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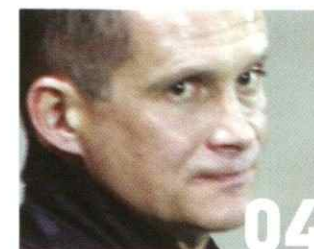
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OPENING SHOT

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everybody from Luton Town Football Club, including the Board of Directors, Manager and his staff, and of course the supporters who have travelled from Luton for today's game.

I would also like to wish everybody associated with Port Vale Football Club, especially the supporters, a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Today's game against Luton has been described by some as a 'six-pointer', but I think sometimes if you keep going on about things like that it adds pressure to the situation, and I think it is important you try to alleviate pressure from your own players and put it on the opposition.

Luton have been deducted ten points and it can affect them in one of two ways. They have financial problems and that leaves them open for their players to be approached so it is hard times for them and of course for Kevin Blackwell, who I know well.

In a sense, they are in a false position, because they are ten points better than their league position suggests, but they are under pressure now. We will approach this game just as any other game.

We expect to win the game and we aim to win the game and that is the same whether we are playing a team at the top of the league or at the bottom of the league. It doesn't matter whether they have been docked ten points, it's about approaching it right mentally in your own mind.

Like everybody else in this league, we will be playing a number of games in quick succession and in times like that you are more likely to pick up more injuries, and to be successful, there is an element of good fortune about it.

Of course you have got to be an extremely talented team, but you have got to be fortunate with injuries and suspensions too. You could have two tackles going on side by side and one player will come out with an injury and one player won't.

Injuries can affect clubs with a small squad more than the clubs who have money of course, but if you have money you have got to spend it wisely. I

know the situation at Port Vale and it's a matter of getting on with it. You don't bleat about it saying 'I wish I had this or I wish I had that', otherwise you will get a bit of the jealous neighbour syndrome - 'he's got a better car than me, I wish I had his car'.

You concentrate on what's in your house and work to your best ability with what you have got at home. I am looking forward to the challenge. It is always a special time of year off the pitch, but football games around this time have a little bit more edge to them.

We go to Cheltenham on Wednesday for a game against another side who are in a similar position in the league to ourselves and we will go there believing we can come back with the three points, but for now, we must concentrate on today's fixture against Luton Town.



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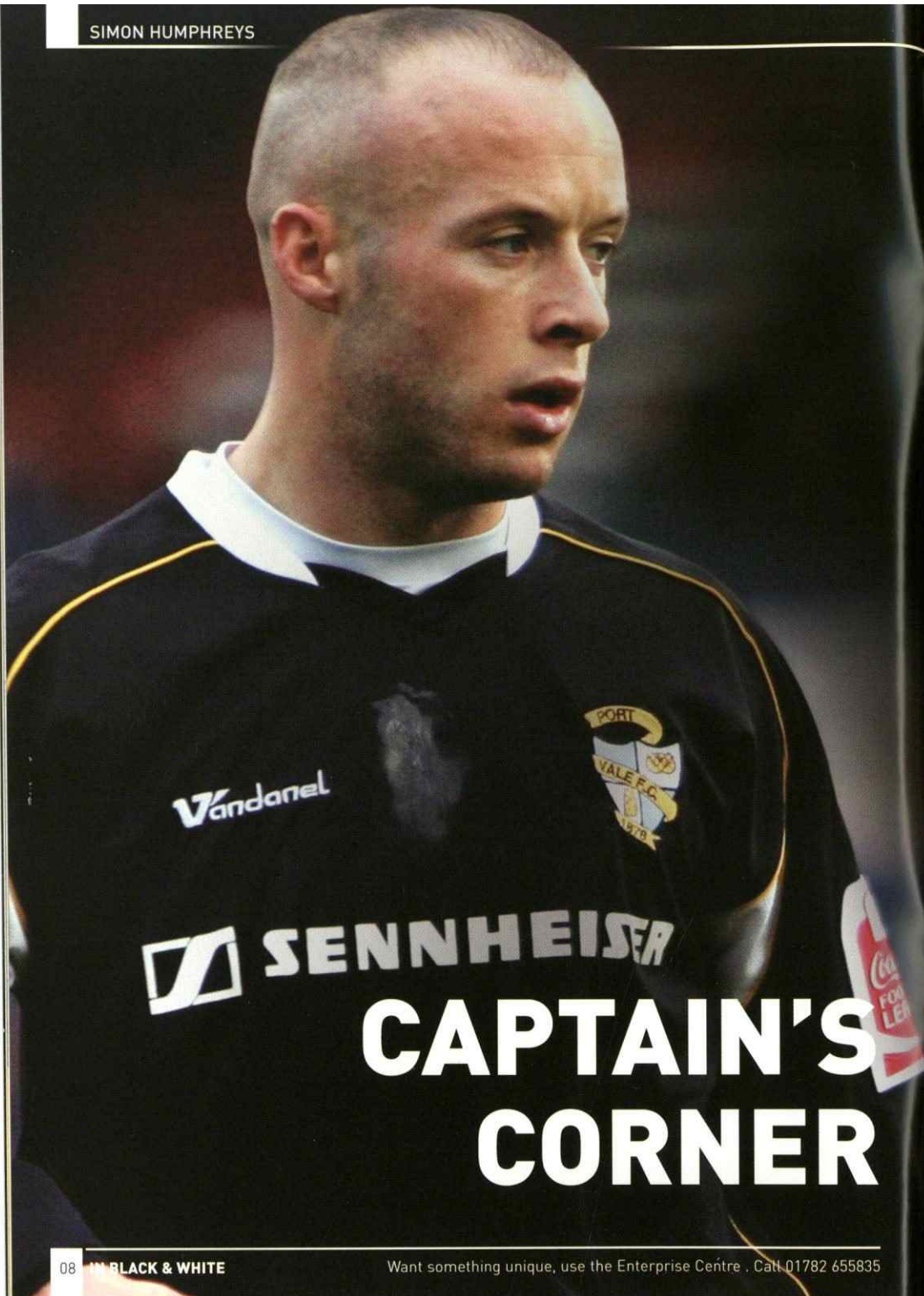
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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

"I've been enjoying my football this season, I love playing and I'm delighted to have reached double figures before the end of the year. My aim is to be on fifteen goals just after January and I'm doing it stage by stage but I'm near enough where I want to be. Everything is going well so far but I just want to keep it up, stay positive and train hard.

The other strikers here are great lads, Marc Richards is a top player but he's struggled with injuries and he hasn't had the chance to show how good he is. He's very clever and I do like playing alongside him. Calum Willock has done brilliantly for us and has been on form, he's also scored some crucial goals at the right time. David McGoldrick is a fine player, the kid can turn defenders inside out, he's got that many tricks and sometimes especially in training you just have to admire him he's such a good player. We've also got young Danny Glover and James Lawrie coming through as well and the pair have already figured in the first team. It just goes to show that the manager will give youngsters a chance if they are good enough.

I don't mind who I play up front with just as long as I'm in the first team. All the lads are sticking together in the dressing room, there's no rifts or cliques here. Joe Anyon is my room mate, but he's just a nightmare. He's always on his laptop all night, but I just like to chill. I just stick my I-Pod in and relax and buzz off Joe who's into everything. To be fair, he's a great guy, who's done very well for us this season.

Luton Town are the visitors and are fighting back after suffering a ten point deduction when they

went into administration. Their home form at Kenilworth Road has been very good and that included a two-one victory against us. I felt we were unfortunate especially after Ashley Westwood was sent off early on. I managed to grab a late consolation but sadly it wasn't enough.

Kevin Blackwell has done a good job and had they not had the points taken off them, which knocked them out of their stride, they could well have been challenging for promotion this season. They've already beaten Sunderland and Charlton in the Carling Cup and only lost by a solitary goal to Everton. They also have a lucrative home tie against Liverpool in the F.A.Cup in the New Year.

We want to turn Vale Park into a fortress instead of teams going away happy because they've

picked up the points. We want teams to fear coming here knowing that they'll be in for a difficult ninety minutes. The supporters have been top class this season, a few were upset after the games against Chasetown in the Cup but that's what happens if you are not getting results. They want to see a team having a go and giving it everything.

We want to focus on the year ahead and hopefully there'll be better times for us in 2008 and I want to take this opportunity to wish the fans a prosperous New Year. Your support has been invaluable and we need your backing".

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CORNERED

Name: Marc Richards
Date of Birth: 8th July 1982
Birthplace: Wolverhampton
Previous clubs: Blackburn, Crewe (loan), Oldham (loan), Swansea (loan), Halifax (loan), Northampton, Rochdale (loan), Barnsley
Port Vale debut: Full debut against Hartlepool this season

CHILDHOOD

Team supported as a boy: Wolves
Childhood hero: Steve Bull
First game you attended: Wolves game at Molineux
First team you played for: Rugeley Wanderers
Best subject at school: P.E., Technology
Worst subject at school: English, Geography

ON THE PITCH

Pre-match meal: Chicken, beans, jacket potato
Best stadium played at: Stadium of Light
Best ever game: I scored 4 for Northampton against Macclesfield – ask Danny Whitaker about it.
Best goal scored: Against Nottingham Forest on Sky TV – won 2-0 & I scored both.
Best player ever played with: Damien Duff at Blackburn.
Best player ever played against: Rio Ferdinand.
Best thing about being a footballer: Doing something you love for a job. The hours are good as well.
Worst thing about being a footballer: Being caned by your own fans.
Best chant heard: "Big nose, he's got a f***in' big nose." (Aimed at Robin Hulbert)
Funniest thing you've heard shouted at a game: Aimed at Luke Rodgers. "Small bald midget, you're just a small bald midget, small bald midget."

OFF THE PITCH

If you could watch any team play, who would it be?
 Manchester United

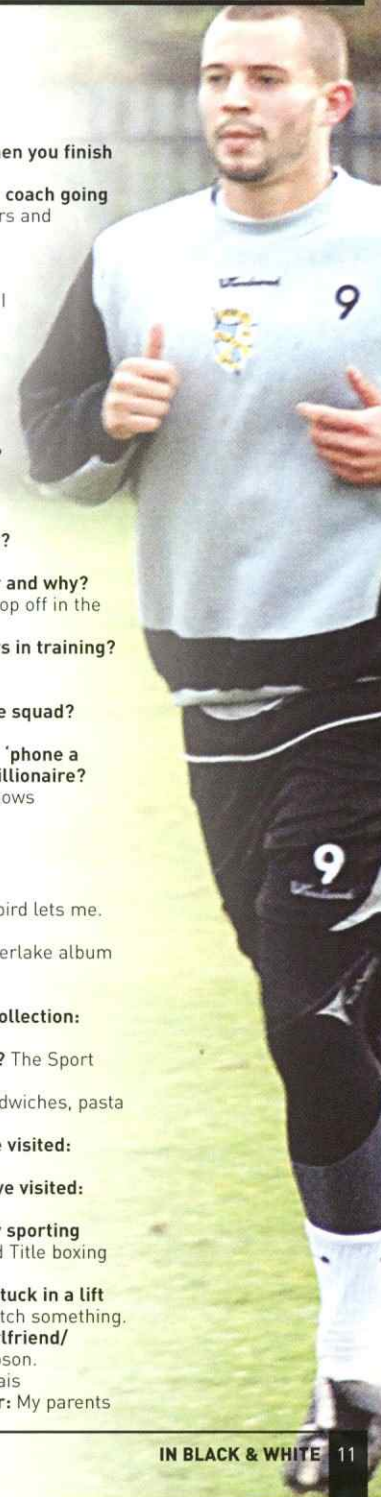
Do you want to be a manager when you finish playing? No
How do you pass the time on the coach going to away games? iPod, PSP, papers and mags
Best friend in football: S.F.S. crew at Barnsley
What do you do on your day off? I don't get a day off. I am always injured so have to be in. Then when I get home my Mrs has a list of chores for me.

TEAM MATES

Who is the dressing room joker?
 Richard Walker loves it when he gets a mention here, so I'll say Keith Lowe, he's crazy.
Who is the worst dressed player?
 George Pilkington
Who is the club's biggest poseur and why?
 Robin Hulbert when he gets his top off in the gym
Who are the best & worst players in training?
 The best is Joe Anyon, the worst is Keith Lowe, errrr.
Who is the biggest moaner in the squad?
 Rocky (Craig Rocastle)
Which team mate would be your 'phone a friend' on Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?
 Westy (Ashley Westwood) – he knows everything.

PERSONAL

First car: Citroen Saxo VTR
Current car: BMW X5, when my bird lets me.
First CD you bought: Now 23
Last CD you bought: Justin Timberlake album
On your iPod: Everything
Favourite Album: Best of Oasis
Most embarrassing CD in your collection: Spice Girls
What newspaper(s) do you read? The Sport and The Star
Favourite food: Pizza, bacon sandwiches, pasta & chicken
Best place in the world you have visited: America
Worst place in the world you have visited: Hungary
If you could have a ticket for any sporting event, what would it be? A World Title boxing match
Who would you least like to be stuck in a lift with? Goody, I would probably catch something.
Dream date (apart from wife/girlfriend/partner of course): Jessica Simpson.
Favourite Comedian: Ricky Gervais
Biggest influence on your career: My parents



CORNERED

THE INTERVIEW

It hasn't been the best of seasons for me since joining the club from Barnsley. I signed with high hopes. Martin Foyle told me he was signing a few more players, which he did, so I was expecting big things this year. I was expecting us to be in or around the play-offs, in a side that was doing well.

From a personal point of view, it has been extremely disappointing, because I had to have an operation at the start of the season, then I had trouble with my Achilles, and that has held me back.

I just haven't got going at all and it has been the most frustrating season so far in my footballing career. I can't wait to get back to full fitness so I can show people what I really can do. Nobody here has seen half of what I can do yet.

I've been playing catch-up since pre-season and I have not been anywhere near full fitness. When I have played, I shouldn't really have played because I have been nowhere near fit, but I have been that eager to play.

It has done me no favours, because people have seen me play a quarter or a half of what I can do and it has not done me justice at all. I know my own ability and I can definitely play at this level and score goals, it's just getting that match fitness.

It has been really frustrating to see what essentially is a newly-built side doing so poorly. We have been working hard, but have not quite gelled really. I don't think anybody can quite pinpoint why that is, but the new gaffer has come in and brought fresh faces in and I think that's what we needed a little bit.

Training is a lot more intense now. It's a lot more technical and we are looking at other sides of the

game, not just going out there, training and then going home. We go out and train, come in and do other stuff like going through the weekend's fixtures, going through the goals we have conceded the weekend before and I think it can only be good for the club.

It is a busy time of year for us, with all of the fixtures coming in such a short space of time. Everyone else is relaxing, enjoying their time off. They can go out when they want, drink what they want and do what they want, but for footballers it is completely different. That first Christmas after I retire from playing is going to be something special, I tell you.

At the moment I am in a profession where I have got to be spot on and I have got to keep myself right. There's no reason why I can't enjoy it though and I have got two young sons to think about. The eldest has been really looking forward to Christmas, he will be five years old in the next few days, but the youngest won't have a clue what it is all about just yet.

I don't usually make New Year Resolutions, but I think I might do this time, after having such a bad time with injuries. I'm not sure what it will be yet, but it will be along the lines of keeping myself fit, getting a certain amount of goals and basically getting back on track with my career at Port Vale.

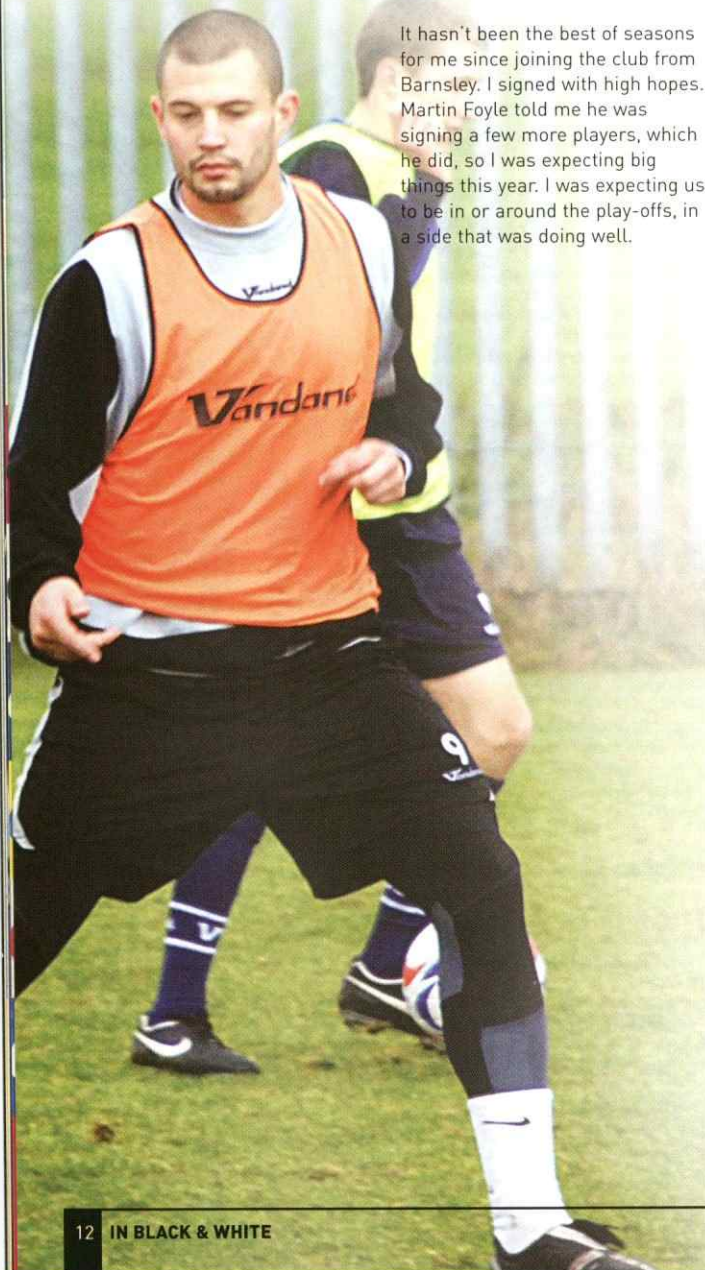
I haven't played in too many games, but I played against Swindon and felt better than I had all season and had some positive comments from supporters. It is always good to hear that the fans think you have done better and that was a boost for myself.

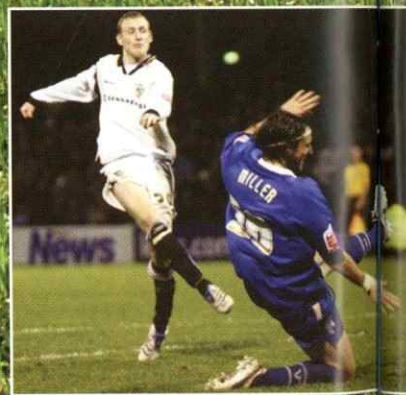
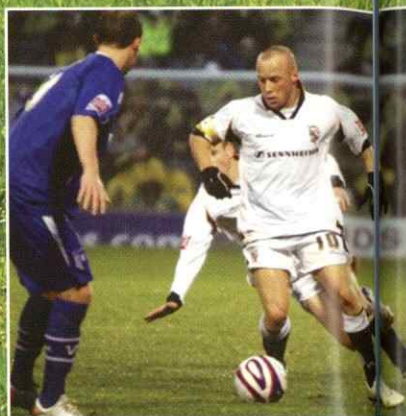
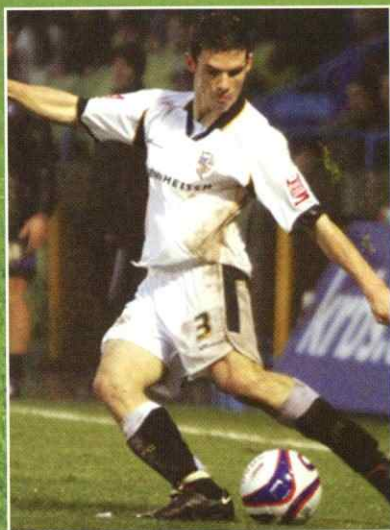
I just hope our supporters keep

the faith. For myself, it will come good just as long as I can keep my head down and get some match fitness. It can only be positive for myself, it can't get much worse to be honest.

Sometimes supporters don't realise how important they are to the club. They can become the twelfth man, but they can also bring us down. When they get on

our backs it is almost as though we have got eight or nine men because some of the lads can shy away and go into their shells, but if the fans are on our side, only positive things can come out of it.





VALIANT WORLD



GILLINGHAM v PORT VALE

Saturday 8th December 2007
Priestfield Stadium
Coca-Cola League One

SAVE OF THE MATCH

Simon Royce has been around long enough to have learned the goalkeeping art and in a swift movement prevented a Marc Laird side-foot volley from going in. A vital stop though it didn't change the course of the game.

SHOT OF THE MATCH

More a 'header of the match' really. A sharp chance and a quick repost from Calum Willock takes the bouquets as it was an important strike to get Vale right back in the match within two minutes of conceding.

REF WATCH

Jarmal Singh has been frequently involved in sending off Vale players and it was with trepidation that we viewed the officials' details in the programme on the day. We needn't have concerned ourselves as he didn't influence the result and eleven white shirts stayed on the pitch for the whole 90 minutes to boot.

MOAN OF THE MATCH

'Erm Rain, rain and more rain. 'The Open Golf Stand' as I have nicknamed the embarrassing area that housed the happy band of Vale followers is simply unacceptable for days like these. Yes the weather was inclement to say the least, though nothing could rain on Vale's parade to three valuable points.

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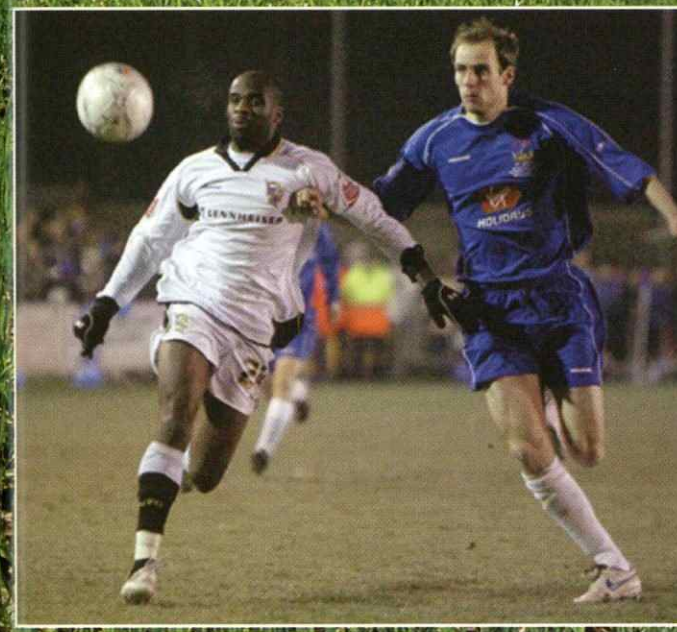
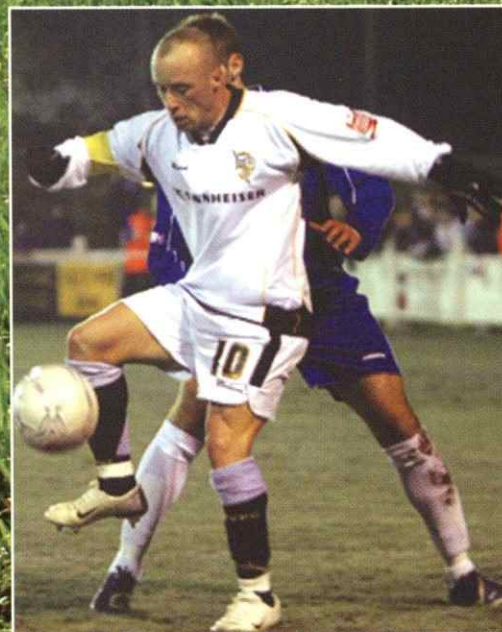
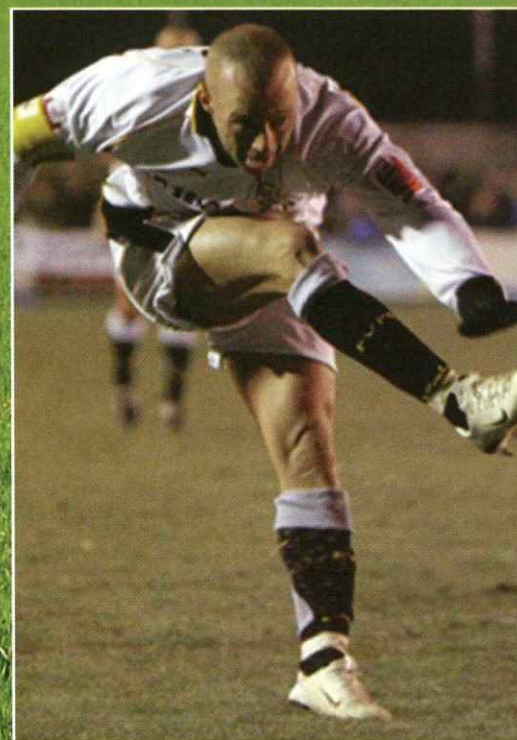
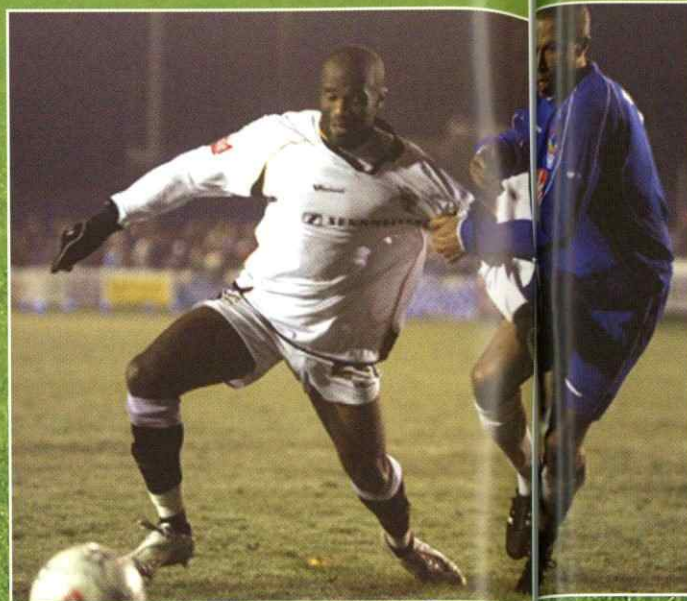
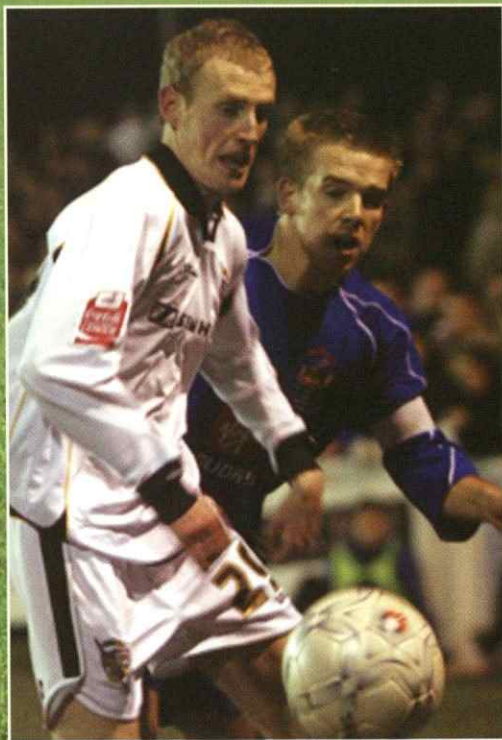
Less than five correct
 5 – 9 correct
 10 – 13 correct
 14 – 16 correct
 17 – 19 correct
 20 correct

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 Mid-table
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- Which Walter used to be in charge of the England team?
- Which Scottish player, Gordon, was known as 'Juke Box'?
- Which club did Gianfranco Zola leave to join Chelsea?
- Which Alan Bleasdale TV drama featured players Souness and Lee?
- Who did Arsenal beat in two cup finals in 1993?
- Alan Buckley followed Keith Burkinshaw as boss at which club?
- Which club was banned from the 1994-95 FA Cup and then allowed back in?
- Who left Hibernian in 1991 to become Scotland's most expensive 'keeper'?
- To five years each way, when did Burnley first win the FA Cup?
- Which club did Tony Yeboah leave to join Leeds United?
- Which team were beaten 3-2 by West Ham in the 1964 FA Cup Final?
- Which team did David Seaman leave to join Queens Park Rangers?
- Which two Scottish clubs did Jock Stein play for?
- Which team went down two seasons after winning the Championship in the 1960s?
- Which England batsman played in the 1950 FA Cup Final for Arsenal?
- Which club used to play at Fullfordgate?
- Graeme Souness was a player with which club for three years without playing for the first team?
- Who was England skipper from 1960 until he was involved in a serious car accident in 1962?
- Which heavy smoking midfielder scored Brazil's second goal in the 1970 World Cup Final?
- Which Scottish club hit a record 132 Division One goals in the 1957-58 season?

Answers on Page 63



VALIANT WORLD

CHASETOWN v PORT VALE

Tuesday 10th December 2007
The Scholars Ground
FA Cup Second Round Replay

SAVE OF THE MATCH

If you save a penalty the importance can often exceed the quality of the save. On that basis the save by home keeper Evans from Luke's second spot kick of the second half was so, so vital for a giant killing to unfold.

SHOT OF THE MATCH

It's another header, so not a shot, but the sight of Danny Smith wheeling away in delight a minute from time after a clinical strike can be the only feature if you were a Scholars fan that is. It was all too much to take for Vale's devastated players and fans.

REF WATCH

Vale could hardly blame this official as two penalties in the second period came their way but overall this was a game where even the ref couldn't help Vale win the tie.

MOAN OF THE MATCH

It has to be the conditions, though the Chasetown ground-staff were worthy of commendation regarding the condition of the pitch, but the freezing conditions later, coupled with the floodlights meant it was akin to looking for Bambi on ice in the dark.



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SHEEP DIP THE END FOR LUCKY TOBY

With so many lucky mascots seen at football stadiums these days, it is inevitable they won't all bring good luck to their teams – that would be impossible, but it does seem some are more lucky than others. One mascot that proved to be more than a little unlucky was a real life sheep, Toby, who was mascot for Scottish outfit, Greenock Morton just before the First World War. One sad day, ironically when Toby's team had won, the players were out celebrating their victory in a local pub. Unfortunately he was left in the dressing room and drowned in the players' bath.

THAT'S A HOME
WIN AND AN AWAY
DRAW INSIDE FOUR
DAYS. WE'VE ONLY
GOT ONE MORE
GAME IN
NOVEMBER AND IF
WE WIN THAT, I'M
IN GRAVE DANGER
OF ENDING UP AS
MANAGER OF THE
MONTH.

Mike Walker. He was sacked
by Everton four days later.

THESE DAYS YOU GET A YELLOW CARD FOR KICKING THE
BALL AWAY, YOU GET A YELLOW CARD FOR BREAKING
SOMEONE'S LEG. IT DOESN'T LOOK SENSIBLE TO ME.

Liverpool's Roy Evans

WE CAN BEAT ANYONE ON OUR DAY
– SO LONG AS WE SCORE.

Kilmarnock's Alex Totten

MY PARENTS HAVE BEEN THERE FOR ME,
EVER SINCE I WAS ABOUT 7.

David Beckham

THE WHOLE TEAM STOPPED AS ONE MAN, BUT
ARKWRIGHT IN PARTICULAR.

Brian Moore

THAT'S AN OLD IPSWICH MOVE - O'CALLAGHAN CROSSING FOR MARINER TO DRIVE
OVER THE BAR.

John Motson

I BELIEVE BILL SHANKLY DIED OF A BROKEN HEART AFTER HE
STOPPED MANAGING LIVERPOOL AND SAW THEM GO ON TO EVEN
GREATER SUCCESS WITHOUT HIM. GIVING YOUR WHOLE LIFE TO A
FOOTBALL CLUB IS A MISTAKE.

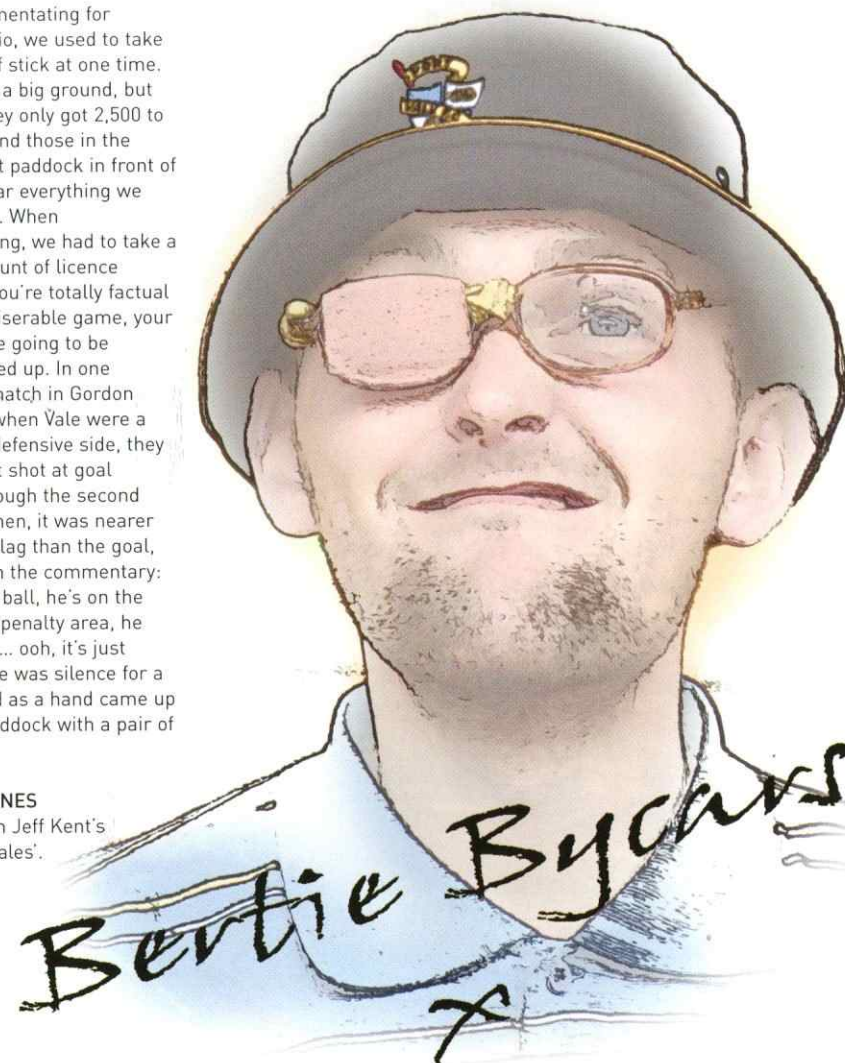
Johnny Giles

TRY THIS PAIR OF GLASSES

Whilst commentating for hospital radio, we used to take quite a lot of stick at one time. Vale Park is a big ground, but for years they only got 2,500 to 3,000 fans and those in the Lorne Street paddock in front of us could hear everything we were saying. When commentating, we had to take a certain amount of licence because if you're totally factual and it's a miserable game, your listeners are going to be absolutely fed up. In one particular match in Gordon Lee's time when Vale were a dull, drab, defensive side, they had the first shot at goal halfway through the second half. Even then, it was nearer the corner flag than the goal, but I said on the commentary: "... gets the ball, he's on the edge of the penalty area, he shoots and ... ooh, it's just wide!" There was silence for a split second as a hand came up from the paddock with a pair of glasses!

PETER HAYNES

*Taken from Jeff Kent's
'Port Vale Tales'.



BOSLEM TOKE TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE LOCALS

STOMPY TIGHT

Get a grip referee, there are
too many fouls going on

STEE WHEEZE

So-called supporters
who no longer
attend matches

DID STAYER EAT?

Did you hear the
whistle blow?

CROSS THE BALL

MARK WITH A PEN WHERE YOU THINK THE BALL IS - SOLUTION ON PAGE 63



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

THE EDITOR OF "PROGRAMME MONTHLY & FOOTBALL COLLECTABLE" MAGAZINE LOOKS AT SOME GREAT CLUBS AND FAMOUS GROUNDS NO LONGER WITH US

Thanks to the proliferation of sticker collections (Panini, Merlin, ProSet etc) and before that the cards issued with bubble gum, there is the misconception that cigarette cards were produced until fairly recent times. In fact, they did not return after the Second World War. Paper rationing stopped their inclusion in cigarette packs on the outbreak of war in 1939, and when peace returned – although rationing remained – the cigarette manufacturers looked around with some relief to discover that none of them had chosen to compete for customers on the grounds of the coloured cards which were included in their cigarette packets.

Following the example of shops who issued cards to tempt return visits from customers, cigarette manufacturers in the USA pioneered the inclusion of cards in the 1870s, and it quickly became a phenomenon which spread to Great Britain. It is believed that the first football cards were issued by Field Favorites Cigarettes in 1890. In 1897, the London firm Cohen, Weenan & Co, included over 40 footballers in their 100-card set entitled "Heroes of Sport".

The strategy of cigarette manufacturers was to operate several brands, some of them produced and marketed only in certain parts of the country. The cards inserted in the packs would carry the brand names, resulting in hundreds of different sets, produced by scores of "manufacturers",

although the ultimate ownership of these firms was in the hands of a comparatively small number of companies.

One of the most fascinating companies, in terms of cards, was Godfrey Phillips, who produced a couple of sets of inserts printed on silk. Between 1920 and 1924, Godfrey Phillips, under their "Pinnacle" brand name, produced no fewer than 2,462 different cards, featuring head and shoulders photographs of players from all manner of Leagues across England and Scotland.

A handful of Rugby League players were included, and because of the four year time span of the vast set, several players appear in different guises. There were at least two different versions of print on the reverse of the cards, so the total number of different cards produced approaches 10,000.

They were much smaller than the normal cigarette card, measuring 3.5 cm x 4 cm, printed in black and white, but 25 of these cards could be exchanged for a larger card, and ten of these in turn could be exchanged for a much larger version, called "cabinet sized".

Such was the widespread schoolboy pastime of collecting Cigarette Cards, there was a myth that, in the 1930s, some First Division Managers would not sign a player unless he had featured on a card.



The cards were certainly very collectable. Many sets were produced in full colour, portraying famous footballers in a way that most young football fans had never seen before, in the days of black and white newspapers and magazines. Players were portrayed in action, sketched, photographed and in team groups. Playing positions were illustrated and described, as were club crests and nicknames, in cartoon form. There was a huge, colourful variety of cards available.

Cigarette card production was at its peak when the Second World War broke out. Churchmans had just issued their second series of "Association Footballers", followed shortly afterwards by another series, using the same title, by Wills. Paper had to be conserved for the war effort, and the cards were quickly dropped.

After the war, they were resurrected only by confectionery manufacturers, who included them in their sweet cigarette packets. Within a few years, the demand by schoolchildren for collecting cards was met by including them in a packet with a stick of cheap, pink chewing gum. In the 1970's, packs of stickers were sold, the hitherto optional album now being an essential part of the collecting process.

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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Lee Sinnott	Kevin Blackwell
Played 6 Won 1 Drawn 2 Lost 3 For 4 Against 9	Played 26 Won 7 Drawn 6 Lost 13 For 26 Against 36
Av Pts/game 0.83	Av Pts/game 1.04
Biggest Win(s) Gillingham 1 Port Vale 2 (08/12/2007). Biggest Loss(es) Leeds 3 Port Vale 0 (04/12/2007).	Biggest Win(s) Luton 4 Northampton 1 (15/10/2007). Biggest Loss(es) Luton 0 Sunderland 5 (06/05/2007).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0	Lee Sinnott	Kevin Blackwell
Draws ..0	Goals 0	Goals 0

Player with the most...	shots
Luke Rodgers 48	
shots on target	
Luke Rodgers 22	
shots off target	
Luke Rodgers 26	
assists	
David McGoldrick 2	
crosses	
Paul Edwards 17	
fouls	
Craig Rocastle 26	
free-kicks-won	
Luke Rodgers 26	



GAMES SINCE

Player with the most...	shots
David Edwards 37	
shots on target	
David Bell 17	
shots off target	
David Edwards 21	
assists	
Darren Currie 5	
crosses	
Darren Currie 63	
fouls	
Paul Furlong 45	
free-kicks-won	
Paul Furlong 25	

SHARP SHOOTERS

Port Vale	CCFL Cup	Tot
Luke Rodgers	7	3 10
Calum Willock	2	1 3
David McGoldrick	2	0 2

Luton	CCFL Cup	Tot
Paul Furlong	5	4 9
Matthew Spring	4	3 7
David Bell	3	1 4

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

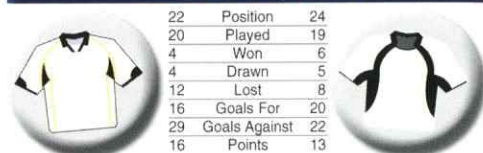
Played	Port Vale wins	Luton wins
Draws	Goals 30 (1.0 per game)	Goals 34 (1.2 per game)
0-0's	Times failed to score 8	Times failed to score 10

Biggest League win at Port Vale for each team:

04/03/1899 Port Vale 4-1 Luton
08/02/2003 & 30/10/1965 Port Vale 1-2 Luton



2007/08 LEAGUE STATS



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	2	8	24	3	4	3	6

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
4	2	4	17	3	1	5	22

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	1	2	24	6	0	1	15

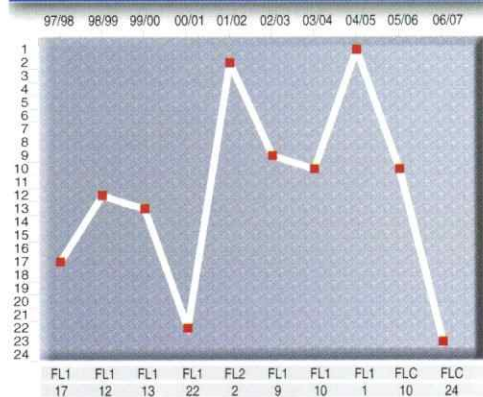
Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	1	10	20	0	2	7	23

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0(1), 2-1(2), 3-0(1), Losses: 0-1(3), 0-2(2), 0-3(1), 1-2(3), 1-3(3), Draws: 0-0(2), 1-1(2)

LUTON - TEN SEASON RECORD



*up to and including 16/12/2007

SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Jermaine Beckford	Leeds	13	0	13
Nicky Forster	Brighton	8	4	12
Adam Boyd	L Orient	8	3	11
Richard Barker	Hartlepool	8	3	11
Andy Kirk	Northampton	8	3	11
Chris Dickson	Gillingham	7	4	11
Jason Scotland	Swansea	8	3	11
Craig Davies	Oldham	7	3	10
Luke Rodgers	Port Vale	7	3	10

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Roots Hall	Southend	10	31	3.10
Elland Road	Leeds	10	29	2.90
Leyton Stadium	L Orient	10	29	2.90
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	8	23	2.88
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	10	28	2.80
The Den	Millwall	10	28	2.80
Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	10	27	2.70
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	10	27	2.70
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	9	24	2.67
County Ground	Swindon	10	26	2.60
Fitness First Stadium	Bournemouth	10	25	2.50
The Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	10	24	2.40
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	10	24	2.40
Huish Park	Yeovil	10	23	2.30
City Ground	Nottm Forest	10	23	2.30
Preston Park	Tranmere	10	23	2.30
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	10	23	2.30
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	10	22	2.20
Brunton Park	Carlisle	9	19	2.11
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	10	21	2.10
Vale Park	Port Vale	10	21	2.10
Boundary Park	Oldham	9	18	2.00
Bescot Stadium	Walsall	10	20	2.00
Liberty Stadium	Swansea	10	19	1.90

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most...
shots on target 143 Bournemouth, shots off target 133 Hartlepool, corners 133 Northampton, hit woodwork 8 Nottm Forest, offsides 85 Port Vale, fouls 285 Yeovil, yellow cards 43 Leeds, red cards 4 Southend.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most...
Shots 62 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds), Shots on target 35 Craig Davies (Oldham), Shots off target 33 Bradley Johnson (Northampton), Assists 6 Tresor Kandol (Leeds), Crosses 70 Max-Alain Gradel (Bournemouth), Offsides 39 Luke Rodgers (Port Vale), Fouls 55 Tresor Kandol (Leeds), Free-kicks won 69 Joe Garner (Carlisle).



2007/08 SEASON

GOAL COUNTER 577

RIGHT FOOT 325 goals

56.3%

LEFT FOOT 117 goals

20.3%

HEADERS 127 goals

22.0%

Own goals 8 (1.4%), Other body part 0 (0%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

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

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

DISCIPLINARY



2.8 cards per match 0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match
S Thornton (Leyton Orient vs Hartlepool) 0:53

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

SUB TOTALS

Subs used1125

Offsides1395

Corners2577

Shots Off Target2549

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

1 0 2

RESULTS

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

0-0	17
0-1	22
0-2	10
0-3	6
0-4	-
0-5	1
1-0	24
1-1	32
1-2	19
1-3	4
1-4	2
1-5	-
2-0	18
2-1	26
2-2	11
2-3	5
2-4	1
2-5	-
3-0	11
3-1	9
3-2	4
3-3	-
3-4	-
3-5	-
4-0	4
4-1	6
4-2	2
4-3	-
4-4	-
4-5	-
5-0	1
5-1	-
5-2	-
5-3	-
5-4	-
5-5	-

*up to and including 16/12/2007



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1975

Radical new legislation introducing a woman's right to equal pay and status in the workplace and in society came into force in the UK. The Sex Discrimination and Equal Pay Acts will prevent women being paid less than their male counterparts. The Acts were introduced to coincide with the end of the International Women's Year. Sex discrimination by employers, unless they employ five or fewer people, became illegal as was any form of bias by landlords, finance companies, schools and restaurants. The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) was set up, and under the Act it had a duty to promote equality of the sexes. Job advertisements had to be sexless and it would no longer be possible to offer a position exclusively for males or females. In every day language there were to be many changes, for example, such as "firemen" becoming "fire fighters". The impact of the Acts was far-reaching and affected the media and education. The EOC began issuing guidelines to discourage advertisers showing women in stereotypical roles of domesticity or in submissive work. But with no means of enforcing this there were criticisms the organisation was toothless, although many advertisers took heed and planned to be more representative.

1984

Rajiv Gandhi claimed a landslide victory in the Indian general election. With almost half the votes declared early that morning, it became apparent that his Congress (Indira) Party had taken 80% of the seats and was well ahead of any opposition parties. Although it was thought the final margin may be smaller, it was widely accepted that the Congress Party was likely to win a massive majority. The opposition parties, which failed to unite against the Congress Party, were all but wiped out, including the Hindu Nationalist Party, the BJP. The BJP was expected to gain from the sectarian backlash

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 29TH

following the assassination of Mr Gandhi's mother and the previous Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi. She was shot dead by her own Sikh bodyguards in October. The news was not all good for the Congress Party, however, in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, six cabinet ministers lost their seats to the Telugu Desam party. The party's leader, Chief Minister and veteran film star NT Rama Rao, defeated an attempt by Indira Gandhi to dismiss him in August. Mr Gandhi was told news of his triumph quietly at home in New Delhi, where he lived with his Italian-born wife, Sonia, and their two children. His election followed two months as de facto prime minister since the death of his mother. He had campaigned on an anti-corruption ticket, promising to rid the ruling Congress Party of a legacy of fraud and arrogance.

1998

Six people were feared dead after raging storms hit competitors in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race. British Olympic yachtsman Glyn Charles was missing presumed dead after his safety harness snapped in winds of up to 90mph (144km/h), with waves of 40ft (12m) high reported by sailors in the prestigious Australian race. Sailors from around the world were taking part in the 630 nautical mile (1167km) race from Sydney Harbour to Hobart on Tasmania. Mr Charles, from Emsworth, Hampshire, was one of six competitors who were thought to have drowned as 115 yachts taking part in the race were lashed by storms in the notoriously treacherous stretch of sea, which had often been called "Hell on High Water" by sailors. He was swept overboard after his yacht, *Sword of Orion*, lost its mast and capsized, flinging crew members into the sea.

Four bodies had been recovered and rescuers gave up hope of finding the Briton and an Australian yachtsman, who were presumed drowned in the worst death toll in the 54-year history of the event. The other missing man was thought to be an Australian, who was a crew member aboard the *Winston Churchill*, which had sailed in the inaugural 1944 race. The bodies of two other crew members from the yacht had recovered.

2000

A blanket of snow descended on the country as Arctic conditions wreaked havoc on roads, rail and air services. Sub-zero temperatures, as low as -13C in parts of the Midlands and freezing fog added to the misery for travellers, with visibility reduced to 100 metres in places. It was the first significant widespread snowfall in Britain for seven years with overnight temperatures falling to their lowest for more than ten years. Northern Ireland saw the worst snow fall in 18 years. London was covered in snow for the first time since 1994 and the Millennium Wheel was brought to a halt because of ice. While parts of Devon, Cardiff and Cumbria were covered in one inch of snow, up to six inches fell in Wales. Forecasters predicted the cold weather would continue to make driving conditions treacherous and bring further disruption to public transport. Police and transport chiefs warned people not to travel unless absolutely necessary. There had been several accidents on roads, delays to trains and London Underground and many motorways were reduced to one lane.

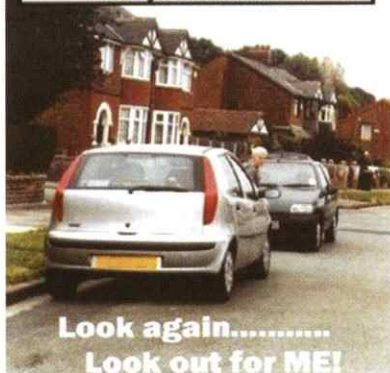
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DATE	EVENT	PORT VALE FC	GENERAL FOOTBALL
8/7/82	Born in Wolverhampton.	Signed John Ridley from Chesterfield, Les Lawrence from Torquay United and Steve (son of Tony) Waddington from Walsall, all on free transfers.	West Germany drew 3-3 with France in the World Cup semi-finals in Seville before, as usual, winning on penalties. It was the game when goalkeeper Toni Schumacher demolished French player Battiston with a dreadful challenge.
12/7/99	Signs for Blackburn Rovers as a trainee professional.	Dennis Booth resigned as coach to join Nottm Forest after only 12 days in the job.	Steve Bull retired from playing for Wolves, good news for the Vale defence. Scotland Manager Craig Brown was in trouble after being caught on tape singing anti-catholic songs.
31/10/00	Made his debut for Rovers in a 2-0 defeat at West Ham in the Worthington Cup.	Three days previously won 1-0 at Swansea City thanks to a Mickey Cummins goal.	Tanmere beat Leeds 3-2 in the Worthington Cup after being 2-0 down. Tony Cascarino admits that he won 88 caps for the Republic of Ireland under false pretences after his 'Irish' grandmother wasn't Irish after all! Obviously not a lot of checks were carried out
11/8/01	Joined Crewe Alex on loan.	Opened the season in fine style with a 4-2 win over Notts County. The goals came from Steve McPhee, George O'Callaghan, Ashley Dodd and an own goal.	Rushden and Diamonds win 1-0 at York City in their first ever league game. Liverpool beat Man Utd 2-1 to win the Charity Shield in the first English game to be played under a closed roof at the Millennium Stadium.
21/8/01	Scored his first senior goal in a 2-2 draw at York in the Worthington Cup. He came on as a sub during extra time.	Beat Chesterfield 2-1 in the first round of the Worthington Cup thanks to a couple of goals from Steve McPhee. Sagi Burton was sent off, as were 2 Chesterfield players.	Sir Geoff Hurst sells his 1966 World Cup winners medal to West Ham for £150,000. Notts County 'keeper Steve Mildenhall scores from a free kick v Mansfield past Kevin Pilkington. Mildenhall was in the Yeovil Town goal against us earlier this season.
12/10/01	Joined Oldham Athletic on loan.	The next day we drew 1-1 at Chesterfield thanks to a goal from Steve Brooker.	Brentford had a gate of 11,097 against Peterborough to see them go top of League One. Admission was free and their next home gate was down to 5,359. Cardiff, Swansea and Wrexham can't enter Europe no matter how well they do in English leagues and cups.
11/2/02	Joined Halifax Town on loan.	The day before we won 1-0 at Stoke. Mickey Cummins went into folklore with the goal, and it was the last time the two teams met.	Mick McCarthy becomes manager of the Republic of Ireland. Liverpool win 6-0 at Ipswich Town.
18/11/02	Joined Swansea City on loan.	Two days before we lost 1-0 at home to Crewe in the 1st round of the FA Cup. The crowd was 5,507 and we lost at home to Crewe three times that season.	Sunderland draw 0-0 at Liverpool with a backs to the wall effort that meant they had no shots and no corners! Mansfield won 4-2 in the FA Cup 1st round at Team Bath. Bath are still coached by Ivor Powell, aged 91, who managed the Vale in 1951!
7/7/03	Moved to Northampton Town on a free transfer.	Mick Cullerton was appointed Commercial Manager and Andy Porter became Youth Coach.	Millwall raise £2.5 million from a new share issue. Sven Goran Eriksson is caught on camera having a chat with Roman Abramovich.
27/3/04	Scored 4 goals in a 4-0 win at Macclesfield, all before half time. Paul Harsley and Tommy Widdrington were in the Macc team.	We defeated Bristol City 2-1 with goals from Steve Brooker and Marc Bridge-Wilkinson. The crowd was 6,724 and we were 7th in the table chasing a play off spot.	Chesterfield draw 4-4 with Grimsby Town - and the crowd is 4,444! Jimmy-Floyd Hasselbaink scores a 13 minute hat trick in Chelsea's 5-2 win over Wolves.
24/3/05	Joined Rochdale on loan.	Two days later drew 2-2 at Hull City. Goals from Lee Matthews and an own goal seemed to set us up for victory until a last minute penalty to Hull, given away by Sam Collins, who Hull later signed.	Transfer deadline day, but not a lot of business done. The biggest fee was £175,000, paid by Burnley to West Brom for the former Stoke player, James O'Connor. Vale signed Mark Innes and re-signed Tony Naylor in case of emergencies.
31/8/05	Signed for Barnsley on free transfer.	Two days before Andy Porter started his first game for us for 7 years in a 0-0 draw at MK Dons and 18 years after his debut for us.	Tunbridge Wells beat Littlehampton 16-15 on penalties in the FA Cup preliminary round. A total of 40 pens were taken, just 4 short of the world record. 15,000 turn up to see Michael Owen's unveiling at St James Park.

NUMBER ONE IN THE UK CHARTS	WORLD HAPPENINGS, SAME DATE, DIFFERENT YEAR
Happy Talk - Captain Sensible	1947 A UFO is reported to have landed in Roswell, New Mexico 1965 Great Train Robber Ronnie Biggs escapes from Wandsworth jail and remained at large in Brazil until 2001.
Livin' La Vida Loca - Ricky Martin	1962 The Rolling Stones play their first ever gig at the Marquee club in London. 1974 Bill Shankly retires from being the manager of Liverpool.
Holler - Spice Girls	1955 Princess Margaret was forced to cancel her wedding plans to marry Peter Townsend because he was divorced otherwise she would have been forced to leave the Royal family. 1926 Magician Harry Houdini died of a ruptured appendix. Even he couldn't get out of that one.
Eternal Flame - Atomic Kitten	1934 The island prison of Alcatraz was opened in San Francisco Bay. It closed in 1963. 1982 Ronnie and Reggie Kray were allowed out of prison for their mother's funeral.
Let's Dance - Sive	1841 The very first venetian blind is unveiled in America. 1959 Hawaii became the 50th state of the USA. Older readers may remember the TV series Hawaii Five O.
Can't Get You Out Of My Head - Kylie Minogue	1492 Christopher Columbus lands in the Bahamas. He thought he was in East Asia proving that compasses weren't too good in those days! 1978 Sid Vicious is arrested for the murder of his girlfriend Nancy Spungen in New York. He died of a drug overdose in Feb 1979 before his trial.
Hero - Enrique Inglesias	1990 Nelson Mandela was freed from jail after 27 years. 1975 Margaret Thatcher became the first ever woman to head a political party in Great Britain when she became leader of the Conservatives.
Dirrty - Christine Aguilera	1928 Mickey Mouse makes his screen debut in 'Steamboat Willie.' 2000 Catherine Zeta Jones marries Michael Douglas. I wonder what she first saw in the ageing multi-millionaire actor?
Bring Me To Life - Evanescence	1985 Boris Becker becomes the youngest ever winner of the Wimbledon Men's Singles aged just 17. 2005 Terror attacks on the London Underground kill 52 people and injures more than 700.
Yeah - Usher	1954 Vale lose 2-1 to West Brom in the semi-finals of the FA Cup. Former star Ronnie Allen gets the winner from the penalty spot. 1963 The Beeching report is announced, closing around a quarter of the British Rail network, including the Potteries loop line.
Amarillo - Tony Christie	1958 Elvis Presley was inducted into the army. 1992 The satirical magazine 'Punch' closed down after 150 years. It reappeared in 1996 but shut down for good in 2002.
The Importance Of Being Idle - Oasis	1422 Henry VI became King of England at the age of 9 mths. In later life he had a mental breakdown, making less sense than when he became King and ended up being murdered in 1471. 1888 Mary Ann Nicholls was found dead in the East End of London. She was the first victim of Jack the Ripper.

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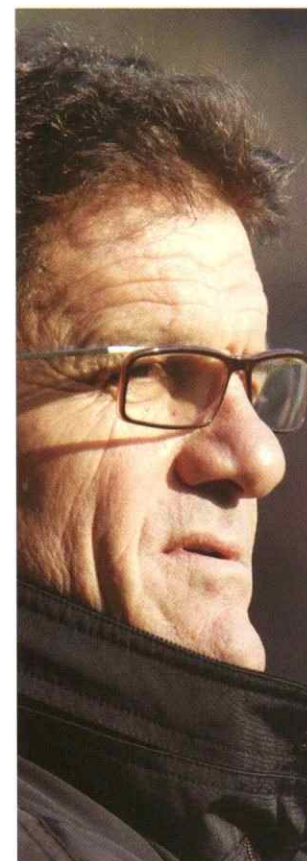


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ON THE VOLLEY

The appointment of Fabio Capello as England manager produced an interesting reaction in a number of quarters. There was not the huge outburst of jingoism which had followed the arrival of the first non-Englishman in the job sven, sorry seven, years ago. Indeed, the favourite for the post, according to a number of polls, was another foreigner, Jose Mourinho. So it seems that the punters have accepted that we must appoint whoever is perceived to be the best man for the job, irrespective of where he was born.

There was a less positive reaction from those within the game, however. Harry Redknapp believed he was a serious candidate and considered that his arrest by the Metropolitan Police was nothing more than a vicious plot to ruin his chances. Just remind me what you've won Harry??

Paul Ince reckoned that there was no point in all these young English coaches getting their badges if they were going to be overlooked when the big job came along. I would have thought that even someone with an ego the size of Ince's would have to admit that the leap from Division Two to international management might be rather too big to make in one bound.

Sam Allardyce is demonstrating his limitations at Newcastle. Steve Coppell is a great student of the game but showed at Manchester City that he doesn't cope well with the pressure of an intense media

spotlight. Alan Curbishley seems to be capable of no more than middling success at middling clubs.

Indeed, it is a sad fact that no English manager has ever won the Premier League. It is over 12 years since an English manager won the FA Cup and only once in the last decade has an Englishman won the League Cup.

The FA have an unfortunate record in recent years of appointing blokes to the top job who have won nowt, or very little, at club level. When they did have the outstanding manager of his generation available in the shape of Brian Clough they bottled the decision and missed what could have been an outstanding opportunity. They appointed a proven winner in Eriksson – those who criticised his subsequent record of "only" reaching quarter-finals would now kill for the chance of such a level of "failure" at Euro 2008. Thank the Lord that Barwick and his mates have now seen the folly of appointing mediocrities to the top job simply because of an accident of birth.

Capello may not be English but he comes with a CV which is second to none. If he can achieve half the success at international level that he has achieved with his clubs then there is no doubt in my mind that this will be twice as much as any of the home grown candidates would be likely to manage. As far as I'm concerned, it's farewell to roast beef and beer and hello to pasta and prosecco!!

And finally, Kirsty and I would like to wish a very happy New Year to both of our readers, Steve in the Lorne Street and Eddie in the Railway Stand. Your loyalty is very much appreciated!

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TUNNEL VISION

TOM HOLDCROFT

For me the year 2008 means 15 years watching Port Vale (not including the time I was too young to remember). Here's my dream team...

PAUL MUSSELWHITE – 'Mussy' certainly had his critics and, yes, he did drop his fair share of clangers. But the overriding memories of Musselwhite are his magnificent saves and shot stopping wise, I have seen few better. John Rudge never felt the need to replace the former Scunthorpe keeper while Vale were enjoying the dizzy heights of the First Division and that says a lot about Musselwhite's ability.

GEORGE PILKINGTON – A model of consistency since signing for the Vale in 2003, I am yet to see a better defender playing League One football in that time. Pilkington is at his best at centre-half, but he is able to play anywhere across the back four and when you find out who is playing in the middle in my team, you will realise why he will have to slot in at right-back. Andy Hill just misses out, a man who perhaps wasn't appreciated by the fans during his spell at the Vale, but I would have loved someone half as good as him ever since.

NEIL ASPIN – An obvious selection, Neil Aspin was an outstanding defender and a wonderful professional. His famous bald head gained iconic status and I can't really remember him ever having a bad game. The finest hour I ever saw from 'Asp' was when the red hot Anthony Yeboah was tucked nicely in his pocket during the glorious 0-0 draw against his former side Leeds United in the 95-96 FA Cup.

DEAN GLOVER – 'Deano' was the most laid back defender I have ever seen, yet still one of the best. Rarely seeming to break sweat throughout his nine year Vale career, the way Glover defended oozed class. With another yard of pace, Glover would

have played Premiership football, no question.

ALLEN TANKARD – A dependable left-back and a loyal servant to Port Vale, Allen Tankard remained an integral part of Port Vale's side throughout their First Division glory years after signing for the club in 1993. Although he didn't shoot with it that often, he also had a left foot like a sledgehammer.

GARETH AINSWORTH – Not only was Ainsworth one of the most naturally gifted players I have seen in a Vale shirt, he was always visibly seen to be busting a gut for the cause. Not only did Ainsworth have a locker full of tricks with which to terrorise defenders, he was also prepared to do exactly what they didn't want; run directly at them. Ainsworth edges out Jon McCarthy because, towards the end of his Vale days, the former Lincoln winger was carrying a struggling side and winning games for us almost single-handedly. 'Macca' formed part of a good team, but he just didn't skin defenders quite so easily and take our breath away quite so regularly as Ainsworth.

ANDY PORTER – My all time Vale hero because he took no prisoners, wore the Vale shirt with pride and I just loved the way he snapped into tackles. Don't listen to the Stokies though, 'the goober' could play a bit too and he also scored some memorable goals. Porter had a great engine, he was a maestro at winning the ball, he read the game like a book and he could also pass.

ROBIN VAN DER LAAN – Remember van der Laan powering that header into the net in the Autoglass Trophy Area Semi Final against Stoke? What a moment and what a celebration! I also remember van der Laan sliding in with a magnificent tackle to prevent Mark Stein (I promise I'll never mention him again) from tucking home a penalty rebound that night.

That was van der Laan all over, he was everywhere. Yet he is another man that Stokies will dismiss as a dirty so and so who got stuck in but that was about it. Utter rubbish, he was a cultured player in possession and his long range passing was a joy to behold. Unlucky to miss out on places in the centre of midfield were Ian Bogie and Ian Taylor. Bogie was a terrific playmaker and Taylor a great goal-scorer from midfield. But if I was going into battle, in a Potteries Derby for example, I'd want Porter and van der Laan by my side.

STEVE GUPPY – A genuine, old fashioned, left-winger and a terrific crosser of the ball, players like Steve Guppy were and still are, a precious commodity. God only knows how many goals he made for the Vale with his wicked, swerving crosses. After leaving Vale for Leicester City in 1997, Guppy was potentially the answer to England's left sided problems, but they only gave him one cap. Guppy blotted his copybook slightly in 2004 when he joined Stoke City for a spell, but he's still been Vale's best left-winger by a street during my time as a fan.

TONY NAYLOR – They say that good things come in small packages and Tony Naylor was living proof. He was just so clever, had such a great eye for goal and for such a small man, he was feisty. Enjoying his best season for the Valiants in 2000/01, Naylor seemed to get better with age and the great thing was that Stoke always wanted to sign him but never managed it.

MARTIN FOYLE – Martin Foyle gets a place in the side ahead of Lee Mills because he was a great servant to the club and without his goals in the 93-94 promotion season, the glory years that followed may never have happened. Although never quite so prolific in the First Division, Foyle was still a regular supplier of goals and his 107 make him our record post-war

OFFSIDE!



WHO ATE ALL THE PIES?

Mystery surrounds the Championship as it was revealed in one of the national papers that one of the clubs had a weigh in, where all the players had to get on a set of scales in front of each other and their manager. However, this was bad for one player who weighed in at 15st 8lb. The manager of this unknown club blew his top at the player, causing the others to become very scared.

Unfortunately though things got worse for said manager when a few seconds later another player weighed in at 17st 2lb!

I know who I think it is.....

LET'S FLY, LET'S FLY AWAY!

Burnley Football Club came up with a novel idea of advertising their club by purchasing their own blimp! The plan was that they would fly it over the ground on match days as a new and novel way of marketing the games. However, disaster struck 90 minutes after it started its maiden flight to promote the game against QPR. Some mischievous people set the blimp "free" by cutting the reins and allowing it to float off into the night sky! Air Traffic Control were warned as it floated off and the club have now offered a VIP day at Burnley to whoever finds it!



DRIVING ME CRAZY

Fabrice Muamba saw Birmingham City's day out go-karting as a nice chance to relax and let his hair down. Sadly though for the 19 year old former Arsenal midfielder, things didn't go to plan. Muamba is no Michael Schumacher, and despite a good first run, everything went a bit pear-shaped on the second run. He kept hitting the kerb at every corner and while team-mate Liam Ridgwell finished the day as the victor, Muamba finished the day buried in the tyre wall.

So, you can imagine that he wasn't very amused when he got back to the car park to find that goalkeeper Maik Taylor had attached L-plates to his car, and even less amused because he didn't notice until he'd driven all the way home!



BAH HUMBUG

The Christmas party season has kicked off for footballers and Chelsea have been one of the first to get in the party swing. Well, most of their players have been! The players organised a fancy dress party for themselves and their families to get in the festive spirit. John Terry turned up dressed like a cartoon superhero, while Frank Lampard turned up wearing a fetching exotic costume and fishnet stockings! Even Claudio Pizarro was dressed up as a Roman emperor. Sadly though Andrei Shevchenko let the team down, turning up in a turtle neck sweater! There was no truth in the rumour though that he'd turned up dressed as a footballer as it was too unbelievable.

FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS

When the FA Cup draw was made, the question on many fans lips was "Where's Chasetown?". For BBC Radio Stoke pundit Jon McCarthy though that was the question on his lips on the night of the replay! The former Vale winger didn't realise when he set off down the M6 Toll road that Chasetown wasn't signposted, and so ended up making two trips down the road!

He was only saved when he came to pay the toll for a second time and asked for directions. The person that he spoke to was a big Birmingham fan and recognised Jon from his days at St Andrews and so was only too happy to save the day.



COMMENTARY BOX

"IT NEVER GOT GOING DID IT?"

Ade Boothroyd was unimpressed at Stoke vs Watford

"THE OBJECT OF THE CROSSBAR CHALLENGE IS TO HIT THE CROSSBAR WHILE AVOIDING THE FORKING GROUNDSMAN."

Another classic from Colchester's tannoy announcer.

"THERE'S ONLY ONE JAMIE OLIVER!"

Cardiff fans not impressed by the catering at Norwich, supported by Delia Smith!

"THERE IS A SMALL CHILD MISSING - COULD HE PLEASE MEET HIS PARENTS IN THE SMOKING AREA."

Cambridge's tannoy announcer, is the child's secret out?

"HAS SOMEONE BEEN SICK IN THEIR KIT BAG?"

One Vale fan isn't impressed with Tranmere's kit!

"WE FEEL UNBEATABLE AT EWOOD PARK, EVEN WHEN WE PLAY AWAY."

David Bentley yet to grasp this travelling lark.

"ENGLAND'S NUMBER FOUR!"

Man City fans serenade Paul Robinson.

"MY TEAM-MATES LIKE TO PLAY JOKES ON ME BY TEACHING ME BAD WORDS AND MAKING EVERYBODY LAUGH."

Man City's Elano on the help he gets learning English.

MARC RICHARDS



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HOTSHOTS

LEAGUE ONE GAMES SATURDAY, 29TH DECEMBER 2007



BOURNEMOUTH V SWINDON

Bournemouth's second home game of the Christmas period represents a real chance to prove their credentials for getting away from the bottom of the table. Swindon are dropping like a stone and must win to arrest their slide.

BOURNEMOUTH 3-2 SWINDON

BRISTOL ROVERS V CARLISLE

Bristol Rovers slide hasn't been easy for them to stomach after a solid start to the season, and in Carlisle they will receive no charity from a team determined to make the most of their excellent season. They may have too much creativity for their hosts.

BRISTOL ROVERS 1-3 CARLISLE

DONCASTER V SOUTHEND

A real clash of the heavyweights in terms of wages bills and footballing ability. The one dividing factor could be Southend's failure to find the net regularly since on-loan Leon Clarke's goals dried up. The fact Doncaster are at home could clinch it for them.

DONCASTER 2-0 SOUTHEND

GILLINGHAM V NOTT'M FOREST

Gillingham are putting up a fight in their attempts to prise themselves away from the foot of the table, but Forest represent arguably their biggest challenge. A chance to show the rest of League One exactly how far they've progressed under Mark Stimson awaits. Either that or a severe hammering.

GILLINGHAM 1-2 NOTTM FOREST

HARTLEPOOL V LEYTON ORIENT

As on Boxing Day, I said I'd underestimated Hartlepool's strength at home. Leyton Orient's frequent stutters could continue here as the home side will have grown in confidence throughout December. Richie Barker has rediscovered his goalscoring touch as well, so that could prove crucial.

HARTLEPOOL 2-0 LEYTON ORIENT

HUDDERSFIELD V NORTHAMPTON

Northampton look shaky away from home and should Huddersfield extend Phil Jevons' loan from Bristol City into the New Year, they could threaten the top six. He should represent the home side's best chance of victory here, as their visitors don't pick up too many points away from home.

HUDDERSFIELD 2-0 NORTHAMPTON

MILLWALL V CREWE

Crewe desperately need to start picking up some points after a wretched December so far, and having won at Millwall a couple of seasons ago very impressively, the New Den is a happy hunting ground for them. Their lack of goals though, could be a problem.

MILLWALL 1-2 CREWE

OLDHAM V WALSALL

Given Walsall's recent good form away from home, you'd be hard pressed to be against them here. But if Oldham prevent Michael Ricketts from playing against his parent club, Walsall's goal threat could be severely decreased. Lee Hughes on the other hand could find himself with a demoralised team at his mercy.

OLDHAM 2-0 WALSALL

PORT VALE V LUTON

It's vital Vale take something from this game if they are to be serious about staying in League One. Luton have responded well to their 10 point deficit and don't look downhearted. Vale must use this chance to push them further below them and escape the bottom four.

PORT VALE 3-1 LUTON

SWANSEA V LEEDS

Possibly Leeds' toughest challenge of their promotion credentials so far. Having lost at Carlisle earlier in the season, they will be eager to prove to their fans they can beat the top teams in the division and claim automatic promotion. Swansea though are no pushovers and will view Leeds as an equally big test of their mettle.

SWANSEA 2-1 LEEDS

TRANMERE V CHELTENHAM

Most teams have hangovers after Christmas, but it looks like Tranmere have been at the sherry for the past two months, and are now decidedly blotto. Having said that, they are still in the promotion picture, and should win against a Cheltenham side who have had one too many mince pies away from home and could do with a good lie down.

TRANMERE 3-0 CHELTENHAM

YEOVIL V BRIGHTON

Brighton will feel confident they can go to Yeovil and get something, and Russell Slade's ageing side do have a soft underbelly that the youthful zip of the visitors would be only too eager to gut. Expect them to have too much for their hosts.

YEOVIL 1-3 BRIGHTON

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SALES PITCH

With Christmas now over and the run to the New Year upon us, we're planning for next season and the improvements we'd like to introduce. Chief amongst these improvements is a new ticketing system that will enable us to offer tickets and services to fans with the kind of regularity, simplicity and accuracy that you should expect from a modern football club. Once in place, such a system will give us the valuable ability to reward our best customers and identify areas of the community that already provide great support. The same exercise will also help us to identify other groups and communities that merit extra attention and effort in our drive to improve attendances and grow the club.

As part of an ongoing project to improve attendances whilst maintaining reliable incomes for the club, the transition to automated ticketing will enable us to offer many valuable services to fans including:

- Online Sales
- Shorter Queues
- Discounts for advance sales
- Accurate and fair concessions policies
- Rewards and promotions for regular supporters
- Loyalty and discount schemes

from local businesses exclusively for Port Vale fans who support the Club.

The introduction of a modern system will also lead to great benefits and efficiencies in the operations of the Club, allowing us to make crucial cost savings whilst improving the level of service we are providing to the supporters.

Over the next few months, you may well see forms around Vale Park inviting you to pre-register your details in advance of the new system. Completing one of these forms will make buying your first tickets with the new system quicker, and help the Club get a useful head-start in preparation for the new season.

As an added bonus, we will be offering some great prize draws open to anyone who fills in one of these forms so make sure you get hold of one for more details!

VALE IN THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE?

Congratulations to Jayne Wainwright, the winner of our December competition in association with Britannia Building Society. All fans had to do to enter the competition was show their Valiant Save and Support Passbook in the Club

shop for the chance to win a copy of Football Manager 2008. Jayne was the lucky winner of this great Christmas present, so hopefully someone in the Wainwright family has already managed Port Vale all the way into the Champions League!

HELP RUN THE VALE LOTTERY AND WATCH VALE FOR FREE

Fancy watching the Vale for free, whilst making money for yourself and helping your club?

The Port Vale Lottery is a long established local lottery that offers the chance to win some great prizes each week whilst supporting the Club. We are always on the look out for new agents and collectors in all parts of the city. There are lots of easy ways to find customers:

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- Work colleagues

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CONFERENCE AND EVENTS AT VALE PARKS

With the Lorne Street Stand now completely operational we can

offer rooms and catering for all kinds of events, for anything between 2 and 250 people.

Our new Executive Boxes at the Hamil Road end of the Lorne Street Stand have been cleverly designed to link together, forming attractive, useful spaces for up to 40 people, with a great view over Vale Park.

Birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and funerals can all be accommodated, and our expert staff will make sure yours is an event to remember.

Whether you are celebrating, training, exhibiting or simply meeting colleagues or clients, we can offer high-quality spaces, fully equipped with modern equipment, at great prices and with the added excitement of Vale Park. The practical considerations are also attractive; our location is great for guests travelling from around the country, our plentiful parking is free-of-charge, and the ground is well sign-posted from all major routes.

To explore the possibilities for hosting your event at Vale Park please contact the Conference and Events team on 01782 655809.

VALE PARK ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Does your New Year's Resolution list look anything like this?

- No 1. Get my small business a proper office from which to work.
- No 2. Start impressing my clients with great facilities and an exciting location.
- No 3. Cut costs and save precious money on rent, rates and services.

Then why not have a good, hard look at the new Vale Park Enterprise Centre? The perfect base for small and start-up businesses in North Staffordshire.

A unique facility amongst football stadia, the Enterprise Centre has 20 fully serviced and secure small-business units available at superb rents.

32% of the available space has now been taken by local businesses, including major Port Vale sponsors Westonia Mortgages. All the units are complete with parking and the use of dedicated meeting rooms and kitchen facilities.

Imagine hosting your visitors in plush and professional meeting rooms overlooking the Vale Park pitch, with all the facilities and catering of Port Vale at your service. If you have a small or start-up business, and like the idea of working from a prestigious, fully-equipped, modern office at Vale Park, why not get in touch to arrange a viewing?

On behalf of the Commercial Team at Port Vale, I hope you've all had a great Christmas and that we're all destined for a successful and happy New Year. Thanks again for your support.

Yours,
Mike Aldridge
Commercial Manager



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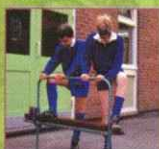
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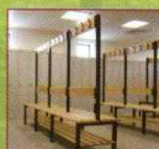
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	D.O.B.	P.O.B	HEIGHT	JOINED VALE	CAREER TO DATE
GOALKEEPERS					
1 Mark Goodlad	09.09.79	Barnsley	6'1"	March 2000	Scarborough (L), Nottingham Forest
12 Joe Anyon	29.12.86	Blackpool	6'2"	Aug 2003	Blackburn (youth), England Youth
DEFENDERS					
2 George Pilkington	07.11.81	Rugeley	6'0"	June 2003	Exeter City (loan), Everton, England Youth
3 Jason Talbot	30.09.85	Trafford	5'8"	May 2006	Derby County (loan), Mansfield Town, Bolton
5 Keith Lowe*	13.09.85	Wolverhampton	6'2"	June 2007	Wolves, Cheltenham Town (L),
6 Richard Walker	17.09.80	Bolton	6'2"	May 2006	Wrexham (loan), Crewe Alexandra
16 Mark McGregor	16.02.77	Chester	5'10"	Jan 2006	Blackpool, Burnley, Wrexham
18 Colin Miles	06.09.78	Edmonton	6'0"	June 2006	Yeovil Town, Dover Athletic, Hayes, Stevenage, Morton, Watford
15 Justin Miller	16.12.80	Johannesburg	6'1"	May 2007	Leyton Orient, Ipswich Town
20 Ashley Westwood	31.08.76	Bridgnorth	6'0"	Aug 2007	Swindon Town (L), Chester City, Northampton Town, Sheffield Wed, Bradford City, Crewe Alex, Man United, England Youth Int.
22 Luke Prosser	28.05.88	Hertfordshire	6'3"	Aug 2004	Tottenham, Vale Youth
23 Charlie O'Loughlin	17.03.89	Birmingham	6'4"	Jan 2005	Vale Youth
MIDFIELDERS					
4 Robin Hulbert	14.03.80	Plymouth	5'9"	July 2004	Shrewsbury Town (L), Bristol City, Newcastle Utd (L), Swindon Town, England Youth
7 Shane Tudor	10.02.82	Wolverhampton	5'8"	May 2007	Leyton Orient, Cambridge, Wolves
8 Paul Harsley	29.05.78	Scunthorpe	5'8"	July 2006	Macclesfield Town, Northampton Town, Halifax Town, Scunthorpe Utd, Grimsby Town
11 Paul Edwards	01.01.80	Manchester	5'10"	June 2007	Oldham, Blackpool, Wrexham, Swindon Town
14 Danny Whitaker	14.11.80	Manchester	5'10"	June 2006	Macclesfield Town
17 Craig Rocastle	17.08.81	Lewisham	6'2"	June 2007	Oldham, Yeovil (L), Sheffield Wed, Hibernian (L), Lincoln City (L), Barnsley (L), Chelsea, Kingstonsian
19 Joe Cardle	07.02.87	Blackpool	5'8"	Aug 2005	Burnley, Vale Youth
28 Mark Salmon+	31.10.88	Dublin		Nov 2007	Wolves
29 Marc Laird+	23.01.86	Edinburgh	6'1"	Nov 2007	Manchester City
FORWARDS					
9 Marc Richards	08.07.82	Wolverhampton	5'11"	May 2007	Barnsley, Rochdale (L), Northampton, Swansea City (L), Halifax Town (L), Oldham Athletic (L), Crewe Alexandra (L), Blackburn Rovers, England Youth & U-20
10 Luke Rodgers	01.01.82	Birmingham	5'8"	Jan 2007	Crewe Alexandra, Shrewsbury Town
21 Danny Glover	24.10.89	Crewe	6'0"	Nov 2002	Liverpool (youth)
24 Calum Willock	29.10.81	London	6'1"	Aug 2007	Fulham, QPR (L), Bristol Rovers (L), Peterborough
25 David McGoldrick+	19.11.87	Birmingham	6'1"	Aug 2007	Bournemouth (L), Notts County (L), Southampton

* [season-long loan], + [short-term loan]

UNDER THE FLOODLIGHTS

MARC RICHARDS

Marc almost joined Vale in January 2007 as part of a proposed deal to take Leon Constantine to Oakwell. The move broke down, but Martin Foyle wasted no time in getting his man when the season was over, making Marc his first signing of the summer.

A player who works the channels well, Marc has the type of work rate admired by the manager and is expected to be amongst the goals this season once he gets himself fit again.



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LEAGUE ONE REVIEW

NEWS FROM LEAGUE ONE

With the New Year fast approaching, managers up and down League One will be hoping that their Christmas wish comes true, helping their side to take a shot at promotion, or at the very least, still be in the same division next time around.

As usual, both ends of the table are too close to call but it is the likes of Carlisle, Leyton Orient and Leeds who have surpassed pre-season expectations, contending for a place in the Championship.

Since the introduction of John Ward in early October, the former Cheltenham man has kept Carlisle ticking along nicely, collecting an impressive 12 points in his first month in charge at Brunton Park.

Top goal scorers Joe Garner and Danny Graham have seen the Cumbrians take notable scalps against promotion rivals Leyton Orient, Southend and Leeds but a defeat against Swansea earlier in the year has left them trailing the Swans.

Ever present play-off hopefuls Nottingham Forest have failed to hit the heights that was expected of them with two defeats in the run up to the festive period not helping their ambition of automatic promotion.

Forest boss Colin Calderwood will be keen to avoid ending the campaign in a similar fashion to

last year after his side threw away a 2-0 aggregate lead to succumb to a 5-2 thrashing in their second leg against Yeovil Town.

If ever there was a lesson on how to bounce back from relegation, Leeds' efforts so far must be worth a mention as they continue to hold their own in the top six despite starting the season with a 15 point deduction.

With names such as David Prutton, Alan Thompson and Tore-Andre Flo amongst Dennis Wise's squad it isn't hard to see why they have climbed the league, but as teams such as Forest and Millwall have proved in previous years, there is a long way to go yet.

Another team to be hit hard by the consequences of administration, Luton Town, have not fared so well with the 10 point deduction handed to them in November landing the London side in a relegation dog fight.

Things went from bad to worse for the Hatters as they were accused of alleged breaches in FA rules over payments made to agents and giving the Football Association misleading information.

Port Vale rang the changes as former player Martin Foyle left the manager's hotseat back in October to be replaced by Lee Sinnott, who has had it far from easy in his first couple of months at Vale Park.



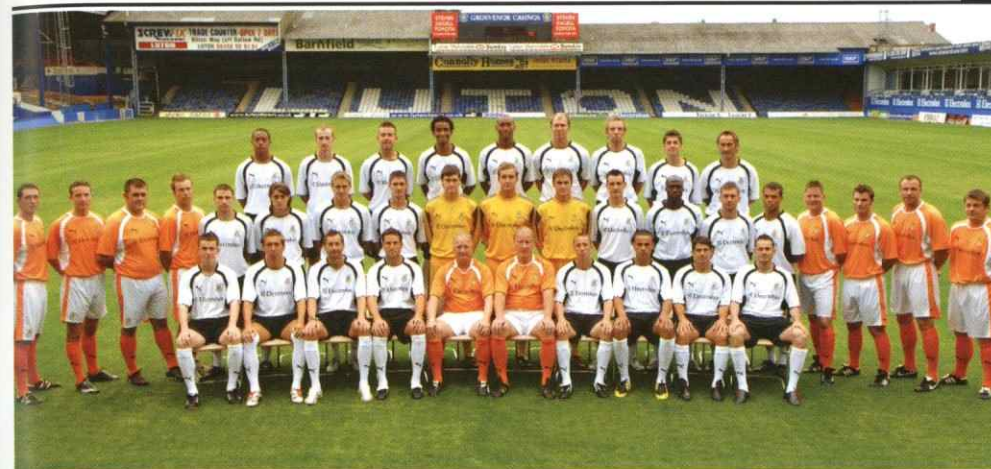
A highly publicised FA cup exit to Chasetown and a difficult time in the league has left the Staffordshire side sitting precariously close to the bottom of the table, but points against Gillingham and Tranmere has shown that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Bristol Rovers continue to hold their heads above water after promotion last term, but their 6 match unbeaten run at the start of the season will seem a long time ago as they struggle to pick up points going into the new year.

Unpredictability has been the story of Crewe's campaign so far with their scorecard showing 4 wins and 4 losses during November and December and with Dario Gradi now taking a back seat, it will be interesting to see where they finish.

Huddersfield's leaky defence has seen them ship goals against the likes of Leeds and Walsall but despite having an appalling goal difference, some good results along the way leaves Andy Ritchie's men in mid-table.

Once again, the door has been left wide open for those seeking success and with predictions best left to the bookmakers, only one thing is for certain, 2008 in League One promises yet more ups and downs for the teams involved.



WHO ARE YER? LUTON TOWN



NAME: Luton Town
ADDRESS: Kenilworth Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU4 8AW
TEL NO: 01582 411622

GROUND CAPACITY: 10,260
YEAR FORMED: 1885
NICKNAME: The Hatters
PREVIOUS GROUNDS: 1885, Excelsior, Dallow Lane
1897, Dunstable Road
1905, Kenilworth Road

CLUB HONOURS:
League: Championship 1 – Winners 2004-05; Division 1 best season: 7th, 1986-87; Division 2 – Champions 1981-82; Runners-up 1954-55, 1973-74; Division 3 – Runners-up 1969-70, 2001-02; Division 4 – Champions 1967-68; Division 3 (S) – Champions 1936-37; Runners-up 1935-36

FA Cup:
Runners-up 1959

League Cup:
Winners 1988; Runners-up 1989
Simod Cup:
Runners-up 1988

BIGGEST HOME ATTENDANCE:
30,069 v Blackpool, FA Cup 6th rd replay, 4 March 1959

RECORD WINS:
League: 12-0 v Bristol Rovers, Division 3 (S), 13 April 1936
Cup: 9-0 v Clapton, FA Cup 1st rd (replay after abandoned game), 30 November 1927

RECORD DEFEATS:
0-9 v Small Heath, Division 2, 12 November 1898

THE HATTERS SNAPSHOTS:

- The entrance to the away section of Kenilworth Road is through the ground floor of terrace houses – the bedrooms are still in place!!
- In 1936 Luton beat Bristol Rovers 12-0, with Joe Payne scoring 10 of the goals.

MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN A SEASON:
103, Division 3 (S), 1936-37

MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN AGGREGATE:
Gordon Turner, 243, 1949-64

MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN ONE MATCH:
10, Joe Payne v Bristol Rovers, Division 3 (S), 13 April 1936

MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES:
Bob Morton, 495, 1948-64

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ON THE SPOT

CHRIS PERRY

Port Vale will run into one of the best and most experienced defenders in League One this afternoon.

At only 5ft 9in, Chris Perry doesn't fit into the stereotype of a successful central defender. However, the 34 year old had a decade in the Premiership with Wimbledon, Tottenham and Charlton before stepping down into the lower divisions.

Perry is approaching 500 senior appearances, a record which includes 158 Premier League starts for Wimbledon after coming through the ranks in 1991.

He moved on to Tottenham for £4m in 1999 and made more than 100 appearances in four seasons before injury cost him his place in the team.

He switched to Charlton on loan at the start of the 2003-2004 season, a deal which led to a £100,000 transfer.

After three years at the Valley, he switched to West Brom last season and played in the side which lost in the play-off final to Derby County.

Perry joined the Hatters this summer as manager Kevin Blackwell looked to experience.

He has been a regular this term, and was on the scoresheet in the 2-1 home win over Nottingham Forest in October.



NAME:	Chris Perry
NATIONALITY:	English
DATE OF BIRTH:	26/04/1973
HEIGHT:	5' 9" (175cm)
WEIGHT:	11st 0lbs (69.92kg)
PREVIOUS CLUBS:	WBA, Charlton, MK Dons, Tottenham
POSITION:	Defender



IN THE AREA

LUTON TOWN

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	D.O.B	HEIGHT	CAREER TO DATE
GOALKEEPERS				
1. DEAN BRILL	LUTON	2.12.85	6'2"	LUTON TOWN YOUTH
Zac Barrett	Stevenage	25.6.88	6'2"	Luton Town Youth
DEFENDERS				
3. Alan Goodall	Birkenhead	2.12.81	5'9"	Rochdale, Bangor City
5. CHRIS PERRY	CARSHALTON	26.4.73	5'9"	WBA, CHARLTON ATHLETIC, TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR, WIMBLEDON
6. CHRIS COYNE	BRISBANE	28.12.78	6'1"	DUNDEE, WEST HAM UTD. AUSTRALIAN U23 INT.
12. RICHARD JACKSON	WHITBY	18.4.80	5'8"	DERBY COUNTY, SCARBOROUGH
24. Paul Underwood	Wimbledon	16.8.73	5'11"	Rushden & Diamonds, Enfield
26. Sol Davis	Cheltenham	4.9.79	5'8"	Swindon Town
31. Jaroslaw Fojut	Legionowo	17.10.87	6'2"	On loan from Bolton Wanderers. Polish Youth Int.
MIDFIELDERS				
4. Don Hutchison	Gateshead	9.5.71	6'1"	Coventry City, Millwall, West Ham, Sunderland, Everton, Sheffield Utd, Liverpool, Hartlepool Utd. Full Scottish Int.
8. David Bell	Kettering	21.1.84	5'10"	Rushden & Diamonds. Eire U21 Int.
10. DARREN CURRIE		29.11.74	5'11"	BRIGHTON, WYCOMBE, BARNET, PLYMOUTH, SHREWSBURY, WEST HAM
14. STEVE ROBINSON	LISBURN	10.12.74	5'8"	PRESTON NE, BOURNEMOUTH, SPURS. FULL NORTHERN IRELAND INT.
15. Stephen O'Leary	Barnet	2.2.85	5'10"	Luton Town Youth
16. DAVID EDWARDS	SHREWSBURY	3.2.86	5'11"	SHREWSBURY TOWN. WELSH U21 INT.
21. KEITH KEANE	LUTON	20.11.86	5'9"	LUTON TOWN YOUTH. EIRE YOUTH INT.
22. Richard Langley	Harlesden	27.12.79	6'0"	QPR, Cardiff City, QPR. Full Jamaican Int.
25. MATTHEW SPRING	HARLOW	17.11.79	6'0"	WATFORD, LEEDS UTD, LUTON TOWN
34. Anthony Grant	Lambeth	4.6.87	5'10"	On loan from Chelsea. England Youth Int.
FORWARDS				
9. Sam Parkin	Roehampton	14.3.81	6'2"	Ipswich Town, Swindon Town, Chelsea
11. Paul Peschisolido	Scarborough, Canada	25.5.71	5'7"	Derby County, Sheffield Utd, Fulham, WBA, Stoke City, Birmingham City, Toronto Blizzard
19. Drew Talbot	Barnsley	19.7.86	5'10"	Sheffield Wednesday, Barnsley
20. Calvin Andrew	Luton	19.12.86	5'10"	Luton Town Youth
28. Paul McVeigh	Belfast	6.12.77	5'6"	Norwich, Tottenham Hotspur
29. PAUL FURLONG	WOOD GREEN	1.10.68	6'0"	QPR, BIRMINGHAM CITY, WATFORD, COVENTRY CITY, ENFIELD

Players in **BOLD CAPITALS** started Luton Town's League 1 match vs Cheltenham Town on 14th December 2007

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MANAGING TO SUCCEED

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

NED LIDELL

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 DUNCUN

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

SYD OWEN

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

ALLAN BROWN

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

ALEC STOCK

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

HARRY HASLAM

Popular manager Harry Haslam guided Luton Town back to the top-flight in 1973-74. Initially with Rochdale, the full-back played for Oldham Athletic, Brighton, Leyton Orient, Guildford City and Hastings United, then managed Eastbourne United, Barry Town and Tonbridge before becoming Fulham's chief scout. He assisted Alec Stock at Luton prior to succeeding him as manager in May 1972, remaining in charge of the Hatters until leaving in January 1978 to manage Sheffield United. He scouted for England under Bobby Robson and died in September 1986. His son Keith is now Mansfield's managing director.

DAVID PLEAT

Articulate manager David Pleat managed Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981-82. A former winger, he played for Nottingham Forest, Luton, Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough before becoming Nuneaton's player-boss. He rejoined Luton as coach in July 1972 and became manager in January 1978, guiding the Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals in 1984-

85. Taking charge of Spurs in May 1986, he led them to the 1987 FA Cup final, then managed Leicester City before rejoining Luton in June 1991. He took the Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals again in 1993-94, leaving in June 1995. Now working in the media.

RAY HARFORD

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

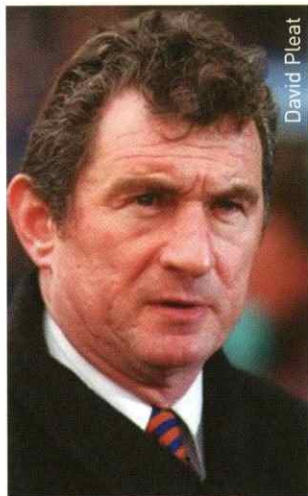
JOE KINNEAR

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

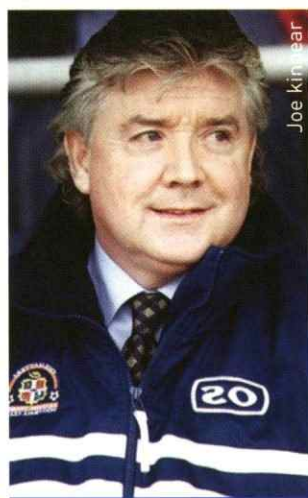
MIKE NEWELL

Ex-England U-21 striker Mike Newell managed Luton Town to the League One title in 2004-05. Initially with Liverpool, he moved

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



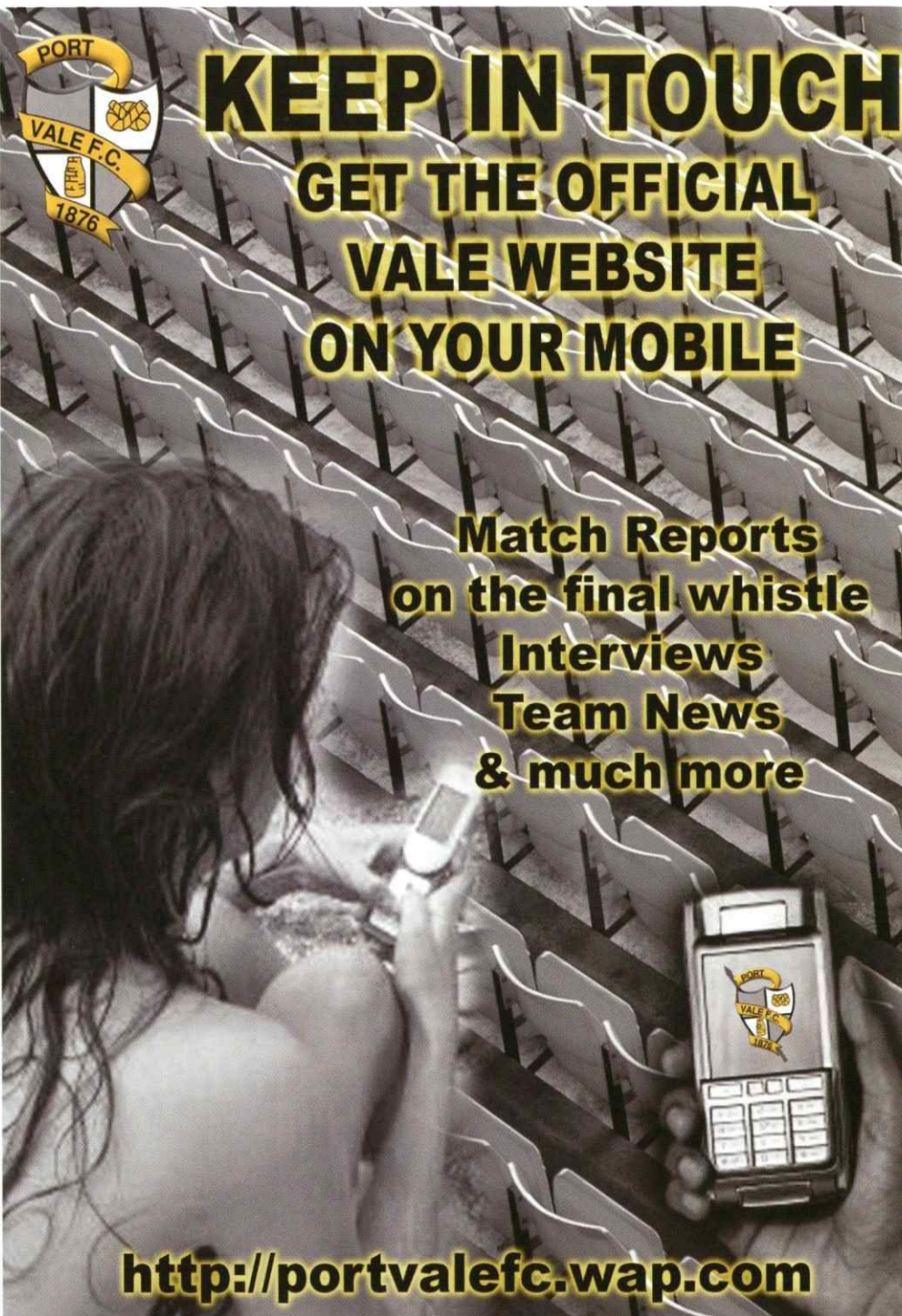
David Pleat



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IN OPPOSITION

A FAN'S EYE VIEW OF TODAY'S OPPOSITION

NAME: Steve Bostock
 AGE: 18
 LOCATION: Harlington, Beds
 TEAM YOU SUPPORT: Luton Town

DO YOU HAVE ANY PRE-MATCH RITUALS? IF SO, WHAT ARE THEY?
 A boring, 'no'

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SUPPORTING YOUR TEAM?
 14 years.

WHAT ARE YOUR FIRST MEMORIES OF SUPPORTING LUTON?

My very first match when we beat Watford 2-1 at home on the opening day of the 1993-1994 season. I was very confused as to why the players warmed up with tracksuits on and THEN got changed into their kit!

HOW OFTEN DO YOU ATTEND GAMES NOW?

Up until this season all the home games and about half the away games. However it's now just once a month as I attend University in Portsmouth.

WHO DO YOU USUALLY ATTEND GAMES WITH?

My 84 year old Nan. The greatest of ALL Luton fans bar none!

WHAT IS YOUR ALL-TIME FAVOURITE MOMENT SUPPORTING LUTON TOWN?

That would have to be in February 2005. Jumping around the back of the Kenilworth Stand going crazy after Brkovic's last gasp winner against Hull. The moment I truly felt we were going to be promoted.

WHO IS YOUR ALL-TIME FAVOURITE LUTON PLAYER, AND WHY?

Kevin Nicholls. How I long to see that sort of commitment back in a Luton shirt.

WHO IS YOUR CURRENT FAVOURITE LUTON PLAYER, AND WHY?

Jaroslav Fojut. On loan from Bolton. Too good for League One football as I hope your attackers will discover today.



ARE YOU HAPPY SUPPORTING YOUR TEAM AT THE MOMENT?

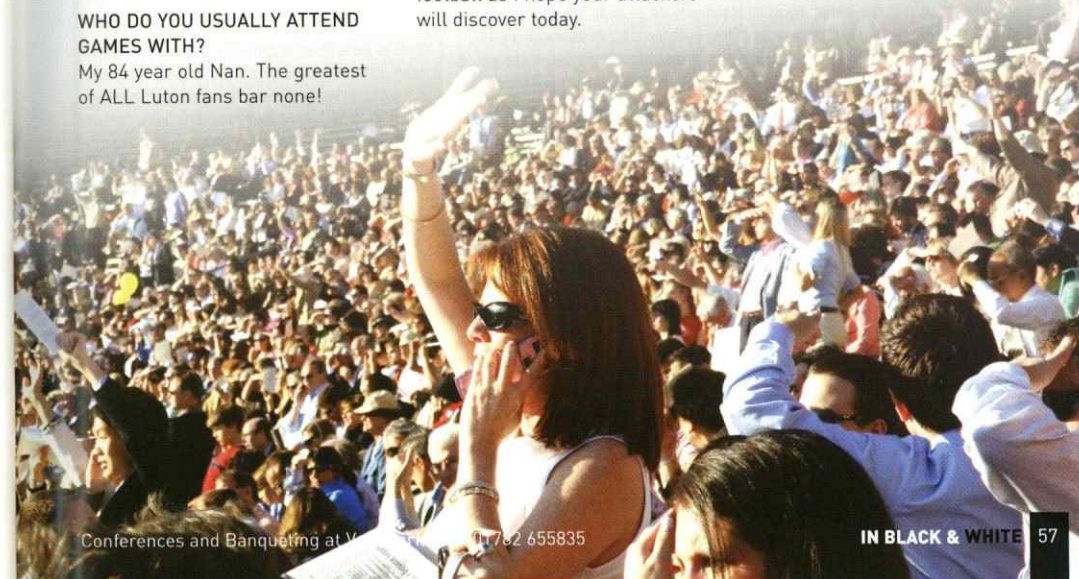
Well would you be having had Jayten 'run' your club and been deducted 10 points for going into Admin? So that's a 'no'!

WHERE DO YOU THINK LUTON WILL FINISH THIS SEASON?

An optimistic 20th leaving Vale relegated instead of us. Perhaps!

WHAT IS YOUR PREDICTION FOR TODAY'S GAME AGAINST PORT VALE?

An away win at long last for the Hatters...Port Vale 1-3 Luton Town



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FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

Good afternoon, may I offer a warm welcome to the visiting supporters, I hope you enjoy the Vale Park hospitality and the action from today's Coca Cola League One fixture between Port Vale and Luton Town.

LOOKING BACK

Each year on January 1st I comment that it will not be long to Christmas and within a blink of the eye we are once again on the brink of a new year. Looking back on 2007 it has been quite eventful.

In January I didn't realise that by the end of November our Head Office in Manchester, which initiated this project in 1988, would be closed for good and a new era of Football in the Community would begin. This is sad news, particularly for the hard working staff in Manchester, who have dedicated themselves to Football in the Community for so long and have helped to develop the scheme nationally.

Most league clubs and one or two non-league clubs now operate a Football in the Community Scheme and although we are still primarily a football delivery agent we have in recent years diversified into multi sports to meet the needs of our local schools.

Without the foresight of the PFA in the early to mid 1980's there would be no Football in the Community as we see it today, so I would like to say a big thank you for pioneering a scheme which gave me a route into full time employment in the football industry.

A new triple sponsorship was sealed with Go2 Telecom, Give it Sum and Sportsmatch which has enabled us to roll out the extra time project over the next two years and with our schools programme continuing to expand, we created three new staff positions. Adam Holland, Andy Simms and Sam Timmis have all become established members of our team and I hope will all be with us for years to come as we continue to evolve as an organisation.

Staff Development courses have been frequent as we continued to give our workforce the right knowledge to deliver a quality product. In fact our first training course for 2008 begins on 2nd January for three and a half days when all staff will attend a First Aid at Work course at Vale Park. Other staff are already booked to attend level 2 and 3 football coaching courses during 2008.

Amongst our aims for 2008 we are looking to further expand our workforce through job creation and to develop our own football development site away from Vale Park. This project will follow on from the recent development of a new multi sports hall in Hamil Road.

Our volunteers programme is yet another area we are looking to expand with a view to developing potential full time recruits for the future.

THANK YOU

There are many people I would like to thank for supporting us this year, beginning with Mr Lucky Bags, a local business, which has been expanding rapidly in recent years and like ourselves has created new jobs to help the local economy and reduce the unemployment list. Mr Lucky Bags very kindly sponsored our Junior Valiant's Christmas party on December 13th supplying us with some very special Christmas edition luckybags to give to children attending on the night. The kids and staff thought they were fantastic. Isn't it nice to see local business supporting their community.

Many thanks also to all the local schools who have worked in partnership with us, some of whom have been supporting us since I arrived in 1993. Without their support we would not have developed to where we are today. Thanks should also go to the Football League who have pledged their financial backing for at least the next three years. Also former Manager Martin Foyle, Dean Glover, new Manager Lee Sinnott, Mark Grew, Andy Porter, Groundsman Steve Speed and his team, and all the Port Vale players from the Youth Team through to the First Team who through their presence and support have made our job so much easier.

Others who deserve a mention include Stoke North MP Joan Walley, Staffordshire Police, Port Vale Football Club and of course all of you Vale fans, Happy New Year I look forward to seeing you all in 2008.

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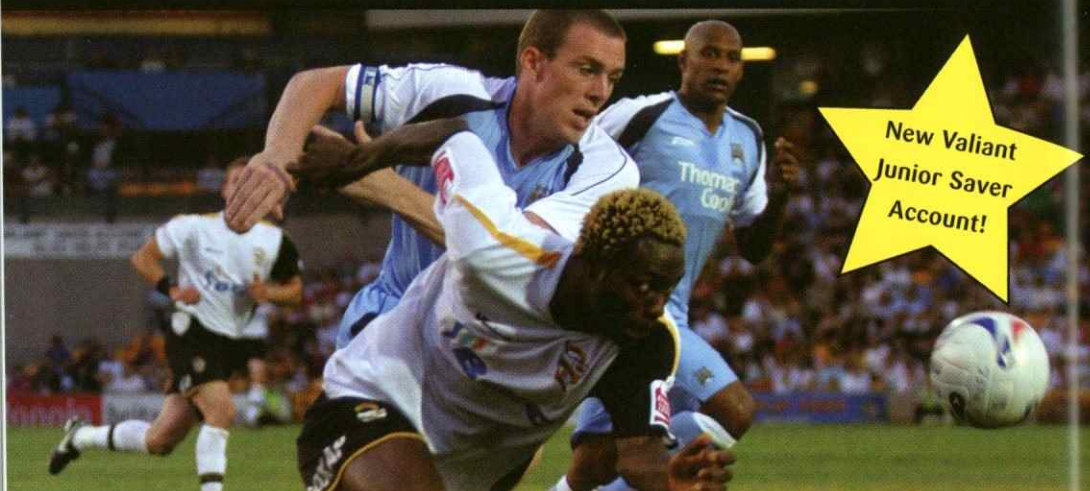


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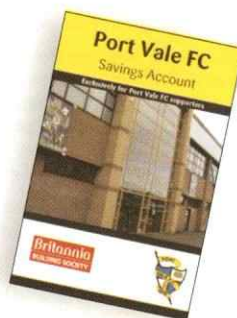
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IN THE WINGS

UNDER 18s YEAR END REVIEW

A look at the current table, with Vale's U18s in 14th place out of 18, would have been an unlikely scenario at the start of the season, as there seemed to be a significant number of players with promise. Of course that is exactly the situation that has come to fruition, hastened by the fact that the poor form of the first team squad has seen a number of the youngsters getting a place on the first team bench. This has left the U18s missing a significant number of players on some Saturdays, and although the replacements are not letting the side down, the constant disruption has had an unsettling effect.

The fact that the main beneficiaries of the first team call-ups are the two forwards, Glover and Lawrie, has given others an opportunity to shine and this is particularly the case for Luke Chapman who, after another brace against Swansea in the FAYC 3rd round tie, is the leading scorer so far. Luke comes from Cannock and attended Cannock Chase High School, so maybe he should have played against the Scholars in the FA Cup as well as the FAYC!

The success in the FAYC shows that when the whole squad is available the Vale are a match for anyone as Doncaster and Swansea, beaten in the last two rounds, are high in their respective leagues. The real success of the youth set-up is in providing players for the first team squad so at present it is certainly doing its job, with a number of players deemed capable of seeing action from the bench and Lee Sinnott's attitude to youth is refreshing after a long period of little opportunity for the younger players.

TABLE: PUMA ALLIANCE NW SECTION 17.12.07

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	BURY	13	9	1	32	36	29	7	28
2	WIGAN ATHLETIC	14	8	3	3	26	13	13	27
3	BLACKPOOL	13	8	2	3	34	25	9	26
4	WALSALL	13	7	4	2	30	14	16	25
5	CARLISLE UNITED	12	7	2	3	26	17	.9	23
6	PRESTON NE	13	7	1	5	33	23	10	22
7	CHESTER CITY	15	6	4	5	20	17	3	22
8	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	14	7	1	6	29	32	-3	22
9	BURNLEY	13	7	0	6	32	26	6	21
10	WREXHAM	12	6	3	3	15	13	2	21
11	TRANMERE ROVERS	14	5	4	5	24	22	2	19
12	MACCLESFIELD	12	5	3	4	21	15	6	18
13	STOCKPORT CO.	15	5	2	8	19	29	-10	17
14	PORT VALE	14	4	4	6	20	20	0	16
15	ROCHDALE	13	2	3	8	27	38	-11	9
16	ACCINGTON	13	2	2	9	17	37	-20	8
17	SHREWSBURY	15	2	2	11	12	41	-29	8
18	MORECAMBE	12	2	1	9	22	32	-10	7

RESULTS: 14/15TH DECEMBER 2007

Accrington Stanley	P	V	Preston NE	P
Carlisle United	P	V	Burnley	P
Chester City	2	V	Shrewsbury Town	0
Oldham Athletic	1	V	Blackpool	5
Stockport County	0	V	Walsall	1
Wrexham	1	V	Macclesfield Town	2

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| 1. Walter Winterbottom | 11. Preston North End |
| 2. Gordon Durie | 12. Birmingham City |
| 3. Parma | 13. Celtic and Albion Rovers |
| 4. Boys From The Black Stuff | 14. Ipswich Town |
| 5. Sheffield Wednesday | 15. Denis Compton |
| 6. West Bromwich Albion | 16. York City |
| 7. Tottenham Hotspur | 17. Tottenham Hotspur |
| 8. Andy Gorm | 18. Johnny Haynes |
| 9. 1914 | 19. Gerson |
| 10. Eintracht Frankfurt | 20. Hearts |



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IN OFF THE POSTIE



DIRTY LAUNDRY

At the excellent reserve match against Coventry recently, when the smell of fresh laundry wafted over Lorne Street at half time, the question of the amount of washing generated by a football team over a week caused some discussion.

At the Open Day a list was posted with the list of a week's washing.

A TYPICAL WEEK'S WASH IS:-

Senior Players	182 kits
Youth Players	116 kits
School of Excellence	44 kits
Matches	44 kits

Total 486 kits

A kit for each Senior Player consists of:-

TRAINING GEAR

Travel Track Suit	Polo Shirt	3/4 Length Trousers
Rain Jacket	2 Sweatshirts	2 T Shirts
2 Pairs of Shorts	2 Pair of Socks	2 Towels

MATCH KITS

2 Home Shirts	2 Away Shirts	Home Shorts
Away Shorts	Home Socks	Away Socks

A kit for each Youth Player is the same as the seniors apart from match kits which consist of a set numbered from 1 - 18 (no names).

Perhaps the mathematically minded would like to work out just how many articles are washed each week!

Great credit must go to the laundry supervisor Barbara Lovatt.

[Thank goodness no ironing is involved.]

Joan Stanley.



PAWS IN PLAY

WORD GAMES FROM BOOMER TODAY

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
L	M	N	O	P	R	S	T	V

Each of these letters can connect with one of the four letter words to make another word.

The single letters can only be used once.

OMIT	LUMP	IMPS	RANT	AUNT	VENT
LACK	PORT	LASH	ROVE	REST	OARS
PENS	OVER	AIMS	EVER	CORN	RUST

RIDDLE MEE REE

1. What do Alexander the Great and Kermit the Frog have in common?
2. What did the pencil sharpener say to the pencil?
3. What's the difference between a nightwatchman and a butcher?
4. What's easy to get into but hard to get out of?
5. What is the difference between a jeweller and a gaoler?
6. What did the first mind reader say to the second mind reader?
7. What flowers grow under your nose?
8. What's the difference between a young lady and a fresh loaf?
9. What's the difference between a bus driver and a cold?
10. Why did the car get a puncture?

Answers: 1. The same middle name. 2. Stop going round in circles and come to the point. 3. One stays awake and the other weighs a steak. 4. Trouble. 5. A jeweller sells watches - a gaoler watches cells. 6. You're OK. How am I? 7. Tulips. 8. One's a well bred maid, the other's well made bread. 9. One knows the stop, the other stops the nose. 10. There was a fork in the road.



Which Vale personality is this?

SOAP JOKED

MARK GOODLAD



■ Kieran Baskeyfield

GEORGE PILKINGTON



Jayne Fradley

■ Tanisha Cook
■ Scarlett Moreton

JASON TALBOT



■ Martin, Karen and Lewis Gooday
■ The Keates Family

■ Alex Holland
■ Harry Latham

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■ Gill Shaughnessy & Louis Machin
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■ Robbie Jones
■ Hannah Clarke

KEITH LOWE



Tony Fradley

■ Ryan Bartley
■ Ryan Bartley

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V CHELTENHAM TOWN

DATE: Wednesday 2nd January 2008
KICK OFF: 19:45
VENUE: Whaddon Road
COMPETITION: Coca-Cola League One



CHELTENHAM TOWN STATS

GROUND NAME: Whaddon Road
CAPACITY: 7,066 (3,912 seated)
ADDRESS: Whaddon Road,
Cheltenham, GL52 5NA
TEL NO: 01242 573 558
NICKNAME: The Robins
FOUNDED: 1887
WEBSITE:
www.cheltenhamtownfc.co.uk

TICKET INFORMATION:



Adults: £18.00
Seniors: £12.00
Full Time Students*: £12.00
Under 16s: £7.00
Disabled (Helper FREE) £12.00
* proof required

COACH TRAVEL INFORMATION:



Departure Time: 3.00pm
Adults: £11.00
Concessions: £9.50
All coaches depart from Vale Park

DIRECTIONS:



Take M6 S to J8 to join M5. Continue on M5 to J10. Take A4019 to Cheltenham. Keep straight through the lights to a large roundabout by McDonalds turn left. Continue straight over a double mini round about and keep going for 300 yds and turn right into Swindon Lane. Follow this road over level crossings and 2 mini roundabouts until you come to a larger one. Go straight over s/p

Prestbury and the FREE Park and Ride service is situated on the left at the racecourse. For the ground continue past the racecourse and turn right (Albert Rd) and follow this to the end. At a roundabout turn Left into Prestbury Rd. After 200 yds turn right into Whaddon Rd. The ground and car park are 300 yards on the left.

OVERVIEW OF WHADDON ROAD:



Located in the Cotswolds, parts of the ground have gradually been developed over recent years in line with the Club's fortunes - the most recent being the Carlsberg Stand. Opposite the away end is the Cheltenham & Gloucester covered standing area for the home fans. The In2Print Stand, opened in 2001, holds 2,034, all seated. The UCAS Stand completes the ground - a small structure, spanning the half way line, leaving standing areas to each side of it.

WHERE THE VALIANTS WILL BE SEATED:



The newest part of the ground, the 1,100 seater Carlsberg Stand, is allocated to away supporters, well raked and without posts it offers good views of the pitch. Be warned though - last year's stewards insisted fans sit in the numbered seat of their ticket, leading to some confrontations where families had used adjoining turnstiles to gain entrance and so did not have adjoining seats!

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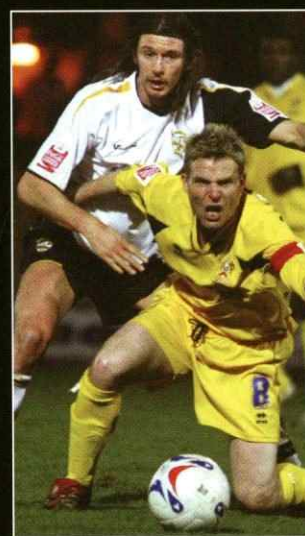


A club called The Robins Nest is right next to the ground and allows in some away supporters. The Fox and The Greyhound are two other pubs near the ground, mainly used by the home support but should be suitable for away fans.

BEST CHIPPY/PLACES TO EAT:

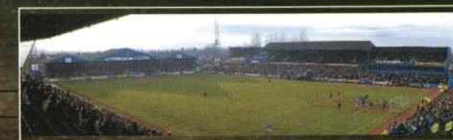


There is a good fish and chip shop within a 10 minute walk of the ground. To find it turn right out of the ground car park & left at the end of the road. Over the roundabout is a street called Prestbury Road - it is along there.



V CARLISLE UNITED

DATE: Saturday 5th January 2008
KICK OFF: 15:00
VENUE: Brunton Park
COMPETITION: Coca-Cola League One



CARLISLE UNITED STATS

GROUND: Brunton Park
CAPACITY: 16,615
ADDRESS: Warwick Road,
Carlisle, CA1 1LL
TEL NO: 01228 526237
NICKNAME: The Blues
FOUNDED: 1904
WEBSITE:
www.carlisleunited.co.uk

TICKET INFORMATION:



In Advance/Matchday
Adults: £18/£20
Seniors: £12/£14
Junior (11-17): £8/£10
Child (Under 10): £4/£4

COACH TRAVEL INFORMATION:



Departure Time: 9.15am
Adults: £15.00
Concessions: £13.50
All coaches depart from Vale Park

DIRECTIONS:



Take M6 North to Junction 43 and follow A69 towards Carlisle. Brunton Park is on the right hand side after 1.1 miles.

OVERVIEW OF BRUNTON PARK:



Opened in 1909, when relative neighbours Newcastle United inflicted a 2 - 0 defeat, Brunton Park has retained a rather quaint appearance. The Main Stand is situated on the west side with seating at the back and standing towards the front - only the back half covered by a roof; the executive seats and dugouts are here.

To the right of the Main Stand is the Warwick Road End, with its interesting roof, providing standing accommodation for the home fans. Opposite the Main Stand is the Cumberland Building Society Stand, which is the most recent development. This is a large all-seated covered stand, primarily for the home fans, but towards one end a section is allocated to visitors. Interestingly part of this section extends past the pitch, these seats having an uninterrupted view of the profiles of the visiting fans behind the goal! The final stand, The Petterill End is a uncovered terrace used for away fans. Brunton Park is therefore a jigsaw of a ground, with one of the corner pieces that does not quite fit.

WHERE THE VALIANTS WILL BE SEATED:



Away supporters who wish to be seated will be allocated seats in the Cumberland Stand. If the demand is great enough the Petterill End will be opened.

BEST CHIPPY/PLACES TO EAT:



There are four chippies within a mile of the ground - Sue's, Fontanas', Oktay's and Eden Valley Fish Restaurant. To find Sue's - from the ground turn right onto Warwick Road then turn left onto Aglionby Street then left into Lismore Street where the chippy is to be found.

BEST BOOZER:



The closest pub to Brunton Park is the Beehive which is on Warwick Road which passes alongside the ground. This pub allows in away supporters, so could be the easiest option. On the same road is the Carlisle Rugby Club, which has a small bar, and also welcomes away support. Further along Warwick Road, towards town centre, is the Howards Arms.







* lost 5-3 on penalties ** lost 4-2 on penalties
^James Lawrie's first game was Morecambe FA Cup

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The Jackson Family of the Disabled Stand will give £25 to Andy Porter's Youth Development Fund for every goal that Luke Rodgers scores at Vale Park.

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2	Carlisle	19	7	1	1	16	3	3	5	2	15	12	16	36
3	Nottm Forest	19	5	4	1	17	6	4	3	2	14	6	19	34
4	Leyton Orient	20	5	2	3	14	15	5	2	3	14	13	0	34
5	Leeds	20	9	1	0	24	5	6	2	2	15	9	25	33
6	Southend	20	6	1	3	20	11	4	1	5	11	17	3	32
7	Yeovil	20	5	2	3	12	11	4	2	4	10	11	0	31
8	Brighton	20	4	3	3	15	12	4	3	3	11	8	6	30
9	Walsall	20	3	4	3	10	10	4	4	2	11	8	3	29
10	Doncaster	20	4	3	3	14	9	3	4	3	13	13	5	28
11	Tranmere	20	4	3	3	14	9	3	4	3	8	9	4	28
12	Hartlepool	20	5	3	2	18	10	3	0	7	11	16	3	27
13	Huddersfield	20	5	2	3	14	10	3	0	7	5	23	-14	26
14	Oldham	19	2	3	4	8	10	4	3	3	13	10	1	24
15	Crewe	20	5	2	3	12	10	1	4	5	8	18	-8	24
16	Swindon	19	5	2	3	16	10	1	3	5	9	15	0	23
17	Gillingham	20	5	3	2	15	12	1	1	8	6	24	-15	22
18	Northampton	20	4	2	4	13	11	1	4	5	10	19	-7	21
19	Bristol Rovers	18	1	4	3	9	14	3	3	4	9	10	-6	19
20	Millwall	19	4	1	5	14	14	1	3	5	5	15	-10	19
21	Cheltenham	19	3	5	2	10	11	1	1	7	6	17	-12	18
22	Port Vale	20	2	2	6	8	13	2	2	6	8	16	-13	16
23	Bournemouth	20	1	2	7	6	19	3	2	5	13	15	-15	16
24	Luton	19	6	2	1	16	8	0	3	7	4	14	-2	13

KEY:

 Non Playing Sub	 Subbed
 Started Game	 Goals Scored
 Playing Sub	 Sent Off

Vale Park Emergency Procedures



In the event of an emergency at Vale Park you will hear a Police message over the public address system providing information and directions to spectators.

We ask all spectators to remain where they are and to listen very carefully to the message. If it affects your area, please comply with instructions immediately.

Please do not move unless the area announcement concerns your area.

Stewards, Police Officers and Officials will direct you to safe areas which may be through exit doors/gates or on to the playing area. If you are disabled or feel unsafe in a large crowd, remain where you are until stewards assist you.

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IN A LEAGUE OF OUR OWN



There's no doubting the fact that injuries have played a major part in shaping the look of the Valiants' League Table so far this season.

A decision made at the beginning of the season to restrict the number of transfers to three per team in each transfer window has left a number of sides cut to the bare bone.

When the January window opens in a few days time, the managers will be busy looking to patch their teams up, but for one or two, it has come too late to have a lasting effect.

This week, we thought we would highlight one or two of the teams struggling at the wrong end of the table. Perhaps if they hadn't been hit so hard by injuries, they could well be competing with the leaders.



THE ROOSTERS ROBIN HULBERT

S Given	Newcastle	£3.2m
M Richards	Man City	£3.6m
S Distin	Portsmouth	£3.2m
L Baines	Everton	£3.4m
C Ronaldo	Man Utd	£6.0m
P Scholes	Man Utd	£3.7m
K Dyer	West Ham	£3.6m
D Drogba	Chelsea	£7.6m
R van Persie	Arsenal	£6.1m
J Utaka	Portsmouth	£5.0m

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P Robinson	Tottenham	£3.3m
J Carragher	Liverpool	£4.8m
J Lescott	Everton	£3.4m
L Primus	Portsmouth	£3.4m
L Baines	Everton	£3.2m
C Ronaldo	Man Utd	£6.0m
S Gerrard	Liverpool	£5.0m
P Berger	Aston Villa	£3.2m
Denilson	Arsenal	£2.8m
D Drogba	Chelsea	£7.6m



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J Lescott	Everton	£3.4m
S Hyypia	Liverpool	£3.3m
C Ronaldo	Man Utd	£6.0m
J Barton	Newcastle	£3.8m
M Taylor	Portsmouth	£3.7m
N Reo-Coker	Aston Villa	£3.4m
W Rooney	Man Utd	£8.0m
A Shevchenko	Chelsea	£6.2m

There is a lot riding on this - never mind the money, pride is at stake!

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Mark Goodlad

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LOWEY'S LEGENDS - Keith Lowe

PROSSER'S DYNAMOES
Luke Prosser

CHARLIE'S DREAM TEAM
Charlie O'Loughlin

AHEAD OF THE GAME

v MILLWALL

COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE | VALE PARK

SATURDAY 12TH JANUARY 2008 | KICK-OFF 3PM

Millwall must have started last season with high hopes of an early return to the Championship from which they had just been relegated but it was not to be. Their start was appalling with only one win and three draws in the first eleven games to leave them in 23rd place at the end of September. The rest of the season followed a familiar pattern – runs of victories being followed by runs of defeats. They had one run of four consecutive wins and four runs of three consecutive wins. All of this meant they finished away from the play-offs and away from relegation fears, a final position of tenth, quite satisfactory for new boss Willie Donachie who had taken over in November of that season. In the Carling Cup they went out in Round Two 0-4 at Southampton. In the JPT they went out in the Second Round on penalties at home to Brighton. In the FA Cup they went out in Round Three 0-2 at Stoke City.

Since the end of last season out have gone Tony Craig to Crystal Palace for £150,000, David Amoo to Liverpool, Poul Hubertz to Northampton, Filipe Morais to Hibernian, Marvin Williams to Yeovil, Jack Obersteller to Wycombe, Chris Zebroski to Torquay on loan, Adam Cottrell to Welling, Marvin Elliott to Bristol City, Darren Byfield to Bristol City and Tom Kilbey to Portsmouth. In have come Adebayo Akinfenwa from Swansea, Brent Sancho from Gillingham, Ryan Smith from Derby for £150,000, Andy Frampton from Brentford, Gary Alexander from Leyton Orient, Scott Barron from

Ipswich and Danny Spiller from Gillingham.

So far this season Millwall have won at home against Cheltenham 1-0, Northampton 2-0, Bournemouth 2-1 and Yeovil 2-1, drawing with Swansea 2-2 and losing to Huddersfield 1-2, Walsall 1-2, Swindon 1-2, Hartlepool 0-1 and Oldham 2-3. Away they have beaten Leyton Orient 2-1, drawn with Doncaster 0-0, Crewe 0-0, Gillingham 1-1 and lost to Southend 0-1, Brighton 0-3, Carlisle 0-4, Leeds 2-4 and Bristol Rovers 1-2. In the Carling Cup they went out at Northampton in Round One by 0-2. In the JPT they again lost at the first stage, by 2-3 at Swansea. In the FA Cup they won 2-1 at Altrincham in Round One, beat Bournemouth 2-1 at home in Round Two and have an unattractive-looking Third Round draw at Walsall. They lack a regular goalscorer, the goals being spread around the team.

Vale have tended to pick up points home and away against Millwall and will be keen to make a winning start in their first home game of 2008.



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Yeovil v Brighton

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