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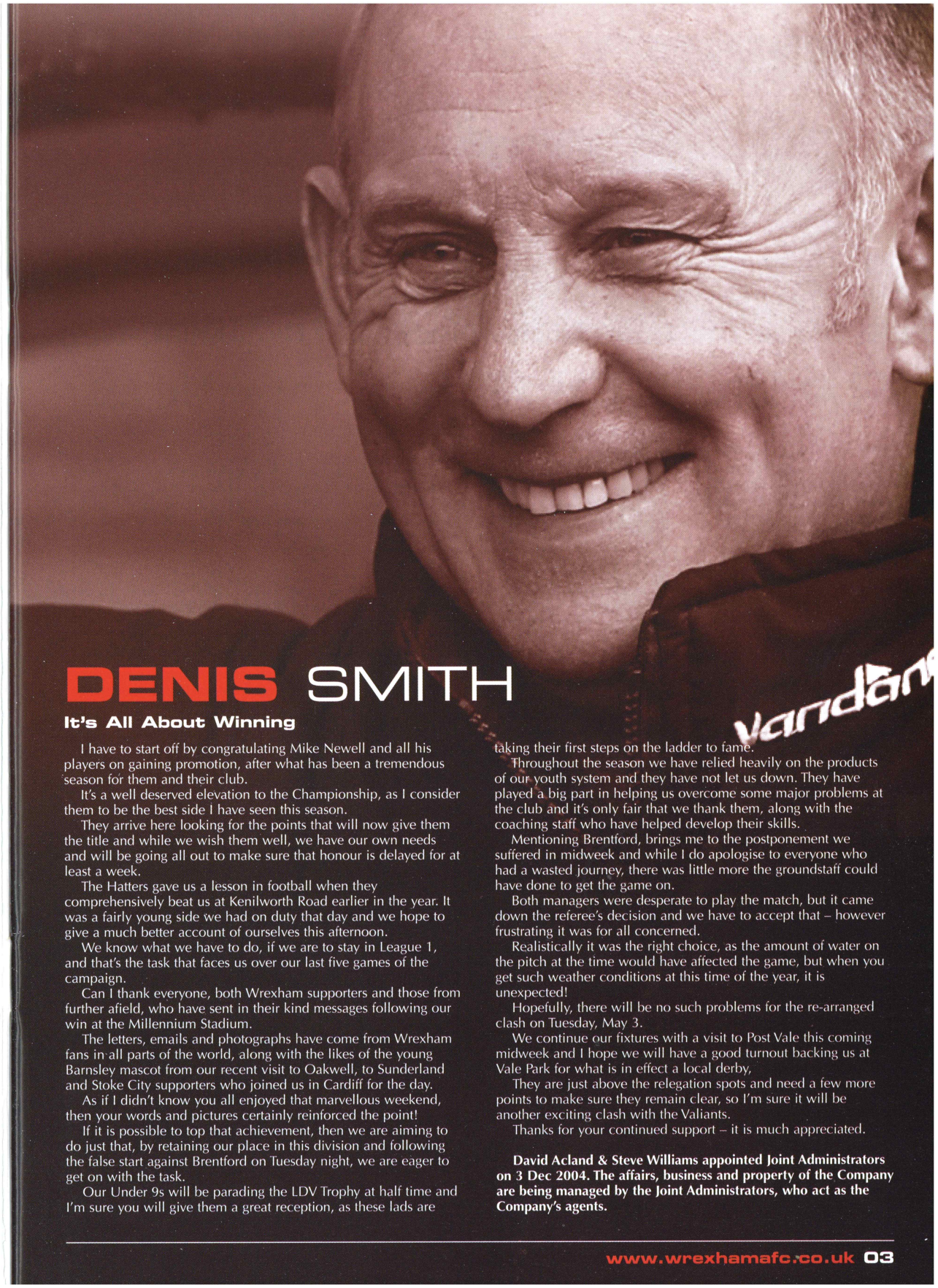


DENIS SMITH

It's All About Winning

I have to start off by congratulating Mike Newell and all his players on gaining promotion, after what has been a tremendous season for them and their club.

It's a well deserved elevation to the Championship, as I consider them to be the best side I have seen this season.

They arrive here looking for the points that will now give them the title and while we wish them well, we have our own needs and will be going all out to make sure that honour is delayed for at least a week.

The Hatters gave us a lesson in football when they comprehensively beat us at Kenilworth Road earlier in the year. It was a fairly young side we had on duty that day and we hope to give a much better account of ourselves this afternoon.

We know what we have to do, if we are to stay in League 1, and that's the task that faces us over our last five games of the campaign.

Can I thank everyone, both Wrexham supporters and those from further afield, who have sent in their kind messages following our win at the Millennium Stadium.

The letters, emails and photographs have come from Wrexham fans in all parts of the world, along with the likes of the young Barnsley mascot from our recent visit to Oakwell, to Sunderland and Stoke City supporters who joined us in Cardiff for the day.

As if I didn't know you all enjoyed that marvellous weekend, then your words and pictures certainly reinforced the point!

If it is possible to top that achievement, then we are aiming to do just that, by retaining our place in this division and following the false start against Brentford on Tuesday night, we are eager to get on with the task.

Our Under 9s will be parading the LDV Trophy at half time and I'm sure you will give them a great reception, as these lads are taking their first steps on the ladder to fame.

Throughout the season we have relied heavily on the products of our youth system and they have not let us down. They have played a big part in helping us overcome some major problems at the club and it's only fair that we thank them, along with the coaching staff who have helped develop their skills.

Mentioning Brentford, brings me to the postponement we suffered in midweek and while I do apologise to everyone who had a wasted journey, there was little more the groundstaff could have done to get the game on.

Both managers were desperate to play the match, but it came down the referee's decision and we have to accept that – however frustrating it was for all concerned.

Realistically it was the right choice, as the amount of water on the pitch at the time would have affected the game, but when you get such weather conditions at this time of the year, it is unexpected!

Hopefully, there will be no such problems for the re-arranged clash on Tuesday, May 3.

We continue our fixtures with a visit to Post Vale this coming midweek and I hope we will have a good turnout backing us at Vale Park for what is in effect a local derby,

They are just above the relegation spots and need a few more points to make sure they remain clear, so I'm sure it will be another exciting clash with the Valiants.

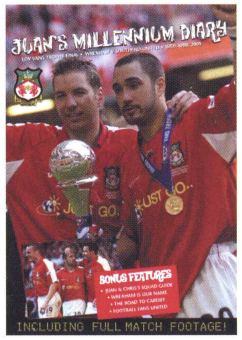
Thanks for your continued support – it is much appreciated.

David Acland & Steve Williams appointed Joint Administrators on 3 Dec 2004. The affairs, business and property of the Company are being managed by the Joint Administrators, who act as the Company's agents.

RACECOURSE NEWS

Juan Millennium DVD

Wrexham fans can ensure they get their hands on a special slice of club history from today. As supporters are invited to pre order a copy of Juan's Millennium Diary - a special commemorative DVD of our unforgettable LDV Vans Trophy victory.



Juan's Millennium Diary will include match footage of the final, plus special bonus features: The Road To Cardiff, Fans United, Wrexham Is The Name, and Ugarte and Chris Llewellyn dishing the dirt on their team-mates in their Guide To The Final Squad; but the main feature will give Wrexham fans access all areas as Ugarte - assisted by club captain Brian Carey - filmed exclusive behind-the-scenes footage throughout the final weekend.

Supporters will see the coach journey to the Millennium Stadium, the inspection of the stadium the day before the final, scenes from the Wrexham dressing room before the match and at half-time, the team anticipating the match in the tunnel, pitch-side celebrations on the Wrexham bench and the post-match celebrations out on the pitch and back in the dressing room. Plus there are exclusive interviews with Ugarte, Darren Ferguson and Denis Smith.

Juan's Millennium Diary is due for general release towards the end of April, and will be available from the club shop and all good stockists.

All pre-launch orders for the £16.99 DVD will get the bonus of being signed by one of the players on duty against Southend - postage will be an extra £1.50.

Click onto the official club website to see an exclusive 45 second trailer for the DVD – once seen, then you'll want one!

You can also call in at the Club Shop and pay up front.

Taking On Le Tour

Former England footballer Geoff Thomas is taking on the challenge of a lifetime when he cycles the gruelling Tour de France route this summer to help fight leukaemia - cycling an astonishing 2200 miles in just 21 days!

Geoff was diagnosed with life-threatening chronic myeloid leukaemia in July 2003 and underwent a bone marrow transplant in January 2004. He has been in remission since last Christmas and has now been given permission by doctors to take on the physical demands of the Tour de France.

"As a professional athlete myself, reading Lance Armstrong's book about his battle with cancer inspired me and gave me more determination to fight leukaemia. Even though I trained every day for 20 years as a professional footballer, I don't think anything compares with the mental and physical trials of the Tour de France.

"If you can, please sponsor me - we need all the help we can get to crack leukaemia, and I'd just like to say a big thank you for all the donations and kind messages I've received so far. All the best."

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Wrexham Supporters' Trust News

Wrexham Supporters Trust

Legends Weekend

Following today's match we have just two games left on the Racecourse before eviction. It is with this in mind that we feel it is time to look back on the memories that we ALL have of those unforgettable games on Cae Ras ...plus the less forgettable ones, which we try to put to the back of our minds!

To mark these memories the Supporters Trust have organised a **Legends Weekend** to encompass this Saturday's match with Luton Town:

Last night we held a **Hot Pot Supper** with former managers of the club, hosted by SKY Sports very own Wrexham fan, Bryn Law.

Today the Racecourse will see a host of former players of the club in attendance. In a mark of solidarity the players attending will be showing there concern and support for saving Wrexham Football Club.

There would be many former players in attendance, including the likes of: Billy Ashcroft, Gary Bennett, Les Cartwright, Wayne Cegielski, Graham Cooper, Jonathan Cross, Andy Edwards, Brian Flynn, Alan Fox, David Gregory, Nick Hencher, Brian Lloyd, Tecwyn Lloyd-Jones, Alec Lucas, Stuart Mason, Ian Moir, Ernie Phythian, Dennis Reeves, Bobby Shinton, Ken Simpkins, Peter Thompson and Tom Vansittart - to name but a few.

The **Legends Weekend** concludes tomorrow with a **Legends Match** at the Racecourse. The kick off is at 12 noon and the cost of entry will be £3.

The game will be between former Wrexham players and a Manchester City Veterans side that includes Peter Barnes, Kevin Reeves and John Burridge. While the Wrexham side will consist of Brian Lloyd, Karl Connolly, Mel Pejic, Waynne Phillips, Andy Edwards, Dave Gregory, Billy Ashcroft, and Gary Bennett.

Following this game there will be a **Fans Forum** with the players in the **Centenary Club,** which will include a Hot Pot lunch and a chat with the players, all at a cost of just £5 - pay at the door.

Race Night

The Supporters Trust held a successful Race Night last Friday at the RAFA Club on Ruthin Road, which raised over £1,000! The evening also saw the LDV Vans Trophy on show for fans to have a close up glimpse and photographs taken with it.

The Trust would like to take this opportunity to thank the following race sponsors for supporting the evening:

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Also many thanks to the RAFA Club for hosting the event.

Player of the Season Awards:

The Wrexham AFC Player of the Season awards for WST, Shropshire Reds, the Official Supporters Club, and the Holywell & District Reds will take place at the Lion Quays on the A5 between Chirk and Oswestry on Sunday 8th May at 2pm. Tables of ten will cost £250, though individuals can book at £25 per head. That includes a three course meal with a guest speaker to be announced in due course.

Tables are going fast, so if you want to enjoy the end of season in style please book early. Tables are selling fast. For further information on to reserve a table contact the WST on 07981151958

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TEAM TALK

SHAUN PEJIC

Naturally the national media were quick to focus on Sir Alex Ferguson's delight at seeing his son shine at the Millennium Stadium, but don't forget there was another proud dad with a footballing background watching his son do the business in the LDV Vans Trophy Final.

Mel Pejic knows a bit about centre-back play, and raised the Welsh Cup at the old Arms Park, although that was at Wrexham's expense as his Hereford side won the 1990 final.

He was restricted to the bench as he watched his son Shaun follow in his footsteps, though:

"My dad's over the moon. He said he was jumping around all through the match, and he reckoned that after the final whistle he was more tired than me! He was absolutely chuffed! And as the club means so much to him, winning the cup pleased him as much as if he was playing, I think!"

Pejic was delighted, as you might expect:

"This is quality! It's the best feeling ever! What an amazing experience! It was a really good day! In fact it has been a really good weekend! The whole experience of the build-up to a cup final has been terrific!"

Of course, his experience in the Welsh Under-21 side made the day all the more significant for him:

"It was a treat to play at the stadium. It really is amazing! Obviously, having played for the Wales Under-21 team I've had a taste of international football, and playing here just makes me want more! I'd love to come back and play here again for Wales! But playing for the Under-21s just makes this feel a bit more special for me. I've represented Wales and now here I am, with a winner's medal won at the national stadium!"

Of course, Pejic's opportunity came about in cruel circumstances as Steve Roberts, a proud Wrexham lad, picked up an early injury in a game that meant so much to him and had to be replaced. Pejic didn't expect to be called on so soon, but he was able to rise to the occasion.

"I didn't expect to come on that early. It was only about ten minutes into the game, and I just wasn't prepared for it at all! Obviously you have to do your job whenever you're called upon. It's a team game and a player always wants to do his best whenever he's called on to do your bit. I thought I did a good job when I came on, so I was pleased to play my part.

"In extra time their substitute was running at me with pace, but I thought I coped with him quite well and made a couple of decent tackles. I don't get done for pace too often. I don't want to sound big-headed, but I do know that my pace is one of my strong points. I don't mind facing fast strikers

"It was tough going because I'd played virtually the whole game and my legs felt heavy in extra time. Maybe it's because of all the games we've been playing lately too."

Pejic's superb contribution in extra time as Wrexham defended their lead certainly underlined his value to the squad. Now he must focus on the great escape!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Good Evening and welcome to the Racecourse for this Evenings league one clash against Brentford. We hope that all away supporters enjoy your evening with us and that you have a safe journey home.

Congratulations from all the staff at the football in the community scheme to all the playing and coaching staff on their victory in the LDV Vans Final.

MINI FOOTBALL CLUB

Our mini Football club returned on the 27th March at the Newi Sports Centre, the course is for boys and girls aged between 5-7 years old and offers a fun introduction to the game of football under the supervision of our community coaches in a safe environment.

SOCCER SCHOOLS

Children who attended the wrexham soccer school held at the Newi Sports Centre during the Easter holidays. The course was very well attended and we hope that all the children enjoy the game with us this evening.

SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Community coaches will be visiting the following schools this term, Rhostyllen, Overton-On-Dee, Bangor-On-Dee, the Rofft, Marchwiel, Borras Park Juniors, Penygelli, Bryn Tabor and Bishop Heber High School in Malpas.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

If you have your birthday approaching then why not spend you special day with us at wrexham football club. We have two packages available; one at the Racecourse Ground which consists of a ground tour and the other at Colliers Park training complex which consists of football on our floodlit Astroturf.

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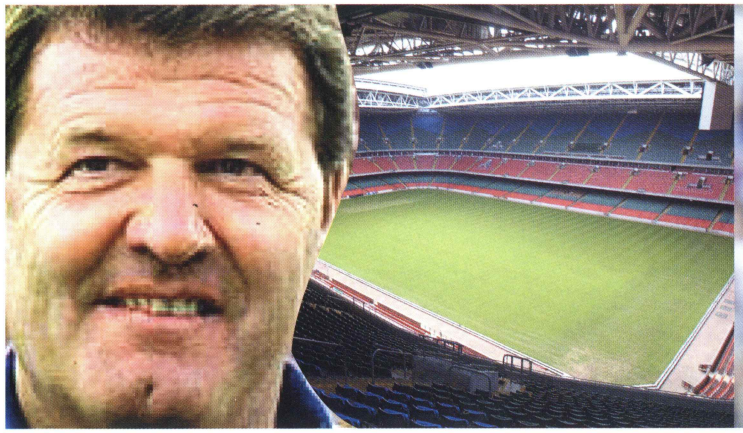

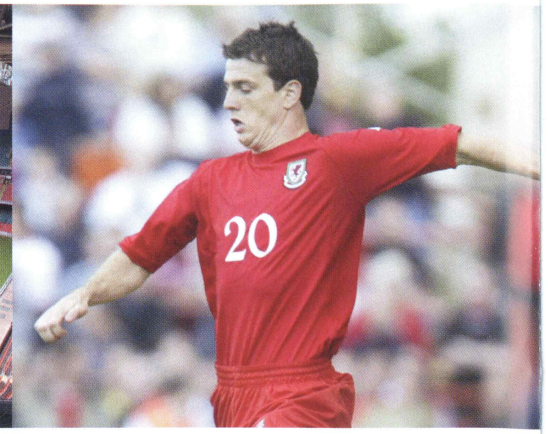

WELSH FOOTBALL

No License To Rhyl

Considering their pedigree, out of all the clubs in Welsh non-league football one would have expected Rhyl (Welsh Premier League Champions 2004) and Bangor City, who have enough cup tradition to last a lifetime, and both having finished the current season in European qualifying positions, to be granted a national club licence so as to compete in this summer's UEFA competitions.

However, they were both turned down by a panel of eight independent individuals on the Football Association of Wales Club Licensing First Instance body, which met in Cardiff during the middle of this month to adjudicate on the 18 Welsh Premier clubs who have applied for a National Club Licence for 2005/06.

The top two clubs on the North Wales coast have the right to appeal against the decision, which will be heard in May 17, when the appeals body next meets. If their appeals are rejected, then the next best placed licensed clubs in the final Welsh Premier League table for this season will be nominated for the relevant European competition.

Those successful at the initial meeting were new Welsh Premier League champions for 2005 TNS, Welsh Cup finalists Carmarthen Town, Caersws, Aberystwyth Town and Welshpool Town.

At last year's inaugural meeting of the body, only one club (Newtown) was successful, while the four clubs who qualified for the 2004/05 season's competitions, Rhyl, TNS, Haverfordwest County and Aberystwyth Town, had to go through the appeal process, which at least gives Bangor City and Rhyl some grounds for optimism!

Every club from the 52 member nations affiliated to UEFA who compete in the Champions League, UEFA Cup or Intertoto Cup have to be granted a licence by their own national Football Association so that they can be nominated for the competitions.

All licensors assess their clubs on a uniform minimum standard set out by UEFA, which is to ensure consistency throughout all the member European countries.

The clubs are judged on infrastructure, sporting, legal, personnel and administration, plus financial criteria. Not surprisingly the biggest hurdle to overcome is the latter, as clubs have to participate in a full audit, which it is understood to be even more testing than UK Company law!

The new annual club licensing process has been the driving force for many of the Welsh Premiership members including, ironically, Rhyl FC. The Lilywhites now have a well appointed ground in line with many prominent non-league venues in the UK, let alone Wales, with a seating capacity of over 1,000 and a police control room.

This enabled the Belle Vue side to stage their Champions League qualifying match against Skonto Riga earlier in the campaign.

Only Cwmbran Town and Newtown can match Rhyl for stadia that is in accordance with the infrastructure criteria, although it is acceptable for the other clubs to nominate an alternative venue for them to fulfil home European fixtures.

No doubt this will now apply to TNS and Carmarthen Town for 2005/06. The new laws can only improve the status of Welsh football throughout the football world.

After the initial meeting of the new body a number of clubs chose to ignore the licensing process, but have now come to realise that it is the way forward for football in Wales, with a good number of clubs making an effort to come into line, even with little chance of competing in Europe for the foreseeable future!

At the end of the day, as FAW Club Licensing Officer Andrew Howard remarked: "The achievement of attaining a National Club Licence is something that all those involved with their clubs should be justly proud of."

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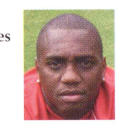

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LUTON TOWN

I don't want to worry you, but Luton Town are about as formidable a side as you could be unlucky enough to come up against at this level, and they have a particular incentive to perform today!

This is a potentially historic game for Luton; if they win today and Hull fail to beat Walsall away, then the Hatters will clinch the League One championship at The Racecourse. Extra coaches have been laid on, and a good contingent of fans are expected from Bedfordshire to see if their team can claim their reward for an impressive campaign.

No Wrexham supporter who travelled down to Kenilworth Road last November will be surprised at the success of Mike Newell's side. Never mind the heavy losses to Hartlepool, Tranmere and Sheffield Wednesday, each of which were suffered under extenuating circumstances; that match was the one time this season that a team actually took Wrexham apart.

The Hatters were 3-0 up after just 22 minutes, having attacked with pace down either flank, exploited Steve Howard's prodigious aerial ability astutely, and Ahmet Brkovic given licence to wander to devastating effect behind the strikers.

The final score was 5-1, but Luton had got their fifth just after the hour and taken their foot off the pedal. Throw in the fact that they have the best defensive record in the Division - Hector Sam's late consolation was one of only 14 goals they've conceded in 22 matches at Kenilworth Road - and you undoubtedly have worthy champions on your hands!

Newell has the same high opinion of his side as the travelling Wrexham fans, and paid them a fulsome tribute after promotion was guaranteed by Tranmere's loss last week to Brentford.

"We always believed we had good players at the club and that if we kept them fit we would have a chance," he told BBC Online.

"But we did not expect it to go as well as it has done but that is a credit to my players.

"We can now focus on getting another three wins to make sure we win the title and that is now our main aim."

His assistant, Hatters legend Brian Stein, echoed these sentiments after a 1-0 victory over MK Dons last Saturday. He told Luton's official website;

"We had to get the players focused on the job today because we were already promoted and the MK Dons are fighting for their lives. Danny has done a fantastic job at the club and we knew it wasn't going to be a push over.

"It was unbelievable after having so many chances that it was a Dons player who scored the winning goal for us to clinch victory. In the first 20 minutes, I felt we played ever so well but we didn't have our shooting boots on. We were just disappointed that in the last third we couldn't capitalise on our possession that we had.

"There are no easy games left for us to play. Everyone gets the jitters when we get to this stage of the season but our lads have coped admirably. We are confident that wherever we go we can get a result. We must treat our remaining three games as cup finals."

That match saw Town register their third consecutive 1-0 win, and their fourth overall. Unsurprisingly for a side which has beaten most of the opposition put in front of them, Town's players have impressed their peers to the extent that six of their number made it into the PFA League One Team of the Season. Marlon Beresford, Curtis Davies, Chris Coyne, Brkovic, Howard and skipper Kevin Nicholls were all voted in.

Talking to www.lutontown.co.uk, Nicholls said: "To have six players selected by your fellow peers is a fantastic achievement and another wonderful milestone for the club this season.

"I can't recall there being many times where six players from one squad have been selected in this team and its another indication of how far we have come as a club.

"I would like to congratulate my fellow team-mates who have made the squad and although I felt there possibly should be one or two more Luton players in the team this is another good achievement."

Despite clearly having a strong squad, Newell can't be accused of letting the grass grow under his feet, and added an impressive signing to his squad just before the transfer deadline.

Warren Feeney, a Stockport striker who often troubled Wrexham in his days at Bournemouth, signed for £150,000 on a

Steve Howard

two-and-a-half year deal. The24-year-old is a Northern Ireland international who has managed to score seventeen times for lowly County this season, and Newell beat several other clubs to sign him.

Newell told Luton's website:

"He's got great potential; he is at the right age and has scored a lot of goals in a side that has struggled this season."

Throw in Howard, the on-loan Rowan Vine, who has impressed in his season-long holiday from Portsmouth to the tune of goals, and the coltish enthusiasm and physical attributes of Enoch Showunmi, and Luton have certainly got the attacking potential to hurt defences! Plus, Kevin Nicholls and Berkovic have got into double figures despite not being strikers. They certainly represent formidable opposition!

Mind you, before Luton become complacent, they should remember that Wrexham responded to their 5-1 home defeat to Hartlepool by going to Victoria Park and scoring six goals!

Gillingham and Bournemouth have both come to The Racecourse in recent seasons needing a result to gain promotion and been defeated, so The Dragons have a record of party-pooping!

PLAYER BY PLAYER

GOALKEEPERS

01 MARLON BERESFORD
Returned to Kenilworth Road at the start of the campaign, Marlon had surprisingly been allowed to leave at the end of January to sign for division rivals Barnsley but the offer of a two-year deal persuaded him to make the move back. Lincoln-born, the 35-year-old is a vastly experienced keeper with well over 450 senior appearances to his name during a career which started when signing his first pro deal with Sheffield Wednesday in 1987. As well as four spells with Burnley, he has been on the books of nine other clubs including Middlesbrough, Sheffield Wednesday and York City.

25 DINO SEREMET
Has replaced youngster Dean Brill as second choice goalkeeper this season, Dino initially arrived at Kenilworth Road on trial during the summer months but impressed sufficiently to earn himself a full-time deal with the club. Slovenia-born, the giant 25-year-old custodian stands at a not inconsiderable 6'4" and is an agile keeper who is good in the air. Previously served top Slovenian side Maribor while in his homeland, but agreed a two-year contract with Town boss Mike Newell before the start of the campaign.

DEFENDERS

02 KEVIN FOLEY
Having come through the youth ranks with the Hatters, Kevin is fast maturing into a reliable and composed defender who has enjoyed a remarkable rise from the youth team to first team regular in a little over twelve months. Takes great pride from representing his home town club, the 20-year-old has been capped by the Republic of Ireland at U21 level and looks set to earn many more international honours if he continues to progress at the rate he has so far. One of the first names on Mike Newell's team sheet, he has been named as the clubs Young Player of the Season for the last three years and must be amongst the favourites once again.

05 RUSSELL PERRETT
A vastly experienced defender who signed a new deal with the Hatters last summer, Russell will be remembered by many supporters for his time in the colours of Welsh rivals Cardiff City, but surprisingly he made just 35 appearances for the Bluebirds. Born in Barton on Sea, the 31-year-old was spotted by Portsmouth when turning out for non-leaguers Lymington and played over 80 times for Pompey prior to a £10,000 move to Ninian Park. Joined Luton on a free in August 2001 but injuries have disrupted his time in Bedfordshire, meaning that he is still to register his 100th games for the club although his sending off at Bournemouth the other week also won't help.

12 CHRIS COYNE
Nearing the end of a memorable fourth season with the Hatters, Chris is fast approaching his 150th League appearance for the club and has shown great consistency when called upon. Born in Brisbane, the 26-year-old former Australia U23 cap joined West Ham from Perth Soccer Club in 1996 but made just one Premier League appearance for the Hammers, while also being loaned out to both Brentford and Southend. A move north of the border to Dundee on a free transfer led to a further 28 games before a fee of £50,000 saw the commanding defender arrive at Kenilworth Road in September 2001.

20 CURTIS DAVIES
Another youngster really making his mark his season, Curtis was rewarded for this progress with a two-year contract last summer but has gone on to establish himself in this his first full season at this level. A Londoner by birth, the 20-year-old stands at over 6' tall and as you would expect is good in the air but also shows a great reading of the game for one so young. On the books of Wimbledon as a schoolboy, he made his debut against Rushden & Diamonds in the LDV Vans Trophy last season and has since emerged into a first team regular.

21 KEITH KEANE
One of the brightest talents at Kenilworth Road, Keith is still a second-year scholar but has been with the club since the age of 9, since when he has since risen through the various age groups. Locally born, the youngster has previously been called up by the Republic of Ireland at U17 level and has made rapid progress since. Having also made his first team debut in November 2003 against Rushden & Diamonds in the LDV Trophy when aged just 16, he has gone on to establish himself as a regular in the first team and is one that the Hatters have high hopes for in the future.

24 SOL DAVIS
A regular visitor to the Racecourse Ground with former club Swindon Town, Sol is no stranger to life in League One, having spent most of his career to date at this level. Cheltenham-born, the 25-year-old left-back is an intelligent attack minded defender who has an eye for an opportunity and is strong in the tackle. Having come through the junior sides at the County Ground, he went on to pull on the Robins' shirt 131 times over a five-year spell before moving to Bedfordshire in August 2002 for a fee reported to be around £600,000.

MIDFIELD

06 PAUL UNDERWOOD
Always impressed against the Red Dragons when turning out for former club Rushden & Diamonds, Paul joined the Hatters in March of last year despite interest from a number of other clubs. Wimbledon-born, the 31-year-old was capped four times by England at semi-professional level while at Nene Park, where he was one of the mainstays of the side that took them from non-league to the League One before they suffered their cash crisis. Prior to this, he did the rounds of the semi-pro scene serving Kingstonian, Molesey, Sutton United, Carshalton Athletic and Enfield in the process.

08 KEVIN NICHOLLS
A workaholic midfielder who is a tough tackler and is rarely still throughout the 90 minutes, Kevin is the club captain and is usually a danger at set pieces. Newham-born, the 26-year-old moved to Luton from Wigan in August 2001 in exchange for a fee of £150,000 and has since made himself virtually indispensable in the midfield area. Capped by England in the U18, U19 and U20 age groups, he started his career with Charlton Athletic, where he made just a handful of appearances and was loaned out to Brighton and Hove Albion, before joining the Latics for £250,000 in the summer of 1999.

14 MICHAEL LEARY
Another player making a big impression in what has been a big season for the club, Michael has really come into his own during the current campaign and has rarely let the side down despite his tender years. Ealing-born, he celebrated his 22nd birthday just last Sunday and has previously been capped by the Republic of Ireland at youth level. Can play either in the centre of midfield or on the right side, he is a skilful player and is likely to be named amongst the substitutes this afternoon.

17 LEE MANSELL
A squad player who has done well on the occasions when he has been called upon, Lee progressed through the various age groups with the club prior to turning pro in May 2001. Gloucester-born, the 22-year-old is usually to be found in the centre of midfield but is another player who is equally at home in any of a number of positions throughout the side. He burst onto the scene in the 2000/2001-season scoring five times from 18 League games but found that impressive start difficult to maintain since, and spent time on loan at Nuneaton Borough during the 2002-2003 season.

18 AHMET BRKOVIC
The chief tormentor during our 5-1 thrashing at Kenilworth Road earlier this season, Ahmet is usually to be found on the wing or in midfield but can also be thrown up front when injuries take their toll. The 30-year-old was born in Croatia and moved to the Football League from his local side HNK Dubrovnik in October 1999, when joining Leyton Orient. Having played more than 80 times for the Brisbane Road outfit, he moved to Luton on a free transfer in October 2001 and has since established himself as a regular in the Hatters side amassing well over 100 senior appearances in the process.

27 PETER HOLMES
Composed on the ball and always seems to have time, Peter was captured on a free transfer from Sheffield Wednesday in August 2000, but has suffered with a number of injuries while in Bedfordshire and this severely restricted his first team appearances. Bishop Auckland-born, the 24-year-old came through the junior sides at Hillsborough but failed to make the breakthrough into the first team. Capped by England at both youth and schoolboy level in his formative years, he can play either in the centre of midfield or on the right side.

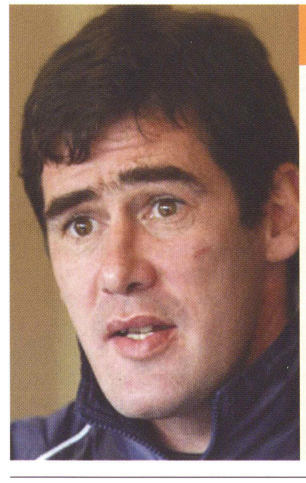
ATTACKERS

4 WARREN FEENEY
A deadline day £150,000 capture from Stockport County, Warren only moved to Edgeley Park from Bournemouth last summer in exchange for a fee of £45,000, after his contract with the Cherries had expired. Capped at full international level already for Northern Ireland, the Belfast-born 24-year-old previously played at all levels from schoolboy through to U21. Having been signed by Leeds from St Andrews Boys Club in January 1998, he never made the first team at Elland Road and was allowed to move to the Cherries in March 2001, scoring 37 times during his spell at Dean Court.

09 ROWAN VINE
On the eve of the new campaign Hatters boss Mike Newell persuaded his then Portsmouth counterpart Harry Redknapp to allow him to take the highly regarded Rowan on a three-month loan arrangement, but that was quickly extended to a full season deal. Basingstoke-born, the 22-year-old came through the youth sides at Fratton Park and has played 13 times for the senior side, mainly as a sub. However, he is no stranger to life at this level as he has already spent full seasons on loan at both Brentford and Colchester United, netting no less than 25 goals in the process.

16 ENOCH SHOWUNMI
Having arrived in the Football League with a bang early last season, Enoch has struggled to maintain that promising start and has found himself on the subs bench lately. A Londoner by birth, he celebrated his 22nd birthday just last Thursday and initially came to Kenilworth Road on trial without pay to prove himself. A former University graduate, he is a big striker who is also good on the deck and who was signed from non-leaguers Willesden Constantine after the Hatters received special dispensation to override their transfer embargo.

19 STEVE HOWARD
A big, bustling and hard-working centre-forward of the old school, Steve has been the clubs top scorer for the last two seasons and looks set to keep that title as his goals continue to fire the Hatters towards the championship. Durham-born, the 28-year-old was spotted by Hartlepool United when playing locally for Tow Law Town and signed for the Victoria Park outfit in August 1995. Northampton was his next port of call after the Cobblers agreed to pay a fee of £120,000, before moving to Luton for a bargain £50,000 in March 2001 and this has proved to be money well spent as he is now well on his way to his 100th goal in a Hatters shirt.



MEET THE MANAGER

MIKE NEWELL
Nearing the end of an impressive second season at Kenilworth Road, Mike has led his side to promotion after a remarkable season where they have always been up amongst the top sides and look set to confirm themselves as champions. However, last term saw them fade late on to finish in tenth spot, having appeared to be set to secure a play-off place.

Mike also took Hartlepool United to promotion during the 2002-2003 season, building on the excellent start made under former boss Chris Turner, but his contract was not renewed at the end of the campaign. Pool eventually secured runners-up spot behind Rushden & Diamonds, although, in reality, they will have been disappointed not to go up as champions. Prior to this, he had served his time as reserve team boss at Tranmere.

As a player, he had pulled on the colours of Luton as well as Crewe, Wigan, Leicester, Everton, Blackburn, Birmingham City, West Ham United, Bradford City, Aberdeen and Blackpool, and will be remembered as a hard-working but unselfish striker who was good in the air.

Brian Stein

Mitchell Thomas

Paul Walsh

DREAM TEAM

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

RON BAYNHAM

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

KIRK STEPHENS

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

MITCHELL THOMAS

Versatile England U-21 international left-back who had two spells at Luton Town. Born locally, he signed professional at Kenilworth Road in August 1982 and starred as Luton reached the FA Cup semi-finals in 1984-85. He followed David Pleat to Tottenham Hotspur for £275,000 in July 1986 and featured in the 1987 FA Cup final, moving to West Ham for £525,000 in August 1991. Returning to Luton in November 1993, he netted six goals in 292 League games overall for the Hatters prior to joining Burnley in July 1999 and was an experienced figure in their 1999-2000 promotion success.

BRUCE RIOCH

Influential midfielder who was capped 24 times by Scotland after leaving Luton Town. Signing professional for Luton in September 1964, he starred in the 1967-68 Fourth Division title triumph and netted 46 goals in 149 League games prior to joining Aston Villa for £100,000 in July 1969. He was a key figure in their 1971-72 Third Division title success and moved to Derby County in February 1974, helping to win the League Championship in 1974-75. He played for Everton, Derby again and Torquay, since managing Middlesbrough, Millwall, Bolton Wanderers, Arsenal, Norwich City and Wigan Athletic.

SYD OWEN

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

MAL DONAGHY

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

RICKY HILL

England international midfielder who was 'Player of the Year' when Luton Town won the Second Division title in 1981-82. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in May 1976, he was 'Player of the Year' again in 1982-83 and starred as Luton were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85. He featured in two consecutive Littlewoods Cup finals including the 1988 Wembley triumph and netted 54 goals in 436 League games before moving to Le Havre in July 1989. Reuniting with David Pleat at Leicester City in August 1990 and later as a coach at Sheffield Wednesday and Spurs, he briefly rejoined Luton as manager.

BRIAN STEIN

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

MICK HARFORD

England international striker who played for Luton Town in consecutive Littlewoods Cup finals including the 1988 Wembley triumph. Signing professional for Lincoln City in July 1977, he had spells with Newcastle United, Bristol City and Birmingham City prior to joining Luton in December 1984. He starred as the Hatters were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88, moving to Derby County in January 1990 and returning to Luton in September 1991. Joining Chelsea in August 1992, he then played for Sunderland, Coventry and Wimbledon before coaching at Luton and Nottingham Forest.

MALCOLM MACDONALD

Ace marksman who was capped 14 times by England after leaving Luton Town. Initially with Tonbridge, he moved to Fulham in August 1968 and moved to Kenilworth Road in July 1969. He was Luton's top scorer in two consecutive seasons including the 1969-70 promotion success and netted 49 goals in 88 League games before being sold to Newcastle United for £180,000 in May 1971. An FA Cup finalist in 1974, he joined Arsenal for £333,000 in August 1976 and was an FA Cup finalist again in 1978 before injury ended his career. He subsequently managed Fulham and Huddersfield Town.

PAUL WALSH

England international striker who was capped five times while at Luton Town. Signing professional for Charlton Athletic in October 1979, he starred in their 1980-81 promotion success and moved to Luton in July 1982. He was 'Player of the Year' in 1982-83 and leading marksman in 1983-84, netting 24 goals in 80 First Division games for the Hatters prior to joining Liverpool in May 1984. Helping to win the League Championship in 1985-86, he joined Tottenham Hotspur in February 1988 and was an FA Cup winner in 1991. He later played for Portsmouth and Manchester City until injury ended his career.

TOPICALLY SPEAKING

Down And Out?

While our triumph in the final of the LDV Trophy at the Millennium Stadium has without doubt been the highlight of this season, that in itself can hardly mask what has been a pretty miserable 2004-05 for Wrexham AFC, not least of course because of the off the field problems.

Indeed, Denis Smith and his squad are to be congratulated on overcoming a horrendous injury list on top of the 10 point deduction for going into administration and making a decent attempt of fighting off relegation and not, say, vying with Stockport for the bottom spot.

However, while relegation may be a tragedy, it is something we can try to rectify next season. The real problem is the future of the club. While the on-going discussions between Neville Dickens and present owner and erstwhile owner Alex Hamilton are, we are told, going well, the clock is ticking.

Indeed, the Daily Post has taken to a doom-watch scenario of a countdown to our eviction from the Racecourse!

Still it does concentrate the mind. So we can only hope that things do work out successfully and that the sale will go through successfully. If it doesn't then we may well not start next season as a Football League club.

One big problem that we will have if things do go pear-shaped is where do we play our games? Assuming the worst, and that Alex Hamilton evicts the club from the Racecourse during the summer, even if we get some sort of dispensation from the Football League to play elsewhere, where would that alternative be?

I can't see the Police being over keen on our lodging with Chester or Shrewsbury, while a better bet maybe Crewe, or perhaps Telford.

Away from football, the Rugby League grounds of Widnes or Warrington could be viable, but, what would our crowds be? More importantly, even assuming we manage to stay up this season, how would we fund our enforced sojourn away from Wrexham?

There is, of course, an even worse scenario: if the Football League do decide that we cannot fulfil our fixtures next season, then we will have to try and get back into the League by rejoining one of the feeder leagues at the lower end of the pyramid and 'do an Aldershot or Wimbledon'!

Whether we remain as we are or wind up the club and reform is not something I really want to think about, but if the ship is sinking it's as well to seek out the location of the lifeboats.

Hopefully, of course, it won't come to that - hopefully!

To be optimistic for a moment (and that's not in my nature), our friends up the road at Chester had Sealand Road sold from underneath them and had to spend two seasons away from the city during the early Nineties, but they have survived.

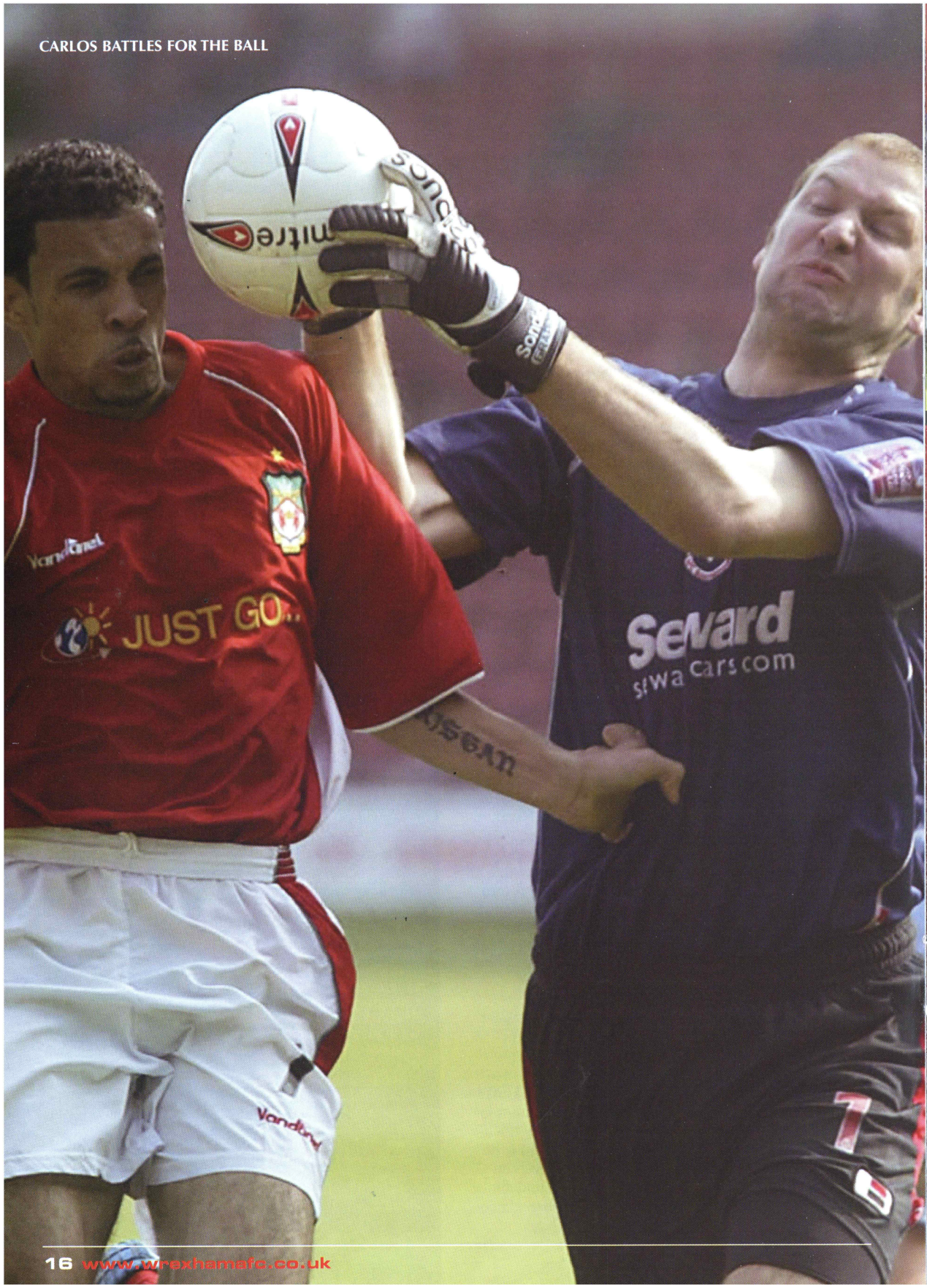
Brighton have had an even worse time of it: having an exile of over three seasons away from the south coast at Gillingham, but they have survived and are now back in Brighton at least, even if Johnny 'Two Jags' Prescott doesn't want them to build a new ground at Falmer (sign their petition!). Ferhaps they should have offered to fight him for it!

While I may be accused of being overly pessimistic (never – Editor) of our chances of staying at the Racecourse and as a Football League club, it is only right that everyone should be made aware of what could happen if things go badly. As I noted above, hopefully it won't come to that!

Come next season we shall see.

Miserable Eddie (with rather a lot to be miserable about!)

CARLOS BATTLES FOR THE BALL



FREEZE FRAME

WREXHAM 1 BOURNEMOUTH 2

Juan gets a little bit shirty!

Morgs wins this aerial dual

Saturday April 2
Coca Cola League 1

WREXHAM: Ben Foster, Steve Roberts, Craig Morgan, Shaun Pejic, Carlos Edwards (Dean Bennett 70), Mark Jones (Alex Smith 77), Scott Green (Chris Armstrong 59), Matt Crowell, Andy Holt, Juan Ugarte, Chris Llewellyn.
Subs: Ryan Harrison, Dennis Lawrence, Alex Smith.

AFC BOURNEMOUTH: Neil Moss, Matthew Mills, Eddie Howe, Frank Simek, Wade Elliott, Stephen Purches (Neil Young 79), Brian Stock, John Spicer, Garreth O'Connor, James Hayter (Marcus Browning 79), Steve Fletcher.
Subs: Adam Green, Dani Rodrigues, Alan Connell.

REFEREE: Ray Olivier (West Mids)

ATTENDANCE: 3,801

AWAY: 221

BOOKED -
WREXHAM: Roberts (foul 84), Llewellyn (foul 90)

Bournemouth somehow managed to ride their luck and record a fourth consecutive away win, for the first time in 57 years!

The secret weapon that is Ben Foster's kicking, set up the Reds' first attack on seven minutes, when his clearance off the ground reached Juan Ugarte on the edge of the Cherries' penalty box. The Basque striker took the ball on his chest before spinning and firing a low shot that passed only inches wide of the mark.

It was a cross from Carlos Edwards a minute later that almost brought the opening goal, as Chris Llewellyn dropped off at the back post and worked himself a free header which former Southampton stopper Neil Moss turned away with a reaction save.

Foster was then called into the action and when a cross from the visitor's right somehow managed to evade several players on the edge of the Wrexham area, Stephen Purches was probably the most surprised on the pitch when he was faced with a clean sight of goal. The midfielder was quickly closed down by the big keeper and he was only left with one option, of firing straight into the advancing Foster.

Soon afterwards, a break through the middle by Mark Jones, back from injury, saw Ugarte take the ball from him 25-yards out and a blister shot on the run was tipped over by Moss for a corner. The flag kick was knocked back into the six-yard box where the Basque stuck out a boot but saw his effort fly narrowly over the crossbar with the keeper struggling.

The Cherries showed why they had won their last three away matches, when both Brian Stock and Garreth O'Connor tested Foster from distance, but the on loan keeper was comfortable with both efforts.

The same could not be said of Moss, when he was just glad to get his body behind a rocked from Llewellyn, when the striker his another long-range effort that had some power behind it on 33 minutes.

An amazing passage in play occurred when Eddie Howe put his keeper in trouble with a poor backpass. Moss sliced it up in the air and as Wrexham crossed from the right through Andy Holt, Llewellyn's downward headed caused more problems as bodies threw themselves at the ball in an effort to bundle it over the line - but all to no avail.

Wrexham resumed after the break as they had left off in the first, with another raid, as Green crossed in from the right and while Jones rose highest to meet the ball, he failed to find the power required to beat Moss in the Bournemouth goal.

But Wrexham were immediately caught by the sucker punch, as James Hayter played a ball through for the overlapping Stephen Purches, who beat the offside trap and chipped over the stranded Foster to put Bournemouth in front on 53 minutes.

It took Wrexham five minutes to lift themselves again, as Crowell's free kick was only half cleared and then the same player saw his long range effort turned round the post by a diving Moss.

From the corner Bournemouth broke quickly up field, but when Edwards carelessly gave away the ball to O'Connor, the Irishman needed no second invitation to set Wade Elliott free through the middle and he made no mistake in lifting his effort over Foster.

Refusing to bow, the Welshman lifted themselves two minutes later when a cross from Edwards was met by Chris Armstrong, who directed his header back across Moss into the net.

Ugarte then passed up a great opportunity on 79 minutes, when Alex Smith's chip was nodded down to him by Armstrong, but he dallied on the ball and the chance was lost as two defenders snuffed out the danger.

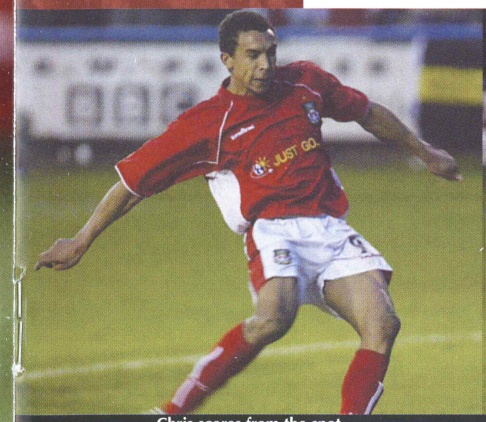
With a minute remaining of normal time, Holt found Armstrong with a pass in from the left flank, and while the ex-Spurs man found space he scuffed a shot that almost saw it creep inside a post, that was until Moss dived to make the save.

It all added up to another afternoon of decent football from the Dragons, but with nothing to show for their efforts.

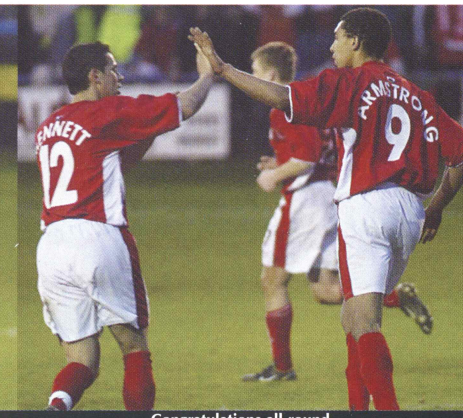
MARK JONES TACKLES HARD

FREEZE FRAME

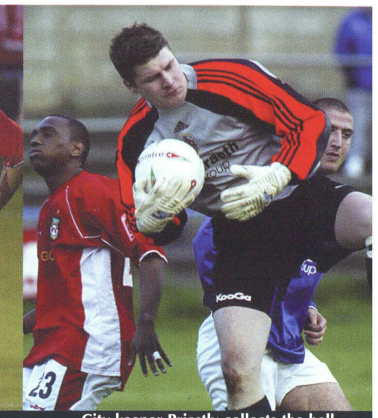
BANGOR CITY 1 WREXHAM 2



Chris scores from the spot



Congratulations all round



City keeper Priestly collects the ball

Wednesday, April 13
FAW Premier Cup semi-final

BANGOR: Phil Priestley, Clayton Blackmore, Kevin Scott, Paul Friel (Connolly 85), Paul O'Neil, Phil Baker (Peter Hoy 88), Tony Gray, Owain Jones, Paul Roberts, Carl Lamb, Les Davies.
Subs: Chris Short, Eifion Jones, Ben Ogilvy.

WREXHAM: Ben Foster, Shaun Pejic, Craig Morgan, Andy Holt (Dennis Lawrence 84), Dean Bennett, Mark Jones, Danny Williams, Levi Mackin, Alex Smith, Chris Armstrong, Hector Sam.
Subs: Ryan Harrison, Darren Ferguson, Carlos Edwards, Juan Ugarte.

REFEREE: Ray Ellingham

ATTENDANCE: 1335

AWAY: 249

BOOKING –
BANGOR: Blackmore (foul)

The second of this season's FAW Premier Cup semi-finals was contested at Farrar Road, with the holders and LDV Vans Trophy winners, Wrexham as the visitors. Taking the opportunity to rest a few players after Sunday's exertions and picking up a late problem with Scott Green withdrawing from the squad, Denis Smith was happy to use his whole senior squad against the Welsh Premier league side.

The Citizens had gone eight games unbeaten and won seven in a row, so were never going to be a pushover, and Peter Davenport's men showed exactly why they are challenging for a UEFA Cup place by nearly taking the spoils in this tremendous cup tie.

The home team settled well, passing the ball comfortably, but it was Hector Sam who had the first real chance after nine mins when Jones delicately played him in. Sam managed to side foot wide of the far post, when really all he had to do was hit the target.

However it was the home team who took the lead, when Forster's poor throw out was crossed by Friel, and Paul Roberts powered the ball home with a flying header from about eight yards.

Bangor continued to dominate play with a number of half chances, although it was the holders who next threatened. The slight magician Jones found Armstrong who shot home form 10 yards, but was adjudged marginally to be offside.

Just as the referee was about to blow his whistle for the interval, Lamb was set free for the home team after Morgan stumbled, but Forster came to the rescue again, managing to push the ball onto the post.

Bangor would have gone in at half time really believing that they should have more than a single goal lead, despite Wrexham having more of the possession.

Just three minutes after the break, Lamb was again free, one on one with the keeper Forster, who saved well - the question was would the home team rue the chances missed.

Armstrong had a header saved by Priestly from Holt's cross after 59 mins, but just two minutes later an error by the home keeper presented Wrexham with a penalty. Priestly fumbled a cross and with no danger at all, clipped Chris Armstrong legs on the six-yard box for a clear penalty that the striker got up and converted.

Bangor could have regained the lead within minutes, as a long throw from Kev Scott was flicked on by Morgan and headed goalwards by Tony Gray. Those watching at the St Paul's End began celebrating but neither official signalled a goal and play went on, as Foster somehow managed to scoop it away.

He then stopped Owain Tudor Jones's header, before the goal that summed up the night came for the visitors.

Sam broke free from O'Neill, got to the by-line and pulled the ball back for Mark Jones to fire home from 10 yards, giving Priestly no chance.

Levi Mackin then picked up the failing of shooting wildly from distance before another long throw from Kev Scott was flicked on by Les Davies and dropped for Gray, whose overhead kick flew well wide.

With around ten minutes left another long throw was helped on by Davies and headed firmly on target by Owain Jones but Foster pulled off an incredible one handed stop for another corner which ended up with Clayton Blackmore hitting the side netting.

Referee Ellingham then showed some leniency when Blackmore was spoken to rather than red carded for a foul on Alex Smith.

That is how it finished, but the home team were left to wonder how on earth they didn't win the game, and Wrexham to thank Forster and their dogged perseverance for another Final at the Vetch Field.

Edgeley Park - the home of Stockport County

The Galpharm Stadium - the Home of Huddersfield Town

HOME AND AWAY

Port Vale (Away) Coca-Cola League One
Tuesday April 26 2005 - Kick-off 7.45pm

As a boy I remember with relish our encounters with Port Vale. Tasty affairs full of passion, pride, shocking tackles, and fighting, on and off the field. Anyone also remember when you could swap ends at half time at the Racecourse, and when Vale and Wrexham fans met in the middle on the Yale side, all hell broke loose, that was my first introduction to football hooliganism. On the field it was just as rough, Gareth Davies once recalled that it was so bad they had minders on the field to look after the younger players, as he was in those days.
Thankfully times have changed but beware the element at Vale these days that carry on their forefathers antics.
The modern Vale are a good footballing side, managed this season by Martin Foyle the former Southampton, Oxford and Vale striker. He took over from Brian Horton who has been at Vale Park or five years.
Horton had taken over from long serving John Rudge, who had kept Vale in Division One for six seasons, a remarkable feat, unfortunately Horton could not prevent relegation. He could not regain that success either and as Vale fell away from the promotion pack last season he was replaced. It was a somewhat surprising move but Chairman Bill Bratt and his directors were desperate to re-discover those earlier glory days.
Bratt is a staunch Vale fan and he revealed to the Sentinel last week that he has received at least three hostile bids for the club, he refuses to sell Vale Park under any circumstances.
"I have had several phone calls in the last few months from people who want to take Port Vale over. Then they go on to talk about the 13.2 acres of land here and moving elsewhere. We even had a call from an investor who said he wanted the land, and that we could always groundshare with Stoke. My reply is unprintable. I could make some money myself and he told me that the fans wouldn't than me whatever I did, but people like him have obviously misjudged me."
His brush with a property speculator is just typical of the chancers out there who see badly run football clubs who own their own ground as easy pickings. Thankfully for Vale fans Bratt has a firm backbone.
Vale Park has been Port Vale's home since 1950, and the ground when built had a capacity of 50,000. They had previously had a nomadic existence which saw venues in Hanley, Longport, Cobridge and Burslem. The ground once completed was described as the Wembley of the north with thirty miles of terracing!
Bratt will not forget that part of Vale's history.
On the field Vale have struggled this term, unbeaten at home early in the season, results on their travels were poor, and early exits from the LDV and FA Cup in both their second rounds, did not enhance finances. When they lost to Sheffield Wednesday at the end of January, they had slipped to within seven points of the drop zone. However since then they have accumulated enough wins to take them to the magic 50 point barrier, which should ensure League One football again next term. Having lost striker Stephen McPhee last summer, Foyle has found it hard to replace his goals, so a striker will surely be high on the summer shopping list.

Stockport County (Away) Coca-Cola League One
Saturday April 30 2005 - Kick-off 3pm

Ah the memories of Jacko singing in the rain on Boxing Day back in 2003, who could forget either the last minute winner, a victory which was one of three over that festive period. County were struggling then, but avoided relegation, and we threatened to get to the play-offs.
Sadly for both sides, this season looks destined to be historic, for all of the wrong reasons as far as County are concerned.
Fans of the troubled club fear that relegation would be the start of the run down of the proud club, which now shares its ground with Sale Sharks rugby union side.
A body entitled Cheshire Sports effectively owns Edgeley Park, Stockport County and Sale Sharks, and the fans belief is that the only effective way forward for the football club is to divorce itself from that body.
The Stockport Supporters Trust have been in negotiations to run the football club now for some time, however the stumbling block is believed to be the future of Edgeley Park. Cheshire Sports are willing to let the Trust run the football club but not acquire the ground. As a result the consensus amongst County fans is that every effort is being made to support rugby union at the football club's expense.
Amidst all of this Chris Turner accepted the poison chalice that is the manager's seat at Edgeley Park. He replaced Sammy McIlroy, who had spent eighteen months trying to build a team with no cash. Stockport were the first club in England to be relegated this term, their fans will be looking to Turner for a big improvement next term.

Huddersfield Town (Home) Coca-Cola League One
Saturday May 7 2005 - Kick-off 3pm

The curtain comes down on our domestic season and on reflection it has been a roller coaster to say the least. The visit of Huddersfield should provide a bumper gate, despite it being unlikely that the Terriers will trouble the play-offs this season. That has come as a blow to a club geared off the field for Championship football. That, of course, can also be said of the division's other underachievers Bristol City and Sheffield Wednesday, whose fan bases exceed five figures regularly.
Huddersfield went into administration back in 2003 with debts of £22 million, after years of overspending on wages and transfer fees. Local businessman Ken Davy agreed to take on the club, which had stumbled from Division One to Division Three within three seasons.
The once proud Terriers had to rebuild and they did with Peter Jackson returning as manager. They achieved promotion by virtue of a penalty shoot out against Mansfield at the Millennium Stadium last season, and this season was probably about consolidation rather that a straight promotion again. Inconsistency has ensured that, however the club is now on a much surer footing thanks to Davy's involvement.
Huddersfield's Supporters Trust have also kept a close eye on events at the Galpharm, (the new sponsors of the Stadium formerly known as the McAlpine), indeed they are watching events closely as Davy now owns 99% of the shares in the club's holding company Huddersfield Sporting Pride. This also represents the Giants rugby team, but since administration, the football club technically no longer own the ground. Success may have to come quickly or patience may be tested.

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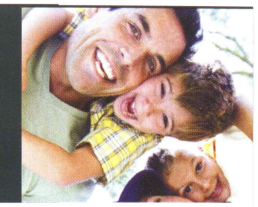

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SEASON BY SEASON

1990-91 - A Chance to Rebuild

Following the narrow escape of 1989-90, and the fact there would be no relegation from Division Four to the Conference this term, Wrexham took the opportunity to rebuild. The club was also short of cash!

AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER

The Reds made an awful start to their league campaign – winning just one of their first ten games! An opening home draw with Peterborough (0-0) was quickly followed by a 1-3 reverse at Doncaster, although League Cup progress was made at York's expense (3-0 on aggregate).
Next came that lone victory, 4-2 here over Aldershot. Our regular defeat at Blackpool duly arrived – 1-4 this time, and was followed by two 1-1 home draws: against Darlington and Chesterfield. Then, our League Cup progress was halted by Everton in no uncertain terms (0-5 here and 0-6 at Goodison Park).

OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER

Into European action and we held the Danes from Lyngby to a scoreless draw on the Racecourse – before surprisingly winning 1-0 in Copenhagen. Back home, we lost 0-1 twice on our domestic travels (Cardiff and Torquay) while, in between, Scarborough won 2-1 on the 'Course. Somehow, we let Hartlepool escape home with a 2-2 draw, but we then won twice in Kent: at Gillingham (3-2) and Maidstone (2-0).
The Cup Winners' Cup (Round Two) sent us to Old Trafford and, despite battling performances, we went down 0-3 there and 0-2 here in the return leg. Disappointingly, Burnley won 4-2 in North Wales, before we lost at Northampton (0-1).
Welsh Cup progress came at Worcester's expense (3-1, here) but F.A.Cup elimination came at Halifax (2-3), although we did overcome Scunthorpe on the 'Course (1-0).

DECEMBER/ JANUARY

Progress (just) was achieved in the Leyland/ Daf Cup with a 3-3 home draw with Peterborough, and despite losing 0-1 at Cambridge. However, we were destined to lose at Brentford on penalties (0-3) in the next stage, after a scoreless 120 minutes.
After thumping Carlisle 3-0 here, we lost five games: away at Scarborough (2-4), 0-2 at Rochdale and 0-1 at Walsall; then, home to Hereford (1-2) and York (0-4).
After battling to a 0-0 draw at Lincoln, we lost 0-2 at Stockport, before winning 5-0 at a very wet Ammanford in the Welsh Cup. Doncaster were then beaten here 2-1 as on-loan Ashley Ward hit two on his Reds' debut, and we also scraped a 2-2 draw at Peterborough.

FEBRUARY/ MARCH

We then lost five consecutive league games (again!): home to Blackpool (0-1), Northampton (0-2) and at Darlington (0-1), at Carlisle (0-2) and 2-3 at Aldershot. Our 2-1 Welsh Cup win at Stroud was scant consolation.
Despite a 2-1 victory here over Rochdale, we let Halifax return home with the points as they won 2-1, before we lost 1-2 again (at Chesterfield). A welcome home win arrived against Cardiff (1-0), but we lost 0-2 at Halifax and 0-1 at Hereford and found ourselves bottom placed.

APRIL/ MAY

April began with four draws: home to Walsall (1-1), Maidstone (2-2) and Lincoln (2-2) – with a scoreless game at York. Then Stockport won here all too easily (3-1), and we also went down 1-2 at Hartlepool.
Following a 1-1 home draw with Hereford in a Welsh Cup Semi-Final 1st leg, we won 2-1 in the return to reach another Final. This 'boost' briefly revived our league performances, as Torquay were beaten 2-1 on the Racecourse, and Gillingham were thumped 3-0 here. However, the last two league fixtures were away and, following a 0-2 defeat at Scunthorpe, we lost 0-2 at Burnley – and finished bottom of the Football League. The Welsh Cup Final brought little consolation, as we lost 0-2 (again) to Swansea at Cardiff's Arms Park.

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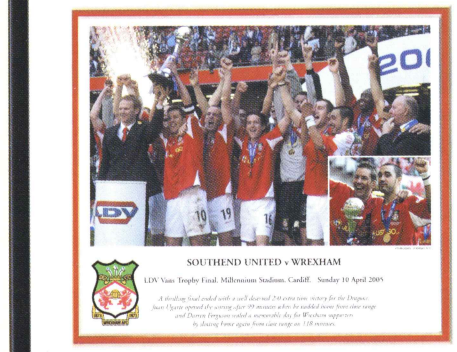

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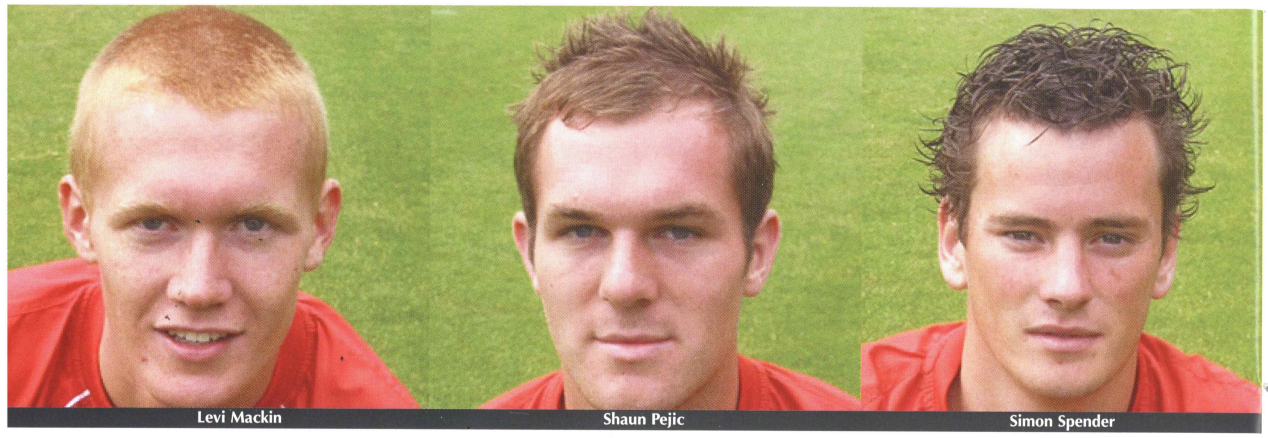

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RESERVES & YOUTHS

As we enter the last few weeks of the season we've got just three Pontin's Holidays League and three Football League Youth Alliance games to look at in our last two programme articles. This afternoon we've got a couple of victories and one defeat to look back on, starting with the defeat – a 4-0 setback at Rochdale in the Youth Alliance Merit Division on Saturday, 2 April.

"We had the majority of the play and the chances – but got beat 4-0!" declared Centre of Excellence Manager Steve Weaver. "We didn't play great – but we certainly didn't deserve to lose by four!

"We were never fluent, and seemed to be playing at half pace, lethargic and slow. We looked a tired and jaded team, as if the left arm didn't know what the right arm was doing! Maybe the number of game sin the last four or five weeks has started to catch up on some of the lads."

But despite the comprehensive score the Dragons should have taken something from the game, though it has to be said that the defending for the goals was poor.

The opening 25 minutes or so was scrappy although the Dragons did create two or three openings, with' Marc Williams, Matty Done and Jamie Reed all testing the 'Dale keeper.

But then the home side opened the scoring from the penalty spot after Gareth Evans was adjudged by an Assistant to have held a striker's shirt, and then on 35 minutes possession was squandered inside the Rochdale half and a home forward broke through some hesitant defending to double the lead.

"We came in at half time having not played well, but having had the lion's share of the chances," added Steve. "I had a little go at them and told them to pick the pace up. We'd looked very disjointed."

The second period saw Callum Hawthorne in the Dragons' goal have nothing to do until the 80th minute – such was the Dragons' domination – but despite again dominating possession and territory very little fell by the way of decent goal scoring opportunities.

Rochdale then grabbed a third and fourth goal on 80 and 85 minutes to give the score a very lop-side look.

"If we'd got the first goal then I think we'd have won easily," reflected Steve. "I think we were just tired and maybe there's been too much football lately for some. Some have been thrown in at the deep end and it will need time for their bodies to adjust to playing at this level."

The following Wednesday saw the Reserves produced one of their best performances of the season to beat an experienced Stockport County line-up 2-0 at a wet Plaskynaston Lane. A brace from Jamie Reed, one in each half, were enough to do the damage and record a rare win for the youngsters, who moved off the bottom of the Division One (West) table thanks to a welcome three points.

With a team that had only one first team appearance to its name and that being Jamie Reed's 10 minutes as a substitute against Haverfordwest in the Premier Cup, Joey Jones also had to call on American trialist Mike Werle and NEWI Student goalkeeper Neil Fidler to make up the numbers!

Yet not only did they keep a clean sheet, but they also restricted the visitors to just the one effort on goal in the second half.

Reed's first goal enjoyed a slice of luck, but he also deserved it, having made a great run into the County half. Looking up, he saw keeper Neil Cutler off his line and while the initial chip from distance looked like it was heading over the target, the wind seemed to force it under the crossbar at the last moment.

That was eight minutes before the break and his second came with a little less than quarter of an hour remaining. Cutting in from the wing, his shot took a deflection that carried the ball out of the reach of the ex-Chester City keeper.

"This was one of our best displays of the season," enthused coach Joey Jones.

"We thoroughly deserved the win and it came against a strong Stockport team."

Finally we look back just over a fortnight to Friday, 8 April and a 3-2 victory over Notts County in a Football League Youth Alliance encounter at a windswept Colliers Park.

"We played with the wind first half," said Steve Weaver, "and played really well. But we were 2-2 at half time when we should have been 6-0 up! We'd passed the ball really well."

The Dragons got off to the best possible start and were soon 1-0 up. The ball was worked down the right hand side and Phil Gray whipped a great ball into the box and Marc Williams was on hand inside the six-yard box to head past the visiting keeper.

On 20 minutes it was 2-0. Gray took a corner kick from the left and Mike Williams was there at the far post to head goal number two.

The Dragons were coasting at this stage and County had barely troubled Callum Hawthorne or his back four, especially given the conditions.

But out of the blue they were soon back level at 2-2. The first came on 35 minutes when they broke down our right hand side. Hawthorne was unable to hold the 20-yard shot and a forward was quick to react to the loose ball and reduce his side's deficit.

Worse was to soon follow as following a passing movement that must have numbered over 20 passes from one side of the pitch to the other the ball was crossed in from the left and a striker nipped in ahead of the diving Hawthorne to head in at the near post.

"We couldn't believe it was 2-2 at the break," declared Steve. "We should easily have been five or six up. We'd played really well and they'd not really been in the game.

"But we thought it would be better for us second half playing against the wind because the ball wouldn't run away as it had been doing in the first. But we started the second period off scrappily."

The winner came on 65 minutes, when Jamie Reed did brilliantly to get to the by-line down the left and he put a great ball in for Marc Williams to superbly volley home from eight yards out.

"To be fair, the lads at the back won the game for us late on as they threw everything forward," said Steve.

But that didn't mean that the Dragons didn't create chances themselves either for Marc Williams steered a free header wide after some good work down the left by Matty Done and Reed also had a couple of efforts at goal.

Another good thing to come out of the game, besides the victory of course, was the return to action of 'Carrots', Michael Jones, who came on for the last 20 minutes after being out for the past couple of months.

So, overall, it was a pleasing afternoon's work though it should have been a more comfortable victory than it ended up being. But, still, a win's a win!

LINE-UPS

v. ROCHDALE (A): Callum Hawthorne, Mark Harris, Mike Williams, Gareth Evans, Wes Baynes, Chris Evans, Andy Fleming (Lee Jones 46), Kev Williams, Jamie Reed, Marc Williams, Matthew Done.

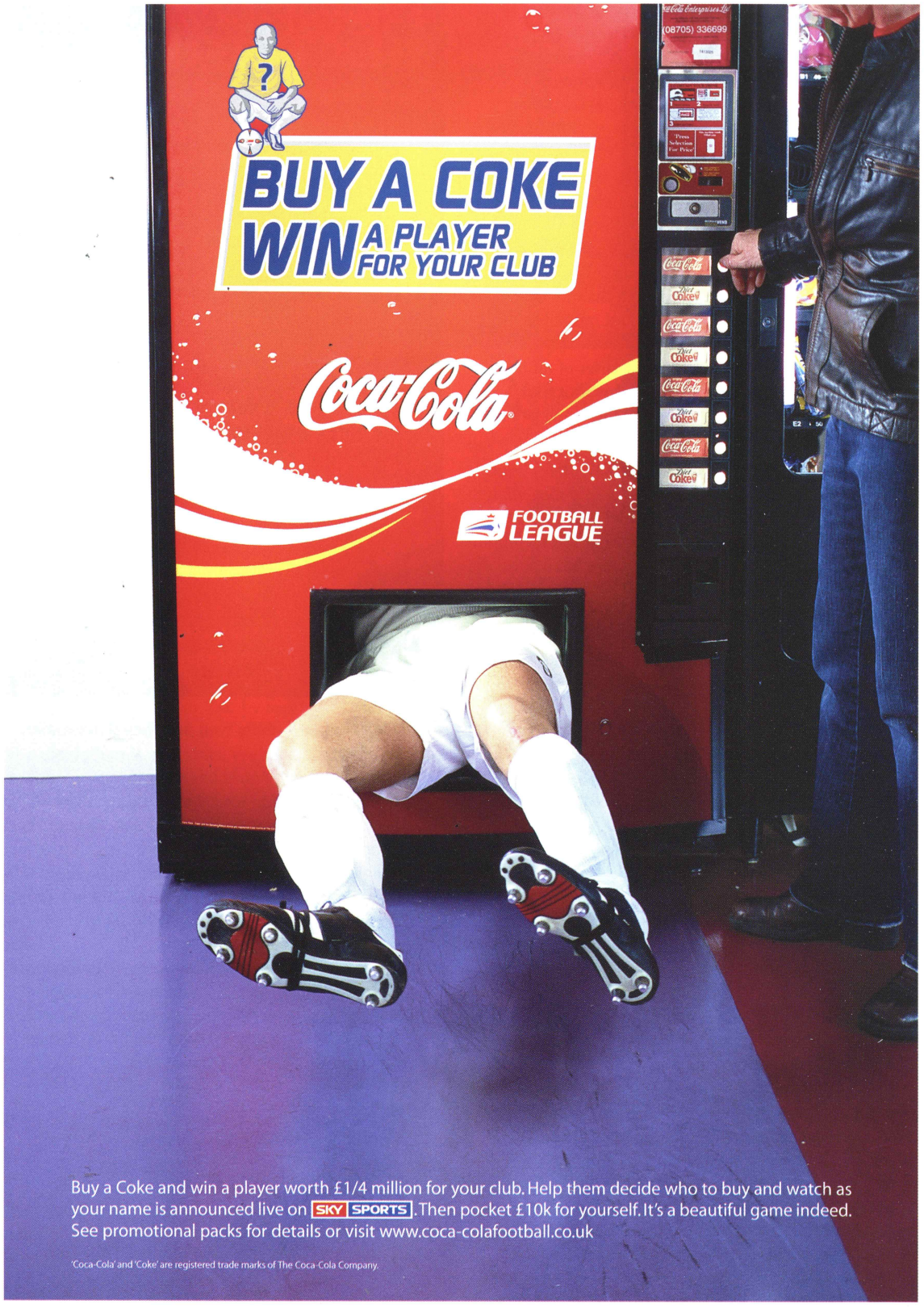
v. STOCKPORT COUNTY (H): Neil Fidler, Kieran Quinn, Mike Williams, Gareth Evans, Mike Werle, Chris Evans (Neil Taylor 88), Phil Gray, Kev Williams, Jamie Reed, Marc Williams, Matthew Done (Mark Harris 15). Sub: Wes Baynes.

v. NOTTS COUNTY (H): Callum Hawthorne (Michael Jones 70), Mark Harris, Neil Taylor, Gareth Evans, Mike Williams, Chris Evans, Phil Gray, Kev Williams, Jamie Reed, Marc Williams, Matthew Done (Mark Stewart 60). Sub: Tom Vickers.

RESERVES FIXTURES

Pontin's League Division One West

Wed	**Aug**	**18**	**Manchester United**	**H**	**1-4**
Wed	Sep	1	Shrewsbury Town	A	2-0
Wed	**Sep**	**8**	**Blackpool**	**H**	**1-0**
Wed	**Sep**	**15**	**Bury**	**H**	**1-3**
Wed	**Oct**	**20**	**Oldham Athletic**	**H**	**2-4**
Wed	Oct	27	Macclesfield Town	A	0-6
Wed	Nov	3	Stockport County	A	4-1
Wed	Nov	17	Shrewsbury Town (LC)	A	0-1
Wed	**Dec**	**1**	**Carlisle United**	**H**	**2-3**
Wed	Dec	8	Burnley	A	0-3
Wed	Jan	12	Bury	A	3-1
Wed	**Jan**	**19**	**Chester City (LC)**	**H**	**0-1**
Wed	**Jan**	**26**	**Macclesfield Town**	**H**	**0-3**
Wed	Feb	2	Oldham Athletic	A	1-3
Wed	**Feb**	**9**	**Rochdale**	**H**	**2-0**
Wed	Feb	16	Chester City	A	0-1
Wed	**Mar**	**2**	**Burnley**	**H**	**1-4**
Wed	Mar	9	Carlisle United	A	1-3
Wed	Mar	16	Rochdale	A	2-0
Wed	Mar	23	Chester City	A	1-5
Tue	Mar	29	Manchester United	A	2-3
Wed	**Apr**	**6**	**Stockport County**	**H**	**2-0**
Wed	**Apr**	**13**	**Shrewsbury Town**	**H**	**0-1**
Wed	Apr	27	Blackpool	A	



Wrexham v Luton

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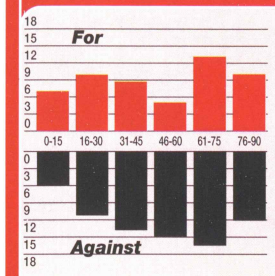
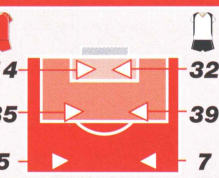


How & Where Goals Scored

Shots	25	Shots	39
Headers	14	Headers	23
Volleys	10	Volleys	6
Penalties	4	Penalties	6
Free Kicks	0	Free Kicks	2
Own Goals	1	Own Goals	2



Shots on Target	186	Shots on Target	278
Goals Scored	54	Goals Scored	78
% of Shots Scored	29	% of Shots Scored	28.1

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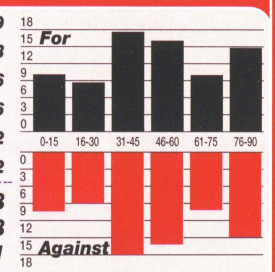


Discipline

Red Cards	3
Yellow Cards	55
Fouls Committed	460
Average per Game	11.22
Conceded from Free Kick	8
Fouls Suffered	489
Average per Game	11.93
Scored from Free Kick	4
Caught Offside	134
Average per Game	3.27

Top Scorers in each Category

Holt, Sam	4	Headed goals	Howard	13
Ferguson, Jones M	2	Long range shots	Nicholls	3
Ugarte	4	Inside 6 yards	Howard	12
Ugarte	7	Shots from 6-18 yards	Brkovic	7
Ugarte	4	Volleyed shots	Brkovic	2
Armstrong	3	Penalties	Nicholls	6
Lawrence	3	Scored 1st Goal in match	Nicholls	6
Ugarte	2	Most goals in last 10	3 players	3
Sam	8	Points gained from goals	Howard	18.6

Discipline

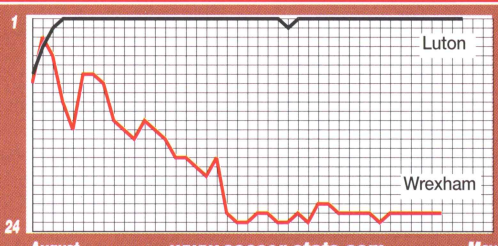
Red Cards	4
Yellow Cards	63
Fouls Committed	621
Average per Game	14.44
Conceded from Free Kick	6
Fouls Suffered	572
Average per Game	13.3
Scored from Free Kick	6
Caught Offside	239
Average per Game	5.56

Last 6 & Swings

Opponents	H/A	Score
Bristol City	A	0-1
Barnsley	A	2-2
Bournemouth	H	1-2
Swindon	A	2-4
Oldham	H	1-0
Hartlepool	A	6-4

Won when Behind:	4
Drawn when Behind:	7
Drawn when Ahead:	6
Lost when Ahead:	3

Seasonal Progress Comparison



Last 6 & Swings

Opponents	H/A	Score
MK Dons	H	1-0
Bournemouth	A	1-0
Blackpool	H	1-0
Torquay	A	4-1
Barnsley	H	1-3
Oldham	A	2-2

Won when Behind:	4
Drawn when Behind:	6
Drawn when Ahead:	5
Lost when Ahead:	1

Luton's Last 10 Years

Games Played	595
Won	218
Drawn	166
Lost	211
Goals Scored	810
Goals Conceded	782
Points Total	820
Biggest Win	6-0 Crewe 96/97
Heaviest Defeat	0-5 Bristol City 96/97, 0-5 Stoke 95/96, 0-5 Grimsby 94/95

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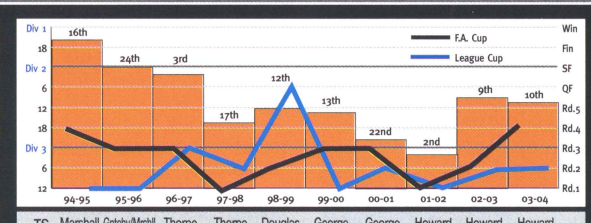

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Top Scorers

Steve Howard	81
Tony Thorpe	70
Phil Gray	40
Dwight Marshall	28
Matthew Spring	26
Scott Oakes	25
Kevin Nicholls	23
Liam George	21
Ahmet Brkovic	19
Steve Davis	19

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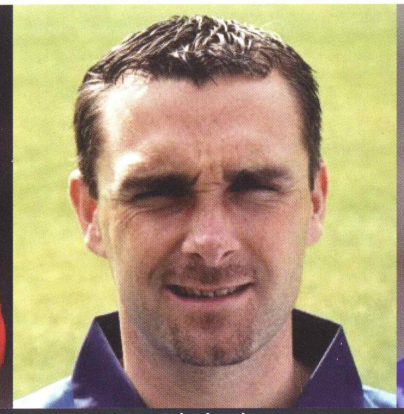
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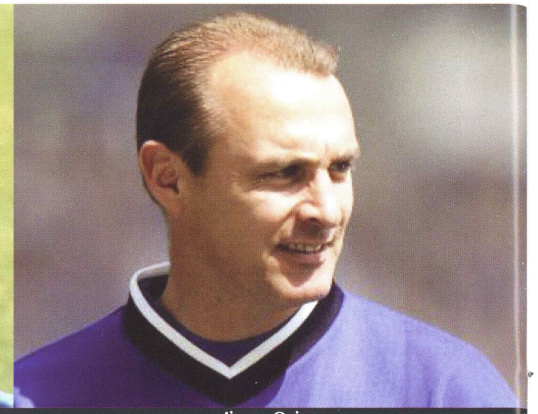
Jimmy Quinn

THE FIRST REVIEW

All the current news and views from around the division from the clubs at the top and the bottom.

Barnsley midfielder Stephen McPhail has revealed he wants to stay at the club and hopes to be offered a new deal. The 25-year-old Republic of Ireland international's current contract expires at the end of the season, but he is ready to discuss new terms.

"I want to speak to the club again about staying here," said McPhail. "I want to sort something out - but that's down to the man in charge and the chairman."

The former Leeds midfielder, who signed a 12-month contract at Oakwell last summer, has been hindered by injury this season.

"I'm happy here, but I've picked up too many injuries in my first year to really show what I'm capable of.

"I've not been able to get going and play to the standard I want. I've really enjoyed the last six or seven weeks, but it's been frustrating," he told the club's official website.

Mark McGregor has pledged his immediate future to Blackpool by taking up the option of a further year on his current deal. The 27-year-old defender will now remain at Bloomfield Road until at least the summer of 2006. McGregor initially signed a one-year deal with the offer of a further 12 months when arriving on a free transfer from Burnley in July last year. He is a regular for Colin Hendry's side this season, having proved his worth by operating in a number of positions, and he made his 40th appearance for the Seasiders in the midweek win at Stockport.

Bradford manager Colin Todd is in the market for a goalkeeper after Paul Henderson turned down the offer of a new contract at the club. Australian Henderson was originally signed as back-up for Donovan Ricketts, but has been an ever-present in the side since making his debut in the third game of the season. However, after an impressive first campaign with the Bantams, Henderson, 28, will leave for free in the summer.

"It's been an on-going situation with Paul," Todd explained to the BBC. "We offered him a very good contract for three years which was a substantial increase to what he was on. He has turned it down and he hasn't got a club at the moment so it's a bit of a gamble for him but we wish him well.

"He'll go back home for a holiday and whether his agent gets him fixed up in the meantime we'll have to wait and see. We've got a limit as to how far we can go with players.

"We've got a budget to stick to and we couldn't do any more than we did. Donovan Ricketts will play in goal now and we'll see from there, but I'll be looking for a goalkeeper."

Chesterfield goalkeeper Carl Muggleton and forward Mark DeBolla will miss the rest of the season as they undergo surgery on knee cartilage injuries. Muggleton has missed the last two games against Bradford and Port Vale, with Hungarian under-21 international Marton Fulop - who recently extended his loan spell from Tottenham until the end of the season, providing cover.

DeBolla sustained his injury in training two weeks ago, but played through the pain barrier against Bradford before missing the Port Vale clash. The Spireites have only pride to play for this season, so have taken the decision to get the surgery out of the way now to build for next season.

Manager Roy McFarland told the club's official website: "It is important that they have the cartilage operations now so they have the maximum amount of time to recover before the start of next season."

Club captain Rob Edwards will leave Huddersfield at the end of the season when his current contract expires. The 35-year-old defender, the Terriers' hero in last season's semi-final play-off win over Lincoln, will not be offered a new deal by boss Peter Jackson.

Left-back Edwards, who has slipped behind recent signing Danny Adams in the pecking order, was the first player Jackson drafted in when he succeeded Mel Machin for his second stint as manager in June 2003.

Edwards had also enjoyed an earlier spell with the club having been signed by former boss Brian Horton from Crewe for £150,000 in March 1996. In total, he has made more than 200 appearances for Town and has scored 20 goals.

Hull manager Peter Taylor has expressed his delight after Roland Edge and Jason Price signed new contracts. And he hopes that Junior Lewis will soon follow suit as the Tigers build for an assault on the Championship next season.

Taylor explained to the BBC: "Roland's done very well in his first season here. I'm very pleased he's signed, because it's good to have two good left full-backs. It's a good battle between him and Andy Dawson, they get on well and they've both been playing very well."

Regarding midfielders Price and Lewis, Taylor said: "Price is in his second season here and Junior's in his first full season (after a loan spell from Leicester last season), so it's great for them to have been involved in two promotions.

"Price's contract is sorted out already because he had a clause in his contract and he's played enough games (to trigger the extra year), and I'm very hopeful that Junior will sign for at least one more year - I'm going to sit down with him and discuss it."

Oldham have played down reports linking Motherwell boss Terry Butcher with the manager's job at Boundary Park. Reports in Scotland suggested Butcher was being lined up to take over when Ronnie Moore's short-term contract expires at the end of the season. But Latics co-owner Simon Corney refuted these suggestions - and hinted talks are imminent about an extension to Moore's contract.

Corney told the Oldham Evening Chronicle: "I can only repeat what I've said before - we're happy with the man who is in charge. We are close to reaching safety from relegation and we plan to sit down with Ronnie in the very near future."

Butcher added: "Being linked with teams means we (he and assistant Maurice Malpas) must be doing something right. But we are enjoying it here and want to make sure we achieve what we've set out to do this season."

Assistant boss Jimmy Quinn reckons he can revive the fortunes of Peterborough if he is given the manager's job at the end of the season. Posh chief Barry Fry will step down as boss to concentrate on running the club and Quinn is hoping to make the step up to the hot-seat.

"I want the job," Quinn told the club's official website. "I've been a manager before and I want to be the boss again.

"I've been doing the training but Barry has been picking the team. It's been difficult because Barry hasn't always been down at the training ground and when players have been left out they've found it hard to cope with and I've had to pick up the pieces.

"I'm more of a training ground manager and Barry has had to be away at meeting after meeting to try and get money into the club. I'm sure if I get an interview, I'll come across in the right way."

Posh have endured a miserable season under Fry, but Quinn admitted his mentor had been facing an uphill struggle and added: "There's been a lot of problems at the club and Barry has had to sell people to get money in for the wages.

"It's not been an ideal scenario and it's been very difficult for the players and the staff at times not knowing what's going to happen. But all credit to Barry, we've been paid every month."

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TODAY'S OTHER GAMES

Blackpool	v	Chesterfield
Bournemouth	v	Peterborough United
Brentford	v	Huddersfield Town
Colchester United	v	Bradford City
Doncaster Rovers	v	Hartlepool United
Milton Keynes Dons	v	Bristol City
Oldham Athletic	v	Torquay United
Port Vale	v	Barnsley
Sheffield Wednesday	v	Stockport County
Swindon Town	v	Tranmere Rovers
Walsall	v	Hull City

LIVERPOOL RESERVES

Liverpool Reserve manager Hughie McAuley was pleased with the way his side came back from being 2-0 down after six minutes to salvage a point in the 3-3 draw with Blackburn Rovers at the Racecourse on Monday night.

Anthony Le Tallec scored twice and set up a goal for Richie Partridge as the Reds went 3-2 up but Blackburn came back to make it 3-3.

McAuley told Liverpoolfc.tv: "It turned out a cracking match but after the first six minutes I wondered what was going on as we found ourselves 2-0 down with some sloppy defending. We were very careless and over the course of the season you want players to improve.

"I have to say though that they are young players and they will make mistakes. While it's very frustrating watching it and taking the consequences of it that's life at reserve team football. The best thing about it is the young players have been given opportunities this season and now they have to push on and improve.

"For the second half I sorted one or two things out at half-time and I thought we worked a lot harder with a lot of good movement and retrieved the situation to go 3-2 up. Unfortunately Blackburn equalised but it was better second half.

"Anthony Le Tallec scored two good goals, set another up and was unfortunate not to get his hat-trick. That will do his confidence the world of good."

McAuley also praised goalkeeper Paul Harrison and 17-year-old Academy midfielder Paul Barratt who had a fine game on the left side of midfield.

AUGUST 2004				
9	**Mon**	**Manchester City**	**H**	**0-1**
18	Wed	Middlesbrough	A	0-1
SEPTEMBER				
1	**Wed**	**Nottingham Forest**	**H**	**0-0**
7	Wed	Blackburn Rovers	A	2-2
16	**Thu**	**Sunderland**	**H**	**1-0**
23	Thu	Birmingham City	A	1-2
30	**Thu**	**West Bromwich A.**	**H**	**4-1**
OCTOBER				
4	Mon	Newcastle United	A	**0-0**
11	**Mon**	**Everton**	**H**	**0-1**
21	Thu	Manchester United	A	2-5
25	**Mon**	**Bolton Wanderers**	**H**	**1-2**
NOVEMBER				
1	**Mon**	**Aston Villa**	**H**	**1-6**
15	Mon	Wolverhampton W.	A	1-0
23	Tue	Leeds United	A	1-1
DECEMBER				
14	Tue	Nottingham Forest	A	1-2
JANUARY 2005				
26	**Wed**	**Birmingham City**	**H**	**2-0**
29	Sat	Aston Villa	A	0-4
FEBRUARY				
2	**Wed**	**Middlesbrough**	**H**	**2-1**
7	Mon	West Bromwich A.	A	1-3
14	**Mon**	**Newcastle United**	**H**	**1-1**
23	Wed	Everton	A	1-1
MARCH				
1	**Tue**	**Manchester United**	**H**	**0-1**
8	Tue	Bolton Wanderers	A	1-2
29	**Tue**	**Wolverhampton W.**	**H**	**0-2**
APRIL				
6	**Wed**	**Leeds United**	**H**	**0-1**
14	Thu	Sunderland	A	0-0
18	**Mon**	**Blackburn Rovers**	**H**	**3-3**
26	Tue	Manchester City	A	

MATCH BY MATCH 2004/2005

DATE	OPPONENTS	V	RES	ATT	AWAY	POS	REFEREE	SCORERS	TEAM									SUBSTITUTES
AUGUST																		
7 Sat	**SWINDON TOWN**	**H**	**2-1**	**5,099**	**750**	**-**	**S. Mathieson**	**Lawrence (24), Armstrong (71)**	Dibble	Roberts	Carey▼	Lawrence	Whitley	Holt	Williams	Ferguson	Smith	Sam▼	Llewellyn	Pejic 83▲, Spender, Bennett, Armstrong 59▲, Baker
10 Tue	Oldham Athletic	A	3-2	6,143	653	-	P. Prosser	Sam (2), (23), (62)	Dibble	Roberts	Carey▼	Lawrence	Whitley	Holt	Williams	Ferguson	Smith	Sam	Llewellyn▼	Pejic 77▲, Spender, Bennett, Armstrong 87▲, Baker
14 Sat	Brentford	A	0-1	5,091	400	-	T. Kettle		Dibble	Roberts	Carey	Lawrence	Whitley▼	Holt	Williams	Ferguson	Smith	Sam	Llewellyn▼	Pejic, Spender, Bennett 86▲, Armstrong 61▲, Baker
21 Sat	**PORT VALE**	**H**	**1-1**	**5,005**	**1,303**	**10**	**T. Parkes**	**Holt (72)**	Dibble	Roberts	Carey	Lawrence	Bennett	Holt	Williams	Ferguson	Smith	Sam	Llewellyn▼	Pejic, Spender, Bennett, Armstrong 70▲, Baker
24 Tue	Hull City (CC1) -	A	2-2	6,079	87	-	A. Kaye	Sam (14), Ferguson (35)	Dibble	Roberts▼	Carey	Pejic	Bennett	Holt	Williams	Ferguson	Smith▼	Sam▼	Armstrong	Jones, Spender 77▲, Mackin 50▲, Llewellyn 94▲, Baker
28 Sat	Bournemouth	A	0-1	5,774	204	13	A. Hall		Dibble	Roberts	Carey	Lawrence	Bennett	Holt▼	Williams	Ferguson▼	Llewellyn	Sam	Armstrong▼	Pejic, Spender 75▲, Crowell 55▲, Jones 81▲, Baker
30 Mon	**BARNSLEY**	**H**	**2-1**	**4,223**	**537**	**8**	**M. Cowburn**	**Armstrong (45), Roberts (61)**	Dibble	Roberts	Carey	Lawrence▼	Bennett	Holt	Williams	Crowell▼	Llewellyn	Sam	Armstrong	Pejic 25▲, Morgan, Spender 69▲, Jones 86▲, Baker
SEPTEMBER																		
11 Sat	**BRADFORD CITY**	**H**	**1-0**	**3,712**	**438**	**7**	**M. Warren**	**Lawrence (2)**	Dibble▼	Roberts▼	Pejic	Lawrence	Bennett	Holt	Williams	Ferguson	Llewellyn	Sam▼	Armstrong	Morgan 46▲, Spender, Whitley 90▲, Jones, Baker 46▲
18 Sat	Tranmere Rovers	A	1-1	9,826	1,254	8	A. Marriner	Armstrong (38)	Dibble▼	Pejic	Carey	Lawrence▼	Whitley	Holt	Williams	Ferguson	Llewellyn▼	Sam	Armstrong	Morgan 43▲, Spender, Smith 78▲, Jones, Baker 90▲
21 Tue	**SHEFFIELD UTD (CC2)**	**H**	**2-3**	**3,432**	**386**	**-**	**M. Ryan**	**Morgan (6), Llewellyn (45)**	Baker	Pejic	Carey▼	Morgan	Bennett	Holt	Williams	Ferguson	Smith▼	Sam▼	Llewellyn	Spender 77▲, Whitley 77▲, Mackin, Jones 86▲, Evans
25 Sat	**SHEFFIELD WED**	**H**	**0-3**	**5,688**	**1,676**	**-**	**P. Dowd**		Baker	Pejic	Carey	Roberts	Bennett	Holt	Williams	Ferguson▼	Smith▼	Sam	Llewellyn	Morgan, Whitley 46▲, Crowell, Jones 66▲, Evans
28 Tue	Notts County (LDV1)	A	3-2	1,359	88	-	K. Friend	Pejic (20), Llewellyn (79), Sam (86)	Baker	Pejic	Morgan	Roberts	Bennett▼	Holt	Williams	Whitley	Smith	Jones▼	Llewellyn	Spender, Mackin, Crowell 73▲, Sam 46▲, Evans
OCTOBER																		
2 Sat	Doncaster Rovers	A	0-0	7,567	400	13	P. Armstrong		Baker	Roberts	Carey	Lawrence	Whitley	Holt	Williams	Ferguson	Smith	Sam▼	Llewellyn	Spender, Pejic, Crowell, Bennett 16▲, Evans
16 Sat	**WALSALL**	**H**	**1-1**	**3,803**	**678**	**14**	**S. Tanner**	**Lawrence (18)**	Baker	Roberts	Carey▼	Lawrence	Whitley▼	Holt	Williams	Ferguson	Smith	Armstrong▼	Llewellyn	Pejic 7▲, Bennett 15▲, Sam 71▲, Jones, Evans
19 Tue	Colchester United	A	2-1	2,866	83	12	K. Stroud	Roberts (59), Llewellyn (90)	Baker	Roberts	Pejic	Lawrence	Bennett	Holt	Williams▼	Ferguson	Smith	Sam▼	Llewellyn	Spender, Morgan, Crowell 74▲, Shaw 90▲, Jones
26 Tue	**PETERBOROUGH**	**H**	**1-1**	**3,009**	**104**	**13**	**E. Ilderton**	**Lawrence (87)**	Baker	Roberts	Pejic	Lawrence	Spender▼	Holt	Crowell	Ferguson	Smith▼	Sam▼	Llewellyn	Morgan 81▲, Mackin, Jones 69▲, Armstrong 63▲, Evans
30 Sat	**HULL CITY**	**H**	**2-2**	**5,601**	**1,015**	**14**	**K. Woolmer**	**Llewellyn (13), Ferguson (29)**	Baker	Roberts	Pejic	Lawrence	Spender	Holt	Crowell	Ferguson	Williams▼	Armstrong	Llewellyn	Smith, Mackin, Jones 88▲, Sam, Evans
NOVEMBER																		
2 Tue	**STOCKPORT COUNTY (LDV2)**	**H**	**2-0**	**2,130**	**246**	**-**	**A. Bates**	**Lawrence (19), Williams (83)**	Baker	Roberts	Pejic	Lawrence	Spender	Holt	Crowell▼	Ferguson	Williams	Sam▼	Llewellyn▼	Smith 69▲, Mackin, Jones 86▲, Ugate 74▲, Evans
6 Sat	Luton Town	A	5-1	7,144	200	16	M. Thorpe	Sam (73)	Baker	Roberts	Pejic	Lawrence	Spender	Holt	Crowell	Ferguson	Smith▼	Armstrong▼	Llewellyn▼	Mackin 63▲, Jones, Ugate 63▲, Sam 71▲, Evans
9 Tue	Blackpool	A	1-2	5,054	200	16	E. Evans	Holt (23)	Baker	Roberts	Pejic	Lawrence	Spender	Holt	Crowell▼	Ferguson	Sam▼	Armstrong▼	Llewellyn	Smith, Mackin 73▲, Jones 73▲, Ugarte 82▲, Evans
13 Sat	Hayes (FAC1)	A	4-0	1,751	300	-	K. Wright	Holt (17), Lawrence (30), Sam (37), Llewellyn (82)	Baker	Roberts	Pejic	Lawrence	Spender	Holt	Crowell▼	Ferguson	Sam▼	Armstrong▼	Llewellyn	Smith 77▲, Mackin, Jones 70▲, Ugarte 79▲, Jones Mike
20 Sat	**BRISTOL CITY**	**H**	**1-3**	**7,833**	**744**	**17**	**K. Hill**	**Armstrong (78)**	Baker	Roberts	Pejic	Lawrence▼	Spender	Holt	Jones	Ferguson	Sam▼	Armstrong	Llewellyn	Morgan 59▲, Mackin, Crowell, Ugarte 53▲, Evans
23 Tue	Torquay United	A	0-1	2,384	48	18	M. Russell		Baker	Roberts▼	Pejic	Lawrence	Spender	Holt	Jones▼	Ferguson	Ugarte	Armstrong▼	Llewellyn	Morgan 47▲, Mackin, Crowell 72▲, Sam 72▲, Evans
27 Sat	Huddersfield Town	A	2-1	11,127	410	16	P. Danson	Holt (9), Armstrong (49)	Baker	Morgan	Pejic	Lawrence	Spender	Holt▼	Green▼	Ferguson	Jones	Ugarte▼	Llewellyn	Mackin, Crowell 88▲, Armstrong 46▲, Sam 81▲, Dibble
30 Tue	Chester City (LDV3)	A	1-0	5,028	1,738	-	P. Hall	Ugarte (19)	Baker	Morgan	Pejic	Lawrence	Spender	Holt	Green	Ferguson	Jones▼	Ugarte▼	Llewellyn	Crowell, Mackin, Armstrong 72▲, Sam 67▲, Dibble
DECEMBER																		
3 Fri	Scunthorpe United (FAC2)	A	0-2	5,698	376	-	A. Marriner		Baker	Morgan▼	Pejic	Lawrence	Spender	Holt	Green▼	Ferguson	Jones▼	Ugarte	Llewellyn	Roberts 24▲, Crowell, Armstrong 63▲, Sam 63▲, Dibble
7 Tue	**STOCKPORT COUNTY**	**H**	**2-1**	**3,984**	**320**	**22**	**N. Miller**	**Holt (45), Sam (61)**	Dibble	Roberts	Pejic	Lawrence	Spender	Holt	Green▼	Ferguson	Sam	Ugarte▼	Llewellyn	Smith, Jones, Crowell 79▲, Armstrong 70▲, Baker
11 Sat	MK Dons	A	0-3	3,601	370	23	P. Melin		Dibble	Roberts	Pejic	Lawrence	Spender	Holt	Green▼	Mackin	Sam▼	Ugarte▼	Llewellyn	Smith 61▲, Jones, Crowell 85▲, Armstrong 59▲, Baker
18 Sat	**HARTLEPOOL UNITED**	**H**	**1-5**	**3,582**	**192**	**23**	**P. Danson**	**Ugarte (24)**	Dibble	Roberts	Morgan	Lawrence	Whitley▼	Holt	Mackin	Ferguson▼	Sam	Ugarte▼	Llewellyn	Spender 77▲, Smith, Jones 77▲, Armstrong 67▲, M. I. Jones
26 Sun	Bradford City	A	1-1	10,268	500	22	C. Boyeson	Armstrong (90)	Dibble	Roberts	Pejic	Lawrence	Whitley	Holt	Mackin▼	Ferguson	Smith	Armstrong	Llewellyn▼	Morgan, Spender, Ugarte 77▲, Sam 63▲, M. I. Jones
28 Tue	**CHESTERFIELD**	**H**	**3-1**	**4,273**	**325**	**22**	**M. Cowburn**	**Roberts (14), Jones (36), Llewellyn (61)**	Dibble	Roberts	Pejic	Lawrence	Whitley	Holt	Jones▼	Ferguson	Smith	Armstrong▼	Llewellyn	Morgan, Mackin 82▲, Ugarte 88▲, Sam, M. I. Jones
JANUARY 2005																		
1 Sat	**BLACKPOOL**	**H**	**1-2**	**5,601**	**535**	**23**	**R. Beeby**	**Llewellyn (18)**	Dibble	Roberts	Pejic	Lawrence	Whitley	Holt	Jones	Ferguson▼	Smith▼	Armstrong▼	Llewellyn	Morgan, Green 73▲, Ugarte 73▲, Sam 88▲, M. I. Jones
3 Mon	Sheffield Wednesday	A	0-4	24,253	714	23	E. Ilderton		Dibble	Roberts	Pejic	Lawrence	Whitley	Holt	Jones▼	Ferguson	Smith▼	Armstrong▼	Llewellyn	Morgan 51▲, Green 51▲, Ugarte 81▲, Sam, M. I. Jones
11 Tue	Peterborough	A	2-2	3,048	155	22	J. Singh	Ugarte (45), Ugarte (79)	Valero	Morgan	Pejic	Lawrence	Whitley▼	Holt	Crowell	Ferguson▼	Sam	Ugarte	Llewellyn	Spender 81▲, Green 70▲, Smith, Jones, M. I. Jones
15 Sat	**TRANMERE ROVERS**	**H**	**1-5**	**6,221**	**1,982**	**23**	**E. Evans**	**Armstrong (67)**	Valero	Roberts	Pejic▼	Lawrence	Edwards	Holt	Crowell	Whitley	Ugarte▼	Armstrong	Llewellyn	Morgan 46▲, Spender, Green, Sam 57▲, M. I. Jones
18 Tue	Haverfordwest (PC)	A	2-1	2,482	30	-	M. Whitby	Ugarte (7), (45)	Valero	Roberts	Morgan	Lawrence	Edwards	Holt▼	Crowell	Jones	Bennett	Ugarte	Sam▼	Spender 49▲, Mackin, Done, Reed 78▲, M. I. Jones
22 Sat	Chesterfield	A	4-2	3,966	300	21	T. Parkes	Ugarte (45), (45), (59), (64)	Valero▼	Roberts	Morgan	Lawrence	Edwards	Holt	Crowell▼	Jones	Williams▼	Ugarte	Llewellyn	Pejic, Whitley 80▲, Green 80▲, Smith, M. I. Jones 46▲
25 Tue	Hereford United (LDV4)	A	2-1	2,710	409	-	B. Curson	Ugarte (21), Llewellyn (24)	Foster	Roberts	Morgan	Lawrence	Whitley	Holt	Crowell▼	Jones	Williams▼	Ugarte	Llewellyn	Pejic, Ferguson 46▲, Green 86▲, Smith, M. I. Jones
29 Sat	**DONCASTER ROVERS**	**H**	**0-0**	**6,115**	**935**	**21**	**P. Joslin**		Foster	Roberts	Morgan	Lawrence	Edwards	Holt	Ferguson	Jones	Williams	Armstrong▼	Llewellyn	Pejic, Smith, Bennett, Sam 59▲, M. I. Jones
FEBRUARY																		
5 Sat	Walsall	A	2-2	5,659	500	22	T. Leake	Ferguson (12), Llewellyn (22)	Foster	Roberts	Morgan	Lawrence	Edwards	Holt	Ferguson	Jones▼	Crowell	Ugarte▼	Llewellyn	Pejic, Smith, Bennett 81▲, Sam 84▲, Green
12 Sat	**TORQUAY UNITED**	**H**	**1-1**	**3,608**	**167**	**22**	**C. Oliver**	**Ugarte (88)**	Foster	Roberts	Morgan	Lawrence	Edwards▼	Smith	Ferguson	Jones▼	Williams	Armstrong	Llewellyn	Pejic, Crowell, Bennett 77▲, Sam 77▲, Harrison
15 Tue	Oldham Ath. (LDV5-1)	A	5-3	4,881	1,251	-	C. Webster	Ugarte (29), (55), (62), Jones (32), Ferguson (58)	Foster	Pejic	Morgan	Lawrence	Edwards	Smith	Ferguson▼	Jones	Crowell	Ugarte▼	Llewellyn	Whitley 84▲, Green, Bennett, Sam 77▲, Harrison
19 Sat	Hull City	A	1-2	15,995	250	22	M. Warren	Sam (75)	Foster	Pejic	Holt	Lawrence	Bennett▼	Smith	Ferguson	Jones	Crowell	Ugarte▼	Armstrong	Evans, Green 63▲, Done, Sam 65▲, Harrison
22 Tue	**COLCHESTER UNITED**	**H**	**2-2**	**2,391**	**67**	**22**	**G. Salisbury**	**Jones (50), Sam (80)**	Foster	Pejic	Holt	Lawrence	Edwards	Smith▼	Ferguson	Jones	Crowell	Armstrong	Llewellyn▼	Morgan 72▲, Green, Done, Sam 72▲, Harrison
26 Sat	**MK DONS**	**H**	**0-0**	**3,406**	**137**	**23**	**P. Prosser**		Foster	Roberts▼	Morgan	Lawrence	Edwards	Holt	Ferguson	Jones	Crowell▼	Ugarte	Llewellyn▼	Pejic 73▲, Spender, Mackin 88▲, Sam 73▲, Harrison
MARCH																		
5 Sat	Hartlepool United	A	6-4	4,707	129	22	K. Friend	Ugarte (11),(21),(35),(68),(89), Jones (86)	Foster	Roberts	Pejic	Lawrence	Edwards	Holt	Ferguson	Jones▼	Crowell	Ugarte	Llewellyn▼	Spender, Green 85▲, Done, Sam 90▲, Harrison
8 Tue	**OLDHAM ATH (LDV5-2)**	**H**	**1-0**	**5,814**	**589**	**-**	**G. Laws**	**Llewellyn (65)**	Foster	Roberts	Morgan	Lawrence	Edwards▼	Holt	Ferguson	Jones	Crowell	Ugarte	Llewellyn▼	Pejic, Spender, Green 87▲, Sam 90▲, Harrison
12 Sat	**OLDHAM ATHLETIC**	**H**	**1-0**	**4,170**	**657**	**22**	**A. Kaye**	**Sam (90)**	Foster	Roberts	Morgan	Lawrence	Edwards	Holt	Ferguson	Mackin▼	Crowell	Ugarte▼	Llewellyn	Pejic, Spender, Green 45▲, Sam 64▲, Dibble
19 Sat	Swindon Town	A	2-4	5,123	200	22	D. Drysdale	Ugarte (16), Sam (32)	Foster	Pejic	Morgan	Lawrence	Edwards	Holt	Green▼	Sam	Crowell	Ugarte▼	Llewellyn	Spender, Mackin 89▲, Quinn, Armstrong 80▲, Dibble
APRIL																		
2 Sat	**BOURNEMOUTH**	**H**	**1-2**	**3,801**	**221**	**22**	**R. Oliver**	**Armstrong (86)**	Foster	Pejic	Morgan	Pejic	Edwards▼	Holt	Green▼	Jones▼	Crowell	Ugarte	Llewellyn	Lawrence, Smith 77▲, Bennett 70▲, Armstrong 59▲, Harrison
5 Tue	Barnsley	A	2-2	7,753	115	22	N. Miller	Ferguson (58), Llewellyn (64)	Foster	Roberts	Morgan	Lawrence	Edwards	Holt	Ferguson	Mackin▼	Crowell▼	Ugarte▼	Llewellyn	Pejic, Smith 84▲, Sam 78▲, Armstrong 84▲, Harrison
10 Sun	Southend Utd (LDVF)	N	2-0	36,216	17,000	-	B. Curson	Ugarte (99), Ferguson (118)	Foster	Roberts▼	Morgan	Lawrence	Edwards	Holt	Ferguson	Jones▼	Crowell▼	Ugarte	Llewellyn	Pejic 14▲, Williams 100▲, Bennett 105▲, Sam, Harrison
13 Wed	Bangor City (PCSF)	A	2-1	1,335	249	-	R. Ellingham	Armstrong (63), Jones (81)	Foster	Pejic	Morgan	Holt▼	Bennett	Smith	Mackin	Jones	Williams	Sam	Armstrong	Lawrence 84▲, Edwards, Ferguson, Ugarte, Harrison
16 Sat	Bristol City	A	0-1	8,267	233	22	O. Melin		Foster	Pejic	Morgan	Lawrence	Edwards	Holt▼	Ferguson	Jones▼	Crowell▼	Ugarte	Llewellyn	Smith 81▲, Williams, Bennett, Sam 76▲, Armstrong 65▲
23 Sat	**LUTON TOWN**	**H**																
26 Tue	Port Vale	A																
30 Sat	Stockport County	A																
MAY																		
3 Tue	**BRENTFORD**	**H**																
7 Sat	**HUDDERSFIELD TOWN**	**H**																

CROESO TREF LUTON

Dyn ni'n croesawu tîm Mike Newell i'r Cae Ras p'nawn 'ma gan hefyd eu llongyfarch nhw ar ennill dyrchafiad i'r Bencampwriaeth, ynghyd â Dinas Hull.

Wrth gwrs, mae problemau'r Dreigiau ym mhen arall y tabl. Yn wir, os gollon ni nos Fawrth, ac os y collwn ni p'nawn 'ma yna mi fyddwn yn siwr o ddisgyn o'r adran ddiwedd y tymor.

Felly, rhaid i ni obeithio am well lwc yn erbyn yr "Hatters" nac a gafwyd yn y gêm ar Ffordd Kennilworth pan gollodd y Dreigiau 5-1!

Bydd Luton wrth gwrs yn awchu am y triphwynt er mwyn sicrhau y Bencampwriaeth, ond, byddwn ni am ennill y triphwynt er mwyn crafu ein ffordd allan o'r pedwar isaf.

Bydd y mwyafrif o bobl yn disgwyl i Luton ennill p'nawn 'ma, yn enwedig gan, fel a nodwyd yn barod, iddynt ennill 5-1 yn ein herbyn ynghynt yn y tymor.

Ond, does dim byd wedi ei benderfynu rhagblaen, a rhaid cofio i ni golli 5-1 i Hartlepool ar y Cae Ras ynghynt yn y tymor cyn mynd i Barc Fictoria ac ennill 6-4!

A all yr un peth ddigwydd eildro? Pwy a wyr?

Mwynhewch y gêm!

QUIZ TIME

1. Which current Championship club defeated Luton in the 1959 FA Cup final?
2. Who is the Kenilworth Road clubs most capped player, having won 58 of his 91 Northern Ireland caps whilst with the Bedfordshire outfit?
3. From which fellow Coca-Cola League club did Luton sign top scorer Steve Howard?
4. Who was in goal for the Hatters when they won a dramatic League Cup final against Arsenal at Wembley in 1988?
5. The record transfer fee paid by the Hatters is £850,000 to Odense in 1989, but can you name the player involved?
6. Which player scored twice as Wrexham defeated Luton 2-1 in the corresponding fixture last season?
7. Who recently became the Premier League's youngest ever goalscorer when netting for Everton against Crystal Palace at the age of just 16 years and 271 days...
8. ...And whose record did he beat?
9. For which five English clubs has experienced Norwegian goalkeeper Thomas Myhre played?
10. How many full England caps did Charlton full-back Chris Powell win?
11. Which two current Premiership clubs have previously played at a ground called The Nest?
12. Can you name the sixteen different winners of the competition that is currently known as the LDV Vans Trophy since it began as the Associate Members Cup in 1983/84?

Hector Sam shoots for goal

ANSWERS

1. Nottingham Forest
2. Mal Donaghy
3. Northampton Town
4. Andy Dibble
5. Lars Elstrup
6. Hector Sam
7. James Vaughan
8. James Milner
9. Everton, Birmingham City, Crystal Palace, Sunderland and Tranmere Rovers
10. Five
11. Crystal Palace and Norwich City
12. Birmingham City, Blackpool, Bolton Wanderers, Bournemouth, Bristol City, Carlisle United, Grimsby Town, Port Vale, Rotherham United, Stoke City, Swansea City, Tranmere Rovers, Wigan Athletic, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Wrexham.

DRAGONS ROLLCALL 2004/2005

Player	Birthplace/D.O.B.	League Appearances	League Goals	Cup Appearances	Cup Goals
ARMSTRONG, Chris	Newcastle, 19 June 1971	18(12)	8	3(2)	1
BAKER, Matt	Harrogate, 18 December 1977	11(2)	0	6	0
BENNETT, Dean	Wolverhampton, 13 December 1977	7(6)	0	5(1)	0
CAREY, Brian	Cork, 31 May 1968	10	0	2	0
CROWELL, Matty	Bridgend, 3 July 1984	18(6)	0	7(1)	0
DIBBLE, Andy	Cwmbran, 8 May 1965	15	0	1	0
EDWARDS, Carlos	Port of Spain, Trinidad, 24 October 1978	11	0	4	0
EVANS, Danny	Wrexham, 11 March 1986	0	0	0	0
FERGUSON, Darren	Glasgow, 9 February 1972	35	3	9(1)	3
FOSTER, Ben	Leamington Spa, 3 April 1983	12	0	5	0
GREEN, Scott	Walsall, 15 January 1970	5(7)	0	2(2)	0
HOLT, Andy	Stockport, 21 April 1978	40	4	3	1
JONES, Mark	Wrexham, 15 August 1983	16(7)	3	9(3)	2
JONES, Michael	Liverpool, 3 December 1987	0(1)	0	0	0
LAWRENCE, Dennis	Trinidad, 1 August 1974	37	4	9(1)	2
LLEWELLYN, Chris	Swansea, 29 August 1979	40	6	10(1)	5
MACKIN, Levi	Chester, 4 April 1986	5(5)	0	1(1)	0
MORGAN, Craig	St. Asaph, 18 June 1985	13(8)	0	10	1
PEJIC, Shaun	Hereford, 16 November 1982	25(5)	0	9(1)	1
REED, Jamie	Chester, 13 August 1987	0	0	0(1)	0
ROBERTS, Steve	Wrexham, 24 February 1980	34	3	8(1)	0
QUINN, Kieran	Liverpool, 20 March 1986	0	0	0	0
SAM, Hector	Mount Hope, Trinidad 25 February 1978	19(17)	9	6(5)	3
SHAW, Matt	Blackpool, 17 May 1984	0(1)	0	0	0
SMITH, Alex	Liverpool, 15 February 1976	17(5)	0	5(2)	0
SPENDER , Simon	Wrexham, 15 November 1985	9(4)	0	4(1)	0
UGARTE, Juan	San Sabastian, November 1980	17(7)	14	7(2)	8
VALERO, Xavi	CastellÓn, 28 March 1973	3	0	1	0
WHITLEY, Jim	Zambia, 14 April 1975	13(3)	0	2(2)	0
WILLIAMS, Danny	Wrexham, 27 July 1979	16	0	6(1)	1
Own Goals		-	0	-	0

League 1 Stats

League 1 attendances

Club	Aggregate	Highest	Lowest	Average
Bournemouth	147,303	9,058	5,390	7,014
Barnsley	216,745	19,659	7,466	9,852
Blackpool	125,535	8,774	4,179	5,978
Bradford	193,044	15,417	6,409	8,775
Brentford	122,570	8,323	4,643	5,837
Bristol City	249,623	14,852	8,267	11,347
Chesterfield	108,686	7,831	3,715	4,940
Colchester	73,102	4,309	2,616	3,481
Doncaster	142,446	10,161	5,209	6,783
Hartlepool	113,204	6,520	4,206	5,146
Huddersfield	260,355	17,292	9,194	11,834
Hull	390,352	24,117	14,317	17,743
Luton	173,326	9,500	6,603	7,878
MK Dons	99,603	7,620	3,015	4,743
Oldham	130,308	9,645	4,291	6,205
Peterborough	96,099	7,662	3,048	4,368
Port Vale	101,087	8,671	3,496	5,054
Sheff Wed	480,160	28,712	18,465	22,865
Stockport	109,519	7,473	3,850	4,978
Swindon	123,684	8,275	4,724	5,890
Torquay	75,415	5,005	2,384	3,428
Tranmere	199,083	12,684	7,613	9,049
Walsall	124,943	8,225	4,966	5,950
Wrexham	91,125	7,833	2,391	4,556

Attendance and Cards stats are ordered alphabetically

Cards

Yellow	Red
32	4
66	6
61	3
79	4
63	5
79	2
62	6
48	3
61	4
45	1
61	6
41	4
63	4
68	1
69	1
54	2
58	5
45	4
60	2
56	4
66	2
64	4
50	3
55	3

Last 6 form guide

Club	W	D	L	For	Agt	Pts	Gl Diff	Sequence
Huddersfield	5	1	0	14	7	16	7	WWWWWD
Luton	4	1	1	10	6	13	4	DLWWWW
Hull	3	2	1	10	4	11	6	WDLWWD
Brentford	3	1	2	6	7	10	-1	LDWWWL
Bristol City	3	1	2	7	3	10	4	WWLLDW
Colchester	2	4	0	9	5	10	4	DWWDDD
Oldham	2	4	0	8	6	10	2	DWWDDD
Bournemouth	3	0	3	7	9	9	-2	LLWWLW
Barnsley	2	3	1	12	10	9	2	DWWLDD
Doncaster	2	3	1	12	10	9	2	DDWDLW
Hartlepool	2	3	1	11	6	9	5	LDWDDW
Blackpool	2	2	2	5	5	8	0	WDLLWD
Bradford	2	2	2	9	7	8	2	LDWDLW
Port Vale	2	2	2	6	6	8	0	DWDLWL
Torquay	2	2	2	6	11	8	-5	LDLDWW
Tranmere	2	2	2	7	8	8	-1	DLWWLD
Walsall	2	1	3	7	8	7	-1	LLLDWW
Wrexham	2	1	3	12	13	7	-1	WWLLDL
Swindon	1	3	2	6	8	6	-2	WDLLDD
MK Dons	1	3	2	4	5	6	-1	DDWDLL
Peterborough	1	2	3	4	9	5	-5	LDLDWL
Chesterfield	0	3	3	6	9	3	-3	DDLDLL
Sheff Wed	0	3	3	5	10	3	-5	DDLLDL
Stockport	0	0	6	7	16	0	-9	LLLLLL

Ordered by points gained over last 6 games. Most recent result to right of sequence.

Football League 1 top scorers

Scorer	Club	Lge	CC	FA	LDV	Tot	Gms	Ave
Stuart Elliott	Hull	26	0	1	1	28	37	0.76
Leroy Lita	Bristol City	22	2	1	2	27	50	0.54
Adam Boyd	Hartlepool	21	1	3	1	26	52	0.50
Dean Windass	Bradford	23	1	0	0	24	40	0.60
Pawel Abbott	Huddersfield	23	0	1	0	24	44	0.55
Sam Parkin	Swindon	22	0	0	1	23	48	0.48
Steve Howard	Luton	17	0	4	0	21	41	0.51
Juan Ugarte	Wrexham	13	0	0	6	19	33	0.58

Scorer	Club	Lge	CC	FA	LDV	Tot	Gms	Ave
Steve MacLean	Sheff Wed	18	0	0	1	19	40	0.48
James Hayter	Bournemouth	16	3	0	0	19	43	0.44
Craig Fagan	Hull	12	2	4	0	18	43	0.42
Warren Feeney	Stockport	15	0	2	0	17	33	0.52
Steve Brooker	Bristol City	17	0	0	0	17	42	0.40
Michael Chopra	Barnsley	16	0	0	0	16	40	0.40
Iain Hume	Tranmere	15	0	0	1	16	46	0.35
Joel Porter	Hartlepool	14	0	1	1	16	49	0.33

Football League 1 results grid

Away / Home	Bournemouth	Barnsley	Blackpool	Bradford	Brentford	Bristol City	Chesterfield	Colchester	Doncaster	Hartlepool	Huddersfield	Hull	Luton	Oldham	Peterborough	Port Vale	Sheff Wed	Stockport	Swindon	Torquay	Tranmere	Walsall	MK Dons	Wrexham
Bournemouth		1-3	2-3	2-0	3-2	2-2	0-0	1-3	5-0	7.5	2-2	0-4	0-1	4-0	23.4	4-0	1-1	2-1	2-1	3-0	1-1	2-2	0-1	1-0
Barnsley	0-1		1-0	2-2	0-0	2-1	1-0	30.4	1-3	0-0	4-2	1-2	3-4	2-2	4-0	1-2	0-0	3-3	2-2	4-1	0-0	3-2	1-1	2-2
Blackpool	3-3	7.5		2-1	2-1	1-1	23.4	1-1	1-1	2-2	1-1	0-2	1-3	2-0	0-1	0-2	1-2	0-4	1-0	4-0	0-1	2-0	1-0	2-1
Bradford	30.4	1-0	2-1		4-1	4-1	2-3	2-2	2-0	1-2	2-0	0-2	0-1	1-3	2-2	0-2	3-1	3-1	1-2	2-2	1-1	1-1	1-4	1-1
Brentford	2-1	1-1	0-3	1-2		1-0	2-2	1-0	4-3	2-1	23.4	7.5	2-0	2-0	0-0	1-0	3-3	3-0	2-1	1-3	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0
Bristol City	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	4-1		2-3	0-0	30.4	0-0	3-3	3-1	1-2	5-1	2-0	2-0	1-4	5-0	1-2	1-1	4-0	0-1	4-1	1-0
Chesterfield	2-3	2-2	1-0	0-0	3-1	2-2		2-1	0-0	0-1	2-1	1-1	0-1	30.4	1-3	1-0	1-3	4-0	1-0	1-1	2-2	1-0	2-2	2-4
Colchester	3-1	0-2	0-1	23.4	0-1	0-2	1-0		4-1	1-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-1	1-1	3-2	0-1	7.5	1-2	5-0	0-1	1-2
Doncaster	1-1	4-0	2-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-1		23.4	2-1	1-0	7.5	1-1	2-1	2-0	0-4	3-1	1-1	2-2	0-0	3-1	3-0	1-0
Hartlepool	3-2	1-1	1-1	2-1	3-1	2-1	3-2	2-1	2-1		0-1	2-0	2-3	2-1	2-2	1-0	3-0	3-1	3-0	4-1	0-1	30.4	5-0	4-6
Huddersfield	3-2	0-2	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-2	0-0	2-2	3-1	0-2		4-0	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-0	5-3	30.4	1-1	1-3	3-1	3-1	1-2
Hull	1-0	2-1	2-1	0-1	2-0	1-1	1-0	2-0	2-1	1-0	2-1		3-0	2-0	2-2	2-2	30.4	0-0	0-0	2-0	6-1	3-1	3-2	2-1
Luton	1-0	1-3	1-0	4-0	30.4	5-0	1-0	2-2	1-1	3-0	1-2	1-0		2-1	2-1	1-0	1-1	3-0	3-1	1-0	1-1	1-0	1-0	5-1
Oldham	1-2	3-2	1-2	7.5	0-2	0-0	4-1	1-1	1-2	3-2	2-1	1-0	2-2		2-1	3-0	1-1	1-2	1-2	23.4	2-2	5-3	3-0	2-3
Peterborough	0-1	1-3	0-0	2-2	3-0	0-1	1-2	0-3	0-2	3-0	1-2	2-3	2-2	1-2		4-0	1-1	2-1	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-2	30.4	2-2
Port Vale	2-1	23.4	0-3	0-1	0-1	3-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	0-1	0-3	3-2	3-1	3-1	7.5		0-2	0-0	1-0	1-2	3-1	2-0	3-2	26.4
Sheff Wed	0-1	1-0	3-2	1-2	1-2	7.5	2-2	0-3	2-0	2-0	1-0	2-4	0-0	1-1	2-1	1-0		23.4	2-0	2-2	1-2	3-2	1-1	4-0
Stockport	2-2	2-2	0-1	0-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	2-4	1-0	2-3	1-3	1-3	1-2	1-0	1-2	0-3		3-3	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-1	3-1	30.4
Swindon	0-3	2-1	2-2	1-0	3-0	0-0	7.5	0-3	1-1	3-0	1-2	4-2	2-3	1-0	0-1	1-0	3-2	3-0		3-3	23.4	1-2	2-1	4-2
Torquay	1-2	0-1	30.4	0-0	2-2	0-4	2-2	1-3	2-1	1-2	2-1	0-3	1-4	2-0	2-1	1-0	2-4	1-2	2-2		1-2	0-0	1-0	1-0
Tranmere	2-0	1-1	0-0	4-5	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	2-4	2-1	3-0	1-3	1-1	2-0	5-0	29.4	4-2	1-0	2-1	4-1		2-1	2-0	1-1
Walsall	1-2	2-2	3-2	1-1	0-1	1-2	3-0	2-1	1-1	2-1	4-3	23.4	2-0	0-1	2-1	3-2	1-1	7.5	3-2	1-1	0-2		0-0	2-2
MK Dons	1-3	1-1	3-1	1-2	0-0	23.4	1-1	2-0	0-1	4-2	2-1	1-1	1-4	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-0	7.5	1-1	3-0
Wrexham	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-0	tba	1-3	3-1	2-2	0-0	1-5	7.5	2-2	23.4	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-3	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-5	1-1	0-0	

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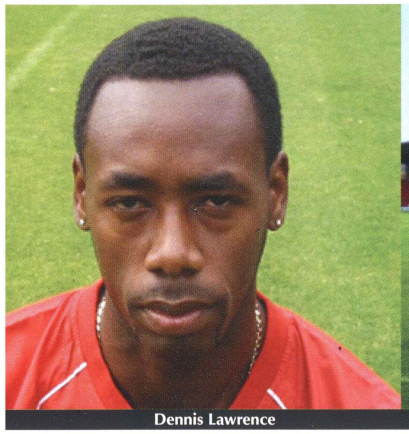

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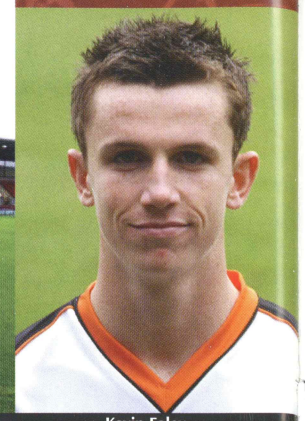

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SQUAD CHECK

WREXHAM

1. ANDY DIBBLE
2. JIM WHITLEY
3. ALEX SMITH
4. STEPHEN ROBERTS
5. BRIAN CAREY
6. DENNIS LAWRENCE
7. CARLOS EDWARDS
8. DANNY WILLIAMS
9. CHRIS ARMSTRONG
10. DARREN FERGUSON
11. CHRIS LLEWELLYN
12. DEAN BENNETT
15. CRAIG MORGAN
16. MATT CROWELL
17. MARK JONES
18. SHAUN PEJIC
19. ANDY HOLT
20. SIMON SPENDER
21. LEVI MACKIN
23. HECTOR SAM
25. KIERAN QUINN
26. MATTY DONE
29. MIKE WILLIAMS
30. JUAN UGARTE
31. MICHAEL JONES
32. SCOTT GREEN
33. BEN FOSTER
34. JAMIE REED
35. RYAN HARRISON
36. MARC WILLIAMS
38. GARETH EVANS
99. SCOTT WATKINS

LUTON TOWN

1. MARLON BERESFORD
2. KEVIN FOLEY
3. ALAN NEILSON
4. WARREN FEENEY
5. RUSSELL PERRETT
6. PAUL UNDERWOOD
7. PAUL HUGHES
8. KEVIN NICHOLLS
9. ROWAN VINE
11. STEVE ROBINSON
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Today's Wrexham mascot is 8-year-old Lauren Leanne Peters from Wrexham.
She lists her hobbies as football, swimming and watching the Reds with her uncle Steven.
Lauren attends St Giles Junior School and names Dennis Lawrence as her favourite player.
We hope you enjoy your afternoon with us.

match officials

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ALSO

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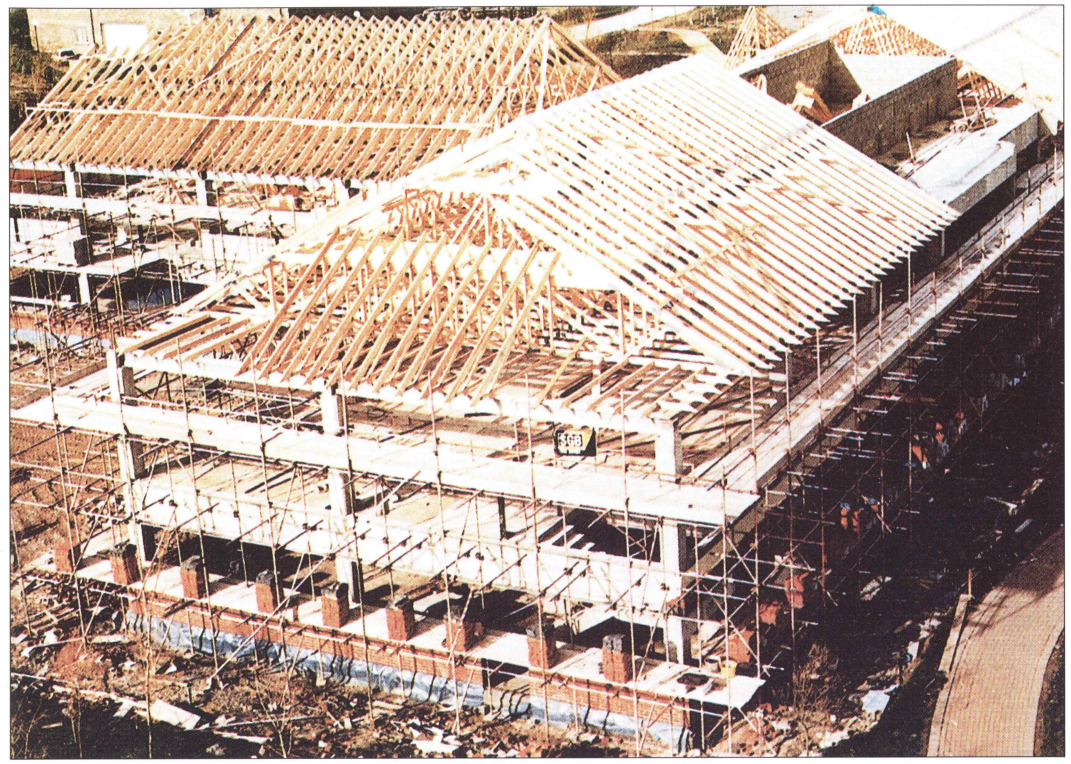

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