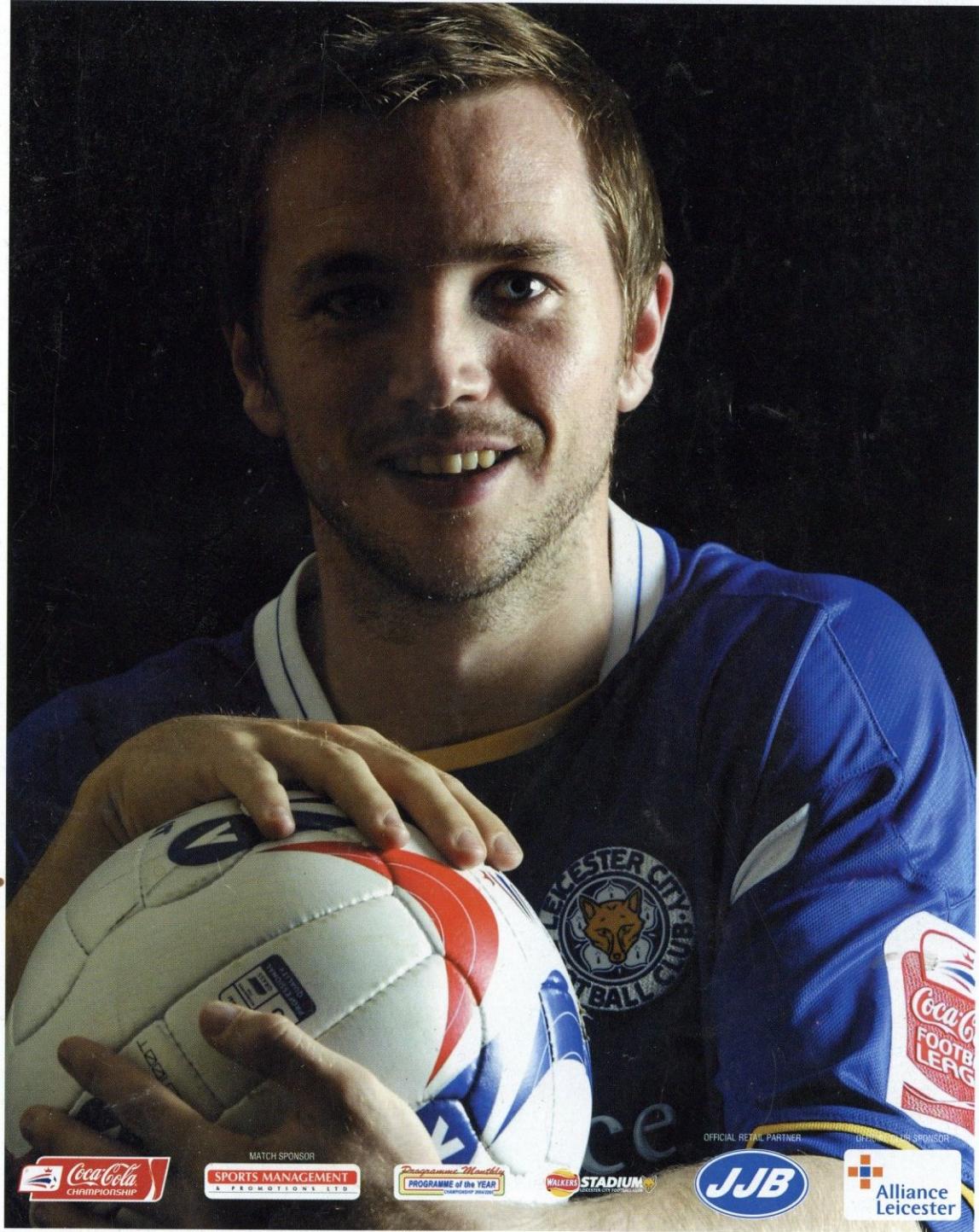




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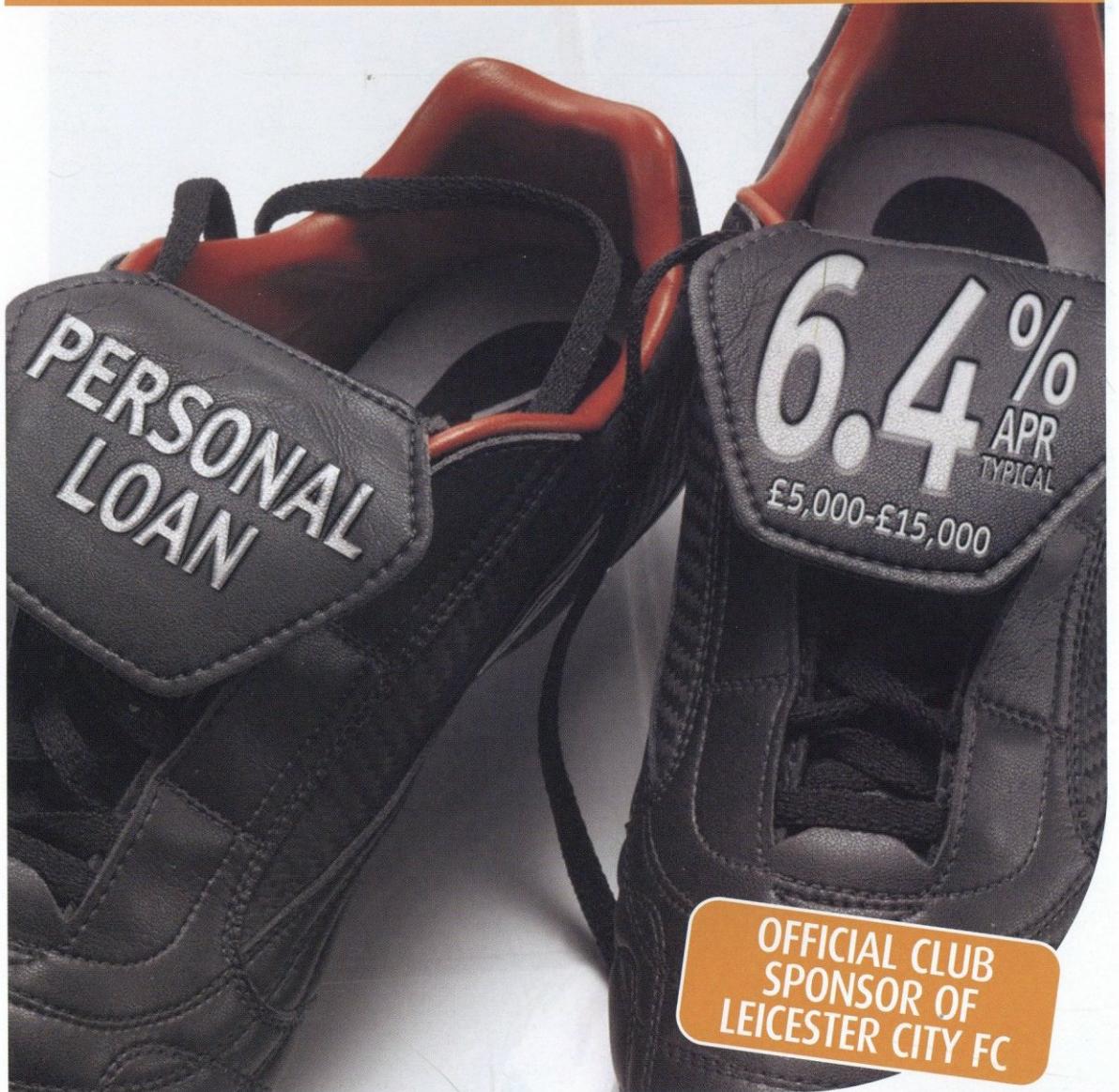


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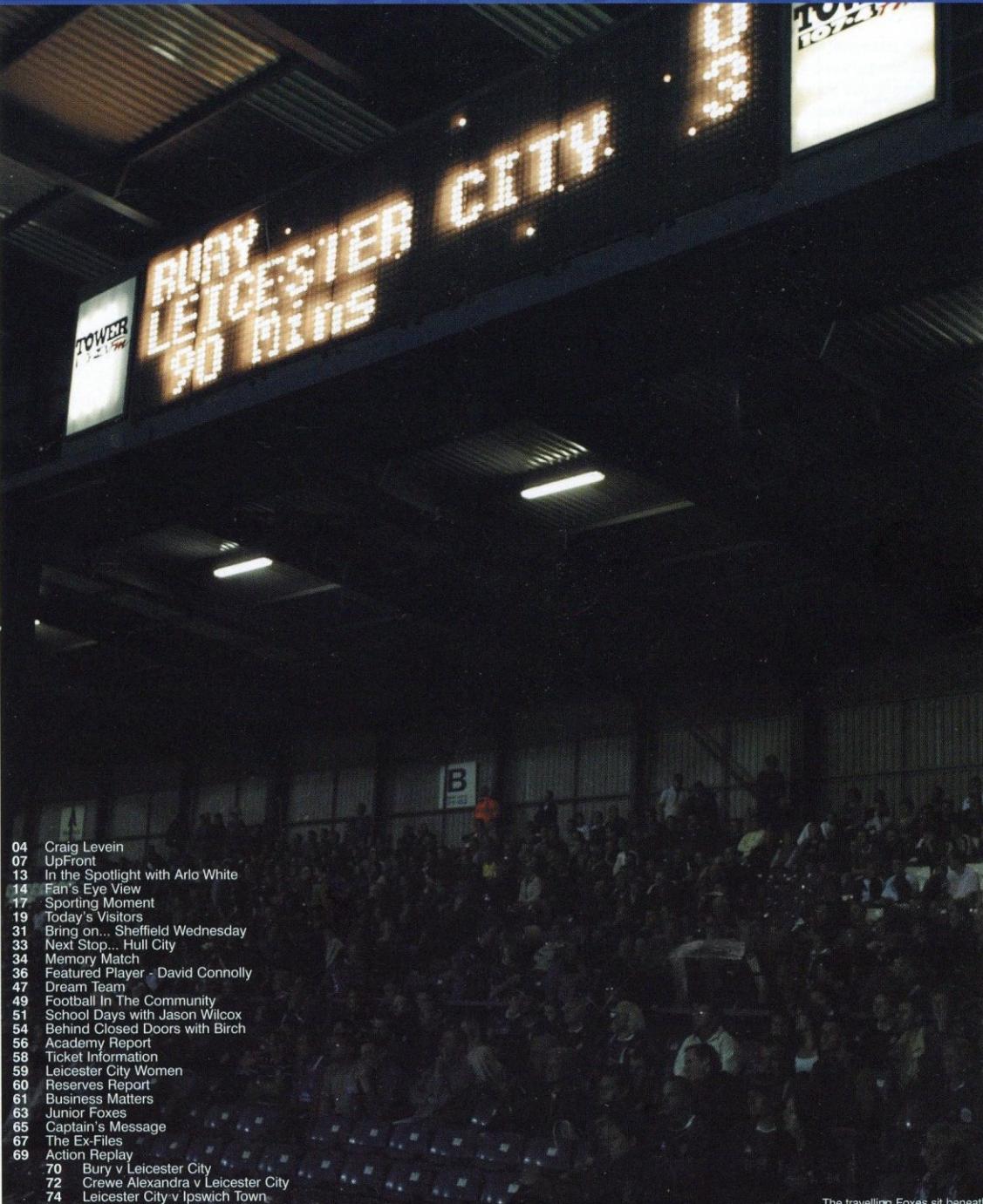
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Craig Levein

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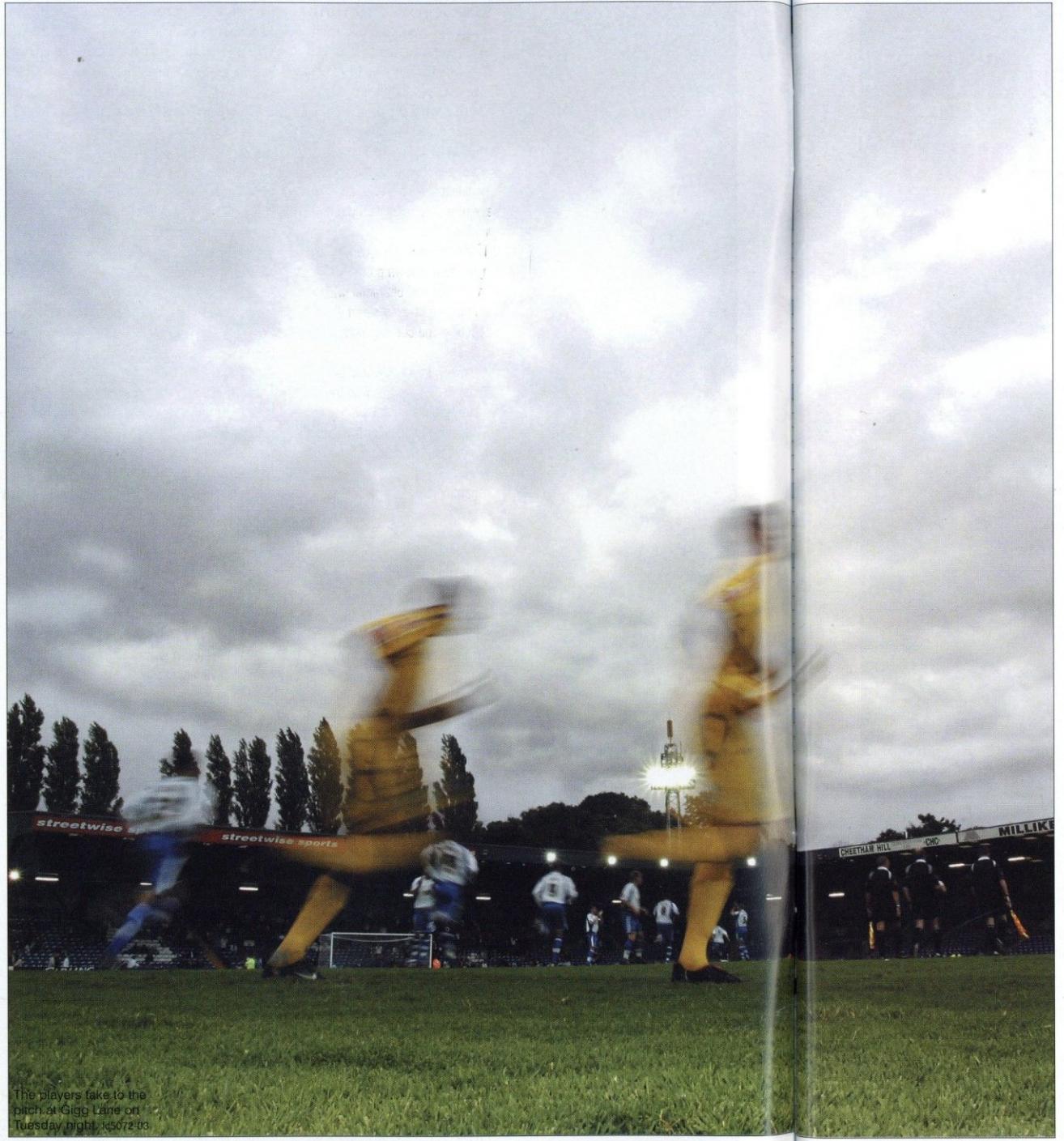
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Five games into the season
and I feel we have every
reason to be encouraged
by the start we have made
to the new campaign.

While a few more points would be
nice, our squad is knitting together
well, we have played some good
football and, following the opening
day defeat at Sheffield United, we
have remained unbeaten in four
matches.

In those subsequent games, our
players have shown good reserves
of resilience and character which
will stand us in good stead
throughout the coming eight
months.

Certainly, I think it would be
difficult to be unhappy with the
levels of entertainment we have
provided in our opening five fixtures.

Indeed, from a manager's
perspective, it might be argued that
our games have been a little too
'open'.

Our 2-2 draw at Crewe last
Saturday is one fixture which
springs readily to mind.

To find ourselves two goals down
inside the opening 17 minutes was
clearly not acceptable.

Yet the manner in which we
redeemed the situation with a Danny
Tiatto strike shortly before half-time
and a Joey Gudjonsson penalty after
the break demonstrates the players'
spirit and resolve.

We really should have gone on to
win the game from that position
and, speaking with Crewe manager
Dario Gradi after the game, he was
relieved to still end up with a point.

In contrast to the ups and downs
we experienced at Gresty Road, our
performance at Bury in midweek
was disciplined, competent and
professional.

We ran out comfortable winners
in a tie in which we were expected
to progress.

But – as clubs such as Derby,
Nottingham Forest, Stoke and
Queen's Park Rangers will testify –
these games are always potential
banana skins.

I have been made well aware of

the importance of this competition
to Leicester City fans after
considerable success not too many
years ago – as demonstrated by the
excellent support we received at
Gigg Lane on Tuesday night.

I can assure fans there is no
chance we will field 'weakened'
teams. It's not my style. We want
to go out and win every game.

The 3-0 scoreline, I felt, reflected
our superiority and the match
marked an opportunity for several
players to make their competitive
debuts.

As a result of a groin injury to Rob
Douglas, Paul Henderson made his
full debut and will have been
encouraged by a clean sheet.

Joe Hamill netted a debut goal,
Patrick Kisnorbo was able to make
his first appearance in a Foxes shirt
after injury and Patrik Gerbrand was
also involved for the first time.

On the injury front, we have been
encouraged by David Connolly's
return to training this week, while we
hope to have Stephen Hughes
available for the first time after the
two-week international break.

Patrik, unfortunately, has suffered
an ankle injury which will keep him
sidelined for a few weeks.

Today's visit of Luton marks our
third home league fixture. Four
points from our first two matches
with Stoke and Ipswich is a
respectable return so far.

While a goalless home draw is not
always considered great
entertainment, I felt the 0-0 result
with Ipswich was markedly different.

But for a man-of-the-match
performance by the Ipswich keeper,
we would have taken maximum
points.

Overall, I feel we are moving in the
right direction. Aside from the
closing 10 minutes at Sheffield
United and the opening 20 at Crewe,
the players have acquitted
themselves well in the opening five
fixtures.

Progress is being made and it is a
gradual, overall development that we
are looking to achieve here.

There will be hiccups along the

way but it is a case of how we react
positively and bounce back from
any setbacks.

The players recovered a difficult
situation at Crewe last weekend to
earn a point and then demonstrated
their professionalism at Bury.

What we must eradicate is a
repeat of the disappointing start we
made to the Crewe fixture and this
has been impressed upon the
players.

Luton will undoubtedly provide us
with a difficult hurdle this afternoon.
Under Mike Newell they enjoyed an
exceptional promotion season and
have shown they are quickly
adapting to life successfully in the
Championship.

We've spoken before about the
importance of home form to our
chances of success this season.

This afternoon affords us another
opportunity to collect home points.

As always, your support and
backing is vital to the players. Help
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“It had always been an ambition of mine to come down here to England and play. That is the same with a lot of players in Scotland. To have now got that chance is a great feeling.”

New signing Joe Hamill could not have wished for a better Leicester City debut against Bury on Tuesday night.

The 21-year-old winger played a full 90 minutes at Gigg Lane, scored a goal and helped steer his side to a convincing 3-0 Carling Cup victory.

His 37th minute strike from the edge of the area set the Foxes on their way to glory and Hamill was delighted with his contribution.

“I was pleased to simply get a game but it was a bonus to score,” said the Scot.

“I hit the ball well, it did take a slight deflection off one of their players, but I was delighted to see it hit the back of the net.

“When you travel to a place like Bury, people expect upsets but our lads were a different class and adopted a very professional approach.

“It was good to be a part of a winning team and I hope I didn’t do my chances any harm but there is still a lot of hard work to be done if I am to command a regular place in the side.”

The nippy winger moved to the Walkers Stadium from Hearts earlier this month after falling out of favour at Tynecastle.

He added: “Everyone has made me feel welcome both on and off the field since I arrived.

“The move came about quite quickly. I had just finished training in the Academy up at Hearts and I looked at my phone.

“I had a missed call from my agent so I called him back and he told me the move was happening.

“I still had a year left on my contract with Hearts but I wasn’t in the manager’s plans.

“I didn’t want to be in a situation where I wasn’t playing and was just looking on from the stands so when the offer to go to Leicester came up I was thrilled.

“I had played about 70 games for Hearts in total but I am still only 21.

“I can play on the left or right hand side of midfield but am not really bothered where I play so long as I can get a game.”

And he has been impressed with what he has seen to date at the Walkers Stadium.

“Everything about the club is different class. The stadium is magnificent and the training ground is fantastic.

“Everyone has made me feel really welcome since I came down here.

“It had always been an ambition of mine to come down here to England and play. That is the same with a lot of players in Scotland. To have now got that chance is a great feeling.”

Hamill is also chuffed to have teamed up with some of his former team-mates.

“It’s always good to see a friendly face when you move to a new club and I have been very lucky here.

“I obviously know Alan Maybury, Paddy Kisnorbo and Mark de Vries which has been a big help. But everyone has been great.

“The manager gave me my chance at Hearts and I know what he is looking for.

“I now need to work hard to get a regular position in the squad. I know it is not going to be easy but I will be giving it my all.”

Upfront

FOXES BACK DREN'S DREAM

When Adrienne Walton phoned our office and chirped "I'm a High Street Honey too! Can I be in your programme?" we spent literally seconds discussing whether we should agree to her request.

After all we'd already thrown our weight behind another Foxes fan bidding to become FHM Magazine's 2005 High Street Honey with Sylvia Harrison. Fair's fair we decided and cordially invited the 20-year-old to visit the Walkers Stadium last week.

The branch adviser, from Melton, posed for a series of photographs pitchside before speaking of her desire to win the £10,000 cash prize and a future FHM photo-shoot and front cover slot.

"It's a dream come true to have been short-listed for the top 100," said Adrienne, who was nominated by her long-term boyfriend Ben Stainsby.

"I now need all the support I can get if I am to win so I thought I'd call on the help of my favourite team Leicester City.

"I have supported the club since an early age and my dad, Roy,

is a huge Foxes fan as well. "I'd like to get down to the stadium to watch the team in action more often but work tends to get in the way these days.

"But I've experienced my fair share of highs and lows with the club." Individuals now have until Thursday, September 1 to cast their vote via text, online or post.

Adrienne, known as 'Dren' to her friends, is Number 66 in the booklet produced by the popular magazine. "I have conducted a couple of radio interviews so far but when Leicester City said they'd back my bid I was over the moon," she added.

To vote Adrienne text FHM 66 to 87121* or you can vote online by logging onto www.fhm.com/honeysvote

*Text voting costs £1.50 plus your normal operator tariff.



As if to prove she's always been a Leicester fan Adrienne handed over this old picture of Christmas in the Walton household. Left - right: Adrienne, mum Bernie, brothers Olly and Dave.



Foxes support Kosovar trip

Leicester City have kindly donated shirts to two destitute clubs in Kosova. Club chaplain Bruce Nadin travelled to the country recently as part of the Christian charity SMILE International and the Foxes were quick to lend their support.

A complete set of last season's away shirts was handed over by Bruce to a Kosovar Third Division side while the blue Foxes strip was presented to Vellaznimi of the Kosovar Super League. Vellaznimi's home shirt is red and black and with them scheduled to play their first game of the season in the National Stadium in Pristina last Sunday against the League champions, who wear the same colours, they opted to wear City's shirts!

"Nine of us from my church joined 30 others from throughout the UK working on a variety of projects," said



Bruce, who is also Minister at Sutton Elms Baptist Church on the edge of Broughton Astley. "These included aid distribution, repair, painting of houses and in my case helping run activities at a Kids Holiday Club.

"I managed to introduce most of the children to Leicester City when we were playing football!"

Bruce added: "Many of the kids had been orphaned by the 1998-99 Kosovar War

and had witnessed human rights abuses that no-one should experience, let alone a child.

"It was great to be able to provide them with some fun and some hope and I'd like to thank the club who supported our trip."

WEST BROMWICH BUILDING SOCIETY Watch City in style, courtesy of the West Brom...

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Just as importantly to some, they benefit from regular free prize draws, which have provided some supporters with training ground visits, signed shirts and a range of other fantastic prizes.

The August prize will be a hospitality package for the winner and a guest at a future home game - all for opening a Foxes Super Saver Account with as little as £25 for under 16's (£100 adults).

The draw will take place at the end of the month, so make a point of opening your account before September for your chance to win.



Patrick Kisnorbo is desperate for a slice of the Walkers Stadium action. But the 24-year-old Australian international is prepared to bide his time if necessary.

Kisnorbo made his long-awaited debut during City's comfortable 3-0 Carling Cup victory over League Two outfit Bury at Gigg Lane on Tuesday evening.

He came on for the final 24 minutes of the encounter after almost three months out through injury.

And he is now hoping he has done enough to earn a place in the squad for this afternoon's match against Championship new boys Luton Town.

He said: "Playing at the Walkers is my next aim. I just want to make my home debut in front of our own fans and get some more minutes under my belt."

"But you have got to be able to walk before you can run so I am prepared to take it slowly if needs be."

Kisnorbo had been laid low with a knee injury since the first day of pre-season training back at the beginning of July.

"It was good to get some match action under my belt in midweek," said the former Hearts man.

"I came on when we were already 3-0 up but it was still good to get used to the tempo again."

"I was really excited about making my debut so I didn't really worry about being tired but I enjoyed it and the knee was fine."

"Bury were quite physical and wanted to try and prove something but all credit to the lads."

"We did what was required of us."

It has been a frustrating time for Kisnorbo since his move from Tynecastle in the summer but he is now determined to make up for lost time and cement a regular place in the starting line-up.

"I am off and running, that's the main thing," he added. "I can now build on this in the coming weeks and hopefully work my way into the team."

"It has been hard for me and I wouldn't wish an injury upon anyone."

"Unfortunately it happened to me but that's all behind me now and I have just got to concentrate on focusing on the future, becoming a regular part of the team while helping us to pick up some points."

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- information and advice services - assisting older people and their carers in areas relating to social care, housing, health and benefit entitlement.
- advocacy work - providing advocacy support to older people who find it difficult to represent themselves in key areas of their lives.
- carer support - providing practical support to those people who have taken on caring responsibilities.
- luncheon clubs - providing companionship and a nutritional meal for older people in poor health.
- day care - providing intensive support to frail older people and older people with learning disabilities - enabling them to remain in the community rather than having to enter long term care.

The broad range of work undertaken is bound together by a commitment to making life a fulfilling and enjoyable experience for the individuals that the charity works with.

To meet the cost of the services provided Age Concern Leicestershire and Rutland relies heavily on its trading activities. The charity is responsible for 16 charity shops selling clothing, bric-a-brac, books and furniture and the support of the general public who help with sponsorship and general fundraising.

So much of what Age Concern does is dependent upon the help given by 700 volunteers.

Volunteers work in all of the services provided by Age Concern including administration and its network of charity shops.

Anyone wishing to find out more about the services provided by the charity, including volunteering opportunities, or would like to offer financial support please contact Age Concern Leicestershire and Rutland, Lansdowne House, 113 Princess Road East, Leicester LE1 7LA. Telephone: 0116 2992233 Email: enquiries@ageconcernleics.com or visit the website: www.ageconcernleics.com

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FOXES WRISTBAND IS A WINNER!

Leicester City fans can now get their hands on the new Foxes charity wristband.

The Silicon blue and white wristbands, with LCFC inscribed on them, went on sale in the club Megastore yesterday and proved an instant hit with supporters, who were quick to snap them up.

The bands are priced at £1.50 with 50p from each sale going towards the players' 2005/06 adopted charities.

Retail Manager Ben Swift said: "The charity wristbands have hit the high streets by storm recently and as a result we have been inundated with requests to launch our own version.

"That's exactly what we have done and what is even better about the product is not only the fact that you will be supporting the club, but will also be assisting various charities.

"We have been more than pleased with the response so far."

The wristbands can also be purchased online via the club shop at www.lcfc.com

Upfront

THE ULTIMATE TEST

Stephen Hughes and Gareth Williams are the latest two players to pit their wits against each other in this season's Ultimate Test. The quiz will comprise of eight first round matches before City's brightest stars battle it out in the quarter-finals, semis and FINAL later this season. Joey Gudjonsson is already through to last eight after a narrow 4-3 victory over Mark de Vries while Alan Maybury and Paddy McCarthy must replay their opening match after a 7-7 draw.

STEPHEN HUGHES VS GARETH WILLIAMS		
I haven't got a clue, I don't watch cricket	1 Who took the final wicket of to seal England's two-run victory over Australia in the second Test?	I think it's one of two – let's go for Flintoff
I honestly don't know!	2 Which former tennis player was given a wildcard entry into golf's Russian Open?	John McEnroe?
Oh, I know his face – Jeff Stelling	3 Who is the presenter of Sky's Gillette Soccer Saturday programme?	I'm not sure, I'm usually playing!
Anthony – is that right?	4 Who was the winner of this year's Big Brother?	Anthony
Is it U2?	5 Which Irish band was recently awarded Portugal's highest honour – the Order of Liberty?	That's got to be U2
Who's his partner? No, I don't know	6 Which TV presenter and musician is to marry his long-term partner Christabel McEwan?	Whoever thought up these questions must get out more!
Cowdenbeath	7 Where did City manager Craig Levein start his managerial career?	Cowdenbeath
2001, no 2002 – you've got to give me that one!	8 What year did the Foxes play their first ever competitive game at the Walkers Stadium?	2003 – no it wasn't it was 2002
Claridge, Heskey?	9 Prior to David Connolly's recent hat-trick, who was the last Foxes player to score three goals in a game?	I am sure it was Dicky
Lost	10 What is the name of Channel Four's drama series based around the survivors of a plane crash?	Lost

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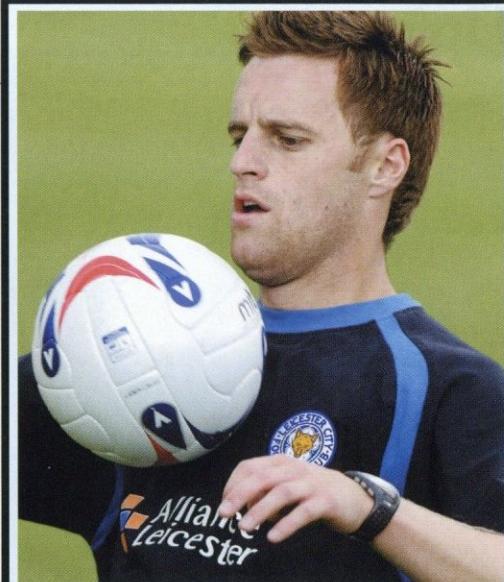
It's another draw, meaning the two midfielders must lock horns again in the coming weeks.

Syston born-and-bred
Steve Woodcock is leaving his beloved Leicester City behind to begin a new life with his wife Karen and family in Ipswich, Australia (near Brisbane).



Today is the Foxes fan's last game before his departure to pastures new. Steve, together with his friends Lee White and Clive Graham, have been season-ticket holders for years with his first game coming when City overcame Carlisle United 1-0 in March 1975 thanks to a Frank Worthington strike. He lists his memorable moments as the Play-Off Finals but the amazing 5-2 victory over Shrewsbury Town in the FA Cup sixth round back in March 1982.

Football fan Bruce Davison is looking to swap official merchandise with Leicester City fans. Although his teams are Celtic and Partick Thistle, Bruce is willing to swap some Scottish memorabilia for any collectable Foxes items such as scarves, programmes etc. He can be contacted at Flat One (Right), 72 Skirving Street, Shawlands, Glasgow, G41 3AJ.



A Ian Maybury acknowledges that the Foxes will have to raise their game to another level if they are to topple this afternoon's visitors Luton Town.

Last season's League One champions have acclimatised to the Championship in double-quick time and already have seven points to their name after four matches.

"Luton are flying," said Maybury, "they have played some tough opening games but secured good results.

"There confidence is going to be high and I don't think they will fear coming to our place today.

"Luton didn't win League One last term by being a bad team. They have come up and carried on from where they left off."

However, the 27-year-old defender is convinced, that if his side can apply themselves correctly, then they will have enough about them to come away from the encounter with all three points.

"We probably could have started the season a little bit better but we are beginning to get there," he added.

"For 70 minutes against Crewe last weekend we were good but the problem was that we didn't start playing until 20 past three.

"Then we put in a good performance on Tuesday against Bury – we are a hard working side like Luton and I am sure we can match their work ethic if not better it.

"We need teams to look at the fact that they are playing us at the Walkers Stadium and be intimidated."

The Republic of Ireland international is also delighted to see leading scorer David Connolly back amongst the ranks after recovering from a thigh injury, which has forced him to miss the last two matches.

"David's return will be a big boost for us," Maybury said. "He is a quality player and a great finisher.

"He was top scorer here last season so we know that if we create the chances then he will finish them.

"Sometimes we don't really help him and he ends up doing a lot of his work outside the box for the good of the team.

"David works hard and he will moan if he doesn't get the ball. But that's because he wants to finish the chances.

"He spends a lot of time on the training pitch going over and over his finishing.

"It will be good to have him back this afternoon."

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Leicester City supporters who are attending the club's Championship match against Hull on Bank Holiday Monday (August 29th) are advised to take note of the following information. At the conclusion of the match at the KC Stadium, Leicester fans will be invited to undertake a short, voluntary hold back. This procedure will give Hull's stewards and police time to disperse the majority of home supporters and allow Foxes fans to vacate the stadium in greater comfort.



In The Spotlight

Arlo White

Hello everyone. It was just after midday on Thursday, June 23rd – the day the fixtures were released – and I was writing a sarcastic and mickey-taking text message to my brother-in-law, Jim, a Luton Town fan.

As my thumb hovered over the send button, my phone beeped. He'd beaten me to it. Jim's text was short and to the point: "Aug 27 and Mar 11, six points for the Hatters, come on!"

I re-wrote mine, saying it'll be nice for him to visit a stadium that doesn't have a single stand resembling a row of chalets at a Butlins holiday camp! I then made myself feel even better by texting a Forest fan.

We've ribbed each other ever since, and the two of us with my father-in-law Bud, will have driven up from Junction Nine of the M1 in the same car, with scarves from each club hanging out of the windows.

They're excited about Luton at the moment, but after we'd been beaten at Sheffield United on the opening day, the last thing I needed was another text from Jim.

This one was even shorter, "Going up!" it said. Fair enough, they had just won 2-1 at Crystal Palace.

It's going to be tough enough as it is to convince my future children to support the Foxes, so my only message to the lads today is please don't force me to take the train home.

While the summer may have been dominated by this cracking Ashes cricket series, there have been plenty of football press conferences to keep me busy.

I've been on the pitch at White Hart Lane, trying to get two words out of Edgar Davids (no easy task).

I was then told by Martin Jol that I didn't have a clue what I was talking about when I suggested that Spurs could actually push for a Champions League place this season.

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He was giving his pre-match press conference before the Community Shield against Arsenal, in front of a packed room at their training ground in Surrey.

I'd read quotes from him that he thought he would be regarded as a great manager, if he won the Champions League again.

When I asked him if that was true, he glared down at me and said "no". There was a slight giggle in the room. "Right" I said, "have you said anything similar?", "No" was the reply again.

You've all seen and heard Mourinho in action, so you'll understand that as a reporter, it would take incompetence to a new and unexplored level not to get more than two words out of him...

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and embarrassing hole.

He smirked, looked away and said "I am already great". You've got to love the guy!

Three days later, before presenting Sport on Five from the Community Shield in Cardiff, I was in an empty Millennium Stadium getting ready for the programme.

The Five Live team couldn't ignore the incredible climax to the second Ashes Test, and we listened to Test Match Special on some speakers on our gantry.

The roar we let out when England took the winning wicket actually forced the TV boys down on the pitch to re-record an item they'd just taped.

One day, I'll ask Jose what he thinks of cricket.

Sports presenter Arlo White returns to the Five Live Breakfast Programme on Monday morning between 6am and 9am on 909 or 693MW.

Fan's Eye View...

with Dave Fearn // season-ticket holder, Rugby

Who did you travel to the game with and how long did it take you?

I went to the game by car. It took a little longer than normal to get to Crewe, as I went via Middlewich to drop my wife Sharon at the mother-in-laws. Sharon would then be collected after Tuesday's Carling Cup game against Bury to which I would also be taking my son Jamie. It took me nearly three hours.

Did you encounter any problems on the way?

I just wanted to make sure I had left enough travel time to be able to get to Gresty Road early enabling me to have a drink and a bite to eat with Steve Marshall who I sit with at home games. With regards to problems on the road, there was a lot of heavy traffic after I had passed the toll road where it joins up to the M6 again and that continued all the way up to some road works near the Crewe junction.

Where did you go and what did you have for your pre-match meal?

I met Steve and his brother-in-law 'Lappo' in a pub in Crewe called Clancys so we could watch the lunchtime kick-off which featured Manchester United and Aston Villa as 'Lappo' is a Villa fan. After watching how bad they were it won't be long before he becomes a City supporter! I know this is sad but I can't eat before watching Leicester as I am too nervous, but it didn't stop Steve and 'Lappo' having some nice looking Fish and Chips.

What did you think of the ground and its facilities?

The ground has really improved over the years and the new stand is quite impressive.

Everybody harps on about how Dario Gradi has done a great job with little money and I don't know how you can disagree. The staff at the ticket office were really friendly and last season one of the girls there fancied my mate Phil Passingham and would do anything for him. We should have asked for free tickets this season and in return I would have given her some glasses!

Did you visit anywhere else before or after the match?

Apart from the mother-in-laws, the pub and the chip shop, we didn't have time for anything else.

We had intended to stop on the way back home and make it a real football day by watching the Birmingham versus Manchester City game but Steve had to get back as he was going out for a meal in the evening.

How did you think City played?

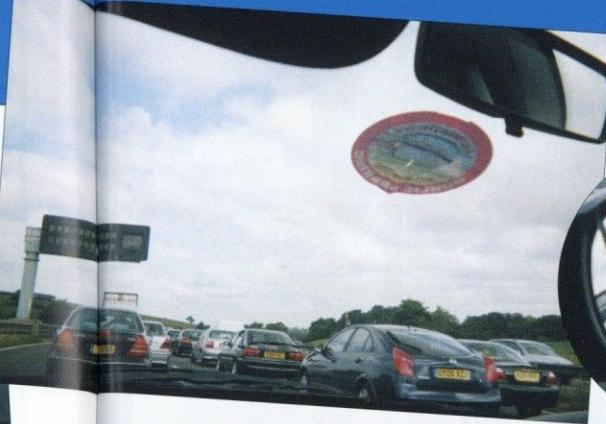
If you take out the first 20 minutes, I thought we played really well.

I believe we were opened up far too easily again at the back but the midfield, marshalled by Danny Tiatto and Joey Gudjonsson, who gave 100 per cent, played really well and it will be interesting to see whether Stephen Hughes will be able to get his place straight back in the side when he is fully fit if that form continues.

Elvis Hammond also seemed to enjoy a full 90 minutes plus the "Elvis, Elvis Give Us A Song" chant from the City fans.

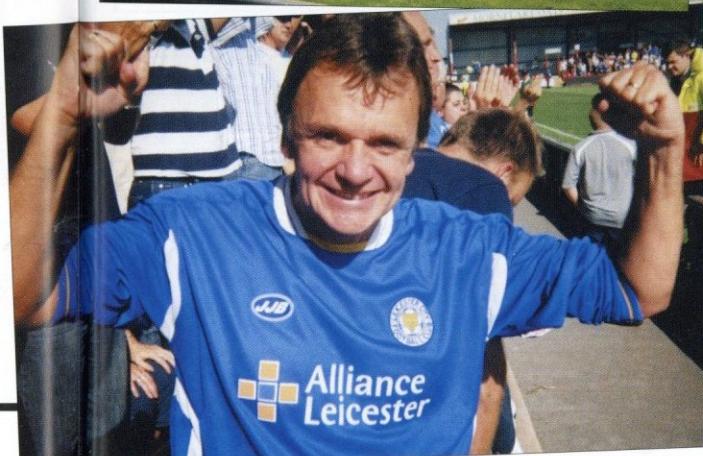
Which Foxes player/s stood out for you?

There weren't too many bad performances on the day and I would have to award Joey Gudjonsson man-of-the-match



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How long have you followed Leicester City?

The first match I went to was a friendly back in 1967 with my granddad in the popular enclosure.

We were playing Glasgow Rangers and Derek Dougan scored the only goal of the game as we won 1-0.

I can still picture the image now and the huge roar that greeted the goal.

What is the furthest you have travelled to watch City in action?

A few years ago, in the Mark McGee days, we drove down to Nuremberg (Germany) to watch

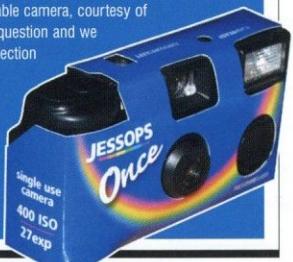
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For the 2005/06 season, the Foxes award-winning Matchday Magazine has teamed up with Jessops and Anand International to offer members of the Blue Army the chance to capture their away days on camera and have their pictures, together with a diary of the day, printed in the programme.

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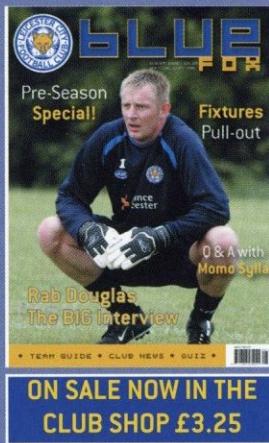
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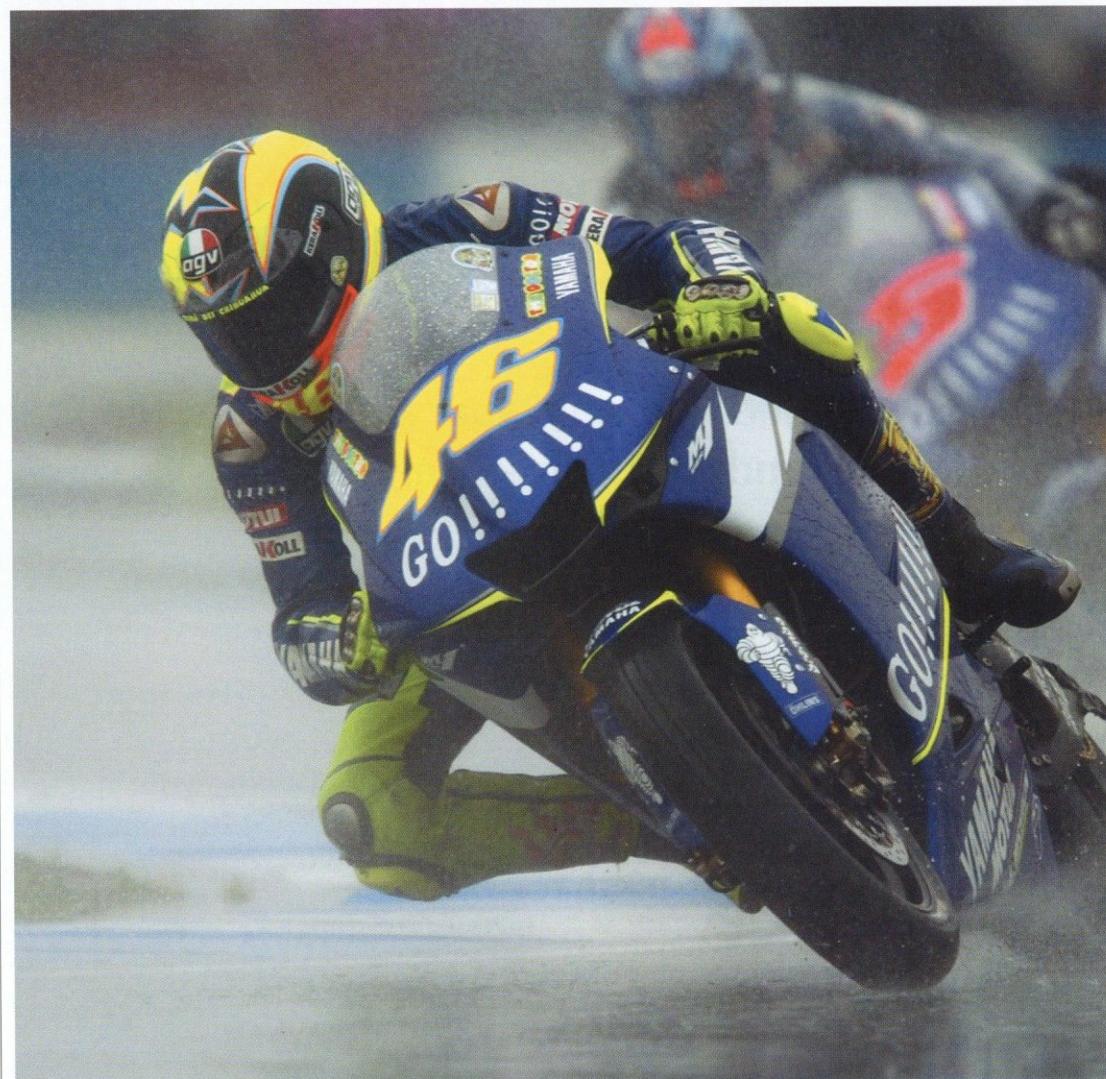
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Sporting Moment

Danny Tiatto

ROSSI WINS FOURTH TITLE IN A ROW

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Danny Tiatto's favourite sporting moment is when Valentino Rossi last year became the first rider to win the MotoGP World Championship on a Yamaha since Wayne Rainey in 1992.

The Italian won a record nine races during the season and completed an amazing first year with the Japanese factory after a switch from fierce rivals Honda.

Rossi became only the second rider in history to win the Championship with different manufacturers in consecutive seasons behind Eddie Lawson and also broke Lawson and Rainey's joint record of seven victories in a season for Yamaha. He said: "When I was winning at Honda everybody was saying it was because I had the best bike.

"But my wins on the Yamaha have allowed me to lose those stereotypes. "My aim was to win for Yamaha but 2004 also gave me huge satisfaction as I could take revenge on Honda.

"I've always said the rider makes the difference and I believe my victory proves this.

"The year 2004 really has been unforgettable for me, my mechanics and Yamaha," added Rossi.

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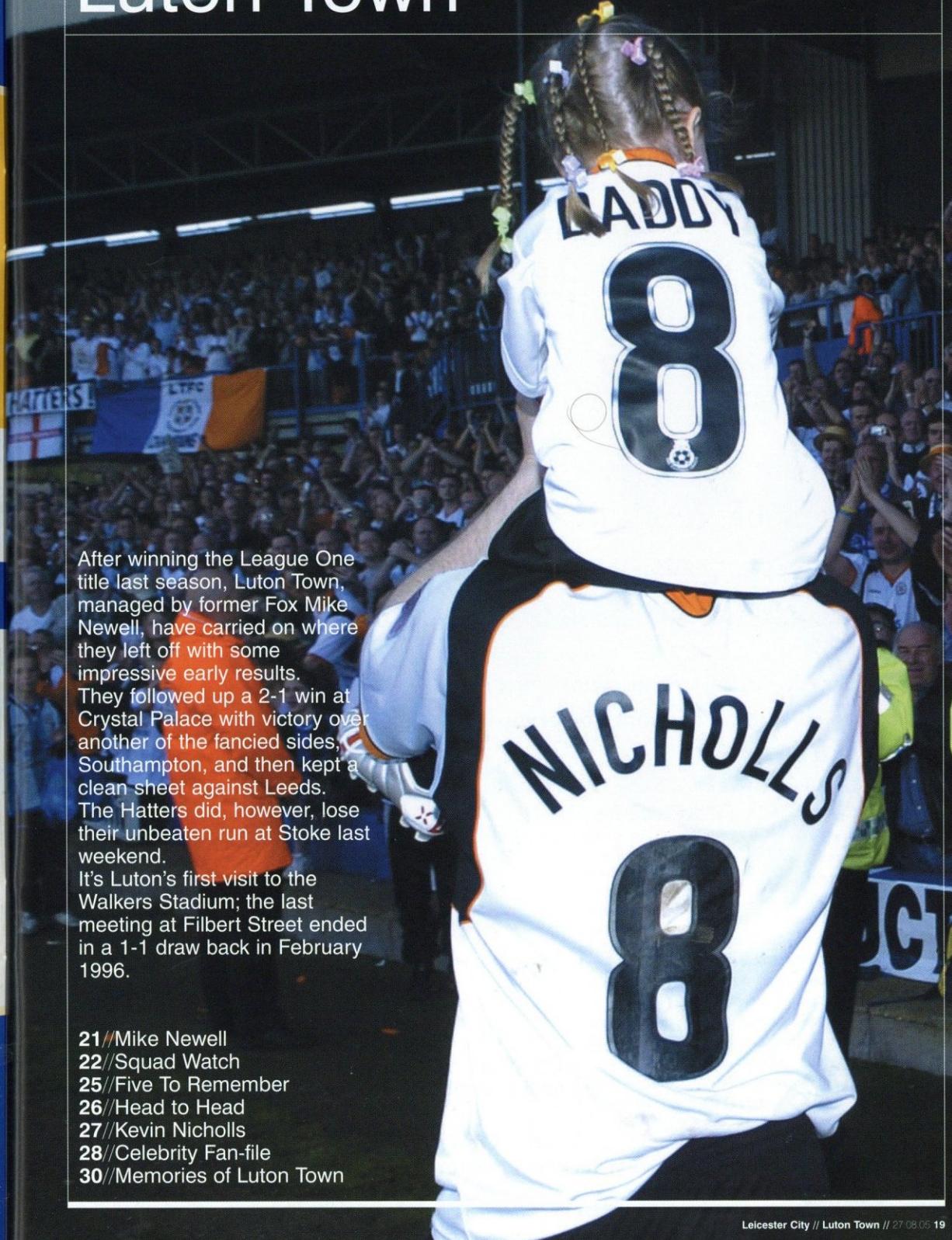
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Today's Visitors...
Luton Town



After winning the League One title last season, Luton Town, managed by former Fox Mike Newell, have carried on where they left off with some impressive early results. They followed up a 2-1 win at Crystal Palace with victory over another of the fancied sides, Southampton, and then kept a clean sheet against Leeds. The Hatters did, however, lose their unbeaten run at Stoke last weekend. It's Luton's first visit to the Walkers Stadium; the last meeting at Filbert Street ended in a 1-1 draw back in February 1996.

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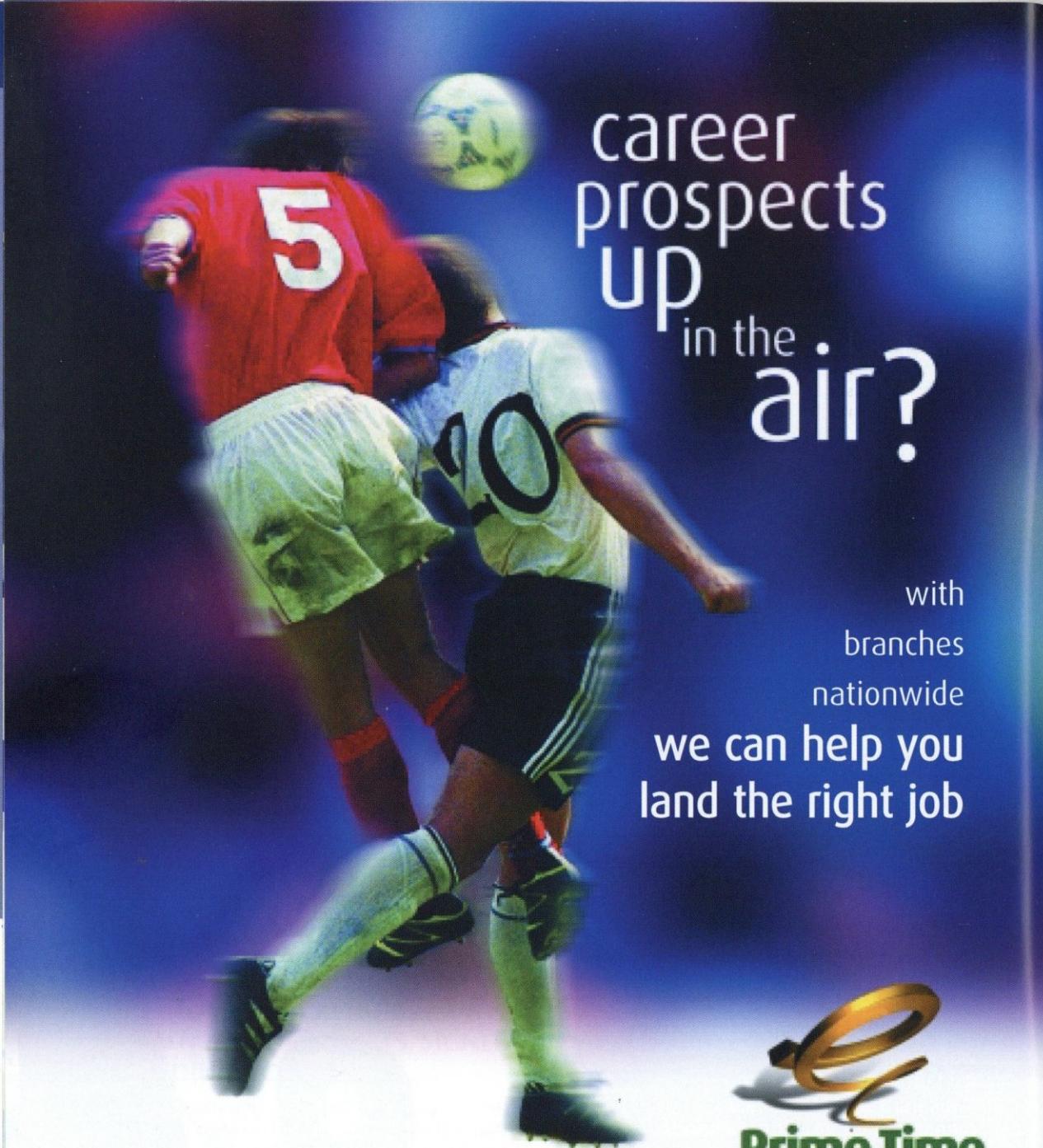
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Visiting Manager

Mike Newell

Mike Newell was once Leicester City's record signing at £350,000 but he would later score a goal that cost them millions.

The Luton manager spent two years at Filbert Street in the late 1980s – heading the goalscoring charts in both seasons – before a big money move to Everton.

It was with his next club, however, where Newell inflicted the most painful of blows.

His penalty, awarded after a controversial clash between Steve Walsh and David Speedie, saw Blackburn defeat Leicester in the 1992 Play-Off Final to deny the Foxes a bumper promotion payday.

"It was the hottest day ever with the winners earning a place in the inaugural Premier League which made it such a high-pressure occasion," recalled Newell.

"It wasn't just the whole season resting on 90 minutes. It was the next season and future seasons.

"I've never played in a game with so much at stake. It's bigger than a Cup Final which is more of an occasion to enjoy.

"It was so tense and I felt incredible relief when the final whistle went. It's still the same now. I watched West Ham beat Preston in May and you could feel the nerves from the fans and players."

On the subject of the penalty decision, Newell said: "Speedie did go down easily but there weren't too many complaints from Walshie."

"He did put out an arm. When I took the penalty, I was literally shaking.

"Conversely, I was very calm for the second penalty, after Carl Muggleton brought down Mark Atkins, but Carl guessed the right way.

"Fortunately, that miss didn't cost us but I did feel for Leicester at the time."

Newell fondly remembers his time with the Foxes.

Bought by his old Wigan boss Bryan Hamilton in 1987, the Liverpool-born striker scored on his debut and netted 26 times in 96 games.

"We had some good players at the club – the likes of Ali Mauchlen, Paul Ramsey, Gary McAllister and Walshie," he said.

"When David Pleat took over, we went



on a brilliant run and thought that promotion was a possibility the following season.

"Sadly that didn't happen but I was very proud when he made me captain.

"I'm looking forward to coming back to the club. The old Filbert Street ground has gone, at least some things stay the same – I'm told The Birch is still doing his bit for the club!"

After winning the title last season, Luton have adapted quickly to the step up to the Championship.

"It has been an excellent start," said Newell. "The players are on a bit of a roll after a fantastic last year.

"We have a good dressing room, with good lads who are not arrogant but have

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a bit of confidence in themselves. "We were looking forward to playing Saints, Palace and Leeds in the opening week but had you offered us seven points out of nine we would have certainly bitten your hand off."

Newell isn't sure what to expect from Leicester this afternoon.

"I don't know much about Craig Levein but he seems a sensible, studious man who comes across as a very down-to-earth character," admitted Newell.

"It's probably too early to judge the Leicester squad. It takes time for new faces to gel and they've bought a lot of younger players on longer contracts so they're certainly planning for the future."

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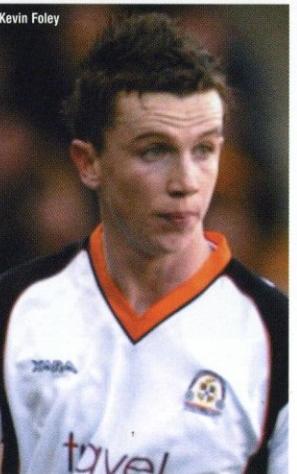


Luton Town celebrate winning the Coca-Cola League One championship trophy.

Injury forced **Marlon Beresford** onto the sidelines at the start of the season. The Lincoln-born goalkeeper (35) has played close to 500 senior games with most – well over half – coming during two spells at Burnley. He started his career with Sheffield Wednesday and joined the Hatters in October 2003. Beresford was one of six Luton players to make the PFA League One team of the season.

Luton-born **Dean Brill** joined his hometown club at the age of nine and made his full debut two years ago. He didn't make an appearance last season but the 19-year-old was in goal for the opening games of this campaign and kept a clean sheet in the recent draw with Leeds.

Defender **Kevin Foley** has made over 80 appearances for Luton after progressing through the youth ranks at Kenilworth Road. The 21-year-old played alongside City's Alan Sheehan for the Republic of Ireland Under-21s against Northern Ireland last week. He scored twice last season as he helped Luton win promotion.



Kevin Foley was named as the Powerade Player-of-the-Season last year as well as being selected in the PFA League One team.

The 21-year-old central defender only made his debut 18 months ago but has already passed the 50 appearance mark. Mobile and strong, he opened his goalscoring account in the penultimate match of last season.

Defender **Markus Heikkinen** joined Luton at the start of the season on a free

transfer from Aberdeen, where he spent two years, making 80 appearances. The 26-year-old partnered Sami Hyypia in defence for Finland in their 3-0 World Cup Qualifier against Macedonia last week, keeping alive their slim hopes of reaching the finals in Germany. He played twice – both as sub – on loan at Portsmouth in 2003.

Paul Underwood had seven years with Rushden & Diamonds before moving to Luton in April 2004. He played over 200 times for the Northamptonshire side, scoring 17 goals. Underwood (32) – a left sided defender – helped Rushden win the Third Division title in 2003, becoming their Player-of-the-Year. He's close to 50 appearances for Luton.

Sol Davis made his first appearance of the season coming on as sub at Stoke last weekend. The 25-year-old tough-tackling left-back joined Luton from Swindon in 2002. He's played over 260 senior games in his career – almost half at each club.

Club captain **Kevin Nicholls** – a former England youth, Under-18, Under-19 and Under-20 international – played a key role

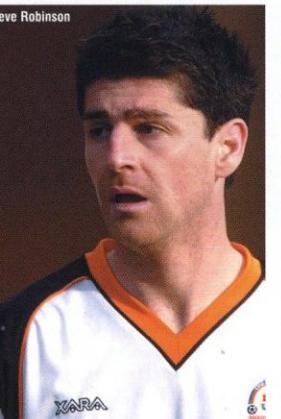


Formed: 1885
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in helping Luton win promotion last season.

He bagged 12 league goals from midfield and was quick to open his account in the Championship when the Hatters beat Southampton. A Charlton trainee, Nicholls (26) moved to Wigan in 1999 after a loan spell at

Steve Robinson

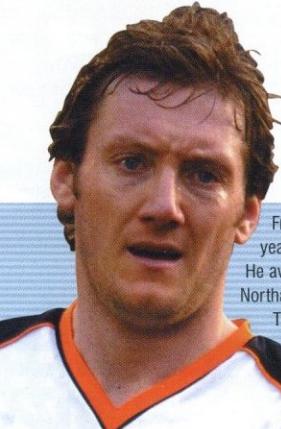


Brighton and made the switch to Luton two years later.

He's just short of 150 league games for the club.

Steve Robinson was out-of-contract in the summer but agreed a new deal with the Hatters. The hard-working 31-year-old midfielder, capped by Northern Ireland, played a couple of times for Tottenham in the mid-1990s before having spells at Bournemouth and Preston.

The longest period was at Bournemouth where he made 288 appearances.



Free-scoring marksman **Steve Howard** has been Luton's top scorer for the last four years.

He averages a goal almost every other game since signing for £50,000 from Northampton in 2001.

The 29-year-old netted 31 times for Hartlepool and 18 for Northampton which prompted his deadline day departure from the Cobblers four-and-a-half years ago.

He was Luton's Player-of-the-Year, voted by the fans in 2002, and got a similar award from his colleagues a year later.

He cost Luton £50,000 in the summer of 2002 and has already played over a century of games for the club.

Croatian **Ahmet Brkovic** signed a new one-year deal in the summer. The right-sided midfielder arrived at Luton on a free transfer in October 2001 and has regularly found the net in over 150 appearances. He had two years with Leyton Orient prior to the Kenilworth Road switch. Brkovic has started the season well with goals in the opening two games against Crystal Palace and Southampton.

Signed by Ricky Hill at Luton, midfielder **Peter Holmes** was a product of the FA's School of Excellence – from the same year as Michael Owen.

After failing to make a breakthrough at Sheffield Wednesday, he joined Luton on a free in 2000 and is fast approaching a century of games for the Hatters.

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Carlos Edwards arrived at Luton in May from Wrexham. Stockport were the next club to profit from his talents; he notched 17 strikes in 33 outings before Luton snapped him up for £150,000 last March. Feeney (24) was a second-half substitute for Northern Ireland in last week's international with Malta.

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Morgan, who began his career at Colchester, playing 77 games, and then moved to Reading in 2003, was also on target at Stoke last weekend.

After failing to make a first team breakthrough at Leeds, striker **Warren Feeney** went to Bournemouth where he scored 37 times in 125 games.

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COMPLETE RECORD					
DIVISION ONE (pre 1992) 1st Plyd 1957-58					
P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	8	2	5	1	13 11
AWAY	8	0	1	7	5 19
OVERALL	16	2	6	8	18 30

DIVISION ONE (post 1992) 1st Plyd 1992-93					
P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	3	2	1	0	5 3
AWAY	3	1	1	3	1 3
OVERALL	6	3	2	1	8 6

DIVISION TWO 1st Plyd 1897-98					
P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	15	7	6	2	28 21
AWAY	15	7	4	4	22 14
OVERALL	30	14	10	6	50 35

FA CUP 1948-49					
P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	2	1	0	0	4 4
AWAY	4	2	1	1	14 9
OVERALL	6	3	2	1	20 13

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP 1984-85					
P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	0	0	0	0	0 0
AWAY	1	0	0	1	1 3
OVERALL	1	0	0	1	1 3

LEAGUE FORM – LAST 5 YEARS					
None, most recent meeting:					
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03.02.1995	h	1-1 Roberts / Thorpe	14821		
26.08.1995	a	1-1 Parker / Hughes	7612		

LAST FA CUP TIE					
16.02.1974	Round 5	Luton Town 3 (Moss, Donaghy, Williams (og))	Leicester City 1 (Lineker)		
Attendance: 25712					

LAST LEAGUE CUP TIE					
30.10.1984	Round 3	Luton Town 3 (Moss, Donaghy, Williams (og))	Leicester City 1 (Lineker)		
Attendance: 11423					

COMPLETE LEAGUE AND CUP HISTORY					
Season	Division	Home	Away		
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1898-99	2	1-1	6-1		
1899-1900	2	2-2	0-0		
1946-47	2	2-1	2-1		
1947-48	2	3-2	1-2		
1948-49	2	1-1	1-1		
1948-49	FAC5	5-3	5-5		
1949-50	2	3-2	0-1		
1950-51	2	3-1	2-0		
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1953-54	2	2-1	2-2		
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1956-59	1	1-1	1-4		
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1959-60	1	3-3	0-2		
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1974-75	2	3-0	1-0		
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1979-80	2	1-3	0-0		
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1984-85	FAC3	1-3	1-3		
1985-86	1	0-0	1-3		
1986-87	1	1-1	0-1		
1992-93	1*	2-1	0-2		
1993-94	1*	2-1	2-0		
1995-96	1*	1-1	1-1		

LEICESTER PENALTY SCORED					
30.10.1993	Division 1*	away	Steve Thompson		
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30.10.1984	League Cup Round 3, away	Tommy Williams			
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Five to remember

Leicester City v Luton Town

12 February 1949: FA Cup Round 5

Luton Town 5 (Kiernan 2, Small, Brennan, Watkins) Leicester City 5 (Lee 4, Griffiths) // Attendance: 26,280

The first ever cup clash between the clubs produced a game that was truly unforgettable.

Yet, had the whistle been blown just 30 seconds earlier, then the story of City's epic first road to Wembley would never have been written, so near were the Foxes to defeat when Jack Lee headed his fourth goal of the game to earn a replay.

On a glue-pot pitch at Kenilworth Road there was never more than a goal between the teams as fortunes ebbed and flowed over the regulation 90 minutes and a heart-stopping period of extra-time.

All four wingers excelled, whilst Johnny King was exemplary in midfield for City, in a game in which City led three times, but only for a total of 10 minutes throughout the whole game.

For the record the goal chart read: Lee (6), Small (9), Brennan (10), Lee (23), Lee (43), Kiernan (47), Griffiths (95), Kiernan (97), Watkins (100), Lee (119).



Mal Griffiths puts the Luton keeper under pressure.

19 February 1949: FA Cup Round 5 Replay

Leicester City 5 (Lee 2 (1 pen), Griffiths 2, Chisholm) Luton Town 3 (Brennan 2, Arnison) // Attendance: 38,822

The replay was bound to be an anti-climax, but only because of the standard set in the original. In all other respects, this tie earned star billing in its own right, as City finally earned a quarter-final place, but not without a few more scares along the way.

In fact City struggled early on, having conceded a first minute opener, but came to life after half-an-hour, when Mal Griffiths cut inside onto a long ball to coolly slide it home and give the Foxes the ascendancy at last. Only when they led 4-1 did City abandon their attacking policy, and it almost cost them dear as the Hatters struck twice within a minute to bring the tie back to life.

But as so often happens, City scored on the break as Luton applied the pressure, to clinch victory. The replay goal chart in total read: Brennan (1), Lee (27), Griffiths (31), Chisholm (42), Lee pen (49), Arnison (71), Brennan (72), Griffiths (82).

12 April 1971: Division Two

Luton Town 1 (Sjoberg (og)) Leicester City 3 (Manley, Farrington, Brown) // Attendance: 24,405

Anyone present at Kenilworth Road on this Easter Monday will recall this as Rodney Fern's match. A stunning individual display turned a difficult looking trip for the promotion-chasing Foxes into something of a cakewalk.

Table-topping City arrived at Luton unbeaten in 11 league games, and with four successive clean sheets behind them, but were missing key men in Bobby Kellard and Len Glover.

Things got off to a decidedly dodgy start when John Ryan's cross was turned past Peter Shilton by defender John Sjoberg for an own goal after just two minutes, but the Foxes quickly regained their composure and took control.

Fern orchestrated the proceedings from then on, and City drew level after 35 minutes when Malcolm Manley headed home from a corner.

John Farrington steered home the second (61 minutes) from Willie Carlin's free-kick and Ally Brown wrapped up the victory four minutes later, leaving Fern to demonstrate his party pieces as the final whistle drew near.

16 February 1974: FA Cup Round 5

Luton Town 0 Leicester City 4 (Earle 2, Worthington, Weller) // Attendance: 25,712

The receipts figure of £15,000 was a ground record at the time and even the hardest of Hatters fans could not have wished for a better value-for-money display than the one served up by City to ease through a decidedly awkward cup tie.

By now, Rodney Fern was in the Luton line-up and he narrowly headed over the bar in the opening minutes. Unfortunately for Luton, that was as near as they would get, as City simply oozed class to stroll to victory. Steve Earle turned home a low cross first time after 18 minutes to divide the teams at the break, and headed a second after 49 minutes to ease any doubts.

Frank Worthington headed a third after 61 minutes before, five minutes from time, Keith Weller produced the strike which has since been voted City's best ever, leaving a trail of defenders in his wake before crashing home an unstoppable left-foot drive.

12 February 1994: Division One

Leicester City 2 (Coatsworth, Roberts) Luton Town 1 (James) // Attendance: 16,149

Gary Coatsworth may not have scored many goals for City, but when he did they were usually a bit special. And this seventh minute thunderbolt was arguably the best of the lot. The ball dropped nicely for "The Goat" on the edge of the box after a flick by Iwan Roberts, and the former Darlington defender let loose with both barrels.

Luton had arrived at Filbert Street on the back of a 10-game unbeaten run, but the Foxes never looked in danger and Roberts himself headed the second from a David Speedie cross after 65 minutes, before Julian James immediately pulled one back for the Hatters. Brian Little's team held on though, to keep up their promotion challenge.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Jon Dale talks to today's match referee Paul Armstrong.

How long have you been officiating?
Nearly 27 years.

What is the funniest incident you have witnessed on the field of play?

It was not funny when it happened, but with hindsight it has to go down as such.

I was refereeing a Conference match between Woking and Hayes when a player attracted my attention and asked me to go across to where he was standing.

I was a little reluctant, but he was politely insistent and therefore I eventually agreed to his request. On arrival, it was apparent that a large hole had appeared in the pitch, with the turf around it draping inwards. I was left with little option other than to abandon the match after about 20 minutes play.

It transpired that an old drainage system had been disturbed by a session of vertical drainage spiking and when one of the players ran across the area during the match the drain collapsed. Thankfully, no one was injured and it made a nice little story for the press.

What made you become a referee?

As a young man, I was watching a match one Sunday afternoon being refereed by a young official and a chap that knew me asked whether I had ever considered taking up the whistle.

I quickly dismissed the notion on the basis that I enjoyed playing and watching the game and had no desire to do otherwise.

However, the seed was sown and after a period of contemplation I decided I would like to pass the referee exam to increase my overall knowledge of the laws.

I duly qualified as a referee, and although I had no intention of taking an active role I ended up getting persuaded to take charge of a few youth matches and things just progressed.

What's the most difficult aspect of the job?

The fact that you cannot please all of the people all of the time!

What has been the proudest moment of your career to date?

Acting as Assistant Referee for the Worthington Cup Final in 2000 - the last one to be held at the 'old' Wembley.

What is your ambition as a referee?

With regard to this season, I would like to perform consistently well in order to be considered for the key appointments as the season unfolds.

What is your "other" full-time profession, if any?

A National Credit Manager for a FTSE100 company.

Have you officiated at the Walkers Stadium before?

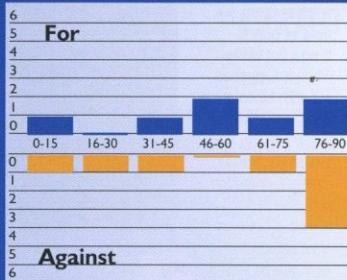
Twice. The last time being Leicester versus Crewe in February 2005 which ended in a 1-1 draw.



Leicester City v. Luton Town



When for & against



Where & how scored

Category	Leicester City	Luton Town
Close range	0	2
Inside 18yd box	6	3
Outside 18yd box	1	1
Shots	5	3
Headers	0	2
Volleys	1	1
Penalties	1	0
Free Kicks	0	0
Own Goals	0	0

When for & against



This season

Opponents	H/A	Score
Crewe	A	2-2
Ipswich	H	0-0
Stoke	H	4-2
Sheff Utd	A	1-4

Seasonal progress comparison



This season

Opponents	H/A	Score
Stoke	A	1-2
Leeds	H	0-0
Southampton	H	3-2
Palace	A	2-1

Swings

Won when Behind	0
Drawn when Behind	1
Drawn when Ahead	0
Lost when Ahead	0

Discipline

Fouls committed	76
Average per game	19
Yellow cards	6
Red cards	0

Set piece goals

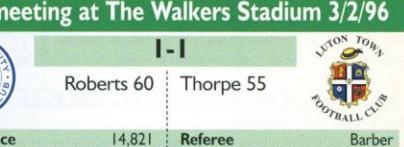
Scored from free kick	2
Conc from free kick	0
Scored from corner	0
Conc from corner	1

Strike ratio

Shots on target	33
Goals scored	7
% shots scored	21.2
Divisional rating	13

Top scorer

David Connolly	4
Goals Scored	3
Games Played	3
Points Won	3



Set piece goals

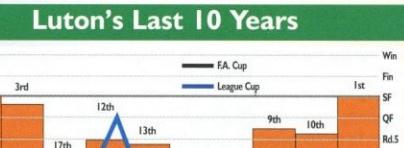
Scored from free kick	3
Conc from free kick	0
Scored from corner	0
Conc from corner	2

Strike ratio

Shots on target	27
Goals scored	6
% shots scored	22.2
Divisional rating	11

Top scorer

Ahmet Brkovic (Joint)	2
Goals Scored	2
Games Played	4
Points Won	4



Strike ratio

Shots on target	27
Goals scored	6
% shots scored	22.2
Divisional rating	11

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Visiting Player

Kevin Nicholls

Kevin Nicholls is looking forward to stepping out on the Walkers Stadium turf this afternoon.

The

Luton skipper was here as a guest of friend John Terry when England played Serbia & Montenegro in June 2003.

Terry made his debut for his country that night and ended up on the winning side, something Nicholls is hoping to repeat today.

Luton slipped to sixth last weekend after suffering their first defeat of the season at Stoke but the 26-year-old midfielder believes the team spirit developed under Mike Newell will count for much.

"We were under no illusions at the start of the season about how tough this league was going to be," said Nicholls.

"We got off to a good start in the first week and that gives everyone much more confidence."

"Because we won the League One title last season, we had a mentality where we got used to not losing."

"We've taken our game plan into the Championship and we've had some success with that."

"It was important that we were able to keep the nucleus of the squad together."

"Steve Howard was linked with other clubs because he's a great goalscorer so keeping him at Luton was a huge bonus."

"We've also brought in players like Dean Morgan, Markus Heikkinen and got Rowan Vine on a permanent deal which certainly improves the squad."

Nicholls added: "The team has grown together, for sure. We were really focussed last season and when Christmas came around, we could see that we had a real chance of promotion and kicked on from there."

Having started his career at Charlton, Nicholls moved to Wigan after a loan spell at Brighton and cost Luton a bargain £25,000 in 2001.

He's scored 26 goals in 147 league games, helping the Hatters win two promotions.

Nicholls is not surprised that boss Mike Newell has attracted interest from other clubs because he has done a great job at Kenilworth Road.

"He just never wants to lose. He's a born winner and he instilled that mentality into the lads straight away."

"He likes a joke when the time's right and the players always seem to take on board everything he says."

It is the first meeting between the clubs in nine years and Nicholls is under no illusions about the challenge Luton face today.

He said: "Leicester have a fantastic stadium; it's a great arena for football and I'm looking forward to playing there."

"I was there a couple of years ago to see my friend John Terry make his England debut."

"I look at Leicester as a big club. They've been in the Premiership for all but a couple of years in

the last decade.

"If they click this season, they've got a real chance of promotion."

"Craig Levein seems to have imprinted his ideas on the Leicester squad and has brought lots of his own players in."

"Dion Dublin brings you great experience, Gareth Williams is a handful in midfield and David Connolly has started well this season. I was gutted when he left West Ham because I'm a Hammers fan!"

Nicholls added: "I'm not setting specific targets for me or the team aside from wanting to win every game."

"We had a great run last season and winning becomes a habit but it's a step up in quality – obviously – from League One."



CV

Kevin Nicholls

Height 5'10"
Weight 12stone

Date of birth 02.01.1979

Place of birth Newham

Position Midfielder

Nationality English

[CV career record](#)

CHARLTON ATHLETIC

01.08.1995 - 21.06.1999

League APP 4 SUB 8 GLS 0
FA Cup APP 0 SUB 0 GLS 0
League Cup APP 2 SUB 2 GLS 0
Other APP 0 SUB 0 GLS 0

BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION

26.02.1999 - 14.03.1999 (Loan)

League APP 4 SUB 0 GLS 1
FA Cup APP 0 SUB 0 GLS 0
League Cup APP 0 SUB 0 GLS 0
Other APP 0 SUB 0 GLS 0

WIGAN ATHLETIC

21.06.1999 - 09.08.2001

League APP 146 SUB 1 GLS 26
FA Cup APP 4 SUB 0 GLS 1
League Cup APP 4 SUB 0 GLS 1
Other APP 1 SUB 0 GLS 1

LUTON TOWN

09.08.2001 -

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FA Cup APP 4 SUB 0 GLS 1
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Other APP 1 SUB 0 GLS 1

Celebrity Fan-file

With Nev Foulger

Luton Town celebrity fan, Nick Owen, began his career on newspapers in Yorkshire and Birmingham before joining local radio and then ATV Sport. But he rocketed to fame in 1983 when, in partnership with Ann Diamond, he presented TV AM for three years. He then became ITV Sport's main presenter before renewing his partnership with Ann Diamond in another breakfast TV programme "Good Morning With Ann And Nick" from Pebble Mill.

Nick is still working in television in Birmingham presenting the evening news programme "Midlands Today." Last year he wrote his autobiography "In The Time Of Nick."



How long have you been a Luton fan?

Since 1958. The first game I saw was on September 3 against Leeds at Kenilworth Road in the old First Division.

I was 10-years-old and had just become interested in watching football that year. The game finished in a 1-1 draw and Allan Brown scored Luton's goal.

What made you become a Luton fan?

Well, I was born and grew up in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire and Luton was the nearest club. And my dad had always been an avid Luton supporter – and still is. He's now 90 and still going strong. He doesn't go to games any more but on a Saturday I ring him several times to let him know the score and how Luton are doing.

He describes being a Luton supporter now as torture by Teletext! My three lads, Andy, Tim and Chris

are all fans as well and even if I don't go they all go together.

My daughter Jenny, who is 16, has also been on the odd occasion. And I always say that one of the first romantic dates my wife Jill and I went out on before we were married was to a goalless draw between Luton and Blackpool.

But I also took her to a Test match against the West Indies at Trent Bridge – so nobody can say I don't know how to woo a girl!

What is your best memory of watching Luton?

Without any doubt it was in April 1988 when we beat Arsenal 3-2 to win the Littlewoods Cup at Wembley. It was an incredible match and we won it with virtually the last kick of the game with Brian Stein, who is now our first team coach, scoring the goal.

Andy Dibble also saved a penalty in the match. It is the only major trophy Luton have won in my time and it

was a day I'll never forget.

Who would you rate as your favourite Luton players?

I think I would have Mick Harford at the top of my list plus Ricky Hill and Brian Stein – all from that era.

Mike Newell seems to be doing an excellent job since becoming Luton manager doesn't he?

Yes, he does. Mike, of course, played alongside Harford and Stein and whatever misgivings some people might have had about his appointment during a real time of turmoil at the club, he has turned out to be a great manager. I think he has achieved miracles considering he took over in such difficult times and with no funds at all.

Luton's most famous fan would have to be the late and great Eric Morcambe. Did you ever meet him?



Nick Owen, alongside fellow BBC Midlands Today presenter Suzanne Virdee.

Yes I did. In my autobiography "In the time of Nick" that was published at the end of last year, I said that the most treasured memory of my career was interviewing Eric for two hours on breakfast television. He was a wonderful man. I saw him at Luton games on occasions but usually from a distance.

What was it like working on breakfast television for all those years?

It was very tough and very draining having to get up in the middle of the night and leave home at three in the morning.

I used to have a shower when I

arrived at the studios. Ann Diamond and I shared a dressing room and she used to bring me a cup of tea while I was showering.

She said it was the best laugh she had all day. We are still very good friends and she is Godmother to one of the children.

Three hours of live television was very exciting but very demanding and a lot of preparation had to be done.

In addition to football you are a big cricket fan as well aren't you?

Yes, I love cricket. My oldest lad Andy plays in the Birmingham League for Stratford. He is an

opening bowler and I go to watch him as often as I can.

So at this time of the year there is a clash between watching football and cricket.

I still play a bit of cricket myself for a charity team called Bunbury's. My bowling is so slow now that if I don't like a particular delivery I can get the ball back before it reaches the batsman!

I know quite a few of the Leicestershire players like Charlie Dagnall, Paul Nixon and Darren Maddy and I'm actually doing a piece for Darren's testimonial brochure next season.

He's a smashing lad and I hope he has a very successful testimonial season.

Who are your tips for Championship promotion this season?

Looking at some of the early results it might not be as straightforward as people think.

I have to say I fancied Crystal Palace as favourites but they haven't made the best of starts. I do think Wolves are going to be challenging this season and under Glenn Hoddle they have become difficult to beat. I'd love to think Luton will be up there as well and I am certainly confident we will be able to assert ourselves in this league.

I don't think we will be out of place because we have some terrific players in the squad and an excellent manager.

What are your plans for the future?

Well, I have just signed a new two-year contract to continue presenting Midlands Today in Birmingham and I still have a busy and active life.

Sport still is my great passion and I try to keep myself in reasonable shape by going to the gym twice a week.

I certainly intend to watch as many Luton matches as I can this season.



Alan Bennett's Memories of Luton Town

I was pleased to hear that an abundance of Matchday Programme readers have enjoyed my memories over the last two seasons but as the same clubs keep coming around each season obviously I've now used many memories!

But Luton are here for the first time for some years, so I can dig into the memory bank in this case and hopefully come up with some new material.

My first memory of Luton Town – believe it or not – is still fairly clear, even though we have to go back to March 1952 and a Sixth Round FA Cup tie between the then Second Division Hatters and Arsenal.

Luton had started that Cup campaign with an excellent win at Kenilworth Road over First Division Charlton Athletic, before favourable home draws against fellow Second Division sides Brentford and Swindon Town saw them through to the quarter-finals, even though Brentford had taken them back to a Griffin Park replay.

Then came that fourth successive home draw which pitted them against the Gunners, who were riding second in the old First Division.

It was my first season working in football, being employed at the Football Association, and that post enabled me to get a ticket for the game.

I can still remember the train journey from St. Pancras to Luton and the walk to Kenilworth Road, and then to hopefully cheer my Highbury heroes into the semi-finals.

But the first blow was the absence through injury of Arsenal's schemer-in-chief, Jimmy Logie, and the second was a brilliant headed goal after nine minutes from Luton's Bernard Moore.

Another Cup shock was on the cards when half-



Luton's Bernard Moore dives to head past Arsenal 'keeper George Swindin in the 1952 Cup tie. Arsenal centre-half Ray Daniel can only look on.

time came with no more goals but plenty of Luton pressure, but Arsenal rallied after the interval with Freddie Cox scoring twice before Arthur Milton, deputising for Logie, hit a third.

However, the game was not quite all over, as Bert Mitchell put Luton back into the tie with a penalty to set up a frantic last 15 minutes. Fortunately for young Bennett and the thousands of other Arsenal fans there were to be no more goals.

There were some good players in that Luton team – Bernard Stretton in goal, Billy Cooke and Bud Aherne at full-back, the immaculate Sid Owen at centre-half and long-serving Bob Morton at right-half.

Indeed, Luton were to have two full England international goalkeepers on their books in the mid-fifties, for Ron Bayham came along to challenge for and eventually win Stretton's Luton spot, and indeed went on to win three caps to surpass

Stretton's single honour.

Three years after that Cup tie, Luton joined Arsenal in the First Division, holding that place for five seasons with players such as Seamus Dunne, Allan Brown, Billy Bingham and the free-scoring Gordon Turner joining Bayham, Aherne, Owen and Morton to build a side good enough to reach the FA Cup Final in 1959, only to lose at Wembley to Nottingham Forest by the odd goal in

But with the removal of the maximum wage, economics began to count more and more in English soccer and clubs such as Luton found they could not compete at the very top level with clubs attracting attendances two or three times the Kenilworth Road faithful.

Relegation came in 1960, to be followed three years later by a drop to the Third Division and, even worse, down to the Fourth in 1965. Few then would have given anything for a return to the summit for Luton, but under the management of Harry Haslam and then David Pleat the impossible was achieved with a 10-year stay in the First Division through the eighties – aided to some extent by the plastic pitch.

But whatever the pitch you need players to play on it, and Luton were not without stars as those such as Paul Walsh, Brian Horton, Ashley Grimes, Mal Donaghy, Ricky Hill, Brian Stein, Mike Newell, Mick Harford and a young Garry Parker were to tread the Kenilworth plastic before the Premier League pounds again built up a chasm between those with and those without.

So the nineties saw Luton repeat that slump of the sixties with a slide to the Football League's lower levels, but now former City star Mike Newell has them back on the upward climb. One more step to go!!



Luton Town 1958-59 // Back: Frank King (Trainer), John Groves, Brendan McNally, Ron Bayham, Dave Pacey, Ken Hawkes; Front: Billy Bingham, Allan Brown, Sid Owen, Bob Morton, George Cummins, Tony Gregory.

Bring on... Sheffield Wednesday

Saturday 10 September 2005 // Kick-off 3.00pm



► //:head to head

The two clubs have met 98 times in the past in all competitions, with all but four of those games coming with points at stake.

Leicester have recorded 23 wins in 48 previous home clashes with the Owls, scoring 95 goals on home soil and 149 in all previous meetings.

► //:early meetings

The first ever meeting came at Filbert Street in Division Two back in 1899-1900 and ended goalless.

It was not until 1921-22 that City recorded a home win against the Owls; Jack Paterson netting a brace in a 2-1 success.

► //:recent history

The clubs last crossed swords in 2002-03, when three meetings ensued, including a League Cup tie. Both league clashes ended all square, whilst the cup tie required extra-time to separate the clubs before Trevor Benjamin was able to celebrate by featuring his break-dancing routine.



Trevor Benjamin 'treats' the crowd to his dancing after scoring the winner against Sheffield Wednesday in the 2002-2003 Worthington Cup (lc4221v). Later that season, during Wednesday's last visit to the Walkers Stadium, 'keeper Paul Evans - seen here claiming confidently, allowed a back-pass to roll under his foot for the equaliser (lc4342x).

► //:biggest wins

Leicester have twice managed 6-1 wins over Wednesday. John Duncan, Adam Black and Arthur Chandler all registered braces in the 1924-25 fixture, whilst Steve Moran hit a hat-trick in January 1987.

The Owls, of course, handed us a 7-1 thrashing in the League Cup tie at Hillsborough in 1992-93.

► //:debutants

The most recent Owls' treble was netted by Imre Varadi in 1984-85.

► //:ticket info

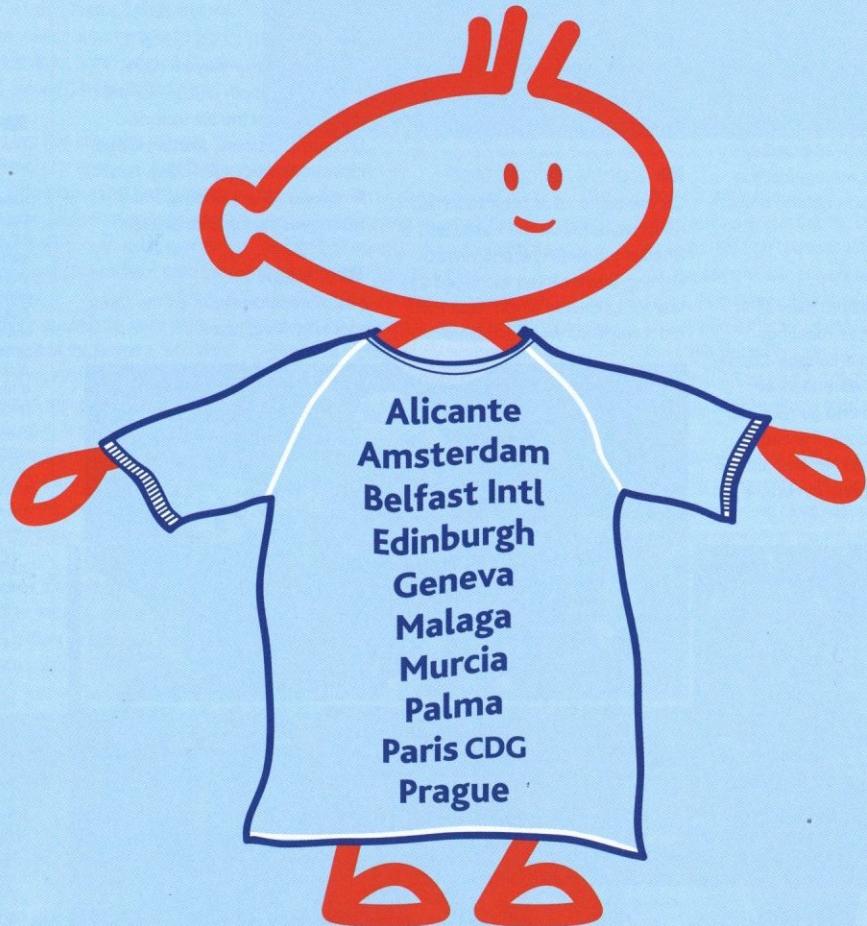
Tickets for this B Grade fixture are now on General Sale. Prices start from £22 for adults, £20 for senior citizens and young adults, £17 for juveniles and £14 for Fox Cubs. Adult members will be entitled to a £5 discount off the match ticket for this game.

There are a number of ways to purchase tickets or to contact the ticket office:-

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- Buy on-line at lcfc.com (booking fees will apply)
- Fax your ticket request direct to the Ticket Office on 0116 229 4404
- Postal applications. Your ticket request can be posted to the Ticket Office, Walkers Stadium, Filbert Way, Leicester LE2 7FL
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►//:head to head

The two clubs have met 63 times in the past, with 56 of them coming in the league. Strangely, all of those previous league clashes have come in Division Two. Leicester have won seven of their previous 33 visits to Humberside, but only four with points at stake. The Foxes have scored 98 goals against the Tigers, evenly split with 49 at home and 49 in Hull.

►//:early meetings

The first meetings came in 1905-06, Hull having been elected to the league when both divisions were increased to 20 clubs. Fosse's initial visit to Humberside ended goalless and it was not until 1922-23, on Leicester's 13th visit, that maximum points were secured.

►//:recent history

The two clubs have not met in the league since 1990-91, when the Tigers completed a double over City, including a 5-2 win at Boothferry Park. The Foxes did, however, travel to Humberside in September 2002, to register a 4-2 success after extra-time in a League Cup tie. This was one of the last games staged at Boothferry Park before Hull moved to their new home, the Kingston Communications Stadium, in December 2002.

►//:biggest wins

The biggest margin of victory achieved by City was by 5-0 at Filbert Street in 1952-53, when Arthur Rowley led the way with a treble. Hull have put five goals past City on three separate occasions on Humberside, but never without reply: their best being a 5-1 triumph in 1919-20.

►//:goalscorers

Six players have registered hat-tricks in this fixture in the past. The two Arthurs, Chandler and Rowley, managed the feat for City. All four Hull hat-tricks were recorded by 1922. The leading overall marksman in this fixture is Rowley, with a dozen strikes. Six different scorers share the honour for Hull, with four goals apiece; with Tommy Browell recording his fistful in a single fixture in 1911-12.

►//:out of character

Believe it or not, the only Leicester player to ever be red-carded against Hull was none other than Gary McAllister, back in March 1988.

►//:debutants

Nineteen players have made their Leicester debut

when facing Hull in the past.

The list includes Hughie Adcock, Adam Black, Arthur Chandler, Wayne Clarke, Allan Evans, Rob Johnson, Kevin Russell and Tommy Wright.

►//:foot on both camps

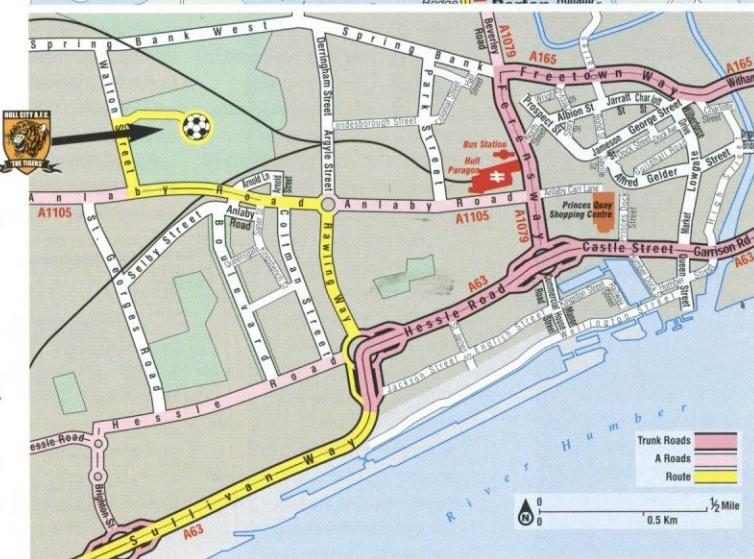
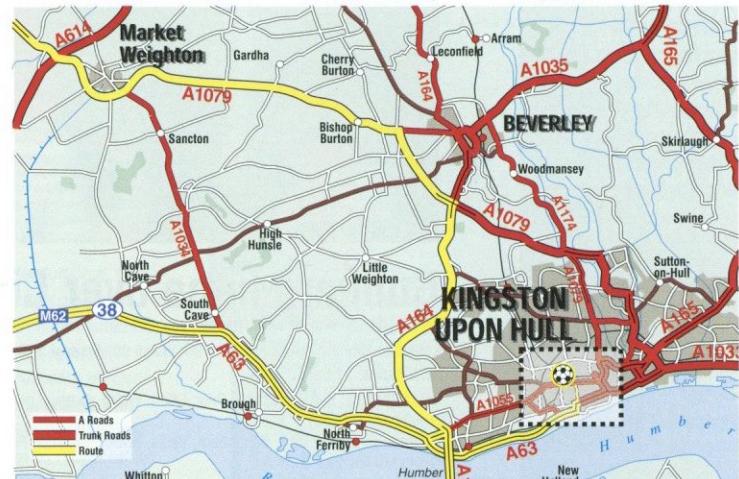
There may only be a smattering of players who have represented both clubs over the years, but there was one record transfer deal, back in November 1949, when Don Revie moved to Boothferry Park for a £20,000 fee. Other notables include Damien Delaney, Lawrie Duffield, Terry Heath, Junior Lewis, Steve Moran, Ian Ormondroyd, Garry Parker, Lee Philpott and

Martin Reeves.

No player has moved directly from Hull to Leicester since Willie King, back in September 1911.

►//:ticket news

We have been allocated 2,140 tickets for this fixture, priced at £21 for adults and £12 concessions. This is an all ticket match. Tickets are currently on general sale. Fox Travel coaches will depart from the Walkers Stadium at 10:30am, priced at £15 adults and £13 concessions (season ticket holders receive a 1% discount).



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PROGRAMME NOTES

"Dennis Bergkamp remains one of the best players in the Premiership, and tonight's game is nicely poised for something extraordinary."

Martin O'Neill clearly had a crystal ball before the game.

"Tonight we're up against the best foreign striker in the Premiership, in the shape of Dennis Bergkamp."

Steve Walsh was also spot on with his pre-match assessment.

"I'm desperate for a goal."

Emile Heskey, who will presumably have gone home happy after opening his seasonal account.

"When it gets to 2-2 you think this is it, we can hold on for another 30-40 seconds."

Martin O'Neill still didn't see the ending coming though.

"We have to remember that the game is run by the referee and it is only over when he blows the whistle."

Arsene Wenger sounded almost philosophical in his post-match comments, but only through clenched teeth.



Gunners fume over City's late, late show

Wednesday 27 August 1997: Premiership

Leicester City 3 (Heskey 83; Elliott 90; Walsh 90) Arsenal 3 (Bergkamp 9, 60, 90)

Attendance: 21,089

Leicester City: Keller, Kaemark, Prior, Elliott, Walsh, Guppy, Lennon, Izet (Parker 72), Savage (Cottee 72), Claridge (Fenton 62), Heskey.

Arsenal: Seaman, Dixon, Winterburn, Vieira, Bould, Grimandi, Parlour (Platt 81), Wright (Anelka 77), Petit, Bergkamp, Overmars (Hughes 81).

Now Leicester City have been involved in a few memorable draws over the years, with a particular cup tie against Luton in 1949, featured elsewhere in this programme, standing out.

But in recent years, there is one particular night at Filbert Street, exactly eight years ago, that is still vivid in the memory of many Foxes' fans.

Unbeaten in their first three outings, including a win at Anfield and a home draw with Manchester United, City actually went into this fixture in fourth place in the table, albeit still two places behind the impressive Gunners.

At that point, it looked as though the game would drift to its natural conclusion with the champions-elect securing three comfortable points.

And it was the visitors who

Martin O'Neill made a round of substitutions to try to salvage something, whilst Arsene Wenger did the same to rest some key performers.

Even when Emile Heskey forced the ball home from close range with just seven minutes remaining, most people thought it would be little more than a consolation effort.

Indeed, with 90 minutes on the clock, and Graham Barber checking his timepiece, there was still no hint of the drama left to unfold.

The game was a good two minutes into stoppage time when the Foxes' last desperate efforts appeared to have earned an unlikely reward, as

Matt Elliott rampaged forward to grab an equaliser.

Pontus Kaemark and Steve Walsh created the opening, before Elliott's deflected shot squirmed in at the far post.

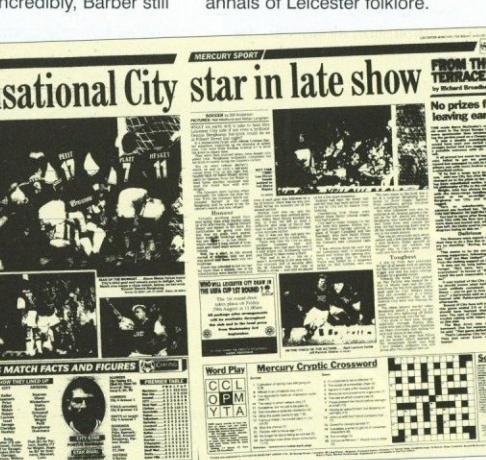
Yet, a minute later, the Gunners struck again, with Bergkamp displaying superb skill to control a difficult

dropping ball, turn Elliott inside out, and slot his shot past Keller, all in one silky movement - elation to deflation for the Foxes in the space of 60 seconds.

Yet, incredibly, Barber still

did not blow for full-time, City surged forwards again, and with more than six minutes of stoppage time played, a sequence of headers across the six-yard box ended with Walsh planting the ball past David Seaman to round off an amazing spell of football.

At the final whistle, a few tempers became frayed, and complaints abounded about exactly when the referee should have called time, but nothing could detract from a truly memorable evening in the annals of Leicester folklore.



All around the world

To the delight of ice-cream vendors and door-to-door air-conditioning salesmen throughout England, our green and pleasant land was melting under the merciless sun which was creating the hottest temperatures since someone with too much time on their hands began recording the weather 300 years previously.

The weather inspired England's cricketers to a memorable Ashes victory over our Australian cousins. As usual, an English victory looked highly unlikely on the third day of the sixth test, with Australia set a piffling target of just 123. But they reckoned without Phil Tufnell and Andy Caddick who bowled the Aussies out for just 104 runs. England still lost the series though, by 3-2.

On the day of the match, *Men in Black* by Will Smith, from the movie of the same name, occupied the number one spot in the charts, having replaced *I'll Be Missing You* by Puff Daddy and Faith Evans, a tribute to slain rapper Notorious B.I.G. If American artists dominated singles sales, then the Britpop movement was very much alive in the album charts.

The eponymous Blur album had been selling well for some time, whilst *Here Now* by Oasis first entered the chart this month selling a record-breaking 350,000 copies on its first day.

Speed 2: Cruise Control was the latest movie release 'entertaining' cinema goers at the time. Other movies on release included the previously mentioned *Men in Black*, *Jurassic Park*: Lost World and *Bean* while on the glowing box in the corner *Eastenders* was in the middle of a ponderous five-nights-a-week 'special' with Ricky and Bianca going on holiday to Paris.

In football in August 1997, the first game at Derby's new Pride Park stadium has to be abandoned after 56 minutes due to a floodlight failure. Coventry's Dion Dublin gets off to a flying start with an opening day hat-trick against Chelsea. Bruce Grobbelaar, John Fashanu and Hans Segers are acquitted of all charges in the bribes case at Winchester Crown Court. Diego Maradona, at the age of 36, failed a drug test for the third time in his career. In Scottish Division Three, Albion Rovers, leading 1-0 at Queen's Park, have goalkeeper Steve Ross sent off after 70 minutes for protesting a booking under the new six-second rule, then have another three players dismissed subsequently, as Queen's Park hit five goals in the final 13 minutes.

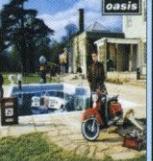
Leicester City entered the transfer market to sign Tony Cottee, Graham Fenton and Peggy Arphaxad. Kevin Poole departed permanently, whilst both Mark Robins and Julian Watts moved out on loan, to Reading and Crewe respectively.

It was a busy week for the Foxes who were drawn against Atletico Madrid in the UEFA Cup while their 19-year-old striker, Emile Heskey, was called up to Glenn Hoddle's England squad to prepare for the World Cup qualifier with Moldova.

Local news saw councillor Maggie Bodell-Stagg warning about the state of the old Liberty Shoe Works in Eastern Boulevard. She said the building, that had stood empty since 1991 with its miniature Statue of Liberty, was an eyesore and would look even worse when all the regeneration work in the area was completed...

Leicester had gone *teletubbies* mad with stocks of the indecipherable soft-toys selling out within hours at stores leaving children in tears.

Britain woke up four days after City's clash with Arsenal to the news that Princess Diana had been killed in a car crash in Paris, having just returned from a visit to Bosnia to campaign for a ban on land mines.



Featured Fox

David Connolly



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The manager, players and staff believe we should be among the promotion challengers. That's the pressure that is on us and that's how it should be.

David Connolly believes City need to become "the grinders" if they are to achieve their ambition of Championship promotion this season.

The Republic of Ireland international striker has hit the ground running with four goals in his first three matches and hopes to continue the hot streak against Luton today - if he can shake off a niggling thigh strain.

His stunning hat-trick against Stoke in the first home game of the season had the Walkers Stadium buzzing, but Connolly says: "At the end of the day if I score a shed load of goals but we don't get promoted, it means nothing.

"Goals only count if you are successful and as far as I'm concerned it doesn't matter who scores them.

"It is a team game and we have a lot of selfless players in the squad who are prepared to do everything for the team.

"That's the way it has to be, and if I don't score then I hope I am contributing in other ways to the

team effort.

"Make no mistake, there are some very good players here and there is a lot of talent and ability in the side.

"But we have got to turn that talent to grinding out results.

"You look at the way Premiership champions Chelsea have started the season. They will probably say they have not played very well in their first two matches but they have churned out 1-0 wins.

"Obviously we are not a Chelsea, but we have got to try and develop that same sort of mentality and grind out results even if we are not playing well.

"If we can tighten up everywhere as a whole team it doesn't matter who scores the goals. I'll happily settle for a few 1-0 wins even if I don't score a goal."

With Connolly absent because of injury last Saturday, Danny Tiatto and Joey Gudjonsson duly obliged to earn the Foxes a 2-2 draw at Crewe.

And Connolly doesn't go along with the theory that, if he doesn't score, City will struggle for goals.

"They can come from other areas for sure," he adds.

"We certainly have players in the side now with the ability to

David Connolly



get goals.

"I accept that as a striker my main job is scoring, so if I do that all well and good.

"But if it's other people that score and I help that's just as good, as long as the team is winning.

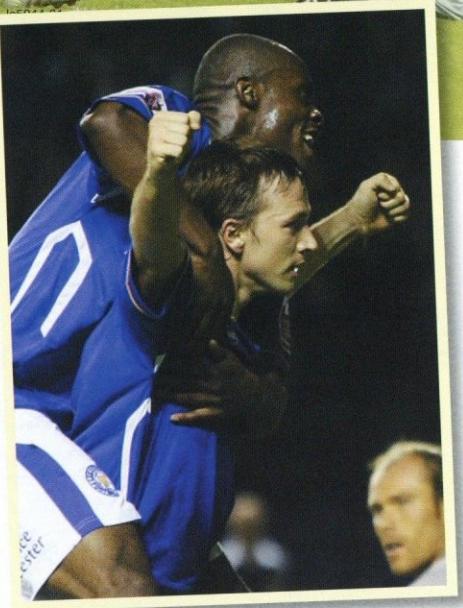
"I'm not really in it for the glory of scoring goals because the points are always the most important thing."

But those who shrewdly bet a pound or two at 40-1 during the close season that Connolly will finish the campaign as the top scorer in the Championship will certainly be hoping that his razor-sharp form continues.

He says: "Scoring the hat-trick against Stoke was nice and I am happy with the way the manager has got us playing. It suits me.

"The nearer to goal I am the better and perhaps last season I did work too much out wide trying to get the ball.

"Now we pass the ball a bit more



and keep possession but we have still got to mix it up a bit as all teams do.

David Connolly scores his second and, eight minutes later, celebrates his hat-trick against Stoke.
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"Sometimes you do need to go long although we certainly have the ability to pass it and keep it."

Connolly was in the starting line-up for the first match of the season against Sheffield United at Bramall

Lane despite missing all but one of the warm-up games because of injury.

He responded with an excellently taken goal early in the second half and says: "The manager showed a lot of faith in me by sticking me in for that game despite my lack of match practice.

"I enjoyed that – the pressure of being put in without playing and trying to deliver. It was good to know the manager had that sort of faith in me.

"Ironically I'd had a good summer, felt good when I reported back for pre-season training, did all the running and played in the first practice game.

"Then I picked up a little injury but that's how it goes. You think you are going to have the perfect preparations and go into the game feeling perfect and it doesn't happen.

"But you can never be sure what will happen anyway. Sometimes

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David Connolly



things still work out for you.

"A year ago in pre-season I was scoring goals for fun then things didn't quite work out at the start of the season.

"This time I miss most of the pre-season games and then score four goals in the first three matches in the Championship. It just goes to show.

"I was disappointed not to play at Crewe and I tried everything to be fit for the match.

"But it was decided that it would be best if I missed it and, hopefully, I'll be okay for Luton this afternoon."

A fit and sharp Connolly is clearly a vital part of manager Craig Levein's new-look side and the 28-year-old striker believes the squad

“If we can tighten up everywhere as a whole team it doesn't matter who scores the goals. I'll happily settle for a few 1-0 wins even if I don't score a goal.

is good enough to mount a genuine promotion challenge.

He accepts however that it will not be easy because of the huge turnover of players in the last two years.

Connolly says: "At the end of last season we had a situation where so many players were leaving the club and it had to be a case of rebuilding really.

"Managers need time and players need time to integrate themselves, but I am sure it will come.

"Because there has been such a turnaround of players I don't think people on the outside will look on us as possible promotion candidates at all.

"But on the inside, the manager, players and staff believe we should be among the promotion challengers.

"That's the pressure that is on us and that's how it should be.

"But it's good if nobody else feels that way and, at the moment, they could be justified because we have played four matches and only picked up five points.

"So we are not justifying our own belief. Hopefully though that will change because I feel the performances have been decent.

"So I'm quietly confident that we are going to do okay, although we have a lot to improve on and there is still a lot of work to be done.

"When you look back on a lot of the games last season we didn't play very good football and I'm sure it was hard for the fans to come and watch at times and still support us.

"But they did and there was an incredible gate of more than 30,000 for that first game against West Ham.

"I thought we played well that day and were unlucky not to win despite being down to 10-men."

"From then on though, we kind of stuttered and it didn't quite happen for us."

"So this season we have to show the fans something to be excited about."

"If we do that I am sure they will be here in force again and back us all the way."

You ask the questions...

David Connolly

What is the best goal you have ever scored?

Josh Hallam, Kegworth

It's difficult to come up with my best goal – I scored a couple of good ones last season for City but I have two favourites.

My first League goal when I was a teenager at Watford and my first international goal for the Republic of Ireland in a match against Mexico.

They are the two highs for me.

Of all the strike partners you have played with who has been the best and why?

Pravin Parmar, Bedfordshire

That's a tough one to answer. There have been so many and they are all different types of players.

You can have someone alongside you that is selfless like Neil Shipperley for instance.

He was fantastic for a partner because he took a lot of the weight off me. Then there was Jermain Defoe at West Ham. He's so dynamic, a lovely lad and a special talent.

If you had not had a football career what would you be doing?

Matthew Hutchinson, Nuneaton

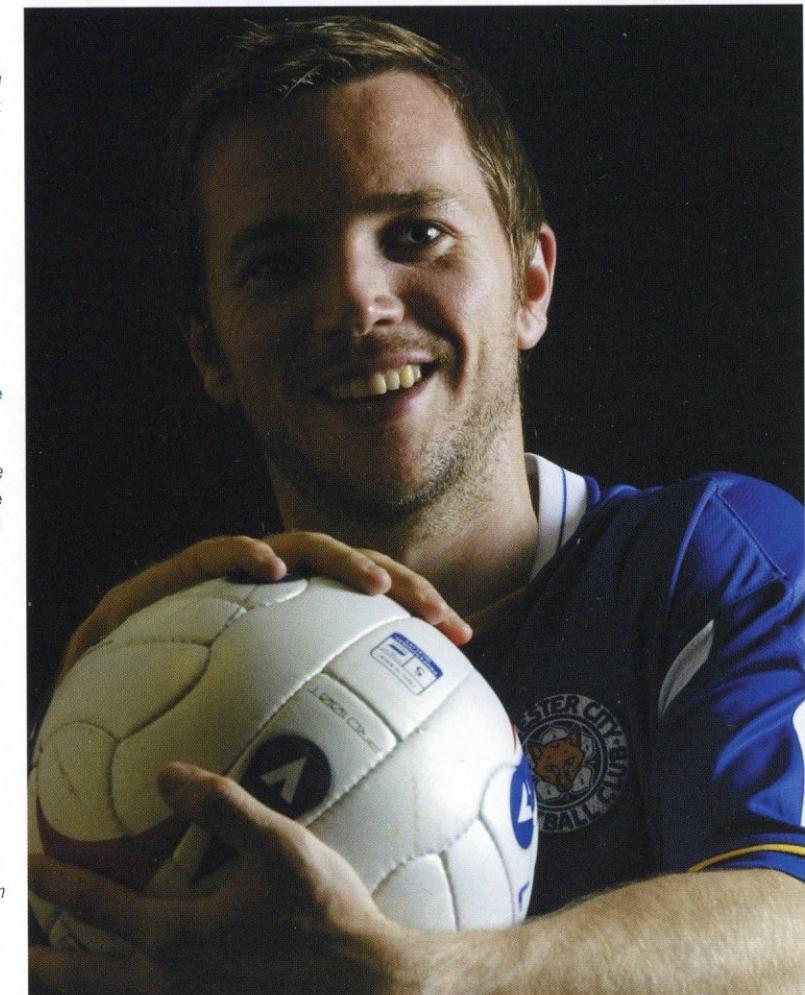
Well I might have become an architect because I had some work experience in that profession and was interested in it.

But I am also interested in design and psychology. I suppose I might even have tried to become a teacher.

What would you suggest your fellow players in the squad adopt in terms of training, technique and mental preparation for matches?

Einar Holter, Oslo, Norway

I wouldn't look to suggest anything really. Every player has his own way of preparing and everyone is different. They are all experienced and you do whatever works best for yourself.



How does it feel to be one of the longest serving City players after only one full season at the club?

Tom Kelly, Market Bosworth

It certainly shows the turnaround in players we have had at the club. Because of that I guess it's hard for fans to develop a relationship with players. Hopefully we now have a squad that will stay together for a while and we can then add to it each season. I think that's the route we are going down now.

I was wondering where you get your hair cut?

Lee Cherrington, Caldicot, Wales

Clutching the Stoke matchball. Ic5071-03

I usually have it cut in Soho when I'm down in London.

But I have to admit I am very lazy in that respect and don't get it cut very often.

It is always bottom of the list of my things to do. But whatever you do, don't have your hair cut at the same place as Paddy McCarthy. I think the Council cuts his hair!

What did you expect from Leicester fans when you first came to the club?

Tom Sutton-Day, Leicester

Well I knew Leicester was renowned for being a big club with

a good stadium and a big fan base. I thought we had excellent crowds last season and the fans got behind us and showed their faith even when things were not going well. I'm sure if we can do well this season they will be here in force again.

What has been your best moment since you joined City?

Joseph Olszewski, Leicester

It has to be the hat-trick against Stoke. It was nice to do it at the Walkers Stadium in front of our own fans and the fact that we won as well was the icing on the cake.

What are your aims and ambitions this season?

Tom Bingley, Melton Mowbray

I am not setting any personal targets other than to try and do my very best to help us get promoted. I want to play in the Premiership and going up with this City team is the best way to do it.

Do you want to stay in football when your playing career finishes?

Tom Geraghty, Twickenham

Yes, I would like to if possible. I love the game and I would like the chance to become a coach or a manager.

If you could choose to play alongside any striker in the world who would it be and why?

Simon Garrett, Aylestone

I think I would want to play alongside a player who is unselfish and can make chances for others as well as scoring goals himself – a real team player.

Two who come into that category are Thierry Henry and Dennis Bergkamp. They are both terrific players.

With all the Scots and Aussies at Leicester, who is the hardest to understand when they speak?

Chris Callaghan, Coalville

I'm not fussy. It doesn't matter to me as long as we are promoted.



Is it important to have a good rapport with the supporters?

Andy Croydon, Leicester

Yes it is. I know that is difficult at times because fans think you could be there for a while and then suddenly you move on.

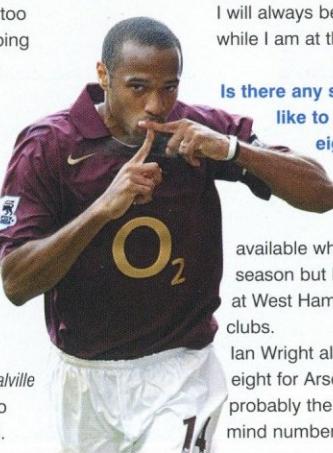
And that's not always your decision. But I feel I have a good relationship with the City fans and I can promise I will always be giving my very best while I am at the club.

Is there any special reason you like to wear the number eight shirt?

Edward Olszewski, Leicester

Well, it wasn't available when I came last season but I wore number eight at West Ham and at some other clubs.

Ian Wright always wore number eight for Arsenal so I think that's probably the reason. But I don't mind number 10 either.





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Dion Dublin's All Star XI... Players he has played alongside

GOALKEEPER: PETER SCHMEICHEL (Holland)

Peter was the best keeper I have ever seen. I played with him at both Manchester United and Aston Villa and there is no-one better.

He had absolutely everything in terms of reactions, crosses and distribution. You knew that if Peter Schmeichel wasn't moaning, he wasn't on form!

DEFENDER: PAUL PARKER (England)

I've played with some quality right-backs in my time. Parks wasn't the best footballer but as a right-back stopping people play I can't see anybody who is better. He just had that knack of making the right decisions.

DEFENDER: GARY PALLISTER (England)

Pally was a leader, read the game brilliantly and his combination with Steve Bruce at Manchester United was probably one of the best that English football has ever seen.

DEFENDER: GARETH SOUTHGATE (England)

Southgate was probably the most reliable player I have ever played with. He never ever let you down. He was a great talker both in the dressing room and off the pitch.

DEFENDER: STEVE STAUNTON (Ireland)

A quality left-back who has really adapted well to the game the older he gets – and is still doing it now. A top-class international defender with a sweet left peg. He is also very special with the deal ball; I can remember him striking some unbelievable free-kicks in training. However, I have never known a man to moan as much as he did when he was on the field! It was outrageous.

MIDFIELDER: BRYAN ROBSON (England)

The most committed footballer and leader I've ever had the pleasure of playing with. He was so committed to the task it was scary. It was much, much more than a job

for him. He needed football, it was in his blood. An unbelievable engine and the archetypal midfielder.

I was made up when he kept West Brom up last season.

MIDFIELDER: GORDON STRACHAN (Scotland)

This man just led by example. I only caught him near the end of his career at Manchester United but learnt so much off him.

He's an absolute legend, a leader and somebody you just had to look up to.

MIDFIELDER: GARY McALLISTER (Scotland)

If I had to sum up Gary Mac in just one word, it would have to be 'quality'. Just pure class. At Coventry he'd be the player who would pick the team up by the bootlaces and get us going again. A great captain as well – a real inspiration.

MIDFIELDER: RYAN GIGGS (Wales)

Quite simply the best left-winger in the world. I can't speak highly enough of Giggsy. The lad just takes your breath away. He was just emerging at United

when I was there but he was a phenomenal talent.

Last season I thought his form was absolutely amazing and was a great pleasure to watch.

STRIKER: ERIC CANTONA (France)

No-one had ever seen anything like him when he first rose to the fore at Man United. He was a flamboyant Frenchman who simply oozed confidence. Some of the things he did in training were breathtaking – and on the field in matches he wasn't bad either.

STRIKER: MARK HUGHES (Wales)/IAN WRIGHT (England)

I don't want to do either of these a disservice by making one of them a substitute so I am just going to pick both of them!

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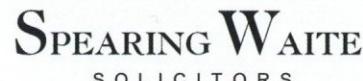
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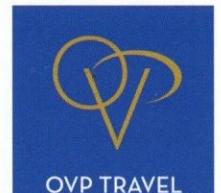


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Club	Thurlaston Magpies
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Secondary Development	Bosworth College
Special School	Keyham Lodge

Thurlaston Magpies

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Barrow Town

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Women)

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Girls)

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Fair Play - Youth Winner Overall
Melton Foxes Juniors

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Queniborough

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Bob Ogle (Leicester)



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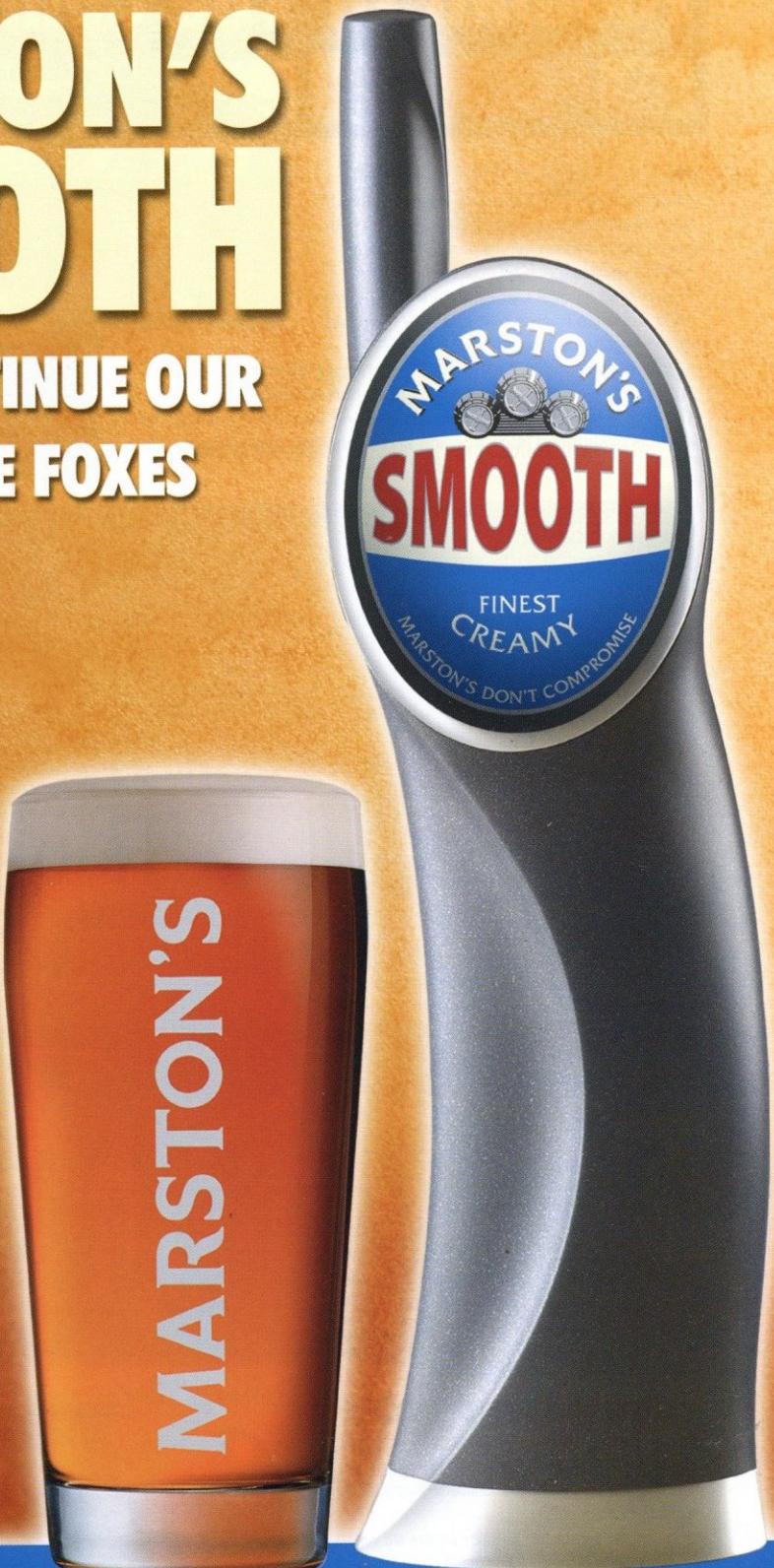
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School Days... with Jason Wilcox



Jason Wilcox owes a great debt to his football manager at Breightmet Primary School in Bolton. Nothing unusual in that, you might think. But in this extra special case the football teacher was not a sir. It was a Miss Trevina.

And the female touch certainly seemed to pay dividends as the combination of Miss Trevina as manager and Jason as school captain led to the school lifting league and cup crowns.

"Bear in mind this was nearly 25 years ago and it was unheard of to have a female teacher taking the boys football team," recalls Jason.

"It created quite a stir at the time because we proved so successful. We won our league of eight schools

and went on to lift the Bolton Evening News Cup – which was a big honour for primary schools.

"I do owe a big debt of thanks to her for helping me on my way. We have stayed in touch and I met up with her about eight years ago.

"She has always followed my career very closely and having a female football teacher is something I'll certainly always remember."

Football was always Jason's first love.

But in terms of technical prowess, he concedes he was arguably even better at judo.

By the age of 14 he was a black belt and went on to represent Great Britain.

"But because I was a black belt there was no-one in my age group who I could fight. So I was put in

Jason Wilcox (front row, second left) joins his Breightmet Primary School teammates and manager Miss Trevina as they celebrate their Bolton Evening News Cup success.

Pic courtesy of Bolton Evening News

“
It was unheard of to have a female teacher taking the boys football team 25 years ago, it created quite a stir at the time...

with grown men and I started picking up too many injuries," he adds.

"They meant I wasn't fit to play football and that always came first in my list of priorities. I was lucky enough to represent Great Britain twice.

"Once I fought in Ipswich and won two bouts and lost two, I can't recall what happened in the other contest."

"I've hardly ever practiced it since. John Cross, our fitness coach at the club, has demonstrated a few moves on some of the lads in the gym.

"But, so far, I've resisted the temptation to get too involved again."

As a left-sided player Jason was always in demand.

"Even in those days there weren't many of us around. I was left-footed and right-handed, my brother was right-footed and left-handed.

"At primary school I was a left-winger. I'd stay out wide, get the ball and dribble past a few people and try and score.

"As I got older and came up against better players I realised I couldn't do it all myself."

Deane County Secondary School was Jason's next port of call.

Naturally enough he was in the school team but he didn't necessarily enjoy the benefits of team-mates who were picked up on schoolboy forms by other clubs.

Jason played for a junior team called Christchurch before signing up with the region's top team OLOG.

"I've always had belief in myself and I felt I could make the grade at football. The OLOG team was the most successful junior team in the area and was packed with lads on schoolboy forms.

"Half of the side was on forms with Blackburn, Manchester United, Manchester City and Crewe.

"I never seemed to get a real chance. I went for a trial at Manchester City but it didn't work out."

"I didn't even play much for the Bolton Boys representative schools side. The manager of the team was the English teacher at my school.

"But he didn't seem to want to pick me much. Maybe he was getting his own back because I larked about in his class!"

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BEN

team that will never play together graduates!

The rising stars of Bolton schools

IT'S Bolton's alternative professional football team - a team groomed for soccer stardom in their home town. With Keith Welch at the back, Gary Flitcroft, Jason Wilcox and Julian Darby in the middle and Paul Moulden up front it has a strong and creative blend.

Unfortunately it will never get together on the football field.

But it's the pride and joy of the coaches who started them on the road to the big time.

A full team complete with three substitutes, they all graduated through the successful Bolton schools system to either the Premier or Barclays League.



"It's lovely to see these players on television when you remember them as little lads."

"I am surprised Jason has done so well but I don't think Paul Moulden has done as well as he could have."

"He was outstanding at schoolboy level although Julian Darby did a lot to make him what he was, about 75 per cent of Paul's goals came from Darby."

There are another three players who are eligible for the squad, Simon Burton and Craig Allardice at Pinstone and Paul Morris at Bury and they are five more currently playing in the Pontins Central League.

Mr Price declared: "I would be amazed if we had so many lads through at the same time in

(France) b. 1971 CYCLING: Chris Walker, the 1991 Milk Race winner from Shropshire, who was dropped after one season with the Subaru-Montgomery team has been signed by the American squad.

BADMINTON: Unbeaten Yorkshire will be almost certain of promotion to Division One in the Inter-County Badminton Championship if they beat Notts at York on Sunday.

YORKS (v Notts, Sun): N. Pansar (Huddersfield), M. Adams (Barnsley), R. Outram (Barnsley), I. Bucknell (Hull), J. Willmott (Nottingham), L. Ashton (Sheffield Uni), T. Mills (Hull), S. Hulme (Leeds).

CROWN GREEN: The British Junior Match, the finals of which will be held at Heswall on Sunday, August 22, are to be sponsored by the Liverpool Bowls

ers A.C.

Wilcox defies critics

JASON WILCOX is a shining example of what can be achieved through self belief. Now a valued member of the £14 million team-Ken Dalglish has assembled at Blackburn, the young left-winger has had to fight his way through a torrent of abuse to gain recognition from the Ewood Park crowd.

Even now, a small section of Blackburn's supporters still barrack Wilcox, 21, whenever he does anything wrong. But he has silenced most of his critics this season, by laying on goalscoring chances for his team-mates with astonishing precision and regularity.

Wilcox's ability to deliver the ball invitingly across the face of goal has had no less an authority than Gary Lineker drooling on Match of the Day at the thought of having alongside him.

So besides Jason's sporting attributes what was he like in the classroom? His final tally of eight O-Levels might have surprised his teachers in his very early school years.

"I wouldn't say I was the greatest academic at school," says Jason modestly.

"If you look back at my school reports in the earlier days they'd always have phrases like 'easily led', 'likes to have a laugh', 'the clown of the class'.

"I certainly enjoyed my time at school and look back on them with fond memories. But in my final two years I realised I had to get down to

some hard work.

"I did study hard and I ended up coming out with 8 O-Levels which I was very pleased with. In terms of grades French and Biology were my two best subjects.

"Had I not gone into professional football then I would have gone on to College to do A-Levels.

"I had a leaning towards the medical side and while I doubt I would have been bright enough to become a doctor, I fancied something like physiotherapy as a possible career."

Dad Malcolm played a key role in helping Jason onto the first rung of the professional ladder.

“Thanks to my dad, I was invited to play a trial match with Blackburn and within a matter of days I was signed up and then playing in an FA Youth Cup Final!



He wrote 15 letters to get me job at Rovers says £1m ace Wilcox

By STEVEN HOWARD

ARGONAUTS go hunting the golden fleece a Coca-Cola Cup jackpot at Wembley — when they meet Sheffield Wednesday in the semi-final first leg at Ewood Park.

But five years ago Wilcox was a young man in a hurry... going nowhere.

Signed

Left-winger Wilcox, the kid who has been providing the ammo for big guns Alan Shearer and Mike Newell, says: "I always knew I was good enough but for some reason I just wasn't getting any offers."

"I used to play in a Sunday league side when half a dozen of them had already been signed up by either Rovers, Manchester United or Crewe."

"But me? Nothing. I couldn't believe no one

was interested."

WILCOX HITS THE COMEBACK TRAIL

By PETER WHITE

JASON Wilcox hopes it will be third time lucky tonight, as the Blackburn Rovers wingman bids to put nearly 10 months of sheer frustration behind him.

Wilcox, whose touchline talents have been sorely missed by Rovers, is set to start his

As a youngster Jason confesses to being a Liverpool fan.

"But only an armchair one. I'd get the Liverpool kit as a Christmas present and my big hero was Kenny Dalglish.

"So it was an incredible feeling when during my time at Blackburn, Kenny took over as manager and I really started to play well for them."

Jason now has his sights set on helping the Foxes back into the Premiership after battling back from serious injury last season.

And although during his illustrious career he's played for some illustrious managers, he'll never forget his first boss... Miss Trevina.

JASON
WILCOX:
Return

Behind closed doors...

with Alan 'The Birch' Birchenall

As always I like to kick-off the column by extending a warm welcome to today's opponents, who have made a very good start to the Championship season.

They came away from my old club Crystal Palace on the opening day with a win and then upset the formbook to take three points off another of the promotion favourites, Southampton.

It goes to show that, regardless of who you are, anyone can beat anyone in this league.

We've had a mixed bag of results in the league so far. It'll be interesting when Craig has a fully fit squad to choose from. We seem to have more strength in depth in certain positions and when we get the injured lads back, I reckon we'll be a match for most teams.

With due respect, Mike Newell never really struck me as someone who would move so smoothly and successfully into management.

I got to know him in his two years as a Leicester player and he came across as a fairly quiet bloke who went about his business of popping in the goals with very little fuss.

I suppose it goes to show that I'm not the greatest at judging characters!

He was always willing to help out The Birch by attending functions and was a pleasure to have around the club.

He's made massive strides in his early managerial career, firstly with Hartlepool and now at Luton.

He may have scored on his City debut but I still feel the pain from the goal Mike got against us on a very important afternoon in May 1992.

After a dramatic dive from David Speedie, it was Mike who

slotted in the penalty which saw Blackburn beat us in the Second Division Play-Off Final.

He very "kindly" allowed Carl Muggleton to save his second-half penalty to keep us in the game but it just wasn't meant to be for us at Wembley that day.

Or the following year against Swindon, come to mention it.

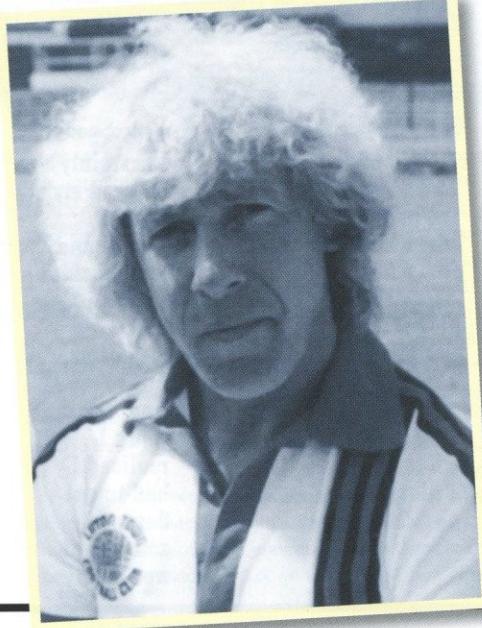
Having managed both us and Luton, my old Nottingham Schoolboys team mate David Pleat is probably more fondly remembered for his time at Kenilworth Road.

He signed me at the tail-end of my career and, by a quirk of fate, my debut was at an icy Filbert Street.

I had some banter with the Leicester fans but still got pelted with snowballs as I left the pitch at half-time! That night, Leicester beat Luton 3-0.

My career at Luton lasted precisely 10 games. After helping them avoid relegation I wanted to stay and help them push for promotion back to the top flight.

David Pleat's right hand man



David Coates came up to me one day and said: "We're prepared to listen to offers for you."

"I don't want to leave," I replied. "Your job here is done," was the response.

"We brought you in to give the dressing room a lift. You did that and then some."

I was shocked at the time but ultimately realised it was an astute piece of management.

Following my departure, Luton went on to enjoy some great times with the likes of the Stein brothers, Ricky Hill and David Moss.

One of my happiest visits to Kenilworth Road was as a Leicester player in our 1974 FA Cup run.

We won 4-0 and it could've been six or seven. We were simply scintillating and on another planet that day.

Manchester City were one of the best teams around and their manager Malcolm Allison came into the dressing room afterwards. He said: "That was the best attacking display I have ever seen from a British side."

Big Mac was seen as something of a football guru at the time so the compliment meant even more to us.

Our dear departed friend Keith Weller scored such a brilliant goal that day it was recently voted (quite rightly) as the best ever by a City player.

To this day, I have failed to live down the hairstyle which marked my time at Luton.

Sadly, a picture of this blond perm still exists and, despite an offer of money to the programme editor, I fully expect to see it somewhere on these pages today.

I even tried growing a moustache that summer – what was I thinking?



There's a lad called Ade Danes, who works for the corporate side of the club, with split loyalties today.

He's been a Luton fan since childhood – possibly after seeing me play but probably in spite of that – and he goes to see them as often as he can.

Actually, his loyalties won't be split; he wants Luton to win. Make no mistake, I'll go and search him out if we get the three points today!

I can now reveal that we – or I should say you – helped raise a total of £35,500 from my charity run.

Out of darkness and into the light. It's good news for the hard-working girls in the Conference & Banqueting department at the club – they've finally been relocated from a windowless (and fairly soulless) room to a bright new one upstairs.

Their office for the past two

years (originally used for players' families on matchdays) was slap bang in the middle of the main stand and surrounded by just walls and doors.

They do a great job and deserve a better working environment.

I had planned to be photographed with the cheque at half-time at the Ipswich game but

Derek 'Del Boy' Norton, who works tirelessly alongside Rachel Cluley and many others behind the scenes, wasn't well and it wouldn't be right for him to be missing from the presentation.

From us all Derek, get well soon

“He may have scored on his City debut but I still feel the pain from the goal Mike got against us in May 1992 which saw Blackburn beat us in the Second Division Play-Off Final.

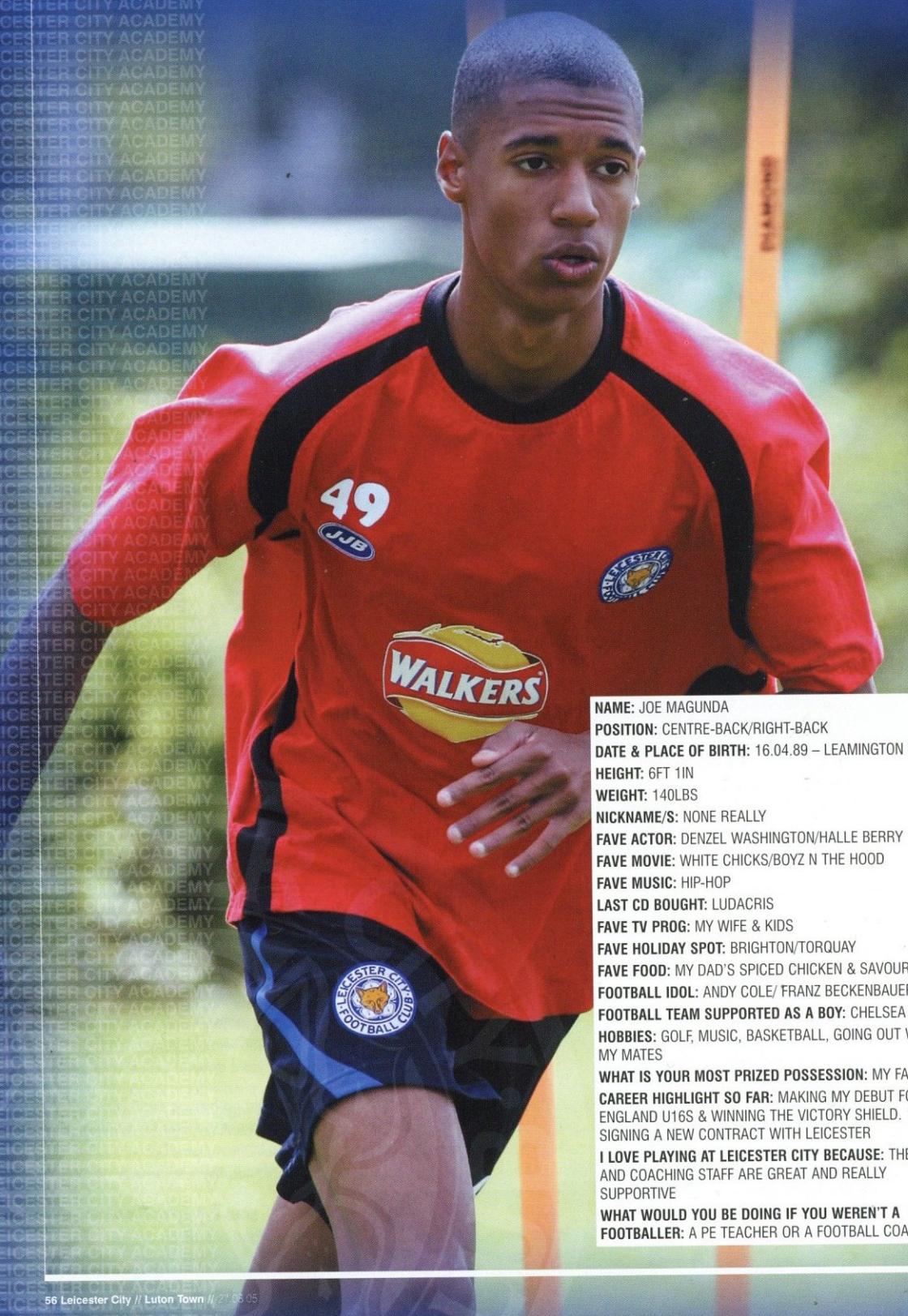
mate. Some wag reckoned I didn't appear at half-time because I didn't want to get my bouffant wet in the pouring rain. Perish the thought!

As you can see, I made a presentation to a lifelong City fan called Gladys Kenny at the Ipswich game. I won't reveal the lady's age but suffice to say, she is probably one of our longest suffering, I mean longest serving supporters.

If you know of someone who deserves a special treat at a future game, please get in touch with me at the training ground.

We can't accommodate everyone for obvious reasons but we'll do our best to surprise a loved one.

As always, your support is crucial so be loud and be proud.



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FAVOURITE MOVIE: WHITE CHICKS/BOYZ N THE HOOD
FAVOURITE MUSIC: HIP-HOP
LAST CD BOUGHT: LUDACRIS
FAVOURITE TV PROG: MY WIFE & KIDS
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT: BRIGHTON/TORQUAY
FAVOURITE FOOD: MY DAD'S SPICED CHICKEN & SAVOURY RICE
FOOTBALL IDOL: ANDY COLE/FRANZ BECKENBAUER
FOOTBALL TEAM SUPPORTED AS A BOY: CHELSEA
HOBBIES: GOLF, MUSIC, BASKETBALL, GOING OUT WITH MY MATES
WHAT IS YOUR MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: MY FAMILY
CAREER HIGHLIGHT SO FAR: MAKING MY DEBUT FOR ENGLAND U16S & WINNING THE VICTORY SHIELD.
SIGNING A NEW CONTRACT WITH LEICESTER
I LOVE PLAYING AT LEICESTER CITY BECAUSE: THE LADS AND COACHING STAFF ARE GREAT AND REALLY SUPPORTIVE
WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER: A PE TEACHER OR A FOOTBALL COACH

The Academy



Leicester City's Academy Under-18s outfit will be aiming to make it two wins from two when they travel to Sunderland today.

The Foxes kicked-off their campaign last weekend with an encouraging 3-0 victory over Huddersfield.

"It was good to get off to a winning start," said Academy Director Jon Rudkin. "It was a little bit of a scrappy affair as opening games sometimes can be but overall we controlled the game and created an abundance of opportunities."

Trialist Jailow opened the scoring within five minutes before Louis Dodds doubled the visitors' advantage three minutes before the break. "Both goals came after some clever play by Levi Porter who caused a lot of problems throughout the game," Rudkin added.

"Huddersfield also had good claims for a penalty turned down but in retrospect Tommy



LOUIS DODDS // Doubled City's lead

Tejan-Sie had what looked like a perfectly legitimate goal disallowed by the referee, who ruled that there had been an infringement.

"Our keeper Alex Cisak also pulled off a tremendous save after we had scored the first goal."

After the injured Dodds (thigh) had been withdrawn at half-time, his replacement Ashley Chambers had an effort cleared off the line before he rounded off the win in the closing minutes.

Rudkin said: "It was quite a pleasing start. It was scrappy at

times and there is plenty of room for improvement.

"But we are a fairly young side and must keep our feet firmly on the ground.

"There are certainly a lot of tough games ahead, starting with Sunderland today."

Rudkin acknowledges that the Under-18s will face a stern test this afternoon but is convinced that they have enough quality to come away from the encounter with a positive result.

"It's a long journey to the northeast but we can travel there with confidence and will be looking to keep another clean sheet," Rudkin said.

"Last season we scored a lot of goals but conceded too many as well."

"It will be tough season physically for the lads because they are a relatively young side but they showed great endeavour and enthusiasm against Huddersfield and with more hard work things should start to come together."

Jon Rudkin was pleased to see left-back Alan Sheehan figure once again for the Republic of Ireland Under-21s.

The 18-year-old defender performed admirably despite scoring an own goal in his side's 2-2 draw with Northern Ireland in a friendly last week.

"It will prove to be another good experience for him," said Rudkin.

"Even though he did score an own goal, which was a deflection, the feedback we received was very positive and in fact, in some quarters, they were naming him as man-of-the-match."

"Hopefully, the next time he plays he will score in the other net!"

Meanwhile, Richard Stearman, who recently celebrated his 18th birthday, has been named in the England Under-19s squad for their forthcoming fixture against Belgium at Darlington on Tuesday, September 6.

Elsewhere James Graham has earned a call-up to the Scotland Under-19s squad for the International Challenge matches against Denmark on Tuesday, September 6 and Thursday, September 8 in Glasgow.

And Joe Mattock will join up with the England Under-16s for a training camp during the first week in September in

preparation for the Victory Shield.

Rudkin said: "Young Joe is a left-sided player who is a local boy and has been at the football club for four or five seasons.

"His target is to now secure a regular spot in the England 16s along with Ashley Chambers."

"It is good news for everyone that so many of our lads are gaining international recognition at such a young age."

City's starlets performed admirably at the prestigious Under-16 442 UK Ltd Summer Festival at Oakham School last week.

A mixture of Under-15s and 16s featured and came away unbeaten after games against Rangers, Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur.

"It was a very successful and beneficial week," Rudkin said. "The lads certainly did themselves proud."

"We learned a lot more about certain individuals and even included some trialists in the squad."

"They got to pit their wits against some top sides who had players from France, Germany, Italy and Ireland within their ranks."

"There was certainly a continental flavour."

ACADEMY UNDER 18 GROUP B FIXTURES SEASON 2005/06

►//AUGUST
 Sat 20 Huddersfield T 3-0
 Sat 27 Sunderland

►//SEPTEMBER
 Sat 3 Crystal Palace
 Sat 10 Chelsea
 Sat 17 Charlton Athletic
 Sat 24 Aston Villa

►//OCTOBER
 Sat 1 Milton Keynes
 Sat 8 Watford
 Sat 15 Bristol City
 Sat 22 Birmingham City

►//NOVEMBER
 Sat 5 Cardiff City
 Sat 12 Coventry City
 Sat 19 Reading

►//DECEMBER
 Sat 3 Tottenham Hotspur
 Sat 10 Aston Villa

►//JANUARY
 Sat 7 Watford
 Sat 14 Bristol City
 Sat 21 Birmingham City

►//FEBRUARY
 Sat 4 Cardiff City
 Sat 11 Coventry City
 Sat 18 Reading
 Sat 25 Tottenham Hotspur

►//MARCH
 Sat 4 Milton Keynes Dons
 Sat 11 Arsenal
 Sat 18 Norwich City

►//APRIL
 Sat 1 Millwall
 Sat 8 Ipswich Town
 Sat 22 Fulham

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ACADEMY FRIENDS

Leicester City's Academy are calling on companies or individuals to invest in the club's future.

The cost of £150 per company/person will be ploughed straight back into the Academy to help cover the costs of future tours and camps, kit and equipment. The company's contact details will feature in every matchday magazine throughout the season in the form of a business directory.

If you would like to join us and support the development of youth players at Leicester City please call the sales team on 0870 040 4444 (option two) or email: corporate.sales@lcfc.co.uk

Ticket Information

►//walkers stadium



Leicester City v Sheffield Wednesday
Saturday September 10 2005 - KO 3pm

Grade B

Tickets for this fixture are currently on general sale.
Members receive a £5 discount.

Leicester City v QPR (Saturday 24 September) and Leicester City v Brighton (Tuesday 27 September) go on sale today (Saturday 27 August). For details please visit the Ticket Office or www.lcfc.com

►//away fixtures



Hull City v Leicester City
Monday August 29 - KO 3pm

We have been allocated 2,140 tickets for this fixture, priced at £21 for adults and £12 concessions.
This is an all ticket match.

Remaining tickets are now on general sale (subject to availability)
Fox Travel coaches will depart from the Walkers Stadium at 10:30am, priced at £15 adults and £13 concessions (season ticket holders receive a £1 discount).



Cardiff City v Leicester City
Tuesday September 13 2005 - KO 7:45pm

We have been allocated a total of 1,800 tickets for this fixture, made up of 400 seats priced at £20 for adults and £14 concessions, and 1,400 spaces on the terrace priced at £18 adults and £13 concessions. Concession prices apply to over 60s and under 16s.

Selling arrangements are as follows:

Mon Aug 29	Season ticket holders (priority 1) Please note, the ticket office will open from 9am to 1pm on Bank Holiday Monday.
Tue Aug 30	Season ticket holders (priority 2)
Wed Aug 31	Season ticket holders (priority 3)
Thu Sep 1	Members
Fri Sep 2	General sale (subject to availability).

Fox Travel coaches will depart from the Walkers Stadium at 1pm, priced at £17 adults and £15 concessions (season ticket holders receive a £1 discount).

►//match ticket prices

Match ticket prices are detailed here. All Adult Members will receive discounts of between £2 and £5 per ticket, dependant upon the Grade for that particular game.

The grade for each fixture will be announced four Saturdays before the date of the game

The A+ Grade prices have been retained for the 2005-06 season at the same rates as the 2004-05 season, but will only be implemented in exceptional circumstances.

Disabled Supporters

Please note that tickets for our disabled supporters are available for all areas of the stadium and are priced at the rates shown above.

All registered disabled supporters are entitled to an additional ticket free of charge for a helper or assistant, if required.



All prices before Members Discounts

	A GRADE	B GRADE	FANS FIXTURES
Fosse Stand 'Kop', bmi Baby Family Stand, Alliance & Leicester Stand South Wing and West Stand Wings			
Leicester Stand South Wing and West Stand Wings			
Adults	27	22	15
Senior Cit / Young Adults	22	20	10
Juveniles	17	17	8
Fox Cubs	14	14	8
Alliance & Leicester Stand-Centre			
Adults	29	25	15
Senior Cit / Young Adults	24	21	10
Juveniles	19	17	8
Fox Cubs	14	14	8
Alliance & Leicester Stand-Premium			
Adults	32	27	15
Senior Cit / Young Adults	27	22	10
Juveniles	22	17	8
Fox Cubs	14	14	8
West Stand Centre			
Adults	34	29	15
Senior Cit / Young Adults	29	24	10
Juveniles	24	18	8
Fox Cubs	14	14	8

LCFC Women



►//PRE-SEASON UPDATE

Leicester City Women's squad have been busy preparing for the start of their campaign with several pre-season friendlies.

After convincing wins against the visiting American teams they then travelled to the prestigious Umbro 11-a-side tournament in Manchester.

The squad played a total of five matches on a league basis to determine whether they would progress into the semi-finals.

The Foxes did top their group after some pleasing results against Stretford Victoria, Crewe, Dundee and Peterborough Azures before being paired with Manchester Titans in the last four.

A hard-fought battle ensued but it was the Titans who went into the break a goal to the good.

City dug deep after the interval but 240 minutes of football had taken its toll on the squad and they exited the tournament at the semi-final stage.

Assistant coach Rehanne Skinner said: "The tournament was an excellent first time experience for the squad who took the opportunity to work on some new team strategies which involved our new key squad members."

The most recent friendly fixture was in Ipswich where the Women locked horns with Ipswich's first team and reserves as well as Norwich City.

"We took this opportunity to play against higher league opposition enabling us to further test our development and integration," added Skinner.

After going a goal down against Ipswich reserves early on, Rachel Williams netted the equaliser as the visitors struggled to find their feet.

Williams was again on target against Norwich but LCFC had to settle for a score draw as the Canaries hit back late on.

In their third and final friendly against The Tractor Boys' first-team, City played some of their best football but the match remained goalless at half-time after the Foxes spurned several opportunities.



Williams hit her third of the day but a late lapse cost Leicester dear as Ipswich netted a leveller against the run of play to make it three draws from three matches for the Foxes.

Leicester City Women kick-off their league campaign with a home fixture against Kettering Town on Sunday, September 4.



►//FEMALE FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

The club's female players have been working closely with Keyworth United Community FC.

Four of the players, who are qualified coaches, have been out working with United on some team training exercises for four different age groups.

The club have been participating in ball skills, team play and team bonding ready for the start of the season.

All 30 girls had an enjoyable two days and Leicester City look forward to working with these talented girls some time in the future.



LCFC WOMEN FIXTURES SEASON 2005/06

►//SEPTEMBER

Sun 4 Kettering Town
Sun 11 Cambridge Utd
Sun 18 Oadby Town

►//OCTOBER

Sun 2 Loughboro' D
Sun 9 Leicester YMCA
Sun 16 Woodford
Sun 23 Asfordby Am
Sun 30 League Cup 1st Round

►//NOVEMBER

Sun 6 Barwell
Sun 13 Birstall United
Sun 27 Broughton Rangers

►//DECEMBER

Sun 11 Corby S&L
Sun 18 Kettering Town

►//JANUARY

Sun 8 Oadby Town
Sun 22 Loughboro' D
Sun 29 Leicester YMCA

►//FEBRUARY

Sun 5 Woodford
Sun 19 Asfordby Amateurs
Sun 26 Barwell

►//MARCH

Sun 5 Birstall United
Sun 12 Broughton Rangers
Sun 19 Corby S & L

LCFC WOMEN 2005-06 SQUAD

1	Aimee Cattell
2	Stacey Agnew
3	Laura Morris
4	Rehanne Skinner
5	Lekeisha Gumbs
6	Leanne De Silva
7	Leanne Griffin
8	Rachel Williams
9	Sherrie Williams
10	Lianne Norman
11	Katherine Glass
12	Catherine Fox
13	Jess Casey
14	Linzi McCormick
15	Jade Radburn
16	Louise Ward
18	Amie Chivers
20	Caz Toone

►//:AUGUST

Wed 10 Portsmouth 1-6
Graham

Tue 30 Arsenal

►//:SEPTEMBER

Tue 6 Crystal Palace

Wed 14 Watford

Mon 19 Ipswich Town

Wed 28 West Ham United

►//:OCTOBER

Tue 4 Coventry City

Wed 19 Norwich City

Tue 25 Coventry City

►//:NOVEMBER

Wed 2 Fulham

Tue 8 Tottenham Hotspur

Tue 15 Chelsea

Wed 23 Southampton

►//:DECEMBER

Tue 6 Charlton Athletic

Tue 20 Portsmouth

►//:JANUARY

Wed 11 Crystal Palace

Tue 17 Arsenal

Mon 23 Watford

►//:FEBRUARY

Tue 7 Ipswich Town

Tue 21 West Ham United

►//:MARCH

Tue 7 Norwich City

Mon 13 Fulham

Tue 21 Tottenham Hotspur

Mon 27 Chelsea

►//:APRIL

Tue 4 Southampton

Mon 10 Charlton Athletic

►//:MAY

Wed 3 Play off

►//:2005-06 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	APTS
Tottenham	2	2	0	0	6	1
Crystal Palace	2	1	1	0	5	1
Portsmouth	2	1	0	1	7	3
Ipswich	1	1	0	0	2	1
Fulham	1	1	0	0	1	0
Southampton	1	1	0	0	1	0
Arsenal	2	1	0	1	3	3
Coventry	2	1	0	1	1	4
West Ham	2	0	1	1	3	4
Charlton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norwich	1	0	0	1	0	1
Chelsea	1	0	0	1	0	2
Watford	2	0	0	2	1	5
Leicester	1	0	0	1	1	6

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The Reserves



KENNY BLACK // Looking for experience against the Gunners.

The Reserves will be looking to make amends when they take on Arsenal at Barnet on Tuesday evening (7pm).

The Foxes are currently bottom of the Barclays Premiership Reserve League South table following their opening 6-1 defeat at the hands of Portsmouth.

But City have the opportunity to repair some of the damage next week against a Gunners second string side who have so far won one and lost one of their matches.

"Ideally we would have liked a game quite quickly after the Portsmouth defeat so that we had the chance to get the result out of our system," said coach Kenny Black.

"To lose five goals in a game is bad enough, but to lose five in one half is just not acceptable and was hugely disappointing.

"It didn't help having Alan Sheehan sent off as well but that came out of sheer frustration and we - Peter Houston and myself - have since spoken to him."

Therefore Black is hoping to see a marked improvement from his troops this time around.

"The Portsmouth defeat was a wake-up call for everyone concerned because before the season started we did say that we were looking to improve our league position.

"Reserve team football is important in terms of experience for the young kids, but you still want to do as well as you can. You want to keep things ticking over.

"As a result, it will be a good test for us against Arsenal because whatever side they put out, it will be strong.

"But I expect the lads to show a decent

attitude and repair most of the damage which was done against Portsmouth."

However, with a first-team game against Hull City scheduled for the day prior to the Arsenal match, Black is unsure as to the side that will make the trip to Barnet.

"We will have to have a look at things before naming the squad," Black added.

"We did talk about playing the likes of Patrik Gerbrand against Portsmouth but then we picked up a few knocks against Stoke, which was played the day before, and in the end there was only Paul Henderson who travelled.

"And he was big enough to hold his hands up and say that he could have done better with a couple of the goals having watched the game on video again."

Black added: "Usually we'd like to give the first-team subs a game but it just wasn't feasible earlier this month."

However, Black admits that some experience in the side against the Gunners would not go amiss.

He said: "It does help having a bit of

experience in a side which is mainly made up of youngsters.

"A wise head in the middle of the park or at the back can sometimes make all the difference.

"We got caught chasing the game against Portsmouth - big holes appeared but it's a learning curve and that's what we have told the youngsters.

"We always try and play the same way as the first team so that when any player gets drafted into the side, they have not been taught two different things."

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Oliver Chalk (7) and Harry Wood (6) both had days to remember after being City's official mascots for the recent Championship game against Ipswich Town. Oliver, of Wigston, posed for his photograph with leading goalscorer David Connolly while Harry, from Oadby, had his picture taken with Dion Dublin prior to kick-off.

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TODAY'S MASCOTS

Meet **Nathan Hiom** (9) from Glenfield who is an official LCFC mascot this afternoon.



Nathan attends The Hall County Primary School in Glenfield and he enjoys football, swimming and fishing.

His favourite players are Momo Sylla and Joey Gudjonsson and thinks the Foxes will overcome Luton 2-0 today.

He said: "I am very excited and have wanted to be a mascot since I became a season-ticket holder three years ago."

Joining Nathan is **Hollie Barwell** (13) from Glen Parva.



She attends South Wigston High School and likes playing and watching football and socialising with friends.

Her favourite players are captain Danny Tiatto and David Connolly.

She thinks Leicester will win 2-1 today. Hollie said: "I am very excited but also nervous. I am looking forward to meeting my favourite players."

Her great uncle, Colin Appleton, played for Leicester and figured in the FA Cup Finals in 1961 and 1963.



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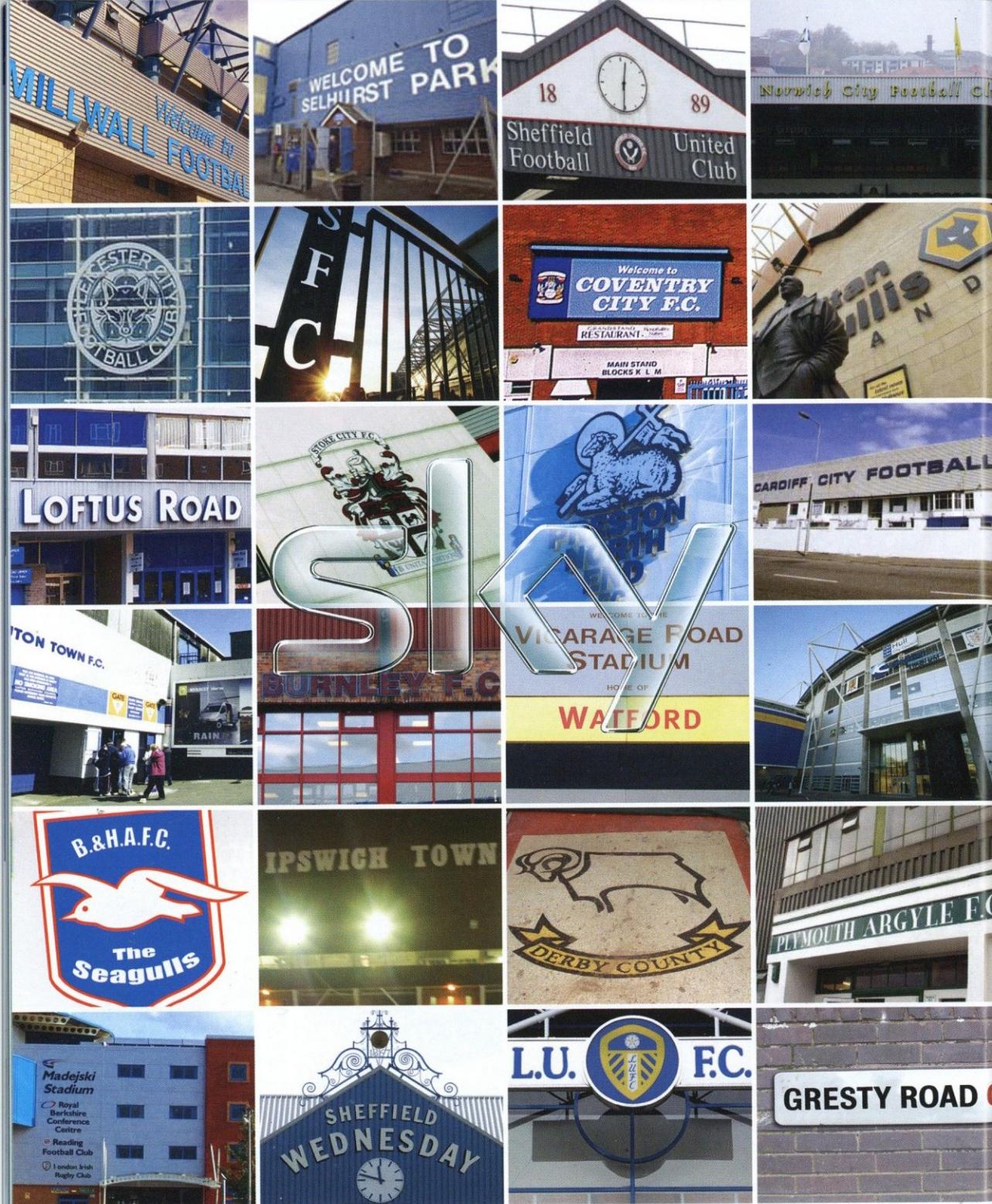
Luton's mascot is **Conor Danes**. He lives in Luton and his favourite players are Kevin Nicholls and Marlon Beresford.



He predicts a 2-1 victory for the Hatters and said: "I am very excited about walking out of the tunnel with my favourite team and players."

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Captain's Speech

Danny Tiatto

Bank Holidays are invariably important times in shaping football seasons.

And faced with two games in three days against Luton this afternoon and a visit to Hull City on Monday before a 12-day break from competitive action, I'm sure this one is going to prove no exception.

Inevitably, everyone is already studying the Championship table but it's probably not going to be until about 10 games in that we will get a more accurate reading of how teams are performing.

Even after four games it's demonstrating how competitive the division is going to be with no club having a 100 per cent record left.

From our perspective, after a disappointing last 10 minutes cost us an opening day defeat at Sheffield United, we've remained unbeaten in four games and advanced into the second round of the Carling Cup.

It might not be spectacular but steady progress is being made.

Over the weekend period, we find ourselves up against two of the newly-promoted clubs.

Both will have been pleased with the way they have adapted to life in the Championship.

But, with six points at stake, the weekend games mark an excellent opportunity for us to put in two good performances and then be able to enjoy the break.

A television crew from Sky Sports came down on Thursday to have a chat with Jason Wilcox and myself about the Ashes series.

As I've revealed in this column before, despite being an Aussie, I'm not really into my cricket.

Naturally, there's been a bit of banter among the Aussie contingent of Paul Henderson, Paddy Kisnorbo, James Wesolowski and myself with the English boys.

But I had to be a little careful during the interview and hopefully my lack of cricketing knowledge didn't show through too much to those of you who saw the piece.

On the subject of us Aussies, we were certainly out in force on Tuesday night at Bury.

It was great to see Paddy pulling

on a Leicester shirt for the first time in competitive action.

He came on as a second half sub and you can see straight away how competitive a player he is going to be for us.

He needs a few more training sessions and matches before we will see the best of him but he will be a big asset.

Congrats to Paul who made his goalkeeping debut and celebrated with a clean sheet.

And for me, personally, it was good to play a second game in three days to help improve my levels of match fitness.

It was a frustrating time having to sit out the first two matches through suspension.

But I got my chance against Ipswich and with three games now under my belt I feel much stronger and match-fit.

At Bury, I felt we were full value for the 3-0 scoreline and acquitted ourselves very professionally.

There's always scope for an upset in these sort of matches as several of our Championship rivals found to their cost this week.

But we knew what we had to do and we moved into the second round with a minimum amount of fuss.

By contrast, we didn't make it easy for ourselves at Crewe. But, having gone two goals down early on, the lads really showed their character.

I don't think there are too many sides who could have battled back from that.

I was fortunate enough to get my first goal of the season and it was a vitally important time to score because it got us right back into the game.

Elvis Hammond certainly created plenty of chances for himself that day and he could prove to be a real find for the club.

He's exceptionally quick and no-one can get too close to him in the sprints in training.

If we can deliver the right balls into him, there are going to be very few defenders at Championship level who can catch him.

“A television crew from Sky Sports came down on Thursday to have a chat about the Ashes series. I had to be a little careful during the interview and hopefully my lack of cricketing knowledge didn't show through too much to those of you who saw the piece!

After the Bank Holiday, a few of the lads will be away on international duty.

I'm not currently involved in the Australian squad which gives me an opportunity to concentrate on my club form.

Certainly, it means I won't have so much traveling to do during the break.

Having played several of their recent games in Europe, the Aussies are holding their next game – a World Cup qualifier against the Solomon Islands – back in Australia.





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Stewart Regan
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The Football League Championship



The Ex-Files

'Where are they now?' Paul Taylor's regular column returns to track the recent exploits and fortunes of the active City Old Boys.



Oh well, three columns into the season, and still pretty much a case of adding to the lengthy litany of summer shifts among former Foxes.

But first, an oddball omission from previous updates: one that in fact belatedly adds to the full international ranks among ex-City men.

Usman Gondal, widely reported to have been the first British-born Pakistani to have signed for a Premiership club when he joined the City Academy ranks in 2003, and a scorer for the Reserves last season, got early notice of his impending release, and underwent trials with both Walsall and Darlington at the tail-end of the term.

The teenager was still clubless in June, though, when suddenly summoned to Pakistan for a three-match international series against India.

The attacking midfielder came on as sub in the first game, a 1-1 draw in Quetta, but after jetting home is still uncertain of his club future two months later, following interim try-outs with the likes of Canvey Island and **Gary Mills'** Alfreton Town. Gondal isn't alone in hoping to get fixed up soon.

Nicolas Priet, in the wake of his departure from Doncaster, has trialled without joy so far at each of Mansfield and Swindon;

Nikos Dabizas found no luck when included in a youthful Anderlecht side for a friendly at Southampton (and no positive response from Celtic when touting his services to them); and **Leon McSweeney**, who spurned the chance to re-sign for Halesowen Town, is still without a contract after pre-season action with Forest Green, Nuneaton and Crawley Town.

Two names long struck off the active list reappeared in pre-season.

Scott Taylor, who retired through injury in 2002, has been training with his local club Bracknell Town; while **Paul Kitson**, out of the game all last term, won himself a contract with Aldershot Town, and was promptly booked on his Conference debut.

Also with the Shots at present, aside from mentioned-last-time **Ahmed Deen**, is former City trialist **Scott Guyett**, on a month's loan from Yeovil.

Among other luckless Leicester trialists, Dutch goalkeeper **Stefan Postma** is now on loan from Aston Villa to Wolves, after a similar mooted move to Fulham founded

on a failed medical; full-back **Richard Edghill** joined Bradford City following his QPR release; keeper **Adam Sollitt** transferred from Morecambe to Worksop Town; multi-club forward **Richard Pacquette** has settled for now at Worthing; and Belgian left-back **Olivier Suray** has retired from on-field action to become general manager of Finnish side AC Alliansi.

Also on the retirement list is **Martin Keown**, concentrating on attaining a UEFA 'B' coaching licence; while **Les Ferdinand**, who has been training with Watford, still seems in two minds as to whether to carry on for another campaign.

USMAN GONDAL //
Summoned to
Pakistan for a
three-match
tournament



No such doubts for fellow veteran **Steve Claridge**, who's put the farce of his brief Millwall managerial reign behind him to sign on a match-by-match basis at Gillingham (where it's still theoretically possible for him to forge a very senior strike partnership with **Iwan Roberts**).

Others to extend already lengthy careers are **Craig Hignett**, just starting a 10-month contract with AEL Limassol, for a Cypriot season which starts tomorrow, and **Nicky Summerbee**, back with his first club, Swindon Town (albeit possibly for only a single game). Possibly the strangest choice of moves has been made by **Zejko Kalac**, whose on-off transfer to AC Milan has finally

gone through. He was always likely to leave Perugia following their demotion to Serie C on financial grounds, yet he's now faced with competition for the Milan keeper's slot from both the current Brazilian and Greek international No 1's. Still, he could be a useful late sub if extra-time ever looms for the Rossoneri...

Anyway, back in England, and back to early-season action.

Damien Delaney became the first embarrassed Old Boy to notch an own goal this term, with the decider in the Wolves v Hull game, while **Ade Akinbiyi** (in Burnley's 4-0 rout of Coventry), **Julian Joachim** (in Boston's 2-2 draw with Stockport) and **Christian Moore** (on his Conference North debut for Kettering against former club Worcester City) were the first to net doubles.

Also off the scoring mark with new clubs have been **Stefan Moore** (QPR's decisive counter over Sheffield United), **Grant Brown** (for Lee Glover's Grantham Town) and Alfreton's **Jon Stevenson**.

Paul Dickov (red-carded for Blackburn at West Ham), **Keith Gillespie** (dismissed in the Malta v Northern Ireland friendly) and **Neil Lennon** (sent off after the whistle of the Old Firm derby) join **Gerry Taggart** on the seasonal sinners' list; while **Danny Coyne** (in the goalless Wales v Slovenia game), **Kasey Keller** (without a shot to save in the USA's 1-0 World Cup qualifier against Trinidad) and **Theo Zagorakis** (in a 0-2 Greek defeat in Belgium) have also added to their respective cap tallies.

Stephen Dawson picked up his first U-21 cap for the Republic of Ireland against the North as a second-half teammate of **Alan Sheehan**.

Former City youngsters **James Miller** (with Loughborough Dynamo's consolation in a 1-5 exit at Sutton Town) and **Carl Bacon** (with Oadby Town's final goal in a 3-1 win at Studley), were the first Old Boys on the FA Cup scoresheet this term (at Extra Preliminary Round level); a day later **Marcus Bent** broke the Ex-es' seasonal Premiership blank with the settler for Everton over Bolton; while action this midweek saw **Simon Grayson** (Blackpool v Hull) and **Ade Akinbiyi** (Burnley v Carlisle) notch the first League Cup goals of the campaign (both deciders) for the one-time Blues.

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Joey Gudjonsson's
spot-kick draws City
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ACTION REPLAY

Bury 0 Leicester City 3 HAMILL 37, STEARMAN 40, GUDJONSSON 61P

carling cup first round // tuesday 23 august 2005 // gigg lane



Bury: Edwards, Whaley, Hardiker, Scott, Challinor, Fitzgerald (Kennedy 61), Mattis, Flitcroft, Barry-Murphy (Unsworth 45), Newby (Barlow 80), Smart. Subs not used: Sedgemore, Dootson.



City: Henderson, Stearman, Johansson, Gerrbrand (McCarthy 34), Maybury, Hamill, Gudjonsson (Kisnorbo 66), Williams, Tiatto (Wilcox 74), De Vries, Hammond. Subs not used: Sylla, Dublin.

Bookings:
Bury: Mattis (42), Flitcroft (49)
City: None

Sendings-Off:
Bury: Smart (50)

Referee: Mike Pike
Attendance: 2,759

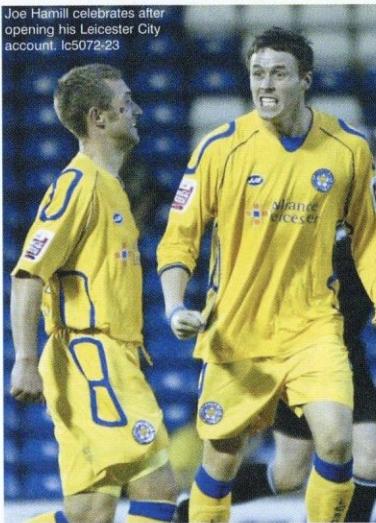
Shots On Target
Bury: 0
City: 8

Shots Off Target
Bury: 2
City: 5

Corners
Bury: 1
City: 10

Fouls
Bury: 15
City: 8

Hit Woodwork
Bury: 0
City: 0



Joe Hamill scored on his debut as Leicester City progressed into the second round of the Carling Cup following a comfortable 3-0 victory over Bury at Gigg Lane on Tuesday evening.

City's recent capture from Hearts opened the visitors' account before goals from Richard Stearman and Joey Gudjonsson completed the scoring.

The Shakers were reduced to 10-men in the 50th minute after Allan Smart was handed his marching orders for an off-the-ball incident involving Nils-Eric Johansson.

But the Foxes always held the upper hand and a professional and polished performance made sure of the triumph.

Hamill was soon in the thick of the action and it was his quick-thinking which resulted in Elvis Hammond coming close from the right-hand angle on four minutes.

At the other end Dwayne Mattis fired

wide from the edge of the area five minutes later after Simon Whaley had created an opening on the right.

After a lull in play, some desperate defending prevented the visitors from taking the lead in the 21st minute.

A neat cross-field ball from skipper Danny Tiatto found Hammond, before the striker cut inside and pulled the ball back from the by-line for Joey Gudjonsson.

The former Icelandic international, who netted at Crewe on Saturday, was about to pull the trigger but was thwarted by a last-ditch tackle from Dave Challinor.

A minute later, Gareth Williams' teasing free-kick into the danger area was cleared by John Fitzgerald with Mark de Vries

lurking before Hamill's shot was deflected away for a corner on 28 minutes.

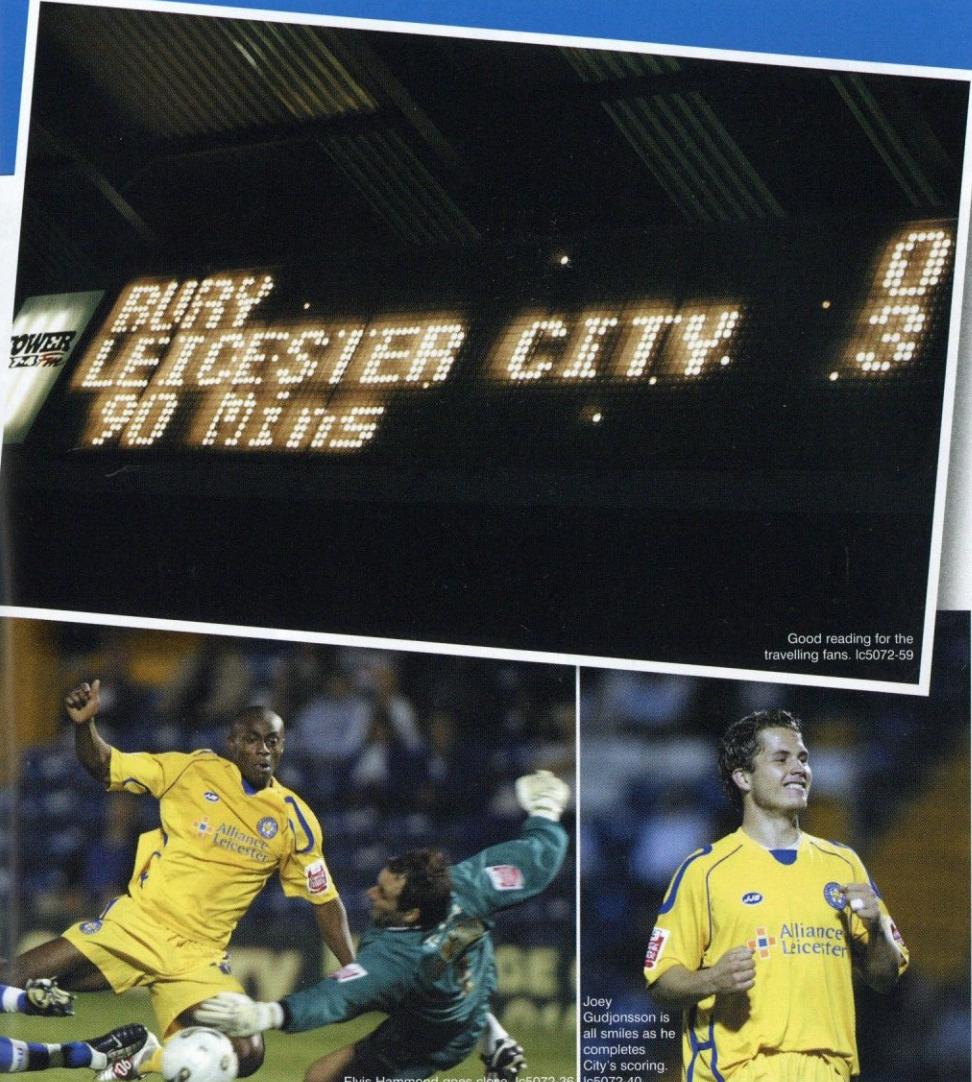
In the 34th minute Paddy McCarthy came on for another debutant Patrick Gerrbrand, who left the field on a stretcher after going down

injured.

But this did not seem to affect the Foxes' rhythm and they duly took the lead three minutes later through Hamill.

Williams' corner from the left was only partially cleared and the former Hearts winger, signed on a free earlier this month, found the back of the net via the inside of the right hand post from the edge of the area.

City then doubled their advantage in the 40th minute thanks to Richard Stearman's second senior strike.



After a melee in the six-yard box following a corner, the 18-year-old, who recently celebrated a call-up to the England Under-19s squad, was the first to react and prodded the ball home from close range.

Three minutes before the break, Mattis was booked for a late lunge on Gudjonsson as Craig Levein's men went into half-time two goals to the good.

And the third duly came on the hour through a Gudjonsson penalty - his second in as many games.

Stearman was upended in the penalty area by John Hardiker and the midfielder did the rest from the spot, sending Edwards the wrong way much to the delight of the travelling fans.

Tom Kennedy replaced Fitzgerald on 61 minutes then de Vries saw his cross-shot



come back off the bar with Challinor almost heading the rebound into his own net.

The Foxes made their second change of the evening in the 66th minute as Gudjonsson made way for summer signing Patrick Kisnorbo, who came on for his long-awaited debut following a pre-season knee injury.

Hammond forced Edwards into another good save after connecting with Alan Maybury's left-wing cross from the by-line then Jason Wilcox came on for Tiatto in the 74th minute.

Stuart Barlow replaced Jon Newby 10 minutes from time but City continued to press and Hammond went close on 88 minutes as he looked for his first Foxes goal.

However, the damage had been done and it was the visiting side who went home happy.

POST-MATCH COMMENTS



Coming away from home in any competition is always difficult and this was a game that no matter what happened we really couldn't win. The only time that results from games like this are remembered are when you lose.

'Professional' is probably the right word for the performance because if we do our job properly, no matter how well we play, we should win.

There were a lot of pleasing things to come from the game. We kept a clean sheet and we had a lot of players making their debut on the night.

We looked solid enough and we created some decent chances as we have been doing in all our matches so far this season.



Crewe: Williams B, Moss, Tonkin, Moses, Lunt, Vaughan, Varney, Walker, Rivers, Higdon (Ugarte 61), Roberts (Jones B 67). **Subs not used:** Foster, Jones S, Turnbull.



City: Douglas, Maybury, Johansson, McCarthy, Gilbert (Stearman 90), Sylla (Wilcox 63), Williams G, Gudjonsson, Tiatto, Dublin (De Vries 85), Hammond. **Subs not used:** Kisnorbo, Henderson.

Bookings:
Crewe: none
City: McCarthy

Referee: M Halsey
Attendance: 7,053

Possession
Crewe: 48%
City: 52%

Shots On Target
Crewe: 5
City: 9

Shots Off Target
Crewe: 4
City: 7

Corners
Crewe: 7
City: 9

Fouls
Crewe: 8
City: 22

Hit Woodwork
Crewe: 1
City: 1

ACTION REPLAY

Crewe Alexandra 2 VARNEY 1, RIVERS 17 **Leicester City 2** TIATTO 45, GUDJONSSON 49P
coca-cola championship // saturday 20 august 2005 // gresty road



Leicester City overturned a two goal deficit to draw 2-2 at Crewe Alexandra in the Championship on Saturday afternoon.

The Foxes found themselves 2-0 down after 17 minutes but earned themselves a share of the spoils thanks to goals from Danny Tiatto and Joey Gudjonsson.

Meanwhile, in the absence of David Connolly, Elvis Hammond was handed his first start and the striker did not disappoint with an all-action display and he can count himself unfortunate that he did not find the back of the net.

The Foxes got off to the worst possible start when the hosts opened the scoring inside a minute.

From the kick-off, Crewe maintained possession well before Darren Moss's right-wing cross found Leicester-born

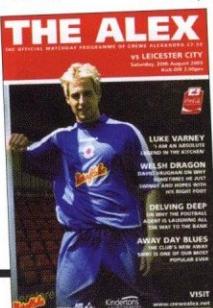
striker Luke Varney who rifled the ball home past a hapless Rab Douglas.

City hit back on three minutes but Elvis Hammond's attempted lob from the edge of the area drifted wide.

The hosts almost doubled their advantage in the 10th minute through the lively Varney.

His neat one-two with captain Kenny Lunt allowed the hitman to run unchallenged into the area, but Douglas was alert to the danger and palmed his goalbound effort away for a corner.

Four minutes later Hammond turned Adie Moses on the right-hand edge of the penalty area but his shot was well saved by Ben Williams in the Crewe goal.



But it was the home side who extended their advantage in the 17th minute.

David Vaughan fed Mark Rivers, who beat the offside trap, before calmly slotting the ball under the advancing Douglas for his side's second.

Rivers nearly made it 3-0 a minute later but his lob, with Douglas stranded, found the side-netting.

However, the Railways had Lunt to thank for maintaining his side's two-goal advantage on 23 minutes.

Gareth Williams' corner was flicked on by Paddy McCarthy before Dion Dublin not once, but twice saw his header cleared off the line by the defender. Williams picked up



Dublin's neat pull back but saw his effort curl narrowly wide then Hammond, who latched on to Peter Gilbert's precise through ball, had his shot well saved by Williams in the 27th minute.

As City went about trying to reduce the deficit, Hammond was again in the thick of the action.

The forward, on loan from Fulham, collected Dublin's flick on inside the area, turned his man but saw his thunderous shot from close range somehow saved by the legs of Williams on 37 minutes.

McCarthy was booked for a foul on Varney on the edge of the area in the 41st minute before the Foxes worked their way back into the match on the stroke of half-time.

After Joey Gudjonsson had been brought down for a free-kick, Williams teed up

skipper Danny Tiatto who rifled home a low 25-yard piledriver past Williams to make it 2-1 at the interval.

The visitors came out unchanged for the second period and levelled on 49 minutes.

Gudjonsson outmuscled Vaughan on the right flank before being upended by the midfielder inside the area.

Referee Mark Halsey had no hesitation in pointing to the spot and Gudjonsson himself stepped forward to coolly slot the ball home for the equaliser.

At the other end, Varney's header was impressively plucked out of the air by Douglas following Anthony Tonkin's corner.

Crewe almost regained the lead in the 57th when Rivers' header came back off the bar before Darren Moss' overhead kick was brilliantly saved by Douglas.

Momo Sylla headed over the bar from

Tiatto's cross before Juan Ugarte replaced Michael Higdon on 61 minutes.

Jason Wilcox came on for Sylla two minutes later before Billy Jones replaced the injured Gary Roberts on 67 minutes.

McCarthy forced Williams into a diving save on 71 minutes then Dublin had a goal disallowed for offside soon after as City continued in search of the winner.

City almost nicked all three points seven minutes from time but Hammond, who had worked tirelessly all afternoon, saw his shot from 20-yards out ricochet back off the post and away to safety.

Mark de Vries replaced Dublin on 85 minutes before Varney volleyed just wide then Lunt came close in the dying minutes.

In stoppage time Gilbert made way for Richard Stearman but he had no time to make an impact as the game ended 2-2.



“
We have been involved in some very entertaining matches since the start of the season - a little too entertaining for my liking if I am being honest.

We started so slowly today that we found ourselves 2-0 down before we had the chance to draw breath. It was always going to be difficult for us after that, but enormous credit to the players for coming back the way they did.

They showed tremendous character and in the end they could have gone on to win the match.

POST-MATCH COMMENTS

ACTION REPLAY

Leicester City 0 Ipswich Town 0

coca-cola championship // saturday 13 august 2005 // walkers stadium



City: Douglas, Maybury, McCarthy, Johansson, Gilbert, Sylla (Hammond 76), Gudjonsson, Williams, Tiatto, de Vries (Dublin 56), Connolly. **Subs not used:** Henderson, Gerrbrand, Wilcox.



Ipswich: Price (Supple 35), Wilnis, Naylor, Magilton, Forster (Bowditch 62), Parkin, Horlock, Peters (Currie 45), Sito, Richards, Westlake. **Subs not used:** McDonald, Garvan.

Bookings:
City: Gudjonsson (81), Maybury (88)
Ipswich: Parkin (69)

Referee: Mike Jones (Cheshire)

Attendance: 21,879

Possession
City: 60%
Ipswich: 40%

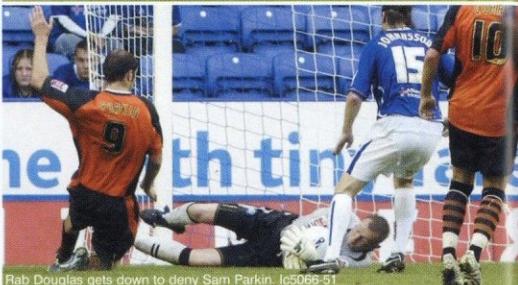
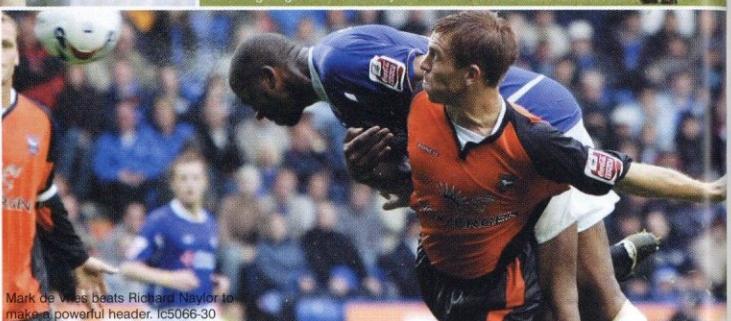
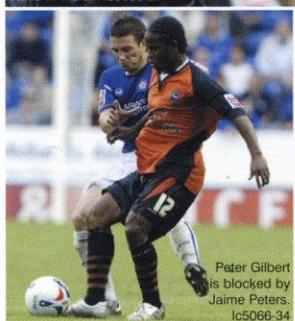
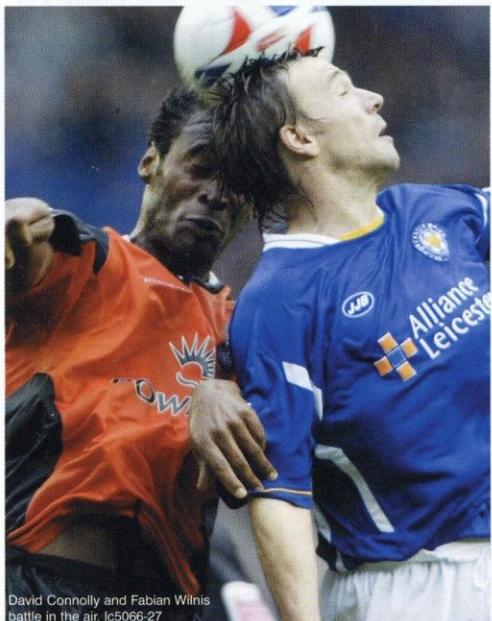
Shots On Target
City: 10
Ipswich: 4

Shots Off Target
City: 8
Ipswich: 2

Corners
City: 6
Ipswich: 4

Fouls
City: 19
Ipswich: 11

Hit Woodwork
City: 0
Ipswich: 0



Dion Dublin performs a spectacular attempt on goal. Ic5066-61



The scoreline may have read 0-0 but it wasn't a dull game. We should have won, that was fairly obvious, but we didn't. I can't have a go at the players for anything. They worked very hard and created a number of chances. I thought that throughout the game we looked strong. We made the wrong decisions a few times in the final third of the pitch, but apart from that it is difficult to fault my players.

Westlake's cheeky back-heel was saved by Douglas. The impressive Paddy McCarthy's last gasp tackle prevented Bowditch from pulling the trigger before Sylla made way for loanee Elvis Hammond on 76 minutes. As the minutes ticked away, Hammond's shot found the side-netting then Gudjonsson was booked for a foul on Magilton in the 81st minute. Douglas got down well to prevent Matt Richards' teasing cross from entering the danger area.

Maybury was yellow-carded for a foul on Kevin Horlock in the dying moments before Supple dropped the ball in his own penalty area but the Foxes could not put the ball in the back of the net as the game ended goalless.

After scoring five goals in their last two Championship matches, Leicester City had to settle for a goalless draw against Ipswich Town at the Walkers Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The hosts created the better chances with David Connolly, Mark de Vries and Gareth Williams, in particular, coming close.

But despite the Tractor Boys losing their goalkeeper Lewis Price through injury during the game, it was not to be the Foxes day as the points were shared.

The game also marked the first time ever that City fielded a starting line-

up without a single player qualified to play for England.

Captain Danny Tiatto made a welcome return to the City starting line-up after missing the first two games of the season through suspension.

And it was his side who were the first to show inside the opening minute when keeper Lewis Price was forced to make a diving save to turn Joey Gudjonsson's 25-yard shot around the post for a corner.

Confusion in the Tractor Boys' defence almost allowed de Vries to capitalise.

However, the best chance of the game so far fell to the Foxes in the 29th minute.

Momo Sylla's right-wing cross was headed down by Connolly into the path of de Vries but Price raced off his line to bravely smother the ball at the feet of the Dutchman.

On 11 minutes David Connolly had a goal ruled

out for offside while at the other end Wilnis' glancing header from Nicky Forster's inswinging free-kick drifted just wide of the upright.

Skipper Jim Magilton tested Rab Douglas from distance in the 15th minute but the Scot was equal to the task before Price saved well from Connolly at the opposite end two minutes later.

De Vries was proving to be a constant threat up front and Supple saved well from the striker after he had risen unchallenged to head Alan Maybury's free-kick goalwards.

Ipswich's first real chance of the half came three minutes before the break but after Forster had rounded Douglas, he could only find the side-netting from the right-hand angle.

At the re-start, Darren Currie came on for Jaime Peters before Connolly's looping header from a Sylla cross was collected by

de Vries came within inches of opening the scoring but his effort skimmed just wide with Price beaten.

The visitors were then forced to make a change with teenager Shane Supple replacing the injured Price on 35 minutes.

De Vries was proving to be a constant threat up front and Supple saved well from the striker after he had risen unchallenged to head Alan Maybury's free-kick goalwards.

Supple was again called into action on the hour when he brilliantly saved Williams' point-blank shot after Dublin's knock-down at the back post.

Dean Bowditch replaced Forster two minutes later then Parkin was booked for a foul on Gudjonsson on 69 minutes.

As the Foxes continued in search of the opener, Dublin's header was plucked out of the air by Supple while at the other end,



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">//:appearances and goals 2005-06

		APPEARANCES LGE	GOALS CUP	CITY CAREER APPS	GOALS
01	RAB DOUGLAS	4		4	26 (1) 2
02	ALAN MAYBURY	4	1		(1)
03	PATRICK KISNORBO		(1)		
04	STEPHEN HUGHES			14 (4)	1
05	PATRICK McCARTHY	4	(1)		16 (2)
06	GARETH WILLIAMS	4	1		36 (8) 3
07	MOMO SYLLA	4	*		4
08	DAVID CONNOLLY	3		4	49 (3) 17
09	DIAN DUBLIN	1 (1)			39 (5) 6
10	MARK DE VRIES	3 (1)	1	1	15 (10) 2
11	DANNY TIATTO	2	1	1	32 (5) 2
12	PETER GILBERT	3 (1)			3 (1)
13	PAUL HENDERSON				1
14	JASON WILCOX	2 (1)	(1)		13 (6) 1
15	NILS-ERIC JOHANSSON	4	1		5
16	JOEY GUDJONSSON	4	1	1	37 (9) 6
17	RICHARD STEARMAN	1 (1)	1	1	5 (6) 2
18	ELVIS HAMMOND	1 (3)	1		2 (3)
19	TOMMY WRIGHT				4 (20) 2
20	LEE MORRIS				2 (8)
22	ALAN SHEEHAN				1
23	JOE HAMIL	1		1	1 1
24	PATRICK GERRBRAND	1			1
26	CHRIS O'GRADY				(1)
27	CONRAD LOGAN				
28	LOUIS DODDS				
29	LEVI PORTER				
30	JAMES WESOLOWSKI				
31	JAMES GRAHAM				
32	JAY SMEDLEY				

//:coca-cola championship

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
READING	4	1	0	1	6	2	2	0	0	5	0	9	9
SHEFFIELD UNITED	4	2	0	0	6	2	1	0	1	3	3	4	9
DERBY COUNTY	4	1	1	0	3	2	1	1	0	3	1	3	8
WATFORD	4	1	0	1	4	3	1	1	0	6	4	3	7
LEEDS UNITED	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	1	1	1	2	2	7
LUTON TOWN	4	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	1	3	3	1	7
IPSWICH TOWN	4	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	7
SOUTHAMPTON	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	3	3	1	7
STOKE CITY	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	3	4	0	7
WOLVERHAMPTON W'DRS	4	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	7
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	4	2	0	0	4	2	0	1	1	0	3	-1	7
CREWE ALEXANDRA	4	1	1	0	4	3	0	2	0	3	3	1	6
HULL CITY	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	5
LEICESTER CITY	4	1	1	0	4	2	0	1	1	3	6	-1	5
COVENTRY CITY	4	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	1	1	5	-1	5
CRYSTAL PALACE	4	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	4
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	4	0	1	1	3	5	1	0	1	2	2	-2	4
PRESTON NORTH END	4	0	1	1	1	4	1	0	1	3	3	-3	4
BURNLEY	4	1	0	1	5	2	0	0	2	2	5	0	3
NORWICH CITY	4	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	1	-1	3
CARDIFF CITY	4	1	0	1	3	4	0	0	2	1	3	-3	3
SHEDFIELD WEDNESDAY	4	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	-2	2
BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	4	0	1	1	2	4	0	1	1	1	3	-4	2
MILLWALL	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	7	-7	1

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//:AUGUST

Sat 6	Sheffield Utd	1-4	18,224	1,273	L Mason	0/24
Tue 9	STOKE CITY	4-2	20,519	1,021	P Taylor	3/12
Sat 13	IPSWICH TOWN	0-0	21,879	1,666	M Jones	4/12
Sat 20	Crewe Alexandra	2-2	7,053	1,420	M Halsey	5/14
Sat 27	LUTON TOWN					

Mon 29 Hull City

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Sat 10	SHEFFIELD WED
Tues 13	Cardiff City 7.45pm
Sat 17	Wolverhampton W'drs
Sat 24	QPR
Tues 27	BRIGHTON 7.45pm

//:OCTOBER

Sat 1	Derby County
Sat 15	Watford
Tue 18	BURNLEY 7.45pm
Sat 22	COVENTRY CITY
Sat 29	Preston North End

//:NOVEMBER

Tue 1	Plymouth Argyle 7.45pm
Sat 5	SOUTHAMPTON
Sat 19	Burnley
Tue 22	WATFORD 7.45pm
Sat 26	SHEFFIELD UNITED

//:DECEMBER

Sat 3	Leeds United
Sat 10	Stoke City
Sat 17	CREWE ALEXANDRA
Mon 26	MILLWALL
Wed 28	Reading
Sat 31	NORWICH CITY

//:JANUARY

Mon 2	Crystal Palace
Sat 14	Sheffield Wednesday
Sat 21	CARDIFF CITY
Tue 31	QPR 7.45pm
Sat 4	WOLVERHAMPTON W'DRS

//:FEBRUARY

Sat 11	Brighton & Hove Albion
Tue 14	DERBY COUNTY
Sat 18	LEEDS UTD (FA CUP 5)
Sat 25	Ipswich Town
Sat 26	MILLWALL

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Sat 26	COVENTRY CITY

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Mon 17	Coventry City
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Predicting...

ROUND 4 // 27.08.05 Championship Fixtures

A disastrous week from last issue's chosen duo of Rae and Kev and a good turn from the Birch makes the bottom of the table interesting, while at the top the Fox Fanzine team close in on the Supporters Club. Jason Wilcox is the nominee to have a go at predicting the rest of today's Championship fixtures. As usual it's three points for a perfect prediction and one point for the right result but wrong scoreline...

» //:table

LCFC Supporters Club 27
After a superb opening Cliff stumbles and the adage 'it's a marathon, not a sprint' was never truer.

Fox Fanzine 22
The 'zine team close the gap to just five measly points but will compiling the next issue distract them? Hmm...

Jason Wilcox 21
After the indignity of being placed under 'our' Nev, Jason Wilcox settles back into third spot.

Paddy McCarthy 19
Only one result separated the two Foxes at the right end of the table last round...

John Sinclair BBC Radio Leicester 18
Sincs seems to have got the hang of this predictions lark now... studying form = bad; random scores = good!

Foxes Trust 18
A bright week from James Wesolowski's sponsors saw our Trust chums scream up the table!

Leicester Mercury's Nev Foulger 17
Neville almost got the worst total last round... obviously distracted by interviewing ex-Busted Charlie...

LCFC Staff 16
Shame last weekend's fixtures didn't count for this table... the staff had a fantastic scoreline... honest...

Gareth Williams 15
Averaging five points per round... Gareth's target (like everyone else) to finish above Birch is still on!

Manish Bhasin Football Focus 14
Another poor showing from our Footy Focus Fox makes us wonder whether we should've phoned Soccer AM...

Rae & Kev - The Morning Crew 11
You know how we snort with derision in the Eurovision Song Concert when 'nil points' is read out?...

Alan Maybury 11
Above the Birch but only just below Rae & Kev - expect Maybs to pull clear this weekend!

Alan Birchall 11
Some things are meant to be. Blue sky, rain in summer, Birch at the bottom...

		JASON WILCOX'S PREDICTIONS	YOUR PREDICTIONS	ACTUAL SCORE
Burnley v Derby County		1-1		
Cardiff City v Wolverhampton Wanderers		0-2		
Crystal Palace v Stoke City		2-0		
Millwall v Ipswich Town		1-2		
Norwich City v Leeds United		1-1		
Plymouth Argyle v Hull City		1-1		
Preston North End v Brighton & Hove Albion		2-0		
Sheffield United v Coventry City		2-0		
Southampton v Crewe Alexandra		2-0		
Watford v Reading		2-2		

Round 3 (13.08.05) table	Scoreline (3pts)	Result (1pt)	Pts	Overall table	Scoreline (3pts)	Result (1pt)	Pts
FOXES TRUST	1	5	8	SUPPORTERS CLUB*	6	9	27
FOX FANZINE	2	1	7	FOX FANZINE	5	7	22
JASON WILCOX	1	4	7	JASON WILCOX	3	12	21
JOHN SINCLAIR	1	4	7	PADDY MCCARTHY	4	7	19
PADDY MCCARTHY	1	3	6	JOHN SINCLAIR	3	9	18
LCFC STAFF	1	3	6	FOXES TRUST	2	12	18
BIRCH	0	6	6	NEV FOULGER	3	8	17
SUPPORTERS CLUB	1	2	5	LCFC STAFF	3	7	16
GARETH WILLIAMS	0	5	5	GARETH WILLIAMS	1	12	15
ALAN MAYBURY	0	3	3	MANISH BHASIN	2	8	14
MANISH BHASIN	0	3	3	RAE & KEV	1	8	11
NEV FOULGER	0	3	3	ALAN MAYBURY	0	11	11
RAE & KEV	0	0	0	BIRCH	0	11	11

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03	PATRICK KISNORBO	0	0
04	STEPHEN HUGHES	0	0
05	PATRICK McCARTHY	0	0
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29	LEVI PORTER	0	0
30	JAMES WESOLOWSKI	0	0
31	JAMES GRAHAM	0	0



Luton Town

MANAGER MIKE NEWELL



PL	W	D	L
01	MARLON BERESFORD	0	0
02	KEVIN FOLEY	0	0
03	SOL DAVIS	0	0
04	CHRIS COYNE	0	0
05	RUSSELL PERRETT	0	0
06	PAUL UNDERWOOD	0	0
07	CARLOS EDWARDS	0	0
08	KEVIN NICHOLLS	0	0
09	ROWAN VINE	0	0
10	WARREN FEENEY	0	0
11	STEVE ROBINSON	0	0
14	MICHAEL LEARY	0	0
15	STEVEN O'LEARY	0	0
16	ENOCH SHOWUNMI	0	0
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18	AHMET BRKOVIC	0	0
19	STEVE HOWARD	0	0
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23	DEAN MORGAN	0	0
25	DINO SEREMET	0	0
26	MARKUS HEIKKINEN	0	0
27	PETER HOLMES	0	0
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