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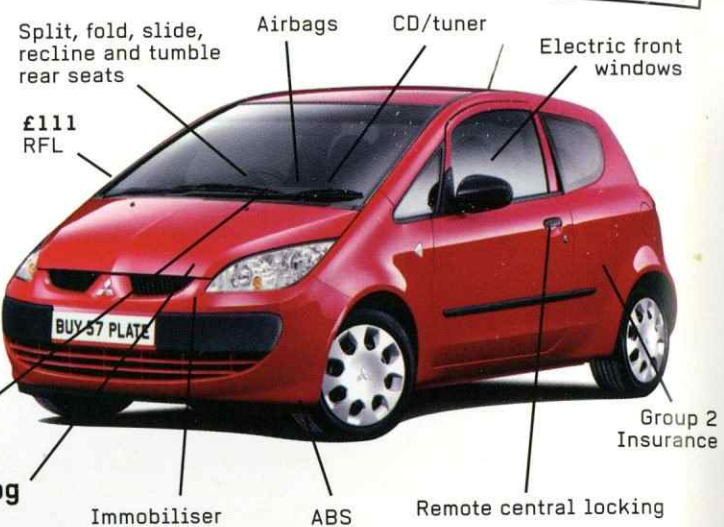
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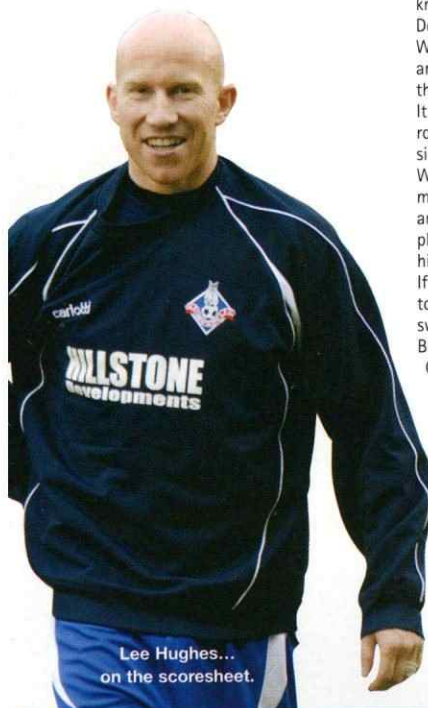


# THE VERDICT

## THE VIEWS OF LUTON MANAGER JOHN SHERIDAN

**Consistency and confidence are two key elements of football and we are beginning to show a little bit of both.**

Not that I am getting carried away, far from it. But we are going into tonight's game against Luton looking to stretch an unbeaten run to



Lee Hughes...  
on the scoresheet.

seven games.

It has helped us climb away from the relegation places and also book a third round tie in the FA Cup, so we are making some progress.

Of course, there is still a lot of work to be done but the signs are encouraging.

We played well to knock Doncaster out of the Cup in a replay -- the first time we had ever won at their place -- and put in another pleasing performance four days later to end Crewe's hopes with a 1-0 win last Saturday. I thought we were excellent in the first half of that game when we scored one and it could even have been two or three.

Our tempo was very good and we got at Crewe knowing they are a good team who, like Doncaster, like to pass the ball around. We kept possession very well, created chances and, overall, I thought we thoroughly deserved the win.

It was important to get through to the next round because we all know what the financial side is like for clubs in our position.

We had a little bit of good fortune in the first minute following a mix-up between Stefan Stam and Reuben Hazell which left one of their players with only our keeper to beat but he put his shot wide.

If they had gone 1-0 up it could have been a totally different game, so we have to stay switched on all the time.

But after that both did very well and Mark Crossley didn't have a save to make.

Crewe have been winning games themselves, one defeat in seven, but we made them look pretty ordinary.

I asked the lads to take the game to them and that's just what we did.

I kept Chris Taylor at left back and I have to say that he looks very comfortable there, to be fair to him.

But he still gives us that threat when he goes forward in a higher position up the pitch.

Mark Allott also did very well again even if we do look a little unbalanced, but having said that we never looked in any real danger. I told the players afterwards that for all our



Deane Smalley...  
improving all the time.

dominance we could have used the ball better, got in different areas to pick people out and take full control by getting a second goal.

For example, we had a lot of the ball in the second half but people were trying to do silly things.

I say to the players that if you play it simple you won't make mistakes, or at least not as many.

I always say that good players play it simple when they have to.

No disrespect to the players in this division, but sometimes they try the difficult things when it is not on.

It is probably not nice to hear my voice all the time but I will keep on telling them until I see an improvement.

I am not having a go at anyone, I just want them to see things and improve as players.

### STRONG MIDFIELD

Lee Hughes got the only goal of the game just before half-time and I am sure it will be a big boost for his confidence.

He is greedy at times, but that's goalscorers for

you and on another day he might have had a couple more.

He reacted very well for the goal and probably a touch of rustiness prevented him from scoring again.

But that will come because you can see he wants to score goals and he will, I have no doubts about that.

Midfield also looked strong and it was good for the defence to keep another clean sheet.

We came in at half-time thinking the game should be over, but two halves are never the same and that was proved.

Crewe brought on Nicky Maynard, who is always a threat, and there was a concern that something late on could cost us.

When you are on top and there is only one goal in it, you are always scared they might just nick an equaliser.

Then they got a free kick that goes straight across the box with almost the last kick of the game and had it gone in we would all have been devastated.

We have had two good wins but, to tell the truth, I wish they had been league games and we had picked up six points!

But I am not grumbling, we are beating teams and are on a bit of a run, with confidence in the camp growing.

Deane Smalley has only had a handful of first team games and looks to be improving all the time.

I feel he's got everything you want in a player and he showed it.

He just glides past people when he wants to and he can be frightening.

Deano will grow up and playing regularly will do him good.

If he can get a bit more belief in himself he has a great chance of playing at a higher level.

He still has a lot to learn but he is a kid who keeps his feet on the ground, he's in the team now and it is up to him to stay there.

### MERSEYSIDE ADVENTURE

Everybody will want to be playing in the next round of the FA Cup when we travel to Goodison Park to face Everton for what promises to be a cracking contest.

Being realistic, we are not going to win the competition but I still want us to go as far as we can.

I believe we have a chance, you have to think like that, and it will be a great test against one of the best and in-form teams in the Premiership.

It is not too far to travel and I am sure we will take a big following to Goodison Park because our away support so far this season has been fantastic.

It will be a great occasion, a great day out and a welcome opportunity to make some much-needed revenue at the same time.

It is back to league action tonight and that will always be our priority.

We extend a warm welcome to Luton Town manager Kevin Blackwell, his board of directors, players and fans who have made the long trip north.

They have had their problems recently and found themselves bottom of the table after going into administration and being docked 10 points.

But their response was swift with a 1-0 victory



Goodison Park...a great day out.

over a Southend side that is going well at the other end of the table.

It has left them four points adrift of fifth-bottom and I am sure they will be going all out to get back towards the middle of the table. We want to keep our good run going and the

fixture has all the makings of an exciting game, so once again get behind the lads and give them all the vocal support you can muster.

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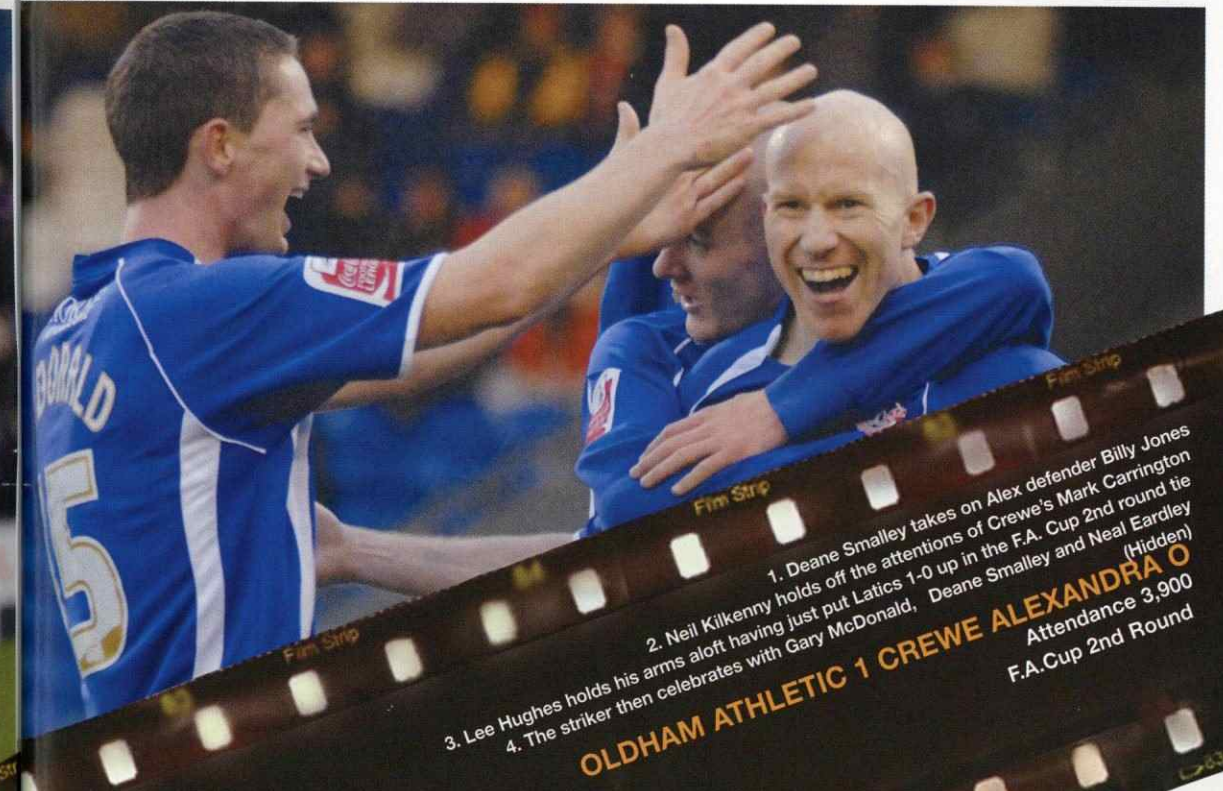
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1. Deane Smalley takes on Alex defender Billy Jones  
 2. Neil Kilkenny holds off the attentions of Crewe's Mark Carrington  
 3. Lee Hughes holds his arms aloft having just put Latics 1-0 up in the F.A. Cup 2nd round tie  
 4. The striker then celebrates with Gary McDonald, Deane Smalley and Neal Eardley (Hidden)

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# THE NUMBERS GAME

**7** is the number of teams from Coca Cola League One definitely through to the third round of the FA Cup. They are Tranmere, Bristol Rovers, Huddersfield, Millwall, Swindon, Brighton and, of course Latics. And five more live to fight another day as Swansea, Northampton, Walsall, Port Vale and Southend are involved in second-round replays.

**85** minute penalty from landscape gardener Lewis Taylor earned non-league Horsham an FA Cup replay against Swansea as the Ryman League part timers caused a massive upset by holding opponents from four divisions higher in the footballing pyramid. The other surprise was Port Vale only dawning at home to Chasetown who took Latics to a replay two seasons ago.

**2** goals apiece for Chris Greenacre, Nicky Forster, Phil Jevons and Ricky Lambert helped Tranmere, Brighton and Bristol Rovers to FA Cup victories. Greenacre scored twice in Tranmere's 3-0 win at Bradford, Forster got both the goals which earned Brighton a 2-0 victory at Torquay United in the all-South Coast clash, on-loan Jevons two for Huddersfield in a 3-0 triumph against Grimsby and Lambert the last two of Bristol Rovers' haul in a 5-1 home success against Rushden & Diamonds.



Phil Jevons

**9** is the maximum haul of points which earned Nottingham Forest's Colin Calderwood the Coca Cola League One manager-of-the-month award for November. Forest won all three league games and also won an FA Cup tie against Lincoln City after a replay. Huddersfield's Andy Ritchie, Martin Ling, of Leyton Orient and Walsall's Richard Money were all short-listed for the award.

**200,000** pounds is the transfer fee Southend United have apparently agreed for the transfer of striker Leon Clarke who is currently on loan at Roots Hall from Sheffield Wednesday. Clarke had a successful loan spell at Boundary Park last season and he has been in a rich scoring vein for the Shrimpers.



Leon Clarke

**15** is the number of previous attempts Latics had failed to win at Doncaster before finally breaking their duck in the FA Cup, first-round replay. In their previous matches at both Belle Vue and the Keepmoat Stadium, Latics had drawn seven times and lost eight.

**13** has been far from unlucky for Crewe whose haul of 13 points from their last six league matches makes them the form team in League One. Doncaster and Leeds, both with 12 points, have run them close while at the bottom of the form table are Port Vale, Hartlepool and Tranmere, each with four points from six matches.

**27,816** is the average attendance of Leeds United with their highest 30,319 against Millwall and lowest 24,036 for the visit of Southend. They are well clear of second-placed Nottingham Forest whose average is 19,664.

**10** is the number of clean sheets Nottingham Forest keeper Paul Smith has kept, the highest total by any team in League One. Walsall, Leeds and Carlisle are next in the pecking order with seven shut outs apiece.

**10,000** pounds raised by Nottingham Forest chief executive Mark Arthur and four supporters on their 900-mile sponsored bike ride from John O'Groats to Lands End when they were accompanied by professional cyclist David Millar. Forest are aiming to collect £50,000 towards the £500,000 needed to develop a performing arts school for youngsters in memory of Danielle Beccan, the 14-year-old Nottingham girl killed in a drive-by shooting in the city in 2004.



Paul Smith...  
10 clean sheets.



**Sean Gregan has had to relinquish the Latics captain's armband due to a frustrating spell on the sidelines.**

The 33-year-old defender's injury-enforced absence has meant a watching brief in recent weeks after what initially appeared an innocuous challenge. Gregan was caught on the Achilles by Huddersfield Town's Danny Cadamarteri but soldiered on and completed the match at the Galpharm Stadium.

But three days later Gregan had to concede defeat as he limped off in the early exchanges of the Johnstone's Paints Trophy tie at Doncaster Rovers. Gregan has seen a specialist who says that time will be the healer as he is forced to be patient and play a waiting game.

"I have to be careful and not rush back too quickly which could risk snapping my Achilles which would mean a long lay off. It is frustrating, but there is not a lot I can do," he explained. Here Gregan, who has plenty of time on his hands, joins us in the Latics Lounge to discuss various aspects of his life, both on and off the field.

**CHILDHOOD**  
WHICH TEAM DID YOU SUPPORT AS A CHILD? Middlesbrough is my home-town team and I have followed their results for as long as I can remember.  
FIRST PROFESSIONAL MATCH? I think it was Middlesbrough v Everton in the FA Cup when they were still playing at their old ground, Ayresome Park. Those were the days when Bernie Slaven, Tony Mowbray, Gary Pallister and Colin Cooper were in the team. Tommy Wright was also playing then, and I give him stick about that!  
FIRST JUNIOR TEAM? Stockton West End when I was about 11 years of age. Quite a few of the lads from my school played on the team which was run by one of the dads.  
FIRST POSITION? I started out as a midfield player and it was only when I went to Darlington as a YTS that I was converted to a central defender. And my career has been spent chopping and changing between those two positions.  
SCHOOLBOY HONOURS? I had trials for Cleveland Boys, but never made it into the team, though they played me right back in the trials. But I helped, St Michael's, Billingham, reach the semi finals of the English Schools when we lost to a team from Liverpool who went on to win it. We had a good side which included Jamie Pollock who later played for Middlesbrough and a couple of other lads who were at League clubs but who never made it.  
WHAT OTHER SPORTS DID YOU PLAY? As it was an old fashioned council estate school, there was never anything like Rugby Union. It was always a football or tennis ball in the playground. Our PE teacher also ran the school football team so we always played five-a-side and games.  
FAVOURITE SCHOOL SUBJECT? If you ask most footballers, they weren't interested in school. And it was always PE and playing football.  
EARLY INFLUENCES? There has only ever been me and my mum Anne and she would buy me boots when money was tight and take me to games and, if she couldn't, she would always get lifts for me.  
FIRST FOOTBALL SHIRT? The England shirt for the 1982 World Cup when my uncle bought me the kit. I think I wore it every day for the next six months or may be even to the next World Cup.  
DID YOU EVER HAVE A SATURDAY JOB? I had a paper round seven days a week and from what I can remember I earned £5.50.

**OFF THE PITCH**  
WHEN DID YOU LAST PAY TO WATCH A MATCH? Last season for the FA Cup tie here against Wolves when I bought tickets for my mother-in-law and her family.  
IF YOU COULD PLAY FOR ANY TEAM IN THE WORLD, WHICH WOULD IT BE? Middlesbrough as they are my home-town team and it would have been nice to play for them.  
WHEN YOU RETIRE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MANAGER? I don't know, but hopefully I won't have to make a decision for a few more years. It is difficult to break into management, particularly the top jobs when clubs go for big-name players or foreign names.  
HOW DO YOU PASS YOUR TIME ON AWAY TRIPS? I usually read the papers or watch a movie. I have done it for 15/16 years and the worst thing is boredom and you tend to get hardened to it.  
ARE YOU A GOOD SPECTATOR WHEN INJURED? I hate watching and have been fortunate not to have had any major injuries in my career, but when I am out I find it very frustrating. I am the same as anybody else who simply wants to play.  
BEST FRIEND IN FOOTBALL? Mark Rankine who was a team mate for six

**ON THE PITCH**  
DO YOU HAVE ANY PRE-MATCH SUPERSTITIONS? None. I am not one of those people who puts one boot on first or does any other quirky thing like that.  
PRE-MATCH MEAL? If it is a home match it is usually beans on toast. Away it is something similar but may be also with a piece of chicken. Most players tend to eat a good meal the night before a match and that gets you through.  
LEAGUE DEBUT? Darlington away to Huddersfield Town at the old Leeds Road ground where I was up against Iffy Onoura and Iwan Roberts which was a baptism of fire as I was playing centre of defence against those two so it was quite a battle. It was great experience for what was to come!  
BEST-EVER GAME? When I was at Preston, we played Birmingham City in the play offs. We lost at St Andrews but won a dramatic return match at Deepdale. The game went to extra time and it looked as though we were going out until we scored to take it to penalties. I scored one of the penalties and we went through to the final at Wembley so that stands out as a good one.  
BEST STADIUM? I have been lucky to play at the old Wembley and Millennium Stadium, but I would probably go for Old Trafford.  
TOUGHEST OPPONENT? I have been lucky to play in the Premier League against all the top strikers, the likes of Alan Shearer, Thierry Henry and Michael Owen. I would rather play against Shearer, when you would have a battle than Owen who is very quick and difficult for somebody like myself to come up against.  
BEST GOAL? When I was at Preston I once scored a goal from the half-way line with my left foot. I saw the keeper off the line and unleashed a big swinger and it went in.  
BEST THING ABOUT BEING A FOOTBALLER? Everybody would like to get paid well for something they love doing which is probably the stock answer from most footballers. You also get plenty of time off to be with your family.  
WHICH FIXTURE DO YOU MOST LOOK FORWARD TO? It depends on what league you are playing in at the time. When I was at West Brom and they were playing in the Premier League I looked for Middlesbrough for obvious reasons. In the Championship I would always look for when we were playing at Preston where I spent a lot of my career. Here it is Leeds United and going back to Elland Road on New Year's Day.  
EMBARRASSING MOMENTS ON THE PITCH? When I made my debut for West Brom we were warming up behind the goal and I got my feet caught in the ladders we used to step in-between. I tripped up and went head over heels so that wasn't the best of starts on my debut.

years at Preston. He is doing some agency work and I still see him from time to time and we keep in touch.  
FIRST FOOTBALLING IDOL? Kevin Keegan who was like the David Beckham of the day.  
FAVOURITE SHIRT NUMBER? I was No 6 for six years at Preston so, given the choice, I would go for that.  
WHICH MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY GO TO GAMES? My wife Melissa only comes to matches occasionally as she finds it difficult with having three children, the youngest two only being aged two and three. It is impossible to keep them entertained all afternoon, especially if they come with me as I have to be at the ground for one o'clock and don't leave until six.  
ANY YOU STILL INVOLVED WITH ANY JUNIOR TEAMS? I have done a little coaching at my daughter Hannah's school in Leeds, but I prefer to spend time at home with the kids.



**PERSONAL**  
FIRST CAR? A Ford Fiesta which my mother bought me after I passed my driving test. Then when I signed my first professional contract I bought my first car which was also a Fiesta.  
CURRENT CAR? A VW Golf as Melissa has the large one, a Range Rover as that is better for the kids.  
IF MONEY WERE NO OBJECT, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR DREAM CAR? An Aston Martin.  
FAVOURITE BAND? I am not big into music and if I am driving the children usually have The Tweenies or Thomas The Tank Engine on in the car.  
WHICH NEWSPAPER DO YOU READ? The Sun which is mainly for the gossip.  
FAVOURITE TELEVISION PROGRAMME? I like programmes like Property Ladder and Location, Location as I like to see people's ideas when it comes to doing work on their homes.  
BEST PLACE VISITED IN THE WORLD? Mauritius on my honeymoon which was a lovely part of the world.  
HOBBIES? When you have a young family all your time is spent trying to occupy them so there isn't a lot of time for doing anything else.  
COULD YOU LIVE WITHOUT SKY TV? It would be hard, but I suppose I could.  
LAST CD/DVD YOU BOUGHT? It would have been one for the kids. My little boy loves dinosaurs and there is a DVD 'Long Before Time' so it will probably have been that.

**EITHER - OR?**  
AYRESOME PARK OR THE RIVERSIDE? Ayresome Park for the atmosphere. I understand why new grounds were built for safety reasons, but I think most fans would prefer the old ones and to be able to stand up behind the goal.  
ERIKSSON OR McCLAREN? Eriksson just.  
CINEMA OR DVD AT HOME? Cinema when we can get a babysitter.  
CORONATION STREET OR EASTENDERS? Neither.  
CURRY OR PIZZA? Curry, but I don't really like either. I prefer a fish dish or Italian food.  
LAGER OR BITTER? Lager.  
AUTOMATIC PROMOTION OR PLAY OFFS? Play offs, even though I have lost five times in them, three finals and two semis. I think that is the glory way to win promotion if I can get the voodoo and jinx out of the way. If we get to the play offs this season, I think the manager should leave me out!  
CHIPS OR JACKET POTATOES? Jacket potatoes because in our job you cannot eat chips.  
GOALLINE TECHNOLOGY OR REFEREE'S DECISION? Technology. I cannot see a problem introducing it to see if the ball has crossed the goalline. There would be probably only one incident at most in any game so it wouldn't be too disruptive.  
STUDS OR BLADES? Studs. I have never worn blades and never will do. They are for all the young boys like Ryan (Bertrand) who like the white boots and to look good. Give me black boots with studs any time.



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**FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
YOUTH ALLIANCE  
SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER, 2007.  
OLDHAM ATHLETIC 2  
PRESTON NORTH END 1**  
Latics goals: Paul Black,  
Danny Knight

This was a great effort by Latics against an in form Preston side. After a poor start to the morning losing Aaron Chalmers just before kick off with an ankle injury the lads got the bit between their teeth and started the game well. Latics were awarded a penalty in the eighth minute after some sustained pressure from the boys in blue. Paul Black dispatched the penalty with supreme confidence.

The game then moved into a midfield battle with both sides probing each other's defences. Unfortunately, from an Oldham corner Preston broke quickly and one ball bypassed the Oldham defence and Preston scored a goal that was against

the run of play. Preston then got on top for a short period but Latics defence stood up to the test well with strong performances from Danny Knight, Rory Winters, Paul Black and Aaron Walsh. Just before half-time Latics got the break their resolute defending deserved. A long ball forward and some good hold up play from Adam Edwards resulted in a Latics free kick which Chris Rowney duly delivered perfectly, the ball was glanced into the net by Danny Knight making the score 2-1 at the break.

The second half was a much tighter affair with both teams less reluctant to commit players forward. One or two chances came and went for both teams but Latics more than matched their opponents and came away with a much deserved win. This was the third time Oldham Athletic have played Preston this season and the first time they defeated their Lancashire rivals.



Danny Knight



Paul Black



Chris Rowney

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YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES  
SEASON 2007/2008

AUG			
Sat 18	WON 3-1	MORECAMBE	
Sat 25	No Fixture		
SEPT			
Sat 1	LOST 2-1	STOCKPORT	
Sat 8	WON 5-1	ACCINGTON STANLEY	
Sat 15	WON 3-2	*ROCHDALE (Chapel Rd)	
Sat 22	WON 2-1	CARLISLE	
Sat 29	LOST 5-0	PRESTON	
OCT			
Sat 6	LOST 3-2	BURY	
Sat 13	DREW 3-3	BLACKPOOL	
Sat 20	LOST 1-0	PRESTON	
		YA Cup R1 - North	
Sat 27	WON 1-0	BURNLEY	
Wed 31	WON 3-2(pens)	WREXHAM	
		FAYC1	
NOV			
Sat 3	LOST 4-1	CARLISLE	
Sat 10	WON 4-2	ROCHDALE	
Sat 17	AWAY	BURY 10.30	
Sat 24	YA Cup R2 - North		
DEC			
Sat 1	WON 2-1	PRESTON	
Sat 8	AWAY	BURNLEY	
Sat 15	HOME	BLACKPOOL	
JAN			
Sat 5	HOME	MORECAMBE	
Sat 12	HOME	PORT VALE	
Sat 19	HOME	ACCINGTON STANLEY	
Sat 26	No Fixture		
FEB			
Sat 2	HOME	WALSALL	
Sat 9	AWAY	TRANMERE ROVERS	
Sat 16	HOME	STOCKPORT	
Sat 23	YA Cup R3 - North		
MAR			
Sat 1	AWAY	SHREWSBURY (12.00)	
Sat 8	AWAY	PORT VALE	
Sat 15			
Sat 22	AWAY	MACCLESFIELD	
Sat 29	HOME	CHESTER	
APR			
Sat 5	AWAY	WREXHAM	
Sat 19	HOME	WIGAN	
Sat 26	To be announced		
MAY			
Sat 3	No Fixture		

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YOUTH TEAM APPEARANCES 2007-2008  
UPDATED DATE 3rd December 2007

NAME	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL
	P	G	P	G	
JOSH BELL	5	0	3	0	8
PAUL BLACK	9	4	3	0	12
RYAN BROOKE	12	3	3	1	15
AARON CHALMERS	10	2	3	0	13
LIAM DAWSON	14	1	3	2	16
ADAM EDWARDS	8	2	2	0	10
JACK FITZGERALD	12	0	3	0	14
NATHAN KILCOURSE	12	3	3	0	15
DANNY KNIGHT	8	2	2	0	11
BEN LYONS	5	1	0	0	5
JOSH OLLERENSHAW	8	0	0	0	8
KC OWEN	8	1	3	0	11
RICO RAMSEY	3	0	0	0	3
CHRIS ROWNEY	13	2	3	0	16
ROSS THAKER	11	4	3	0	14
AARON WALSH	11	0	2	0	13
RUAIRIDH WINTERS	8	0	1	0	9
DJENY BEMBO-LETA	10	2	2	1	12
DANNY GODDARD	1	0	0	0	1
RYAN LONGWORTH	2	0	0	0	2
JOSH ROSE	0	0	1	0	1
ZAK REILLY	0	0	1	0	1
WILL MELLOR	2	0	0	0	2
JOEL BEMBO-LETA	2	0	0	0	2



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# CUPMAGIC

**The magic of the FA Cup rubbed off on Latics when they were handed a dream third round tie against one of the biggest clubs in the country.**

John Sheridan will take his side to Everton's Goodison Park, a game that will bring back fond memories of the heady days of the Premiership. It could hardly have been better with fans not having to fork out too much on travelling expenses as well as not having to trek to the other side of the country.

It will also provide a massive revenue boost to the Boundary Park coffers.

Ex Latics and Everton manager Joe Royle commented "What a great tie" as he rang Goodison to book his seat in the Directors box. And veteran keeper Mark Crossley summed up the players mood, revealing: "The place was buzzing when all the lads came in for training yesterday morning."

"It is a brilliant draw." Totally different then from the feeling after Latics had blown a 2-0 lead in the first round against Doncaster Rovers.

It looked all over for the visitors until they came back to snatch a draw when James Hayter grabbed his second goal with just four minutes left on the clock.

Hands up those who thought it was all over? Latics were off to South Yorkshire for a replay against a side who they had never beaten in their own backyard.

Rovers, sixth in the table and going well, were immediately installed as the bookies favourites to go through and it looked like the odds were certainly stacked against them when the home side took the lead.

It was beginning to look like the Johnstone Paints Trophy KO time again in which Donny had celebrated a comfortable 3-0 victory. But they soon discovered that Latics were in no mood to lie down and roll over and goals from Neil Kilkenny and Gary McDonald put them in the next round to host League One rivals Crewe. Sheridan and his coaching staff then masterminded another victory against Crewe Alexandra and although the scoreline read 1-0 it was probably the most one-sided contest seen here this season.

Crossley, who has made 40 appearances in the FA Cup, said: "It all goes to show that it was well worth putting the effort in against Doncaster because we thought at one stage we could have been knocked out of the competition. "We showed great spirit to go over there and beat them."

"Then against Crewe we totally dominated the game but just couldn't get the ball in the net again to really finish them off after going in front through Lee Hughes."

"I had nothing to do, the first minute was the only time they had threatened our goal when a

mistake let their lad through and he really should have scored, but thankfully, put his shot wide.

"It has paid off now with a fantastic match in prospect and to go to Goodison in front of say 25,000 fans is going to be great for both the lads and fans."

"But on a purely personal note I would have preferred getting a non-league club at home then going to Everton in the fourth round."

The trip to Merseyside will bring back memories of the 1989/90 season when Latics finally beat Everton after two replays.

And, remember, Joe Royle's boys reached the semi-final that year!

But the much-needed windfall that the game will generate will be a blessing for a club that is losing more than £70,000 a month.

Is that magic... or what?

- In 28 league meetings between the clubs, Oldham have won 11, Everton 9 with 8 drawn.

- The Cup record is shared with both teams having beaten each other twice and three more ending in draws.



Action from the last clash between Latics and Everton





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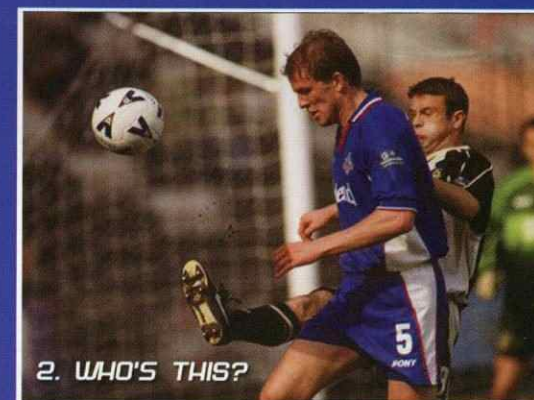
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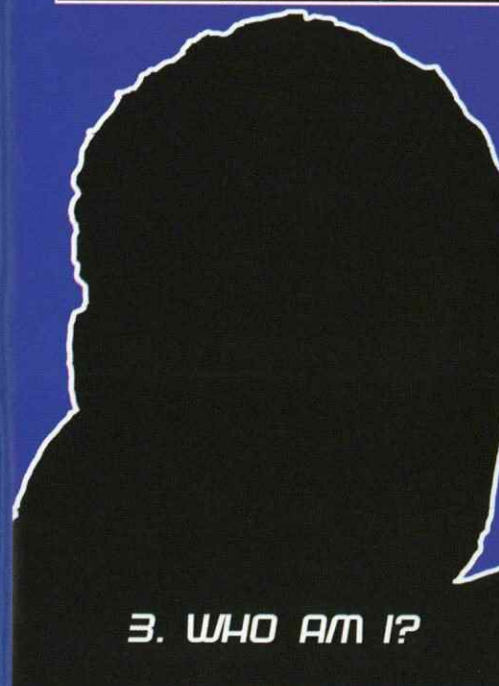
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# IT'S ALL IN THE NAME

**An A to Z guide of Latics' players past and present with Leigh Edwards and Gordon Lawton**

## **CRAIG FLEMING**

Versatile defender Craig Fleming helped Oldham Athletic take Manchester United to an FA Cup semi-final replay in 1993-94. A former Halifax Town trainee, he made his League debut in their 5-1 win at home to Scunthorpe in January 1989 and moved to newly promoted Latics for £150,000 in August 1991. He helped consolidate top-flight status, overcoming injury problems to score once in 164 League outings while at Boundary Park before being sold to Norwich City for £600,000 in June 1997. Ever-present in their 2003-04 First Division title triumph, he was loaned to Wolves prior to joining Rotherham United in January 2007.

## **MIKE FLYNN**

Tall central defender Mike Flynn featured as Oldham Athletic took Everton to a Littlewoods Cup third round replay in 1988-89. Locally born, he turned professional at Boundary Park in February 1987 and scored once in 40 Second Division games prior to joining Norwich City for £100,000 in December 1988. He moved via Preston to Stockport County for £125,000 in March 1993 and twice helped them qualify for the Second Division play-offs. Captaining Stockport to promotion and the Coca-Cola Cup semi-finals in 1996-97, he joined Barnsley in March 2002 and has

since played for Blackpool and Accrington Stanley.

## **TERRELL FORBES**

Tough-tackling right-back Terrell Forbes played for Oldham Athletic during the 2005-06 campaign. A former West Ham trainee, he featured in their 1999 FA Youth Cup final triumph and was loaned to AFC Bournemouth before moving to QPR in July 2001. He helped them reach the Second Division play-off final in 2002-03 and win promotion in 2003-04. Joining Grimsby Town in September 2004, he moved to Boundary Park in July 2005 and made 39 League One appearances for Latics before reuniting with Russell Slade at Yeovil Town in July 2006. He starred as they qualified for the League One play-offs last season.

## **JIMMY FRIZZELL**

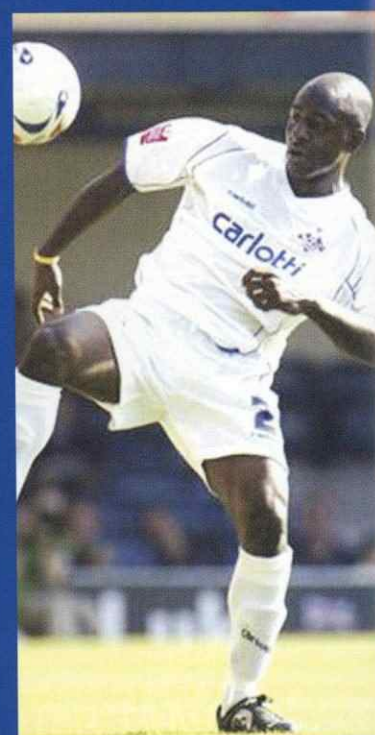
Jimmy Frizzell gave Oldham Athletic marvellous service as both a player and manager. The versatile inside-forward played for Morton before moving to Boundary Park in May 1960. Leading marksman in 1961-62, he featured in Latics' 1962-63 promotion success and netted 56 goals in 317 League outings prior to becoming coach in September 1968. He was appointed manager in December 1969 and guided Latics to promotion in 1970-71, then the Third Division title in 1973-74. The second-longest serving boss in the Football League when sacked in June 1982, he was later assistant-boss and manager at Manchester City and Jimmy still visits Boundary Park on a regular basis.

## **JIM FRYATT**

Much-travelled centre-forward Jim Fryatt was leading marksman in Oldham



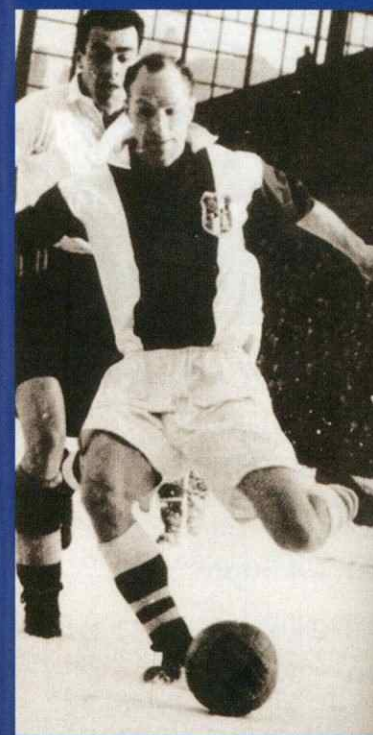
**Craig Fleming**



**Terrell Forbes**



**Shaun Garnett**



**Eric Gemmell**

Athletic's 1970-71 promotion success. Initially with Charlton Athletic, he moved via Southend to Bradford PA in June 1963 and was ever-present in 1963-64, scoring the League's fastest-ever goal against Tranmere. He played for Southport, Torquay, Stockport and Blackburn before moving to Boundary Park in February 1970. Netting 40 goals in 76 League outings for Latics, he rejoined Southport in November 1971 and starred in their 1972-73 Fourth Division title triumph. He played and managed in the United States, becoming a croupier in Las Vegas.

## **PAUL FUTCHER**

Former England U-21 central defender Paul Futchter had a spell as Oldham Athletic's captain. Both he and his twin brother Ron signed professional for Chester in January 1974, moving to Luton Town in a joint £100,000 deal in June 1974. He returned to the top-flight after joining Manchester City for £350,000 in June 1978, moving to Boundary Park for £150,000 in August 1980. Scoring once in 98 Second Division games for Latics, he joined Derby County for £100,000 in January 1983, then played for Barnsley, Halifax and Grimsby. He managed Darlington, Gresley Rovers, Southport, Stalybridge Celtic and Ashton United.

## **RON FUTCHER**

Striker Ron Futchter was Oldham Athletic's leading marksman in 1985-86. Signing professional for Chester with his twin brother Paul in January 1974, they moved to Luton Town in a joint £100,000 deal in June 1974. He followed Paul to Manchester City for £75,000 in August 1978, then played for NAC Breda, Barnsley prior to joining Latics for £15,000 in July 1985. Scoring 30 goals in 65 Second Division games while at Boundary Park, he moved to Bradford City for £40,000 in March 1987 and later played for Port Vale, Burnley, Crewe Alexandra and Droylsden. He rejoined Bradford City as youth development officer.

## **SHAUN GARNETT**

Big central defender Shaun Garnett featured in Oldham Athletic's 1996-97 relegation battle. A former Tranmere Rovers trainee, he turned professional in June 1988 and featured in their 1990 Leyland/DAF Cup final success, 1990-91 Third Division play-off final triumph and 1993-94 Coca-Cola Cup run. He joined Swansea City for £150,000 in March 1996, moving to Boundary Park for £150,000 in September 1996. Scoring nine goals in 173 League outings for Latics until sidelined by a serious knee injury, he moved to Halifax Town in September 2002, then played for Morecambe before joining Tranmere's coaching staff as youth coach.

## **COLIN GARWOOD**

Ex-England Youth striker Colin Garwood was leading goalscorer in Oldham Athletic's 1973-74 Third Division title triumph. Signing professional for Peterborough United in July 1967, he was top scorer in 1970-71 and moved to Boundary Park in July 1971. He netted 35 goals in 93 League games for Latics prior to joining Huddersfield Town in exchange for Les Chapman in December 1974. Moving to Colchester United in February 1976, he starred in their 1976-77 promotion success, then played for Portsmouth, Aldershot, Boston United and King's Lynn. He has since worked for an engineering firm in Wisbech.

## **ERIC GEMMELL**

Centre-forward Eric Gemmell was leading marksman in Oldham Athletic's 1952-53 Third Division (North) title success. A former Manchester United amateur, he turned professional with rivals City in March 1946 and moved to Boundary Park in June 1947. He was top scorer on four occasions, netting 109 goals in 195 League outings for Latics, including a record seven in the amazing 11-2 win at home to Chester in January 1952. Joining Crewe Alexandra in February 1954, he later played for Rochdale, Buxton and Nantile Vale. Settling in Denton, he held Oldham Athletic's goalscoring record until overtaken by Roger Palmer.



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**Tickets are priced at £35 per person** and are available individually or in tables of 8 and 10.

The menu for the night will consist of cream of roast plum tomato soup, beef skirt rag pudding and for desert apple tart tatin. A vegetarian menu is also available.



### Entertainment

Dermot Gallagher will be the guest speaker for the evening. Dermot has refereed over 300 games in the Premier League as well as 141 international matches, 8 international cup finals and the 1996 FA Cup Final.



### Guests

Oldham Athletic manager John Sheridan and members of his management team will be attending, along with several first team players such as Sean Gregan and Chris Taylor. Joe Royle will also be in attendance.



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For further information visit **www.keep-the-faith.co.uk**.

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## Injured Latics goalkeeper Les Pogliacomi believes he has been safe in the hands of specialist Steve Bollen.

The Aussie is delighted with his recovery from knee surgery and expects to be able to resume training this month. "Steve is one of the best surgeons and has saved the careers of a number of high-profile players and hopefully he has sorted me out as well," explained Pogliacomi who has yet to make a first-team appearance this season.

Pogliacomi was injured pre-season and then had to abort his comeback when his knee trouble flared up again requiring surgery. "I came back and played a couple of reserve-team games but knew something was not right as I was experiencing discomfort and swelling," he explained. Pogliacomi describes the period since pre-season as a "nightmare" and he cannot wait for 2007 to end with the hope the New Year heralds a new start and improved fortunes.

Here Pogliacomi selects 20 numbers at random from a list of 50 questions to give us a glimpse into some of his innermost thoughts.

**3: Have you thought what you will do after retiring?** Yes as when you are out injured for a long spell, as I have been, you worry about the future. I have a couple of plans and one is to go into business with my wife Lia's parents, though I have been told it is not a good thing to mix families and business. They have a well-established company in Adelaide, Australia, selling mainly bricks but also tiles and paving stones. The construction industry is in good shape in Adelaide and their business is well established. As Lia's parents are both in their sixties I think they would welcome help running it.

**1: How high in the list of priorities is money when negotiating a new contract?** Probably about 50/50 as there are other things also to take into account. You have to decide whether it is the right



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move for your career, what division the team is in and who is the manager. Sometimes you can chase the money and not end up happy, though I have never been in that position. But I know cases where that has happened.

**26: When you are ill/injured, what sort of patient are you?** Lia's says I am a good patient, though there are times when you get frustrated and annoyed. When that happens I bottle it up and try not to take it out on Lia - but the sofa suffers!

**20: Describe what signing your first contract meant to you?** As kids you always had aspirations and mine was



Living next to the beach... wonderful!

always to be a professional footballer so this meant the dream was alive. My first pro contract was with Sydney club Marconi with whom I had been since the age of 12. I had always dreamed of playing in their first team and this was another step to making the dream come true.

**40: What single thing would improve your quality of life?** Living next to the beach as that is something I miss big time. Having the opportunity to go to a beautiful beach on any given weekend would be wonderful as would be the sunshine.

**31: What has been your weirdest experience with a fan?** On Facebook you can write to somebody asking them to be your friend, and you can either confirm or reject the request. I had 10 requests from one Blackpool fan despite me keeping rejecting it. There was also a young girl supporter from a southern-based team who wanted me to sign her programme. And when the team played at Boundary Park she was waiting for me again outside the ground.

**49: Are you a shopaholic or shop shy?** I would say I am shop efficient. When I need something I will get it, but I am in and out of the shop as quickly as possible as I hate crowds when you are shopping.

**50: What has been your most romantic gesture?** Lia says I have got less romantic as the years go by. I would say taking her to Paris for our fifth wedding anniversary.



Paris... romantic

**23: Are you a good cook?** Yes. I do a lot of cooking which I enjoy and find therapeutic as I have a glass of wine when preparing a meal. As a footballer I am lucky to have plenty of time on my hands so don't have to rush. I also enjoy it when the meal I am making turns out well.

**10: Are you interested in politics?** Not at all. I don't have a high regard for politicians who are only good at one thing which is talking and not taking action.

**29: With whom would you like to be stuck in an elevator?** Obviously Lia, but other than her Robin Williams as he would make me laugh and the time would pass so quickly. He is amusing and the great thing is that it is spontaneous and he doesn't need a script for material.

**44: Are you addicted to anything like a certain food or television programme?** My PSP (Play Station Portable) which I am never off. I also love food and winning, but would describe that as an appreciation as opposed to addiction.

**47: Do you believe in alternative medicines?** Some yes, some no. I have found acupuncture helps if I have a muscle problem as it eases the tension. But I think there are a lot of other things which are a sham.

**33: Would you rather be rich and famous or poor or anonymous?** Rich and anonymous would be the perfect combination. I would say rich and famous because money helps improve your quality of life.

**15: Do you believe in God?** Yes, though I am not a strictly religious person. I go to Midnight Mass at Christmas and sometimes go to church to pray for loved ones or those who may have passed away.

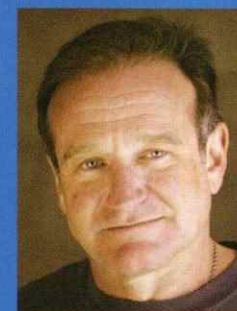
**21: What household chores do you like/dislike?** I dislike cleaning the bathroom, but I don't mind vacuuming, washing the dishes or most other jobs around our apartment.

**38: What sort of films do you like?** Quite a mixture as I enjoy action movies like Die Hard and ones starring Bruce Willis and Arnie. I also enjoy comedies and am a big fan of Adam Sandler, Ben Stiller, Robin Williams and Jim Carey. I hate horror moves as all they do is stress me out.

**42: If you had a son, would you encourage him to be a footballer?** I would encourage him to play football and, if he wanted to pursue it, I would be there for him, though it would have to be his choice. We are sporting as a family, Lia and myself and also my parents whether it be football, rugby or cricket, but his first ball would definitely be a round one!

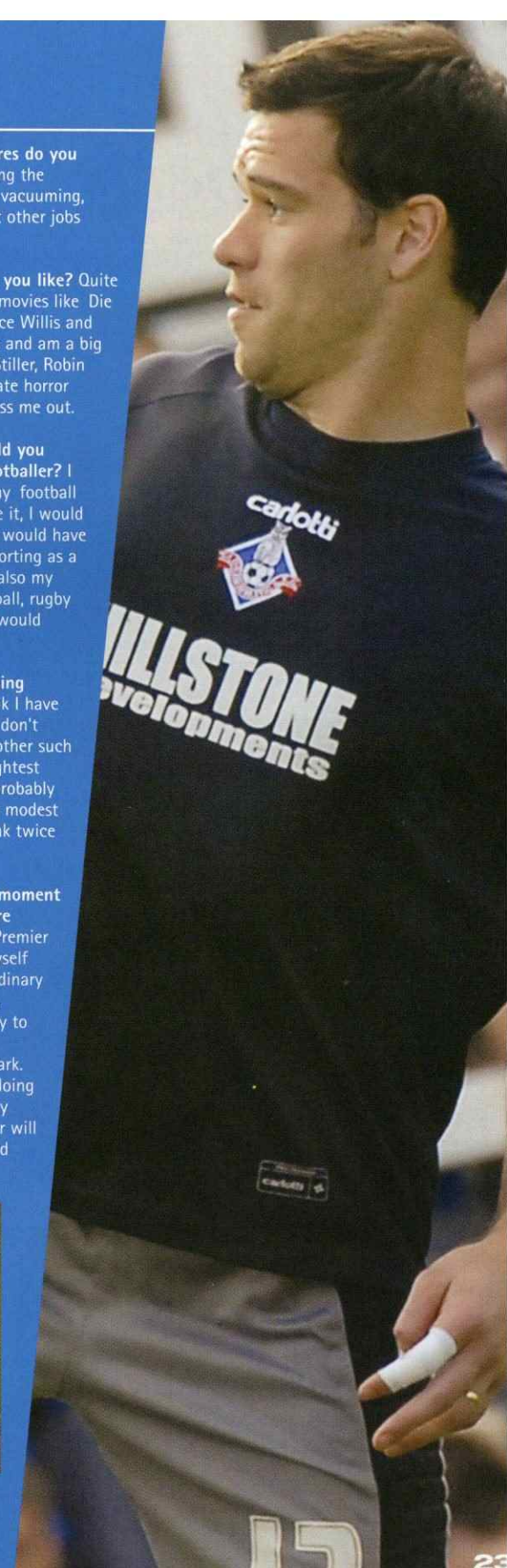
**7: Are you good at managing money?** I would like to think I have the right balance because I don't throw it away on cars and other such luxuries yet I am not the tightest person and some say I am probably too generous. I think I am a modest spender, though I never think twice about good food and wine.

**22: Was there a defining moment when you realised you were famous?** If I played in the Premier League, I might consider myself famous. But I am just an ordinary Aussie battler doing his job, though 5,000 home fans pay to see me do it, usually every second week at Boundary Park. Sometimes when I am out doing an errand in Manchester city centre an Oldham supporter will shout 'hi, Poggy' which I find odd.



Robin Williams... funny man.

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#### £386 WON AT PORT VALE GAME

When Port Vale visited Boundary Park £386 in prizes were up for grabs in Latics half-time draw Strike-It-Lucky. The first prize winning number was 07044 and this is currently UNCLAIMED. The Runners-Up prize of £100 of sports shop vouchers was won by ticket number 07756, Jean Riley was the holder of the winning ticket that Matthew Tipton pulled from the drum. You could be the next big winner, purchase your £1 tickets before kick-off tonight.



#### ITALIAN STAR VISITS BOUNDARY PARK

Beppe Signori one of Italy's 1994 World Cup runners-up team visited Boundary Park to call on old friend John Sheridan. The Italian striker pitted wits with Shez during the World Cup staged in the USA 13 Years ago. Along with Beppe was ex Lazio goalkeeper Alessio deAngelis who is currently having a trial with non-league outfit Southport. The two were welcomed to Boundary Park by Alan Hardy before they shot over to the JJB Stadium to take in the Wigan v Manchester City Premier league game.



#### HOLNESS STAYS AT SPOTLAND

Marcus Holness has had his loan spell with near neighbours Rochdale extended for another month. The Spotland outfit requested an extension to his loan spell yesterday (Monday) and this was agreed by the management here at Boundary Park.



#### EVERTON AWAY

The draw for the 3rd round of the FA Cup paired Latics with Premiership side Everton. The game will take place at Goodison Park on Saturday 5th January 2008 with a 3pm kick-off. Details of ticket prices and availability are not yet to hand but information on prices and allocation will be made available on Latics website as soon as these are released. We will of course report on them in next Saturday's Blue Pride when Doncaster visit Boundary Park.

#### GLOBAL GAMES FOOTBALL COMP POSTPONED

The entertainment scheduled to take place during the half-time interval this evening featuring Global Games Giant Footballs has had to be postponed. The adverse weather in the area has taken its toll on the pitch and with the glut of fixtures upon us, it was thought prudent to re-schedule this super event until early in the new year..



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Well here we are on a cold dark night hoping for another great result from the Blues!! Tonight we welcome Luton Town. Nicknamed the Hatters, they play at Kenilworth Road.



### MATCH MASCOTS

Our Boundary Blues Mascot tonight is Corey Tweedale. Corey is age 12 and he attends North Chadderton school. Corey loves playing football, reading and playing computer games. Sean Gregan is Corey's favourite player and he predicts

an Oldham win tonight 2-1. We also welcome Luton Town's Mascot, Joel Sorby. Joel is aged 11 and he attends the Bluecoat School in Liverpool. Joel likes football, Rugby League and computer games. His favourite players are Paul Furlong and Darren Currie and he predicts a 2-2 draw this evening. We hope you have a great evening boys!!



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The date for your diary is 17th December, at North Chadderton Bowling Club, Broadway. You should all have received a newsletter by now and details and booking form are in it. Please book in advance so we can arrange our catering. Spare newsletters are available in the Boundary Blues Lounge if you haven't received one. Please let us know if you haven't and we will check our database.

### BOUNDARY BLUES WEB PAGE

Check out our web page under the Fans section on [www.oldhamathletic.premiumtv.co.uk](http://www.oldhamathletic.premiumtv.co.uk)

### CHADDY'S GANG

Everton?...who are Everton?  
The boys played Crewe off the park last Saturday, Well done lads!  
Everton away in the 3rd round, how good is that?  
The last time we played Everton in the cup they could not beat us and they had 3 tries!!!!  
Come on you Bluesssssssss.

Gang Members with birthdays this month are Bradley McQuillan, Zach Taylor and Nathan Buckley. The Chaddy Gang party will take place on Sunday 9th December at Sparkles in Royton. 4pm-6pm, tickets are available in the Latics shop, Members £4.50p guests £5.50p this includes food, play-time in the pen and a visit from Santa!!!

Here is my joke of the day....well joke of the night really ...  
One evening, in a busy pub in the North of Scotland, a reindeer walked in the door, belled up to the bar and ordered a Gin Et Tonic. Without batting an eye, the bartender mixed and poured the drink, set it in front of the reindeer, and accepted the £20 from the reindeer's hoof.

As he handed the reindeer some notes and coins in change, he said, "You know, I think you're the first reindeer I've ever seen in here."  
The reindeer looked hard at the hoof full of change and said, "Hmrrmpf. Let me tell you something, buddy. At these prices, I'm the last reindeer you'll see in here!!!"

Tee Hee.....  
I'll get my coat.

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

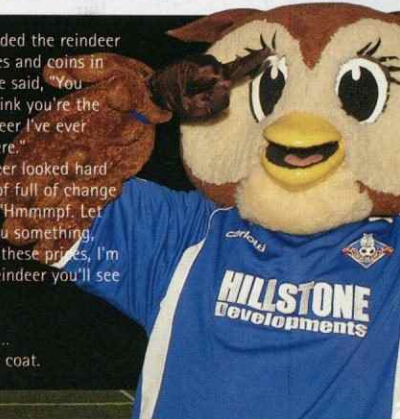
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Happy Birthday to each and every one of you!!

### MATCHDAY MASCOT TROPHIES

Many thanks to Graham from Gee Dee Trophies, Shaw, for supplying us with our mascot trophies!!

### CREWE ALEX MASCOT

Ryan Kent, was the match mascot when Crewe Alexandra visited Boundary Park. He is pictured in the centre circle before kick-off and with his favourite player Neil Kilkenny.





**In the second of two articles on influential figures in the Scottish Football Association with links to Latics, Tony Bugby talks to David Kells who is commercial director of the Scottish FA and a director of Hampden Park Limited.**



Latics' defeat to Blackpool in the Coca Cola League One play-off semi finals was a massive disappointment to David Kells as it denied him a dream double visit to Wembley. David already had one date pencilled in when his second team Morecambe made it to the Nationwide Conference play-off final where they defeated Exeter City to win Football League status for the first time in the club's history.

"I was hoping we would beat Blackpool to make it two trips to Wembley in the space of a couple of weeks," he explained.

The reason for David supporting Latics and Morecambe is that he was born in Oldham before his parents moved to Morecambe, though he would return frequently during school holidays to stay with relatives.

Though David has lived in Scotland for 40 years - he went to become assistant catering manager for Edinburgh firm Mackies - he has never forgotten his roots and always followed the fortunes of the two clubs and he remains as passionate as ever about them.

David's business commitments means he only occasionally gets to games, but there is little at Boundary Park that escapes his attention.

He explained: "Though it is difficult to get to games, it doesn't stop me supporting Latics. And when they are playing in the North of England I make a special effort to get to the games."

"I was at Carlisle and had hoped to get to Hartlepool but was unable to make that one."

David has also gone to extraordinary lengths to follow the fortunes of Latics in his time in Scotland. He had relatives and friends sending him rolls of newspapers containing back pages of the Chronicle and the Green Final sports paper when it was in existence as well as subscribing for

the football programme for many years.

Today with the advent of the internet, David finds it far easier to keep up-to-date with events at Boundary Park as he regularly logs on to the Latics website.

It was hardly surprising David ought to take a keen interest in football as his uncle was Ron Marler who broadcast hospital radio commentaries from both Boundary Park and Watersheddings, the former home of Oldham Rugby League Club.

David's first attended matches at Boundary Park in the 1950's and his earliest memories are as a boy walking to the ground from the Ratcliffe Street/Henshaw Street area. He says the first match he can recall was the FA Cup tie against Liverpool in January 1962 when Latics lost 2-1 in front of a crowd of 41,733 at Boundary Park.

Later that year there was the 11-0 Boxing Day win against Southport on a snow covered pitch when Bert Lister scored six goals.

And of all the players David has seen he says the late Bobby Johnstone was the one who has made the lasting impression.

The heady days under Joe Royle is the era David savoured most, especially having initially watched them in Third Division North and Division Four.

He managed to get to both Wembley appearances and also many of the



Hampden Park... venue for the 2007 UEFA Cup final.

other epic cup ties in that never-to-be-forgotten period.

And when work prevented him travelling, David also went to ingenious means to see the games as they happened.

"As I was living in Scotland the games weren't shown here so through my connections with the television companies I would go to the studios to watch the live feeds of matches as they were being played," he explained. David, who also spent five years as commercial director at Celtic, added that it causes puzzled looks when he says he supports Latics.

He continued: "When you live in Scotland the assumption is that you support either Celtic or Rangers."

"Sometimes fans say they follow

Partick or Clyde as cover to camouflage the fact they really follow Celtic or Rangers, but when I tell them I support Oldham it is not what they expect to hear."

David added that when he was working at Celtic one of his former bosses inquired whether he was a fan or supporter and that prompted him to make a statement of his commitment to Latics.

Though David rarely gets to Boundary Park, he buys two season tickets each year with the proviso that the club uses them to help needy fans or some worthy cause.

David still dreams of Latics recapturing the glories of the late 1980's and early 90's and hoped last season might be the catalyst had it ended with promotion.

And he says that the recent revival in fortunes of the Scottish national team, which has had years in the doldrums, ought to be an inspiration for Latics. He added it is an exciting time for him to be involved with the game North of the Border, though he says he never takes success for granted.

"I have a framed snakes and ladders board on my office wall. And that constantly reminds me when you think you have cracked it there is a snake waiting for you," he explained.



David in the TV Studio.



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## INSIDE THE OLDHAM SUNDAY LEAGUE...

If it's entertainment you are after when watching Sunday League football, then keep an eye out for where Waggon and Horses are playing. Two matches already this season involving the High Crompton based side have yielded no fewer than 26 goals - the first game a 5-5 draw with Steven Caine FC, the second an amazing 11-5 away success against Clarksfield. Unfortunately for Waggon, the side has been on the wrong end of some equally incredible scorelines. Now managed by Jack Bamford, who played regularly in the league for Greenacres and Copster Villa, Waggon entered the Oldham Sunday League in 2003 and the first season was a bit of a disaster in terms of results. Said Bamford: "I wasn't the manager in that debut season but it's fair to say the team got some hammerings. "We lost one match 22-0 and, in fact, lost every game bar one, our only victory coming against a side who were hungover from the night before. "Things have got better since then and we're just about getting a squad of players that is beginning to look like something. "Yes, it is about turning up and enjoying the game, but it's also nice to win." Dave Ranstead, who scored five of the Waggon goals in the defeat of Clarksfield, is one of the side's regulars, along with Tony

Heywood and Bamford's son, Darren. Shaw FC's longevity- they entered the Oldham Sunday League in 1983 - is down to a family spirit within a club that can boast one of the best, if not the best, grounds in the league. Shaw use the excellent facilities at the home of Crompton Cricket Club on Glebe Street, a ground that is also used on Saturdays by Royton Town of the Manchester League. Despite Shaw's facilities, club secretary Stuart Whitehead is not too happy with many of the other sites that are used in the league. Whitehead said: "I don't think Oldham Council is helping matters where facilities are concerned, but the league itself does fantastically well when you consider it is run by volunteers. "It is well organised and well run and that is another reason why we've stayed in the league for so long." Shaw haven't won an awful lot in those 24 years, but Whitehead added that, for them, it's about turning up, having a laugh and enjoying the game. One player in particular who obviously values playing for Shaw is Shaun Kershaw - he re-signed for the club this season having made his debut in the team's first-ever match almost a quarter of a century ago. Next time: Who runs the Oldham Sunday League? Plus: the mysterious Men in Black

# O.A.S.A

OASA lost a true Latics supporter when news of the death of Andy Hall arrived at Boundary Park. Andy lived in Blackpool and flew the flag for Latics on the Fylde coast. Aged 53, Andy will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

On behalf of all true Latics fans OASA would like to offer Simon Blitz, Simon Corney and Danny Gazal the Associations full backing for the redevelopment of Boundary Park.

Holders of tickets for the reserve game night which was cancelled on the 27th November (Nottingham Forest) can use the tickets for the re-arranged game or obtain a refund in the Latics shop. Renewal fees are now due for all members of the Association, £4. You can pay in the Latics shop.



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# SECOND CHANCE

MANCHESTER SENIOR CUP  
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Latics reserves went close to causing a cup upset when they faced local rivals Manchester City.

A spirited fightback after half-time threatened to overturn the Premiership club's lead, but Latics could not quite make it as they suffered a 2-1 defeat. Trainee wide midfielder Ross Thaker bagged the consolation and Lee Duxbury's team, battling valiantly, should have been awarded a penalty.

Thaker's goal was his first of the season at reserve level, but Latics are definitely out of the Manchester Senior Cup, which is played as a tournament instead of a knock-out.

City were first to strike at the Regional Athletics Stadium, next door to their main ground at Eastlands, as forward Karl Moore handed them the lead after 11 minutes.

Moore made a late run into the Latics box and connected perfectly with a cross from the right, sending his finish beyond helpless keeper Josh Bell.

That early setback rocked the visitors, and a young Latics side came under pressure as City drove forward in search of further chances.

Kelvin Etuhu and Sam Williamson both could have done better, while Ashley Grimes was unlucky to be denied by the woodwork.

Latics eventually found some form as the break approached, with a neat move ending at the feet of Matty Wolfenden just outside the box.

Wolfenden had space to shoot goalwards, but City keeper Filip Mentel managed to make the save.



Josh Bell.



Matty Wolfenden.

City doubled the lead just before half time, but their second goal arrived with a dose of good fortune... and a helping hand from the referee.

Ashley Kelly was penalised for his challenge on Curtis Obeng. It was a harsh decision, but Moore stepped up to convert the penalty.

City were on top at the start of the second half, with 'keeper Bell reacting smartly when he was tested by Grimes and Paul Marshall.

But the game started to turn in Latics' favour and there was a second controversial penalty decision against them when the referee

waved play on after Lewis Alessandra was fouled inside the box. Thaker made it 2-1 after 68 minutes when his shot had too much power for Mentel, who could only help it into the net.

Latics pressed for a leveller, but coach Duxbury was again left disappointed.

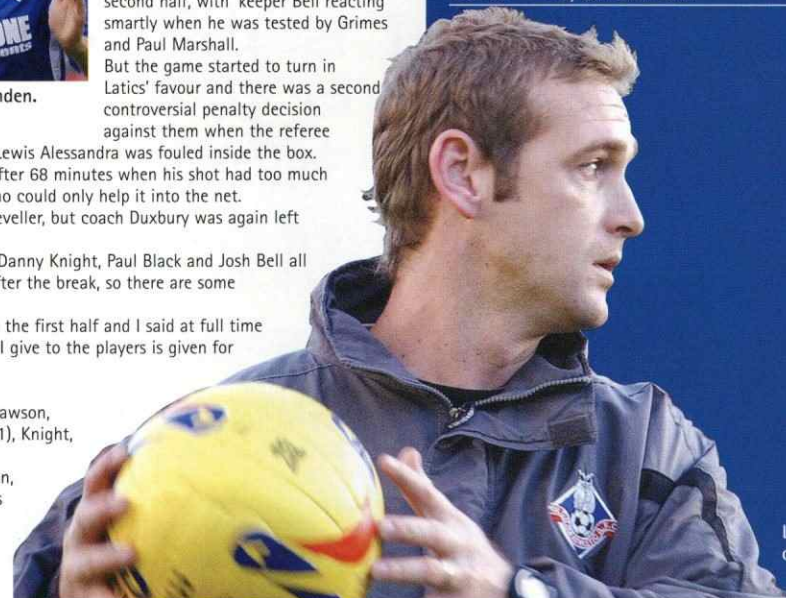
He said: "People like Danny Knight, Paul Black and Josh Bell all did well, especially after the break, so there are some positives.

"But we were poor in the first half and I said at full time that the information I give to the players is given for a reason.

Latics: Bell, Lomax, Dawson, Fitzgerald (Rowney 81), Knight, Black, Thaker, Booth, Alessandra, Wolfenden, Kelly (Owen 67). Subs not used: Kilcourse, Walsh, Ollerenshaw.

PONTIN'S HOLIDAY LEAGUE FIXTURES 2007-08  
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Mon 20	Port Vale	L 2-1
Wed 29	Stoke City	L 3-1
SEPTEMBER		
Mon 10	Wolves at Telford United	L 4-0
Wed 19	Leicester City	L 3-0
Mon 24	Shrewsbury Town 2pm	L 3-1
OCTOBER		
Wed 10	Walsall	D 2-2
Wed 17	Bolton Wanderers (Manchester Senior Cup)	L 3-0
Wed 24	West Bromwich Albion	L 6-1
Wed 31	Bradford City	P-P
NOVEMBER		
Wed 7	Bury (Manchester Senior Cup)	D 3-3 L5-4 pens
Wed 14	Coventry City 2pm	L 3-2
Tues 21	Manchester City (Manchester Senior Cup)	L 2-1
Tues 27	Notts Forest	P-P
DECEMBER		
Wed 12	Huddersfield Town 2pm	Away
Wed 19	Port Vale 2pm	HOME
JANUARY		
Wed 9	Stoke City 2pm at Newcastle Town	Away
Mon 14	Shrewsbury Town	Away
Wed 23	Walsall 2pm	HOME
FEBRUARY		
Mon 4	WBA at Kidderminster Harriers	Away
Wed 20	Bradford City 2pm	HOME
Mon 25	Coventry City at Nuneaton	Away
MARCH		
Wed 19	Notts Forest	Away
Wed 26	Huddersfield Town	HOME
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with Bob Gorill

## BOUNDARY PARK BLOG

Hello and welcome to this evening's encounter with Luton Town. Well.. what a great tie we pulled in the draw for the 3rd round of the FA Cup. Everton away, great memories of years gone by... Graeme Sharp and Joe Royle could not contain their excitement at the draw and won't the money come in handy!!

### EVERTON EXECUTIVE PACKAGES

As the programme went to print early this morning we were just trying to put together executive packages for the trip to Goodison Park. We have managed to secure a hotel for a first class meal en route, we have booked an executive bus, we are just waiting for confirmation from Everton of the prices of their premier seats at Goodison and we announce all details on the Latics website and here in Saturday's edition of Blue Pride.

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### GILLINGHAM AWAY GAME RE-ARRANGED

The postponed fixture Gillingham v Latics scheduled for Saturday 5th January 2008 will now be played on Tuesday 22nd January, kick-off 7.45pm. There is still no news on the postponed Swindon Town game, when there is we will let you know!



### SPINDLES PLAYER OF THE MONTH

At last Saturday's terrific win over Crewe in the FA Cup 2nd round, the presentation of the Latics Player of the Month for November was made by sponsors Spindles Shopping Centre. Mike Flanagan Spindles shopping centre manager handed over the £100 cheque to this month's winner Neal Trotman. As previously reported the players have agreed to pass all monies on to St Francis House hospice in Manchester.

### LATICS CALENDAR

The new Latics 2008 Calendar is proving very popular in the Latics shop, in fact they are currently flying out!!! Priced at £7.99 each month features images of 4 Latics players, 1 Legend, 1 Present, 1 Youth and 1 member of the management..and no I am not one of them! The Latics shop is full of exciting presents for the Latics fan in your life, why not call in soon and solve all your Christmas Gift problems.

### LATICS EVENTS CALENDAR

#### TURKEY AND TINSEL GOLF EVENT

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## BEAT THE CLOCK

When Blue Pride walks into the room, armed with a stopwatch and a menacing glare, they scatter to all corners of Boundary Park. Some escape, some hide in the toilets, but there is always one Latics player who gets trapped like an antelope on the African plain. For lunch today, it is John Thompson.

(Answers at foot of page).

1 Jose Mourinho has a degree in what: physical education or Russian?

Ans: Physical Education

2 What was the score between Latics and Swansea on the first day of this season?

Ans: Latics won 2-1

3 Where did Roy Keane finish his playing career?

Ans: Ah... that would be Celtic

4 Who was the first man to be sent off in an FA Cup final?

Ans: Ah begorra would that be Norman Whiteside now then

5 Which club does Thierry Henry play for?

Ans: Arrrrrsen... no.....Barcelona

6 What nationality is Everton midfielder Tim Cahill?

Ans: He's an Aussie...and he won't get a kick in the 3rd round!!!

7 And what nationality is Reading goalkeeper Marcus Hahnemann?

Ans: He be a Yank (American)

8 From where did Liverpool sign Peter Crouch?

Ans: (Silence)... (Still Silence)... Southampton?

9 Who left Farsley Celtic to take over as Port Vale manager last month?

Ans: That would be Lee Sinnott

10 Who was sacked as Carlisle manager after one game of this season?

Ans: Ahg... oh crikey... I not be knowing this one Gordon, erm... na youv'e got me wid dat one sunshine.

11 Which goalkeeper came to Boundary Park on loan from Luton in October?

Ans: That would be big Marlon, lovely fella Big Marlon.

12 Who was top scorer in the Premiership (league only) last season?

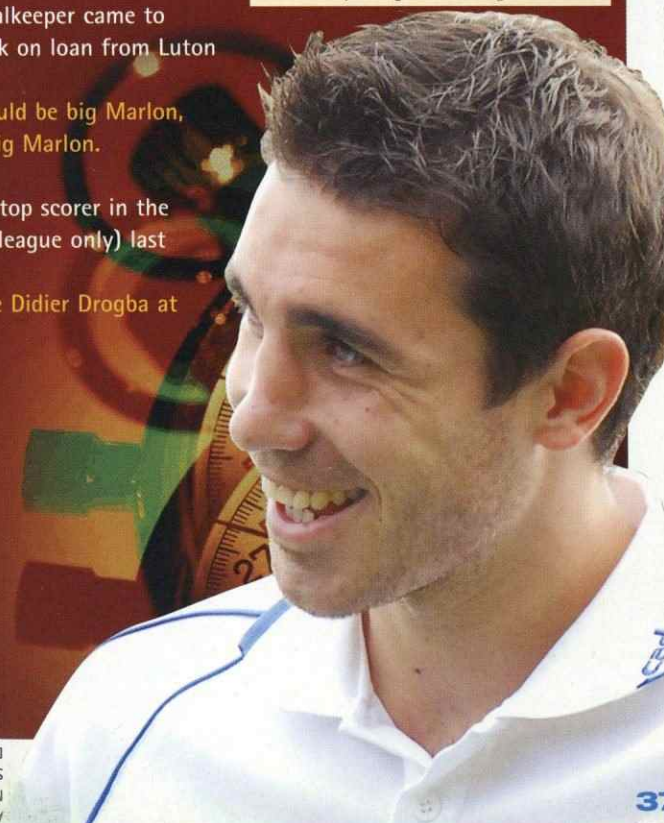
Ans: Gotta be Didier Drogba at Chelsea

Now I might not have won, but begorra I think I've done ok there ya know! John scores 10 right in 1 minute and 38 seconds to move into 6th place. A nicer person you could not wish to meet, John can visit the Blue Pride offices anytime he wishes.

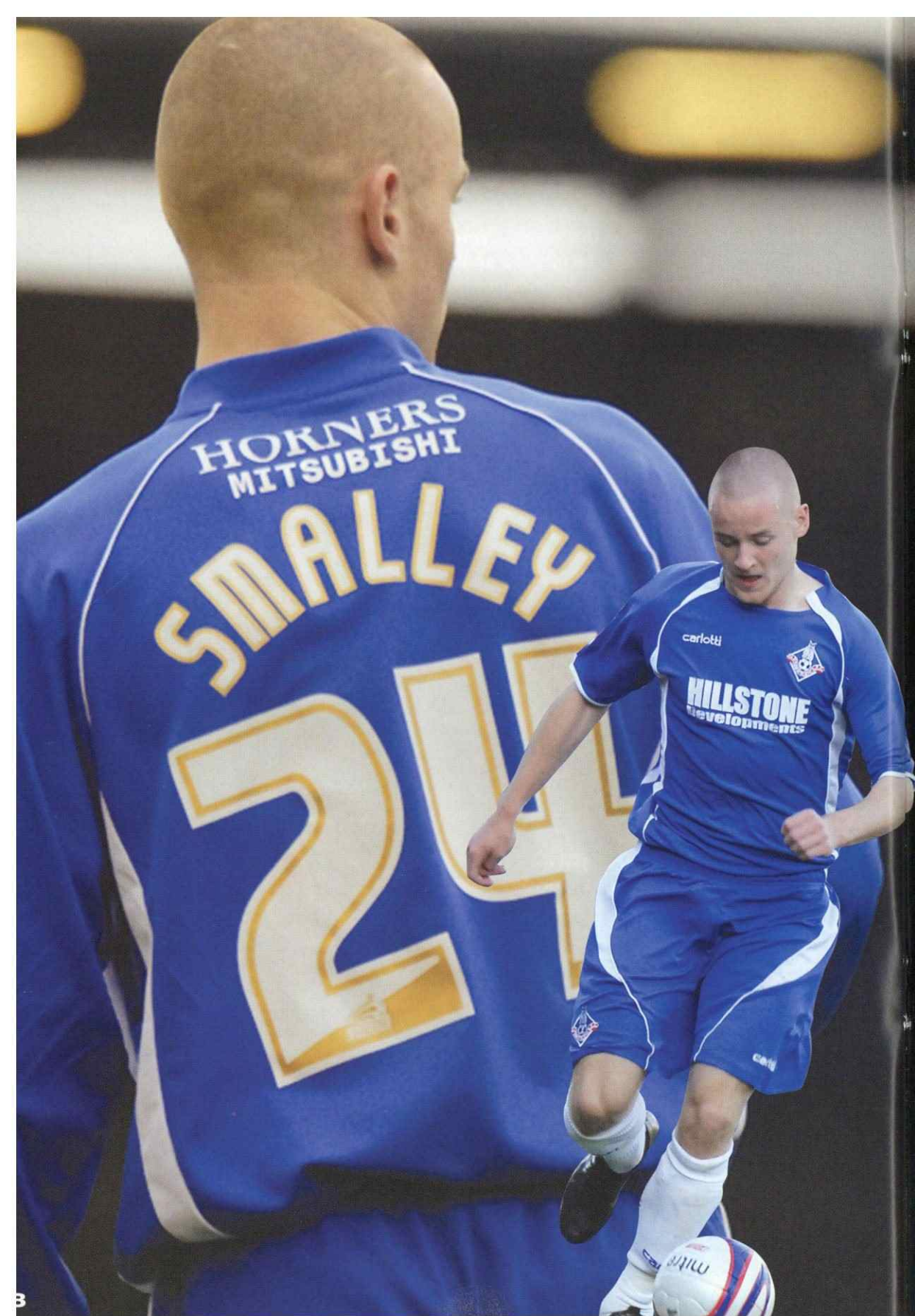
### LEADER TABLE

1. Lee Hughes	....12 right in 1.07
2. Sean Gregan	....12 right in 1.08
3. Neil Kilkenny	....12 right in 1.09
4. Graham Brown	...11 right in 1.12
5. Andy Liddell	....10 right in 1.18
6. John Thompson	...10 right in 1.38
7. Matty Wolfenden	...9 right in 1.27
8. Neil Trotman	....9 right in 1.38
9. Chris Taylor	.....9 right in 1.49
10. Tommy Wright	...9 right in 2.46

ANSWERS: 1 Physical Education; 2 Latics won 2-1; 3 Celtic; 4 Kevin Moran of Manchester United in 1985; 5 Barcelona; 6 Australian; 7 American; 8 Southampton; 9 Lee Sinnott; 10 Neil McDonald; 11 Marlon Beresford; 12 Didier Drogba.







**Local lad Deane Smalley was a sports-mad all-rounder at school and no dunce either when it came to lessons -- but he always wanted to be a footballer.**

The dream has now become reality for the teenager who has come through the ranks at Boundary Park. Smalley started playing at St. Margaret Mary's Primary School, New Moston, and then at Our Lady's just down the road at Royton. In his spare time he also played for Middleton Colts before moving on to Blackley-based North side. It was their manager Francis Egan who got him a trial at Latics where he was later signed on YTS forms under the supervision of coach Tony Philliskirk. He was converted from winger to striker and last season topped the goal charts when the youth team won the Northern Championship. Smalley's scoring exploits also brought him his senior debut at Bournemouth back in February. But the 19-year-old made the big breakthrough in the current campaign and has made four starts and been on the bench for eight games. He scored in only his second outing, a 4-1 win over League Two Mansfield in the League Cup. But he quickly learned about the downside of the game when he damaged knee ligaments in another cup round at Burnley where he made his first-ever start. He was expecting to be left out or on the bench at best but was told in the dressing room not long before kick-off that he was playing.

It lasted 25 minutes and Smalley recalled: "I was running down the wing and as I was about to cross the ball one of their lads came in and we both connected with the ball at the same time.

"There wasn't a lot of pain and I wanted to carry on, but physio Lee Nobes had obviously seen something and knew straight away that I had to come off.

"I was out for seven weeks and it was the most boring time of my life."

Plenty of rehab work in the gym followed before Smalley was back to fitness -- and back in manager John Sheridan's team plans.

Then injury to veteran Andy Liddell opened the door for another crack at establishing himself in the first team. Smalley is the first to admit that he wasn't at his best in the recent game against Port Vale (neither was it the best team performance) and was a target of the boo-boys. He revealed:

"The manager called me into his office the following Monday morning and told me I was a good player and they all had confidence in me, it was down to me to prove I could do it. "Fans pay a lot of money to see a good performance and I suppose are entitled to have their say.

"I never gave up and kept trying to lift myself but in the end I was brought off.

"I still have a lot of confidence in my ability."

Smalley has taken step up from the reserves in his stride but admits: "The pace of the game is quicker and you are playing against more physical players.

"Some of the older ones might not be the fastest but they can be pretty cute and you definitely don't have as much time on the ball.

"I will learn from the experience and it will improve me as a player. Unfortunately I haven't been sticking the ball in the net as much as I did

last year and I need to start doing that sooner rather than later."

Smalley, who played basketball, rugby and cricket at school, also came out with eight GCSE's and one 'A' level, has always been supported by the sporting family Smalley.

Mum Sonia, a Manchester City fan, late father Mike an avid Red, brothers Dominic, 18, and 21-year-old Tino also play football for local sides and sister Victoria, a talented dancer, gave non-stop encouragement.

Even his cousins (one played for Man Utd and made the England Ladies bench), nieces, not forgetting grandad, join in to shout from the terraces. It is not surprising that Smalley, also a United follower, lists Cantona, Giggs and Beckham as his boyhood heroes. He might not attain their level but insisted: "My confidence is building and I think I can stay in the first team. "I was quite scared when I first played in front of thousands of people but the more you play the less you think about that.

"This is what I have wanted since being a kid and I just want to play well for the manager, coaching staff and fans."

Smalley has seen other former youth team players like Chris Taylor, Matt Wolfenden and Neal Trotman elevated to the first team.

He added: "I am fighting for a place now and my job is to keep Andy (Liddell) out.

"He is a quality player and it isn't going to be easy.

It is his job to keep me out of the team and vice versa because we both want to be playing.

"He has helped me a lot but right now I am in there and I will be doing my hardest to stay in.

"We haven't made the start to the season we wanted but if we could make promotion at the end of it, that really would be the icing on the cake for me.



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### SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Adam Boyd	L Orient	7	3	10
Jermaine Beckford	Leeds	10	0	10
Andy Kirk	Northampton	8	2	10
Danny Graham	Carlisle	7	2	9
Paul Furlong	Luton	5	4	9
Craig Davies	Oldham	6	3	9
Luke Rodgers	Port Vale	7	2	9
Richard Barker	Hartlepool	6	3	9
Nicky Forster	Brighton	7	2	9

### WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gl	G/Mt
Leyton Stadium	L Orient	8	26	3.25
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	8	23	2.88
Roots Hall	Southend	8	23	2.88
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	9	25	2.78
Elland Road	Leeds	8	22	2.75
Fitness First Stadium	Bournemouth	9	24	2.67
Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	9	24	2.67
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	9	24	2.67
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	8	21	2.62
The Den	Millwall	9	23	2.56
County Ground	Swindon	9	23	2.56
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	8	20	2.50
The Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	9	21	2.33
Vale Park	Port Vale	9	21	2.33
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	9	20	2.22
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	9	20	2.22
Brunton Park	Carlisle	7	15	2.14
Bescot Stadium	Walsall	8	17	2.12
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	8	17	2.12
City Ground	Nottm Forest	9	19	2.11
Prenton Park	Tranmere	9	19	2.11
Huish Park	Yeovil	8	16	2.00
Boundary Park	Oldham	7	14	2.00
Liberty Stadium	Swansea	8	13	1.62

### TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..  
shots on target 133 Bournemouth. shots off target 115 Northampton. corners 115 Swansea. hit woodwork 7 Nottm Forest. offsides 73 Port Vale. fouls 241 Southend. yellow cards 36 Leeds. red cards 3 Southend.

### PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..  
Shots 52 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). Shots on target 31 Craig Davies (Oldham). Shots off target 31 Bradley Johnson (Northampton). Assists 6 Andy Holdsworth (Huddersfield). Crosses 68 Max-Alain Gradel (Bournemouth). Offsides 34 Luke Rodgers (Port Vale). Fouls 48 Tresor Kandol (Leeds). Free-kicks won 56 Joe Garner (Carlisle).



### 2007/08 SEASON



### GOAL COUNTER 490

RIGHT FOOT 275 goals

56.1%

LEFT FOOT 100 goals

20.4%

HEADERS 109 goals

22.2%

Own goals 6 (1.2%), Other body part 0 (0%)

### QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match  
Richard Lambert (Luton vs Bristol Rovers) 1:47

By a substitute after coming on  
Alex Russell (Northampton vs Oldham) 0:58

### DISCIPLINARY



2.8 cards per match 0.2 cards per match

### QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match  
Sean Thornton (L Orient vs Hartlepool) 0:53

By a substitute after coming on  
Sofiene Zaaboub (Swindon vs Bristol Rvs) 3:06

### SUB TOTALS

Subs used .....976

Offsides .....1216

Corners .....2225

Shots Off Target .....2151

### BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

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### RESULTS

How many times each result has occurred this season - home sides score shown first

0-0	14
0-1	21
0-2	9
0-3	5
0-4	-
0-5	1
1-0	20
1-1	29
1-2	17
1-3	4
1-4	2
1-5	-
2-0	17
2-1	23
2-2	9
2-3	3
2-4	1
2-5	-
3-0	6
3-1	6
3-2	4
3-3	-
3-4	-
3-5	-
4-0	3
4-1	5
4-2	2
4-3	-
4-4	-
4-5	-
5-0	1
5-1	-
5-2	-
5-3	-
5-4	-
5-5	-

\*up to and including 28/11/2007



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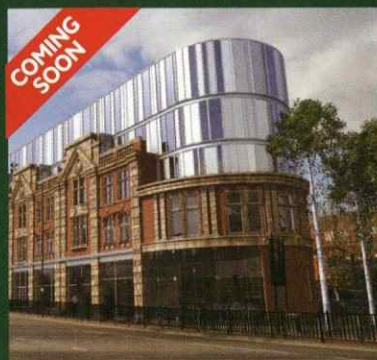
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**Latics midfielder Mark Allott believes his team are on an upward curve after taking seven points out of the last nine.**

of confidence from what has happened because seven points from nine is a decent total.

"It is more like the standard we hoped to reach at the start of the season and has come at a difficult time with injuries.

"When you think we have had players like Sean Gregan, Andy Liddell and John Thompson all out, that's a lot of experience to take away from the squad.

"The younger lads have really stepped up, in both the league and FA Cup, so they deserve a lot of credit for themselves.

"Neal Trotman has been massive for us in defence and Deane Smalley has done well since he got his place in the side.

"Deane has got a big chance at the moment with Lidds being out injured, and I am sure he is determined to grab it.

"You forget some of our players are so young because they play week in, week out, but there is the likes of Chris Taylor and Neal Eardley who have had to do the job as well.

"We have been a bit more consistent, which is what the manager asked from us, and hopefully it bodes well for the future."

Latics went six games without a league victory ahead of the game at Tranmere, but the display at Prenton Park was tremendous.

Next came Port Vale (a 1-1 stalemate) and

then Bournemouth (a 3-0 win), and Mark looked back with overall satisfaction. He recalled: "At the time we went to Tranmere nothing was going for us, but we started to turn things round.

"We outplayed them and made a lot of chances. And, with Craig Davies scoring right at the end, it proved you can get what you deserve if you just keep going.

"Hopefully we will look on that as a major turning point because of the performance, as well as the result, in a difficult game.

"Port Vale at home was disappointing, especially as we went 1-0 up, but at least we came out of it with a point.

"Down at Bournemouth last week we made chances in the first half without taking them and, at half time, the manager had a word.

"We knew what we had to do, and everybody went out with a very positive attitude which got us the right result.

"I was pleased for Lee Hughes to score a couple of goals because that will be beneficial for him personally, which is good news for the team.

"If Craig keeps scoring and Hughesy starts banging them in as well, we should not have too many problems getting goals.

"At Bournemouth they both wanted to take the penalty, which is a good sign. It was just a matter of who got there first.

"And we also have Matty Wolfenden in there who has proved he can come on and do the business, so hopefully our league form will keep improving.

"One thing we definitely need is to pick up at home, where maybe our confidence took a knock when we had a few poor results.

"But young lads gain experience from every situation and I know for a fact we are good enough to sort it out."

It is back to league action tonight after a ten-day break for the FA Cup, and Allott is confident of making further progress. Latics have recently beaten Tranmere and Bournemouth and, while there was disappointment at being held by Port Vale, a point without playing well came as a bonus.

December is always a busy and important month, so Latics are aiming to hit peak form at the right time in Coca Cola League One.

Allott has found himself in and out of the starting XI over the last few weeks, but his form is strong and he is contributing fully to the run.

And Mark said: "The lads have taken a lot



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**MARK ALLOTT...**



# THE BUZZ

## 1989-1990 PENNINE WAY TO WEMBLEY WAY? PINCH ME PART ONE...



**Frank Bunn**

As a young Athletic fan I was an optimist, writes Blue Pride's Tony Hardman. The older I got, the more reality hit home and the more pessimistic I became. Despite this youthful optimism I, along with probably all Athletic fans, was completely unprepared for the season ahead. Imagine that someone had come up to you at the start of the 1989-90 season, and told you that Athletic would appear in one Wembley final, almost make another and almost make the play offs. Rather than head off for the bookmakers with these tips, you would be forgiven for trying to get this soothsayer sectioned under the Mental Health Act!

Yet the season started off in traditional fashion with a sale as Tommy Wright moved to Leicester City, amongst other transfers. Wright's original transfer had been financed by a local businessman who stumped up the cash in exchange for a return of his investment and percentage of the profit. Not bad business, considering that a profit of £270000 was made. Perhaps one defining factor of this season was the theme of partnerships. In the same way that Oldham Council should be working in partnership with Athletic today. On the pitch partnerships were developing as well. The pairings Bunn and Ritchie, Barlow and Holden, Adams and Irwin, Milligan and Henry, and Warhurst and Barrett were to become the legendary partnerships of this era at Boundary Park, and proof that Joe Royle had indeed assembled his strongest squad ever at Boundary Park.

Of those names, Neil Adams and Ricky Holden were the newest additions to the Athletic squad. Adams had arrived from First Division Everton. In truth Adams 'owed us one' after scoring the goal which knocked Athletic out of the Littlewoods Cup two seasons earlier. But Adams delivered crosses time and time again over his two spells at the club,

totalling 178 starts for Athletic and weighing in with 31 goals. Adams also became one of the rare breed of headband wearing footballers when he was patched up after allegedly diving into an empty swimming pool whilst on holiday! Holden was an eve of season signing from Watford. On the opposite wing to Adams, Holden was himself a rare breed of footballer...he had a degree in Human Movement. This might help to explain how he managed to jink past full backs time

and time again before delivering pinpoint crosses for the forward pair. Perhaps I am using rose tinted hindsight, but Holden would put at least 10 decent balls into the box per half! His graduate status would also help to explain his dress sense as he was often singled out as the worst dressed player in programme interviews with his team mates and Andy Barlow also commented that there was a unique fragrance at the club when Rick arrived. He had also taken to wearing a trilby hat and driving an orange Skoda Favorit, but he was perhaps the brightest star in the impressive Athletic attack, himself making 209 starts and scoring 35 goals in two spells at the club.



**Neil Adams**

In goal Andy Rhodes was making the number 1 shirt his own as Jon Hallworth recovered from knee ligament injury



**Rick Holden**



**The Wembley Bench**

sustained in a pre season friendly against Tranmere. It was suggested that Hallworth be sent 'on his bike', but this was a physiotherapy exercise to strengthen the muscles around his knee, and Skidmore cycles were kind enough to spot a publicity opportunity by selling Big Jon a bike at a special knock down price.

The season began slowly and with little promise of the successes that were to come. From the first four matches Athletic amassed a return of just 2 points and were plumb the depths of 19th in the division, but it was not long before the promise of the team was showing a return on the pitch. Through September, October and November Athletic lost only twice, and both of those were away from home. Ice Station Zebra was becoming something of a fortress, and perhaps a foundation for a promotion campaign. Indeed by December, fuelled by goals from Andy Ritchie amongst others, Athletic had risen to the dizzy heights of fourth in the league.

But there was something overshadowing this mighty ascent through Division Two. For as long as I had been going to Athletic matches we had specialised in Cup Walks, Cup Strolls and occasionally Cup Stumbles, but never a Cup Run. Whilst Liverpool and United fans might wistfully remember big cup nights (usually European) under the floodlights of Anfield or Old Trafford, Athletic fans had little to compare or reminisce about. Even the Littlewoods Cup draw had a familiar ring to it as we were paired with...LEEDS UNITED again for the third time in four seasons. The home leg saw what Bob Young described as a "gritty" performance. Leeds had had a multi million pound refurbishment overseen by Howard Wilkinson, and this team would blossom to be the side which won the Division One Championship in 1992. With names such as Gordon Strachan, Vinny Jones and David Batty in their line up another short lived campaign might have been expected. Yet, Athletic fought back from a Gordon Strachan opener to win two-one with goals from Ritchie and Rick Holden. The return leg at Elland Road was stylish rather than gritty as again Ritchie and Frankie Bunn hit the goals in a 2-1 win. Surely that was it for the cup run? Holding to tradition, we

had beaten our Trans-Pennine rivals, and this feeling that it might be over was underlined when Athletic were drawn at home to Scarborough. Scarborough had beaten First Division Chelsea in the previous round and the Midweek Sport Special TV cameras came to Boundary Park in the hope, and perhaps expectation, of another giant killing. But they did not account for Frankie Bunn. In truth we didn't account for him either. But he went on to hit a double hat-trick in the 7-0 annihilation of the East Coast outfit. Even the scoreboard acknowledged Frankie's feat at half time declaring the score 'Bunn 5 Scarborough 0'.

Surely the cup jog would end with the next fixture as League Champions and Division One Leaders Arsenal came to Boundary Park in November. But the 'yard dog' mentality and creativity meant that The Gunner's were not simply edged out, but blown away by Athletic. Never allowed to feel comfortable on the ball, Arsenal went behind to an Andy Ritchie goal in the first half. Early in the second, Andy Rhodes made three stunning saves which kept the score 1-0 until a clearance from an Athletic corner fell at the feet of Nick Henry. Henry had not yet scored for Athletic, and was perhaps the player you did not want to have a 30-yard shooting opportunity, but he hit it true, the ball hit the net, and the score became 2-0. A third Athletic goal from Ritchie put the game beyond doubt, despite a late Niall Quinn consolation, and Boundary Park erupted as the referee blew the final whistle. Now Athletic fans had 'nights to remember', now Athletic would appear on the back pages of the national press and now Boundary Park saw a rare celebratory pitch invasion.

But December also saw a potential problem. Because Athletic were becoming the focus of national attention, so too was Joe Royle and in early December it was assumed that Big Joe would be leaving Boundary Park for the vacant managerial post at Maine Road. On Friday 1st December, Athletic faced Blackburn at Boundary Park and rumours of Royle's departure was the talk of the terraces. So much so that a number of fans clubbed together to have the message "Please Joe, DON'T GO" on the electronic scoreboard that had become a beacon on those glory nights. One fan even stayed outside the ground on that freezing night to ask Joe to stay,

clad only in a t-shirt. Next morning, Royle made the decision that would go on to shape the rest of the season, and the immediate future of the club. He turned City town, remaining in partnership with the club he had been at for 8 years. From the Pennine Way to Wembley Way, for optimists and pessimists alike, this partnership would give Athletic fans the journey of a lifetime...

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**Paul Warhurst**



**Jon Hallworth**



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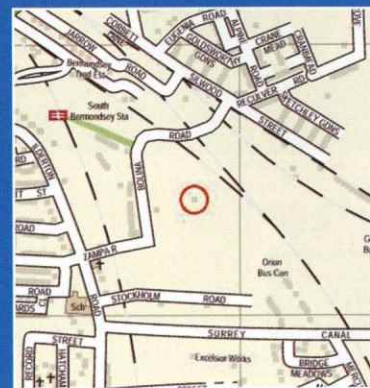
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Millwall is an area in London, on the western side of the Isle of Dogs, in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. It lies to the south of the developments at West India Docks, including Canary Wharf. Originally known as Marshwall, its name derives from the large number of windmills built on the river wall, in the 19th century. Corn was brought along the River Thames to be ground into flour here, before being delivered to bakers who kneaded the dough. On January 31, 1858, the largest ship of that time, the SS Great Eastern designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, was launched from the yard of Messrs J Scott Russell & Co, of Millwall. The 211 metre (692 ft) length was too wide for the river, and the ship had to be launched sideways. Millwall gained some notoriety when, in a council by-election in 1993, Derek Beackon won the British National Party's first council seat there. After a major anti-fascist campaign, the BNP lost the seat at the following full council election. Like other parts of the Isle of Dogs, substantial redevelopment has been more or less ongoing since the 1980s, resulting in modern industrial and commercial buildings and hastily constructed contemporary housing beginning to dominate the remaining early 20th century "two up, two down" homes that once housed the dock workers and supporting communities of this area. Millwall F.C. moved to The Den at Cold Blow Lane in 1910. Since their formation in 1885 they had occupied 4 other grounds! They moved to the New Den in 1993, the first new football stadium to be built in London since the Second World War. Originally nicknamed 'The Dockers', Millwall became 'The Lions' in 1900 when their giant killing acts saw them reach the semi-final of the FA Cup.

Their best finish in the league came in 1989 when they climbed to tenth in the old First Division. Notable former players include Dennis Wise, Ray Wilkins, Neil Ruddock, Mick McCarthy, Darren Huckerby and John Fashanu.



Ray Wilkins



Neil Ruddock



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## in the net

Hello and welcome to this evening's game against Luton Town, who have made the long trip up from Kenilworth Road.

It's sure to be a typically cold Boundary Park evening, and I for one am glad there's heaters in the Press box!

It was fantastic to see Latics drawn against Everton in the FA Cup on Sunday afternoon, and the magic of the Cup is well and truly alive. I had a text within two minutes of our ball coming out of the bag asking about tickets, and interest is sure to be huge. As ever, oldhamathletic.co.uk will bring you all the latest about ticket sales ahead of the game as soon as we have it.

We've also been doing our best to help the club get their outline planning permission for the redevelopment of the Boundary Park site passed, and I'd encourage everyone to email in their comments referring to the application, if they haven't already. All emails should be directed to planning@oldham.gov.uk.

The games are coming thick and fast now, and here at oldhamathletic.co.uk we're doing our very best to keep you up to date with everything. We've spoken to Mark Crossley ahead of tonight's game, while Tommy Wright handled the Press conference after John Sheridan got stuck in traffic yesterday morning!

If you're struggling for gift ideas for a loved



with Stu Vose

one prior to the Christmas period, why not consider a subscription to Latics World? At just £39.99 for a year's access, it's a great present for the Latics fan in your life. You can sign up beforehand and then let them loose on Christmas Day to get all the latest before the Boxing Day clash with Nottingham Forest.

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Enjoy the game.  
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# carlotti **A GAME OF TWO HALVES**



## Emma Hough admits her first meeting with boyfriend Chris Taylor four years ago was in a far from romantic setting.

"It was in a chippy in Waterhead," recalled Emma who added it was through friends that they were introduced.

"I was with a friend who knew somebody who was with Chris and that is how we began talking and it ended with me giving him my telephone number," explained Emma who celebrates her 19th birthday on Thursday.

Emma, who is from Springhead, admitted she had no interest in football before she met Chris who had just joined Latics as a trainee when they first began dating. Now Emma is an avid footie fan attending every home game and many away, even some overnight stays. Her mother Michelle and brother Andrew have also become devoted Latics fans while sister Joanne works at Boundary Park on matchdays in one of the refreshment kiosks.

"When you take into account Chris' family, mine and all our friends there are quite a few of us at home games," said Emma who added it can sometimes be difficult watching from the stand if Chris is being criticised by fans.

"I sometimes get annoyed and there have been occasions when I have told them to stop it, but now I try not to listen and keep my mouth shut," she explained.

Emma says she is now conversant with most of the rules of football and even has a grasp of the offside laws. And she added that she is delighted with what Chris has achieved, having been by his side for most of his



journey from trainee to first-team regular.

"I am so proud of Chris and when I see him on the pitch I sometimes have to look as I cannot believe it's him out there," Emma explained.

She added she is a nervous spectator saying it is unbearable when Chris is injured and she is sitting in the stand. Emma, a former pupil at Knowsley Primary and Saddleworth School, says it is strange when she and Chris go out together and he is recognised.

"I find it really odd when I am asked 'is that Chris Taylor with you?' as to me he is just a normal person." Emma works at Stanley Road Primary School, Chadderton, providing one-to-one help to children with special needs. Previously she had a spell as a classroom assistant at her old primary school.

She is also studying for her NVQ level three in child care saying it has long been a wish to work with children

with special needs.

Emma continued: "I have always wanted to work with children. It is very rewarding work especially knowing that you can help children by what you are doing.

"I am quite patient by nature and I don't think Chris would have the patience to do my work."

Emma says the only downside of going out with a footballer is that their respective jobs clash when it comes to taking holidays.

"I have most of my holidays in July and August when Chris is back training pre-season and playing so there is only one week at Whit when can go on holiday.

"I am not complaining because Chris is living his dream and we work things out so it isn't a problem between us.

"I think it is great that I can go and support Chris in the job he does. I am his biggest fan and even have a shirt with Taylor on the back!"



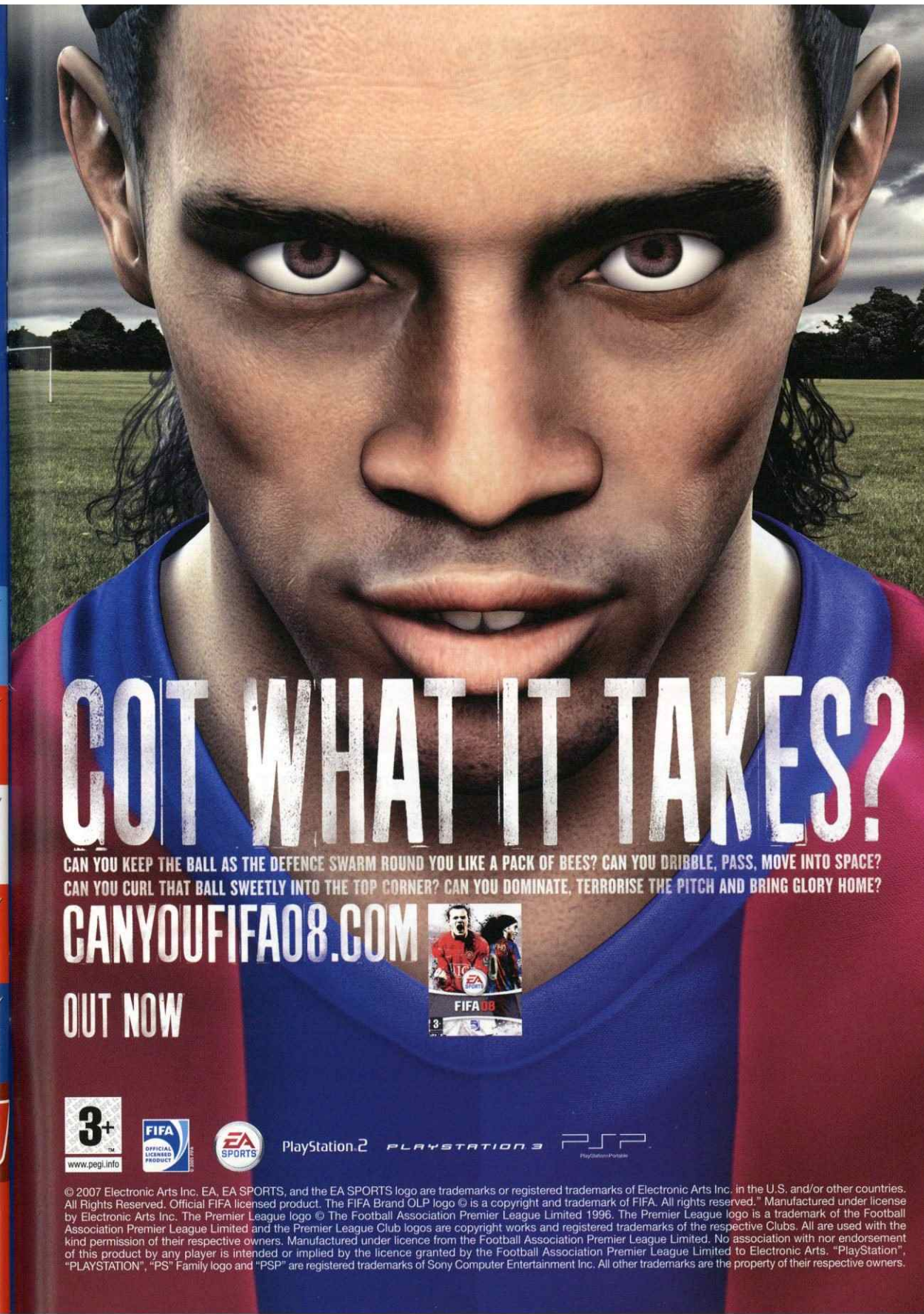
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# LATICSTATS

## APPEARANCES 2007-08

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PLAYER	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	P	G	P	G	P	G
ALESSANDRA	1	0	1	0	2	0
ALLOTT	14	1	7	0	20	1
CROSSLEY	11	0	5	0	17	0
BERTRAND	14	0	3	0	17	0
BERESFORD	5	0	1	0	6	0
DAVIES	16	6	7	3	23	9
EARDLEY	15	0	6	0	21	0
GIDDINGS	2	0	1	0	3	0
GREGAN	10	0	4	0	14	0
HAZELL	9	0	3	0	12	0
HOLNESS	0	0	0	0	0	0
HUGHES	7	2	2	1	9	3
KALALA	10	0	4	1	14	1
KELLY	0	0	0	0	0	0
KILKENNY	13	1	5	2	18	3
LIDDELL	14	2	3	1	17	3
LOMAX	0	0	1	0	1	0
MCDONALD	9	0	6	1	15	1
PEARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0
POGLIACOMI	0	0	0	0	0	0
RICKETTS	9	2	3	0	12	2
SMALLEY	10	0	6	1	16	1
STAM	6	0	3	0	9	0
TAYLOR	16	1	6	0	22	1
THOMPSON	5	0	4	0	9	0
TROTMAN	7	0	4	1	11	1
WOLFENDEN	12	1	4	1	16	2
WOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0

## HOW THEY STAND

COCA COLA LEAGUE 1 (03-12-07)

Team	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS
	P	W	D	L	F/A	P	W	D	L	F/A		
1 Swansea	17	3	3	2	7 6	6	1	2	20	10	11	31
2 Leyton Orient	17	4	2	2	12 14	5	2	2	14	12	0	31
3 Nottm Forest	16	5	3	1	15 4	3	3	1	12	5	18	30
4 Carlisle	16	5	1	1	12 3	3	4	2	13	10	12	29
5 Leeds	17	7	1	0	17 5	6	1	2	14	8	18	26
6 Doncaster	17	4	2	2	13 7	3	3	3	12	12	6	26
7 Brighton	17	4	3	2	15 10	3	2	3	8	8	5	26
8 Southend	17	4	1	3	14 9	4	1	4	11	14	2	26
9 Tranmere	17	3	3	3	11 8	3	3	2	7	6	4	24
10 Walsall	17	2	3	3	8 9	4	3	2	11	8	2	24
11 Swindon	16	5	2	2	16 7	1	3	3	8	10	7	23
12 Crewe	17	5	1	2	10 7	1	4	4	8	15	-4	23
13 Huddersfield	17	4	2	3	12 9	3	0	5	4	15	-8	23
14 Yeovil	17	3	2	3	7 9	3	2	4	8	10	-4	22
15 Hartlepool	17	3	3	2	12 9	3	0	6	10	13	0	21
<b>16 LUTON</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6 8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>
17 Northampton	17	4	1	4	11 9	1	3	4	8	14	-4	19
18 Bristol Rovers	17	1	4	3	9 14	3	3	3	8	8	-5	19
19 Gillingham	17	5	3	1	14 10	0	1	7	3	21	-14	19
20 Millwall	17	4	1	4	12 11	0	3	5	4	15	-10	16
21 Cheltenham	17	2	5	2	9 11	1	1	6	6	15	-11	15
22 Bournemouth	17	0	2	7	5 19	3	2	3	11	10	-13	13
<b>23 Luton</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16 8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>12</b>
24 Port Vale	17	2	1	6	8 13	1	2	5	6	12	-11	12

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# Stat Pack

## MANAGERIAL RECORDS

John Sheridan

Played 62 Won 26 Drawn 16 Lost 20  
For 85 Against 63  
Av Pts/game 1.52

**Biggest Win(s)** Oldham 5 Nottm Forest  
0 (01/01/2007). **Biggest Loss(es)**  
Hartlepool 4 Oldham 1 (01/09/2007).

Kevin Blackwell

Played 24 Won 7 Drawn 5 Lost 12 For  
25 Against 34  
Av Pts/game 1.08

**Biggest Win(s)** Luton 4 Northampton 1  
(15/10/2007). **Biggest Loss(es)** Luton  
0 Sunderland 5 (06/05/2007).

## MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0 | John Sheridan.....0 | Kevin Blackwell .....0  
Goals ..0 | Goals 0 | Goals 0

Player with the most...

shots

Craig  
Davies 51

shots on target

Craig  
Davies 31

shots off target

Craig  
Davies 20

assists

Craig  
Davies 2

crosses

Neal  
Eardley 24

fouls

Craig  
Davies 46

free-kicks-won

Craig  
Davies 27

Player with the most...

shots

David  
Bell 35

shots on target

David  
Bell 17

shots off target

David  
Edwards 18

assists

Darren  
Currie 5

crosses

Darren  
Currie 61

fouls

Paul  
Furlong 36

free-kicks-won

Paul  
Furlong 23

## SHARP SHOOTERS

Oldham	CCFL Cup	Tot	Luton	CCFL Cup	Tot
Craig Davies	6	3	9	5	4
Andy Liddell	2	1	3	4	3
Neil Kilkenny	1	2	3	3	1

## TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played.....42 | Oldham wins .....13 | Luton wins .....15  
Draws .....14 | Goals 48 (1.1 per game) | Goals 54 (1.3 per game)  
0-0's .....5 | Times failed to score 13 | Times failed to score 11

**Biggest League win at Oldham for each team:**

11/04/1992 Oldham 5-1 Luton

05/09/1964 Oldham 0-2 Luton



## 2007/08 LEAGUE STATS

16	Position	23
16	Played	17
5	Won	6
4	Drawn	4
7	Lost	7
16	Goals For	19
16	Goals Against	20
19	Points	12

## Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
4	1	4	4	2	3	5	11

## Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	3	3	23	4	1	2	13

## Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
4	2	1	19	6	0	1	10

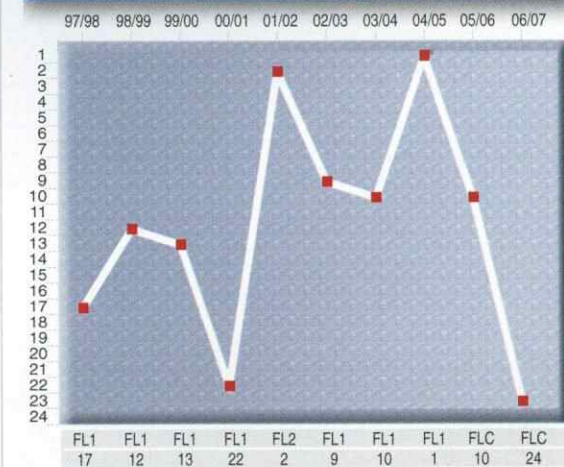
## Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	1	6	15	0	1	6	22

## Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[1], 2-1[1], 3-0[2], 3-2[1],  
Losses: 0-1[6], 1-4[1], Draws: 0-0[1], 1-1[3]  
Wins: 1-0[1], 2-1[3], 3-1[1], 4-1[1],  
Losses: 0-1[1], 0-2[2], 1-2[3], 1-3[1],  
Draws: 0-0[3], 1-1[1]

## LUTON - TEN SEASON RECORD



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# Classic Campaigns

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

## 1954/55

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

## 1958/59

Luton Town were FA Cup finalists for the first and only time in 1958/59. The Hatters were unbeaten in their opening ten First Division games, trouncing Manchester City 5-1 and scoring four goals past West Ham and Preston. They recovered from a lean spell to beat Arsenal 6-3 and

Burnley 6-2, then top scorer Allan Brown netted four goals in a 5-1 demolition of Nottingham Forest but poor results over the closing weeks saw them finish below mid-table. Luton defeated Leeds 5-1, Leicester 4-1, Ipswich 5-2, Blackpool 1-0 and Norwich 1-0 in the FA Cup before Syd Owen's side lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.

## 1967/68

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

clinching the title with a 4-0 victory over Crewe.

## 1969/70

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

## 1973/74

Luton Town regained top-flight status after an absence of 14 years in 1973/74. The Hatters recovered from a 4-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest on the opening day to hammer Carlisle 6-1, embarking on an eight-match unbeaten run.

Harry Haslam signed Alan West from Burnley and Jimmy Husband from Everton as Luton maintained their promotion challenge. Husband netted a hat-trick in a 3-1 victory over rivals Orient, then leading marksman Barry Butlin scored three in a 4-2 win over Preston. Alan Garner and Bobby Thomson were ever-present and other stars included Peter Anderson and John Ryan as Luton finished runners-up.

## 1981/82

David Pleat guided Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981/82. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion in the previous two years and Tony Grealish was swapped for Brighton's Brian Horton. They raced to the top by winning their first three games and hammered rivals Watford 4-1, then Steve White scored four times in a 6-0 demolition of Grimsby. Richard Money arrived from Liverpool and was an influential figure as Luton were unbeaten in their last 14 matches. Leading marksman Brian Stein, Mal Donaghy, Kirk Stephens and Steve White were all ever-present as Luton won the title with 88 points.

## 1987/88

Ray Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. Danny Wilson replaced Peter Nicholas in midfield, while

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

## 1988/89

Luton Town were Littlewoods Cup finalists for the second consecutive season in 1988/89. Departures were Brian Stein, Mark Stein and Andy Dibble, while newcomers included Roy Wegerle, John Dreyer and Steve Williams. Luton's first home win was 1-0 against Liverpool and they beat Southampton 6-1 in January but First Division form was generally disappointing, with the Hatters narrowly avoiding relegation by winning three of their last four games. Luton defeated Burnley 2-1, Leeds 2-0, Manchester City 3-1, Southampton 2-1 and West Ham 5-0 in the Littlewoods Cup before losing 3-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.

## 2001/02

Steve Howard scored 24 times as Luton Town won promotion in

2001/02. Joe Kinnear's side were early leaders after winning their opening two matches and newcomer Carl Griffiths netted a hat-trick in a 5-1 win over Torquay. The Hatters briefly regained pole position after beating Darlington 5-2 in October, signing Chris Coyne from Dundee, Jean-Louis Valois from Lille, Dean Crowe from Stoke, Ahmet Brkovic from Orient and Dave Bayliss from Rochdale. A run of 12 successive wins, slamming five goals past Halifax and Mansfield, took Luton back to the top with two games remaining but they finished runners-up to Plymouth.

## 2004/05

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



# MANAGING TO SUCCEED

**Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten leading Luton Town managers**

**NED LIDDELL**

Ned Liddell managed Luton Town to the Third Division (South) title in 1936-37. A former centre-half, he played for Whitburn, Southampton, Gainsborough, Clapton Orient, Southend United and Arsenal before rejoining Southend as manager in April 1919. He was appointed QPR's boss in April 1920 and guided them to the FA Cup quarter-finals in 1922-23, then scouted for Fulham before becoming their manager for two years in May 1929. After a period scouting for West Ham, he managed Luton from August 1936 until February 1938, then scouted for Chelsea, Portsmouth, Brentford and Spurs. He died in November 1969.

**DALLY DUNCAN**

Former Scotland international winger Dally Duncan managed Luton Town to the top-flight in 1954-55. Signing professional for Hull City in August 1928, he moved to Derby County in March 1932 and featured in their 1946 FA Cup final success. He became Luton's player-boss in October 1946 and steered them to eighth place in the top-flight in 1957-58. Appointed Blackburn Rovers' manager in October 1958, he led them to the 1960 FA Cup final and remained in charge at Ewood Park until sacked in June 1960. He later scouted for Luton and ran a guest-house in Brighton, residing there until his death in January 1990.



Allan Brown

**SYD OWEN**

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

**ALLAN BROWN**

Ex-Scotland international inside-forward Allan Brown managed Luton Town to the Fourth Division title in 1967-68. He was a Scottish Cup finalist with East Fife shortly before joining Blackpool in December 1950 and moved to Luton in February 1957. Appearing in the 1959 FA Cup final, he netted 51 goals in 151 League games for the Hatters prior to joining Portsmouth in March 1961. He helped win the Third Division title in 1961-62, then had a spell as Wigan Athletic's player-boss and was Luton's manager from November 1966 until December 1968, later managing Torquay, Bury, Nottingham Forest, Southport and Blackpool.

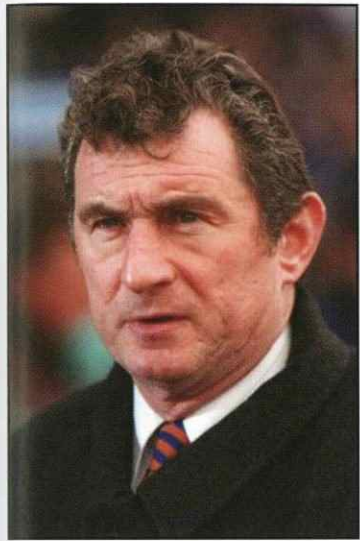
**ALEC STOCK**

Alec Stock managed Luton Town to promotion in 1969-70. He was a forward with Charlton and QPR before becoming Yeovil Town's player-boss, plotting their epic 1948-49 FA Cup run. Appointed Leyton Orient's boss in August 1949, he led them to the FA Cup sixth round in 1953-54 and Third Division (South) title in 1955-56, returning from spells at Arsenal and Roma. He became QPR's boss in August 1959, taking them to the top-flight and League Cup glory, then managed Luton from December 1968 until April 1972. Guiding Fulham to the 1975 FA Cup final, he later managed AFC Bournemouth and died in April 2001.

**HARRY HASLAM**

Popular manager Harry Haslam guided Luton Town back to the top-flight in 1973-74. Initially with Rochdale, the full-

back played for Oldham Athletic, Brighton, Leyton Orient, Guildford City and Hastings United, then managed Eastbourne United, Barry Town and Tonbridge before becoming Fulham's chief scout. He assisted Alec Stock at Luton prior to succeeding him as manager in May 1972, remaining in charge of the Hatters until leaving in January 1978 to manage Sheffield United. He scouted for England under Bobby Robson and died in September 1986. His son Keith is now Mansfield's managing director.



David Pleat

**DAVID PLEAT**

Articulate manager David Pleat managed Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981-82. A former winger, he played for Nottingham Forest, Luton, Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough before becoming Nuneaton's player-boss. He rejoined Luton as coach in July 1972 and became manager in January 1978, guiding the Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals in 1984-85. Taking charge of Spurs in May 1986, he led them to the 1987 FA Cup final, then managed Leicester City before rejoining Luton in June 1991. He took the Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals again in 1993-94, leaving in June 1995. Now working in the media.

**RAY HARFORD**

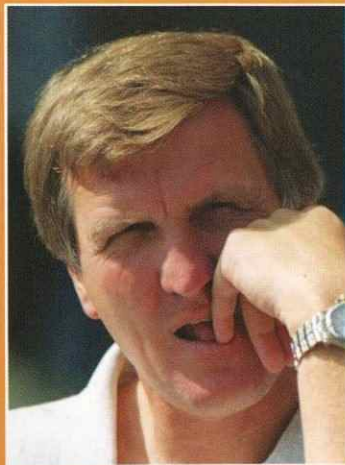
Ray Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. A centre-half with Charlton, Exeter, Lincoln, Mansfield, Port Vale and Colchester, he was appointed youth team coach at Layer Road. He joined Fulham in a similar capacity in June 1981 and was manager for two years before moving to Luton as assistant-boss in July 1986. Becoming manager in June 1987, he also guided them to the Simod Cup final and FA Cup semi-finals in 1987-88, then the 1989 Littlewoods Cup final. Sacked in January 1990, he later managed Wimbledon, Blackburn Rovers, West Brom and QPR. He died in August 2003.

**JOE KINNEAR**

Former Republic of Ireland international right-back Joe Kinnear plotted Luton Town's 2001-02 promotion success. Signing professional for Spurs in February 1965, he helped them win the FA Cup in 1967. League Cup twice and UEFA Cup in 1972. He moved to Brighton in August 1975, then coached overseas before assisting Dave Mackay at Doncaster. Joining Wimbledon as coach in September 1989, he became manager in January 1992 and led them to the semi-finals of both the FA Cup and League Cup in 1996-97. He left after a heart-attack, then managed Luton from January 2001 until June 2003 and later Nottingham Forest.

**MIKE NEWELL**

Ex-England U-21 striker Mike Newell managed Luton Town to the League One title in 2004-05. Initially with Liverpool, he moved via Crewe to Wigan Athletic in October 1983 and scored in their 1985 Freight Rover trophy final triumph. He played for Luton, Leicester City and Everton prior to joining Blackburn Rovers in November 1991, helping win promotion in 1991-92 and the Premiership title in 1994-95. Later with Birmingham City, he became Hartlepool's boss in November 2002, plotting their 2002-03 promotion success. He rejoined Luton as manager in June 2003 and remained in charge until sacked in March 2007.



Ray Harford



Joe Kinnear

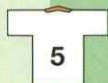


Mike Newell





**DEAN BRILL**  
Born: Luton  
DofB: 02/12/1985  
Height: 6ft 2in  
Clubs: Luton



**CHRIS PERRY**  
Born: Carshalton  
DofB: 26/04/1973  
Height: 5ft 9in  
Clubs: W'don, Spurs, Charlton, West Brom



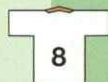
**CHRIS COYNE**  
Born: Brisbane  
DofB: 20/12/1978  
Height: 6ft 1in  
Clubs: Perth SC, West Ham, Dundee



**JAROSLAW FOJUT**  
Born: Legionowo  
DofB: 17/10/1987  
Height: 6ft 2in  
Clubs: Bolton



**RICHARD JACKSON**  
Born: Whitby  
DofB: 18/04/1980  
Height: 5ft 8in  
Clubs: Scarborough, Derby County



**DAVID BELL**  
Born: Wellingborough  
DofB: 21/04/1984  
Height: 5ft 10in  
Clubs: Rushden



**DON HUTCHISON**  
Born: Gateshead  
DofB: 09/05/1971  
Height: 6ft 1in  
Clubs: H'Pool, L'Pool, W Ham, Sheff U, Everton, S'land, Coventry



**MATTHEW SPRING**  
Born: Harlow  
DofB: 17/11/1979  
Height: 5ft 11in  
Clubs: Luton, Leeds, Watford



**MARC WILSON**  
Born: Belfast  
DofB: 17/08/1987  
Height: 6ft 2in  
Clubs: Portsmouth



**PAUL McVEIGH**  
Born: Belfast  
DofB: 06/12/1977  
Height: 5ft 6in  
Clubs: Spurs, Norwich C



**CALVIN ANDREW**  
Born: Luton  
DofB: 19/12/1986  
Height: 6ft 2in  
Clubs: Luton



## PLAYING SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS	APPS
NA Marlon Beresford	0
1 Dean Brill	15
NA Zac Barrett	0

DEFENDERS	APPS
3 Alan Goodall	18(1)
5 Chris Perry	23
6 Chris Coyne	19
12 Richard Jackson	18(2)
17 Lewis Emanuel	2
24 Paul Underwood	0
26 Sol Davis	0
31 Jaroslaw Fojut	16(1)

MIDFIELDERS	APPS
4 Don Hutchison	7(4)
8 David Bell	20
10 Darren Currie	14(5)
14 Steve Robinson	16(1)
15 Stephen O'Leary	0(1)
16 David Edwards	17(1)
18 Ahmet Brkovic	1(3)
21 Keith Keane	4(2)
22 Richard Langley	0
25 Matthew Spring	24
33 Marc Wilson	2
34 Anthony Grant	0(1)

ATTACK	APPS
7 Dean Morgan	6(7)
9 Sam Parkin	1(1)
11 Paul Peschisolido	2(3)
19 Drew Talbot	8(8)
20 Calvin Andrew	10(8)
28 Paul McVeigh	5(12)
29 Paul Furlong	17(1)



## KEEPER (1) DEAN BRILL

THIS Luton-born home-grown product is now firmly established as the Hatters' Number One. Last season's 'Young Player of the Year' had endured a lengthy wait for an extended run between the posts before spending two months at Gillingham last December – and impressing so much the Gills sought his permanent signature. New manager Kevin Blackwell then installed him in the first-team and he produced some increasingly assured displays. Once the subject of interest from Liverpool as a schoolboy, he is strong in the air, dominates his area well and celebrated his 22nd birthday on Saturday.

## STOPPER (5) CHRIS PERRY

AN EXPERIENCED professional, this rugged defender – currently operating at right-back – signed following his release by West Brom in July. His final appearance for the Albion came in last term's Championship play-off defeat by Derby County. The 34-year-old, who had joined the Baggies from Charlton the previous summer, was also offered a contract by Cardiff and Colchester United. A former Wimbledon trainee, he made more than 200 appearances for the Dons to attract a £4m transfer move to Tottenham in 1999. He then made 146 Spurs appearances before joining the Addicks for £100,000 in 2003.



## CREATOR: (25) MATTHEW SPRING

A FEE of £200,000 clinched this cultured midfielder's return to Luton last January. The 28-year-old originally left the Hatters in 2004 to join Leeds United after making more than 200 appearances, but first-team opportunities proved restricted. Watford then snapped him up for £150,000 in August 2005, but his style didn't fit their direct playing approach and he was therefore delighted to agree a return to Kenilworth Road. A tireless box-to-box player, he has a superb range of passing and an eye for goal – evidenced by his tally of seven strikes already this term.

## HOTSHOT (29) PAUL FURLONG

THIS veteran hitman was snapped up following his release by QPR last summer. The 39-year-old started his career with Coventry City before a £250,000 transfer to Watford in 1992. Big money moves to Chelsea (£2.5m) and Birmingham City (£1.5m) then followed before his arrival at Loftus Road in August 2002. His career to date now boasts more than 500 appearances and nearly 180 goals in all competitions. Still a powerful frontrunner, he has scored five times for Luton to date and memorably dedicated his first to ex-QPR team-mate Ray Jones who died earlier that day.



## INJURIES

STRIKER Paul Furlong could return to action tonight after being sidelined since rushing back too early from a hamstring injury last month. Midfielders Don Hutchison (calf) and David Edwards (thigh) both sustained knocks in FA Cup action last week and will likely face late fitness tests. The Hatters also remain without the services of four long-term injury victims. Paul Peschisolido (ankle) awaits news from a specialist while fellow striker Sam Parkin (ankle) will not return until 2008. In defence, Paul Underwood remains out for the foreseeable future and Richard Langley will miss most of this campaign after damaging knee ligaments in August.

## IN BRIEF

EX-MANAGER Joe Kinnear is one of several parties interested in buying Luton. Administrator Brendan Guilfoyle has told fans he will reveal his preferred bidder by December 22. "I'm aware of five or six expressions of interest but I haven't pulled it all together yet," he said.

LUTON'S FA Cup second round tie against Nottingham Forest – scheduled for last Saturday – was postponed until December 11. The fixture was only confirmed after both teams won first round replays last Tuesday night and police were unable to arrange cover.

MIDFIELDER David Edwards recently made his full international debut for Wales against Germany. The summer signing from Shrewsbury Town played a key role in his side's goalless draw against Joachim Low's team. Kevin Blackwell said: "Recognising talent is important for this club – his standing in the game has risen now."





## FUTURE STAR

DAVID Bell (8) is a versatile midfielder who finally began fulfilling his potential last season. The 23-year-old had endured a slow start with his new club following a £100,000 move from Rushden & Diamonds in January 2006. Capped by the Republic of Ireland at U19 and U21 level, he had made 121 appearances at Nene Park and can operate anywhere across the middle. A highly-rated prospect who is a fine reader of the game and strong in the tackle, he rarely wastes possession. Last season he won the junior fans' 'Player of the Year' award and - just three weeks ago - was linked with a potential £1m move to Championship side West Brom.

## ANALYSIS

CRISIS-RIDDEN Luton Town are focussed purely on survival after a ten-point penalty deduction banished them to the foot of League One, writes the Advertiser's Carl Marsden. A turbulent period culminated in chairman David Pinkey placing the Hatters into administration on November 22 - and kick-started the fraught process of attempting to find a new buyer for the club. Kenilworth Road had been thrown into chaos just days earlier after the FA announced more than 50 disciplinary charges were being brought against the club, former chairman Bill Tomlins, and three ex-directors, following an investigation into ex-manager Mike Newell's claims that illegal payments are rife in the game. On-the-field Luton have also toiled to adjust to life in League One under new boss Kevin Blackwell. Relegation from the Championship has prompted a serious hangover despite the

recruitment of several quality players including Darren Currie, Paul Peschisolido, Chris Perry and Don Hutchison. Injuries have also been unkind with the long-term absences of Sam Parkin and Peschisolido meaning they have over-relied on nine-goal Paul Furlong and arrive today still seeking their first away league win. The Hatters have picked up just two draws in eight attempts and scored a paltry three goals on the road. However, the players' reaction since entering administration has been to jump off the bottom of League One with a home win over Southend - and make progress in the FA Cup with a 2-0 win at Brentford. Kevin Blackwell said: "It's been an unbelievable few days to go from one crisis to another with the FA to administration. But I don't think anyone can say the players haven't shown heart, passion and commitment for a club that needs a lot of it right now."

## SKIPPER

CHRIS Coyne (6) is enjoying regular first-team football again after being injury-plagued last term. The 29-year-old club captain is an inspirational figure whose presence was sorely missed during the Hatters' ill-fated relegation battle. Brisbane-born, he came to England in 1996 when West Ham paid Perth SC £150,000 for his services. However, he failed to make a start for the Hammers and - following loan stints with Brentford and Southend - then spent 18 months in the SPL with Dundee. A bargain £50,000 brought him to Bedford in 2001 and he has since amassed more than 200 appearances, proving to be a rock-like presence in central defence and a huge fans' favourite.



## DEFENCE

VETERAN reserve 'keeper Marlon Beresford (NA) recently made six loan appearances for Latics before sustaining a hamstringing injury. Additional cover is provided by untried 19-year-old Zac Barrett (N/A). Well-built Polish centre-back Jaroslaw Fojut (31) is on-loan from Bolton until January. The 20-year-old no-nonsense defender made his senior bow for Wanderers in a Carling Cup tie last season. Ex-Bangor City left-back Alan Goodall (3) celebrated his 26th birthday on Sunday. Also capable of operating in central defence, he was signed from Rochdale during the summer. Injury-plagued Paul Underwood (24) spurned an approach from Latics to join Luton in 2004. The 34-year-old ex-Rushden defender

## MIDFIELD

EXPERIENCED ex-Scotland international Don Hutchison (4) signed from Coventry in July. The 36-year-old previously enjoyed top flight football with West Ham, Liverpool, Sheffield United and Everton. Northern Ireland international Steve Robinson (14) is a central midfielder with an eye for goal. The former Spurs trainee made a £375,000 switch to Preston in 2000 before arriving at Kenilworth Road two years later. Ex-Latics loanee Anthony Grant (34) recently joined from Chelsea until January 5. The 20-year-old defensive midfielder played 49 games on loan at Wycombe last term. Skilful Darren Currie (10) signed on a free from Ipswich in the summer. The 33-year-old previously served Shrewsbury, Barnet, Wycombe and Brighton with distinction. Hard-working Stephen O'Leary (15) penned a new one-year contract in May. The 22-year-old operates in the centre or on

the right of midfield. Energetic David Edwards (16) has made a big impression since arriving from Shrewsbury Town. The 21-year-old played a key role in the League Two side reaching the play-offs last term with six goals in 51 appearances. Keith Keane (21) can operate at right-back, in central defence, or midfield. The 21-year-old, one of the Hatters' most improved players, is at his most dangerous when surging forward. Utility man Marc Wilson (33) recently signed on a short-term loan from Portsmouth. The 20-year-old is an Eire U21 international who has had two loan stints with Bournemouth in 2007. A loan spell by Croatian midfielder Ahmet Brkovic (18) at Millwall is set to end today - but the 33-year-old is reportedly keen to see it extended.

## ATTACK

Much-travelled Paul Peschisolido (11) joined from Derby in July. The 36-year-old Canadian international has played for Birmingham, West Brom, Fulham, Sheffield United and several other clubs on loan. Sam Parkin (9) is sidelined until the New Year with a long-term ankle problem. The 26-year-old was a £340,000 capture from Ipswich in August 2006. After loan stints with Millwall, Wycombe, Oldham and Northampton, he left Chelsea for Swindon in 2002 before netting 67 times in 120 games. Dean Morgan (7) has joined Southend on-loan until January. The 24-year-old ex Reading striker had started just six games this season without finding the net. The pacy 20-year-old, a prolific scorer at youth level, netted his first league goal of the season in last week's 1-0 win over Southend. Drew Talbot (19) cost £250,000 last January from Sheffield Wednesday. Originally on Barnsley's books, the 21-year-old drifted into non-league football before Owls' coaching staff spotted him at Dodworth. A tenacious prospect, his stamina makes him a constant menace to opposition defenders.



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

# DREAM TEAM

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

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

**MITCHELL THOMAS:** Versatile England U-21 international left-back who had two spells at Luton Town. Born locally, he signed professional at Kenilworth Road in August 1982 and starred as Luton reached the FA Cup semi-finals in 1984-85. He followed



Mitchell Thomas

David Pleat to Tottenham Hotspur for £275,000 in July 1986 and featured in the 1987 FA Cup final, moving to West Ham for £525,000 in August 1991. Returning to Luton in November 1993, he netted six goals in 292 League games overall for the Hatters prior to joining Burnley in July 1999 and was an experienced figure in their 1999-2000 promotion success.

**BRUCE RIOCH:** Influential midfielder who was capped 24 times by Scotland after leaving Luton Town. Signing professional for Luton in September 1964, he starred in the 1967-68 Fourth Division title triumph and netted 46 goals in 149 League games prior to joining Aston Villa for £100,000 in July 1969. He was a key figure in their 1971-72 Third Division title success and moved to Derby County in February 1974,

helping to win the League Championship in 1974-75. He played for Everton, Derby again and Torquay, since managing Middlesbrough, Millwall, Bolton Wanderers, Arsenal, Norwich City and Wigan Athletic.

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

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



Ricky Hill

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



Mick Harford

at Leicester City in August 1990 and later as a coach at Sheffield Wednesday and Spurs, he briefly rejoined Luton as manager.

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



Brian Stein

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

Sunderland, Coventry and Wimbledon. He later coached Luton, then managed Rotherham.

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

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



Paul Walsh



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DATE	OPPONENT	VEN	KO/RES	COMP	ATT	VIS	POS	GOALSCORERS	TEAM	SUBSTITUTES
SAT AUG 11	SWANSEA CITY	H	W 2-1	CCL1	7,397	1,645	4	RICKETTS 3, DAVIES 90	Crossley Eardley(87) Giddins Thompson	Gregan Kilkenny Kalala Allott Taylor(63) Davies Ricketts(63) Liddell(63) Smalley(63) McDonald(87) Bell Wolfenden
TUE AUG 14	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	W 4-1	CC1	3,155	213	-	KILKENNY 20, KALALA 27, SMALLEY 82, DAVIES 86	Crossley Eardley Thompson Gregan	Giddings Liddell Kalala (71) Allott Kilkenny (86) Davies Ricketts (80) Taylor (71) Smalley (80) McDonald (86) Wolfenden Bell
SAT AUG 18	Carlisle United	A	L 0-1	CCL1	7,777	1,001	11		Crossley Eardley Gregan Thompson	Giddings Liddell (86) Allott Kilkenny Kalala (55) Ricketts Davies Taylor (55) Smalley (86) Bell McDonald Wolfenden
SAT AUG 25	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	L 0-1	CCL1	5,348	499	15		Crossley Eardley Thompson Gregan	Bertrand Liddell (77) Kalala (67) Kilkenny Taylor Ricketts (87) Davies McDonald (67) Smalley (77) Wolfenden (87) Poggiacomini Trotman
TUE AUG 28	Burnley	A	L 0-3	CC2	7,317	1,339	-		Crossley Eardley Thompson Gregan	Bertrand Smalley (21) Kalala McDonald Taylor (85) Ricketts (74) Davies Liddell (21) Wolfenden (74) Trotman (85) Poggiacomini Lomax
SAT SEPT 1	Hartlepool United	A	L 1-4	CCL1	5,015	536	21	DAVIES 14	Crossley Eardley Thompson (52) Gregan	Bertrand Liddell (52) Kalala (54) McDonald Taylor Davies Hughes Trotman (52) Wolfenden (52) Allott (54) Poggiacomini Lomax
TUE SEPT 3	Accrington Stanley	A	W 3-2	JPT1	1,465	767	-	LIDDELL 55, DAVIES 56, WOLFENDEN 73	Crossley Trotman Thompson Gregan	Bertrand Liddell Kalala (43) McDonald (82) Taylor Davies Allott Wolfenden (43) Lomax (82) Poggiacomini Kelly Chalmers
SAT SEPT 15	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	L 0-1	CCL1	5,151	300	-		Crossley Hazell Thompson(46) Gregan	Bertrand Liddell McDonald(81) Allott Taylor Davies Hughes(65) Eardley(46) Ricketts(65) Wolfenden(81) Bell Kalala
SAT SEPT 22	Walsall	A	W 3-0	CCL1	6,202	549	19	RICKETTS 33, LIDDELL 65, DAVIES 90	Crossley Eardley Hazell Gregan	Bertrand Liddell Kalala Allott Taylor(89) Davies Ricketts(67) Hughes(67) Wolfenden(89) Thompson McDonald Trotman
SAT SEPT 29	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	W 3-2	CCL1	5,082	310	15	ALLOTT 36, WOLFENDEN 83, KILKENNY 90	Crossley Eardley Hazell Gregan	Bertrand Liddell Kalala Allott(68) Taylor Ricketts(77) Davies Kilkenny(68) Wolfenden(77) McDonald Thompson Trotman
TUE OCT 2	LEEDS UNITED	H	L 0-1	CCL1	10,054	3,732	20		Crossley Eardley Hazell Gregan	Bertrand Liddell Kalala Kilkenny Taylor Davies Ricketts(88) Wolfenden(88) Allott McDonald Thompson Trotman
SAT OCT 6	Cheltenham Town	A	D 1-1	CCL1	3,631	397	17	LIDDELL 46	Crossley Eardley Hazell Gregan	Bertrand Liddell Allott(85) Kilkenny Taylor Davies(78) Ricketts McDonald(85) Wolfenden(78) Kalala Thompson Trotman
SAT OCT 20	Huddersfield Town	A	D 1-1	CCL1	10,909	2,589	20	DAVIES 27	Beresford Eardley Hazell Gregan	Bertrand Liddell(89) Kalala(75) Kilkenny Taylor Wolfenden(88) Davies Allott(75) Smalley(88) Alessandra(89) McDonald Thompson
TUE OCT 23	Doncaster Rovers	A	L 0-3	JPT2	4,608	229	-		Beresford Eardley Hazell Bertrand	Taylor(82) Allott Kilkenny Kalala Gregan(17) Ricketts(82) Davies Thompson(17) Wolfenden(82) Smalley(82) McDonald Liddell
SAT OCT 27	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	L 0-1	CCL1	4,870	369	20		Beresford Eardley Trotman Hazell(46)	Bertrand Liddell Kalala(71) Kilkenny Taylor(71) Ricketts Davies Stam(46) Allott(71) Smalley(71) McDonald Wolfenden
TUE OCT 30	Nottingham Forest	A	D 0-0	CCL1	16,423	396	20		Beresford Eardley Trotman Stam	Bertrand Liddell McDonald Taylor Kilkenny(87) Davies Wolfenden(69) Allott(87) Smalley(69) Ricketts Crossley Kalala
SAT NOV 3	Leyton Orient	A	L 0-1	CCL1	4,690	344	20		Beresford Eardley Stam Trotman	Bertrand Liddell(67) McDonald(80) Kilkenny Taylor Davies Smalley(83) Hughes(67) Allott(80) Wolfenden(83) Crossley Kalala
TUE NOV 6	Tranmere Rovers	A	W 1-0	CCL1	5,473	589	20	DAVIES 90+	Beresford Eardley(58) Trotman Stam	Bertrand Liddell McDonald Kilkenny Taylor Smalley(77) Davies Allott(58) Hughes(77) Kalala Crossley Wolfenden
SAT NOV 10	DONCASTER ROVERS	H	D 2-2	FAC1	4,280	1,078	-	TROTMAN 32, DAVIES 49	Crossley Eardley Trotman Stam	Taylor Smalley Allott McDonald Kilkenny Davies Hughes(82) Alessandra(82) Bell Black Chalmers Kalala
SAT NOV 17	PORT VALE	H	D 1-1	CCL1	5,097	317	20	DAVIES 23	Crossley Hazell Trotman Stam	Bertrand Smalley(85) Kilkenny Taylor Davies Hughes(72) McDonald(60) Allott(60) Wolfenden(72) Kalala(85) Bell Lomax
SAT NOV 24	Bournemouth	A	W 3-0	CCL1	5,261	277	16	HUGHES 58, 87, TAYLOR 70	Crossley Eardley Trotman Stam	Bertrand Smalley(78) McDonald(54) Kilkenny Taylor Hughes(89) Davies Allott(54) Hazell(78) Wolfenden(89) Bell Kalala
TUE NOV 27	Doncaster Rovers	A	W 2-1	FAC1R	4,340	298	-	KILKENNY 45, McDONALD 49	Crossley Eardley Stam Trotman	Kilkenny Allott McDonald Smalley Davies Wolfenden(86) Taylor Hazell(86) Bell Kalala Alessandra Black
SAT DEC 1	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	W 1-0	FAC2	3,900	381	-	HUGHES 41	Crossley Eardley Hazell Stam	Taylor Allott Kilkenny McDonald Smalley Hughes Davies Bell Kalala Wolfenden Lomax Thompson
TUE DEC 4	LUTON TOWN	H	KO 7.45	CCL1						
SAT DEC 8	DONCASTER ROVERS	H	KO 3PM	CCL1						
SAT DEC 15	Millwall	A	KO 3PM	CCL1						
SAT DEC 22	Southend United	A	KO 3PM	CCL1						
WED DEC 26	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H	KO 3PM	CCL1						
SAT DEC 29	WALSALL	H	KO 3PM	CCL1						
TUE JAN 1	Leeds United	A	KO 3PM	CCL1						
SAT JAN 5	Everton	A	KO 3PM	FAC3						
SAT JAN 12	BRIGHTON & HA	H	KO 3PM	CCL1						
SAT JAN 19	Yeovil Town	A	KO 3PM	CCL1						
TUE JAN 22	Gillingham	A	KO 7.45PM	CCL1						
SAT JAN 26	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H	KO 3PM	CCL1						
TUE JAN 29	CARLISLE UNITED	H	KO 7.45	CCL1						
SAT FEB 2	Swansea City	A	KO 2PM	CCL1						
SAT FEB 9	GILLINGHAM	H	KO 3PM	CCL1						
TUE FEB 12	Bristol Rovers	A	KO 7.45	CCL1						
SAT FEB 16	YEovil TOWN	H	KO 3PM	CCL1						
SAT FEB 23	Brighton & HA	A	KO 3PM	CCL1						
SAT MAR 1	Port Vale	A	KO 3PM	CCL1						
SAT MAR 8	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	KO 3PM	CCL1						
TUE MAR 11	BOURNEMOUTH	H	KO 3PM	CCL1						
SAT MAR 15	Luton Town	A	KO 3PM	CCL1						
SAT MAR 22	MILLWALL	H	KO 3PM	CCL1						
MON MAR 24	Doncaster Rovers	A	KO 3PM	CCL1						
SAT MAR 29	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	KO 3PM	CCL1						
SAT APR 5	Swindon Town	A	KO 3PM	CCL1						
SAT APR 12	LEYTON ORIENT	H	KO 3PM	CCL1						
SAT APR 19	Northampton Town	A	KO 3PM	CCL1						
SAT APR 26	CHELTHENHAM TOWN	H	KO 3PM	CCL1						
SAT MAY 3	Crewe Alexandra	A	KO 3PM	CCL1						
TBA	SWINDON TOWN	H								



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# SQUADCHECK

## OLDHAM ATHLETIC v LUTON TOWN

	pld	sub	cards	goals		pld	sub	cards	goals	
Mark CROSSLEY	●	●	●	●	1	●	●	●	●	Dean BRILL
Neal EARDLEY	●	●	●	●	2	●	●	●	●	
	●	●	●	●	3	●	●	●	●	Alan GOODALL
Jean Paul KALALA	●	●	●	●	4	●	●	●	●	Don HUTCHINSON
John THOMPSON	●	●	●	●	5	●	●	●	●	Chris PERRY
Stefan STAM	●	●	●	●	6	●	●	●	●	Chris COYNE
(on loan at Walsall) Michael RICKETTS	●	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●	
Mark ALLOTT	●	●	●	●	8	●	●	●	●	David BELL
Lee HUGHES	●	●	●	●	9	●	●	●	●	Sam PARKIN
Craig DAVIES	●	●	●	●	10	●	●	●	●	Darren CURRIE
Ryan BERTRAND	●	●	●	●	11	●	●	●	●	Paul PESCOLIDLO
Kelvin LOMAX	●	●	●	●	12	●	●	●	●	Richard JACKSON
Les POGGIACOMI	●	●	●	●	13	●	●	●	●	
Reuben HAZELL	●	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●	Steve ROBINSON
Gary McDONALD	●	●	●	●	15	●	●	●	●	Steven O'LEARY
Sean GREGAN	●	●	●	●	16	●	●	●	●	Dave EDWARDS
Matty WOLFENDEN	●	●	●	●	17	●	●	●	●	
Chris TAYLOR	●	●	●	●	18	●	●	●	●	
Michael PEARSON	●	●	●	●	19	●	●	●	●	Drew TALBOT
	●	●	●	●	20	●	●	●	●	Calvin ANDREW
(on loan at Rochdale) Marcus HOLNESS	●	●	●	●	21	●	●	●	●	Keith KEANE
Andy LIDDELL	●	●	●	●	22	●	●	●	●	Richard LANGLEY
Neil TROTMAN	●	●	●	●	23	●	●	●	●	
Deane SMALLEY	●	●	●	●	24	●	●	●	●	Paul UNDERWOOD
Lewis ALESSANDRA	●	●	●	●	25	●	●	●	●	Matthew SPRING
Ashley KELLY	●	●	●	●	26	●	●	●	●	Sol DAVIES
Neil KILKENNY	●	●	●	●	27	●	●	●	●	
	●	●	●	●	28	●	●	●	●	Paul McVEIGH
	●	●	●	●	29	●	●	●	●	Paul FURLONG
	●	●	●	●	30	●	●	●	●	David FORDE (on loan from Cardiff City)
	●	●	●	●	31	●	●	●	●	Jaroslaw FOJUT (on loan from Bolton Wanderers)
	●	●	●	●	32	●	●	●	●	Ryan CHARLES
	●	●	●	●	33	●	●	●	●	Marc WILSON (on loan from Portsmouth)
	●	●	●	●	34	●	●	●	●	Anthony GRANT (on loan from Chelsea)

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### LAST TIME OUT...



F.A.CUP 2ND ROUND

OLDHAM ATHLETIC 1 CREWE ALEX. 0

Saturday 1st December 2007.

Boundary Park, Attendance 3,900

**Latics:** Crossley, Eardley, Hazell, Stam, Taylor, Allott, Kilkenney, McDonald, Smalley, Hughes, Davies.



F.A.CUP 1ST Round Replay

BRENTFORD 0 LUTON TOWN 2

Tuesday 27th November 2007.

Griffin Park, Attendance 2,643

**The Hatters:** Brill, Spring, Perry, Fojut, Jackson, Coyne, Hutchinson, (Currie, 28) Bell, Edwards (Keane, 68) Talbot (McVeigh, 81) Andrew

### NEXT AT BOUNDARY PARK...

COCA COLA LEAGUE 1

OLDHAM ATHLETIC v DONCASTER ROVERS

Saturday 8th December 2007 - Kick-Off 3pm

COCA COLA LEAGUE 1

OLDHAM ATHLETIC v NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Wednesday 26th December 2007 (Boxing Day) - Kick-Off 3pm

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