

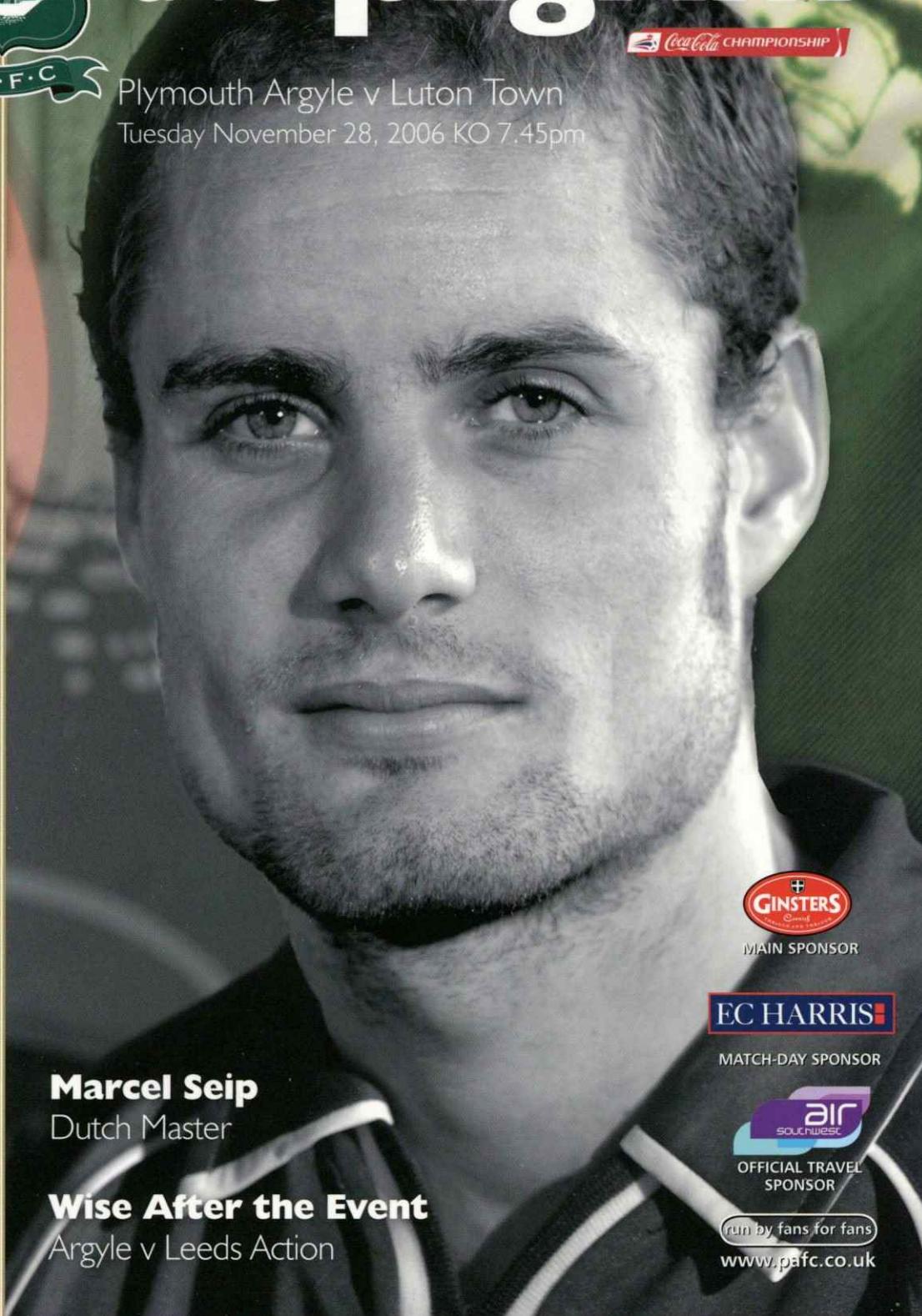
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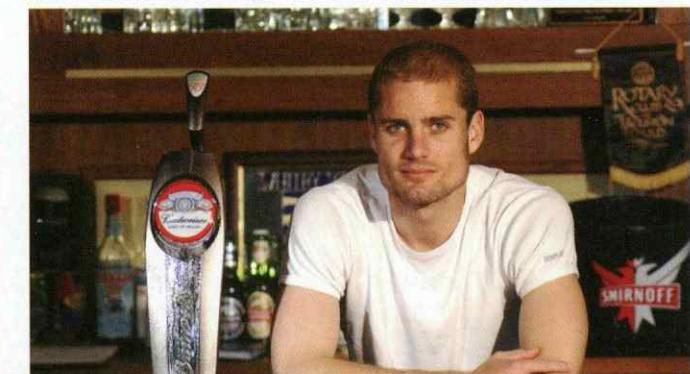


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PLUS...SPECIAL MARCEL POSTER



“Are we clinical enough? Are we precise enough in our marking and defending? Are we as good as everybody keeps thinking we might be?”

I HAVE got a reputation as a laugher and a joker, but I did not feel like that on Saturday because I thought we had the beating of Leeds.

It was another disappointing day for us - we created more chances on our own patch and lost.

We are not defending well enough and we are not taking our chances, and that is a fact. All this people telling us 'well done' and 'you're doing great' – I am not having it anymore.

THE MANAGER Ian Holloway

Sometimes the pat on the back can be worse for you than a punch on the cheek. Maybe we need to realize that we are not doing that well.

Some of the football is nice and attractive, but we need to win games. We need to get our cutting-edge back.

Everybody is pleased with the football, but it is all about results. I know Martin O'Neill is the nastiest fellow in the world when his team loses, and I am starting to feel like that.

Football is a funny old game. We made probably the best start we have made at home since I arrived - the lads were

bright, we had a tempo about us, and it looked like we were going to have a good game - and then we ended up 1-0 down inside three minutes.

Before you knew it, we missed a header at the back, there was half a slip, and Leeds scored. We did not defend the cross properly. Why did we not block the cross? We got that wrong.

Leeds had two chances and scored two goals, whereas we had about four chances in the second half alone. How many more chances do we need?

Are we clinical enough? Are we precise enough in our marking and defending? Are we as good as everybody keeps thinking we might be?

When you chase a game, particularly against a side like Leeds, it can be very difficult. I thought they made it virtually impossible for the referee.

We did not lose the game because the referee scored two goals - we lost the game because we let in two stupid goals.

There was gamesmanship flying around left, right and centre but - fair play to Leeds - they are scrapping for points and they deserve some credit for a much better performance than they have given in a while.

If Robbie Blake had fallen over any more, he would need handles on his shorts - it was embarrassing - but Eddie Lewis's finish with the outside of his left foot is what the Championship is all about: international player, got through, wants

a goal. That's what it is like: welcome to the Championship."

We do not want the confidence to drop, so Saturday's result has made tonight's game a massive one. For me now, we have to win it.

I was expecting at least three points on Saturday. In fact, I would have been disappointed if we had only got one. In the harsh reality of life, I got absolutely zip. It is a bitter pill to swallow.

I would love a home win tonight because our home form is not what we wish and we have to do something about it.

“*Okie*”



ARGYLE manager Ian Holloway is delighted to have Tim Breacker on board as a coach after months of contract negotiations with his former employers at QPR.

Both men were placed on gardening leave by the Loftus Road club in February but, while Holloway joined the Pilgrims in the summer, Breacker's arrival was delayed until now.

"It is fantastic and another piece in the jigsaw. At the end of the

day, it is about recruiting players, training them, so I need the staff and structure to keep them going.

"Tim has helped me with it before and I choose my people very carefully."

His specific role at Argyle will range from coaching the first team to assessing the youth set-up at Argyle. He will also be

in discussion with the club chef about rolls of a different nature.

Holloway quipped: "Tim's roll will probably be cheese and pickle or he might have chicken and brown sauce. We have a fine array of rolls and pastries.

"Tim's other responsibilities will be on the training ground as a coach with the first team, all the way down to the youth set-up.

"I want the youth team doing exactly what we do and it will be part of Tim's remit to make sure that is up and running.

"He knows how I want things run. He needs to observe how we have got things running here and I want to maximize some of the ideas Tim has got to make us more efficient.

"You have to be up with modern times in training. It is all scientific now and Tim is trained in that.

"I want it documented, so that I can pull a file off the shelf and find out what a player is doing,

what he is lifting, what he weighs, how much he is improving and, if I don't like the look of it, I will call him in and rake him over the coals.

"Tim will be picking some of my players up when I have given them a hammering because I have been too nice so far due to the fact that I am coaching them as well."

THE UK Coalition of People Living with HIV and AIDS, the League Managers Association and the Professional Footballers Association have combined to highlight the needs of people living with HIV and AIDS, not just in the UK, but worldwide.

During all matches played in the Premiership and Football League around World AIDS Day 1st December, managers and players will wear specially designed badges that show they support the worldwide fight against HIV/AIDS.

Players in the Premiership and Football League come from every continent, many from countries most affected by HIV/AIDS. During each match over the WAD weekend, 90 children under the age of 15 will die of AIDS somewhere in the world. Over the whole weekend, 4,320 children will die.

TIM Breacker and Ian Holloway worked together at QPR before both being placed on gardening leave back in February - ongoing contractual negotiations with QPR delayed Breacker's arrival until now.

"I must have a bigger garden than him," said Breacker. "I was basically placed on gardening leave the same day as Ollie. A fax to him had my name on it and that was it.

"I am glad that side is over and I want to get back working. I enjoyed my time with Ollie before. He gave me a chance in the coaching side of the game when I finished playing.

"I want to achieve something here with Ollie and I am looking forward to the challenge.

"It is not a nice period and I know that Premiership clubs are not allowed to put people on gardening leave and it should be the same in every division.

"It is different for a manager. If the club does well, you get a lot of praise and, when things go wrong, you tend to look at yourself.

"A lot of the time it was a case of speaking to Ollie and reminding him that he did well and should be proud. He is a good manager and it will be shown in the future.

"You can understand how he was feeling but maybe the way QPR struggled after he left made him feel a bit better."

Breacker has not spent his time in the footballing wilderness being idle. The former Luton and West Ham full-back has been busy watching games and working on his coaching license. He said: "I have been able to use my time well, although it is not the same as being at a club.

"Once Ollie arrived here, I spent my time going to matches, watching players and also doing my Pro License.

"I have watched a lot of games on video and I have been speaking to Ollie and Gary [Penrice]. I also know a lot of the players from when we faced them at QPR. I think there was a lot of mutual respect between the two sides at the time.

"The challenge is to keep what was here before and try to add to it. If you can do that, you have every chance of doing well in this division. Wigan and Reading are good examples. They have both now gone into the Premiership and kept the same ethos and attitude, and you can see that in their play."

THIS week, we received a letter from Plumtree Kilby, independent financial advisers in London.

Mark Dodd, a partner with the company, went to our game at Crystal Palace and wrote:

"I travelled back with a group of Argyle supporters on the train and was pleased to be with such a well behaved group of supporters.

"They were some of the younger fans and he thought they were a credit to your club."

Reid Recalled

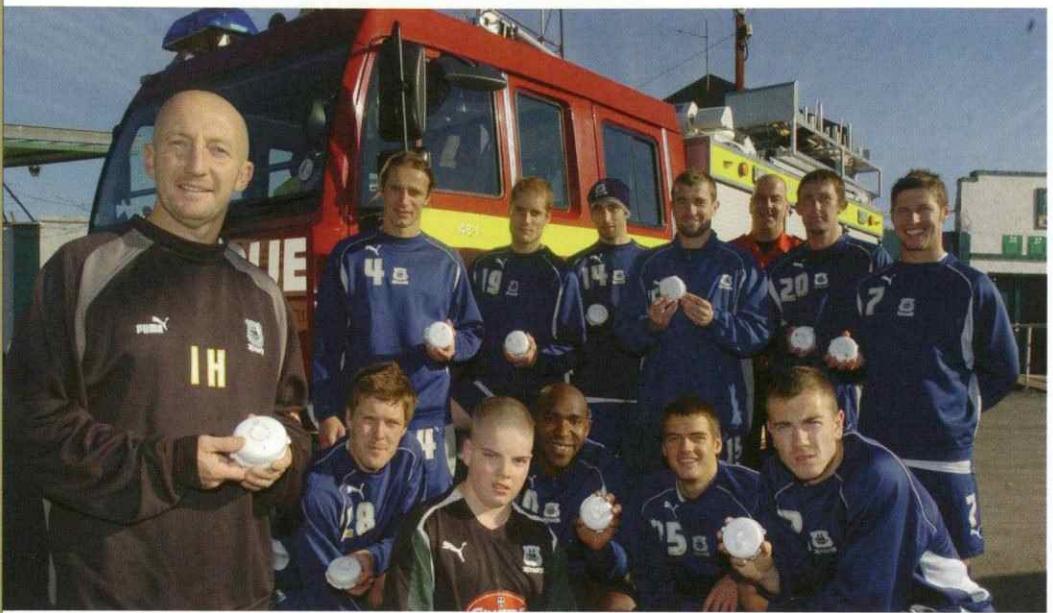
ARGYLE have recalled striker Reuben Reid from his loan spell at Kidderminster Harriers.

The 18-year-old received a red card on at Exeter recently, incurring a three-match ban and leaving him unavailable for the rest of his two-month loan period.

Harriers boss Mark Yates was keen to keep him for another month but Ian Holloway wanted him back.

"I'd like to have kept him for another month but he's Plymouth's player," Yates said. "We're exploring other avenues."

Reid's red card came in the Harriers' 1-1 draw at Exeter.



LOCAL residents will be sent a chilling message this month – you are twice as likely to die in a fire if you do not have a working smoke alarm.

Nationally, 80% of the population own smoke alarms, but statistics show that one in eight house fires attended by fire and rescue services, the smoke alarm failed to work, largely due to flat or missing batteries.

Argyle manager Ian Holloway said: "The advertising campaign encourages people to test their smoke alarm batteries each week by stressing the fatal consequences of forgetting.

"It takes seconds to push the button so make sure you build it into your weekly chores, such as vacuuming.

"Smoke alarms provide vital early warning signs when a fire breaks out, which is often during the night.

WICKES, the Official Home Improvement Partner of The Football League Championship, has confirmed details of the second Wickes Young Apprentice Trophy.

In association with the Football League, Wickes will once again be looking to recognise the best young apprentice in the Championship.

The winning player will get £5,000 towards his club's youth development programme, as well as holiday vouchers. The club of the second-placed player will receive £3,000 and the third-placed club will receive £2,000 towards their youth development scheme.

The judges will be looking at various aspects of the apprentice's career, including discipline, education, attitude and of course, performance on the pitch.

Don't put yourselves or your family at risk for the sake of a battery."

Devon Fire & Rescue Service has provided six essential smoke alarm tips to make sure you don't push your luck.

- 1 Fit smoke alarms on every level of your home.
- 2 Check the battery once a week.
- 3 Replace the battery every twelve months
- 4 Battery smoke alarm units should be replaced every ten years.
- 5 Consider installing ten-year smoke alarms or mains powered alarms.
- 6 Do not put smoke alarms in the kitchen or bathroom.

For further information about smoke alarm maintenance and fire safety advice, go to www.devfire.co.uk.

Last year's award was a resounding success, with Derby County's Lewin Nyatanga - currently on loan at Sunderland - picking up the trophy at the first ever Football League Awards ceremony in London. The award capped a remarkable season for the youngster. Not only did he break into Derby's first team, making 24 appearances, he also became Wales' youngest ever full international when he was capped against Paraguay earlier this year.

Nyatanga Said: "To pick up the first Wickes Young Apprentice Trophy was a real compliment for me. It's not often that you are appreciated for the things that you do off the pitch as well as on it."

WEST BROMWICH Albion's Diomansy Kamara was named the Powerade October Player of the Month. Senegalese frontman Kamara was in terrific goal-scoring form for the Baggies in October, netting six goals in five league games, including braces in his side's games against both Ipswich Town and Queens Park Rangers. His goals during the month helped West Brom remain amongst the pacesetters in the Coca-Cola Championship. Also shortlisted for the October award in the Coca-Cola Championship were: Brian Jensen of Burnley; Carlos Edwards of Luton Town; Danny Dichio of Preston North End; and Stoke City's Lee Hendrie.

PLYMOUTH Argyle Cornish Supporters Association would like to welcome Argyle fans everywhere to their Ten-pin Bowling Event which is being held at the Trethorne Leisure Centre, Near Launceston on Tuesday, December 5. Teams of four cost £10 per person and includes shoe-hire, bowling and buffet.

Bar facilities are available. Advance entries for this

TAMERTON Foliot Under-10s, who play in the Devon Junior Minor League had a day out at Home Park on Saturday. Their record for this season so far is: played 9, won 5, drawn 1 and lost 3.



very popular event should be sent to: T Lobb, PACSA Social Secretary, 'Aysgarth, Whitegate, St Dennis, St Austell PL26 8DT, enclosing a cheque made payable to PACSA FOR £40. Please include your team name and your contact number. Bowling will start promptly at 7.30pm. For directions, ask when you send your application.

OUR Pontins Holiday Combination game against Exeter City on December 5 has been postponed due to our FA Youth Cup game at Wigan. A new date has yet to be announced.

The Youth Cup tie match will be played at the Robin Park Arena, Wigan, on Wednesday, December 6 (kick off, 7.30). Admission prices are £3.80 for adults and £2.20 for oaps and children.

HOLD on to your hats for some superb racing action at Exeter Racecourse next Friday, where the four-mile Axminster Carpets Devon Marathon Handicap Chase and the Harry Dutfield Memorial Novices' Chase are the featured races of the day.

ARGYLE fans whose New Year Resolution is to catch all the Pilgrims' home games in 2007 are being offered a super boost by the club – a saving of up to 30%.

We have launched our traditional mid-campaign Half-season Ticket to cover our 10 home Championship matches from January 1, when Southampton pay a New Year's Day visit to Home Park, to April 28, when second-placed Preston are in town.

With the Pilgrims riding high in the Championship and promotion to the Premiership in our sights, the offer could not have come at a better time. Last home game, more than 17,000 fans flocked to see us – a gate approaching the Home Park maximum.

An adult Half Season-ticket is priced at £187, a whopping £53 cheaper than it would cost to buy tickets to each of our ten 2007 games on match-day. Students and over 65s will be able to buy into the same deal for just £128, while under 16-year-olds can attend every game from January 1 to the end of the season for just £40 - £4 a game, a saving of 30%.

As well as Southampton and Preston, the we play host to some of the Championship's top clubs in the new year: Coventry, Sunderland, Colchester, Stoke, Barnsley, Crystal Palace, Leicester and Southend also have to come to Home Park in the second half of the campaign.

Argyle chief executive Michael Dunford said: "We've timed our traditional discounted season-ticket offer to be ready in time to fill the Christmas stockings of Argyle fans.

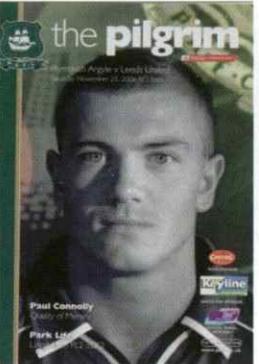
"It is the ideal Christmas – or birthday – present for an Argyle fan and, if your loved one is Green and White all the way through, there is no better gift."

There are two other added incentives for Pilgrims' supporters to buy a Half-season Ticket.

Every season-ticket holder has the option to reserve their seat for any future cup or play-off game, providing they claim the ticket within the set time period. The week after the Half-season Ticket becomes active, we are due to play in the third round of the FA Cup – and that fixture could be against a Premiership giant such as Arsenal, Chelsea or Manchester United.

the action from the **MATCH**

Argyle v
Leeds United



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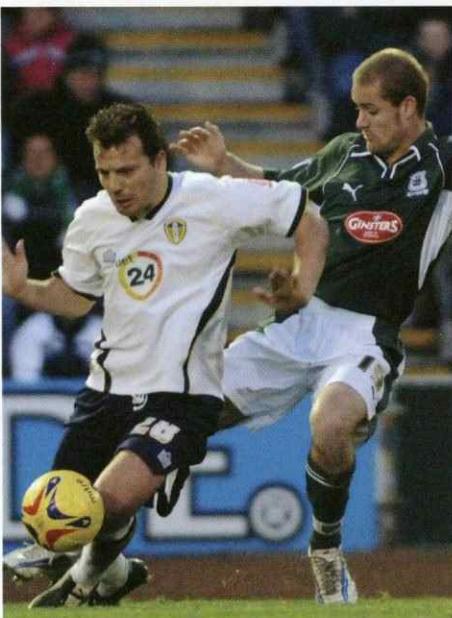
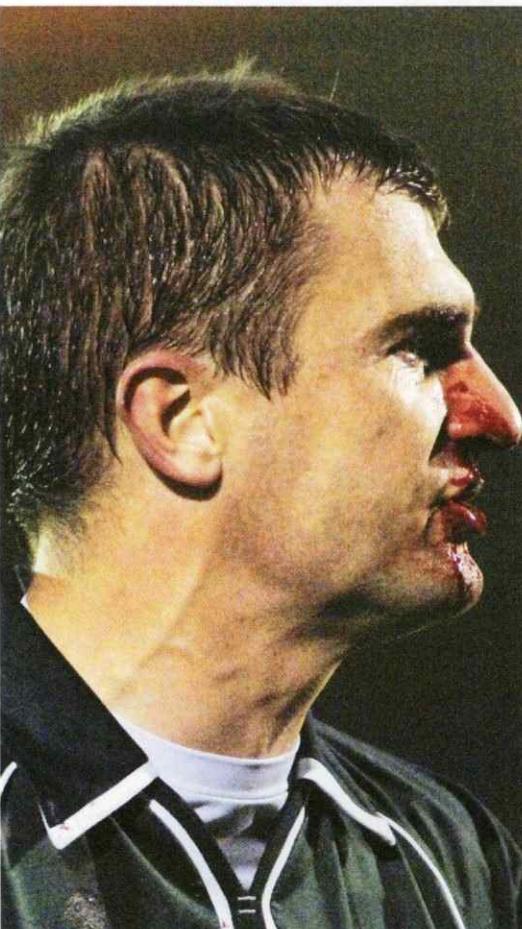
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Argyle 1 (Djordjic 5)

Leeds 2 (Blake 3, Lewis 63)

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Ian Holloway



Argyle (4-4-2): 23 Luke McCormick; 22 Paul Connolly, 19 Marcel Seip, 6 Hasney Aljofree, 14 Tony Capaldi (8 Akos Buzsaky 90); 7 David Norris, 15 Paul Wotton (capt), 4 Lilian Nalis (29 Luke Summerfield 90), 32 Bojan Djordjic (11 Nick Chadwick 73); 9 Sylvan Ebanks-Blake, 10 Barry Hayles. **Substitutes** (not used): 1 Romain Larrieu, 19 Gary Sawyer.

Booked: Aljofree 24, Seip 33, Hayles 81, Ebanks-Blake 83.

Leeds United (4-4-2): 23 Graham Stack; 20 Hayden Foxe, 19 Matt Heath, 26 Matthew Kilgallon, 3 Stephen Crainey; 4 Jonathan Douglas, 21 Shaun Derry, 7 Ian Westlake, 11 Eddie Lewis; 22 Ian Moore (17 Sebastien Carole 81), 28 Robbie Blake (27 Tresor Kandol 68).

Substitutes (not used): 9 David Healy 10 Geoff Horsfield, 31 Tony Warner (gk).

Booked: Westlake 32, Douglas 70.

Referee: Dean Whitestone (Northamptonshire).

Attendance: 17,088 (1,460 away).

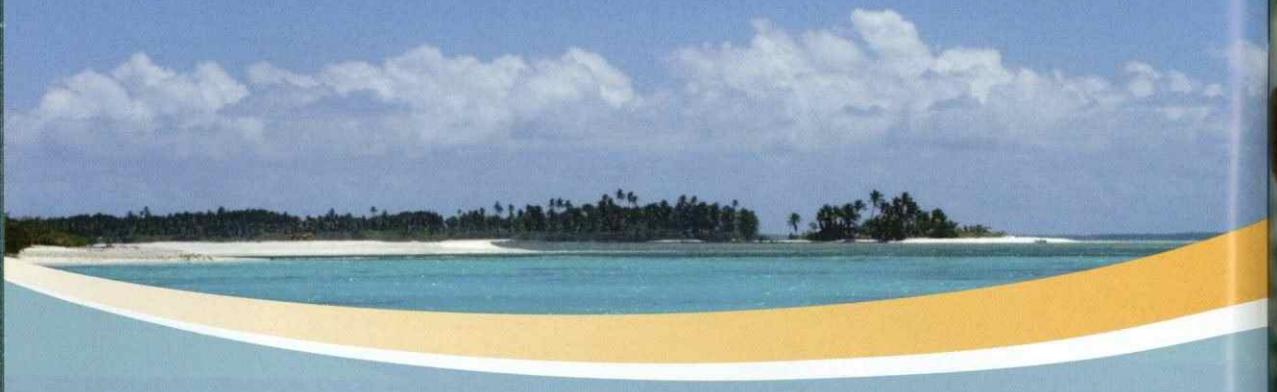
ON THE RIGHT TRACK

ARGYLE manager Ian Holloway took the lads to North Devon last week for an afternoon at the North Devon Karting Centre, in Barnstaple, followed by a social evening hosted by the North Devon Greens' supporters group. North Devon Karting have an impressive fleet of state-of-the-art karts. As well as popular Formula K karts, they have also invested in the very latest Rimo Evo 4 karts, as used at the Ralf & Michael Schumacher tracks in Germany. These karts feature many technical innovations including: four-stroke Honda engines, low centre of gravity, racing seat, powerful disc brakes, toothbelt axle drive, four-wheel protection, automatic clutch, simple two-pedal operation and GS certification.





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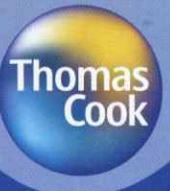
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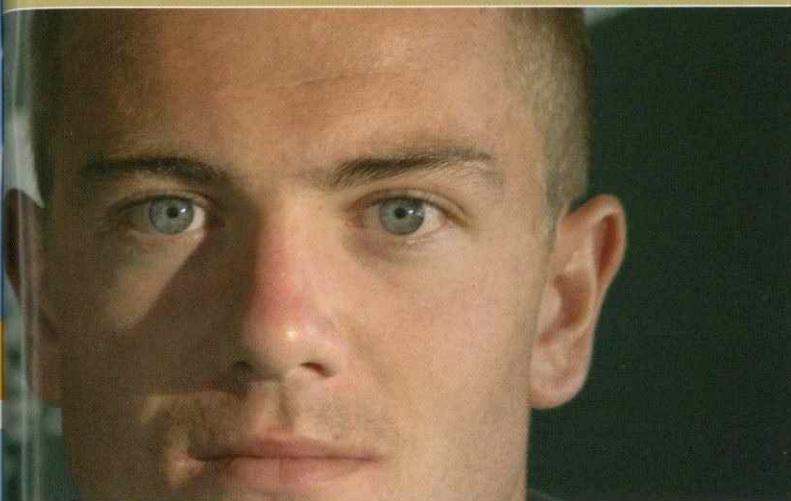


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...McDonalds

The best thing about the Westcountry is...

...the weather

On my day off, I...

...play golf, play snooker, or go to the horse racing

You might not believe me but I'm really good at...

...playing snooker - Maxi and Hodgy are good, but not quite good enough

At school, I was...

...sport orientated

It makes me really sad when...

...I'm on my own

The greatest love of my life is...

...my family and my girlfriend

My family and friends don't like it when...

...I moan

The most important thing I've learned in life is...

...try to stay happy

If I was in Stars in Their Eyes, I would be...

...Paul McCartney

My idea of heaven is...

...lying on the beach with £10m in the bank and no worries

The worst thing about being a professional footballer is...

...training

I'm really proud...

...I'm doing something I've always wanted to do

The best thing about me is...

...I'm a likeable lad

Don't tell anyone, but I really don't like...

...people who go on about their girlfriend climbing the biggest mountain in Africa

My most treasured thing is...

...my family

The last time I cried was when...

...my granddad died

I like people who...

...like me

In ten years time I will be...

...a millionaire

If I could be granted one wish...

...play football for the rest of my life

If I wasn't a footballer...

...goodness only knows

OLLIE TURNS PLYMOUTH ON

ARGYLE manager Ian Holloway was joined by former Page 3 model Linda Lusardi and her husband Sam Kane, who are both starring in this year's pantomime at the Theatre Royal - Snow White - to turn on Plymouth's Christmas lights. As you can see from this picture special, a good time was had by all. The big switch-on was followed by a camera crew from ITV's The Championship programme for transmission over the Christmas period. After turning on the lights, Ollie, wife Kim, and the crew popped into the Carbeile pub in Torpoint, where the landlord treated the party to a drink on the house. What a nice man.



Some of these pics - the better ones - were taken by Tony Carney

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IF you have a question about Argyle, this is the place to seek an answer. In conjunction with the official Argyle website www.pafc.co.uk, we have launched a fans' forum to respond to enquiries. If you have a question for anyone at the club, from the chairman to the groundsman, simply contact programme editor Rick Cowdery (rick.cowdery@pafc.co.uk) and we will set about getting it answered.

Q: Phil, from Ilford, asks Ollie: "I recently saw Reuben Reid score for Kidderminster against Dagenham and Redbridge. How do you rate him and do you have plans to send any other youngsters out on loan?"



Q: Peter Davis, a former ball-boy in the early 1960s, wants to know from Ollie: "Have you ever considered playing Akos up front?"



Q: Ollie's tactics are on the mind of Paul Kerr, who asks: "Why do we persist with tap-it first technique at free-kicks because they are invariably charged down?"



A: "I rate Reuben very highly. I am trying to fast-track him to a place in my first-team. I believe, by playing at that level with a real crowd, he will be able to learn faster than playing in the reserves. He tends to find things a little bit too easy and gets in bad habits in our reserves. Hopefully, he will learn the seriousness of certain things and get in good habits quicker because he is a very fast learner. I do envisage loaning a lot of our younger ones out when I can."

A: "We have thought playing him just behind the main striker but we have not really got that big striker. Barry Hayles possibly could do that. He keeps showing me that he wants to play in the middle but he has to take more responsibility defensively, which he is doing out wide. He needs to be a little more consistent with his final choice and his final delivery because everything else about him reeks of quality. At the end of the day, a skilful player is judged on one thing and that is end product."

A: "I don't think we do. Our free-kicks are letting us down at the moment because everybody is over-hitting them. I have handed the responsibility to the takers to practice. Undoubtedly, we have good enough players with good enough technique to put that ball where it needs to go but, unless they practice, they will not be able to do it under pressure. Paul Wotton can strike a static ball but sometimes you want to move it off the line and get it out of the way of the wall. Some individuals love to hit a static ball, while others like it to be moving. It is all about the technique of an individual. David Beckham would much prefer to hit a static ball because he practices so much that he can get it where he needs to get it."

FANFARE

SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Robert Earnshaw	Norwich	12	0	12
Grzegorz Rasiak	Southampton	11	0	11
Michael Chopra	Cardiff	11	0	11
Freddy Eastwood	Southend	6	4	10
Andy Gray	Burnley	9	0	9
Rowan Vine	Luton	8	1	9
Jamie Cureton	Colchester	9	0	9
Steve Howard	Derby	7	1	8
Alan Lee	Ipswich	8	0	8

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	10	35	3.50
Portman Road	Ipswich	10	35	3.50
Loftus Road Stadium	QPR	10	32	3.20
Layer Road Ground	Colchester	9	28	3.11
The Hawthorns	West Brom	9	28	3.11
Roots Hall	Southend	10	30	3.00
Oakwell Stadium	Barnsley	9	26	2.89
Turf Moor	Burnley	10	28	2.80
Carrow Road	Norwich	9	25	2.78
Home Park	Plymouth	10	27	2.70
Elland Road	Leeds	10	26	2.60
Hillsborough	Sheff Wed	10	25	2.50
St Andrews	Birmingham	9	22	2.44
Stadium of Light	Sunderland	9	22	2.44
Ninian Park	Cardiff	9	21	2.33
Deepdale	Preston	10	23	2.30
Pride Park Stadium	Derby	9	20	2.22
The Walkers Stadium	Leicester	10	22	2.20
Ricoh Arena	Coventry	9	19	2.11
The KC Stadium	Hull	9	19	2.11
Molineux Stadium	Wolves	10	21	2.10
Selhurst Park	Crystal Pal	10	21	2.10
Britannia Stadium	Stoke	9	17	1.89
St Marys Stadium	Southampton	9	14	1.56

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most...
shots on target 149 Southampton. shots off target 128 Southampton. corners 153 Plymouth. hit woodwork 9 West Brom. offsides 76 Leicester. fouls 305 Plymouth. yellow cards 50 Ipswich. red cards 5 Burnley.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most...
Shots 80 Robert Earnshaw (Norwich). Shots on target 39 Robert Earnshaw (Norwich). Shots off target 41 Robert Earnshaw (Norwich). Assists 9 Lee Cook (QPR). Crosses 89 Darren Huckerby (Norwich). Offsides 35 Rowan Vine (Luton). Fouls 64 Steve Howard (Derby). Free-kicks won 42 Patrick Kisnorbo (Leicester).



2006/07 SEASON
actimSTATS

GOAL COUNTER 587

RIGHT FOOT 313 goals

53.3%

LEFT FOOT 139 goals

23.7%

HEADERS 117 goals

19.9%

Own goals 17 (2.9%), Other body part 1 (0.1%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match Daryl Murphy (Sunderland vs Plymouth) 0:31

By a substitute after coming on Wayne Andrews (Coventry vs Barnsley) 0:47

DISCIPLINARY



3.2 cards per match 0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE BOOKINGS

From the start of a match Dexter Blackstock (QPR vs Southend) 0:15

By a substitute after coming on Andrew Surman (Southampton vs Ipswich) 1:30

SUB TOTALS

Subs used 1134

Offsides 1449

Corners 2526

Shots Off Target 2460

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

0 9 1

*up to and including 26/11/2006



CHAMPIONSHIP

REVIEW



BIRMINGHAM have moved level with Cardiff and Preston at the summit of the Coca-Cola Championship following a 2-1 win at play-off contenders Burnley.

While the leaders were dropping points, Blues came from behind to take the spoils at Turf Moor. Chris McCann had the Clarets ahead early, but on-loan Arsenal striker Nicklas Bendtner levelled matters shortly after. Just when it looked like the contest might finish all-square Dudley Campbell snatched the points with seven minutes left.

Cardiff dropped two points after being held to just their fourth draw of the season in a goalless draw at Sheffield Wednesday.

Preston were heavy favourites at home to Crystal Palace, but Peter Taylor's side claimed an invaluable point in keeping the scoreline 0-0.

Derby County are one of the division's form sides and they are now fourth after securing a 1-0 win over Leicester City. Giles Barnes crossed from the right, but after the Foxes failed to clear Jonathan Stead was on hand to fire home after 53 minutes.

Stoke have moved into the play-off positions following a 1-0 win over fellow contenders West Brom. Danny Higginbotham's 40th minute penalty settled the contest despite a valiant effort by keeper Russell Hoult, who guessed the right way.

Southampton are hot on the heels of the Potters after bagging a 2-1 success over today's visitors Luton Town. The contest was, in effect, over at half-time thanks to Chris Baird's first senior goal and Grzegorz Rasiak's penalty. Russell Perrett did pull one back for the Hatters after the interval, but it was not enough to stop them crashing to a sixth straight league defeat.

Michael Turner's last-gasp strike cancelled out Robert Earnshaw's strike for Norwich to secure Hull a point from a 1-1 draw at Carrow Road.

QPR's recent good form came to an abrupt



Dudley Campbell

end with Dele Adebola giving Coventry all three points with a 1-0 win at Loftus Road.

Barnsley remain just inside the bottom three despite a last-gasp 1-0 win over Ipswich. The game looked destined to finish goalless at Oakwell prior to Grant McCann's injury-time winner.

Southend were giving a battling performance at Colchester until they found themselves down to nine men. The Shrimpers were up against it after Kevin Maher and Mark Gower were red-carded in quick succession. Greg Halford finally broke the deadlock after 68 minutes with Pat Baldwin doubling their advantage shortly after. Colchester then lost a man when Chris Barker was dismissed before Jamie Cureton added a late third for the U's.



THE MANAGER

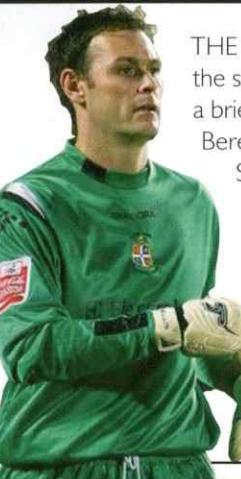
Mike Newell

MIKE Newell represented 13 different clubs in his career, playing a total of 530 league games and scoring 120 goals. He was part of the Blackburn team which won the FA Premier League in 1995, and totalled £3,585,000 in transfer fees over the duration of his career. Newell replaced Chris Turner as manager of Hartlepool United mid-way through the 2002/2003 season and despite ensuring Hartlepool got promoted, he was removed from the position of manager. In the summer of 2003 he was appointed Manager of Luton. It was widely reported that Mike Newell won a Pop Idol style poll to become manager but truth be told he was offered and signed a contract before the "results" were announced. Newell led Luton to just outside the play-offs in his first season (2003-2004), a fantastic achievement as Luton were tipped for relegation. The next season, he steered Luton to the League One title quite comfortably and won promotion to The Championship. As a newly promoted club, Luton were expected to be involved in a relegation battle, but this was not the case as Newell led them to 10th in the table.

Luton Town

Watch out for...

Marlon Beresford Goalkeeper



THE vastly experienced 'keeper joined Luton for the second time in 2004 after impressing during a brief stint at Kenilworth Road the year before. Beresford began his long career as a trainee at Sheffield Wednesday back in 1987. He has made more than 500 career appearances for the likes of Bury, Northampton, Crewe, Burnley, Middlesbrough, Wolves, York, Bradford, Barnsley and Luton. He was also named in the PFA League One Team of the Season for the 2004-05 campaign.

Kevin Foley Defender

TALENTED full-back Foley came through the junior ranks at Kenilworth Road and made his debut for the Hatters in October 2004. Foley has since made over 100 appearances for the club and was a key member of the Luton side that won the League One Championship in 2004-05. He is a Republic of Ireland Under-21 international and his performances at that level prompted Steve Staunton to name him as a substitute in the recent friendly against Chile.



Lewis Emanuel Midfielder



EMANUEL arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2006 after deciding to leave his home-town club Bradford City, where he started his career. He is a pacy full-back but can also play on the left side of midfield, a position where he made his debut for the club. Emanuel made over 150 appearances in six years at Bradford, scoring four goals.



Carlos Edwards Midfielder



THE flying winger signed for Luton at the start of last season after spending the first five years of his career at Wrexham. Edwards became the first Luton player since Mal Donaghy in 1982 to represent his country in the World Cup Finals when he starred for Trinidad and Tobago in Germany 2006. He was named man-of-the-match in Trinidad and Tobago's first World Cup game against Sweden and then impressed in the 2-0 loss to England.

Dean Morgan Forward

MORGAN joined Luton from Reading in July 2005 after seeing his opportunities limited at the Madejski. He scored three league goals in 13 starts for the Royals. Morgan began his career at Colchester, where he scored six goals in 25 appearances.



Rowan Vine Forward

VINE began his career at Portsmouth but struggled to establish himself at Fratton Park and spent time on loan with Brentford and Colchester. He initially joined Luton on loan at the start of the 2004-05 season and the deal was made permanent at the end of that campaign. Vine is arguably enjoying his most prolific season at the moment, having scored eight goals from 18 Championship games.

Also...

FULL-BACK **Sol Davis** is a long-term absentee after suffering a stroke on the team bus before Luton's loss at Ipswich last month. Everybody at Argyle would like to wish him well. Croatian midfielder **Ahmet Brokovic** joined Luton on a Bosman free transfer from Leyton in 2001 and has been a regular for the Hatters ever since. Australian defender **Chris Coyne** joined West Ham in 1998 before moving north of the border to join Dundee. Luton paid £50,000 for his services in September 2001. Experienced defender **Russell Perrett** began his career with Portsmouth before moving to Cardiff and then Luton in 2001. Luton fought off competition from a number of clubs to complete the free transfer signing of **Paul Underwood** from Rushden & Diamonds in 2004. Hard-working midfielder **Steve Robinson** joined the Hatters from Preston for £50,000 in the summer of 2002. Northern Ireland international **Warren Feeney** joined the Hatters for £150,000 in March 2005. Apart from a loan spell at Tranmere, skilful midfielder **Stephen O'Leary** has spent his entire career at Luton. **Richard Langley** joined Luton in the summer after being released by QPR. He played under a certain Ian Holloway for a number of years at Loftus Road. Striker **Sam Parkin** made Luton the seventh club of his career when he joined from Ipswich in the summer. He has also played for Wycombe, Millwall, Oldham, Northampton and Swindon. Luton spent £500,000 on skilful striker **Adam Boyd** from Hartlepool in July 2006. Young Irish midfielder **Keith Keane** is another graduate of the Luton Town academy system. Local lad **Leon Barnett** has established himself as a first-team regular this season. Finnish international **Markus Heikkinen** joined the Hatters from Aberdeen in 2005. Midfielder **Peter Holmes** has been at Kenilworth for his whole career. Talented young midfielder **David Bell** signed a three and a half year contract with the Hatters in January 2006 after joining from Rushden & Diamonds. Powerful young forward **Calvin Andrew** will be looking to make the breakthrough this season after banging plenty of goals for the youth team. Young goalkeeper **Dean Brill** is another man tipped to be a huge success in years to come. **Chris Pendleton** and **Shaun Ross** are young defenders, who have progressed through the youth ranks.

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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Ian Holloway	Mike Newell
Played 19 Won 6 Drawn 9 Lost 4 For 26 Against 22 Av Pts/game 1.42 Biggest Win(s) Won 3-1 on 2 occasions Biggest Loss(es) Lost 2-1 on 2 occasions	Played 157 Won 69 Drawn 40 Lost 48 For 248 Against 216 Av Pts/game 1.57 Biggest Win(s) Luton 5 Bristol City 0 (05/03/2005). Biggest Loss(es) Ipswich 5 Luton 0 (29/10/2006).

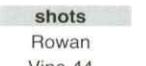
MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played .4	Ian Holloway	1	Mike Newell.....	1
Draws .2	Goals 3		Goals 4	

Player with the most...



Player with the most...



shots

David
Norris 32

shots on target

David
Norris 21

shots off target

Paul
Wotton 15

assists

Tony
Capaldi 5

crosses

Akos
Buzsaky 33

fouls

Barry
Hayles 59

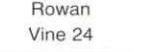
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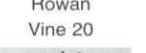
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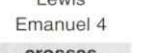
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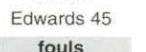
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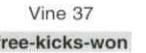
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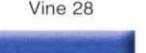
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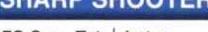
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SHARP SHOOTERS

Plymouth	CCFC Cup	Tot	Luton	CCFC Cup	Tot		
Barry Hayles	6	0	6	Rowan Vine	8	1	9
Paul Wotton	4	0	4	Carlos Edwards	5	0	5
Bojan Djordjic	2	0	2	Ahmet Brkovic	2	0	2

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played....64	Plymouth wins.....25	Luton wins.....19
Draws....20	Goals 104 (1.6 per game)	Goals 90 (1.4 per game)
0-0's.....3	Times failed to score 12	Times failed to score 16

Biggest League win at Plymouth for each team:

09/11/1929 Plymouth 6-1 Luton
26/08/1961 Plymouth 0-3 Luton



2006/07 LEAGUE STATS

12	Position	20
19	Played	19
6	Won	6
9	Drawn	4
4	Lost	9
26	Goals For	26
22	Goals Against	35
27	Points	22

Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	4	2	6	1	3	6	21

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	5	2	16	5	1	3	10

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
5	2	1	16	5	2	1	15

Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	6	3	6	1	1	8	17

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[3], 3-1[2], 3-2[1], **Losses:** 0-1[2], 1-2[2], **Draws:** 0-0[1], 1-1[5], 2-2[2], 3-3[1]

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Argyle & Luton Town

The last time...

Sunday, April 17, 2006. Coca-Cola Championship

ARGYLE 1 (Buzsaky 70)

Luton 2 (Vine 79, Andrew 88)

Argyle (4-4-2): 23 Luke McCormick; 22 Paul Connolly, 13 Mathias Kouo-Doumbe, 16 Hasney Aljofree, 20 Lee Hodges (8 Akos Buzsaky 54); 7 David Norris, 15 Paul Wotton, 4 Lilian Nalis, 14 Tony Capaldi; 18 Leon Clarke (9 Michael Evans 54), 10 Vincent Péricard. **Substitutes** (not used): 17 Anthony Pulis, 27 Reuben Reid, 29 Luke Summerfield.

Booked: Buzsaky 70, Aljofree 89.

Luton Town (4-4-2): 1 Marlon Beresford; 7 Carlos Edwards, 45 Leon Barnett, 26 Markus Heikkinen (29 Calvin Andrew 84), 21 Keith Keane; 28 David Bell (18 Ahmet Brkovic 68), 27 Peter Holmes, 16 Enoch Showunmi, 23 Dean Morgan; 19 Steve Howard, 10 Warren Feeney (9 Rowan Vine 68). **Substitutes** (not used): 22 Danny Stevens, 33 Dean Brill (gk).

Booked: Showunmi 39, Heikkinen 72.

Referee: Andy Hall (West Midlands).

Attendance: 13,486 (525 away).

LAST TIME OUT . . .

Argyle

Saturday, November 25 v Leeds United (H), Coca-Cola Championship, L 1-2, 4-4-2: 23 Luke McCormick; 22 Paul Connolly, 19 Marcel Seip, 6 Hasney Aljofree, 14 Tony Capaldi (8 Akos Buzsaky 90); 7 David Norris, 15 Paul Wotton (capt), 4 Lilian Nalis (29 Luke Summerfield), 32 Bojan Djordjic (11 Nick Chadwick 73); 9 Sylvan Ebanks-Blake, 10 Barry Hayles. **Substitutes** (not used): 1 Romain Larrieu, 19 Gary Sawyer.

Goal: Djordjic 40.

Booked: Aljofree 24, Seip 33, Hayles 81, Ebanks-Blake 83.

Luton

Sunday, September 30 v Southend (H), Coca-Cola Championship, W 3-0, 4-4-2: 1 S Supple, 2 F Wilnis, 4 J De Vos (6 R Naylor 70), 5 A Bruce, 23 D Harding; 12 J Peters (18 D Haynes 68), 8 S Legwinski, 21 S Walton, 3 M Richards; 14 A Lee, 24 B Clarke (33 G Roberts 68). **Substitutes** (not used): 38 J Drobny (gk), 9 D Currie.

Goals: Legwinski 20, Peters 54, Lee 66, 76, pen 90.



P	W	D	L	F	A
LEAGUE	64	25	20	19	104
HOME	32	20	6	6	36
AWAY	32	5	14	13	54
TOTAL	69	26	23	20	109
					94

FRIENDLY

Argyle 2
(Gosling 15, Summerfield 27)

Cardiff 0

ARGYLE coasted to a comfortable 2-0 victory over a young Cardiff in a friendly at Tiverton Town's Ladysmead Ground. First-half goals from Dan Gosling and Luke Summerfield separated

the two teams but, in fairness, only the heroics of Cardiff 'keeper Mark Howard kept the score-line down in the second-half. Argyle were by far the stronger team in the early stages and they underlined that dominance with the opening goal on 15 minutes. Ryan Dickson found acres of space on the left-wing and his inviting cross was met by Gosling at the back post and the young midfielder steered a controlled side-foot half-volley past Howard

in the Cardiff goal for a 1-0 Argyle lead.

The Pilgrims doubled their lead on 27 minutes with an absolute peach of a goal from Gosling's central midfield partner Luke Summerfield.

Djordjic started the move in his own half by skipping past two Cardiff tackles and sliding the ball to Summerfield in the centre circle.

With space to turn, Summerfield advanced a few yards before spotting Howard off his line and he wasted no time in firing a looping shot from 35 yards that sailed over Howard's head and nestled in the Cardiff net for an excellent second for the Pilgrims.

Lee Hodges continued his recovery from a knee injury sustained at Southampton in September by playing the full 90 minutes and he almost capped the day with a dazzling goal but was denied by Howard.

Argyle (4-4-2): R Larrieu; A Barnes, G Sawyer, S Laird, L Hodges; B Djordjic, D Gosling, L Summerfield, R Dickson; C Samba, A Mason (J Turpeenniemi 70).

PONTINS LEAGUE

Argyle 3 (Ebanks-Blake 35, Samba 47, Djordjic 57)

Swansea 0

ARGYLE had a couple of early chances, with Ebanks-Blake shooting wide and then Luke Summerfield seeing Oakes push away his curling free-kick, while Larrieu was also obliged to make a save in the opening minutes. The Frenchman did well to keep out a firm Thomas Butler shot.

Argyle finally took the lead in the 35th minute. A fine pass by Djordjic sent Summerfield scampering through the Swans' rearguard. Oakes saved the shot, but was powerless to prevent Ebanks-Blake dispatching the rebound into the net.



The Pilgrims withdrew Ebanks-Blake at half-time and sent on a formidable replacement: Akos Buzsaky. The Hungarian international played on the left of midfield as part of a 4-1-4-1 formation during the second half, which was only two minutes old when Argyle increased their lead.

After Oakes had done well to tip away a splendid Summerfield shot, Dourme's header from Djordjic's ensuing corner struck a defender and Samba turned in the loose ball from close range.

Oakes was being kept busy. He parried a fierce Summerfield drive, but he had no chance when he was beaten by a superb 25-yard chip from Djordjic which gave Argyle their third goal in the 57th minute.

Argyle: R Larrieu; A Barnes, M Kouo-Doumbe, G Sawyer, S Laird; B Djordjic, L Summerfield, D Gosling, L Hodges; C Samba, S Ebanks-Blake (A Buzsaky half-time)

SOUTH WESTERN LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

Argyle 3 (Mason 30, Malsom 44, Joyce 90)

Newquay 0

THE young Pilgrims booked their passage into the Second Round of the Challenge Cup with a workmanlike victory over the Peppermints at Bolitho Park.

The scrappy nature of the game was lifted on the half-hour when Anthony Mason supplied an excellent headed finish to Josh Fenwick's cross to give Argyle the lead.

The Pilgrims then took a grip on the tie a minute before half-time when Sam Malsom despatched Mark Petnehazi's driven cross into the net with a glancing header.

With thanks to Mike Sampson and Rupert Metcalf

Argyle rounded off proceedings in second-half stoppage time when Ben Joyce controlled and volleyed home Karl Byrne's cross.

SOUTH WESTERN LEAGUE

Argyle 2 (Duggan 17, Smith 36)

Tavistock 0

ON 17 minutes, Dickson's pace saw him cut in from the left to let fly with a drive that Andy Meeds did well to parry but Shane Duggan was on hand to fire the loose ball home from eight yards.

With the exception of two Mark Conday efforts, Tavistock were on the back foot, and it came as no surprise when the home side added a second nine minutes before the break.

Dickson made space on the left flank before finding Mason in the area for the striker to turn sharply and lay the ball into the path of Dan Smith who scored with a fine side-foot volley.

The gloss was taken off Argyle's victory when Scott Laird received his marching orders in the latter stages for foul and abusive language.

Penryn 1 (Rowson pen 70)

Argyle 7 (Mason 25, Laird 32, Smith 42, Dickson pen 46, Malsom 52, 60, 81)

PLAYING some flowing football Argyle took the lead in the 25th minute when Jamie Laird played the ball into Anthony Mason who crashed it into the net from 12 yards.

The Pilgrims doubled their lead seven minutes later when Sam Malsom, who was to go on to notch a hat-trick, saw his shot blocked and the ball run to Jamie Laird who promptly crashed it into the net.

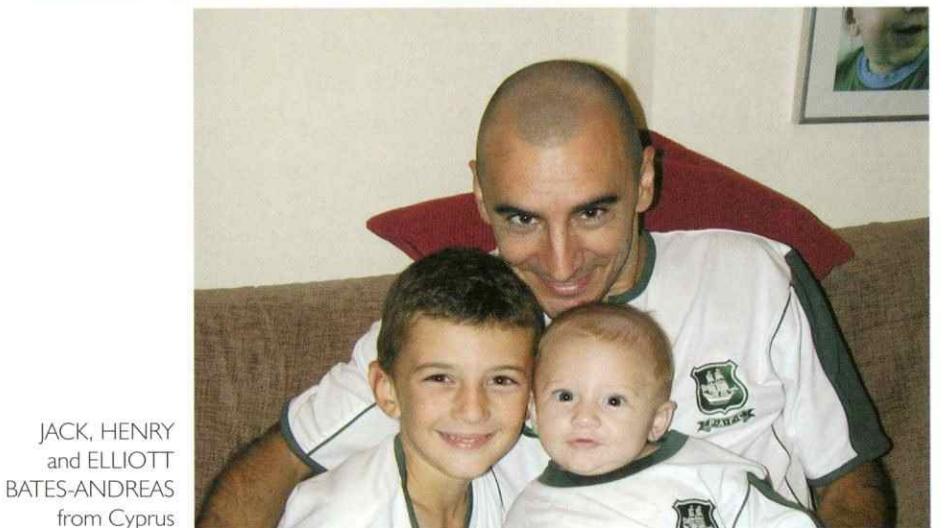
The Pilgrims went into half-time three goals clear when Dan Smith ran the length of the pitch before firing in a shot that home goalkeeper Chris Symonds saved only for the Argyle winger to follow up and net the rebound.

Within a minute of the restart Ryan Dickson picked himself up to convert a spot-kick, after he himself had been impeded, then six minutes later Dickson's fierce shot was deliberately deflected past Symonds by the head of Malsom.

Argyle were by now rampant and on the hour Malsom added his second by finishing off another Dickson cross with a deft header.

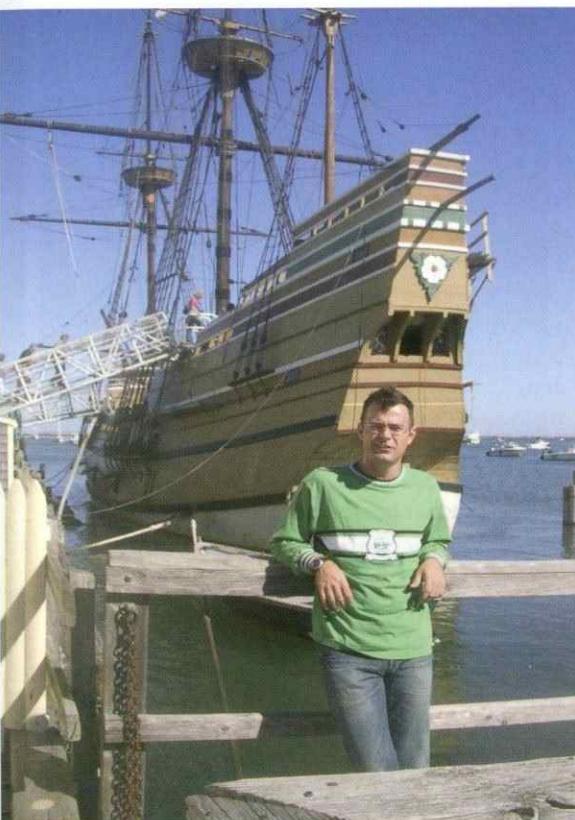
Penryn reduced their arrears in the 10 minutes later when Steve Rowson scored from the spot.

Argyle were determined to have the last word and Malsom duly completed a hat-trick of headers and again Dickson was the provider but this time from a free-kick.



JACK, HENRY and ELLIOTT BATES-ANDREAS from Cyprus

ON the right, holding the Green Army flag, is Bdr IAN SAUNDERS, of 47 Regiment, Royal Artillery, and his platoon on a recent tour to Iraq. "We converted the local Tactical Support Unit of the Iraqi Police into the IBPAS, the Iraqi Branch of Plymouth Argyle Supporters," says Ian, who adds: "My flag goes EVERYWHERE with me. Come on you Greens!"



JERRY BURNHAM, in, Plymouth, Massachusetts



DARON TREVASCUS at the Santiago Bernabeu, Real Madrid

ALTERNATIVE ARGYLE

www.easier.com: Legal and General Assurance Society Limited has sold the heritable interest of 21-31 Buchanan Street and 148/152 Argyle Street Glasgow to its current tenant, House of Fraser for £9 million. The properties were previously held on leases from Legal and General to expire in 2051 at a total rent of £23,175 pax with no further rent reviews. House of Fraser has agreed a simultaneous sale and leaseback.

Regina Leader-Post: Counsellors gathered at Wilfrid Walker School early Thursday morning to comfort a nine-year-old girl's grieving classmates and teachers. Ashlee Ruth Kuffer was struck by a vehicle as she tried to cross the Ring Road on foot, near the Argyle Street overpass on Wednesday afternoon. She later died in hospital from injuries sustained in the collision. A team of psychologists, social workers and other accredited counsellors met at the Gardiner Park school at 8 a.m. and they will be there as long as they're needed, said Terry Lazarou, a spokesman for Regina Public Schools.

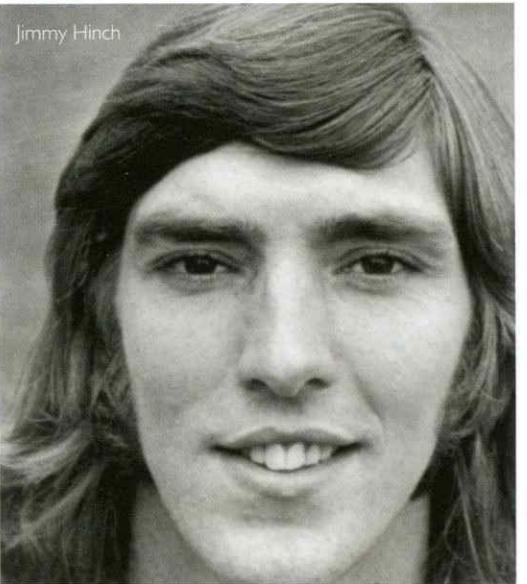
Evening Times: A businessman hit out after council workmen tore down promotional posters from a private lane in a bid to impress Commonwealth Games' inspectors. Joe Mulholland, 66, put up eight posters at the entrance to the complex occupied by around 100 businesses he owns in Argyle Court, Finnieston, to promote his son Mark's band Impure Thoughts. A spokesman for Glasgow 2014, which organised the clean-up ahead of the inspectors' visit, said: "It was quite clear what went on. It was a concerted effort to tidy up the city and there is also a long-term strategy being put in place to tackle litter. If these posters were taken down then that was unfortunately a mistake. But the overall point we were making was to make the city look its best."

kare11.com: Three-time defending state champion Stephen-Argyle got three touchdowns from quarterback Jesse Sundby and two from running back Blake Szepanski in a 43-0 victory over Underwood in the 9-Man semifinals Thursday at the Metrodome. The Storm (12-0) extended their state-record winning streak to 53 games while advancing to next week's Prep Bowl, where they will face the winner of the Wheaton/Cromwell game.

ARGYLE A-Z

JIMMY HINCH

CENTRE-FORWARD Jimmy Hinch scored Argyle's winner at home to Middlesbrough in the 1972-73 FA Cup third round. He impressed with Porthmadog prior to joining Tranmere Rovers in March 1970 and moved to Home Park in exchange for Fred Molyneux in February 1971. Scoring 28 times in 107 Third Division games for Plymouth, he joined Hereford United for £20,000 in October 1973 and moved to York City for £11,000 in July 1974. He later played for Sheffield Wednesday, Barnsley, Los Angeles Skyhawks and California Surf. Settling in the United States, he is now a mortgage broker, running Chelsea Mortgage.



MARTIN HODGE

GOALKEEPER Martin Hodge had two spells at Argyle. Signing professional at Home Park in February 1977, he made 43 league appearances for Plymouth prior to joining Everton in July 1979. He moved to Sheffield Wednesday in August 1983 and was ever-present four times including their 1983-84 promotion success. Sold to Leicester City for £250,000 in August 1988, he was ever-present in 1989-90 and joined Hartlepool United in August

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS continues his alphabetical trip down Argyle's Memory Lane

1991. He moved via Rochdale back to Plymouth in August 1994 and played another 17 league games, since coaching at Sheffield Wednesday, Rochdale and Leeds United.

KEVIN HODGES

Long-serving midfielder Kevin Hodges holds Argyle's appearance record. Signing professional at Home Park in March 1978, he starred as Plymouth were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1983-84 and was ever-present three times including the 1985-86 promotion success. He scored 81 goals in 530 league games prior to joining Torquay United in December 1992 and helped them reach the play-offs in 1993-94, then managed them to the play-off final in 1997-98. Rejoining Argyle as manager from June 1998 until October 2000, he managed Clevedon, then was Yeovil's assistant-boss and is now Bristol Rovers' head of youth.

JOHNNY HORE

Long-serving defender John Hore starred as Argyle were League Cup semi-finalists in 1973-74. A former apprentice at Home Park, he turned professional in December 1964 and made his league debut in Plymouth's 3-1 defeat at Northampton in April 1965. He was ever-present in 1970-71 and an experienced figure in Argyle's 1974-75 promotion success. Scoring 17 goals in 400 league outings prior to joining Exeter City in March 1976, he returned as Plymouth's manager in October 1983 and plotted the 1983-84 FA Cup run. He later managed Bideford and Torrington, running a health and fitness centre in Exeter.

MICKY HORSWILL

Versatile midfielder Micky Horswill was a member of Tony Waiters' squad at Argyle. A former Sunderland apprentice, he turned professional in March 1970 and featured in their 1973 FA Cup final triumph. He joined Manchester City with Dennis Tueart in a



multi-player exchange deal in March 1974, moving to Home Park for £30,000 in July 1975. Scoring three times in 102 league outings for Plymouth, joined Hull City for £15,000 in July 1978, then played for Happy Valley and Carlisle United. He spent 12 years in pub management and has since been transport manager for Wilsonart International in Shildon.

DON HUTCHINS

Tricky outside-left Don Hutchins was Argyle's leading marksman in 1971-72. Initially with Stockton, he joined Leicester City in February 1966 but had limited top-flight chances before moving to Home Park for £6,000 in July 1969. He netted 23 goals in 95 Third Division games for Plymouth prior to joining Blackburn Rovers for £10,000 in July 1972. Moving to Bradford City in an exchange deal involving Graham Oates in June 1974, he was an influential figure in their 1975-76 FA Cup run and 1976-77 promotion success, then played for Scarborough. He has since been a sales manager for Leyland Paints.

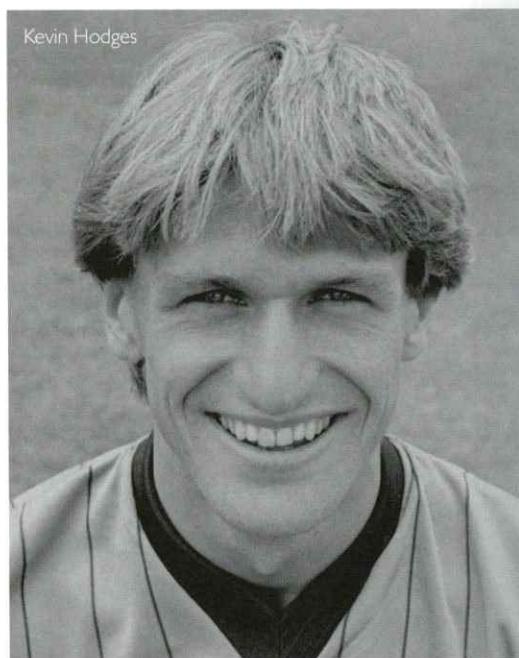
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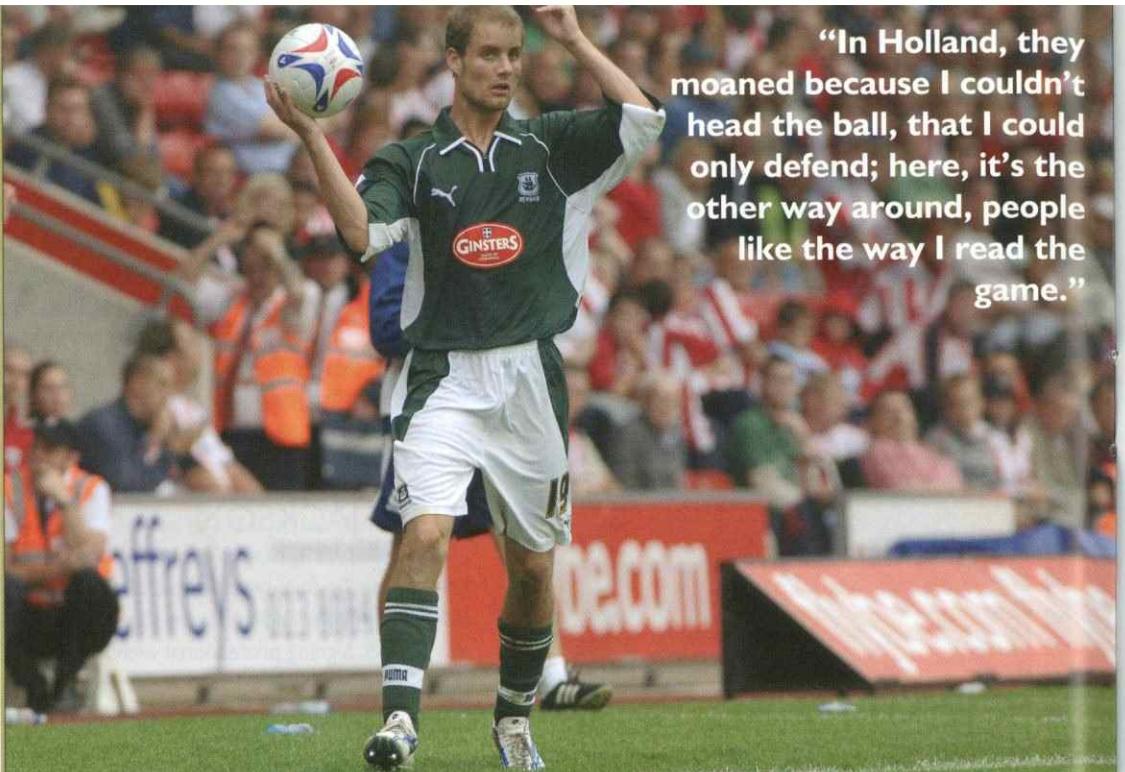
Versatile centre-forward Alex Jackson featured in Argyle's 1960-61 League Cup run. He had a spell

with Hearts prior to joining Birmingham City in April 1958 and made his First Division debut in their 1-0 victory at home to Newcastle United seven months later. Moving to Plymouth in March 1960, he helped avoid relegation that season and netted 23 goals in 67 league outings. He overcame a broken leg to join Weymouth in July 1964 and was an important figure as they won the Southern League title in two consecutive seasons. Appointed their lottery manager, he subsequently held a similar post at Exeter City.

CLIFF JACKSON

Ex-England Schoolboy forward Cliff Jackson helped Argyle reach the League Cup semi-finals in 1964-65. Signing professional with hometown Swindon in September 1958, he starred in their 1962-63 promotion success and moved to Home Park for £7,500 in June 1963. He scored 19 times in 72 Second Division games for Plymouth before reuniting with Bert Head at Crystal Palace for £8,000 in September 1966. Leading marksman as they won promotion to the top-flight in 1968-69, he moved to Torquay United in August 1970 and featured in their 1970-71 FA Cup run, subsequently playing for Cambridge United.





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Another side of... Marcel Seip

WHEN Marcel Seip came to Plymouth on trial just after the start of the season, the odds on him playing for Argyle, let alone establishing himself as a first-team regular, were slim.

The Dutchman arrived at Home Park harbouring a distrust of trials, on the back of a bad experience at Dinamo Moscow, and with Pilgrims' manager Ian Holloway having gone on record more than once as desiring a 'beast' of a centre-back which, quite clearly, the 6ft Dutchman is not.

However, if either party was not confident of the other then, they certainly are now. Seip – it is pronounced 'Sipe' – has become a mainstay of an Argyle defence that has helped maintain a top-ten Championship position since his arrival, and he has just signed a permanent contract that runs until the summer of 2009.

"I don't like trials, because my trial in Moscow was terrible," he says. "It was a terrible level and I didn't want to play there. I thought the level was high because I heard Maniche and Costinho were there, but they probably were only there for the money."

"I didn't want to go on trial again but, because Plymouth are an English club, I thought it would be my last trial."

"I can understand that Plymouth didn't know me at all because they don't look for players like me. I know a little of how they scout now and they only look for players who are at least 6ft tall – but you can have a beast who can head the ball but can't defend properly on the ground."

Seip – only the second Dutchman to play for Argyle, following Erik van Rossum's short spell under David Kemp in the early 1990s – had found himself looking for a new club after

MARCEL SEIP
AGE: 23
POSITION: Defender
APPEARANCES: 12
GOALS: 2

making up his mind to leave Dutch top-flight outfit Heerenveen following five years and two UEFA Cup campaigns, at the club. It was not always the happiest of careers.

"I was not very popular in my old team because they didn't like my style," he says. "I was always the bad guy if something went wrong."

"I didn't always play in my own position. I played as a right-back, and, if you don't play in your position, you have more chance of playing badly. When that happened, I was left out of the team and I thought that was not always fair."

That's why I wanted to leave.

"When our right-back wasn't playing well, I moved to right-back, and I got punished after a couple of matches because I didn't play well. I wasn't happy because I was helping the trainer by going to right-back, but that wasn't

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my position and, when I failed and wanted to go back to my old position, there was no chance."

"I was five years there and five years was long enough for me. The manager had told me that I was not going to be his first choice if I stayed, but I had already decided that I didn't want to stay there and didn't want to stay in Holland at all, no matter what team came in."

"I was always arguing with supporters. It's a long story and I don't want to go into details but I had some problems with supporters because I said

some things which they didn't like. It was not good, which is another reason why I wanted to leave there."

Given his motives for leaving, Seip's early days at Argyle were doubly ironic.

The first paradox was that, within five minutes of his debut, as a substitute for the injured Hasney Aljofree at Southampton, Seip was back at right-back.

"I started in the centre because Has had an elbow," he says, "but, five minutes later, Lee Hodges came off and I had to go to right-back as Wottsy came into the centre."

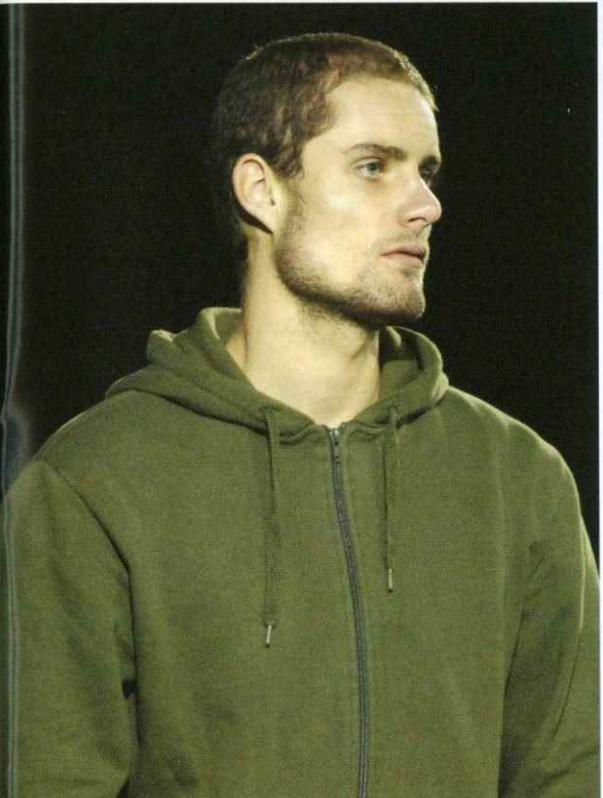
The second quirk was that Argyle fans – and a previously unconvinced manager* – quickly came to appreciate his alert mind and highly-tuned footballing brain.

"It's funny," he says. "In Holland, they moaned because I couldn't head the ball, that I could only defend; here, it's the other way around, people like the way I read the game."

"I was alongside an international – Petter Hansson – and if he was doing something wrong and I was doing something right, it didn't matter because he was the international. I didn't like that and said it. I knew if I played well or badly, but the papers would always see good things about him and I suffered."

"In Holland, it is a different style of play. I had a bad name there and I want to make that up here."

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MARCEL SEIP



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Seip's first experience of English football at St Mary's was a chastening one.

He says: "I had played two or three reserve games and was feeling good. I thought I was in shape but, after five or ten minutes, I was totally knackered. It was too quick. I thought I had to improve my condition.

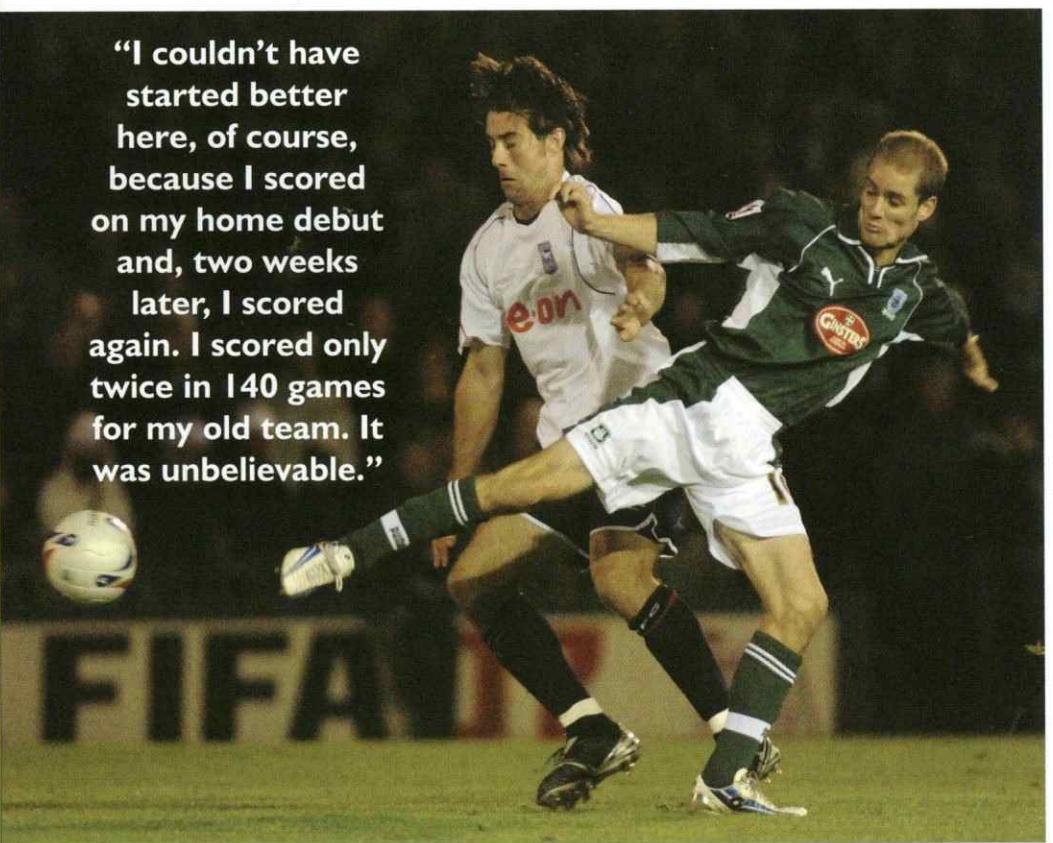
"I was in very good condition at my old team but I came here and, even now, I am among the worst. But that's good, because now I have played in the first team, I can handle the fitness level. When I made my debut, it was bad.

"I knew that I could improve my game and be a good player for Plymouth, and a good player in the Championship. Even when my condition wasn't fully in shape, I knew I could handle the level."

If you think that sounds like an attitude bordering on the overconfident, Seip would tell you he has heard the accusation before.

"People say that I am arrogant because I

"I couldn't have started better here, of course, because I scored on my home debut and, two weeks later, I scored again. I scored only twice in 140 games for my old team. It was unbelievable."



always say what my ambition is," he says.

"I think, if you are playing football, you have to go for the highest level, and the highest level is your national team. If I say I want to play for the national team, people think I am arrogant. I don't say I will make it, but you have to go for it, otherwise you will never make it. In Holland, they always brought me down for that. I think it's stupid.

"Now I am in England, I want to play in the Premiership – that's the highest level. If I fail, I can't blame myself.

"Football is my job and I want to play in the best leagues, so I couldn't spend my whole career in Holland. The Premier League or the Spanish League is higher and I want to go to the highest level."

It is fair to say that Seip has always been single-minded. First as a schoolboy in his native Veendam, then as an amateur with his home-town club, he always knew he was going to become a professional footballer. Clever enough to be a go to University, his education came to a full-

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it doesn't make sense in English.

"In football though, all you have to know are some short words, like 'drop' or 'tight' and you learn that in the first week.

"I never get homesick although I do miss people.

"I came here alone and it was hard. I am glad I have the internet now, so I can MSN with people. In the first month, it was unbelievable how much I was topping up my 'phone. I would buy a £50 top-up and, two days later, I had to buy more. It was shocking.

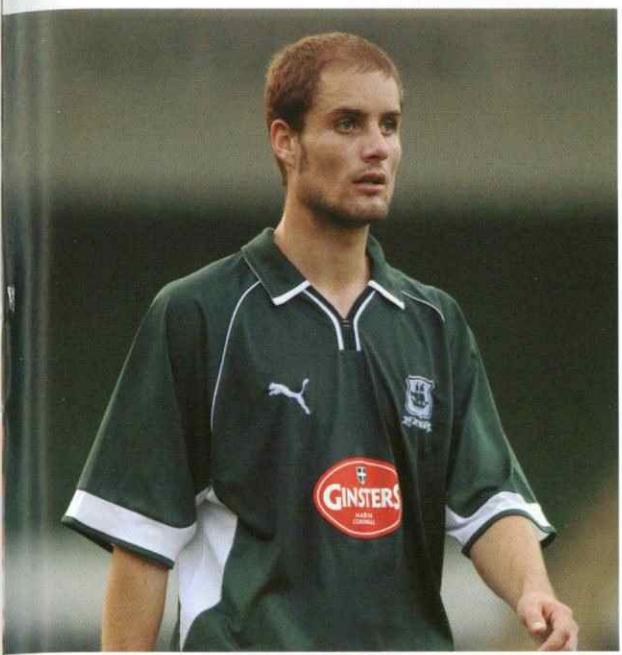
"The only thing about England is that the food is a little worse than I am used to, but I think Dutch food is the best in the world. The lifestyle is almost the same, only the pubs in Holland aren't open at 1am. Here, everyone is drinking beer then."

People drinking beer is destined to form part of Seip's life when he finishes in the game. He has already bought a bar in Holland with a friend, and intends to build on that portfolio.

He is co-owner of the Jut en Jul in Groningen, where he calls home.

"You call it a pub here," he says. "In Holland, it's a more a bar for students and young people. In pubs here, people all sit round tables; in Holland, you have barstools and that's it. It's totally different.

"I like properties and that's what I want to do when I leave football. I want to buy houses, pubs, discotheques, whatever."



stop when he chucked up evening classes – having ordered his course books – to pursue a life in the game.

Post-Moscow, he came to England on the say-so of a former Dutch international who plied his trade on these shores, and has not had a moment to regret the move.

He says: "My agents called a lot of people and came in contact with Regi Blinker, who knows Ian Holloway from QPR. That was the link.

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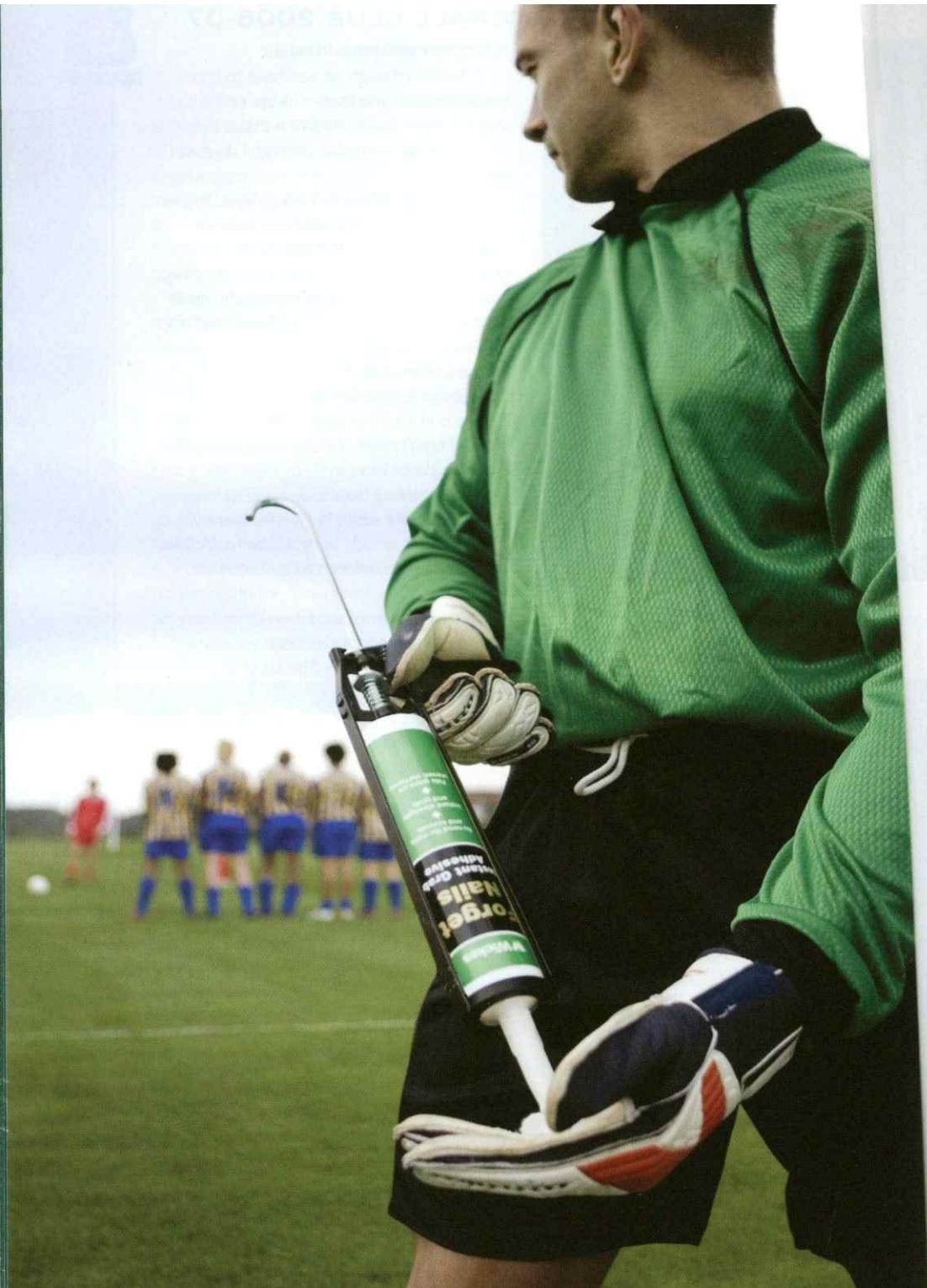
"But, in all the games, I have never had two opponents who are both smaller than me – Kevin Kyle, Steve Howard, they are massive – so sometimes I feel I am not playing very well because I lose five or six headers.

"There's always danger then, because I can't win every header because they are both 6ft 5in and I am 6ft, so I have to watch their game and work out how to play against them. You don't always have to be tall."

If life on the field is currently rosy for the man from the land of tulips, off-field has been a little less easy.

He says: "Sometimes I want to say something, but you can't just translate it from the Dutch. I have it in my head in Dutch, but





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HAPPY 12th birthday for tomorrow. Lee has been a season-ticket holder for many of his (few) years and sits in the Lyndhurst end with his Nan and Granddad, Jenni and Ken who are also avid Argyle fans and season ticket holders.



CLAIRE FISHER

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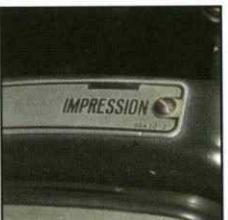
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If You Can Remember the '60s...

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BY 1960, Geoff Barnsley had been Plymouth Argyle's undisputed first-choice goalkeeper for two seasons. All that was to change, however, with the arrival of Dave MacLaren.

MacLaren, a Scotsman, had started his professional career with Dundee before joining Leicester City in 1957. He made 85 league appearances for the Foxes, and signed for Argyle in June 1960. September 1960 saw his league debut, and he went on to play 13 league and cup matches that season.

MacLaren was very different from the shorter, slighter, Barnsley. He stood more than 6ft tall, weighed more than 12st, and forged a powerful defensive partnership with centre-half Gordon Fincham, who was also tall and well built.

When Barnsley left for Norwich City in the summer of 1961, MacLaren took his place, missing just two matches in 1961-1962 and remaining first choice for another three seasons after that.

In 1964, Argyle reached the semi-finals of the League Cup. MacLaren featured in all five qualifying matches, but left Home Park before the semi-final ties with his old club Leicester City.

Manager Andy Beattie, under whom he had played for Argyle, was by then in charge of Wolverhampton Wanderers, and he took MacLaren there in January 1965. MacLaren had made a total of 145 appearances for Argyle. He went on to play 44 league

matches for Wolves, and a further 22 for Southampton, before retiring in 1967 at the age of 33.

MacLaren's understudy was another Scot, John Leiper, who joined the Pilgrims from Aberdeen East End in 1958. Leiper waited three years before making his first-team debut in April 1961, and then played just 38 league and cup matches in five seasons.

For 1965-1966, he was first-choice 'keeper, making 32 league and three cup appearances, but, the following year, he was back in the reserves.

He left Argyle for Chelmsford City in 1968, having made a total of 82 appearances.

David MacLaren's replacement, and the keeper who featured in the League Cup semi-finals, was the former Republic of Ireland international Noel Dwyer. His stay at Home Park lasted for just one year and 29 matches, and he in turn was replaced by Peter Shearing (pictured), a former paratrooper who had played for West Ham, Portsmouth and Exeter City. Shearing's Argyle career was also a brief one, and he returned to Exeter in 1968 having made just 25 first-team appearances.

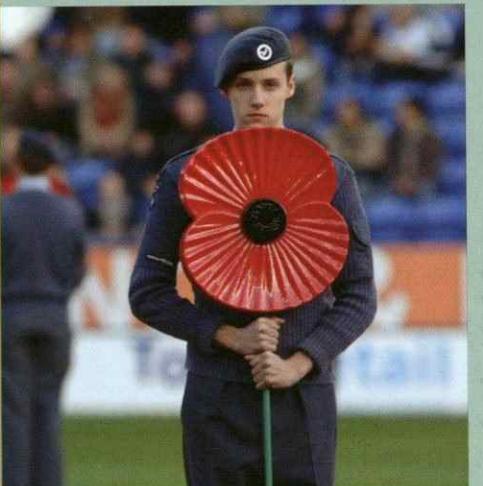
Shearing's demise was brought about by the arrival, in 1967, of another former Ireland international, Pat Dunne, who was to dominate the Argyle goal until the arrival of Jim Furnell in 1970. The only other 'keeper to get a look-in once Dunne had established himself was Martin Clamp.

Clamp joined the Pilgrims from Coventry City, where he had failed to break through into the first team. He played eight league matches and one cup match between December 1969 and February 1970, when he left for Nuneaton Borough.

At the end of 1967-1968, their ninth consecutive season in the Second Division, Plymouth Argyle were relegated. However, the player of the season that year was Pat Dunne, and his exploits, along with those of his fellow Irish international Noel Dwyer, will feature in the next two articles in this series.

ARMISTICE DAY TRIBUTE

AT Leicester on Armistice Day, the Pilgrims' away shirts were embroidered with a poppy motif as a mark of respect for the country's war heroes. Argyle manager Ian Holloway said: "I have massive respect for the people who fought for us, who we don't even know. If they hadn't done what they did, so called 'doing their duty, we wouldn't be the wonderful free nation we are today." Today, with a special spread of club photographer Dave Rowntree's pictures, the Pilgrim, too, pays its respect to the heroes of the services.



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The key-rings have been made as a focal point to the campaign to raise awareness of male cancers and funds for the Mustard Tree at the MacMillan Centre of Derriford Hospital.

Initially, 5,000 balls were distributed within a week and immediately sold out. At the time of writing, it is hoped the next delivery will have arrived in time for tonight's match and will once again be available in the club Superstore, the shop under the Lyndhurst side of the stadium, and the outlet at Drake Circus.

Ian Holloway, the coaching staff and players have the key-rings which, I have heard have been used in different ways. Some people have hung them from their rear-view mirror in the car, ladies attach them to their handbags, and fishermen are even using them as floats!

The way in which the club has supported the campaign has been superb, and a special mention to the girls in the Superstore for their help!

The momentum of the 'Have A Ball ...' Trust has taken off beyond all expectation.

A CD is being made. A re-make of Bobby Vee's 'Rubber Ball' features Billy Jay and the



Bouncy Bouncy Girls. 'Have A Ball - the Gig' takes place at the Hub on December 22 and features four local bands, including the very popular Mad Dog McRea.

There will be a dance night with a difference in the new year, and 'Have A Ball - the Match' is also being planned. That promises to be huge, so more of that when details have been confirmed.

Thank you once more. Hundreds of emails sent to me at the Breakfast Show showing your support has been nothing short of amazing.

To matters on the field, and we have the comfort of a second consecutive home match after a succession of away games. Then, at the weekend, it is off to

St Andrews for the match at Birmingham City.

The last time we played there in a league match saw a debut for goalkeeper Gary Penhaligon and a winning goal by Tommy Tynan.

A repeat of that result will be very welcome, particularly as most observers agreed that Argyle were unlucky to get nothing from the game against Steve Bruce's side at the beginning of this month.

AS well as commentating on all Argyle matches for radio and www.pafc.co.uk, you can hear Sparksy on BBC Radio Devon's Breakfast Show each weekday morning from 6am to 9am on 95.7FM, 855 medium wave and DAB digital radio.



Brothers Shoulder to Shoulder



THIS season has seen the Mason brothers, Anthony and Joe, become youth internationals with the Republic of Ireland. Their very proud mum hails from County Mayo and provides the link for the two Plymouth-born youngsters to play for Ireland.

Both players are strikers. I wonder what the odds are on them both playing in the first team together? I certainly would not bet against it.

The lads have come through the youth development programme. They are Centre of Excellence through and through. This is something the club and supporters should be very proud of. Unfortunately, the youth development does not receive the recognition it deserves - maybe these two will help change that.

Anthony is a second-year apprentice, who has already been in touching distance of the first team. He went on the pre season tour of Austria, which was capped with an appearance against Real Madrid. "Mase" leads the line very well, making numerous unselfish runs for his team mates.

I think this is negative in his goal-return and something that I have pointed out to him. I pointed out to him he needed to be a little bit more selfish for himself, and I asked him to narrow down his runs and get into the penalty area more often. Then - guess what? - he has now scored in his last two starts. Great lad to work with.

Joe is still growing, but is showing the same attributes as a player as Anthony did when he was 15 years of age. His work-rate is very good, he has a great touch, and he can also finish. The last 10 months have seen a massive change in his attitude and even more determination. It is as if he has seen what his older brother is doing and saying "I want some of that". Well, the result has been there for all to see and he has been one of Chris Souness's most effective players this season.

The Masons join the Lairds (Scott and Jamie) as the second set of brothers to play international youth football from Plymouth Argyle Youth Development since I came to the club in March 2001, bringing the total number of international youth players in that time to six.

Enjoy tonight's game!

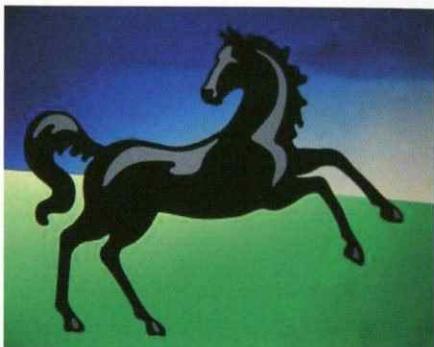
Stuart Gibson, Youth Manager

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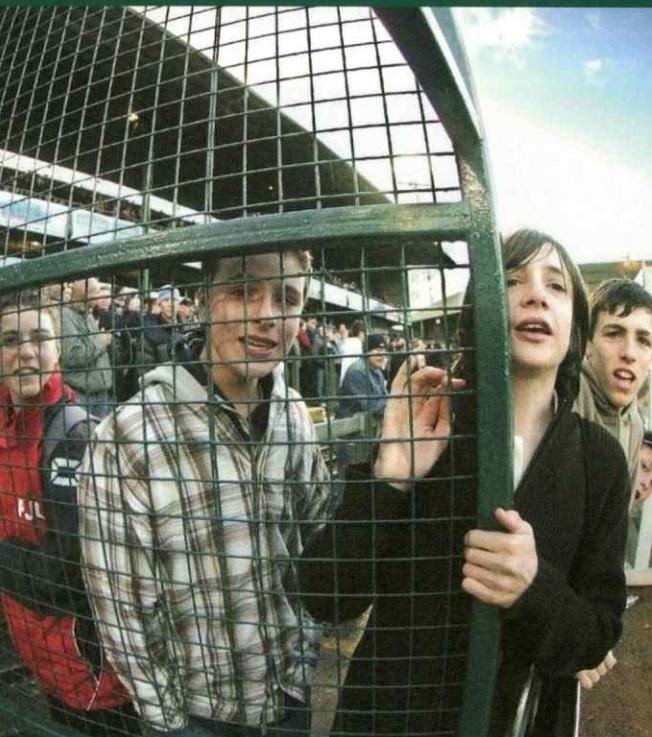
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THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

(7.30 unless stated)

TODAY

Barclays Premiership
Watford v Sheff Utd (8.00)

The Coca-Cola Football League Championship

Barnsley v Southend
Burnley v Leeds
Colchester v Hull
Norwich v Leicester
Preston v Coventry
QPR v Sunderland (8.00)
Sheff Wed v West Brom
Stoke v Cardiff
Wolverhampton v Crystal Palace

Johnstone's Paint Trophy

Cheltenham v Shrewsbury
Darlington v Mansfield (7.30)
Doncaster v Accrington Stanley
Millwall v Brighton

TOMORROW

UEFA Cup
AZ v Liberec
Besiktas v Club Brugge
Dinamo Bucuresti v Bayer Leverkusen
Grasshoppers v Sevilla
Lens v Parma
Livorno v Maccabi Haifa
Osasuna v Odense BK
Partizan Belgrade v Auxerre

Barclays Premiership

Aston Villa v Man City
Bolton v Chelsea (8.00)
Fulham v Arsenal
Liverpool v Portsmouth (8.00)
Man Utd v Everton (8.00)

The Coca-Cola Football League Championship

Derby v Ipswich
Southampton v Birmingham

Johnstone's Paint Trophy

Bristol Rovers v Peterborough
Chesterfield v Chester (7.30)
Nottm Forest v Bristol City
Port Vale v Crewe (7.15)

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EACH match-day, we will take you behind the scenes at Home Park.

Today, MIKE CURNO concludes the article he began in Saturday's programme



THE radio operator in the control room is Chris Paull. Chris takes and relays all the messages and records each incident in the match-day log.

Steve Andrews operates the TV monitors and video recorders. There are 21 monitors, and all of the ground, car-park, and much of the surrounding area can be seen.

I pointed to an area where my car was parked and I did not think they would find that but the picture below proves me wrong. They are able to zoom in and see a lot of detail.

Argyle safety officer Dave Boobyer was able to use the closed circuit television monitors to check that eight cardboard boxes he had noticed in the Devonport end when he did his vigilance check had been removed.

The St John Ambulance do an excellent job on match-days. They arrange to have one person for every 1,000 spectators available in all areas around the ground. Simon, their assistant commissioner for Cornwall, operates

the radio control for the medical team. Like Chris, he, too, keeps a log but, this time, for the calls to the medical team.

Also in the control room is Geoff Anderson, the police liaison officer. If the match is a high category game which entails a police presence, there will be a senior police officer present, with a rank of inspector or above and normally a chief superintendent. If there is a problem, he will consult with Dave and they will make a joint decision to resolve it.

Dave's briefing to the stewards' supervisors will include intelligence, and he will provide feedback on matters that came to light from the de-briefing after the previous match, and specific problems will be listed and issued to the supervisor in the correct area of the ground, for him/her to deal with. These supervisors then go and meet with their teams of stewards so that they can disseminate the content of the briefing.

Dave will also have a debriefing session after a match. Some issues will require his attention before the next match; others, I feel, are 'the textbooks from which they learn'. There is also the match-day log in the control room to consider.

SECURITY TEAM - PART TWO

In his brief to the match-day officials, Dave will welcome them to Home Park. They will be told where the emergency exits are and what to do if there is a need to evacuate the ground. He informs them where the away supporters are and points out the segregation arrangements.

A referee will normally expect stretcher-bearers to be at the tunnel. At most grounds they are, but ours are on the Lyndhurst side and Dave will inform the referee about that. He tells them of the expected attendance, based on the latest ticket-sales figures, and any intelligence which is specific to the match-day officials. Dave introduces the tunnel supervisor, and informs the officials that this supervisor is at the tunnel exit and in radio contact with the control room and Dave if they need him.

Match-day stewards must complete a minimum of 61 hours training - 30 hours will be in the classroom covering the duties of a steward, conflict management and first aid. They then have to do a 15-hour project and *viva voce*. Then there is a minimum of 16 hours observation work, on which they are assessed.

The stewards have a very difficult job, but their strategy is excellent. A supporter was seen drinking a soft drink from a glass bottle which the steward had to take from him, so he used his radio to ask for the camera to follow him. When he knew he was on camera, he went to the supporter and asked for the bottle. The supporter passed it over without any problems and that was good.

However, if this supporter did refuse and started to cause trouble, it would have all been recorded. The mes-



sage here is: Do not cause trouble; if you do, your actions will be caught on camera.

There are some amusing moments. When I was in the control room, a lady supervisor called in and reported that "a supporter told my steward to go and...." She then came out with a very colourful expletive, which the fan would had to have been a contortionist to perform. With her Westcountry accent and a sing-song voice, it sounded very funny.

Steve watches the monitors in the control room and most of his attention is given to known trouble-spots.

After the final whistle, his attention focuses on the car-park and the away coaches. I started with Dave at 2.30pm and I am not used to these long match-days, but there was never a dull moment.

However, I will admit to being pleased when, at 9.52pm, Steve said the magic words "Coaches gone."

I then knew I could go home.



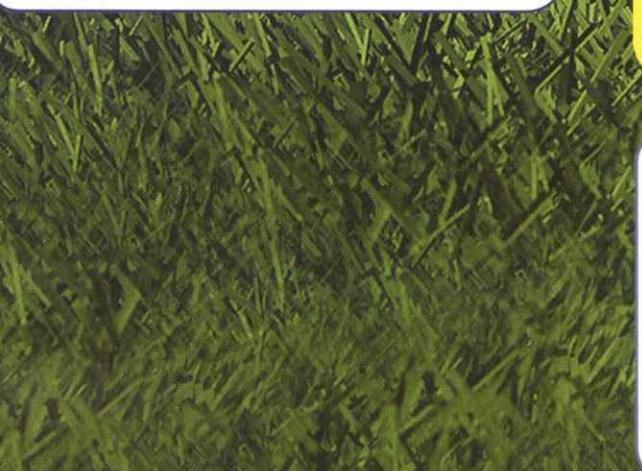
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HOW TO GET THERE

By Road: Leave the M6 at Junction 6 and take the A38(M), known locally as the Aston Expressway, for Birmingham City Centre. Continue past the first turn-off (Aston, Waterlinks) and then take the next turn-off for the Inner Ring Road. The ground is well sign-posted on the Inner Ring Road. Turn left at the island at the top of the slip-road and take the Ring Road East, sign posted 'Coventry/Stratford'. Continue along the ring-road for two miles, crossing three islands. At the fourth island, turn left towards Small Heath. St Andrews is about a quarter of a mile on your left.

Car-parking: There is a small car-park directly outside the entrance to the away end, but availability of space for cars is determined by how many away coaches are expected as they park in the same car-park. There is plenty of street parking off the left-hand side of the ring-road which are likely to fill up quickly. There are some local schools and businesses that offer parking facilities for around £4-£5.

By Rail: The nearest station is Bordesley, which is about a ten minute walk away from the ground, but is only served by trains from Birmingham Snow Hill. If you arrive at New Street Station in the city centre, either walk to Snow Hill (ten minutes) take a taxi (about £4) or embark on a 20-minute walk to the ground.



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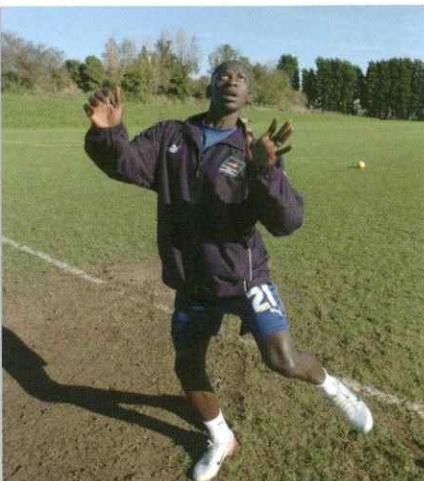
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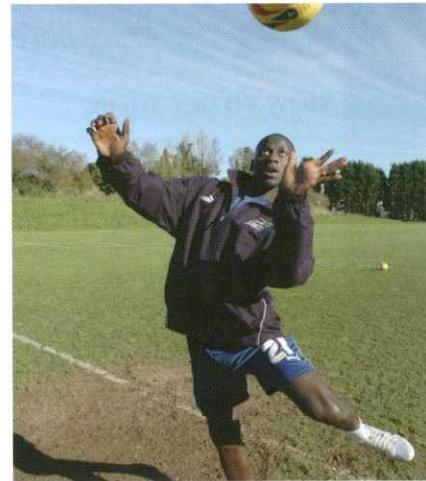
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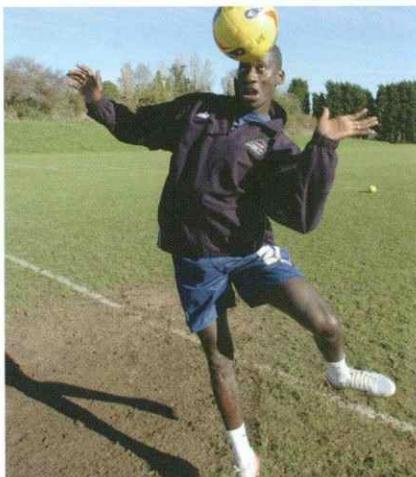
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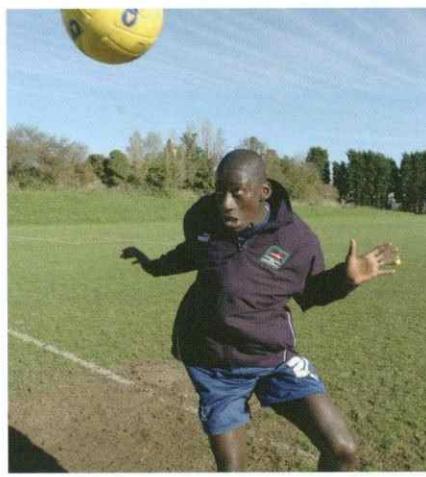
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GOOD evening and welcome to everyone from Luton Town Football Club.

This evening, we also welcome Compton Primary School for the Martin Luck Shoot Lucky! Competition.

Representing the school are Matthew Boorer, Aaron Rowe, Robbie Robinson, Lewis Chapple and Bradley Edwards (pictured right).

Our unique Championship Schools programme is now in full swing. If your school wishes to become involved then please read the information below.

Mark Rivers, Football in the Community



CHAMPION SCHOOLS

OUR Champion Schools programme has started. Laira Green, Kings Tamerton, Keyham Barton, Woodford and Glen Park Primary Schools, in Plymouth, and Upton Cross Primary, in Cornwall, are the first schools to take up this new and exciting scheme, which is designed to ensure that your school is given extra focus and attention. The scheme is a partnership between Argyle Football in the Community and the schools.

Football in the Community's commitments:

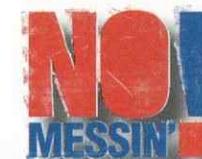
- To provide qualified UEFA coaches.
- To assign a player to your school.
- A signed shirt for your school.
- A framed 'Championship School' certificate.
- Invite to a league game for our half-time speed shot challenge.
- Acknowledgement in our match-day programme and on the club website.
- Tickets for designated games in the 2006-2007 season.
- Free ground tour and visit to our Study Support Centre.
- Free curriculum coaching.

- Free teacher training session.
- Use of our speed cage machine for school fetes.
- Invite to our BT six-a-side competition.

School Commitments

- To provide us with at least four after-school clubs per year, where the children pay £24 for eight weeks. (With every after-school club, we will provide four curriculum sessions FREE)
- Lunch-time Club – children pay £16 for eight weeks.
- Breakfast Club (optional) - £24 for eight weeks one hour before the school day starts.
- Sponsored Penalty Shoot-out – run on a 50-50 basis.
- Minimum of four inset days – We will provide a full day's coaching at your school when the teachers are training: £15 per child with £5 from each child going back to the school.
- One fun morning to include speed-cage, coaching and penalties - £120.
- Healthy eating course – Six weeks, to include a visit from the Argyle chef: £240 (optional).

To sign up, contact Debbie Lake, assistant scheme Manager on 01752 562561, ext 162.



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A VERY warm Home Park welcome to tonight's Match-day Sponsors EC Harris. EC Harris is a leading international consultancy working in the real estate, infrastructure and construction sectors.

They are one of the UK's largest construction consultancies with 40 wholly-owned offices worldwide employing more than 2,500 people. They have been working in the South West for many years and are presently involved with many multi-million pound projects in and around Plymouth, ranging from regeneration, education and retail through to leisure. EC Harris are also involved in Phase II of the redevelopment of Home Park.

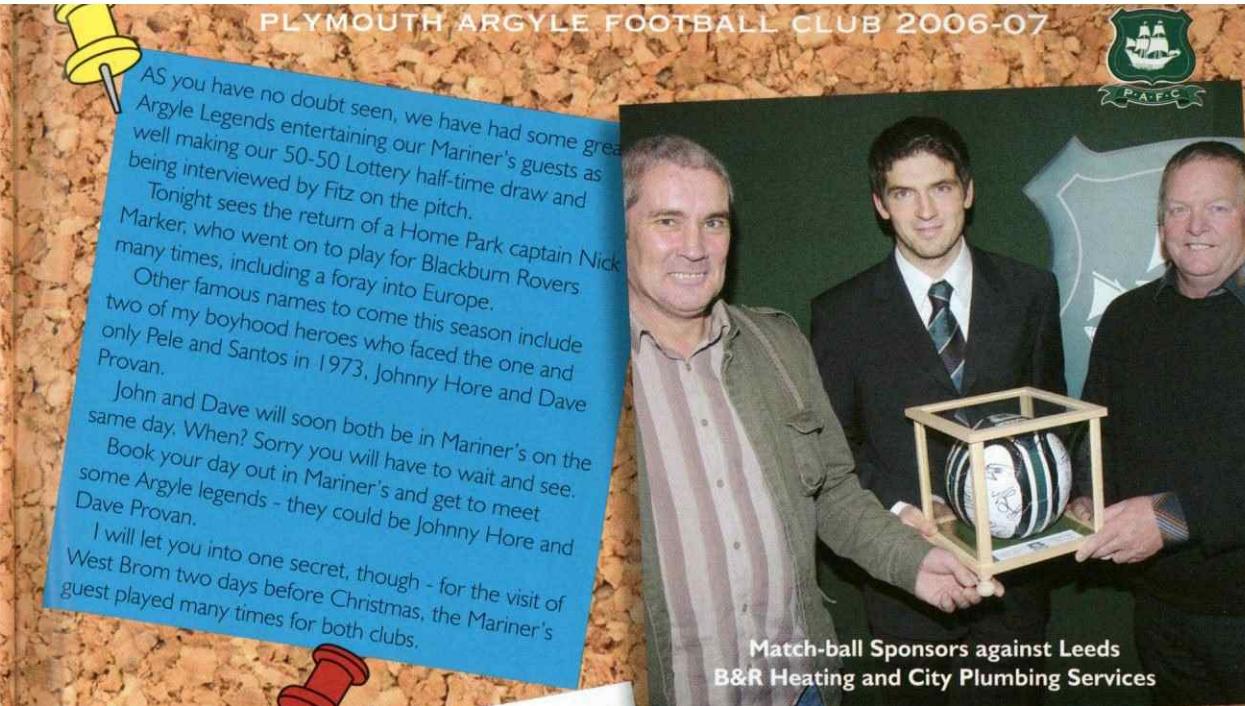
Nigel Marsh, a partner of the practice, has the difficult task with his guests tonight of helping to select the Argyle man of the match. The volume of the Home Park cheer when the man of the match is announced always tells if you agree with the selection.

I am sure we will see tonight's sponsors' name associated with Argyle through sponsorship in the future.

Have a great day.



Man of the match against Leeds United, Bojan Djordjic, meets Match-day Sponsors from Keyline Builders Merchants



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CAR-BOOT SALE

I WOULD like to thank all of our car-boot clients, both regular and passers-by, for their support over the years. Our Sunday boot sale is established as one of the biggest and best in the area, and long may it continue with your support.

Because of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve both falling on a Sunday, there will be no car-boot on these two dates. Normal service will resume on January 7, 2007. We hope this does not cause you any inconvenience.

Finally, I would like to thank Lou Weeks, Mike Arcos and the team for getting up early every Sunday, regardless of the weather, to ensure everything runs smoothly.

AS you are probably aware, we have another match confirmed as a Sky Television game when Coventry City visit us on Monday, January 22 (kick-off, 7.45pm).

Because of the rearranged date, our Match-day Sponsors Pirate FM have had to change their sponsorship date.

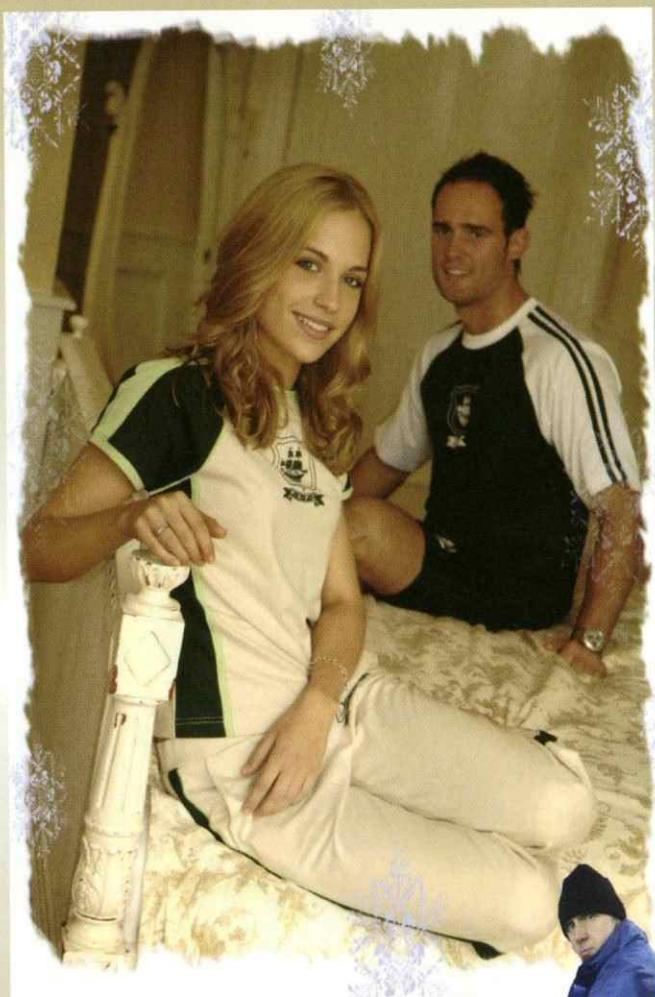
This leaves this high-profile game available for sponsorship which includes an advertising hoarding next to each goal.

Obviously, with a live TV audience watching, this is an excellent opportunity for you to promote your business. Call Andy Budge on 01752 302204 for further details.



IF you have not yet booked you places for our next Race Night, you had better hurry - there are only a handful of tickets remaining for the December 13 event in the Argyle lounge.

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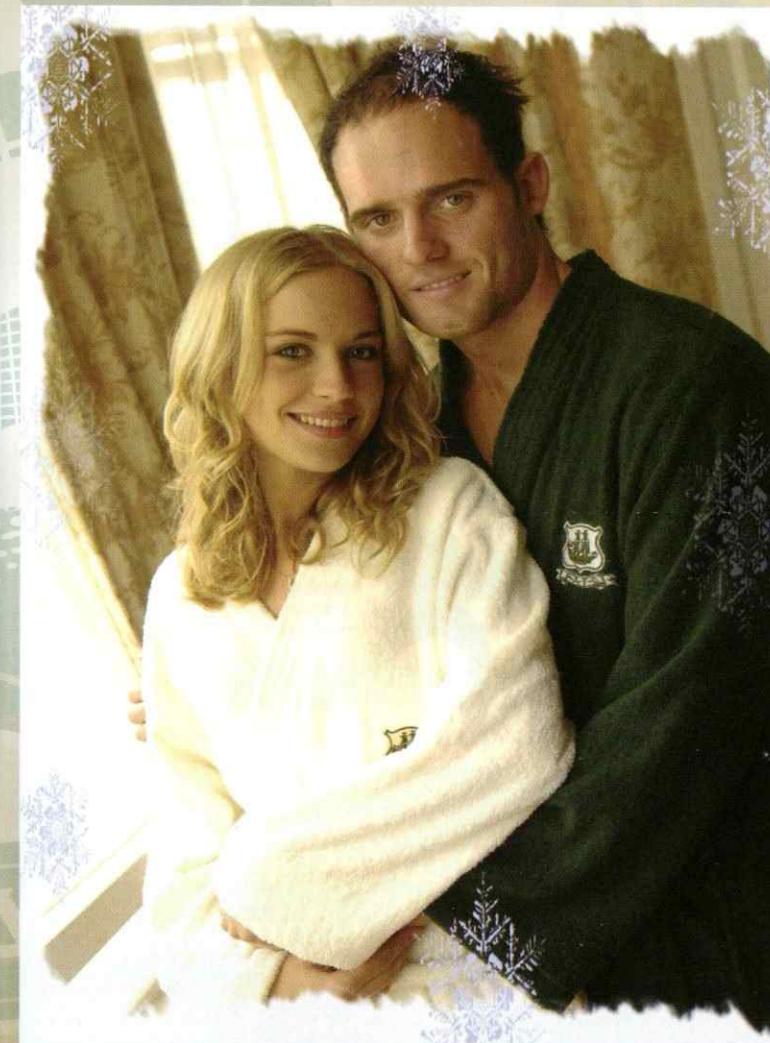
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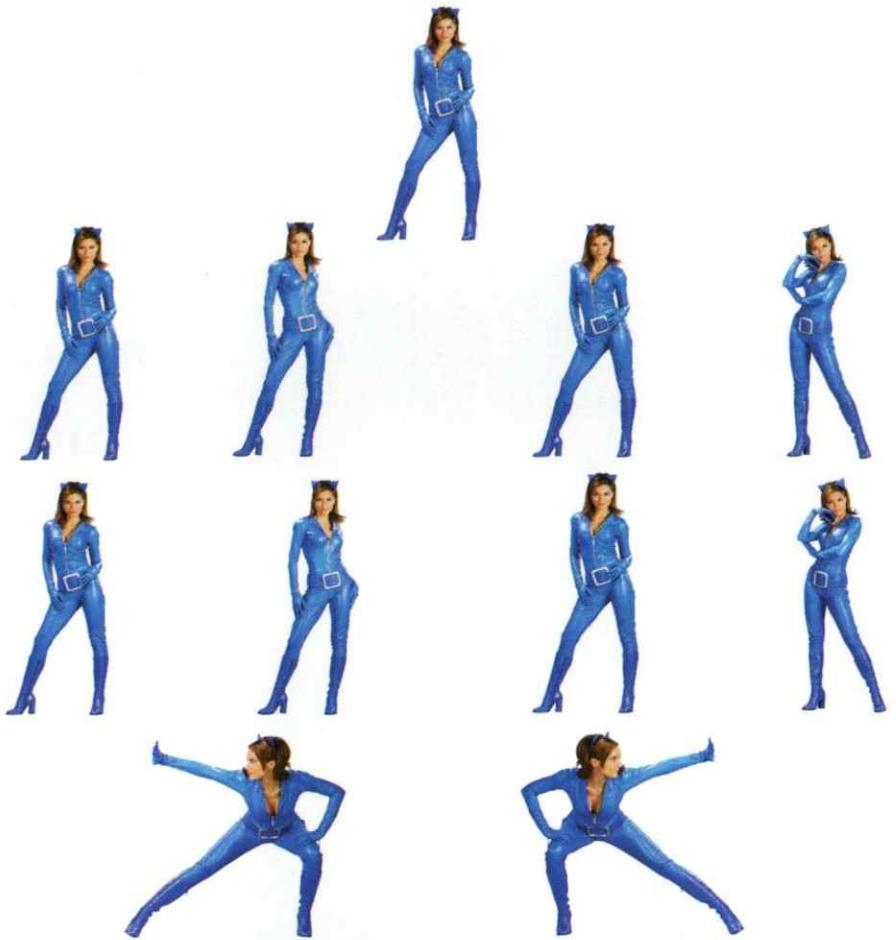
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"WHAT would you give that game out of 10?" asked Patrick Barclay, of the Sunday Telegraph.

"I'd give it a six maximum," I replied.

"But West Ham gave it real go in the second half, no?" "Yes, but did you enjoy it?"

"No." And that was my point.

The said journalist was adding an entertainment rating to his match report just minutes after the conclusion of Chelsea v West Ham last Saturday. Sure, Alan Pardew's side had given it a go, and, on a luckier day they might have plundered a point from Stamford Bridge where the visiting side had not triumphed since February 2004.

As it was, Chelsea won by a single goal and recorded just another victory over a side who would probably only win the fixture once in every eight attempts. Do not get me wrong, I greatly respect Jose Mourinho's approach to the game. The Premiership is a tough league to win, and who are we to question his tactics when they have repeatedly produced goals by the barrel-load and thwarted the likes of Henry, van Nistelrooy, Rooney, and Owen at the other end?

History has proved that you do not have to be pretty to be successful - just ask Debbie McGee - but was it too much for me to demand that our domestic champions entertain while chalking up another routine three points? I know it is the promised land, and I know we all want to be there, but I think the Premiership really is boring, and even over-hyped, as suggested by Celtic manager Gordon Strachan this week before his side beat Manchester United.

I have seen my fair share of top-flight football this calendar year, and it is painful seeing mediocre sides employ even more painstakingly unambitious tactics in an effort to nullify Chelsea, or any other side in the top four.

This time last year, the talk was that fans were being driven out of Premiership grounds by high prices and the realisation, for those supporting clubs outside the top four, that their team was unlikely to challenge for honours. The players and managers did not seem to care. Of course, it is

in their interest to describe a goalless draw between two teams in the lower half of the table as "a great spectacle" - especially when they are being paid £25,000-a-week for being average.

Everywhere you look, the fans are being rinsed. The clubs are losing touch with their community, and clubs like Arsenal think it is acceptable to charge £93 a seat for category A games. It costs nearly £600 if you want your child to be a mascot in the Premiership, and a meat pie at the Emirates Stadium was recently reduced by a pound to £3 - for one game only.

And where are the characters? Argyle fans are lucky to be treated to the musings of Ian Holloway on a weekly basis, and I have regularly enjoyed the honesty displayed by Luton manager Mike Newell.

Look around at other managers though, and bar a few exceptions, we are watching paranoid purveyors of half-truths every time they show up in front of the Match of the Day cameras with their dodgy Windsor-knot ties. If they show up, that is.

Lennie Lawrence told me recently that the technical ability of players is better now than it ever has been, and will probably improve further. His one gripe, however, was that players are not the characters they used to be. They are so cosseted in their world of jewellery, cars, iPods, mock-tudor mansions, and PR representatives that they have never had to fight for anything. The likes of Terry Butcher and Nobby Stiles would struggle to make a World XI - but they knew what it meant to wear the shirt.

I remember shaking my head at those who predicted that the creation of the Premiership and over-sanitising of our game was tantamount to football pressing the self-destruct button.

The spirit of competition needs to be restored as soon as possible, and if that comes by limiting the number of foreign players in a side, then I am all for it. It might even give England more hope for the future.

If the Premiership is boring and over-hyped, the game only has itself to blame. In his QPR days, Ian Holloway once said of the old Wimbledon FC that "Sam Hammam had a chance back then. For them, the impossible was possible." Let us hope it remains so - something tells me it will not.

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