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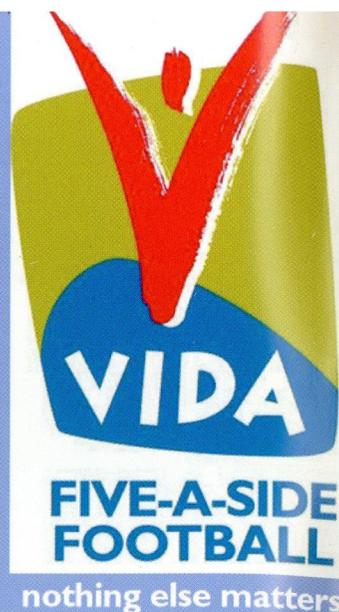
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Early thoughts from The Seaside's
Manager.



10-11. Going Underground

Today's Going Underground looks back at
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GAMEPLAN GAMEPLAN

with Steve McMahon

Good afternoon and welcome to Bloomfield Road for today's game with Luton Town.

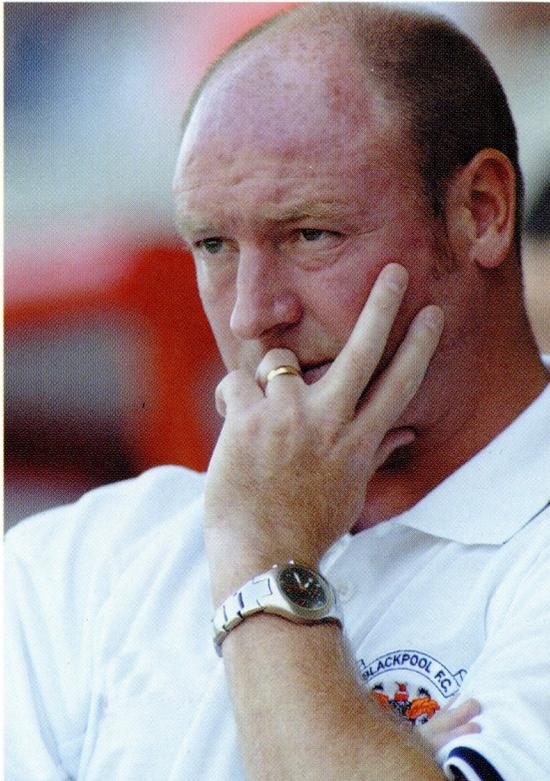
We come in to today's game on the back of two great cup results against Oldham Athletic and Stockport County.

To go to Oldham and beat them 5-2 is a fantastic result. We got off to a brilliant start, Scott is on fire at the moment, we knew that we would worry them with our pace and that's what happened, we worried them all day long.

Following the game at Stockport I was quoted as saying that there is more than one way to win a game and that was another way to win a game, against Oldham we played some breathtaking football at times and we looked like we could score goals for fun, at Stockport we weren't that exciting going forward but

defensively we were fantastic and that was another way to win a game and the lads showed great character and strength.

Your support at both games was fantastic, Sammy McLroy commented before Tuesday's game that our support at Oldham was wonderful and how



vocal you were, Stockport was no different, it really does give everyone lift.

It has been well documented that we currently have a number of injuries, it couldn't have hurt us more in any other area, in midfield we are struggling, I just hope one of them is fit and then we can re-jig. I

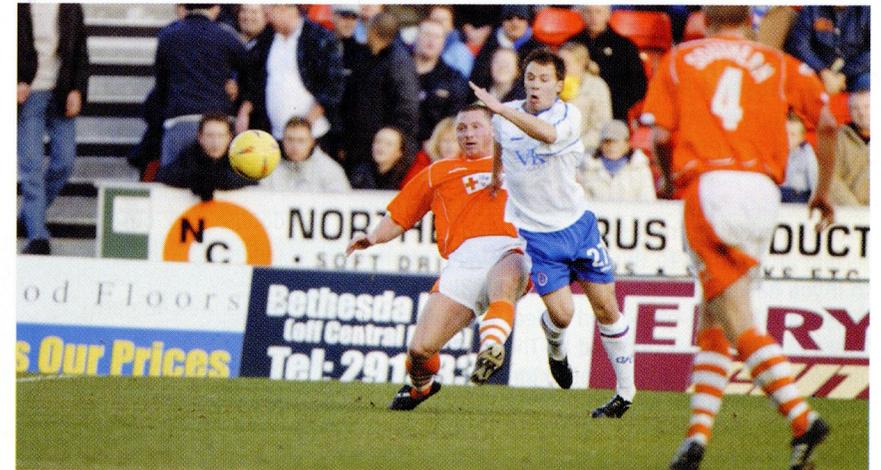
am going to leave them as long as possible, one thing for sure whoever is out there, they will be trying their heart out to get this football club another good result.

As I write these notes I am working hard to try and bring someone in for today's game. Some clubs might be reluctant to let players out on loan

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because of the busy Christmas schedule, but I am of opinion that players would be better off going out on loan rather than just training especially when you consider the reserve team league is now suspended until mid January.

Leyton Maxwell joined us on trial this week but owing to FIFA red tape he was unable to play in our reserve team on Wednesday. The lad wants to be here and we want to see what he's like but the rules dictate that we can only sign him until the end of the season. It is frustrating situation, I will speak to Leyton in the next couple of days and we will assess the situation.



STEVE ELLIOTT

Has been superb over the last month.

Today also sees the last game of Steve Elliott's loan period, Steve has been superb since joining us a month ago, I have spoke to George Burley at Derby about extending Steve's loan, he has promised me an answer on Monday, so I will be crossing my fingers that they don't pick up any injuries today.

Today we welcome Mike Newell and Luton Town, Mike is a good friend of mine and he and Mick Harford have done a great job since taking over they are going extremely well in difficult circumstances. They will be a difficult side to play against; Mike has got his players playing in the same manner as he did, with them wearing

their heart on their sleeve.

Finally, I would like to wish you an excellent Christmas and I look forward to seeing you here on Boxing Day for our game against Tranmere.

Enjoy the game

Steve

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Danny Simpson Scoops Golden Gamble Jackpot

Danny Simpson went back to Lancaster £650 better off having scooped first prize in the Golden Gamble half time draw. Danny can be seen receiving his cash from our Golden Gamble co-ordinator Eleasha Bird. Mr Parkinson from Blackpool picked up the £50 second prize. The £10 third prize remains unclaimed, so if you have ticket number 1191, call into the club reception after the game and collect your prize. The family pizza voucher donated by The Pizza House, Dickson Road, Blackpool went to Mr Thompson from Poulton.



8 New Signings For The Seasiders!

Blackpool FC have recently added 8 new signings to their squad. Somewhat unusually, however, these new signings

are not defenders, midfielders or attackers, but double deck buses! Blackpool FC and Blackpool Transport are teaming up to launch a devastating new partnership, which is designed to jointly

develop links with local schools and to encourage good behaviour in school buses, in particular. Eight Blackpool Transport double deck buses have been specially painted in Blackpool FC's famous tangerine and each vehicle has a photograph and signature of one of the club's players adorning its nearside. These buses are being allocated to specific school services in the



Blackpool area and will contain full details of the club's fixtures inside them. The club will be rewarding good behaviour by the children travelling on these vehicles by providing free tickets to certain games during January and February.

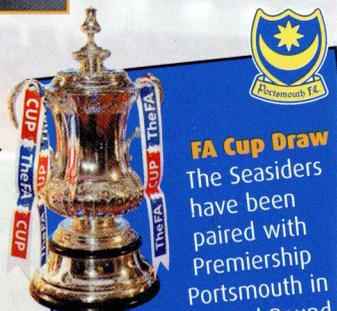
Programme Fair

If you're looking for something to occupy your time between Christmas and New Year,

why not take a trip to Altrincham for the Great North West Programme and Memorabilia Fair. The event takes place in the Cresta Court Hotel on Church Street, and most of the country's leading programme dealers will be present. Admission is only a quid for adults and free for children.

Happy 70th Birthday

Lifelong fan Brian Guerin is celebrating his 70th birthday today, he will be sat in Block K of the Pricebusters Matthews West Stand with his family. We hope we can add to the celebrations with three points today!



FA Cup Draw
The Seasiders have been paired with Premiership Portsmouth in the Third Round of the FA Cup. The tie with Fratton Park on Saturday 3rd January with a 3pm kick-off. Tickets will go on sale next week priced at £20 Adults, £15 seniors and £10 Juniors.

Christmas Message from the Club Chaplain

A warm welcome to everyone who has taken the sensible option and decided to come to the match, rather than go Christmas shopping! They say that Christmas comes but once a year, I'm sure many of you will be very thankful about that. But whether we like it or not, Christmas will be upon us very soon. Already the shops are packed out, queues seem endless and don't you just love that Christmas music in the supermarkets and stores.

A trip to Bloomfield Rd seems a wise option, especially as the lads are on a bit of a roll at the moment. Luton beware!

But at some point, we all know that we will have to join those queues and buy those gifts, even if like me, it may well be on Christmas Eve. We may spend a lot of time looking for the right gift because it is for someone who is special. We may buy lots of presents and then later decide who to give them to, or maybe buy exactly the same gift for everyone.

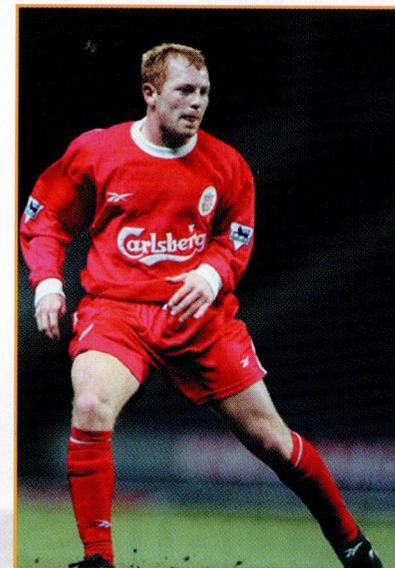
What present would you like to receive? (Maybe another bagful of goals from Scott).

Whatever you give and whatever you receive, I hope that this Christmas will be special for you and your family I hope that in the midst of all our celebrations we may remember that Christmas is about a gift, a gift from God to us, because we are all special to Him. It is a gift sent with love and found in that manger in Bethlehem.

Have a great Christmas
David Tidswell - Chaplain

Leyton Maxwell Checks In On Trial

Former Liverpool and Cardiff midfielder Leyton Maxwell this week became the latest player to go under the Bloomfield Road microscope. The 24 year-old former Welsh under 21 will be looking to impress in training over the next couple of weeks.



Merry Christmas

As this is the last game before Christmas, the chairman, directors, manager, players and staff at Bloomfield Road would like to wish

all supporters young and old a very merry and safe Christmas, we look forward to seeing you all on Boxing Day for our game with Tranmere Rovers.

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SEASIDERS ON THE ROAD BOUNDARY PARK



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Cup draws can be very cruel. I'd thought we'd got away lightly when the league fixtures came out and our annual traipse in to the Oldham Freezer of Dreams cropped up at the end of August. I knew it was too good to be true, and it came as little surprise when we were drawn against the Latics in the second round of the FA Cup. Having experienced everything the elements had to

throw at me at Boundary Park in the past, I aged about 40 years as I became an old man preparing 3 pairs of socks, 6 layers of clothing, the thickest gloves and hat I could find and even brushed the cobwebs off the thermos flask ready to attempt to thaw out at half time. Of course it wasn't enough, it never is! Stood outside the away stand and with a

burger from the catering huts, I swear the burger was frozen by the time I'd got halfway through it! It's the first time I've ever thrown away food at a football ground because it had gone too cold to enjoy!

We'd become slightly superstitious about where we sit at Ice Station Zebra ever since Ryan Sugden condemned us to third division football in 2000. On that fateful day we were sat just to the right hand side of the goal and ever since we've always gone to the left. However clearly the cold had numbed my brain (something that a slight dip in temperatures can

cause!) and I'd sat to the right of the goal again. By the time friends had arrived my faux pas was too late to reverse and we walked the tightrope of fate as we waited to see if the jinx would strike again.

The pre-match entertainment at Boundary Park has never been the best. For some reason the P.A. announcer seems to spend most of his time reading from the births, deaths and marriages column of the Oldham Chronicle and with the toe curling rendition of 'Boys in Blue' from Cannon and Ball to endure, there's very little reason to observe or

STUCK IN THE TURNSTILE!

It's worth remembering when you got in to Boundary Park that if you've got a bag on your back, chances are you both won't get through the turnstiles. I wish someone would have advised me of that before I spent a few embarrassing moments stuck in the metal frame!



MOULDY OLD DOUGH!

Having bought one of the Boundary Park burgers, my friends baps fell apart! Call me Sherlock Holmes, but I don't think the bread is feshly baked on the premises!

listen to what's happening before the kick off. However this match was different. For some reason the particularly grotesque Chaddy the Owl decided that he'd have a bear hunting day and the only bear in the ground was the unfortunate Bloomfield Bear. Ding Ding Round One: Chaddy steals the ball off-BB as he attempts to take a penalty. Ding Ding Round Two: After a bit of playful shoving, Chaddy throws BB to the ground and starts punching him on his furry nose! Ding Ding Round Three: Chaddy nicks BB's shoes and throws them in to the crowd! Chaddy had clearly been punching below the belt and didn't give a hoot about the consequences (come on, I had to get one dodgy Owl joke in!). It was an ugly incident and I'm pleased to hear the unruly Chaddy has been banned from Bloomfield Road when Oldham come to town.

Oldham must have been disappointed by their turn out. Either they all hibernate at this time of year because it gets too cold or the recent run of results from the Latics had put them off attending the game. Thankfully the Seasiders had turned out in force which always prompts one or two of our seaside eccentrics to appear. After the third goal had been scored, one Blackpool fan

decided to remove his shirt with delight and go au naturale. I'm not sure what happened to the

youngster but I wouldn't be surprised if he's still being treated in Oldham General for nipple burn and naval frost bite! Fortunately he had a good layer of thermal insulation (ie. he was slightly on the chubby side) and so he'll have suffered no more than pneumonia in the ensuing days! I'm not sure if it was the sight of his naked torso or the fact that Oldham were 3-0 down within 25 minutes that prompted some of their fans to leave halfway through the first half. My mate suggested their day would be complete when

they arrived home an hour and a half early to find the wife in bed with the milkman!

The problem with scoring so early is that it does kill off the match, although after recent 1-0 nerve jangling wins, my heart and nervous system was glad of the rest! I'd actually forgotten how many goals we'd scored when Leam Richardson banged home the 'goal of the season' reminding me of the away trip to Hartlepool in the Play Offs where even Carol Vorderman would've had problems keeping up with the score. So Ball 51 was ours in the draw the following day

NO SPRINKLING IN DECEMBER!

Anyone remember when Oldham flooded our half of the pitch during a league game a few seasons back. Just as well they didn't attempt it this time or the players would have needed to replace their studs with skates!

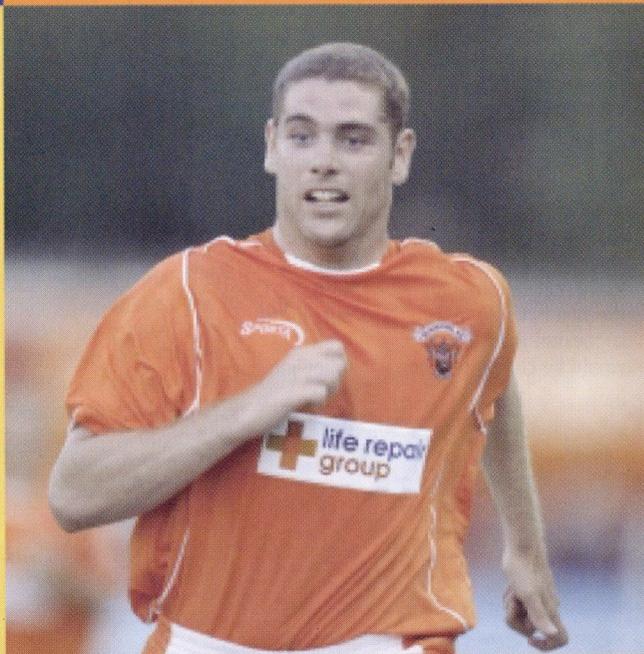
and we left Oldham with all 3 points. I'd say we left with a warm glow but that didn't kick in until 6 hours later when I finally got some feeling back in my feet and the blood finally returned to my ears! Note for next time: Make it 6 pairs of socks and 10 layers of clothes! Just call me Michelin Man if you see me at Boundary Park on our next visit!

MORE BORING THAN SHEARER?

After scoring 20 goals this season, you'd have thought that Scottie Taylor would have worked on his goal celebration routine! Everytime he scores, he wanders over to the crowd and stands there. I take it he opted out of the school gym sessions and so there's no chance of a triple somersault!



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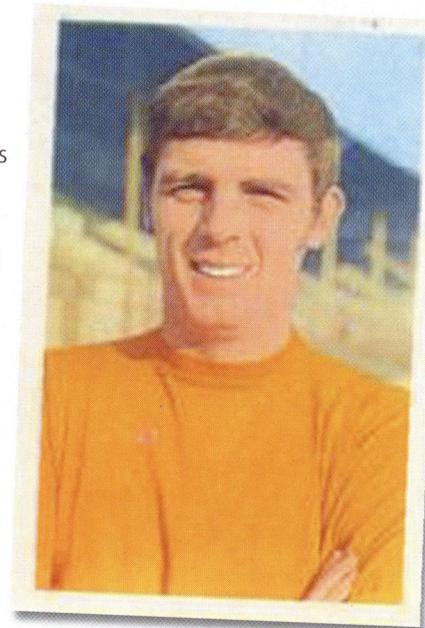
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HALF-TIME GUEST

**Today's half time guest is former
Pool centre forward Fred Pickering.**

Although Fred was at Blackpool for only two seasons, he played an important role in the club's affairs at the turn of the 1970s. Born in Blackburn in January 1941, he began his career with his home-town club and stayed for five years before joining Everton for £85,000 in March 1964. There he became an England international, scoring a hat trick on his debut against the USA, yet surprisingly he was selected only once more for his country. In 1967, Pickering moved to Birmingham where he had the happy knack of scoring goals, something which persuaded Les Shannon to pay £45,000 for him. A big, powerful centre-forward, with the decline of Tom White, Pickering was seen as the ideal replacement as Blackpool made a push for promotion.



He made his debut with Mickey Burns in August 1969, in a home win over Portsmouth, and went on to become top scorer in his first season. Three of his goals came at Deepdale in the promotion decider, which made him a folk hero, as not only did he fire Pool to promotion, he condemned North End to relegation! Back in Division One, though he

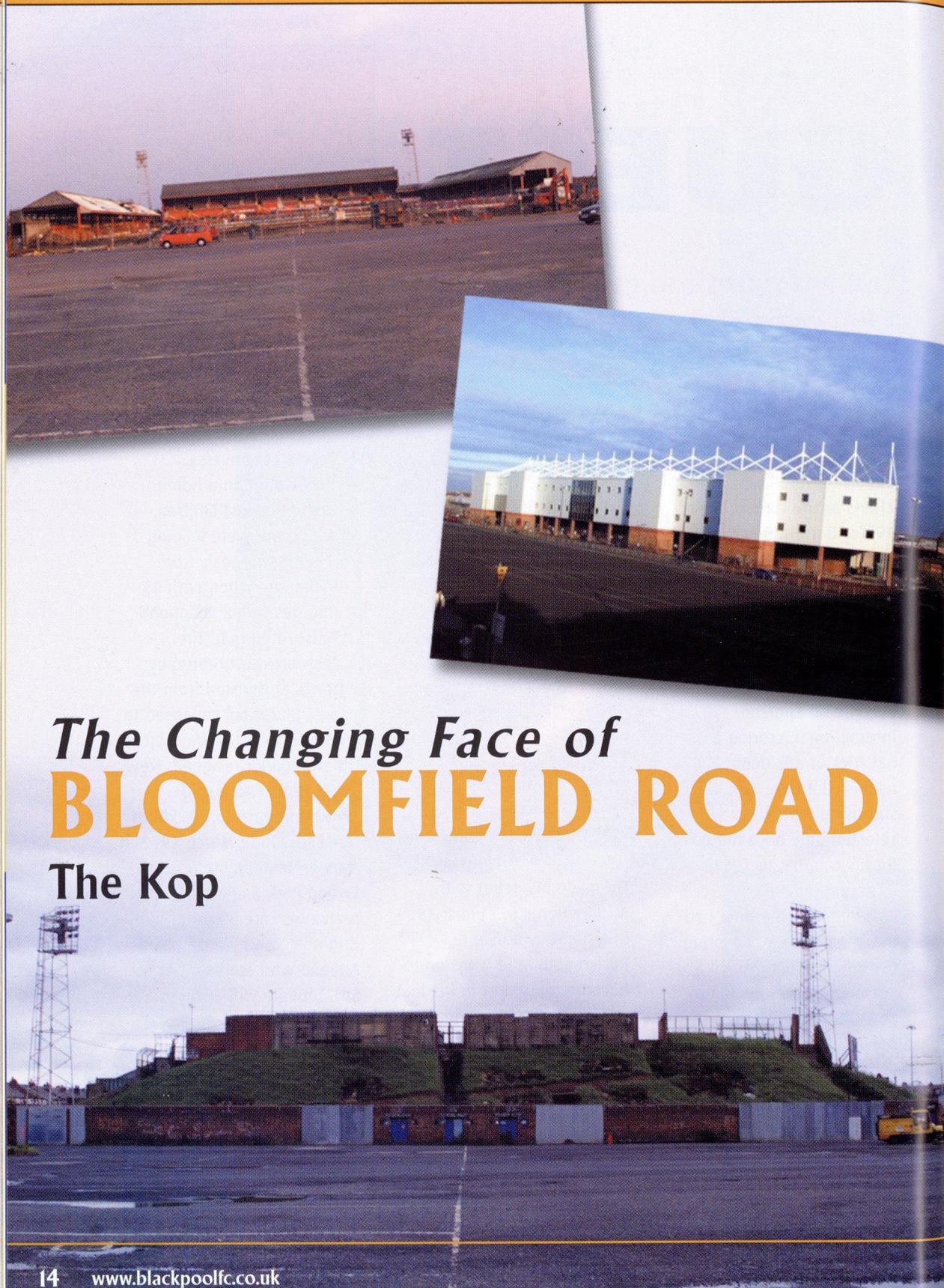
played in only a handful of games and there was some controversy. In October, in a home game against Chelsea, Blackpool were leading 3-1 with two goals from Pickering, when with 15 minutes to go, Shannon substituted him. The decision was greeted by howls of derision from the fans. Blackpool collapsed to lose 4-3 and two days later, the manager resigned. New boss Bob Stokoe sold Pickering back to Blackburn for £10,000 in March 1972. It was an unhappy return to Ewood Park and a bid to revive his career with Brighton also failed. Anyone who scores a hat trick at Deepdale will always have a special place in the hearts of Blackpool fans, the fact Fred scored a hat trick and Preston were relegated in the same game, means Fred is a true Blackpool legend. Welcome back Fred...

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A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Blackpool v Luton Town. 19th September 1998

Adam Nowland - Preston born Adam, graduated through the ranks at Bloomfield Road, to make his debut as a substitute against Chesterfield in May 1998. He then went on to make 21 starts in a Tangerine shirt with a further 60 as substitute. The first of eight goals for the club came in this game against Luton. In the summer of 2001 Adam linked up with current club Wimbledon.

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Kelvin Davis - Bedford born Davis worked his way through the ranks at Luton after 91 League starts and loan spells at Torquay and Hartlepool, Wimbledon paid £600,000 to take the 6' 1" keeper to Selhurst Park. Four years later, Davis linked up with current club Ipswich where he is first choice.

Steve Davis - Steve joined the Hatters from Burnley for £750,000 in July 1995, after making over 150 appearances at Kenilworth Road, Steve rejoined the Clarets in December 1998, where he went on to make a further 167 League and cup appearances. The summer of 2003 saw Steve surprisingly released by Stan Ternent, but Burnley's loss was Pool's gain as the inspirational defender joined the Seaside on a free transfer.

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Apologies for this but I'll have to start with the obvious Pleasure Beach pun because being a Luton Town fan over the past few years has been a real roller coaster ride. In the space of the last 10 years we have gone from a mid table Division One club to a club in football's bottom flight.

At the end of last season most fans believed a return to the first division was imminent with manager Joe Kinnear and his assistant Mick Harford at the helm, however that was soon to change. During the summer the club was taken over by a mysterious consortium and we had some very bizarre goings on in the club together with the much-publicised departure of Joe and Mick. The fans however, banded together and showed their ultimate power in ousting the new owners even though this has led to a temporary period in administration. The club's new owners announced that the fans could choose a new manager through a 'Pop Idol' style phone vote. The voting was split up into five categories. Members and season ticket holders, and the players voted for Joe Kinnear, while the shareholders chose Mike Newell, as did the new board of directors. That left the final decision down to the general public voting, where

Newell received four more votes than Kinnear (allegedly). Many supporters were less than impressed that the former striker was chosen but almost half way into the season they are being proved wrong as Newell has brought in a style of football more reminiscent of our earlier successes and his charges are firing on all cylinders despite injury problems and an FA embargo on new signings. He has also made some inspired loan signings, particularly that of Gary McSheffery (pictured) who unfortunately has now returned to Coventry after completing his 3 month loan spell. After the poor result on Tuesday against Southend I'm sure Newell will be asking for a little more today, as he tries to mastermind a victory over his good friend Steve McMahon. Our recent trips to Bloomfield Road haven't been that memorable, having gone 1-0 up last season; we slumped to an embarrassing 5-2 defeat. From memory, I think we have only managed two

points from our last five visits to the Fylde coast. Over the last couple of season's Luton's following away from Kenilworth Road has been acknowledged in being a major factor in the teams improved performances and although it is a couple of weeks before Christmas and one of our longer trips, we will bring one of the larger followings to Bloomfield Road. As for The Seaside, from what I have seen they are a good side and if they can find some consistency then they will be there or thereabouts at the end of the season. However I have to say that I hope they wait until after today's game to start their run of good form. Best wishes for the remainder of the season, except when you come to Kenilworth Road.

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PAST MASTER

STEVE FOSTER

Steve Foster began his football career as a centre-forward with his home town club, Portsmouth, before being converted to a defender and attracting a big money move to Brighton, then of Division One, in 1979.

An FA Cup Final appearance for the Seagulls and England caps followed before another big money move, this time to Aston Villa, seemed to confirm his standing at the pinnacle of his profession.

Unfortunately, things went badly wrong at Villa and they were more than happy to release him to David Pleat's Luton at a cut price £65,000 only months after paying out £200,000 for his services.

Foster became Pleat's first major signing following a restructuring of the Luton board in late 1984 and he was immediately made centre-half and captain where his inspirational performances wearing his trademark white headband made sure that relegation fears soon disappeared.

Forming, along with Mal Donaghy, arguably the best central defensive partnership in the country, the Town were able to enter into the most successful spell in their history finishing in the top 10 in Division One for three seasons running and capping it with their first major honour, the Littlewoods Cup in 1988.

A born organiser with a lot more skill than he was given credit for, he was always dangerous from set pieces and had a powerful, accurate shot.

After leading Luton to Wembley once more, this time a Littlewoods Cup final defeat to Nottingham Forest in 1989, he was allowed to move to Oxford.



IN THE DUG OUT



Mike Newell.
Born Liverpool, 27.1.65

The former striker is unique among managers – Luton fans helped him to get the job in a telephone poll just before this season began. They had suffered agonies as Luton underwent a change of ownership, which resulted in the sacking of the previous manager, Joe Kinnear. The new owners enlisted supporters' help in drawing up a short list to fill the vacancy, and Newell, who had been a popular player at Kenilworth Road two decades earlier, was installed.

He was delighted to get the job, but soon discovered he had taken on a huge challenge. He had hardly settled in before the club went into receivership, with debts of £11million. The Football League imposed a transfer embargo, and with eight players having left earlier in the summer Newell found himself having to do the best he could with

limited resources. Fortunately the core of the Luton team was still intact, and the receiver allowed the new manager to make the major new "signing" he most wanted when Luton legend Mick Harford was brought back to be Director of Football and first team coach. Harford had been sacked two months previously by the new owners.

Newell has been in football for more than 20 years, beginning as a striker at Crewe before joining Wigan.

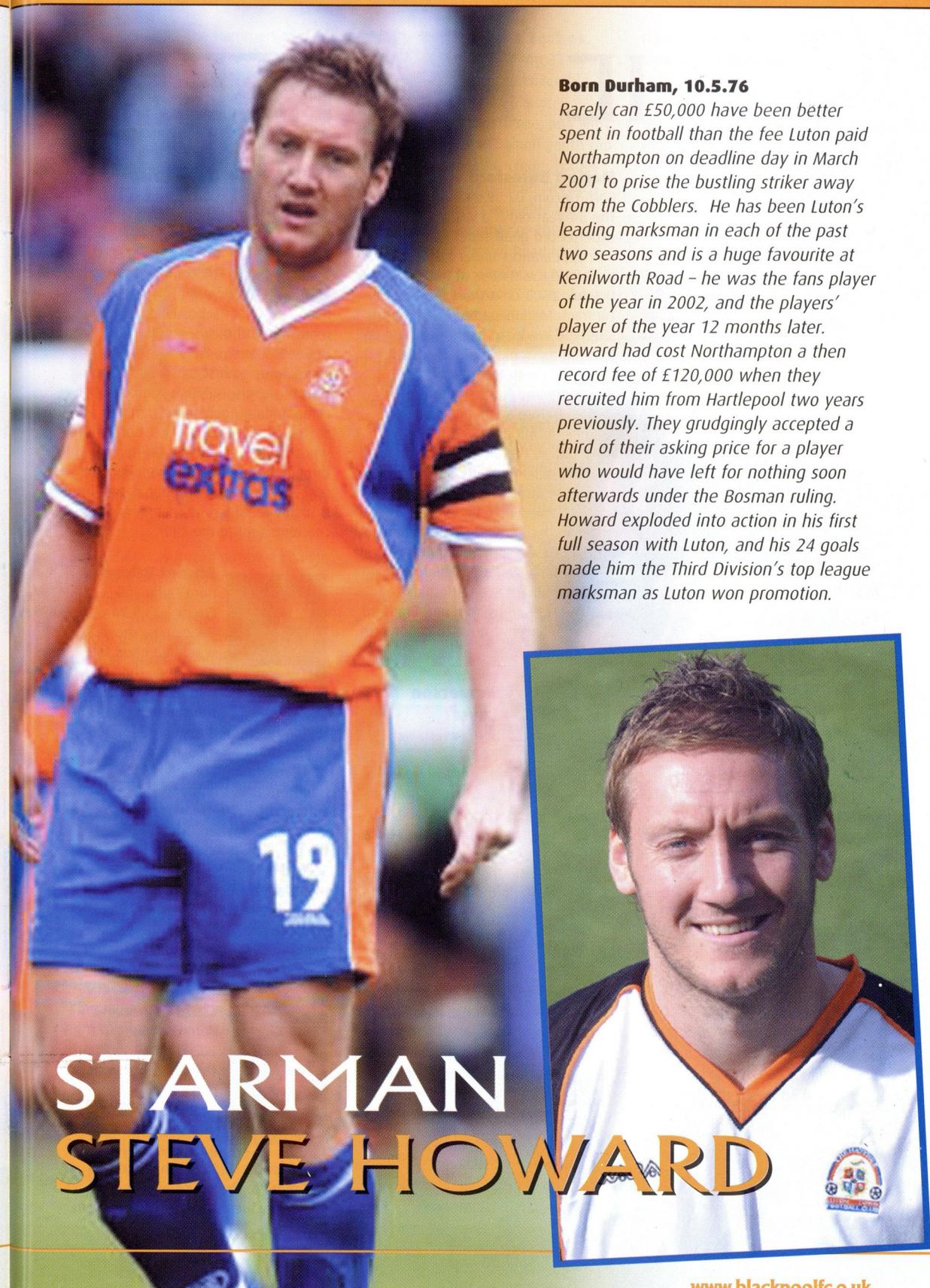
After three years at Springfield Park he moved to Luton for £80,000 in January 1986. He was recruited as a replacement for Mick Harford, who was on the injured list. Luton were then in the old First Division, now the Premiership, and Newell flourished at top level, with 19 goals in 68 matches for the Hatters.

He racked up a succession of big money transfers after that: £350,000 to Leicester, £1.1million to Everton,

£1.1million to Blackburn, where he won a Premiership winner's medal, and £900,000 to Birmingham. West Ham, Bradford, Aberdeen, Crewe again, and Blackpool were also grateful for his goal-scoring abilities before he moved into coaching at Tranmere.

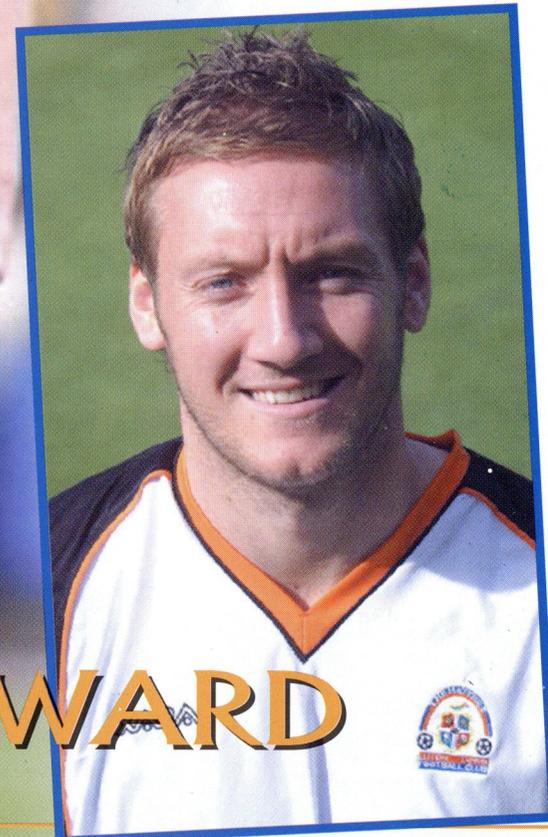
In November 2002 he was given his first job as a manager, at Hartlepool. He guided them to promotion a few months later, but surprisingly his contract was not renewed. But Luton fans hadn't forgotten him, and gave him a huge welcome back when he took charge for the first time. It was a nice occasion: on the final day of the previous season, Newell's last game in charge of Hartlepool was at Rushden, where a draw meant that Rushden were Division Three champions, and Hartlepool runners-up. And the first day of this season saw Luton meet Rushden – and run out 3-1 winners, to set the young manager's record straight.

MIKE NEWELL



Born Durham, 10.5.76

Rarely can £50,000 have been better spent in football than the fee Luton paid Northampton on deadline day in March 2001 to prise the bustling striker away from the Cobblers. He has been Luton's leading marksman in each of the past two seasons and is a huge favourite at Kenilworth Road – he was the fans player of the year in 2002, and the players' player of the year 12 months later. Howard had cost Northampton a then record fee of £120,000 when they recruited him from Hartlepool two years previously. They grudgingly accepted a third of their asking price for a player who would have left for nothing soon afterwards under the Bosman ruling. Howard exploded into action in his first full season with Luton, and his 24 goals made him the Third Division's top league marksman as Luton won promotion.



STARMAN STEVE HOWARD

THE HATTERS

Marlon Beresford.

Born Lincoln, 02.09.69

The 34-year-old is a vastly experienced goalkeeper with over 400 appearances under his belt and he joined the Hatters at the end of October 2003 on a short term contract. Marlon started his career at Sheffield Wednesday after coming up through the ranks there. He spent loan spells with Bury, Crewe Alexandra and Northampton Town (twice) before a £95,000 switch to Burnley in August 1992. It was with the Clarets that he really made his mark, making nearly 300 appearances in a six-year spell at Turf Moor. Then he was off to Middlesborough - where he also had loan spells his former employers at Sheffield Wednesday and Burnley - followed by York and Bradford before his move to Kenilworth Road.



Emmerson Boyce.

Born Aylesbury, 24.9.79

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



Dean Brill.

Born Luton, 02.12.85

Another young player of whom big things are expected. Last season in the first year of his scholarship he represented the club's Under-17's, Under-19's and reserves before stepping up to first team level at the start of the current campaign. A tall, commanding goalkeeper standing at six foot three, Brill is a great organiser whose voice will always be heard throughout a game. His handling and concentration are exceptional, and he is highly regarded by members of the coaching staff at the club.



Ahmet Brkovic.

Born Dubrovnik, Croatia, 23.9.74

Believing a move would be good for his career, the midfield playmaker refused new terms at Leyton Orient in the summer of 2001, to join Luton on a Bosman free transfer. Orient had signed him on a free from HNK Dubrovnik in the autumn of 1999. He was bitterly disappointed when Orient failed in the play-offs to win promotion to the Second Division, and decided he might have a better chance if he joined Luton. He was right, playing a valuable role, mainly on the right flank, to help Luton return to the Second Division at the first attempt.



Chris Coyne.

Born Brisbane, 20.12.78

The centre-half was playing for Perth Soccer Club when he was selected for the Australian Under-17 squad for the 1994 youth World Cup, and came to the notice of Harry Redknapp, then manager of West Ham.

Coyne signed for the Hammers as a teenager, but Premiership chances were few and far between, and after loan spells at Brentford and Southend, Coyne went to Dundee. A £50,000 cheque persuaded the Scottish Premier League club to let the defender move to Kenilworth Road in September 2001 and Coyne rapidly became a crowd favourite in the promotion run that followed.



Dean Crowe.

Born Stockport, 6.6.79

The striker was signed on loan from Stoke City in September 2001 when an injury crisis decimated the Hatters squad. He made an immediate impact, scoring on his debut at Plymouth, and was soon signed on a permanent deal, and he helped Luton win promotion that season. Crowe began his career as a YTS boy at Stoke, but was frozen out by a change of management and an influx of Scandinavian players. He had loan spells at Northampton and Bury before joining Luton. At the start of the current campaign he spent a month on loan with York City but returned to Luton to fight for his first team place.



Sol Davis.

Born Cheltenham, 4.9.79

It was a huge disappointment to Swindon Town, and a coup for Luton, when the highly-rated defender decided to leave the County Ground after his contract expired at the end of the 2001/02 season. Swindon boss Andy King failed in attempts to persuade him to sign a new deal, and Luton manager swooped for the tough-tackling left back. Davis had joined Swindon as a trainee in the summer of 1998, and made rapid progress through the youth and reserve teams to become a regular in the Nationwide League.



Adrian Forbes.

Born Ealing 23.1.79

After considerable First Division experience, and with an England youth cap to his credit, Forbes was a surprise inclusion on Norwich City's list of players available for transfer in the summer of 2001 after having been at Carrow Road for four years, starting as a trainee. Luton were delighted to pay £75,000 for a right winger to add width to his attacking formation. Forbes is noted for his ability to run at and past defenders, either to deliver crosses from out wide, or to cut in and have a crack at goal. But last season was a nightmare for him: he suffered cruciate ligament damage in a pre-season friendly, and missed all but the final six weeks of the campaign. He has certainly made up for lost time this season, plunged into a makeshift strikers role to cover the absence of Steve Howard through injury, his six goals in six games won him the Umbro Isotonic Goalscorer of the Month for October.



Ian Hillier.

Born Neath, 26.12.79

No-one was more surprised than the Welsh Under-21 international himself when he made his league debut for Luton in the second game of the 2001/02 season. The day before he was training with Spurs, where he was captain of the reserves, but a crop of injuries at Kenilworth Road led to Luton taking the young right back on loan and Hillier settled in so quickly that Luton soon decided to buy him for a bargain £30,000 fee and he became a regular squad member.



Michael Leary.

Born Ealing, 17.4.83

Luton's receivership in the summer might mean that former

trainee Leary gets his chance this season. The club was under a Football League transfer embargo, but the coaches had no hesitation in promoting the young Londoner to the first team squad after a string of impressive performances in the youth and reserve teams.

Lee Mansell.

Born Gloucester 23.9.82

The young midfielder is hoping to make the permanent breakthrough into Luton's first team this season, after making a dramatic surprise debut. Because of injury absences, he had to make the transition straight from the youth squad to the first team in January 2001, and was less than a minute into his debut against Queens Park Rangers, in an F.A. Cup third round replay, when he scored. Luton had looked after him since he was an eleven-year-old, and signed him as soon as he left school. His dramatic emergence at Loftus Road led to him being rewarded with a full professional contract, but he went into this season still fighting for a permanent place in Luton's side.



Steve Robinson.

Born Lisburn, 10.12.74

Looking to add experience to a young midfield department, Luton snapped up a man who had earned respect wherever he played. They paid £50,000 to Preston North End in the summer of 2002 for a player who had been capped five times by Northern Ireland. He had made his name at Bournemouth after joining the Cherries on a free transfer from Spurs, where he had been a trainee. He hit 60 goals in 286 appearance for Bournemouth, an enviable strike rate from midfield, and Preston paid £375,000 for him. But he failed to make the same impact in two years at Deepdale, and jumped at the chance to get his career moving again when Luton came in for him.



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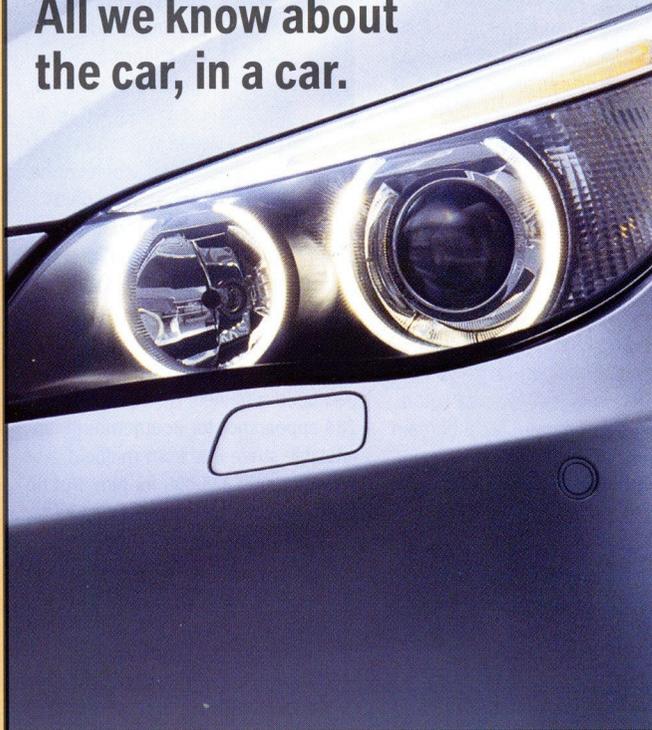
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STEVE CANAVAN



SCOTT Taylor spent Thursday afternoon discovering just what it means to score 20 goals in 26 starts. In a nutshell it means the media get a whole lot more interested in him.

I've given it to him straight. I've told him I'm sick of him scoring because it means we have to keep interviewing him every week. You start to run out of questions for one player after a while. It started off as things like

"Scott, what's the secret of your goalscoring success this season?"

"Scott, how many goals do you think you'll have got by the end of the year?"

By last week, we were down to ... "Scott, is the carpet in your living room brown or green?"

Of course, I'm only joking and would quite happily continue interviewing Scott week after week until the end of the

season if it meant he continued banging the goals in.

Anyway, getting back to Thursday afternoon, Granada sent some cameras round to Scott's house in Bolton to film him and too see what he gets up to after training - picking the kids up from school, making tea for the family, that kind of thing.

It's part of a feature which will be televised on Soccer Sunday, broadcast at 12.30pm tomorrow.

It is unlikely to reveal too much. After all, would anyone really behave as they normally do if their every move was being filmed?

Still, it does highlight just how well the Seasiders striker has performed this season and his haul of goals certainly do justify the extra attention he is getting.

It's been a strange week for the club. Two fantastic results certainly, but that has been tempered by the fact that the team - and in particular the

midfield - is currently falling apart.

Pool have been hit by a serious injury crisis with Richie Wellens, Keith Southern, Leam Richardson and John Murphy all extremely doubtful to play any part today.

That's a real shame because at the moment you get the feeling that a full-strength Pool have the confidence to beat just about anybody. However, a team lacking the aforementioned individuals are not nearly as effective and it will be a massive achievement if Steve McMahon's side is to get a result from today's fixture.

Away from the football it has been an entertaining week too, not least because the Christmas party season has begun. Office parties are always an eye-opener. We had the first of our two Gazette bashes last

week. The highlight was the sight of a small lad from Advertising, who had not spoken in two years, jumping up on stage and performing a groin-grinding dance routine to a jive Bunny medley. Aahh, the power of alcohol.

On Wednesday it was the Blackpool FC media do, a very pleasant meal in the town followed by a quick boogey at a local dancespot. (Don't you know you're getting old when you use the phrase "dancespot"?)

There was no gossip to report although it has to be said there were a few sore heads the following morning and it was a relief all round to find that Steve McMahon had postponed his usual Thursday morning press conference to the next day.

All the best for Christmas, Steve Canavan,
The Gazette

The Gazette

HAT TRICK HERO SCOTT TAYLOR

Following his hat trick last Saturday at Oldham, Pool's answer to Jonny Wilkinson Scott Taylor saw his season's tally to 20 - ahead of Premiership aces Thierry Henry, Ruud Van Nistelrooy and Alan Shearer, ahead of anyone else in the Second Division and just two behind Cardiff's Robert Earnshaw in the national charts.

Taylor, delighted at his second hat trick of the season told the official website, "I've just got to keep going and if the team continue performing like that, hopefully the goals will keep coming. I've always been confident that I had this kind

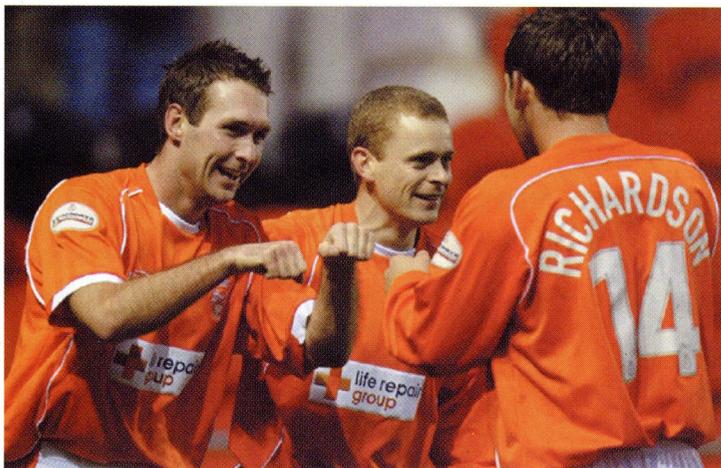
of season in me. I just needed a decent run up front and that is what I'm getting this season. In the past I've been playing out on the wing and it prevents you getting more than 12 or so goals. This season I've been through the middle. It's just nice to be scoring."

Taylor's goals have contributed to Pool's surge up the table and Scott reckons there is plenty left in the tank, "In an interview a couple of weeks ago, I said my target should be 25, but now I am on 20, I might have to rethink that, having said that I don't like counting chickens before they have hatched, I'd rather see us

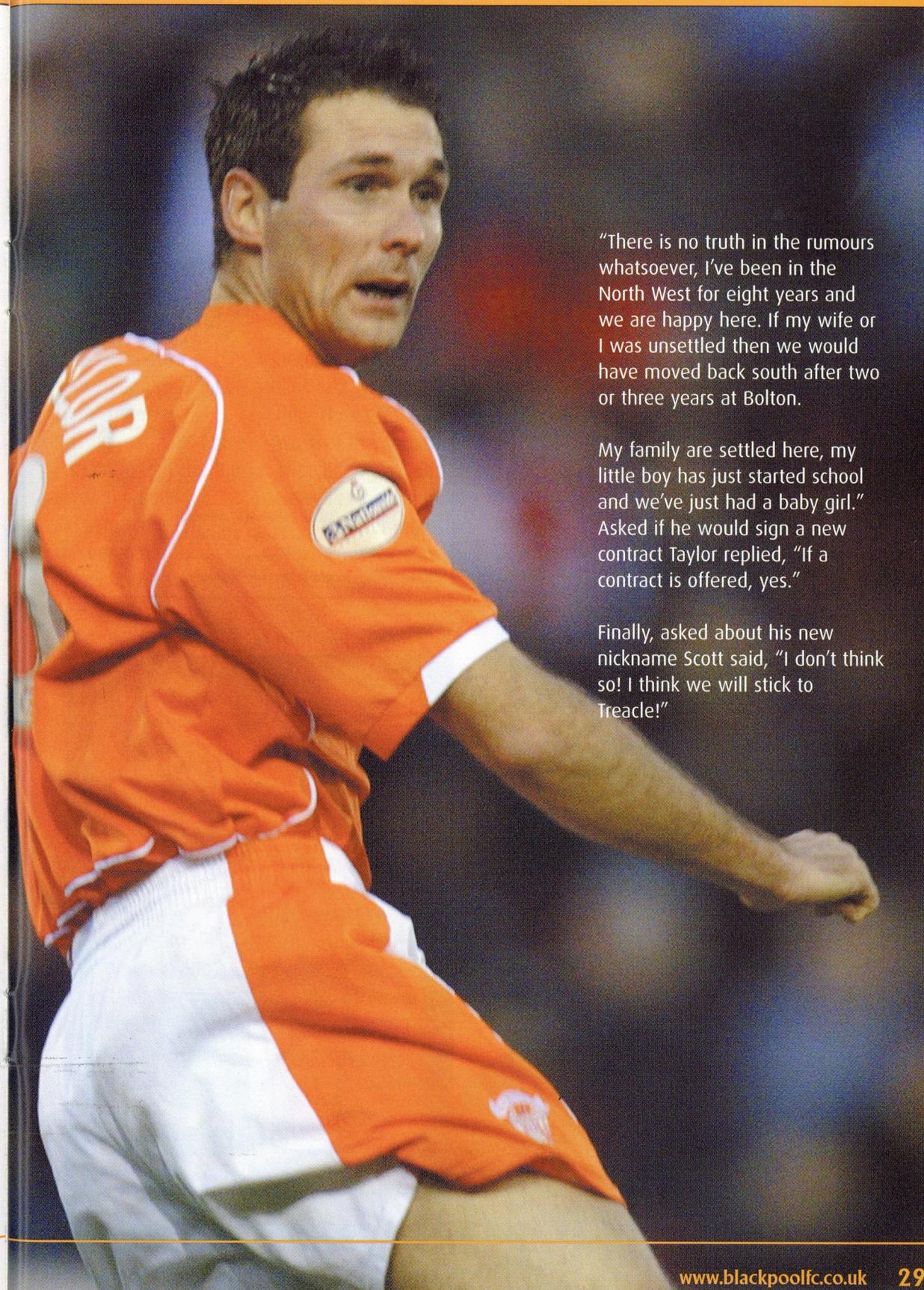
promoted than me score goals. It has been nice being on the score sheet but the main thing lately has been for us to get three points on a regular basis."

Scott's success has its drawbacks, he is starting to attract special attention from opposing teams, "I've noticed defenders marking me a little tighter in the last few games, but I don't mind that because it means there will be more space for others." The in-form hot shot was also quick to praise the lads at the back. "The defence is playing brilliantly at the moment. That breeds confidence because we know if we can pinch a goal we've got a good chance of winning."

Despite his success rumours have been rife that the Chertsey-born player and his family are unhappy in the North West and want to move back to the South at the end of the season. However, the 27 year-old has kicked the speculation firmly into touch (just like Johnny Wilkinson!) insisting he has no intention of turning his back on Bloomfield Road.



Scott celebrates with team-mates Bullock and Richardson.



"There is no truth in the rumours whatsoever, I've been in the North West for eight years and we are happy here. If my wife or I was unsettled then we would have moved back south after two or three years at Bolton.

My family are settled here, my little boy has just started school and we've just had a baby girl." Asked if he would sign a new contract Taylor replied, "If a contract is offered, yes."

Finally, asked about his new nickname Scott said, "I don't think so! I think we will stick to Treacle!"



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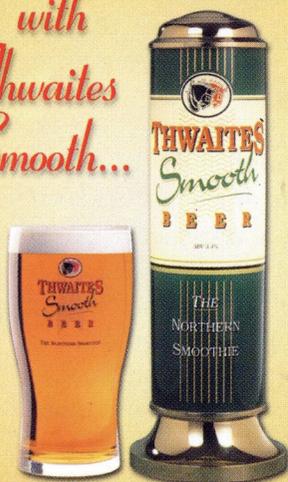
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COMMENTATOR'S IAN CHISNALL

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It's a seasonal welcome back to the Seaside to Mike Newell and his squad from Luton Town. Having made his fame and fortune at the top level, the quiet likeable scouser spent the twilight of his career with us as one of the Gaffer's first signings. Although he didn't exactly set the world on fire in Tangerine his spell at Bloomfield Road may have served to prepare him for a career in management. And what a start he's had. In charge of a Hartlepool team who win promotion and weeks later, his reward is the sack. Then he applies for the Luton job, a Club

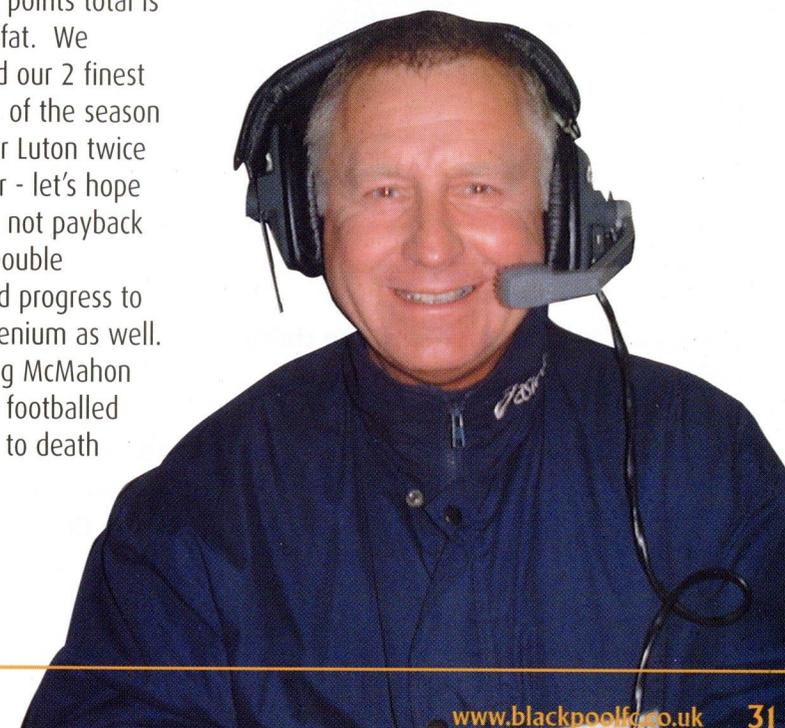
close to his heart. The appointment process becomes public as fans cast votes for their choice in the wake of the departure of popular Joe Kinnear, Newell is installed and all manner of protests begin amidst claims that the ballot was rigged. Who was it who said ... its a funny old game?

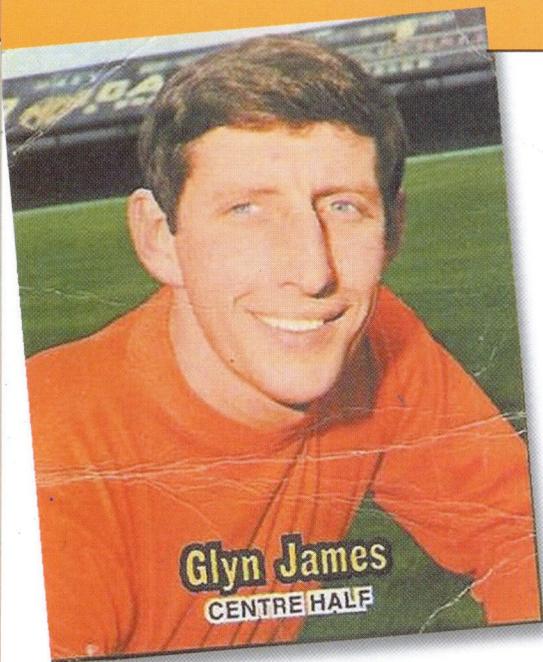
Christmas is coming and the points total is getting fat. We reserved our 2 finest displays of the season to batter Luton twice last year - let's hope today is not payback time. Double barrelled progress to the Millenium as well. A purring McMahon said we footballled Oldham to death

and what a fantastic goal from Leam Roberto Carlos Richardson to put the seal on it. Stockport were beaten in the 'blink' of an eye and by the time you read this, we'll all know who stands in the way of another Northern final. As for the big one, I hear its refreshing on the South Coast in January.

Initial disappointment on Sunday's outcome has now been crossed with a reality check. I know its a long way, but Pompey are a Premiership side and we're certain to give them a game. Won't see you after today till the turkey is history. Merry Christmas

Chissie





Glyn James
CENTRE HALF

1 Can you remember who you made your Blackpool debut against, if so, what are your memories of the game?

It was against Preston North End at Deepdale in October 1960, we lost 1-0. I played against Peter Thompson who later moved to Liverpool.

2 Who was the best player you played with at Bloomfield Road?

I played with many great players, but if I had to pick one it would be Alan Ball.



3 What are your memories of the club's training ground at Squires Gate?

Wet and Windy!

4 Can you remember who you scored your first Blackpool goal against?

It was against Liverpool at Anfield in February 1966. It was at the Kop End and we lost 4-1.

5 Which game from your time with the club stands out the most?

It has to be the 3-0 win at Preston, the game saw us promoted and North End relegated.

6 Have you kept in touch with many of your old team mates, if so, which ones?

John McPhee, Jimmy Armfield, Ray Charnley and Alan Suddick.

7 Who was your toughest opponent?

Geoff Hurst.



8 You are a regular at Bloomfield Road, which member(s) of the current squad impresses you?

Richie Wellens, Danny Coid and Tommy Jaszczun.

9 Be honest, do you think the Seasideers are good enough to be promoted?

Possibly via the play-offs.

10 As a youngster, who was your hero?

Duncan Edwards.

11 Which player from another era would you like to have played with?

Duncan Edwards.

12 Who did you make your international debut against?

Brazil away in 1966.

13 As we know, Wales narrowly missed out on qualifying for Euro 2004, do you think they will ever qualify again?

I think if they can stay injury free then they have a chance.



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GLYN JAMES**

14 Can you pinpoint why there is a lack of Welsh talent coming through?

Too many continental imports.

15 If Mark Hughes quits as manager of Wales, who would you replace him with?

Chris Coleman.



16 Who was the biggest joker during your time at Blackpool FC?

Tommy Hutchinson, he was hyperactive.

17 Did you have any match day superstitions?

Yes, I always kept to the same match day routine.

18 Practically every Blackpool fan when they name their all time Pool XI include the name Glyn James, how does that make you feel?

Very Proud.

19 How would you describe Blackpool fans in three words?

Simply the best.

20 Who do you think will win the Premiership?

Man Utd.

21 If Rio Ferdinand is worth £30million, how much would Glyn James be worth?

About £20 because I am 62!

22 If you had to pick out one highlight from your glittering career, what would it be?

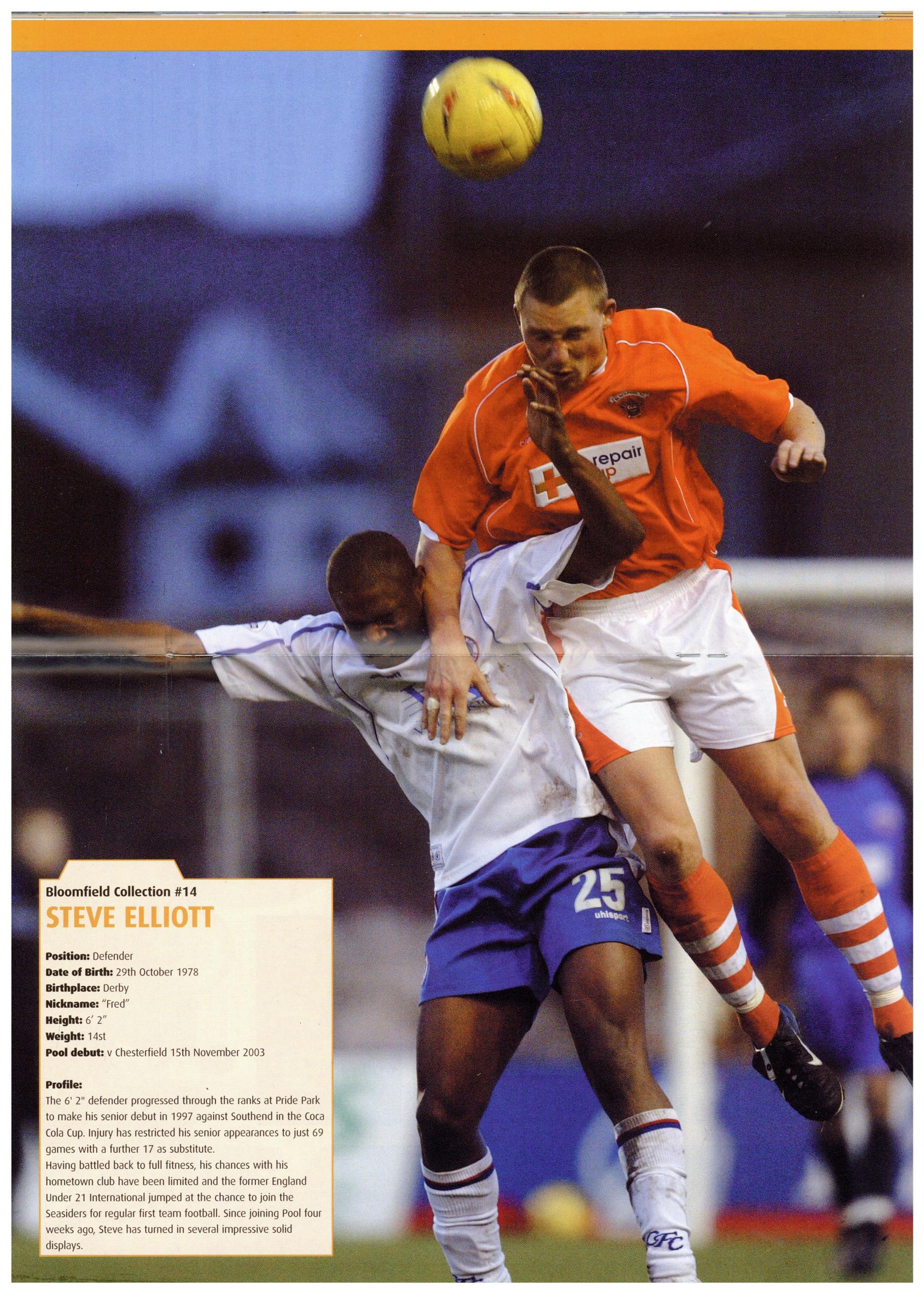
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Bloomfield Collection #14

STEVE ELLIOTT

Position: Defender

Date of Birth: 29th October 1978

Birthplace: Derby

Nickname: "Fred"

Height: 6' 2"

Weight: 14st

Pool debut: v Chesterfield 15th November 2003

Profile:

The 6' 2" defender progressed through the ranks at Pride Park to make his senior debut in 1997 against Southend in the Coca Cola Cup. Injury has restricted his senior appearances to just 69 games with a further 17 as substitute.

Having battled back to full fitness, his chances with his hometown club have been limited and the former England Under 21 International jumped at the chance to join the Seaside for regular first team football. Since joining Pool four weeks ago, Steve has turned in several impressive solid displays.



FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

Welcome to today's mascot against Luton. First of all I would like to congratulate Derek and Lyn on their wedding and I wish them well for the future. As this is the last game before Christmas, I would like to wish you all a very merry safe Christmas. I would also like to remind you of our Christmas course which is taking place at Bispham High School on 22nd and 23rd of this month, we will be starting at 9.30am and there is no notification necessary, simply come along and join in. All our Saturday soccer centres will be closed on Saturday 27th, but they will reopen the following Saturday.



A further course will be available after Christmas, dates will be available on Boxing Day.

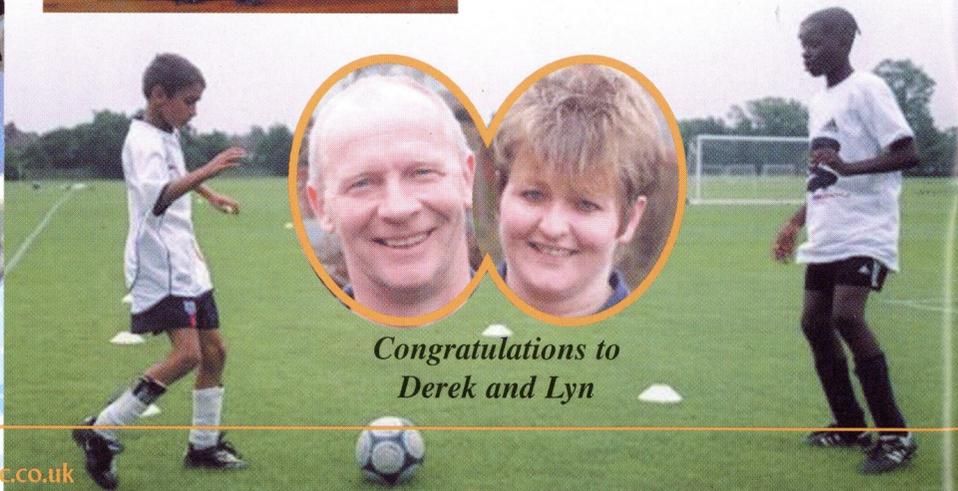


In the meantime, enjoy the festive period, and good luck to the lads this afternoon.

Anthony and the community staff

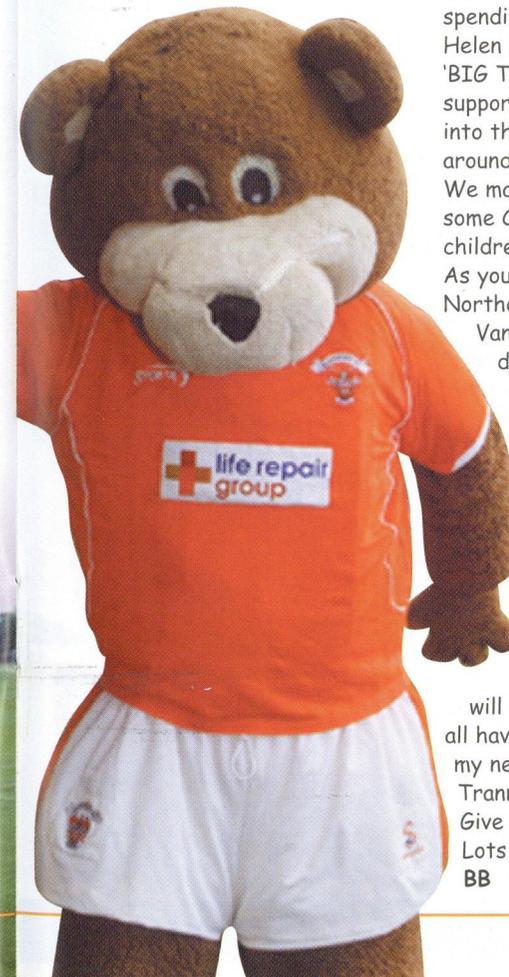


Congratulations to Derek and Lyn



BLOOMFIELD BEAR

Tis the season to be jolly, tra la la la la, la la la la...



Good afternoon everyone, I hope you are all well and looking forward to Christmas. I know I am, and with only 12 days left, it won't be long!! December is always a very busy month for myself and my friend Helen, we spend a lot of time visiting many friends within the community and just recently Helen took me along to the Childrens Ward at Blackpool Victoria Hospital to meet all the children that are unfortunately going to be spending Christmas away from home. Helen has asked me to say a very 'BIG THANKYOU' to all our supporters that put some money into the bucket that I was carrying around at the last home game. We managed to raise over £200 for some Christmas decorations for the children,s wards at the hospital. As you know we are now in the Northern Semi-finals of the LDV Vans Trophy, and Helen has decided to give all of you a chance to be a mascot at the game, so there will be raffle tickets going around today for £1.00 each and the draw will be made at the Tranmere game on Boxing Day. The winner will represent Blackpool FC at the Semi-Finals, whether it is played at home or away. This is the last time that I will be able to say that I hope you all have 'A Very Merry Christmas' as my next BB page will be at the Tranmere game on Boxing Day. Give me a big wave today. Lots of Love BB

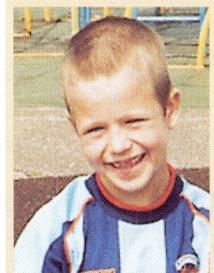
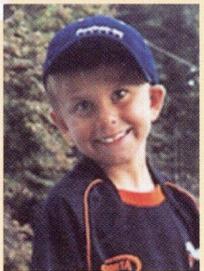
TODAY'S MASCOTS

Leading out the Seasiders this afternoon are Sarah and Luke Randall and Ross Thornley.



12 year-old Sarah attends Montgomery School, her hobbies are music, texting

and socialising. Her favourite Pool player is Richie Wellens. Younger brother Luke attends Breck Primary School in Poulton; his hobbies are football and watching Blackpool. His favourite player is Scott Taylor. Both Sarah and Luke are season ticket holders in the Classic Bathrooms Family Stand.



Last but not least is seven-year-old Ross Thornley who is 8 later this month. Ross attends Stanley Junior School;

his favourite Pool player is Danny Coid.

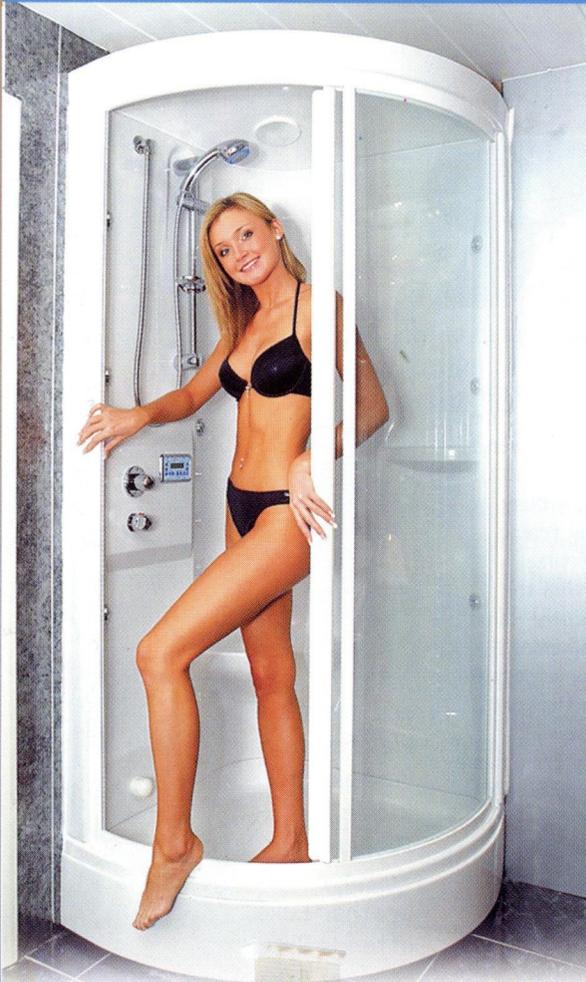
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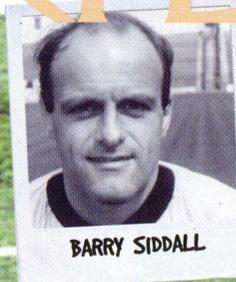
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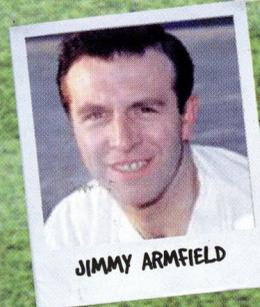
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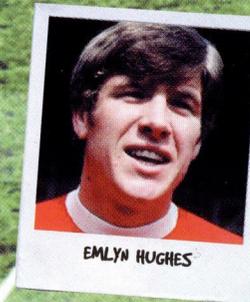
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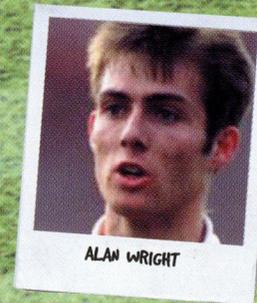
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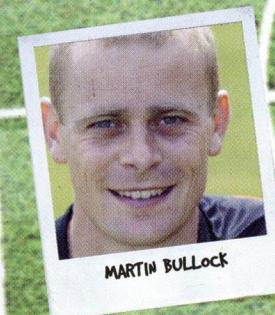
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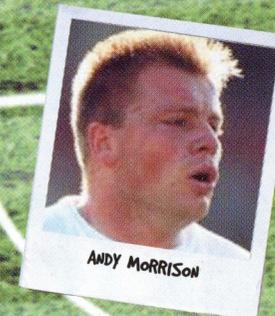
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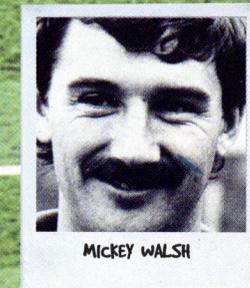
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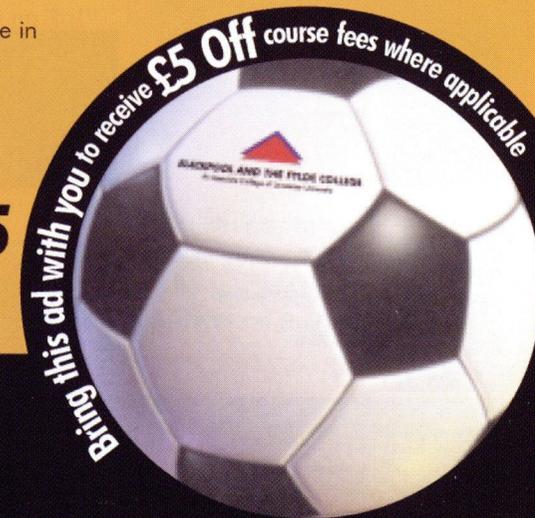
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Hi there kids.

After a superb display last Saturday at Oldham in the FA Cup it's back to the League today and a chance to get in to a play-off position as we welcome Luton Town to Bloomfield Road.

Birthdays

Tango members celebrating their birthdays in the first half of December are Ellie Dugdale, Mason Etrington, Callum Gayton, Luke Randall, Tessa Jones, Adam McQuiggan, Andrew Sullivan, Jordan Garnett, Ryan Stinger, William McCooey, Scott Thomson, Jake Walford, Saul Nicholas and Senga Nicholas. Many happy returns to everyone.

With Christmas just around the corner, we at the Tango club have already started with our Xmas activities. There was the Bingo last Sunday which was another good night with lots of selection boxes being won and some excellent prizes in the raffle, I think everyone went home very happy.

It's the Port Vale trip next Saturday and with a very interesting draw away to Portsmouth in the third round of the Fa Cup, I'm not sure we will be running a trip to Wrexham on the 28th December please check with one of my Committee members or the special Tango hotline (07708044499). One thing for certain is that we won't be going to Barnsley on 3rd January!

Christmas Party

A week tomorrow, Sunday the 21st don't forget for all those people who have put their names down, in the sponsors lounge it's the Christmas Party, for the 10 year olds and under it takes place from 2pm until approximately 4.30pm, for the over 10s it is Tenpin Bowling, which takes place from 6pm.

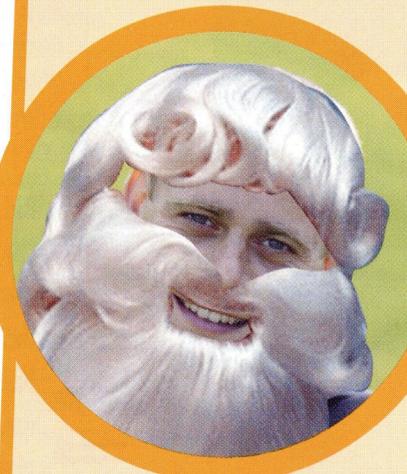
Finally if I don't see you at the Christmas Party, have a great Christmas and I'll see you Boxing Day

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Come on You Pool

Tango

Who Am I???



The answer to the last Who Am I was Danny Coid... Can you tell who this Seaside Santa is... Answer on Boxing Day!!!

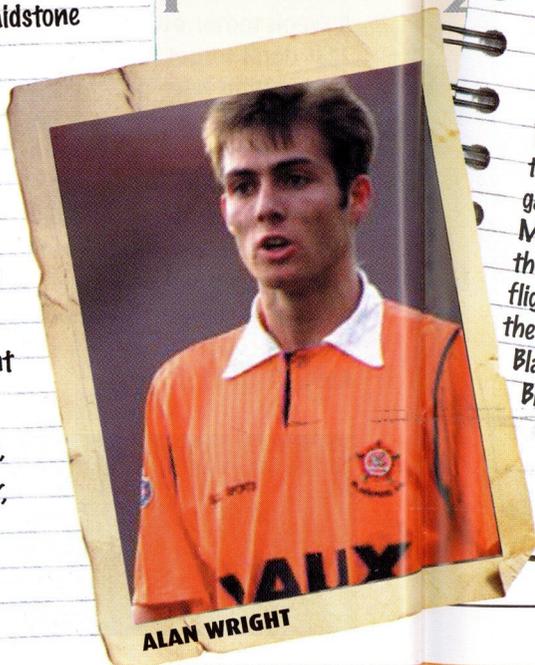
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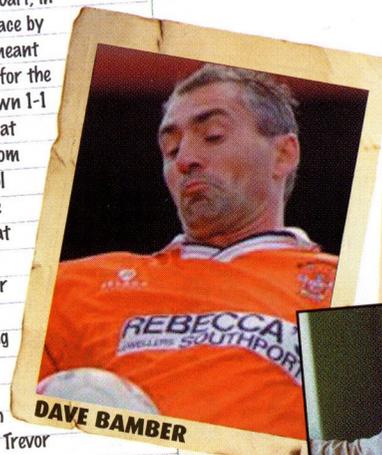
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29	<p>1 January</p> <p>THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS The Seasiders managed by Billy Ayre began the week with a 2-2 home draw with Maidstone United, Andy Garner and Dave Bamber were the Pool heroes that day. Eight days later Pool made two changes for the trip to Carlisle, with Fred Barber replacing Steve Mellihargey and David Eyres replacing Dave Bamber. Despite dominating the game Pool went down 1-0. Pool lined up that day, Barber, Davies, Wright, Groves, Briggs, Gore, Rodwell, Horner, Sinclair, Garner, Eyres. Sub: Richards.</p>																				



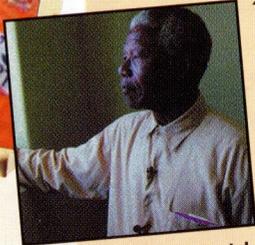
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HOW IT ALL TURNED OUT

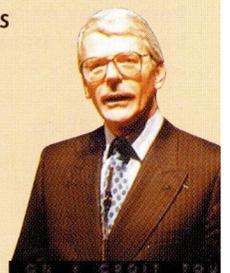
Having parted company with Graham Carr, in November, Pool were guided to fifth place by new manager Billy Ayre. Fifth place meant Pool took part in the play-off lottery for the first time in their history. Having drawn 1-1 at Scunthorpe, Pool beat the Iron 2-1 at Bloomfield Road thanks to a brace from winger David Eyres. The win saw Pool return to Wembley for the first time since 1953. Pool, having been 2-1 up at half time, ended up losing 5-4 on penalties, leading scorer Dave Bamber missing the crucial final penalty. Alan Wright missed only the opening game of the season, making 53 League and cup appearances. Dave Bamber finished leading scorer with 17 goals in 23 appearances, winger Trevor Sinclair weighed in with 12 goals. In the FA Cup having beaten Grimsby and Huddersfield, Pool went out of the competition to First Division Tottenham Hotspur losing 1-0 at Bloomfield Road.



DAVE BAMBER



2 The world's most famous prisoner was released. Seventy-one year old Nelson Mandela was released having spent 26 years in prison on the notorious Robben Island.



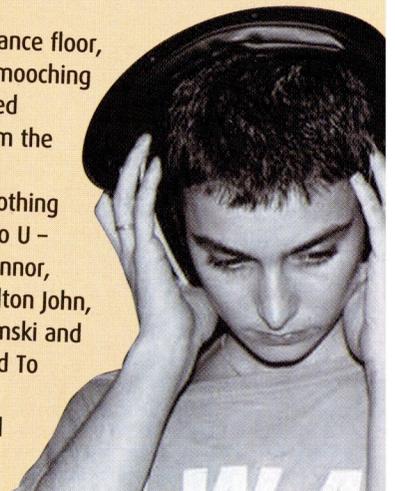
3 In November, John Major took over inside Number 10, bringing an end to Margaret Thatcher's 11 year reign.



4 The Film of the year, surprisingly was Ghost, the romantic thriller with a supernatural theme, which saw a murdered man, Patrick Swayze, return to warn his wife, Demi Moore that she was in danger. Other blockbusters included, Pretty Woman, Cinderella and the awful comedy Home Alone.

FOCUS ON... ALAN WRIGHT
Born in Ashton Under Lyne on 28 September 1971, Wright took over the title of Blackpool's youngest League player when he made his debut as a substitute in May 1988, at home to Chesterfield. He had risen from YTS ranks to the first team in a remarkably short time and was soon challenging Steve Morgan in the Pool defence. Extremely small at 5ft 4in, he had outstanding speed, good ball control and a maturity beyond his years. Wright signed as a full time member of the playing staff in 1989, gaining a regular place around the same time. He soon brought stability to a shaky defence and it seemed that nothing could unnerve him, no matter how big the game or stage. At Wembley in the 1991 Play-Off final he held the defence together under great pressure. After Pool's failure to gain promotion in 1991, big clubs, notably Liverpool and Manchester City, were reportedly interested in signing the talented left back. Eventually the promise of top flight football became too much and midway through the 1991-2 season, Wright signed for Kenny Dalglish's Blackburn Rovers, the £450,000 making him Blackpool's most expensive export.

5 On the dance floor, we were smooching to Unchained Melody from the Righteous Brothers, Nothing Compares To U - Sinead O'Connor, Sacrifice - Elton John, Killer - Adamski and Dub Be Good To Me Beats International



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Oh I see

What about Bristol City?

Point taken - good win that - could be our springboard for the rest of the season - can we go onwards and upwards?

Indeed we can. Anyway, what about Blackpool in Cup shocker! 1-0 win - and the scorer WASN'T Scott Taylor! Great finish by Blinks deep into extra time - Blackpool's first ever silver goal but any more games like that and we'll be grey, never mind silver. Thanks to Tony Newman for allowing me to intrude on his 'Late Night Love' - I had visions of butting into Roy Lynch's breakfast with penalty flashes but well done Matthew for allowing us all to get home before dawn. Bit of a contrast to last Saturday when the game was over after 25 minutes - at least it's the wins that are inconsistent now, rather than the

results. Bradders - shame you couldn't make the short trip to Stockport last night - you say you had something on?

Or not as the case may be.

Anyway, back to today, sorry to mention it folks but we're on a roll, seven wins in eight, have I just tempted fate?

Not a chance! Isn't it wonderful to know that going 1-0 up isn't the cue for legs to turn to jelly - on and off the pitch.

Oh and don't forget...

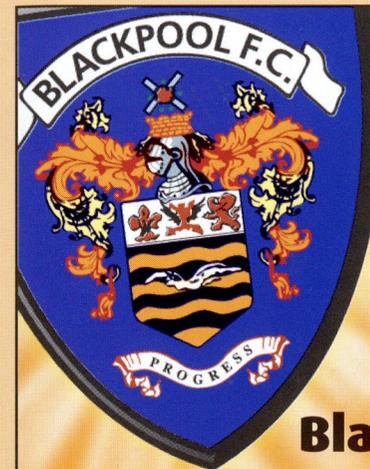
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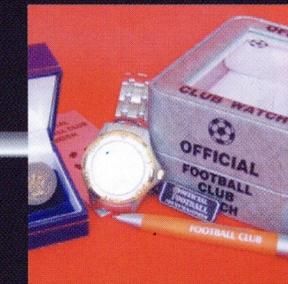
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Our recent success in cup ties has also given us the chance to have a go at our second Premiership opposition, this time against Portsmouth in the F.A. Cup and we continue towards Cardiff in the LDV Vans Trophy with the area semi finals having been drawn this morning.

We were hoping to run a special train to the Portsmouth fixture but having had lengthy discussion with our charter operator it has proved impractical. They have to deal with the rail network to find a suitable route however with all the current engineering works this was proving extremely difficult and eventually they came back with a journey time just in excess of 8 hours just to get there and slightly less for the return. We did not consider that this was therefore suitable and have therefore hired in a fleet of coaches that we are selling seats at £18.50 per head with a departure time of 7:30 a.m. from here at the ground.

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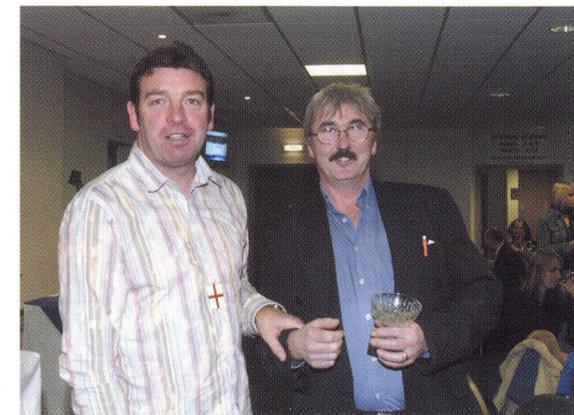
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BLACKPOOL SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

Today we welcome Luton Town to Bloomfield Road. When we last played Luton Town on a cold Tuesday night in February at their ground we beat them 3-1. This was my favourite match of last season. The fans never stopped chanting from beginning to end and the team were superb.

For the fans who travelled on the BSA coach you might remember this fixture. We turned up at the ground and the stewards thought we were the team. I do not know who the stewards think play for Blackpool but the BSA coach consists of members from age 60 to young children.

I would like to make an apology to Steve and the team. I was one of the fans who was disheartened at the beginning of the season. However, I am so happy they have proved me wrong. I would still like to see a bit more consistency but I do not think I have too much to grumble about. Well done. One point off the play offs and 8 points off top. Keep up the hard work. Brad Jones has done really well I do not remember so many clean sheets since Brad joined us. As for Richie Wellens, what can you say, he has been fantastic in midfield. Scott Taylor just can't seem to stop scoring it is fantastic being a Seasiders fan at the moment.

Last Saturday we hammered Oldham

in the FA Cup. The next round is where all the lower teams want to be drawing one of the big teams - Premiership. Well we did that we got a Premiership team unfortunately, it means travelling right across the country to play Portsmouth. BSA will be running a coach and it will be all ticket so if you are interested then please see Janet. BSA are also taking bookings for every away match this season so if you are interested in travelling then please contact Janet on 07753 405628. You do have to be a BSA member to travel but you can join on the day.

On Friday the 19th December 2003 BSA will be holding their annual Christmas party. This year we have booked 3 tables to the Christmas Casino Extravaganza Dinner at Blackpool Football Club. This includes a 3 Course meal and coffee, crackers, hats, novelties, balloons, table entertainer, LIVE cabaret, casino tables and disco. The tickets should be £29.95 per person. However, BSA are charging only £20.00 per person.

If interested please see any BSA committee member or telephone the BSA hotline on 07753 405628.

BSA will be holding their meeting in the No1 club before today's match at 13.00. The 222 draw now stands at £160. Steve Smith missed out on £140 at the Bristol City match. Every BSA members name is in the draw but you have to be in the N01 Club at 14.02 every Saturday home match to claim your winnings if your name is drawn out.

BSA are also taking bookings for the annual weekend away. This season's BSA weekend away is Friday 7th May 2004 to Sunday 9th May 2004. This year we are staying in Cardiff taking in the Bristol City match. On the Sunday we have organised a guided tour around the Millennium Stadium. If you are interested then please contact the BSA hotline on 07753 405628.

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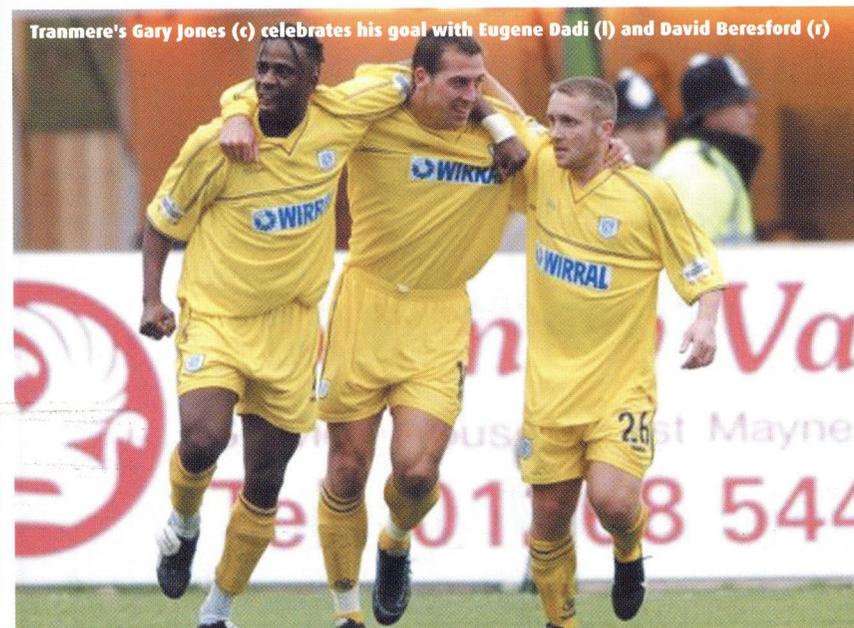
NEXTUP TRANMERE ROVERS

OUR 'friends' from the Wirral could be forgiven for not fancying Boxing Day at Bloomfield Road. Hopefully the Tranmere faithful will have got a few thermals from Santa because they may need them with the temporary East Stand not being the most sheltered of places to watch footy. Their recent record here, which is about as good as our record at Prenton Park is not good, with the latest meeting just over two months ago in round one

of the LDV. Plenty of Pool fans stayed away that night, but they missed an excellent first 45 minutes which saw John Murphy tear Tranmere's defence to shreds, scoring an excellent hat trick as 'Pool went in 3-0 up at the break. The second half though saw a gutsy fight back from Tranmere which saw them pull back a couple of goals and nearly force extra time in Brian Little's first game in charge. Money is tight at Prenton Park and

Little has had to work pretty much with the squad he inherited from predecessor, Ray Matthias. Little has managed to recruit midfielder David Beresford from Plymouth and seems to have galvanised the side into a solid defensive unit, notching up several 1-0 wins recently. Sounds familiar doesn't it? Like Pool, Tranmere are through to the third round of the F.A Cup. After squeezing past

minnows, Hornchurch in round two, Rovers plait host to Bolton which should see a decent crowd and a fair pay day. Also like the Seasiders, Tranmere were tipped to be up among the promotion hopefuls this season but have struggled to live up to that billing so far. Little has certainly instilled the kind of hard work ethic which made him successful at Leicester and Aston Villa and with the second division being as open as it is this season, Rovers fans may still harbour hopes that their team could still make the top six. It should be a decent game and lets hope for a bumper Boxing Day crowd. Oh, and spare a thought for our freezing cold visitors in the East, oh go on, it is Christmas! Enjoy the games and have a very merry Christmas and a great New Year
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Tranmere's Gary Jones (c) celebrates his goal with Eugene Dadi (l) and David Beresford (r)



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RESERVES & YOUTH TEAM

The Seaside's unbeaten run in the Pontins Reserve League came to an end on Wednesday afternoon against a much more experienced Stockport County side.

Owing to the increasing injury list at Bloomfield Road, the Seaside's fielded just three professionals - 'keeper Lee Jones and defenders Chris Clarke and Kirk Hilton.

After dominating the first half hour, Pool fell behind to an own goal from Chris Clarke, the big defender turning the ball past Lee Jones following neat work from Owen Morrison.

The goal sparked the visitors into action and they pressed for a second.

The second came shortly before the hour mark, with Morrison once again chief tormentor, this time the former Sheffield Wednesday man saw his free kick fired home by David Holt.

Pool had a few chances to pull a goal back, but a combination of some poor finishing and some fine defending saw Stockport return to Edgeley Park with the three points.

Trialist Morgan Jones showed some neat touches, time will tell if the young Scouser is offered a deal.

Pool: L Jones, Lawlor, Hilton, Clarke, Herzig (Swann), Wiles, Gilston, Jones, Whittaker (Brown), Mangan, Paterson
Subs Not Used: Edge, Bagdagi

The youth team have also suffered a couple of disappointing results recently, last Saturday Dave Fogg's fledglings went down 3-1 at Carlisle having been beaten 1-0 the previous week against Tranmere Rovers.

Table.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	7	6	1	0	20	6	19
Stockport County	7	5	0	2	15	11	15
Blackpool	9	4	3	2	13	10	15
Carlisle United	8	4	1	3	16	16	13
Macclesfield	8	3	3	2	10	8	12
Oldham Athletic	8	4	0	4	10	12	12
Shrewsbury	9	3	2	4	18	15	11
Bury	9	3	0	6	13	19	9
Wrexham	8	2	2	4	17	18	8
Rochdale	9	1	0	8	8	25	3

FIXTURES 2003 - 2004

RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

Wed 20th Aug	Oldham Athletic	Home	L 1-0
Wed 27th Aug	Bury	Away	W 2-0
Wed 10th Sep	Macclesfield Town	Home	D 0-0
Wed 24th Sep	Wrexham	Away	W 6-4
Wed 8th Oct	Carlisle United	Home	D 0-0
Wed 22nd Oct	Shrewsbury	Away	W 2-1
Wed 5th Nov	Rochdale	Home	W 2-1
Wed 26th Nov	Wigan Ath	Away	
Wed 10th Dec	Stockport County	Home	
Wed 14th Jan	Wrexham	Home	
Wed 28th Jan	Carlisle United	Away	
Wed 18th Feb	Rochdale	Away	
Wed 3rd Mar	Shrewsbury	Home	
Wed 17th Mar	Stockport County	Away	7.00
Wed 24th Mar	Wigan Ath	Home	
Tues 6th Apr	Oldham Athletic	Away	
Wed 14th Apr	Bury	Home	
Wed 28th Apr	Macclesfield Town	Away	

YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES

Sat 9th Aug	Bury	Away	L 5-0
Sat 16th Aug	Wigan Ath	Home	L 3-0
Sat 23rd Aug	Burnley	Away	L 4-0
Sat 6th Sep	Rochdale	Home	L 3-1
Sat 13th Sep	Oldham Athletic	Away	L 4-1
Sat 20th Sep	Stockport	Home	W 4-2
Sat 27th Sep	Preston North End	Away	W 3-2
Sat 4th Oct	Tranmere Rovers	Away	W 1-0
Sat 18th Oct	Carlisle United	Home	W 4-0
Sat 25th Oct	Rochdale	Away	W 2-0
Sat 1st Nov	Oldham Athletic	Home	P-P
Sat 8th Nov	Stockport County	Away	W 2-1
Sat 15th Nov	Preston North End	Home	
Sat 29th Nov	Tranmere Rovers	Home	
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Sat 13th Dec	Bury	Home	
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Sat 24th Jan	Burnley	Home	

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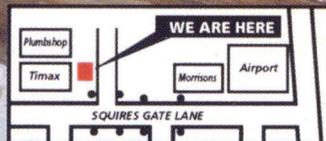
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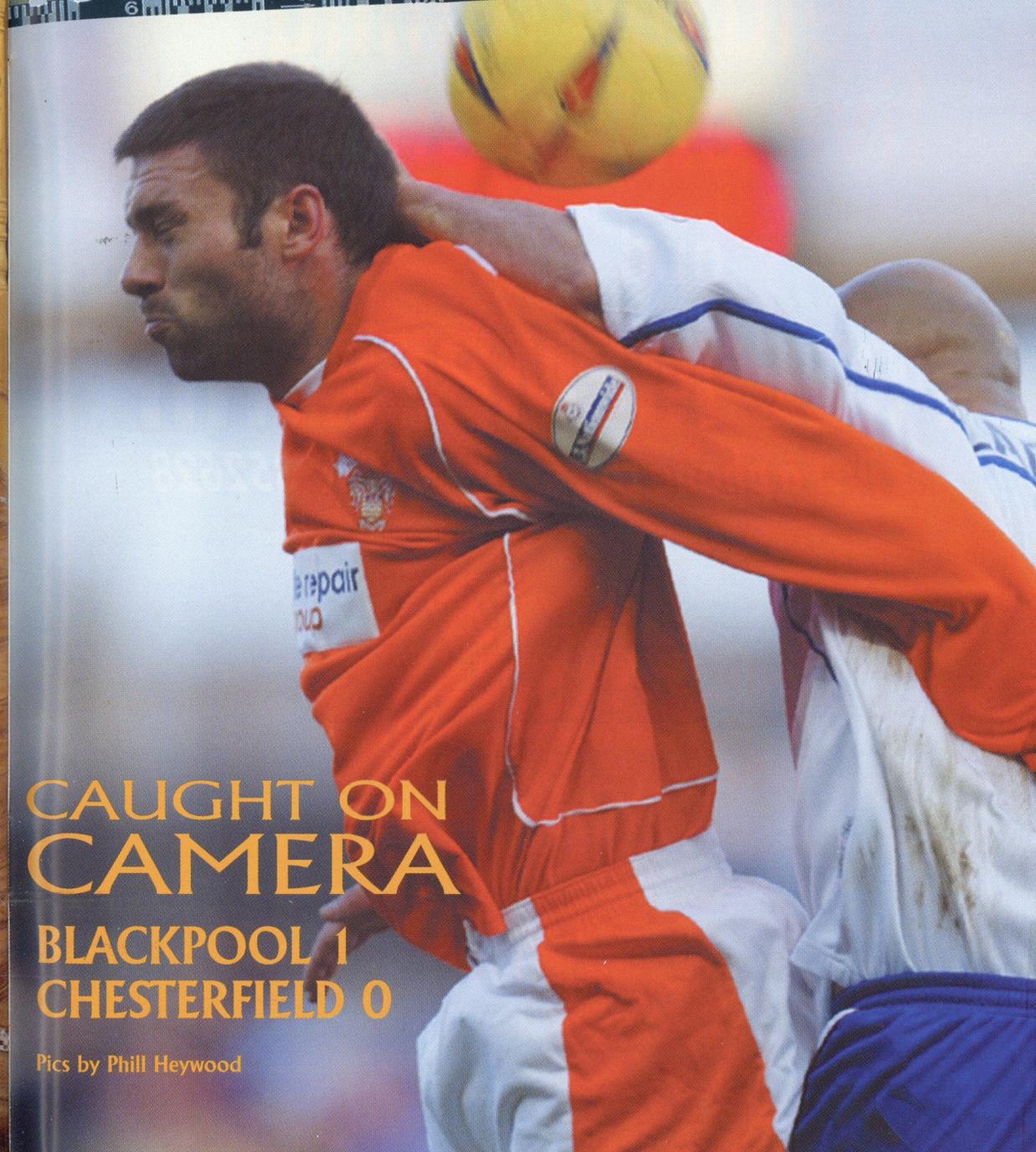
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AWAY GUIDE



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THE STADIUM
For a number of years the ground had only three sides, with one side being open, following the demolition of the old Mold Stand. In 1999 this situation was rectified with the opening of the Pryce Griffiths Stand (after the former Wrexham Chairman). This is a single tiered all seater stand that has greatly improved the overall ground appearance. It is semi circular in design with a capacity of 3,500 seats. The other side, The Sainsbury's Stand, is a fair sized two tiered covered stand, which is now all seated, having previously had terracing at the front. One end, the Kop End, is a medium sized covered terrace, partly covered (to the rear) and is for home supporters. The other end, the Roberts Builders Stand, is covered and again is two tiered and all seated. There is an electric scoreboard on the roof of this stand.

WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE FOR 'POOL FANS
Away fans are housed in the upper tier of the Roberts Builders Stand, where just over 2,000 fans can be accommodated. If demand requires it a further 1,000 can be accommodated in the lower tier. There are a couple of small supporting pillars in the upper tier of this stand. On my last visit I found Wrexham to be relaxed and friendly, with both sets of supporters mixing freely in the pubs beforehand. The atmosphere was generally good, however there were a section of Wrexham supporters in the Pryce Griffiths Stand who seemed to be permanently baiting the away fans.

WHERE TO GET A PRE-MATCH PINT
There is one pub right on the corner of the ground at the Kop End called 'The Turf'. It is a Marstons pub which does allow in away supporters, but only in small numbers. It can get extremely busy, so arrive early. Before the new Pryce Griffiths stand was built, this pub used to have a balcony that overlooked the ground. Otherwise the town centre is about a ten minute walk away, where there are plenty of

good pubs to be found. A favourite haunt of away supporters is the Wetherspoons pub in the town centre, called the Elihu Yale (named after a local man who founded Yale University in the USA). To find it, walk along the road from the ground towards the town centre. After about half a mile go through the double set of traffic lights. After the next road junction it is in the row of buildings on your left, in Regent Street. There is an interesting pub called The Plas Coch which is a restaurant type pub which is past the ground going away from the town centre, at the first roundabout turn right, passing Sainsburys Homebase and the pub is near their petrol station. It is around a five minute walk from the away end'.

Apparently Wrexham has more pubs in ratio to the population than any other town in Britain, sounds a good place to me!

DIRECTIONS & WHERE TO PARK
From the South: M6 to junction
From the North:
Take the A483 towards Wrexham (this is the Wrexham by-pass). Leave the A483 at the junction of the A541 Mold road. The ground is 300 yards from this junction

(on the A541) towards Wrexham town centre.
From The South:
Take the M54 from the M6 (Junction 10A Northbound). Follow the M54 to the end of the motorway and join the A5 towards Shrewsbury. Continue on the A5 past Shrewsbury and Oswestry and then join the A483 towards Wrexham. Stay on the A483 as you reach Wrexham (this is the Wrexham by-pass). Leave the A483 at the junction of the A541 Mold road. The ground is 300 yards from this junction (on the A541) towards Wrexham town centre. Street Parking.
If you arrive early (around 1-1.15pm) there is some street parking to be had, on the other side of the road from the car showroom by the Turf Pub. Otherwise there a couple of private car parks, charging in the region of £1-£2.

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2003 - 2004 FIXTURES

- Nationwide League Game
- Carling Cup Game
- F.A. Cup Game
- LDV Vans Trophy Game

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DATE	OPPONENT	V	VEN	RES	ATT	VIS	PTS	POS	GOALSCORERS	GK	PLAYER 2	PLAYER 3	PLAYER 4	PLAYER 5	PLAYER 6	PLAYER 7	PLAYER 8	PLAYER 9	PLAYER 10	PLAYER 11	SUB 1	SUB 2	SUB 3	SUB 4	SUB 5
Sat 9th Aug	Queens Park Rangers	Away	L 5-0	14581	1159	0	23			Barnes	Grayson (71)	Hilton	Flynn(71)	Javis	Bullock	Wellens	Danns	Coid(45)	Sheron	Taylor	Clarke (71)	Jones	Richardson(71)	Walker	Douglas(45)
Tue 12th Aug	Barnsley (Carling Cup One)	Away	W 2-1	5378	433	-	-		Taylor 2	Jones	Richardson	Hilton	Flynn	Javis	Bullock	Wellens (60)	Danns	Douglas	Sheron (89)	Taylor	Clarke (89)	Barnes	Grayson (60)	McMahon	Blinkhorn
Sat 16th Aug	Wycombe Wanderers	Home	W 3-2	5960	312	3	15		Taylor 2, Hilton	Jones	Richardson	Hilton	Flynn	Javis	Bullock (83)	Wellens (72)	Danns	Douglas	Sheron (89)	Taylor	Clarke (83)	Barnes	Grayson	Walker (89)	Coid (72)
Sat 23rd Aug	Oldham Athletic	Away	W 3-2	6745	1629	6	10		Danns, Douglas, Taylor	Jones	Richardson	Hilton	Flynn	Javis	Bullock	Douglas	Danns	Sheron	Taylor (88)	Coid (86)	Clarke (66)	McMahon	Grayson (86)	Walker (88)	Jaszczun
Mon 25th Aug	Barnsley	Home	L 2-0	6039	734	6	13			Jones	Richardson	Hilton	Flynn	Javis	Coid (53)	Wellens	Danns	Sheron	Taylor	Douglas	Clarke (85)	Barnes	Grayson (57)	Walker (53)	McMahon
Sat 30th Aug	Swindon	Away	D 2-2	6219	349	7	13		Taylor, Douglas	Jones	Richardson	Hilton	Flynn	Javis	Grayson	Wellens	Douglas	Sheron (82)	Taylor	Coid	Clarke (45)	Barnes	Bullock (82)	Walker	McMahon
Sat 13th Sept	AFC Bournemouth	Home	L 2-1	5607	364	7	16		Wellens	Jones	Richardson	Evans	Clarke	Javis	Bullock	Wellens	Douglas (69)	Sheron (82)	Taylor	Danns	Hilton	Barnes	Grayson	Walker (82)	Southern (69)
Tues 16th Sept	Brentford	Away	D 0-0	3818	363	8	16			Jones	Richardson (76)	Evans	Clarke	Javis	Grayson	Wellens (81)	Douglas	Sheron	Taylor	Danns	Hilton	Barnes	Bullock (76)	Walker	Southern (81)
Sat 20th Sept	Stockport County	Away	W 3-1	5420	1109	11	16		Grayson, Clarke, Murphy	Jones	Richardson (79)	Evans	Clarke	Javis	Grayson	Wellens	Douglas	Sheron (64)	Taylor	Danns	Hilton	Barnes	Bullock (74)	Murphy (64)	Southern (79)
Tues 23rd Sept	Birmingham City (Carling Cup 2)	Home	W 1-0	7370	1495	-	-		Taylor	Jones	Douglas	Evans	Clarke	Javis	Grayson	Wellens (56)	Southern	Sheron (67)	Taylor (90)	Danns	Hilton	Barnes	Bullock (90)	Murphy (67)	Coid (56)
Sat 27th Sept	Notts County	Home	W 2-1	6206	582	14	15		Southern, Danns	Jones	Douglas	Evans (25)	Clarke	Javis	Grayson	Wellens	Southern	Sheron	Taylor (67)	Danns (54)	Doherty	Barnes	Bullock (54)	Murphy (67)	Coid (25)
Tues 30th Sept	Grimsby	Home	L 1-0	5491	259	14	17			Jones	Douglas	Coid (88)	Clarke (45)	Javis	Grayson	Wellens	Southern	Sheron (76)	taylor	Danns	Doherty (88)	Barnes	Bullock (76)	Murphy (45)	Hilton
Sat 4th Oct	Brighton & Hove Albion	Away	L 3-0	6483	334	14	17			Jones	Coid (65)	Hilton	Clarke	Javis	Grayson	Wellens	Southern (83)	Murphy	Taylor	Douglas	Burns	Jones	Bullock (65)	sheron (83)	McMahon
Sat 11th Oct	Colchester	Away	D 1-1	3265	205	15	17		Taylor	Jones	Douglas	Hilton	Grayson	Javis	Bullock	Wellens (71)	Southern (88)	Murphy	Taylor	Coid	Burns	Barnes	Clarke (88)	Sheron	Richardson (71)
Tue 14th Oct	Tranmere Rovers (LDV1)	Home	W 3-2	2838	295	-	-		Murphy 3	Barnes	Richardson	Hilton	Flynn	Clarke	Bullock (65)	Douglas (65)	Danns	Murphy	Sheron	Burns (89)	Grayson (89)	Taylor	Wiles (65)	McMahon (65)	Walker
Sat 18th Oct	Hartlepool United	Home	W 4-0	6871	1691	18	16		Taylor (3) Douglas	Barnes	Grayson	Hilton	Clarke	Javis	Bullock (29)	Wellens	Danns	Murphy (83)	Taylor	Douglas (73)	Evans (83)	Flynn	Richardson	Sheron (73)	Coid (29)
Tues 21st Oct	Rushden & Diamonds	Home	L 3-2	5234	193	18	18		Murphy (2)	Barnes	Grayson (69)	Hilton	Clarke	Javis	Bullock (60)	Wellens	Danns	Murphy	Taylor	Douglas	Evans	Flynn	Richardson	Sheron (60)	Coid (69)
Sat 25th Oct	Plymouth Argyle	Away	L 1-0	12372	216	18	18			Barnes	Grayson	Evans	Clarke	Javis	Southern(52)	Wellens	Danns	Murphy	Coid (52)	Douglas	Taylor (52)	Flynn	Richardson	Sheron	Bullock (52)
Tue 28th Oct	Crystal Palace (Carling Cup 2)	Home	L 3-1	6010	370	-	-		Murphy	Barnes	Grayson	Evans	Clarke	Javis	Bullock (65)	Wellens (78)	Douglas	Murphy	Taylor	Coid	Southern (65)	Flynn	Richardson	Sheron (78)	Hilton
Sat 1st Nov	Sheffield Wednesday	Away	W 1-0	21450	1911	21	18		Taylor	Barnes	Grayson	Evans	Clarke	Javis	Bullock	Wellens (72)	Southern	Murphy (53)	Taylor (89)	Douglas	Flynn (89)	Edge	Richardson	Sheron (53)	Jaszczun (72)
Tue 14th Oct	Doncaster Rovers (LDV2)	Home	W 1-0	2954	309	-	-		Sheron	B Jones	Richardson	Evans	Clarke	Flynn	Bullock	Wellens	Southern	Sheron	Taylor	Coid (37)	McMahon	Barnes	Burns (37)	Wiles	Jaszczun
Sat 8th Nov	Boreham Wood FA Cup 1	Home	W 4-0	3969	311	-	-		Taylor 2, Coid, Burns	Barnes	Grayson	Jaszczun	Clarke	Javis (61)	Bullock	Sheron (86)	Southern	Murphy	Taylor	Coid (86)	Flynn (61)	McMahon (86)	Burns (86)	Richardson	Hilton
Tue 11th Nov	Wrexham	Home	L 1-0	4864	244	21	18			B Jones	Grayson (78)	Jaszczun (81)	Clarke	Flynn	Bullock	Sheron (64)	Southern	Murphy	Taylor	Coid	Wellens (64)	McMahon	Burns	Richardson (78)	Hilton (81)
Sat 15th Nov	Chesterfield	Home	W 1-0	5252	578	24	16		Taylor	B Jones	Richardson	Jaszczun	Elliott	Flynn	Bullock	Wellens	Southern	Murphy	Taylor	Coid	McMahon	Barnes	Sheron	Grayson	Hilton
Sat 22nd Nov	Peterborough United	Away	W 1-0	4411	353	27	14		Taylor	B Jones	Richardson	Jaszczun (24)	Elliott	Flynn	Bullock (90)	Wellens	Southern	Murphy	Taylor	Coid	Grayson	L Jones	Sheron	Davis (90)	Evans (24)
Sat 29th Nov	Bristol City	Home	W 1-0	5989	899	30	11		Taylor	B Jones	Richardson	Evans	Elliott	Flynn	Bullock (89)	Wellens (85)	Southern	Murphy	Taylor	Coid	Grayson (85)	L Jones	Sheron	Davis (89)	Burns
Sat 6th Dec	Oldham Athletic FA Cup 2	Away	W 5-2	6143	1915	-	-		Taylor 3, Southern, Richardson	L Jones	Richardson	Evans	Davis	Flynn	Bullock (70)	Wellens	Southern	Murphy	Taylor (85)	Burns (85)	Grayson	McMahon (85)	Sheron (85)	Clarke (70)	Hilton
Tue 9th Dec	Stockport LDV 3	Away	W 1-0	2337	591	-	-		Blinkhorn	b Jones	Grayson	Evans	Elliott	Flynn	Bullock	Richardson (45)	Southern (86)	Sheron (97)	Taylor	Burns	McMahon (45)	L Jones	Blinkhorn	Davis (86)	Hilton
Sat 13th Dec	Luton Town	Home																							
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Sat 17th Jan	Wycombe Wanderers	Away																							
Sat 24th Jan	Oldham Athletic (FA Cup 4)	Home																							
Sat 31st Jan	Swindon Town	Home																							
Sat 7th Feb	Tranmere Rovers	Away																							
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Sat 1st May	Peterborough	Home																							
Sat 8th May	Bristol City	Away																							

Nationwide League Division 2
6 Dec 2003

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+	PTS
1 QPR	20	10	8	2	35	14	21	38
2 Plymouth	20	10	7	3	42	23	19	37
3 Brighton	20	10	4	6	31	23	8	34
4 Barnsley	20	9	6	5	28	25	3	33
5 Hartlepool	20	8	7	5	32	24	8	31
6 Bournemouth	20	8	7	5	28	23	5	31
7 Port Vale	20	9	4	7	26	25	1	31
8 Colchester	20	9	4	7	24	27	-3	31
9 Bristol City	20	7	9	4	25	17	8	30
10 Luton	20	8	6	6	33	33	0	30
11 SEASIDERS	20	9	3	8	25	27	-2	30
12 Rushden & D	20	8	4	8	35	32	3	28
13 Swindon	20	7	7	6	27	24	3	28
14 Wrexham	20	8	4	8	22	22	0	28
15 Grimsby	20	7	5	8	25	28	-3	26
16 Brentford	20	8	2	10	23	30	-7	26
17 Sheff Wed	20	6	7	7	23	26	-3	25
18 Tranmere	20	6	7	7	20	28	-8	25

Nationwide Division 2 Statistics

Margins of Victory

Games WON by	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4 gls	5+ gls
Plymouth	2	6	0	1	1
QPR	4	1	3	1	1
Brighton	3	5	2	0	0
Blackpool	7	1	0	1	0
Barnsley	5	4	0	0	0
Colchester	7	2	0	0	0
Port Vale	6	2	1	0	0
Hartlepool	4	3	0	0	1
Brentford	6	1	0	1	0
Rushden	4	3	0	1	0
Wrexham	7	0	0	1	0
Bournemouth	7	0	1	0	0
Luton	4	4	0	0	0
Bristol City	4	1	1	0	1
Grimsby	2	4	0	1	0
Swindon	4	2	0	1	0
Sheff Wed	4	1	1	0	0
Tranmere	5	0	1	0	0
Notts County	3	1	1	0	0
Oldham	2	1	2	0	0
Peterborough	3	0	1	0	0
Stockport	4	0	0	0	0
Chesterfield	1	0	1	0	0
Wycombe	1	0	1	0	0

Comebacks

WON from	-3	-2	-1	Total
Blackpool	0	1	2	3
Luton	0	1	2	3
Bournemouth	0	0	3	3
Port Vale	0	0	3	3
Rushden	0	0	3	3
Wrexham	0	0	3	3

Throwaways

LOST from	+3	+2	+1	Total
Grimsby	0	0	3	3
Oldham	0	0	3	3
Peterborough	0	1	1	2
Wycombe	0	1	1	2
Blackpool	0	0	2	2
Luton	0	0	2	2
Rushden	0	0	2	2
Swindon	0	0	2	2

Scoring Chances per Game

No. of Shots per game	ON Target	OFF Target
Plymouth	9.25	6.30
Rushden	7.25	4.60
Bournemouth	6.05	5.70
Notts County	5.85	5.90
Blackpool	6.55	5.00
QPR	6.15	5.40
Swindon	6.10	5.45
Grimsby	6.05	5.25
Oldham	5.60	5.45
Colchester	5.85	5.15
Wrexham	6.00	4.80
Luton	6.15	4.55
Tranmere	6.05	4.60
Brighton	6.05	4.55
Bristol City	6.00	4.60
Port Vale	5.20	5.35
Barnsley	6.30	3.95
Stockport	4.90	4.90
Wycombe	5.20	4.55
Peterborough	5.45	4.20
Sheff Wed	5.20	4.20
Brentford	5.15	3.75
Hartlepool	5.15	3.60
Chesterfield	4.40	4.25

Scorer's Points Gained & Scoring Run

Player	Gls	Gls/Gm	Pts	Run 1st Gl
Scott Taylor	12	0.60	15	3 4
Leon Knight	15	0.75	12	3 3
Wayne Andrews	9	0.50	10	4 5
Steve McPhee	9	0.45	9	3 4
Michael Boulding	11	0.55	8	4 4
Leon McKenzie	10	0.53	8	4 4
Warren Feeney	8	0.44	8	4 1
Aaron Wilbraham	7	0.39	8	2 3
Dean Gome	7	0.44	7	3 3
Dennis Lawrence	5	0.25	7	2 3

Headed Goals

Player	Club	Goals
Frio	Plymouth	5
Lawrence	Wrexham	5
Peacock	Bristol City	4
McKenzie	Peterborough	4
Evans	Plymouth	4

Shots from Long Range

Player	Club	Goals
Anderson	Grimsby	3
Strachan	Hartlepool	3
Wotton	Plymouth	3
Hunt	Brentford	2
McSheffrey	Luton	2
Padula	QPR	2
Ainsworth	QPR	2
Furlong	QPR	2
Low	Rushden	2
Jack	Rushden	2
Currie	Wycombe	2

Late Goals Scored

Player	Club	Goals
Boulding	Grimsby	3
Andrews	Colchester	2
Gabbiadini	Hartlepool	2
Heffernan	Notts County	2
Murray	Oldham	2
McKenzie	Peterborough	2
Frio	Plymouth	2
Evans	Plymouth	2
Collins	Port Vale	2
Furlong	QPR	2
Low	Rushden	2
Nicholson	Tranmere	2

Scored in last 15 mins

FOR	76-90	Total	%
Grimsby	7	25	28
Notts County	5	18	28
Stockport	7	27	26
QPR	9	35	26
Tranmere	5	20	25
Bristol City	6	25	24
Rushden	8	35	23
Hartlepool	7	32	22
Brentford	5	23	22
Colchester	5	24	21
Peterborough	5	24	21

Set Piece Goals

Scored from	Corner	Free Kick	Total
Plymouth	5	7	12
QPR	3	8	11
Stockport	3	8	11
Brentford	6	2	8
Hartlepool	1	7	8
Luton	4	4	8
Rushden	6	2	8

Fouls & Offsides per game

FOULS	Games	Fouls	Average
QPR	20	332	16.60
Tranmere	20	313	15.65
Colchester	20	283	14.15
Barnsley	20	280	14.00
Notts County	20	272	13.60
Brentford	20	271	13.55
Wycombe	20	271	13.55
Luton	20	263	13.15
Plymouth	20	263	13.15
Chesterfield	20	261	13.05

Average is number of Fouls/Offsides per game. Clubs are ordered by highest number of Fouls/Offsides per game.

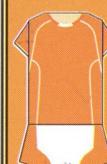
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Seasiders



Form Guide:
 Won: 4
 Drawn: 0
 Lost: 2
 Scored: 4
 Conc: 2
 Points: 12
 Goal Diff: 2
 Last 6: LWLWWW
 Last 5 Home: WLLWW
 Last 5 Away: LDLWW
 Miscellaneous
 Players Used: 25
 Clean Sheets: 6
 Failed to Score: 7

The Guys to Watch

Headed goals	Clarke C	1
Long range shots	Danns, Douglas	1
Inside 6 yards	Taylor	6
Shots from 6-18 yards	Taylor	5
Volleyed shots	Taylor	3
Penalties	Taylor	1
Scored 1st Goal in match	Taylor	4
Most goals in last 10	Taylor	1
Points gained from goals	Taylor	18.75

When Goals Scored



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	141
Goals conceded	27
On target/goals scored	5.22
Division 2 rating	6

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	131
Goals scored	25
On target / goals	5.24
Division 2 Rating	20

Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	1
Points won	0
Goals Against, last 10	2
Points lost	0

Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	11.85
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	5
Average Offsides per game	3.70
Div 2 Rating	13

Swings

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

Margins

WON BY:	1 Goal	7
LOST BY:	1 Goal	5
	2 Goals	1
	3 Goals	1
	4 Goals	1
	5+ Goals	0

Attendances

Aggregate	57,513
Highest	6,871
Lowest	4,864
Average	5,751

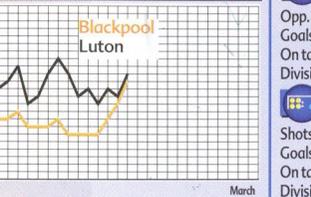
Where Goals

Close Range	6
Inside Area	25
Outside Area	2

How Goals

Shots	18
Headers	10
Volleys	2
Penalties	2
Free Kicks	0
Own Goals	1

Seasonal Progress Comparison



Set Piece Goals

CORNERS:	Scored from C	2
	Conceded from C	4
FREE KICKS:	Scored from FK	3
	Conceded from FK	4

Cards

Yellow	27
Red	4

Margins

WON BY:	1 Goal	4
LOST BY:	1 Goal	2
	2 Goals	4
	3 Goals	0
	4 Goals	0
	5+ Goals	0

Luton Town's 10-Year Record

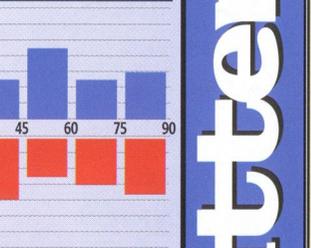


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The Guys to Watch

Headed goals	Howard, Perrett	2
Long range shots	McSheffrey	2
Inside 6 yards	Perrett	2
Shots from 6-18 yards	Forbes	6
Volleyed shots	McSheffrey, Robinson	1
Penalties	Nicholls, McSheffrey	1
Scored 1st Goal in match	Howard	3
Most goals in last 10	5 players	1
Points gained from goals	Howard	7.5

When Goals Scored



Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	116
Goals conceded	33
On target/goals scored	3.52
Division 2 rating	22

Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	123
Goals scored	33
On target / goals	3.73
Division 2 Rating	4

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	13.15
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	16
Average Offsides per game	4.70
Div 2 Rating	22

Swings

WON when behind	3
DRAWN when behind	2
LOST when ahead	2
DRAWN when ahead	4
WON 2 down	1
WON 1 down	2
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	2
DRAWN 2+ down	0
DRAWN 1 down	2
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	4

Attendances

Aggregate	59,360
Highest	8,339
Lowest	5,002
Average	5,936

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SEASIDERS

starting goals
player sub scored

1	Phil BARNES	●	●	●
2	Simon GRAYSON	✓	●	●
3	Tommy JASZCZUN	●	●	●
4	Keith SOUTHERN	●	●	●
5	Chris CLARKE	●	●	●
6	Mike FLYNN	✓	●	●
7	Richie WELLENS	✓	●	●
8	Mike SHERON	✓	●	●
9	John MURPHY	●	●	●
10	Scott TAYLOR	✓	●	●
11	Martin BULLOCK	✓	●	●
12	Danny COID	✓	●	●
13	Lee JONES	●	✗	●
14	Leam RICHARDSON	●	●	●
15	Kirk HILTON	●	✗	●
16	Richard WALKER	●	●	●
17	Matthew BLINKHORN	●	●	●
18	Stephen McMAHON	●	✓	●
19	Jamie BURNS	●	✓	●
20	Simon WILES	●	●	●
21	Steve DAVIS	●	✓	●
24	Gareth EVANS	✓	●	●
25	Lewis EDGE	●	●	●
26	Brad JONES	✓	●	●
27	Phil DOUGHTY	●	●	●
28	Steve ELLIOTT	✓	●	●
	Johnson	✓	●	●
		●	●	●

HATTERS

starting goals
player sub scored

3	Alan NEILSON	○	○	○
4	Matthew SPRING	✓	○	○
5	Russell PERRETT	○	○	○
7	Adrian FORBES	✓	○	○
8	Kevin NICHOLLS	○	○	○
11	Steve ROBINSON	✓	○	✓
12	Chris COYNE	✓	○	○
17	Emmerson BOYCE	✓	○	○
18	Ahmet BRKOVIC	✓	○	○
19	Steven HOWARD	✓	○	○
21	Paul HUGHES	○	○	○
22	David BAYLISS	○	○	○
23	Ian HILLIER	○	✗	○
24	Sol DAVIS	✓	○	○
27	Peter HOLMES	○	○	○
29	Marlon BERESFORD	✓	○	○
31	Curtis DAVIES	○	○	○
32	Lee MANSELL	✓	○	○
33	Dean BRILL	○	✗	○
34	Dean CROWE	○	✗	○
36	David DEENEY	○	○	○
37	Keith KEANE	○	○	○
38	Michael LEARY	○	✓	○
39	Steven O'LEARY	○	○	○
41	Kevin FOLEY	✓	○	○
43	Matthew JUDGE	○	○	○
44	Pary OKAI	○	○	○
45	Leon BARNETT	○	○	○
47	Rob BECKWITH	○	○	○
	Shovvnm	○	✗	○
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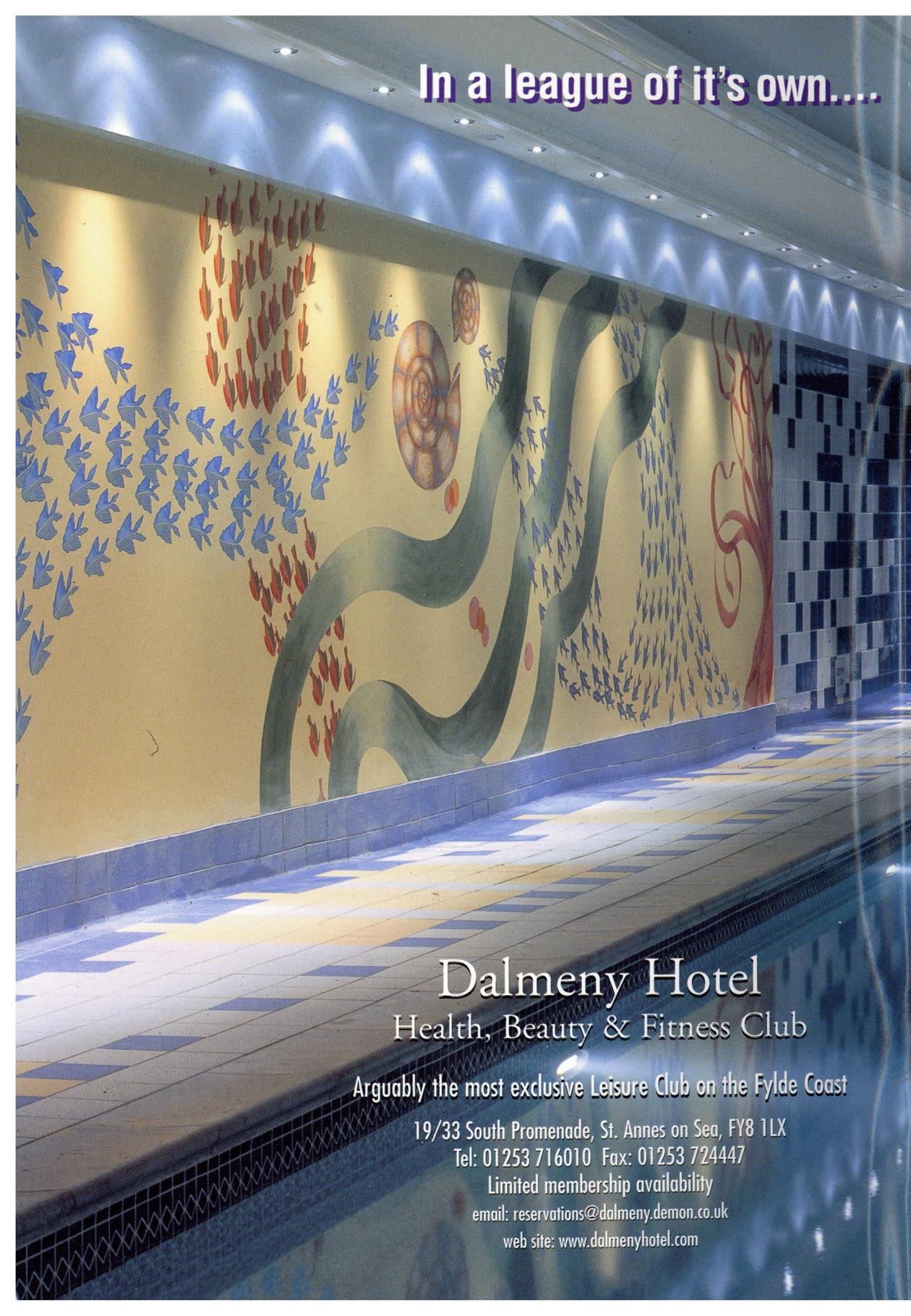
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