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Welcome to the Fitness First Stadium for this evening's match against Luton Town, who are making their first visit to our new home.

Saturday saw a tremendous match here, with the Cherries full value for their win over league leaders Brighton. Despite the injury problems, that worsened on Saturday, the side is performing magnificently and thoroughly deserved the ovation they received at the final whistle.

Tonight we welcome a Luton side who have had plenty of problems, particularly leading up to the start of the season, but they have responded superbly and although they lost 4-2 at Brentford on Saturday, can be justifiably proud of what they have achieved in the face of adversity this season and will be confident of bouncing back tonight.

Your support of the team on Saturday was brilliant and helped to create a great atmosphere. Let's hear that again for what will be another great test.

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Sean O'Driscoll...

Welcome to the players, staff and supporters of Luton Town Football Club for their first visit to the Fitness First Stadium.

Our LDV game against Yeovil Town proved as difficult as we thought it would be. Having seen them play pre-season and scouted their last three league matches we knew that we had to play at our very best to progress to the next round. Although disappointed with our overall performance we were quick to give credit to Gary Johnson's side that on the night deserved to come out on top.

What was more disappointing was the vitriolic abuse we had to suffer from our so-called supporters who must think we have a divine right to win every football match we partake in.

Yeovil Town possess a very compact and neat stadium, are debt free and the vast majority of their players earn comparable or better wages than our own. They may be just out of the Conference but financially are in a far more capable position than the vast majority of lower league clubs.

Gary Johnson rang me in midweek to cancel a reserve fixture scheduled for the previous Wednesday as he has only 22 professionals to call upon and could not field a team, which raised a smile amongst the staff. We may be the more established club but in many ways they are in a far healthier position.

The injury to Derek Holmes compounded a miserable evening and we learned later that week he had unfortunately torn his cartilage and will be missing for at least 6 weeks. His attitude since he arrived at the football club has been exemplary and I'm confident he will take this latest set-back in his stride.

With any setback you must try to come out of it stronger for the experience and that was the message we tried to impart to the players after the game.

Our clash with the league leaders four days later was the perfect challenge the team needed to show their new found maturity and I thought all the squad responded magnificently and they thoroughly deserved their 1-0 win.

straight down the line

The Fans Forum on Thursday night was well attended and after a short presentation the chairman, Peter Grant, Wade Elliott, Karl Broadhurst and myself answered questions on a range of topics and we hope the evening was enjoyable as well as informative.

At the time of writing these notes the news regarding Warren Feeney is quite positive although extremely shaken he received the all clear from the hospital and was discharged Saturday evening.

A big thank you to all the medical staff who responded so professionally to what could have been a much more serious injury.

Enjoy the game and continue to support your local team.

Sean O'Driscoll

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TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2003

The Cherries went out of the LDV Vans Trophy at the first hurdle, losing 2-0 at Yeovil. The large Cherries following in the Southern Section's biggest crowd left disappointed as the home side put in an excellent performance to deserve their progression in the tournament. Yeovil took the lead on 74 minutes through Jake Edwards and sealed the win with four minutes left through a Gavin Williams penalty.



Luton went through thanks to a late, late goal from Matthew Judge at Stevenage. Other sides to progress to the second round from the Southern Section were Colchester, Peterborough, Plymouth, QPR, Southend and Wycombe. In the Northern Section, Blackpool, Carlisle, Doncaster, Chesterfield, Hull, Halifax, Lincoln, Stockport, Oldham, Scarborough, Scunthorpe and Wrexham went through.

WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2003

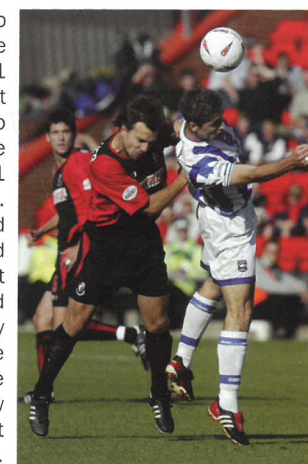
In the LDV Vans Trophy Southern Section, Boston, Rushden and Dagenham & Redbridge went through whilst in the Northern Section, Sheffield Wednesday and Barnsley were successful.

SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER 2003

The Cherries moved up to fifth in the table with a superb display against league leaders Brighton & Hove Albion at the Fitness First Stadium. Warren Feeney netted his fourth goal of the season early on before having to go off with a facial injury and Bournemouth were unlucky not to have extended their lead on a number of occasions.

Luton lost for the first time in five matches as they went down 4-2 at Brentford. Adrian Forbes grabbed both of the Hatters goals.

Plymouth moved up to second in the table with a 5-1 thrashing of Port Vale at Vale Park to bring their league goal tally up to 11 goals in two games. QPR dropped to third after they were held to a goalless draw at Peterborough and Sheffield Wednesday also dropped one place after they were held to a 0-0 draw at home against Rushden & Diamonds.



Chesterfield gained their first league win of the season with a surprise 3-0 home success against Swindon. Wycombe lost 2-1 at home against Barnsley and replaced the Spireites at the foot of the table.

In the other games, Blackpool beat Hartlepool 4-0, Grimsby beat Colchester 2-0 and Brian Little celebrated his first league match in charge of Tranmere with a 2-1 win over Oldham. New Stockport boss Sammy McIlroy saw his new team gain a point with a late equaliser in a 2-2 draw at home against Notts County and in the division's other game, Wrexham were held to a 0-0 draw at home against Bristol City.



The draw was made for the next round of the LDV Vans Trophy with Luton facing a trip to Rushden & Diamonds in Round Two. Yeovil's reward for beating the Cherries is a home tie against Colchester.

The Cherries Under 19's beat Exeter 2-1 at Chapel Gate whilst the Under 17's drew 3-3 at Bristol Rovers.

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Peter Phillips

from the boardroom

The Council are preparing to close all but one Park entrance on matchdays from December. If they go ahead, all traffic using the stadium car park and the public pay and display car park beyond, will be forced to enter and exit from Holdenhurst Road. I met with the Council's 'Policy Advisory Group' last week, and they all agreed that their proposed actions are ludicrous, but reluctantly they are likely to go ahead anyway.

The impact is obvious. There will be huge tailbacks of traffic, possibly backing up on to Wessex Way, and it may take up to two hours after each game for cars to get away. It is not only our supporters who will suffer. Park users and local residents will be seriously inconvenienced, noise and air pollution will increase, local shopkeepers will lose trade as fans switch to parking in for example the Sovereign Centre, policing and safety will be compromised, and our disabled supporters who have little choice but to park close to the stadium will be particularly inconvenienced. Even the tiny coven of malice that started this affair, the so-called Friends of Kings Park, will be worse off.

So why is it happening? The Council have taken legal advice, and the opinion they have received is that if they keep the Park open they may be subject to legal challenge by the

Charity Commission. The football club does not agree with this legal opinion, and we need your help to fight this.

There are at least three grounds for challenging the legal opinion.

First it is discriminatory. Why is the football club being singled out? There are houses and blocks of flats in Pokesdown that can only be accessed over Charity Commission land, Wessex Way and Queens Park Drive both pass through Charity Commission Land. There is no campaign for these to close. We need to expose the so-called Friends campaign for what it is. A direct attack on the football club.

Second, it is within the Council's power to modify the boundary of the charitable land to take the roadways out and replace them with green parkland. This simple and sensible move should have the support of the Charity Commission and would solve the parking problems.

Third, there are only 30 or so football matches a year. Why don't the Council take police advice and open Gloucester Road gates for a few hours on each of these days in the public interest?

There is also evidence that there is an ancient public right of way across the park and that the Council would be acting illegally to close it.

We must fight a campaign to stop the barmy troublemakers winning. If you agree, please help by contacting your local councillor and the Charity Commission in Taunton.

Peter Phillips

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AFC Bournemouth



Appearing in court...

Luton Town

15 years ago, Luton had it all - an established top flight club, winners of the Littlewoods Cup when they beat Arsenal and the future looked bright.

Football since then has changed so much and with an inadequate ground, they could not compete with the big clubs. They just missed the outset of the Premiership and from then it has seen them in decline. That decline continued as they fell to Division Two and in 1999 went into receivership. Having survived that, the next chapter saw them relegated to the Third Division. They gained promotion straight away under Joe Kinnear and enjoyed a good return last season to Division Two and by the end of the campaign, optimism was high at the Bedfordshire club.

Nothing though could have prepared them for the summer of 2003 that this proud and famous club had to endure. The club was sold and immediately Joe Kinnear and his assistant Mick Harford were sacked by a recorded delivery letter. Supporters were up in arms over this and boycotted buying season tickets and sponsors were reluctant to put any money in. A Trust in Luton organisation was formed and when the new owner was removed, they showed their support to the club by buying season tickets in their droves, 3,000 sold in a matter of days.

The club were forced to go into administrative receivership and former Luton player Mike Newell came in as manager with Harford eventually returning to the club much to everyone's delight.

Newell and Harford though have to try and gain success on the field with a club £11 million in debt and a transfer embargo on them. There was genuine doubt that Luton would even be able to kick off the season, yet despite all of this, in the face of adversity, Luton have confounded everyone by enjoying an excellent start to the campaign.

Written off before a ball was kicked in anger, they have done excellently and Newell must be extremely proud of his team's efforts. To show how far they have come, they held Premier League Charlton to a 4-4 draw in the Carling Cup at the Valley before eventually going out on penalties. In the league, they have a superb home record with five wins, a draw and a solitary defeat. Away from home, they have won at Stockport, picked up points at Notts County and Swindon and lost four, including a 4-2 defeat at Brentford on Saturday.

The debt remains at Luton and the need for a new stadium becomes more obvious as time goes on. That is important, but the most important thing is the existence of Luton Town Football Club



The man in the hot seat

Manager

MIKE NEWELL

Mike is certainly unique amongst managers as he was appointed after Luton supporters voted for him in a telephone poll! Mike had been a popular player when he had previously served the club and has proved to be a good choice.

He started his playing career at Crewe, before moving to Wigan and then Luton in 1986. He then moved to a number of clubs for big fees, Leicester, Everton, Blackburn, Birmingham, West Ham, Bradford, Aberdeen and then back to Crewe before finishing his playing career at Blackpool. He moved to Tranmere as coach and then in November 2002, took over as manager at Hartlepool where he led the side to promotion, but his contract was not renewed in the summer. He had lost out to Rushden for the championship last term, but quickly made up for that by seeing his new charges beat the Diamonds 3-1 in the first game of the season. Despite all the problems he has had to encounter at Kenilworth Road, Mike is doing a tremendous job. He can't bring any players in yet has led the side to the fringes of the play-off positions. Mike was delighted when Mick Harford was brought back as Director of Football and first team coach and the pair can be justifiably proud of what they have achieved so far.

Luton squad at a glance

3 ALAN NEILSON

Former Welsh international who was signed from Grimsby in 2002. He has plenty of experience after spells with Newcastle, Southampton and Fulham. A versatile player who is vital part of the Hatters squad.



4 MATTHEW SPRING

Midfielder who came through the ranks at Luton to sign as a professional and has blossomed in-to a very important member of the squad. A consistent performer in midfield, he reached 100 league appearances before he was 20 and will be looking to complete 300 by the end of this season.

5 RUSSELL PERRETT

Central defender who comes from Barton-on-Sea. He was spotted by Portsmouth playing in the Wessex League for Lymington and then went on to serve Cardiff City for four years. He joined Luton in May 2001 and was a major factor behind their promotion and is enjoying an excellent campaign this season.



7 ADRIAN FORBES

Right winger who gained plenty of First Division experience at Norwich and also for England youth. He joined Luton for £75,000 in the summer of 2001 and proved to be an excellent buy. Last season though was a nightmare as he suffered injury during pre-season, only returning for the final few weeks of the campaign.

8 KEVIN NICHOLLS

Tough tackling midfielder who was at Charlton and Wigan before joining Luton in 2001 for a £150,000 fee. He soon became club captain and quickly gained the admiration of the Luton faithful with his never-say-die attitude.

11 STEVE ROBINSON

It's a welcome back to 'Robbo' who spent a highly successful six years here at Bournemouth as a player, making 286 appearances and scoring 60 goals. He joined Bournemouth in 1994 from Spurs before joining Preston in 2000. He joined Luton in the summer of 2002 and his time at Kenilworth Road has been affected by injury, but he has recently made his comeback.

12 CHRIS COYNE

Australian centre half who was in the Australian squad for the 1994 Youth World Cup. He signed for West Ham and after loan spells at Brentford and Southend, moved to Dundee. He signed for Luton for £50,000 in September 2001 and quickly established himself as a crowd favourite.

16 ENOCH SHOWUNMI

Enoch joined up with the Hatters squad last month after previously impressing on trial during pre season. The club had to wait for special dispensation to give him a contract and he has joined from Willesden Constantine, the same club where Barry Hayles started.

17 EMMERSON BOYCE

Right back who came through the ranks at Luton to sign professional forms in 1998 and made his debut the following year. Emmerson is a player who likes to get forward to great effect.

18 AHMET BRKOVIC

Croatian born midfield play maker who first came to England when he joined Leyton Orient from HNK Dubrovnik in 1999. He joined the Hatters in the summer of 2001 and plays a valuable role in the side.



19 STEVE HOWARD

Steve signed on transfer deadline day in 2001 from Northampton for what has proved to be an absolute bargain at £50,000, winning many player awards since joining. He has enjoyed an excellent time with the Hatters and has a superb goalscoring record, including 24 in his first full season.

21 PAUL HUGHES

Midfielder who joined Luton in 2001. He started his career at Chelsea and gained experience with loan spells at Stockport, Norwich and Crewe before joining Southampton. He had a serious groin injury in his time with the Saints and when Gordon Strachan became boss, he transfer listed Paul who was quickly snapped up by the Hatters.

22 DAVID BAYLISS

A signing from Rochdale in November 2001, David was a regular in the promotion campaign, but injuries restricted his appearances last season. The defender was Rochdale's longest serving player until he joined Luton and his experience is proving vital.

23 IAN HILLIER

Under-21 Welsh international who signed for Luton at the start of the 2001-02 season, initially on loan, before signing permanently for a bargain £30,000 fee from Tottenham. He settled in quickly and has become a regular member of the squad.

24 SOL DAVIS

Highly rated defender who signed for Luton from Swindon when his contract expired in 2002. A tough tackling left back whose move to Luton has proved to be a major coup.

25 GARY MCSHEFFREY

Gary is currently on loan from Coventry City and he has enjoyed a tremendous time at Luton. He has plenty of pace and certainly knows where the goal is. He will be sorely missed when he returns to Highfield Road shortly.

32 LEE MANSELL

Young midfielder who made the transition from the youth team straight through to first team last season and scored after just 58 seconds of being on the pitch against QPR in the FA Cup. Lee has been at the club since he was 11 and his form last season earned him a professional contract.

33 DEAN BRILL

Young keeper who has been on the bench regularly this season and made his full debut in the recent 3-1 win over Wycombe. A local lad, Dean has been at the club since he was a 9-year-old.

34 DEAN CROWE

Striker who initially joined Luton on loan from Stoke in September 2001. He made a quick impact, scoring on his debut against Plymouth and soon made the move permanent. Dean has also served Northampton and Bury on loan.

38 MICHAEL LEARY

With the transfer embargo on Luton, it has given players like Michael the chance to shine and the youngster has joined the first team squad on occasions after his fine form for the youth and reserve teams.

39 STEVEN O'LEARY

17 year old who has represented the Republic of Ireland at Under 26 and Under 17 level. Steven was on the bench for an LDV game last season

41 KEVIN FOLEY

Defender who is still eligible for the Luton youth team. He was handed a starting role in pre-season and settled in rapidly, ensuring that despite his tender years, he gained a first team place on merit.



43 MATTHEW JUDGE

Young striker who joined the club after having previously been on the books at Spurs. Matthew came on as a sub in the recent LDV match at Stevenage.

44 PARYS OKAI

Young midfielder who has been at the club since he was a schoolboy. Small, but very quick, he made one LDV appearance last season. Parys made his first appearance this season against Yeovil in the Carling Cup.

45 LEON BARNETT

Local lad who is a central defender, but can fill in at a number of other roles. Recently handed his full debut in the 1-0 win at Stevenage in the LDV Vans Trophy.

47 ROB BECKWITH

Rob has only just celebrated his 19th birthday, but has been a regular in goal this season after the club's two senior keepers left in the summer. Despite his age and inexperience, he has performed superbly this season and commands his box well.

the good

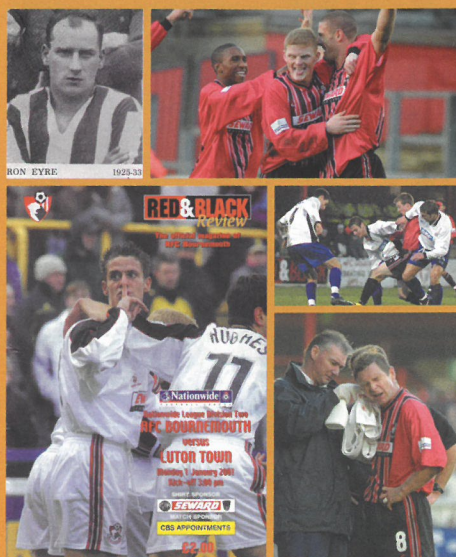
1 January 2001 Division Two AFC Bournemouth 3 Luton Town 2

There is nothing better for getting rid of a sore head on New Years Day than a good game of football and by the end of the game on 1 January 2001, the last thing anyone was thinking about was a hangover. A crowd of 5,411 came along to see a resurgent Cherries side who had moved away from the relegation zone to mid table comfort and a Luton side who had signed Mark Stein and Mark Ovendale from Bournemouth in the summer, but had struggled badly and were one place off the bottom. The game was going to plan when Steve Fletcher put the Cherries ahead on 39 minutes and the side would have been looking towards their half time cuppa a goal to the good when Luton suddenly turned the game on it's head. On the stroke of half time Andrew Fotiadis equalised and straight from the kick off, Luton gained possession and Adam Locke struck home. At half time, head injury victim Peter Grant was replaced by James Hayter and it was to be Grant's last appearance for the first team. In the second half, Luton held firm, keeping close tabs on Jermain Defoe, who was looking to get a record breaking eighth goal in a row. It looked as if it was all going to go wrong for Bournemouth until the side were awarded a penalty with just seven minutes left. Richard Hughes tucked that away past his old team mate Ovendale signalled a frenetic end to the game. Three minutes later as the ball bounced around the area, Defoe was on hand to nudge the ball home to set up wild celebrations in the South End, the last time the stand was used for a league match at the old ground. Luton came to within a whisker of equalising in time added on, but it was the Cherries who celebrated the New Year in style.

the bad

26 October 1996 Division Two Luton Town 2 AFC Bournemouth 0

Going back over recent years since the Cherries and the Hatters have been playing against each other regularly, we have been fortunate enough to have enjoyed some very good games against Luton. One game though in October 1996, just doesn't stand out as anything as it was such a mediocre performance from Bournemouth in a season that promised so much but almost ended in total disaster. Luton had been going well in their first season back down at this level after overcoming a poor start, whilst the Cherries were hovering just above the bottom four. The side did nothing to improve that position with a performance that simply gave the Cherries supporters no confidence. The only surprise was how long it took



the Hatters to take the lead. A Tony Thorpe penalty on 58 minutes gave the home side the lead and he quickly doubled the advantage two minutes later. After that, it was a case of the Cherries keeping the scoreline as it was and many of the travelling support had left long before the referee blew the final whistle. The next month saw Bournemouth gain revenge with a 3-2 win at Dean Court with Steve Robinson scoring twice. By the end of the season, Luton had qualified for the play-offs, losing against Crewe whilst Bournemouth were left fighting for their very existence.

and...the start of an era!

3 January 1925 Division Three (South) Luton Town 0 Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic 0

In the mid twenties, the Cherries were a fledgling Football League club and were finding the elevation from Southern League status difficult. On 3 January 1925, the team travelled to Luton Town without a goal in four games and with no wins in eight. Introduced to the players in the changing room was a striker who had just signed from Sheffield Wednesday. The man in question was Ronnie Eyre who in a career that had seen him picked up by Wednesday from Hucknall Colliery in 1923 had made just one appearance for the Owls in that time. His arrival and debut though against Luton was to be the start of an era that helped to establish the Cherries as a Football League club. He celebrated his debut with a goal as the Cherries won at Kenilworth Road 2-0 with Leslie Roberts scoring the other. He went on to score eleven goals that season, 27 the next, 28 in 26-27, 30 the following season, 32 in 28-29 then 23, 24, 19 and in 1932-33, his final season eight. His final total of goals was 202 in the League. He left Bournemouth in 1933 to join Christchurch and settled in the area, passing away in 1969, but his record breaking goalscoring achievements will never be forgotten.

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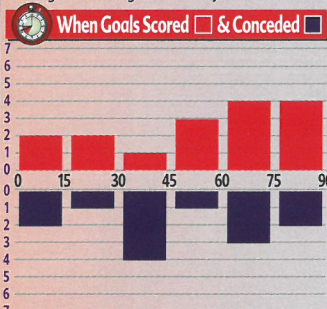
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 Lost: 1
 Scored: 7
 Conc: 5
 Points: 11
 Goal Diff: 2
 Last 6: **WLDDWW**
 Last 5 Home: **DWDDW**
 Last 5 Away: **WWLDW**

Miscellaneous

Players Used: 19
 Clean Sheets: 5
 Failed to Score: 3

The Guys to Watch

Headed goals	Fletcher S	2
Long range shots	Purches, Feeney	1
Inside 6 yards	Fletcher S, Feeney	2
Shots from 6-18 yards	4 players	1
Volleyed shots	Purches, Fletcher S, Feeney	1
Penalties	no penalties	
Scored 1st Goal in match	Fletcher S	2
Most goals in last 10	Elliott, Feeney	1
Points gained from goals	Feeney	6.5



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	75
Goals conceded	13
On target/goals scored	5.77
Division 2 rating	5

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	87
Goals scored	16
On target / goals	5.44
Division 2 Rating	20

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	2
Points won	2
Goals Against, last 10	2
Points lost	1

Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	12.57
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	9
Average Offsides per game	2.21
Div 2 Rating	3

Swings

WON when behind	2
DRAWN when behind	3
LOST when ahead	0
DRAWN when ahead	2
WON 2 down	0
WON 1 down	2
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	0
DRAWN 2+ down	0
DRAWN 1 down	3
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	2

Attendances

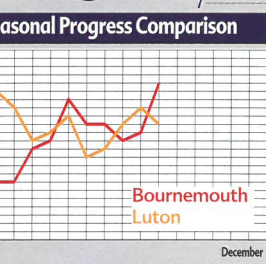
Aggregate	48,255
Highest	8,219
Lowest	5,960
Average	6,894

Where Goals

Close Range	6
Inside Area	16
Outside Area	2

How Goals

Shots	13
Headers	8
Volleys	1
Penalties	2
Free Kicks	0
Own Goals	0



Set Piece Goals

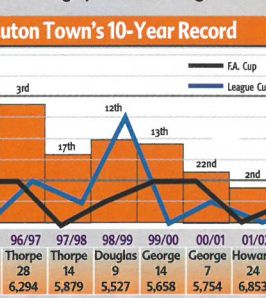
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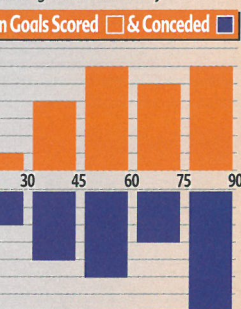
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WON BY:	LOST BY:
1 Goal	1 Goal
2 Goals	2 Goals
3 Goals	3 Goals
4 Goals	4 Goals
5+ Goals	5+ Goals



The Guys to Watch

Headed goals	Perrett	2
Long range shots	McSheffrey	2
Inside 6 yards	Perrett	2
Shots from 6-18 yards	Forbes	4
Volleyed shots	McSheffrey	1
Penalties	Nicholls, McSheffrey	1
Scored 1st Goal in match	Howard, McSheffrey	2
Most goals in last 10	5 players	1
Points gained from goals	McSheffrey	6



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	86
Goals conceded	23
On target/goals scored	3.74
Division 2 rating	17

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	93
Goals scored	24
On target / goals	3.88
Division 2 Rating	7

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	5
Points won	2
Goals Against, last 10	6
Points lost	7

Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	13.07
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	15
Average Offsides per game	4.43
Div 2 Rating	19

Swings

WON when behind	2
DRAWN when behind	1
LOST when ahead	1
DRAWN when ahead	3
WON 2 down	0
WON 1 down	2
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	1
DRAWN 2+ down	0
DRAWN 1 down	1
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	3

Attendances

Aggregate	42,335
Highest	8,339
Lowest	5,002
Average	6,048



Hatters



Form Guide:

Won: 2
 Drawn: 2
 Lost: 2
 Scored: 11
 Conc: 12
 Points: 8
 Goal Diff: -1
 Last 6: **DLDDWL**
 Last 5 Home: **WWDWW**
 Last 5 Away: **DLDDL**

Miscellaneous

Players Used: 28
 Clean Sheets: 1
 Failed to Score: 2

Tonight we welcome Luton to Bournemouth, which means of course that we also welcome 'Robbo' back here. He's a good lad and since he left Bournemouth I've always been in touch with him and he's a good mate. He's had a lot of injuries since he left to join Preston, but he seems to be on the road to recovery now and it will be nice to see him again.

They've had a bad time at Luton recently with all their problems off the field, but Mike Newell has come in and at least he has most of the squad left apart from the two keepers including Mark Ovendale and Tony Thorpe who is now at QPR. The players had to accept lower wages with the new contracts, which is very much like ourselves when we were in Luton's situation and that is the only way they could give any player a contract because they need the club to survive.

I know they lost at Brentford on Saturday, but they have had a good start to the season. They may be having financial difficulties, but they do have a good team even if they can't strengthen it and they have proved to be a hard team to beat. They did well last season when they looked to be in a good shout for the play offs until their form dropped at the end. So they are definitely one of the better outfits in the Second Division.

We have to carry on showing the form like we have done in our last couple of league games. We put Yeovil well and truly behind us on Saturday against Brighton, which was something we had to do. The one thing we took out of the Yeovil game was that we all had to stick together and don't let a result like that effect us and that's what we did. Saturday was one of the most professional performances I've been involved in for a long time. Our attitude was spot on, we stuck to our game plan and it was more like a 1-0 rout, than just scraping a 1-0 victory. We had more than the lion's share of possession, created all the chances and always looked like the team who were most likely to score. If we had come off winning by two or three, that would have been justified.

It was also nice to win a game and actually move up the table a bit because so far this season, we would win and hardly move. The top few will keep fluctuating for a while and we have to make sure that if we fluctuate, it's between about 2nd and 6th as opposed to lower down. We've now beaten two of the best teams at home in Brighton and Sheffield Wednesday and in both games we could have easily won by large scorelines.

We've had to show character because as soon as we get a fit squad for the first time in the reign of Sean and Peter, within a week, we lost Derek and Warren, just to prove that things never go quite how you want it! It's something we have to deal with and get on with it.

The Brighton game will mean nothing if we don't get any kind of result tonight and it will help us if we can play in the same sort of atmosphere as we did on Saturday. It helped to have a large away crowd, but you as ever were terrific and as I've said many times before, you probably don't appreciate just how important you are to the side.

After today, we have two tough away games in the league, but our form on the road has been OK. We'd like to be travelling to Oldham and Tranmere on a bit of a high. We've completed the first half of a double-header,



Steve Fletcher...

behind the changing room door

so if we can get a result tonight, it will put us in a good position before the long trips. We want to be right up there and now that we're in the top six, why not stay there? None of us want to be going up and down the league like a yo-yo, we want to consolidate and maintain our present position throughout the season. Of course a lot of that is down to luck and with losing a couple of inform players, we haven't had much in the last week. We have to make our own luck and with a small squad, we all have to be versatile because the line-ups chop and change with injuries and suspensions. It is certainly not about the 11 on the pitch, it's about the squad that trains every day of the week, which is a good thing because every player knows that they will be asked at some time to do a job.

It'll be tough tonight, we are well aware of that, but with your support again, we can sign off at home for a few weeks in the league on a high.

Steve Fletcher
 Club Captain

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What's coming up...

dear court diary

away

Saturday 25 October 2003
Nationwide League Division Two
OLDHAM ATHLETIC
 Boundary Park, kick off 3.00 pm

COACH

The AFC Bournemouth Travel Club will be leaving the Fitness First Stadium at 7.45 am. Cost is £23 Members and £31 Non-Members and booking are now being taken. Full travel details appeared in the Brighton programme.



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Saturday 25 October 2003
Umbro Isotonic Youth Alliance
Under 17 League

EXETER CITY

Chapel Gate, kick off 11.00 am



away

Saturday 1 November 2003
Nationwide League Division Two
TRANMERE ROVERS
 Prenton Park, kick off 3.00 pm

COACH

The Travel Club will depart from the Fitness First Stadium at 07.45 pm. Cost is £23 Members and £31 Non-Members. Bookings are now being taken at Collect & Go.

CAR

Exit the M6 and take the M53 signposted North Wales. Exit the M53 at junction 4 and take the B5151 signposted Birkenhead, the fourth exit on roundabout (Tranmere Rovers is signposted from here). Carry on for two and half miles and when Mount Road becomes Storeton Road, turn right into Prenton Road West and the ground will be visible. There is a large car park at the ground and also side street parking, but please be aware that there are many local parking schemes operating in the area.

TRAIN

To get to Prenton Park, you need to travel to Liverpool and catch the service to Rock Ferry or Birkenhead Central. Both are around a 20 minute walk to the ground.

VISITING SUPPORTERS INFORMATION

Bournemouth supporters should use the all covered and seated Cowshed End, which houses excellent facilities and offers a good view of the game. Cost is £16 adults, £8.50 OAP's and £4 juniors. There are a number of pubs near the stadium, The Mersey Clipper and the Sportsmans Arms both welcome away supporters. Don't walk out with a drink though as it is a criminal offence to drink in the streets in Birkenhead.

DISABLED SUPPORTERS INFORMATION

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Saturday 8 November 2003
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Umbro Isotonic Youth Alliance
Under 19 League

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Kick off 11.00 am

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Saturday 8 November 2003
Umbro Isotonic Youth Alliance
Under 17 League

SWINDON TOWN

Chapel Gate, kick off 11.00 am



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Saturday 15 November 2003
Nationwide League Division Two
PETERBOROUGH UNITED

Fitness First Stadium, kick off 3.00 pm
 Tickets for this match are now on sale.



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Umbro Isotonic Youth Alliance
Under 19 League

TORQUAY UNITED

Chapel Gate, kick off 11.00 am



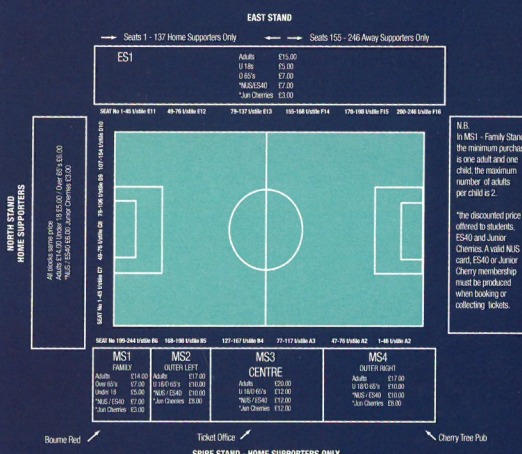
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Umbro Isotonic Youth Alliance
Under 17 League

YEOVIL TOWN

Kick off 11.00 am

matchday tickets how to buy



IN PERSON

Tickets are available from the Ticket Office at the Fitness First Stadium Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm. Tickets for matches go on sale approximately 3 to 4 weeks before matches. On the matchday, tickets are on sale from 10.00 am.

BY PHONE

Call the AFC Bournemouth Ticket Hotline number at the BIC and Pavilion Box Offices on 0845 011 2322.

VIA THE WEBSITE

Tickets are available through the official AFC Bournemouth website at: www.afcb.co.uk

BY POST

Postal Application would be sent to Ticket Office, AFC Bournemouth, Fitness First Stadium, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH7 7AF, accompanied by cheque or postal order for the correct amount.

BY FAX

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Player Prediction League 03-04



PLAYER PREDICTIONS ROUND SEVEN



Brian Stock



Gareth O'Connor



Shaun Maher



Carl Fletcher



Warren Feeney

Fulham v Newcastle	1-1	1-2	1-1	2-2	1-1
Norwich v Derby	2-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	2-1
Watford v Coventry	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-1	1-0
Grimsby v Notts County	1-0	2-0	2-1	3-1	2-1
Stockport v Colchester	2-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	1-1
Southend v Boston	0-1	2-0	2-0	2-1	2-1

The players predict scores
from six matches being
played tonight and will get
10 points for the exact
correct score, 6 points for
correct result and one score
right and 4 points for correct
result (i.e. if Watford beat
Coventry 1-0 tonight, Garreth
O'Connor and Warren Feeney
get 10 points and Shaun
Maher will get 6.)



League Table

	Played	Correct score	Correct result with one correct goals	Correct result	Score
Steve Fletcher	2	3	3	2	56
Danny Thomas	2	1	4	4	48
Neil Moss	2	1	5	1	44
James Hayter	2	1	3	4	44
Derek Holmes	2*	2	1	3	44
Gareth Stewart	2*	2	0	3	42
Wade Elliott	2	2	1	3	38
Alan Connell	2	1	4	1	38
Stephen Purches	2	1	4	1	38
Warren Feeney	1	3	1	0	36
Marcus Browning	2*	2	0	4	36
Warren Cummings	2	1	2	4	34
Karl Broadhurst	2	1	3	0	32
Fawzi Saadi	2*	1	1	2	30
Jason Tindall	2	1	2	1	26
Shaun Maher	1	2	0	1	24
Brian Stock	1	1	1	1	20
Neil Young	2*	1	1	1	20
Carl Fletcher	1	1	1	0	16
Garreth O'Connor	1	0	2	0	12

* Scores based on nine results, other games waiting to be played.

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hiya!!!

Welcome back to the Fitness First Stadium for the second time in four days. What a fantastic match and result on Saturday against Brighton!! It was also great to see so many youngsters supporting both sides here, really enjoying the football.

As you will know, this week is the 'kick it out' week, a national anti-racism week of action. It really is up to all of us to help stamp this out of our game and if you hear anything, either ask your parents or guardians to tell the nearest steward or do so yourselves. There is no place for racists in football or anywhere, so it's up to all of us to ensure that it is kicked out of football and society.

A big bear hug tonight to any young Luton supporters who have travelled down, hope you enjoy your first visit to our new stadium and have a safe journey home.

Get behind the team tonight and let's have an atmosphere like Saturday again!

BOSCOMBE – BACK OF THE NET!!

meet the players

I'm delighted to announce that on Monday 27 October from 3.35 to 4.45 pm, it is the Junior Cherries Meet the Players event at Sainsbury's Castlepoint, which is in the new Castlepoint Centre in Castle Lane, Bournemouth. Make sure you bring along your membership card and of course your autograph book!

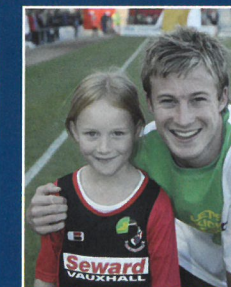
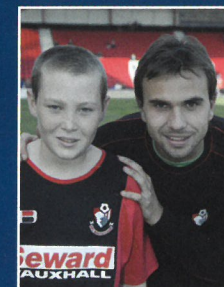
October birthdays

We have four new JC's celebrating their birthdays this month:

Nicholas Smith, Liam Gonthier, Lewis Wedgwood and Jessica Ackrell

mascots on parade

MASCOTS v Brighton & Hove Albion



13-year-old BEN COCHRANE was 'over the moon' to lead the Cherries out before the 1-0 win over Brighton on Saturday. He is pictured here with CARL FLETCHER.

Also leading the team out was 6-year-old RHIAN SHUTLER, who had a great day on Saturday as she led the team to success. She is pictured here with WADE ELLIOTT.

tonight's mascots

We have another two **GREAT** J.C.'s leading the team out tonight.

DANIEL JOHNSON is 11 years old and he lives in Southbourne. He attends Porchester School and lives with his mum, dad and sister Natalie. He enjoys football and cricket and his favourite player is WARREN FEENEY.

9 year old **JOHN SIMONS** lives in Moordown with his mum, dad and sister Lydia. He attends St. Johns School in Moordown and his interests include football, Tennis, PS2 and BMX biking. His favourite player is WADE ELLIOTT.

Cherries News

21st October 2003...



IN THE BIN!

Thanks to Key Industrial, the Cherries players can now 'relax' after training or a game by dunking themselves in ice and water! It is an excellent way to lower the chances of a player getting injured and is a method used by the England rugby World Cup squad and many Premiership teams. Players will be dunked in the water for a couple of minutes and that helps to seal over any tears and can minimise the risk of any further damage. Key Industrial were delighted to become involved in their local club and finance director Paul Angell, who is pictured here along with Gareth Stewart, Alan Connell, Jason Tindall, Derek Holmes, Jim Marshall, Seam O'Driscoll and Steve Johnson of Key Industrial said, "We are the largest local supplier of industrial supplies and it was such a novel request from AFC Bournemouth that we felt compelled to get involved."

PLAYERSHARE RAFFLE

The successful Playershare Raffle, held at each home game, needs more 'staff'. Can YOU spare an hour before the match on a Saturday and/or Tuesday to help? Your voluntary help can enable the club to afford good loan players, who will be needed during the season. Please email paulfrank@afcb.fsnet.co.uk, if you can help.



GET SHIRTY!

Business student Matt Howe got his hands on a sought-after pair of tickets for our game with Brighton last Saturday after becoming the first winner of Getting Shirty in the Square! The 21-year-old, who hails from Frome in Somerset, was spotted wearing his Cherries kit in Bournemouth Square last Tuesday lunchtime and was immediately presented with two of the gold dust tickets. To stand a chance of winning two tickets for Cherries' next home game against

Peterborough on November 15, wear your kit with pride the next time you go into town and if you are seen by our spies, the tickets are yours!

MOBILE HELP

Help keep AFC Bournemouth a family club. If you hear or witness any offensive behaviour during

game, text the club's exclusive abuse hotline and let us know where the problems are. All you have to do is text the block, row and approximate seat number of where the abuse is coming from and your message will result in a steward or police officer instantly being sent to the trouble spots.

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Cherries would like to thank Phones 4U Bournemouth for donating the mobile phone, which is being presented here to Karenza Morton by Joe Fisher, store manager of the Bournemouth branch of Phones 4U.



GOOD NEWS

Many Cherries supporters were very concerned last season when Doncaster Rovers Chairman Chas Walker became seriously ill after the FA Cup match at the Fitness First Stadium last season. We are pleased to announce that thanks to the emergency services in Bournemouth, Chas has made a recovery and was well enough to see his beloved Rovers gain their place back in the football league. He is pictured here with the Conference play-off trophy with his wife, granddaughter and current chairman and owner of Rovers, John Ryan. Since then, he has been made Vice President of Doncaster Rovers.



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AFC BOURNEMOUTH PROGRAMME FAIR

Date: Sunday 16th November 2003
Venue: The Cherry Tree Pub
Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Admission: Adults 50p, Under 16's free
Several programme dealers will be present
Further details: Neil Vacher 01202 726307

Cherries Quiz

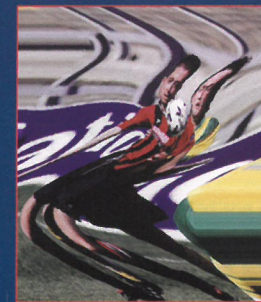
quiz

See how many of these you manage to get right!

- 1 Bournemouth last played at Luton in September 2000. Who was in charge of the Hatters then?
- 2 And who was their manager when they last visited Dean Court in January 2001?
- 3 Who was manager at Kenilworth Road before Mike Newell took charge?
- 4 Who was in charge at Luton when they won the Littlewoods Cup against Arsenal in 1988?
- 5 Who was the boss of Manchester United when the Cherries knocked them out of the FA Cup in 1984?
- 6 When Bournemouth knocked Southampton out of the Littlewoods Cup over two legs in 1987, who was in charge at The Dell?
- 7 Which four managers have led Bournemouth to promotion?
- 8 Who became the new Stockport manager last week?
- 9 Who are the three managers who have led teams to the Premier League championship?
- 10 Which five former Cherries players have managed Torquay since 1984?

PICTURE PUZZLER

Which former Cherries player is mixed up here and which club does he play for now?



WHERE IS THIS?

At which ground are the Cherries running out here?



Answers on page 53

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Cherries v The Hatters...



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**AFC Bournemouth
Ladies 03/04**



AFC Bournemouth Young Ladies

Although this team consists mainly of Under 15's players, the matches are played within the Dorset Women's League. This league is the only available league for 14 and 15 year old girls to play 11-a-side football, so the decision to use it as a learning platform for the Under 15's squad was a natural one.

The AFC Bournemouth Young Ladies team has played 4 matches in the Dorset Women's League and they have done themselves proud with 3 victories and a draw last week, against Poole Town Ladies.

Results so far:

Bridport 0-26 AFCBYL
AFCBYL 4-1 Ashdown Rovers
AFCBYL 6-0 Lyme Regis
Poole Town 2-2 AFCBYL

Under 15's

At present, the Under 15's league matches are played on mini-soccer pitches (60 x 40 metres) with seven players on each side.

The AFCBYL Under 15's team has a 100% record having played only two games.

The Dorset F.A. have leagues for girls in the age ranges; Under 11, 13 & 15. Anyone wishing to join a league team should contact Mr Jon Fancy on **01202 682375** or email jon.fancy@dorsetfa.com

Spotlight on Tiani Cole

Tiani Cole is another of our rising starlets and she comes from a massive football family.

They are fanatical AFC Bournemouth supporters and can often be heard in the North Stand (respect!) helping the opposition's goalkeeper to focus on goal kicks!! Aaaaaaaarrggghhhhh!

Tiani has a natural ability to control and pass the ball and when you combine this with good vision and an honest approach, the outcome is an excellent team player. Tiani, it's time to get a goal for yourself!

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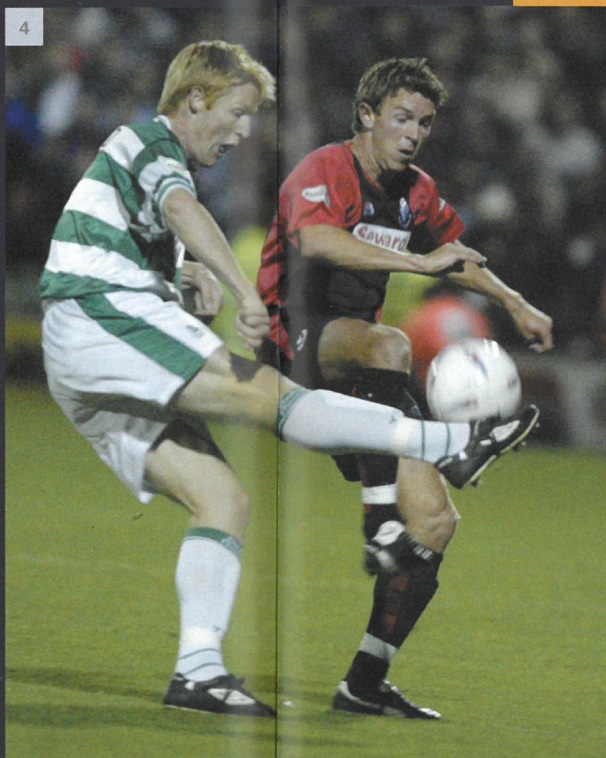
action/reaction...

Yeovil Town V The Cherries

Tuesday 14 October 2003
LDV Vans Trophy First Round
Yeovil Town 2 AFC Bournemouth 0

ACTION

- 1 Warren Feeney puts pressure on Abdelhalim El Kholti.
- 2 Wade Elliott sends in a stinging shot that produced a fine save from Chris Weale.
- 3 Garreth O'Connor bursts past three defenders.
- 4 Stephen Purches blocks Adam Lockwoods attempted clearance.
- 5 Derek Holmes looks for an opening.



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REACTION



Yeovil Town boss Gary Johnson:

"We kept ourselves in the game for the whole 90 minutes and that was important. We were solid at the back, industrious in midfield and dangerous up front. I don't think there is anyone who would say that we didn't deserve to win against a very good Bournemouth side."



Cherries manager Sean O'Driscoll:

"The lads are disappointed because we came here to win it. We prepared to win it as we prepare to win every game. Yeovil caught us on the break and we were chasing the game from then on. Yeovil are a very good side, they didn't surprise me and the best team won."



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action/reaction...

The Cherries v Brighton & Hove Albion

Saturday 18 October 2003
Nationwide League Division Two
AFC Bournemouth 1
Brighton & Hove Albion 0

ACTION

- 1 Warren Feeney shows his delight after he reacted quickest in the Seagulls goalmouth.
- 2 Carl Fletcher gets up well to win this aerial battle.
- 3 Garreth O'Connor weaves between Richard Carpenter and Adam Hinshelwood.
- 4 Stephen Purches sends in a powerful shot on goal.
- 5 Marcus Browning rises well to direct a header towards goal.



REACTION

Bournemouth boss Sean O'Driscoll:

"I thought it was an excellent performance and the only thing I'm disappointed about is that we haven't scored more goals. They're a hard team to beat, but we started well, went the goal up, kept the pressure on throughout the game and to be honest, I can't remember them having a chance. So I'm delighted and we have to keep it going now."



Seagulls Caretaker Manager Bob Booker:

"We never got started in the first half, but I felt we did better as the game went on and could have done with another 20 minutes. We could have got a draw, but we got done by a sloppy goal, which we could have dealt with better. Bournemouth are a decent team who keep the ball, but we gave them a little but too much respect in the first half. It's a set back, people will be frustrated by it, but we're still top of the league."





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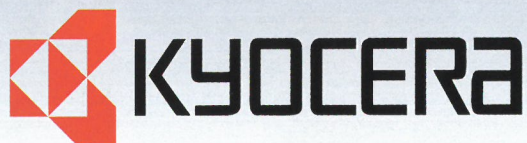
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The past six weeks, leading up to the first half term of the new school year, has been very busy for the Football in the Community Scheme with our schools programme. 22 schools have been visited for activities ranging from Breakfast Clubs at Pokesdown (Thursday and Friday mornings), St Marks and Winton Primary Schools.

The After School Clubs have been very popular with over 450 boys and girls taking part from schools at Christchurch Juniors, Lilliput, St. Mary's, Queens Park and Ringwood. Many thanks to Martin, Kate, Danny and the team of part-time coaches who have all helped in the delivery of all the school programmes.

After the half term we will be continuing with all three of our clubs, Breakfast, Lunchtime and After School.

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'KICK IT OUT' CAMPAIGN

The 'Kick it Out' Campaign anti-racism awareness week continues from Saturday's game against Brighton where literature was distributed, the players wore t-shirts, the staff wore badges with tannoy announcements and adverts in the programme and on the scoreboard.

The Football in the Community Scheme will be continuing to promote the anti-racism message with posters being given out at all activities.

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Enjoy the game,
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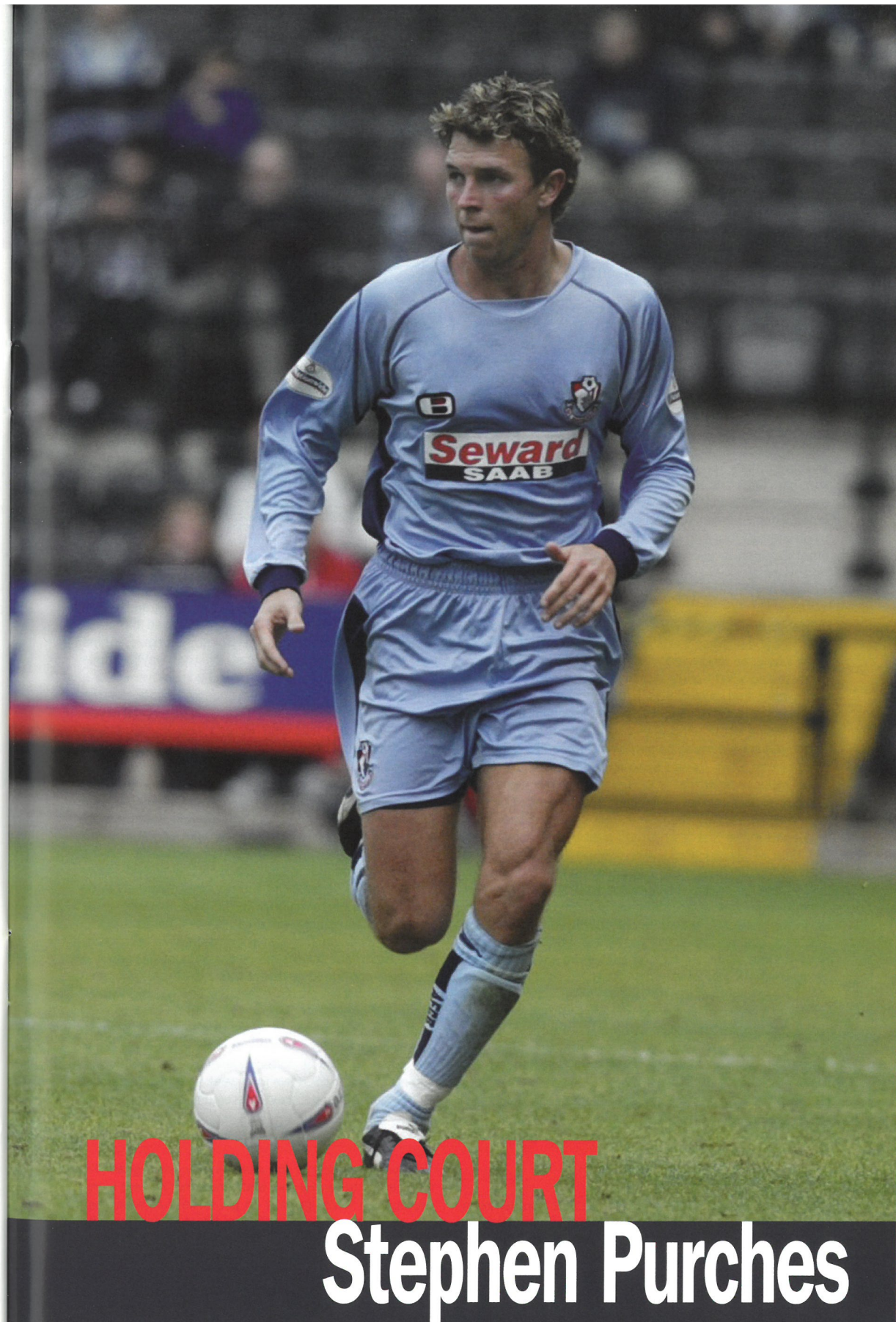
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HOLDING COURT
Stephen Purches

Born in Ilford in 1980, Stephen was spotted as a footballer at a young age by West Ham and rose through the ranks to be taken on as a trainee and then as a professional in 1998. In his two years as a pro at Upton Park under Harry Redknapp, he progressed to the fringes of the first team squad without making an appearance.

He first came to Bournemouth on trial in 2000, playing against Ipswich in the Combination Cup Final and made an instant impression to Cherries supporters. He signed permanently in the summer, making his debut in August 2000 at Bristol Rovers and apart from a spell out with an injury in his first season at the club, has been an almost permanent fixture in the side and has proved to be a highly versatile and reliable player.

The highlight of his career came at the Millennium Stadium where his run from the heart of the defence saw him latch on to Wade Elliott's cross to vitalily put the Cherries 3-1 ahead. It has always been a good omen when Stephen scores because in the nine matches where he has found the net, the Cherries have won every time! Stephen is ever present this season and is at his reliable best.

WEST HAM

"I had been playing for my district side and a scout came over to my dad when I was about ten and said that West Ham would be interested in me going over to train with them to see what I could do. I was still at West Ham ten years after that, which was a dream come true to me because I was a West Ham supporter. I thought they were just messing about when they first told me, they weren't and it was something to be proud of. I made my debut for the reserves when I was 15, so by the time I left, I had a lot of experience at that level. I played for five years at a good level and you can only learn and progress like that especially as I played with some great players. I look back and I was in the first team squad a lot of times, but in all my time at West Ham, I was only on the bench once against Steaua Bucharest. That was a proud moment for me. There is a very fine line in making it there and unfortunately I never got that chance to show what I could do in the first team. Harry saw the potential in me and told me that the only club he really wanted me to go to was Bournemouth as he felt that I would be able to progress there and he was right. In the time that I was at West Ham, there were very few lads that made it through to the first team, in fact no one in my year did. We had a good youth team as well, we won a lot of trophy's and in the time that I was a YT, there is only me, Grant McCann who now plays for Cheltenham and Gary Alexander, who is now at Leyton Orient, who are left in the professional game and it amazes me that out of the very successful team that we had, the three of us are all that's left. It is hard and there is not so much room for young players to move into clubs now."

MOVING SOUTH

"Harry had spoken to me and told me that Bournemouth had watched me a couple of times and were interested and that I should go down for a couple of days and see if I liked it. It couldn't have worked out better because I



came down and ended up playing in the Combination Cup Final against Ipswich and it all went from there really. I knew Bournemouth well and my whole family were going to move there when I was about ten. My grandad has lived here for a while and I have always loved the place because it's a lovely part of the world. You could almost call it fate coming here, it just felt that way because I knew the area so well and it had always been a home from home and I always used to look for the Bournemouth results before I came here. I did some training with the lads and Narada and myself played against Ipswich. It was a bad night because of the weather, but I came off the pitch and I knew that I'd shown what I could do and we also lifted the cup after a 3-1 win. I think I showed how good I was at celebrating a goal as well! I was obviously very excited about playing and when John O'Neill scored, I thought I'd jump on his back, but missed him completely and ended up landing in a puddle on the pitch! That's something I'll never forget. It was a great night though and I was glad to be part of it and it's something I won't forget because it was the start of something very good. I remember at the time speaking to Jason Tindall and he said it was like playing a first team match because of the amount of people at the game and the atmosphere was superb even though it was just a reserve game. After that, Mel Machin wanted me to sign there and then, but I had to go back to West Ham because I was in the squad to play against Derby. It gave me a bit of time to think about it, but I knew it was the place for me. I sorted everything out before the summer, came back down for a week so that I could meet all the lads again, get used to everyone and get ready for the next season."

GOALS

"In my first season at the club, I never got a goal. I'm never afraid to have a shot and I knew that if I kept trying, eventually it would go in. I do get forward as much as I can and although I was getting a bit of ribbing from the lads, I knew it would come. When I did eventually score, there was a bit of relief, but mainly just a great buzz and

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to win the game against Stoke as well was a big bonus and gave us hope that we could get out of the relegation fight. Unfortunately it never worked out like that, but it was a game where we showed what we could do and obviously a game that I'll never forget. It's been mentioned a few times now that every time I score a goal we win and it's funny the way that things have worked out. One day, that might change, but at the moment, every time I do stick one in that happens and I'm looking to add to what I've got now! I'm asked which one of my goals is my favourite and because of the coverage, the goal at the Millennium Stadium will always stand out. Peter Grant told me that Sean had to pick his best five goals of last season and he told me that they were all mine, which was nice to hear! The diving header against Southend will probably never happen again, because it was just one of those freak things! Not many people will end up scoring from outside the area with their head. The Rushden goal was a bit special, I just picked it up and then saw it fly in the back of the net and it probably goes down as the best goal I've scored with the most memorable being the goal at Cardiff against Lincoln."

CHANGES

"When I joined Bournemouth, it was Mel Machin who signed me and after one game, he was replaced by Sean O'Driscoll. Sean wasn't the one who signed me so it did put a bit of doubt in my mind as to whether I was going to be the sort of player he wanted. As it has worked out, I've been able to do a job for him. It was a good first year at the club although missing out on the play-offs was a heartbreaking time and I still watch the video of the Reading game, when I had the chance in injury time and still don't know how it didn't go in! The next season saw us playing at Dorchester to start with, waiting for the new stadium. That year ended up in relegation, which made last season massive for us. We'll never forget last season and we will have to use the experience to improve. It ended up being an incredible end to the season for the club and for me personally when I scored at the Millennium Stadium, which was a real bonus. All in all, it has been a roller coaster three years for me and lets hope that this season, we keep going upwards."

VERSATILITY

"I've been asked to play in a lot of different positions since I've been at the club and to be honest, I don't care where I play as long as I'm in the team. At the moment, I'm enjoying it in midfield because you get more involved in the game. I've got a decent engine on me so I can get up and down and I feel I can help both the defence and the attack. If I get called upon to play in another position, then I'm quite happy to do that. The squad is so small that the lads have to be able to play in different positions and that's the way that

it is here. As a squad, we're all fairly young, we've all been together for a little while now and we can all rely on one another in different positions and that has worked in our favour. We all trust each other when we have to do different jobs for the team. I played as a left back for a long spell when I first joined and that was a place that I'd never played before. I'm quite lucky as a player that I can adapt and learn with each position I play in and I did a job there for the team. I always gave 100%, but as a right-footed player, it is always difficult to play on the left. I always felt I did a decent job for the team, but now with Warren Cummings in the squad, I can hand that over to him, hoping that I've improved myself as a player in that role."

PROGRESS

"I feel that although we went down in 2002, we became a bigger club. A lot of people came to notice us a lot, as a team we've been allowed to grow together and as a club, I think that everything's moving in the right direction. This season offers a good opportunity of showing what we can do and who knows where we are going to end up. We've had a decent start and as long as the squad stays as fit as possible, we can keep this going. The club is definitely moving in the right direction, it has become bigger each year I've been here. I remember when I first came, crowds were not the best even when we were doing well, but that was because the facilities were poor. The new stadium has seen many changes, there are a lot more kids and families coming to the game now. Everything has changed, not just football and that is why you have to work harder to attract supporters. People can see now when they come to games just how much better it is. The ground is very good for the club and for the future. People say they want a fourth stand and I can understand that, and some of the onus is on all of the players here to help achieve that, by doing well and, attracting support, so that the three stands aren't enough for our crowds and hopefully one day, that will happen. At the moment, the ground still looks lovely even with the three stands and we have got used to that. It is up to us though to keep playing well and hopefully one day, the fourth stand will be built and then we would have one of the best stadiums in this division."

JOHN

"It was a brilliant year for me to have my brother John at the club. He did well when he played for the reserves and when we trained. It was almost like we were back in the garden like when we were kids. He was a sub for the game against Orient and that was special because our dad has always been an Orient supporter. He was on the bench again in the FA Cup against Crewe and that was my birthday, so it's funny how on all the occasions that he was on the bench, it always had something special attached to it. Because of the money situation at the club, we couldn't sign him, which was a shame. Who knows though what will happen, he's not going to give up, and one day he might be back! He's playing for Salisbury City now and they are in the fourth qualifying round of the FA Cup where they play Lymington & New Milton at home, so if they get through that, we'll have our ears glued to the radio for the draw and you could see Purches v Purches!"

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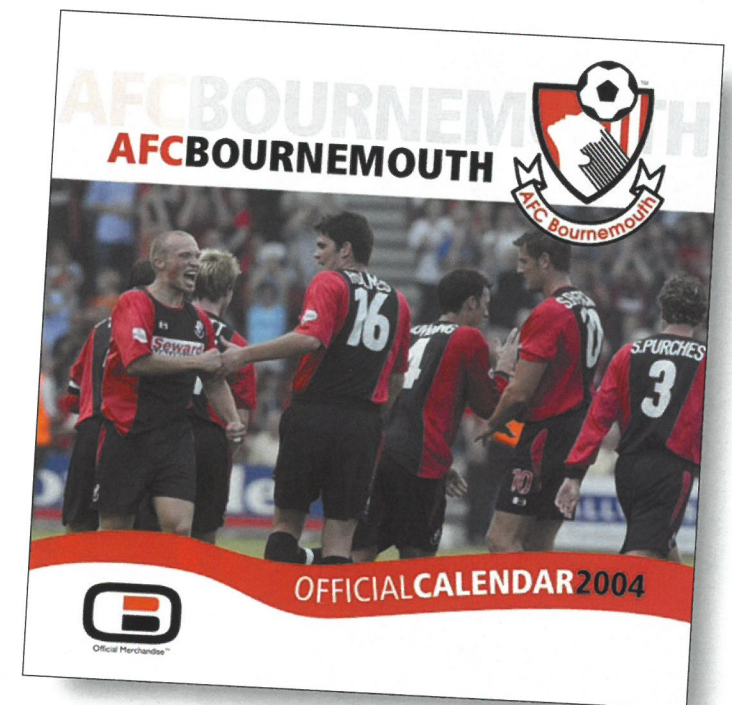


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Saturday 18 October 2003

Under 19's

AFC BOURNEMOUTH 2 EXETER CITY 1

The Cherries Under 19 side bounced back from the FA Cup defeat at Bristol Rovers with a 2-1 win over Exeter City at Chapel Gate, but this was a far from convincing performance from Joe Roach's side as a poor second half performance so nearly cost them the game.



"Mark Howlett gives the side the lead from the spot."



"Tom Ridley takes a run at the Grecians defence."

The start got even better on 11 minutes when Danny Cann curled in a superb effort from outside the box. It was one-way traffic and Jon Rodriguez came close with a long range effort before he was taken down in the area by the visiting keeper, but this time the referee waved play on. A good move before the break saw Tim Bond cleverly nod the ball back to Jamie White who saw his effort whistle just over the bar.

The second half though was a different story as the side's discipline went and Exeter took the initiative. Despite this, it was the Cherries who nearly added a third when James Coutts went on a solo run and was denied by a fine save. Exeter deservedly got back into the game on 74 minutes when from a corner, the ball was powered home and from then on, they created a number of chances to have gained



"James Coutts sends in a through ball."

a point. Bournemouth hung on to record the win, but will not be pleased with the second 45-minute showing.

AFC Bournemouth: Harvell (Flood), Howlett, Hutchings, Day, Bond, Coutts, Taylor, Rodriguez (Kingman), Ridley, Cann, White (Gregory).

Saturday 18 October 2003

Under 17's

BRISTOL ROVERS 3 AFC BOURNEMOUTH 3

A good end to the game ensured that a very young Under 17 side took home a share of the spoils, but if the side had shown the same level of performance earlier in the game, they would have easily taken home the three points.

There were a number of schoolboys in the Cherries side and they took a while to get their game going and went a goal behind on 6 minutes. Aaron Reid though put the side on level terms on 18 minutes when he took on two opponents and cut in to strike home a fine goal.

The second saw Rovers take the lead, but that spurred Bournemouth into action and they started playing the football they are renowned for. James Hyett converted a penalty on 76 minutes, but just as they were set to go on and win the game, Rovers took the lead for the third time. Undeterred though, the Cherries equalised again when good thinking from Ryan Moss saw him dispossess a defender and take the ball on and fire home. The side then had a numerous chances to win, but had to be content with a draw.

Coach Mark Kelly was pleased with the latter part of the game, but knows that his side must be more consistent against sides like Rovers, "When we play teams at the top, we are comfortable, but when we come up against sides that could described as 'lesser', we can struggle. At Bristol Rovers, it was that sort of game. When the lads got it down and played, Rovers couldn't live with us, but it took them about an hour to realise this. In the last half hour, we had some great chances and the lads proved that when they started thinking about what they were doing, they can be a very good side."

AFC Bournemouth: Smallpiece, Senior (Simson), Woodford, Hyett, Hubbard, Reid (Donaldson), Rowe, Cleverly, Hogan (Burden), Moss, Geary

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The next visitors to the Fitness First Stadium will be Peterborough United on Saturday, November 15 - unless we are drawn at home in the FA Cup first round on the previous Saturday. Coming to the end of his first month at London Road by then will be Fulham striker Callum Willock, who has joined Posh on loan with a view to a permanent move. Willock began this season out on loan at Bristol Rovers, and Peterborough boss Barry Fry admitted: "His outstanding pace will be a real asset at our level." Another recent signing for Fry's squad has been teenage Australian midfielder Shane Duke, who has just signed his first professional contract after a year with the youth set-up.

McILROY TAKES CHARGE AT EDGELEY PARK

Stockport County have appointed Sammy McIlroy as their new boss, after he resigned as manager of Northern Ireland. McIlroy had been in charge of the national side since January 2000, during which time they won just four out of 28 games, but insisted it was "a big, big decision to leave. I was proud and honoured to manage my country, but I have always missed the day-to-day involvement with club football. Stockport is just down the road from Macclesfield, where I was for seven years - it is a big challenge, but Stockport has great potential." McIlroy replaces John Hollins, who had been in caretaker charge at Edgeley Park since the sacking of former boss Carlton Palmer a month ago.

WARHURST MOVE BOOSTS SPIREITES

Struggling Chesterfield - who picked up their first win of the season last week, against Macclesfield in the LDV Vans Trophy - have signed much-travelled utility man Paul Warhurst on a month's contract, thanks to the sponsorship of a local printing firm. The 34-year-old former Oldham, Blackburn and Bolton star is probably best remembered for the goals which helped Sheffield Wednesday reach both domestic Cup finals in 1993, after he was converted from defence to attack. Spireites boss Roy McFarland said: "Paul brings a wealth of experience, and we're hoping he will help bring the best out of our young team." Extending his stay at Saltergate is Charlton striker Mark DeBolla, who has joined for a second month on loan after recovering quicker than expected from an ankle ligament injury.

BROWN BIDS TO IMPRESS PARKINSON

Former Arsenal forward Jermaine Brown, 20, has earned himself a short-term contract at Colchester United after impressing while on trial. Brown, who was released by the Premiership giants in the close season, will now hope to win himself a longer contract from U's manager Phil Parkinson. However, Parkinson is still bidding to improve his squad, and has taken ex-Watford midfielder Richard

Johnson on trial. The 29-year-old Australian's only appearance for the Hornets this season was our Carling Cup defeat at Vicarage Road, and he was released by the First Division side last month after making over 200 league appearances for them in the last decade. Johnson is likely to play for Colchester's reserves this week.

PRESSMAN STARS AT BOTH ENDS



Kevin Pressman

Goalkeeper Kevin Pressman was Sheffield Wednesday's hero in last week's LDV Vans Trophy first round victory against Grimsby - saving Stuart Campbell's penalty after the sides drew 1-1 after extra time, as well as scoring in the shoot-out himself as the Owls went through. Boss Chris Turner said: "Kevin's scored in bigger games than this one, so we had no worries on that score." Another innovation was Peterborough's 3-2 victory over Torquay - which was the first LDV game to be settled by a "silver goal" after David Farrell netted in the first period of extra time. However, Port Vale had an evening to forget as they were the only Second Division side to lose to a Conference side - Scarborough - and holders Bristol City crashed out 4-0 at Plymouth.

EVANS SLOTS IN AT NENE PARK

Rushden & Diamonds have signed South African international goalkeeper Paul Evans on non-contract forms. Boss Brian Talbot, who did not have a keeper on the bench for last month's defeat here at the Fitness First Stadium, has been looking for back-up for number one Billy Turley and has turned to Evans, who has had spells with Leeds and Sheffield Wednesday and has recently recovered from a broken pelvis. Evans made his Diamonds debut in last week's LDV Vans Trophy win at Oxford - when midfielder Ritchie Hanlon made his long-awaited first start for 18 months, following a serious knee injury.

GIBBS LEAVES OAKWELL

Left-back Paul Gibbs has parted company with Barnsley, 19 months after joining them, after his contract was terminated by mutual consent. Gibbs, who is 31 next week, has previously served Colchester, Torquay, Plymouth and Brentford, but his first-team opportunities have been limited since manager Gudjon Thordarson's arrival in the summer. Meanwhile, former Leeds chairman Peter Ridsdale has said that he is near to completing his takeover at Oakwell. He explained: "This deal will be completed or finalised on or before October 24 - everyone is happy that the deal can be completed within the timeframe, and only a couple of minor issues have to be finished before completion."



Sue Windeatt

Focus on the Supporters

NAME: Sue Windeatt

AGE: 36

LOCATION: Verwood

OCCUPATION:

Teaching Assistant/Lunchtime Supervisor

WHERE DO YOU SIT IN THE FFS:

In the Family Stand with my daughter and husband who I started coming with and now we're all Bournemouth fanatics.

HOW MANY HOME GAMES DO YOU ATTEND?

All of them, we're all season ticket holders.

HOW MANY AWAY GAMES DO YOU ATTEND?

About four or five in a season, depending on other commitments.

FIRST CHERRIES HOME GAME:

In the 1994-95 season.

FIRST CHERRIES AWAY GAME:

Plymouth Argyle in the final game of the 1996-97 season.

TOP THREE FAVOURITE CHERRIES MATCHES ATTENDED?

1 2003 Bournemouth 5 Lincoln 2 - A day I won't ever forget, wonderful, brilliant, I could go on and on.

2 1998 Bournemouth 1 Grimsby 2 Yes we lost, but to say that AFCB played at Wembley on the hallowed turf, especially now it's gone, will always be something special.

3 2003 Bournemouth 3 Bury 1 - The Play-Off semi-final second leg, I thought that we played some brilliant football and obviously it got us through to the final.

WORST CHERRIES MATCH ATTENDED?

Wrexham 2 Bournemouth 1 - It meant relegation and it was a long, miserable journey home. I hope it never happens again.

BEST NON-AFCB FOOTBALLING EXPERIENCE

When Jermain Defoe recently got his first hat-trick for West Ham United. After everything he did for us, I was really pleased for him.

ALL TIME FAVOURITE CHERRIES PLAYER?

Ted MacDougall is a legend at AFCB and a prolific goalscorer, but I think Wade Elliott is brilliant when he goes on one of his runs, he's lightning.

BEST AFCB GOAL YOU'VE SEEN?

Carl Fletcher's second goal at the Millennium Stadium, I started to really think we were going to win, and if anyone deserved to score it was him.

WHAT DIFFERENCE HAS THE FFS STADIUM MADE TO YOU?

The pitch is in really good condition for us to pass the ball. The facilities are all better and there are no posts to block your view.

HOW WOULD YOU IMPROVE FOOTBALL AS A SPECTATOR SPORT?

I would change the rule when a player has treatment for an injury on the pitch and then has to come to the side of the pitch and wait to come back on.

ALL TIME CHERRIES XI?


- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1 Neil Moss | 7 Matt Holland |
| 2 Carl Fletcher | 8 Russell Beardsmore |
| 3 Jamie Vincent | 9 Steve Jones |
| 4 Eddie Howe | 10 Jermain Defoe |
| 5 Ian Cox | 11 Wade Elliott |
| 6 John Bailey | |

BEST THREE GROUNDS?

- 1 Millennium Stadium
- 2 Wembley
- 3 Madejski Stadium, Reading.

WORST THREE GROUNDS?

- 1 Kenilworth Road, Luton Town.
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Neil Vacher delves into his collection
of programmes and memorabilia to
recall matches played this week in
1971 and 2000

Out of the Archives

**SATURDAY 23rd OCTOBER 1971, DIVISION 3,
BOURNEMOUTH & BOSCOMBE 3 ASTON VILLA 0**

MAGNIFICENT BOSCOMBE CRUSH VILLA!

From the Press Box



Phil Boyer

Look out Second Division here we come! That's was the call from Dean Court after this superb display by the Cherries. As expected Boscombe, the league-leaders, were at full strength with John Benson having recovered from his ankle injury and the teams ran out in warm October sunshine to be greeted by the biggest league crowd at Dean Court for ten years. The pressure was on Villa in the early minutes and Phil Boyer was the man who caused the trouble, just as he had done in the midweek victory against Port Vale. This time he escaped the attention of the Villa defence and turned quickly on a throw-in from Micky Cave to slam the ball across the goal and into the net after four minutes. Soon after, the Cherries defence needed to hold firm as Rioch had a shot blocked, Hamilton headed wide and then Lochhead was unable to find a way past Tony Powell and David Jones. In the 21st minute Boscombe broke through on the left and Tony Scott's perfect cross was headed home by Ted MacDougall for his 13th goal of the season. Boyer now came into his own and was a continual threat to Villa and with the crowd cheering he broke on the right and crossed for MacDougall who brought a diving saving from Hughes in the visitor's goal. Soon afterwards Scott cut in from the left and his superb cross hit the inside of the far post before rebounding to safety. This pattern of play continued into the second half, with Villa only occasionally seen in the Boscombe half as the Cherries remained in control. Boyer was brought down inside the penalty area by Turnbull but to the crowds' amazement, the referee signalled for a free-kick just outside the box and soon after MacDougall was the victim of a crude challenge from Curtis, as the visitors' frustration began to show. Eight minutes from time Scott floated a free kick to the far post and the high jumping Tony Powell headed a third goal for the Cherries to complete a most convincing victory.

Cherries: Davies; Machin, Kitchenner, Benson, Jones, Powell, Cave, MacDougall, Boyer, Miller, Scott. Sub: Davidson.

Attendance: 20,305



In the Programme

Despite losing by the odd goal in five at Shrewsbury the previous week, Boscombe were encouraged by a number of complimentary comments from an array of managers present at the game. Ron Greenwood, manager of West Ham, felt the game was 'A tremendous credit and advert for Third Division football,' whilst ex-Wolves and Birmingham manager, Stan Cullis, commented on 'What tremendous prospects there are for the two teams involved'. The defeat was only the team's second reverse in twelve league games and with home attendances averaging around 12,000, Cherries boss John Bond felt the town was beginning to realise the club could push on to greater things. Micky Cave felt that under Bond's guidance his own and the team's self-confidence had risen dramatically as players were encouraged to express themselves, take on opponents and always have a shot at goal. Whilst on the subject of goalscoring, amazingly despite having scored twelve league and cup goals already, Ted MacDougall was not the Division's leading goalscorer at this stage, Alf Wood of Shrewsbury being out in front with fifteen. Somehow you could sense this would be a season to remember!

Cherries Matchday Memories

**SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER 2000, DIVISION 2,
BURY 2 AFC BOURNEMOUTH 5**

HAYTER'S JUST FOUR-MIDABLE!

From the Press Box



James Hayter

James Hayter left Gigg Lane deservedly clutching the match ball after netting four superb goals in Bournemouth's rout of high-flying Bury. With no fewer than 18 places separating the two sides, a Cherries victory at Gigg Lane had seemed wildly optimistic, but the unassuming striker carved his name in the record book and ensured a second victory of the season for manager Sean O'Driscoll. Bournemouth made one change from the team that drew with Wigan the previous week, bringing in on-loan left-sided defender Warren Cummings for his Cherries debut, and they made a dream start racing into a two goal lead inside 13 minutes. First Hayter sprang the Bury offside trap before squaring the ball for Claus Jorgensen to tap home his sixth goal of the season. Then Hayter got on the score sheet himself, volleying home a flick from Steve Fletcher just inside the box. Sandwiched between the two goals was a breathtaking save from Gareth Stewart who acrobatically tipped away a thumping header from Jarrett. There was another let off on 34 minutes when Cummings completed a goal line clearance to prevent Unsworth reducing the home side's arrears, but they pulled a goal back straight after the interval when the unmarked Redmond headed home from a corner. It was then that Hayter embarked upon his personal goal crusade, scoring three times inside six minutes. First he rammed a loose ball into the Bury net after 55 minutes before completing his hat-trick with a delightful touch past goalkeeper Kenny and 60 seconds later drilled in his fourth following a dreadful tangle in the home defence. Preece converted a late consolation penalty for Bury but no one could deny it was Hayter's day, the 21 year-old having equalled the Cherries individual goalscoring record in a league match.

Cherries: Stewart; Purches, Smith, Tindall, Cummings, C.Fletcher, Grant, Hughes, Jorgensen, S.Fletcher, Hayter. Subs: Day, Elliot, Huck, O'Connor, O'Neill.

Attendance: 2,892



In the Programme

The first thing that struck you upon glancing at the Bournemouth content in the match programme was the surprisingly large number of players in the Cherries squad. Spread across two pages there were 40 pen-pictures but closer examination showed that almost half of them had been included twice! It has to be said the programme was a little thin in content and after pausing to recall players who had turned out for both clubs you soon arrived at the stats pages! These revealed that Bury's defence was one of the meanest in the Second Division with only four goals having been conceded at home so far in the 2000/1 season whilst Bournemouth's past results at Gigg Lane showed four wins, three draws and seven defeats, the Cherries last victory being nine years ago. However, Cherries supporters could take heart from reports of the Shakers disappointing 4-0 defeat at Millwall the previous week, although I doubt even the most optimistic amongst the travelling faithful could have predicted what was to follow!

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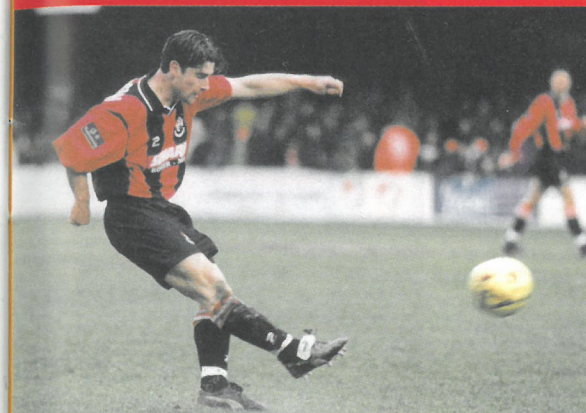
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'Robbo' - Returning Hero!

STEVE ROBINSON RETURNS



Tonight sees the return of one of the Cherries favourite sons, Steve Robinson. 'Robbo' joined Bournemouth in 1994 from Tottenham after making two Premier League appearances for Spurs. He joined a struggling Bournemouth side, but made a massive impact in the 'Great Escape' season, scoring two of the goals in that never-to-be-forgotten night against Shrewsbury.

He firmly established himself in the side, going on to represent his native Northern Ireland and went on to make 286 appearances for the club. In the summer of 2000, he moved to Preston and whilst at Deepdale, joined Bristol City on loan, making an appearance here at the Fitness First Stadium. In the summer of 2002, he joined tonight's visitors Luton where he has recently returned from injury.

With the Cherries promoted last May, a game that he was looking out for was the trip back to Bournemouth, "I can't wait! I was out for nine months and I've just come back and played in the last few games and coming back to Bournemouth is always a special thing for me. I came back a couple of seasons ago with Bristol City, we got a good result and hopefully it can be the same again."

Steve was a major part of AFC Bournemouth from 1994 to 2000 and it is a period of his career that he looks back on with great fondness, "I've got great memories of Bournemouth, I spent nearly six seasons at the club and loved every minute of it. Looking back in hindsight, I regret leaving because sometimes you find your niche in football and Bournemouth was my niche. I had the opportunity to play in the First Division and I don't think anyone would turn down the chance to play at a higher level. I enjoy playing for Luton now though and we have some great lads here. In many ways, it's similar to Bournemouth. It's a good family club and there are a lot of similarities."

Whilst at Bournemouth, Robbo experienced highs and lows, the biggest low being when the club almost went out of existence, a situation that hit Luton in the summer, "The club has been struggling and I've been through it all before at Bournemouth, so I've got experience of being in administration! We weren't getting paid or it would be three or four weeks late, but just like it did at Bournemouth, it's brought all the lads together and we're on a really good run. The same thing happened at Bournemouth because the season after we came out of receivership, we just missed out on the play-offs and got to Wembley, so it can bring everyone together."

Luton have proved many experts wrong this season. Tipped to struggle after all the upheavals of the summer, but as Steve explains, the situation has helped to concrete the spirit at the club, "We always had a squad of 13 or 14 players who were capable of getting out of this division, but we've had injuries and suspensions and we've brought a few young lads in like the two goalkeepers who are only 17 and 18 and have both been fantastic. We have little Kevin Foley who is only 18 and has come in and been brilliant. We have had people playing out of position and have all done really well. We can sign loan players, we have Courtney Pitt and Gary McSheffrey, whose loan spells are up after the Bournemouth game, but we can't sign anyone. We are down to the bare bones, but everyone has pulled together."

Luton supporters have yet to see the best of Steve Robinson due to his injury problems, and at one stage he feared that he wouldn't kick a ball in anger again, but thankfully that time now appears to be behind him, "I had a back operation when I was at Preston and when I came to Luton, I found out I had been diagnosed with the wrong problem, so I was out for eight months after having a major operation and five injections on the wrong place. Finally they have got to the bottom of it and touch wood, the problem has sorted itself out. Two top specialists told me that I'd never play football again and it has been brilliant to prove people wrong and come back and play again."

Robbo played for Bristol City at the Fitness First Stadium two years ago and the one disappointing aspect of day was the reception he got from some Cherries supporters, particularly given his contribution to the club during his time here as a player, but he shrugs it off, although with an air of personal disappointment, "I suppose really, I have to take it as a compliment because if you're a bad player, people don't take any notice of you. I did get a bit of a frosty reception from some people, which was a bit disappointing. I'm very proud of what I achieved at Bournemouth, I made over 280 appearances and scored 60 goals and hopefully helped to give people some good memories. Getting a bit of stick will never change my opinion of my time with Bournemouth, as I said, I loved every minute of it. I won't let a few people booing me affect me, I'm used to getting booed anyway! I can handle that and to be honest, the majority of people were fantastic to me on that day."

Times have been hard at Luton recently and the major stumbling block to them moving forward is the lack of much needed new facilities and when Steve talks of the new Cherries home, he knows what direction his present club need to go in, "It's exactly what Luton need. I would say that Luton are three or four years behind where Bournemouth are now. Bournemouth got themselves together and have now got a great stadium and it's a great set up. I'd pay money to come and watch the sort of football the team play and it's all looking well for the future and hopefully the same thing can happen to Luton. We're desperate for a new stadium and if we can get it, there's a big support waiting to fill it and we need to get someone in to sort out the club and move forward."

It is always a pleasure to welcome an old player back to Bournemouth, particularly someone like Steve Robinson who never gave less than 100% when he pulled on a Cherries shirt. His record at AFC Bournemouth speaks for itself and although it would be going too far to wish him all the best for tonight and the 'Score a goal Stevie Robinson' will not be sung, we can all wish him the best of luck for the future!



'Robbo celebrates a goal against his present club at Kenilworth Road'



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Yeovil

Yeovil Town v AFC Bournemouth

If you support Bournemouth and you regularly go to away matches, there are certain things you have to be prepared to do and one of those is to get up early for a Saturday game or take time off for a midweek match.

To finish work, grab a quick bite to eat and then go to an away match is a totally alien experience and also quite a strange one! Personally, I select a number of CD's for away matches, enough to last the journey but for Yeovil, just the two were needed, but by the time you chat about

the game before and then dissect it afterwards, none are needed. In fact, the last part of the journey approaching the ground was virtually as long as the trip itself!

Parking was very easy with plenty of space for everyone, although those who used the car park at the ground certainly regretted it afterwards! Once parked up and ready, there was little to do. There is nowhere outside Huish Park to eat or drink and the nearest pubs are some walk away. Situated on the outskirts of the Somerset

town and surrounded by typical out of town industrial units, when Huish Park was first opened, it was undoubtedly the best ground outside the Football League and although now somewhat showing its age (it's 13 years old), it has certainly served them well.

Cherries supporters were on the open terrace, which was probably more than adequate for visitors of Conference clubs, but with a sell-out away crowd, the facilities were not up to such a large number of visitors. Many people had gone straight from work and went in to the ground for a pie but there were enormous queues and all the food had sold out before kick off. With the game being all

Travellers Tales



ticket for away supporters, surely they knew how many were coming.

Bournemouth supporters also had a small number of seats in the side stand to the left of the away end, a basic seated stand with a good view. Opposite is the home end, which was identical to the away end before a roof was put on last season, which really helps the atmosphere at the ground. The remaining stand is the same size as the seated stand with corporate hospitality also incorporated.

The away support on the night was actually larger than the attendances for many of the first round of this much maligned tournament. Indeed, there were around 200 more than the entire crowd at the Darlington v Hull match - and that was played in a 27,000 capacity arena!

It would be nice to say that every one in the away end just got behind the team from the start, but as all of you who went knows, that simply wasn't the case. The vast majority watched, were disappointed, but knew that Yeovil deserved the win, and then went home - a few marred it for everyone.

A good night to 'tick' the ground off the 'seen Bournemouth at' list and it was back home before 11 (unless you were in the car park!)



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1	Neil Moss	14	1	1		15					
2	Neil Young	3(3)		1		4(3)					
3	Stephen Purches	14	1	1		16	2			2	
4	Marcus Browning	12	1	1		14					
5	Karl Broadhurst	14	1	(1)		15(1)	1			1	
6	Shaun Maher	8(1)				8(1)	1			1	
7	Carl Fletcher	14	1	1		16					
8	Brian Stock	(3)				(3)					
9	Warren Feeney	6(6)	(1)	1		7(6)	4			4	
10	Steve Fletcher	14	1	(1)		15(1)	4			4	
11	Wade Elliott	12(1)	1	1		14(1)	1			1	
12	Garreth O'Connor	14	1	1		16					
13	Gareth Stewart			1		1					
14	James Hayter	14(2)	1	(1)		13(3)	2			2	
16	Derek Holmes	2(6)	(1)	1		3(7)	1			1	
17	Alan Connell	(3)				(3)					
18	Jason Tindall	2(6)	(1)	1		3(7)					
20	Fawzi Saadi										
22	Danny Thomas	2(3)	1	1		4(3)					
27	Stephen Coles										
28	Warren Cummings	11	1			12					

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Brighton	14	8	3	3	24	11	27
Plymouth Argyle	14	6	6	2	32	17	24
Queens Park Rangers	13	6	6	1	24	9	24
Sheffield Wednesday	14	6	5	3	20	15	23
AFC Bournemouth	14	6	5	3	16	13	23
Port Vale	14	7	2	5	22	22	23
Bristol City	14	5	7	2	17	9	22
Barnsley	13	6	4	3	16	15	22
Hartlepool United	14	5	6	3	25	18	21
Luton Town	14	6	3	5	24	23	21
Oldham Athletic	14	5	5	4	26	21	20
Swindon Town	14	5	5	4	23	20	20
Colchester United	13	5	4	4	16	17	19
Wrexham	12	5	3	4	11	12	18
Rushden & Diamonds	14	5	3	6	21	23	18
Blackpool	13	5	3	5	19	22	18
Grimsby Town	14	5	3	6	18	22	18
Brentford	13	5	2	6	14	21	17
Tranmere Rovers	14	3	5	6	15	24	14
Peterborough United	14	2	6	6	15	20	12
Stockport County	14	2	6	6	17	24	12
Notts County	14	2	4	8	13	26	10
Chesterfield	14	1	6	7	11	21	9
Wycombe	14	1	4	9	15	28	7

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Wed 24 Sept	Bristol Rovers	kick-off 7.00	2-2
Wed 5 Nov	BRISTOL CITY	kick-off 2.00	H
Tues 18 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	kick-off 7.00	A
Wed 26 Nov	OXFORD UNITED	kick-off 2.00	H
Wed 10 Dec	Cardiff City	kick-off 2.00	A
Wed 14 Jan	Yeovil Town	kick-off 7.45	A
Wed 28 Jan	BRISTOL ROVERS	kick-off 2.00	H
Wed Feb 18	Bristol City	kick-off 2.00	A
Wed 3 Mar	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	kick-off 2.00	H
Wed 10 Mar	CARDIFF CITY	kick-off 2.00	H
Wed 24 Mar	Oxford United	kick-off 2.00	A
Wed 7 Apr	Swansea City	kick-off 2.00	A
Wed 14 Apr	CHELTHENHAM TOWN	kick-off 2.00	H
Wed 28 Apr	Swindon Town	kick-off 2.00	A
TBA	YEOVIL TOWN	kick-off 2.00	H

All home matches are played at Fawcett's Field, Lymington & New Milton FC.

Youth Under-17s

The Umbro Isotonic Youth Alliance Under 17 League

Sat Aug 16	Cirencester	0-1
Sat Sep 6	Yeovil Town	2-2
Sat Sep 13	Swansea City	3-0
Sat Sep 20	Cheltenham Town	2-1
Sat Sep 27	Torquay United	3-1
Sat Oct 11	Cardiff City	3-2
Sat Oct 18	Bristol Rovers	3-3
Sat Oct 25	Exeter City	H
Sat Nov 1	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sat Nov 8	Swindon Town	H
Sat Nov 15	Yeovil Town	A
Sat Nov 22	Swansea City	H
Sat Dec 6	Cirencester	A
Sat Jan 10	Cheltenham Town	H
Sat Jan 17	Torquay United	A
Sat Jan 24	Cardiff City	A
Sat Feb 7	Bristol Rovers	H
Sat Feb 14	Exeter City	A
Sat Feb 21	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sat Feb 28	Swindon Town	A

*lost 3-4 on penalties.

All home matches played at Chapel Gate, kick off 11.00 am

Youth Under-19s

The Umbro Isotonic Youth Alliance Under 19 League

Sat Aug 9	Swansea City	2-1
Sat Aug 16	Swindon Town	2-2
Sat Aug 23	Bristol Rovers	3-0
Sat Sep 13	Cardiff City	3-3
Sat Sep 20	Cirencester	1-1
Sat Sep 27	Torquay United	1-3
Sat Oct 4	Plymouth Argyle	4-0
Sat Oct 11	Swindon Town (YA Cup)	1-2
Mon Oct 13	Bristol Rovers (FAYC1, no 7.00 pm)	0-0*
Sat Oct 18	Exeter City	2-1
Sat Nov 1	Cardiff City	H
Sat Nov 8	Cirencester	A
Sat Nov 15	Torquay United	H
Sat Nov 22	YA CUP - Round 2	
Sat Nov 29	Plymouth Argyle	H
Sat Dec 6	Exeter City	A
Sat Dec 13	Swansea City	A
Sat Jan 10	Swindon Town	H
Sat Jan 17	YA CUP - Round 3	
Sat Jan 24	Bristol Rovers	A
Sat Mar 6	YA CUP - Round 4	

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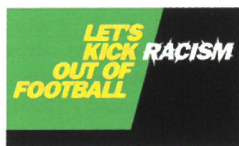
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PICTURE PUZZLER
John O'Neill, St. Mirren
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Our guest mascot for Saturday's match against Brighton was Amy Butters. Amy is pictured here with Steve Fletcher.

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It's 21 October and on this day in 1915, women were allowed to become conductors on buses and trams in London.

GOING UP! (and down and up and down and up...)

Cherries supporter Andy Williams from Barton on Sea, who has this season passed the 100 mark for Bournemouth matches seen, went to Blackpool in the summer and despite his fears, proudly wore his Cherries shirt before embarking



CHERRIES NORTH OF THE BORDER



Loyal Cherries supporter Paul Ellis has recently been on his travels, this time north of the border and made sure that he was proudly wearing his Bournemouth shirt on a visit to Somerset Park, home of Ayr United FC, where former Cherries player Franck Rolling used to ply his trade.

It 21 October and that means that it's St. Hilariion Day. He was a popular hermit in the fourth century, living in a mud hut in Palestine, eating only figs, bread and vegetables and was held responsible for many miracles. His fame was such that he had to flee to Egypt!

WHAT'S ON THE MENU AT NOTTS?

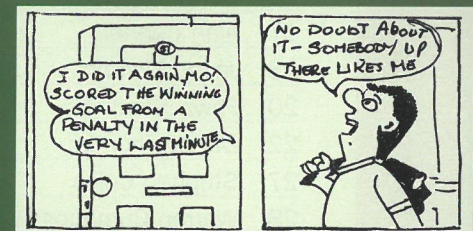
It appears that there is a quite disgusting new recipe in Nottingham!

Carl Fletcher
Brain Stock
Warren Feeney

CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK

The potato family were sitting down to tea, mum and dad potato and their four daughters. The first daughter said, 'I have an announcement to make, I am getting married to a King Edward!' The mother said, 'That's wonderful news, a King Edward is a great 'tator.' The second daughter then said, 'I too have something to announce, I am marrying a Jersey Royal!' and the dad say's, 'That's wonderful, a Jersey Royal is a great 'tator!' The two youngest girl potatoes then say, 'We have announcements too, we're getting married to Kris Temple and John Williams!' and the mum said, 'No, no, no, you can't marry them! They're common 'tators!'

RON'S WORLD



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Line Ups

Tuesday 21 October 2003
Nationwide League Division Two

AFC BOURNEMOUTH v LUTON TOWN

Kick off 7.45 pm

Tonight's Squads



AFC Bournemouth

01	Neil Moss	✓	
02	Neil Young		25-1
03	Stephen Purches	✓	18-1
04	Marcus Browning	✓	25-1
05	Karl Broadhurst	✓	14-1
06	Shaun Maher		20-1
07	Carl Fletcher	✓	14-1
08	Brian Stock	S	14-1
09	Warren Feeney	✓	5-1
10	Steve Fletcher	✓	5-1
11	Wade Elliott	✓	8-1
12	Garreth O'Connor	✓	11-1
13	Gareth Stewart	X	-
14	James Hayter	✓	6-1
16	Derek Holmes		7-1
17	Alan Connell	X	7-1
18	Jason Tindall	S	33-1
20	Fawzi Saadi		25-1
22	Danny Thomas	S	25-1
27	Stephen Coles		-
28	Warren Cummings	✓	33-1

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Luton Town

03	Alan Neilson	X	
04	Matthew Spring	✓	14-1
05	Russell Perrett	✓	28-1
07	Adrian Forbes	✓	8-1
08	Kevin Nicholls		20-1
11	Steve Robinson	S	20-1
12	Chris Coyne	✓	33-1
14	Courtney Pitt	✓	12-1
16	Enoch Showunmi		20-1
17	Emmerson Boyce	✓	40-1
18	Ahmet Brkovic	X	25-1
19	Steve Howard		-
21	Paul Hughes	✓	25-1
22	David Bayliss		-
23	Ian Hillier	✓	25-1
24	Sol Davis		40-1
25	Gary McSheffrey	✓	7-1
32	Lee Mansell	S	25-1
33	Dean Brill	X	-
34	Dean Crowe		-
38	Michael Leary		16-1
39	Steven O'Leary		-
41	Kevin Foley	✓	25-1
43	Matthew Judge		8-1
44	Parys Okai		-
45	Leon Barnett		-
47	Rob Beckwith	✓	-

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