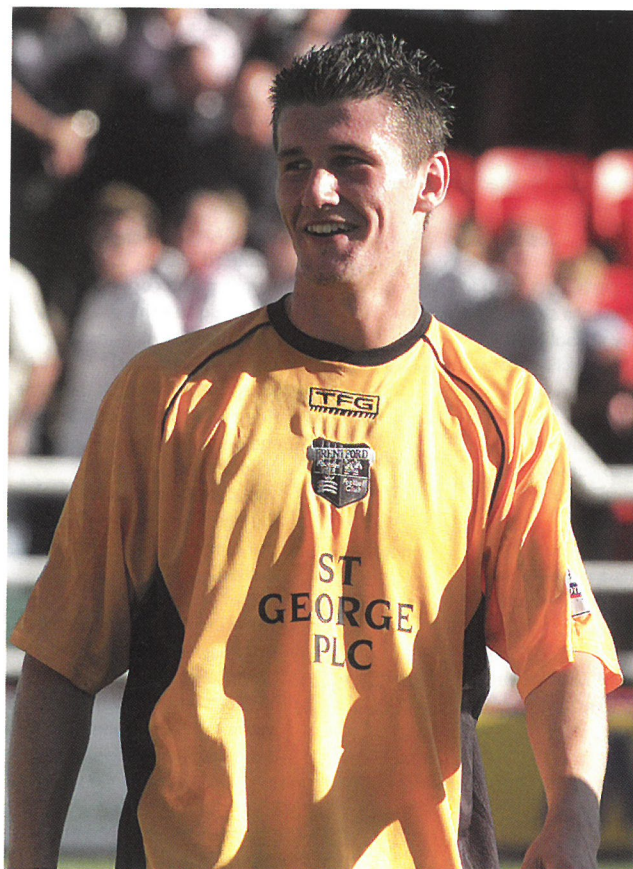
but he eventually signed a one-month loan deal in September that has just been extended until November 13th.

Tommy, who was born in Leicester on the 28th September 1984, attended Abington High in Wigston, Leicestershire. He was given his first-team debut for his hometown club against Leeds United, at the tender age of seventeen.

He arrived at Griffin Park after a patient wait by Wally Downes in getting his man. A move to sign the teenager in August was aborted when Tommy sprained his ankle in a reserve-team friendly against Woking,

"It was weird. In the first year I signed my YTS forms, I never expected to get in the first-team. I was scoring goals in the academy. I didn't actually play in the reserves before I got on the bench. I didn't train with the first-team. I found out on the Friday afternoon, and the coaching staff said: "You're on the bench, come in a suit".

Tommy's parent's Andy and Janine have been very supportive of his career so far; travelling to all the matches he plays in. "They've been at every game. My dad goes everywhere, no matter how far, even the international games". Father Andy was a key figure in getting his son noticed. "He got (former Foxes' player) Richard Smith down for a training session, and he recommended me to Leicester. I went down for trials, and after about a week I was on their books".



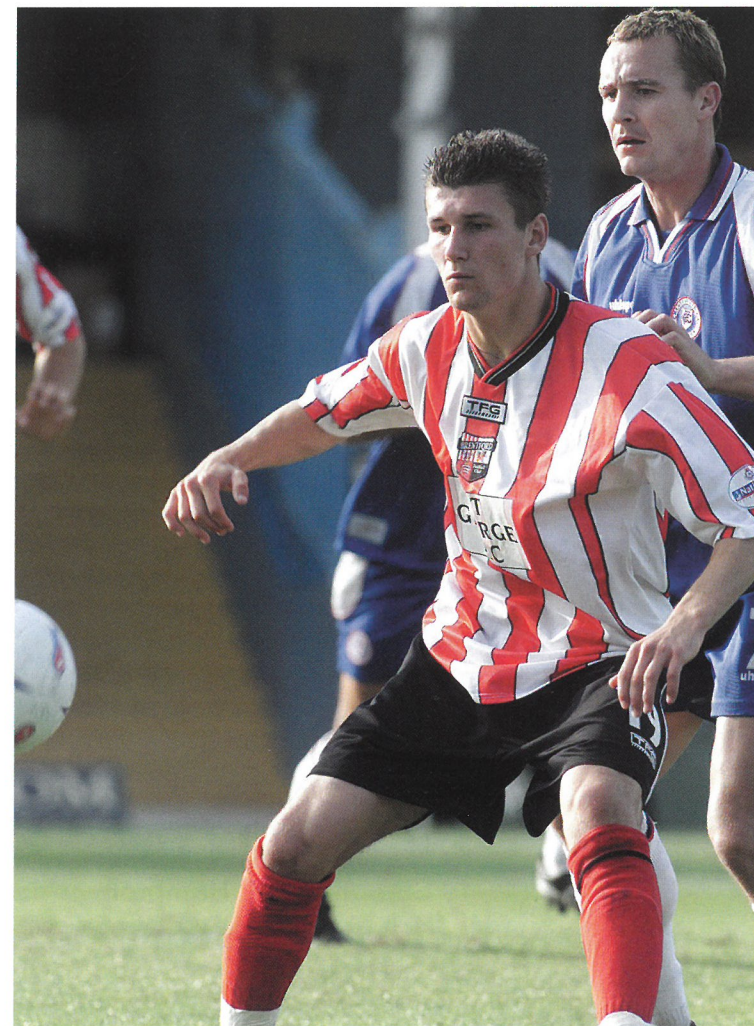
Asked how he thought his spell in West London was progressing, Tommy replied: "It's going alright, but I want a few more goals though. I haven't scored for the last two games. It does frustrate me. If you spoke to my dad you'd understand! He rings me up after every game and asks me how I played. If I don't score, I'll say that I didn't play very well".

Whilst on loan to The Bees, Tommy made his England under-20 debut at Stevenage Borough, coming on a second-half substitute in a 2-0 win over The Czech Republic. This follows on from his stints last season in the under-19 side. Tommy seems to have enjoyed the experience so far. "It's different. I like it, just to get away for a while" he said. "It's a totally different scene, like another group of mates".

The summer normally provides recuperation for players, but Tommy was still playing football. "In the summer, I finished up my club season, went away with England for the Championships in Ireland, and had three weeks break then back into training with Leicester. Two weeks after that I was going away with England again for the final rounds".

And on his time at Griffin Park, Tommy is very complimentary on the squad and surroundings. "I've really enjoyed it. I get on really well with all the lads; they are really down to earth. It's a young squad,

which has helped me. If I had come in with a bunch of older lads, I probably wouldn't have settled in as well. At the moment, I want to score some goals for Brentford, and go away with England and do well".





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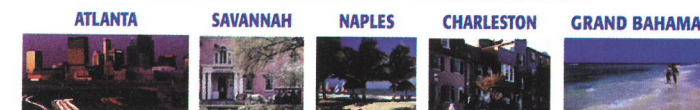
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<Luton Town>

Luton have survived a summer of off-field turmoil to make a superb start to the season. The Hatters changed both their owner and their manager during the break and also went into administrative receivership in July.

Boss Joe Kinnear and his assistant Mick Harford were sacked but incoming manager Mike Newell, who was chosen as a result of a poll of fans, has settled quickly into the post – leading the side to eighth in the table.

Their campaign so far has been based on an impressive home record which has seen them win five and draw one of their seven Kenilworth Road League games while on the road they have won one and drawn two of their six matches. They also came close to a second round Carling Cup upset at Charlton. They twice led their Premiership hosts and were on the verge of victory before Paolo di Canio struck in injury-time to make the score 3-3 and force extra-time. Luton again led in the extra period before being pegged back once more and finally lost 8-7 in a penalty shoot-out in a match which finished at 10.50pm.

However they did make progress in a cup competition when a last-minute goal gave them a 1-0 LDV Vans Trophy win at Stevenage on Tuesday.

This is the seventh season in the past eight in which Luton have been in Division Two. They were relegated to Division Three three seasons ago but bounced back at the first time of asking by finishing five points behind champions Plymouth but 18 clear of third-placed Mansfield.

When they dropped into Division Two in 1996, it was their first spell in the lower divisions since 1970. During this time they had a single season and then a 10-

year stint in the old Division One with a highest finishing position of seventh in 1986/87.

They also played in three Wembley finals in the late 1980s.

Their moment of glory came in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final when they beat Arsenal 3-2. Brian Stein put them ahead but Martin Hayes equalised and Alan Smith quickly gave Arsenal the lead. Hatters keeper Andy Dibble then saved a Nigel Winterburn penalty to inspire a frantic finale which saw Danny Wilson and Stein snatch a dramatic victory. Twelve months later The Hatters returned but failed to hold on to the trophy as they lost 3-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.

The Arsenal victory came two months after Luton went down 4-1 to Reading in the Simod Cup final.

TIMES GONE BY

1993 – Paul Dickov scored the first League goal of his career for Luton on this weekend 10 years ago as The Hatters beat Notts County 1-0 in Division One. Dickov was in the second game of a three-month loan spell and his effort secured only Luton's second win in 11 games. They went on to finish 20th – two points clear of the drop.

We were in Division Two at the time and on the same day beat Wrexham 2-1 with goals from Simon Ratcliffe and Joe Allon to move four places up the table to 15th. **1983** – Paul Walsh was on target for The Hatters as they won 1-0 at Everton in the old Division One on this weekend 20 years ago to continue a superb start to the season. Walsh's second half effort took Luton up to seventh in the table and they rose to third on Boxing Day before a disappointing second half of the season saw them finish 16th.

We were in action exactly 20 years ago

today and enjoyed a 3-1 defeat of Port Vale in Division Three thanks to goals from Terry Bullivant, Gary Roberts and Jim McNichol but still hovered near the bottom of the table.

1973 – Luton were in their Division Two promotion season 30 years ago but slipped up on this weekend with a 2-0 defeat at Orient – only their second reverse of the season in 10 games. It was a minor blip as they went on to finish second to Middlesbrough in the first campaign in which three teams were promoted.

We were struggling in Division Four and needed Stan Webb's first goal for us to earn a 1-1 draw with Rotherham which left us 20th.

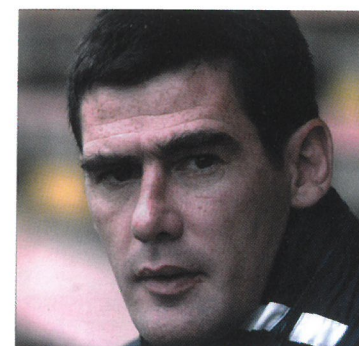
LAST TIME

Luton were last here in September last year and went home with a point after a drab goalless draw. The result saw us knocked off the top of the table while Town remained 21st.

Their previous visit in May 2001 was unusually on a Thursday night. Hatters keeper Mark Ovendale sent off in the second minute for a foul and debutant Scott Ward saved Lloyd Owusu's penalty with his first touch in League football. Steve Howard and Paul McLaren then put relegated Luton 2-0 up before Scott Partridge and Mark Williams earned us a point. Partridge was also on target in their visit in September 1999 as he and Darren Powell struck in the second half to earn us a 2-0 win – our last home victory over them.

THE MANAGER

Former Luton striker **Mike Newell** returned to the club as manager in the summer. As a player he also represented



Mike Newell

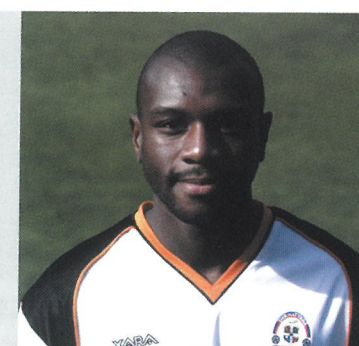
Crewe (two spells), Wigan, Leicester, Everton, Blackburn, Birmingham, West Ham, Bradford, Aberdeen and Blackpool. He then coached at Tranmere before becoming boss at Hartlepool last November and leading them into Division Two at the first time of asking in May. His contract was not renewed at Victoria Park before he moved to Kenilworth Road.

THE PLAYERS

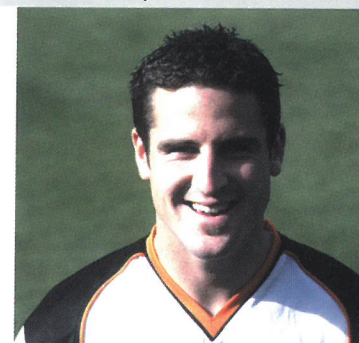
(Squad numbers in brackets)

Rob Beckwith (47) should return in goal today after injury although youngster **Dean Brill** (33) staked his claim with two superb performances this week. Ex-trainee **Emmerson Boyce** (17) will be at right-back with Welsh under-21 international **Ian Hillier** (23) (ex-Tottenham) moving to left-back to replace the suspended **Sol Davis** (24) (ex-Swindon) while ex-Bees loan defender **Chris Coyne** (12) (ex-Perth, West Ham and Dundee) and **Russ Perrett** (5) (ex-Lymington, Portsmouth and Cardiff) form the central defensive partnership.

Former Welsh international **Alan Neilson** (3) (ex-Newcastle, Southampton, Fulham



Emmerson Boyce



Chris Coyne



Ahmet Brkovic



Alan Neilson

and Grimsby) and **David Bayliss** (22) (ex-Rochdale) are injured but ex-trainee **Kevin Foley** (41) could return on the bench after a lay-off. Northern Ireland international **Steve Robinson** (11) (ex-Bournemouth and Preston) will fill the right-midfield berth with on loan Portsmouth player **Courtney Pitt** (14) or **Ahmet Brkovic** (18) (ex-HNK Dubrovnik and Leyton Orient) on the other flank. **Paul Hughes** (21) (ex-Chelsea and Southampton) and long-serving **Matthew Spring** (4) will be in the middle.


Youngsters **Lee Mansell** (32), Ealing-born **Michael Leary** (38) and **Parys Okai**

(44) are battling for bench places but **Kevin Nicholls** (8) (ex-Charlton and Wigan) is injured.

On-loan Coventry striker **Gary McSheffrey** (25) and Ealing-born **Adrian Forbes** (7) (ex-Norwich) are the likely front pairing with trailist **Enoch Showunmi** (16), who is playing without pay, and possibly youngster **Matthew Judge** (43) among the substitutes. **Steve Howard** (19) (ex-Hartlepool and Northampton) is currently sidelined while **Dean Crowe** (34) (ex-Stoke) is on loan to York.

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<Short, But Not So Sweet!>

It has been a well known statistic that the current Portsmouth manager, Harry Redknapp, held the record for the shortest time on the pitch of any Brentford player who started just one League game for the Bees. Harry's appearance came at Aldershot on 10th September 1976 when he lasted just thirty eight minutes of the Fourth Division fixture before limping off. Paul Walker replaced him in a match that saw legendary Brentford physio Eddie Lyons select the team for the only time in his long association with the Club as we were between managers, John Docherty and Bill Dodgin, at the time.

As with all records, sooner or later they're beaten (if that's the right word) and Harry's went at the beginning of this season. Peter Beadle made his Brentford debut on the opening day of the season, at Tranmere, but lasted just twelve minutes before he was sent off. This transpired to be his only appearance as he was injured in training, then served his suspension, was an unused substitute in one game, then didn't have his one-month contract renewed. He now plays for Conference side Barnet.

The surprising thing about both Redknapp and Beadle is that they both came to Brentford following long Football League careers with hundreds of appearances. Harry played for West Ham and AFC Bournemouth, both of whom he subsequently managed while Peter played for Gillingham, Tottenham (no appearances), AFC Bournemouth (on loan), Southend (on loan), Watford, Bristol Rovers, Port Vale, Notts County and Bristol City before his one game for Brentford. In today's article I intend to look back at the other players to have started just one League game for Brentford since Harry Redknapp and before Peter Beadle.

On 13th March 1979 centre back David Silman made his only appearance for Brentford, at Sheffield Wednesday. David was with the Club for about a year, but was in the shadow of Jim McNichol and didn't get another game. It was the only League appearance of his career. On 26th November 1983 the vastly experienced former Portsmouth and Brighton centre half, Andy Rollings played for Brentford in a 1-4 home defeat by Bradford City. The scoreline says it all and he never played for us again.

Steve Thorne was on a short-term deal at Brentford and made his one appearance, in the League at Gillingham on 3rd November 1987. He scored the winning



the referee signals the end of Peter's Brentford career

goal but, with the exception of an FA Cup tie against Brighton, never played again! His experience has earned him a kind of cult status with Rich and Nick Hester naming their fanzine, "Thorne in the Side" in his honour.

Drewe Broughton was on Brentford's books for about a week in November 1998. He signed for the Bees from Norwich for £15,000 plus various appearance based add ons. He made his one appearance at Shrewsbury before Ron Noades sold him to Peterborough for £15,000. The Posh had been trying to sign him from Norwich and were happy to sign him when Ron changed his mind. Drewe moved to Kidderminster and is now at Southend.

Next time we'll look at players who made just one appearance for Brentford when coming on as a substitute.

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FA CUP

3rd Qualifying round

As I write this article late on a Sunday evening, fortunately missing Coronation Street, it is possible that there will be no Middlesex representation in the 4th qualifying round of the Cup. Both Hayes and Harrow Borough faced replays during the week, at Boreham Wood and at home to Newport Isle Of Wight respectively and I will update the results in the Brighton programme. Unfortunately, Hampton & Richmond went out 2-1 at Paulton. One of the best games of the round was at Canvey Island where the Islanders found themselves 3-0 down to Dover, but rallied to win 4-3.



Where Are They Now? Simon Wormull

Signed by Dave Webb at the start of the ill fated 1997/98 season, only made a few first team appearances for the Bees, including one against today's visitors in the AWS. Moved back into non-league football where he has represented England.



Now at Stevenage.

FA SUNDAY CUP

BAA Heathrow (SUNDAY) FC

In the Plymouth programme I mentioned this competition and asked if any of our fans knew anything more about this competition or maybe were playing in it. I was therefore pleased to receive a response from season ticket holder Martin Strange, secretary of BAA Heathrow (Sunday) FC, who were one of three local sides participating in this seasons competition. Martin has provided me with a brief history of the club.



"BAA Heathrow Sunday FC are the oldest football league team a Heathrow airport and were founded in 1982 as BAA Northside Wanderers. The club played their first game on Sunday 30th October 1982 when they beat MT Drivers 6-4. The following season saw the club join the Thames Valley Sunday league, a competition they stayed in for another 10 seasons. During that period the club recorded its biggest ever win to date in 1988-89 beating Farnham United 17-2 in Division 1. The club were champions of

FA TROPHY

Preliminary Round

The competition is now up and running and one of the big matches for local sides was between two previous finalists, Leatherhead and Wealdstone. This game went in favour of the Middlesex side (1985 winner), 3-1 despite going a goal behind. Another former winner from the capital, Enfield had no trouble, beating Epsom & Ewell 7-3.

Former Vase winners Yeading also made it through in a high scoring topsy turvy game at Hastings, they finally won by the odd goal in seven.

Last but not least, both Staines and Uxbridge also made it through, although Uxbridge had to do it the hard way, winning a replay at Harlow 1-0.

D6 in 86/87 and D4 two seasons later and also reached the final of the league cup in 92/93 losing after a replay. The club has changed its name four times, from Northside Wanderers, to Target, to Heathrow Athletic and now BAA Heathrow. After working their way up from the bottom division in 1983 all the way to the Premier division in 1993 it was to be the clubs last season in the Thames Valley League in the Slough area. The club then joined the North Hillingdon and District League and within one season they had won the division one cup, beating Royal Holloway Old Boys 2-1 after extra time. In 1996/97 the club had its biggest defeat, going down 12-0 to the Black Bull. The following season, saw the club join the Hayes and District League and made it to the Division One Cup final, losing to Abbots. After only one season in this league, they returned to the North Hillingdon League and over the last four seasons have won Divisions 2, 1 and last season the Premier League. As well as winning the division one cup, Premier Cup and Upton Cup they have also reached two Middlesex finals, beating Acton 2-1 in the Intermediate Cup and last season losing the Premier Cup to Domino Athletic. For the last two seasons the club has not lost a league game, drawing only two, won two Championships and four cups and have been runners up once. This season the club are playing in the FA Sunday Cup for the first time. The club have had one "Star name" in the team over the years, Ally Begg, skysports newsreader, played for the club in the early 1990s, before joining Bad Boys Inc!"

For details of how BAA Heathrow and our other local representative got on in the FA Sunday Cup, you will have to "tune in" to the Brighton issue!

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CRICKETERS

There have been ten instances of a player earning his keep during the Winter at Brentford and turning out in County Cricket in the summer.

Goalkeeper Harry Pennington, who played for Lancashire at the turn of the century, was the first and although he made only 8 appearances for the Bees he played a significant, if unwitting, role in the Club's move to join the professional ranks.

As the nineteenth century drew to a close the Brentford hierarchy were faced with a dilemma. The club had travelled a long way in a short space of time, from local parks football to the second division of the Southern League. To keep pace with that growth a better class of player was required and, as now, they don't come cheap!!

Brentford, although officially amateur, were openly paying some of the team, one of whom took his "boot money" in the form of whisky!

While "shamateurism" was rife in the game, Brentford's case was so blatant that the Middlesex F.A. was forced to act and in October 1899 set up a commission of enquiry. In an attempt to avoid punishment the club destroyed its books. It was to no avail as the evidence was overwhelming. One of the four main charges proven was that £20 had been paid to secure Pennington's release from the Army.

As a result the club was fined £10 and suspended for a month after which it grasped the nettle and turned professional.

Pennington later joined Notts County for a tidy sum and made 126 top-flight appearances in their colours. John (Jack?) Moulder, about whom little is known, had 2 games at centre forward in

March 1905 and in the early part of the century played cricket for Surrey and later for Transvaal (South Africa). Arnold Warren was a fast bowler of some repute for Derbyshire between 1902-1920.

In 1910 he helped set a World record for a ninth wicket partnership which stands to this day by scoring a career best 123 as he and Chapman hammered the Warwickshire attack for 283 runs. Six years earlier he became the first Derbyshire bowler to take 100 wickets in a season and claimed 939 victims all told including a match winning 15-112 against Notts. His solitary appearance for England came in the Third Test against Australia at Headingley in July 1905, and despite taking 5 for 57 in the second innings he was not called upon again.

Selection for his country came three years after he served a six-month prison sentence for causing an affray in a Brentford pub.

His spell inside brought a premature end to his career at Brentford, during which he scored twice in 15 Southern League games, having been signed from Derby County.

The most famous by a mile is Elias Henry O'Hanrahan, or Patsy Hendren as he is

better known. Patsy was Brentford born and bred and first saw the light of day in February 1889. He made one appearance in the Bees Southern League side before moving to Manchester City and then Coventry, returning to Griffin Park to star in more than 400 games until calling it a day towards the end of 1926-27. Although Patsy represented England at football in the Victory International against Wales

in 1919, it is for his aptitude with the bat that he is best remembered. He scored 57,611 runs and played in 51 tests during a career with Middlesex that lasted over half a century. During Middlesex's County Championship years in 1920 and 1921 the batting averages were led by Hendren and the bowling by Jack Durston, a six feet five inch giant who for a time kept Patsy company

at Griffin Park, too.

Middlesex's win in 1920, their first in seventeen years, coincided with Brentford's election to the Football League. The opening fixture at Exeter on August 28th clashed with a crucial County Championship match against Surrey at Lords. As a result Brentford were forced to field two reserves at St. James Park and lost 3-0. Middlesex fared much better and went on to beat the old enemy, Jack taking five wickets and Patsy scoring 41 in the first innings. The attendance over the three days was a hard to credit 72,000. When stumps were drawn on Monday Durston dashed to Griffin Park to keep goal against Millwall in the opening home game and managed a clean sheet in a 1-0 victory.

Jack made a further 22 League appearances before moving to Northfleet the following season. In the meantime he staked a claim as one of the best fast bowlers in the country by helping Middlesex to their second successive championship. Jack's performances caught the eye of the England selectors and he was included in the England side for the Second Test against Australia at Lords in June 1921. The Aussies won by 8 wickets and although he disposed of five men in the match for 136 it remained his only test appearance. Jack continued to give Middlesex sterling service and in 1927 he and Hendren (201 not out) set up a Middlesex record by punishing the Essex bowling for 160 in 18 minutes.

Bert White scored almost a century of goals for the Bees before and during WW1 including 26 in the 1918-19 emergency London Combination Championship year. He played for the South against the North in an International trial at Chelsea in April 1919 and then moved to Arsenal. He carved out a fine career in league football later with Blackpool, Fulham, Walsall, Nelson and Thames besides which he had a brief stint for Warwickshire in the County Championship. W.C. Caesar, the Dulwich Hamlet and England Amateur International came to our rescue for the game at Fulham in October 1929 as Skipper Jimmy Bain was sidelined. He could point to a truly amazing "career", if that is the right word, playing one game for Surrey in 1922, the next

Bees vs the Gunners in '32



for Somerset 24 years later! Fred Gamble scored 71 goals in two years for Brentford reserves after signing from Southend in March 1928, but due to the presence of the two Lanes, Jack and Bill, he had limited first team opportunities. Nevertheless, Fred showed his potential by notching five goals in the 13 games in which he was called upon, including a 22-minute hat trick in a 6-1 victory against Walsall in February 1931. This persuaded West Ham that he was the man for them and a deal was struck which saw Les Wilkins join the Bees in part exchange.

Gamble then played for Aldershot and Reading and continued to keep busy in the summer for Surrey. When Middlesex were crowned Champions in 1947 the leading lights were Dennis Compton and Bill Edrich. On the ground staff was a young bowler named Jack Chisholm his one game that

season producing figures of 1-14 and 2-33. It proved his only appearance and he then concentrated on football.

Spurs were his first side and he then skippered Brentford where he earned a reputation as a centre half not to be meddled with. In March 1948 the Bees banked a new record fee of £16,000 from Sheffield United and he then had more than 200 games for Plymouth.

Feltham born Syd Russell never quite established himself as a regular first choice at either code, but did have the satisfaction of notching a century for Middlesex. It was a close call though, as on 99 the heavens opened and he was forced to sit in the pavilion praying for a break in the weather. After what must have seemed an eternity play resumed and Syd duly completed his maiden ton.

Russell had 54 games for Brentford, mainly at centre half in the absence of Ian Dargie, and besides Middlesex also had a spell with Gloucestershire. Besides this list four other top class cricketers have been associated with Brentford on the field of play, one of whom, John Murray, was a contemporary of Syd's at Lords.

John can justifiably claim to be one of the best wicket keepers of all time. His record speaks for itself. In 1957 John became only the second wicket keeper to score 1000 runs and dismiss 100 batsmen in a season and when he retired in 1975, with 21 England games under his belt, he

had the satisfaction of knowing that he had overhauled Herbert Sutcliffe's record and was now number one in the keeper's listings with 1,526 dismissals (1268ct., 258st.)

Before cricket took precedence John was a regular in the Bees' junior side which reached the semi-finals of the inaugural F.A. Youth Cup in 1952-53 before going down 8-1 on aggregate to Manchester United.

John played wing half in most of the earlier rounds but was forced to miss the second leg at Old Trafford as Middlesex had first call on his services, and he was told to step in for the injured Leslie Compton.

After Brentford John kept in trim during the winter playing for Hounslow Town, now sadly departed, and helped them reach the

semi-finals of the Amateur Cup in 1955. Bill Athey made a few reserve team appearances in the early part of the 1980's and is best remembered for his stint as an opening bat for Yorkshire, Gloucestershire and Sussex during which he played in 23 Tests.

The line up is completed by goalkeepers Ted Nash (Swindon, Brentford and Crystal Palace) who wielded the bat for Wiltshire and Arthur Ling (Leicester Fosse, Swindon and Brentford who spent his summers with Cambridgeshire in the Minor Counties league.

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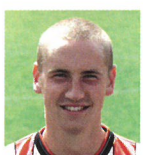
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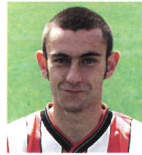
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<Second to None>

Bees legend Bob Booker could be in charge of Tuesday's visitors **Brighton** here after the managerial merry-go-round got into full swing in Division Two. Ex-Brentford manager Steve Coppell left the Withead last week to take over at Reading and Booker, his assistant, has been put in temporary charge and is also one of the candidates to take the job permanently.

The Seagulls were the fourth Second Division club to undergo a managerial change in the past four weeks after **Stockport**, **Tranmere** and **Wycombe** all sacked their bosses in quick succession. County boss Carlton Palmer was the first man to be relieved of his duties when his 22-month reign was ended with the club 21st in the table, having picked up just six points from their first eight matches. Palmer, who had a successful spell with our last visitors Sheffield Wednesday, failed to prevent the club sliding out of Division One in 2001/02 after taking over midway through the season and stopped them suffering a second successive relegation last term although not without some anxious moments.

John Hollins was put in temporary charge but on Wednesday, Sammy McIlroy took over on a three-year contract, having resigned as the



manager of Northern Ireland. Palmer was followed out of the exit door by Tranmere boss Ray Mathias, who was fired after the 2-1 defeat by Wrexham. Rovers had not won since beating us 4-1 on the opening day of the season and had slipped into the relegation zone. Mathias had spent a long time at the club as player and manager and had been in charge for a year.

John McMahon took over as caretaker-manager but Rovers made a permanent appointment last weekend when former Aston Villa, Leicester and Hull boss Brian Little moved into the hot-seat. McMahon's first game in charge saw Tranmere beat Wycombe and that result ironically led to the Buckinghamshire club sacking their boss Lawrie Sanchez after the game.

The former Wimbledon FA Cup hero had enjoyed a successful spell in charge at the Causeway Stadium. He took over in February 1999 with the club in trouble in Division Two and only 18 games to save them from the drop. He managed it and consolidated their position in the subsequent seasons but his biggest achievement was to lead Wycombe to the FA Cup semi-finals two seasons ago.

They were only the eighth team from this tier of the League to reach the last four of the competition and the first for five years when they achieved it.

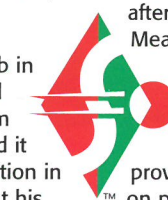
John Gorman, who was recently sacked as Glenn Hoddle's assistant at Tottenham, has been put in charge until the end of the month.

Meanwhile Blackpool took the Second Division honours in the second round of the Carling Cup with a shock 1-0 win over Premiership Birmingham at Bloomfield Road. The Blues were unbeaten this season coming into the match but an early goal from Scott Taylor proved enough to win it, although Stephen Clemence did miss a second half penalty for the visitors. The Seasiders' reward is a home tie against Crystal Palace in round three.

The other survivors from this Division are Bristol City, who beat Watford 1-0 to earn a clash with Southampton, and cash-strapped Notts County, who earned a lucrative trip to Chelsea after overcoming Ipswich 2-1.

Meanwhile Swindon were only denied a famous 2-1 victory at Leeds by a dramatic last-gasp headed goal by goalkeeper Paul Robinson, who then proved the hero as United won 4-3 on penalties.

Ian Westbrook



<Match Action >

BARNET (2) 3 aet BEES (2) 3 aet
Bees won 3-1 on penalties

Barnet team: Gore, Rooney, King, Taggart, Cumberbatch, Mass, Hogg, Lopez, Sylla, Henry, Roache.

Subs: Millard, J Smith, L Smith, Freeman, Hatch.

Scorers: Lopez 7, Henry 32 (pen), Hatch 104.

Bees team: P Smith, Dobson, Kitamirike, Roget, Frampton (J Smith 102), Rougier (Hutchinson 45), Evans, Tabb, Hunt, Olugbodi (O'Connor 45), May.

Subs not used: Lennie & Somner.

Scorers: Tabb 52, 97, Hunt 84 (pen).

Referee: T Kettle

Attendance: 1,248



A classic cup-tie, but a far from classic performance from the two Bees teams, ended in victory for the visitors. Two outstanding goals, two men sent off, two "normal time" penalties, two ballooned penalties and two penalty saves were part of the ingredients served up to the paltry 1,248 in attendance. During a dire opening forty-five minutes for the travelling Bees, Barnet struck twice. The first, after just seven minutes, was a cracking shot from 25 yards out, struck with venom by Guy Lopez which embedded itself in the top right hand corner of the net. The second, 25 minutes later, followed a harsh penalty decision

given against Joel Kitamirike when marking Lee Roach. The home forward lost his footing and with it the ball which bounced up at the Chelsea loanee. Solomon Henry duly stepped up to convert the penalty. Manager Wally Downes gave vent to his feelings during the half time break and the players reappeared early with Kevin O'Connor and Eddie Hutchinson replacing Jide Olugbodi and Tony Rougier respectively. The most telling change however saw Jay Tabb pushed forward alongside Ben May. Within seven minutes Tabby repaid the faith the manager had shown in him by latching on to a poor defensive header from Lopez



following Dobbo's corner, which the youngster despatched at great speed low into the left hand corner of the net.

Brentford were now dictating play but they were knocked back

Leo tries to hide his embarrassment



momentarily when Ben May was dismissed for allegedly

"wrestling" Lopez to the floor just a minute or so later. But even with ten men it just

seemed a matter of time before "our Bees" would level the score. And so they did with six minutes of normal time remaining when Mark Cumberbatch hauled down Tabby. As Cumberbatch left the field having been red carded, Stephen Hunt converted his second penalty of the season. So now to extra

time, and after seven minutes, Hunt's cross was met by Tabby who duly thrashed the ball into the net. With a minute to go to the break and the possibility of Brentford progressing through to the next round courtesy of their "silver goal", Barnet equalised through Liam Hatch. Another fifteen minutes ensued before the dreaded penalty shoot out beckoned. It was here that Paul Smith came into his own, saving two of Barnet's four penalties (one of the others was skied), and the red and white Bees savoured victory thanks to successful penalties from Hunt, O'Connor and Dobson (Roget having skied his effort also!).



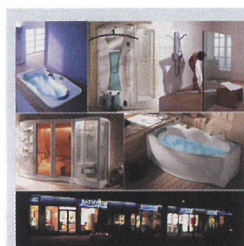
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6' 4" Paul made a half-century of appearances for the Bees last season and in doing so achieved the enviable record of keeping a clean sheet in a third of those games. Since making his debut the previous season he has missed just a handful of games and his reputation as a keeper with enormous potential is being realised.



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Leo, because of his practical jokes

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None!!!

Can you predict the scores of today's other Second Division fixtures

AFC Bournemouth	1	Brighton & Hove Albion	3
Blackpool	1	Hartlepool United	1
Chesterfield	0	Swindon Town	2
Grimsby Town	2	Colchester United	2
Peterborough United	1	QPR	2
Port Vale	2	Plymouth Argyle	1
Sheffield Wednesday	3	Rushden & Diamonds	0
Stockport County	0	Notts County	0
Tranmere Rovers	1	Oldham Athletic	2
Wrexham	0	Bristol City	2
Wycombe Wanderers	1	Barnsley	2

PLAYERS LEAGUE TABLE

PLAYER	Matches	Correct Result@ 2pts	Correct Match Score@ 5 pts	Correct Team Scores @ 1 pt	Points
Eddie Hutchinson	11	7	3	9	38
Jay Smith	10	2	2	8	22
Ben May	11	4	1	8	21
Stephen Hunt	10	3	1	7	18
Matt Somner	10	4	0	6	14

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<Chat Room>

SINGING OUR PRAISES ...and why not?

This letter was received last week...

Dear Mr McGlashan

I felt that this letter should be written. My son and I are Sheffield Wednesday supporters and attended the match on Saturday 4th October. My son is blind. Right from my son initially phoning to see if Brentford had facilities for the blind to attend the match on the day, the helpfulness of everybody concerned was superb.

Mary Farley was most informative and the girl on the outside ticket office, where we collected our tickets on the day, had excellent customer care. At half time one of the commentators came down to see my son and talk to him. Normally this does not happen. Of all the London clubs we have visited (all except Leyton Orient) Brentford ranks alongside Arsenal, as the most helpful towards a visually impaired away supporter. And, of course, the result was good for us.

Even after the match a steward on the

outside of the ground advised us that it would be better if we stayed with him for a while as there was some trouble further up the road. Unfortunately, we had to go against his advice as we had to get back to our coach.

I would appreciate if you could pass this letter onto whoever it concerns. Thank you once again for a brilliant day.

Yours sincerely
Mrs A M Turton

THORNE IN THE SIDE

The Sheffield Wednesday defeat really sums up the last couple of seasons for us doesn't it? For long periods in the first half there wasn't much between the two sides. In actual fact, I thought Sheffield look rather average if I'm honest, and the game could have swung either way. Like many other games, however, elementary mistakes at the back cost us dearly and Wednesday simply grew in confidence and eventually won the game in a canter.

I suppose Lloyd Owusu was always going to score against us, and it has to be said that he had a blinder. On the Lloyd

Owusu debate, I personally thought he acted superbly throughout the game and treated the Brentford fans with ultimate respect.

I know some Bees fans got a little upset at the way he took his top off to celebrate the goal, but Lloyd was making a point to his own set of fans as a result of him being accused of not being fit to wear the shirt on several occasions this season. It's now important that Brentford get back on track and start picking up points again. Not having a game on Saturday wasn't a disaster for Brentford, as the gap between us and the relegation spots hardly changed, but as we all know only too well, a couple of poor results will see that change almost overnight.

Thanks to everyone that has participated in the annual TITS prediction comp – Your support continues to overwhelm us and the profits are finding their way to Bees United as we speak.

All the best

Rich and Nick Hester

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05: When Saturday Came
06: Stand Clear
07: Life Is Football
08: We Get There
09: 2 Nil Down In The Second Half
10: Saturday Afternoon Red Army
11: Hounslow Boys
12: Fairy Tales In Feltham



<Centre of Excellence>

CENTRE UPDATE

It's amazing but we have already played six weekends of Centre fixtures. That means this next week or so will be make your mind up time on the players who joined us on trial as our season started. Over the next couple of weeks we will be offering some of the new boys registration forms. We have in fact started the process with the older groups. They are established ages and it is therefore more difficult to break into those sides but each group has been strengthened where we can. Richard and I were looking at some of the videos of the players and matches dating back several years this week and were pleased to see so many of the young faces still here if not so young looking.

One player 'performing' in one of our Coaches and Teachers evenings was Darius Charles who scored our only goal in the under 17's draw against Gillingham last

weekend. At only 15 Darius is one of the players who has been with us four years plus already. I remember well the first time I saw him play. I was invited to go with the Football in the Community trip to Manchester United to watch them play in an indoor tournament at the old training ground. We kicked off and seconds later Darius had scored, he obviously hadn't read the script and continued to play and score in a similar fashion throughout the day. I don't remember the score only that we won in that age group. I do remember Darius's performance and have taken great interest in his progression to date.

Last weekend was a free week for the Centre teams due to the odd number in the group but this week will see the teams in action again against Wycombe Wanderers. They don't run 15's so the 11's and 12's



Training and match action from the 11s and 12s

go to them while the 13's and 14's will be at home, Jersey Road, Osterley on Sunday. Kick off at 11.00 am.

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**PONTIN'S HOLIDAYS COMBINATION
8TH OCTOBER****BEES 0 COLCHESTER UNITED 0**

Brentford reserves picked up their first point of the season with a draw against Colchester United at Griffin Park.



Danny Allen-Page

In front of a sparse crowd - even for a reserve team fixture - the two sides played out an entertaining draw. Leo Roget was a

late change to the side at centre-back, with Andy Frampton making his return from a two-month lay-off at left-back. Danny Allen-Page took the captain's armband for the first time.

The Bees' went close to opening the scoring in the 9th minute. A smart back-flick by Mark Peters gave Matt Harrold a chance, but his shot was wide. Brentford's best effort of the half arrived in the 18th minute, as Matt Harrold's shot crashed against the U's bar. A timely stop by Alan Julian denied

Jermaine Brown the opportunity to give Colchester a half-time lead.

It was the Bees' turn to spurn a vital chance with seven minutes left, as Olugbodi headed straight at the Colchester 'keeper from Danny Allen-Page's superb right-win cross. Matt Harrold was carried off in stoppage-time with a leg injury.

Line-up: Julian, Allen-Page, Roget (Wells 45), Frampton, Hughes, Traynor, Smith (J), Tabb (McNamara 80), Evans, Harrold, Peters (Olugbodi 45).

Subs not used: Scotchford and Paterson.

Geoff Taylor looked back on the draw with Colchester disappointed not to have taken all three points.

The Manager of Youth Football - who manages Brentford's second string - said: "We had enough chances to have won the game, but didn't really accept them when they came along, and were always open to a goal from the other side, who looked lively in some departments".

"The boy Brown from Arsenal was quite sharp up front, and they had a few experienced players; Bowry, Joey Keith - the left full-back (Gavin Johnson) has been about forever. Again, we were a young side, but Leo Roget had forty-five minutes, but young Wells came on after his first-team debut and he did quite well".

On Wednesday last, Brentford secured their first win of the season with a 4-1 victory against previously unbeaten Reading in the Pontin's Holidays Cup. A full report will appear in Tuesday's TW8 Matchday programme.

THE PONTIN'S HOLIDAYS COMBINATION CENTRAL & EAST DIVISION



Wed 20th Aug	Gillingham	L 1-3
Wed 3rd Sep	SWINDON TOWN (CUP)	L 1-5
Wed 10th Sep	MILLWALL	L 2-4
Wed 24th Sep	Cambridge United	L 2-4
Wed 8th Oct	COLCHESTER UNITED	D 0-0
Wed 15th Oct	READING (CUP)	W 4-1
Wed 5th Nov	Aldershot Town	A
Wed 12th Nov	Pontin's Holidays Cup Wycombe Wanderers	A
Wed 26th Nov	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H
Wed 14th Jan	SOUTHEND UNITED	H
Wed 21st Jan	Pontin's Holidays Cup Aldershot Town	A
Wed 4th Feb	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H
Wed 18th Feb	Brighton & Hove Albion	A
Wed 25th Feb	Reading	A
Wed 10th Mar	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H
Wed 24th Mar	Crystal Palace	A
Wed 31st Mar	Pontin's Holidays Cup Semi Final	
Wed 7th Apr	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H
Wed 21st Apr	Norwich City	A
Wed 12th May	Pontin's Holidays Final	

Please note: Admission is once again free to season ticket holders for Combination League.

<Youth to the Fore>

UNDER 19s

Saturday 4th October 2003

Southend United u19s 1

Brentford u19s 1

Brentford's under19s drew in Essex, but were denied a victory right at the death. The Bees' got their noses in front after twelve minutes through Steve McNamara. A ball down the right-hand side was hit across the box, and Macca lashed the ball home. However, Southend grabbed an equaliser in the last minute of the game to salvage a point.

Director of Youth Football Geoff Taylor said: "It was disappointing in one aspect, because we've done enough in the game to win it. We were comfortable but didn't really take the chances available to us. We played as a unit, and there were some decent individual performances".

Line-up: Lennie, Hiller, Lake, Palmer. Scotchford, Muldowney (L) (Steele 63), Morrison, Paterson, McNamara, Gauci, Mathuru (Buckeridge 63).

Subs not used: Downes.

Saturday 11th October 2003

Umbro Isotonic Youth Alliance Cup - First Round

**Brighton & Hove Albion u19s 0
Brentford u19s 4**

Brentford worked hard to record a comprehensive victory over The

Seagulls and progress to the Second Round. Dominic Gauci got The Bees of to a flyer after eight minutes, putting the ball in from the edge of the box. Jamie Morrison popped up to score the second from midfield. In-between this, the home side hit the crossbar when it looked easier to score. Twenty minutes after the break, Brentford made it three, Mark Scotchford converting a free-kick. Substitute Aaron Steele completed the rout with a goal from a rebound.

On the performance, Geoff Taylor said: "We played well. Solid, with good pace down the wings. We're in an encouraging little run at the moment. Things are going quite well because we are doing the things right and getting the results by doing them".

Line-up: Lennie, Hillier, Scotchford, Wells, Palmer, Peters (Moleski 75), Morrison (Steele 70), Muldowney (L), McNamara, Buckeridge, Gauci.

Sub not used: Downes.

UNDER 17s

Saturday 4th October 2003

Brentford u17s 0

Cambridge United u17s 5

A young Brentford side containing no less than five fourteen year-olds were shown a harsh lesson at Tolworth against a strong Cambridge United eleven.

Line-up: Masters, Moleski, Maberley (Andrews 78), Lee, Smith (C) (Montague 80), Ide (Howell 71), Quin, Charles, Muldowney (C), Fairbrother, Watts.

Sub not used: Murphy.

Saturday 11th October 2003
Gillingham u17s 1 Brentford 1

Injury problems hit the under17s, who travelled to Kent with only thirteen fit players. Coach Jack Paterson was full of praise for his young squad. Darius Charles gave Brentford the lead in the fourteenth minute from a Danny Quin centre. Just before the break, Gillingham levelled things up. The second half was played out in a similar fashion but with no further goals.

Line-up: Murphy, Lee, Charles, Howell, Smith (C), Ide, Quin (Griffith 78), Weight, Fairbrother, Muldowney (C), Watts.

Sub not used: Montague.

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Under 19s

Home to Brighton & Hove Albion

Under 17s

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<We're Still Standing>

This season, Brentford celebrates 100 years at Griffin Park and for the last 41 of these, it has also been my second home, on Saturday afternoons, since I started coming here at the age of 3! My first home was in South Ealing and from the top of Carlisle Road you can see the stadium's floodlights.

I started coming down with my father and brother in 1962 walking the short journey down the South Ealing Road and under the motorway flyover to stand on the Ealing Road terrace or sometimes the Brook Road or New Road stands. There was no supporter segregation and you could walk around all 3 sides.

My favourite place was actually the large corner open terrace between the New Road and Brook Road stands as if games were boring, children used to play and run up and down the vast terracing. The team have always played in red, white and black during my supporting years. I had a home made woollen bobble hat and scarf, a rosette and a badge. I did not possess a wooden rattle as they were considered to be quite dangerous in my small hands.

Replica shirts were not worn to matches by anybody in those days but I had my first kit bought for me

from Bonnamy of Ealing, who used to advertise in the centre page of the programme. This publication consisted of eight small pages and cost a tanner. I proudly wore my Bees kit while playing football in Gunnersbury Park, while all the other boys sported their Chelsea, Arsenal, Tottenham and West Ham kits.

When I was older I used to go with my relatives and friends to this local park to watch the players train, but more often than not, they used to train at Griffin Park. We used to sit quietly in the trainer's dugouts and then come on to the pitch at the end of the sessions to collect autographs. We also used to chat with some players in the boot room in Braemar Road where they cleaned their own boots afterwards.

The big day, of course, was matchday and we rarely missed a home game or an away fixture within reasonable travelling distance. I collected programmes from all the matches and newspaper cuttings for my scrapbook. I bought badges and photographs of the team and individuals for my album.

In my later years of school, I started contributing articles for the programme, edited by the late Eric White who offered me great encouragement. My Christmas Eve

birthday would usually mean me receiving a Brentford book, a football cake with Brentford on it, the latest replica kit or new boots.

Griffin Park has changed so much over the years although I still love coming here immensely. First to go was the back of the New Road terraces which were deemed unsafe and the area has now permanently been dismantled and blocked off. In Ealing Road, flats were built on the Club's car park and away supporters can no longer enter the stadium through the narrow passageway.

Then the huge Royal Oak terrace was tragically pulled down in order to build apartments behind it, in Brook Road, to raise funds and was replaced by the present, so called, "Wendy House" Stand. Half of Braemar Road was accidentally burned down and splendidly rebuilt and then seating was placed on the whole New Road side. The Braemar Road enclosure became an all seater paddock.

From a capacity of almost thirty nine thousand consisting mainly of terracing, the ground has been reduced to a nearly all seated one of around twelve and a half thousand. However, I am still standing, and so is Griffin Park.

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