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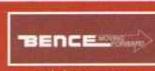
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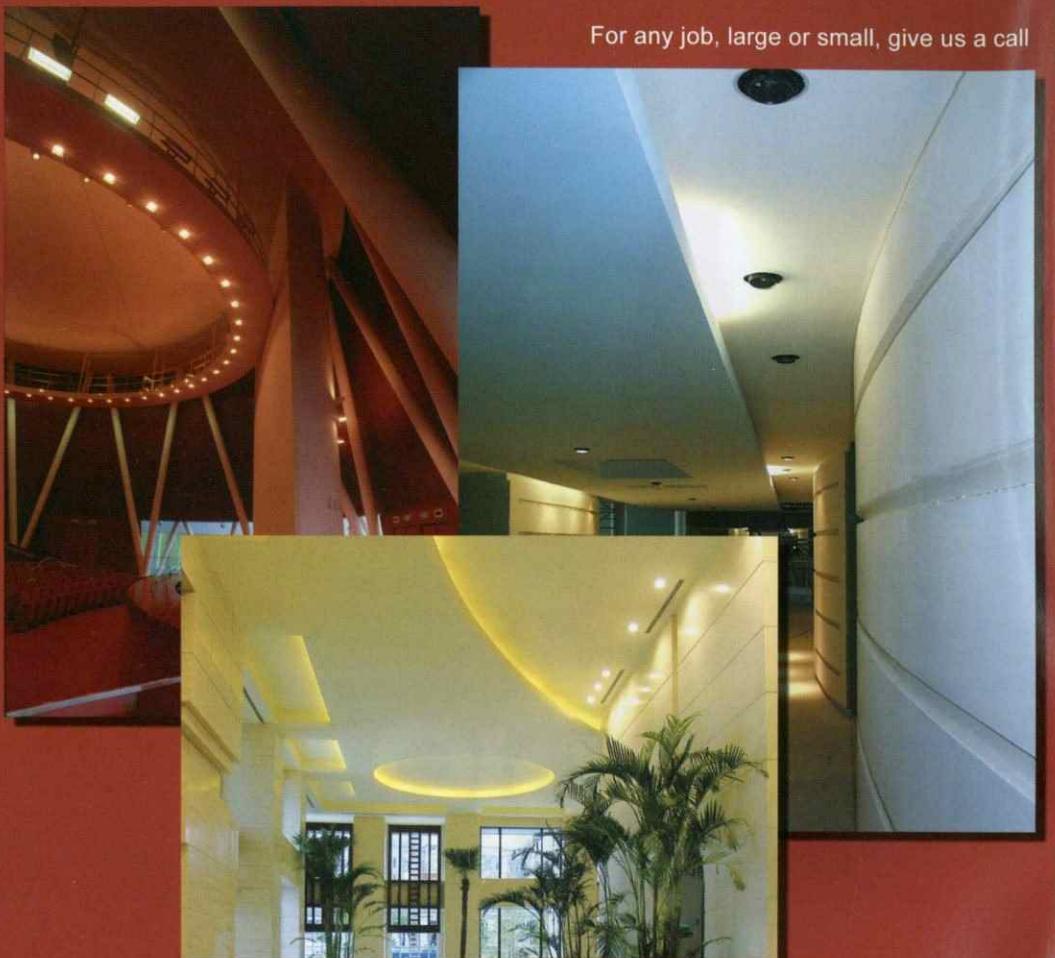
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JAMES BROWN

CTFC Editor James Brown On A Famous Victory And The Need For Consistency

Good evening and welcome to this Friday night confrontation between the Robins and recently relegated Luton Town. Luton were of course relegated from the Championship in the summer and this makes them a tricky tie tonight. I hope all the Luton fans, staff and players had a safe journey to Whaddon Road, enjoy your evening here in Cheltenham.

Cheltenham have beaten Leeds United 1-0...say that to any Cheltenham fan ten years ago and they will have probably accused you of taking advantage of the free mulled wine at the Christmas party. However now we can say that Cheltenham have recorded this famous victory over the former Champions League contenders. Leeds really did give us a game and perhaps on another day Jermaine Beckford might have found the luck he needed but that does not take away the major achievement of the Cheltenham players. They fought well, battled hard and never gave up and this is why we got the three points on the day...that and a classic from one half of the Scouse connection!!! Keith Downing is still moulding the team to the shape he wants and this may take a bit of time but we have already seen an improvement on and off the pitch. An historic day which no Cheltenham fan will forget in a hurry!

The need for consistency in this league is great and there is no doubt in that. League One has always been and always will be a tight league in which a rich run of form could land you higher than you expected. Everyone here at Cheltenham will have said we needed to keep the ball rolling after the victory over Leeds but unfortunately that did not happen due to the 2-0 defeat against Leyton Orient. The long break after the Leeds game will have rested the players but many will believe that we needed a game almost straight after so we could keep up the tempo. It didn't help that the game against Bristol Rovers was called off, but that's football. I just want to quickly mention JJ Melligan who of course scored the winner against

us on Saturday. Cheltenham Town kick started his career and I thought he showed a great side of his personality when he didn't celebrate his goal in a show of respect. He also applauded the Cheltenham fans at the end of the game which was a nice touch from the former Robin.

Dean Sinclair has signed on for a third month with Cheltenham and we also welcome Guy Madjo and Michael D'Agostino. All three players have the ability to pull this club up from the relegation zone and it will be interesting to see what impact they make over the next few weeks. We already know about Dean Sinclair and he has done a great job in the middle alongside Dave Bird. Madjo looks a strong signing with the ability to threaten the opposition defence and he could prove to be the missing link we have been looking for. D'Agostino

is a young lad who likes to get crosses into the box and feed the strikers which is essential if you want to win games, expect to see a lot more from D'Agostino in the next few weeks! The new signings will strengthen this side and it is up to the players now to turn the corner and push Cheltenham Town out of the relegation zone. The manager and backroom staff can only do so much but the players hold the key to survival in this league and recent performances back this theory up.

Get behind the lads tonight and sing your hearts out. One win over a decent Luton side could be just the confidence we are looking for.

Enjoy the game,

James Brown
CTFC Editor



Gillspie celebrates with team mates after scoring the opening goal against Leeds

The game was very even with both teams restricted to limited chances. Unfortunately the difference between a top six and bottom six team is when those opportunities come and they need to be taken.



KEITH DOWNING

'CTFC Manager Keith Downing On An Extended Break and Tonight's Game'

We would like to welcome Kevin Blackwell and his Luton Town team for tonight's game.

Luton have suffered recently with another club going into administration and being deducted 10 points. Kevin I'm sure is used to some sort of up-heaval in his management with the experiences with Leeds United. He of course, overcame those problems guiding them to a play-off final and I'm sure with all his experience he'll guide Luton in the months ahead.

Our frustration in not playing so soon after the victory of Leeds was evident in the postponement at Bristol Rovers last Wednesday. The events of the day compounded the problem with the match going ahead up until a

late downpour at 5.00pm. No official pitch inspection was announced and the judgement by the referee and Bristol Rovers was made shortly after 5.00pm. Although the decision may have been correct, not being in attendance with both parties gave me cause for concern.

We had a similar dilemma last Saturday when torrential rain put the Leyton Orient game in doubt just before kick-off. Both myself and Martin Ling wanted the game on and a sensible discussion with the referee ensured the game went ahead although in difficult conditions. The game was very even with both teams restricted to limited chances.

Unfortunately the difference between a top six and bottom six team is when those opportunities come and they need to be taken. On the day Orient did and

we came away feeling disappointed not to have taken something from the game.

We have two crucial home matches with teams around us. We have become a stronger side at home and we are hoping that our home form will keep us in contention. Our away performances obviously need improving. We are fully aware of the situation and we will all be working hard to gather as many points as we can, particularly over a busy Christmas period. Adding to the squad was important and with Guy Madjo and Michael D'Agostino and an extension to Dean Sinclair's loan gives us much needed strength going through December.

With your continued support let's hope you all enjoy the game.

Keith

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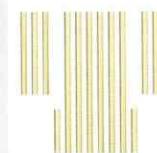


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PADDY WOOD

'CTFC Director Paddy Wood Looks Upon The Issues Of Foreign Influence'



First let me begin by welcoming the players, staff, directors and travelling fans from Luton to Whaddon Road. The Luton fans in the away end will see a dramatic change in the facilities as opposed to their last visit. Whilst our hospitality to away fans has improved significantly let's hope that it does not extend to them taking three points.

Luton Town's problems off the pitch are well documented in the national press. I know I speak for all of our board when I say that we hope you manage to emerge from your current trauma, no true football fan wants to see clubs having to face such problems. We all hope that you're off field problems are soon resolved and that you can look forward to a brighter future.

One issue that has been receiving a lot of press coverage lately is that of foreign players in our game. The subject is one that I am particularly opinionated on. I have always felt that for every foreign player playing in the premiership is an opportunity lost for a home breed player, by home I mean the four home countries. Increasingly it becomes more difficult to watch a young home breed player break into the first team and embark on a long career with the club. To be honest I find it difficult to keep track of the coming and goings in the movement of players. Could this situation explain the falling in ranking of the national team? Examining the statistics concerning the percentage of foreign players in the premiership compared with other countries makes interesting reading.

England	57% foreign players
Italy	30% foreign players
France	39% foreign players
Spain	39% foreign players
Germany	57% foreign players

Certainly this debate is acquiring the same level of discussion as picking our favourite team, who is the best, all time team and so forth. Interestingly when considering the published opinions of

"football people" Generally speaking those people actively involved in the game today fully support the present arrangement. The ex players, ex managers, the PFA, feel that the situation needs addressing.

The subject will continue to be debated who is right, who is wrong? We all have our opinions I have stated mine and yet paradoxically, I feel we are so lucky to be able to experience the skills from the likes of Ronaldo and Torres and in our own back yard!

The Leeds match seems so long ago, but the memory of the performance is still fresh in our minds. The atmosphere was tremendous, just think if it could be like that all the time, what a difference it would make. The players responded and the bank manger was happy...sounds like that is the way to do it!

A special mention must be made of Simon Perruzza. Simon is in charge of the "Cheltenham Town Football Club Community Programme". I am sure Simon will give a report in this or

a future programme so I will not steal his thunder, I would suggest that you familiarise yourself with our Community Programme. It is gathering momentum and will certainly benefit the club and the community, so keep up the good work Simon.

Our annual Christmas dinner will take place next week. The players and staff join the directors for one of Nigel's "festive Feasts" it gives everyone the chance to get to know each other a wee bit more, in particular the new players and staff.. Any over indulgence in the pudding will be noted and recorded for future reference; sorry Gilly (Scouse) burgers are not on the menu.

Finally a big thank you to the home and away fans for attending today's match, traditionally this and next week are poorly attended games due mainly to Christmas shopping demands, so thank you to you all.

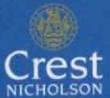
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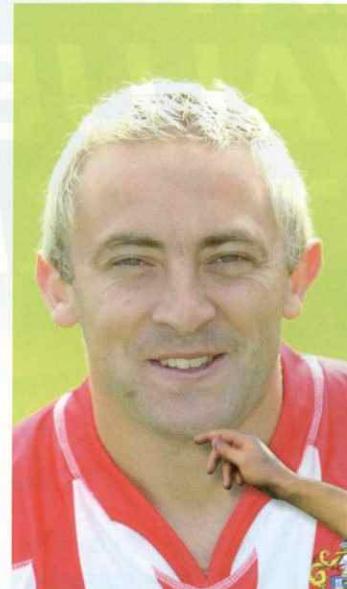
Cheltenham Town have been dealt a severe blow after the confirmation that the 21-year-old is still suffering after his case of labyrinthitis, a condition of the inner ear that affects balance and the symptoms of which include tinnitus and tiredness.

Although a specialist has now given Townsend a clean bill of health, he is still unable to train properly.

Senior sports therapist Ian Weston told www.ctfc.com: "Michael saw the specialist again and he has given him the all clear although he is still suffering with symptoms. A blood test confirmed that he has had a virus so the conclusion is that it is some kind of post-viral syndrome.

"We have taken the decision to leave him out completely until the New Year to give him time to fully recover.

"That will take the pressure off him and allow Michael to concentrate fully on getting himself right."



DOWNING HAILS EX-ROBIN

Despite coming back to score the winner against his former club, JJ Melligan has been praised by Cheltenham manager Keith Downing this week.

Melligan moved to Orient after three years with Cheltenham Town and has made a great start with his new club.

"JJ Melligan is a smashing lad. We kick-started his career and I know he is grateful for everything we did for him," Downing said.

"He popped up in some of those scoring positions for us last season.

"Now he's come to pastures new and he's done it against us - he's a decent lad and a decent professional."



BIRD INJURY NOT A PROBLEM

Cheltenham Town's workhorse midfielder Dave Bird should be fine for tonight's game following a nasty gash suffered in the 2-0 defeat to Leyton Orient.

The 22-year-old has been in scintillating form this season and Downing is optimistic he will be fit for the Luton



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TREATMENT ROOM



Ian Weston club Physio casts his eye over the latest Cheltenham casualties

Unfortunately John Finnigan and Michael Townsend will not be available for our game tonight.

John was due to return to the specialist yesterday after making very little progress with his heel injury over the last few weeks. At present we cannot put an estimated time on John's return to training.

Michael was also due to return to a specialist this week after little improvement from his virus. The initial consultation and tests revealed Michael was suffering from a form of post-viral fatigue. His symptoms haven't subsided and he was due to have a scan on his sinuses to see if this was contributing to his symptoms. Again at present we are unable to estimate a time for his return to full training.

Michael Wylde is making good progress from his hamstring strain and should return to full training late next week.

Although we suffered a few minor niggles following our game at Leyton Orient last week I am pleased to report that the remainder of the squad will be available for selection for tonight's game.

Michael Wylde



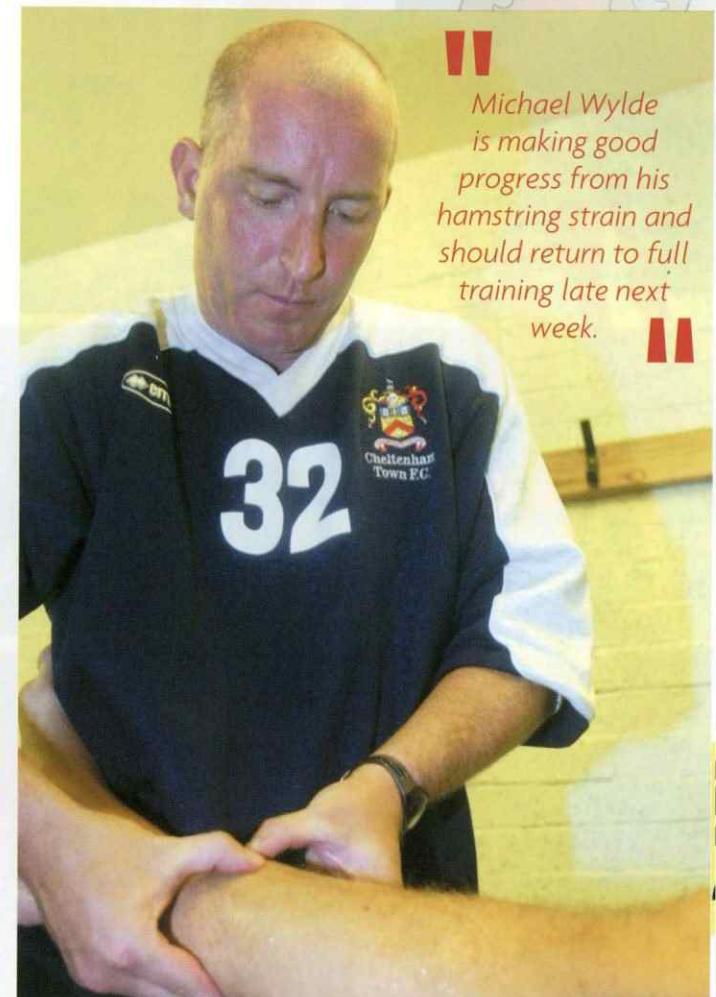
INJURY TABLE

Name	Injury	Due Back
John Finnigan	Heel Injury	N/A
Michael Townsend	Post-Viral Fatigue	N/A
Michael Wylde	Hamstring Strain	Late Next Week

● No Training ● Light Training ● Ready to play



“ Michael Wylde is making good progress from his hamstring strain and should return to full training late next week. **”**



MATCH PRESENTATIONS

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Martin Hudson, Match Programme Sponsor receives a framed Match Day Programme autographed by Cheltenham's Man of the Match, **Shane Duff**



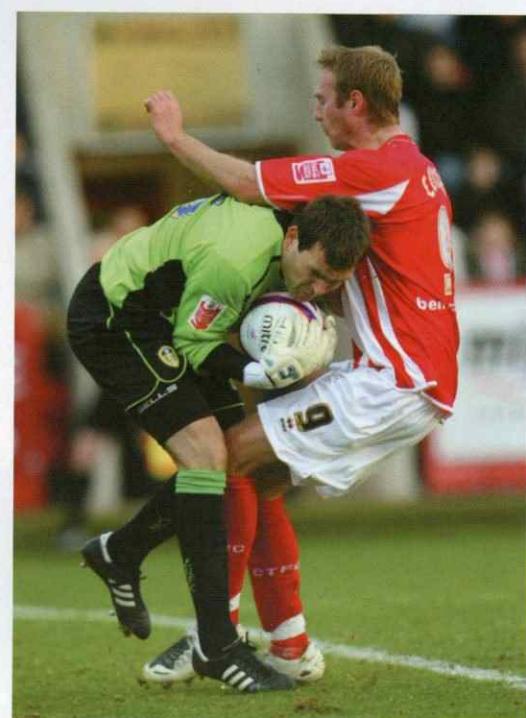
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Subs not used: Brown (GK), Gallinagh, D'Agostino

Leeds (4-4-2): Lucas; Richardson, Marques, Heath, Parker (De Vries 73); Prutton (Flo 73), Douglas (c), Hughes, Carole (Westlake 56); Beckford, Kandol
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MATCH ACTION v LEYTON ORIENT

Leyton Orient
Cheltenham

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Matchroom Stadium, Leyton
8th December 2007

3pm KO

Attendance: 4,156
(199 from Cheltenham)

Referee: G. Salisbury (Lancashire)

Orient (4-4-2): Morris; Purches, Thelwell, Mkandawire, Daniels; Gray (Melligan 62). Chambers, Terry, Demetriou; Boyd, Ibrehem

Subs not used: Nelson (GK), Saah, Corden, Barcham

Cheltenham Town (4-4-2): Higgs; Gill, Caines, Duff, Wright; Lindegaard (Vincent 67), Sinclair, Bird (Majo 74), Spencer (D'Agostino 88); Connor, Gillespie

Subs not used: Brown (GK), Gallinagh



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BRAIN OF CTFC

Brain of CTFC Returns Bigger and Tougher

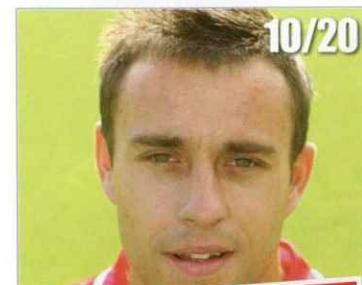
Two years ago, Brain of CTFC was introduced to the Cheltenham Town players. Who would win the title? Who would be crowned the Brain of CTFC?

Jerry Gill has already lost that crown and this year it's all open!

This season's Brain of CTFC has taken a different design. The players and staff of Cheltenham Town will be tested on their knowledge of all kinds of things and not just sport.

The five categories will be History, Sport, Natural World, Entertainment and General Knowledge.

Shane Duff is currently leading in the league table...despite not knowing what a baby cow was called. It's now time for Andy Lindegaard and new signing Michael D'Agostino to pile the pressure on!



Lindegaard ANSWERS

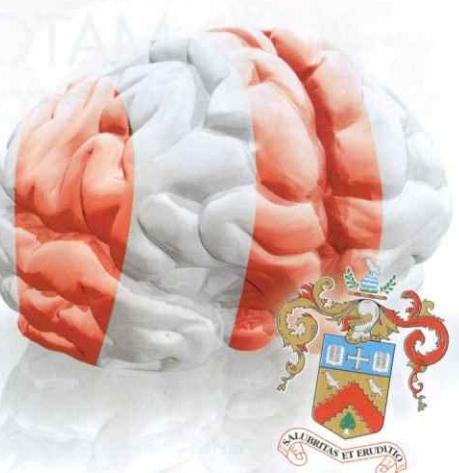
1. "1947!" ✗
2. "I have no idea...war of the roses?" ✗
3. "Was it John Major?" ✓
4. "Ah! Da Vinci!" ✓
5. "Ruud Gullit!" ✓
6. "A planting what? Curling" ✗
7. "Tiger Woods!!" ✓
8. "He was signed for another club?" ✗

HISTORY

1. In what year was Mahatma Gandhi assassinated? 1947, 1948, 1949? ✗
2. The Battle of Edgehill was the first battle in which conflict? ✗
3. Which British Prime Minister succeeded Margaret Thatcher? ✗
4. Who painted the famous 'Mona Lisa'? ✗

SPORT

5. Who has recently been named as the new manager for LA Galaxy? ✓
6. Which Olympic sport needs a planting box? ✗
7. Which golfer's real first name is Eldrick? ✗
8. Why was professional footballer Maribel Dominguez forbidden by FIFA to play for Mexican side Celaya, having signed for the club? ✓



D'Agostino Answers

1. "That's 1949!" ✓
2. "I'm not good with British history!" ✗
3. "Tony Blair" ✗
4. "Da Vinci!" ✓
5. "Oh I know this! I can't think of his name though! Dreadlocks, Dutch...Ruud Gullit!" ✓
6. "That would be the pole vault" ✓
7. "Ernie Els..." ✗
8. "Drugs?" ✗

Lindegaard ANSWERS

9. "It's Buenos Aires!" ✓
10. "Ain't got a clue. The lack of vitamin...c?" ✗
11. "It's got to be a flamingo!" ✓
12. "On earth? Including the sea? Blue Whale" ✓

13. "Spice Girls" ✓

14. "Don't Know" ✗

15. "(laughs) Say it again? It's a group...I don't know, Black Eyed Peas?" ✗

16. "No ideal!" ✗

17. "New London?" ✗

18. "Anti-Social Behaviour Order" ✓

19. "Astronaut?" ✗

20. "Spanish?" ✓

NATURAL WORLD

9. What is the capitol of Argentina? ✓
10. The lack of which vitamin causes rickets? ✗
11. What animal, beside a horse, can sleep standing up? Flamingo, Giraffe or a Sheep? ✓
12. Which former girl band is making their comeback with their new single 'Headlines'? ✗

ENTERTAINMENT

13. Who wrote the book '1984'? ✗
14. Who are Bella, Milo, Fizz and Jake collectively known as? ✗
15. By what name is the fictional character Kal-El better known? ✗
16. What is the largest mammal on earth? ✗

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

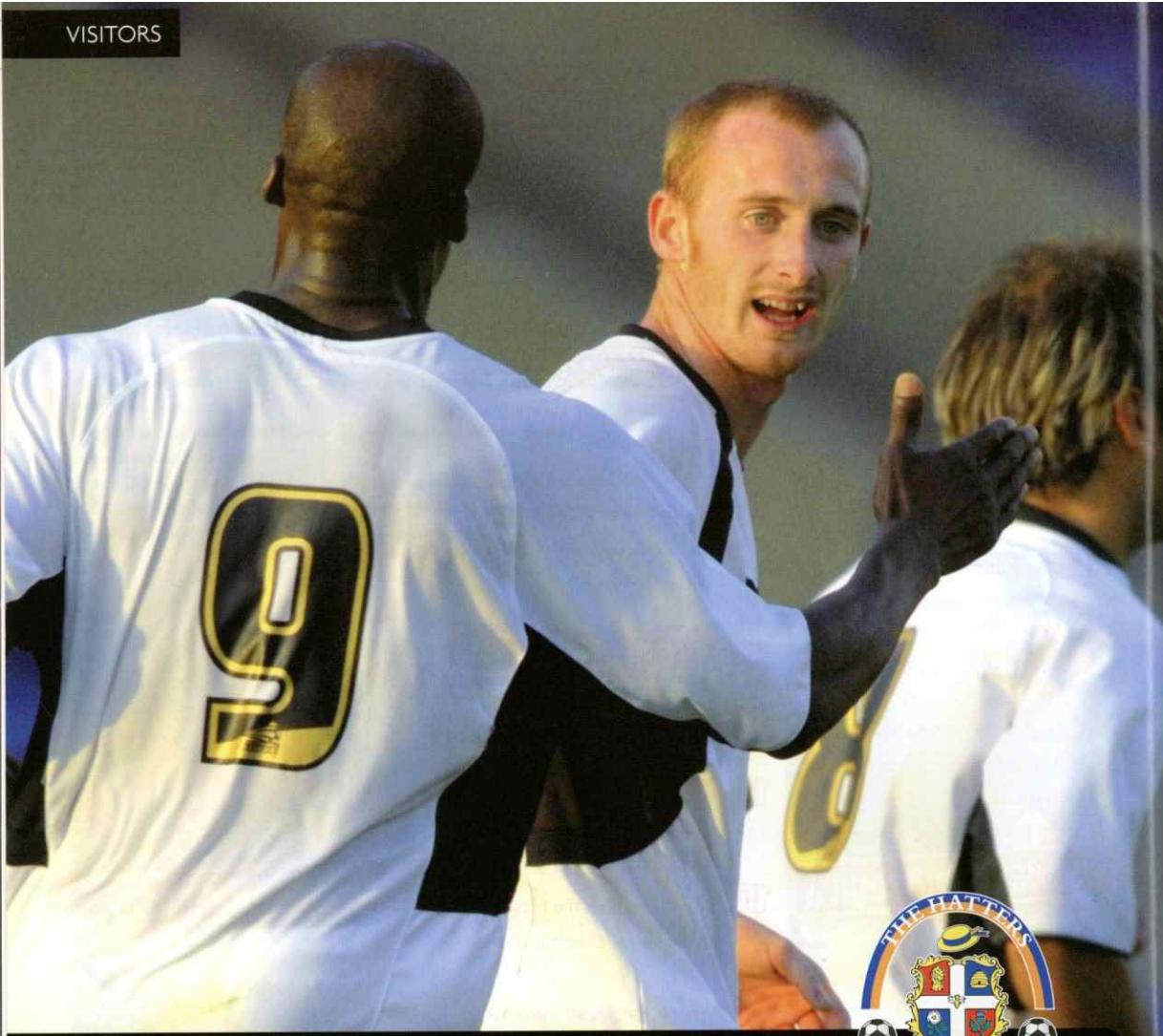
17. Prior to 1664, what was New York called? ✗
18. What does the youth punishment known as an ASBO stand for? ✗
19. Nicholas Breakspear was the first and only British what? ✗
20. What is the nationality of artist Salvador Dali? ✗

D'Agostino Answers

9. "Buenos Aires" ✓
10. "C?" ✗
11. "It's not a giraffe. I'm going to go for a Flamingo." ✓
12. "Overall? Blue Whale" ✓
13. "Spice Girls" ✓
14. "No idea" ✗
15. "I don't know, seriously" ✗
16. "Don't know again!" ✗
17. "New...nah I don't know" ✗
18. "Youth punishment...again, no idea!" ✗
19. "I'm never going to get that!" ✗
20. "Spanish?" ✓

CORRECT ANSWERS

1. 1949
2. English Civil War
3. John Major
4. Leonardo Da Vinci
5. Ruud Gullit
6. Pole Vault
7. Tiger Woods
8. Because she was a woman
9. Brussels Airlines
10. D
11. Farmingo
12. Blue Whale
13. Spice Girls
14. George Orwell
15. The Tweebeens
16. Supremes
17. New Amsterdam
18. Anti-Social Behaviour Order
19. Pope
20. Spanish



LUTON TOWN



NICKNAME: The Hatters
GROUND: Kenilworth Road
CAPACITY: 9,975
FOUNDED: 1885
RECORD GATE:
 30069: vs Blackpool 04/03/1959 FA Cup R6 replay
BIGGEST WIN:
 12 - 0: vs Bristol Rovers 13/04/1936 Division 3S
MOST CAPPED PLAYER:
 Mal Donaghy: 58 Northern Ireland
MOST LEAGUE GOALS:
 Gordon Turner: 243 1949/64
MOST GOALS IN A SEASON:
 Joe Payne: 55 1936/37 Division 3S
TOP GOALSCORER 06/07:
 Rowan Vine (14)



THE HATTERS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

The club was created by merging together Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior in 1885 and they became one of the founding members of the Southern League in 1894.

Luton Town have been rampant in the transfer market in the summer making nine signings under new manager Kevin Blackwell. The challenge was to win back promotion to the second tier of English football again but by mid-October Luton found themselves in a disappointing position in League One. However they have brought some success to the fans in the shape of a 3-0 win over Sunderland and a 3-1 win over Charlton Athletic in the League Cup, before eventually slipping up 1-0 to

Premiership side Everton. Luton have recently fallen into administration and they were docked ten points which left them rooted to the bottom of the table. Blackwell and his players will know that good performances on the pitch are necessary to helping the club off the pitch and for the long term future of the club.

Luton are currently in 23rd position in Coca-Cola League One

LUTON'S RECENT FORM

FA Cup	Brentford 0-2 Luton	27/11/07 (W)
Coca Cola League One	Oldham 1-1 Luton	4/12/07 (D)
FA Cup	Luton 1-0 Nottingham Forest	11/12/07 (W)

LUTON'S TOP SCORERS

1. Paul Furlong (9)
2. Matthew Spring (7)
3. David Bell (4)

LUTON'S PREDICTED LINE-UP

MANAGER:
 Kevin **BLACKWELL**

GK Dean **BRILL**
DR Richard **JACKSON**
DC Chris **PERRY**
DC Chris **COYNE**
DL Jaroslaw **FOJUT**
RM David **BELL**
CM Darren **CURRIE**
CM Matthew **SPRING**
LM Dave **EDWARDS**
ST Paul **FURLONG**
ST Calvin **ANDREW**



IN THE HOT SEAT

KEVIN BLACKWELL

Blackwell was born in Luton and began his playing career with Cambridge United, with Ron Atkinson as his manager. Blackwell left Leeds United with sour memories but will be eager to start a new successful chapter with the Hatters. On the 27th March 2007, Kevin Blackwell was named as the new manager of his hometown club Luton Town. He made a number of quality signings such as Darren Currie and Richard Jackson to bolster the squad for the upcoming season in League One. One of the top managers around at the moment who is well known for his tactical side of management.



DID YOU KNOW

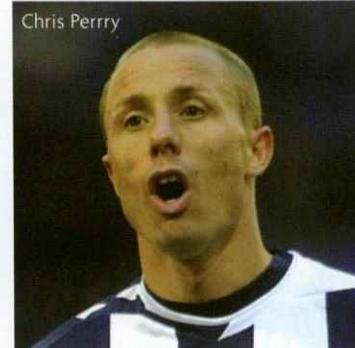
- Denis Law, then playing for Manchester City, scored six goals against Luton in 1961 but they still lost! The match was abandoned and Luton then won the replay 2-1!
- In 1936, Joe Payne scored a league record of ten goals in one game for Luton against an embarrassed Bristol Rovers side!



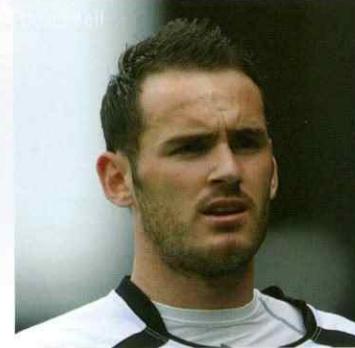
LUTON TOWN



Dean Brill



Chris Perry



DAVID BELL

A talented young midfielder than can play in the centre as well as on the right and left. Bell signed a two and half year deal with the Hatters after signing from Rusden & Diamonds. Bell rose through the ranks at Nene Park and became a crowd favourite but found himself relishing the chance of playing at a higher level. The 23-year-old has been capped by the Republic of Ireland at U19 and U21. 21 appearances for the youngster so far this season and an impressive four goals. Definitely one of the danger men to watch out for today.

CHRIS COYNE

The 28-year-old was playing for Perth Soccer Club when he was chosen to represent the Australian under-17 squad to play in the 1994 Youth World Cup, a tournament which brought him to the attention of Harry Redknapp. Coyne signed for West Ham but never found his feet in Premiership football and after loan spells with Brentford and Southend, he moved to Dundee United. He then moved to Luton Town for £50,000 in 2001 and he rapidly became a favourite with Luton fans. Coyne has been so influential for Luton and was part of the Team of the Year in their League One success. The Luton club captain has made 21 appearances so far this season and has scored once.

DEAN BRILL

One of the big prospects of League One and arguably one of the most talented keepers around at the moment. Brill took the number one spot when Kevin Blackwell took charge at Kenilworth Road. He was named young player of the season despite Luton Town being relegated in the summer. The 22-year-old joined his hometown club at the age of nine and rose through the ranks. He has played for Gillingham on loan but is now an integral part of the Hatters side. Brill organises his defence well and has been in great form during the 15 starts he has made this season.

RICHARD JACKSON

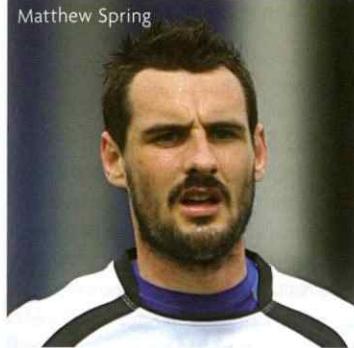
One of the nine summer signings made by Kevin Blackwell prior to the start of this season and is well known for a distinguished career with Derby County. The full back was their longest serving player until he made the move to Luton Town on a two-year deal. He joined Derby in 1999 from Scarborough after playing just 24 games for the seaside club. The 27-year-old made five appearances in the Rams promotion season last year but now finds himself at Kenilworth Road helping the club in their efforts to return to the Championship. 21 appearances so far this season for the Hatters.

CHRIS PERRY

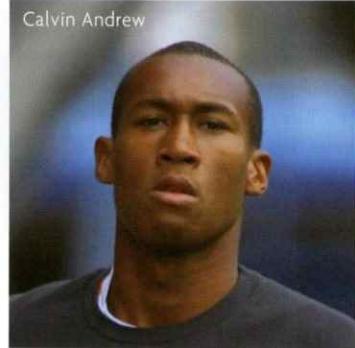
The well travelled Chris Perry is held in high regard by Hatters fans and he will be the one to stop Steven Gillespie today. Perry started his career with Wimbledon in 1991 and found himself at Tottenham Hotspur in 1999. Before this move Perry was being touted as one of the players that could make the England team. Injuries have hampered Perry's career and he has found himself at clubs such as Charlton, MK Dons and WBA. He played for Albion in their Championship playoff final defeat to Derby last season. 23 appearances for the 34-year-old this season and one goal in League One.

JAROSLAW FOJUT

Currently on loan from Bolton Wanderers and making good impressions with the Luton backroom staff. Fojut already adds to a strong defence including Chris Perry and Chris Coyne. The 20-year-old is on loan with Luton until the 1st January 2008 and has been with Bolton since 2004 having moved away from his birthplace of Poland. He made his Premiership debut in the 1-1 draw against Portsmouth in 2006 but is now looking for more regular first team football. 17 appearances so far this season and he has even managed to hit the back of the net twice.



Matthew Spring



Calvin Andrew

MATTHEW SPRING

This is the second spell with Luton Town for Spring after he left originally to join Leeds United in 2004. Spring had been with Luton since he was a youngster and he went on to become an impressive figure, capturing the attention of Leeds. Unfortunately injuries pegged his career with Leeds back and he joined Watford to aid them in their quest to get into the Premiership. His rediscovered form eventually led him to signing a two and a half year contract worth £200,000 with his former club Luton. 24 appearances for the 28-year-old this season and six goals, four of which were in the league.

DAVID EDWARDS

David Edwards became Kevin Blackwell's first ever signing for Luton Town after joining in July 2007 from Shrewsbury Town. The energetic midfielder is a product of Shrewsbury's youth system and made 101 appearances for them, scoring 15 goals. He was capped for the Wales U19 team and has made 11 appearances for the U21 squad, scoring five goals. The 21-year-old was also named in the 26-man squad to face the Republic of Ireland and San Marino during the Euro 2008 qualifying campaign. Edwards has already been heavily tipped to feature in the future of the Welsh national squad. 18 appearances so far this season and two league goals.

CALVIN ANDREW

One of the biggest prospects to come out of Luton Town for a while and will be a definite threat today. He was given his chance to shine in the first team after scoring eight goals in three youth team games, including hat-tricks against Northampton and Rushden. The tall, powerful frontman has a lot of pace and holds the ability to score goals in the air and on the ground. His first goal for Luton was in April 2006 but an injury at the start of last season halted his chances under former manager Mike Newell. 18 appearances so far this season and three goals to his name.

STEVE ROBINSON

A firm favourite at Kenilworth Road and a player who adds some much needed experience to a youthful midfield unit. The 33-year-old joined Luton in 2002 from Preston for a deal worth up to £50,000. Robinson has been capped five times by Northern Ireland but he really made his name with AFC Bournemouth. Sixty goals in 286 appearances for the Cherries tempted Preston to pay £375,000 for him. Robinson holds a tight midfield unit together and he will be keen to stop the threat of Dean Sinclair tonight. Eighteen appearances so far this season for Luton and one goal in the League Cup.

STAR PLAYER

DARREN CURRIE

Kevin Blackwell's third signing as Luton Town manager and arguably his best. The 33-year-old has played for a lot of clubs including West Ham, Ipswich and Plymouth. Currie started his career with West Ham but made his first senior appearance with Shrewsbury Town. An unsuccessful spell with Plymouth led to him becoming a prominent figure for both Barnet and Wycombe. In February, Currie had flown to LA Galaxy for a two week trial but having taken part in three trial games he returned to move on loan with Derby County. Currie will be the danger man today and all his experience will mean he could prove a thorn in the side of Gavin Caines and Shane Duff tonight. 21 appearances so far this season and two league goals.





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 1933 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.

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



Alec Stock, manager Luton Town



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, Luton Town manager

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

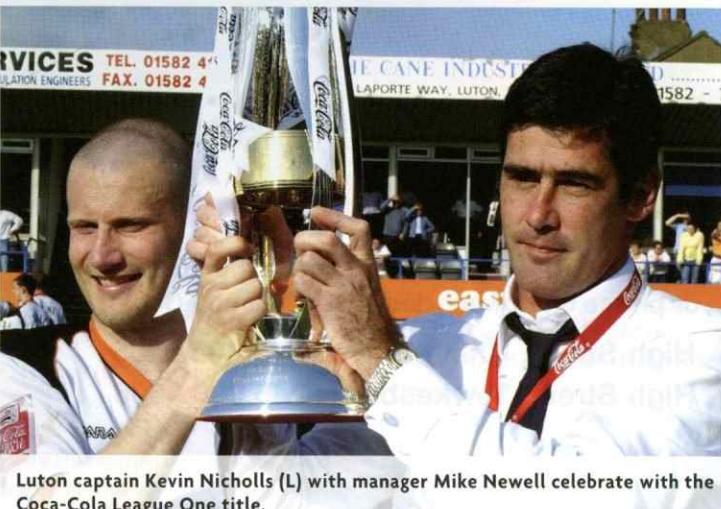
Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals again in 1993-94, leaving in June 1995. Now working in the media.

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



Luton captain Kevin Nicholls (L) with manager Mike Newell celebrate with the Coca-Cola League One title.

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LEAGUE ONE ROUND-UP

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SWANS AREN'T COMPLACENT

Swansea midfielder Darren Pratley believes that the high standards issued by manager Roberto Martinez will only help the team reach the success they crave.

Martinez ripped into his players at half time during their FA Cup clash with non-league Horsham because of their sloppiness throughout the first half which left them drawing 2-2. Swansea came out in the second half and won the game 6-2.

"The gaffer had a right go at us at the interval," said Pratley.

"I don't think many sides would get one of those when you go in 4-2 ahead. He thought we could play better and we had to agree with him. He sets high standards.

"If there's one lesson the boys have learnt from the game it's that you have to earn the right to play first."

FITZGERALD BECOMES LION

Gillingham youth team manager Scott Fitzgerald has joined the Millwall backroom staff this week as part of the new youth coaching staff at the New Den.

Fitzgerald joined Gillingham in July but could not resist the return to his former club and a higher level of youth

coaching.



He told the Kent Messenger: "I was desperate to coach a team up against the best and in Millwall's division they play Chelsea, Arsenal and West Ham.

"I've been at Gillingham for four months and I loved it and I did have second thoughts about leaving.

"The chairman has been fantastic to me and the new manager has been great. I really believe the first team are going places."

TOP TEN GOALSCORERS

Name	LGE	FAC	LC	OTHER	TOTAL
Beckford (Leeds)	13	0	0	0	13
Boyd (Leyton Orient)	8	2	1	0	11
Dickson (Gillingham)	7	0	0	4	11
Forster (Brighton)	7	2	0	2	11
Kirk (Northampton)	8	2	1	0	11
Scotland (Swansea)	8	1	1	1	11
Davies (Oldham)	7	1	1	1	10
Rodgers (Port Vale)	7	1	1	1	10
Barker (Hartlepool)	6	2	0	1	9
Brown (Hartlepool)	6	1	0	2	9

LACTICS GROUND PLANS ACCEPTED

Oldham have received a massive boost after their plans of Boundary Park's re-development were accepted by Oldham Borough Council.

One of the club's trio of American-based owners, Simon Corney, paid the tribute to the Latics fans who campaigned vigorously for the scheme to be approved.

Corney said: "They've given us a wonderful show of support. The way they have come together has made it feel like we are one big family and now we want to go places."

We couldn't be happier; this is like getting 12 points in the league all in one go!

"We're very pleased. This was the right decision, and I hope we can do the town proud and create something special.

"This is the culmination of four years' hard work by everyone. People within the Council have helped us tremendously, as have individuals inside and outside the club.

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SHARE PURCHASE

The trust have also recently announced a further share purchase of £5000 in Cheltenham Town FC this now takes the trust share holding to 8215 shares and a total of £16,430 invested in the past two and a half years. This figure is only achievable thanks to the support of the Cheltenham Town FC fans through trust memberships, buying raffle tickets or supporting one of our regular events held throughout the year.

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"I never set myself targets as a striker; I just take the chance when it comes. I'm here for two months so I could be scoring more than five to seven goals, it doesn't matter what teams come here if you take the chances that drop to you."

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GUYMADIO



Age: 23

Birthplace: Cameroon

Squad Number: 24

Position: Striker

Previous Clubs: Bristol City, Stafford Rangers, Forest Green, Crawley Town.



An Interview With One Of Cheltenham Town's Latest Signings

Guy Madio was brought to Whaddon Road to help Cheltenham Town survive a tough season and he is relishing his chance to tackle the Football League. James Brown joined Guy at Seasons training ground to catch up with Cameroonian striker.

How did you get into football as a youngster?

To be fair I was always playing football back home in Cameroon for my team PMUC F.C. I always wanted to play

football and I always focussed on professional football. I always admired Samuel Eto'o and I started to like him when he was with Mallorca. His performances for club and my country Cameroon and the goals he scored made him such a good player in my eyes.

You recently spent time training with the Cameroon national squad, how was it to have that chance and play alongside Samuel Eto'o?

It was like a dream for me, it's almost

like your religion. Then you're playing alongside him, it was like a dream and I can't believe it. I remember the last time I saw him was about six years ago and he just gripped me and I shook his hand. I thought to myself this is the professional footballer that I like the most and it was great. I definitely try and use his style in my own game because I have some of the attributes he has. I am strong and I can hit it myself and he has all those skills. He has pace and power, he is so quick and he is just a difficult player who can score goals, he has everything.

When you signed for Crawley Town, were you settled or were you always



dreaming about a chance in the Football League?

To be fair, in my life I have always thought you should try your hardest with what you have got. I don't think about something else because I've always learnt that when you play football, you shouldn't think about anything else but your own game. When I signed for Crawley, of course I was thinking to move to a higher level but first I have to make sure I have finished my business in Crawley before I have a chance to move up the leagues. I was never just going to sign for Crawley and then think about moving straight away, I needed to prove myself there first. If you work hard and score the goals then the move will be easy.

When Cheltenham came knocking, what were your first thoughts?

Well when Cheltenham first came knocking the manager didn't tell me it was Cheltenham! He just said that it was a league club that wanted me on loan. This was before I went to the training camp with the national squad in Germany and I thought that this would be a great move for me. My confidence was high and I hoped that we could complete the move before I went to the training camp but it never happened. But I came back to Crawley and of course it happened. It's taken too long for me to get back into the Football League, when I was at Bristol City I was not ready for professional football in England. I thought I was ready but I know for sure now that I'm ready to tackle the league and I can do that here.



You're obviously looking to prove yourself here and perhaps make the signing permanent?

Definitely, I've come here for business and I will make sure I do everything right. It's tough because the gaffer and the staff are looking for something more from the team and the lads that are here already have been brilliant, but I am determined.

Is your goal scoring record in the Conference something you are going to try and mirror here in the Football League?

To be fair, if you score goals in the conference, I don't know why you can't score goals in the league because the conference, in a way, is tougher than the league. Everything is harsher there and harder, in the league there is more space to play in and you have more time to think. Everything in the conference is tight and more of a fight than it is in the league. If I have the chance then I will score the goals, why not?

What are your personal targets and goals for this season?

I never set myself targets as a striker; I just take the chance when it comes. I'm here for two months so I could be scoring more than five to seven goals, it doesn't matter what teams come here if you take the chances that drop to you. I never set myself targets...just take your chances when they come.

What were your first thoughts about Cheltenham when you first came to the club?

When I was with Bristol City, I played a few games against Cheltenham Town, in the reserves that is. To be fair my first thought was that I'm back in the league and now I have to go out and prove that I can play at this level. After two or three seasons I left City and people have just told me that I need to go and show that I can play in this league, maybe I wasn't ready at first but I am determined to prove I am now. We are near the bottom but I believe what will be, will be and that whatever

team comes here you should go out and play your best, whether it is for five, ten minutes or if you start the game. Cheltenham is the important team at the moment; we need the points and to make sure we move away from the bottom of this division.

It's Luton Town on Friday night, a team just relegated for the Championship. Are you determined to go out at Whaddon Road, score some goals and prove to people that you can perform at this level?

Yes of course, as I say from the beginning I'm looking forward to every single game here and I will make sure I do my best and give my best for the team as well. There's not much point if I'm out there and I don't give my best. I will do my best and prove to the fans that I can play in this league. I don't know much about Luton Town but at the end of the day I don't like to talk about the opposite team because I'm not bothered. Whatever team we play I'll take it in my stride and play my own game. For example, if the guys from Chelsea or Manchester came here to play us, I'm not bothered because I'll just go out and play my game. Football is on the pitch and it doesn't matter who you play, you have to go out and play your best and prove it on the pitch.



For Cheltenham Town, the Leeds game was historic and when you came on from the bench, you made the difference. Did you get involved with the excitement of that match?

Well, I never sit on the bench. Everywhere I've played I have played in the first team. If I am on the bench I'm really watching the game but I am watching what is happening around my position a lot as well so I can work out what is needed.

When I was watching that game I thought we needed to pile on some pressure up there because there wasn't enough. When I came on, I didn't even play! But what I was doing was making runs and putting pressure on their defence, which is what we needed. At the end of the day, we got the benefit by stopping them from playing like they were and putting pressure on them. We finally got the goal by using pressure, I went to the keeper and he just came out to the 18 yard line and hit it, and obviously Gilly got the goal. But like I said when I was on the bench, I'm not just watching the game but I am watching my part of the game as well. Getting the three points was the most important thing and we did that. Whatever the manager gives to me, I will deal with and play to my best because he is the only one who knows what he is looking for and his decision making is for the best of the team.



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FAN'S VIEW

By Hannah Lugsden

SLIP UP ONCE AND YOU'RE OUT!



I cannot think of a more deserving award winner than Sir Bobby Robson and I was delighted to see him pick up a lifetime achievement trophy at the Sports personality of the year ceremony.

Managers like Robson come along about as often as punctual buses and for him to have such respect from young and old, friend or foe, after managing several teams is a success which is understated.

So many managers have time bombs attached to them that it makes it almost impossible to stay at one particular club for a substantial period. You only have to look at the likes of Martin Jol and Stuart Pearce leaving Tottenham and Manchester City to understand what a crazy football world it is which we live in.

Not even the once thought

untouchable Jose Mourinho could hold down the Chelsea hot-seat, so what hope have the smaller fish got?

Managers' losing their jobs has become part and parcel of today's football league life. No longer are there headlines protesting the shock at top flight bosses being given the boot. Nowadays, chances are that one of the tabloids gave us the tip off months before the actual manager knew he was going himself.

I, as a football fan, have had to get used to this and as the saying goes...look



after number one. But I must admit there was one Premier League redundancy which really irritated me and that was completely unjust.

Chris Coleman's dismissal from Fulham was a terrible decision. A cynic would argue that he didn't push the London club much further forward than his predecessor, but he stabilised a wobbling squad and won respect of not only his fellow league bosses but that of the team which he led.

Fulham, like Middlesbrough and Wigan, are clubs that find themselves in a dogfight for survival most seasons. But with Coleman at the helm, I always fancied them to grind out a result to upset the Premiership applecart. However,

under Lawrie Sanchez (whom I feel left his Northern Ireland post with a bit of snobbery) I fear that Fulham have jumped out of the frying pan and into the fire.

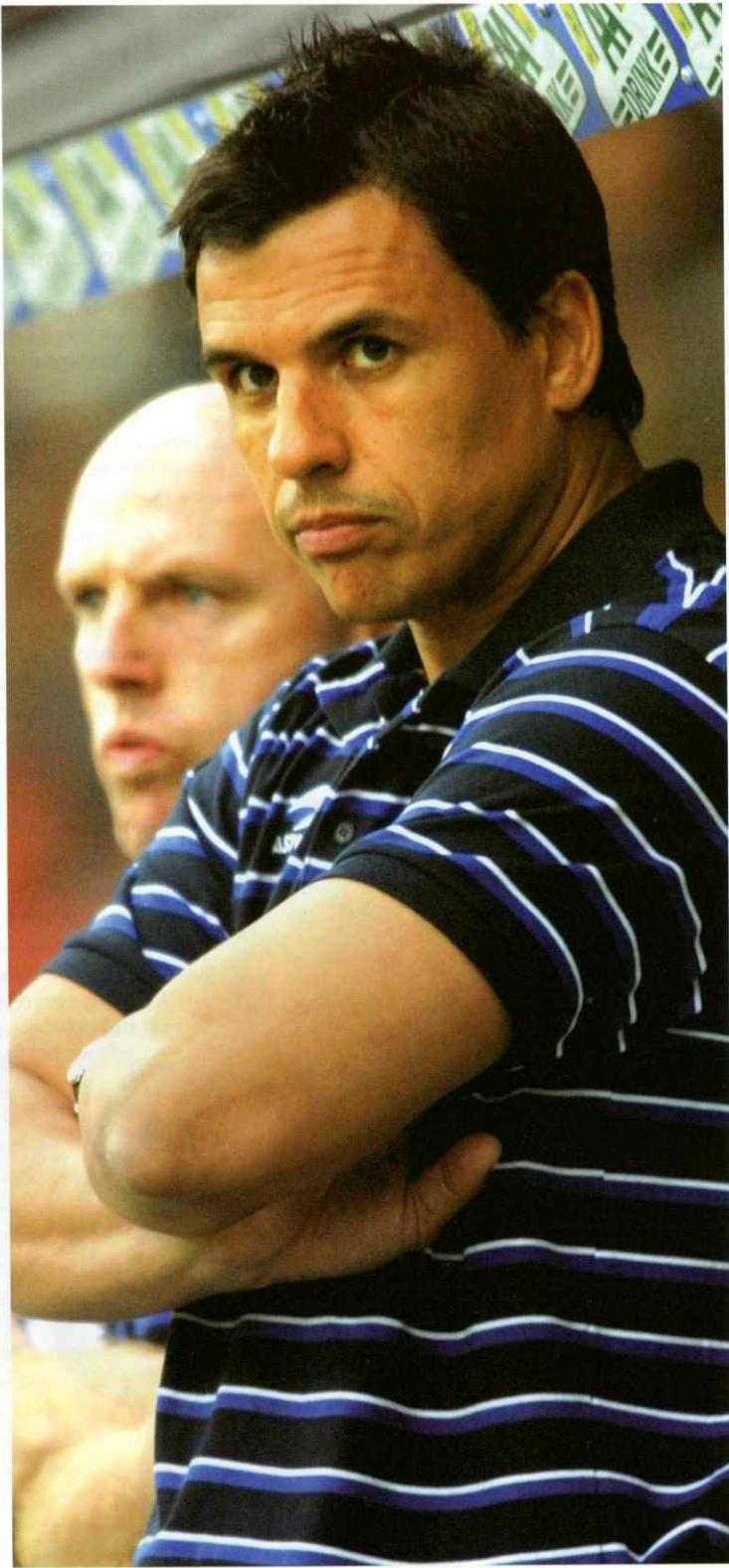
Players get second and third chances, when Michael Owen misses chance after chance he doesn't get dropped. When Lee Bowyer gets himself sent off, he gets back into the starting line-up upon completion of his ban. Managers don't seem to get those nine lives, maybe because they don't have anyone else to bail them out whereas footballers can rely on their team-mates to dig them out of trouble.

At the first sign of trouble, the majority of football clubs' boards act hastily to ship out the can carrier. Not all clubs get it wrong. Portsmouth reinstating Harry Redknapp after Alain Perrin's P45 was written was one of the best moves in the clubs history. You could argue that Perrin's appointment was a clanger in the first place, but rarely can ex-managers go back to a club and be successful, bravo Harry, a wise old bird.

When Chelsea and Arsenal were going through their unbeatable phase, Manchester United were pushed into the shadows. Sir Alex Ferguson was struggling to win any silverware, an expectation of die-hard red devil fans. His signings; Kleberson and Eric Djemba-Djemba were churning out unsatisfactory performances and the team looked to be falling apart. Sir Alex was given time (a rarity) to turn things around and now United are back up there with the best.

Very few managers in that position would have been given the chance to come up trumps and Ferguson's reputation probably secured him the support he needed. It's a shame that clubs react to the blips and let them overpower the long term achievements. I can't see the situation changing, not while money is such a predominant factor.

Paul Jewell won't be able to do any more than Billy Davies could have done to rescue Derby from the drop, yet Davies got County promoted out of nothing. And Big Sam Allardyce won't rocket Newcastle into Europe, but never mind, they can always go and get a new manager, maybe Steve McClaren!!



SPOTLIGHT ON...

BBC Radio Gloucestershire's Ian Randall Puts The Spotlight Upon Cheltenham's Michael D'Agostino

WHAT'S THE MOTTO YOU LIVE BY?

I'm really big on being respectful of others, and believing others should be respectful of you.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST PRIZED POSSESSION?

I've got a couple of necklaces that I wear that mean a lot to me. One's a pendant from my grandmother and grandfather, and the other is the crest of a saint that is meant to protect me.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE BREAKFAST CEREAL?

I like Granola, dried fruits and yoghurt.

WHICH COMPANY WOULD BE YOUR IDEAL SPONSOR?

I'd have to say Ferrari if they would give me a nice car!



ARE YOU A SPENDER OR A SAVER?

I'm a spender. Mostly it's clothes and electronic stuff.

WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE PERSON ON TV?

Either Tony Soprano or

Vincent Chase from Entourage.

WHAT MADE YOU LAST LOSE YOUR TEMPER?

I don't remember. I haven't lost my temper in a while. Maybe when I gave a bad ball away in a game I did but that's about it.

TELL US SOMETHING YOUR TEAM MATES DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

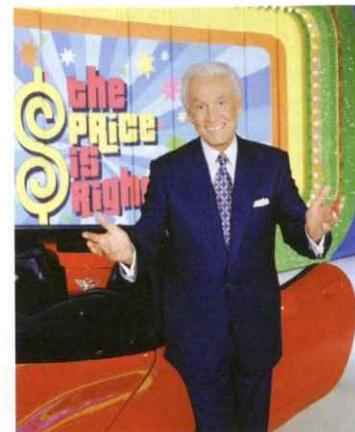
They may not know I speak a second language (Italian).

WHICH TV WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CONTESTANT ON, AND WHY?

Probably The Price is Right, or Jeopardy, which is a quiz show with smart questions. Thinking about it, I probably wouldn't do too well on that!

IF YOU WENT TO UNIVERSITY, WHICH DEGREE WOULD YOU DO?

I started Business Management but I'm nowhere near finished. I started University in the USA mainly for the football, which is pretty good. I could always go back if I wanted to, although I hope I don't need to.

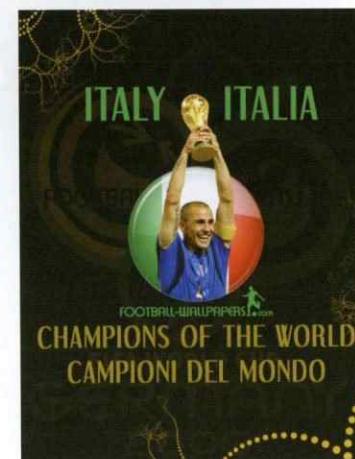


IF THERE IS A PRANK BEING PLAYED, WHO IS USUALLY THE CULPIT?

There's a few, but Scott Brown is probably the main one. .

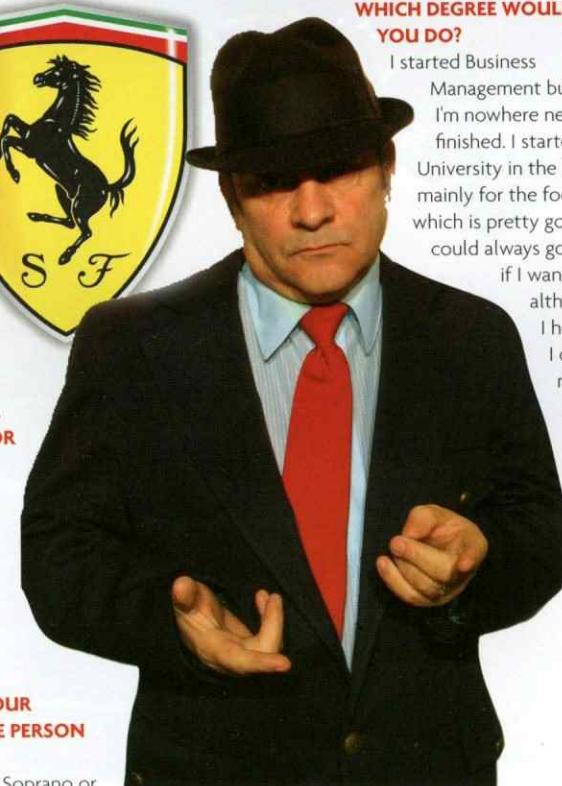
WHICH OTHER SPORTING EVENT WOULD YOU LIKE A TICKET FOR?

In history, it would be the World Cup final between Italy and France. In the future, maybe a Champions League final between Liverpool and AC Milan



WHAT PART OF TRAINING DO YOU ENJOY MOST?

I would say the small sided games, five or seven a side.



BBC RADIO GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The BBC's Ian Randall Reports

I would never make a director at a football club. Risk is not a word that sits easily with me, as my glass is usually half full rather than half empty.

Last week during our commentary at Leyton Orient, we had several texts asking the Board to come up with the money to buy Forest Green striker Stuart Fleetwood after he scored his 25th goal of the season at Burton. Many of you will know Rovers have placed a £250,000 fee on Fleetwood's head, and that would mean Cheltenham spending more than four times their previous record fee on one player. Whether the club has the money is another question, but to me how the club is being run financially is ethically correct.

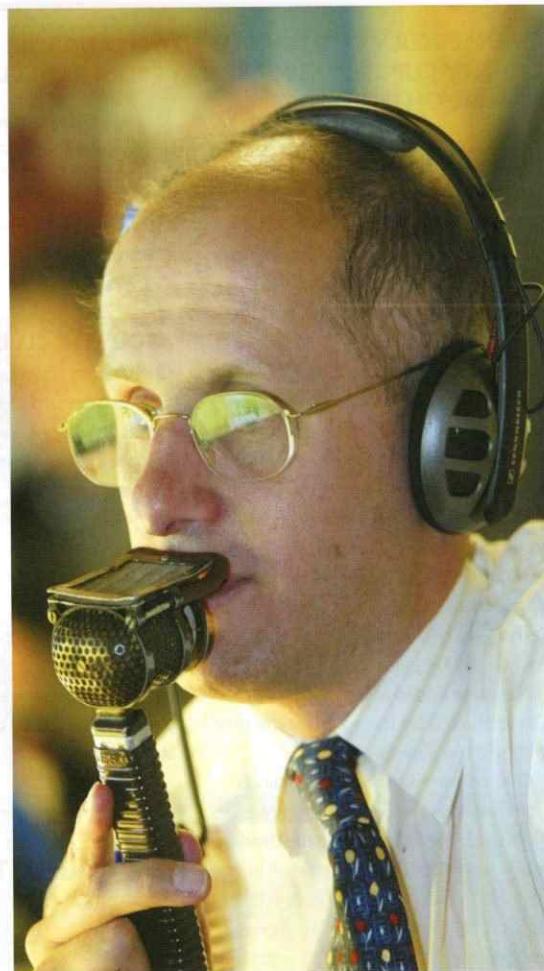
Luton Town come here tonight in administration. I am not party to how they got there, but Mike Newell's much publicised criticism of the Board selling a raft of players last season to stay afloat suggests the financial management of the club has clearly had its flaws. They have taken a ten point hit for their stance, but ask yourself this - is that all that clubs should suffer? In my opinion some clubs are far too free and easy in their spending (Leeds would be the most obvious example) and have far too glib an attitude to administration, effectively dismissing millions of pounds worth of debt at a stroke. The League should be decided on the ability of a club to run its affairs properly and those that don't should be punished

more severely. To me, the minimum punishment should be automatic relegation for the following season.

The Robins have debt, but not a lot compared to others. Fans have been critical about investment, but if Bournemouth should go into administration for a second time (an option not available to financially troubled Swindon, who have been down that road twice and are not allowed by the League to do it a third time) and Cheltenham finish above the penalised clubs, how would you feel then? It would be a moral victory in more ways than one.

Luton's current situation is so bad that their players being paid hung on the result of their FA Cup replay with Nottingham Forest, showing how the desire for success can outstrip the ability to pay for it. My colleague Peter Matthews went to the Ricoh Arena recently, the home of Coventry City. Lovely venue, but the Sky Blues are £38 million in debt and they don't even own it. Administration looms unless a wealthy benefactor has come forward by the time you read this. Talks are on-going but the world is hardly full of men (or women) willing to take on that sort of liability.

With the Christmas programme approaching - the Robins face four games in twelve days - I'm sure Keith



Downing is already thinking ahead to the January transfer window. What can he do, and how much flexibility does he have? According to my notes there are eleven players out of contract in the summer, and the less experienced ones (7 have fewer than 20 first team games to their credit) do not

have long to build their case. In terms of a short term fix - I would hope Keith makes a call to Simon Davey at Barnsley if Kayode Odejayi continues to be on the fringe of things. I see he has played less than 45 minutes in the last eight matches. He is a confidence player and a month here may benefit everyone.

The Hatters are one of only four teams the Robins are yet to play this season. The outcome, as much as anything, may depend on the morale of the Luton players.

LADIES TEAM NOTES

'Keep Up To Date With The Cheltenham Town Ladies'

CIRENCESTER V CHELTENHAM TOWN LADIES COUNTY CUP 25/11/2007 REPLAY FROM CANCELLED FIXTURE ON 18/11/2007

Cheltenham started off well on a big pitch at Cirencester stringing some nice passes together and had quite a few chances but only one clear cut chance when Donaldson put Martin clean through but her shot was soft and the keeper claimed the ball.

Just after half time Roberts was fouled and given the free kick however Roberts retaliated and kicked out at her opponent. Roberts was sent off following her rash reaction. Playing with only one up front Cheltenham seemed to up the effort and improved as a unit. The Cirencester keeper made a couple of good saves from player of the match Parker who had a goal disallowed for a foul on the keeper.

The game ended at 0-0 and Cheltenham were forced into extra time with just ten players.

Cheltenham were physically drained from their player deficit but continued to work hard. The Robins broke the deadlock finally when Donaldson won a ball in midfield to set up a Cheltenham attack. Parker finished the move off by showing great composure with the Cirencester keeper charging out and finishing neatly to give Cheltenham the lead.

Before the break in extra time a hard tackle by Fields meant she had to limp off with a knee injury. The rest of the team battled hard and despite continuous pressure from the Cirencester Town team Lunn made some good saves and the defence were equal to any attack they faced.

A hard fought good win for Cheltenham who now await the quarter finals draw and focus their attention on Penzance next week in the league.

CTFC Ladies (442): Lex Lunn; Emily Roberts, Michelle Fields, Penny Kershaw, Faye Goodwin; Jo Britt, Rhona Donaldson, Lucy Martin, Natalie Berry, Cherie Rutherford, Grace Parker.

ABOUT THE CLUB:

Cheltenham Town Ladies FC is an FA Charter Standard club. We play our games at Seasons, Swindon Village and compete in the Women's South West Premier Division.

Jane Legget runs the club, an Ex-Scottish International who is heavily involved with the development of women's football in Gloucestershire.

We are a very competitive but also very social club and always welcome new players. If you're interested in joining us then please contact us via our website or pop along to training.

CTFC LADIES FIXTURE LIST 2007/08

02/09/2007	H	Uni of Bristol
09/09/2007	A	Uni of Exeter
16/09/2007	A	Swindon Spittires
30/09/2007	A	Penzance
07/10/2007	H	Swindon Spittires
14/10/2007	A	Glos City
21/10/2007	H	Larkhall Athletic
04/11/2007	A	Poole Town
11/11/2007	H	Uni of Exeter
18/11/2007	H	Cullompton Rangers
25/11/2007	A	Uni of Bristol
02/12/2007	H	Penzance
09/12/2007	A	TBA
16/12/2007	H	Glos City
06/01/2008	A	Larkhall Athletic
20/01/2008	H	Poole Town

Full details of training and everything you need to know about CTLFC can be found at:

www.cheltenhamtownladies-fc.moonfruit.co.uk

Alternatively Contact: Rhona Donaldson on: (07843) 559038



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EARN YOUR STRIPES

'Community Programme Manager Simon Perruzza talks about the Community Programme'

GREAT NEWS FOR CHRISTMAS – THE ROBINS ARE HOLDING ANOTHER FAMILY FUN DAY ON SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER WHEN WE PLAY HUDDERSFIELD TOWN.

An action packed, fun filled afternoon that will include all the usual treats, plus a few more Christmas surprises. We would love to see at the game! All you have to do is complete and detach the voucher from the leaflet on the opposite page and bring it to the ticket office at Whaddon road or post the voucher with full payment to the address shown. Family tickets must be purchased in advance of the day and will be available from Monday 19th November.

Prices are:
2 adults + 2 children (under 16)
- £28.00
1 adult + 1 child (under 16) - £15.00
any additional child £5 each

For further information contact Simon Perruzza or **Mike Cook** on 01242 573558 or visit our website at www.ctfc.com

CROSS BAR CHALLENGE

If you are 16 years of age or under you can take part, all you have to do is call Simon Perruzza, Community Programme Manager on 01242 573558 or write to me at the Football Club (details below) stating you name, address, date of birth, telephone number and why you would like to be selected to take part. The younger members may want to include a drawing of yourself taking part. Everyone who hits the cross bar wins a Cheltenham Town FC Community Programme Cross Bar Challenge T-shirt.

Good luck!!

Simon Perruzza
Community Programme Manager
Cheltenham Town Football Club
Whaddon Road
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL52 5NA

SOUTHSIDE CUBS UNDER 15'S
Southside Cubs Under 15's visited Whaddon Road for the Leeds home game and got behind the Robins in their famous victory from the Family Stand. The club is enjoying its third season in the Gloucester Youth League and are former winners of the Gloucester League Cup, Cheltenham Division Two and the Robins Sevens Trophy. They are always on the lookout for players to add to their squad. If you are interested please call Kevin on 07921 106967 or Tony on 07947 053311.





CTFC BUSINESS

It's the Robins best kept secret!



The Robins always welcome the support from the Public in Gloucestershire on Match days, however keeping the Robins going all year round means that non match day income is just as important.

Cheltenham Town FC boasts some of the finest conference facilities in the Cotswold's, with a range of executive suites available for midweek hire for all manner of business meetings, training sessions, seminars, corporate dining and conferences.

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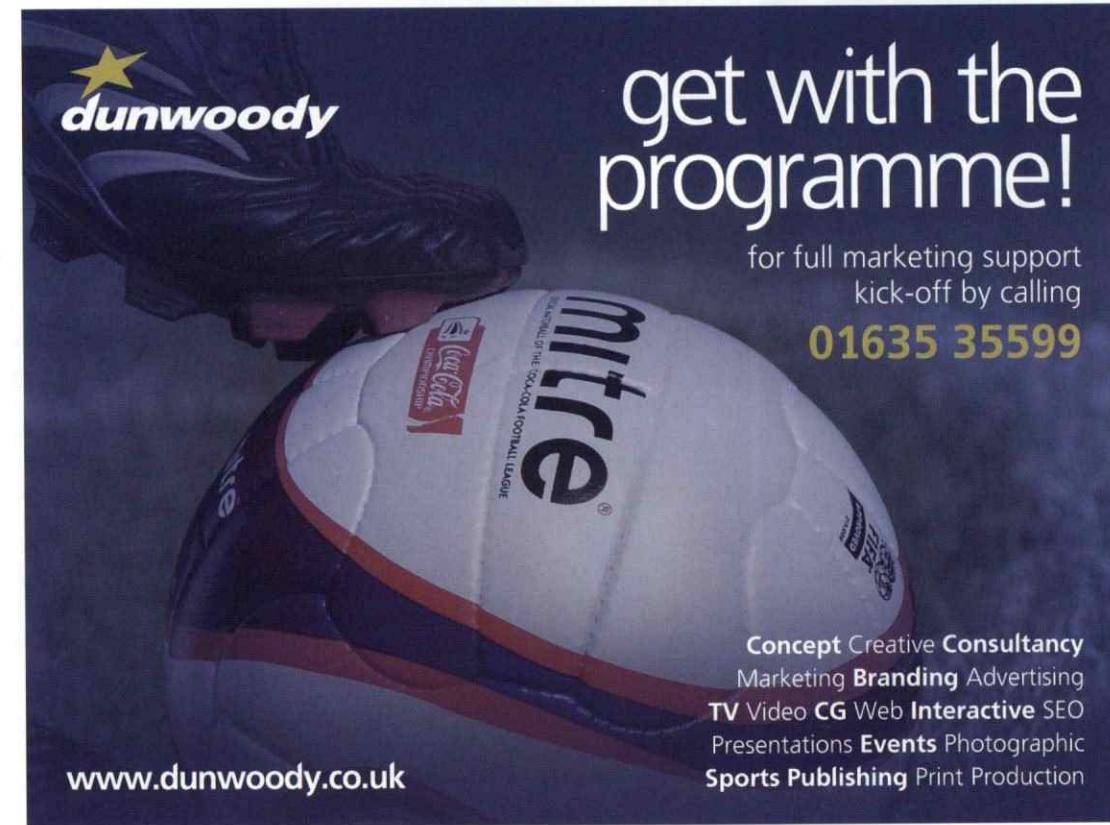
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Swindon Town	Sat 25th Aug	R.L.R. Burge	John Wilkins	K B Building Services
Swansea City	Fri 7th Sep	Mitsubishi Motors	A & A Skip Hire	
Tranmere Rovers	Sat 22 Sep	Aspey Lawrence	Finishing Matters	Belvoir Lettings
Oldham Athletic	Sat 6th Oct	Symonds, Conolly & Roberts	Jackson Chartered Loss Adjusters	Vaillant
Nottingham Forest	Sat 13th Oct	Windsor Wright	St James Carpets	HSBC
Crewe Alexandra	Sat 27th Oct	Roadstar Services	Cleeve Estate Agents	
Yeovil Town	Tue 6th Nov	Blue Sheep	Atticus	The Umbrella
Brighton FA Cup R1	Sat 10th Nov	Mitsubishi Motors	Messier Dowty	M7 Managed Services Ltd
Leeds United	Sun 25th Nov	Blue Sheep	In-2-Print	Martin Hudson
Luton Town	Fri 14th Dec	Tungum Ltd	Carlsberg	
Huddersfield Town	Sat 22nd Dec	Pat Jones	Pat Jones	
Port Vale	Weds 2nd Jan		'B' Grade Domestics	
AFC Bournemouth	Sat 12th Jan	The Spa Conservatory Company		Kellands
Carlisle United	Fri 25th Jan	John Ryde Commercial	Philip Pugh & Partners	
Millwall	Tues 29th January	CCM Ltd		The Hollow Bottom
Brighton & Hove Albion	Sat 9th February	Belvoir Lettings		
Hartlepool United	Sat 16th Feb	Burdens	Burdens	Burdens
Southend United	Fri 29th Feb	Ind Insurance Advisers (Chelt) Ltd		
Bristol Rovers	Sat 15th Mar	Mitsubishi Motors	Blue Sheep	Kellands
Leyton Orient	Mon 24th Mar	CTFC VPs	CTFC VPs	CTFC VPs
Northampton Town	Sat 29th Mar	SPI Ltd		
Walsall	Sat 12th Apr	Worcester Bosch	Steve Roberts	Jackson Chartered Loss Adjusters
Doncaster Rovers	Sat 3rd May			Finishing Matters

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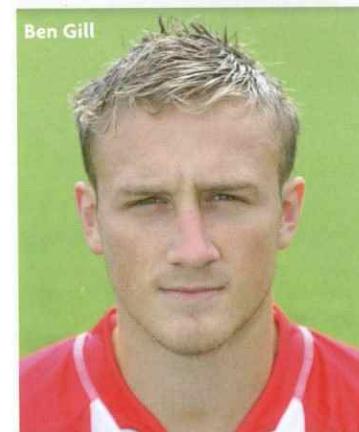
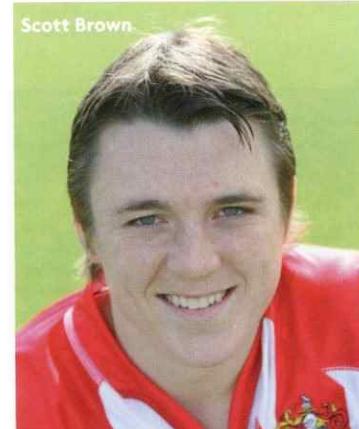
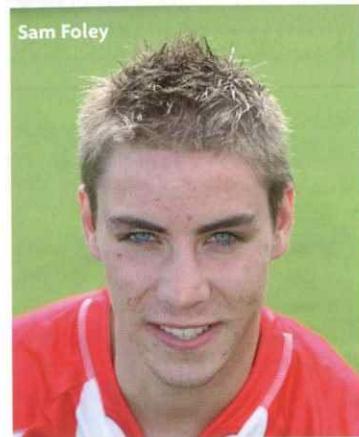
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RESERVE TEAM NOTES

A young Cheltenham Town Reserve side played a touring team from Australia at the training ground this afternoon and ran out 5-2 winners with youth team striker Dean Maynard scoring a first half hat-trick.



Scott Brown got through another full game, his third 90 minutes of reserve team football since recovering from a broken leg, and there were also appearances from Ben Gill, Sam Foley and Will Puddy from the professional ranks.

The remainder of the team comprised Scholars and trainees from the Under-18 set up, while the visiting side was put together from various Australian youth teams under the banner of Pro Soccer Australia.

Cheltenham scored twice in the opening three minutes with Maynard driving in a shot at the far post from a Marley Watkins cross after Sam Foley had set him up.

Maynard then headed the second after a cross from right-back Jack Taylor had been headed back across goal by Watkins.

Kado Acoa pulled one back for the visitors on 18 minutes but Cheltenham went on to create chances with regularity and Lee Millichip rounded the goalkeeper after good work from Ben Gill and Maynard in the 27th minute.

Matthew Walsh put Maynard clean through four minutes before half-time to claim his hat-trick and Cheltenham should have had a fifth at the start of the second half. Brown was brought down in the penalty area but Ben Gill's spot kick was saved.

The goals dried up until two minutes from the end when Matthew Jarman pulled another goal back for Pro Soccer Australia with a shot from a tight angle. Right from the kick-off, however, Theo Lewis supplied Andy Sheppard with a crossfield pass for him to complete the

scoring at 5-2.

CHELTENHAM TOWN RESERVES (4-4-2):

Puddy (Moore 74); Taylor (Durrant 65), Pattison, Biggs, Walsh; Brown, Gill (Parrott 74), Foley, Watkins; Maynard (Lewis 46), Millichip (Sheppard 46)

WALES AND WEST FIXTURE LIST 2007/08

20th Aug	Forest Green Rovers	(A)	2-1
5th Sep	Cinderford Town	(A)	2-1
11th Sep	AFC Bournemouth	(H)	1-1
19th Sep	Swansea City	(A)	4-1
25th Sep	Bristol Rovers	(H)	0-1
3rd Oct	Bristol City	(H)	0-3
17th Oct	Yeovil Town	(A)	0-5
7th Nov	Cardiff City	(A)	2-2
21st Nov	Exeter City	(H)	2-2
27th Nov	Swindon Town	(A)	2-2
18th Dec	Yeovil Town	(H)	7pm
8th Jan	Bristol City	(A)	7pm
15th Jan	Plymouth Argyle	(H)	7pm
30th Jan	Exeter City	(A)	7pm
4th Feb	Bristol Rovers	(A)	7pm
12th Feb	Swindon Town	(H)	7pm
19th Feb	Forest Green Rovers	(H)	7pm
26th Feb	AFC Bournemouth	(A)	2pm
18th Mar	Swansea City	(H)	7pm
22nd Apr	Plymouth Argyle	(A)	2pm

WALES AND WEST LEAGUE TABLE 2007/08

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Bristol City	8	5	1	2	9	16
Swindon Town	6	4	2	0	4	14
Yeovil Town	7	4	1	2	9	13
Exeter City	8	3	3	2	1	12
Cheltenham Town	8	2	3	3	-5	9
Bristol Rovers	8	2	2	4	-1	8
Forest Green Rovers	6	2	1	3	1	7
Plymouth Argyle	5	2	1	2	-1	7
Swansea City	7	2	1	4	-4	7
AFC Bournemouth	5	0	1	4	-12	1

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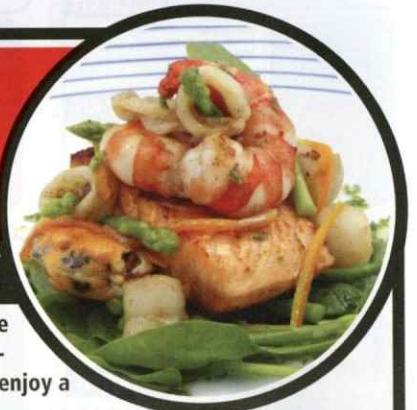
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CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

All the Latest from the CTFC Centre of Excellence

Abelated welcome to John Brough who has joined the department taking over from Bob Bloomer as Youth Coach. John worked with us last season with both the youth and reserve group and was the ideal candidate to take over from Bob. John's role will also extend down through the centre of excellence as he aims to nurture the home grown talent through to the youth group.

We have reached the half way point in our season for the schoolboy programme. We were disrupted the last weekend with poor weather conditions and the cancellation of a set of fixtures with Oxford United however we are looking forward to Sunday when we face Walsall for our final set of games this year.

It has been a good first half of the season for the centre of excellence. The Football League has been in to monitor our practice three times since September and the feedback has been excellent. Adie Shaw, our regional monitor, has observed the games programme at both youth team and schoolboys level and audited the administration and delivery of our scheme. We have been commended for operating a good scheme but one we want to continue building upon.

We have 110 registered players within the Centre of Excellence who are coached and monitored by 20 part time staff. Our coaching, medical staff and security staff deserve our thanks for all their efforts to date. It is a big commitment to work within our programme, but one which all staff do with professionalism and enjoyment. Their work ethic, dedication and enthusiasm towards the scheme has been excellent this year and we are seeing the benefits of this as we feel the programme has kicked on again this season.

Hartpury College play an important role for our schoolboy development. We house our training programme at Hartpury and utilise some of the best sporting facilities in Gloucestershire. As coaching staff, we have access to a state of the art 3rd generation rubber crumb for three nights a week which is a superb training surface. We have access to an

indoor area, a weights and conditioning gym along with hydrotherapy pools. These provisions allow us to deliver our technical programme in the best possible environment.

We move into the New Year with an eye on the progression of players within the system. The U16 group are striving for apprenticeships with John Brough's youth team. When decisions are made on the current group of youth players, players from the U16 group will begin to feature in John's group. There is then a knock on effect with players down the system who move up through the groups to play beyond their age bands.

Ken Oram

Firstly I'd like to thank Keith & Brian Forsbrook for giving me the opportunity to be involved full time with the club closest to my heart. My role as youth team coach is to develop the 16-18 year olds into possible first team players. A club like ours must produce from within and that's why I will be giving 100% towards achieving this.

It's not just the playing side that I will be trying to develop; it is the attitudes and culture as well. I am hoping that I can pass on the experiences that I have gained through my playing career.

A month in and I am enjoying every minute, I am getting to know all the players. The results haven't been great so I will be looking for a vast improvement. Youth team football is about producing individuals that can go on and play in the first team but I do think that youngsters today have lost that winning mentality which is required at first team level so this is something that I will be working on as

2007/08 SCHOLARS & TRAINEES



FIRST YEAR SCHOLARS

Joe Barrett (Midfield)
Marley Watkins (Midfield)
Lewis Fathers (Midfield)
Jack Durrant (Midfield)
Dean Maynard (Forward)
Ben Pattison (Defender)

SECOND YEAR SCHOLARS

Jamie Moore (Goalkeeper)
Matthew Walsh (Defender)
David Biggs (Defender)
Lee Millichip (Forward)
Darius Morgan (Forward)

TRAINEES

Josh Emery (Midfield)
Jack Taylor (Defender)
Jake Parrott (Midfield)
Andrew Shephard (Forward)

well as the technical and tactical side of the game.

It would be nice to see your support and we would welcome fans to watch us on a Saturday morning. Finally I would like to say good luck to Keith and Bob in their quest to climb up the league. They deserve success with all the hard work that they put in.

Thanks John

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WHADDNEY FILES

Hi everyone



What an awesome game the Leeds match was eh? Well done to the lads for such an ace performance, and getting one of the club's greatest results.

From the reactions in the crowd, I didn't realise so many Leeds fans lived in Cheltenham did you? Just goes to show that there's quality football to be seen right here, on people's doorstep. So, if some of you local Leeds fans have returned to get behind the Robins, then welcome back folks, and hope you keep coming - we've got good pies here too eh (and just wait till you see the dancers next week!).

A warm welcome to Hatters fans tonight and best wishes to their great mascot Happy Harry - I don't fancy being weighed down with a hat the size of yours Harry, and what happens when it gets blown off? Does it take out half the crowd, or worse - lift your outside head off !?

Don't forget our next home game, next Saturday on 22 December - it will be a family fun day and a great warm up for Christmas. Get here early, have a great time, and behave yourselves - no pushing in front of me the face painting, no pinching my balloons, and no stopping me getting hugs from those fantastic dancers!

Right, I'm about to finish my Christmas list... new CTFC warm up top (size XXXXL), toy Whaddney from the club shop (good for my ego!), organic worm pudding...

Ok, sing up for the lads tonight, and see you back here for the Fun Day!.

Coooooome on you Robins...!!!!!!
Whadders

MASCOT DUTY

Name: Joshua Mitchell
Age: 11 (Happy Birthday for the Tuesday just gone Joshua!)

School: Bure Park Primary

CTFC Fan for: 5 Years



Favourite CTFC Player: Gavin Caines
Favourite Premiership Club: Man Utd
Favourite Premiership Player: Cristiano Ronaldo

AWAY MASCOT DUTY

Name: Jaeren Coathup
Age: 13
Favourite Team: Luton Town!





FOOTY BANTER

More irreverent trivia from the world of football. Compiled by BARRIE WOOD



BAD NEWS FOR THE MISSUS

Legendary manager BILL SHANKLY was right when he said "Football isn't a matter of life and death – it's more important than that."

A staggering 80% of fans polled by Virgin Media spent up to £2,500 following their team, while the same proportion said they would even chance splitting up with a loved one rather than miss their match-day outings. Some 20% would sooner spend their cash on football than save to get a foot on the property ladder.



SUPPORTING THE ROBINS KEEPS YOU FIT

Forget about lashing out on exorbitant fees for gym membership – watching the Robins on a regular basis will keep you fit.

Research from 118footie.com has shown that a fan on average burns between 1,000 and 1,200 calories per match. This is the equivalent of 40 minutes of running, 180 minutes of sex or, in real terms, eight cans of beer. A high-scoring game increases calories

FRENCHMAN DISLIKED 'OOP NORTH'

2000 World Cup and Euro winner VINCENT CANDELA has finally revealed what life was really like for a Frenchman in England's north. "I got out of BOLTON quick. The weather and English football were not for me. The forwards used to tackle me, a defender. I did not understand."

The French international made 12 appearances for BOLTON on a 5-month loan from ROMA in 2005 before escaping back to Italy with UDINESE, where forwards don't tackle anyone, let alone defenders. He finally hung up his unscathed boots in September.



burned as celebrating a goal or reacting frustratingly to another near-miss adds to the sweat release.

And its good news for you fans in the C & G Stand – watching your team from the terraces burns on average more calories per game.



RED CARD FOR SPIDERMAN

After scoring for Bolivian team THE STRONGEST against BOLIVAR striker PABLO SALINAS was sent off for a Spiderman goal celebration. THE STRONGEST's 2 – 0 win against their bitter La Paz rivals was their first in the last 10 meetings between the clubs. SALINAS netted the decisive second goal a quarter of an hour from the end, prompting him to pull a Spiderman mask from his shorts and put it on his head. The official in charge was not

amused and SALINAS was given his marching orders.



CROATIANS WANT OUR CROONER

CROATIA whilst not impressed with STEVE McClaren's woeful English team and the farmyard Wembley pitch, loved the singer of their national anthem. Step forward TONY HENRY the Herefordshire opera singer who belted out both national anthems before the match. He endeared himself to the CROATIA team, officials and supporters when he should have sung "Mila kuda si planina" which means "You know my dear, we love your mountains", but instead sang "Mia kura si planina" or "My dear my penis is a mountain."

A campaign has been launched in the Balkans country to invite TONY to perform in Pula, Western Croatia.



WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?

- A myth has been dispelled in the wake of the recent death of legendary tenor LUCIANO PAVAROTTI, who was reported as being a useful footballer in his youth and had played for his hometown team of MODENA. The club have now confirmed that PAVAROTTI never played for them.



- The No. 10 shirt worn by PELE in the 1970 World Cup Final fetched £66,500 at an auction at Christie's in London. It was part of a collection owned by MARIO ZACALLO, the BRAZIL manager.



THEY SAID IT...

"I knew the club were not in a very nice situation. I knew the group of players here were not a very nice group of players. And I knew it needed to be sorted out. That is why I came here, because I like trouble."

– LEEDS' not very nice manager DENNIS WISE.

"The English working class is turning its back on football. I rarely see a kickabout in the park. All I see are the

dazzling lights of bedroom windows from the glare of TVs and computers."

– PORTSMOUTH boss HARRY REDKNAPP explaining why modern teams are full of imported players.

"I do go to football sometimes but I don't know the offside rule or free kicks – or side-kicks – or whatever they're called."

– VICTORIA BECKHAM

BRAIN TEASER

1. Testing your geography – which English Premier League club is a) the furthest north, B) the furthest south, c) the furthest east and d) the furthest west?

2. Who scored the goal for Hereford United against Newcastle United in the 1972 F.A. Cup which got BBC commentator John Motson very excited?

3. Spot the odd one out – which of these countries has not won a European Cup: Belgium, Greece, Norway, Sweden?

4. Who was the last English manager to win the F.A. Cup?

5. Who did Luton Town dismiss as their boss in 2000 and which club is he with now?

6. Oak Road and Maple Road go past which League One club's ground?

7. Since 1945 who has been the longest serving manager at Luton Town?

Turn to page 61 for the answers

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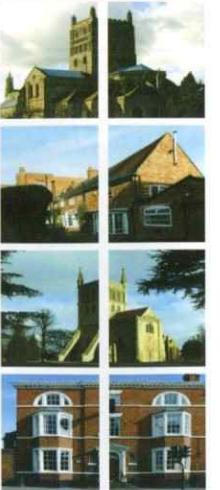
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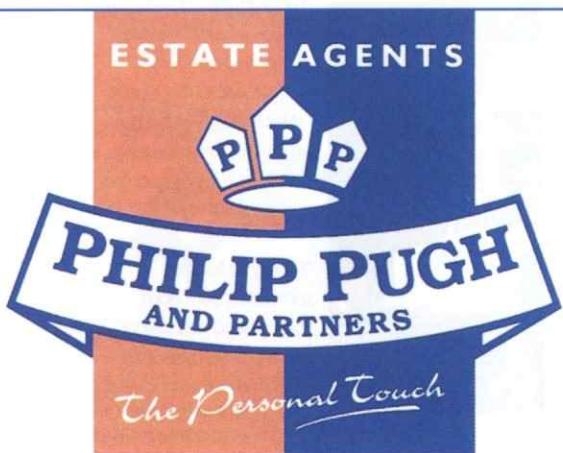
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JUNIOR ROBINS

Welcome to Whaddon Road to all our Junior Robins



JUNIOR ROBINS BIRTHDAYS

LUKE MCGOVERN
IAIN CLARKE-COAST
JORDAN LYMM
MATTHEW NEWBOLD
SAM DRAPER
LUKE DRISCOLL

Christmas Party - the closing date for this annual event has now gone, and we have over 100 of you coming along to share some festive fun with Keith, Bob and your favorite players. If you are lucky we might find Whaddney and Santa drop by too. The party takes place on Tues 18th December, and if your school term has already ended don't forget that there is a Reserves game at Whaddon Road at 2pm. Reserves games are free to Junior Robins - just show your membership card. We are busily making plans, and look forward to seeing you on the day.



TEN QUESTIONS IN TEN MINUTES

Junior Robins Lewis Buddle was invited to meet John Finnigan in the dugout while the players were warming up before our sell out fixture against Leeds United. He had ten minutes to interview John and posed some interesting and well thought out questions. Well done Lewis, and thanks John. If you are a Junior Robins and would like to ask ten questions to your favourite player then please contact Siobhan at the Club, or ask us at the Christmas party.



Happy Birthday to Marcus Boville who is 10 on 15th December, Marcus attends Woodmancote Primary School and his favorite player is John Finnigan



We have a Birthday package taking place here at the Luton game. Can you please do birthday announcement in the programme (on Junior Robins page) with the attached photo "Happy Birthday to Sam Jefferies who was 9 on 11th December, Sam attends Beech Green Primary School and his favorite CTFC player is Jerry Gill"

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to you, especially the big games.

4. What job do you think you would have done if you weren't a footballer?

I think it would still have been something sporting. At school I wasn't very academic but was always into sports.

5. What will you do when you eventually retire from playing football?

I'd like to stay in football, work on my coaching badges and that is something I'd like to do.

6. Who do you think will be the next England manager?

That's a good one! Martin O'Neal, but he seems to have ruled himself out, I'm not sure....Mourinho!

7. What advice do you give me and other Junior Robins if we want to follow in your footsteps?

Just enjoy playing while you're young, practice all you can, I was always kicking a ball around, but also remember to still get down to your schoolwork and homework. There is a lot of youngsters out there who want to be footballers and not everyone is lucky enough to make it.

8. What do you think about Keith Downing as manager?

I think he's a good choice. The results are just starting to turn around for us but it's early days, and he needs time to mould his own team. The important thing though is he's got the backing of all the lads so we've just got to keep at it.

9. Are you frustrated with your injury? Does it help though to be able to watch the team and maybe see where things are going wrong?

It is frustrating because it was an injury from nothing, it wasn't a tackle or anything like that and it's taking longer to heal than I thought it would. It's difficult to watch from the stands.

10. Finally what do you think of Cheltenham's hopes of staying up?

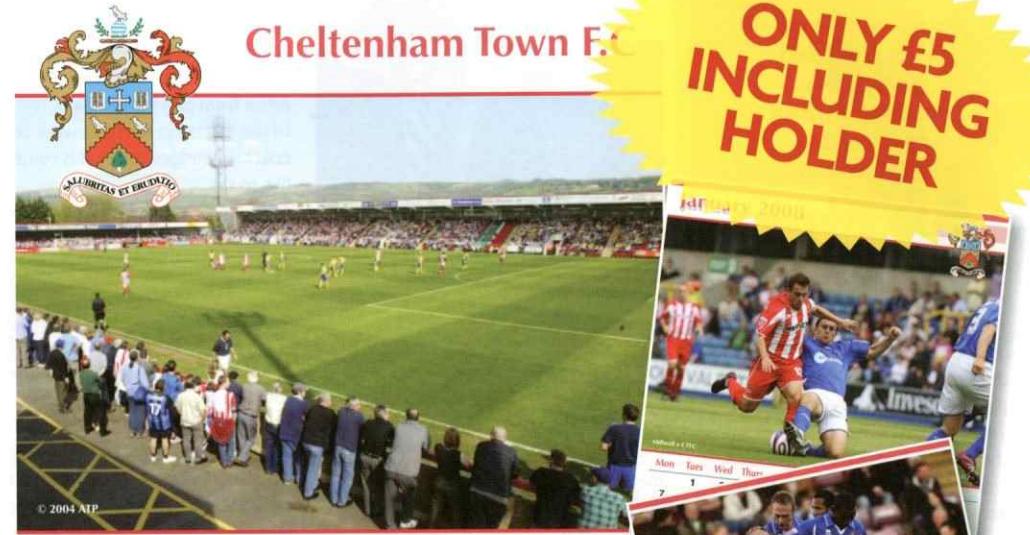
Positive! Not many give us a chance. They had us to go down last season and when it mattered we proved we could do it. So we can take a lot of inspiration from last season and I'm sure we can do it again. Oh look there's Grant McCann. Do you want to say hello!

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For more information contact Alan Brown at the Football Club on 01242 573558. Or check out The Robins website www.ctfc.com.

AWAY TRAVEL

Swansea City

The Liberty Stadium
Wednesday 26th December 2007
KO – 2pm
Coca-Cola League One



How To Get There...

Leave the M4 at Junction 45 and take the A4067 towards the City Centre (sign posted A4067 South). Stay on the A4067 for around two and half miles and you will reach the stadium on your left. Car parking at the stadium is for permit holders only and most of the immediate residential areas around the stadium now have 'residents only' parking schemes in place. Away supporters are being encouraged to use the Park & Ride Facility located at Swansea Vale, which is signposted off the A4067, shortly after leaving the M4. The cost of parking there including transport by bus to and from the stadium is £5 per car (away coaches and mini buses are parked at the stadium itself at a cost of £10 per vehicle). Away supporters have their own separate buses to the ground, with the buses waiting outside the away stand at the end of the game to take supporters back to the car park. Don't be tempted to park on the nearby Retail Park as you may well end up with a ticket for your trouble!

By Train:

Swansea High Street Station is on the main line route from London Paddington. It is about two miles from the stadium. Regular local bus services (every ten minutes: routes 4, 4a, 120, 122, 125, 132) and taxis (around £3.50) are available from the train station to the stadium. Otherwise if you have time on your hands and wish to embark on the 25-30 minute walk, then as you come out of the station turn right and go up the High Street. At the traffic lights turn right into Neath Road. Proceed straight along Neath Road and you will eventually reach the stadium on your right

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Ticket Prices

Terrace - £16
Seating - £10
Wheelchair Disabled - £7

Travel Club Coach Departure: 10.30am

Members:

Adults: £12

Concessions: £10

Non Members:

Adults: £14

Concessions: £12

There is a car park at the ground, otherwise, street parking, but beware that there is a strict local residents parking scheme in operation around the ground.

By Train:

The closest railway stations are Rock Ferry and Birkenhead Central, both served by Liverpool Lime St. Both stations are a fair walk from the ground. (15-20 minutes). Upon leaving Rock Ferry turn right and walk up the road for a fair distance until you reach a roundabout. At the roundabout, turn right again and walk straight up until you are close to the Sportsman pub. Then turn left down Everest Road and walk straight down to the bottom where you will be standing opposite the turnstiles for the Cowshed Stand.

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Adults: £20

Senior Citizens: £13

Under 16's: £5

Travel Club Coach Departure: 10.30am

Members:

Adults: £13

Concessions: £11

Non Members:

Adults: £15

Concessions: £13

HOME GAME Huddersfield Town

Coca-Cola League One
Whaddon Road
December 22nd 2007
KO – 3pm

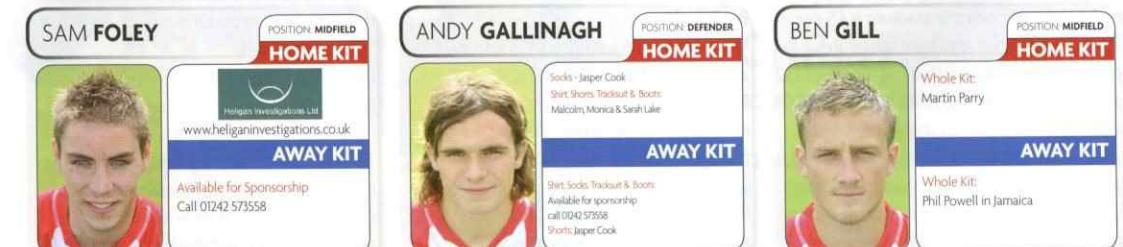
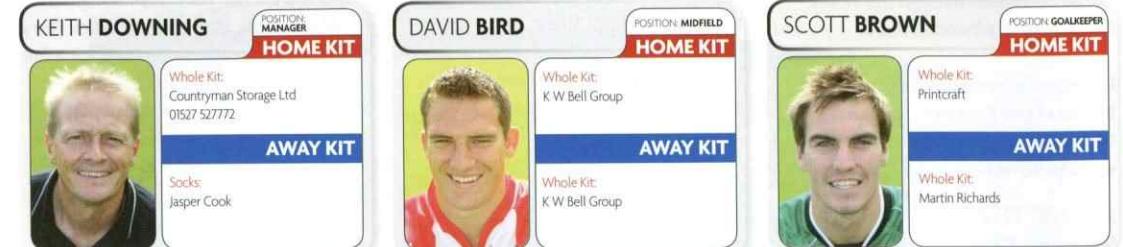


Tickets are already on sale for all home areas of the ground. Please contact the CTFC Ticket office or www.ctfc.com for all your ticket purchases and get behind The Robins this season!

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DATE	KO	OPPONENTS	RES	ATT	AWAY REFEREE	POS	Coca-Cola League 1		The FA Cup		Carling Cup		Johnstones' Trophy	
							GK	H	R	W	0.008	588	P.W. Melin	-
Sat Aug 11	15:00	H	Gillingham	1-0 W	4,008	588	P.W. Melin	-						
Tue Aug 14	19:45	A	Southend (CC)	1-4 L (AET)	3,084	110	K.D. Hill	-						
Sat Aug 18	15:00	A	Millwall	0-1 L	8,671	226	R. Lee	12						
Sat Aug 25	15:00	H	Swindon Town	1-1 D	5,442	1,790	K.P. Stroud	12						
Sat Sep 1	15:00	A	Carlisle	0-1 L	6,125	141	C. Webster	15						
Sat Sep 15	15:00	A	Huddersfield	2-3 W	8,756	179	R.L. Shoebridge	13						
Tue Sep 18	19:45	H	Swansea City	1-2 L	4,323	1,130	M. Thorpe	13						
Sat Sep 22	15:00	H	Tranmere	1-1 D	3,742	496	M. P. Russell	-						
Sat Sep 29	15:00	A	Doncaster	2-0 L	6,150	242	S.W. Mathieson	-						
Tue Oct 2	19:45	A	Port Vale	3-0 L	3,102	156	N.D. Swarbrick	-						
Sat Oct 6	15:00	H	Oldham	1-1 D	3,621	391	D. Drysdale	21						
Tue Oct 9	15:00	H	Swindon Town (JPT)	1-3 W	3,765	295	D. Deadman	-						
Sat Oct 13	13:00	H	Nottingham Forest	0-3 L	5,012	1,415	P. Miller	22						
Sat Oct 20	15:00	A	Northampton	2-1 L	5,012	310	G. K. Hegley	22						
Sat Oct 27	15:00	H	Crewe	2-2 D	3,605	265	K. McDermott	23						
Sat Nov 3	15:00	A	Walsall	2-0 L	4,810	480	M. Haywood	24						
Tue Nov 6	19:45	H	Yeovil Town	1-1 D	3,169	348	C. Boyeson	24						
Sat Nov 10	15:00	H	Brighton (FA CUP R1)	1-1 D	2,984	596	F. Graham	-						
Wed 14	19:45	A	Brighton (JPT QF)	1-4 L	2,490	66	K. A. Woolmer	-						
Sat Nov 17	15:00	A	Southend	2-2 D	7,158	112	S. Cook	24						
Tue Nov 20	19:45	A	Brighton (FA CUP R1 R)	2-1 L	3,771	72	M. P. Russell	-						
Sun Nov 25	14:00	H	Leeds United	1-0 W	7,043	1,814	L. W. Probert	21						
Sat Dec 8	15:00	A	Leyton Orient	2-0 L	4,156	199	G. Salisbury	22						
Fri Dec 14	19:45	H	Luton Town											
Sat Dec 22	15:00	H	Huddersfield											
Wed Dec 26	14:00	A	Swansea City											
Sat Dec 29	15:00	A	Tranmere											
Wed Jan 2	19:45	H	Port Vale											
Sat Jan 5	15:00	A	Brighton											
Sat Jan 12	15:00	H	Bournemouth											
Fri Jan 18	19:45	A	Hartlepool											
Fri Jan 25	19:45	H	Carlisle											
Tue Jan 29	19:45	H	Millwall											
Sat Feb 2	15:00	A	Gillingham											
Tue Feb 5	19:45	A	Bristol Rovers											
Sat Feb 9	15:00	H	Brighton											
Tue Feb 12	19:45	A	Swindon Town											
Sat Feb 16	15:00	H	Hartlepool											
Sat Feb 23	15:00	A	Bournemouth											
Fri Feb 29	19:45	H	Southend											
Sat Mar 8	15:00	A	Yeovil Town											
Tue Mar 11	19:45	A	Leeds United											
Sat Mar 15	15:00	H	Bristol Rovers											
Sat Mar 22	15:00	A	Luton Town											
Mon Mar 24	19:45	H	Leyton Orient											
Sat Mar 29	15:00	H	Northampton											
Sat Apr 5	15:00	A	Nottingham Forest											
Sat Apr 12	15:00	H	Walsall											
Sat Apr 19	15:00	A	Crewe											
Sat Apr 26	15:00	A	Oldham											
Sat May 3	15:00	H	Doncaster											

BRAIN TEASER ANSWERS

1. Carlisle United. 2. Leroy Rosenior – 10 minutes at Torquay. 3. Former Leeds manager David O'Leary who is not best pleased about comments made about him in a new book "United We Fall" by former LEEDS supremo Peter Ridsdale. 4. Howard Wilkinson in 1992 with LEEDS. 5. Tony Yeboah. 6. Bobby Robson in 1997 with Barcelona. 7. Frank.

THE KEY

fac - fa cup

cc - carling cup

home games appear in **bold**

number before name denotes player replaced

number in **blue** denotes number of goals scoredyellow card
red card

LEAGUE ONE TABLE



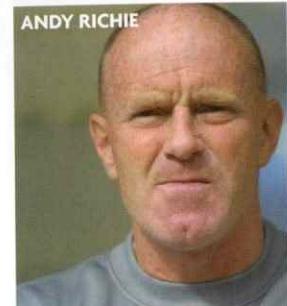
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SWANSEA CITY	18	10	4	4	30	16	14	34
LEYTON ORIENT	19	10	4	5	28	27	1	34
NOTTM FOREST	18	9	6	3	29	10	19	33
CARLISLE	18	9	6	3	30	15	15	33
LEEDS UNITED	19	15	2	2	38	13	25	32
SOUTHEND	19	10	2	7	31	25	6	32
DONCASTER	19	7	7	5	26	20	6	28
WALSALL	19	7	7	5	20	17	3	28
YEOVIL TOWN	19	8	4	7	20	21	-1	28
TRANMERE	19	7	6	6	22	18	4	27
BRIGHTON	19	7	6	6	23	20	3	27
HARTLEPOOL	19	7	3	9	26	26	0	24
CREWE	19	6	6	7	20	25	-5	24
SWINDON TOWN	18	6	5	7	25	22	3	23
HUDDERSFIELD	19	7	2	10	17	32	-15	23
GILLINGHAM	19	6	4	9	21	35	-14	22
OLDHAM	18	5	6	7	18	18	0	21
NORTHAMPTON	19	5	5	9	21	28	-7	20
BRISTOL ROVERS	17	4	7	6	17	22	-5	19
MILLWALL	18	5	4	9	17	26	-9	19
PORT VALE	19	4	3	12	16	29	-13	15
CHELTENHAM	18	3	6	9	15	28	-13	15
LUTON TOWN	18	6	5	7	20	21	-1	13
BOURNEMOUTH	19	3	4	12	18	34	-16	13

ROBINS ROLL CALL 2007/2008



	League	FA Cup	07/08 Total	CTFC Career
Name	aps gls	aps gls	aps gls	aps gls
SHANE HIGGS	18	5	23	234
SCOTT P BROWN				13
WILL PUDDY				
JEREMY GILL	16	4	20	175
ANDY GALLINAGH	6	3	8	11
LEE RIDLEY	8	2	10	10
MICHAEL WYLDE	1	1	1	13
SHANE DUFF	15	4	19	170/3
GAVIN CAINES	13/2	4	17/2	146/7
MICHAEL TOWNSEND	13/1	1	14/1	81/2
SCOTT BROWN				4
AARON LEDGISTER	1			1
SOSTHENE YAO	5	4	9	29
ANDY LINDEGAARD	15	1	16	16
JOHN FINNIGAN	10/1	1/1	11/2	233/25
DAVE BIRD	18/1	5	23/1	183/4
BEN GILL	2	4	6	6
ADAM CONNOLY	6	4	10	27/2
SAM FOLEY				
STEVEN GILLESPIE	9/3	3/2	12/5	67/22
PAUL CONNOR	17	5/1	22/1	36/2
CRAIG REID	5	4/1	9/1	15/1
ASHLEY VINCENT	17/2	3	20/2	76/7
DAMIAN SPENCER	16/3	3	19/3	232/36
J. MYRIE-WILLIAMS	12	1/1	13/1	13/1
TONMEE MANSHP				
DEAN SINCLAIR	9/1	2	11/1	11/1
ALAN WRIGHT	8/1	3	11/1	11/1
GUY MADJO	2		2	2
MICHAEL D'AGOSTINO	1		1	1

NEXT UP



Coca Cola LEAGUE 1

**SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER**
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (H) (CCL1)
WHADDON ROAD

Huddersfield are currently on a bad run of form, conceding eight goals in just two league matches. Despite this they are a tough side with the ability to make those pay that push to far up the field. The last time Huddersfield visited Whaddon Road, they were defeated 2-1. However they defeated Cheltenham 2-0 in the return visit.

Huddersfield are currently in 15th position in League One.

PREVIOUS THREE RESULTS:

FA Cup
Huddersfield 3-0 Grimsby
1/12/07 (W)

Coca Cola League One
Southend 4-1 Huddersfield
5/12/07 (L)

Coca Cola League One
Leeds 4-0 Huddersfield
8/12/07 (L)

WEDNESDAY 26TH DECEMBER
SWANSEA CITY (A) (CCL1)
LIBERTY STADIUM

Top of the table and confident that they can achieve promotion to the second tier of English football at the end of the season. Roberto Martinez has done wonders at Swansea City but will be desperate to for these three points to keep ahead of the game.

The last time the two sides met was earlier this season when Swansea defeated a plucky Cheltenham side 2-1. The last time they met at the Liberty Stadium was the first game of the 06/07 season, a game in which the Robins won 2-1.

Swansea are currently in 1st position in League One.

PREVIOUS THREE RESULTS:

FA Cup
Horsham 1-1 Swansea
30/11/07 (D)

Coca Cola League One
Swansea 3-0 Northampton
4/12/07 (W)

FA Cup
Swansea 6-2 Horsham
10/12/07 (W)

SATURDAY 29TH DECEMBER**TRANMERE (A) (CCL1)****PRENTON PARK**

Another team that is starting to realise their potential as they eye up the playoff positions. Rovers have been playing some good football of late despite a slip up against Hartlepool. The last time these two teams met the game finished 1-1 towards the start of this season. The game at Prenton Park last season also finished in a draw, this time 2-2. Cheltenham will be looking to continue their good run of form against Rovers.

Tranmere are currently in 10th position in League One.

PREVIOUS THREE RESULTS:

FA Cup
Bradford 0-3 Tranmere
1/12/07 (W)

Coca Cola League One
Hartlepool 3-1 Tranmere
4/12/07 (L)

Coca Cola League One
Tranmere 3-1 Bournemouth
08/12/07 (W)

WEDNESDAY 2ND JANUARY**PORT VALE (H) (CCL1)****WHADDON ROAD**

Fellow relegation threatened Vale might be lacking some confidence but they hold a distinct mental advantage over the Robins. The last time these two met there was a disputed goal, a sending off for Lindegaard and the departure of the much admired John Ward.

Cheltenham will be keen to put that evening and the 3-0 defeat behind them and take revenge against Port Vale.

Vale are currently in 21st position in League One.

PREVIOUS THREE RESULTS:

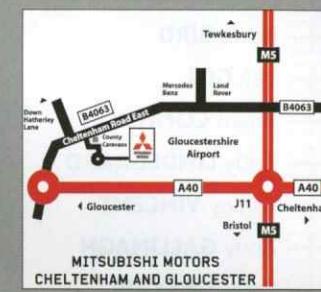
Coca Cola League One
Leeds 3-0 Port Vale
4/12/07 (L)

Coca Cola League One
Gillingham 1-2 Port Vale
8/12/07 (L)

FA Cup Chasetown 1-0 Port Vale
11/12/07

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5		Gavin CAINES
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7		Steven GILLESPIE
8		John FINNIGAN
9		Paul CONNOR
10		Damian SPENCER
11		Scott BROWN
12		Scott P. BROWN (GK)
14		David BIRD
15		Ben GILL
16		Adam CONNOLY
17		Andy LINDEGAARD
18		Ashley VINCENT
20		Andy GALLINAGH
21		Dean SINCLAIR
22		Alan WRIGHT
23		Craig REID
24		Guy MADJO
25		Aaron LEDGISTER
26		Michael WYLDE
27		Michael D'AGOSTINO
28		Sam FOLEY
30		Sosthene YAO
31		Will PUDDY (GK)
33		Tommy MANSHIP



Manager: Kevin Blackwell

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TOMORROW'S COCA COLA LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES

	BOURNEMOUTH	VS	GILLINGHAM	
	CARLISLE	VS	LEYTON ORIENT	
	DONCASTER	VS	YEOVIL	
	HARTLEPOOL	VS	CREWE	
	HUDDERSFIELD	VS	BRISTOL R	
	MILLWALL	VS	OLDHAM	
	NOTTM FOREST	VS	NORTHAMPTON	
	PORT VALE	VS	TRANMERE	
	SWANSEA	VS	SOUTHEND	
	SWINDON	VS	BRIGHTON	
	WALSALL	VS	LEEDS	

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