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In Charge Moore The Merrier

First and foremost let me say what a disappointing result and performance it was for all concerned against Brentford here on Tuesday night.

We knew what sort of game it was going to be because Brentford are not a footballing side but play very direct and it is certainly a system which suits them. What made it harder to take was the fact that in our previous three games while myself and John Breckin have been in charge we had given ourselves a lot of hope.

There was a good display with a 3-0 win over Port Vale in our first game and we could and should have taken something from the two outings against Wrexham. It was also bitterly disappointing to go down like we did in front of our home crowd.

The owners, directors, myself and Breckin all want to take this club forward but one or two players didn't have the show character and commitment and perhaps they should look themselves in the face and do a little bit more to earn the money they are being paid.

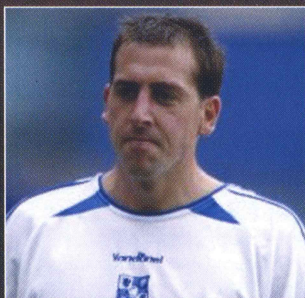
We have got into their ribs and I fully expect to see a lot more desire this afternoon.

I was a bit disappointed with some of the crowd who had a go at our directors after the Brentford game because they really are trying to do their best, there is no doubt about that.

It is a refreshing change to have people in charge who are ambitious; I was at one club for nine years where they were happy just to stay as they were.

I have again spent the week trying to bring in a striker and a midfielder and I was hoping to add them to squad to face Luton.

One of my targets was **Gary Jones**



(below) at Tranmere but he broke a bone in one of his toes on Wednesday and will be out for six weeks and that sums up the luck we have been having in our player search. It has been far from easy, I can tell you.

I got in touch with one club who quoted me a figure of £200,000 and they are in our division! That's ridiculous money. Even on the loan front it has been just as difficult. **Neil Warnock** (below) has nine strikers at Sheffield United but he won't let any of them go.

I am not making excuses but I must have been in touch with sixty clubs now and I am still trying. Some of them agreed to share wages only for the player to say he wasn't interested in a move. A lot of them seem to be happy playing reserve team football rather than get involved in



a relegation dogfight. Perhaps they feel it might damage their reputation. Perhaps we might have to take a gamble and pitch in with a little more money. I am not talking behind players' backs - they all know my feelings - but we are a little soft-centred, too brittle and not mentally cute enough.

We need to do something because we have to make sure we are playing at this level next season. We face another tough encounter this afternoon and we welcome **Mike Newell** (above right), his players, directors and all the travelling fans to Boundary Park.

Luton have had a terrific season and Mike, a Liverpool lad I know well, has done a tremendous job. They have been up there all season and I hope he achieves promotion, but only after we take three points off them this afternoon. But I won't make the mistake of thinking it will be anywhere near easy.



Luton are a big, strong side with quality players in the right areas and a good mix of youth and experience. They can also play a bit.

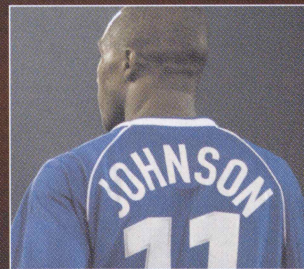
If we produce the form we displayed in the three games before Brentford then we are in with a chance.

There is not a great deal between the top and bottom in this division but we must get our formation right, be organised and, above all, show desire, then this is a game we can win. To update you on the injury front, Rodney Jack is still not right and will continue his progress in the reserves next week while Danny Hall has decided to have electrostimulation treatment on his knee to try to avoid surgery that could keep him out for up to 18 months. We are still talking to **Jermaine Johnson** (below) and working towards a deal that would be on a pay-as-you-play deal.

Having a fully fit JJ in the side would be a massive boost. There are still some big games to come and I can understand the frustrations following the display against Brentford.

I urge you all to get behind the players and give them as much backing as much as you can, every little helps.

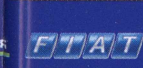
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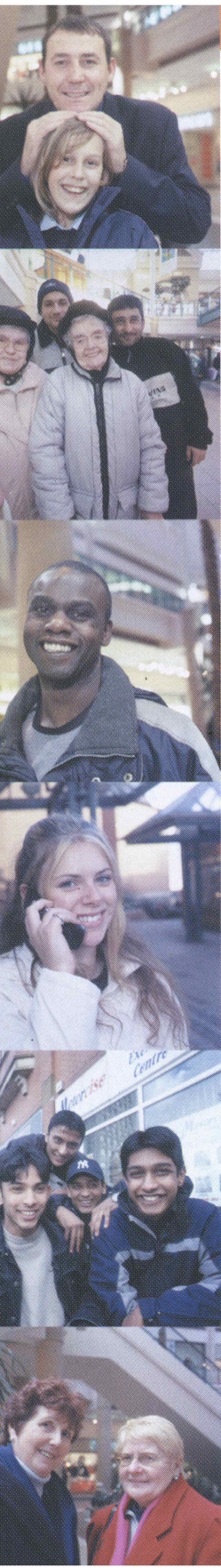
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The gaffer didn't pull any punches in the dressing room after Tuesday night's defeat by Brentford and he let us know exactly what he thought of our performance.

The Inside Track

He also had us in the following morning to watch a video when he again gave us his thoughts. It will come as no surprise to anybody that he was far from happy.

Yes, we are in the mire and that game has gone. We have to put it behind us and make sure we go out this afternoon against the league leaders and give it everything we have got. As I have said before, we are all in this together and no blame is being laid at anybody's feet. We were in a similar position last season and with more or less the same players we dug ourselves out of a whole with some great performances, notably against Plymouth and Swindon.

We have to do it all over again and there is no reason why we can't.

There are nine games left for us to get out of the mire and we all know we will have to do much better than we did against Brentford. It will be far from easy this afternoon against a side that has been on top of the division for most of the season, but we need to show

what we are made of. We know what we have to do and it is no good just talking about it, we have to perform to the best of our abilities out on the pitch.

We do it in training and we have to take it into games. I know the fans weren't happy.

They pay their money and are entitled to voice their opinions but I would urge them to stick with us because we need them behind us more than ever as we go into a make-or-break stage of the season. Not one player wants this club to go down and we will be working as hard as possible to make sure the unthinkable doesn't happen. Every game from here on in is going to be like a cup final and although it has been a difficult season for our supporters, I just hope they stick with us through this difficult patch.

If we can recapture the form that knocked Manchester City out of the cup there is no reason why we can't beat off the threat of relegation and that means everybody involved with the club has to give their all and help each other out.

There is no point getting on people's backs when things aren't going so well.

Other teams will be watching us losing games at home and we have to show more willingness and start grinding out results.

People are doubting us but it is only a few games ago that we put in an encouraging performance here to beat Port Vale 3-0.

We have been under-achieving, we know that, but nobody goes out to have a bad game. You won't hear anyone in the dressing room even remotely suggest that we are throwing in the towel. Far from it.

The most important thing on our minds is to stay in this division.

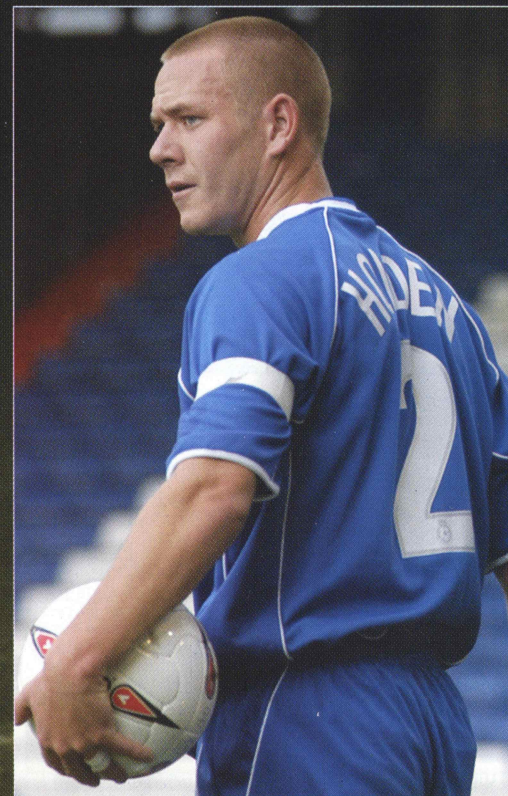
The gaffer and John Breckin have had their say. We listened, took it on board and went home to think about it. I have watched the game and Brentford didn't create much, but neither did we.

We knew they were going to come at us but we weren't getting stretched all over the place and they were both soft goals to give away.

That has been the story this season and the pressure is now on for us to deliver. We have to go out fighting and mental toughness will play a big part. I am sure teams below us would like to swap places and be in our position.

They are relying on other results going for them but our destiny is still in our hands.

We can do it and I know that I speak for the rest of the lads when I say that we are all, to a man, up for the challenge



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JJ BACK AT BOUNDARY PARK?



Jermaine Johnson Latics explosive striker who was released from his contract here at Boundary Park by Brian Talbot is currently in talks with the directors of the club re-the possibility of a new deal, which could see the Jamaican return to the club.

'JJ' as he is affectionately known, is currently seeing Lee Nobes and is poised to step up his training schedule...watch this space as they say!

LEAPS AND BOUNDS OUT NOW

Latics latest edition of it's business newsletter 'Leaps and Bounds' is now on the streets of Oldham.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HOSPITALITY AND EVENTS MANAGER

Dear All,

It has come to my attention that a few people are concerned about the chosen venue for the End of Season Awards Ceremony, as the venue is outside of Oldham. I would therefore like to reply to this and explain my reasons for choosing this venue. When I first came to Oldham Athletic FC, I was told that the last season's awards ceremony was fantastic, and everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I could have taken the 'If it's not broken, don't try to fix it attitude' to this years ceremony, but decided that I wanted to make it bigger and more exciting.

Since arriving at Boundary Park, I have noticed lots of opportunities within the Hospitality and Events department and the awards dinner was one of them. I have always been ambitious and believe that in order to move forward you need to take a risk occasionally. I first visited the Sheridan Suite out of curiosity; it is not a venue that is well known, as it has only been open a couple of years. When I first walked into the room, I instantly fell in love with the place and visualized the most spectacular, glitzy event Oldham has ever seen. This place is big!!

I appreciate the concern that we are 15 minutes outside of Oldham, and I am looking into the cost of a minibus or coach to pick people up from the ground and return them afterwards, there may be a small fee attached but only a couple of pounds. I have had quite a few bookings so far from fans living in Manchester; they have given me positive feedback on the venue, saying it is nice to have the event halfway. I am encouraged that we have fans based in Manchester (the more Latics supporters, and less United supporters the better as far as I am concerned) and feel it is beneficial to accommodate all.

On a personal note: I know that football results are not the best at the moment, but please get behind the team today, the lads really need your support. The season isn't over yet and I am hoping that when it is, we can say goodbye to a tough season and have a HUGE party with all supporters, players, playing staff, directors and OAFS staff in attendance. Thank you for reading and enjoy the game

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National Round-up

They say that the Premiership is the best league in the world, only in England's top flight could the top team rip apart most of the top ten and the struggle to a 1-0 win against the only team nearly certain to be relegated. West Brom also had a disallowed goal to take back to the Hawthorns with them. Although the title is, in many peoples opinion, out of the reach of anyone below Chelsea, the rest of the Premiership can gain confidence from the fact that the Blues are not as indestructible as they once seemed and next season we could see a much more open title race, between the top three of course.

A top three which, once again, Liverpool are not part of. **Jose Mourinho's** claims that Chelsea have already got Steven Gerrard from Liverpool looks like even more bad news for Kop fans as they struggled on Tuesday to a point against a weary Blackburn. The unacceptable result came WITH their inspirational captain in the side, and the Reds may as well enjoy the Champions League run while it lasts. Speaking of the Champions League, Everton are

looking increasingly likely to be representing England next season and so will need to dip into the transfer market so as not to be humiliated. As well as looking to make Mikel Arteta's loan from Real Sociedad permanent, they will try to bring in Darren Fletcher from Man Utd, Luis Boa Morte from Fulham and Freddie Kanoute from Spurs, if they can keep Mido permanently.

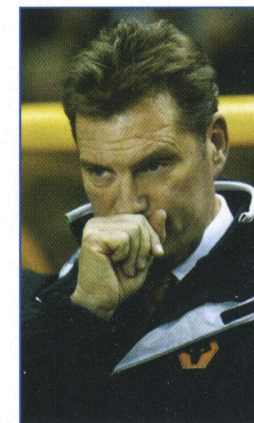


Iain Dowie has admitted he is 'flattered' to be linked with the vacant spot at Manchester City, although he is happy at Palace. The Crystal Palace boss still lives in the north west after his time at Latics and has done very well at the jobs he has had. At the same time **Gordon Strachan** is still many people's favourite, although the decision wouldn't be popular with Man Utd fans. Whoever is (un)lucky enough to be given the job, they might have to contend with losing Shaun Wright-Phillips as he is being chased by Liverpool and Arsenal and City could hardly reject a £20m+ offer. Even worse for the new boss, Steve McManaman isn't yet retiring.



The Championship has now got only eight games to go, and after the top three all won on Tuesday there are still only three points separating them. Despite an amazing goal difference, Wigan are only level with Sunderland, and Ipswich, certainties for promotion three weeks ago, are trailing the top two but have the 'easiest' run-in. Certainly more entertainment than the Premiership is providing. Also, the play-offs are looking very interesting this year, along with one of the top three, Derby, Preston, Reading, West Ham, Sheffield United and Stoke will fight it out over the remaining games in order to try and win promotion to the 'promised land' of the Premiership.

At the bottom Ronnie Moore's former club Rotherham are going down, or, they still stand a mathematical chance of staying up, if you want to soften the blow. Notts Forest are also looking like major relegation candidates, they are four points from safety and have a tough run in which could just be enough. If it is, they will be joined by one of seven clubs. Only four points are between Gillingham, in the final relegation place, and fifteenth placed Watford. The group includes such big names as Leicester and Crewe, who were not long since after a play-off place. The only lacklustre part of the league is the mid-table battle for nothing. Leeds, QPR and Millwall will all still fancy their chances of a play-off place and so only Wolverhampton Wanderers and Burnley have to endure the mediocrity of an inane end to their seasons. Not good news for **Glenn Hoddle**, who was brought in to turn Wolves' season around. He has turned them into draw specialists and while this might suffice for Chelsea at this stage



of the season, the crew from Molineux wanted an immediate return to the Premiership and Hoddle, whose contract runs out at the end of the season, can't be too confident of retaining his current post, however when the alternative is Kevin Keegan...

In the must-see match of midweek, the appropriately named new Boston United signing Jermaine Easter scored a brace in the 4-0 demolition of Notts County at York Street. As both teams now have nothing to play for the result was futile, but interesting all the same. Yeovil are in a similar position to Chelsea in a couple of ways, firstly they both have a 'Terry' brother stiffening up the back line, and secondly, only they can throw away the chance of finishing top. Scunthorpe should join them and the last automatic spot should be filled by Macclesfield, Southend or Swansea. Interestingly, at the bottom of the League, Cambridge have an unimpressive goal difference of -18, however one place above them, in the last relegation position, Kidderminster have four more points and a goal difference of -34. Only in England!



REPORT WREXHAM 1 LATICS 0

Latics travelled to the Racecourse ground for the second time in five days to face Wrexham, looking to reverse the score line from the previous Tuesday when the boys in blue went down to the only goal of the game. The game started brightly with Latics looking to force themselves on their opponents and David Eyres had the ball in the back of the net on 18 minutes only for a linesman's flag to controversially rule out the strike. Wrexham's danger man Juan Ugarte fluffed a great chance for the Red Dragons after good work by Chris Llewellyn and was then astonished to see yet another Yellow flag

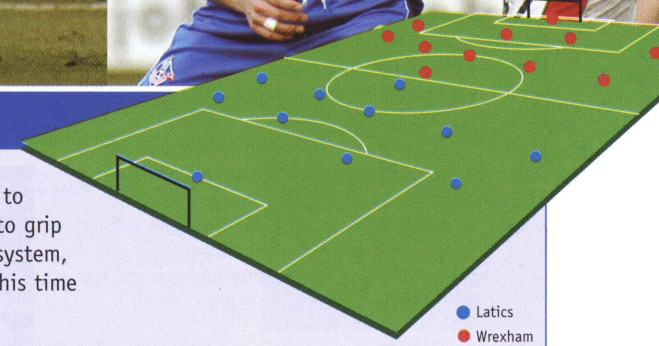
rule out what looked like a good goal in early in the second period. Les Pogliacomi made a terrific save to stop another of the Spanish Hit man's efforts after 53 minutes before Athletic took control of the game. At Last Latics formation of 4-5-1 took a hold on the game. Kevin Betsy was the first to see his effort cleared off the line by a desperate Craig Morgan whilst Latics dynamite midfielder man Neil Kilkenny looked on in disbelief as Ben Foster the Wrexham goalkeeper fingertip his shot over the bar. With ten minutes to go and with Latics piling on the pressure Will Haining met

David Eyres pinpoint cross but somehow screwed his header wide. Next up was Dean Holden, who's pile driver of a shot was blocked only for the ball to fall to Betsy again, the Seychellian tried to turn and run the ball in to the net but the Welsh defence bungled the ball away. With the clock running down and a draw looking a likely result Will Haining had one last attempt to gain all three points for Athletic but his shot flew wide of the target. Then with the referee looking at his watch Latics manager Ronnie Moore substituted Neil Kilkenny with John Eyre, in stopping the game The Latics



Move of the Match

Another change to move of the match award this week, this time the move of the match award goes to Ronnie Moore and John Breckin for finally coming to grip with the Welshman's midfield by adopting a 4-5-1 system, previous managers had tried it unsuccessfully but this time the boys in blue finally got to grips with it!



defenders must have switched off for a moment which was enough for Hector Sam to steal the couple of yards he needed to head home the winner in the 92nd minute to ram a dagger through the hearts of every Latics fan....Highway robbery it definitely was...but when will we ever learn?

VERDICT

Latics dominated for long periods of this game and did not deserve to lose the game. Looking at the fixture list you see Latics have played Wrexham four times this current season and we have lost all four...for many years Latics have

held the upper hand over Wrexham, remember Carlo Corraze's four goals in a 5-1 victory? Latics turn will come again and what's betting it is next season!

REF WATCH

Mr Boyeson chalked off a goal for both teams and I cannot honestly say why any of them was disallowed. Overall though his control and interpretation of the game was good and his overall performance was excellent.

MARKS 8/10

FAN-TASTIC

Latics again took a sizeable following to Wales, 659 for this fixture, 598 in midweek for game that was virtually already lost. Officials at Wrexham were very impressed with your support and they also report that Latics fans contributed a considerable amount in the Wrexham Trust collection buckets and asked us via the programme to express their heart felt thanks to you all.

Club Connections

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS focuses on four players who have appeared for both clubs.



FRANKIE BUNN

Striker Frankie Bunn played for Oldham Athletic in the 1990 Littlewoods Cup final at Wembley. A former Luton Town apprentice, he turned professional at Kenilworth Road in May 1980 and made his League debut in the Hatters' 2-1 defeat at home to Derby County three months later. He was a

member of Luton's 1981-82 Second Division title squad but struggled to secure a regular first-team slot and scored nine times in 59 League games for today's opponents. Reuniting with Brian Horton at Hull City in July 1985, he was ever-present and leading marksman for the Tigers in 1985-86.

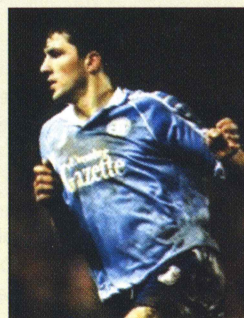
Joe Royle paid £90,000 for him in December 1987 and he quickly impressed, helping Latics take Everton to a Littlewoods Cup third round replay in 1988-89. He netted a record six goals in Oldham Athletic's 7-0 Littlewoods Cup third round victory at home to Scarborough the following season, scoring 26 times in 78 League outings until a serious knee injury. Moving to Stalybridge Celtic in July 1992, he then played for Radcliffe Borough and was Wigan Athletic's football in the community officer.

DARRON McDONOUGH

Versatile defender Darron McDonough was a young member of Joe Royle's squad at Boundary Park. Born in Antwerp, he grew up in the Manchester area and signed professional for Oldham Athletic in January 1980. He scored on his League debut in Latics' 2-0 victory at Notts County eleven months later and played alongside Kenny Clements, also featuring in midfield and attack. Netting 14 goals in 183 Second Division games for Oldham Athletic, he moved to Luton Town for £87,000 in September 1986 and was unlucky to miss their 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph due to injury. He was an FA Cup semi-finalist in 1987-88 and played at Wembley in that season's Simod Cup final as well as the 1989 Littlewoods Cup final. Scoring five times in 105 League outings for today's visitors, he was Kevin Keegan's first signing for Newcastle United at £80,000 in March 1992 but suffered a catalogue of injury problems while at St James' Park and was forced to retire in April 1994. He subsequently built his own house near Oldham and helped out at his wife Ally's sandwich and tea shop.

STEVE TAYLOR

Much-travelled striker Steve Taylor was Oldham Athletic's leading marksman in 1977-78. A former Bolton Wanderers apprentice, he turned professional in October 1973 and made his League debut in their 2-1 defeat at Bristol City in September 1974. He was a League Cup semi-finalist in 1976-77 and moved to Boundary Park for £38,000 in October 1977, scoring twice on his Latics debut to clinch a 2-1 victory over Notts County. Playing alongside Alan Young and Vic Halom in attack, he netted 25 times in 47 Second Division outings prior to joining Luton Town for £50,000 in January 1979. His solitary goal in 20 League games came in the Hatters' 4-1 victory at home to Burnley two months later and he was sold to Mansfield Town for £75,000 in July 1979. He joined Burnley for £35,000 in July 1980 and starred alongside Billy Hamilton in their 1981-82 Third Division title triumph, moving to Wigan Athletic in August 1983. Subsequently with Stockport County, Rochdale, Preston and Burnley again, playing in the 1988 Sherpa Van Trophy final, he then had a spell as Mossley's manager.



PAUL WILKINSON

Former England U-21 striker Paul Wilkinson played for both Oldham Athletic and Luton Town on loan. Signing professional for Grimsby Town in November 1982, he topped their goalscoring charts in 1984-85 and was sold to Everton for £250,000 in March 1985. He featured in their 1986-87 League

Championship success and moved to Nottingham Forest for £200,000 in March 1987. Joining Watford for £300,000 in August 1988, he was leading marksman in three successive seasons and moved to Middlesbrough for £550,000 in August 1991, starring in their 1991-92 promotion campaign.

He was Boro's top scorer in consecutive seasons and helped win the First Division title in 1994-95. Moving to Oldham Athletic on loan in October 1995, his solitary goal in four League games came in the 2-2 draw at home to Port Vale. He was loaned to Luton Town in March 1996 and made three League appearances for today's visitors. Joining Barnsley in July 1996, he helped them win promotion to the Premiership in 1996-97, then played for Millwall and Northampton Town and is now coaching Cardiff City.

BOUNDARY BLUES

Hi everyone, welcome to today's very important match against Luton Town. Let's hope we are in for an exciting match as we all know we really need to win this one!! Today we welcome the junior section of Luton, and we are playing football against them in the Clayton Arms and then having lunch in our lounge.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to all of the Boundary Blues Members who have birthdays in the second half of March. - Richard Bennett, Niall Barnes, David Jefferson, Thomas Osborne, Nicholas Rowbottom, William Shepley, Martin Vose, Louise Fidler, Christopher Ball, Matthew Lill, Dale Thomas, Alicia Bedford, James Brennan, Anthony Hall, Bethany Sharp, Michael Lees, James Lawton. Hope you all a fab day.

BOUNDARY BLUES ON TOUR



The trip to Milton Keynes Dons is filling up nicely, so if you wish to go hurry along as quickly as you can so as not to be disappointed. You can book at the club shop or in the Boundary Blues



TODAY'S MASCOT.

Today's Boundary Blues mascot is Ben Cullen. Ben is 10 years old and attends Sacred Heart RC Primary School. His hobbies include Football and

Cricket and Ben plays for Moorside Juniors FC (maybe one to watch for the future Ronnie!!). Ben's favourite player is David Eyres. Hope you have a great day Ben.



MASCOT PHOTOS

We would like to thank Tom Pickles who takes the photos of our match

lounge. Please remember to take your booking slip along with you (as bookings won't be taken without one) when you go to reserve your place. The price includes your coach travel and match ticket.

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mascots, so they can have a permanent memento of their day at Boundary Park. Thank you Tom.

BOUNDARY BLUES LOUNGE

We hope to see you all in the Boundary Blues lounge today, it has been very busy lately. Come and play on the play stations, buy from the tuckshop and watch TV. We are now connected up to Latics World on the TV. So come in - you know where we are!!

BALLBOYS/GIRLS.

Please don't forget if you want to put your name down to become a ball boy or girl, please see any of the committee and we will take details off you and put you on the waiting list.

AND FINALLY

Please really shout and sing as loud as you can for Ronnie and the lads on the pitch, they really need us behind them, they can hear you and we are the twelfth man! C'MON YOU BLUES



MASCOT TROPHIES

As always we would like to thank the lovely Graham from Gee Dee Trophies who provides us with our mascot trophies.



CHADDY'S GANG

Hi gang
Well we are not doing very well on the pitch these days are we? Maybe the lads can't hear us cheering them on, so I think today gang, you're going to have to shout louder than you've ever done before.
Have you got any Easter eggs yet? I had an egg hunt in my nest the other day but so far I have failed to find any.

Have a great Easter holiday gang and don't eat too much chocolate
Lots of love
Chaddy Owl

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Birthday greetings this month go to Kieron Murphy, Emily-Louise Cane, Regan Hadfield and Maddie Cross hope you all have a fantastic day.

MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWALS

Renewal forms will be going out to all existing members very soon and I know that are a few of you leaving us this year, hopefully you have enjoyed your time in Chaddy's gang and will be going

on to join Boundary Blues were the fun is endless. For those of you who are staying I hope that you will rejoin again next season, for all the gang remember this season isn't over yet we've still got lots more cheering to do and hopefully some more partying to enjoy.



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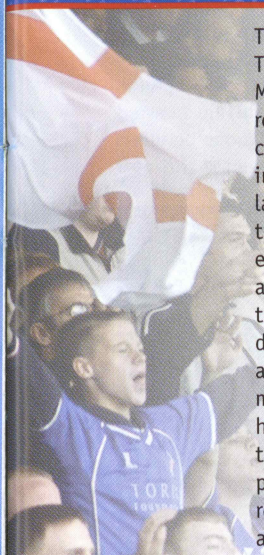
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The joint forum with the Trust scheduled for this Monday 21 March has regrettably had to be cancelled. It has been an incredibly busy period in the last couple of months and trying to find a time when everybody required is available for functions of this nature has proven very difficult, even simply finding a date for the trust's open meeting I know proved a headache for them with all the cup games around that period. None the less we remain hopeful of finding an alternative date before the

season is out, watch this space. And for those of you that had kept the 21st open, why not get down to Boundary Park anyway and watch our impressive youth team take on fellow high fliers Burnley in the semi-final of the Lancashire Youth Cup, 7pm kick off. Meanwhile we have some important and pressing issues at present that require urgent attention. Consequently an association EGM has been called in the sponsors lounge for Monday 04 April at 7.30pm. In an effort to compensate to some degree

for the delayed forum this will be followed, subject to confirmation, by a question and answer session with Ronnie Moore. We would urge as many members as possible to come and have their say at this meeting. It's your association and we need your opinions. To that end new members are always welcome and we would be equally delighted to have the contributions on the night of anybody wishing to join between now and then, just pop into the club shop, it costs just £1.

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A Voice From The Trust

Hello and welcome back to Boundary Park for today's game against the League One leaders Luton Town. Hopefully with them being at the top of the Division they might bring one or two more supporters than they usually bring up to Oldham. I am hoping that things go to the usual form that we have when the top teams come to visit as we tend to find that something extra against them that we can't seem to find against struggling sides. It seems such a long time ago that we travelled down to Luton on the opening day of the campaign with us all looking forward with high hopes to a good season after the great ending to last season that we had had. After Tuesday's defeat at home to Brentford we need to pull something out of the hat and fast. Tuesday night's game was our game in hand but again we failed to take anything from it and today could effectively be the day that we will drop into the relegation places if things don't go our way. Things could have been slightly different on Tuesday in the fact that Scott Fitzgerald (who scored both Brentford goals) came to Oldham for a trial and owing to the fact that it snowed he disappeared back down South and went on loan to Brentford instead. Although we have not been picking up so many points recently we have been quite lucky that the other teams around us have not caught us up and effectively things are still in our own hands. Not wanting to harp on too much about Tuesday's defeat I struggled to actually find many positives to take from the game other than the performances of Stefan Stam (who seems to be settling in well) and the Trust Oldham Sponsored Chris Hall. Although Chris is still very young I feel that whilst we can't seem to attract any strikers to the club he should possibly be given a start and a run in the side and hopefully he may be

able to put himself about a bit and cause defences a few problems. That decision is obviously not mine to make and it is down to Ronnie Moore who we will support whatever decisions he makes. Hopefully we may have managed to sign one or two players since Tuesday with the Transfer deadline looming at the end of next week. Maybe we can't attract players to Oldham due to the fact that Ronnie is only on a short term contract himself and that could maybe be the first thing that needs sorting - who knows?

We need to start winning games to ensure our safety and with this afternoon's game being here at BP it surely must be one of the matches that we must be looking to win.

On to Trust matters and as things stand at the minute we are arranging a joint Supporters Forum with OASA. We originally had planned it for next Monday 21st March but due to the short notice we have decided to cancel this date and look for another available date after the Easter break. When we have a date for this event we will put up posters around the ground to advertise it and it will also appear on the websites. We are also making big strides towards starting up a 'Playershare' scheme whereby we need people to sign up and pledge money to go towards buying players or paying players wages and therefore effectively become a shareholder in that particular player. This is currently working very well at many other clubs and it enables them to maybe bring in players that they couldn't normally have afforded to otherwise.

Hopefully this will be as effective here at Oldham as it has been at other clubs.

Check out the Trust website for more details on events and many other things on www.keep-the-faith.co.uk See you soon!

Dave Hudson
Trust Oldham



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I'm Broady, I write the Road Trip article further on in the programme, I'm 24 years old and remember my first Latics match when we beat Reading 4-0 on a Friday night, it was wet and freezing and I was hooked. I live with 3 Manchester United supporters, my Dad thinks he did something wrong with me! You will probably hear me on match days as I do some of the PA with Franny Ward. I've decided to do this a bit differently to the usual format. I can honestly say this is not Latics best ever XI.

GOALKEEPER

Andy Goram (top), second time around, it was a tough choice but he just edged out David Miskelly for that Cardiff game alone, not the finest moment for an otherwise fantastic Keeper

DEFENDERS

Some of these were easy to pick, some a bit trickier, if I ever see Brian Kilcline I may just have to run a mile!

Lord Ndiwa Kangana, I know we were stuck for a team but he was 7 foot tall and Leon Knight still scored 2 headers against him, I remember he committed a foul at Brentford and the chant from the Latics fans of "Off, Off, Off" resounded around west London.

Brian Kilcline (centre), Purely and simply because I was about 13 when he played for us and he scared me, a lot, usually every time he tried to clear the ball! In fact I still have the occasional nightmare about him.

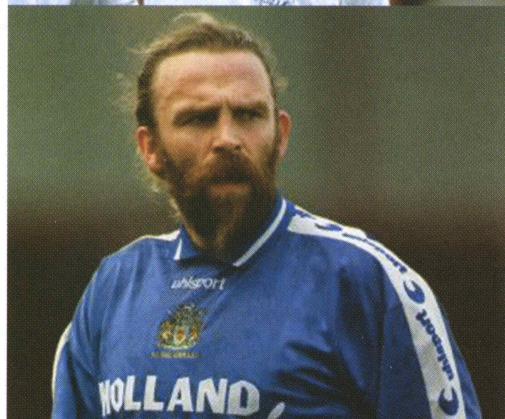
Doug Hodgson (bottom), Deadly Doug, liked a tackle and sometimes even got the ball, only sometimes mind, also fancied himself as a bit of a striker too, not his best position, which says a lot!

Barry Prenderville, Came in and started off ok for us, one free kick sticks in mind though which cleared the Chaddy End, rumour has it that the first 10 rows of the paddocks were supplied with crash helmets for Barry's appearances

MIDFIELDERS

I found this section the hardest, which is one of my reasons for 4-3-3, I don't know if I'm forgetting things in my old age but I don't think we have done too badly for midfielders

Robert Lee, (opp top) hmm, came here to revive his career then decided he didn't fancy it, his contribution being an hour in the LDV, a very high



profile signing! Obviously didn't fancy the weather here in Oldham or that an 18 year old Neil Kilkenny was outplaying him.

Mike Fillery. (centre) Very Unlucky, I was there at his only game for us, I believe it was 13 minutes before he went off injured never to be seen again, didn't really do enough to qualify as a legend so just slots into this team nicely.

Toddy Orlygsson, A proven international, albeit for Iceland! It's fair to say we didn't see him at his best, he seemed to have a sprinting and tackling allergy, an away game at Wycombe sticks out in my mind, he just looked a bit like he couldn't be bothered.

STRIKERS

Picking a midfield was a bit tricky although I could have chosen a team made up totally of Strikers as we don't seem to fare well in our selection of onion baggers. This team is 4-3-3 but still not jam packed with goals.

Dele Adebola, Brought in to beef up our front line from a Premiership club, I almost dusted my own boots off and rang the club offering my services as an overweight striker, may just have been as prolific in front of goal., certainly would have tried a lot harder

Adrian Littlejohn (bottom), My memories of Adrian are somewhat soured by what he did during our play off season, heartily booed now whenever he makes an appearance against us and deservedly so, always seemed to do better against us than for us. I wanted to batter him that day!

Mark Allott, Now re-invented in a Paul Scholes-esque role at Chesterfield! Mark was never Mr Popular and never Mr Consistent for us either, had one or two cruel nicknames, wasn't blessed with blistering pace either!

SUBS,

I don't know if being a sub in this team is an honour or otherwise but here goes,
David Miskelly, Ben Burgess, Wayne Gill, Phil Starbuck & Stuart Thom

Manager

Graeme Sharp, Fantastic player, good on the radio, not a good manager, enough said!



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SCOTT VERNON

Latics striker Scott Vernon may have been out injured for the last few weeks... but he is thankful for a narrow escape.

Scott could have suffered major damage to his eyesight when he was booted in the face against Stockport last month. The injury was bad enough as he sustained a fractured eye socket and, in the immediate aftermath, was in tremendous pain. Yet, although it was a grisly incident, Scott realises he was lucky.

He admitted: "I complain all the time about being injured, but I also think myself pretty fortunate. "You never know what might happen if someone kicks you in the face, and it could have had some long-term effects on my eyesight.

"The incident was just one of those things because the ball came across and I had to go in for the header. "Unfortunately the Stockport defender was trying to kick it clear at the same time... and he got me instead of the ball. "There was some bleeding and my right eye swelled up immediately, but things seemed to be settling down when I was back in the dressing room. "Then, when I was in the shower, the bleeding started again. My eye was completely closed and I ended up in hospital. "I had an unbelievable pain in my forehead, so for a while I thought that was the area with the injury. "For a few more days I was suffering with bad headaches, but thankfully I have been pain free for a while now." Latics initially thought Vernon would be out for a couple of

weeks, but doctors re-examined the scans and came back with bad news . . . they had found a fracture on the orbital wall below his right eye.

Happily, Scott is now recovering well and hopes to be ready for action in the next ten days. This is his second injury setback of 2005 as he also missed two games in January with a slight muscle strain. But Scott said: "Touch wood, I have otherwise been pretty lucky. Before the thigh problem, I went three years without any injuries at all."

Vernon can still make a big impact for Latics before the end of the current campaign.

His tally so far is ten goals, plus another three while on loan at Blackpool, and he intends to better last season's total of 15. Scott said: "There are lots of incentives to come back quickly because I want to help the team get out of trouble and also, from a personal point of view, impress the new manager. "He has not seen me play yet, so I need to get out on the pitch and show him what I can do. "He seems a genuine guy and I know he wants us to play football. "I also want to show I am worth a new contract in the summer. I'm sure the manager knows what I have done for the club, but it is important that I prove myself to him."

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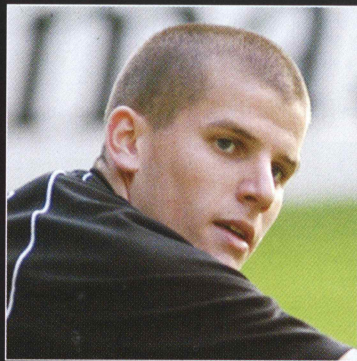
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Player Talk...

Marc Tierney loved every minute of his three-month loan spell with Conference side Carlisle. The teenager became a regular first-teamer and made the left back spot his own. He impressed so much that manager Paul Simpson did his level best to turn the move into a permanent one.



But the 19-year-old decided his future lay with the Latics and he is back at Boundary Park more determined than ever to break into the side. He insisted: "It was a good learning curve at Carlisle and I have come back a better player. "There is nothing like regular first team football and the standard was pretty good, much better than playing in the reserves. "Carlisle are the giants of the Conference and the team everybody wants to beat. That's what made it so much better and I will always be grateful for the experience." The Cumbrian outfit had made several inquiries for Tierney but former boss Brian Talbot had always been reluctant to let him go. But he finally relented and

Tierney recalled: "He left the final decision up to me but said it would be good experience and Carlisle wanted to take me as soon as possible. "I wanted first team football and here was the chance to go somewhere and show what I could do.

"Brian Talbot kept speaking to me on the phone, telling that he was having my progress monitored. "I was given a couple of games in midfield but I managed to make the left spot my own. "I must have been doing something right because they asked me to stay for a second month. "Carlisle attract crowds of seven to eight thousand and I got a great feedback from the fans. "Conference football is very competitive and some teams are more direct than others."

Tierney got caught up in the floods, which devastated the region and when they returned from an away trip some of the players found their cars floating around the club car park. The ground itself was under six feet of water and home games had to be switched to Morecambe. Training was also hit and they had to spend more time in the gym because the conditions outside

were impossible. Tierney finally stayed for the maximum three months and is now back at Boundary Park where he began his career as a 16-year-old after being scouted by Billy Urmson. He explained: "That was always in my plans. I had got the experience I wanted. "Paul Simpson told me he wanted me to stay but accepted my decision. He had been brilliant and really did his best for me. "Brian Talbot had also kept in touch and I am grateful to both of them." I know I have come back a better player and now my ambition is to break into the first team here. "Carlisle look as if they will get promotion but I want to play at the highest level I can and, at the moment, that is in League One with Oldham. "My confidence is good and I am ready to push on. "I have already been in the new manager's squad and I want to impress as much as I can. "I will be out of contract in the summer and I want to earn another. "I love it at Oldham and just wasn't to do the best I can for the club."



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Ten Year Itch

1994/95 - Latics, in the season following their relegation from the Premiership, are held at home in a goalless draw in the first match after Joe Royle's departure for Everton. Graeme Sharp was caretaker, but was then appointed permanently with Colin Harvey his No 2. Latics lose 2-1 in the return with Dwight Marshall scoring both Hatters goals, the first after only 33 seconds.

1995/96 - Luton finish bottom of Division One and Latics compound their misery taking four points off them. Stuart Barlow scores the match-winning goal in their 1-0 home win.

1997/98 - Latics' second relegation in three years sees them reunited with Luton. It is hard to believe both were in the top division in 1991/92. Latics again capture four points, Richard Graham scoring both goals in a 2-1 home victory.

1998/99 - Latics only narrowly avoid relegation to the basement division on the final day of the season. They lose 2-0 at Kenilworth Road and pick up a point at home thanks to a Shaun Garnett goal in a

1-1 home draw.

1999/00 - Both teams finish mid-table, but Latics shade the honours with a 2-1 home victory and 1-1 draw in the return.

2000/01 - Another relegation for Luton who have gone from the top to bottom divisions in the space of a disastrous nine-year spell. **Paul Rickers** and John Sheridan score in a 2-0 home victory while the return ends goalless.

2001/02 - It proves a short stay in Division Three as the Hatters win promotion at the first attempt finishing runners-up to Plymouth Argyle.

2002/03 - Latics reach the play-offs under Iain Dowie's stewardship, but struggle against the Hatters who narrowly miss out finishing ninth. Joe Kinnear's side wins 2-1 at Boundary Park, Andrew Fotiadis and Tony Thorpe the scorers. Latics' goalless draw at Kenilworth Road gives them a 17th clean sheet for the season, a club record.

2003/04 - There are troubled times for both clubs whose financial plight forces them into administration. Latics' 3-0



success at the end of September was only their third league win of the campaign. They draw 1-1 in the return with a goal from former Hatters player Dean Crowe against the club he had only recently left.

2004/05 - There is no stopping Luton, the leaders of Coca Cola League One. Latics certainly couldn't as they lost 2-1 at Kenilworth Road.

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Subs (not used): Forbes, Showunmi.

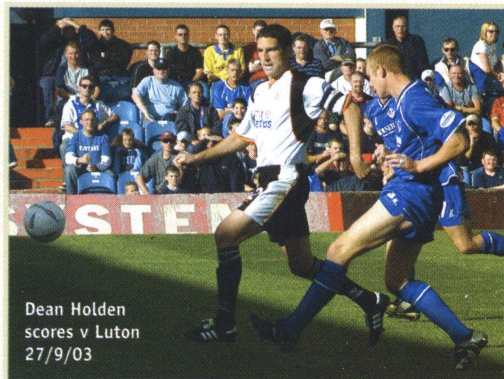
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* There has been no shortage of incident in matches involving Latics and Luton in the last 10 years with four players dismissed, Latics' Shaun Garnett and Scott McNiven and visiting pair Gavin McGowan and Robert Beckwith.

* Dean Crowe and Paul Wilkinson are the only players in the last decade to have appeared for both clubs. Crowe scored on his full debut for Latics against Luton from whom they had just captured him on a free transfer. Wilkinson, meanwhile, had loan spells with Latics and Luton, each time from Middlesbrough.

* Latics' last home defeat against Luton was in 2002/03, their only defeat in the last 13 visits. It is a contrast to yesterday when Luton won on each of their first four visits to Boundary Park and triumphed six times in eight. Latics haven't won at Kenilworth Road since 1981 when they registered a 2-1 victory.

* Luton have had seven managers in the last 10 years, three of whom have been in charge of clubs in the Premiership, David Pleat, Lennie Lawrence and Joe Kinnear.



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NEWELL'S CHAMPION CREDENTIALS

LUTON TOWN visit Boundary Park this afternoon hoping to take another giant stride towards promotion to the Championship, writes the Advertiser's Carl Marsden. The League One table toppers currently lie three points clear of second-placed Hull City but crucially are now 13 points clear of third-placed Sheffield Wednesday and Tranmere Rovers. On their travels, the Hatters have the best record in this division with a tally of nine wins, five draws and just four defeats, while only Hull and Sheffield Wednesday can boast more away goals than their current tally of 29. Mike Newell's side have been a model of consistency since kicking-off their campaign with a 2-1 opening day defeat of

Promotion within touching distance for Hatters

Latics last August. They have lost just one of their last 17 league games - a 3-1 defeat at Port Vale last month - and since hitting top-spot on August 21 for the first time, they have been dislodged for just one week. Newell believes that the key to success this term lies in squad rotation and resting his players at the right time. "The players sometimes need a rest mentally," he told BBC Sport. "If they turn up at work day in, day out they get stale. "We like them to come in and enjoy their training. "What we're doing now is keeping them ticking over, we don't train for long but we

make sure we train hard and give them plenty of rest during the week." In keeping with that philosophy, Luton arrive today fresh from a two-day break in Marbella following last weekend's 3-1 home win over Swindon Town. And they have also been bolstered by the news that the highly-rated Newell agreed a new two-year deal last week. The new contract will keep him at Kenilworth Road until June 2007 alongside first-team coach Brian Stein, who has also penned a two-year deal. Chairman Bill Tomlins told the club website: "We are delighted to have secured Mike and Brian's futures."

"This will continue to keep our football management strong in taking this club forward." Ahead of next Thursday's transfer deadline, the Hatters are still trying to strengthen their squad by adding more firepower to compliment first-choice strikers Rowan Vine and Steve Howard. Wycombe Wanderers this week rejected Luton's official approach for Nathan Tyson, who has scored 18 goals in League Two this season. Chairboys' boss John Gorman felt that the bid - reportedly in the region of £100,000 - was derisory and unsettling at a crucial stage of the season. But that might not yet be the end of the matter.

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| GOALKEEPERS | APPS |
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| 1 Marlon Beresford | 29 |
| 25 Dino Seremet | 5 |
| 33 Dean Brill | 0 |
| 2 Kevin Foley | 20 |

| DEFENDERS | APPS |
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| 3 Alan Neilson | 6 |
| 5 Russell Perrett | 4 |
| 6 Paul Underwood | 28 |
| 12 Chris Coyne | 33 |
| 20 Curtis Davies | 35 |
| 22 David Bayliss | 0 |
| 24 Sol Davis | 35 |
| 45 Leon Barnett | 0 |
| 7 Paul Hughes | 0 |
| 8 Kevin Nicholls | 34 |

| MIDFIELDERS | APPS |
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| 11 Stephen Robinson | 26 |
| 14 Michael Leary | 1 |
| 15 Stephen O'Leary | 12 |
| 17 Lee Mansell | 0 |
| 18 Ahmet Brkovic | 30 |
| 21 Keith Keane | 9 |
| 27 Peter Holmes | 5 |

| STRIKERS | APPS |
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| 9 Rowan Vine | 34 |
| 10 Gary McSheffrey | 1 |
| 16 Enoch Showunmi | 5 |
| 19 Steve Howard | 30 |
| 26 Matthew Blinkhorn | 0 |
| 29 Calvin Andrew | 2 |
| 19 Steve Howard | 18 |
| 18 Ahmet Brkovic | 14 |

| GOALSCORERS | GOALS |
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| 8 Kevin Nicholls | 10 |
| 9 Rowan Vine | 8 |
| 16 Enoch Showunmi | 4 |
| 2 Kevin Foley | 2 |

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GOALKEEPERS

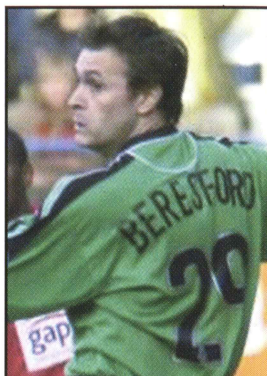
MARLON BERESFORD signed on a free from Barnsley last summer and has been first-choice 'keeper this term.

The vastly experienced 34-year-old has now made more than 400 league appearances and agreed a two-year contract after impressing in a three-month loan stint last term. Lincoln-born, he spent the majority of his career with Sheffield Wednesday, Burnley and Middlesbrough but has also played for Bury, Northampton, Crewe, Wolves, York and Bradford City.

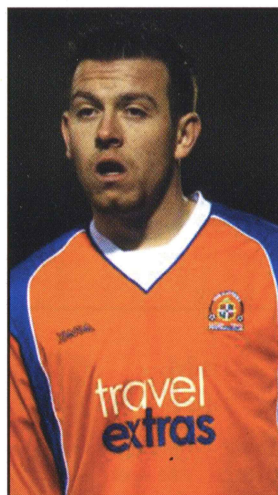
Slovenian understudy Nino Seremet, 24, had a trial with Latics before signing last July.

A free transfer capture from Maribor Pivovarna Laako, the 6ft 4in stopper has provided healthy competition for Beresford.

Dean Brill agreed a new one-year contract this week. The 19-year-old is yet to make his senior bow but is highly-rated by the club's coaching staff.



DEFENDERS



VERSATILE local lad **Keith Keane** has operated at right-back this term but has played in several outfield positions during his career. The 18-year-old is a club youth product who is strong and brave in the tackle and has appeared regularly for Eire at schoolboy level.

Central defender Curtis Davies won himself a two-year professional contract last summer after making his first-team breakthrough at the end of the 2003/4 season. Strong in the air and with good anticipation, he has become a virtual ever-present this term and celebrated his 20th birthday this week. Domineering and cultured centre-back **Chris Coyne** signed for West Ham as a teenager after starring in the 1994 youth World Cup for Australia. The 25-year-old had limited first-chances at Upton Park and after loan spells with Brentford and Southend signed for Dundee before a £50,000 bid from the Hatters was enough to bring him south again in September 2001.

Russell Perrett has had a frustrating time with injuries in recent times since signing from Cardiff City in 2001. The 31-year-old centre back was restricted to just six starts last season and has made only four this time around. His career began with non-league Lymington before he joined Portsmouth in 1995 and signed for the Bluebirds for a £10,000 fee four years later.

Tenacious left-back Sol Davis, 25, started out as a Swindon Town trainee in 1998 and made exactly 100 league starts for the club. A tireless tackler who also likes to venture forward, Luton spent £600,000 to secure his services in August 2002 and he has been a mainstay of the Hatters side ever since. Kevin Foley won the 'Young Player of the Year' award for the third successive time last season. The 20-year-old Eire U21 cap can operate at full back or in midfield and has progressed through the club youth ranks. Luton-born, he is a cultured and determined performer.

Another local lad, Leon Barnett is a promising central defender who make his first-team breakthrough last term after starting in the LDV tie at Stevenage. The 19-year-old is an impressive all-round athlete, having competed at national level in the triple jump.

AHMET BRKOVIC, 30, was awarded a new 12-month contract this week as a reward for an excellent season.

The versatile Croatian midfielder has been at Kenilworth Road since October 2001 when he signed from Leyton Orient after a successful two-year stint. Brkovic's career started out at HNK Dubrovnik in 1999 before moving to the UK, but he refused new terms at Brisbane Road to join the Hatters on a Bosman after experiencing the disappointment of seeing Orient fail in the Second Division play-offs. Usually deployed on the right, this diminutive and



hardworking player has chipped in with a prolific tally of 14 goals in all competitions this term. He has also entered Luton's late-season run-in showing fine form, netting twice as the club hammered Bristol City 5-0 at home on March 5.

ATTACKERS

ROWAN VINE is currently on-loan from Premiership side Portsmouth : already the third season-long loan deal in his short career so far.

The Basingstoke-born striker came through Pompey's youth academy ranks and made a handful of first-team league appearances for the club during season 2001/2. In August 2002, the 6ft 1in hitman agreed to join Brentford for the season and made an impressive impact; returning a tally of 13 goals in 47 appearances before returning to Fratton Park.

Last season he was then sent out on a similar basis to join up with Colchester United and came up trumps again with ten strikes from 42 matches.

U's boss Phil Parkinson opted to use him more as a left winger but Vine still came up with several vital goals, including notching a stunning hat-trick to dump Coventry City out of the FA Cup.

A powerful runner with a sweet left foot, Luton then



secured his services on the eve of the 2004/5 season, initially for three months. But after the player picked up the Powerade League One 'Player of the Month' award in September with a series of excellent displays, it was no surprise when manager Mike Newell opted to extend the deal until the end of the season. Since then, the 21-year-old has continued to impress with a total of eight goals from 34 league starts this term.

MIDFIELDERS

FORMER Latics target Paul Underwood signed on transfer deadline day 2003. The 31-year-old came into professional football at Rushden for £50,000 in 1997 after spells at Enfield, Kingstons, Molesey, Sutton United and Carshalton Athletic. He can operate in midfield or his preferred position of full back. Club skipper Kevin Nicholls is a dynamic force in the 'engine-room'. The 26-year-old central midfielder has contributed 10 goals so far this season, firmly putting last season's back injury nightmare behind him. A former Charlton trainee, he joined Wigan for £250,000 in 1999 before switching to Luton for just £25,000 in 2001.

Right-sided Stephen Robinson, 30, made his name in over 250 games for

Bournemouth after leaving Spurs. Preston paid £375,000 for him in 2000 before a switch to Luton for £25,000 two years later. He is a former Northern Ireland U21 cap.

Ex-Sheffield Wednesday trainee Peter Holmes operates in central midfield. The skilful 24-year-old joined Luton in 2000 but his progress has been dogged by a series of nagging injuries.

Promising youngster Stephen O'Leary signed his first professional contract last summer. The 20-year-old Eire youth international is fast, direct and best deployed in a midfield holding role. Michael Leary, 21, is a neat and skilful midfield youth prodcut who is contracted until 2006 but has made just four starts this term.

LUTON have relied heavily on their first-choice striking partnership of Steve Howard and Rowan Vine this term.

That pair have bagged 26 goals between them so far while loan strikers Gary McSheffrey (Coventry City) and Matthew Blinkhorn (Blackpool) chipped in briefly earlier in the campaign. Giant Nigerian hitman Enoch Showunmi, 22, proved a real handful when Latics visited Kenilworth Road last April. The 6ft 5in striker has a genuine turn of pace and with a bustling, no-nonsense style is a real handful for opposition defenders.

After signing from non-league club Willesden Constantine in September 2003 - the same club that nurtured Barry Hayles - he settled in so well that he was offered a two-and-a-half year contract in February

2004.

The same month he blasted a brilliant hat-trick in a 4-1 win over Brentford and his form was rewarded with a call-up to the Nigerian international squad for the Unity Cup last summer.

Youngster Calvin Andrew burst into the first-team picture last September when his goalscoring antics in youth football saw Mike Newell call him up for the club's trip to Sheffield Wednesday.

The 19-year-old Lutonian made an imposing start to the campaign in the club's under18s side, bagging eight goals in three games - including two hat-tricks. Tall, strong and direct, he has come under the expert tutelage of reserve team coach Brian Stein and is an exciting prospect for the future.

Luton Town
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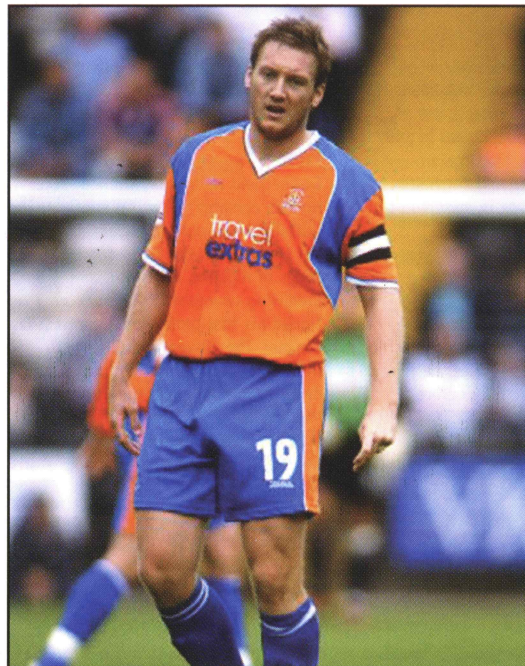
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HOTSHOT

Steve Howard

STEVE HOWARD tops the Luton goalscoring charts with 18 strikes from 34 starts in all competitions this term.

A traditional bustling English centre-forward, this 28-year-old is powerful in the air, brave in the box and a key factor behind Luton's stunning success this season.

The Hatters paid just £50,000 to secure his services from Northampton Town on deadline day March 2001 and he has been the club's top marksman ever since.



Durham-born, Howard started out at Tow Law Town before moving to Hartlepool United in August 1995. He then cost the Cobblers a club record

£120,000 fee 1998 but Northampton reluctantly then had to accept the Hatters' paltry £50,000 offer with the player's contract due to expire in the summer.

Ironically, however, the same thing could happen again this summer with the highly-prized hitman set to become a free agent again. Burnley boss Steve Cotterill has already admitted holding talks with the player's agent and he is unlikely to be the only one to be showing interest.

MEET THE GAFFER

Mike Newell

MIKE NEWELL has made a tremendous impact since taking charge at Kenilworth Road, burying the personal disappointment suffered when Hartlepool United ditched him in May 2003. Despite steering Pools to the Third Division runners-up spot that season, the Victoria Park club opted not to award him a new contract and he found himself seeking a fresh challenge.

Newell had been made Pools' boss in November 2002 following Chris Turner's move to Sheffield Wednesday but many fans were unhappy with the club's late-season displays and he paid the ultimate price.

Less than a month later, Newell topped a controversial and unprecedented phone poll organised by then Luton chairman John Gurney to decide the identity of the new Hatters boss.

He beat popular predecessor Joe Kinnear in that vote and questions were raised about the influence of the club's board on the outcome.

Freshly installed in the Luton hotseat, Newell quickly embarked on completing his UEFA coaching qualifications and also began studying a Certificate of Applied Management at Warwick University.

An illustrious playing career saw the Scouse striker rattle up more than 500 league games for 14 clubs and win England caps at under21 and B level.

After starting out at Crewe he had a spell with Wigan Athletic which prompted his first move to Luton in 1986. A total of 18 goals in 63 league games persuaded Leicester City to snap him up for two seasons in September 1987.

A return to Merseyside saw Newell briefly lead Everton's

forward line before Kenny Dalglish offered him the chance to spearhead Blackburn's First Division promotion charge, soon followed by a Premiership title.

Although often second fiddle to the SAS partnership of Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton, Newell was a key squad man and scored the fastest-ever Champions League hat-trick in ten minutes against Norwegian club Rosenberg.

A nomadic existence then followed with spells at Birmingham, Aberdeen, Crewe, Doncaster and Blackpool and loan stints at West Ham and Bradford City before he finally decided to hang up his boots.

Newell then became reserve team boss at Tranmere Rovers before trying his luck as a coach with Conference outfit Doncaster Rovers.



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A week's a long time at Boundary Park

March 5

A new era is launched at Boundary Park as Ronnie Moore and his assistant, John Breckin, preside over their first game in charge of Latics.

And the management duo make a dream start, inspiring their team to a superb 3-0 victory over Port Vale. Latics take the lead through a header by Will Haining, who escapes his marker to convert a free kick from David Eyres. From that moment the result is never in doubt, and Latics rub in their superiority with two goals from Kenny Cooper. The striker hits his double after good work from Neil Kilkeny, who is named man of the match on his return from a one game ban. Latics have ended their longest losing run for 70 years and Moore says:

"They deserve to taste some glory."



March 7

Kenny Cooper is at the end of his loan spell from Manchester United, but Latics consult him about staying for longer. Cooper agrees, as does his manager Sir Alex Ferguson, and another

one month deal is completed.

March 8

Latics go to Wrexham, where they are chasing a dramatic comeback in the LDV Vans Trophy northern area final.

Wrexham lead 5-3 from the first leg and, despite a battling display from the visitors, the gap is too much to bridge. Latics eventually lose 1-0 on the night after having Guy Branston sent off for violent conduct. Having had two games in charge, boss Ronnie Moore confirms he wants a striker and a midfielder to boost his team.

March 9

Ipswich Town youngster Dean Bowditch turns down the chance of a loan move to Boundary Park.

And it is confirmed that Guy Branston will be suspended for four games after his red card at Wrexham.



Defender **Alex Bruce**, who has been on loan with Latics since just before Christmas, is recalled by Birmingham City ahead of schedule. Meanwhile, Latics reserves play out a goalless draw at Burnley in the Pontins Holiday

League, with Rodney Jack playing the second game of his comeback from injury.

March 10

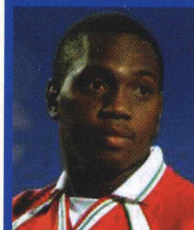
Ronnie Moore spells out his frustration after being thwarted in several attempts to sign new players. He reveals some of the targets he has been unable to land: Wayne Andrews, Shaun Goater, Lloyd Owusu, Jonathan Douglas, Dele Adebola and Carl Asaba.



March 11

Midfielder **Matty Appleby** is in Darlington to complete a permanent move from Latics. Appleby has agreed a settlement on his Boundary Park contract and returns to

one of his former clubs.



March 12

Latics are left heartbroken on their second visit of the week to Wrexham. Despite dominating the game and making a number of chances, they are hit by the cruel setback of a goal by **Hector Sam**.

The Trinidad international heads home after two minutes of injury time, leaving Latics narrowly above the relegation zone.

Ronnie Moore is disappointed by the lack of cutting edge and continues his search for a striker.

Diary

JOHN WILLIE TO HIS MATES



10Q4 KENNY COOPER

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Kenny Cooper is relishing the opportunity to gain valuable experience by playing first-team football during his loan spell with Latics. The 20-year-old striker, despite an impressive goalscoring record for Manchester United's academy and reserve sides, finds himself well down the order at Old Trafford. That is why Cooper joined Portuguese Super League club Academica earlier in the season on loan and then grasped the opportunity to join Latics for a temporary spell. Here Cooper takes time out - an appropriate term bearing in mind he is American - for today's ten questions which are selected at random from a list of 100 to provide an insight into his life, both on and off the field.

3 - What is your first footballing memory? It was going to watch my father Kenny snr take training with Baltimore Blast for whom he was coach. They played in the Major Indoor Soccer League and for a time it was a huge success with arenas packed. American audiences love to see lots of action and five-a-side provided that and they liked nothing more than seeing scorelines like 10-8.

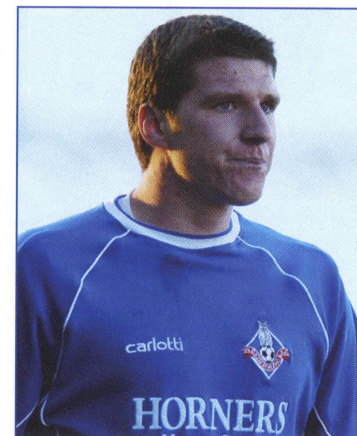
13 - What is your most memorable moment in football? Without question it has to be signing for Manchester United, the team I supported from being a boy. When I was training and playing as a youngster I would dream of playing for them so to achieve that was unimaginable. I was recommended to the club, brought over for a two-week trial and that was two years ago.

4 - If you could be anyone else for a day, who would it be and why? It would be my father because I have a lot of respect for him and what he has achieved. He has been a massive influence on my career and I strive to achieve his values. He played for Blackburn Rovers reserves before heading for America at the age of 21 and he is still there 38 years later. He played for Dallas Tornados in the North American Soccer League and has the distinction of being the league's longest-serving player.

10 - Who would you pick as your toughest opponent? I have trained a couple of times with Rio Ferdinand and I can see why he is one of the best defenders in the world. What I really respect about him is that he always has time to help you and he would always point things out to me. I have found all the first-team players at United to be like that. They have been brilliant with me and always found time to give advice. Playing in Portugal's Super League and here with Latics is a lot different as I am up against men who are stronger physically and also smarter as they have been in the game longer than boys.

5 - What hobbies did you have as a child, and do you still have them? I have always played football and if I am not doing that I watch it on television. It surprises people who think because I am from America I must like their football, baseball and basketball. I played a little basketball at school and I follow American sports and in particular Dallas Mavericks basketball team in the NBA while my American football team is Dallas Cowboys.

2 - Which sportsman/woman do you most admire? I have always had a lot of respect for basketball player Michael Jordan. He dominated his sport for such a long time and also won many honours with the Chicago Bulls. He was also a fantastic athlete and some of the things he did were amazing.



27 - Do you get recognised in the street? Only occasionally. May be somebody outside the ground will ask for my autograph. That is a contrast to the first-team players at United who are celebrities and the attention they get is unbelievable. That is part and parcel of the game at the highest level and I think it is neat that football is such a passionate game who so many people follow.

45 - What is your all-time classic football shirt? It is a shirt worn by Pele when he played for New York Cosmos in the North American Soccer League. My father was playing against him and at the end of the game swapped shirts. It was before I was born, but he has since given it to me. Pele was my favourite footballer when I was growing up and having his shirt is a cherished possession.

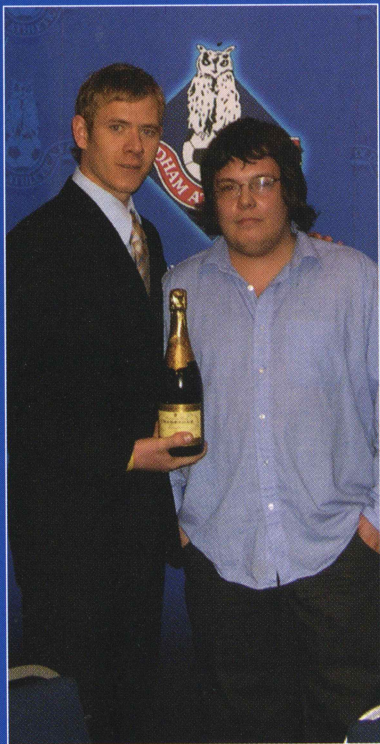
44 - What is your pre-match meal? I have either pancakes or spaghetti bolognese which are both easy to digest and give you lots of energy. I have always eaten them since I was growing up as a youngster. I eat four or five hours before a match and avoid heavy food.

50 - Did any of your friends/contemporaries become footballers/sportsmen? One of my best school friends was a boy called John Wall who is a very good American football player. He is currently at Rice University which is a top team and he is hoping to eventually be drafted by a professional team. He is a running back and we have been friends since the age of 13 and still keep in touch.





Here's also a little reminder that we are turning green - and if you have an old mobile phone you want to throw away then visit the Club shop. For every mobile phone that is deposited in the green recycling bin in the Club shop the club will receive anything from 50p to £50 - so it pays to recycle with us.



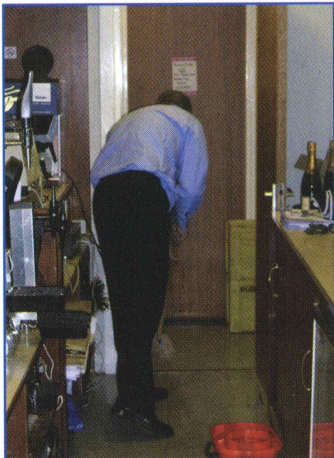
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Keep The Faith...

From one end of the scale to the other...

I didn't fully appreciate how varied my job can be until this week. Firstly I was a little surprised when I received a call from the Football League.



Each year the Football League holds a conference (usually in the Midlands) to discuss a variety of topics and this year I have been asked to be one of the keynote speakers. Of course I am a little bit nervous but to be honest I am honoured to be asked. However it also makes me feel proud that Oldham will be represented and I will be given the opportunity to present what Latics have been up to over the past few years. I truly feel honoured to be asked and proud to be representing Latics.



At the other end of the scale, I became a 'scrubber' for the night. After the Brentford game (when the Sponsors Suite eventually closed!), Shelley, Gordon, Ian and myself literally rolled up our sleeves and scrubbed the Suite. The reason being



we had a conference in the Suite the following day featuring international company - Diageo. But to be honest I felt equally proud that we had done a good job. However, please don't tell my missus I had a mop in my hand - otherwise she'll get me at it every week!

Come Fly with me....

Off the field is a pretty special day for us and I am delighted to welcome Thomas Cook to Boundary Park to launch the Latics Holiday Club. Over the past few weeks you may have read in the local press, news of today's launch. However, to refresh your memories, in simple terms by being a Latics fan you can receive additional discounts on holiday's that are booked through Thomas Cook. To mark the launch we will be giving out leaflets and key fobs. But don't worry if you don't get your hands on one as all you have to do is go into any of the Thomas Cook's stores (anywhere around the country) and mention that you support Oldham Athletic and you will receive a special discount. Obviously today is the start of the promotion and to help with the official launch a lucky fan in the crowd today will win a £250 voucher. And again it couldn't be easier - all you have to do is pick up one of the vouchers from one of the Thomas Cook promotional staff and listen out for the lucky number at half time. If your number is called out then you will have two minutes to get to the pitch side to win the voucher. So good luck to everyone that gets a voucher.

Half time is a busy time...

Whilst we will have the Thomas Cook £250 draw and the Strike it Lucky draw We'll also have a demo game on the pitch too. Ran in association with our Club sponsors Horners Motor Group the game will see 20 3D's players entertain the Chaddy End. I am sure you will give them a good cheer and encourage them on.

Here's a bit of an exclusive...

We are currently organising a benefit game for our very own John Sheridan. There is still a lot of planning to do but it may be worth putting Sunday May 1st in your diary. As mentioned there still a lot of work to do but it may be a game of Latics legends versus Sheff Wednesday legends (who knows with a Redfearn penalty at the end!). And a few guest surprises too. Can't say too much at this stage but keep your eyes peeled for the latest info through the website and club programme.

Update on the scoreboard...

This week I wanted to bring your attention to the scoreboard. Apparently there has been a couple of comments recently on getting it fixed. To be honest I would love to get it fixed but it is proving rather expensive. To get an engineer to have a look at the scoreboard it costs £4,500. And even if they do come and have a look at it there would be no guarantee that the scoreboard would continue to work. And lastly we have been advised that is on its last legs anyway. Consequently, what are the options? Paying the £4,500 for an opinion is expensive and very risky or we investigate a new scoreboard - very expensive - or we investigate a second hand one -again expensive and may be another short term solution or we wait for the news of a new stadium. All of these points have plusses and minuses. However if you feel you have a better option then please

don't hesitate to give me a call.

Update on the bars...

As you know we now have a bar and catering manager (Ian Kilgannon) that is currently looking to improve our operation in all the catering kiosks and the bars around the ground. On that note I have had some comments from the Broadway Paddock recently regarding access to the Royle Bar. As mentioned previously it is very difficult for us to do this due to safety requirements. However, we have now approached the local Council with a view to meeting Ian and myself and trying to convert the catering bar in between the Royle Bar and the Boundary Blues Lounge to sell alcohol. Obviously there is still a lot of work to be done but we will of course bring you news as it happens.

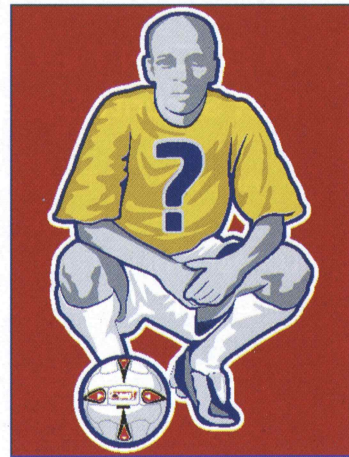
End of season awards.

Those fans that came to the awards last season will testify how good the event was. This year we will look to build on that and have a whole host of new ideas. However to start with we have moved to a new venue and I would recommend that you take a look at Shelley's comments in Park Life - she explains in some further detail about the event and why we have chosen a new venue.

A Big Throw?

Have you got a big throw? If so you may be interested in a new competition we will be organising. Through the official website

With Sean Jarvis



we will be giving fans of all ages the opportunity to prove they can throw the a football the furthest - a bit like Neil Pointon! So keep your eyes peeled on the official website and if you fancy having a go step up to the white line!

Finally a little bit of an update for you on a couple of initiatives that are running. At the time of going to press we had moved up to 22nd in the Coca Cola challenge. Remember you can enter every day to stand the chance of winning £10,000 - yep £10,000 and of course not forgetting £250,000 for the Club to spend on a player - so if you get chance visit www.coca-colafootball.co.uk today.

Last but by no means least, I would like to welcome Clayton Athletic to the Sponsors Suite today. As usual I am sure they will add to the atmosphere in the Suite and make it a day to remember. Also a special mention to 'Wurzel' who has had a tough time of late - through an injury to his knee he has had to hang his boots up - however I am sure he will make a great manager. Enjoy the game.
Sean



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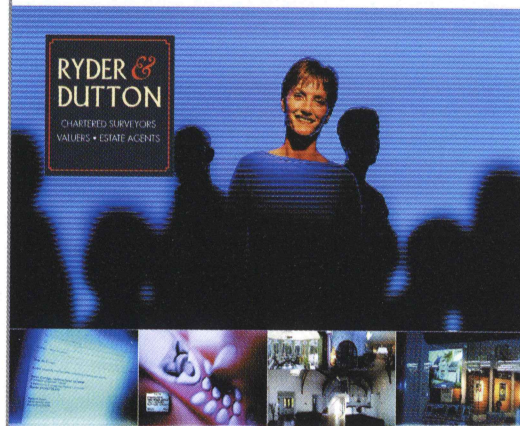
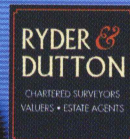
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My Route To Boundary Park

Ronnie Moore has been charged with the task of staving off the threat of relegation which is still a worry for Latics. And the 52-year-old, who has a short-term contract for the remainder of the season, is keen to stay beyond then to try and revive their fortunes. Ronnie, who performed miracles working on a shoestring in almost eight years as manager of Rotherham, believes Latics deserve a side in the Championship. As somebody who was born in Everton it is no surprise that Ronnie's life was steeped in football from an early age and he went on to become a top striker of his generation.

1971 - Tranmere spot Ronnie, who was working as a butcher in Liverpool, playing for St John's Boys Club, Huyton, and invite him for a trial. There is no apprenticeship and he immediately signs professional forms.

1973 - Ronnie makes his league debut in a goalless draw at Aldershot playing in midfield. He went to Tranmere as a striker but former Liverpool legend Ron Yeats converted him into a central defender like he once was.

1973 - Third Division Tranmere cause an upset beating Arsenal 1-0 at Highbury in the League Cup when the Gunners' team included all their big guns including John Radford, Ray Kennedy and Alan Ball.

1975 - John King succeeds Yeats who is sacked as manager after Tranmere are relegated to Division Four. And King pulls off a masterstroke reverting Ronnie to the striking role which he had at the start of his career.

1975/76 - In his first season back up front, Ronnie scores 34 league goals, including four goals on three occasions, to win the Division Four golden boot which more than vindicates King's decision to move him back into attack. Tranmere win promotion and Ronnie even scores three further goals in the League Cup.

1979 - Cardiff are so impressed by Ronnie's goalscoring exploits that they pay £100,000 for him which was decent money 26 years ago. He scored only six goals in 56 league appearances and fans had badges made with the wording 'I saw Ronnie Moore score.'

1980 - Ronnie figures in another six-figure transfer as he joins Rotherham and in his first season helps them win what was the Third Division title in the days when the divisions were one to four. The Rotherham team included John Breckin, his No 2 at Boundary Park, and that is when their friendship was born.

1981/82 - Rotherham narrowly miss out on promotion to the top

division after winning nine successive matches during February/March, the ninth one a 3-0 victory at Boundary Park.

1983 - Ronnie joins Charlton Athletic in a £40,000 deal but the Addicks are so strapped for cash they have a blanket collection before his debut to help raise money for the transfer.

1985/86 - A season is spent nearby at Rochdale where he scores the winning goal in an FA Cup tie against Scunthorpe which earns a lucrative match against Manchester United at Old Trafford.

1986 - Ronnie's career turns full circle as he returns to Tranmere where he finishes his playing career.

1987 - Ronnie joins the backroom staff as assistant manager but soon has a two-month spell as caretaker manager after Frank Worthington's departure.

1989 - John King returns for a second spell as manager and appoints Ronnie first-team coach and his assistant.

1996 - Former Liverpool favourite John Aldridge becomes manager and brings his own backroom staff so Ronnie finds himself out of a job.

1997 - Ronnie takes charge at non-league Southport, his first managerial appointment.

But after four months comes the opportunity to manage Rotherham which he accepts.

1997/98 - Rotherham, who are in the bottom division, narrowly fail to secure a play-off place in Ronnie's first season.

1998/99 - The Millers are unlucky to miss out on promotion as they lose in the play-off final to Leyton Orient at Wembley where they are beaten cruelly after a penalty shootout.

1999/2000 - It's third time lucky as Rotherham are promoted after finishing runners-up to Swansea who had they beaten in their last match would themselves have been crowned champions.

2000/01 - A second successive promotion but Rotherham are again pipped for the Second Division title by Millwall. Had they won at Peterborough in their last match they would have finished in top spot.

FEBRUARY 2004 - Rotherham decide Ronnie won't be offered a new contract at the end of the current campaign and, despite a poll revealing 84-per-cent of fans want him to stay, he leaves, ironically after the Supporters' Trust took control of the club.

MARCH 2004 - Latics appoint Ronnie as Brian Talbot's successor and he kicks off his career with a 3-0 home victory against Port Vale which snaps a run of eight straight defeats.

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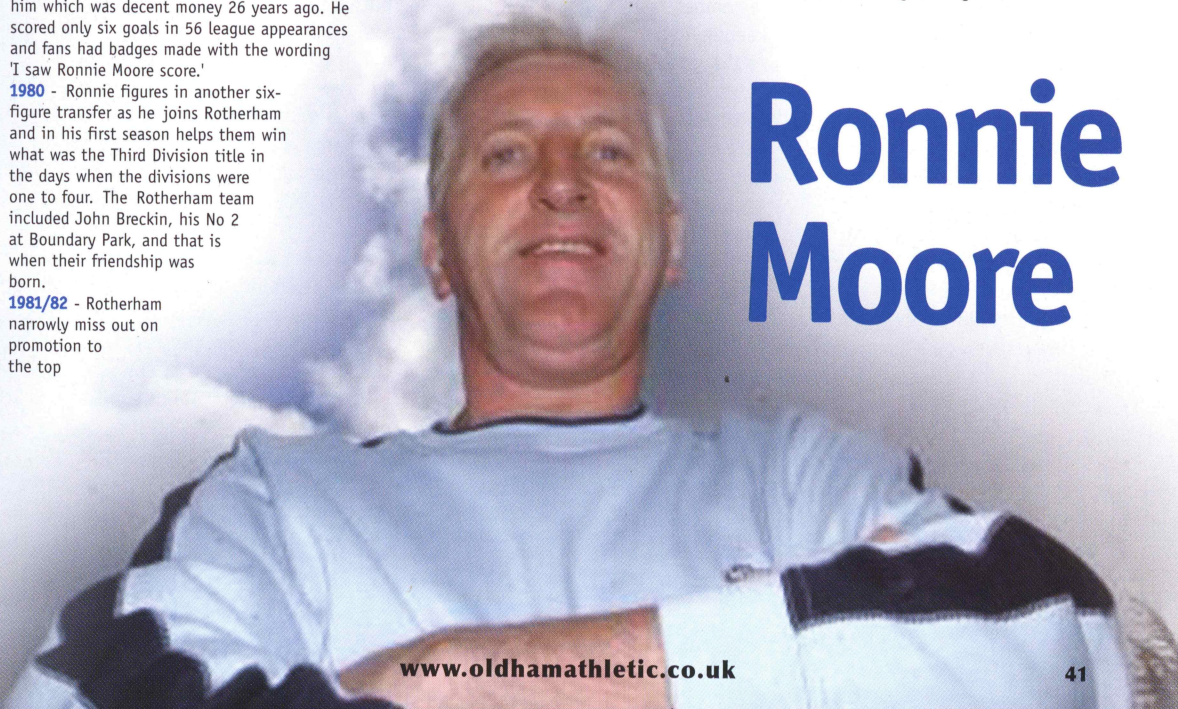
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Magic Moments

Graeme Sharp's goalscoring exploits for Everton made him a legend at Goodison Park, but there was one afternoon with Latics which ranked alongside anything he achieved with the Toffees.

Luton Town were the visitors to Boundary Park in April 1992 when Sharp scored four times in a 5-1 victory which virtually guaranteed their top-flight status for a second season.

Sharp recalled: "I was only recently reflecting on the four goals against Luton on my radio show for Century FM when we were discussing Juan Ugarte scoring five times in Wrexham's 6-4 win at Hartlepool.

"When any striker looks back through his career they generally get one and two goals and the occasional three. It is very rare for anybody to score four or more.

"And that was the case for me as I only ever scored four goals twice in the whole of my professional career.

"I scored all four goals for Southampton in our win at Southampton which was a great achievement as The Dell was never an easy place to play at.

"Colin Harvey, who was my No 2 when I managed Latics, was in charge at Everton and I can remember it could easily have been six or seven as I also had other chances to score past Tim Flowers.

"What made that feat even more special was that I scored all four goals that day. If you score four and you win by five or six that takes a little bit of the gloss off it.

"The match against Luton came towards the end of our first season in what was the First Division and is today's Premiership.

"From what I can remember we were almost safe while Luton were already down or close to having their relegation sealed.

"It was one of those afternoons when everything turned to goal for me and to get four goals was special bearing in mind I had only ever done it once before.

"Surprisingly I cannot remember any of the goals with any clarity, something which happens to a lot of strikers.

"The only incident I still clearly remember is an alleged foul on keeper Alec Chamberlain for one of the goals.

"Alec was a former team mate at Everton and it was claimed I barged into him before scoring. But as a striker nothing holds you back when it comes to scoring, even if it is against a personal friend.

"When I was at Everton our games against Luton were always feisty affairs as there was no love lost between the two teams so it was especially pleasing for me personally to put one over on them.

"Those goals also took my total of goals for the season to 15 which was the target I set myself before the start. Some managers say 20

goals, but I always looked for 15.

"It was my first season since leaving Everton and I also had a point to prove to Howard Kendall is that he was too hasty to let me go.

"I enjoyed that season with Joe Royle and Willie Donachie, though it was probably the hardest I had ever trained.

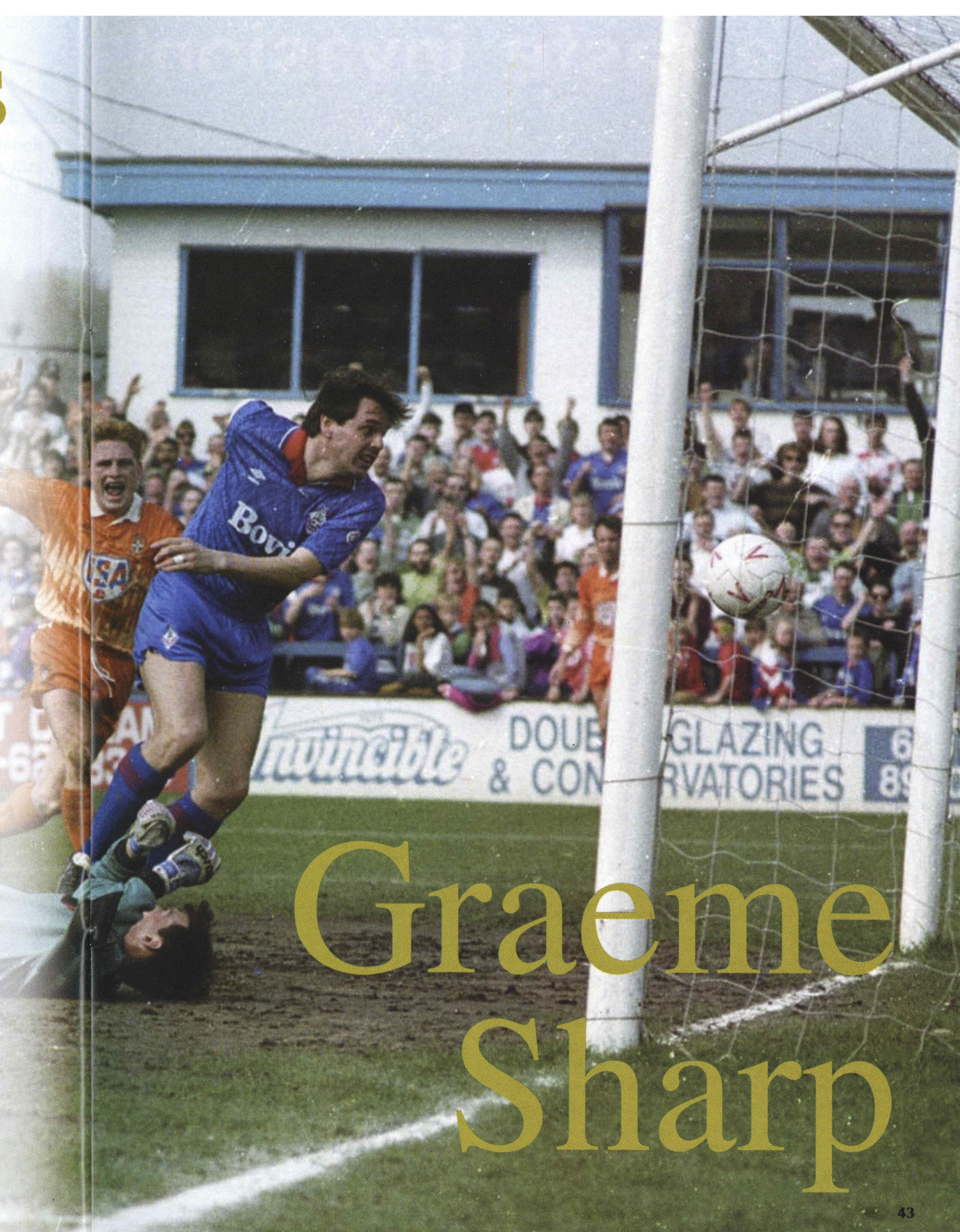
"Those four goals were the most a Latics player had scored since Frank Bunn hit six against Scarborough in the Littlewoods Cup a couple of years earlier.

"I still have the match ball somewhere at home - it is probably in the loft - along with the one for Everton's match at Southampton and others I received for scoring hat tricks.

"And my father Jim will have kept the press cuttings about the goals I scored against Luton. He has them from my debut at Everton to last match of my career for Latics and they will be nice to look back on.

"I remember it was sometimes a pain as he would ring asking if I had got the papers on a Sunday so I could send him the cuttings.

"He put them in scrap books which he took great delight in compiling. He also has all the medals I won as well as videos of matches in which I played."



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Talking Point

Matthew James

There are not many more cutting remarks for a professional footballer than the assumption that a struggling team will probably win their first couple of matches under a new manager.

How often when the boss changes do you hear the media and fans say they expect an immediate improvement as the players try to impress their new gaffer? The hidden meaning behind such a statement is not that the new man in the hot seat is a miracle-worker who will transform the team inside a week but that some of the players were not giving 110 per cent – or even 100 per cent – before he arrived. Certainly I am NOT questioning the effort of any Latics player this season, though clearly everyone at Boundary Park was more than happy with the win against Port Vale.

Ronnie Moore's record at Rotherham United suggests he could be here for the long haul. I doubt if there will be too many grumbles if he matches his performance with the Millers – eight years in the job, including back-to-back promotions. That spell made him the sixth longest-serving manager in the League before his recent departure from Millmoor; only Bob Mellor (1934-45), Jimmy Frizzell (1970-82) and Joe Royle (1982-94) have lasted longer at Oldham.

RM's tenure at Rotherham did not get off to the best of starts as the Millers lost his first two matches in the old Division 3 – and the history books tell us that changing the manager does not automatically produce instant results. Strangely, all four of the longest-serving League managers – Dario Gradi (Crewe Alexandra), Sir Alex Ferguson (Manchester United), Alan Curbishley (Charlton Athletic) and Barry Fry (Peterborough United) – lost their first match in charge of those clubs. Excluding caretakers, RM is the eighth Latics boss since Gradi took charge at Crewe in 1983 while Luton Town have employed 10 men in the top job during that time, one of them twice. How many can you name?

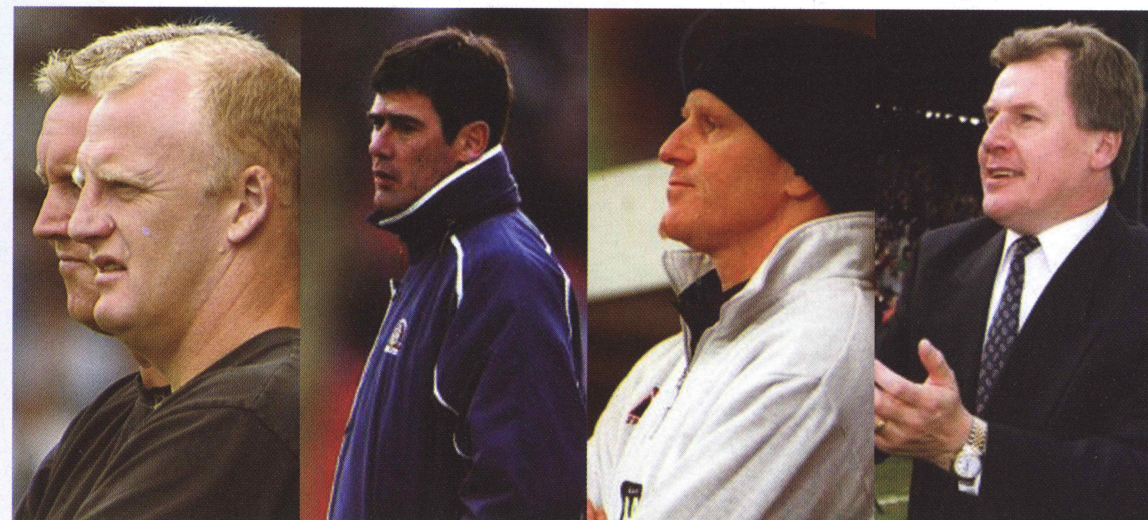
At the other end of the scale from Gradi, Bill Lambton lasted three days as Scunthorpe United manager in 1959; despite not being employed as a caretaker manager, he was sacked after a 3-0 defeat against Huddersfield Town. Brian Clough famously clocked up 44 days at Leeds United before leaving Elland Road, complaining of excessive player power. Doubtless everyone here will be hoping RM's managerial reign here is closer to eight years.

Jim Ryan
Terry Westley
Lennie Lawrence
Ricky Hill

1983
David Pleat (two spells)
John Moore
Ray Harford
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Andy Ritchie
Mick Wadsworth
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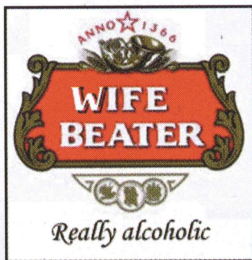


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Road Trip

Ah, the glitz and glamour of a Cup Final.

The tension, the anticipation and the sense of occasion. Unfortunately none of these were evident on our first of 2 trips to Welsh Wales in the space of 4 days for the second leg of the LDV Northern Final. Now as we all know the first leg didn't exactly go to plan but nonetheless me, Nick, Sam, Bean and Marcus were fairly optimistic as we hopped in Nick's car for the journey down. After all we only needed to win by 3 clear goals away from home, how hard could it be?! Marcus and Bean were that confident that they smuggled 8 cans of Belgian wife beater onto the trip and proceeded to get stuck into them, much to Nicks annoyance.



Sam was none to pleased either as Bean only decided at the last minute he was coming, he'd obviously forgotten that United were on the telly and 3 people in the back of a 206, especially

when neither Sam or Marcus could be described as thin, does not make for a comfortable ride, I had managed to call shotgun so was in a comparative lap of luxury.

As we crossed the border and the road signs changed into a



random gathering of letters the lager began to take it's toll on poor Marcus who requested a stop on the hard shoulder to relieve himself, well, given that Nick didn't know about the Stella stash, he decided against it and Marcus started whimpering and contemplating re-filling a can, then we hit the roadwork's and the moaning got louder as the rest of us tortured him. We got to the ground and as we parked up Marcus dashed around to the nearest wall

before he exploded and started to go about his business. Now in retrospect he maybe should have looked exactly where he was and as he looked up he was confronted with a ladies hockey game going on. Now I'm not one to miss an opportunity so I pointed Marcus out to the ladies and I don't think that they were overly impressed with what they saw. Still giggling like schoolgirls we wandered over to the ground and handed over our £16. £16 for a cup final, bargain! I have to say as well, I have seen bigger turnstiles, it's a good job I'm on a bit of a health kick as Sam struggled a bit and I'm bigger than him so I held my breath and hoped for the best!



Once inside I continued my attempt at a diet by just having a Bovril whilst my considerate travelling companions got stuck



into pies and burgers and the like, cheers lads! We took our seats in the stand and as the lads took the field the

travelling fans were in good voice as we got ready to climb that mountain. Latics started well as Eyresy fired in an early shot and although we all took a collective sharp intake of breath whenever Ugarte got the ball we looked fairly solid, now all we had to do was score 3 goals. It made a nice change to be thanking a referee, as we haven't been blessed this season, as the linesman gave Wrexham a penalty only for it to be over-ruled by the ref, much to Wrexham's disgust and our relief. Both teams had a couple more chances

before half time but we went in at 0-0, it was still achievable but the mountain was getting higher!

We started the second half pretty well but we never really looked like we were going to score and then the game turned. A Wrexham player, who obviously wasn't looking where he was going, ran into Guy Branston's forearm. The referee took exception to this accidental clash and thought that Guy deserved an early bath so sent him off. Shortly after this Wrexham took the lead and killed off the tie as a contest, a shot from just outside the box somehow crept under big Les and rolled agonisingly over the goal line. It was awful watching all the Wrexham fans celebrating



and singing about going to Cardiff. Didn't want to go anyway, it's rubbish that stadium!! I can't remember much else from the game; we just sat there whilst getting constant songs about Cardiff and cup finals. I thought Welshmen were supposed to be able to sing, it just sounded a bit weird! The bright spots were the updates from Chelsea beating Barcelona and wondering what it would be like to have all that money. Not much was said on the car journey home, we were all cursing at the prospect of being in exactly the same place in only a few days time but for a far more important game. We sped out of Wales and there was a sigh of relief as we crossed onto the right side of the border and back towards Oldham.

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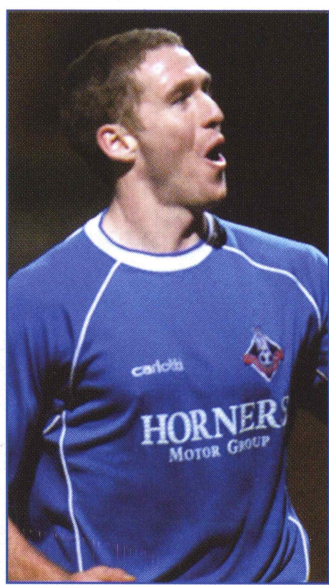
WWW.BWATCH

We welcome Mike Newell's Luton Town to Boundary Park this afternoon. Surely on their way up to the Championship, they'll be a tough nut to crack. However, all at the Official Site and Latics World are sure the Latics can turn the tables on the Hatters. Remember Plymouth last season? Enough said.

The website and associated revenue generators continue to work to help fund Ronnie Moore's search for new players. Of course, we would be nothing without the supporters, so please keep subscribing to our SMS service, Latics World and the online shop.

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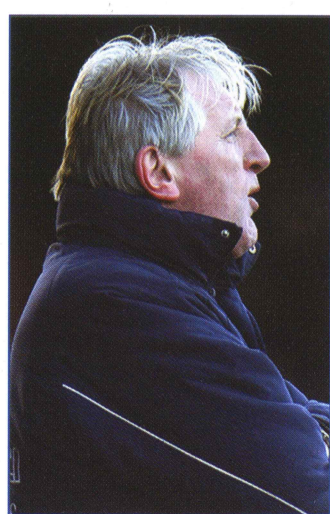
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Latics World Week Monday
Ronnie Moore's men went down at the Racecourse Ground by a late Sam strike. It broke the hearts of the Latics fans who had seen their team dominate second half proceedings. Ronnie Moore dissected the action.

Tuesday
We reported that Ronnie Moore's men had the chance to put things right as Brentford visited on Tuesday night. Again the boss provided the analysis.

Wednesday
Again we spoke to Ronnie Moore, this time following the disappointing result against the bees. He spoke about the display



and let subscribers in on some of his transfer targets.

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On a personal note,
By the time you read these notes, my partner Leanne and I should have a new addition to the family (we're always doing our bit to increase the supporter base!) My colleagues in the Commercial Department will take care of the Boundary Park new media output so see you in a couple of weeks!

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Teams also represented were Blackpool, Wigan, Bolton, Blackburn, Bury, Preston, Tranmere, Carlisle and Burnley. The teams were placed into two groups of five with the top two teams in each group (having already played each other) making up the semi-final line-up.

Crompton House, whilst not making the semi-final stage represented Oldham Athletic impeccably on the day, only conceding two goals in the four games.

The Final was played between Blackburn & Burnley, with Burnley coming out on top and moving forward to one to the two Regional Finals that will determine the two finalists to compete at the Millenium Stadium. My congratulations to the Crompton House girls for conducting themselves very well, not only at the Area Final, but throughout our Competition earlier in the month.



Community Cohesion

Over the past few months the community department have organised coaching sessions at local schools resulting in the Oldham Athletic community Cohesion competition in March. Breeze Hill school ran out winners in the final by a 3-2 scoreline against Crompton House School. The Community department would like to thank all the teachers concerned for there assistance and we look forward to our next competition in April.

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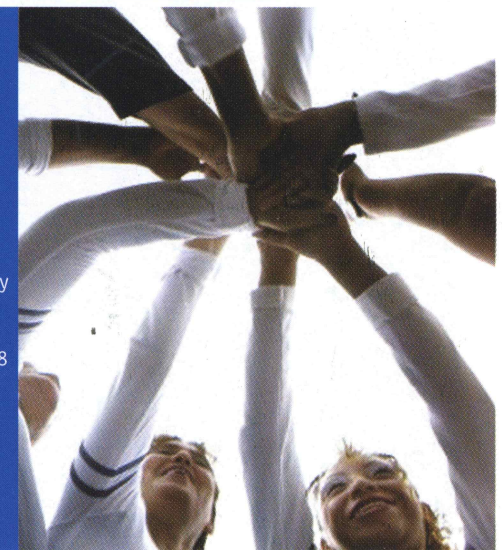
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YOUTH ALLIANCE CUP

Northern semi-final,
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Scorers: C.Taylor, M.Wolfenden, Burnley O.G.

Another solid performance from the lads and another comfortable win. John Sheridan was very pleased with their overall performance. They are enjoying their football at the moment and they are playing with a smile on their face and the boys are playing with lots of confidence. The team included three U16 players, playing against lads three years older than themselves. Definitely good experience for next season!

The next round of the cup is in fact the Northern Final, in which we have been drawn against Burnley. The game is to be played on Saturday 16 April at Chapel Road with an 11.00 KO. Please come along and support the lads. The winners of this game will play either QPR or Swindon at a venue to be agreed upon in the National Final.

The lads didn't have a game today as they play Burnley (again!!) in the Lancashire FA Youth Cup this Monday 21 March here at Boundary Park. KO is at 2pm. Admission is £2 for adults, concessions are free.

Please come along and give the lads your support.

Our next League game is against Tranmere Rovers on Saturday 26 March 2005 at Chapel Road, 10.00 KO. As you can see from the League Table below Tranmere Rovers and ourselves are only divided at the top of the League by goal difference. Should be a good game!!



Scorers in our 3-1 win against Grimsby Town, Chris Taylor (right) & Matty Wolfenden (left)



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| Division One North | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1 Tranmere Rovers | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 0 | +9 | 10 | |
| 2 Oldham Athletic | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 3 | +4 | 10 | |
| 3 Port Vale | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 5 | |
| 4 Burnley | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | +4 | 4 | |
| 5 Souththorpe United | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | |
| 6 Chesterfield | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | -1 | 3 | |
| 7 Wigan Athletic | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 8 | -3 | 3 | |
| 8 Darlington | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -1 | 1 | |
| 9 Hartlepool United | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 12 | -10 | 1 | |
| 10 Mansfield Town | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | -2 | 0 | |



ON THE SPOT

When your luck is out - and it invariably is when you are toughing it out at the wrong end of the table - then nothing seems to be going your way.

That just how keeper Les Pogliacomini felt after Tuesday night's defeat by Brentford when the fans voiced their frustrations. It left the Latics with just one win in nine league games and the giant Aussie admitted: They don't want to see the club going down and they have a right to boo, but it is not going to help. "They are obviously not happy at the way things are going but neither are we."

Boss Ronnie Moore had all the players in on Wednesday to watch a video of a well-below par performance. Pogliacomini said: "He showed us where we went wrong. "Basically we need to get out on the training pitch and work harder than ever to get things right. "We will only get ourselves out of this trouble by showing determination and passion.

"There is no point feeling down and sorry for ourselves because that is not going to do anything for us.

"I can only speak for myself but I know I am trying to do my utmost to stay in this division, I am sure the rest of the lads feel the same.

"It is as upsetting for us just as much as it is for the fans.

"The owners want to take this club forward and I want to be a part of that, I am sure everyone else does.

"We have to try our best to fulfil the owners' ambitions and make things happen. "Nobody is exactly jumping for joy at the moment and it is hardly surprising." Pogliacomini knows the Latics could not have had a tougher game than this afternoon's visit of league leaders Luton. But he insisted: "It would be a great time to put things

right. They are up there by a country mile but we showed last season that we could get the better of top sides. "There is no reason that we can't do it again if we play to our full capability. "The challenge is on and we need some big results to take the pressure of everybody.

"We will be giving it our best shot." Pogliacomini believes there could be a better man for the manager's job right now than new boss Ronnie Moore.

He explained: "He has worked with teams that have been at the top of the table and has got them up divisions and into the Championship.

"He is now trying to get us organised and doing the right things. "If you get good habits you get success and he is drilling that into us."

Pogliacomini has not fully lived up to his excellent reputation this season and added: "My form has been up and down and it does frustrate you.

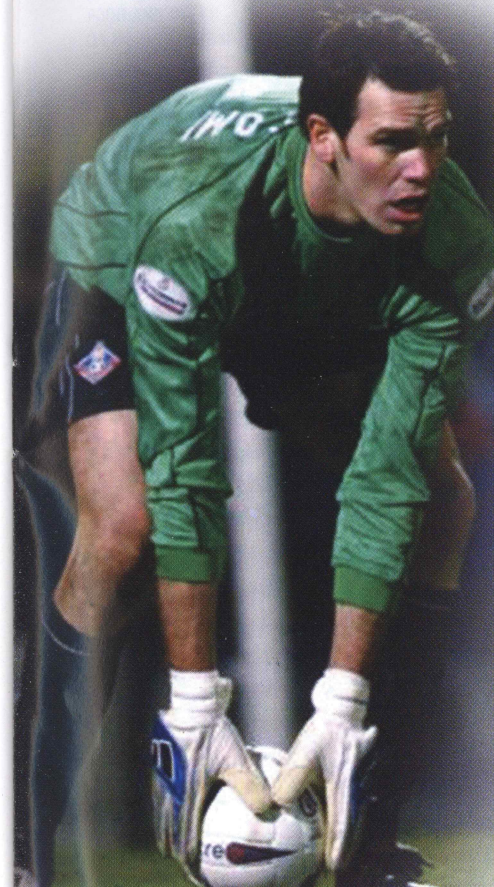
"I thought I made some good saves in the cup game against Wrexham, but the goal was a sloppy one even though it did take a deflection.

"I feel as though I am not just getting the rub of the green and any mistake is punished.

"Their keeper came for two crossed and dropped them both but got away with it. "We don't seem to get luck like that and it is happening to myself and the team."

Pogliacomini added: "Overall, I think I have done okay, but we do need to stop conceding and I will be working as hard as possible.

"I have another year on my contract and I don't want to be in the bottom division next season."



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Travel&Tickets

Walsall V Oldham Athletic

Saturday 26th March 2005 Kick-Off 1pm Bescot Stadium.

Please note the change of kick-off time of this fixture to 1PM. This is because the England v Northern Ireland, World Cup qualifying game is being screened on live television (kick-off 3pm) Walsall took part in an eight-goal thriller at Boundary Park last August (when it was sunny and warm) with Latics running out 5-3 winners on the day. A repeat of that score-line would not go amiss and would go a long way to securing survival from the dreaded drop.

DIRECTIONS

Pretty easy this one, take the motorway system to join the M6, travel south on the M6 and exit the motorway at junction 9 (s/p A461 Wednesbury) and at roundabout follow signs for Walsall A461. Then after 0.1 miles, keep right where the road divides (s/p Ring Road A4148 and Bescot Stadium) in to Wallows Lane, through traffic lights, over bridge, and turn right at Traffic lights for the Bescot Stadium.

CAR PARKS

The car park for away supporters is well signposted off Bescot Crescent and there is a charge of £3, CCTV covers this car park and is well patrolled by stewards. If you want to try street parking then try the side streets off Broadway West.

FOOD AND WATER

On Bescot Crescent itself you will find a McDonalds on the retail



park, you will probably pass a number of Burger and Chip vans on the streets as well. There is a Morrison's supermarket by the King George V pub which has it's own café.

If it is a drink you are looking for then try The Tiger on Walstead Road, a large traditional pub which serves Bas Beers and also serves a match-day classic food menu.

The King George V on Wallows Lane sells Theakstones, XB and guest ales or alternatively try The Bell or the Beacon/Harvester

TICKETS AND ADMISSION

There are 3,000 seats for visiting supporters priced at £17 Adults, £12 Concessions, all pay on the day. Disabled supporters should contact Walsall FC direct on 0870 442 0111

LATICS TRAVEL CLUB

Latics travel club will be running coaches to this game, seats priced at £10 return per seat can be booked at the Latics shop. The coaches will depart Boundary Park at 9.15am (1pm kick-off) Latics Shop phone number 08712 26 16 79

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S Sub Used
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1 Scorer
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Leading scorer to date
(goals scored)

* 5-4 win on penalties
1p penalty scorer

| DATE | K/O | @ | OPPONENTS | COMP | RES | ATT | TRAV | PTS |
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| AUGUST | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 7 | 15:00 | A | LUTON TOWN | FL1 | 1-2 | 6634 | 697 | - |
| TUE 10 | 19:45 | H | WREXHAM | FL1 | 2-3 | 6634 | 653 | - |
| SAT 14 | 15:00 | H | WALSALL | FL1 | 5-3 | 5654 | 625 | 3 |
| SAT 21 | 15:00 | A | HULL CITY | FL1 | 0-2 | 16915 | 1195 | 3 |
| TUE 24 | 19:30 | H | STOKE CITY | CC1 | 2-1 | 2861 | 336 | - |
| SAT 28 | 15:00 | H | MK DONS | FL1 | 3-0 | 5066 | 88 | 6 |
| MON 30 | 15:00 | A | SHEFFIELD WED | FL1 | 1-1 | 21550 | 1233 | 7 |
| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 11 | 15:00 | H | HARTLEPOOL | FL1 | 3-2 | 5801 | 485 | 10 |
| TUE 14 | 19:45 | A | TRANMERE | FL1 | 0-2 | 8437 | 701 | 10 |
| SAT 18 | 15:00 | A | DONCASTER | FL1 | 1-1 | 6774 | 816 | 11 |
| WED 22 | 19:30 | H | T'HAM HOTSPUR | CC2 | 0-6 | 8548 | 1507 | 11 |
| SAT 25 | 15:00 | H | COLCHESTER | FL1 | 1-1 | 5166 | 348 | 12 |
| OCTOBER | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 2 | 15:00 | A | BRENTFORD | FL1 | 0-2 | 5828 | 348 | 12 |
| SUN 10 | 14:00 | H | BLACKPOOL | FL1 | 1-2 | 7125 | 1605 | 12 |
| SAT 16 | 15:00 | A | SWINDON TOWN | FL1 | 0-1 | 5522 | 223 | 12 |
| TUE 19 | 19:45 | H | BRISTOL CITY | FL1 | 0-0 | 5090 | 322 | 13 |
| SAT 23 | 15:00 | H | BOURNEMOUTH | FL1 | 1-2 | 5335 | 270 | 13 |
| SAT 30 | 15:00 | A | STOCKPORT | FL1 | 2-1 | 6146 | 2049 | 16 |
| NOVEMBER | | | | | | | | |
| TUE 2 | 15:00 | H | ACCINGTON STANLEY | FL1 | 3-2 | 2812 | 320 | - |
| SAT 6 | 15:00 | A | TORQUAY UNITED | FL1 | 0-2 | 3183 | 459 | 16 |
| SUN 14 | 15:00 | A | THURROCK | FAC1 | 1-0 | 1156 | 319 | - |
| SAT 20 | 15:00 | H | BARNLEY | FL1 | 3-2 | 5593 | 677 | 19 |
| SAT 27 | 15:00 | A | BRADFORD CITY | FL1 | 3-1 | 8647 | 1047 | 22 |
| TUE 30 | 19:45 | H | HARTLEPOOL UTD | LDVQF | 3-1 | 2835 | 167 | - |
| DECEMBER | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 4 | 15:00 | H | LEYTON ORIENT | FAC2 | 4-0 | 4657 | 551 | - |
| TUE 7 | 19:45 | H | CHESTERFIELD | FL1 | 4-1 | 5207 | 404 | 25 |
| SAT 11 | 15:00 | H | HUDDERSFIELD | FL1 | 2-1 | 8389 | 2281 | 28 |
| SAT 18 | 15:00 | A | PORT VALE | FL1 | 1-3 | 4849 | 841 | 28 |
| SUN 26 | 15:00 | A | HARTLEPOOL | FL1 | 1-2 | 6520 | 674 | 28 |
| TUE 28 | 15:00 | H | PETERBOROUGH | FL1 | 2-1 | 5618 | 117 | 31 |
| JANUARY | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 1 | 15:00 | H | TRANMERE | FL1 | 2-2 | 6876 | 1378 | 32 |
| MON 3 | 15:00 | A | COLCHESTER | FL1 | 0-0 | 3873 | 256 | 33 |
| SAT 8 | 15:00 | H | MANCHESTER CITY | FAC3 | 1-0 | 13171 | 4554 | - |
| SAT 15 | 15:00 | H | DONCASTER | FL1 | 1-2 | 7401 | 1390 | 33 |
| SAT 22 | 15:00 | A | PETERBOROUGH | FL1 | 2-1 | 4047 | 460 | 36 |
| TUE 25 | 19:45 | H | TRANMERE ROVERS | LDVASF | 1-1* | 4068 | 719 | - |
| SUN 30 | 13:45 | H | BOLTON WANDERERS | FAC4 | 0-1 | 12029 | 2895 | - |
| FEBRUARY | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 5 | 15:00 | H | SWINDON TOWN | FL1 | 1-2 | 5810 | - | 36 |
| TUE 8 | 15:00 | A | BLACKPOOL | FL1 | 0-2 | 5563 | 801 | 36 |
| SAT 12 | 15:00 | A | BOURNEMOUTH | FL1 | 0-4 | 6622 | 206 | 36 |
| TUE 15 | 19:45 | H | WREXHAM | LDVF | 3-5 | 4881 | 1221 | - |
| SAT 19 | 15:00 | H | STOCKPORT | FL1 | 1-2 | 5924 | 811 | 36 |
| TUE 22 | 19:45 | A | BRISTOL CITY | FL1 | 1-5 | 9007 | 108 | 36 |
| SAT 26 | 15:00 | A | HUDDERSFIELD | FL1 | 1-2 | 11161 | 1401 | 36 |
| MARCH | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 5 | 15:00 | H | PORT VALE | FL1 | 3-0 | 5799 | 406 | 36 |
| TUE 8 | 19:45 | A | WREXHAM | LDVF | 0-1 | 5814 | 598 | - |
| SAT 12 | 15:00 | A | WREXHAM | FL1 | 0-1 | 4170 | 659 | 36 |
| TUE 15 | 19:45 | H | BRENTFORD | FL1 | 0-2 | 4291 | 111 | 36 |
| SAT 19 | 15:00 | H | LUTON TOWN | FL1 | | | | |
| SAT 26 | 13:00 | A | WALSALL | FL1 | | | | |
| MON 28 | 15:00 | H | HULL CITY | FL1 | | | | |
| APRIL | | | | | | | | |
| SAT 2 | 15:00 | A | MK DONS | FL1 | | | | |
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| SAT 23 | 15:00 | H | TORQUAY UNITED | FL1 | | | | |
| SAT 30 | 15:00 | A | CHESTERFIELD | FL1 | | | | |
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| SAT 7 | 15:00 | H | BRADFORD CITY | FL1 | | | | |

PLAYER APPEARANCES 2004-2005

| | LEAGUE | | CUP | | TOTAL | |
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| | P | G | P | G | P | G |
| MATTY APPLEBY | 14 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 18 | 1 |
| MARK ARBER | 14 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 17 | 1 |
| MATTY BARLOW | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| DAVID BEHARALL | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| KEVIN BETSY | 28 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 36 | 5 |
| MARK BONNER | 14 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 17 | 0 |
| DANNY BOSHALL | 16 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 20 | 1 |
| ALEX BRUCE | 12 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| GUY BRANSTON | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| KENNY COOPER | 7 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 3 |
| ERNIE COOKSEY | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| LEE CROFT | 12 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 17 | 2 |
| JOHN EYRE | 23 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 29 | 1 |
| DAVID EYRES | 32 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 43 | 6 |
| ADAM GRIFFIN | 33 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 44 | 3 |
| WILL HAINING | 32 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 41 | 5 |
| CHRIS HALL | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| DANNY HALL | 20 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 28 | 0 |
| MARK HUGHES | 18 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 25 | 0 |
| DEAN HOLDEN | 30 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 38 | 3 |
| RODNEY JACK | 10 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 2 |
| JERMAINE JOHNSON | 15 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 18 | 4 |
| NEIL KILKENNY | 17 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 24 | 5 |
| CHRIS KILLEN | 18 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 23 | 11 |
| DAVID LEE | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| KELVIN LOMAX | 8 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| CRAIG MAWSON | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| STEVE MILDENHALL | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| LES POGGIACOMI | 32 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 42 | 0 |
| STEFAN STAM | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| MARC TIERNEY | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| SCOTT VERNON | 20 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 27 | 10 |
| AARON WILBRAHAM | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| WES WILKINSON | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| MATTY WOLFENDEN | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| ASHLEY WINN | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

HOW IT STANDS...



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| 1 Luton | 37 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 39 | 11 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 29 | 25 | 78 | 32 |
| 2 Hull | 37 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 37 | 12 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 31 | 30 | 75 | 26 |
| 3 Sheff Wed | 37 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 29 | 21 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 39 | 24 | 65 | 23 |
| 4 Tranmere | 36 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 34 | 19 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 24 | 24 | 65 | 15 |
| 5 Bournemouth | 37 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 38 | 21 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 28 | 27 | 60 | 18 |
| 6 Hartlepool | 36 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 42 | 24 | 5 | 2 | 11 | 18 | 28 | 58 | 8 |
| 7 Brentford | 35 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 28 | 18 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 15 | 26 | 58 | -1 |
| 8 Bristol City | 37 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 37 | 21 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 23 | 28 | 53 | 11 |
| 9 Swindon | 37 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 32 | 24 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 25 | 30 | 53 | 3 |
| 10 Bradford | 37 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 28 | 27 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 22 | 24 | 53 | -1 |
| 11 Doncaster | 37 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 28 | 15 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 18 | 30 | 52 | 1 |
| 12 Chesterfield | 37 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 27 | 23 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 20 | 28 | 50 | -4 |
| 13 Barnsley | 37 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 29 | 23 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 25 | 25 | 48 | 6 |
| 14 Blackpool | 36 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 22 | 23 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 25 | 26 | 45 | -2 |
| 15 Huddersfield | 37 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 27 | 22 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 27 | 36 | 45 | -4 |
| 16 Colchester | 37 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 22 | 20 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 26 | 23 | 44 | 5 |
| 17 Walsall | 37 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 33 | 26 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 16 | 34 | 44 | -11 |
| 18 Port Vale | 37 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 24 | 21 | 4 | 2 | 13 | 14 | 30 | 43 | -13 |
| 19 Oldham Ath | 37 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 35 | 28 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 14 | 35 | 39 | -14 |
| 20 M K Dons | 37 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 28 | 23 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 16 | 37 | 39 | -16 |
| 21 Torquay | 37 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 22 | 28 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 22 | 37 | 37 | -21 |
| 22 Wrexham* | 37 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 23 | 30 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 26 | 35 | 36 | -16 |
| 23 Peterborough | 36 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 26 | 25 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 30 | 31 | -11 |
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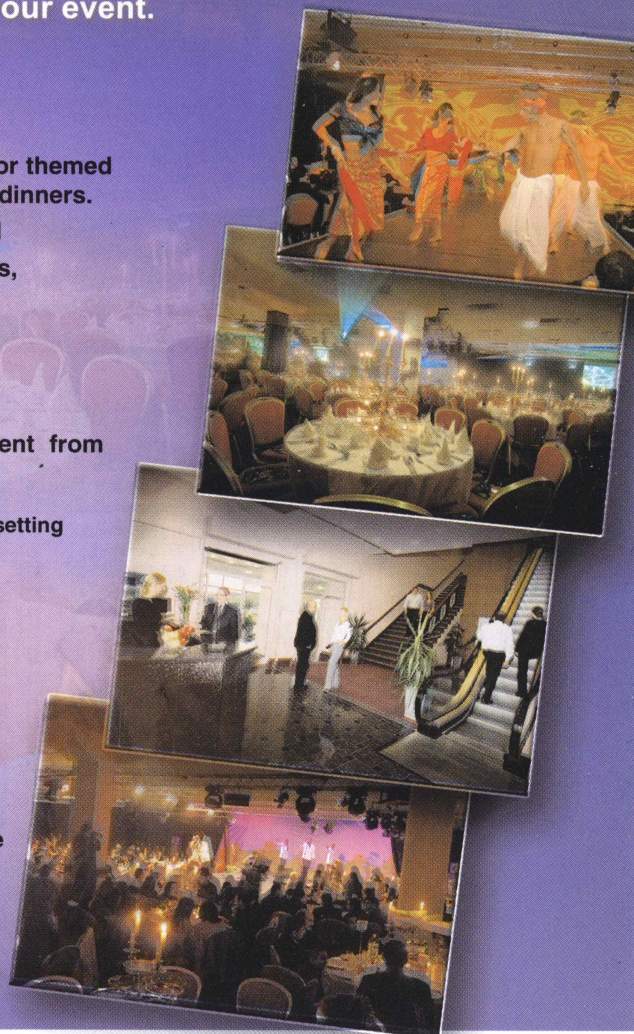
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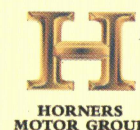
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| 27 | PETER HOLMES | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
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| 46 | MAX HOWELL | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| 47 | ROB BECKWITH | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |

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FOURTH MR C.HARWOOD




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all for one.*

NEXT ON THE PARK

COCA COLA LEAGUE 1

LATICS V HULL CITY

MONDAY 28TH MARCH 2005

KICK-OFF 3PM



Emergency Procedure

Boundary Park is equipped with an emergency alert system (Loud High Pitch Two Tone Signal).

Please pay attention if you should hear this signal and follow any instructions given. A test of the system is carried out 20 minutes before kick-off at every home game.

The Two Tone signal is followed by the words :-

THIS IS A TEST OF THE BOUNDARY PARK ALERT SYSTEM.