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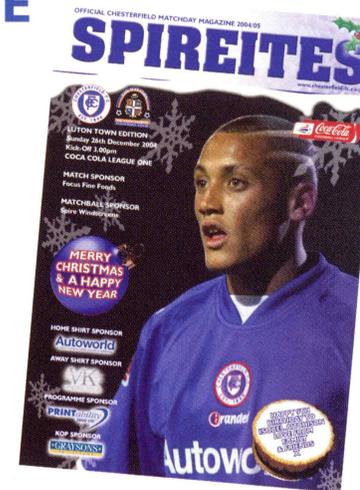
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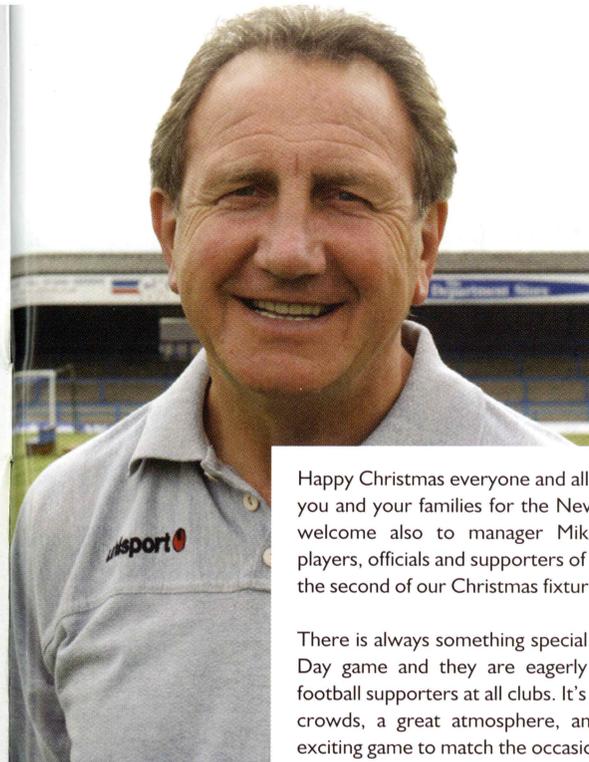
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WITH ROY McFARLAND

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Happy Christmas everyone and all good wishes to you and your families for the New Year. A warm welcome also to manager Mike Newell, the players, officials and supporters of Luton Town for the second of our Christmas fixtures at Saltergate.

There is always something special about a Boxing Day game and they are eagerly anticipated by football supporters at all clubs. It's a day for bigger crowds, a great atmosphere, and hopefully an exciting game to match the occasion. We couldn't wish for better opponents on a day like today as Luton Town are the current leaders of League One.

Who can forget Luton Town's last visit to Saltergate, that memorable last game of last season when Glynn Hurst's 88th minutes goal ensured we stayed up. We also gave them a good run for their money at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season when we lost by just the one single goal. They are really flying this season so we can expect them to provide a stern test for us as we endeavour to extend our unbeaten run at home.

It certainly promises to be a good game and I hope our supporters, full of Christmas cheer, will give us some rousing support with plenty of noise. They certainly did the business in the second half of last week's home game against Torquay United and it helped the players, in what proved to be a difficult match.

A draw was probably a fair result and we managed to avoid fully slipping on the banana skin

that I had predicted before the game. After going a goal down early in the second half we managed to raise the tempo, with the help of our supporters, and make some inroads.

After making a couple of substitutions we really livened up and the two substitutes, Adam Smith and Wayne Allison, combined to get us an equaliser. Both goalkeepers played a significant part in the final outcome. Muggs kept us in the game, particularly with one great save in the second half, and the Torquay goalkeeper denied us time and again as we put on a grandstand finish. We could have pinched all three points with the good chances we created late-on, but it would have been a victory we didn't really deserve.

There is no let up at this time of year with four games now in the space of just eight days. After today's game against Luton, we are away at Wrexham on Tuesday, MK Dons on New Year's Day, and back at Saltergate for the local derby against Barnsley in just over a week's time on Monday 3 January 2005. Let's hope we can keep the momentum going so we can then all look forward to a rousing second half to the season.

Enjoy today's game and the rest of your Christmas.

Kind regards,  
Roy McFarland



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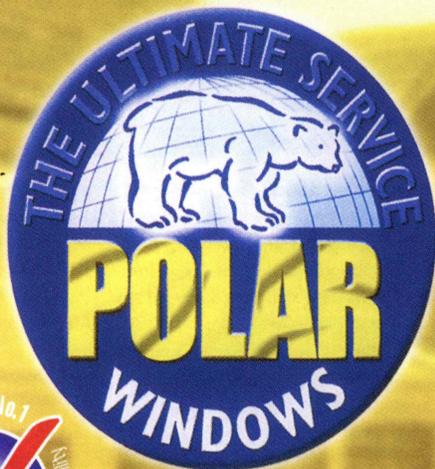
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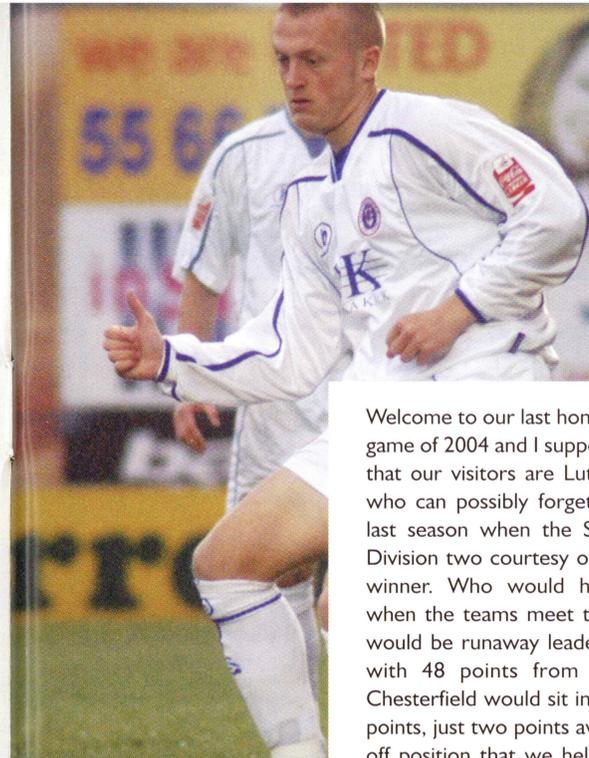
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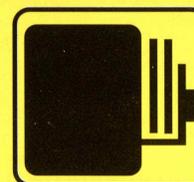
COCA-COLA UPDATE WITH OLLIE PARDO

Welcome to our last home Football League game of 2004 and I suppose it's quite fitting that our visitors are Luton Town because who can possibly forget the last game of last season when the Spireites stayed in Division two courtesy of Glyn Hurst's late winner. Who would have thought that when the teams meet today, Luton Town would be runaway leaders of the Division with 48 points from 22 matches and Chesterfield would sit in 8th place with 34 points, just two points away from the play-off position that we held after the win at Peterborough. Last Saturday's 1-1 draw with Torquay at Saltergate was one of the Spireite's most disappointing home results of the season, and yet, as Roy McFarland had pointed out, it was always a potential banana-skin match. Meanwhile at Ashton Gate, Showunmi's 90th minute winner for Luton over Bristol City kept the Hatters on top of the table.

Hull City and Tranmere Rovers were involved in an amazing promotion tussle at the KC Stadium. I said in my article for the Torquay game to keep an eye on that match, but I hardly expected the 6-1 scoreline that emerged. I certainly didn't anticipate Tranmere Rovers having to use three goalkeepers after both Achterberg and Howarth had to leave the field injured. Theodore Whitmore, Jamaican international and former Tigers' player stepped in for the second half with the score at 1-0 and proceeded to concede five goals! Tranmere held on to third place, with

AFC Bournemouth and Brentford closing in after they beat Swindon and Colchester respectively.

Unfortunately for Chesterfield, Bradford City won at Huddersfield 1-0 in the West Yorkshire derby and Hartlepool hammered luckless Wrexham 5-1 at the Racecourse which meant that the Spireites 1-1 draw with Torquay was not enough to hold onto that play-off position. At the other end of the table, two former Sheffield Wednesday managers with new jobs met at Stockport with Chris Turner's home side beating Milton Keynes' Danny Wilson 3-1. The scoreline left the Cheshire Hatters rooted to the foot of the table and now four points behind poor old Wrexham, whom, of course, have had 10 points deducted for going into administration. Just above them are Danny's Dons on 18 points and of course, we meet up with them on New Year's day. Peterborough seem to be sinking rather rapidly and are in the last relegation place with 21 points after being thrashed 4-0 by much improving Barnsley, visitors to Saltergate on January 3rd. The Reds are now twelfth in the table after Sheffield Wednesday's shock win over Doncaster Rovers at Belle Vue last Sunday. There are a few top v bottom clashes today, but you need to shout the Spireites on to three more points in that play off push.



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**AGE:** 12  
**SCHOOL:** St Columbus  
**HOBBIES:** Football and Golf  
**FAV PLAYER:** Mark DeBolla

**NAME:** Steven Linney  
**AGE:** 7 (8 on 27th Dec)  
**SCHOOL:** Brimington Junior  
**HOBBIES:** Football  
**FAV PLAYER:** Tcham N'Toya

**NAME:** Jack Matthews  
**AGE:** 5  
**SCHOOL:** St Marys Primary  
**HOBBIES:** Football  
**FAV PLAYER:** Wayne Allison

**NAME:** Joseph Emott  
**AGE:** 9  
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**HOBBIES:** Football  
**FAV PLAYER:** Steve Blatherwick

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## CALL UP FOR AUSSIE DOWNES

### CALL-UP FOR AUSSIE DOWNES

Chesterfield's Australian defender Aaron Downes has been selected to represent Australia in January's Oceania qualifying tournament in Honiara for the 2005 FIFA World Youth Championship. The U20 Young Socceroos will play a number of warm-up games in Australia before taking part in the tournament in the Solomon Islands later in January.

Aaron Downes, who recently returned from a five game tour of South America with the Young Socceroos said: "I am really looking forward to the trip as it is an honour to play for your country and I am grateful once again to Chesterfield FC for allowing me to go on it. As I am away from home this Christmas there is also an added bonus of being able to catch up with my family in the New Year."

The tour will last from 7 January through to 1 February 2005. The winners of the tournament will then go on to compete in the 2005 FIFA World Youth Championship to be held in The Netherlands from 10 June - 2 July.



AUSTRALIA

FULL PRESS RELEASE  
FROM THE  
AUSTRALIAN SOCCER  
ASSOCIATION

National Youth coach Ange Postecoglou has named his 20-man squad to compete in January's Oceania qualifying tournament in Honiara for the 2005 FIFA World Youth Championship. The squad features five overseas-based players with the remaining 15 players currently in Australia.

Three players in the squad are yet to make their debut for the Qantas Young Socceroos - goalkeeper Chris O'Connor of Irish club Bray Wanderers, midfielder Jordan Simpson of NSW Premier League club St George and 16-year-old striker David Williams. Queenslander Williams has been promoted to the squad following his performances with the Qantas Joeys on their recent two-week tour of the United States. Also in the squad are recent Hyundai A-League signings Jacob Timpano (pictured) and Mark Milligan of Sydney FC,

Newcastle United Jets midfielder Stuart Musialik and Nick Ward of Perth Glory. The Qantas Young Socceroos have been drawn alongside New Caledonia, Tonga and Vanuatu in Group A of the nine-team qualifying tournament with the top two from each group to progress to the semi finals and the winner of the tournament to represent Oceania at June's FIFA World Youth Championship in the Netherlands. Group B will be contested by hosts the Solomon Islands, American Samoa, Fiji, New Zealand and Samoa.

"I'm quite happy with the way the squad's coming together. Most of the players in this squad have spent some decent preparation time together as a unit with our squad going to South America last month, the home series against Chile in September and prior to that the trip to Belgium and France back in April. We will go into the qualifiers quietly confident of success."

The 20-man Qantas Young Socceroos squad to compete in the qualifiers is:

### GOALKEEPERS

**Chris O'Connor** (Bray Wanderers, Republic of Ireland)  
**Danny Vukovic** (Bonnyrigg White Eagles, NSW)

### DEFENDERS

**Aaron Downes** (Chesterfield, England)  
**Adrian Leijer** (Victorian Institute of Sport)  
**Trent McClenahan** (West Ham, England)  
**Mark Milligan** (Sydney FC - Blacktown City, NSW)  
**Jacob Timpano** (Sydney FC - Wollongong Wolves, NSW)  
**Nikolai Topor-Stanley** (Belconnen Blue Devils, ACT)

### MIDFIELDERS

**Billy Celeski** (Bulleen Zebras, Vic)  
**Spase Dilevski** (Tottenham, England)  
**Frank Lagana** (Empoli, Italy)  
**Vince Lia** (uncontracted, Vic)  
**Stuart Musialik** (Newcastle Utd Jets)  
**Kristian Sarkies**

(Victorian Ins. of Sport)

**Jordan Simpson** (St George, NSW)

**Chris Tadrosse**

(Blacktown City Demons, NSW)

### FORWARDS

**Mark Bridge** (Parramatta Eagles, NSW)

**Jay Lucas** (Marconi Stallions, NSW)

**Nick Ward** (Perth Glory, WA)

**David Williams**

(Queensland Academy of Sport)

### STAND-BY PLAYERS

**Matt Danskin** (Fremantle City, WA)

**Ben Griffin** (Queensland Lions)

**David Hughes** (Queensland Lions)

**Keegan Wolfenden**

(Central Coast United, NSW)

The full match schedule for the Oceania qualifying tournament is:

**Australia v New Caledonia**

Saturday 22 January - 2pm

Lawson Tama Stadium, Honiara

**Australia v Tonga**

Monday 24 January - 4.15pm

Lawson Tama Stadium, Honiara

**Australia v Vanuatu**

Wednesday 26 January - 2pm

Lawson Tama Stadium, Honiara

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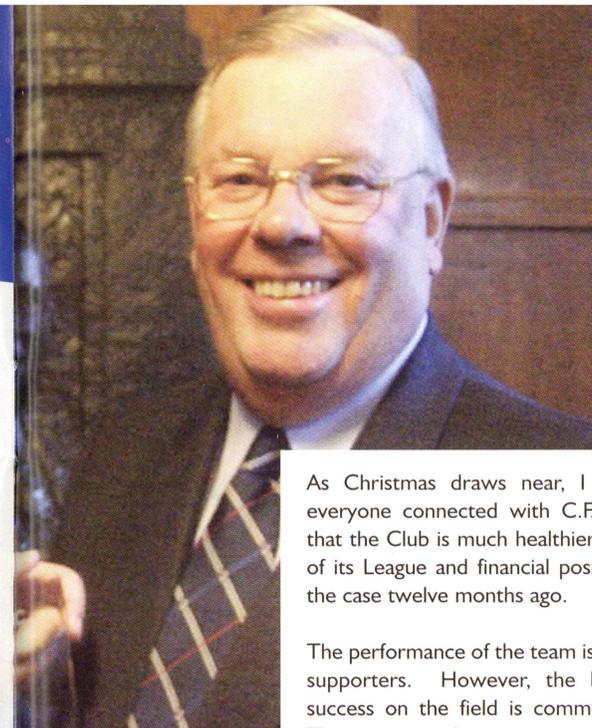
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The Qantas Young Socceroos reached the second round at the 2003 FIFA World Youth Championship in the United Arab Emirates, defeating eventual winners Brazil before being knocked out by the host nation.

The 2005 FIFA World Youth Championship will be held in The Netherlands from 10 June - 2 July.



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

WITH BARRIE HUBBARD



As Christmas draws near, I am sure that everyone connected with C.F.C. appreciates that the Club is much healthier, both in terms of its League and financial positions than was the case twelve months ago.

The performance of the team is the focus of all supporters. However, the background to success on the field is commercial strength.

This season we have seen increased matchday attendances, improved commercial income and growth of membership in our Blues on the

Move lottery.

This, together with a tight control of expenditure, means that the Club is in a position to break even. In commercial terms this is a poor reward for all the work put in but in football terms it is considered financial success.

In order to achieve our ambition of a higher standard of football and to bring the Club into a position where the C.F.S.S. can take over day-to-day running, financial stability is essential. To achieve the level of success everyone desires (players, manager, management and supporters) the amount of income generated by the Club must be increased even further. Whilst we will continue to actively promote the various income streams that are in place, we still feel that the Club will only achieve long-term success by re-location.

In the summer, the Club submitted a planning application for a purpose-built stadium at Wheeldon Mill. Following the submission of this application, we have had many discussions with the Council and they suggested an alternative site. This site is on the dis-used area previously occupied by Dema Glass, B.T.H. and Lampcaps. The Club is now in discussion with the various owners of this site, the Council and the owners of Wheeldon Mill in order that we may achieve our stated intention to re-locate within the season 2006/7.

Finally, on behalf of myself and all my fellow Directors, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Barrie Hubbard**  
Chairman

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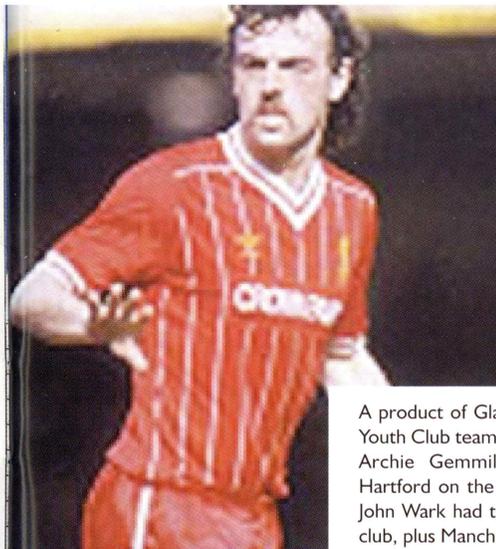
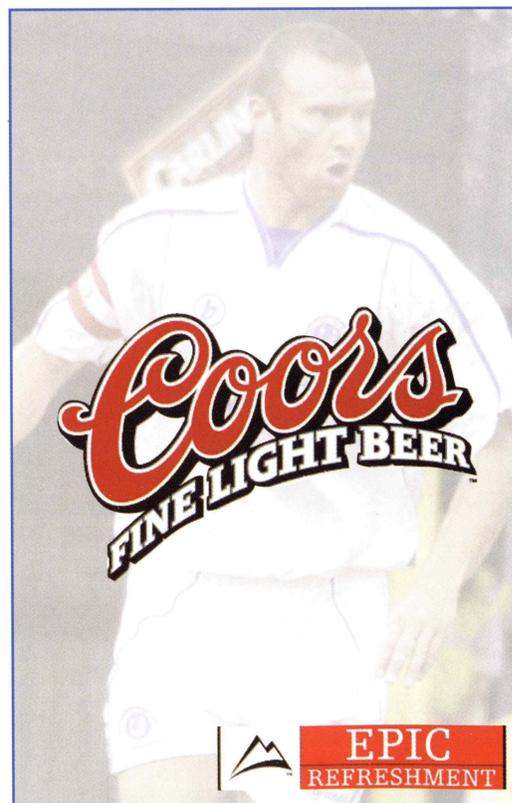
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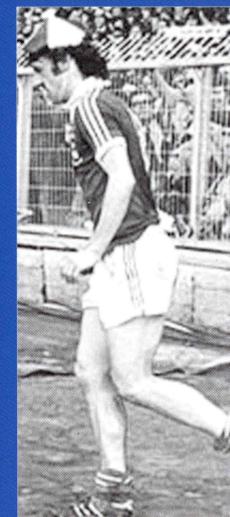


## THE STORY OF THE PFA AWARDS

BY TONY LYNCH

### JOHN WARK 1981

#### JOHN WARK



A product of Glasgow's Drumchapel Amateurs Youth Club team in the outfit that set the likes of Archie Gemmill, John Robertson and Asa Hartford on the road to success - the teenage John Wark had trials with a number of Scottish club, plus Manchester City and Ipswich Town. "I was most impressed with Ipswich," he recalled. "They seemed a friendly club and they had a reputation for giving youngsters a chance in the game. I got on well with Bobby Robson, a marvellous manager and something of a father figure to me in those early days."

John duly became an Ipswich apprentice in September 1973 and signed professional forms eleven months later when he turned 17. Although he made his League debut in a 2-1 win against Leicester in March 1975, it wasn't until the 1976-77 campaign that he became a first team regular. After missing the first half of the next season through injury, he returned for the FA Cup run that took Ipswich to the 1978 final as underdogs to mighty Arsenal. At Wembley, Town were by far the better side and the issue was settled in their favour by Roger Osbourne's 77th minute goal.

In 1978-79 Wark was ever present as Ipswich were among the First Division front runners, eventually finishing in sixth place. His consistency that season earned his first call into the full Scotland line-up, against Wales in Cardiff. He enjoyed another good season in '79-80, netting 18 league goals as Ipswich challenged Liverpool and Manchester United for top spot and finished third.

Then came what John called "My best ever season. I scored 37 goals in all competitions in 1980-81. We won the UEFA Cup, we should have won the League and we almost reached the FA Cup final again."

He scored on the opening day in a 1-0 win against Leicester at Filbert Street and went on to become Town's top scorer in the league with 18 goals. He also netted twice in the FA Cup as Ipswich marched to the semi-finals, at which stage they were eliminated by Manchester City.

But it was in the UEFA Cup that the Ipswich ace really made his mark. He netted a record equalling 14 goals as Town swept to success in

the competition. That impressive tally included four goals against Aris Salonika in Round One, a hat-trick against Widzew Lodz in the Third Round and a goal in each leg of the final 5-4 aggregate victory against AZ67 Alkmaar. "It was incredible," John recalled. "I had equalled the European competition record set by Altafini with AC Milan in 1962-63."

In was midway through all of this when the PFA membership voted Wark their Player of the Year and he received the trophy from Sir Stanley Rous at London's Hilton Hotel. "I knew I was among the top contenders, so were my Ipswich team mates Paul Mariner and Frans Thijssen (he won that year's Footballer of the Year Award). So, it seemed likely that an Ipswich player would win it. Having scored so many goals from midfield perhaps made me the favourite, but I'd have been just as happy if either of the other two had won it, because Ipswich was such a great club. We all got along well together, there was a really good spirit about the place."

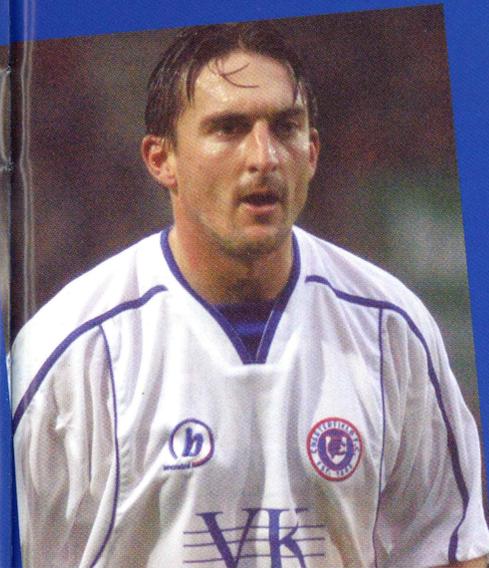
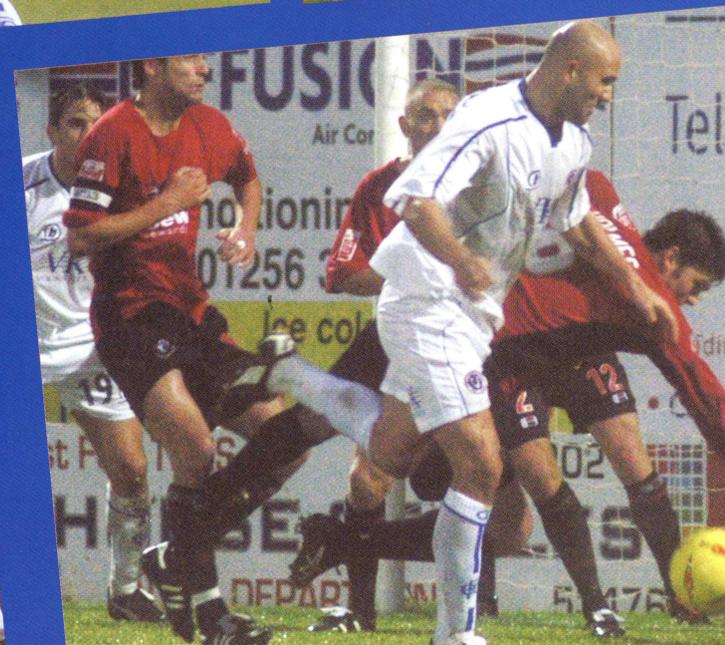
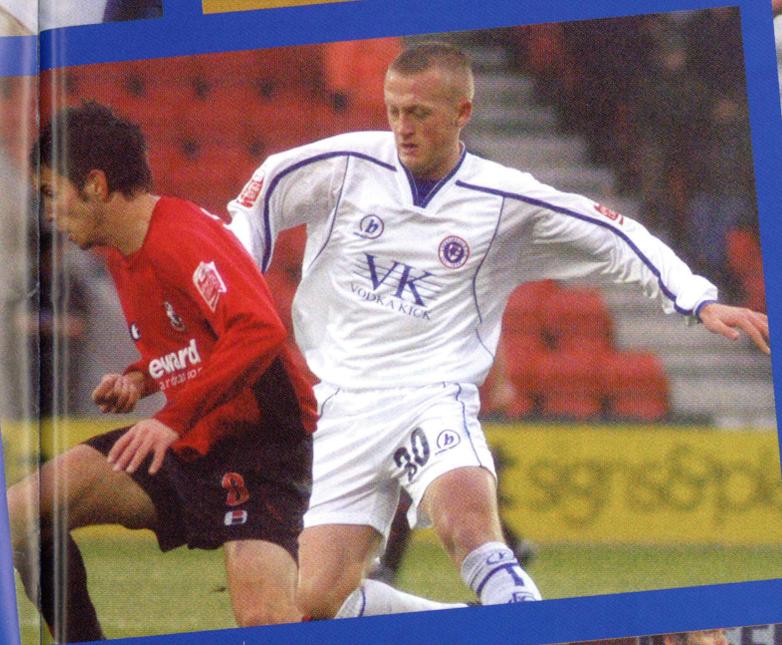
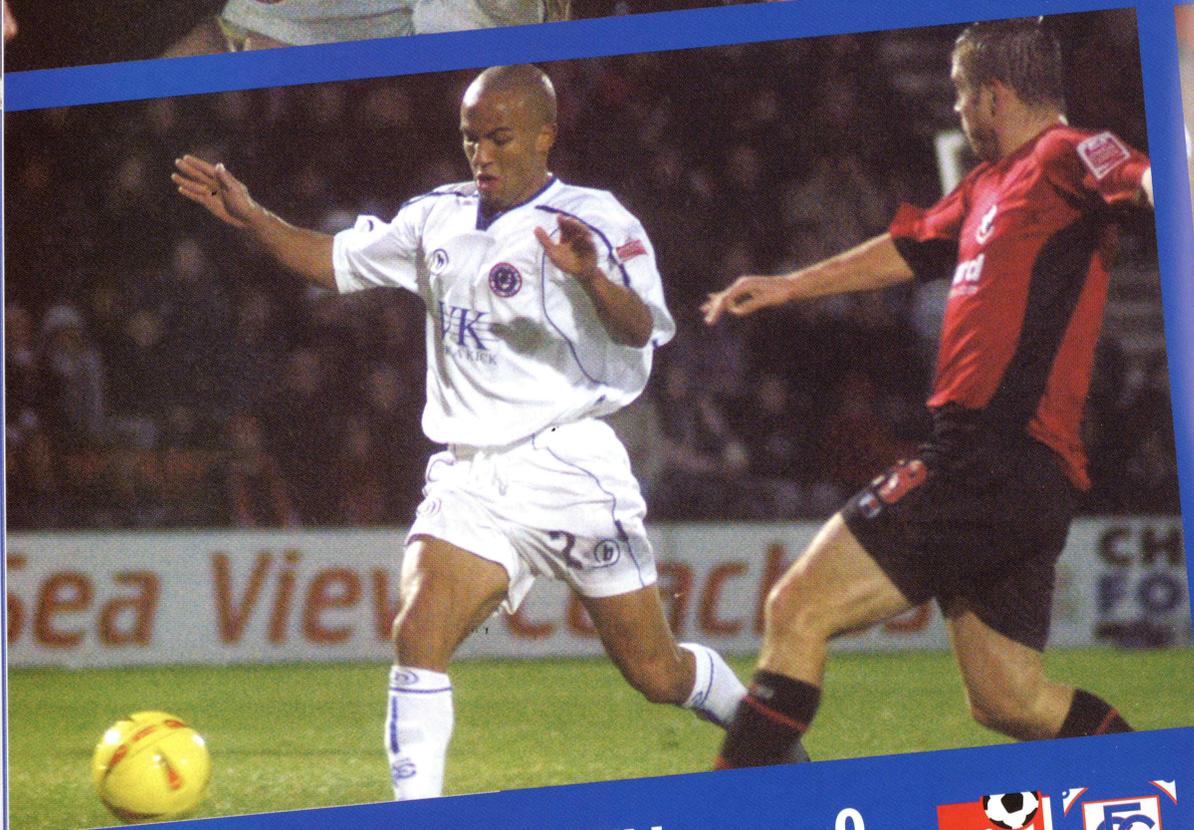
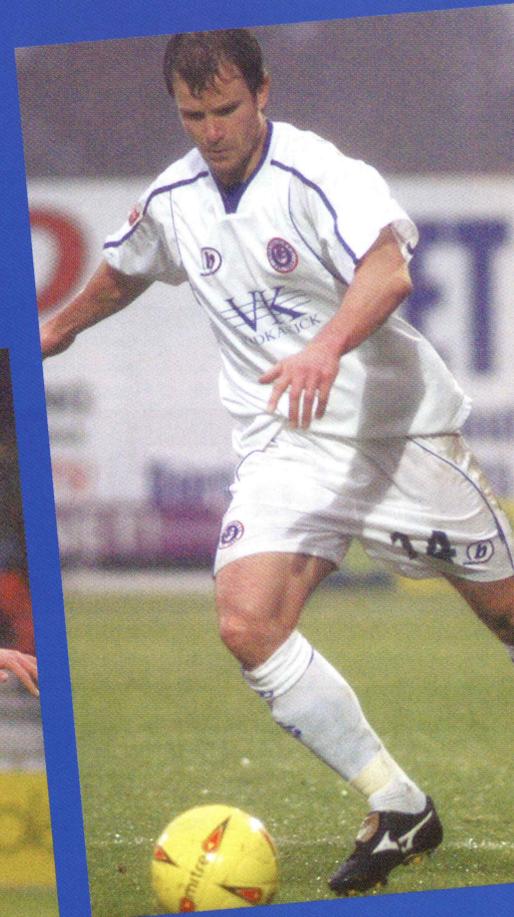
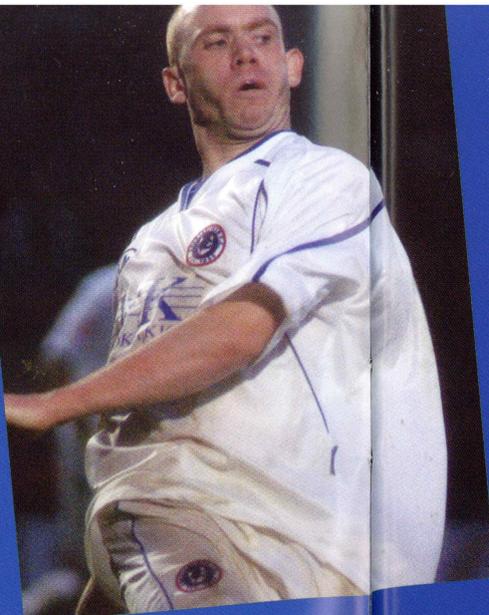
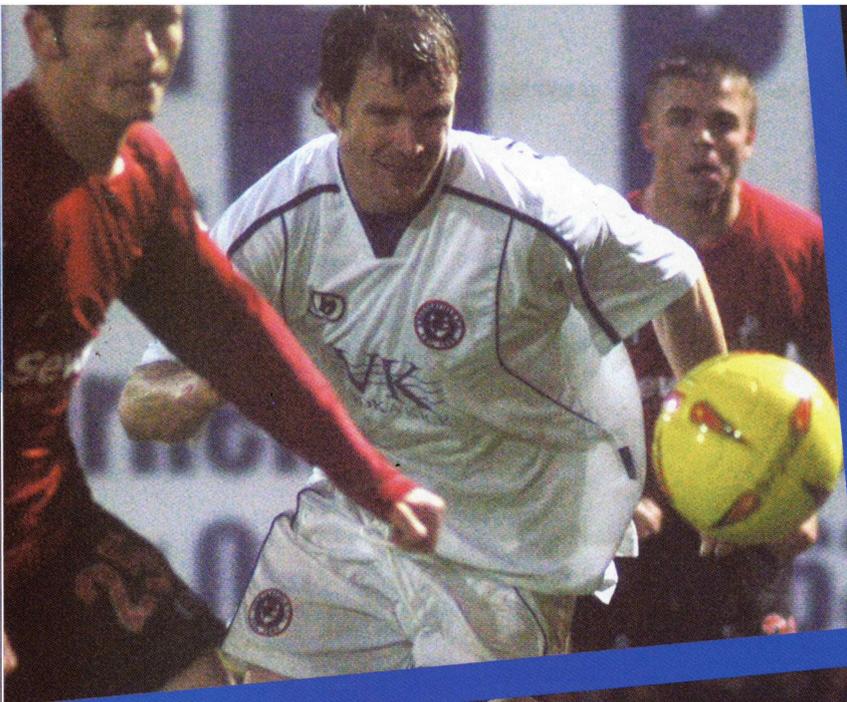
After his 'best ever season' John went on to score twice against New Zealand in Scotland's short-lived 1982 World Cup finals campaign. In all, he would collect 29 full international caps and enjoy further success as a Liverpool star following a £450,000 move from Portman Road to Anfield in September 1984.

Aston Villa striker Gary Shaw, a future European Cup winner, was voted 1981's PFA Young Player of the Year while the Association's Merit Award went to Swindon Town full-back John Trollope, a veteran of 20 seasons and a record 770 League appearances. Fittingly, John received his Award from Jimmy Dickinson, the former Portsmouth star and previous holder of the record, with 764 appearances to his name.



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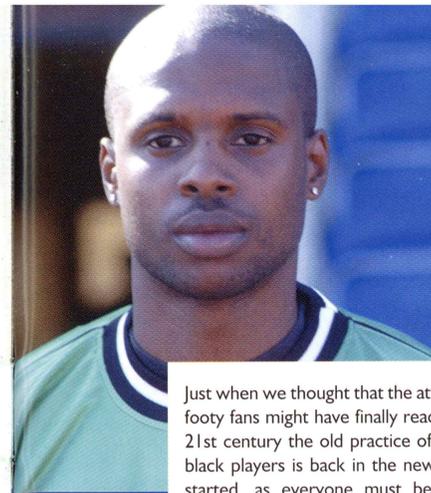


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■ **NATHAN ABBEY**  
Racially abused by fans recently

## FOOTBALL MATTERS

WITH KEN FOSTER

### RACISM IS BACK IN THE NEWS AGAIN.....

Just when we thought that the attitude of footy fans might have finally reached the 21st century the old practice of abusing black players is back in the news. It all started, as everyone must be aware, with the Spain v England game last month. Within a few days Dwight Yorke was abused as he warmed up by a supposed fan of his former club Blackburn Rovers, and as I pen these notes our old 'friend' Nathan Abbey has two complaints being investigated, against the fans of Mansfield Town and Rochdale.

So, what's behind all this? Spanish national team manager Luis Aragones, perhaps? Back in August a private, though unpleasant, remark to Jose Antonio Reyes about Thierry Henry found its way into the English press. Senor Aragones was castigated by all and sundry but the incident seemed to have been forgotten until the build up to the Spain v England game and an interview that Aragones gave the English press. The result was another diatribe that brought race to the forefront of the pre-match build up.



Aragones' remarks were widely reported in the Spanish as well as the English press (after all, there are 4 Spanish football papers that need to be

filled on a daily basis, so absolutely anything gets reported) and a game that neither set of players seemed to be taking very seriously suddenly became a potential powder keg. Add into the mix the right-wing Ultra Sur fans of Real Madrid and the result was the first-half monkey noises that Ashley Cole had to endure. Large sections of the stadium took up the barracking as the game progressed and substitute Shaun Wright-Phillips in particular became a target.

The worst racial barracking of England players since the game in Slovakia a couple of years ago.

So, is this common in Spanish football or was it just a one-off? I've watched loads of Spanish games on the TV and I must confess I'd never noticed any particular racial abuse before. But within a few days Real Madrid supporters targeted black players from Bayer Leverkusen in a Champions League game. That's the same Real Madrid that have Roberto Carlos and Ronaldo in their team - now, let me see, what colour are they? And for good measure a league game between Espanyol and Atletico Madrid had clearly audible monkey noises aimed at Atletico players by the fans of Espanyol, a team including one Fredson in midfield, he's a Brazilian, anybody like to guess the colour of his skin? So, maybe it's been there all along and I haven't ever noticed.

I'd heartily recommend a book by Tim Parks called 'A Season With Verona'. Tim is an Englishman who has lived in Verona for many years, supports the local team Hellas Verona and wrote a diary of the season, including loads of superb cameos of his fellow fans. And a sizeable proportion of them took great pleasure in racially abusing opposing players. It seems that Hellas fans were generally recognised as the biggest bunch of racists in the whole of Italy. At the time they'd never had a black player, right at the end of the book one signs for them and the fans immediately love him.

Thierry Henry has been the target of racial abuse on several occasions but the most recent was from supposed fans of Panathinaikos in this year's Champions League. And who's the top player for them? None other than Polish international, but Nigerian-born, Emmanuel Olisadebe.

I hope the thread of my argument is becoming clear. It might be odious but at least there is a certain perverse logic to barracking opposing black players to try and put them off their game. But what

do these racist morons think that does to the black players in their own team? Make them play better? Words fail me!

Leaving aside the Yorke and Abbey incidents I referred to at the start of this article, I genuinely believe we've moved on in England from the bad days of the 70's. Yes, a few people short on brain cells hear something from foreign crowds on the TV and think its cool to do the same here. But it is genuinely a tiny minority. But on the continent it doesn't appear to be. I'm not saying all Spanish, Italian and Greek fans are racist, of course they aren't - but they seem to have a different attitude from us about what constitutes civilised football behaviour.

I suppose you might ask what I know about it anyway; after all I'm white... So, let me try you with an analogy that runs through some of the countries I've mentioned. In Slovakia the fans abused black England players, while at the same game the police baton-charged England fans for no reason at all. In Spain the police committed serious brutality on England fans who were simply caught in a crush trying to get into the stadium. It hasn't been widely reported but it certainly happened - go to the Football Supporters Federation website and you'll see at least 70 witness statements. You'll read about women and children being systematically beaten up by Spanish police, you'll read a statement from an off-duty English policeman disgusted by his Spanish counterparts, you'll read about English police spotters having video cameras taken away from them by Spanish police as England fans were being beaten up.

Ask England supporters to name their worst away games in the last few years, and most will tell you - Slovakia or Spain. Ask black England players the same question - and I'd be pretty sure you'd get the same answer. Two different sets of people with different reasons for their answers, but both in their way victims. Maybe racist behaviour goes beyond colour after all?



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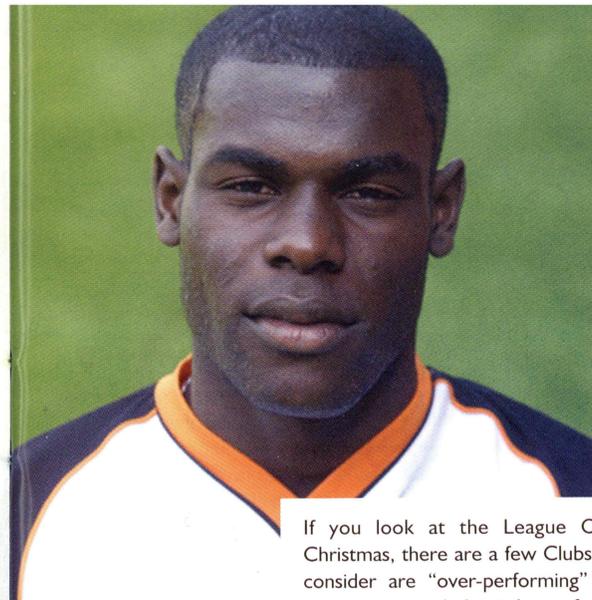
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■ ENOCH SHOWUMNI

If you look at the League One table this Christmas, there are a few Clubs that you could consider are "over-performing" based on the pre-season pooled wisdom of pundits at this level. Chesterfield are one of those Clubs, massive relegation favourites currently hovering around the play off zone. Bradford City too, a crisis Club that's just come out of a spell in Administration, few expected Colin Todd's men to be challenging at the top end and last, but not least, Luton Town.

Last season, themselves in a financial mess, The Hatters finished a creditable 10th after fleeing with the top six during the early part of 2004. New owners came in towards the end of last season, but new players haven't really materialised, indeed three of last season's stalwarts, defender Emmerson Boyce, midfielder Matt Spring and striker Adrian Forbes have all moved on, Boyce to the Premiership and Spring to the Championship, whilst the only permanent capture has been keeper Marlon Beresford, who'd had a short spell at Luton last term anyway, though striker Rowan Vine, well known at this level after long loans with Brentford and Colchester, has come in for the season from Portsmouth.

So with what appeared to be a weakening of the squad, most League One watchers felt another comfortable mid-table berth would be Luton's limit. But no-one allowed for the superb form of a crop of talented youngsters. Curtis Davies won last month's Player of the Month award for League One, the centre half had only ever started four League games before this season. Nineteen year old Stephen O'Leary has also come through into being a first choice in midfield after just three starts last term whilst Kevin Foley, 20 only last month, is now firmly established in the Hatters' engine room. Combined with Steve Howard and Ahmet Brkovic's goals, Mike Newell's men opened up with six straight victories and they've



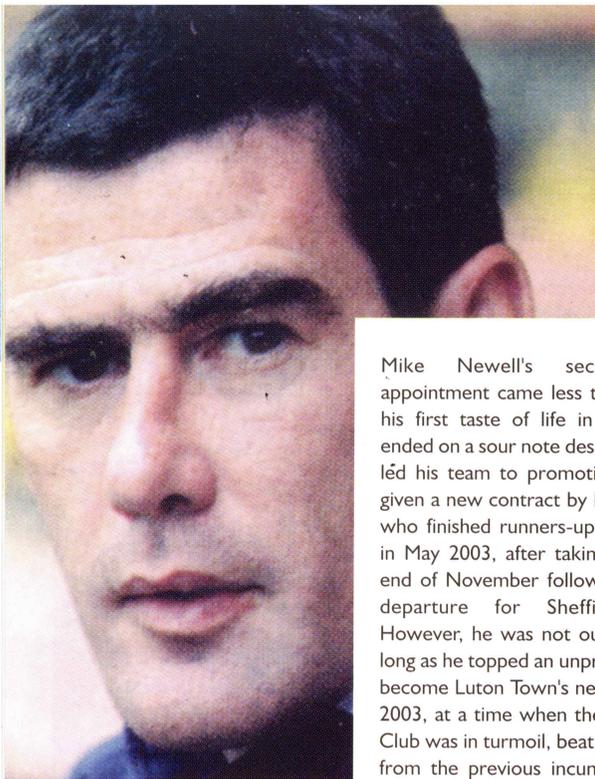
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held on to top spot ever since. Fortunately for us today, 15 goal Howard misses out, his 3rd day off after a straight red card received in a rare defeat, 2-0 at fellow front runners Brentford, though in Calvin Andrew, 18 only a week ago, they have another seemingly ready made starlet waiting in the wings, he made his first start in the 1-0 win over Port Vale in Howard's first miss.

Just about every successful side has one strand of commonality, a settled side, and Newell's first eleven has often picked itself this term, there are 11 players that have started in over two-thirds of the games this season (five are ever present) which means that there are plenty of quality performers waiting patiently on the sidelines, the subs' bench for the Vale win included raw but talented striker Enoch Showunmi, experienced ex Rochdale defender Ian Bayliss and Peter Holmes, recently returned from a cruciate ligament injury that kept him out for 8 months. Also in the squad, but rarely playing for various reasons, are ex Spurs man Ian Hillier, former Chelsea player Paul Hughes, Alan Neilson, once with Newcastle, Southampton and Fulham and former Pompey stopper Russ Perrett, so there's plenty of back up to the first choice set up. However they have recently lost a talismanic figure in Assistant Manager Mick Harford, the Luton legend has joined his former Boss Joe Kinnear at Nottingham Forest, who've been attempting to lure Steve Howard to The City Ground.

This afternoon will see us tested to the limit, The Hatters were excellent in their 1-0 win against us earlier in the season, but their last trip here showed that they're beatable, maybe even that crowd of 6285 can be topped too to make it our biggest crowd of the season to date. Let's hope so.



## MIKE NEWELL

THE HATTER'S MANAGER

### MIKE NEWELL

Mike Newell's second managerial appointment came less than a month after his first taste of life in the hot-seat had ended on a sour note despite the fact he had led his team to promotion. Mike was not given a new contract by Hartlepool United, who finished runners-up in Division Three in May 2003, after taking the helm at the end of November following Chris Turner's departure for Sheffield Wednesday. However, he was not out of the game for long as he topped an unprecedented vote to become Luton Town's new manager in June 2003, at a time when the Kenilworth Road Club was in turmoil, beating off competition from the previous incumbent Joe Kinnear and former Cheltenham and Stoke boss Steve Cotterill.

Hartlepool chairman Ken Hodcroft took something of a risk on the inexperienced Newell (39), giving him the job with the Victoria Park club placed at the top of the league at the time. The former Leicester, Everton and Blackburn striker's only previous managerial experience was at Tranmere Rovers, where he was reserve team boss, and Doncaster Rovers, where he coached before accepting the post at nearby Hartlepool.

Newell's career began with his hometown club, playing for Liverpool juniors before moving to Crewe Alexandra, where he

### KENILWORTH ROAD



would return in the twilight of his career. He only made three appearances for Crewe during his first spell, but managed to secure a move to Wigan Athletic where he established himself as a professional. He signed for Luton in 1986 and made 63 league appearances for The Hatters, scoring 18 goals before moving on to Leicester in 1987.

After two seasons with The Foxes, he returned to Merseyside to play for Everton before making the move to Blackburn where he helped take Kenny Dalglish's side into the Premier League and then to the title. Although Mike's close friend Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton became the first choice strike pairing in the championship winning season of 1994-95, Mike made a telling contribution and played regularly as a substitute.

He also set a new record in the Champions League the following season scoring the fastest ever hat-trick in the competition with his quick-fire ten-minute treble against Rosenborg. In total Newell played over 500 league games for 14 clubs in a 19-year professional career that saw him compete at every level. After leaving Blackburn he signed for Birmingham then Aberdeen - after loan spells with West Ham and Bradford - then returned to England with Crewe and played out his career at Doncaster and finally Blackpool. He also played international football for England's under-21 and 'B' teams.

Having moved into coaching and now management, Newell looks to be using the brief experience gained at Hartlepool to good effect, a top ten place last term with the Club in Administration and top of the tree this term, despite his Assistant Mick Harford disappearing to Nottingham Forest, he's certainly exceeded most pundits' expectations having barely being able to bring in any new players during his tenure whilst quality acts like Spring, Boyce and Forbes have all moved on.

Player	Pos	Age	Previous Clubs	Comments
Marlon <b>BERESFORD</b>	GK	35	Sheffield Wed., Bury (L), Ipswich Town (L), Northampton Town (L), Crewe Alex. (L), Burnley, Middlesbrough, Wolves (L), York City, Bradford City, Luton Town, Barnsley	Much travelled keeper signed to give stability to a position that's been problematical in recent seasons
Dino <b>SEREMET</b>	GK		NK Maribor	Summer capture after he'd had a trial at Oldham Athletic. Has played several games this season
Kevin <b>FOLEY</b>	Def	20	None	Full back or midfielder, Republic of Ireland U21 International and three times Hatters' Young Player of the Year
Alan <b>NEILSON</b>	Def	32	Newcastle United, Southampton, Fulham, Grimsby Town (L)	Welsh International who's hardly had a look in this season
Russ <b>PERRETT</b>	Def	31	Lymington, Portsmouth, Cardiff City	Centre Half who's had a bad run of injuries. Yet to start this season
Chris <b>COYNE</b>	Def	26	Perth, West Ham United, Brentford (L), Southend Utd (L), Dundee	Ever present centre half who's an Australian U23 International. Born Brisbane
Curtis <b>DAVIES</b>	Def	19	None	Just a handful of games last term but ever present and superb this season alongside Coyne at centre half. Quick and with great anticipation, he looks a star in the making
Dave <b>BAYLISS</b>	Def	28	Rochdale	Not really broken into the regular first team in his 3 years at Luton mainly due to a bad run of injuries
Ian <b>HILLIER</b>	Def	25	Tottenham Hotspur	Welsh U21 International who celebrates his birthday today. Yet to start this season
Sol <b>DAVIS</b>	Def	25	Swindon Town	Cost £600,000 just over two years ago, he's a tenacious left back with a desire to get forward
Paul <b>UNDERWOOD</b>	MF	31	Kingstonian, Molesey, Sutton Utd, Carsholton Athletic, Enfield, Rushden & Diamonds	Signed on deadline day last season but injury restricted him to 1 game. Ever present on the left of midfield this term
Paul <b>HUGHES</b>	MF	28	Chelsea, Stockport County (L), Norwich City (L), Crewe Alex. (L), Southampton	Another injury hit ex top flighter. Has been at Luton for over 3 years but has not made a mark this season
Kevin <b>NICHOLLS</b>	MF	25	Charlton Athletic, Brighton (L), Wigan Athletic	Tall central midfielder now in his 4th season at Kenilworth Road. Captain of the side
Steve <b>ROBINSON</b>	MF	30	Tottenham Hotspur, Leyton Orient (L), Bournemouth, Preston North End, Bristol City (L)	Northern Ireland International who cost Preston £375,000 when bought from Bournemouth in 2000. Right sided midfielder
Steven <b>O'LEARY</b>	MF	19	None	Fast and direct, Steve had a few games last season in midfield and has started around half of the games this term
Lee <b>MANSELL</b>	MF	22	None	Yet to start a League game this term after appearing 16 times last season. Versatile midfielder
Ahmet <b>BRKOVIC</b>	MF	30	HNK Dubrovnik, Leyton Orient	Is enjoying his best ever season in front of goal having already reached double figures. Raiding wide midfielder
Keith <b>KEANE</b>	MF	18	None	Midfielder or full back who had several run outs last season and has continued to be a valuable squad member this season
Pater <b>HOLMES</b>	MF	24	Sheffield Wednesday	Just returned after a cruciate ligament injury, a central or right sided midfielder from the North East
Enoch <b>SHOWUNMI</b>	For	22	Willesden Constantine	Tall, pacy striker mainly employed as a sub this season after a great debut campaign last term
Steve <b>HOWARD</b>	For	28	Tow Law Town, Hartlepool Utd, Northampton Town	Suspended today, Steve is Luton's leading scorer (15 goals), he's bagged 78 at better than 1 in 2 in the League for Luton
Calvin <b>ANDREW</b>	For	18	None	Was 18 just a week ago, made his first start in the recent win over Port Vale when Howard was suspended
Rowan <b>VINE</b>	For	22	Portsmouth, Brentford (L), Colchester Utd (L)	On a season's long loan, his third such arrangement in this Division. Scored the winner against us earlier this season

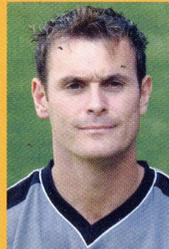
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## THE FOUR TO WATCH

### KEEPER

MARLON BERESFORD



Lincoln born keeper who started at Sheffield Wednesday, had a number of loan spells, two long stays at Northampton Town in particular, before a £95,000 fee took him to Burnley and, almost 300 games later, a £500,000 fee took him to Middlesbrough, though his four years there spawned only 13 appearances and two more loan spells, one each at both of his former two permanent employers. York, Burnley again and Bradford City before a short spell at Luton Town last season, when he started 17 games and made an impression because, after a few months with Barnsley, he returned back to Kenilworth Road and, injuries apart, has been first choice this season with Dino Seremet and on loan Simon Royce stepping in when required. A commanding figure between the posts, he gives confidence and experience to those in front of him.

### CREATOR

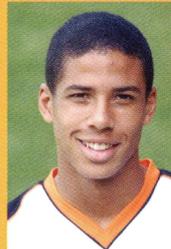
AHMET BRKOVIC



Dubrovnik born ex Leyton Orient midfielder and occasional striker, Ahmet has already reached double figures in his goal tally this season, last term he scored just once all season and in five years in England before the start of this season, he'd bagged just 21 goals in his first team matches, so this term's tally is clearly his best ever. Aged 30, he can play wide or centrally in midfield, this term he's tended to play down the right with Paul Underwood on the left. Was with HNK Dubrovnik in Croatia before moving to this Country. At just 5'7" he's a compact player but is very quick and very strong with a fierce shot and an eye for the spectacular.

### STOPPER

CURTIS DAVIES



The discovery of the season for Luton Town and, arguably, League One as a whole. Only 19 years old, this tall, slender centre half had, at the end of last season, started only four first team games and come on as a sub in 3 others. His four starts were somewhat inauspicious, The Hatters failed to win any of them and, at Hartlepool, Luton lost 4-3, so it wasn't the greatest start for the youngster. However, he was selected for the opening game of the season at home to Oldham Athletic alongside Aussie Chris Coyne and since then, the pair has featured together in every League game and, along with Chesterfield, can boast about being the defensive misers of the section. His height, anticipation and pace makes him an ideal centre half, his performance against us earlier this season was awesome and last month he was voted League One's Player of the Month.

### HOTSHOT

ROWAN VINE



With Steve Howard suspended today, the main striker's mantle will fall to his ever present partner, 22 year old Rowan Vine. A Portsmouth player, he's graced our Division for the last two seasons, he was on loan at Brentford for the whole of 2002-03 and last season he was at Colchester for the duration. He's due to stay at Kenilworth Road for the whole of this campaign. He's made three starts for Pompey plus 10 sub appearances, but in his lower league times, he's not missed a game this season and he was a regular in each of the last two campaigns, scoring 13 goals for The Bees and 12 for Colchester, where he often operated as a wide midfielder. Scored the goal that beat us at Luton earlier this term, he seemed to bundle over Alan O'Hare in the process, showing his strength as well as pace and eye for goal.

## FORM GUIDE

The holiday season means this report is written before Luton's visit to Bristol City last weekend, but prior to that the table toppers had beaten Port Vale at home, a late goal from Ahmet Brkovic clinching the points. That followed a 2-0 loss at Brentford during which, Steve Howard was red carded, causing him to miss today. Seven games prior to that saw six wins and a draw as The Hatters returned to the sort of early season form that had them running away at the top of the table. Away from home, they've won at Swindon Town, Barnsley, Blackpool, Stockport County, Southend United (FA Cup), Milton Keynes Dons and Wycombe Wanderers (FA Cup). On four occasions they've scored four or more goals, 4-3 at Barnsley, 4-0 at home to Bradford City, 5-1 against Wrexham at Kenilworth Road and MK Dons were trounced 4-1 at the National Hockey Stadium last month.

Their 10 match run is: **WLWDWWWLL**.

## INS & OUTS

Manager Mike Newell has seen relatively few changes since his side visited Saltergate on the last day of last season in what was, for us, a memorable game. Keeper **MARLON BERESFORD**, who was a Luton player briefly last season, rejoined from Barnsley in the summer, the only permanent signing since that day in May. Star defender **EMMERSON BOYCE** has moved on though, to Premiership Crystal Palace, Championship side Leeds United snapped up talented midfielder **MATT SPRING** whilst nippy striker **ADRIAN FORBES** is looking to step back up to this level with League Two hopefuls Swansea City. Been and gone back from loan spells have been Blackpool's **MATT BLINKHORN**, Coventry's **GARY McSHEFFREY**, who was a revelation at Luton last term whilst on loan, and Charlton keeper **SIMON ROYCE**. **ROWAN VINE** (Portsmouth) is here on loan for the season. Free transfers at the end of last term included keeper **MORTEN HYLDGAARD** and striker **MATTHEW JUDGE**.

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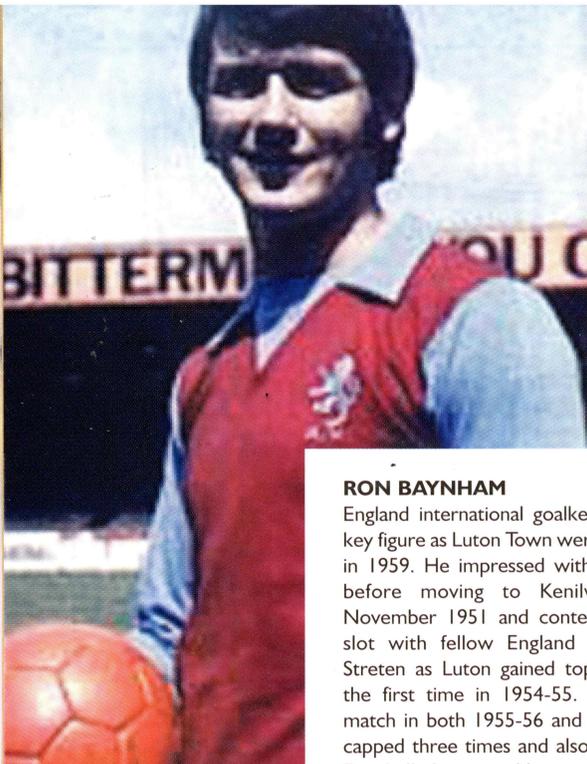
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## DREAM TEAM

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 Streten 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.

### 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. 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.

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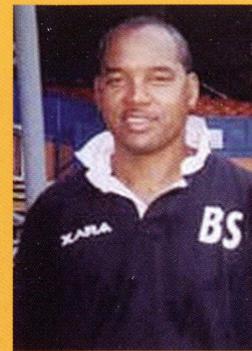
Influential midfielder who was capped 24 times by Scotland after leaving Luton Town. Signing professional for Luton in September 1964, he starred in the 1967-68 Fourth Division title triumph and netted 46 goals in 149 League games prior to joining Aston Villa for £100,000 in July 1969. He was a key figure in their 1971-72 Third Division title success and moved to Derby County in February 1974, helping to win the League 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

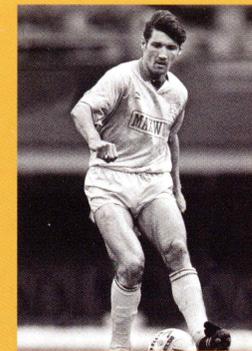
Long-serving England international centre-half who skippered Luton Town in the 1959 FA Cup final. Signing professional for Birmingham City in October 1945, he moved to Luton in June 1947 and starred in their 1951-52 FA Cup run, 1952-53 promotion near-miss and 1954-55 promotion success. He was 'Footballer 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

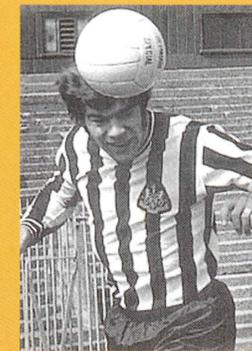
Northern Ireland international central defender who gained a club record 58 caps while at Luton Town. He moved to Kenilworth Road from Larne in June 1978 and was ever-present as Luton won the Second Division title in 1981-82 and were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85. Voted 'Player of the Year' in 1985-86, 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.



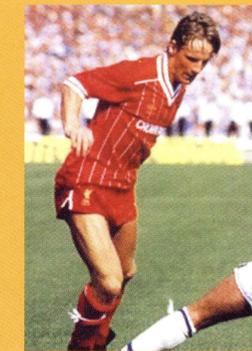
BRIAN STIEN



MICK HARFORD



MALCOLM MacDONALD



PAUL WALSH

### 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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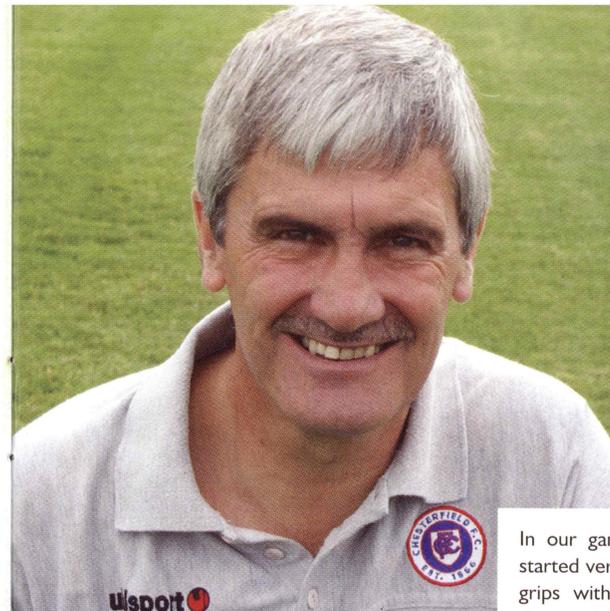
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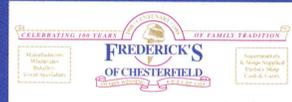
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## YOUTH UPDATE

WITH DAVE BENTLEY

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH:



### YOUTH ALLIANCE FIXTURES

#### 2004-2005

#### AUGUST

Sat 14	WREXHAM	3-3
Sat 21	Rotherham Utd	1-2

#### SEPTEMBER

Sat 4	CHESTER CITY	12.00
Wed 8	WEST BROM (MYC)	3-3 (lost 4-3 on penalties)

Sat 11	MACCLESFIELD T.	11.00
Sat 25	MANSFIELD TOWN	11.00

#### OCTOBER

Sat 2	SCUNTHORPE UTD	5-5
	CUP R1 (Won 5-4 Pens)	
Sat 9	Shrewsbury Town	5-0
Sat 16	NOTTS COUNTY	4-4
Sat 23	Port Vale	1-1
Sat 30	Macclesfield Town	3-1

#### NOVEMBER

Mon 8	THACKLEY (FAYC)	1-2
Sat 13	Mansfield Town	0-1
Sat 20	SHREWSBURY T.	11.00
Sat 27	Rochdale (FAYC)	2-1

#### DECEMBER

Sat 4	Notts. County	3-0
Sat 11	PORT VALE	2-0
Sat 18	Wrexham	5-1
		12.00

#### JANUARY

Sat 15	ROTHERHAM UTD	11.00
Sat 22	Chester City	12.00
Sat 29	CUP R3	

In our game against Port Vale we started very brightly and soon got to grips with the game. Our closing down of the ball was magnificent from the front two right through the team and to the boys credit we kept the ball very well and were well in control of the game.

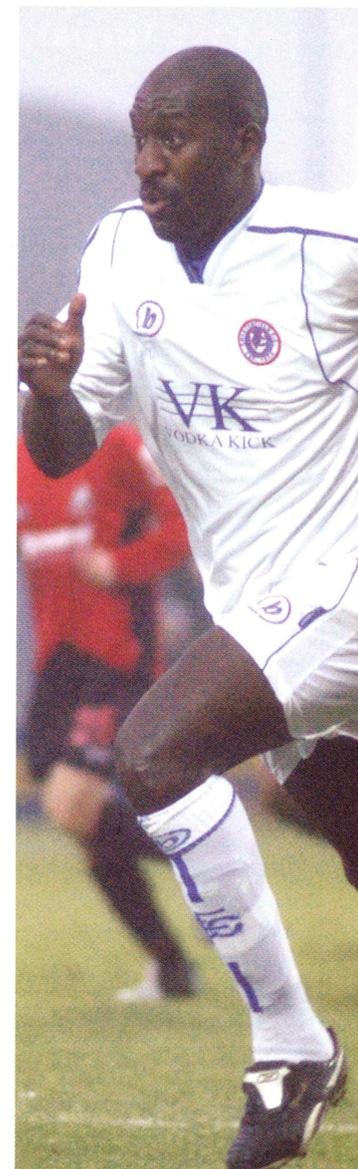
The only blot on our first half performance was that we failed to score after having numerous chances to go in front.

Donnelly finally put us in front on 56 minutes and we continued to press the Port Vale defence but missed a number of chances to increase our lead.

After some fine football we scored again when Wiggins-Thomas fired home on 74 minutes. Dinnigan then made his mark with a brilliant save from point blank range to deny the Port Vale striker then at the other end Thorpe was denied by a great save from the Vale keeper.

Overall this was our best all round performance for 90 minutes this season, a great effort by the boys.

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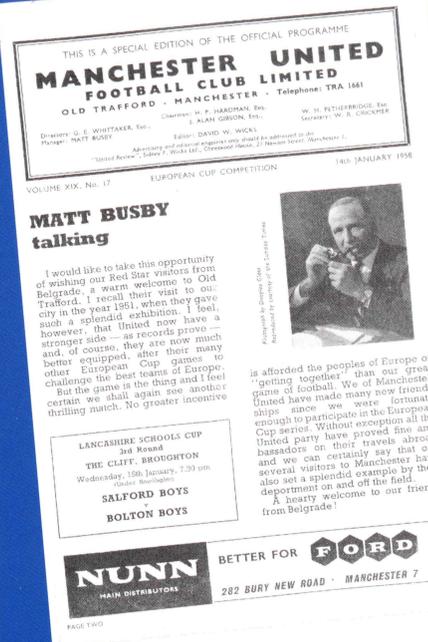
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Those invariably shied away from controversy. Criticism of officials and opponents was considered to be bad form. Indeed criticism was rarely levelled at anyone; defeats were either attributed to an 'off day' or due credit was given to the victorious opponents. Rather than censure, credit was given where it was due.

Grammar was correct and uncomplicated, and a testament to the foundations laid by old fashioned education in this country. The tenor of the official account of recent happenings at the club emphasised that everyone was, principally, involved in a sport, in which defeats were taken plegmatically, and the attributes of

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### OFFICIAL UTTERANCES

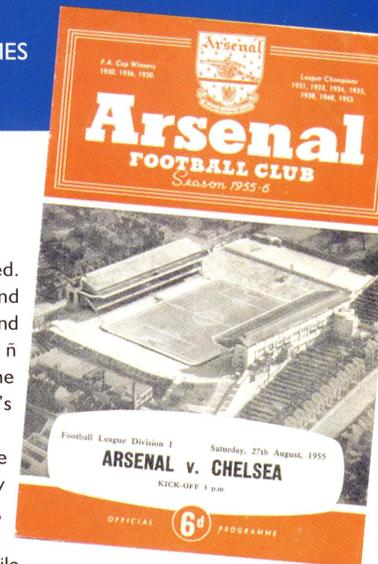
opponents were respected. Football was regarded first and foremost as a sporting activity, and finances were rarely mentioned in contrast that with the concentration on the game's £millions today.

Sensationalism, of the type associated with Ken Bates' weekly utterings as Chelsea Chairman, and the more lurid of managers' pieces, was entirely absent. While Chairmen were given their place at the head of the list of club officials, there was no platform for their controversial views, nor any prospect of their photograph appearing in the programme.

As with so many aspects of football, one need venture no further than Highbury for the best example of programme editorials. 'Voice of Arsenal', for many decades, was an authoritative, generous and highly polished script which set the tone of the club and the day's fixture. Take, for example, Arsenal's programme of 27th August 1955, for the visit of London rivals Chelsea.

"It is a great pleasure today to welcome our friends from Stamford Bridge the reigning League Champions and share with them the gratification everyone at Chelsea must feel at achieving this honour for the first time in their history and at such a propitious time in the year of the club's Golden Jubilee.

"So many times have they come near to one of the major honours



Arsenal v champions Chelsea, August 1955.

yet through bad luck or unfortunate incident they had been robbed of the ultimate success. The winning of the Division I contest was therefore, most appropriate in the club's fiftieth year of existence."

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Derbyshire County Council's cabinet member for public protection and transport Councillor Walter Burrows said "A drink-drive crash is no accident. As road users we have to take responsibility for our choices by making the decision not to mix drinking and driving and by exercising our right to safety as passengers by not getting into a car with someone who has had a drink."

"The festive period is a time for enjoying ourselves but drinking and driving should not be a part of that."

Radio adverts will run on High Peak radio, Peak and Ram FM, while posters which carry the message 'Don't Drink and Drive' have been distributed to pubs, clubs, workplaces, councils and libraries across the county. The posters also carry the police's 24 hour hotline number for people to call when they suspect they have spotted a drink driver. Bus back posters will also be displayed countywide on the Trent and Stagecoach fleets, they carry the message 'Make it just the None this Christmas'.

Although drinking and riving is less sociably acceptable then it used to be temptation is greater during the Christmas and New Year period when a drink at the pub, office Christmas meal or a party can seem like not such a bad idea. But even a small amount of alcohol can affect your driving.

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# Chesterfield v Luton



When Scored		How & Where Goals Scored		When Scored	
12 10 8 6 4 2 0	<b>For</b>	Shots 12 Headers 9 Volleys 4 Penalties 3 Free Kicks 0 Own Goals 0		Shots 21 Headers 14 Volleys 4 Penalties 1 Free Kicks 1 Own Goals 1	12 10 8 6 4 2 0
0 2 4 6 8 10 12	<b>Against</b>	Shots on Target 118 Goals Scored 28 % of Shots Scored 23.7		Shots on Target 151 Goals Scored 42 % of Shots Scored 27.8	12 10 8 6 4 2 0

Discipline		Top Scorers in each Category		Discipline	
Red Cards 3	4 players	Headed goals 8	Howard	Red Cards 2	
Yellow Cards 32	Clingan	Long range shots 2	Nicholls	Yellow Cards 37	
Fouls Committed 288	Folan	Inside 6 yards 7	Howard	Fouls Committed 323	
Average per Game 13.09	N'Toya-Zoa	Shots from 6-18 yards 5	Brkovic	Average per Game 14.68	
Conceded from Free Kick 1	4 players	Volleyed shots 2	Brkovic	Conceded from Free Kick 5	
Fouls Suffered 308	Nicholson	Penalties 1	Nicholls	Fouls Suffered 291	
Average per Game 14	N'Toya-Zoa	Scored 1st Goal in match 3	Nicholls, Vine	Average per Game 13.23	
Scored from Free Kick 5	Folan	Most goals in last 10 2	Brkovic	Scored from Free Kick 5	
Caught Offside 89	N'Toya-Zoa	Points gained from goals 11.85	Howard	Caught Offside 137	
Average per Game 4.05				Average per Game 6.23	

Last 6 & Swings		Seasonal Progress Comparison		Last 6 & Swings	
Opponents	H/A Score			Opponents	H/A Score
Torquay	H 1-1			Bristol City	A 2-1
Peterborough	A 2-1			Port Vale	H 1-0
Oldham	A 1-4			Brentford	A 0-2
Swindon	H 1-0			Doncaster	H 1-1
Bournemouth	A 0-0			MK Dons	A 4-1
Blackpool	H 1-0			Wrexham	H 5-1
Won when Behind: 1				Won when Behind: 3	
Drawn when Behind: 3				Drawn when Behind: 1	
Drawn when Ahead: 2				Drawn when Ahead: 1	
Lost when Ahead: 0				Lost when Ahead: 0	

Luton's Last 10 Years		Top Scorers	
Games Played 574		TS Marshall	75
Won 206		GLS 11	70
Drawn 159		ATT 7,350	40
Lost 209			28
Goals Scored 774			26
Goals Conceded 763			25
Points Total 777			21
Biggest Win 6-0 Crewe 96/97			19
Heaviest Defeat 0-5 Bristol City 96/97			18
0-5 Stoke 95/96			18
0-5 Grimsby 94/95			18
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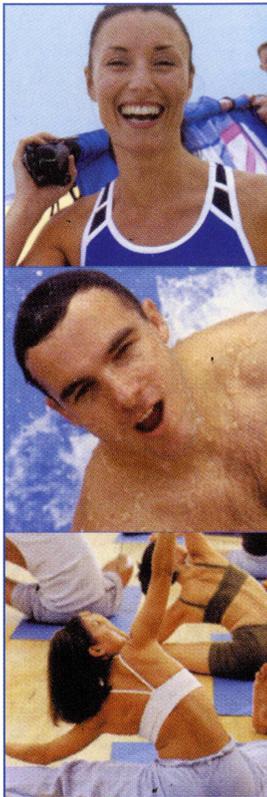
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## CFSS NEWS WITH PHIL TOOLEY



### A LOOK BACK AT 2004

The last year will be remembered above all for a moment a couple of minutes before the end of the Luton Town fixture here at Saltergate, appropriately our opposition here for this festive fixture. When Glynn Hurst scored to lift us from the drop zone to the relative comfort of 20th place and a place in League One for 2004-05, a well of emotion came over us all, an emotion made even better by the fantastic way the Hatters' fans enhanced our joy by enjoying our achievement. On behalf of all CFSS members and Chesterfield fans, we wrote a letter to Luton Town FC and the local Bedfordshire press praising the actions of the travelling supporters. You're more than welcome here today and anytime and, congratulations on your teams' achievements so far this season.

■ (above)  
CFSS Face  
Painting  
from the  
Summers  
Gala Day

Tcham N'Toya, whilst Adam Smith is still just 19. Sammy Clingan, on loan from Wolves, isn't 21 until next month, the age that Andy Richmond is, so ten of our number have still got a lifetime ahead of them. All credit to those lads and to Roy and Rico for bringing them in and improving their games.

We've had some terrific times this season, the defeat to victory match at Bradford City, the exhibition in the fog against Stockport County, our battling display at Hillsborough and the last gasp winner at home to Blackpool, all superb memories. We've enjoyed silky skills from Jamal Campbell-Ryce, but have picked up good points since he signed for Rotherham United, whilst golden-oldies like Muggleton, Blatherwick, Nicholson and Allison have brought the right amount of experience to balance the exuberance of the youngsters.

Hub Community strategy rolls on, slowly but surely. And we're picking up points on the park!

Football's all about what happens for 90 minutes after kick off time, but here at Chesterfield, it's about much more than that. It's about transparency, openness and you, the supporters, knowing that every penny spent is a penny that's well used.

We're at the start of something special here, let's vow to keep it that way in 2005 even if the results don't reach our now elevated aspirations.

**Happy Christmas  
From all at CFSS**



Hursty moved on of course, as did crowd favourite Chris Brandon amongst others, but the lads who stayed on, and those who've subsequently come in, have given a new pride to the shirt. Rarely can our first team squad have contained so much youth and enthusiasm. Alan O'Hare and Caleb Folan are still only 22, At 21 years of age we have Alex Bailey, Derek Niven, Mark De Bolla, Gareth Davies and

Off the field, times have been good too. Financially, though still far too much in debt (around £1.5m), the Club Board has steered the supporters' ship well and we're one of the most envied Club's in the Country now, owning our ground, controlling our costs and managing our debt. Our crowds are up on last season and up on expectations, long may that continue. Social events like

the Dinner's with Frank Worthington and Jeff Winter (left) have been hugely enjoyable, the August

Gala Day here at Saltergate was a massive success and our Club's The



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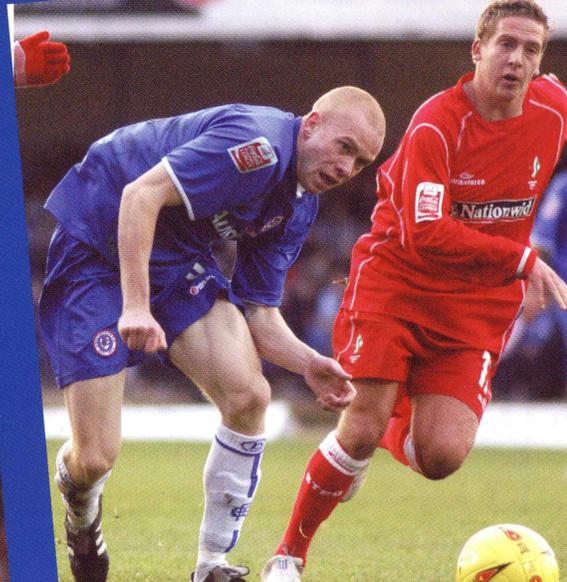
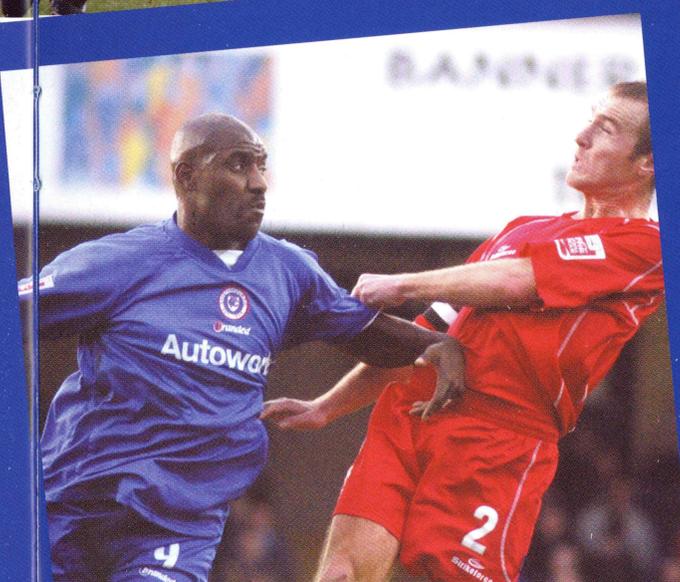
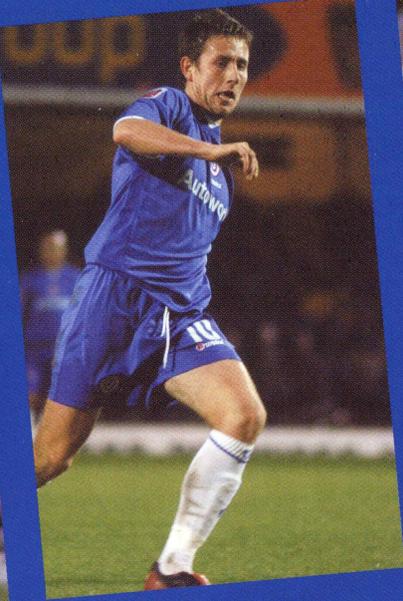
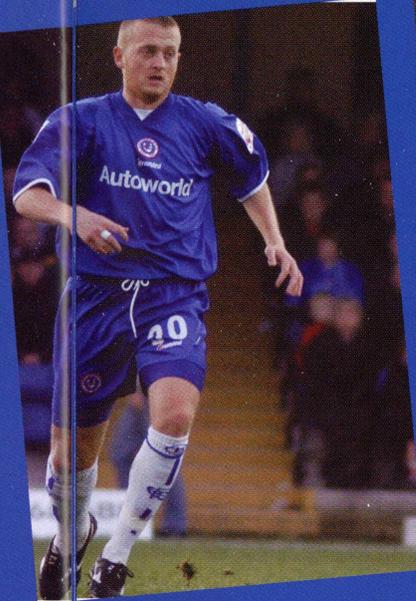
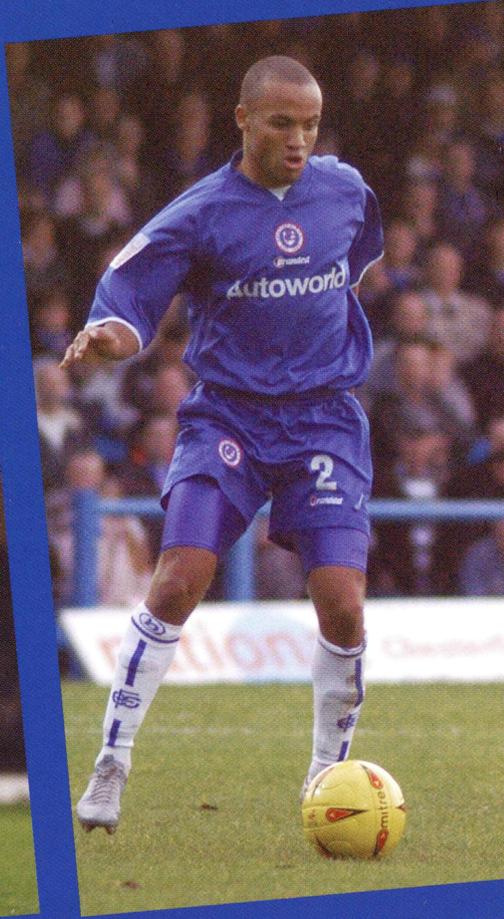
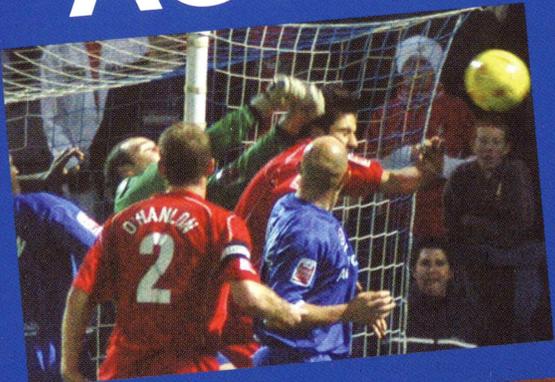
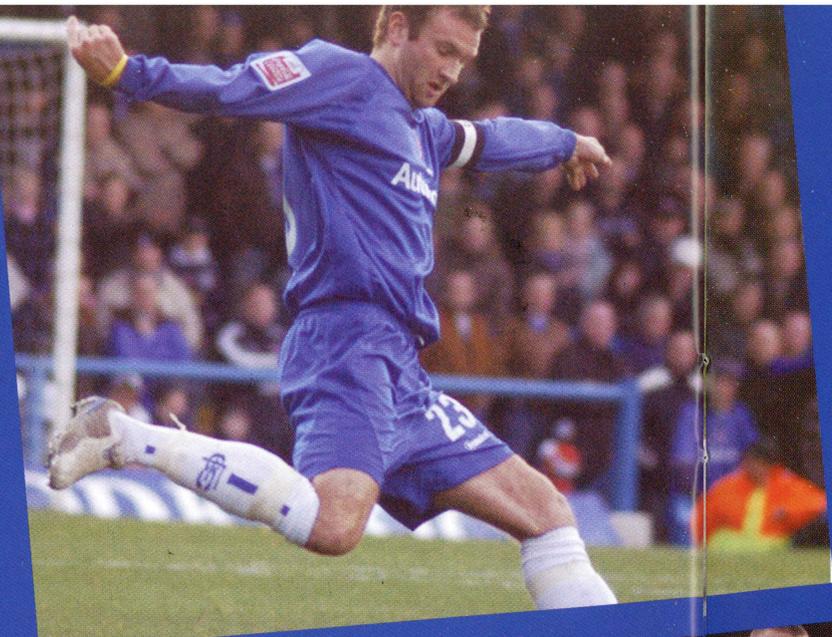
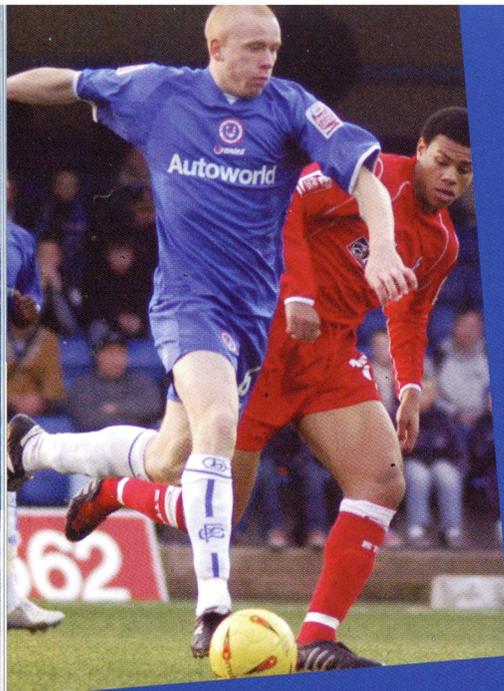
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## LEE ROGERS



"Nobby" Rogers joined the Spireites in August 1986, an era of great struggle against financial restrictions. He had seen service on non-contract terms at Doncaster and wasn't expected to hang around, but he stayed to enjoy a long and distinguished career, contributing much to the club's recent upturn in fortunes.

He usually featured in either full-back berth, but also forged a memorable centre-half pairing with Tony Brien. There were few frills to his game, but he was a versatile, unselfish and completely reliable player, whose consistent, solid play shone like a beacon. He was also instantly recognisable, since he would always nervously fiddle with his shorts, as if, in twelve years, the club were unable to find a pair that quite fitted him!

Lee was calm and undemonstrative on the pitch, for the most part - a notable exception being when he crashed a shot into a Lincoln net to record his only senior goal for Chesterfield. After that, he developed a taste for the occasional long-range pot at goal but, typically, never did this to the detriment of a better attacking opportunity.

In 392 first-team appearances he maintained an excellent disciplinary record, becoming a great credit to the club. Lee capped a successful testimonial season with a friendly against Nottingham Forest in August '96, but became somewhat prone to injury as his first-class career drew to a close: in his final season, 1997-8, he was able to make just two full appearances. It was with sadness, then, but not surprise, that Nobby's release was announced in May, '98. Peculiarly, Nobby spent most of his last first-team game at Saltergate in the nets, after injury to Billy Mercer.

Lee tried to stay in the game after retiring: he applied for the position of Community Officer at Chesterfield but lost out to Nicky Law for that, before signing for Gainsborough. Short spells at Grantham and Barrow followed before he hung up his boots. After working as a meter reader and running his own car sales business, Lee has become a community police officer, based in Goldthorpe, in his native Doncaster area.

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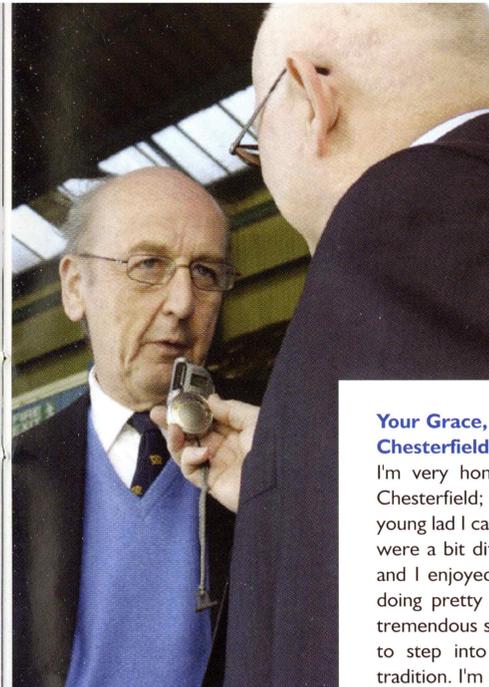
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## CLUB PRESIDENT: THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE

INTERVIEW BY GEOFF MITCHELL

### Your Grace, you are the new President of Chesterfield FC: how does that feel?

I'm very honoured. I have been coming to Chesterfield; not much lately, but when I was a young lad I came, in the early '50s, when things were a bit different from what they are now, and I enjoyed it then. I'm glad to see they're doing pretty well this year. My father was a tremendous supporter of the club and I hope to step into his shoes and follow on that tradition. I'm delighted to be here!

### As President, what will you add to the club?

I will do what I'm asked, whenever I possibly can. It's exciting to see the improvements that are going on and with all sorts of possible excitements in the future we should have a bit of fun, I think.

### Your family has been connected with Chesterfield for a very long time?

Chatsworth is not so far from Saltergate! We've had a long connection with the club and I know it will continue, since my son is a keen football supporter.

### Tell us a little more about watching us when you were younger?

It's funny to think of it now - I used to come with a chauffeur, since I was far too young to drive myself, and we used to stand on the Kop end, he in his chauffeur's uniform. Nobody seemed to bother about that! I've been a few times more recently, when I've been lucky enough to be invited. This is the first time I've been for a few years, though, and I'm most impressed by the improvements.

### They do say that you are likely to stick with your first team for the rest of your life?

That's certainly the case, as far as I'm concerned: I've always been a Chesterfield Football Club supporter, and I always will be.

*His Grace pictured with Chairman Barrie Hubbard and Manager Roy McFarland*



### The sad loss of your father coincided with our last match of last season.

Yes, that's right, and it was a wonderful gesture by the club at a pretty important game to have a minute's silence; all my family were touched by that, and we were honoured that that should have happened.

### You are involved in sport, but not football?

Horse racing is my principal occupation in sport, and I'm Chairman of Ascot Racecourse. We've knocked that down and have to build a new one in time for the Royal Meeting in 2006! I'm not that involved in football but you couldn't live in England and not be aware of it! I'm hearing about Chesterfield's plans for a new stadium and I'm excited by it. You've done a remarkable job with the facilities you've got but with better facilities the position would be even stronger.

### Your father was very supportive in our hour of need?

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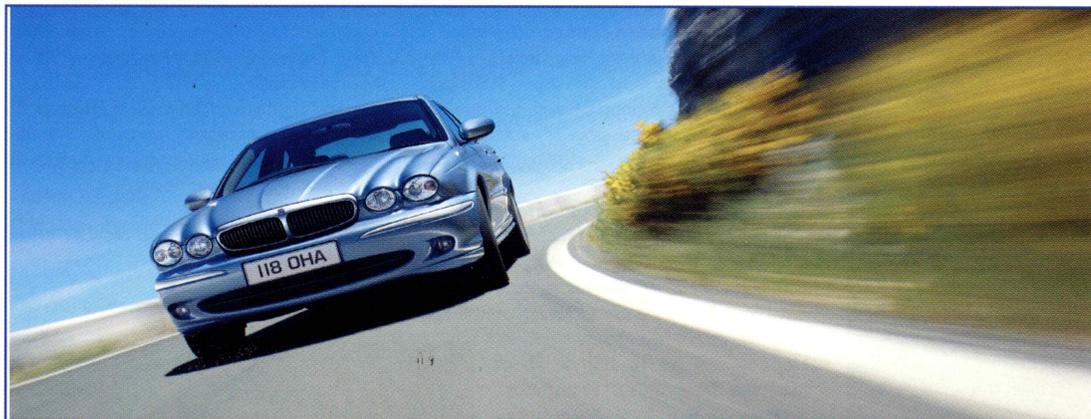
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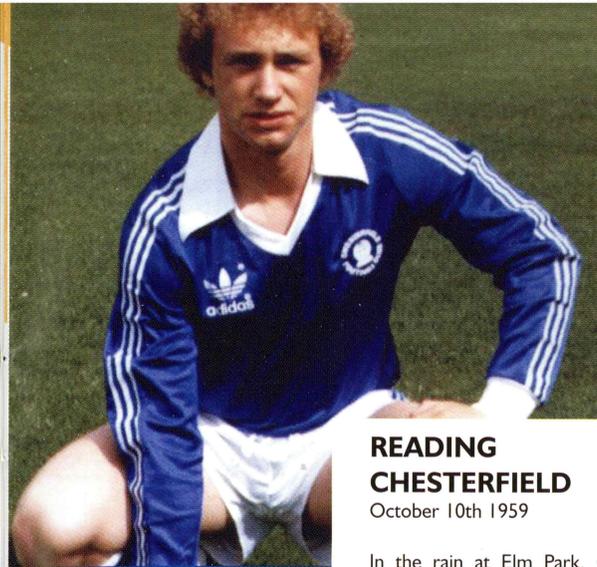
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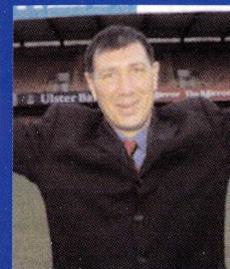
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In the rain at Elm Park, Chesterfield scored three goals away from home, which should have been good enough, at least for a point. Unfortunately they conceded six and it could have been more.

Many managers would have been ecstatic after this resounding victory. Arthur Cox, the Spireites manager was very cautious saying we had threatened to do this several times. "Today the ball went in instead of just wide". Chesterfield were a goal down in three minutes when Kearns scored for the Royals. Walker equalized in eight minutes. Spireites took the lead in 21 minutes when Sanchez lofted the ball into his own net.

■ **ALAN BIRCH**



■ **LAWRIE SANCHEZ**  
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■ **GEOFF SALMONS**

After 13 minutes Smethurst, in attempting to punch away a Wheeler corner, made a half contact and the ball found its way into the Spireites goal. On 38 minutes, from a 30 yard free - kick, Reeves score. Maddison reduced the Royals lead heading home a Whitehurst centre.

Just after the break Moss added to the score with a header from a Birch cross.

The second half opened with three goals in five minutes. Evans for Reading, Lewis headed in for the Spireites and Wheeler for the Royals. Now 4 -2 to Reading , but it came as no surprise when Reading scored again through Evans, (his second) and then Wheeler scored his third. One minute from time Maddison scored for the Spireites to make the score 6 -3.

In the 58th minute Birch, always a handful for any defence, put the Blues further ahead. The experienced Salmons netted in the 66th minute. Still on the rampage Moss headed home his second in the 80th minute. From a free - kick Salmons scored his second and the Spireites seventh.

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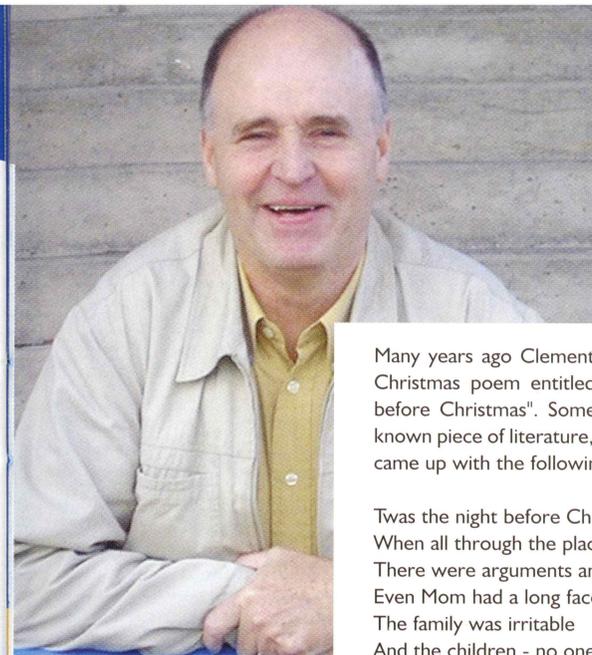


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# DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

BY JIM McGLADE



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Twas the night before Christmas  
 When all through the place  
 There were arguments and depression  
 Even Mom had a long face.  
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 And the children - no one could please  
 Because the instructions for the swing set  
 Were written in Chinese.  
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 Returning things that fizzed and failed  
 And the shoppers were discouraged  
 Because everything they bought was now on  
 half price sale  
 Twas the day AFTER Christmas

The spirit of joy disappeared  
 The only hope on the horizon  
 Was football games in the New Year.

I still enjoy the event in history when we celebrate the birth of Christ, but after the 25th of December when the new toys are packed away and the tree dries up, remember the true message of Christmas never fades or disappoints "For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord".

A Happy Christmas to you all and top of the table New Year for the Spireites.

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WITH JAMIE HEWITT



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As far as major injuries this season we have only had two long term injuries, first and most serious was to Kevin Dawson. Everything was going well for Kevin in pre season, playing in most of the pre season friendlies and not missing a days training. Kev was looking fit and sharp to start the new season until a bad injury in a normal training session. As he went to cross a ball felt a sharp pain at the top of his thigh. After a good rehab program Kev was feeling fit and well and went back into light training only to feel his thigh again. After this he was sent to a specialist for a MRI Scan. This revealed that Kev had pulled the muscle away from the bone were it is attached to the

top of the thigh. After some rehab and a lot of hard work on Kevin's part, he has now been back in training for a few weeks completing one reserve match with no more problems. Hopefully he will now continue to progress and be back fighting for a first team place very soon.

The only other major injury was to Caleb Folan who had a Hernia operation in September. This had been niggling Caleb for some time and the decision was taken to have the operation as soon as possible. Caleb made a great recovery from the surgery and was back in training within three weeks.

The only other real problem was Derek Niven who has had a recurring ankle injury.

Derek has worked very hard to strengthen this and hopefully this will see him through the rest of the season with no further problems.

Derek works on his ankle every day along with Mark DeBolla and Alan O'Hare as the try and keep their ankles strong and help to prevent injury.

As we now go into the New Year lets hope all the squad stay fit and we keep up the good form that we have shown this season.

Finally I would just like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

**Jamie**



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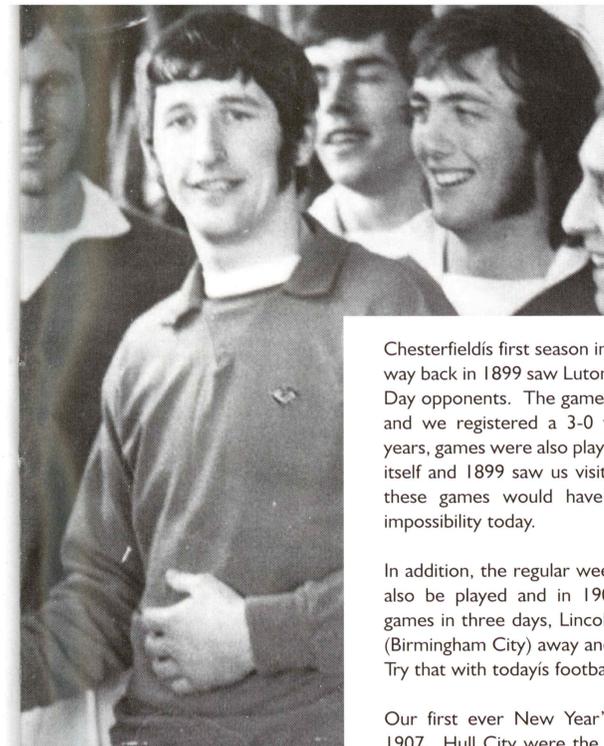
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## CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

WITH ALAN WALTERS



■ JIM BROWN

Chesterfield's first season in the Football League way back in 1899 saw Luton Town as our Boxing Day opponents. The game was played at Luton and we registered a 3-0 victory. For many years, games were also played on Christmas Day itself and 1899 saw us visit Grimsby. Travel to these games would have been by train, an impossibility today.

In addition, the regular weekend fixtures would also be played and in 1902 we played three games in three days, Lincoln away, Small Heath (Birmingham City) away and Small Heath home. Try that with today's football stars!!

Our first ever New Year's Day game was in 1907. Hull City were the visitors to Saltergate and we recorded a 3-1 victory.

Of those early Christmas-time opponents, only New Brighton Tower no longer feature in the Football League. Although they finished fourth in the 1900-01 season, they did not re-appear the following season. Our own venture with League football ceased in 1909 when sadly we were not re-elected.

Our next adventure with League football began in 1921 when we became founder members of the Third Division North. In that first season, our Christmas-time opponents were Ashington away and Grimsby both home and away. Other

opponents that no longer feature in the League but were Christmas-time opponents include Bradford Park Avenue, Nelson, Southport, South Shields and Barrow.

When League Football resumed in 1946 we were then in Division 2 (now the Championship) and our Christmas opponents were Millwall, home on Christmas Day and away on Boxing Day - not much Christmas pud for the players then! Our New Year's Day game that season saw another local derby at Saltergate-Plymouth Argyle. Both home games attracted over 20,000 fans. At the end of that season which was badly disrupted by the big freeze of 1947, we played our last home game on June 7th.

Twice in the next three seasons, Spurs were our opponents over the Christmas holidays and in 1949, over 51,000 spectators clicked through the turnstiles as Spurs' visit was followed by Sheffield Wednesday. Just two seasons later, our Christmas opponents were Chester City following our relegation to Division 3 North.

The last Christmas Day game played by Chesterfield was at Oldham in 1957 when we lost 2-1. No change there then! However, we did win the return Boxing Day encounter by the same score at Saltergate.

On Boxing Day in 1967, Workington were the visitors and the attendance was an exceptional 16,663, the score being a nil-nil draw.

Four days later, 2,200 hardy souls saw us lose 3-1 to the Cumbrians on their home turf, Borough Park.

In 1985, just 2,631 fans attended the Division 3 home game against Lincoln City, whereas five years earlier, Barnsley were the visitors on Boxing Day and 17,169 people crowded into Saltergate, an attendance that has never been bettered since.

In 1972, we visited Blackburn Rovers on Boxing Day and won 2-1. Making his debut that day was the young Jim Brown who had been signed a few days earlier from Albion Rovers. However, the forms registering Jim's transfer as a Chesterfield player were delayed in the Christmas post (no fax machines in those days, eh Jim?) and the League ordered the game to be replayed. This time we won 1-0. Another 'clean sheet' for Jim.



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# FIXTURES & STATS 2004/05

WHO, WHAT, WHERE & WHEN, ITS ALL HERE



KEY:

■	STARTED THE GAME
■	PLAYING SUB
■	NON PLAYING SUB
■	BOOKED
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S	SUBBED
1	GOALS SCORED

## COCA COLA LEAGUE ONE TABLE 2004/05

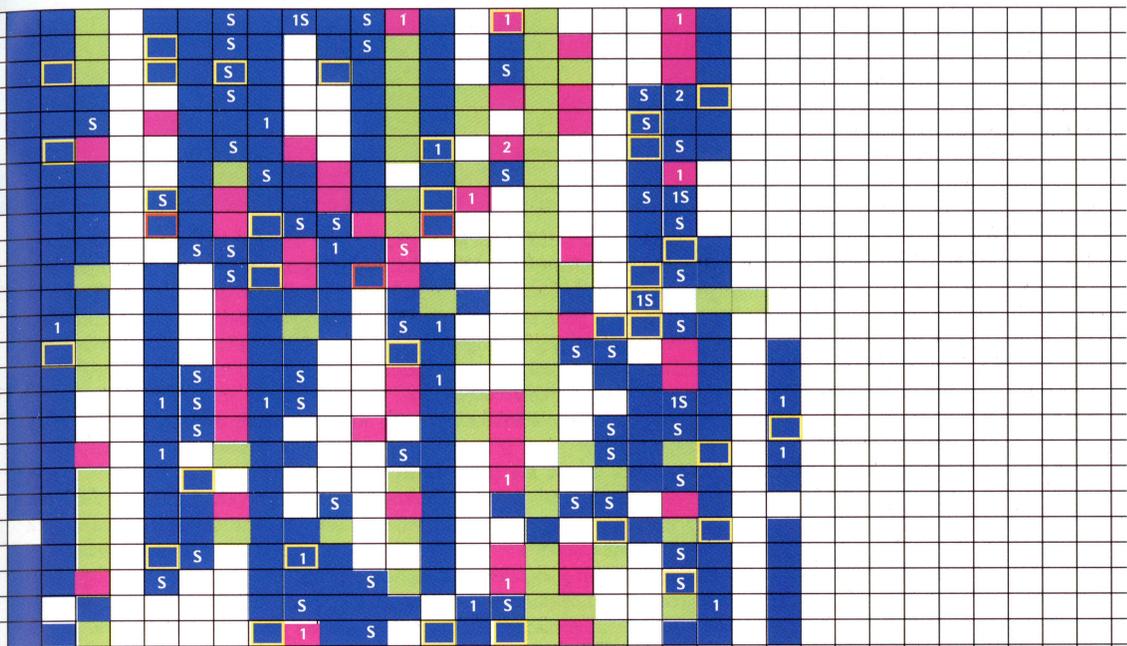
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Luton	22	9	1	1	22	6	6	2	3	20	17	19	48
Hull	22	9	1	1	23	6	5	1	5	21	24	14	44
Tranmere	22	8	2	1	22	11	4	3	4	11	18	4	41
Bournemouth	22	6	3	2	22	12	5	1	5	15	15	10	37
Brentford	22	9	0	2	19	10	2	4	5	8	17	0	37
Bradford	22	5	3	3	20	16	6	0	5	13	16	1	36
Hartlepool	22	9	2	0	24	11	2	0	9	14	25	2	35
Chesterfield	22	7	4	0	18	7	2	3	6	10	16	5	34
Sheff Wed	22	3	4	4	11	14	6	2	3	27	16	8	33
Bristol City	22	5	3	3	27	15	3	5	3	14	17	9	32
Walsall	22	7	2	2	21	15	1	5	5	12	20	-2	31
Barnsley	22	4	3	4	16	14	4	3	4	15	12	5	30
Huddersfield	22	4	2	5	15	14	4	3	4	17	15	3	29
Swindon	22	6	2	3	21	15	2	3	6	14	18	2	29
Port Vale	22	7	1	3	19	14	2	1	8	8	19	-6	29
Doncaster	22	5	5	1	16	12	2	3	6	11	22	-7	29
Oldham	22	6	2	3	25	17	2	2	7	9	18	-1	28
Colchester	22	4	1	6	14	15	3	4	4	16	13	2	26
Blackpool	22	2	5	4	15	18	3	2	6	13	13	-3	22
Torquay	22	3	2	6	12	18	2	5	4	13	19	-12	22
Peterborough	22	4	3	4	16	9	1	3	7	10	19	-2	21
MKDons	22	3	4	4	14	15	1	2	8	12	26	-15	18
Wrexham	22	4	4	3	14	19	3	2	6	10	18	-13	17
Stockport	22	2	2	7	12	20	1	2	8	10	25	-23	13

Table correct to 19th December 2004

Date	Opponents	Result	Att.
1 SAT AUG 7	BRENTFORD	3-1	4,651
Tue Aug 10	Huddersfield	0-0	11,942
Sat Aug 14	Tranmere	0-1	8,287
2 SAT AUG 21	COLCHESTER	2-1	4,028
Tue Aug 24	Rotherham CCI	1-2	3,845
Sat Aug 28	Bradford City	3-2	7,950
3 TUE AUG 31	PORT VALE	1-0	5,150
4 SAT SEPT 4	MK DONS	2-2	4,537
Sat Sept 11	Luton Town	0-1	7,532
5 SAT SEPT 18	WALSALL	1-0	4,755
Sat Sept 25	Barnsley	0-1	9,792
Tue Sept 28	Macclesfield (LDV 1)	1-2	813
6 SAT OCT 2	BRISTOL CITY	2-2	4,854
Sun Oct 10	Hull City	0-1	15,500
Sat Oct 16	Hartlepool	2-3	4,617
7 WED OCT 20	STOCKPORT	4-0	4,567
8 SAT OCT 23	DONCASTER	0-0	6,219
Sat Oct 30	Sheffield Wed	2-2	24,271
9 SAT NOV 6	BLACKPOOL	1-0	4,978
Sat Nov 13	Scunthorpe Utd (FAC 1)	0-2	4,869
Sat Nov 20	Bournemouth	0-0	6,565
10 SAT NOV 27	SWINDON TOWN	1-0	4,244
Tue Dec 7	Oldham	1-4	5,207
Sat Dec 11	Peterborough	2-1	3,865
11 SAT DEC 18	TORQUAY UNITED	1-1	4,133
12 SUN DEC 26	LUTON TOWN		
Tue Dec 28	Wrexham		
Sat Jan 1	MK Dons		
13 MON JAN 3	BARNSLEY		
Sat Jan 15	Walsall		
15 SAT JAN 22	WREXHAM		
Sat Jan 29	Bristol City		
16 SAT FEB 5	HARTLEPOOL		
Sat Feb 12	Doncaster		
17 SAT FEB 19	SHEFFIELD WED		
Tue Feb 22	Stockport		
18 SAT FEB 26	PETERBOROUGH		
Sat Mar 5	Torquay United		
19 SAT MAR 12	HUDDERSFIELD		
Sat Mar 19	Brentford		
20 SAT MAR 26	TRANMERE		
Mon Mar 28	Colchester		
21 SAT APR 2	BRADFORD CITY		
Sat Apr 9	Port Vale		
22 SAT APR 16	BOURNEMOUTH		
Sat Apr 23	Blackpool		
23 SAT APR 30	OLDHAM		
Sat May 7	Swindon Town		
14 TBA	HULL CITY		

CC = Carling Cup,  
LDV = LDV Trophy,  
FAC = FA Cup

- 1 Carl MUGGLETON
- 2 Alex BAILEY
- 3 Alan O'HARE
- 4 Kevin DAWSON
- 5 Steve BLATHERWICK
- 6 Derek NIVEN
- 7 Mark DE BOLLA
- 8 Mark ALLOTT
- 9 Wayne ALLISON
- 10 Mark HUDSON
- 11 Mark INNES
- 12 Gareth DAVIES
- 14 Shane NICHOLSON
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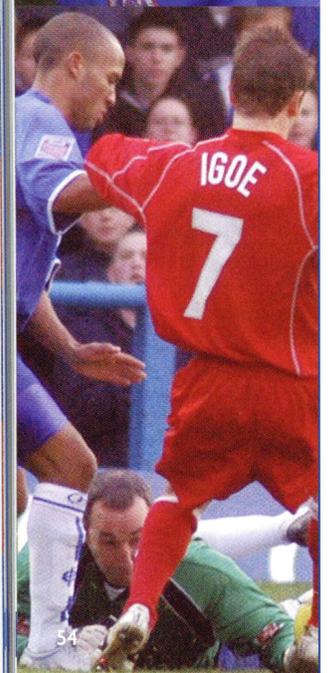
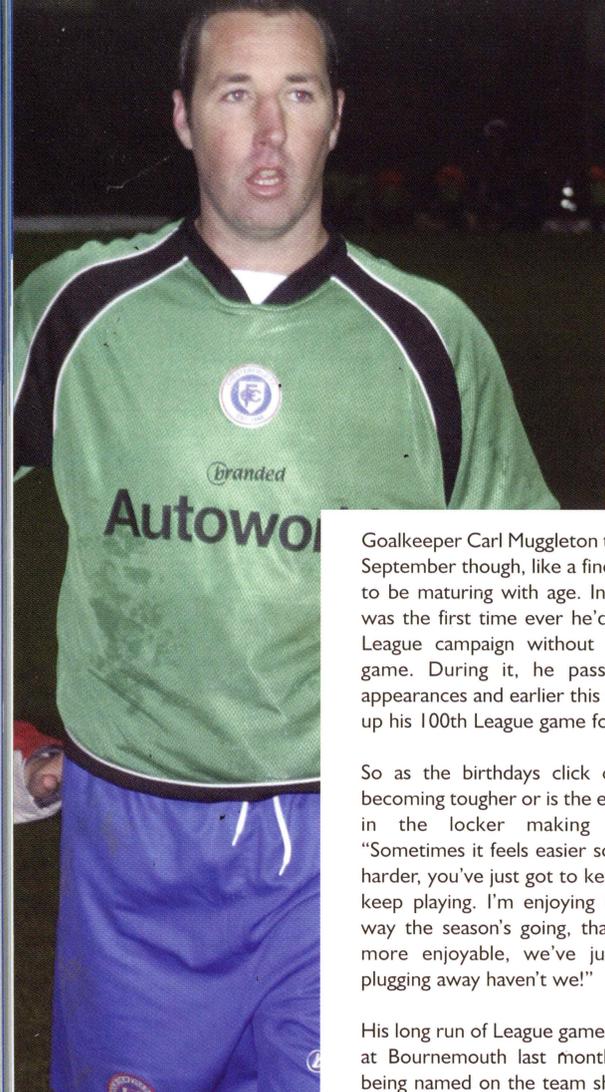
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# CARL MUGGLETON

BY PHIL TOOLEY



Goalkeeper Carl Muggleton turned 36 back in September though, like a fine wine, he seems to be maturing with age. Indeed last season was the first time ever he'd gone through a League campaign without missing a single game. During it, he passed 350 League appearances and earlier this term he notched up his 100th League game for The Spireites.

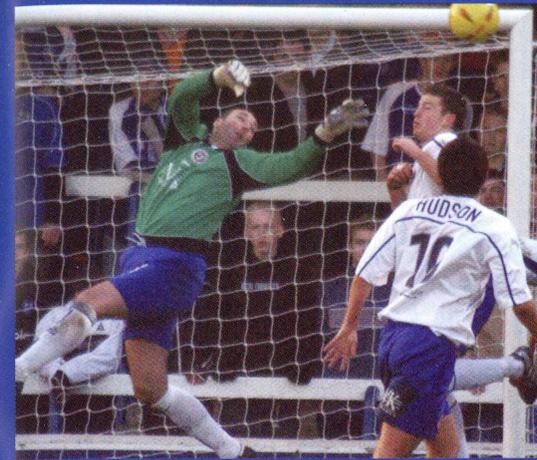
So as the birthdays click on, is the game becoming tougher or is the experience he has in the locker making things simple? "Sometimes it feels easier sometimes it feels harder, you've just got to keep going and just keep playing. I'm enjoying it, especially the way the season's going, that makes it a lot more enjoyable, we've just got to keep plugging away haven't we!"

His long run of League games came to an end at Bournemouth last month when, despite being named on the team sheet, he failed to appear for the start of the game, Andy Richmond deputising and keeping a clean sheet. What was it that led up to the late change? "I'd had a sore groin for a couple of weeks leading up to that game, usually you get through something like that as you get warmed up, the adrenalin and everything else through the game gets you going and keeps you going, but it was just a case when we got down there, whether it was the long journey down there and sleeping in a strange bed, but it was just one of those things. I just couldn't get the groin going, so it was a risk, if you play and it goes, you'll be out for four or five weeks or just leave it a week and get back to fitness. It gave big Andy a chance, he did really well, we had 10 days after that without a game, so it gave us just that bit of time for things to come on, it's calmed down and hopefully it's alright now." It brought to an end probably Carl's longest ever unbroken spell in goal, so have the non Matchdays become more palatable over the years?

"Sometimes it's difficult training, now the cold mornings are coming in and sometimes you think to yourself, 'oh dear' but once your out there training and out with the lads, it's just great, I then just try to enjoy it as much as I can."

The normally miserly defence has been given many plaudits this season. Bailey, Evatt, Blatherwick and Nicholson has been a unit Roy McFarland hasn't had to tinker with, but the Oldham Athletic defeat coupled with a number of injuries forced the Manager to change things around at Peterborough with Davies, O'Hare and Downes all coming in. Aaron scored one and made one whilst all three, along with Evatt, had some tough spells to deal with. Muggs had the best view of how the changes worked, so I asked him how he felt it had gone at London Road. "Everybody did really well at Peterborough, it's a squad, we've got a good squad here, a good bunch of lads, Gareth's come in and done well, Alan's done really well, Aaron' scored. that's what they're there for. The atmosphere around the Club is really good at the moment, which it should be, because things are going well, but we've got to keep going and keep the points coming in."

Along with Wayne Allison and Shane Nicholson, Carl is one of the more experienced (aka older) generation of players at Saltergate, so is Carl just another of the lads who may not like the same music as some of the youngsters or does he see himself and his peers as more paternal figures? "We're experienced players helping the younger lads along, not necessarily father figures, but there is that little bit of calming down needed from time to time, they get a bit over excited at times, but you need a good mixture, and the Gaffer's got that right here at the moment."



He added, "The atmosphere in the dressing room's good, everything about the place is picking up, the fans have been outstanding at home, they were obviously disappointed at Oldham the other week and they let everyone know what they felt at the time, but that's part and parcel of football, you're going to get up's and down's, we'll have a few more up's and down's before the end of the season, so as long as we can bounce back like we did at Peterborough after the Oldham game, then there's nothing wrong."

So why is there more bouncing back this term, what's the magic ingredient? "I don't know, it's a young bunch of lads, a lot of them have had a few more games now, they've had a good season under their belt last season, most of them, that little bit of experience goes a long, long way."

In his time, Carl's been around a bit! A trainee at Leicester City, he made his League debut on loan at Saltergate in 1987 after Jim Brown had been injured the week before in the infamous 10-0 loss at Gillingham. Loan spells at Blackpool, Hartlepool United, Stockport County, Liverpool, Stoke City and Sheffield United followed before he joined Celtic permanently. A dozen top flight games for the Hoops was followed by a switch to Stoke City, loans at Mansfield Tow, Saltergate again (1999-2000), Cardiff City, for whom he played in that epic 3-3 draw at Easter 2001, then a permanent switch to Cheltenham Town, a loan at Nicky Law's Bradford City and then, in the summer of 2002, back here.

So there've been quite a few games and

quite a few Clubs, so what does Carl remember with affection? "There've been quite a few highlights, playing for England Under 21's is obviously a highlight, my League Debut going back to when I first started with Chesterfield, against Port Vale years and years ago. To be given that opportunity when I was just a young lad myself, it's difficult for keepers to get out on loan these days because of having two keepers on duty. At that stage, Kevin Randall took a gamble on me really. I don't know if he got a bit of stick for taking that gamble on me, I felt that when I first arrived but things started to go well and I really enjoyed the experience."

Carl has played most games for Stoke City, 155 in the League, so he needs about 40 more to make Chesterfield his most appeared for Club. Does the No. 1 think that's possible and is, indeed, Saltergate the type of place he'd like to hang his boots up at? "I've got a few years left in me, I want to keep playing and keep playing as long as I can, I've enjoyed it every time I've come here. The first time was obviously my League Debut and getting the experience of League football, I've come back when there've been a few injury problems and the crowd has taken to me and it's been a great atmosphere and now I'm back permanently and the crowd are great again, it's just been an enjoyable time every time, that's down to the supporters as much as anything."

Another clean sheet this afternoon against the table-toppers and Carl's standing here, already high, will take a step closer to "legend" status!



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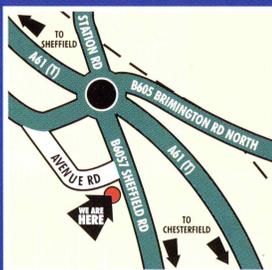
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■ **ERNIE MOSS**  
Won the poll for Spireites Cult Hero

**NEWS FROM THE REC**

WITH GEOFF MITCHELL

**CFC AGM DATE FIXED**

The third Annual General Meeting for shareholders of CFC(2001) Ltd has been arranged for Thursday 10 February 2005, 7.30pm, at the Saltergate Social Club. Copies of the Report and Accounts for y/e 30 June 2004 are being posted to shareholders later this week.

**NEW DATE FOR HULL CITY GAME**



Chesterfield's home game at Saltergate against Hull City, scheduled for next Saturday, will now be played on Tuesday 1 February 2005, kick-off 7.30pm. This is due to Hull City's continuing involvement in the FA Cup. It means the Spireites now have a 12 day break before our next game away at Walsall on Saturday 15 January 2005.

**BARNSELY KICK-OFF TIME**



Police advice.

A reminder that the kick-off time for our next home game against Barnsley on Monday 3 January 2004 is at the earlier time of 1.00pm (not 3.00pm) on

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Tickets are on sale for the Spireites New Year's Day away fixture against MK Dons. It is not an all-ticket game but supporters are advised to purchase a ticket in advance. The cost is £15 adults, £8 concessions, and away fans are located in an uncovered seated area.

**SPIREITES TV GAME**

Chesterfield's away fixture at Bristol City has been brought forward a day and will now be played in front of the Sky TV cameras on Friday 28 January 2005, kick-off 7.45pm.

**SPIREITES CULT HERO REVEALED**

Chesterfield legend Ernie Moss has been declared the Spireites all-time Cult Hero. It follows a recent national BBC TV poll after a short list of three potential cult heroes, Ernie Moss, Bob Newton and Jamie Hewitt were all featured on the BBC Saturday sports programme, Football Focus.

Striker Ernie Moss scored 162 goals in 469 appearances between 1968 and 1984. Ernie runs a sports shop in the town and has been manager of a number of non-league teams, most successfully at Matlock Town. He is an occasional expert summariser on Peak FM's 'Back of the Net' Saturday sports show.

Spireites all-time cult hero Ernie Moss said: "I thank Chesterfield fans for this accolade. I had a wonderful football career and warmly remember the time I played with the Spireites."

Chesterfield Football Supporters Society chairman Phil Tooley said: "It's twenty years since Ernie last played for Chesterfield yet he is still fondly remembered by Chesterfield fans. The chant then was 'Ernie is the King' and it seems those sentiments still ring true twenty years later now he has been crowned our all-time Cult Hero."

**WREXHAM APPEAL**



Chesterfield's next away opponents, Wrexham, have appealed to the Football League against the imposition of a 10 point penalty under League rules for being the subject of an Administration Order. An appeal hearing will be held by an independent panel in the New Year, which will receive a report from independent accountants into the circumstances surrounding the insolvency proceedings.

# FOREVER BLUE

WITH MICK UMNEY

A belated Merry Christmas to all today, and welcome to the players, staff and supporters of Luton Town for this potentially exciting encounter with the league leaders.

I sincerely hope that everyone has had a Merry Christmas, and I hope that the incoming New Year brings health, happiness and prosperity to all.

It would certainly be nice today to experience the same passion and electric atmosphere as in our meeting here last season. As you may recall we needed to win and for two other results to go in our favour to avoid relegation. Things looked bleak as the scores were coming in during the game. All of a sudden, news got around the ground that Grimsby and Rushden were losing and Saltergate went crazy. We still left it late, with Hursty grabbing the winner just a few minutes from the end to keep us up and spark scenes of celebration that looked more like we had won promotion!

The Hatters made an absolutely amazing start to the season winning all six games in August. September started with the first dropped points of the season in a draw at Hillsborough and continued with exits from the Carling Cup (at Boston) and the LDV Cup (at Swansea). The unbeaten league start continued until mid October when Huddersfield won at Kenilworth Road. The following two games also resulted in defeats, thereby making everybody in the division realise they ARE only human.

At the time of writing they lead the table with 45 points, twelve points ahead of us in sixth place. Get behind the lads today and let's help them make it a nine-point gap by the end of the match. The football season is a marathon not a sprint, and consistency over the season is just as important as a flying start. If we can keep picking up the points we might yet again have cause to celebrate again at the end of the season.

I also send a very special welcome to two very young members of the supporters club, Matthew Siddon (a son to Chris and Donna and a little brother for Emily) and Bailey Kemp (a grandson to committee member Lorraine Mullins!)

Introducing children to their local football team is vital to ensure the continuation of support for Chesterfield FC. I first started coming to the 'Rec' when I was twelve and I'm still here (I never did find that gate marked 'EXIT'). If you get the kids supporting Chesterfield from an early age, they are less likely to switch allegiance to another club as they get older.

Keep an eye on this page in future programmes for Supporters Club events throughout 2005. We are considering a few things to try and raise the level of interest in the football club generally. At the moment the team are also doing their bit to bring the crowds in and the future is looking brighter.

**COME ON SPIREITES**

## SPIREITES OFFICIAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please book your away travel at your earliest convenience to avoid disappointment. Please book through the Club Shop by Wednesday 5pm latest for Saturday matches and Saturday 5pm (if home game on that day) for Tuesday matches. Telephone 01246 209765. On matchdays you can purchase your tickets from the Ticket Office which is next to the Club Shop. For the Saturday matches it will be open from 1.30-2.30pm and for a short time afterwards, on week-day evening matches from 6-7pm. Non-members of the Supporters' Club pay £2 extra. Under no circumstances is alcohol allowed on the coaches.



## SPIREITES

OFFICIAL AWAY TRAVEL

 28/12/04 K/O 3.00PM  
v WREXHAM  
RACECOURSE GROUND

### ADMISSION PRICES (Seated):

ADULTS £16.00  
OAP'S/JUNIORS £11.00

### COACH TRAVEL COST:

ADULTS: £11.50  
CONCESSIONS: £7.00  
LEAVE CROSS STREET 11.30 a.m.

 01/01/05 K/O 3.00PM  
v MK DONS  
NATIONAL HOCKEY  
STADIUM

### ADMISSION PRICES

(SEATING):  
ADULTS £20.00  
CONCESSIONS £10.00

### COACH TRAVEL COST:

ADULTS: £11.50  
CONCESSIONS: £7.00  
LEAVE CROSS STREET 11.45AM

 15/01/05 K/O 3.00PM  
v WALSALL  
BESCOTT STADIUM

### ADMISSION PRICES

(SEATING):  
ADULTS £17.00  
CONCESSIONS £12.00

### COACH TRAVEL COST:

ADULTS: £9.00  
OAP'S/JUNIORS: £5.50  
LEAVE CROSS STREET 11.45AM

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