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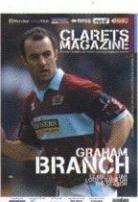
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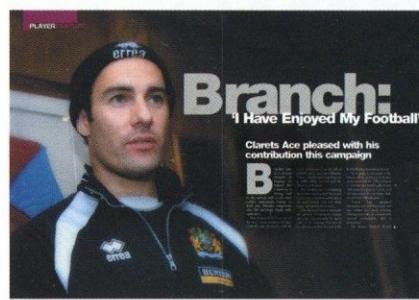
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YOU KNOW THAT YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Good afternoon and welcome to Turf Moor for this, our last game of the Championship season.

Before recapping the events of the past nine months, I would like to welcome Mike Newell and his Luton Town team and supporters and congratulate them on a very good first season back at this level.

As for ourselves, we still have a chance of equalling last season's 13th place finish with a victory today, but this has been a tough old season in more ways than one.

There have undoubtedly been mitigating circumstances before and after Christmas and, as a result, we've almost had two teams that we have had to try to knit together.

The losses of Danny Coyne and Wayne Thomas through injury caused a big disruption to the defence and another big bearing on our season was the departure of Ade Akinbiyi, who couldn't be replaced until we managed to bring in Andy Gray.

Looking at the positives, I think

Andy has been excellent so far, as has Alan Mahon, and they have been representative of the very good business we have been able to do in the last year or two.

There is obviously a business side of the Club that the Chairman and his Directors constantly need to look at and I feel we have helped by gaining some good transfer fees for outgoing players.

At the other end of the spectrum we have also seen the likes of Chris McCann and Kyle Lafferty promoted into the first team set up and in both cases they have already probably featured in the first team squad as much as the Reserves and the Youth teams.

Right now it is all about ending the season in the right manner. Last week I said that maximum effort should always be the minimum requirement and we are certainly looking for an improvement on our last game.

On a personal note I would like to

say to everyone connected with the Club, from the Chairman down, (there are far too many to mention individually) a big 'Thank You' for all your hard work and help throughout the season.

Finally could I ask all supporters to please refrain from invading the pitch at the full time whistle as we would like to come out after a brief interval and thank everyone for all of their unwavering support during this campaign. This we can only do if you all remain in your seats.

Before then, raise your voices and get behind the lads one more time because you know that you do make a difference.

Enjoy the game and best wishes for the summer.

Steve



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1913/14

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1962/63

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Winners:
1978/79

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1997/98

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Winners:
1973/74
Joint Winners:
1960/61

F.A. Youth Cup
Winners:
1967/68

HAPPY RETIREMENT BERNARD!



One of Burnley Football Club's longest serving employees, Bernard Darwin retires next month after clocking up nearly 36 years of service at Turf Moor. Bernard started at the club in the 1968/69 season where he was involved in a variety of different roles on a part-time basis including stewarding and work on the turnstiles, before taking up his current full-time job of ground maintenance in 1990.

A lifelong 'Claret', Bernard remembers the days of Burnley's Championship and European adventures when he was in the army and he admits he has many fond memories of his time at Turf Moor.

"I have been very lucky having worked with a lot of nice people and made some good friends here but I now think that it is time to step aside and get under my wife's feet! She has already made me a long list of jobs to do and I would like to say a big thank-you to Ann as at times she has played second fiddle to Burnley Football Club!"

"I would also like to give a special mention to Jim Thompson who has been a life-long friend to me and wish Steve Cotterill and the lads every success for the future," said Bernard.

All the staff and players at Burnley Football Club would like to thank Bernard for his service and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

THE ULTIMATE BIKE RIDE!

Before this afternoon's kick-off we expect to see a hardy bunch of Claret fans cycle around the Turf Moor pitch after completing the first leg of their Lands End to John O'Groats bike ride.

Organised by Catering Manager, Chris Gibson the ride began from Lands End on Wednesday and the group have gradually made their way north to be back in time for today's game, before embarking on the second half of their tour from Burnley to John O'Groats tomorrow.

All of the riders have been collecting sponsors for Cancer Research and for Youth Development at Burnley FC and around £15,000 has been raised so far. So, when the cyclists ride up to Turf Moor today, be sure to give them a well-deserved round of applause.

The 13 cyclists will also be joined by Eddie Dowling and Jim Fallon who completed the equivalent distance on the exercise bikes in the Turf Moor Leisure Centre.



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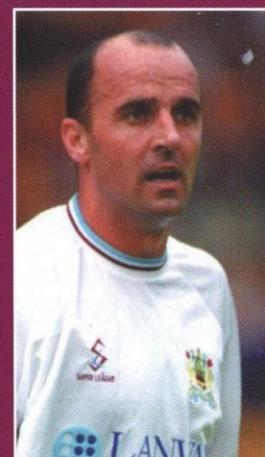


Lifelong Claret fan Mark Griffiths has another passion in his life- for professional motor racing. The son of director Ray Griffiths, the Cheshire based driver competes in both single-seaters and sports cars- with some success.

The last two seasons have seen him win the Pre-1966 Grand Prix cars 1500cc title, and he also won his class and took overall honours in the Gentleman Drivers Sports and GT Challenge (for pre-1966 Le Mans type sports cars) in 2004, followed by another class win in 2005.

Mark who wears the claret-and-blue colours of Burnley on his crash helmet will be racing in the Oulton Park Gold Cup in August and hopes to see some fellow Claret fans in attendance to show their support.

PAUL COOK RETIREMENT MATCH



On Tuesday 2nd May 2006, newly crowned Conference League Champions Accrington Stanley F.C. will face a Burnley F.C. XI side in a double celebration of Paul Cook's contribution to Football, and Accrington's promotion.

In charge of the team will be the old management duo of Stan Ternent & Sam Ellis and around 30 players have been invited to join in with the celebrations including Gareth Taylor, Mitchell Thomas, Ian Wright, Andy Cooke, Robbie Blake, Steve Davis, Paul Crichton, Ian Cox, Glen Little, Marlon Beresford, Paul Gascoigne, Andy Payton, Graham Branch, Kevin Ball and Micky Mellon.

After 22 years, 9 clubs and over 700 games, Paul Cook has decided to call it a day at the end of this season and what better way to say thank you and goodbye than with the two teams that mean a lot to him.

"It's just a chance to thank all the people of Accrington and Burnley and to celebrate with the Accy fans on our fantastic season and to see some of the Burnley players from the time we got promoted from the old second division, I couldn't think of a better way to call it a day," said Cook.

The game, which will be an evening to remember for all in attendance, will take place at the Interlink Express Stadium on Tuesday 2nd May at 7.45pm, admission is £10 for adults and £5 for children & senior citizens.

CLARETS TRUST 2ND BURNLEY BEER FESTIVAL

The Claret's Trust is holding its second Burnley Beer Festival in association with Burnley Football Club, The Burnley Express and the East Lancs CAMRA organisation. The festival which has been hosted in the Foundation Bar at Turf Moor since Friday, finishes at 11pm tonight.

The bar will also be open throughout today's game and there will be over 30 Real Ales from local and national brewers to choose from including a re-blended 'Bob Lord's Bitter' provided by Moorhouses.

Claret's Trust would also like to thank Moorhouses for donating glasses (emblazoned with the Claret's Trust logo) for the event as well as re-blending Bob Lord's Bitter and Copper Dragons for supplying the helpers with shirts!



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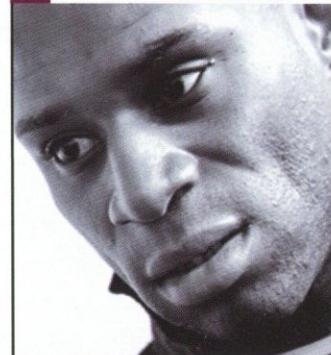
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I write these notes as we prepare to go into the last game of the season, in a campaign that has had its fair share of twists, turns, highs and lows. The unbeaten run came to an end last weekend, which was really disappointing, and we will be looking to bounce back this afternoon.

I thought we were poor in the first half at Millwall, and the timing of the goal hurt us. We gave a better account of ourselves in the second half, but the performance overall was disappointing, especially given how we have played in the last few weeks, and the run which we were on. We are aiming to put that right this afternoon, so that we end the season on a good note.

The game against Luton in November was one of the highlights of this season. We showed a lot of spirit down there. Losing Jensen so early in the game, and we didn't have a keeper on the bench, so Spicer got the nod, and it was a great team performance to protect him, and the lead we had. We dug in and scored some brilliant goals

on the day. It was one of the best performances of the season, especially on the road.

The disappointing thing for us this season has been our away form. Our home form has been a good as many of the better sides in the league, but the away form has been embarrassing. We haven't picked up nearly enough wins. It's difficult to put the finger on the problem, as it is the same players going out on the pitch. It is something that we have got to address in the summer, because if we had half decent away form this season, we could have been pushing for the play-offs, and that is something which the manager will be looking to tackle.

We had something of an uneasy start to the season, but we put it right by putting a good run together, and it looked promising around Christmas. We were up there on merit, after a great run, but we faltered a bit after that, and it was the form at the start of the New Year that probably stopped us pushing on into the top six.

Things look better now, and really promising for next season. I would expect that the manager

is going to be working hard trying to bring some new blood into the squad, strengthening the team and hopefully next season, we can give it a good go, and give a good account of ourselves in trying to finish near the top of the league.

The main thing now though is to end the season with a victory against Luton. I don't think that they will have forgotten that game, and they will be looking to pay us back a little for that. It will be another tough game today. They have been secure all season, and have established themselves as a good, strong Championship side. It will be another good test for us. We want to give the fans something to take away today. A win always gives confidence to take into the new season.

Get behind the boys today.

Frank Sinclair #5

QUIZ CLAIREE JUDD

Most fanciable footballer?
Frank Lampard.

Who is your biggest sporting icon outside of football?
Michael Schumacher.

Which food is always in your fridge?
Milk.

What CDs do you currently have in your car stereo?
Robbie Williams, Tracy Chapman, a bit of everything really!

Favourite fictional baddie?
Poison Ivy.

Who wears the worst clothes in the dressing room?
Beasty.

And the best?
Wayne Thomas.

Who is the funniest player in the squad?
Kyle Lafferty.

Quick Fire Choices

Chinese or Indian?

4x4 or sports car?

Brad Pitt or Tom Cruise?

Rangers or Celtic? No preference

City break or beach holiday?

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CLAIREE JUDD



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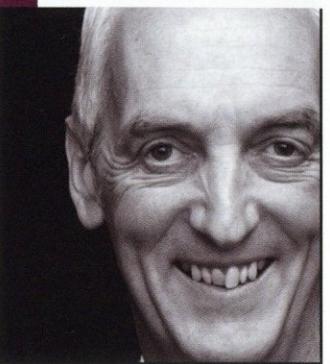
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DAVE EDMUNDSON

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Summer is just around the corner, certainly the season if not the weather. And yet football continues with a World Cup in Germany to savour and hopefully some glorious times to compare with Wembley 1966.

From a Flintoff 2005, to a Rooney 2006, it could just be one of the most thrilling 12 months in English sporting history. And there we were, as Fred stumbled from the hotel onto the open topped bus to Trafalgar Square, perched precariously in a relegation slot in the Championship. A winter of discontent was beckoning.

Fortunes swing and change. As the England cricketers fell from their pedestal in Pakistan, the Barmy Army a touch

muted, Steve Cotterill's Claret and Blue Army began a run that had us dreaming of the promised land at Christmas, as Stoke were dispatched at the Turf and a play off place was ours.

Football, though, like all other sports is never a given, never predictable. It is, at times, a cruel mistress playing with emotions. Hopes and dreams can be quickly dashed to be replaced by anger and frustration.

Ade went, and so did our results. Head had to rule heart. But our manager stayed. His loyalty and a Chairman's commitment helped us weather the storm. The Burnley ship stayed upright, and was carried into calmer waters by some new faces and new optimism for

next season.

Through it all, our gates held steady. The vast majority held firm, kept the faith and realised that in this volatile arena, tough decisions have to be made. This wonderful support is invaluable and as the season ticket sales register to see us through the next three months, we shall all be here again very soon to begin the 06/07 season.

Thank you from us all for your loyalty, dedication and for being a Claret next season.

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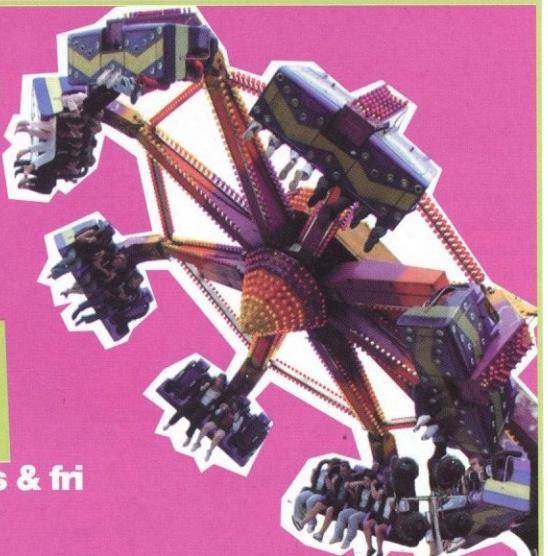
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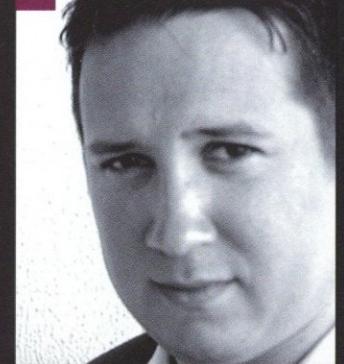
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Diary of a Season - Friday 21st April 2006

JON PALICH

OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSE



It's strange that the season is coming to an end and we're still in April, and under ordinary circumstances it would seem a long time til August and the next campaign.

Sadly, we haven't amassed anything like enough points to extend our season into May, though I will have a personal interest in the Play Offs - I'll be cheering on whoever is playing Preston. The rivalry between us and the Lilywhites may not be as fierce as others, but it would pain me to see them in the Premiership next year.

Though we won't be back at Turf Moor for close to three months, we will be able to feast on football of the highest order during June and early July. I'm hoping that football really is coming home this time, and England can triumph in Germany. We'll all be cheering them on and the country will be lifted if Becks and the boys can pull it off. I'm also hoping that Poland can stick one on the Germans on the 14th June. Family ties mean I have a second team to support!

In drawing the curtain on season 2005/06, it's a period for reflection. You can't help thinking that had we kept hold of Ade in January things could have been much different. Indeed, they may yet have been had we managed to sort out our leaky defence a bit sooner. Of late, we've been watertight at the back and strung together a decent run of results without needing to score two and three goals to win a game.

Let's be positive - if we can start season 2006/07 like we've finished season 2005/06 that will be ok. And if Steve can add another striker (or two!) to his ranks and bolster his squad in other critical areas, then we could all be much happier at the end of next season.

Poetic license permits me to take the opportunity to make the 2nd Jon Palich End of Season Awards.

Had Ade Akinbiyi not departed Turf Moor for the Bramall Lane subs bench, he'd probably have swept the board, both here and at the various Club and Supporters' Clubs awards nights.

His second goal at Kenilworth Road in November would have won my Goal of the Season award, which instead goes to Chris

McCann for his cracker at QPR in January. Honourable mentions go to Gareth O'Connor for his free kick at Wolves and to Wade Elliot for his volley against Cardiff, though I think it's fair that Chris wins the award for a very sweetly struck effort - scored on my 30th birthday too!

Awarding Player of the Season is a little harder, and I re-iterate what I said in the Crystal Palace programme in that it has been more of a collective effort this season than one dominated by certain individuals.

That said, I think Micah Hyde has had a good, solid campaign and would probably have got into the majority of Championship sides based on performances this season. I've also been very impressed with the form of The Beast, Jon Harley, James O'Connor and, latterly, with Andy Gray and Alan Mahon.

But, for outstanding commitment to the cause, the Jon Palich Player of the Year for Season 2005/06 goes to Graham Branch. With a squad as small as we have, and the shoestring budget available to the Gaffer, Branchy has one outstanding quality - versatility.

Look how much we missed him during his enforced break after injury versus Leeds in October and you will see what a difference he can make to the side.

He's in the final year of his current deal and I very much hope that he is awarded an extension. As Burnley's longest serving player, he's had a difficult time winning over the Clarets' fans, but seems to have finally convinced the doubters of his worth to the squad.

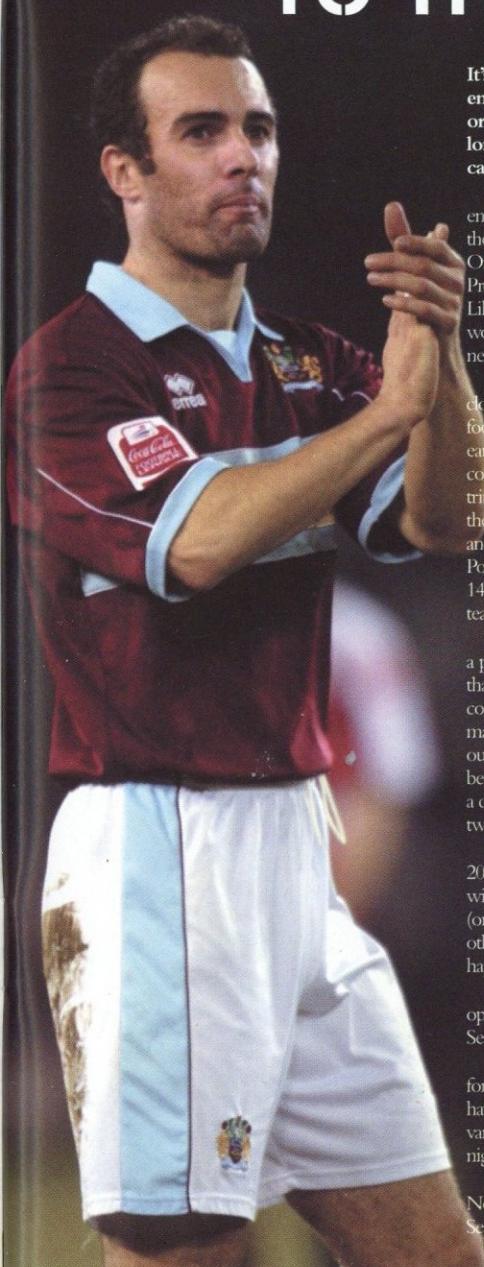
In a straw poll of my pals, Fleetwood Nick and Bags both saw it the same as me, with Nick Nick and my pops plumping for The Beast. Digby went for Jon Harley so I guess that's the 1-2-3.

On a final note, thanks to all the people who have taken the time to read my page in the programme over the last nine months, and in previous seasons in various guises.

I very much hope to return next season, and all being well, we'll meet again in August.

Have a good summer, and keep the Clarets flag flying high.

Forever and ever.

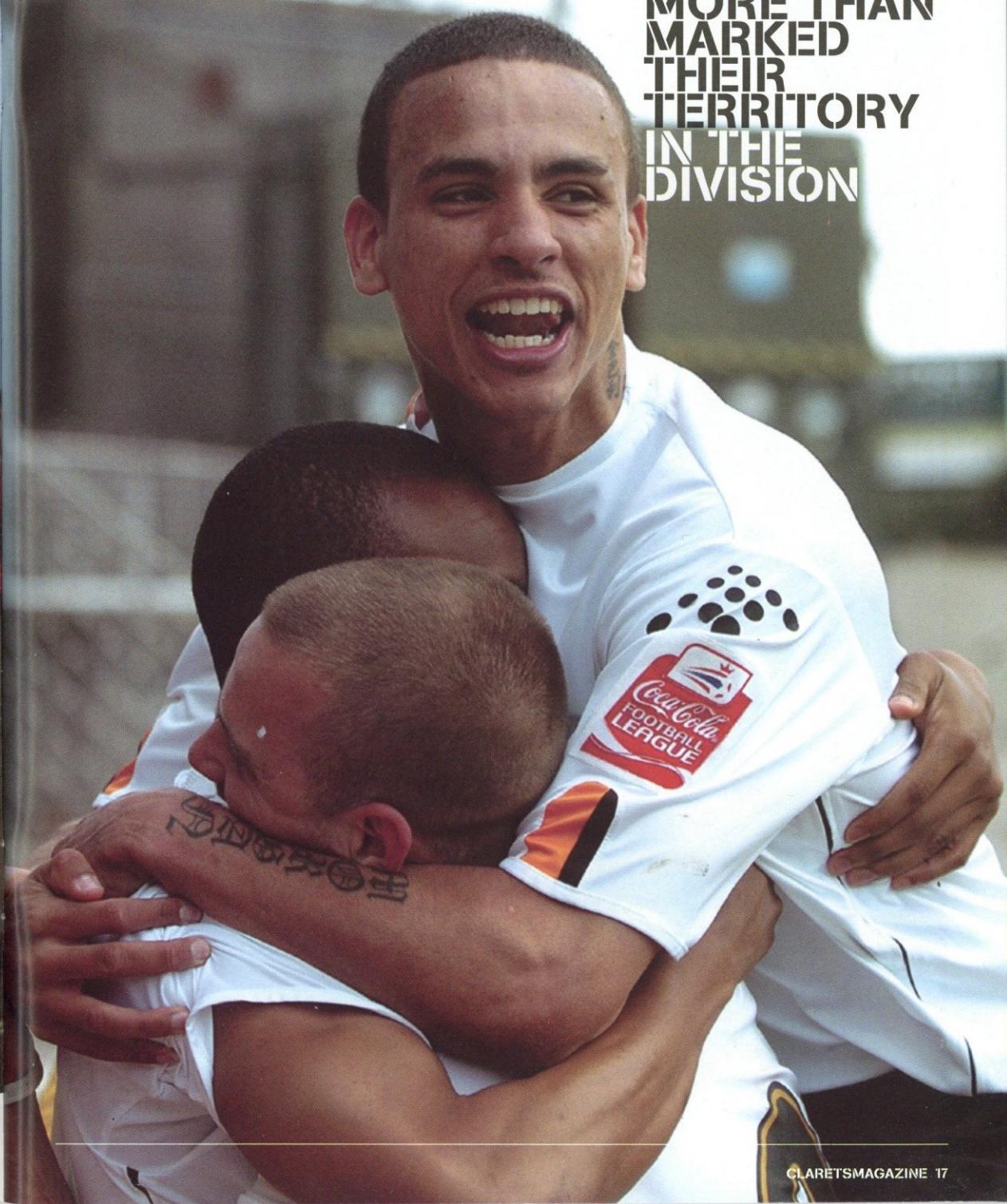


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The Hatters appointed Mike Newell as manager, following the sacking of Joe Kinnear in the summer of 2003 and he has taken them from League One strugglers to established Championship side in three years, earning himself many plaudits in the process.

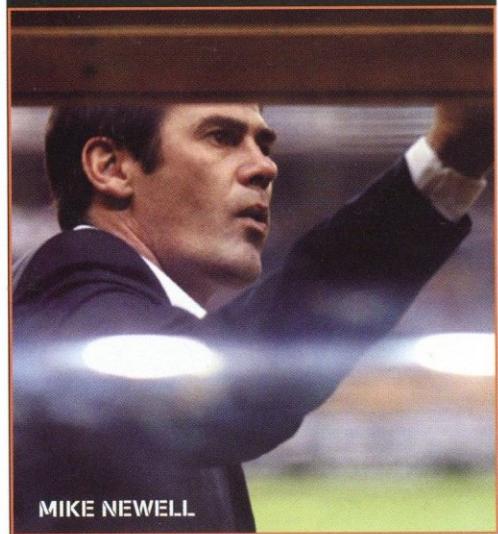
He has reportedly been the target of a number of clubs because of the success enjoyed this season and with uncertainty over whether he will pen a new deal at Kenilworth Road, everyone there will be hoping he can achieve his ambitions with the Hatters.

His managerial career began when he was named as manager of Hartlepool United back in 2002. He was successful there and took Pool to promotion from the old Third Division as runners up. However, despite remaining a popular figure at the north-east outfit, his contract was not renewed at the Victoria Ground.

A return to Kenilworth Road, where he played in his career, came about in June 2003 when he replaced Joe Kinnear in charge of Town and his success since then has been well documented.

Newell was also at the centre of the major bungs story in football earlier this season, when he made his thoughts on the situation publicly by claiming such corruption is going on in the game.

As a player, Newell represented 13 different clubs perhaps most notably, Blackburn Rovers. He was part of the Premiership winning side as Alan Shearer's strike partner and even scored the then fastest hat-trick in the history of the UEFA Champions League, scoring three in nine minutes against Rosenborg in the 1995/96 season.



MIKE NEWELL

THE RISE OF LUTON

This afternoon sees Burnley play their last game of the season, as the Clarets play hosts to Luton Town, who make the long trip north from Bedfordshire.

Luton have performed well in their debut season in the Championship, following their promotion as League One Champions last year, and currently sit in ninth place, after initially taking the league by storm, as they hit the ground running at the start of the season.

The Hatters began the season in barnstorming form, as they instantly took to the Championship, taking 13 points in August alone, as they continued where they left off the previous season.

With a strong and largely settled squad consisting mainly of players who have played for Luton for the last couple of seasons, there is a togetherness within the Hatters' squad, which has helped with the consistency over the last two seasons, with players such as Steve Howard, Chris Coyne, Kevin Foley and Steve Robinson, who have been with Luton as they have climbed the divisions.

The Bedfordshire club did not conduct any business in the January transfer window, suggesting that manager Mike Newell is happy with the squad that has performed so well for him in the Championship this season.

Although their position of fifth in November would suggest that Luton would have been playoff contenders, their form since then has waned a

little, but with fellow promoted clubs Sheffield Wednesday and Hull City occupying positions lower down the Championship table, it is the Hatters that have taken to this level of football with the most success.

There are two familiar figures making their appearance at Turf Moor this afternoon, with a return for goalkeeper Marlon Beresford, who enjoyed many seasons with the Clarets, and was a part of the successful playoff final victory over Stockport at Wembley in 1994. Mike Newell also makes his return to Lancashire, following his successful playing career at Blackburn Rovers among other clubs, where he was part of the Premiership winning side, and this afternoon marks his first visit to Turf Moor as a manager.

Much of Luton's success this season has been down to the goals of Steve Howard, who has once again top-scored for the club, for the fourth campaign in a row. The likes of Ahmet Brkovic, Kevin Nicholls, Chris Coyne, and Sol Davis have provided the Hatters with tenacity, as well as quality, in a season where they have exceeded expectations, and more than marked their territory in the division.

After consolidating so well in the Championship at the first attempt this season, Luton will be looking to make a push for the playoffs next season, and Newell will be looking to take a side that he has moulded into a style of his own into the Premiership for the first time.

STAR MAN

Steve Howard

Leading the line, looking to breach the Clarets' defence this afternoon, will be Luton's highly-rated striker Steve Howard.

The burly frontman has been one of the bargains of recent years, joining the Hatters on transfer deadline day in March 2001 for just £50,000 from Northampton Town. He has since proved himself to be a focal point of their play, proving a handful in the air, as well as on the ground and scoring consistently as Luton have taken themselves up two divisions to the Championship since his arrival.

Howard has top-scored for the Hatters in the last four seasons, including an impressive 14 league goals this season, with a strike against the Clarets in the 3-2 win for Burnley at Kenilworth Road this season and also netting in the FA Cup defeat to Liverpool. He has also established himself as a firm fans' favourite at Kenilworth Road, winning the fans' Player of the Year in 2002 and the Players' Player of the Year the following season, scoring a total of 48 goals in that period.

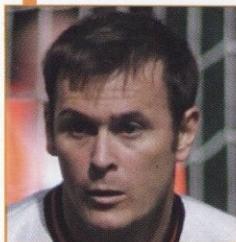
He started his career in his native north-east with non-league Tow Law Town, before moving to Hartlepool United in 1995. He earned a reputation as a bustling centre forward there, before moving on to Northampton in 1999 but his goal-scoring prowess came to the fore following his move to Luton. The following season, Howard notched up 24 league goals, earning him the Division Three Golden Boot award, with 19 goals in 19 games after Christmas.

Howard has not looked back since, scoring consistently every campaign and leading the line for the Hatters. In last year's League One championship win, Howard contributed 18 league goals, and four in only three games in the FA Cup.

With a commanding presence, standing at 6'2, his aggression and tough tackling prove Howard to be the archetypal centre forward, who is more than capable of scoring anywhere in the box. He also brings other players such as Ahmet Brkovic into the game with his hold up play, and he will no doubt be looking to breach the Clarets' backline this afternoon.



Marlon Beresford

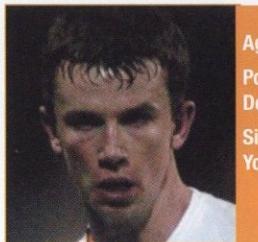


Age: 36
Position: Goalkeeper
Signed from: Barnsley



A familiar face to Clarets fans, goalkeeper Marlon Beresford joined the Hatters from Barnsley in July of 2004. The 36-year-old is vastly experienced having made over 400 appearances. He was part of the Clarets side that won promotion at Wembley in the 1994 playoffs. He signed on at Kenilworth Road on a two year contract after a successful three month spell with the Hatters last year.

Kevin Foley

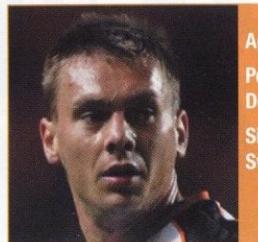


Age: 21
Position: Defender
Signed from: Youth



Now established in the first team picture at Kenilworth Road, Foley has shown great progress as he has risen through the ranks at Luton, and has shown consistency in his first season in the Championship this campaign. Still only 21, the youngster has made over 100 first team appearances already for Luton, as they have climbed the divisions, and has been a mainstay in the side this season.

Sol Davis

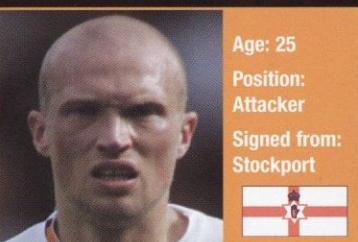


Age: 26
Position: Defender
Signed from: Swindon



Davis has impressed since joining Mike Newell's side on the bosman ruling at the end of the 2001/02 season. He provides a good outlet for attacks down the left-hand-side, and gets forward in support of the midfielders, and gets plenty of crosses into the box. Injury has prevented him from making a large impact this season, but he has made over 130 appearances in his time at Kenilworth Road.

Warren Feeney

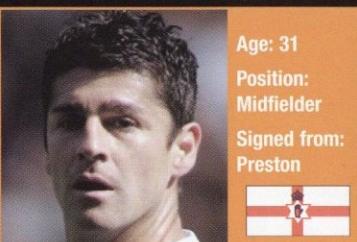


Age: 25
Position: Attacker
Signed from: Stockport



Northern Ireland international Feeney has been an important part of the Luton success story this season. The Belfast born striker joined the Hatters on transfer deadline in March 2005, and has worked well with top scorer Steve Howard, providing the pace needed, particularly when used as a substitute, to change matches. He has made over forty league appearances this season.

Steve Robinson

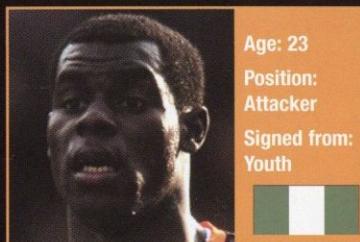


Age: 31
Position: Midfielder
Signed from: Preston



Robinson signed for Luton Town in the summer of 2002 for a bargain £50,000, and has gone on to establish himself as a first team regular. His tigerish midfield play has endeared himself to the Luton fans. He is now in his fourth season with Luton, and has featured regularly each campaign, chipping in with goals from midfield. His inclusion provides vital experience in a young Hatters midfield.

Enoch Showunmi

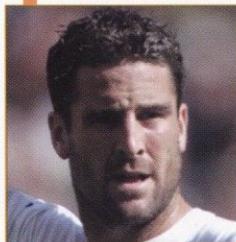


Age: 23
Position: Attacker
Signed from: Youth



Big striker Showunmi is a player with huge potential, and his displays in the three seasons he has spent at Kenilworth road would suggest nothing less. He was called up to the Nigeria squad for the Unity Cup, staged in England. He has two international caps to his name so far. The London-born forward joined the club fresh from non-league football with Willesden Constantine, and has already made himself a popular figure amongst the Luton fans.

Chris Coyne

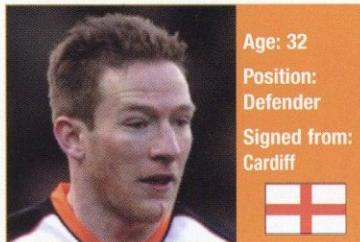


Age: 27
Position: Defender
Signed from: Dundee



Australian central defender Coyne has been a revelation since signing for Luton on a bargain £50,000 from Dundee in September 2001. He was first spotted by Harry Redknapp, then of West Ham after his displays in the 1994 Youth World Cup. After loan spells at Brentford and Southend, he moved north to Dundee. Coyne has established himself as a firm fans favourite with the Hatters, with his committed displays, and tough tackling.

Russell Perrett



Age: 32
Position: Defender
Signed from: Cardiff



The big centre half joined Luton at something of a crossroads in his career, after long spells at Portsmouth and Cardiff. He brings experience to the Luton side, and his presence at the heart of the defence adds steel to an already strong Hatters side. He has struggled with injury in the last couple of seasons, but is still a vital player for the Hatters.

Paul Underwood

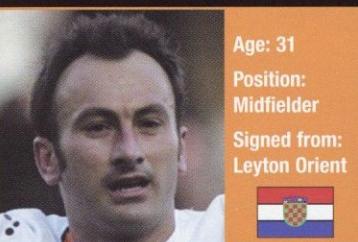


Age: 32
Position: Defender
Signed from: Rushden & Diamonds



There was plenty of competition for left sided Underwood, when his contract at Rushden and Diamonds on deadline day in March 2004. The Hatters won that race, and Underwood overcame a hamstring injury sustained just 20 minutes into his debut, and has now formed a formidable partnership with Sol Davis down the left flank. He has been a regular in the Luton side this season, making over 30 appearances. He is currently sidelined with a broken arm.

Ahmet Brkovic

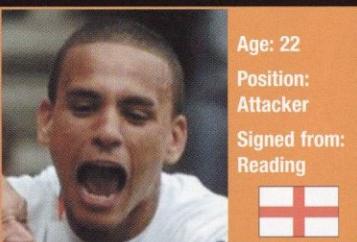


Age: 31
Position: Midfielder
Signed from: Leyton Orient



Hard-working Croatian midfielder Brkovic signed a new one-year contract last summer, to extend his stay into a fourth season with Mike Newell's side. He has established himself as one of the tidiest and efficient midfielders outside the top flight, and has a knack for getting forward and scoring crucial goals from his usual position on the right side of midfield.

Dean Morgan

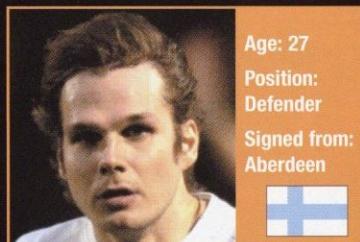


Age: 22
Position: Attacker
Signed from: Reading



Quick, exciting forward Morgan joined the Hatters from Reading, after seeing his first team opportunities limited at the Madjeski Stadium, and has proved to be a decent outlet with his pace in his first season with Mike Newell's side. He made an instant impact, with a stunning curling strike, scoring the winner against Southampton in their 3-2 victory. He is an exciting prospect, who can use either foot, and can also play in midfield.

Markus Heikkinen



Age: 27
Position: Defender
Signed from: Aberdeen



Heikkinen has proved to be a good signing in his first season at Kenilworth Road, following his summer transfer from Aberdeen. He has been a mainstay in their side this season, making valuable contributions at the back. He has spent the majority of his career in Finland, as well as a short spell with Portsmouth, before his two year stay at Pittodrie. Standing at over six feet tall, the defender is an assuring and authoritative figure at the back.

Carlos Edwards

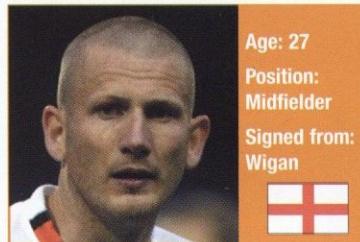


Age: 27
Position: Midfielder
Signed from: Wrexham



Trinidad and Tobago international Edwards joined Mike Newell's side on a free transfer from Wrexham last summer, after five seasons with the Welsh outfit. It was a case of second time lucky for Newell, having previously tried to sign the player when he was manager of Hartlepool United. The tricky midfielder has established himself as a regular in his first season at Kenilworth Road, making over 40 league appearances.

Kevin Nicholls



Age: 27
Position: Midfielder
Signed from: Wigan



Captain Nicholls has made a huge impact since he signed for Luton for a bargain £150,000 in the summer of 2001 from Wigan Athletic. The tough tackling midfielder quickly became a fans favourite, with his committed, all-action displays at the heart of midfield, and was named Supporters Player of the Year, and Website Player of the year, as well as being named in the PFA League One Team of the Year, after he skippered the Hatters to the title last season.

Rowan Vine

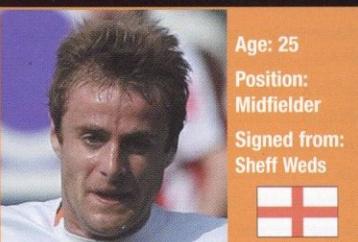


Age: 23
Position: Attacker
Signed from: Portsmouth



23-year-old striker Vine has quickly made a name for himself at Luton, after initially joining on loan from Portsmouth. The hard-working striker proved himself to be a hit with the Hatters in their League One title success last season, and has gone on to score at Championship level this season. He has average a goal every other start in the league this season, although he has made a third of his appearances from the bench.

Peter Holmes



Age: 25
Position: Midfielder
Signed from: Sheff Weds



Two-footed midfielder Holmes has been with Luton since his free transfer from Sheff Wed in 2000. He has provided the squad with depth, and has also made his fair share of appearances in his six seasons as a Luton player. He was a product of the FA's school of excellence, in the same year as Michael Owen. He has made over twenty league appearances this season, and has scored some critical goals.

David Bell

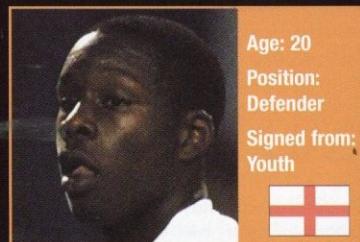


Age: 22
Position: Midfielder
Signed from: Rushden & Diamonds



Talented midfielder Bell arrived at Luton on a contract agreed in the January transfer window, and has already made appearances as he looks to settle into the side. He is a versatile player, who can play in any position in midfield, and looks to get forward to both assist the strikers and score goals. Bell has played for Rushden and diamonds after progressing through their youth system, and will be looking to settle in at a higher level in the coming seasons.

Leon Barnett



Age: 20
Position: Defender
Signed from: Youth



Barnett is a defender who the Luton management team believe to have great potential. He has had a bright start to his career, making his senior debut at 16, and earning a squad number. In October 2002, he became the first player to represent the club at Under-17, Under-19, Reserve and First Team level within one season. He joined the club as a 13-year old, and can play anywhere across defence, or even as striker.

CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

**Football historian
LEIGH EDWARDS
selects ten Luton
Town 'Classic
Campaigns' from 60
post-war seasons.**

1954/55

Gordon Turner scored 32 goals as Luton Town won promotion to the top-flight for the first time in 1954/55. The Hatters began with a 3-0 victory at home to Nottingham Forest and soared up the Second Division table with six straight wins. Gordon Turner grabbed a hat-trick as Luton trounced Blackburn 7-3 and they triumphed 5-1 at Nottingham Forest. Dally Duncan's side maintained their challenge, slamming four goals past Hull City, Rotherham, Liverpool and Port Vale. Tom Ahern and Shay Dunne were ever-present as Luton pipped Rotherham to the runners-up slot on goal average with a 3-0 win at Doncaster.

1958/59

Luton Town were FA Cup finalists for the first and only time in 1958/59. The Hatters were unbeaten in their opening ten First Division games, trouncing Manchester City 5-1 and scoring four goals past West Ham and Preston. They recovered from a lean spell to beat Arsenal 6-3 and Burnley 6-2, then top scorer Allan Brown netted four goals in a 5-1 demolition of Nottingham Forest but poor results over the closing weeks saw them finish below mid-table. Luton defeated Leeds 5-1, Leicester 4-1, Ipswich 5-2, Blackpool 1-0 and Norwich 1-0 in the FA Cup before Syd Owen's side lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.

1967/68

Bruce Rioch netted 24 goals as Luton Town won the Fourth Division title in 1967/68. New captain Terry Branston made his debut as the Hatters kicked off with a 1-1 draw at Wrexham and Ian Buxton arrived from Derby in September. Luton lost just two of their first 18 matches and beat Charlton in the League Cup first round, scoring 27 goals in a run of eight successive wins. Allan Brown's side went top of the table with a 2-0 win at Brentford in February and Keith Allen, Max Dougan, Fred Jardine, John Moore and Ray Whittaker also starred as they

remained in pole position, clinching the title with a 4-0 victory over Crewe.

1969/70

Malcolm Macdonald scored 25 times as Luton Town won promotion in 1969/70. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion the previous season and Bruce Rioch was sold to Aston Villa for a record fee, with Alec Stock signing Malcolm Macdonald, John Ryan and John Collins. Luton were early leaders after remaining unbeaten in their opening 13 matches, recruiting Chris Nicholl from Halifax and Matt Tees from Charlton. Malcolm Macdonald grabbed hat-tricks in 5-0 wins over Bradford City and Reading, with Luton unbeaten in their last six matches and clinching promotion as Third Division runners-up with a 0-0 draw at Mansfield.

1973/74

Luton Town regained top-flight status after an absence of 14 years in 1973/74. The Hatters recovered from a 4-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest on the opening day to hammer Carlisle 6-1, embarking on an eight-match unbeaten run. Harry Haslam signed Alan West from Burnley and Jimmy Husband from Everton as Luton maintained their promotion challenge. Husband netted a hat-trick in a 3-1 victory over rivals Orient, then leading marksman Barry Butlin scored three in a 4-2 win over Preston. Alan Garner and Bobby Thomson were ever-present and other stars included Peter Anderson and John Ryan as Luton finished runners-up.

1981/82

David Pleat guided Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981/82. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion in the previous two years and Tony Greasham made his debut as the Hatters kicked off with a 1-1 draw at Wrexham and Ian Buxton arrived from Derby in September. Luton lost just two of their first 18 matches and beat Charlton in the League Cup first round, scoring 27 goals in a run of eight successive wins. Allan Brown's side went top of the table with a 2-0 win at Brentford in February and Keith Allen, Max Dougan, Fred Jardine, John Moore and Ray Whittaker also starred as they



Luton Town captain Steve Foster (left) and Two goal hero Brian Stein (right) crown their goal keeper Andy Dibble with the Littlewoods Challenge cup after beating Arsenal 3-2 in a thrilling final at Wembley.

1987/88

Ray Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. Danny Wilson replaced Peter Nicholas in midfield, while Micky Weir arrived from Hibernian and Mike Newell moved to Leicester. The Hatters won 5-2 at Oxford and Ian Allinson was signed from Stoke in October, with Luton losing just twice in 12 matches including a 7-4 win in the return match against Oxford, finishing ninth in the top-flight. They defeated Wigan 5-2, Coventry 3-1, Ipswich 1-0, Bradford City 2-0 and Oxford 3-1 in the Littlewoods Cup before beating Arsenal 3-2 in the final. Luton were also FA Cup semi-finalists and Simod Cup finalists.

1988/89

Luton Town were Littlewoods Cup finalists for the second consecutive season in 1988/89. Departures were Brian Stein, Mark Stein and Andy Dibble, while newcomers included Roy Wegerle, John Dreyer and Steve Williams. Luton's first home win was 1-0 against Liverpool and they beat Southampton 6-1 in January but First Division form was generally disappointing, with the Hatters narrowly avoiding relegation by winning three of their last four games. Luton defeated Darlington 5-2 in October, signing Chris Coyne from Dundee, Jean-Louis Valois from Lille, Dean Crowe from Stoke, Ahmet Brkovic from Orient and Dave Bayliss from Rochdale. A run of 12 successive wins, slamming five goals past Halifax and Mansfield, took Luton back to the top with two games remaining but they finished runners-up to Plymouth.

2001/02

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2004/05

Mike Newell managed Luton Town to the League One title in 2004/05. The Hatters stormed to the top of the table, winning 10 of their first 12 games before three successive defeats. They beat Bradford City 4-0 and Wrexham 5-1, then Steve Howard netted a hat-trick in a 4-1 win at MK Dons. The 1-0 victory over Port Vale in December heralded a 14 match unbeaten run and Luton bounced back from a 3-1 defeat in the return fixture to hammer Bristol City 5-0. Briefly displaced as leaders by Hull, they triumphed 4-1 at Torquay and secured promotion with four games remaining. Luton won the title with a record 98 points.



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ALL THE BIG STORIES FROM IN AND AROUND THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

01/ Striker

Paul Gallagher has been recalled by Blackburn from his loan spell at The Britannia Stadium. The 21-year-old Scotland International, was on a season-long loan deal and was the Potters' leading scorer with 12 goals but Blackburn Boss Mark Hughes was keen to take a look at Gallagher's form before reshaping his squad for next season. Gallagher's 39 appearances for Stoke this season produced some vital goals and manager Johan Boskamp was pleased with his contribution. "Paul was a good signing for us and for most of the season he was a very important player. I think Blackburn now want to take a look at him themselves over their last two games and I'd like to thank Paul for his contribution and wish him all the best for the future."

02/ Midfielder

Mark Rankine looks set to retire after leaving Tranmere and ending his contract at his own request. The 36-year-old moved to Prenton Park from Sheffield United in June 2004 but has not featured for the first team since February and Manager Brian Little was sorry to see Rankine's career brought to an end.

"Mark had a great first-season with us, helping us to reach the play-offs. However, he has found his recovery between games more difficult this season and he has felt it best to call it a day." Rankine began his career at Doncaster and then had spells with Wolves, Preston, Sheffield United and finally Tranmere.

03/ Veteran

midfielder Andy Hessenthaler has admitted he would be keen on playing for another year at Barnet. The 40-year-old signed in January to aid the club's battle against relegation from League Two and would consider extending his stay with the Bees. "The wife keeps saying I have to pack up now but I have really enjoyed it at Barnet. If the manager or the chairman came back to me and asked if I would be interested in playing for another year I would definitely think about it." The former Gillingham man trains three days a week to ensure he can play to his maximum ability and his committed style has made him a firm favourite with the Barnet supporters.

04/ Derby

striker Tommy Smith admits that financial restraints at Pride Park have hampered their aspirations this season. Whilst talks over a possible take-over have been mentioned this campaign, the Rams are set to finish this season in lower mid-table and the former Sunderland and Watford man believes the lack of money available has had a considerable bearing on this. "We haven't got too many excuses, but the lack of finance does have an impact. In terms of new faces, we have had to make do with loan players, who have not necessarily been exactly what we've looking for in most cases. A club of this size deserves better and we as a squad certainly aim to give the fans more to cheer about in 2006-07."



Clarets On The Quest For A New Signing!

Burnley Football Club are seeking to strengthen their squad ahead of the forthcoming campaign with a new addition to the ranks and it could be you!

As part of the lottery department's latest promotion the club are looking for a 'number 41' to take their place in the squad next season, with the overall winner of the draw receiving the squad number 41 for the 2006/07 campaign, the opportunity to meet the players and management team and have their name feature on the squad list in every edition of the match programme throughout the season, together with £1000.

The 2nd prize winner will be given the chance to appear on the official 2006/07 team photo alongside Steve Cotterill and the players plus £500 whilst the 3rd prize entrant as well as receiving a season ticket will also be able to assist the PA Announcer at Turf Moor with his pre-match duties, including announcing the team line-ups prior to kick-off at the first home game of the campaign.

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Tickets are priced at just £1 each with all proceeds going towards the Burnley Youth Development fund.

clarets funclub easter colouring competition

Pictured right is Jon Harley showing our colouring competition winning masterpieces. Jon judged the competition and chose two winners (one from each age group). **Elliott Prior** won the 8-16 age group and **Nathan Hawthorne** won the 0-7 age group. Both winners won a delicious Easter egg and a signed photograph of Jon. Well done boys! All the pictures were fantastic so we decided to send all the entrants a signed photograph for their brilliant efforts. All the entrants are listed below.

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Stephen Collinge
Hannah Stobbs
Christopher Forrest
Aidan Thomas
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Leon McKenzie
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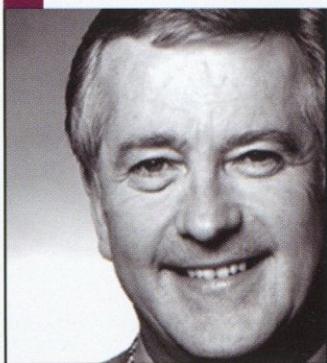
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Joseph Clark
Millie Forrest
Rosie Stobbs
Thomas Hampson
Isobel McKenzie
Alex Forrest
Jack Reynolds
Rhea Worthington



From the other end of the Bee Hole

STEWART BINNS

SUCCESS COMES FROM BELIEF



Accrington Stanley celebrate promotion to the football league

So another long season comes to an end at Turf Moor, as it does in the English game and throughout most of the world game. As always, the annual cycle of football waxes and wanes, as do the futures of its participants. There are a tiny number of winners, a few losers and the multitude of the mediocre in the middle. For Burnley, there was a transitory hint of possible success this year, a tiny moment of danger, but on the whole, a year consigned to the ordinariness of mid-table.

Some accusations have been levelled about 'lack of ambition'. At times the manager seemed to be as frustrated as most. But what is the reality? Barry Kilby is light years from being a Roman Abramovich; a world away from being Dave Whelan and not in the same league as Jack Walker. But he's done – and is doing – what he can. He's a local lad and has put a greater percentage of his personal assets into Burnley Football Club than most of us

would ever contemplate. To those who would argue that he needs to show 'more ambition', I would say that there is a much stronger argument that suggests he's barking mad to have done as much as he has.

But things are not that bad at Turf Moor. We have a good core of players, a manager who is obviously going to succeed one day somewhere and about twelve to fifteen thousand nutters who are almost willing Burnley to succeed, despite all the portents that suggest that we should plummet at least two leagues to a level commensurate with our population, resources and potential.

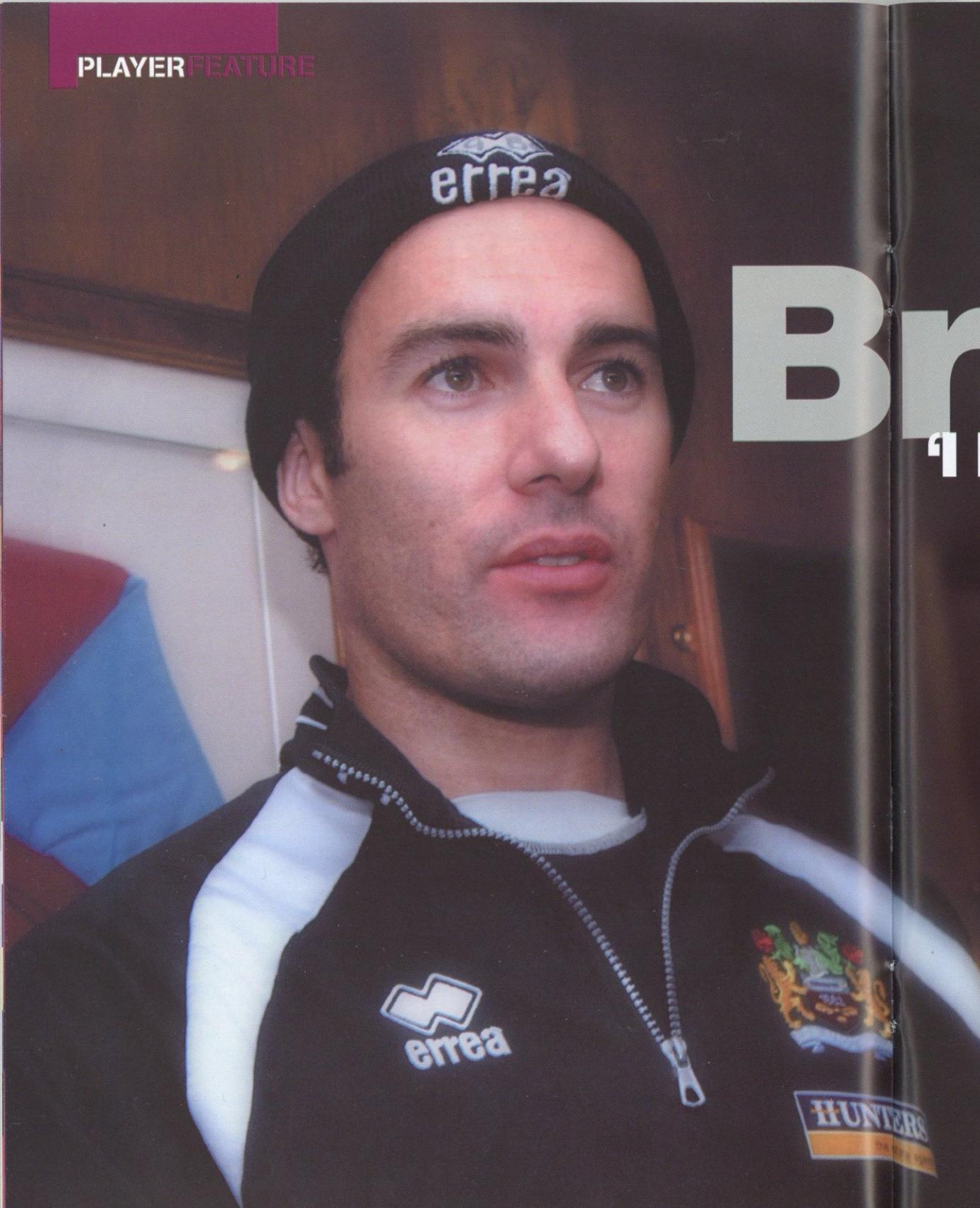
Success comes from belief. Accrington Stanley have just proved that. In fact, it's not a bad time in North East Lancs football. 'The Others' are buoyant under Hughes and Accrington are back in the League after more than forty years. All we need now is promotion for the Clarets next year! Then we'll be rocking.

Finally, there's a little tournament this summer that could get us all in a lather. By the time you read this, Sven's successor might have been named. Let's hope he's a winner, not a 'safe' appointment.

As for England's prospects, so much has been said. But it comes down to this: we have the best team we'll ever have; if we don't win it now, we never will. Of course, we need Ashley Cole and Michael Owen fit. We've got the best team in the tournament, if you include those two. The starting eleven is obvious and, in Rooney, we have a player in the shadow of Ronaldinho as the best player in the world.

Rooney could win it for us: a rough-house Scouser who looks more like a middleweight boxer than a footballer; but the stage is set, the ingredients are ready and Sven doesn't need to say very much (Thank God), except to whisper in Wayne's ear, 'go out and win it for us son'.

Keep your fingers crossed. See you in August.



Branch:

'I Have Enjoyed My Football'

Clarets Ace pleased with his contribution this campaign

Burnley star Graham Branch is hoping to inspire the Clarets to a strong end to the season, with a win over today's opponents Luton, to send the Burnley supporters into the summer break with optimism.

Branch himself has been one of the most consistent players for Steve Cotterill's side this season, with his

recent performances on the left of midfield, and in attack, providing the Clarets with plenty of attacking zest in a run which has seen just one defeat in seven games.

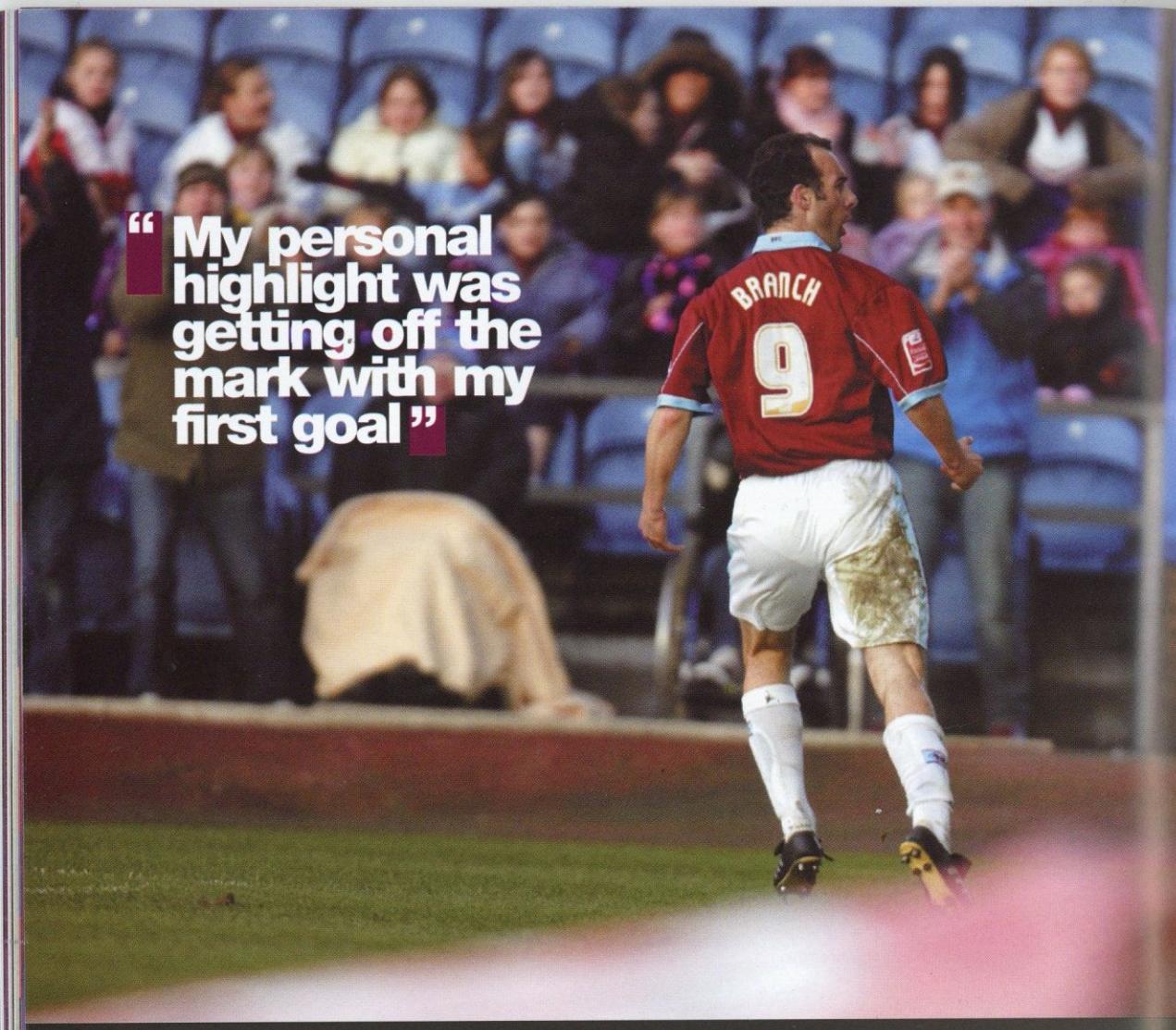
The number nine is completing his seventh season at Turf Moor, and has become a consistent performer at this level, making well over thirty league appearances this season.

This afternoon's visitors Luton are the epitome of consistency, having taken the Championship by storm earlier in the campaign; they now sit in tenth place, in their first season at

this level following promotion last year.

"It is going to be tough today. Luton will be looking to end their great season well. We will be looking to send the fans and the gaffer home with smiles on their faces at the end of a long season. We owe them a little bit from the Millwall game."

"Luton have equipped themselves very well this season, and have looked very much at home, whereas most sides are content with survival immediately after a promotion."



"My personal highlight was getting off the mark with my first goal"

The former Tranmere Rovers man knows where the Clarets have missed out this season, with picking up points on the road being a major factor.

"Our away form hasn't been good, and the gaffer has rightly pulled us up on that, but our home form has been up there with the some of the best sides in the league. It is something that we have talked about, but we can't put our finger on why the form home and away is so different."

"It is something that we will look at for next season, as we want to finish a lot higher than this campaign. We are very capable of doing that, and if we do sort out our away form, we can be up there with the top six without a doubt, as we have the players and personnel in our squad to do that."

The corresponding fixture at Kenilworth Road in November is regarded by many Clarets fans as one of the games of the season, and Branch, although he didn't feature in that game,

admits his pride in the way that the Burnley players played that afternoon.

"I didn't play in that game, so it was a surreal experience. I remember watching the scores on Sky. We were going so well and then Beast was sent off, and he was unlucky to be honest. It was going to be very tough, as Luton were flying at the time. The scores were coming up on the printer, and the lads were doing brilliantly, and we were holding on for the last ten minutes, and it was a very nervy time for me, just watching and hoping we could do it."

"Speaking to some of the fans, they said that it is one of the best games that they have seen for team spirit and the excitement, and it was great for us to be the first team to beat Luton on their own patch this season."

Branch has again showed his versatility this season, playing in a number of positions adding to the attack with his runs down the left hand side, and providing a threat in the opposing area with his heading ability and the 34 year old

points to his first goal of the season as a highlight, as well as another season full of football.

"My personal highlight was getting off the mark with my first goal. I always hope to get through the season with no bad injuries, and that is something that is crucial to me at my age. I have enjoyed my football so much this season, and I am happy with my form."

This afternoon's game against Luton brings to an end another eventful season of football at Turf Moor, and one that has seen the Clarets finish well after a losing run of six games. It represents a good opportunity for the Steve Cotterill's men to end their season on a positive note, as they look to complete the domestic double over Mike Newell's side.

"It is very important to send the fans into the summer break on a win. They have been brilliant this season. It will be good to hopefully get a win for them, and end our season with a victory at home."



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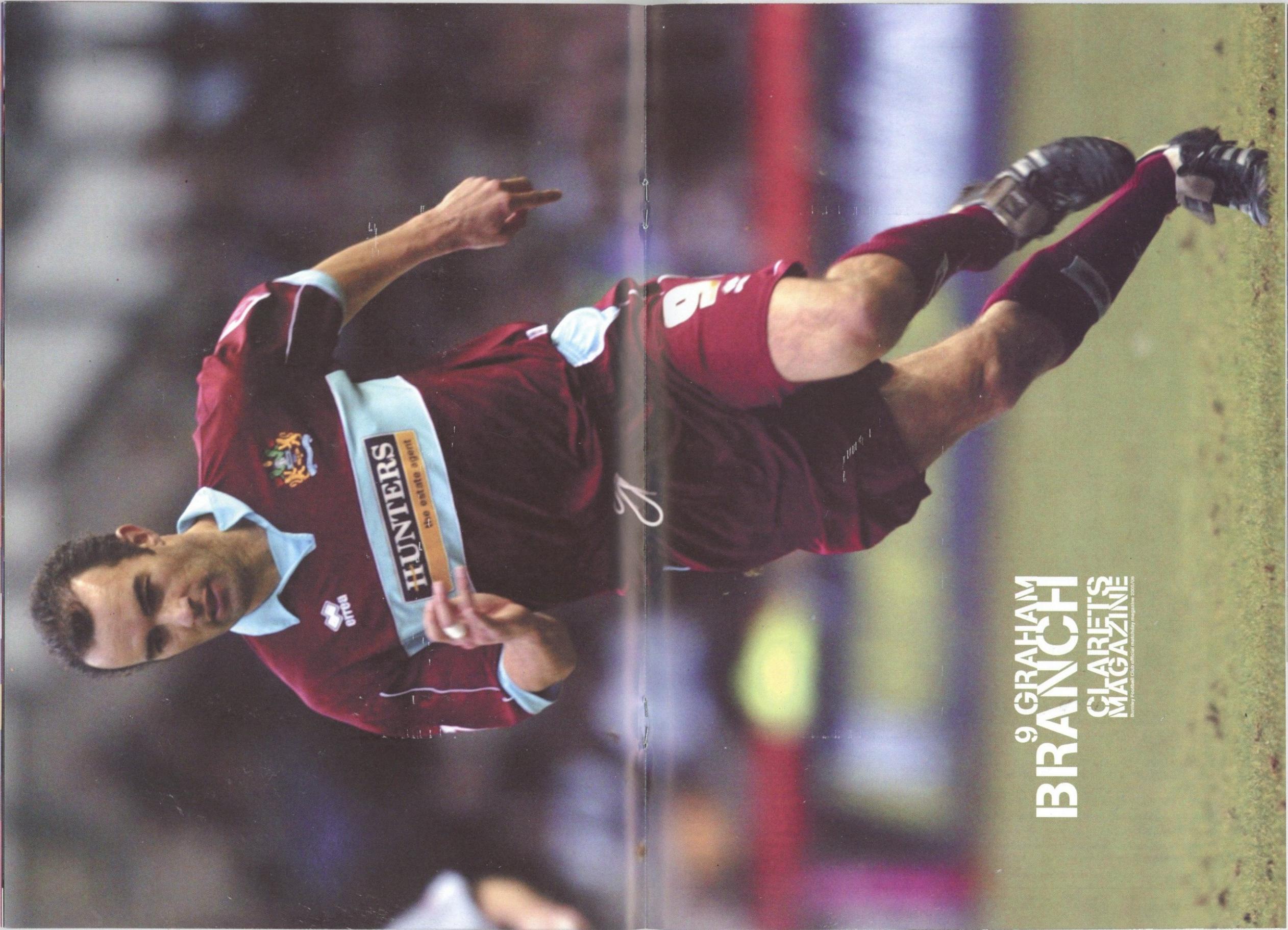
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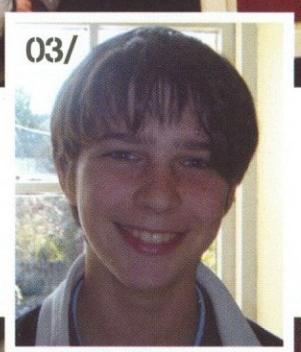
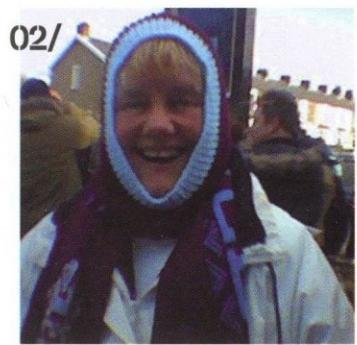
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01/ Here we can see Janice Fretwell with Stefan and Joyce Haluk kindly donating their 500 mile shirt for display in the club shop on behalf of the Burnley Football Supporters Club.

02/ Happy 60th birthday on May 22nd to Joyce Wellock, who lives in Harle Syke, Burnley. Joyce watched her first Burnley game in 1959 and her all-time favourite Claret is Ray Pointer. She is pictured here in her very fetching Claret and Blue balaclava!

03/ Here is Richard Halstead who will be 15 on 1st May. He lives about 5 miles south of Northampton. The first time he saw Burnley play was when his dad took him and his sister to see the relegation match against Plymouth Argyle in the 1997/98 season and has been a loyal supporter ever since. Richard plays goalkeeper for his school team and his favourite player is, of course, Brian Jensen

04/ Paul Scorah and members of the Shooters Clares from Nelson can be seen here on a catamarang during a tour of Barbados.

05/ Happy Birthday to Sharon Scott, a member of the Blacko Clares,

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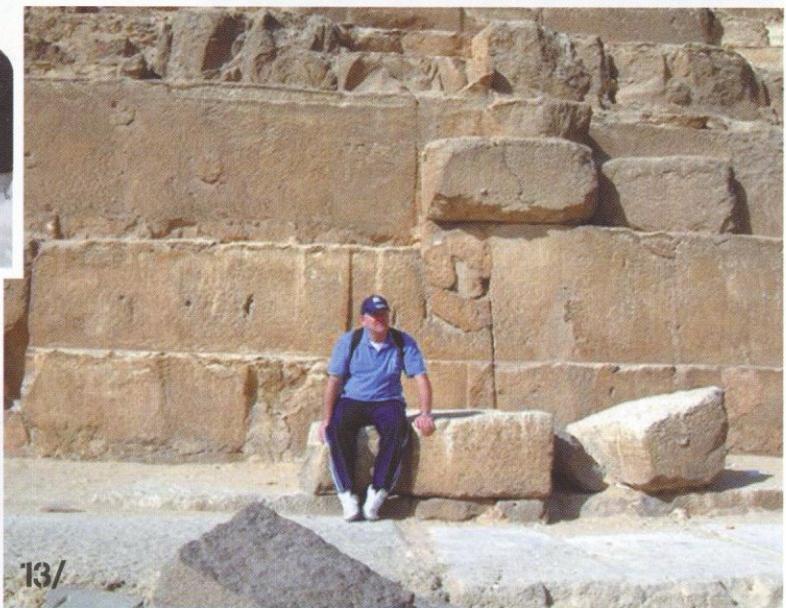
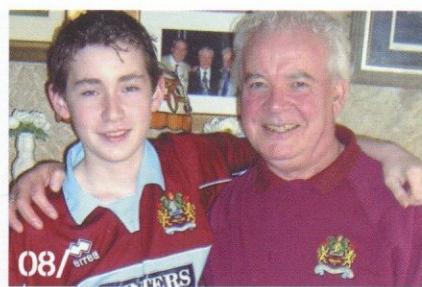


for the 23rd April love from John, Alex and Kieron. Happy 58th birthday to Graham Holehouse love from Blacko and St Albans Clares. Sharon and Graham are pictured on holiday in Sri Lanka.

06/ Exiled Claret Paul Harrison with his girlfriend Becky wearing his Burnley hat by the beach in Perth, Australia.

07/ A young South African Claret from Johannesburg, Adam Solz with his Burnley pyjamas and teddy! Adam's Uncle Stuart lives in Burnley and likes to make sure his nephew has all the BFC memorabilia!

08/ Happy 12th birthday to Eoin Ball on 4th May. Eoin is from Todmorden and is a season ticket holder in the Jimmy McIlroy stand. He attends the matches with his grandad Ben Sherry who is pictured here



12/ with Eoin. Best wishes from all the family.

09/ Emily Rebecca Joyce Gott celebrates her 1st birthday on Saturday 6th May. Happy Birthday lots of love from Mummy, Daddy and big brother Lewis.

10/ Pictured here all proudly wearing their beloved claret and blue whilst on a caravan holiday this Easter are Gary Willets and his five sons Matthew, Jonathan, Thomas, Bradley and Oliver.

11/ Margaret Roper, a season ticket holder in the Bob Lord Stand recently undertook a fundraising trek to Nepal for 'Breast Cancer Care'

and is pictured here on the highest point reached of 3275m on the ridge leading to Maccapuchre (Fish Tail) in the Annapurna region of Nepal.

12/ Lisa Eggleton from Huddersfield would like to wish her dad Des a happy 55th birthday. He is pictured here with his all-time Burnley hero Graham Branch at last season's Player of the Year awards ceremony.

13/ Burnley Football Club's resident DJ Ian 'Jukebox' Duerden on tour in Egypt by the Great Pyramid! Ian will be amongst the group of cyclists parading before today's game after completing the first leg of the Ultimate Bike Ride for Burnley FC, raising money for BFC and Cancer Research



THIS YEAR HAS BEEN A BUSY ONE



Last game of the season!

This year has been a particularly busy one for the department. A record number of children on our activities and a brilliant tour to Germany to finish.

As always the last programme notes serve as a thank-you to the people who have helped during the period...here goes

To our sponsor 'HML' (Mike Hildred, Steve Haggerty, Mike Skelton, Russell Stevenson and Vince Smith in particular).

To Sportsmatch (Robin Hodkinson) who have once again supported our grass roots programmes.

To Andy Howe and all at RYFC (Germany) for their continued help, support and friendship.

To every school who has been involved with the work undertaken by the Regional Managers and coaching staff, your support is invaluable to the success of the department.

To Louise Spencer for her help in filling those applications for awards, thus ensuring that we get the recognition we deserve!

To the manager, his staff and players for their continued support.

To each and everyone of the 100,000 plus men, women, and children who have

participated on our activities, hopefully you will each have enjoyed your experience.

To my staff, for their hard work, effort and dedication throughout, again ensuring that we continue to be the 'bench-mark' for community schemes nationally.

...and finally a thank-you to Dave Edmundson whose help support and positive enthusiasm ensures that we understand where we are going.

Thank-you for your support this season, have a great summer and please don't forget that



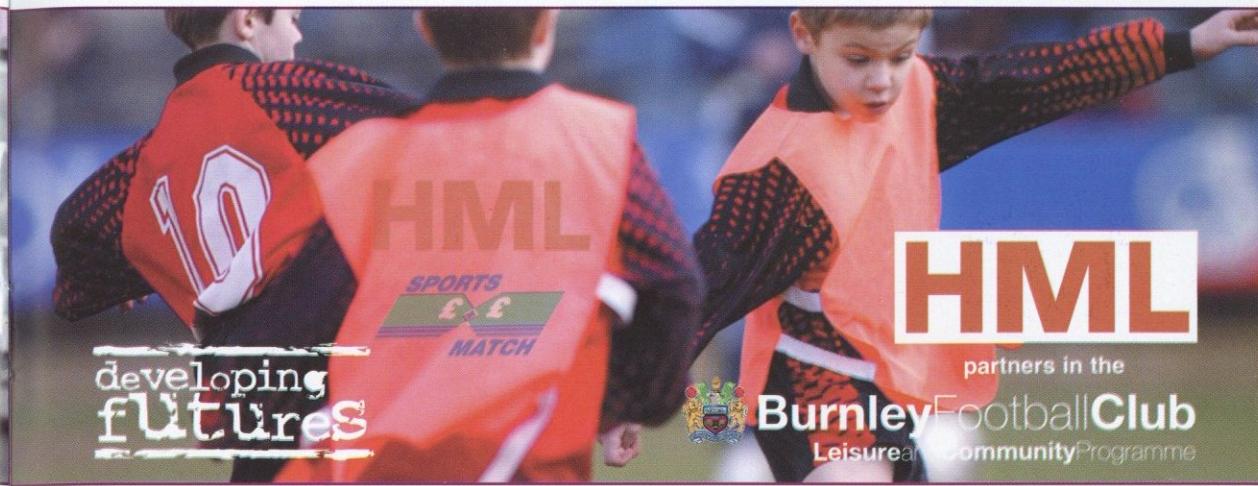
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although there are no games during the period we have activities everyday for children and adults alike.

Here's hoping that summer 2006 will see football come home....'Come On England'

Enjoy the game....Come on you Clares

Dean Ramsdale
Leisure, Community and Development Manager



SOCCER SCHOOL VISIT

Children attending one of Burnley Football Club's leisure and community department soccer courses over the Easter holidays were treated to a visit from three of the Clares first team squad with Andy Gray, Alan Mahon and Jon Harley calling in at the Turf Moor Leisure Centre last week to sign autographs and pose for photographs with the budding young footballers.

The soccer courses are taking place across the summer throughout April, May and June and are suitable for both boys and girls of all abilities aged between 4 and 14 and with prices starting at just £10 per day represent excellent value for money

and are a great way to keep children entertained during the school holidays.

To coincide with this year's World Cup, every child who attends a coaching session will also receive a free 2006 World Cup wall chart with a different countries badge available to collect from each course.

For bookings or more details on the soccer holiday courses or any of the activities run by the Leisure and Community department please contact 0870 443 1882 (option 4).



WELCOME!

We would like to give a special welcome to Turf Moor today to the 50 pupils from Bryning with Warton St.Paul's C.E. School who are watching today's game as guests on behalf of the Leisure and Community programme.

We have set up excellent links with the school by holding after school football coaching sessions along with after school dance and cheerleading with over 80 children in attendance.

The school first contacted us last year via the internet and booked in several events including a speedball contest which raised over £1400.

The community programme continues to have a great relationship with the school and have several more activities booked in throughout the year.



CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to thank all the schools who took part in the Burnley/ Myerscough under 9's Community Cup tournament which was held at Turf Moor Leisure Centre involving several schools from the local area. Congratulations go to St.Mary's School, the overall winners of the competition who beat Christchurch 3-2 in the final and you can see the team pictured receiving their trophies from representatives of the Leisure and Community programme.





DAVID FISHWICK
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One man who is keen to establish himself in the Clarets team is John Spicer who has had to wait patiently on the sidelines in the last few weeks, for a chance to stake his claim.

After enjoying an extended run in the starting line-up earlier in the season, the Romford born ace has mainly been restricted to appearances from the bench in recent games but whenever he has been

called upon, Spicer's attacking mentality, creativity and versatility have proved to be key assets for the side.

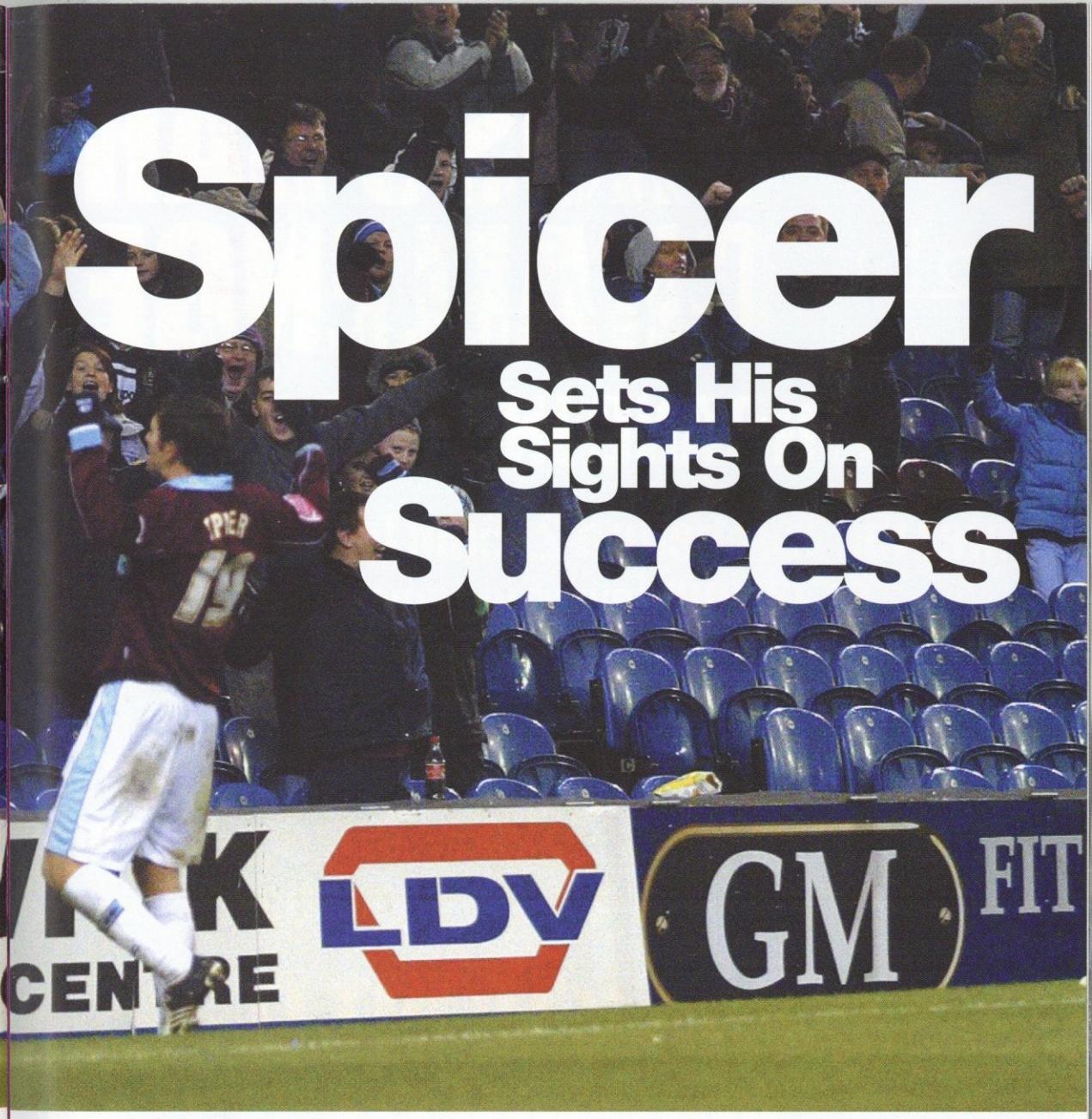
Burnley manager Steve Cotterill was not a happy man following the Millwall game, but one player to emerge from a disappointing performance with some credit was Spicer, who had replaced the injured John McGreal in the first half.

Spicer, an attacking player by reputation was called on to fill in at right back, as Cotterill had to once again shuffle his back four due to injury and the former Arsenal and AFC Bournemouth man more than held his own in a position that he would not normally expect to play.

"It isn't my normal position, but if the gaffer asks you to play somewhere, then you do it. I did enjoy it somewhat because I have never played there before. So I didn't really have any pressure on me. I was just doing what came naturally and I was happy with my performance on the day."

Spicer is no stranger to playing out of position and the reserve fixture at Kenilworth Road back in November was an eventful afternoon for the 22 year-old who had to take over goalkeeping duties following Brian Jensen's dismissal just before half-time, as the Clarets hung on to

Spicer Sets His Sights On Success



claim a memorable victory.

"It was a good day down there, I was in goal for over a half, and we won. It was a good game, and to go in goal and do something for the team was good."

"It was one of those games where anything that can happen does happen, and it was a great effort from the lads to get a victory against a side that were doing so well."

Spicer is aware that the Hatters will prove a tough test, as both clubs look to end their seasons with a victory, and he paid tribute to the way that Luton have performed during their first season in the

Championship.

"They will be organised. It's the last game of the season, and everyone wants to go out with a bang. They have had a good season to come up and finish where they are, in the top half, and that is probably a welcome bonus for them, as they will have been looking firstly to stay up."

"Mike Newell has got them playing good football, and I think they have done great and they will be a good team next year as well!"

"Every game is important, and that will be no different on the last day of the season. It is a good thing to end on a win

though, and for the fans that have come all season, it will be good for them to see a long season end with a win."

About to complete his first season at Turf Moor, Spicer is looking to the future, and believes that the Clarets can improve next term, and make a push much higher up the table.

"Hopefully we can finish what we started this season, with being in and around the playoffs, without having a dip. I just want to play as many games as I can, and contribute to the side as much as possible."

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Steve Cotterill is in the process of building another side

"Up the Clarets – Burnley supporters –
Aylesbury branch"

It flashed up on a giant screen the pub on Saturday night. Following the encounter at Millwall (the least said the better!), Dave and I stayed overnight in Aylesbury on the way home. This pub encouraged its drinkers to send in text messages, which appear on a giant screen, it was the focal point of the room, people have conversations with strangers via the big board and when Dave's message popped up it was met with bemusement from the local's but amusement from Dave and I.

Dave Metcalfe did his best to spread the Claret and Blue message on that evening!

Why mention this? Because Dave felt he should, being a Burnley fan in foreign lands, he wanted to spread the word, like flying a scarf out of your car window on route to matches, I suppose you feel the urge to express where your

loyalties rest...

Turf Moor – Burnley.

Now it's not easy pondering whether to buy a season ticket or not, our last visitors at Turf Moor, Crystal Palace are further example of the growing strength of the championship league, and the growing competition for a top 6 finish. It's a difficult league, competitive and strong and the rewards for being successful in this division, potentially could transform the club. The problem is, the quality of teams at this level, the size of clubs and the budgets they possess, its a fine balance between investment in what could happen or caution because what might happen if things don't go as planned.

It's not an easy decision to make.

But ambition, however large or small is on display here. The manager has signed a long term contract, the team is largely young and fresh and improving. Defensively we're back

to where we were last season, the emergence of Michael Duff in the centre, the quality of John Harley at left back and the experience of Frank and John. The Bournemouth boys have had a season at this level under their belts and will be better from it, James O'Connor and Micah Hyde have been largely faultless and the skill, flair and sheer class of Alan Mahon will be evident next season.

The squad is taking shape. Steve Cotterill is in the process of building another side.

Top six next season? Who knows? What I do know is that we've showed at times THIS season, glimpses of what could be.

So do you want to miss out on what might be next season?

I don't think so.

Thanks for your company.

Scott.

What is 'the' best Burnley programme ever?

Through these pages we have looked at a whole host of Burnley F.C. programmes from way back in time to the more recent. We have almost covered the four corners of the globe as the Claret and Blue shirts have over time played all over the world.

Lets ask the question though what is 'the' best Burnley programme ever?

There is no definitive answer of course as it's rather like saying what was the best Burnley XI ever. Differing views before a ball is even kicked let's say. There would though be a consensus of opinion. Jimmy McIlroy would almost certainly be one of the first names selected by most people for the best XI. Likewise most supporters would argue that the 1914 FA Cup Final programme was the 'holy grail' for the collector.

To this day it remains the only occasion upon which Burnley F.C. lifted the FA Cup and on that basis it is of course a much sought after copy. It was printed with a substantial gate in mind so whilst many have been lost through the passage of time it is rare but certainly not the rarest programme involving Burnley F.C. Nor is it the most valuable programme involving

the Clares although there are only a handful of programmes such as the 1921 Charity Shield that can command these four figure prices.

Burnley's appearances in the Cup Final in 1947 and 1962 however represent more readily available issues to the collector that would not necessitate remortgaging the house. In recent years the prices of these items has rocketed due to a growth in programme collecting. Old Football programmes are one of the few commodities that in terms of value have grown on a par with the housing market over the last 20 years.

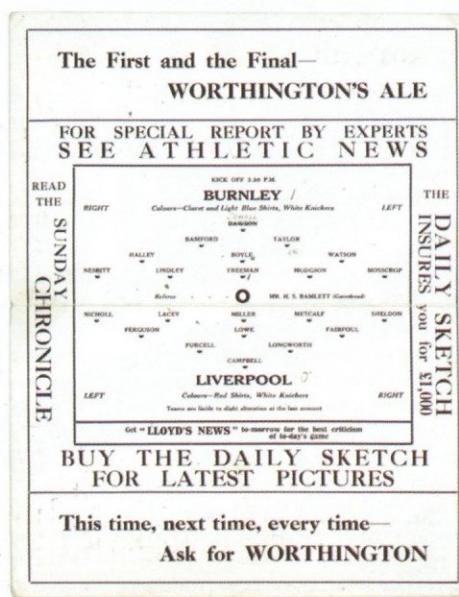
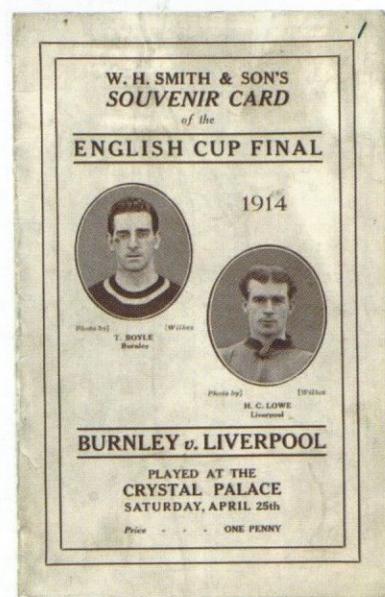
Of course to the collector the value is usually secondary and rightly so. Even those of us who are not serious collectors will have our own favourite programme and all to often it's not the most valuable. The Orient game in 1986/7 was one of the most emotional football matches ever. Whilst the programme is not to hard to locate you can bet that some people would not part with 'their' copy for a £100 such is its attachment. Those emotional links to certain games are what to people make 'their' programme valuable.

It would be nice to have a 1914 Cup Final

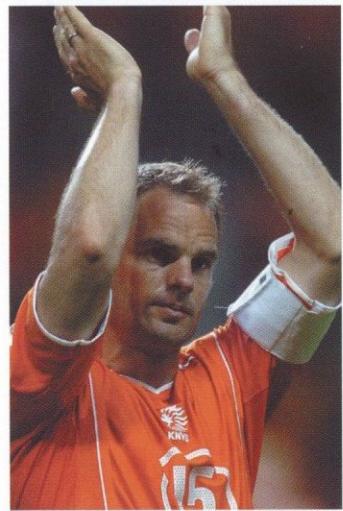
programme but the truth is you will be more flushed with memories when you pick up The Sherpa Van Final programme against Wolves because at the end of the day you were there. The moral is basically that value is an individual thing and not always determined by market prices. A programme may be worth £50 but if you need it to complete a set then to you it may be worth double that figure. Likewise at the first Turf Moor match I ever attended the first stop was to secure a programme. I would be lucky to sell it for 50p in all honesty but even an offer of £100 would not prize it away.

Just as we form a bond with the club we love we form a bond with these incidental little mementoes. They are treasured and lovingly cared for and often prominently displayed with great pride. Ask the true collector what programme they need to add to their collection and the answer will be the next match Burnley play.

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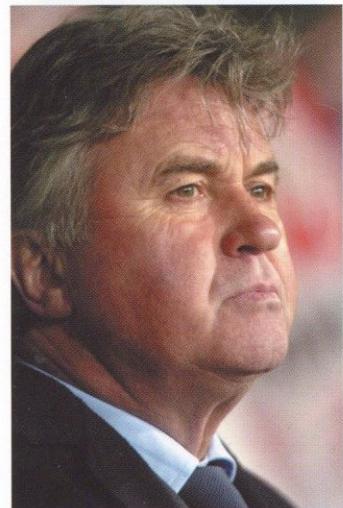


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Veteran defender Frank de Boer has announced his retirement from football. The former Holland International, who was capped a record 112 times by his country will now return to his homeland after more than six years away to become the coach of Ajax's youth team. De Boer has enjoyed a memorable career representing Ajax, Barcelona, Galatasaray and Rangers before moving to Qatar where the 35-year-old has been plying his trade this season.

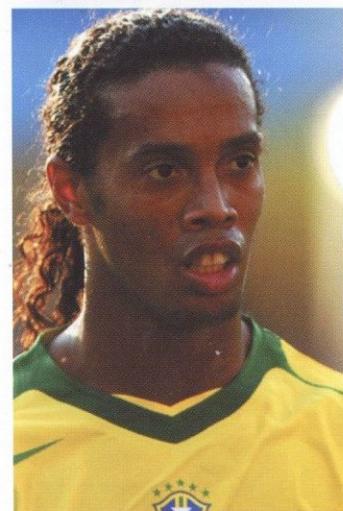


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Guus Hiddink has vowed to awaken a sleeping giant after being unveiled as the new coach of Russia. The 59-year-old, who is currently at the helm of both PSV Eindhoven and Australia, is excited by what he has seen of Russian football and believes that he is the man to guide them to glory.

"I am very proud that I can give my contribution to develop Russian football and make Russia a great football country again because the potential is enormous. If I didn't believe in success I shouldn't have come here. I am very ambitious to be successful with all the people here in Russia. They are on the edge of a new period."

Hiddink had also been linked with the England job, but he insists that there was only position which he was giving serious thought. "England was mentioned. There were some contacts between me, my agents and some people at the FA, but I was curious about the Russian challenge and in the end I didn't have any doubts," added Hiddink.



03/

Brazilian star Ronaldinho has called for compatriot Ronaldo to be shown more respect. The Real Madrid man has been the subject of his fair share of criticism this season, especially from his own fans at Real Madrid who have been frustrated by his inconsistent form. However, fellow Brazilian Ronaldinho – who has had praise lavished on him for his displays at Real's arch rivals Barcelona this campaign – feels much of the negative press has been unwarranted, but believes it will ultimately benefit Brazil come the World Cup and feels a Ronaldo with a point to prove could be one of the stars of this summer's showpiece in Germany.

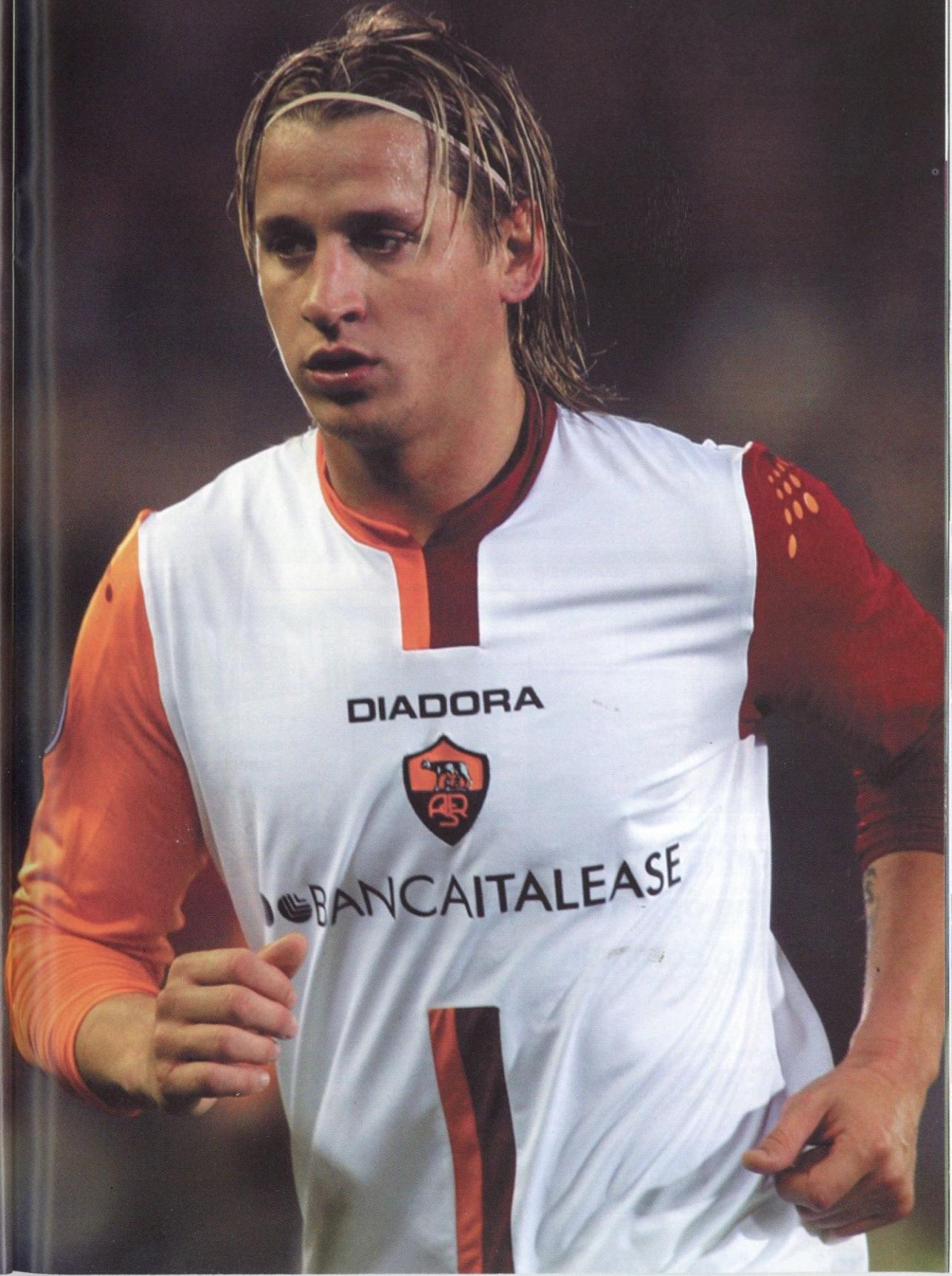
"A player of his (Ronaldo's) standing, who does his job every weekend, deserves more respect and a little more peace," said Ronaldinho.

"But all this criticism is good for us Brazilians because it gives us more motivation and he will be one of the big names this summer. It will be Brazil's World Cup. I am not thinking about myself and doing well or badly. I only want to give my best so that we might be world champions," he added.

04/

Frenchman Philippe Mexes has pledged to stay at Roma despite being linked with a possible move away from Stadio Olimpico with the likes of Milan, Juventus and Liverpool amongst his reported suitors but Mexes is adamant he is not thinking about a departure from the Italian capital.

"I'm a Roma player and I feel myself Roman. My aim is to win with this jersey. I have not signed with the Giallorossi to remain here only two seasons," said Mexes.



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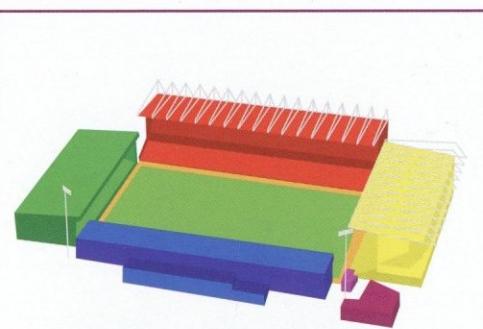
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HOBBIEST:
Football

FAVOURITE FOOD/DRINK:
Nuggets/beans
& fruit shoot

SISTER/BROTHERS/PETS:
Brother Sebastian

FAVOURITE PLAYER(S):
Daddy

MATCH PREDICTION:
2-0 to Burnley

GOAL SCORER(S):
Michael Ricketts
& Alan Mahon

Hello and welcome to this afternoon's match with Luton Town in the Championship.

Keep your eyes peeled before kick-off for the Junior Claret and Blues' player-of-the-year who will be presented with his award before kick off today by one lucky child who was drawn out from all of those members that voted. The winning entrant is also a mascot for this afternoon's game as well so we hope you enjoy your day with us.

REMEMBER,

all junior season ticket holders automatically become members of the Junior Claret and Blues so try and get your ticket sorted out soon! Members get a present for joining, an invite to the Christmas party to meet the players and much more!

Karen

Karen Moorhouse - Junior Supporters Club Co-ordinator

Good afternoon and welcome to Turf Moor for the final time this season for our game with Luton Town this afternoon.

Hopefully we'll be able to celebrate a victory today and see out the season in style in front of all the fans before we all look forward to our summer holidays.

It will be a busy few months coming up for us making honey for the hive and flying along to the various events in the community so we may well see some of you over the summer so make sure you keep any eye out for us!

We've all been there for each other through the season and the players will want to give something back to the fans who have backed them throughout and the team will no doubt want to say their own thanks at the end of the game, so we'd like to ask all the supporters to stay in their seats and not run on to the pitch.

It's something that we don't want to happen so that all supporters can applaud the players for their efforts this

season and vice versa.

We will both be keeping a look out for any pitch intruders so make sure you are on your best behaviour otherwise if we can stop you running on and hand you over to the authorities we will!

Otherwise enjoy the summer and we'll see you next season.

The final winner of our competition in association with 'Braddy's Signing Of The Season' was Daniel Meeks from Nelson who correctly answered that Andy Gray scored Burnley's first goal against Norwich City, congratulations to him, your prize should be on the way now.

We will be back with plenty more competitions and great prizes next season so make sure you keep an eye out for them.

Enjoy the game

Bertie Bee

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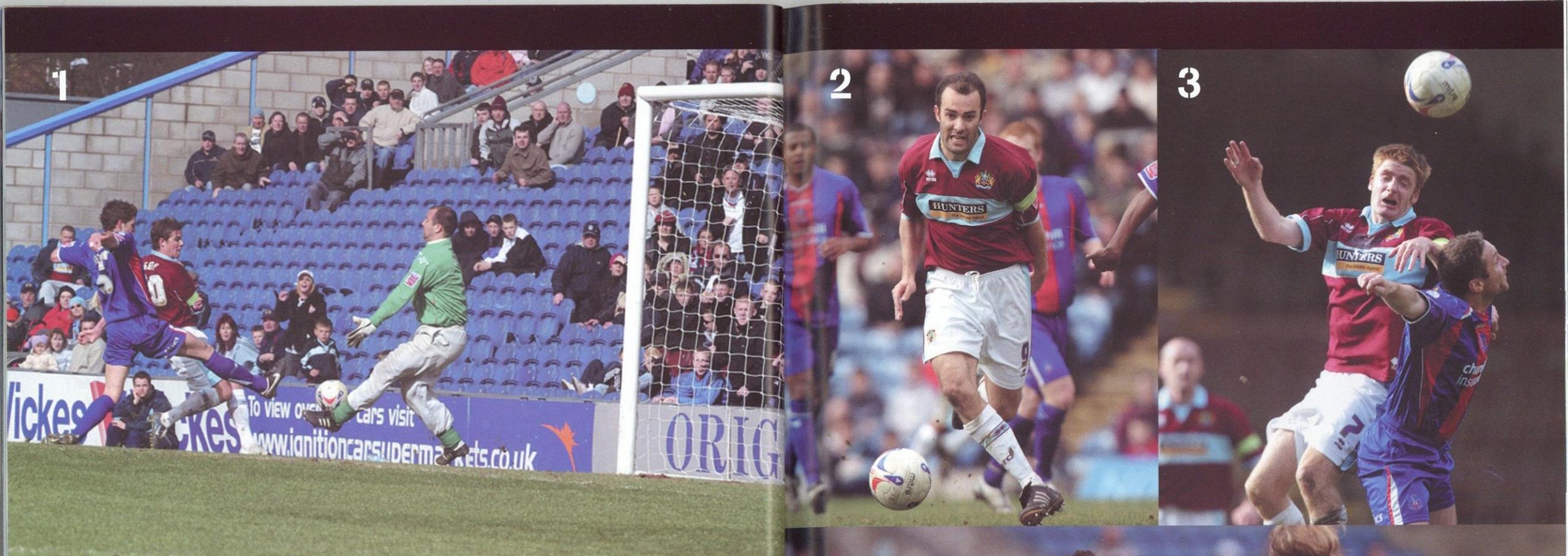
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Michael Duff clears despite the challenge from Morrison

BURNLEY 0
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1 Andy Gray has his shot saved.

2 Graham Branch surges forward.

3 James O'Connor rises highest to win this header.

4 Alan Mahon fires a shot at the Palace goal.

5 Kyle Lafferty shows his pace to beat the defender.





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Football - It Is For Girls!



Would you like to play under the famous Burnley Football Club banner and be proud to wear the famous Claret and Blue every week?

If so, then come and join us at Burnley FC Girls!

We have teams available at various levels, starting at Under 10s, Under 11s, Under 12s, Under 13s, Under 14s, Under 16s and also an open age group.

Whether you are a young beginner or an older and more experienced player wanting to compete at a higher level, Burnley FC Girls have the team for you!

Over the last few seasons, several of our players have gone on to both Centre of Excellence and Academy level, so the chance is there for you to live your dreams.

Don't miss out and don't be shy - come and give it a try!

The Burnley FC Girls are holding trials at St.Theodores (behind burnley Fire Station) on the astro-turf facility on the following dates:

Weds 10th and Thurs 17th May
U10s, U11s, U12s U13s 6 - 7pm
U14s, U16s and open-age (all those over 16) 7 - 8pm

For more details, please contact one of the representatives listed below:
Lynn Tomlinson - 01200 427079
Marian Farrell - 01282 838022

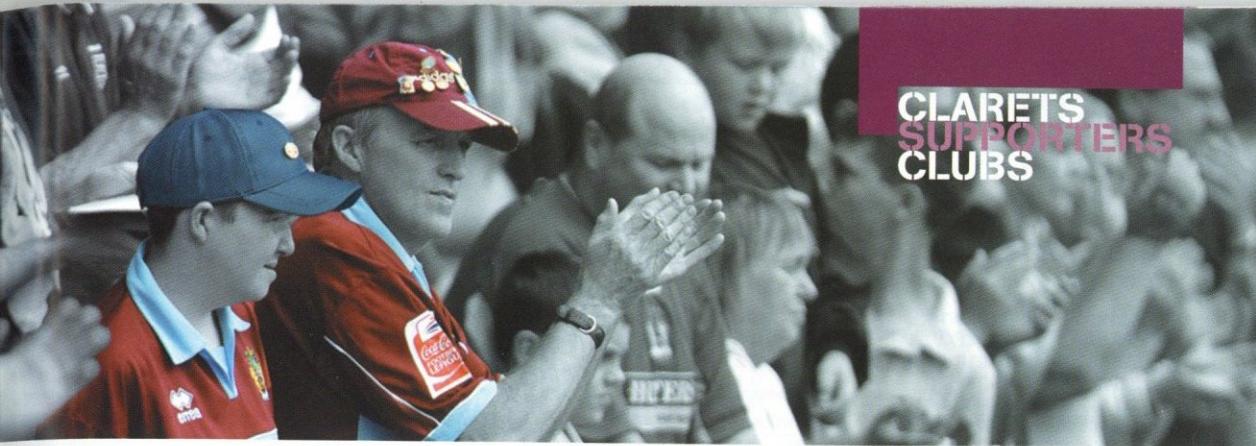




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Accrington Clarets

The Accrington Clarets run trips to most away games and have regular meetings. For further details or to make a booking contact Phil Miller on 01254 301605..

Claret & Blue Supporters Club

"Get behind the Clarets"

Claret & Blue's supporters Club run trips to all the away games and details will appear here of those. They have new additional pick-up points at Colne Bus Station, along with Queensgate, Turf Moor, Glenview Road and Rawtenstall. For prices and times ring Steve 01282 702722.

The Gordon Clarets

The Gordon Clarets, based at The General Gordon Pub in Nelson Lancs, has been organising away travel for a dedicated bunch of Clarets fans since the mid 70's. Their contact details are as follows : Andy Metcalfe on 01282-612873 (evenings) or Mobile 07723039118 or e-mail gordon.claret@ntlworld.com

Central Lancs Clarets

Central Lancs Clarets is an expanding supporters Club for fans living along the M6 corridor. We pick up at Lancaster, Leyland, Wigan and Knutsford Services, but our membership expands as widely as Blackpool, Ormskirk and Barrow. We have Student rates and have a growing number from the universities in these areas. We arrange Coach Travel for most Away games. Our meetings are held monthly either in Leyland, Lancaster and now Wigan. All new members would be made very welcome. For further details contact Meg Fawcett 07944625912 or e-mail address central_lancs_clarets@yahoo.co.uk. Up The Clarets!

Burnley Football Supporters Club

Burnley Football Supporters Club travel to all away games and for more details, contact Stefan or Joyce Haluk on

01282 421234 or 07910549633 or Fraser Eagle Coaches on 01254 231100 (daytime) for bookings.

Monthly Draw winners - March David Walsh Burnley, April Mr Haining Oswaldswistle, both winners win £20.

Please note the price of the trip to Thirsk races on May 13th is £40 inclusive and not the price previously stated. All enquiries to Fraser Eagle coaches or Joyce and Stefan Haluk Tel 01282 421234

Boundary Clarets

Boundary Clarets travel to all away games. To book an away trip with us, call Michael Stephens on 01282 420644 or Neil Conway on 01282 414559 for more details.

Rossendale Clarets

Rossendale Clarets travel to all away games. Picking up at Rochdale, Littleborough, Todmorden & throughout the Rossendale Valley. For further details please call 01706 224924.

The Shooters Arms Clarets

We take bookings to most Burnley away games. For more information, call 07910 767912.

West Midlands Clarets

We would like to hear from all West Midlands based Clarets. We meet on the first Thursday of every month. For more information ring Peter Bateman on 07977 977667, Graham Duerden on 07764 629924 or e-mail peter@wmclarets.co.uk

Earby Clarets

Burnley fans from the Earby area take note! Get in touch with the Chairman John Little on 01282 844255 or 07814424564. The Earby Clarets run away travel to most games.

The London Clarets

The London Clarets is the oldest independent Burnley supporters club in existence, with membership not just restricted to those living in London. The cost of joining is £15 per season for adults, £8 for juveniles and OAP's and £18 for those living overseas. Priding ourselves on our friendliness, we organise cheap travel to most games outside the south east, provide a ticket service for away games and issue a renowned bi-monthly magazine. We also have an excellent calendar of social events. More details can be found at www.londonclarets.com or email membership secretary Phil Whalley at phil_whalley@hotmail.com.

South West Clarets

Any South West Clarets should contact Phil Hardaker at www.southwestclarets.co.uk or by email on phil@southwestclarets.co.uk. Our membership is rising all the time, and currently stands at over 140 members.

Colne Clarets

Colne Clarets Supporters would like to remind fans that we run coaches to all away matches, picking up at Colne, Nelson, Brierfield, Casterton Avenue and the Turf Moor Leisure Centre. For details on travel times to all away games, please contact Alan Beecroft on 07976965982 or 01200 442549 or e-mail colne.clarets@ntlworld.com.

West Yorkshire Clarets

If you follow Burnley from across the border and travel from the Leeds/Bradford area, then why not contact the West Yorkshire Clarets through Steve Hodge, who can be contacted on stephenhodge@ntlworld.com or 07780 901764. See www.myspace.com/westyorkshireclarets for more details.

North Manchester Clarets

The North Manchester Clarets meet on the final Monday of the month at 7.30pm in The Paper Mill public house (rear of McDonalds) Pilsworth Leisure Complex, Bury (junction 3, M66) See you there, Andrew Taylor, Secretary Tel: 0161 766 6535 E-mail: jat999@tinyworld.co.uk. Sponsored by Roger's World Famous 'Castle Chippy', 51 Moor Lane, Clitheroe.



DATE	OPPONENTS	RES	ATT	AWAY	PTS	POS	COYNE	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	THOMAS	BRANCH	ELLIOTT	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	N-WILLIAMS	LAFFERTY	DUFF	McCANN	YATES	JENSEN		
A	SAT AUG 6	CREWE ALEXANDRA	1-2	8,006	2,169	0	19	COYNE	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	THOMAS	BRANCH	ELLIOTT	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	N-WILLIAMS	LAFFERTY	DUFF	McCANN	YATES	JENSEN	
H	TUE AUG 9	SHEFFIELD UNITED	1-2	13,556	2,198	0	23	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	THOMAS	BRANCH	ELLIOTT	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	N-WILLIAMS	LAFFERTY	DUFF	McCANN	KARB'N	COYNE	
H	SAT AUG 13	COVENTRY CITY	4-0	11,683	982	3	16	JENSEN	DUFF	McGREAL	THOMAS	BRANCH	ELLIOTT	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	N-WILLIAMS	LAFFERTY	McCANN	SINCLAIR	YATES	COYNE	
A	SAT AUG 20	WATFORD	1-3	16,802	1,382	0	19	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	DUFF	HYDE	BRANCH	McCANN	JOCONNOR	BERMINGHAM	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	N-WILLIAMS	LAFFERTY	THOMAS	McGREAL	YATES	COYNE	
H	TUE AUG 23	CARLISLE CARLING CUP 1	2-1	5,114	827	-	-	COYNE	DUFF	McGREAL	THOMAS	BRANCH	McCANN	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	N-WILLIAMS	LAFFERTY	REILLY	PUGH	YATES	CROSSLEY	
H	SAT AUG 27	DERBY COUNTY	2-2	12,243	1,271	1	18	COYNE	DUFF	McGREAL	THOMAS	BRANCH	HARLEY	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	N-WILLIAMS	LAFFERTY	SPICER	BERMINGHAM	LOWE	McCANN	JENSEN
A	MON AUG 29	READING	1-2	14,027	838	0	19	COYNE	DUFF	McGREAL	THOMAS	BRANCH	HARLEY	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	N-WILLIAMS	SPICER	BERMINGHAM	LOWE	McCANN	JENSEN	
H	SAT SEP 10	CARDIFF CITY	3-3	10,431	470	1	20	COYNE	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	THOMAS	BRANCH	HARLEY	JOCONNOR	HYDE	ELLIOTT	AKINBIYI	N-WILLIAMS	SPICER	BERMINGHAM	LOWE	McCANN	JENSEN	
A	TUE SEP 13	PRESTON NORTH END	0-0	17,139	2,722	1	20	COYNE	LOWE	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	ELLIOTT	AKINBIYI	N-WILLIAMS	BRANCH	BERMINGHAM	COURTNEY	McCANN	JENSEN	
A	SAT SEP 17	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	0-1	11,829	500	0	23	COYNE	LOWE	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	ELLIOTT	AKINBIYI	N-WILLIAMS	BRANCH	BERMINGHAM	COURTNEY	McCANN	JENSEN	
H	TUE SEP 20	BARNSLEY CARLING CUP 2	3-0	4,501	499	-	-	COYNE	LOWE	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	BRANCH	SINCLAIR	N-WILLIAMS	McCANN	LAFFERTY	JENSEN	
H	SAT SEP 24	BRIGHTON & H.A	1-1	11,112	454	1	23	COYNE	LOWE	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	BRANCH	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	N-WILLIAMS	SINCLAIR	SPICER	ELLIOTT	BERMINGHAM	JENSEN	
H	TUE SEP 27	IPSWICH TOWN	3-0	10,496	460	3	18	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	BRANCH	McCANN	N-WILLIAMS	COURTNEY	ELLIOTT	BERMINGHAM	JENSEN
A	FRI SEP 30	WOLVES	1-0	21,747	324	3	15	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	BRANCH	McCANN	N-WILLIAMS	COURTNEY	ELLIOTT	BERMINGHAM	JENSEN
H	SAT OCT 15	LEEDS UNITED	1-2	16,174	2,759	0	18	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	BRANCH	McCANN	N-WILLIAMS	COURTNEY	ELLIOTT	BERMINGHAM	JENSEN
A	TUE OCT 18	LEICESTER CITY	1-0	23,326	498	3	14	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	BRANCH	ELLIOTT	LOWE	COURTNEY	N-WILLIAMS	McCANN	BERMINGHAM
A	SAT OCT 22	CRYSTAL PALACE	0-2	20,127	669	0	17	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	BRANCH	ELLIOTT	N-WILLIAMS	COURTNEY	KARB'N	McCANN	LOWE
A	TUE OCT 25	ASTON VILLA CARLING CUP 3	0-1	26,872	3,200	-	-	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	LOWE	DUFF	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	BRANCH	ELLIOTT	N-WILLIAMS	COURTNEY	KARB'N	COURTNEY	ELLIOTT
H	FRI OCT 28	HULL CITY	1-0	11,701	863	3	11	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	LOWE	DUFF	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	ELLIOTT	N-WILLIAMS	COURTNEY	McCANN	DYER	KARB'N	
H	TUE NOV 1	MILLWALL	2-1	10,698	85	3	11	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	LOWE	DUFF	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	ELLIOTT	N-WILLIAMS	DYER	COURTNEY	McCANN	KARB'N	
A	SAT NOV 5	LUTON TOWN	3-2	8,518	823	3	8	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	COURTNEY	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	ELLIOTT	N-WILLIAMS	LOWE	DYER	McCANN	KARB'N	
H	SAT NOV 19	LEICESTER CITY	1-0	12,592	837	3	6	GRANT	LOWE	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	ELLIOTT	N-WILLIAMS	COURTNEY	KARB'N	McCANN	LOWE	
A	TUE NOV 22	LEEDS UNITED	0-2	21,318	2,686	0	10	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	LOWE	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	DUFF	AKINBIYI	DYER	ELLIOTT	KARB'N	COURTNEY	PUGH	CROSSLEY	
H	SAT NOV 26	CREWE ALEXANDRA	3-0	11,151	358	3	6	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	ELLIOTT	N-WILLIAMS	DYER	COURTNEY	McCANN	KARB'N	
A	SAT DEC 3	SOUTHAMPTON	1-1	21,592	1,500	1	7	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	LOWE	BRANCH	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	ELLIOTT	N-WILLIAMS	KARB'N	COURTNEY	McCANN	GRANT	
A	SAT DEC 10	SHIELD UNITED	0-3	23,118	1,343	0	11	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	DUFF	LOWE	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	ELLIOTT	N-WILLIAMS	BRANCH	ELLIOTT	KARB'N	GRANT	
H	SAT DEC 17	WATFORD	4-1	13,815	464	3	8	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	ELLIOTT	N-WILLIAMS	THOMAS	ELLIOTT	G.OCONNOR	GRANT	
H	MON DEC 26	STOKE CITY	1-0	17,912	2,564	3	5	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	BRANCH	JOCONNOR	HYDE	ELLIOTT	AKINBIYI	N-WILLIAMS	THOMAS	G.OCONNOR	SPICER	KARB'N	GRANT	
A	WED DEC 28	NORWICH CITY	1-2	25,204	586	0	7	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	THOMAS	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	SPICER	AKINBIYI	N-WILLIAMS	ELLIOTT	BRANCH	G.OCONNOR	KARB'N	GRANT	
H	SAT DEC 31	SHEFFIELD WEDS	1-2	14,607	1,930	0	9	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	BRANCH	JOCONNOR	HYDE	ELLIOTT	AKINBIYI	N-WILLIAMS	THOMAS	G.OCONNOR	SPICER	KARB'N	GRANT	
A	MON JAN 2	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	1-1	12,565	832	1	8	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	ELLIOTT	BRANCH	THOMAS	KARB'N	SPICER	GRANT	
A	SAT JAN 7	DERBY COUNTY FA CUP 3	1-2	12,713	1,854	-	-	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	ELLIOTT	BRANCH	N-WILLIAMS	SPICER	COURTNEY	ELLIOTT	
A	SAT JAN 14	CARDIFF CITY	0-3	10,872	354	0	9	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	THOMAS	HARLEY	McCANN	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	AKINBIYI	ELLIOTT	BRANCH	N-WILLIAMS	SPICER	DUFF	GRANT	
H	SAT JAN 21	PRESTON NORTH END	0-2	17,220	3,861	0	10	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	THOMAS	HARLEY	ELLIOTT	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	BRANCH	N-WILLIAMS	THOMAS	G.OCONNOR	SPICER	KARB'N	GRANT	
A	TUE JAN 31	BRIGHTON & H.A	0-0	6,267	360	1	10	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	ELLIOTT	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	RICKETTS	BRANCH	McCANN	SPICER	KARB'N	N-WILLIAMS	COURTNEY	
H	SAT FEB 4	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	1-0	11,292	468	3	10	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	BRANCH	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	RICKETTS	N-WILLIAMS	ELLIOTT	KARB'N	McCANN	SPICER	COURTNEY	
A	SAT FEB 11	IPSWICH TOWN	1-2	24,482	488	0	11	JENSEN	THOMAS	McGREAL	DUFF	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	BRANCH	RICKETTS	N-WILLIAMS	McCANN	COURTNEY	ELLIOTT	KARB'N	G.OCONNOR	
H	TUE FEB 14	WOLVES	0-1	11,056	614	0	11	JENSEN	DUFF	McGREAL	ELLIOTT	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	McCANN	RICKETTS	N-WILLIAMS	BRANCH	KARB'N	G.OCONNOR	COURTNEY	PUGH	
A	SAT FEB 25	COVENTRY CITY	0-1	19,641	1,245	0	14	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	DUFF	ELLIOTT	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	McCANN	RICKETTS	N-WILLIAMS	BRANCH	KARB'N	SPICER	McCANN	COURTNEY	
H	SAT MAR 4	READING	0-3	12,888	924	0	15	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	THOMAS	HARLEY	SPICER	JOCONNOR	HYDE	McCANN	LAFFERTY	BRANCH	McCANN	SPICER	KARB'N	N-WILLIAMS	COURTNEY	
A	SAT MAR 11	DERBY COUNTY	0-3	23,292	368	0	17	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	McGREAL	THOMAS	HARLEY	ELLIOTT	JOCONNOR	HYDE	G.OCONNOR	RICKETTS	McCANN	SPICER	BRANCH	DUFF	N-WILLIAMS	LAFFERTY	
A	SAT MAR 18	STOKE CITY	0-1	12,082	771	0	18	JENSEN	DUFF	THOMAS	BARDSELEY	HARLEY	G.OCONNOR	JOCONNOR	HYDE	BRANCH	MCCANN	RICKETTS	GRAY	SPICER	KARB'N	LAFFERTY		
H	FRI MAR 24	NORWICH CITY	2-0	11,938	499	3	17	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	DUFF	BARDSELEY	HARLEY	McCANN	JOCONNOR	ELLIOTT	BRANCH	RICKETTS	GRAY	MAHON	SPICER	LAFFERTY	KARB'N	G.OCONNOR	
H	TUE MAR 28	SOUTHAMPTON	1-1	10,636	328	1	17	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	DUFF	BARDSELEY	HARLEY	McCANN	JOCONNOR	MAHON	BRANCH	RICKETTS	GRAY	SPICER	MCGREAL	HYDE	ELLIOTT	LAFFERTY	
A	SAT APR 1	SHEFFIELD WEDS	0-0	24,485	1,038	1	17	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	DUFF	BARDSELEY	HARLEY	McCANN	JOCONNOR	MAHON	BRANCH	RICKETTS	GRAY	SPICER	JOHN SPICER	HYDE	ELLIOTT	LAFFERTY	
H	SAT APR 8	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	1-0	11,247	452	3	15	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	DUFF	BARDSELEY	HARLEY	McCANN	JOCONNOR	MAHON	BRANCH	RICKETTS	GRAY	SPICER	JOHN SPICER	HYDE	ELLIOTT	G.OCONNOR	
A	SAT APR 15	HULL CITY	0-0	19,926	1,386	1	16	JENSEN	SINCLAIR	DUFF	BARDSELEY	HARLEY	McCANN	JOCONNOR	MAH									

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Family Stand Re-Launch

Burnley Football Club are proud to announce the re-launch of the Jimmy McIlroy Family Stand for the 2006/07 season.

Situated in the upper tier of the stand, this area will become the part of the stadium where families can come along to enjoy a series of activities before taking their seats to watch the game.

Monthly events are lined up within the Family Stand, such as SpeedBall shooting, appearances from Bertie Bee, artwork opportunities and bands meaning the matchday experience will be enhanced immensely and Chief Executive Dave Edmundson believes the initiative will make a 'day-out' at the football an enjoyable event for all the family.

"It is vital that we attract new fans to matches and in particular to increase the enjoyment and entertainment on a match day. Our aim is to create a 'family day out' that will have a number of activities wrapped around the game, so that match days really do become an event and an

enjoyable experience that lasts much much more than 90 minutes."

Clarets Legend Jimmy McIlroy came along to Turf Moor with his family to help promote the re-launch of the stand and expressed his delight at the new scheme. "Nothing would give me greater pleasure next season than to see lots of young families enjoying themselves in my stand". Extra stewarding in this area will ensure the 'Jimmy Mac experience' is a safe and pleasant one for the family at all times and match day family stand tickets will only be sold on the basis of '+1'. In other words, no tickets will be sold to individuals or groups which do not include at least one under 16 member.

The pricing in this area of the stadium is also specifically targeted towards the family with special offers for family groups (which must include at least one junior concession ticket), so why not come along and enjoy the fun?

For your information, family has been defined as a group, including at least one

person under the age of 16, buying tickets for adjoining seats and paying in one transaction from one bank account.

Existing Family Stand season ticket holders are welcome to remain in the seats that they already occupy, but Burnley Football Club understand that these activities may not be to everyone's taste, so existing adult Jimmy McIlroy season ticket holders who wish to move away from the junior fun can take advantage of a one season only special offer comprising £20 off a 2006/07 James Hargreaves Stand or Bob Lord Stand season ticket.

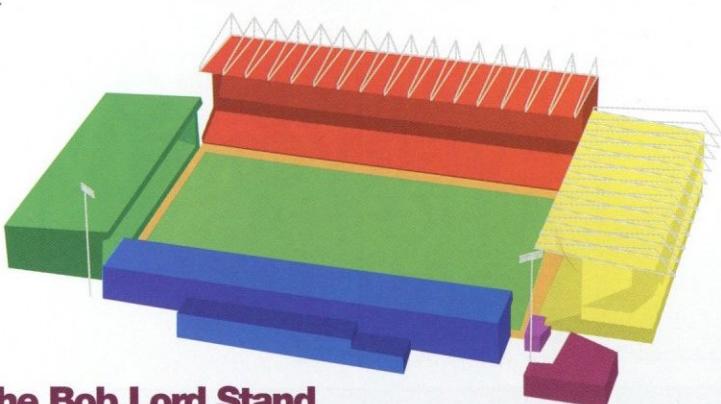
However the match day experience at Turf Moor isn't just confined to the Jimmy McIlroy Upper Stand as a series of match promotions and themes are planned for designated games throughout next season, with all fans able to take advantage of special offers and activities on the day. Details of these will be announced in due course.

For further information on any of the above initiatives and the season ticket campaign phone the ticket office on 0870 443 1914



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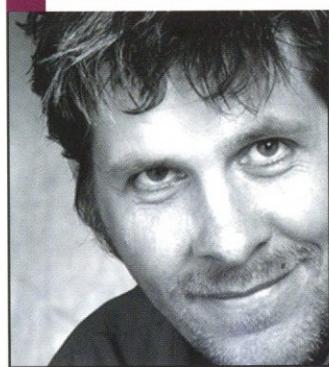
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Season Ticket Prices 2006-07

Area	£ Matchday	ST Price 06/07 Early	ST Price 06/07 Standard
Bob Lord Stand	Adult £21 Senior citizen £14 16 to 18 £21 Under 16 £11	£379 £190 £190 £75	£441 £225 £225 £90
James Hargreaves Stand Upper	Adult £21 Senior citizen £14 16 to 18 £21 Under 16 £11	£379 £190 £190 £75	£441 £225 £225 £90
James Hargreaves Stand Lower	Adult £19 Senior citizen £12 16 to 18 £19 Under 16 £10	£342 £170 £170 £75	£399 £200 £200 £90
Jimmy McIlroy Family Stand Upper	Adult £18 Senior citizen £11.50 16 to 18 £18 Under 16 £9	£319 £160 £160 £60	£378 £190 £190 £90
Jimmy McIlroy Family Stand Lower	Adult £17 Senior citizen £11 Student w/ id £11 16 to 18 £17 Under 16 £9	£289 £150 £150 £150 £75	£340 £180 £180 £180 £90

call the ticket office hotline now to purchase your
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THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS READ THE PIECES



Then came the huddle

Well, all good things come to an end.

And some bad things, which is why I'm writing this.

I've pestered you for five years with my pieces in the programme and apart from my starring role in Channel 4's '100 Greatest Potatoes' it's been my proudest moment.

But I'm going to take a season off next year to give you some peace.

Dry those tears and here is the final installment of my 'magic moments', bits that I prepared earlier.

Thanks to everyone who has read the pieces for the last five or six years, particularly to the one bloke who said he actually enjoyed them.

I'll be writing in the programme again soon. Up the Clares!

Friday 4th March v Sunderland

I'm writing this on Wednesday morning and I have realised unlike our 5-0 thumping a few seasons ago, this time things are VERY different.

This time there were no gloating Rovers fans jeering at our convoy as we left the ground.

This time they had scurried home, because this time they knew they had got out of jail.

What used to be a Jack Walker-sized gulf

between our two teams is now a fordable gap the width of Pedersen's bootlace and, believe me they are worried.

Against a line-up of mercenaries bought from all corners of Europe to prop up a fading Premiership club, our wonderful heroes held their own.

Trepidation before kick-off turned to pride, belief and hope as the game wore on, personified by Micah Hyde's beautiful equaliser.

And the fans?

We 7,000 did our town proud, our team proud and ourselves proud.

The noise from the Darwen End was immense.

And we didn't need Cozy Powell either!

Over the 34 years I've been watching Burnley I have had my moments.

The Orient game.

The Stockport play-off final.

York away to get out of the old Fourth Division.

Spurs away, 4-1.

Last night was a new heart-wrenching, heart-warming, stomach-churning, goose-pimpling moment that I will never forget.

It was the kind of night to hug a stranger,

share a pint and sing your hearts out.

It was the kind of night to reaffirm our Burnley roots and begin once more to understand and appreciate the strength and depth of the bond we all share.

A bond forged because of Turf Moor.

...Then came the huddle

It was THE moment we all understood in an instant that this defeat was merely a pit-stop on a bigger journey for our team.

Steve Cotterill marched onto the pitch and got our whole squad into a circle around him.

We'll never know for sure what was said in that huddle as we gave them a standing ovation.

Part of the romance of the moment will be forever imagining exactly what he was telling those brave players.

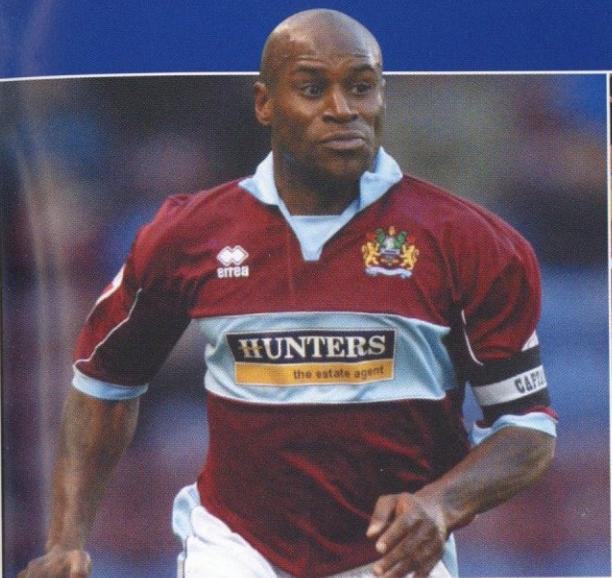
I like to think he pointed to us.

I like to think he pointed to us and said;

'There are grown men crying up in those stands. Tonight they are tearful because we lost and because we tried.'

Walk off this pitch with your heads held high because not only are they Burnley up in those stands. After tonight boys, you are TRULY Burnley too.

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