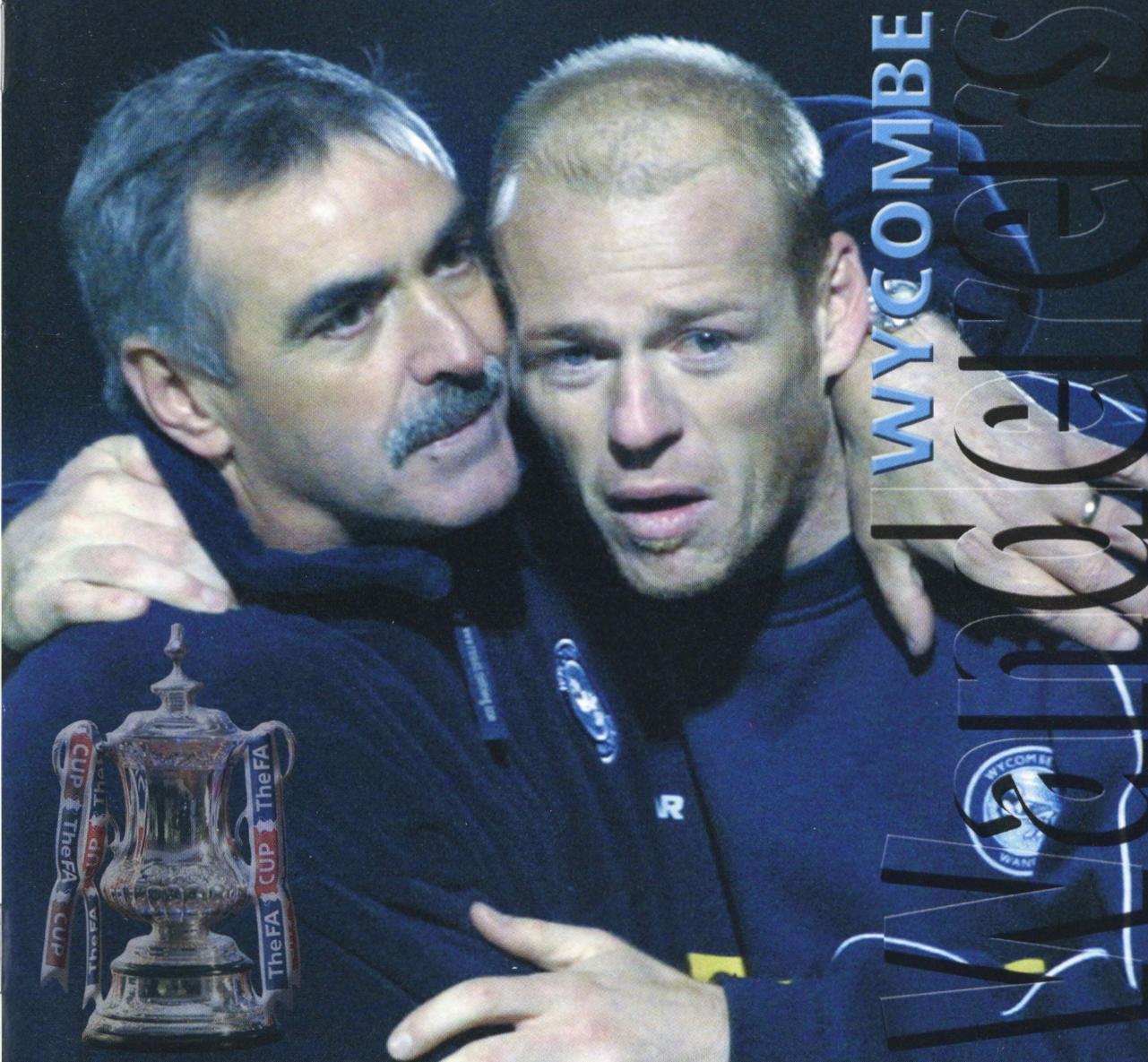


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Good afternoon and welcome to another helping of F.A. Cup action. Having negotiated the First Round against non-league opposition today we meet familiar opponents in the shape of Luton Town.

The Hatters are leading Coca-Cola League One at the moment and earlier in the season looked like running away with it. A couple of defeats slowed things down but as we write they continue their winning streak.

Luton had a fine 3-0 win over Southend United at Roots Hall in the last round and will no doubt be favourites to win this afternoon. Our previous meetings here have yet to see Wanderers record a win but that has to change and maybe today is the time. The prize of a Third Round tie and the possibility of drawing a Premiership side will be the target to aim for.

Since our last terrific F.A. Cup run in the competition during season 2000-01 the prize money has increased for each round and that is another good reason why we need to win.

Luton are one of many clubs beneath the Premiership who have struggled to keep afloat, they have been very close to folding but are here today still going. Now Wrexham are the club that could be in trouble and everyone in football will be hoping they can overcome their problems. We all have our own teams but no true football fan likes to see the possible demise of a club at any level.

Last Saturday we faced Bristol Rovers here and extended our run with two wins out of two. Rovers had arrived off the back of a long trip to Carlisle in a F.A. Cup replay on the Tuesday. The match went into extra time and they lost 1-0. To be fair to them they did not show any signs of tiredness or fatigue as they pressed hard for the final fifteen minutes to get an equaliser. Once again our defence held strong to see us through.

Last Saturday Luton were at home to mid table Doncaster Rovers (Jockey McSporran) and they were held to a 1-1 draw.

Ironically we welcome back John Gorman as manager today. When JG was here in a caretaker role his last match in charge was against Swindon Town in the F.A. Cup (First Round). He now returns to take on Luton Town in the F.A. Cup once more, maybe a good omen!

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Let me say right away how good it is to be back here at Wycombe Wanderers. There is a lot of unfinished business from last time and I am delighted I have been given the chance to continue.

We have brought back Steve Brown to the club, who along with Keith Ryan will assist me. Keith has done a great job in taking the team forward with a very good contribution from Gary Smith. The last time I was here Steve Brown impressed me with his motivational skills and the way he likes to play. Steve is a Wycombe man through and through and with Keith involved too we are hoping it will be good for the future of the club. Working with these two lads the last time I was here made up my mind to have them alongside me as coaches. With Gary Smith also showing what ability he has on the coaching side it all makes for a very good management team.

All I will say is Rome was not built in a day and we will need some time to get everything in place.

This afternoon we welcome Luton Town and manager Mike Newell and his players for this important F.A. Cup Second Round tie. While the most important part of any team is the league games cup football is also important. Financially it is very rewarding and naturally we shall be doing everything we can to win the match. Luton are a very good side who are riding high at the top of Coca-Cola League One and if we play well it will be a cracking cup tie. This is where you, the fans, are so important. Get behind the team and provide as much support as possible.

Tuesday was a monumental day for all of us. The Press Conference, meeting the players and staff

before travelling down to Bristol with Steve Brown. Keith and Gary were in charge as Steve and I were there to look

at the young players, many of them not familiar to me. All credit to Tony Adams who brought in some very good young players and there were many pluses in the game. However, to be honest I was disappointed with the final outcome and we shall need to improve on that performance today.

It was very good to meet Steve Guppy on Tuesday and we have persuaded him to extend his stay for a further period. Steve is another former Wanderers player steeped in the history of the clubs elevation into the professional game. Everything about him is quality and that attracts other quality players to the club. Having said that it is important to allow the players here to try and impress the new manager.

The one question I know needs to be answered is the situation with Glenn Hoddle. Glenn will definitely come calling as he will be training with us from time to time to keep himself in shape. He knows how I feel, I want to be here and this job is important to me and I intend to be my own man. We have been friends for years and shared some great times together but Wycombe Wanderers is the only place I want to be.

Our aim is to reach the play offs, there is no reason why we can't achieve this. We are well placed in the table and there are plenty of games left to push on up the table. With your help anything is possible, but it is so important to have all the fans behind us encouraging the team whenever they take the field.



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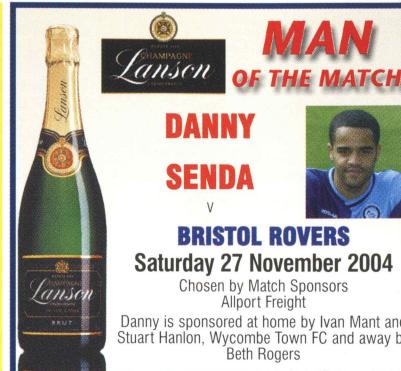
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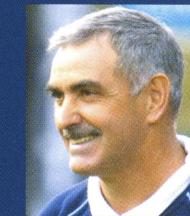
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Round 2 preview

The round 1 ties played three weeks ago certainly produced their fair share of 'giant killing' results. Non-league clubs claimed the scalps of six clubs from the Coca Cola League. Hinckley United from the Conference North beat League 1 Torquay 2-0, with our near neighbours Slough Town overcoming Paul Merson's Walsall 2-1. The Rebels Alex Haddow won the FA Cup Player of the Round award after tormenting Walsall's defence and setting up Slough's second goal. Meanwhile League 2 clubs Bristol Rovers, Grimsby, Cambridge United and Shrewsbury all lost out to supposedly inferior opposition – Carlisle United, Exeter City, Halifax Town and Histon respectively.

The upsets to the formbook continued with League 2 sides Rushden & Diamonds, Northampton and Scunthorpe delivering knockout blows to League 1 outfits Bradford City, Barnsley and Chesterfield. Meanwhile Conference leaders Barnet lost 2-1 at home to Bath City from the Southern League Premier Division. All these results reflected the real romance and tradition of the world's oldest cup competition. Could there be more upsets this weekend – could a non-league club be facing Man U or Arsenal next month? Here's a brief preview of some of this weekend's intriguing clashes. Make your own predictions!

Slough Town (Ryman Premier) v Yeading (Ryman Premier)

The draw has made sure that at least one non-league team will be appearing in round 3. Our near neighbours The Rebels will have "home" advantage (currently ground sharing at Windsor & Eton) but Yeading currently top the table with just 3 defeats in 17 league games. Yeading squeezed past Halesowen Town (Southern Premier) 2-1 in round 1. The Rebels warmed up last weekend with a 1-0 FA Trophy 2nd round victory at Chelmsford. Yeading meanwhile lost 4-0 at home in the same competition to Billericay but apparently rested several regular players. Slough are appearing in round 2 for the 6th time in their history.

Adrian's prediction: Slough 1 Yeading 0

Histon (Southern Premier) v Yeovil Town (CC League 2)

As a non-league club Yeovil knocked out league opposition 20 times in the FA Cup, but could the boot be on the other foot this time around? Histon's 2-0 home win over Shrewsbury was their tenth consecutive victory and they are on track for promotion. Cameroon international Charles Liban scored their second goal to tame the Shrews. The Glovers meanwhile equalised in the last minute at Darlington to earn a replay and Darren Way notched the game's only goal at Huish Park.

Adrian's prediction: Histon 0 Yeovil 3

Stevenage Borough (Nationwide Conference) v Rochdale (CC League 2)

There's Wycombe interest in this one with Mark Rogers and Dannie Bulman both moving to Stevenage last summer. Graham Westley's side won 1-0 at Billericay in round 1 and are currently 7th in the table. Rochdale meanwhile are relying a lot on striker Grant Holt who netted both Dale's goals in their 2-1 round 1 win over Oxford United. Steve Parkin will be a relieved manager if his side return north this evening with their interest in the competition still alive.

Adrian's prediction: Stevenage 1 Rochdale 1

Hinckley United (Conference North) v Brentford (CC League 1)

With this intriguing contest being selected for the BBC1 cameras, you'll be able to enjoy this one after your Sunday lunch. Goals from Neil Cartwright and Richard Lavery earned the Leicestershire side a deserved 2-0 home win over Torquay United in round 1 and Dean Thomas' side must be delighted at having the chance to embarrass another League 1 club. Meanwhile mid table Brentford got through on penalties at Griffin Park against Bristol City after a draw in the West Country.

Adrian's prediction: Hinckley 0 Brentford 2

Exeter City (Nationwide Conference) v Doncaster R (CC League 1)

Having claimed the scalps of league clubs Oxford Utd



in the LDV and Grimsby Town in the FA Cup, the Grecians will be keen to make it a hat trick this afternoon. Rovers however are mid table in League 1 and are likely to present sterner opposition. In round 1 they won 3-1 at non-league Tiverton and came away from league leaders Luton Town with a creditable 1-1 draw last weekend. This is another tie with Wycombe interest with City's Sean Devine probably up against his former teammate Jermaine McSporran.

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Anyway...on with the more important matter at hand: today's game.

Luton Town are riding high at the top of League One and look as though they're odds on to join the Football League's top division for the first time since 1996. Since that year, relegation, promotion, a play-off campaign, four managers and a number of dodgy boardroom mishaps shrouded in controversy, have contributed to a somewhat disjointed period in the history of the Bedfordshire side. Indeed, one of the clubs unofficial websites claims that since their demotion from the top division in 1992, "there's been little to shout about".

When the popular Mike Watson-Challis

retired as Chairman in May 2003, it

provoked a bizarre turn of events which

some describe as "the worst in the history of Luton Town". With players and fans alike oblivious as to who was to take control of the club, manager Joe Kinnear and his assistant Mick Harford, two more popular figures, were cruelly sacked. Eventually, the infamous John Gurney was to come

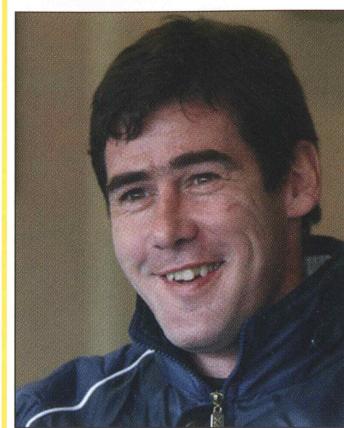
forward as the new owner of the club but after two frenzied months in charge where all kinds of allegations, one including cocaine smuggling, were thrown at him, he was to leave placing the club in administrative receivership. This wasn't unfamiliar to the side when previously David Kohler (of KohlerDome speculation and nothingness), another demon in the eyes of the Luton fans, walked away with a huge pay off which long time director and genuine fan Cliff Bassett had to scrape out of his own pocket. With everyone certain that Kinnear was to be reinstated it was announced that Mike Newell had won the vote and was to take over. The episode is one wanting to be forgotten by all connected with the club and now, after initially being shunted by the fans, Newell has gained his warranted respect.

After a lengthy spell in receivership, it was former general manager Bill Tomlins who would eventually save the club when his consortium took the reigns at the end of May 2004.

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Mike took his first steps into management in 2002 when he became manager of Hartlepool Utd. After successfully guiding them to promotion in only his first season it was to everyone's surprise when his contract was not renewed. A month out of the game was more than enough though as Mike returned to the fold with Luton, all be it under a cloud. Previous to his appointment at Hartlepool he had been reserve team boss at Tranmere and was on the coaching staff at Doncaster.

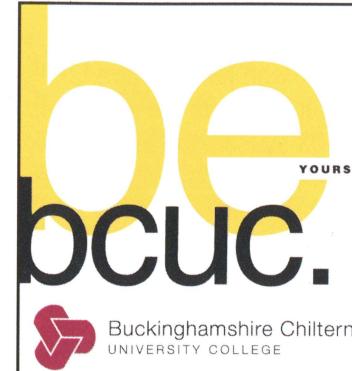
As a player, Mike will mostly be remembered for his exploits with Everton and Blackburn. He spent two seasons at Goodison and was an integral part of the Blackburn side that broke into the Premiership in 1992. He holds a League winners medal from his time for Rovers and can also boast to scoring in a Merseyside derby and netting the quickest ever Champions League hat-trick in a 4-1 victory over Rosenborg.

Mike also appeared for Luton as a player as well as Leicester, Wigan and Birmingham amongst others in a career that produced over 500 league games in 19 years.

Newell now established as one of the promising young managers in the country, a new era is dawning at Kenilworth Road and the team have responded with an inspired opening few months to the season. Having won their first six games they remained unbeaten for six more before incredibly losing three on the trot to Huddersfield, Walsall and Hull. The mini-crisis was short lived however as they cruised to victories over Bradford, Wrexham and MK Dons consecutively, scoring thirteen goals in the process. With the bustly Steve Howard spearheading the attack and a helpful contribution from midfield in the form of Ahmet Berkovic, Steve Robinson and Kevin Nicholls, fans have already been treated to a treasure chest of goals this campaign.

The Hatters' most fruitful period in the FA Cup coincided with arguably the most successful years in the clubs history. In the second half of the 1980's, as well as winning the Littlewoods Cup and reaching the final the following year, they also made it to the semi-final of today's competition on two occasions. In 1985, they were beaten by Everton and in 1988, the underdogs of Wimbledon booked their passage into the final where as we all know, our very own Lawrie Sanchez headed them to victory. Of more recent times, 1994 was the last time that Luton made waves in the competition as they again reached the semi-final only to be knocked out by Chelsea. Although an FA Cup victory still eludes their honours list, they can boast an appearance in the final. 1959 was the year that saw Luton legend Syd Owen play one of his final games for the club where a 62nd minute Dave Pacey strike wasn't enough to beat Nottingham Forest.

The Blues have a great FA Cup pedigree and with Tony Adams now gone there is suddenly renewed hope at The Causeway. Today will be the first time the teams have met in any competition away from the League, let's hope it's the Blues who grab three wins on the trot and canter into the Third Round.



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A View Of The Opposition - with Alan Hutchinson

The Hatters have very good cover in the goalkeeping department with four to choose from.

Robert Beckwith is now back in contention after missing part of last season through injury. Robert has come through the ranks of the youth scheme and was launched into the first team at the age of 18. **Marlon Beresford** signed for Luton in July 2004 from Barnsley. A vastly experienced keeper with over 400 appearances under his belt. At 34 in the twilight of his career which has spanned Sheffield Wednesday, Burnley



and Middlesbrough.

Dino Seremet is a 6'4" Slovenian keeper who was signed after impressing on trial in July 2004. Has fought his way into the side taking over the number one jersey from Beresford.

Strength in depth is the way to describe the Hatters defence, experience and some of the younger players who have stepped up to the first team and performed well.

David Bayliss will be delighted to get back into the squad after missing a large

chunk of last season with a shoulder injury. He was signed from Rochdale in November 2001 and was a member of the Hatters promotion side from Division Three.



Paul Underwood arrived from Rushden & Diamonds after Luton had fought off a number of clubs for his signature. He was part of the successful Diamonds non-league days and gained Football League entry with them. Regarded as a regular in the side this season. **Chris Coyne** was snapped up by Harry Rednapp for West Ham after being spotted playing in the World Youth Cup for Australia.

With chances few and far between at Upton Park he moved to Dundee. The Hatters paid £50,000 for his services in September 2001 and he has established himself as a rock in the heart of the Hatters defence.



Sol Davis is a highly rated

defender who left Swindon Town for Luton for the start of 2002-03 season. Luton swooped to sign this tough tackling left back and he is another regular on the teamsheet.

Curtis Davies another of the youngsters to come through the clubs youth scheme at Kenilworth Road. Mobile and strong he has made a big improvement during his time at the club. **Kevin Foley** is one of the success stories at Luton Town. He was thrown into the first team after injuries to key defenders but has now established himself on merit. **Russell Perrett** joined Luton from Cardiff City after helping them to win the Second Division Championship in May 2001. He collected another medal in his first season at Kenilworth Road as Luton gained promotion from Division Three. Another player who was side lined for a good part of last season.

The midfield is possibly the strength of the side, players who can win the ball and feed the front men.

Ahmet Brkovic is from Croatia and has been a hard working member of the squad. This is his fourth season at Kenilworth Road having joined Luton on a Bosman free in the summer of 2001 from Leyton Orient.

Stephen O'Leary is one of three graduating scholars who signed a two year professional contract in the summer. He joined the Hatters when he was 13 and has taken the chance of

first team football with both hands.

Steve Robinson is another hard working midfielder who arrived at Kenilworth Road from Preston North End for £50,000. He made his name with Bournemouth after being released by Spurs, he moved to Deepdale for £375,000 but was never able to create the same impact. **Ian Hillier** was a bargain buy at £30,000 from Spurs after doing very well during a loan period. This season will see the task of trying to get back in the side after an injury ravaged 2003-04 season. **Paul Hughes** is a player who was tipped for a very promising career when a trainee with Chelsea. Another player to suffer from a spate of injuries that has blighted his career after joining Southampton under Glenn Hoddle. He too will be hoping for better things this season. **Keith Keane** has been a key player in the Luton squad over the past two seasons. He has played in every outfield position during that time and looked comfortable. Another youth team graduate who has made rapid progression in the first team. **Michael Leary** is a central midfield player who has signed a contract through to the summer of 2006. He has been used from the bench mostly but has proved adequate cover when called upon by Mike Newell.

The Hatters have already proved this season how good they are in front of goal. The strikers have taken them to the top of the table and they link

well with the midfield area.



Steve Howard is living proof that £50,000 can be an incredible bargain in the football transfer market. That is the fee Luton paid Northampton for this very good goal scorer. He has been the Hatters leading marksman in the last three seasons and is a huge favourite at Kenilworth Road. Howard cost the Cobblers £120,000 from Hartlepool but had to accept a third of that when he left Sixfields under a Bosman agreement. **Enoch Showunmi** is a striker who is building a reputation in the game. He joined Luton on non-contract terms in September 2003 but the club were not in a position to sign him because of transfer embargo problems. After receiving special dispensation from the Football League he duly signed for the club. **Rowan Vine** initially joined the Hatters on a three month loan from Portsmouth. This was extended for the entire season after doing well for the club. Has been out on loan spells with Brentford and Colchester and scored goals wherever he has been.



'Did You Know' that Luton Town...?

- Were once known as The Wanderers? When the club formed in 1885, it was due to an amalgamation of two existing clubs, The Wanderers and The Excelsiors. The remains of the Wanderers team competed in that seasons FA Cup under the name of Luton Wanderers.
- Aren't necessarily Mad as a Hatter? They used to be referred to as 'The Straw Plaiters' which reflected the towns long held association with the Hat Trade. The name soon changed to 'The Hatters' but interestingly the phrase Mad as a Hatter doesn't derive directly from the straw hat manufacturing business. Oh no, for this you have to go to South Manchester, which became the centre of the felt hat making industry in late Victorian times, hence the reason that Stockport are also known as The Hatters.
- Striker Joe Payne once scored 10 goals in a game. It came on April 13, 1936, when Luton beat Bristol Rovers 12-0, their biggest ever league win. It was actually Payne's debut for the club and he went on to tally a remarkable 83 goals in 72 appearances.

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In-depth Look At Ahmet Brkovic - the Hatters 'Croatian Sensation' - by Adrian Wood

The form of 30-year old Croatian midfielder, Ahmet Brkovic, is undoubtedly a major reason why Luton Town currently sit proudly at the top of Coca Cola League One. Manager Mike Newell believes Brkovic adds a new dimension when he is in the side. After last month's 5-1 hammering of Wrexham, Newell commented - "He has eight goals this season, which is a great return from the right of midfield, and he makes his fair share as well. Sometimes he is playing on a different level, and he gives us good quality."

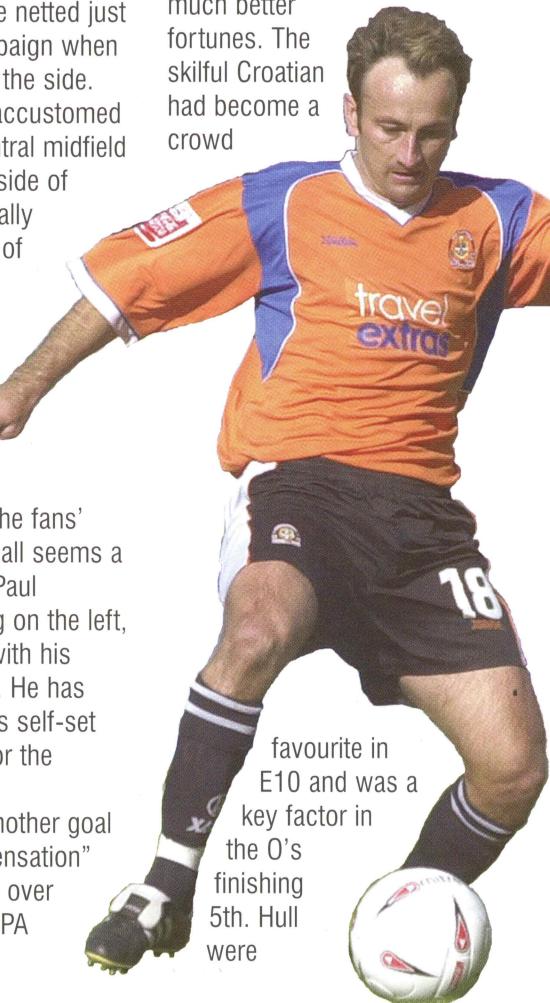
Brkovic's form this season has been a revelation compared with that of a year ago. He netted just the once in that campaign when he was in and out of the side. Despite being more accustomed to a role in either central midfield or on the right-hand side of midfield, he was usually employed on the left of midfield and even in attack on a few occasions. Possibly also affected by off the field problems, the Croatian was certainly not one of the fans' favourites. That now all seems a long time ago. With Paul Underwood operating on the left, Brkovic is excelling with his wizardry on the right. He has already surpassed his self-set goal target of eight for the campaign, with the announcement of "Another goal from The Croatian Sensation" being regularly heard over the Kenilworth Road PA system.

Before moving to England, Brkovic appeared for Croatian clubs Varteks Varazdin and Dubrovnik, his hometown club. Interestingly his first action in this country was at Kenilworth Road where he featured in a couple of reserve games. Luton boss at the time Lennie Lawrence however decided against offering him a deal. Instead Brkovic moved to Leyton Orient where he won himself a two-year contract, and he made his debut in the former Division 3 in Oct'99. Orient struggled that season, finishing a lowly 19th, but the next season - with Brkovic now a regular - Tommy Taylor's side enjoyed much better fortunes. The skilful Croatian had become a crowd

beaten in the play-off semi final but the O's went down 4-2 to Blackpool at the Millennium Stadium.

Brkovic had won Orient's 'Player of the Year' award, but was anxious to prove himself at a higher level. Out of contract and a free agent, he almost moved to Stoke City, but after a trial spell with Luton, was offered a contract with the Bedfordshire club. Luton enjoyed an excellent 2001/02 season finishing runners up to Plymouth in the old Division 3. Brkovic made his debut in Oct'01 and soon impressed manager Joe Kinnear with his ability to sit in midfield and help out the defence. Regrettably he was injured at Torquay in early March and was forced to miss the promotion run-in.

During 2002/03 Brkovic was a consistent - if not spectacular - performer, only missing from the squad when injured or suspended. As Town's play-off aspirations faded so did the Croatian's form in the latter stages. Six of his eight goals came within a period of four games. He netted the fastest hat trick in the club's history in the space of just 6 minutes against Stevenage in the LDV - all of which were superb finishes. He then netted twice against Guiseley in the FA Cup and followed up with another sublime finish against Tranmere. Wycombe - you have been warned!





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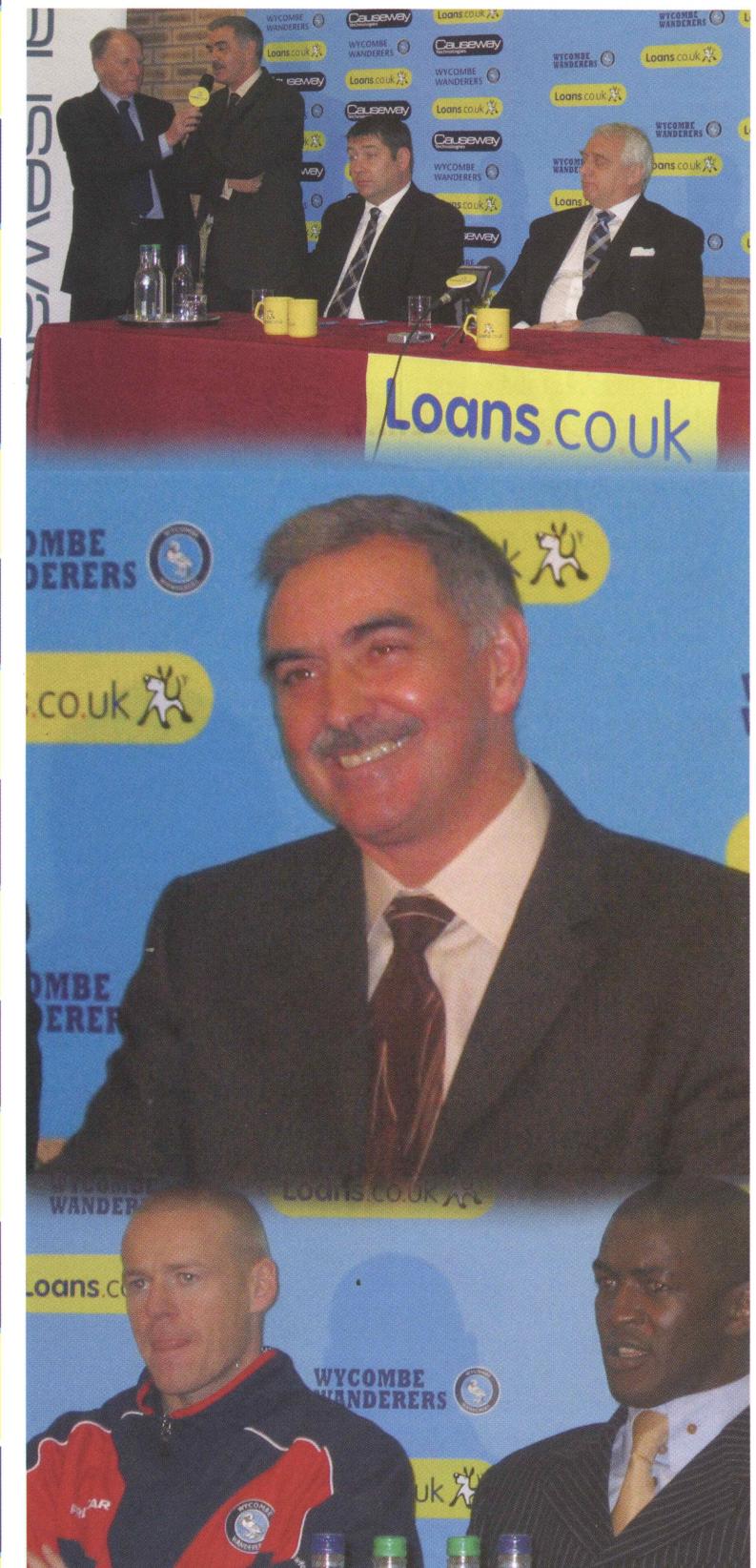
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The King is dead, from whence the king? - The Secretary's Weekly Musings - by Keith Allen

By pure coincidence on the day Tony Adams resigned I had an early morning 'phone call from a very experienced ex-Football League Manager, trying to get back into the game. He stressed he was not "after Tony's job", merely offering the option of his services to Tony and the Club should he or we feel the need to appoint an "experienced" advisor.

I thanked him for his interest and promised to mention the call to The Chairman and Manager, not realising at the time the news that was being imparted to the players and the world's media, even as we spoke. It came as no surprise when the same man, for whom I have a great deal of respect, rang me back within three hours and at 2.04pm on the day Tony resigned became the first applicant for the newly vacated position of Manager.

From that moment on for almost a full week applications were pouring in from all angles, some by fax, some by 'phone, some by letter and the oddest of all some by Agent.

The point of application was also interesting, a clutch came to me as Secretary, even more to The Chairman direct, some to Alan Parry and some directed to the club in general in the mode of "I am interested, here I am come and get me".

We had applications from experienced well-known names, alongside people looking to take the first step into management, not to mention the usual number of time wasters and jokers. All were replied to with the same due respect and a long/ short list was drawn up by the Board of Directors, which included the Founder Members Trust representative, to invite for an interview.

At the scheduled Board Meeting



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second/ third/ fourth division club quite magnificent.

Most clubs in our division and some higher, have to beg, borrow, steal and scrape to find training facilities, many not having a permanent home for the most important work during the week.

For the record the Marlow Road training complex boasts, three full size pitches one of which is kept in match condition, a large grid area, a goalkeepers' area and miscellaneous areas for head tennis etc.

The changing rooms have been recently refurbished, with large home and away areas, a staff dressing room, referee's room and ladies officials room, all with new showers and toilets. There is a large and airy gymnasium, with a separate treatment area, an area for players to relax and watch television when not raining, a newly installed kitchen and dining area on a mezzanine level.

There is a very pleasant lady cook to prepare wholesome meals for the players following training and the facility also lends itself to perfect pre-home match preparation.

We are a Football League Club, we have a wonderful stadium for our division, a magnificent playing surface on which to perform, the nucleus of a very good young side, stable, loyal support and a new Board who are stabilising the financial side of the club.

The youth team have their own first class facility at Molins Sports' Ground in Monks Risborough, with two pitches and a huge hospitality area where spectators can obtain refreshments.

But the jewel in the crown is the much-maligned well-appointed training ground, which is solely owned by the Club and for a

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On behalf of myself and my fellow Directors and committee members at Coalville Town Football Club, I would be obliged if you could pass on my thanks to Ivor and his Board at Wycombe Wanderers. In particular please thank Keith Allen for all the efforts in making our F.A. Cup day one to remember. Although we were disappointed with the result, for a club our size to be given so much support and media recognition, the season will always be remembered for Saturday 13th November.

Sincere thanks and appreciation and good luck in Round Two against Luton Town.

Andy Bottrill
on behalf of Coalville Town F.C.

Birch goes back

Adam Birchall has returned to Arsenal after serving a three month loan period with us. During that time he scored four league goals and one cup goal. Adam was a popular member of the squad and really enjoyed his time with the Blues. He played his final game at Leyton Orient two weeks ago. The decision to return to Highbury was his alone, he had been offered a loan until the end of the season by the Chairman but felt his best option was to go back. With the imminent arrival of a new manager Adam felt he could be out of the picture and with a contract at Arsenal for the rest of the season he would be better served completing it.

Bell in great form

Former Blues striker Andy Bell has notched 17 goals for Hednesford Town already this season in

the Southern League Premier Division. His winner against Tiverton Town gave him nine in his last five games for The Pitmen.



Ian Davies joins the Blues

On Monday the club welcomed Ian Davies into the fold who will replace Mark Austin as the new man in Sales & Marketing. Ian has spent three years as Marketing Manager at Barnsley before working in the public sector for another three years. He joined Watford in 2000 and spent three years at Vicarage Road before working as a freelance within football at Oxford United, Northampton Town and Brentford. He arrives at the Wanderers with a mandate to concentrate on business to business development, establishing relationships with present sponsors and working to bring in new business.

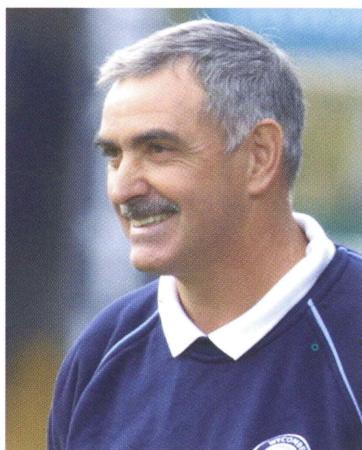


Clint and Joe will miss today

Midfielders Clint Easton and Joe Burnell are forced to sit out this afternoon as neither are quite ready to return. Clint had 24 stitches below the right knee following a challenge in the Rushden & Diamonds game in

mid October. Joe received a bang to the knee during training leading up to the home game against Yeovil Town.

He has suffered a bit of damage, not too serious, but it does mean he will be out for another week.



New Manager for today?

By the time this programme is issued we could have a new manager in place. The Board have been holding interviews over the past week and a Press Conference was held on Tuesday 30th November. After the announcement of the new man he was due to travel down with the team for the LDV Vans tie at Bristol Rovers. See the front cover!!



Villa Park on Wednesday

The Blues youth team will travel to Villa Park on Wednesday 8th December for a Third Round F.A. Youth Cup meeting. For those Blues fans wishing to travel entry will be FREE.



Macca joins Fleet

Former Blues defender Paul McCarthy has joined Gravesend & Northfleet. Macca was one of the players caught up in the Hornchurch debacle and forced to find another club. He made his home debut last Saturday against Woking and received glowing reviews on his

performance. Macca teams up with another former Wanderers man, Roy Essandoh, currently Fleets leading scorer.



Steve Guppy signs for one game

Former Blues star Steve Guppy signed to play against Bristol Rovers last Saturday. He had been working hard to get himself fit and enjoyed his sessions with Keith Ryan and the lads. With the return of Adam Birchall to Arsenal it meant there was a position up for grabs. Both Gary Smith and Keith Ryan were delighted to acquire the services of such an experienced player. Just two seasons ago he was playing in the Premiership after a terrific career with Celtic and top European football. He didn't see too much of the ball in the first half but showed his class and ability with some fine crosses from both flanks in the second.

Ian Mather joins Board

Ian Mather was appointed as the representative for the founders Trust to the Board of Wycombe Wanderers Football club. His appointment was unopposed and confirmed at a meeting held at Causeway Stadium.



A new face on the Board

Ian Mather, who has been acting as the Founders Trust Interim Director on the Club Plc Board of Directors, was confirmed by a unanimous vote from members attending the Founders Trust inaugural AGM on Thursday 24th November, to continue in the role for the next 12 months. Ian confirmed that he has been fully embraced by the Plc Board and that it is his intention to improve communication between the club and supporters.

"The primary objective for the Founders Trust is to uphold the heritage of WWFC and to represent and express the opinions of the supporters. Having a full seat on the Main Board is a critical appointment in achieving this," commented Trust Chairman David McGee, "and Ian has already begun to forge close links between supporter groups and the Plc Board."

Founder Shares were issued by the football club to the original 500 members on conversion of the club to a Plc. As and when the 500 Founder Members relinquish their rights to hold their Founder Shares the Trust will automatically inherit these shares. Founders Trust Members will then vote these shares according to their collective opinion.

Membership of the Founders Trust is open to all Founder Shareholders, season ticket holders of three consecutive seasons or more, and to both match day and full time employees of the club with a minimum of three years continuous service. Membership to the Trust is always open and applications from qualifying

supporters to join the Trust are very welcome.

Elections for the Trust Management Board were also conducted at the AGM. The first Board is as follows: Founders Trust Chairman - David McGee, Company Secretary - Colin Smith, Finance Director - Joe McKenna, Marketing Director - Trevor Stroud, Communication Director - Ian Mather, Technical / Legal Director - David Robertson.

More details of the Founders Trust and information on how to join can be found on the Trust's own Web site at www.wwft.co.uk, via Email to info@wwft.co.uk or by contacting the Founders Trust via the club commercial office.

Russell signs for one month

Midfielder Russell Martin has signed a one month pro contract with the club. The 19 year old joined from Brighton in the summer. The short term signing will allow the new manager to assess Russ, but his form for the team has been impressive and it is likely his contract will be extended.



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Having spent a bit of time with Shay since he joined us we are all aware of his life long support for the Hatters. So, what could be better than a chat with him about today's meeting.

AH What was your re-action to the draw

SC Mixed feelings, I must say that. We want our club to go as far as possible. You always want the team you support to win, except when they play against the club you work for.

I was asked the same question when I worked at Watford whenever the Luton game came along.

AH When did you first start supporting Luton

SC Season 1969-70, my entire family have always been Luton supporters so it was something I grew into.

AH Can you remember the first game you saw

SC Yes, it was a League Cup Second Round Replay against Peterborough United at Kenilworth Road and the Hatters won 5-2. A fellow by the name of Malcolm MacDonald scored three on his debut and it was obvious he was going to be something special. He went to be a really excellent player and went onto greater things with Newcastle United, Arsenal and England. In midfield Andy King was another special player (now manager at Swindon). He could drive the team forward and played like his life depended on it. Bruce Rioch was a very cultured player and he was another player I enjoyed watching.

AH Of all the managers who would be your favourite

SC I would say David Pleat in his first stint. He rejuvenated the club in every way, it took him three or four seasons but it was a great time supporting them in those days.

AH Luton have some great players over the years, who is your favourite

SC Back in the early days as a kid they would all be forwards. Malcolm MacDonald would be one, we also had a left winger by the name of Graham French. Very tricky and great to watch but he disappeared after allegedly shooting someone in a pub. Over the years Ricky Hill was a real draw for the fans, but I think my all time favourite would be Paul

Walsh. You always felt something special was going to happen when he got the ball and whenever he was absent it made a big difference to the side.

AH Where did you watch the games from

SC Usually the Kenilworth Road Stand, then the Maple Terrace and the Oak Road End. In the early days you could change ends at half time and wander around the ground and settle on the best viewpoint.

AH Your best memory supporting Luton

SC Winning the Littlewoods Cup against Tony Adams and Arsenal. We went 1-0 up and they went 2-1 ahead, they were absolutely battering us. Then in the final fifteen minutes our keeper Andy Dibble saved a penalty and we scored twice to win. It was really exciting, especially as it was a game we should have lost.

AH The worst memory

SC Probably relegation from the old First Division just as the change to the Premiership came in. But along the way it has usually been because certain players have left the club.

AH Do you think they can get back into the Premiership

SC It is getting harder and harder year on year. With all the problems they have faced and the way the finances are so important to achieve that I think it is very unlikely.

AH Will they move from Kenilworth Road

SC They have continually talked about moving to a new ground ever since I started supporting them. They do need to, if they want to move forward it is imperative. It is a difficult location to get to and it is not the best ground at attracting new supporters.

AH I believe your brother has a box at Kenilworth Road

SC Yes he has. Box number 26, if you look across to the hospitality area there is a gap for emergency services and his is the one on the left. It all started in the 1950's, I am from an Irish family and there was a big Irish following at the time. The club were in the top Division then and reached the Final of the F.A. Cup in 1959 losing to the ten men of Nottingham Forest 1-0.

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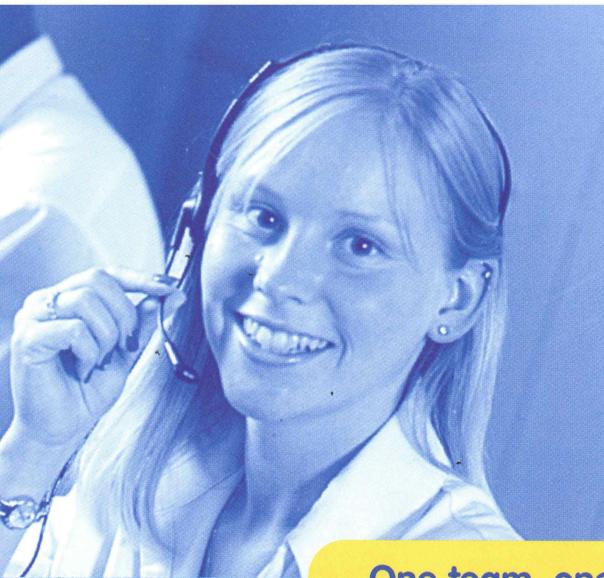
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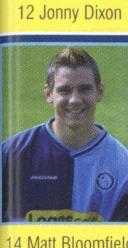
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Blue Leader - Keith Ryan speaks to James Skitt

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Causeway Stadium for today's FA Cup 2nd round tie. After back to back league wins our attention has turned to Cup football this week with the LDV Trophy match at Bristol Rovers last Tuesday followed by today's visit of Luton Town.

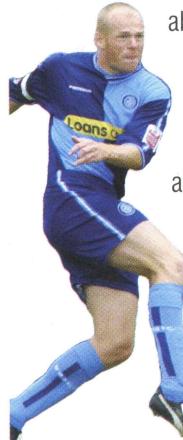
I was really pleased with the win against Bristol Rovers here in the league last Saturday, especially following on from the excellent result at Leyton Orient the week before. I thought it was a very professional performance. We played well in the first half but couldn't find a way through. Then, after getting the goal from the penalty spot, we tired and were put under a lot of pressure towards the end, but we stood firm and deserved the win, for our work rate as much as anything.

It was great to see Steve Guppy back in a Wycombe shirt again last Saturday. At the time of writing it's unclear as to whether it was a one-off game or whether some sort of deal can be sorted out. We shall have to wait and see.

Again as I write it seems likely that the club is set to name a new manager during the week and that they will have taken charge in time for today's game. If that's the case

then I'm glad to be able to hand over the reigns on the back of a couple of wins and hopefully we'll be able to continue our progress and climb back up the league table.

As I've said before, I have found the



experience of caretaker manager difficult and quite stressful at times, but it's something I have been able to get my teeth into and quite enjoyed. I'd like to thank the players for working so hard and making things very easy for me, Gary Smith for his hard work, support and for leading most of the training sessions, and of course you the fans. Your tremendous support has been much appreciated.

I'm sure today will be a very different cup tie from the one we had in the 1st round of the FA Cup against Coalville Town. We had everything to lose that day but I think the opposite is true today. Luton have made an excellent start to the season and deservedly top League One. However we can hopefully take the confidence we've gained in the past few weeks and give it a real go this afternoon. I think I'm right in saying Millwall were top of the league when we played them in 2000/01, and I think we all remember what followed!

Finally, just a quick mention for the Youth team who have made excellent progress in the FA Youth Cup. A 5-1 1st round win over Dulwich Hamlet and 4-1 win over Dover Athletic in round 2 have set them up with a tie against last seasons beaten finalists Aston Villa next Wednesday (8th). So well done to them and best of luck for Wednesday night at Villa Park. Enjoy the game!

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Saturday 11th October 2003

**Luton Town 3
Wycombe Wanderers 1**

Three Luton goals in the final 24 minutes turned the game around for the home side and left Wanderers caretaker boss John Gorman scratching his head. Wycombe had taken advantage of the Hatters out of sorts first half display and taken a grip of the game. The visitors were without a victory for the past eleven games and showed much more endeavour and guile.

Even the odd bit of luck went the way of the Bucks side when four



McSheffrey stuck out a boot and the ball ricocheted into the net. It transformed the Hatters and suddenly the confidence returned.

Centre-half Russell Perrett climbed at the far post to head home from a 84th minute corner

while McShaffrey showed his class by claiming the third in the final minute.

Speaking after the game John



minutes into the second half referee Beeby awarded a penalty when Courtney Pitt was adjudged to have fouled Danny Senda. Home protests were waved away and Steve Brown converted the spot kick.

On the hour mark Gorman brought on Richard Harris and with his first touch went clear on goal. But his 20 yard drive lacked power and 17 year old debutante goalkeeper Dean Brill made a comfortable save.

The next lucky break went in favour of Luton. Defender Sol Davis sent over a low centre but as Andy Thomson went to clear Gary



Gorman said, "It was a very disappointing result for us. We dominated large parts of the game and should have won it. The goal lifted them at the right time, after that we were never able to get the amount of possession we had previously enjoyed".

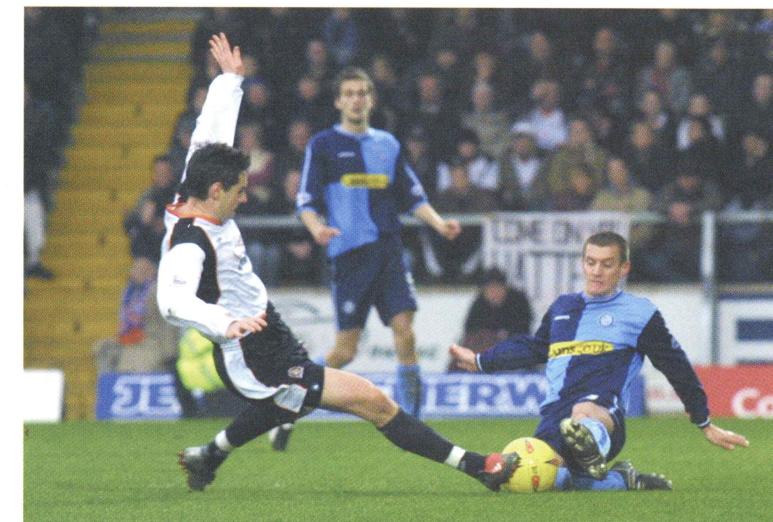
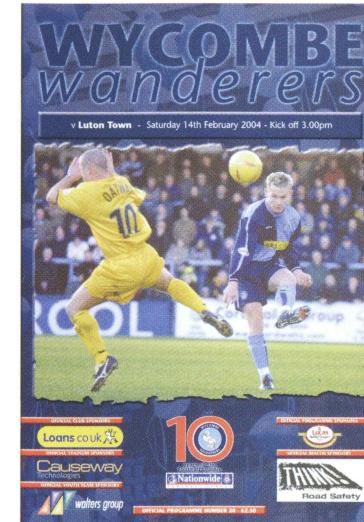
For Luton Mike Newell said, "Considering the injuries we had this was a very good result for us. We were not in the game in the first 45 minutes but as soon as we equalised there was only one team in it".

Teams: LUTON TOWN: Brill, Boyce, Coyne, Perrett, Davis, Spring, Robinson (Maunsell 74), Pitt, Hughes, Forbes (Showunmi 74), McSheffrey.

WANDERERS: Talia, Senda, Thomson, Branston, Vinnicombe, Currie (Mapes 86), Bulman, Simpson, Brown, Ryan (Bell 80), Holligan (Harris 62).

Referee: Mr. R. Beeby

Attendance: 5,695



Saturday 14th February 2004

**Wycombe Wanderers 0
Luton Town 0**

This was a match of missed chances as Tony Adams side worked hard but failed to get what they deserved. Bottom of the table Wycombe put on a good show against promotion chasing Luton but in the end both had to settle for a point.

It was a poor start to the game and it was not until the 26th minute that Wycombe tested the Luton keeper. Jermaine McSporran

sent a limp shot at Morton Hyldgaard that was a very disappointing finish. Ten minutes later the chance of the game arrived for Nathan Tyson as he went one-on-one with Hyldgaard.

This time the big keeper stood up and Tyson fired the shot at his legs. Darren Currie delivered a series of crosses that caused problems for the Luton defence but both McSporran and Tyson failed to find a finish.

In the second half the visitors perked up and took the game to



Wycombe. A Steve Howard header brought a save out of on loan keeper Bevan and Enoch Showunmi missed a good chance moments later.

But Wycombe pressed in the final fifteen minutes and created three good chances to take the points, Simpson, Currie and McSporran all saw opportunities wasted.

Tony Adams commented, "It was frustrating, the boys deserved all three points but we failed to find a finish. They are putting in some good performances but it would be nice if they could be turned into results".

Luton manager Mike Newell commented, "We were very disappointing today and in the end very pleased to settle for a point".

Teams: WANDERERS: Bevan, Senda, Johnson, Nethercott, Vinnicombe, Simpson, Brown, Bulman, Currie, Tyson, McSporran.

LUTON TOWN: Hyldgaard, Keane, Boyce, Coyne, Davis, Nicholls, Robinson, Spring, Holmes (Brkovic 74), Showunmi, Howard.

Referee: Mr. S. Bennett

Attendance: 6,407



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TL Keith Ryan shrugs off a challenge against Hitchin Town at Top Field, 3rd December 1994. The Blues won 5-0.

TR Steve Guppy takes the ball past Bob Taylor against West Bromwich Albion at Adams Park, 6th December 1992. The game ended 2-2 and West Brom won the replay at the Hawthorns 1-0.

CL Ian Simpemba heads wide in the 1-1 draw against Mansfield Town at Adams Park, 5th December 2003. The Blues lost a thrilling replay at Field Mill 3-2.

CR Paul McCarthy scores the winner against Millwall in a replay at Adams Park, 19th December 2000. The Blues got through 2-1 and went on to reach the semi-final.

BL Matt Lawrence crosses a ball into the Wigan penalty area during the 2-2 draw at Adams Park, 20th November 1999.

BR Miquel Desouza scores for Wycombe against Barnet in a replay at Adams Park, 17th December 1996. The Wanderers got through 3-2 after a 3-3 draw at Underhill.



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		Away Fans					Attendance				
Aug	Sat	7	CAMBRIDGE UTD	W2-1	4.726	612	-	Talia	162	-	Talia
			W-0	2.881	1.62	Talia		Talia	162	-	Talia
Sat	Tue	14	Northampton Town	D-1-1	6.049	758	4	Talia	1.758	4	Talia
Sat	Sat	21	ROCHDALE	L0-3	4.440	253	7	Talia	253	7	Talia
Tue	Tue	24	BRISTOL CITY(CC1)	L0-1	1.778	320	-	Talia	320	-	Talia
Sat	Sat	28	Kidderminster H	W-0	2.444	364	5	Talia	364	5	Talia
Mon	Mon	30	GRIMSBY TOWN	W-2-0	4.320	368	3	Talia	368	3	Talia
Fri	Sat	3	OXFORD UNITED	DI-1	6.348	1.404	3	Talia	1.404	3	Talia
Sat	Sat	11	Southend United	W2-1	4.771	537	1	Talia	537	1	Talia
Sat	Sat	18	SWANSEA CITY	Lo-1	5.247	885	3	Talia	885	3	Talia
Sat	Sat	25	Oldham Town	DI-1	3.663	590	4	Talia	3.663	590	Talia
Tue	Tue	28	Aldershot Town (Div1)	W1-0	1.632	139	-	Williams	139	-	Williams
Mon	Mon	30	SHREWSBURY TN	DI-1	4.634	348	5	Talia	348	5	Talia
Fri	Fri	8	Scunthorpe United	Lo-2	4.373	180	6	Talia	180	6	Talia
Sat	Sat	16	Southampton	Lo-2	2.635	254	11	Talia	254	11	Talia
Tue	Tue	19	RISHDON & D	DI-1	3.844	151	10	Talia	151	10	Talia
Sat	Sat	23	MANSFIELD TOWN	DI-1	4.215	410	12	Talia	410	12	Talia
Sat	Sat	30	Darlington	Lo-1	4.292	152	16	Talia	152	16	Talia
Sat	Sat	6	SWANSEA CITY(D2)	W1-0	1.021	125	-	Talia	125	-	Talia
Nov	Tue	6	YEWIL TOWN	Lo-1	5.453	916	17	Talia	916	17	Talia
Sat	Sat	13	COALVILLE TN (F4)	W1-0	2.816	908	-	Talia	908	-	Talia
Sat	Sat	20	Leyton Orient	W2-1	4.047	502	15	Talia	502	15	Talia
Sat	Sat	27	BRISTOL ROVERS	W1-0	4.999	739	12	Talia	739	12	Talia
Dec	Sat	4	LUTON TOWN(FA22)				-	Talia	-	-	Talia
Tue	Tue	11	Notts County					Bury			
Sat	Sat	18	LINCOLN CITY								
Sun	Sun	26	SOUTHEND UNITED								
Tue	Tue	28	Macclesfield Town								
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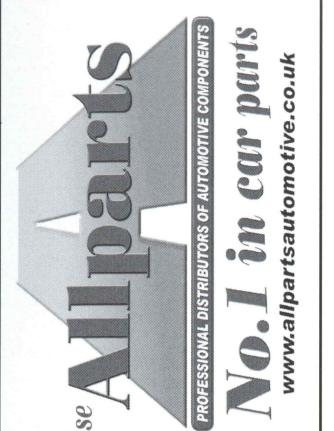
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Sat 9	Grimsbury Town	Shahid Ahmed	0 (4)	1	0 (1)	0	0 (5)	1	0 (5)	1	
Sat 16	BURY	Ikechi Anya	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0	
Sat 23	Yeovil Town	Adam Birchall	11 (1)	4	3	1	14 (1)	5	14 (1)	5	
Sat 30	LEYTON ORIENT	Matt Bloomfield	4 (3)	0	2 (1)	0	16 (6)	1	16 (6)	1	
May	Sat 7 Bristol Rovers	Joe Burnell	8	0	1	0	9	0	9	0	
		Charlie Comyn-Platt	3 (1)	0	1	0	4 (1)	0	4 (1)	0	
		Tony Craig	5	0	3	0	8	0	8	0	
		Jonny Dixon	0 (2)	0	0 (1)	1	17 (19)	6	17 (19)	6	
		Clint Easton	13 (1)	0	2	0	15 (1)	0	15 (1)	0	
		Craig Faulknerbridge	0	0	1	0	49 (11)	8	49 (11)	8	
		Steve Guppy	1	0	1	0	234 (21)	37	234 (21)	37	
		Roger Johnson	13 (2)	1	4 (1)	1	88 (14)	9	88 (14)	9	
		Russell Martin	1 (4)	0	3 (1)	0	4 (5)	0	4 (5)	0	
		Stuart Nethercot	14	0	2	0	38	1	38	1	
		Mark Philo	0	0	0	0	4 (8)	0	4 (8)	0	
		Andy Reilly	0	0	1	0	7	0	7	0	
		Keith Ryan	15 (2)	1	1	0	406 (89)	49	406 (89)	49	
		Bas Savage	2 (2)	0	1	0	3 (2)	0	3 (2)	0	
		Danny Senda	17 (2)	3	5	0	169 (69)	8	169 (69)	8	
		Gary Silk	17	0	5	0	0	22	0	22	0
		Ian Stonebridge	17 (1)	1	5	0	0	22 (1)	1	22 (1)	1
		Frank Talia	19	0	4	0	0	82	0	82	0
		Nathan Tyson	18 (1)	7	2 (2)	0	41 (3)	16	41 (3)	16	
		Gus Uilenbeek	13 (3)	0	3 (2)	0	3 (2)	0	16 (3)	0	
		Steve Williams	0 (1)	0	1	0	24 (1)	0	24 (1)	0	
		Mike Williamson	15	1	3	0	18	1	18	1	

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		Pts	F	L	W	D	W	L	D	F
Apr	Sat 2	KIDDERMINSTER H	3 (2)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sat 9	Grimsbury Town	Shahid Ahmed	0 (4)	1	0 (1)	0	0	0	0	0
Sat 16	BURY	Ikechi Anya	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	0	0
Sat 23	Yeovil Town	Adam Birchall	11 (1)	4	3	1	0	0	0	0
Sat 30	LEYTON ORIENT	Matt Bloomfield	4 (3)	0	2 (1)	0	0	0	0	0
May	Sat 7 Bristol Rovers	Joe Burnell	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
		Charlie Comyn-Platt	3 (1)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
		Tony Craig	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
		Jonny Dixon	0 (2)	0	0 (1)	1	0	0	0	0
		Clint Easton	13 (1)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
		Craig Faulknerbridge	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
		Steve Guppy	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
		Roger Johnson	13 (2)	1	4 (1)	1	0	0	0	0
		Russell Martin	1 (4)	0	3 (1)	0	0	0	0	0
		Stuart Nethercot	14	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
		Mark Philo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Andy Reilly	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
		Keith Ryan	15 (2)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
		Bas Savage	2 (2)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
		Danny Senda	17 (2)	3	5	0	0	0	0	0
		Gary Silk	17	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
		Ian Stonebridge	17 (1)	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
		Frank Talia	19	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
		Nathan Tyson	18 (1)	7	2 (2)	0	0	0	0	0
		Gus Uilenbeek	13 (3)	0	3 (2)	0	0	0	0	0
		Steve Williams	0 (1)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
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Girls In Blue - by Marion Lyon



Gaining 23 points last year is looking more and more impressive as the week's go by! The two teams that were promoted from the division below have both made excellent starts. Teams, like Luton and Bournemouth, consisting almost entirely of young players that have come through Girls' Football Leagues are raising the standard of the regional divisions of the adult leagues.

PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

as at 21 November 2004

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Luton Town Belles	6	1	0	3	0	8	22	19
2	Reading Royals Reserves	7	6	0	1	24	9	15	18
3	AFC Bournemouth	6	5	0	1	20	8	12	15
4	Bracknell Town	7	5	0	2	17	15	2	15
5	Haywood United	5	3	1	1	14	13	1	10
6	Southampton	5	2	0	3	13	15	-2	6
7	Wycombe Wanderers	7	1	2	4	11	27	-16	5
8	Slough	6	1	1	4	12	14	-2	4
9	Aylesbury United	6	1	1	4	6	11	-5	4
1	Henley Town	5	1	0	4	11	20	-9	3
1	Carterton	7	0	0	7	3	21	-18	0

Wycombe Wanderers is not alone amongst established teams of older players, with a sprinkling of youngsters that have not had the experience of youth team development and are beginning to struggle. Visits to newly promoted Luton Town Belles and AFC Bournemouth showed the type of problems we will continue to face more frequently over the next few years, until our own Wycombe Wanderers Girls are old enough to play in the adult leagues.

Luton and Bournemouth played as U15/16 teams last year, finished comfortably at the top of the South Region first division and have dropped very few points so far. After a good start against Luton, and a very promising looking first half that finished 1-1, we went on to give the ball away needlessly too many times and the home team scored from every mistake to beat us 6-1. That result was followed by an even more humiliating defeat two weeks later, when Bournemouth scored 9 with only 1 reply.

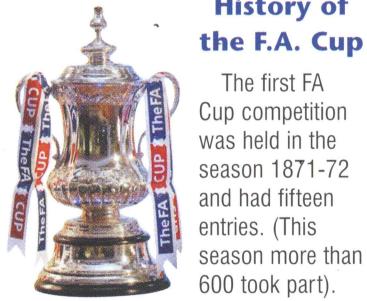
However, between those games we did pick up our first win in a very even 3-2 match against Southampton. In the Berks & Bucks County Women's Cup we were drawn against Milton United who play 3 leagues below us and we finished on the other end of a "rugby score", winning 11-0. During that game Hannah Webb made her debut as the first of the young players to come through from our Girls' Section and start in a competitive fixture. Goals were scored by Su Malcolm (6), Tina Nutt (4) and Debbie Richards (1).

Squad: Sam Barwood, Roisin Nellis, Marion Lyon, Tracy Jani, Sophy Bowden, Esther Morley, Debbie Richards, Jane Graddon, Lucy Dewar, Leah Asante, Su Malcolm, Tina Nutt, Jodie Taylor, Jade Harker

There are still opportunities for new players – experienced league players and beginners to join the senior and junior squads U8-U14. For more information contact the club secretary Maz (Marion Lyon) on maz@wwfc.co.uk or call 01494 437477.

Good Afternoon to all the PK Kids members, I hope you enjoy the game today against Local Rivals Luton. Come on you Blues!!

History of the F.A. Cup



Wanderers, a team formed by ex public school and university players, won the first final 1-0 against Royal Engineers at Kennington Oval. A crowd of 2,000 attended the match and they each paid one shilling for the privilege. The first Cup Final goal was scored by Morton Betts, playing under the assumed name of 'A.H. Chequer'. He was an Old Harrovian who had once played for Harrow Chequers.

The original trophy, much smaller than the present one, was made by Messrs Martin, Hall & Co. and cost £20. In 1895, after Aston Villa had won the competition, the cup was stolen from the window of a firm of football outfitters in Birmingham where it had been placed on display. It was never recovered. The present trophy, played for since 1992, is the competition's fourth and an exact replica of the third. Manchester United have won the Cup the most times (ten), followed by Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur (Eight). Forty-two



different clubs have won it.

In January 1922 the Duke of York cut the first turf to mark the beginning of the building of Wembley Stadium and it was completed under a year at a cost of £750,000. The 1923 FA Cup Final between Bolton Wanderers and West Ham United was the first football match at the new stadium and it drew an estimated crowd of 200,000, vastly exceeding the official capacity. The Cup Final was played at Wembley in every year, excluding the war years, until 2000. And obviously today the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff is playing host the finalists, while Wembley is being completely re-built at a cost of more than £750,000 I'm sure!

Maybe Wycombe Wanderers will be playing at the new Wembley in the not too distant future!!!

PK Kids Club Free FA Cup Draw

Thanks to PK Kids Club sponsors, PK InPrint Ltd, Wycombe Wanderers have given away a dozen signed copies of the Wycombe Wanderers v

Liverpool FA Cup Semi Final programme FREE. Each programme has been signed by the Blues FA Cup Semi Final goalscorer, Club Captain, Keith Ryan. The lucky 12 winners are; Andrew Radford, Andrew Cahill, Alex Pocock, Anthony Lane, Joshua Hall, Matthew Ball, Hayden Feltham, Rhys Saunders, Kai Feltham, Stephen Wallin, Alexander Jelly, Patrick McKenna.

PK Kids Club

Membership of the PK Kids Club is free to all junior season ticket holders, and included the chance to go into a draw to be a PK Matchday Mascot. Each mascot gets a new home Wycombe Wanderers kit, as well as two match tickets, a car park pass and matchday programme.

If you would like any more information on the PK Kids Club please contact Nicky Chivers or Caroline Yandell in the Commercial Offices on (01494) 472100 or fill out a PK Kids Club Membership Application form.

Last Saturday



Last Saturday Charlotte Richardson helped us to three points against Bristol Rovers as the PK Mascot. Twelve year old Charlotte attends Great Marlow School and had to make the difficult choice for her photo between her two favourite Blues Keith Ryan and Nathan Tyson.

Kids Club Profile

The profiles are coming in thick and fast now but remember if you send in your profile don't forget to include a wacky picture of yourself! Our profile today comes from Charlie Maskell so lets read on

Name? Charlie Maskell (Chad)

Age? 6

School? Eynsham Community Primary School

Your Hobbies? Football . Beavers, Badminton

Interesting Facts about you? My name's from America, and I have one brother

Favourite School Subject? Drama

Worst School Subject? Science

Favourite Sports? Football, Cricket, Golf, Basketball (Any sport)

Favourite Foods? Hotdogs

Favourite TV Programme? Edd, Ed and Eddy

Favourite Cartoon Character? Daffy Duck

What was the last book you read? Beetle and the Bear

If you were stuck on a desert island, what 3 things would you take with you? Drink, Food and a toy airplane.

Favourite Joke? Knock Knock, Who's there? Boo, Boo Who? There's no need to cry about it!!

Favourite Pizza topping? Sausage

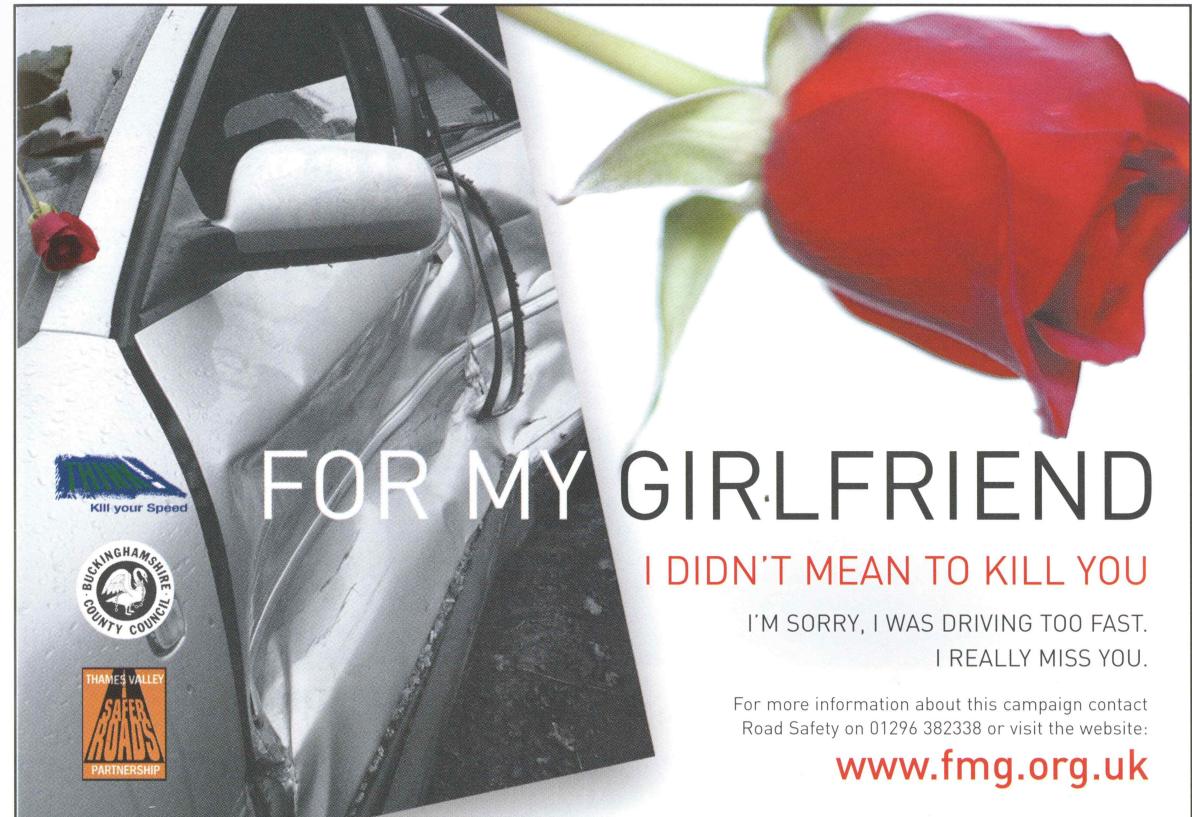
If you had one wish what would it be? To have Fairy Godparents!

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Home And Away - by Adrian Wood

At The Causeway Stadium

Date: Saturday, December 18th

Kick-off: 3.00pm

Opponents: Lincoln City

After an indifferent start, four successive victories have shown the rest of the division that Lincoln are a force to be reckoned with. Particularly impressive is their away record. Keith Alexander's side have lost just two of their first nine away fixtures gaining five victories in the process. Strikers Simon Yeo and Gary Taylor-Fletcher are the Imps' top scorers each with 8 league and cup goals.

The Imps' last six league results

Oct 19th Rochdale	H	D	1-1	15th
Oct 23rd Leyton Orient	H	L	3-4	16th
Oct 30th Cambridge Utd	A	W	1-0	13th
Nov 6th Northampton	TH	W	3-2	10th
Nov 20th Darlington	A	W	3-0	5th
Nov 27th Yeovil Town	H	W	3-1	5th

This will only be Lincoln's third visit to Wycombe for a Football League meeting (they did come to Loakes Park in the GMVC in 1987/88). Back in 1993/94 we lost 3-2. Dave Carroll and Steve Thompson netted our goals with Keith Scott missing a penalty. We evened things up with a splendid 4-1 victory in 1998/99. Jermaine McSporran fired two specials past Bruce Grobelaar with Brown and Carroll also on the score sheet. Wycombe preserved their Div 2 status with a 1-0 win at Sincil Bank on the last day of the season with the Imps being relegated.

On our travels

Date: Tuesday, December 7th

Kick-off: 7.45pm

Opponents: Bury

Ticket Office: 0161-705-2144

Capacity: 11,669 (all seated)

Bury's Home Record

W4	D3	L2	F13	A7
Average home attendance:	2,783 (best 3,188 v Lincoln)			
Leading goal scorer:	David Nugent (8 League, 1 Cup)			

The Shakers last six league results

Oct 19th Boston Utd	H	D	1-1	9th
Oct 23rd Rushden & D	H	D	1-1	9th
Oct 30th Mansfield T	A	D	0-0	10th
Nov 6th Cheltenham T	A	L	0-1	14th



Nov 20th Notts County H W 1-0 10th
Nov 27th Swansea City A W 3-1 7th

Road Directions

Normal route to the northbound M6 (M40 and M42). At Junction 21A (M62) keep forward (signposted Manchester), then in 0.5 miles branch left to join the eastbound M62. At Junction 12 (M60/M602) branch left (signposted Leeds) then take left-hand lane to join motorway M60 (former M62). At Junction 15 (M61) take right hand lanes. Exit the M60 at Junction 17 (signposted A56 Whitefield, Salford). At the roundabout follow signs to "Whitefield A56, Radcliffe (A665), Bury A56" onto the A56. After 3.1 miles turn right into Gigg Lane (facing Manchester Road playing fields on left) for Bury F.C.

Mileage from High Wycombe = 194

Travelling by rail?

Trams run from Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Victoria to Bury's Metrolink station. It's about a 15min walk from the tram station to Gigg Lane. Turn left outside the station along a covered passageway and left again at the T-junction into Knowsley Street. Turn left into Manchester Road and Gigg Lane is a left-turning off this road.

Previously at Gigg Lane

Our only victory at Gigg Lane came on our first visit in 1993/94 when goals from Andy Kerr and Tim Langford helped us to a 2-1 victory. After losing 2-0 in both 1996/97 and 1999/2000, a Dave Carroll goal earned us a 1-1 draw in season 2000/2001 as did Steve Brown's effort a season later.

Accommodation for visitors

Away fans are housed in the covered Manchester Road End at one end of the ground, where even a small amount of fans can really generate some noise. The stand is situated quite well back from the pitch and is slightly below pitch level. Recommended hostelry is the Swan & Cemetery on Manchester Road, around a ten-minute walk from the ground.

Date: Saturday, December 11th

Kick-off: 3.00pm

Opponents: Notts County

Ticket Office: 0115-955-7210

Capacity: 20,300 (all seated)

County's Home Record

W3	D3	L4	F12	A11
Average home attendance: 5,055 (best 6,432 v Chester)				

Leading goal scorer: Glynn Hurst (9 League, 1 Cup)

The Magpies last six league results

Oct 19th Darlington	H	D	1-1	21st
Oct 23rd Boston Utd	H	W	2-1	19th
Oct 30th Rushden & D	A	L	1-5	21st
Nov 6th Shrewsbury T	H	W	3-0	20th
Nov 20th Bury	A	L	0-1	20th
Nov 27th Cambridge U	H	W	2-1	18th

Road Directions

Exit the M1 at Junction 24 and take the A453 towards Nottingham. At the roundabout after 0.6 miles, go straight on. After 1.2 miles exit A453 (signposted Grantham A52, Newark A46, Melton A606 – i.e. not going over the flyover). At the roundabout after 0.3 miles turn left (signposted Grantham A52, Melton A606). At the mini-roundabout after 0.3 miles go straight on under the motorway. Go past the Beefeater Restaurant and after a further 0.8 miles turn left at the T-junction/lights (signposted Nottingham A60, Grantham A52). Where the road divides after 0.3 miles by the Trent Bridge Inn, bear left over Trent Bridge. Meadow Lane is on the right.

Mileage from High Wycombe = 125

Travelling by rail?

Nottingham rail station is about 0.75 miles away. Turn left outside the station along the covered walkway, and left into Queens Road. At the T-junction turn right into London Road. Take the first left into Cattle Market Road (signposted Nottingham Racecourse for the away turnstiles).

Previously at Meadow Lane

We have a pretty good record at Meadow Lane being unbeaten there on our last four visits. Last season we drew 1-1, Michael Simpson netting against his former club. Overall we have won three and drawn two of our eight league matches there. Our last victory was in season 2001/02 when an Andy Rammell goal settled the outcome.

Accommodation for visitors

During the 1990's the ground was completely rebuilt, creating an attractive all seater stadium. Away fans are housed in the large Kop End behind one goal that can house around 5,400 supporters. This is a newish stand with excellent facilities and giving an excellent view. Recommended hosteries are the 'Trent Navigation' (parking also available there at £1.50) and the 'Trent Bridge Inn'.

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12TH DECEMBER	10.00AM-3.00PM
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It's the 2nd Round of the FA Cup and we have a very tough tie with Hatters from Luton. Let's hope the boys can repeat a few of our recent performances and get into the 3rd Round. Let's here you cheer.....

Today's Shoot Out

For this special FA Cup game we have some special people taken penalties. It's the Wycombe Wanderers Ball Boys!! Karen and the boys have been a big help this season by helping with the running of the penalties once on the pitch, so as a thank you they have a chance to strut their stuff today in front of the Wycombe and Luton fans. Good luck to all the boys taking part and I'm sure we're see some great goals. Our photos today come from the last penalty shoot out at the Causeway Stadium.

Birthday Parties

The Scheme have no Birthday Parties this weekend so it's a rare break for us. All the information for birthday parties can be found on our website, www.wwfc.org .

If you're interested in booking a Wycombe Wanderers Birthday Party give us a call on 01494 472100 and we can tell you about the three options available,

Christmas is not far away and we are already taking bookings for the courses over the Christmas and New Year period. The courses run from 10 - 3pm every day and are indoors, so the children need to bring clean trainers, suitable clothing, packed lunch and plenty of enthusiasm.

31A	Beacon Centre	2day football	Wed 22nd - Thur 23rd Dec	£30
31B	Stokenchurch CC	2day football	Wed 22nd - Thur 23rd Dec	£30
32A	Beacon Centre	1day football	Tue 4th Jan	£15
32B	Stokenchurch CC	1day football	Tue 4th Jan	£15
34A	The Beacon School	4day football	Mon 20th - Thur 23rd Dec	£45
34B	Teikyo School	2day football	Wed 22nd - Thur 23rd Dec	£30
34C	Chesham Leisure	1day football	Wed 22nd Dec	£15
35A	Teikyo School	1 day football	Tue 4th Jan	£15
35B	Chesham Leisure	1day football	Tue 4th Jan	£15
37A	St Pirans	4day football	Mon 20th - Thur 23rd Dec	£50
37B	St Edwards Mid	4day football	Mon 20th - Thur 23rd Dec	£45

If you would like to book one of these courses please ring the community scheme for an application form on 01494 472100.

you can either have one of our top qualified coaches come and coach a group of your friends, or a visit here for a tour and seats to the game or an executive box for the afternoon.



Penalty Shoot Out Prints are available from Paul Dennis 01622 735143

Dan Perkins



Treat your team!!



If you want to treat your football team to something special this Christmas then our Matchday Package would be ideal for you. The package involves a 2-hour coaching session at your club's facilities, coach travel to the Causeway Stadium followed by a tour of the ground and a look behind the scenes. Once seated in the family enclosure the team will be issued with food vouchers that can be used at any of the kiosks around the ground. You can all then enjoy 90 minutes of Wycombe Wanderers!!



Marketing Matters - by Mark Austin, Director of Sales and Marketing

As most of you guys and gals now know, in a very positive long term move earlier this year, the 500 members of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club Limited voted to change the structure of the Club from a company limited by guarantee (run by members) to a public limited company (run by shareholders), allowing investment to come into the Club. The new Board of Directors, appointed John Harrison as General Manager early in September to take the business forward, and to re-structure where necessary.

As part of this process I have very amicably mutually agreed a voluntary redundancy package with the Club and will be leaving before Christmas. I have enjoyed nearly 13 years at Wycombe Wanderers Football Club, delivering (thanks entirely to thousands of Blues fans and hundreds of sponsors) a solid set of year on years results. I take with me many memorable moments, such as the Wembley triumphs, back to back league promotions, 10 successive seasons in Division II (in what is now Coca-Cola League One) and of course the 10 match FA Cup Semi-Final run in 2001.

WWFC plc have brought in Ian Davies as Corporate Business Development Manager. From now on he will be looking after all your immediate and future corporate hospitality, advertising and



sponsorship needs, along with Sales & Marketing Assistant Suzie Clarke, who many of you already know. Please do give them the same fantastic support that you have always given both Wycombe Wanderers and myself over the years. I wish Ian every success at Causeway Stadium and trust he has as much fun working for this magnificent football club as I have.

My sincere and grateful thanks to Chairman, Directors, John Harrison and all the staff for their support over the entire period, for without them all my department could not have delivered to the extent it has been able to. It has been an absolute privilege to serve them all, you and the Club's fabulous set of sponsors.

Thank you all for making my time here so memorable and one I will never forget.

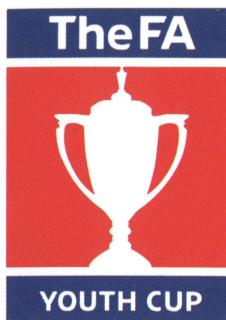
Moving onto this afternoon's FA Cup match against our local rivals Luton Town, it would be nice to actually beat the

Hatters at this stadium ONCE before I leave the Club, so hopefully we will break our duck and earn £24,000 from the Football Association's prize fund in the process and get a lucrative tie in round three, where each winner gets £40,000

The FA Cup is now probably the best possible earner in Cup terms for Clubs below the Championship, as it rewards the non-league, Nationwide Conference Clubs and Coca-Cola League Two/One Clubs well for progressing even a few rounds. With the much improved LDV Vans Trophy (who have just signed another 3 year deal with the Football League) and the Carling Cup, Clubs need to get to the Semi-Final stages or draw big Clubs/crowds at home to make the kind of money Clubs can now thankfully earn in the FA Cup. Please therefore cheer the lads on to victory, and if this has to be by way of a replay at Luton, then that's even better financially, although it would be nice to beat the Hatters ONCE at least at Causeway Stadium in at least one competition, or even a friendly, something we as a Club have yet to achieve. Come on you Blues!

Finally, I wish to sincerely thank you all for one last time for your loyal support of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club during my very enjoyable and unforgettable time working for the Blues.

Youth Of Today - with Gary Smith

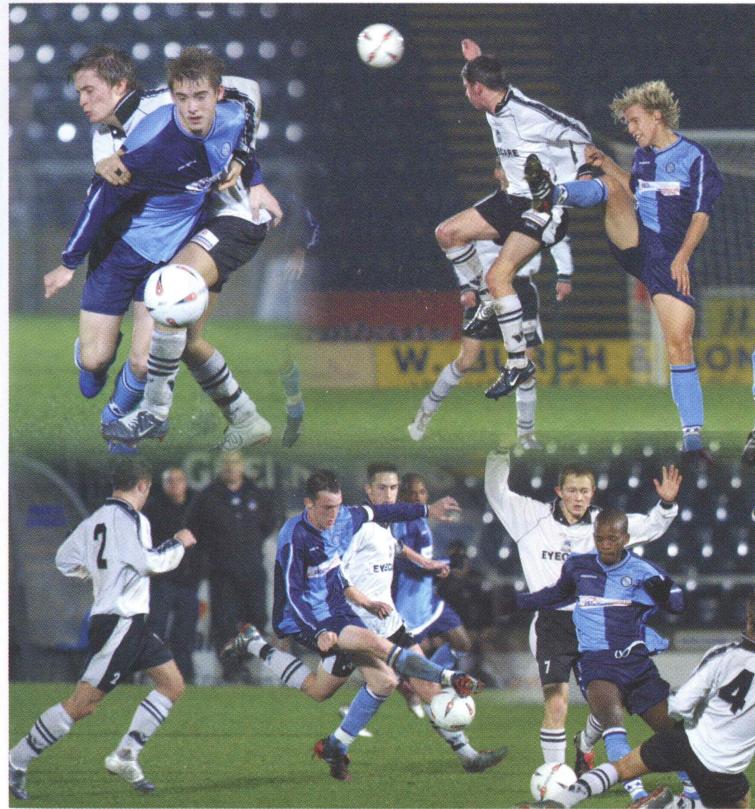


minutes remaining. It was all a bit tense until two goals in the final two minutes settled the outcome. We dominated for long periods and should have killed the game off much earlier.

Our Second Round F.A. Youth Cup clash with Dover Athletic was always going to be interesting. The draw for the Third Round was made in the week prior to the game and having drawn Aston Villa away it was a real carrot. Last season Villa reached the final and with a possible match at Villa Park it was all the lads needed to succeed.

After scoring twice in the opening six minutes it looked as if it would be another run away victory but we failed to take advantage of the many chances created. Goals from Andy Savage (3), Gary Bunting free kick (6), James Faulkner (89) and Kieron Gradwell (90). The opening goal from Savage was outstanding with a swift build up and clinical finish.

In the second half we lost our way and allowed them back into the game with ten



South East Conference

	Pld	W	D	L	For	Agt	GD	Pt
1 QPR	8	4	3	1			+8	15
2 Leyton Orient	8	4	2	2			+2	14
3 Brentford	8	2	6	0			+3	12
4 Portsmouth	8	3	2	3			0	11
5 Brighton	8	3	1	4			+3	10
6 Southend	8	2	3	3			-4	9
7 Wycombe	8	1	5	2			+1	8
8 Colchester	8	2	2	4			-3	8
9 Gillingham	8	2	2	4			-10	8

Under 16's

Sat Sep 4	Gillingham	H	1-0
Sat Sep 11	Rushden & Diam'	H	1-3
Sat Sep 18	Colchester Utd	A	2-1
Sat Oct 2	Northampton Town	A	0-4
Sat Oct 9	Luton Town	H	2-2
Sat Oct 16	Cambridge Utd	H	1-4
Sat Oct 23	Leyton Orient	A	2-2
Sat Nov 13	Rushden & Diamonds A	A	1-0
Sat Nov 27	Northampton Town	H	3-1
Sat Dec 4	Luton Town	A	
Sat Dec 11	Cambridge Utd	A	
Sat Dec 18	Oxford Utd	H	
Sat Jan 15	Colchester Utd	H	
Sat Jan 22	Gillingham	A	
Sat Feb 5	Northampton Town	A	
Sat Feb 12	Luton Town	H	
Sat Feb 19	Cambridge Utd	H	
Sat Feb 26	Oxford Utd	A	
Sat Mar 5	Rushden & Diam'	H	
Sat Mar 12	Colchester Utd	A	

Under 18's

Sat Aug 14	Southend Utd	A	2-2
Sat Aug 21	Brighton & Hove A	H	1-1
Sat Sep 4	Gillingham	A	1-4
Sat Sep 11	Leyton Orient	A	1-0
Sat Sep 18	Colchester Utd	H	0-1
Sat Sep 25	Portsmouth	A	3-3
Sat Oct 2	Oxford United Cup R1 A	A	3-6
Sat Oct 16	Brentford	H	0-0
Sat Oct 23	Queens Park Rangers A	A	2-2
Sat Oct 30	Leyton Orient	H	0-1
Sat Nov 6	Colchester Utd	A	1-0
Wed Nov 10	Dulwich Hamlet FAC1H	H	5-1
Sat Nov 13	Portsmouth	H	1-5
Wed Nov 24	Dover Athletic FAC2	H	4-1
Sat Nov 27	Walsall Cup R2	A	2-4
Sat Dec 4	Brentford	A	
Wed Dec 8	Aston Villa FAC3	A	
Sat Dec 11	Queens Park Rang'	H	
Sat Dec 18	Southend Utd	H	
Sat Jan 15	Brighton & Hove A	A	
Sat Jan 22	Gillingham	H	
Sat Jan 29	Cup R3		
Sat Feb 12	Merit 1		



Wycombe Wanderers has a very special item for you to purchase and it's available right now from the club shop at Causeway Stadium and from Wanderers In Town in the Octagon.

42 A framed, limited edition print depicting the club's history is available to purchase at a very low price of £79.99. There are only 275 copies of this special print available and it will be an important documentation of the Chairboys' history through the ages.

The picture features numerous players from past and present, together with the most influential and recent managers. Figures such as Martin O'Neill, Lawrie Sanchez, Tony Adams, Dave Carroll, Steve Guppy, Frank Adams, Reg Boreham and Tony 'Bodger' Horseman all feature in a beautifully presented colour depiction of the key figures, events and venues associated with Wycombe Wanderers Football Club.

Each print comes with a colour Certificate of Authenticity to verify that the painting from which these prints were taken is an original by Sports Artists representative Steve Crisp.

Steve has been a professional artist for over 25 years, producing illustrations for the publishing, film and advertising industries. His most prestigious commissions include book covers for Stephen King (including 'Insomnia', 'Salem's Lot' and 'Cujo') and film posters for 'Aliens' and 'The Princess Bride'.

Every print comes framed and signed by the artist and you can order your copy from the club shop at the ground or from Wanderers In Town. These special prints, commissioned by Wycombe Wanderers from Sports Artists, are a unique record of key people and events associated with the Chairboys throughout the club's history.

If you can't afford £79.99, don't worry. Thanks to Sports Artists' generosity, we have one of these limited edition prints to give away in our Christmas competition, closing date Thursday 16 December. All we require is a few minutes of your time to answer

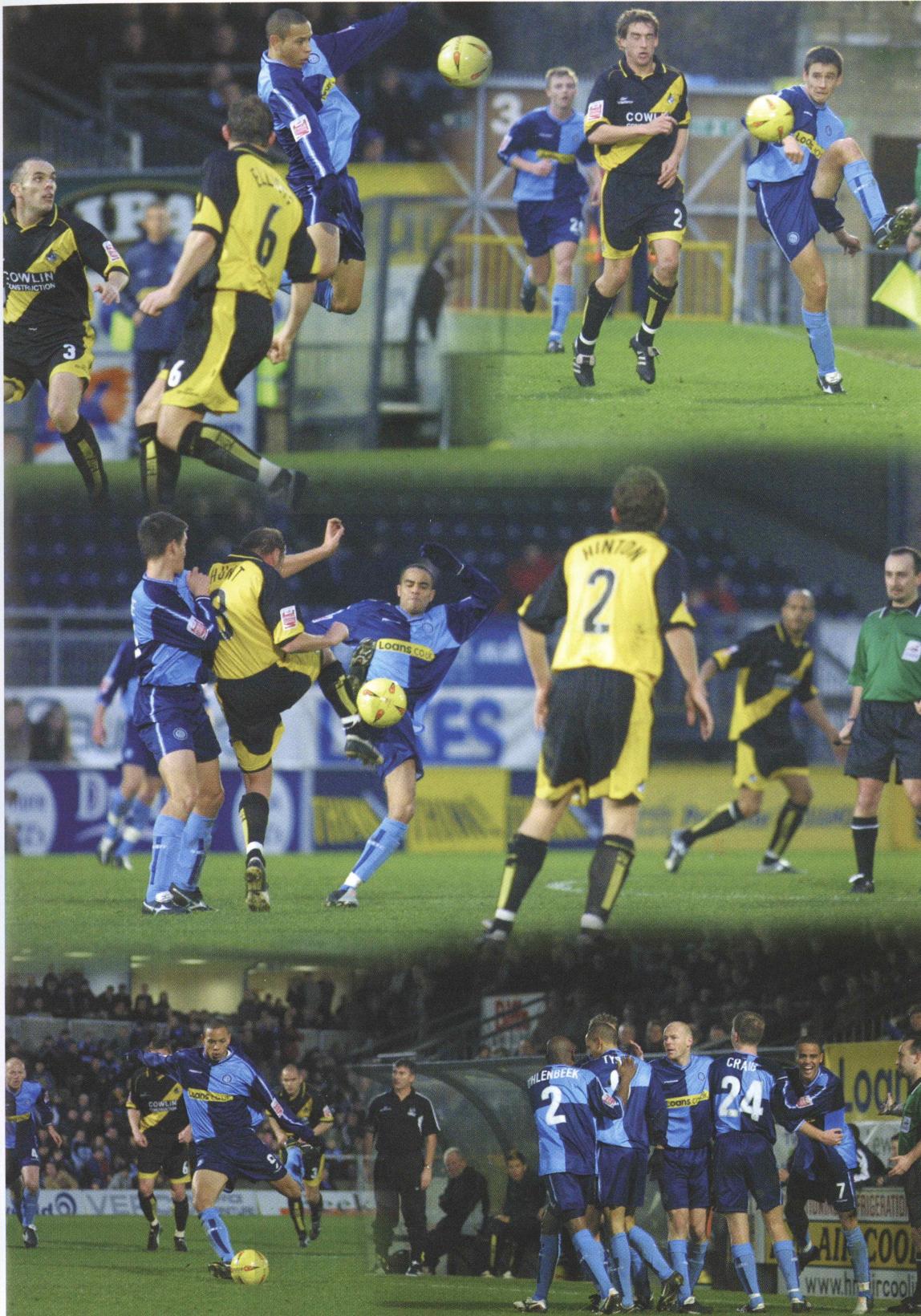
a few fairly simple questions, all of which relate to aspects of the picture. Then, all you need to do is send your answers, name, e-mail address and telephone number to Catherine Long and all correct entries will be entered into 'the hat' to win this superb piece of Wanderers' history.

For full details of our competition, and to enter, visit www.wycombe-wanderers.co.uk. If you do not have access to the internet but would like to be in with a chance of winning, simply send an e-mail as above but state that you don't have web access and we'll fill you in on any terms & conditions you need to know about. The lucky winner will be presented with the print on the pitch prior to our home match against Southend United on Boxing Day.

We look forward to receiving your answers and hope you are enjoying testing that grey matter – it's been a while, so good luck!

QUESTIONS

1. Can you name the player on the left of the Loakes Park Gates, above Lawrie Sanchez?
A) Reg Boreham
B) Tim Hinton
C) Frank Adams
D) Steve Guppy
2. Mark West and Martin O'Neill are featured front centre and right but which trophies are they holding?
3. The legendary midfielder Dave Carroll is pictured towards the left. Can you tell us his regular squad number whilst at Wycombe?
4. The Loakes Park Gates are an important part of the Chairboys' history but where are they located now?
5. What did the squad pictured centre achieve and in what year?
6. Tony Adams (front left) has recently resigned as manager of the Blues. Can you give us the dates of his period in charge?



We've been doing our best, as usual, on the official website and Wanderers World to bring you the latest news, interviews, promotions and competitions and we hope we've succeeded. We've had a hectic week, particularly as PTV's Editorial Tool was out of action all day on Thursday so they could carry out necessary maintenance of the Toolkit. Although we prepared the large majority of our work on Thursday, the absence of the tool meant we were unable to upload ANYTHING to the website, including the video piece we had spent time editing during the day. This, therefore, left us with twice as much work to do on Friday – probably the busiest day of the week anyway as it's the day before a match, so there's plenty of preparation to do for Saturday's game. We would like to apologise on behalf of PTV for the disruption to our usual service and hope it did not inconvenience our fans and other visitors to our site too much.

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One of the biggest news pieces as regards the website this week has been the launch of the new on-line club shop. The old site was run via another company and has now been moved 'in-house'. You can access the new on-line club shop as before from the official website. Simply click on the Club Shop button on the left navigation panel and you'll be whisked to the new shop site to place your purchases.



ON THE ROAD

We are due to travel to Bury on Tuesday 7th December for a 7.45pm kick off at Gigg Lane. For those who intend going ticket prices are: Adults £13, Concessions £6 Under 16 £5

The matchday programme has 52 pages and costs £2.50p

If the match is a draw after 90 minutes then there will be a replay at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday 14th December, kick off 7.45pm. Ticket prices will be: Adults £15, Concessions £8. Availability will be published on our Official Website and Ringing the Blues.



This has taken some time to set up and there's been a lot of hard work involved by various parties at the club and at PTV and we think it's been worth it. The new shop looks much more attractive, is more user friendly and its name? ... **CHAIRBOYS DIRECT.**

At the top of the site you'll find links for 'Home', 'My Account', 'Help', 'How to Order', 'Basket' and 'Official Site'. There's also a 'Search' option to help take you straight to the product you're looking for.

The navigation bar on the left groups the products into categories, making them easier to locate. There are even 'Christmas Gift Ideas' and 'Special Offers' categories, which might help you out with your Christmas shopping at a tight time of year! Just below this navigation bar, you have the option to find a gift by age, gender or price, which may help with that feeling of panic when you just don't know what to buy someone.

The main frame of the homepage shows pictures of half a dozen selected products and with all products you can view what they look like before you buy. Each one has a picture, which you can enlarge to view in more detail, the price and

a product code. There's a button so you can add your selection to your basket to purchase when you've finished shopping. The product pages also give you hints as to related items that you might find useful.

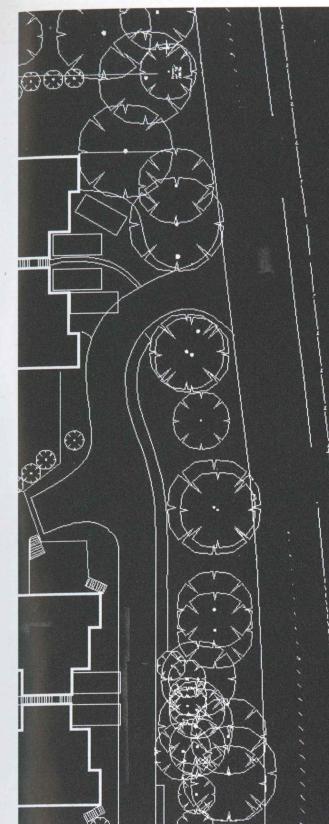
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We hope this has given you a taste of what's in store at Chairboys Direct. It's fresh, it's exciting and it's nearly Christmas, so get 'cracking' (!) and order your Christmas gifts, replica kit or leisurewear on-line now.

All you need to do is visit the official website at www.wycombewanderers.co.uk and shop to your heart's content.

Until you can gain access to the new shop though, you'll have to make do with watching the lads today as they take on Luton Town in the FA Cup Second Round. Here's to a victory (hopefully) but I don't think you'll be able to buy any celebratory champagne on-line!

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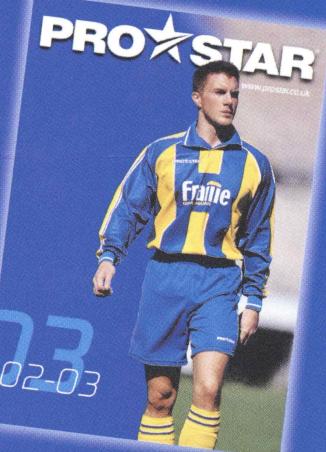
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PIRATES SCUPPERED

Saturday 27th November

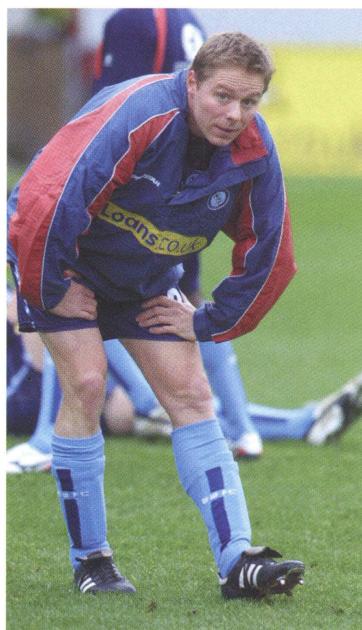
**Wycombe Wanderers 1
Bristol Rovers 0**

The Blues made it two out of two last Saturday with a narrow victory over the Pirates. The Keith Ryan/Gary Smith combination served their short tenure very well and with the support of everyone brought new hope back to Wycombe.

The home side started very well and could have scored after just 30 second when Ian Stonebridge fed Nathan Tyson who mis-timed his shot. Wanderers went on to cause the Rovers defenders some anxious moments before hitting back on twenty minutes.

Midfielder Stewart Campbell latched onto a fine ball from Junior Agogo but could only fire over from close range. With both sides looking dangerous going forward it was amazing the first half finished goal less. The half ended with a fine effort from veteran Gus Uhlenbeek for Wycombe. He drove a left foot rocket inches over the bar from 25 yards with goalkeeper Kevin Miller well beaten.

The second half was nine minutes old when Wanderers were awarded a penalty after defender Christian Edwards was adjudged to have tripped Nathan Tyson. The Blues striker picked himself up to score his seventh goal of the season from the spot. Wycombe could have extended the lead after former Blues star Steve Guppy, making a return for just one game, showed his class and ability on the ball. Two great crosses, the



first from the right, provided Ian Stonebridge with a far post chance that he sent over the bar. The second from the left saw Roger Johnson power a superb header that was magnificently saved by keeper Miller.

Rovers pressed forward in search of the goal they desperately wanted. Manager Ian Atkins made three substitutions in an attempt to turn the game. Surprisingly Junior Agogo was sacrificed as Jamie Forrester was introduced into the action. The former Hartlepool and



Northampton striker did have a free kick scrambled clear but it was the closest they came to a goal.

After the game Wycombe player/caretaker manager Keith Ryan said, "I was really pleased. Our first half performance was better but overall I think we deserved it. They made it hard for us in the last half an hour but our defence were terrific. When I was asked to do a short term job I would have settled for four points from both games. But after the win at Orient it had to be six points".

Pirates manager Ian Atkins commented, "The penalty was a joke. It's the second time we have been done like that this season. We had one at Swansea where no contact was made and this was the same".

Man of the Match: Steve Guppy

Team: Talia, Silk, Williamson, Johnson, Craig, Uhlenbeek, Senda, Ryan (Martin 77), Guppy (Bloomfield 72), Tyson, Stonebridge.

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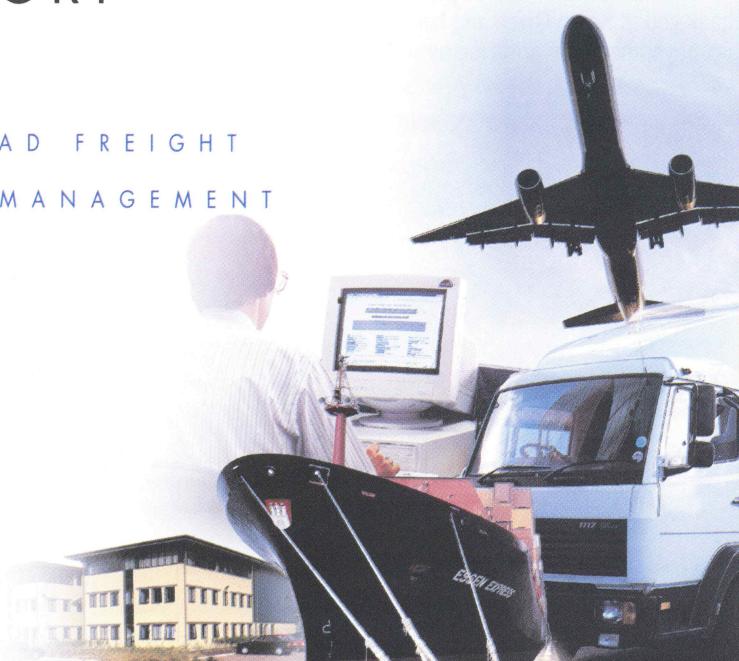


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Safely Does It - with Safety Officer, Richard Stanford

Good afternoon and welcome back young and old.

I hope you are all getting into the Christmas spirit and what a game today to start the Christmas celebrations off.

Hello, especially to my Mum and Dad, who have travelled down from Luton, the Doyle family and especially to my two sons who are here today, Love You All.

A lot has happened since my last words, Tony Adams has gone and also Pete Crawley. I wish them all the best, I would like also to add, if it was not for the help in doing the training ground up for Tony Adams and for the caring people who devote their life to Wycombe Wanderers the club would be finished.

The stewards and turnstile operators have all worked hard this year doing the NVQ Training and what with Rugby on Sundays they work tirelessly for your safety. Well done lads and lassies.

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We were also very lucky in doing the Wycombe Christmas Parade this year, which was a great honour, and may the working partnership continue.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Karen Owen and her ball boys; they do a great job as well.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Support the Blues Christmas Draw by taking a book of ten tickets, or more, and selling them to family and friends or even in your workplace.

The Top Prize is £500, an Executive Box for ten people at the Boston United game on Saturday 5th February, including buffet. Third prize is a £50 Clubshop Gift Voucher, fourth prize is a Wycombe Wanderers Replica Shirt signed by the Manager and all the players. There are also ten bottles of wine and ten boxes of chocolates to win. Tickets cost just £1 each.

Tickets are available today from various areas around the ground including from the 50/50 matchday draw sellers outside the Stadium. They can also be found in the Executive Box Holders entrance, Vice-Chairman's Club, Away Travel booking area, Vere Suite Entrance, Commercial Offices and Club Shop.

All counterfoils, cash and any unsold tickets must be returned to the Commercial Offices by 2pm on Boxing Day. This is so they can be included in the half time draw against Southend United that day.

I have been in this job now for 18 months and it is still the best job I have had.

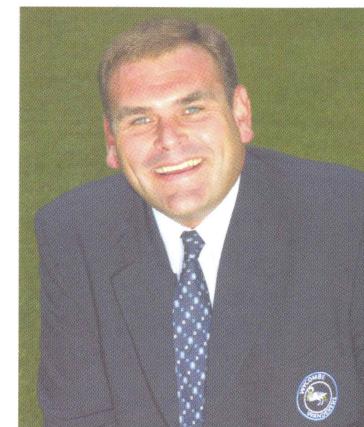
We are here to watch two teams battle it out for the glory of the FA Cup.

I would like to say a big Hello to Steve Howard a true gentleman of the game. Steve and myself were at Northampton together and we have both moved onto bigger and better things. I wish him all the success in the future, starting after today's game, of course.

Moving on I would like to mention a few words to all the fans, enjoy the game throughout we are all here to watch the beautiful game, win or loose, appreciate good football, we all want the World Cup back here in England where it belongs. Get behind your team and remember football first.

Also I would like to mention the new CCTV System we have on site. It has all domed camera's and we now have fourteen on site, so everywhere is covered now, the best part is it has all digital recording and runs 365 days a year, around the clock 24/7. There is only one other club with this system in the country, so yet again it is another commitment towards your safety.

I would like also to mention Darren, Shirley and Trevor and not



forgetting Jack(sometimes) they are a great team to have working alongside you. Thank you from your Safety Officer.

If anyone out there would like to take up stewarding, then please ring the stadium, every little helps, we are always looking for staff. If anyone would like to sponsor the safety side of things, then please ring, you never know where your products may end up. The Club is always looking for fresh investments, so come and get onboard. We want you to be a part of our team.

I hope you all enjoy the game today. Have a good Christmas, do not drink and drive, we want you back here for 2005, because without you we cannot operate.

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PRINTED ENVELOPES

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS selects a post-war Luton Town 'Dream Team' with the help of several Luton supporters and club officials.

RON BAYNHAM:

England international goalkeeper who was a key figure as Luton Town were FA Cup finalists in 1959. He impressed with Worcester City before moving to Kenilworth Road in November 1951 and contested a first-team slot with fellow England keeper Bernard Stretton as Luton gained top-flight status for the first time in 1954-55. Missing just one match in both 1955-56 and 1957-58, he was capped three times and also represented the Football League. He made 388 League appearances for the Hatters until injury ended his career in May 1965 and subsequently worked as an interior decorator in Bedfordshire.



Born locally, he signed professional at Kenilworth Road in August 1982 and starred as Luton reached the FA Cup semi-finals in 1984-85. He followed David Pleat to Tottenham Hotspur for £275,000 in July 1986 and featured in the 1987 FA Cup final, moving to West Ham for £525,000 in August 1991. Returning to Luton in November 1993, he netted six goals in 292 League games overall for the Hatters prior to joining Burnley in July 1999 and was an experienced figure in their 1999-2000 promotion success.



KIRK STEPHENS: Attacking right-back who was ever-present in Luton Town's 1981-82 Second Division title triumph. Initially with Nuneaton Borough, he helped them finish Southern League runners-up in 1974-75 and followed David Pleat to Kenilworth Road in June 1978. He was voted Luton's 'Player of the Year' in 1978-79 and 1983-84, scoring twice in 227 League games for the Hatters before moving to Coventry City in exchange for Ashley Grimes in August 1984. Later rejoining Nuneaton as player-manager after a knee injury ended his top-flight career, he also had a spell at Barnet and worked for his father's building firm.

MITCHELL THOMAS: Versatile England U-21 international left-back who had two spells at Luton Town.

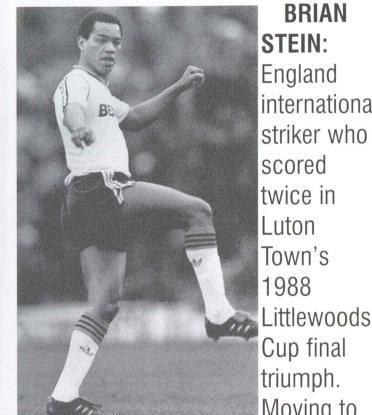
Championship in 1974-75. He played for Everton, Derby again and Torquay, since managing Middlesbrough, Millwall, Bolton Wanderers, Arsenal, Norwich City and Wigan Athletic.

SYD OWEN: Long-serving England international centre-half who skippered Luton Town in the 1959 FA Cup final. Signing professional for Birmingham City in October 1945, he moved to Luton in June 1947 and starred in their 1951-52 FA Cup run, 1952-53 promotion near-miss and 1954-55 promotion success. He was 'Footballer of the Year' in 1958-59 and netted three goals in 388 League games before becoming Luton's manager for a year in May 1959. Subsequently Leeds United's chief coach under Don Revie until October 1975, he then coached at Birmingham, Hull City and Manchester United. He died in August 1998.

MAL DONAGHY: Northern Ireland international central defender who gained a club record 58 caps while at Luton Town. He moved to Kenilworth Road from Larne in June 1978 and was ever-present as Luton won the Second Division title in 1981-82 and were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85. Voted 'Player of the Year' in 1985-86, he was an FA Cup semi-finalist again in 1987-88 and starred in that season's Littlewoods Cup final triumph. He netted 16 goals in 410 League games for the Hatters prior to joining Manchester United for £650,000 in October 1988, then returned on loan before moving to Chelsea in August 1992.

RICKY HILL: England international midfielder who was 'Player of the Year' when Luton Town won the Second Division title in 1981-82. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in May 1976, he was 'Player of the Year' again in 1982-83 and starred as Luton were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85. He

featured in two consecutive Littlewoods Cup finals including the 1988 Wembley triumph and netted 54 goals in 436 League games before moving to Le Havre in July 1989. Reuniting with David Pleat at Leicester City in August 1990 and later as a coach at Sheffield Wednesday and Spurs, he briefly rejoined Luton as manager.



BRIAN STEIN: England international striker who scored twice in Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Edgware Town in October 1977, he was leading marksman in Luton's 1981-82 Second Division success and also starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88. He joined Caen in July 1988 and moved via Annecy back to Luton in July 1991. Voted 'Player of the Year' for the second time in 1991-92, he netted 130 goals in 427 League games overall for the Hatters before joining Barnet in August 1992. His younger brother Mark also played for Luton.

MICK HARFORD: England international striker who played for Luton Town in consecutive Littlewoods Cup finals including the 1988 Wembley triumph. Signing professional for Lincoln City in July 1977, he had spells with Newcastle United, Bristol City and Birmingham City prior to joining Luton in December 1984. He starred as the Hatters were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88, moving to Derby County in January 1990 and returning to Luton in September

1991. Joining Chelsea in August 1992, he then played for Sunderland, Coventry City and Wimbledon. He is now Nottingham Forest's assistant-boss.



MALCOLM MACDONALD: Ace marksman who was capped 14 times by England after leaving Luton Town. Initially with Tonbridge, he moved to Fulham in

August 1968 and moved to Kenilworth Road in July 1969. He was Luton's top scorer in two consecutive seasons including the 1969-70 promotion success and netted 49 goals in 88 League games before being sold to Newcastle United for £180,000 in May 1971. An FA Cup finalist in 1974, he joined Arsenal for £333,000 in August 1976 and was an FA Cup finalist again in 1978 before injury ended his career. He subsequently managed Fulham and Huddersfield Town.

PAUL WALSH: England international striker who was capped five times while at Luton Town. Signing professional for Charlton Athletic in October 1979, he starred in their 1980-81 promotion success and moved to Luton in July 1982.

He was 'Player of the Year' in 1982-83 and leading marksman in 1983-84, netting 24 goals in 80 First Division games for the Hatters prior to joining Liverpool in May 1984. Helping to win the League

Championship in 1985-86, he joined Tottenham Hotspur in February 1988 and was an FA Cup winner in 1991. He later played for Portsmouth and Manchester City until injury ended his career.

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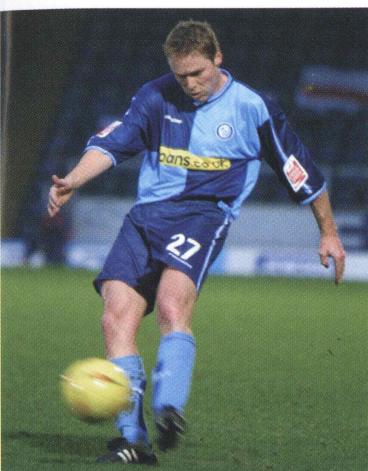
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Statistically Speaking - by Dave Finch



He came on as a substitute that evening, in a game that finished goalless, but by the end of the season he was a regular choice. He featured in all of our successes that eventually culminated in promotion to Division Two (now League One!). He was actually the first Wycombe player to score a Football League goal for us, our very first being an own goal by Carlisle's Chris Curran. At the end of that season (1993/94)

he joined Newcastle for a paltry £150,000. Although his time with the Magpies was brief (three months and just one appearance

as a substitute) he has since forged a good career at Port Vale, Leicester (two spells) and Celtic. In all Steve has made 254 appearances for us and scored 37 goals.

That welcome win over Bristol Rovers ensured that we maintained our good home league record against them. We have lost just once in eight games, although we lost our only cup match with them here. None of the games have produced more than two goals and the only



occasion that either side has actually scored twice in a game here was when we beat them 2-0 in the 1996/97 season with goals from Mark Stallard (on his debut) and Steve Brown.

DEPARTURE

Sadly we have said goodbye to Adam Birchall, who decided to return to Arsenal. I understand his reason for doing so

but it is a shame as I am sure that he would have done a good job for us long-term. He had already shown a great deal of promise in his spell here. He scored four goals in twelve league appearances and one in two LDV games.



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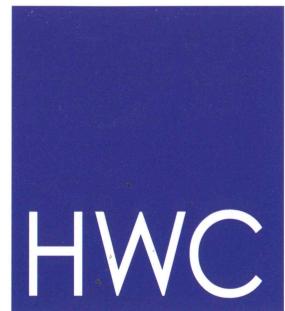
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1/11/97	Wycombe	2 (Stallard, McGavin)	Luton	2 (Oldfield, Thorpe)	Div. Two	6,219
8/8/98	Wycombe	0	Luton	1 (S. Davis)	Div. Two	5,252
29/4/00	Wycombe	0	Luton	1 (Taylor)	Div. Two	5,379
28/8/00	Wycombe	1 (Brown)	Luton	1 (Kandol)	Div. Two	6,001
28/12/02	Wycombe	1 (Dixon)	Luton	2 (Howard 2)	Div. Two	7,740
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Welcome to the supporters who have travelled the short journey from Luton. We hope that you enjoy your day here and have a safe journey home.

I am writing these notes again in a state of uncertainty. At the time of writing we still do not know who the new manager will be. Whoever it is, if they have watched the last two displays of the team they cannot have been unimpressed with the commitment shown by the players and have realised that there is talent within the club to work with and develop. Nice to see Steve Guppy back against Bristol, just shows that with an experienced head in midfield, there was more creativity and more chances provided up front, - time to stick some of them away now.

Well done Keith Ryan in his temporary appointment as manager. He commanded the support of both the players and the supporters and did the club proud and in return we are all proud of him.

Back to F. A. Cup duty again today, a year or two ago we beat a non league side in the first round and went on to beat the team rated the strongest in the second round (Millwall). Now again having beaten non league opposition we are drawn against Luton who are rated best in division 1 (or whatever they call it now), could this be the start of a repeat run in the cup, remember the last time it finished up at Villa Park. Who knows?

Last Thursday we had a very successful Quiz night at the club, resulting in over £300. being raised. Congratulations to Harold and Marion Lunnon for organising this and very many thanks to Claire for her contribution as well.

Dates for your diary

Annual Dinner Advance Notice for this 29th April 2005.

Coaches

Coaches to Bury on Tuesday the 7th December 2004

Rena will be taking bookings for this away trip to Bury as usual in the entrance to the Vere Suite before and after today's match. The Adult Members fare will be £15.50 with the appropriate discounts for Junior Members and Senior Citizens. There is a £3.00 surcharge for non members (another good reason for joining us). The time of departure is 2.00 pm from the Football Ground.

Coaches to Notts County on Saturday 11th November 2004

You can also book for this one, today with the Adult Members fare being £12.00, the above discounts applying and a departure time of 10.30 am from the Football Ground.

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Keith Blagbrough

And finally, there have been times recently when I would cheerfully have sympathised with this individual, 'A first division match in Moldova was called off after a disputed penalty. The chairman of one of the teams drove his car on to the pitch and tried to mow down the referee.'

**Wycombe Wanderers Independent
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Last week against Bristol Rovers was another impressive display. Rovers were a very defensive minded team, but we were able to carve out three good chances in the opening 5 minutes and came away with a deserved victory. Again, just like at Leyton Orient a fortnight ago, we managed to show some fight and desire. Rovers did miss some decent chances towards the end but, just like Leyton Orient, failed to register a shot on target. I have noticed of late that when the game enters the final 20 minutes or so, the Blues start to defend deeper and deeper. Against Yeovil we were punished but against Orient and Rovers we managed to hold out. However, I fear that if we keep sitting back in this manner, we will be punished and end up with one point or even none, when we deserved all three.

Maybe the new manager will address this and today could well mark his first game in charge. The names mentioned were Colin Lee, Chris Turner and Nicky Law but I think that the job will be either John Gorman's or Danny Wilson's. I don't know of anyone with strong objections to these two and I think either of them will do an excellent job. What we need at this level is somebody who is decent at coaching players; something either Wilson or Gorman could do well.

We are about to enter an extremely hectic period as we face 8 games in a little over 4 weeks. Two away trips in the coming week will be very difficult. Seventh placed Bury on Tuesday night is going to be very tough and then it's struggling Notts County on the Saturday. I think that six points from these two games is possible but a tall order. Then again, our away form has been good so we should remain confident.

We could then be facing Luton again if today's game finishes a draw. The majority of games between ourselves and Luton tend to finish this way and those that don't usually go the way of The Hatters. I think we have only managed the one victory against them since we joined the football league. Today will be tough as Luton are enjoying a superb season. They are sitting comfortably at the top of League One and are scoring goals for fun. Even though it's not quite Christmas, only a fool would bet against them gaining promotion come what May. Hopefully we can give them a helping hand today by ensuring that they don't have the distraction of a third round tie in the New Year. This was not the greatest draw for us as Luton are the highest placed team in the second round. Most people in our league were looking for an easy tie to see them through to the all important third round, but may I remind you that in 2000/2001 we drew Millwall away at this stage who were also the highest placed team in the second round and The Wanderers ended up at Villa Park...

It was a shame that Adam Birchall decided to go back to Arsenal but you have to understand his decision considering the managerial changes that we are undergoing. The new manager may wish to resign him as he will not be playing at Arsenal especially considering he is cup-tied for the Carling Cup.

TRAVEL

Anybody who wishes to travel with the Independents to either Bury on Tuesday or Notts County next week (and potentially Luton a week Tuesday) should call Colin Butler on 01494 536270. The coach leaves from Lilly's Walk and the UCI Cinema on Crest Road. Departure times and prices can be found on our website which is www.devoted.to/wwisc.

Enjoy the game

Phil Slatter

SITTING in the pub the other day I finally realised the world has gone mad when my Tottenham-supporting mate cheered an Arsenal goal.

I couldn't understand it. Had he been living a lie all his life? Was he really a Gooner trying to come out of the closet, what was happening to him?

I soon discovered he wasn't ill at all. He was just gripped by Fantasy Football fever.

He was cheering Patrick Vieira's equalising goal against Liverpool because he had him in his Fantasy League Football Team and needed the points to win his league's Manager of the Month Competition.

What on earth is the world coming to when more than a hundred years of bitter rivalry is being broken down by Fantasy Football – a newspaper competition where you win points if the players you pick in your team score goals, make goals and don't concede them etc, etc?

Maybe The Daily Telegraph should introduce a Fantasy World Leaders and Politicians game. Perhaps, it could have the same effect for the problems in Iraq or Afghanistan.

I've asked other Premiership-supporting mates about this Fantasy Football phenomenon and it appears as though my Tottenham friend isn't alone.

A Charlton fan I know admitted after seeing his side get thumped 4-0 by Chelsea last week that it wasn't too bad because at least John Terry scored twice and kept

a clean sheet.

He's got the England defender in his Fantasy Team and calculated it would be worth around 15 extra points for him and as he had Damien Duff in his team, who also scored, it hadn't been too bad a day for him.

He said he knew the Addicks were going to lose so it wasn't such a bad afternoon because his Fantasy Team had done well.

I suppose it is a bit like gamblers who bet against their own team.

They don't want their team to lose but at least if they, they have some consolation of winning a bit of money off it.

It all seems wrong to me though. Personally I could never bet against my team, Exeter City, even though I would probably be a rich man if I did given their results since I've been following them!

I'm glad we don't have Fantasy League teams for the lower divisions. Can you imagine watching Wycombe play but wanting a Bristol Rovers or Kidderminster player to score against them?

It just doesn't seem right.

Personally I'm happier to leave management to the real managers, to keep supporting to the supporters and to leave my fantasies private.

One man who looks as though he can turn his dreams about management into reality in the future though is Keith Ryan.

Mister Wycombe has done fantastically since being asked to

take over the reins on a caretaker basis and I have no doubt he will make a fantastic manager of this club one day.

He inherited a Wanderers side, which had not won for ten league games and promptly won the next two to give him a 100 per cent record in league management.

He has lifted the spirit in the camp and raised the belief among the players. He has also demonstrated a sound tactical awareness to bring the best out of the players who had hit the buffers under Tony Adams.

And to cap it all he pulled off a major coup in bringing in Steve Guppy as his first signing on a match-to-match basis.

Rhino has also handled the press side with great aplomb and has been a credit to himself and the club throughout this difficult period.

The time may not be right for Keith to get the job this time but his time will come. He will get the Wycombe hotseat one day – and that's not fantasy.

Dave Peters writes for the Bucks Free Press and the Bucks Free Press Midweek. Read his match report in Tuesday's Midweek and his big-match preview in the Free Press on Friday.



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- 2 Gus UHLENBEEK
- 4 Keith RYAN
- 5 Roger JOHNSON
- 6 Mike WILLIAMSON
- 7 Danny SENDA
- 8 Joe BURNELL
- 9 Nathan TYSON
- 10 Ian STONEBRIDGE
- 11 Mark PHILO
- 12 Jonny DIXON
- 14 Matt BLOOMFIELD
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- 16 Gary SILK
- 17 Clint EASTON
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- 19 Stuart NETHERCOTT
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- 22 Shahed AHMED
- 23 Russell MARTIN
- 24 Tony CRAIG
- 25 Sonny BALL
- 28 Ikechi ANYA

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MASCOT

Today's PK mascot is Zoe Lattimore who attends Harlyn Middle School in Pinner her hobbies include football, swimming and netball. Her favourite food is her Nannies home made soup. Zoe's list the whole team for her favourite player but Nathan Tyson in particular.