



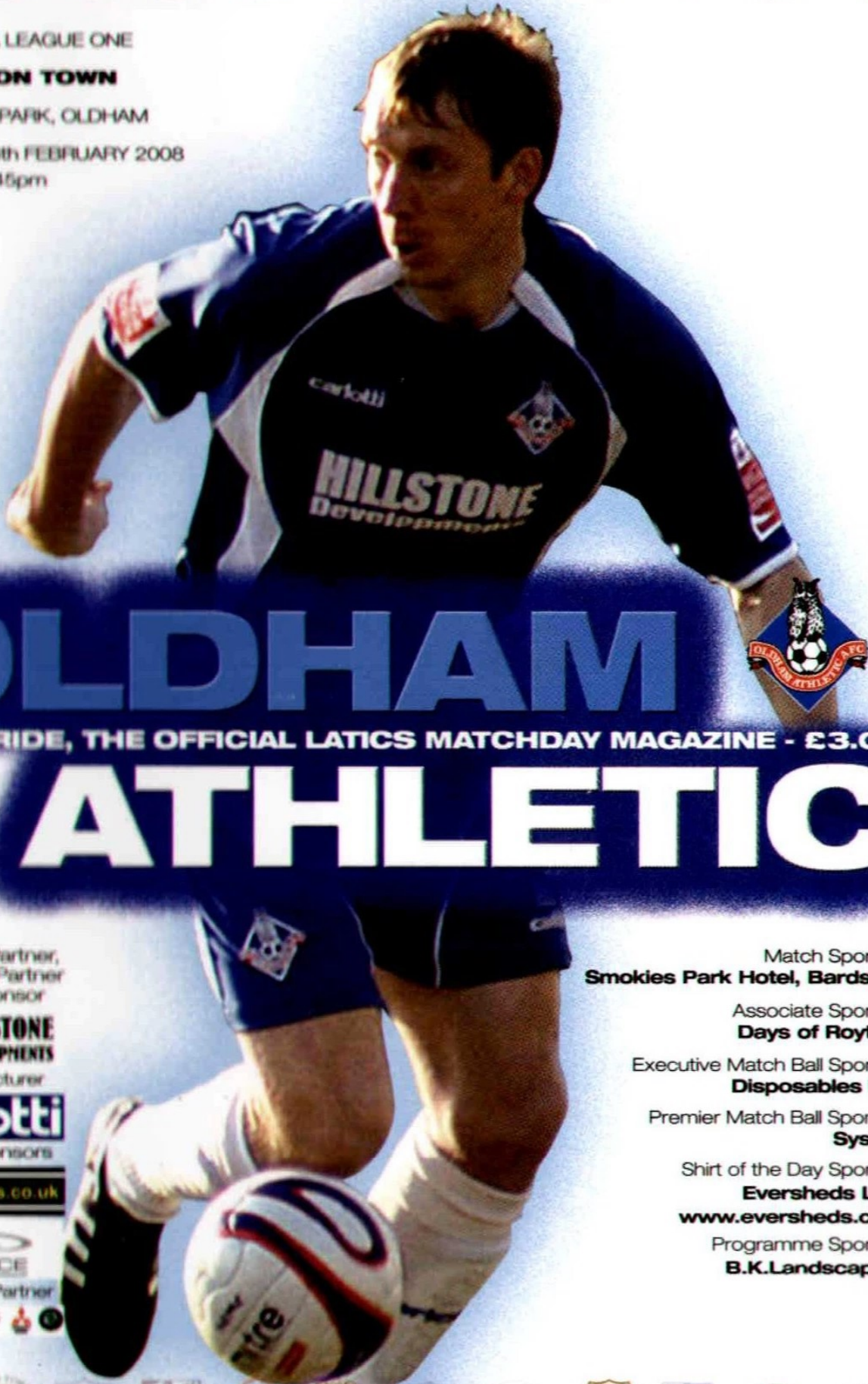
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V SWINDON TOWN

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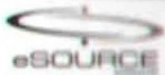


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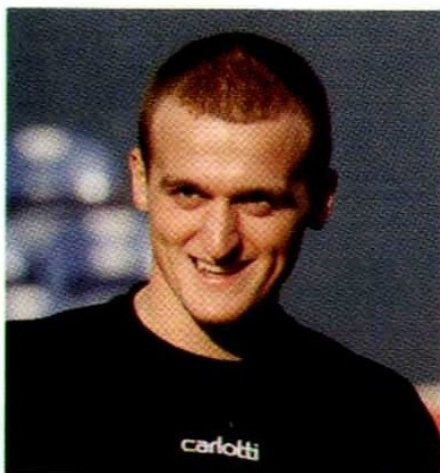
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THE VERDICT

THE VIEWS OF Latics Manager JOHN SHERIDAN

We extend a warm welcome to Swindon Town manager Maurice Malpass, his board of directors, players and fans who have made the long trip north for tonight's game which has big implications for both clubs.

Like ourselves, they will believe they too have an outside chance of making a late bid to try to finish in one of the play-off places. We are neck-and-neck in the division, just one place above them, on the same number of points as well as games played. We both lost ground last Saturday, Swindon were defeated 3-0 at home by Walsall, their



Lewis Allesandra...
unable to finish



Chris Taylor...
good opportunity.

biggest reverse of the season, while we went down 1-0 on the south coast at Brighton. No doubt they will be coming to Boundary Park to bounce straight back and we are going to have to be on our toes. But we have shown some decent form at home recently and go into a contest unbeaten in our last four games here. During that time we have dropped just two points from a possible 12, scored eight goals and conceded just the two.

TWO POINT CHALLENGE

It is vital we keep that winning run going and also pick up as many points as we possibly can on our travels. It is no secret that I have challenged the players to average two points a game and although we have slipped up by losing our last three away games, we have a chance tonight to get back on track. Swindon have won only three of their 16 away games so far and lost seven but I know they will still pose a threat, so there will be little margin for error.

Results become very important at this time of the season when clubs are chasing a prize and there will be several other sides thinking they can also join the race for the top six if they put a winning run together.

This is such a wide open division that anything can happen!

We saw off Yeovil 3-0 in our last game here and we need to build on that performance to keep our momentum going.

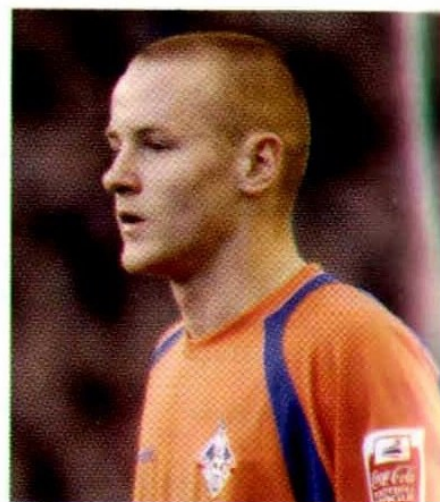
It wasn't our best display, an ugly win if you like, but you have to be able to do that sometimes.

We got around Yeovil, stopped them from playing and it does get you results.

I want us to pass the ball, have good movement and create lots of chances but, in our division, you also have to look at the likes of Nottingham Forest.

They are a prime example because while they are not the best footballing side, they do keep picking up points; you only have to look at the table to see that.

So, the ugly way can be effective and if you do what Forest do you can get results eight times out of ten.



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Craig Davies...
hamstring injury..

What pleased me about the Yeovil win was the way we came back from losing to an injury time winner at Bristol Rovers the previous Tuesday night.

We looked solid as a team although Yeovil didn't create that much.

The aim now is to win as many games as we can and we need to make sides above us look at how we are doing and make them think that we can catch them.

If we do that it could reflect on their performances.

IMPROVEMENT NEEDED

Having said that, we will definitely need to improve on our display in yet another 1-0 defeat, this time at Brighton last Saturday. It was very disappointing and we didn't even get out of the blocks for the first 20 minutes. We were slow and sloppy even though we went on to create the best two chances of the first half but Lewis Alessandra and Craig Davies couldn't finish them off.

Chris Taylor also had another good opportunity in the second half, and Deane Smalley should be doing better, but if you don't score goals you are not going to win games.

We practise finishing every day and you really have to hit the target yet we didn't do that. We have to attack the ball more, take that half a yard to try to move people in the box, but we stood still too much.

Then it was a terrible goal to give away and it cost us, that's the ninth time we have lost 1-0 and I am getting sick of it.

To be honest, it was so sloppy it was untrue. In the build-up, their lad picked up the ball in the left back position and went past three of our players as though they weren't there.

But we won't be going anywhere with performances like that, I thought we looked tired.

Players have to do better if we are going to win games and I want them to show a bit more desire, we didn't show it or wanted it enough. We also lost Craig Davies after just 27 minutes with a hamstring injury and, at the time of writing, it looks like he will miss tonight's game. He is our top scorer and has contributed 14

goals this season, so it is a blow. But I was trying my best to bring in a striker on loan in time for tonight.

We are only young up front and we need a bit of experience.

The kids need to grow up quickly and learn to adapt to first team football.

When I watch some of our young players I can get very excited about them but, at other times, they still think they are playing in the youth team.

We have to start scoring goals, but although we weren't at the races early on at Brighton we went on to create chances and I thought we were the better team.

We are running out of games, there are now 14 left, but we are still in there with a chance, however, we must improve and kill off sides when the opportunity is there.

I want it to hurt when we lose and I want us to

get in to the habit that we don't like it when we come out of games with nothing.

We should have scored two goals with the chances we created but we didn't even make the keeper work hard enough.

It didn't happen on Saturday but on another day they will go in and we just need a break.

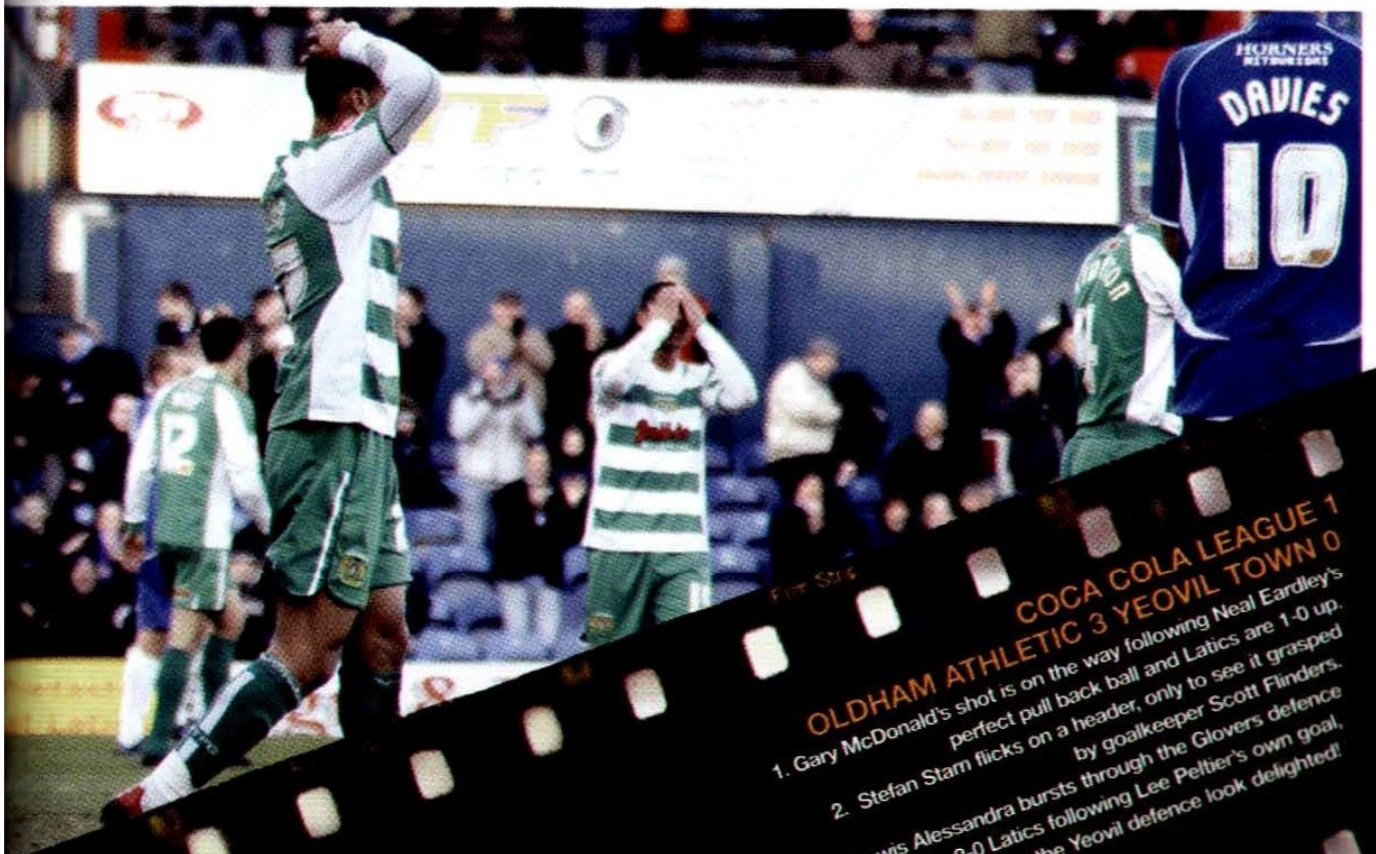
We are not giving up on our target, so get behind the lads and give them as much encouragement as you can to help us all finish on a high.

It is vital we win as many three-pointers as we can, starting tonight.

**Enjoy the game,
SHEZ.**







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1. Gary McDonald's shot is on the way following Neal Eardley's perfect pull back ball and Latics are 1-0 up.
2. Stefan Stam flicks on a header, only to see it grasped by goalkeeper Scott Flinders.
3. Lewis Alessandra bursts through the Glovers defence.
4. Oh dear...it's 2-0 Latics following Lee Peltier's own goal, the Yeovil defence look delighted!



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THE NUMBERS GAME

50 years since Bristol Rovers last reached the quarter finals of the FA Cup and they finally made it to the last eight again after defeating Championship club Southampton 1-0 in the fifth round. Ricky Lambert clinched victory with a late goal, his 15th of the season to earn a home tie against West Brom.

19 is the number of goals Jason Scotland, League One's leading marksman, has scored after his double in Swansea's 2-0 win at Port Vale as they extended their lead at the top to 11 points. He has overhauled Leeds United's Jermaine Beckford who has found the net 17 times.



Jason Scotland

13 remains an unlucky number for Millwall who have failed to beat Tranmere in that number of years, their latest loss 2-0 at Prenton Park as they remain in the relegation mix.

7 games without a win, a sorry sequence of results which has plunged Gillingham back into the bottom four in League One, last Saturday's 4-0 defeat at Northampton being the Cobblers' biggest win of the campaign as they could still feature in the chase for a play-off spot.

400 is the number of Football League games Cheltenham have chalked up having won promotion from the Conference in 1999. The landmark was reached in a 1-1 home draw against Hartlepool.

5 strikers are the key to Leyton Orient sustaining a promotion challenge according to manager Martin Ling. He believes Wayne Gray, Adam Boyd, Andy Barcham, JJ Melligan and Jabo Ibehre can keep them in the hunt for a top-six spot.



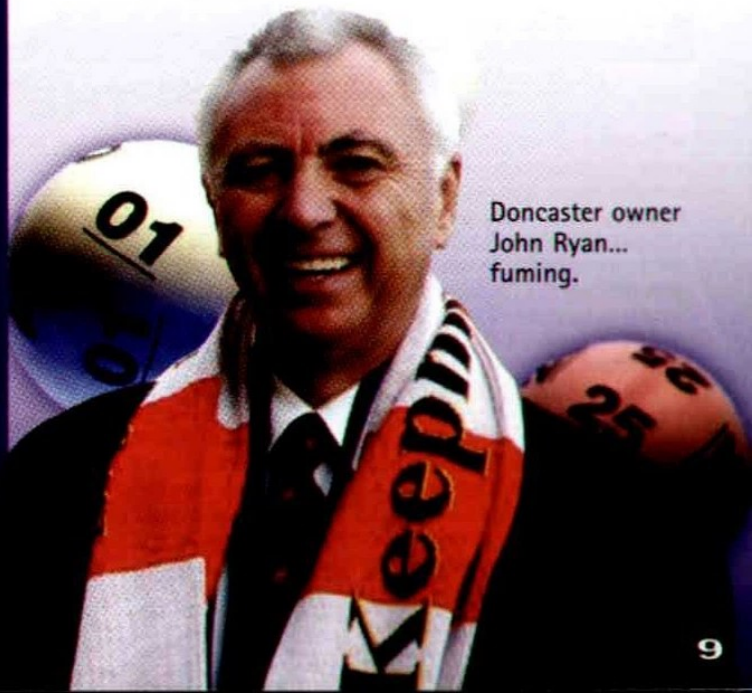
Wayne Gray

3 hours before kick off was when Doncaster's home game against Leeds United was called off through a frozen Keepmoat Stadium pitch to the annoyance of owner John Ryan who has jetted in from South Africa especially for the match. "I am fuming and appalled. I can only apologise," declared Ryan.

59 is the number of goals Swansea City, the highest scorers in League One, have amassed. It is also the total of goals Bournemouth, the team with the worst defensive record, have conceded.

22 amateur players from Oldham are to be given a chance to earn a professional contract. 'The 22' is an initiative which will see an 11-a-side match be played at their Chapel Road training complex on March 22 to showcase the area's top unsigned talent and at least one player will be offered an extended trial.

27,464 is the average attendance of Leeds United's home games in League One as they remain in top spot, despite their promotion challenge faltering. The next-best supported team is Nottingham Forest whose average crowds at the City Ground are 19,342.



Doncaster owner John Ryan... fuming.

It has been very much a case of have boots, will travel for David Livermore, a footballer who has been very much on the move in the last 18 months.

In that time Livermore has played at four clubs in what has been a period of great upheaval.

Livermore ended his seven-year stay at Millwall in July 2006 when he was transferred to Leeds United in a £400,000 deal.

But after only 10 days and no appearances for the Elland Road club, Livermore was sold again to Hull City after what he described as one of the quickest-ever transfers.

And after being a first-team regular at the Coca Cola

Championship club for the first half of the current campaign, Livermore again found himself surplus to requirements at the KC Stadium.

Livermore admitted the transfer to Latics came as a surprise as it only happened on deadline day with the deal concluded late in the evening.

The midfielder player had been told by Hull City that week he would not play again this season because he had made 23 first-team appearances - if he had appeared 25 times - it would have meant he had to be

offered an additional 12-month contract which they weren't prepared to do.

"It was hard to take, but I knew I had to get away to play some football and I am glad to be here," explained Livermore, who appeared for Millwall in the 2004 final of the FA Cup against Millwall.

Londoner Livermore, who says he has adjusted to living north of the Watford Gap for the first time in his life, joins us in the Latics Lounge to discuss various aspects of his life, both on and off the field.

CHILDHOOD

TEAM SUPPORTED AS A CHILD? Tottenham as I was born in Edmonton within five minutes of the ground and my late father was a supporter and I was a season-ticket holder as a kid.

FIRST GAME ATTENDED? That would have been a Tottenham game when I was about four years of age. It was the days of the terracing and my father would take a crate for me to stand on. It couldn't have been a big game as there wasn't a big crowd which is why my dad probably took me.

FIRST JUNIOR TEAM? I played for a local team Edmonton Rovers and I would have been six or seven years of age. After a year we broke away and my dad and another parent formed Edmonton Rangers and we had a successful team.

FIRST POSITION? I was a central defender and when I went to Arsenal at the age of 10 I played centre back and occasionally left back. I played in the centre of defence for the two years I spent as a trainee at Arsenal and it was the reserve-team manager who switched me to the centre of midfield and I played against Keith Stevens and he must have remembered me as he signed me the next season after he had become Millwall manager.

WHAT REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL DID YOU PLAY? I played for Enfield, which was my district side, and then for Middlesex county and reached the last 60 boys for the England schoolboy trials.

WHAT OTHER SPORTS DID YOU PLAY? Looking back I probably played too much sport - football in the winter, tennis and cricket in the summer.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT? Like most players it was PE in which I got a 'B' grade GCSE.

HOW DID YOU GET YOUR BIG BREAK? I was spotted by Tottenham playing for Edmonton Rangers which was on the doorstep and was with them between the ages of seven and 10. Arsenal then showed interest and I decided to have a look and stayed with them until I was 19.

DID YOU HAVE A SATURDAY JOB? I was lucky I never had to have one and all I have ever done is play football.

FIRST FOOTBALL SHIRT? The old Tottenham shirt when Hummel were the manufacturers and Holsten Pils the sponsors. My mum has pictures of me at home in the full kit aged about five or six.

ON THE PITCH

DO YOU HAVE ANY PRE-MATCH SUPERSTITIONS? I used to do silly things like right boot and right sock first, but as you get more experienced you tend to move away from them so there is nothing now.

PRE-MATCH MEAL? I have something like poached eggs on toast for breakfast and then at 11.30am I will have a light pasta and beans.

LEAGUE DEBUT? For Millwall away to Cardiff where we drew 1-1 and I came on as a substitute for the last 20 minutes.

BIGGEST GAME? The final of the FA Cup is obviously the highlight as I was playing against Hungarian side Ferencvaros in the UEFA Cup the next season. There has also been other big games like the one when Millwall had to beat Oldham at the New Den on the last day of the season to win the League One title in 2000/01 when we recorded a 5-0 victory. And the next season we reached the Championship play offs where we lost to Birmingham City.

BEST STADIUM? Old Trafford, where Millwall played in the semi-finals of the FA Cup, was an unbelievable experience and obviously the Millennium Stadium for the final.

BEST TEAM-MATE? I was lucky to play alongside some very good footballers at Millwall, the likes of Steve Claridge, Tim Cahill, Steven Reid, Lucas Neill, Dennis Wise and Kevin Muscat to somebody like Jay-Jay Okocha at Hull City.

TOUGHEST OPPONENT? I always used to find Phil Parkinson, who is now assistant manager at Charlton, tough as he was big and strong as was Dickson Etohu. When you come up against somebody physically bigger than you, it becomes a tough game.

BEST GOAL? I don't score too many with my right foot - in fact I don't use it very often - but I hit one from 30 yards for Millwall in a 3-0 win against Stoke and that stands out.

EMBARRASSING MOMENTS? There was one when I was playing in a youth-team match for Arsenal when I was clean through on goal and suddenly got cramp and had to pull up.

BEST THING ABOUT BEING A FOOTBALLER? It is the obvious one which is great to do something you love and which millions out there would gladly swap positions with you. And you could not ask for more than to get paid to play football and keep yourself physically fit.

OFF THE PITCH

HOW MUCH FOOTBALL DO YOU WATCH ON TELEVISION? Not as much as I used to because there are games televised every day of the week. I love to watch Arsenal, Manchester United and the big teams. If there is an Arsenal game on I would definitely sit down and watch it.

ARE YOU STILL INVOLVED WITH ANY JUNIOR/AMATEUR TEAMS? I am still good mates with the lads I played football with in my primary school days. They play in a five-a-side league on a Sunday evening and sometimes I will go and watch them.

DO THE FANS HAVE A NICKNAME FOR YOU? It has always been Livers for obvious reasons.

HOW DO YOU SPEND SATURDAY NIGHT? It depends whether we have a game the following midweek when I will usually stay in, have a takeaway and watch Match of the Day. If there isn't a game I will often go out with my wife Jodie or have a few quiet beers with my mates.

WHICH MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY ATTEND GAMES? My mum Christine and dad used to come to most games until my dad passed away six years ago. It is difficult with me being so far from home so my mum gets to the ones local to London with my sister Nicola.

FAVOURITE SHIRT NUMBER? Number eight which I wore for a long time at Millwall as it is associated with centre of midfield.

FIRST FOOTBALLING HERO? From watching Tottenham Clive Allen, a great goalscorer, and Gary Mabbutt, a very under-rated and loyal footballer who did fantastically to play at the level he did being a diabetic.

WHEN YOU ARE ILL/INJURED, WHAT SORT OF SPECTATOR ARE YOU? It is always difficult because you want to be on the pitch getting sweat on your shirt. Sometimes it is nice to get to be able to relax and watch a live game of football, something you don't often get the chance to do.

IF YOU COULD PLAY FOR ANY TEAM IN THE WORLD, WHICH WOULD IT BE? Tottenham because they were my boyhood team.

WHEN DID YOU LAST PAY TO WATCH A MATCH? Hull reserves were playing at York, where I live, and I paid to go and watch that game.

PERSONAL

FIRST CAR? A C-reg Volkswagen Golf which I had for five months after I passed my test and I think the insurance was more than the car was worth!

CURRENT CAR? A diesel Audi A3 which is economical because I clock up a lot of miles.

FAVOURITE ARTIST/BAND? I was about 13 years of age when I first took an interest in music and that was the time when Oasis were big. More recently, I like the Killers and Kasabian.

WHICH NEWSPAPER DO YOU READ? The Sun from back to front.

LAST CD/DVD YOU BOUGHT? I like my box sets so it was probably the series 24. I don't buy CDs as everything is on the i-pod.

MOST PLAYED SONG ON YOUR I-POD? It will either be The Killers or Kasabian.

FAVOURITE TELEVISION PROGRAMME? I like property programmes like Location, Location and Property Ladder. That is perhaps something I would like to do in the future, but it is not as easy as it is made out to be.

BEST PLACE VISITED IN THE WORLD? Las Vegas which I have visited five times so it is fair to say I like it. I have been four times with my wife and it is also where I had my stag do with 17 mates.

HOBBIES? I play a little golf and I enjoy watching television and like box sets of *Loss*, *Prison Break*, and *24*.

CAN YOU SPEAK A FOREIGN LANGUAGE? I did German at school, but don't remember much about it.

EITHER - OR?

STUDS OR BLADES? I am very much a studs man, though I do have one pair of blades which I wear occasionally.

GOALLINE TECHNOLOGY OR REFEREE'S DECISION? Referee's decision because you don't want to slow the game down which technology would do. Human error adds to football opinions and debates.

CATS OR DOGS? Dogs. I am renting a place in York and am not allowed to have any pets.

SOUL OR R&B? Neither, but if I had to make a choice it would be soul. I like bands like Reverend and the Makers and also Indy music. In London I lived near Camden which was the Mecca for up-and-coming bands and it is somewhere I like to go.

TEA OR COFFEE? Both, but tea more than coffee.

GOLF OR SNOOKER? This time of year snooker as I am a fair-weather golfer.

WORLD CUP ON BBC OR ITV? I prefer BBC because there are no adverts and I prefer Gary Lineker, Alan Hansen and they have the better pundits.

CHIPS OR JACKET POTATOES? I have to go for the healthy option of jacket potatoes.

AUTOMATIC PROMOTION OR THE PLAY OFFS? Automatic as I have experienced that. But I have spoken to others who say the play offs are the best way to go up if you could guarantee it.

CINEMA OR DVD AT HOME? Cinema. I probably go twice each month and usually on a Wednesday which is my day off.

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EL CAPITANO



Our home form has picked up recently and it is vital that we keep it going against Swindon tonight.

We will be looking to making it four wins in a row at Boundary Park and we can't afford any slip-ups if we are to average the two points a game the gaffer has targeted to end the season in a play-off place.

We had a good win here in our last game when we sent Yeovil back to Somerset smarting from a 3-0 defeat.

We were in complete control of that game and when we went in at half time 1-0 up we talked about getting a second goal to kill the game off.

Not only did we do that, we also got a third and that was just reward for all our hard work and effort.

It showed that fortunes could definitely be

turning for us because our home form hasn't been as good as it should have been for most of the campaign.

We have not had much luck, so let's hope it has changed at exactly the right time. Gary McDonald got us off to a scoring start early on and I was delighted to play a part in the build-up.

I played a one-two with Macca out wide, carried on in to the box and looked up to see him coming in off the edge of the box. I just squared the ball to him and it was a good finish.

That lifted us a lot and we never looked back.

The second goal took a long time coming because we had dominated the game.

But some good work from Lewis Alessandra out wide saw him put a dangerous ball into the box and when a defender tried to head it out for a corner it flew into his own net.

After that we realised the game was won but still finished off with a third goal from Craig Davies after more good work from Lewi and Deane Smalley.

Yeovil had given us a tough time at their place and we did well to come away with a point in a 0-0 draw.

They are a side that has been blowing hot and cold this season after finishing in the play-off final last time out.

They have always been in and around there but this time haven't picked up as many points as they would have liked, a bit like ourselves really.

But, to be honest, I did expect a bit more from them.

After that it was off to Brighton for the longest trip of the season and that ended in disappointment with a 1-0 defeat.

I don't think either team performed as well as they would have liked although they did cancel each other out.

After the first half it had 0-0 written all over it.

They had a few good chances in the first 15 minutes but we defended those well and then made a couple of good opportunities which we should really have scored from. A draw would have been a good result for us but, unfortunately, we gave away a sloppy goal just after the hour mark and there was no

doubt that it was defensible.

One of their lads ran past our players down the middle of the park and although you can talk about it afterwards, it happens a lot quicker out on the pitch.

But you learn from these mistakes and, to be fair, it was a good finish from a tight angle in the end.

If one of our players had done the same I am sure we would have been saying well done!

However, we should have stopped him and he shouldn't have been allowed to run 60 yards with the ball.

We were disappointed to come away with nothing and we must put that right against Swindon tonight.

We will have to do it without Craig Davies, though, who left Brighton on crutches with a hamstring injury.

It is a big blow because he has got us 14 goals this season, but I am sure whoever comes into the side will do a good job.

It won't be easy against Swindon who, no doubt, will still fancy their chances of a top-six finish.

But we are the home side and a goal or two would do wonders for our confidence and I see no reason why we can't do that. There are still plenty of points to play for so get behind the team, give us as much noise as you can and let's see how far we can climb the table.

**Cheers,
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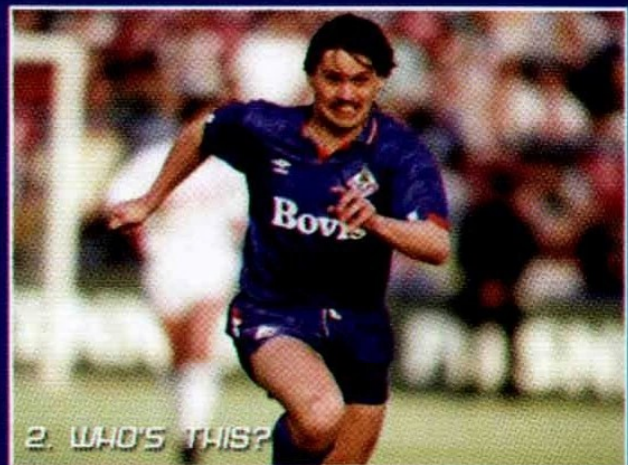
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IT'S ALL IN THE NAME

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

PETER McKENNAN

Scottish inside-forward Peter McKennan starred in Oldham Athletic's 1952-53 Third Division (North) title triumph. Initially with Partick Thistle, he represented the Scottish League and moved to West Brom for £10,650 in October 1947. He was swapped for Leicester City's Jack Haines in March 1948, then had a spell with Brentford prior to joining Middlesbrough for £7,500 in May 1949. Moving to Latics for £3,000 in July 1951, he netted 28 goals in 78 League games, becoming Coleraine's player-coach in July 1954. He was a purchase manager for a construction company and resided in Dundonald until his death in October 1991.

ALAN McNEILL

Former Northern Ireland U-23 midfielder Alan McNeill helped Oldham Athletic win the Third Division title in 1973-74. Initially with Crusaders, he had a loan spell at Glentoran prior to joining Middlesbrough for £10,000 in August 1967. He moved to Huddersfield Town in November 1968, then Latics in October 1969. Featuring prominently in the 1970-71 promotion success, he missed just two matches in the 1972-73 promotion near-miss and netted 19 goals in 170 League outings while at Boundary Park before moving to

Stockport County in July 1975. Later with Witton Albion, he then played in the Huddersfield League.

SCOTT McNIVEN

Scotland U-21 defender Scott McNiven missed just two matches in the space of two seasons while at Oldham Athletic. A former trainee at Boundary Park together with his twin brother David McNiven, he made his League debut as a 16 year-old in Latics' 1-1 draw at Barnsley in May 1995. He made steady progress and netted three goals in 222 League outings before moving to Oxford United in July 2002. Joining Mansfield Town in July 2004, he moved to Chester City in July 2005 and helped them beat Nottingham Forest in the 2005-06 FA Cup second round. He joined Fleetwood Town in June 2006.

HARRY McSHANE

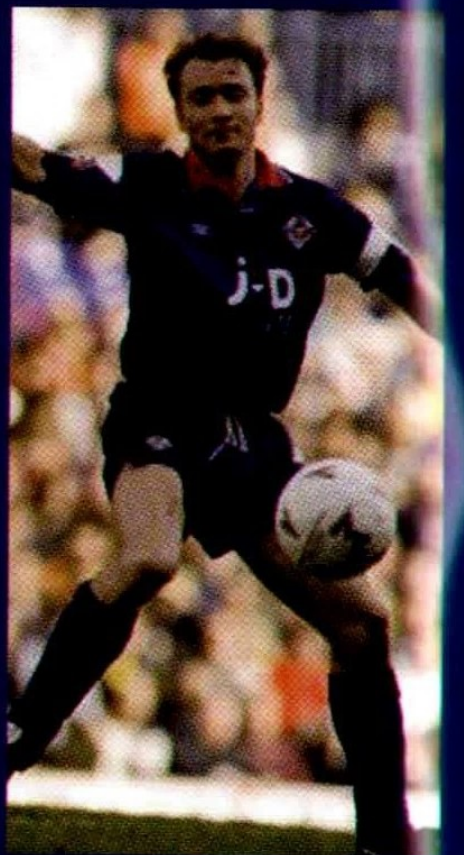
Winger Harry McShane was an experienced figure in Oldham Athletic's 1953-54 relegation battle. Initially with Blackburn Rovers, he served in the RAF during the Second World War and had a season with Huddersfield prior to joining Bolton Wanderers in July 1947. He was swapped for Manchester United's Johnny Ball in September 1950 and featured in their 1951-52 League Championship campaign. Moving to Latics in February 1954, he netted five goals in 41 League games before joining Chorley in July 1955, then played for Wellington Town and Droylsden. He was a personnel officer for Massey Ferguson at Stretford.

GEORGE McVITIE

Winger George McVitie was ever-present in Oldham Athletic's 1973-74 Third Division title triumph. Signing



Scott McNiven



Mike Milligan



Ian Marshall

professional for hometown Carlisle in December 1965, he was ever-present in 1968-69 and helped them reach the League Cup semi-finals in 1969-70. He followed Alan Ashman to West Brom for £30,000 in August 1970 and moved to Boundary Park for a then record £20,000 in August 1972. Starring on the opposite flank to Alan Groves, he netted 19 goals in 113 League games for Latics prior to rejoining Carlisle in December 1975. He later played for Queen of the South and became a milkman, settling back in Carlisle.

IAN MARSHALL

Versatile striker Ian Marshall was leading marksman in Oldham Athletic's 1990-91 Second Division title triumph. Initially with Everton, he skippered their 1984 FA Youth Cup final success and moved to Latics for £100,000 in March 1988. He also starred in central defence, helping reach the League Cup final and FA Cup semi-finals in 1989-90. Netting 36 goals in 170 League outings, he was sold to Ipswich Town for £750,000 in August 1993 and joined Leicester City for £875,000 in August 1996. He featured in their 2000 League Cup final success, then played for Bolton, Blackpool and is now with Pasadena Eagles in Canada.

BARRIE MARTIN

Versatile left-back Barrie Martin played for Oldham Athletic during the 1964-65 season. He turned professional with Blackpool in December 1953 and made his First Division debut in their 1-0 defeat at home to Everton in April 1958. Starring as they reached the League Cup semi-finals in 1961-62, he was ever-present in 1962-63 and moved to Boundary Park for £10,000 in August 1964. He netted four goals in 42 Third Division games for Latics prior to joining Tranmere Rovers for £4,000 in June 1965, featuring in their 1966-67 promotion campaign. Later working in the motor trade, he lives in Blackpool in retirement.

MIKE MILLIGAN

Republic of Ireland international midfielder Mike Milligan captained

Oldham Athletic in the 1990 Littlewoods Cup final. Signing professional at Boundary Park in March 1985, he was an influential figure as Latics qualified for the Second Division play-offs in 1986-87 and were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1989-90. He was sold to Everton for £1,000,000 in August 1990 but rejoined newly promoted Latics for a then record £600,000 in July 1991 and netted 23 goals in 279 League games overall before moving to Norwich City for £850,000 in June 1994. He joined Blackpool in July 2000 and helped win promotion in 2000-01.

PAUL MOULDEN

Ex-England Youth striker Paul Moulden featured in Oldham Athletic's 1990-91 Second Division title campaign. He earned a place in the Guinness Book of Records with his junior goalscoring feats and turned professional with Manchester City in September 1984. Top scorer as they won promotion in 1988-89, he joined AFC Bournemouth as part of the Ian Bishop deal in July 1989 and moved to Latics for a then record £225,000 in March 1990. Netting four goals in 38 League games, he joined Birmingham for £150,000 in March 1993, then Huddersfield, Rochdale, Accrington and Bacup. He runs a fish and chip shop in Bolton.

DICK MULVANEY

Reliable central defender Dick Mulvaney skippered Oldham Athletic to the Third Division title in 1973-74. He played for Silksworth Colliery, Billingham Synthonia and Murton CW before joining Blackburn Rovers in February 1964. Gaining top-flight experience, he twice helped them win the Central League title and moved to Boundary Park in August 1971. He missed just two matches that season but then suffered injury problems, scoring twice in 92 League outings for Latics prior to joining Rochdale in October 1974. Later with Gateshead and Chester-le-Street, he settled back in the North East and was a welder in the shipyards.



Paul Moulden



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This summer between 20 July - 2 August, The FA are hosting the 2008 European Learning Disability Championship in the North West of England, with Boundary Park playing host to the Final.

England, France, Germany, Holland, Sweden, Portugal, Hungary and Poland will be drawn into two groups of four, with England's first group game to be played at Sport City on Sunday 20 July.

Hyde United, Curzon Ashton, Springhill (Rochdale) and Stalybridge Celtic will also host fixtures during the tournament, with Boundary Park set to host England's third group game on Saturday 26 July, the first semi final on Wednesday 30 July, and then the final.

The captain of the England team is 26 year old Ronnie Watson. A painter and decorator, he was a trainee at Spurs for six years, playing alongside Ledley King, Peter Crouch and Jonny Jackson (Colchester United). After he was released at 16, he played for a number of Non League teams in

the South East, and in 2002, he was part of the England team which won the Learning Disability World Cup in Yokohama in front of over 25,000 spectators, where only three months

John Sheridan and Lee Duxbury will then assess Ronnie's fitness and ability with a view to helping him obtain a short-term contract to the end of the season.

The FA, Manchester FA, Cheshire FA and the five participating clubs will be working to provide local youngsters and volunteers across the North West with the chance to try to get involved in a variety of capacities during the tournament.

Organisations such as The Regard Partnership, Mencap, Tameside MBC, Link4Life, Salford Community Leisure & Manchester City Council are also going to be heavily involved.

With the senior England team missing out on the UEFA 2008 European Championship in Austria and Switzerland, why not come along to Boundary Park, and any of the other 2008 venues, and get

behind an England team bidding to win some silverware on home soil this summer.

For latest news on the tournament, keep logged onto: www.TheFA.com/England and www.oldhamathletic.co.uk



before, a Ronaldo-inspired Brazil had beaten Germany in the mainstream World Cup.

Recently Ronnie moved to Cheshire, and to help him get fit and ready for the tournament, he will train with the Latics' first team on Thursday 28 February.



If first impressions count, Latics' new loan capture Jason Jarrett certainly made a favourable one at Boundary Park.

It took only one appearance for the 28-year-old midfield player to convince manager John Sheridan that he was the ideal man for the team.

After his debut in the home victory against Carlisle, Sheridan was immediately on the telephone to Preston North End counterpart Alan Irvine to extend the deal from an initial month to cover the remainder of the season.

And it is an arrangement that suits Bury-born Jarrett to a tee as he is simply happy to be playing regular first-team football once again.

Jarrett, who has played at 11 clubs either permanently or on loan, said: "I am grateful to the manager for giving me the opportunity to put my career back on track.

"All I am looking to do is to play regularly until the end of the season and then I will have to see what happens.

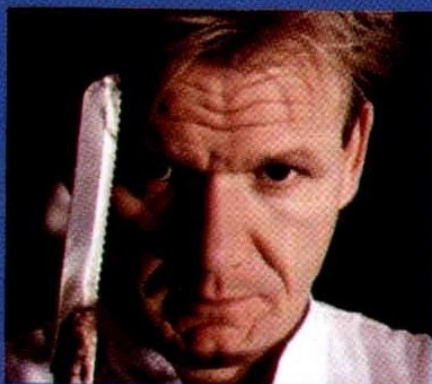
"I have tried to get into the team at Preston, but it is one of those unfortunate situations where my face does not fit whatever I do.

"I haven't wanted to leave Preston but have been forced to do so on loan several times."

Here Jarrett, whose four permanent clubs have been Bury, Wigan, Norwich and Preston, selects 20 numbers at random from a list of 50 questions to provide us with an insight into some of his innermost thoughts.

9: Do you think you are more like your mother or father? Everybody says I am like my dad in mannerisms, looks and other ways.

23: Are you a good cook? I cook a lot



Gordon Ramsay... not to be missed

and would like to think I am not bad. I am obsessed with cooking programmes on television and never miss Master Chef or anything featuring Gordon Ramsey. With having free time in the afternoons, I tend to watch them which I know is pretty sad!

11: What has been your biggest challenge? The one I am facing at the moment trying to put my career back on track. I had some great times at Wigan helping them win a couple of promotions, but in the last few years nothing has gone right and I want to get back to where I want to be.

42: If you had a son, would you encourage him to be a footballer? If he wanted to be a footballer I would give him any advice he wanted but I would want to let him choose his own path and I would not push him into it. But if asked, I would tell him it is a great life.

12: If you hadn't been a footballer, what would you have done? I am an active person so it would have had to be something physical like being in the army or police.

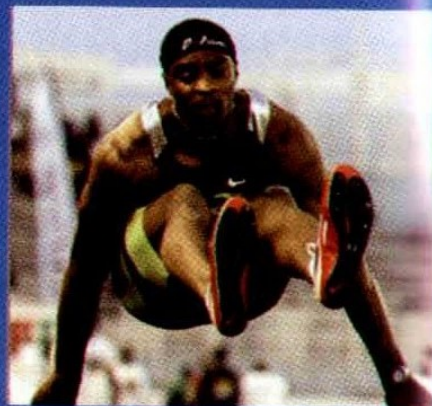
18: Have you enjoyed success in any other sports? I was keen on cross-country running and athletics. I think I still hold my schools' record for the triple jump, but there was never any temptation to choose that over football.

19: What has been your greatest regret? I have regrets, but I don't like to dwell on them and prefer to look forward. In the past I have let regrets consume me and it doesn't do you any good but, as I am getting older and more mature, I feel I can handle situations better.

6: How do you unwind? I have a new Boxer puppy called Floyd who I have had for eight weeks and I take him for walks and he helps me relax in the afternoons when we get a lot of time off. I also find cooking relaxing.

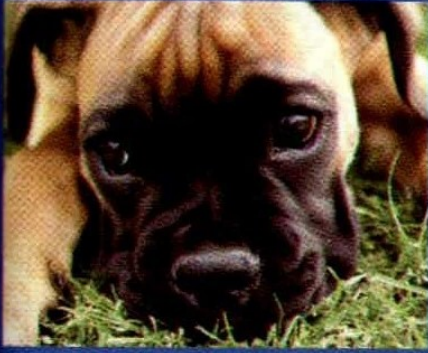
21: What household jobs do you like/dislike doing? I live by myself and must admit I cheat as I have a cleaner. With having a puppy there is the occasional accident and I find it annoying cleaning that up.

27: What is your guilty pleasure? I probably spend too much money on clothes.



Jason was a school record holder at the triple jump.

MIND GAMES



Floyd helps Jason to relax.

17: What were your dreams as a child? It was playing football for a living and I have been lucky to fulfil them as I have been a footballer ever since I left school. When I see my friends working 9am-5pm it makes me realise how fortunate I am.

40: What single thing would improve your quality of life? I am happy overall with my life, but winning £1million on the lottery would make a difference.

33: Would you rather be rich and famous or poor or anonymous? I would prefer to be rich and famous.

14: Is there anything you are trying to quit, but can't? I am trying to be better managing my money and to stop spending it on things I don't need. When I get home, I look at it and realise I don't need it.

2: What is your greatest fear? It is losing a member of my family or somebody close to me. I have lots of

brothers and sisters and, though they are all grown up, you fear that something might happen to them.

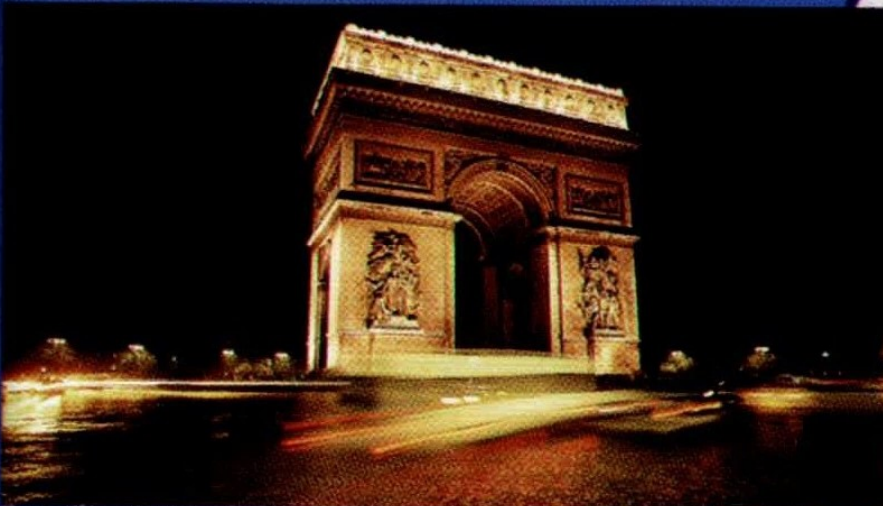
50: What has been your most romantic gesture? Probably taking an ex-girlfriend to Paris, which is a romantic city, for the weekend.

45: What is your greatest extravagance? I am buying an apartment in Barbados, which is almost built, and that is the most extravagant thing I have ever done.

38: What sort of films do you like watching? I love the cinema and usually go a couple of times each week in the afternoons after training as it is quiet. I have nearly every DVD you can think of at home so there is not a particular kind of film I prefer watching.

36: What makes you angry? Cruelty as there is so much of it around the world. There are too many cases of people not treating each other with and showing a lack of respect. There are too many murders and horrible things happening in the world which is full of great things but, unfortunately, it is also an evil place.

4: What is your idea of heaven? Playing football and all my family being healthy. So long as things are going well for me and my family I am content.



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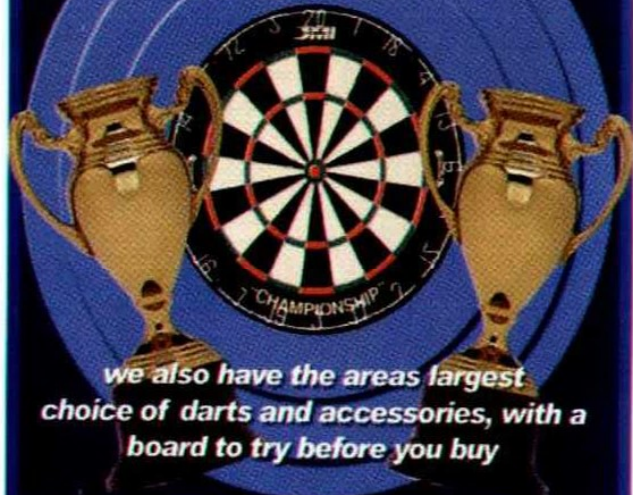


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CHARITIES WIN AT BOUNDARY PARK

Three local charities picked up cheques to the value of £1,666 each when Yeovil Town were the visitors to Boundary Park. The money donated by Latics came via funds collated from the F.A. Community Shield played at the start of the season.



Pictured are Keith Jones (Samantha Jones trust), Eileen Postletwaite (Terrace O'Grady Social Club), David Kinson (Oldham Gateway Club) along with Latics directors, Alan Hardy, Ian Hill and Barry Owen at the cheque presentation.

TROUBLE ON THE CLOUGH

Boundary Park could soon be changing its name to Lake Boundary Park! The Clough at the rear of the Cable Comms Stand (Rochdale Road) has twice become a lake in the last month as you can see from the picture opposite. Contractors have been brought in to solve the problem, which has involved the use of giant Caterpillar diggers of the like normally only seen in Mining Quarries. Hopefully the problem will soon be resolved.



PHYSIO'S NEEDED

Latics are about to lose both of their Physiotherapists this week as both Matt Jenkinson and Anthony Greenhouse depart Boundary Park. Both Physios see their future lying away from football so both will probably end up at Manchester City! (Joke). Everyone connected with the club wish both Matt and Anthony good luck in their future careers.

HARTLEPOOL HERE NEXT

If it's Tuesday it must be Match day at Boundary Park! Next Tuesday Hartlepool United visit Boundary Park (4th March) and on Tuesday 11th March Bournemouth make the long trip up north. Both games kick-off at 7.45pm, sandwiched in between the two Tuesday fixtures Tranmere Rovers will arrive (Saturday 8th March, 3pm) ...anyone got a spare bed that lives near the stadium?

£364 WON WITH STRIKE-IT-LUCKY

Latics strike-it-lucky paid out another handsome £364 in prizes when Yeovil Town visited Boundary Park. Paul Warne took time out from letting Latics smash three goals past his teammates to perform the draw. The first prize was won by Peter Banbury from Bridport (a Yeovil fan) with the runner-up prize going to Ryan Dean who lives in Royton. You could be the next big winner by purchasing your £1 tickets before kick-off this evening.



LATICS THOUGHTS WITH EX-PLAYERS

Over the past few days the only news that the club has been receiving has been bad news. Ex players Ernie Cooksey and Gary Kelly are both at present fighting cancer and face an uphill battle. During their playing career both players showed tremendous spirit and we know they will apply the same attitude in their fight against this terrible disease. Everyone at Boundary Park sends best wishes to both Ernie and Gary.

DEATH OF A LEGEND

Oldham Athletic were saddened to hear of the recent death of former player Eric Gemmill at the age of 86. Born in Prestwich on April 7, 1921, Gemmill began his career as an amateur with Manchester United before crossing the city to turn professional with Manchester City in March 1946. He joined Athletic in June 1947 --scoring on his debut against Rotherham United on 26 August, 1947 -- and went on to become one the club's best-ever forwards. A natural leader of the front line, Gemmill scored an incredible seven goals in an 11-2 thrashing of Chester City in January 1952. Gemmill notched a total of 109 goals for the club before going on to join Crewe Alexandra in February 1954, a goalscoring record that stood until April 1989 when Roger Palmer broke it courtesy of two goals against Ipswich Town at Boundary Park. Eric's funeral will be held on March 5 in Cambridge, although a thanksgiving memorial service will be held in the north west on as as-yet-unconfirmed date. We hope all supporters will commemorate Eric's life with a minute's applause prior to kick-off at this evening's game.



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NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

The Boundary Blues Committee met last week with Colin Moore, Business Development Officer at Oldham Athletic Community Trust. He has some exciting ideas, one of which is to work closely with us at the Boundary Blues. This will benefit all our members, and to start with, we have a 10% reduced rate to book on the Football in the Community Courses. Just present your Boundary Blues membership number when booking. Pick up a leaflet in the Lounge or the Shop!!

CONTACT THE BOUNDARY BLUES

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Alternatively come and see us in the Lounge on matchdays. We are always pleased to hear your suggestions and comments.

NOW SING AS LOUD AS YOU CAN FOR THE LADS!!

BOUNDARY BLUES LOUNGE

We have been busy sorting out and re-stocking the lounge recently. We have purchased new games for you and have a Table Football Game that we are sure will prove very popular. Watch out for a planned Knock Out Tournament!!! Please please try and put your rubbish in the bins provided.

CHADDY'S GANG

Hi Gang,
Well I have noticed that not many of my gang members come along to night fixtures...so this week I will keep it short. We would like to wish Happy Birthday to all our members who have Birthdays in February Tom Challinor, Melissa Knuckey and Henry Dickinson.
Hope all three of you are looking forward to your

birthday parties and that you have lots of presents. Check the post for your birthday card from me. I will be posting them very soon.

Here is my joke of the day

A blonde is walking down the street with a pig under her arm. She passes a Latics Fan in Garforth Street who says... "Where did you get that silly

looking thing from"?...
The pig replied "I won her in a raffle"

Start the car!...

Chaddy

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all our members with birthdays this month. They are Joshua Brierley, Thomas Butterworth, Rachel Diamond, Andrew Duffy, Charlie Eyres, Jack Farnworth, Jonathan Feasey, Adam Goulden, James Gregory, Christopher Hague, Andrew Hoy, James Kenworthy, Billy Latham, Nathan Mayall, Jack Metcalfe-Finnerty, James Moore, Thomas Neild, Thomas Taylor, William Tickle, Matthew Ware, Jonathan Whalen, Amy Whitehead.

MASCOTS V YEOVIL TOWN

Here we see the mascots for our last home game against Yeovil Town.

They are pictured with goal keeper Mark Crossley before the match and also in the centre circle with the match officials and captains prior to kick off.



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Richard Lambert	Bristol Rvs	9	6	15
Craig Davies	Oldham	11	3	14
Joe Garner	Carlisle	14	0	14
Adam Boyd	L Orient	10	3	13
Nicky Forster	Brighton	8	4	12
Danny Graham	Carlisle	9	2	11

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Fitness First Stadium	Bournemouth	16	49	3.06
The Den	Millwall	16	44	2.75
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	14	38	2.71
Withead Stadium	Brighton	15	40	2.67
Brunton Park	Carlisle	14	37	2.64
Elland Road	Leeds	16	42	2.62
Roots Hall	Southend	16	42	2.62
County Ground	Swindon	15	39	2.60
Matchroom Stadium	L Orient	16	40	2.50
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	16	40	2.50
Vale Park	Port Vale	17	42	2.47
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	17	42	2.47
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	16	39	2.44
Liberty Stadium	Swansea	16	38	2.38
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	16	38	2.38
The Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	16	36	2.25
Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	15	33	2.20
City Ground	Nottm Forest	16	35	2.19
Prenton Park	Tranmere	17	37	2.18
Bank's Stadium	Walsall	16	34	2.12
Huish Park	Yeovil	16	32	2.00
Boundary Park	Oldham	15	30	2.00
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	17	32	1.88

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..
shots on target 227 Bournemouth. **shots off target** 206 Oldham. **corners** 219 Swansea. **hit woodwork** 11 Leyton Orient. **offsides** 120 Tranmere. **fouls** 452 Yeovil. **yellow cards** 61 Northampton. **red cards** 7 Southend.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..
Shots 106 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). **Shots on target** 50 Craig Davies (Oldham). **Shots off target** 57 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). **Assists** 9 Poul Hubertz (Northampton). **Crosses** 129 Max-Alain Gradel (Bournemouth). **Offsides** 57 Luke Rodgers (Port Vale). **Fouls** 78 Trevor Kandol (Leeds). **Free-kicks won** 103 Joe Garner (Carlisle).



2007/08 SEASON



GOAL COUNTER 929

RIGHT FOOT 516 goals



LEFT FOOT 201 goals



HEADERS 194 goals



Own goals 16 (1.7%), Other body part 2 (0.2%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Jason Price (Bournemouth vs Doncaster) 0:42

By a substitute after coming on

Leon Constantine (Leeds vs Oldham) 0:12

DISCIPLINARY



2.5 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

Paul Warne (Walsall vs Yeovil) 1:04

SUB TOTALS

Subs used1811

Offsides2307

Corners4204

Shots Off Target4135

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

1 6 8

In the Coca Cola Football League One this season there have been **4158** shots on target, goals constitute **22.3%** of all shots (doesn't include own goals). The woodwork has come to the rescue of the defending side on **162** occasions (the biggest beneficiaries being Gillingham **16**). There have been **89** penalties awarded this season and of those **78** have been scored (a success rate of **87.6%**). Swansea have been awarded most penalties - **9**. Bristol Rvs have given most penalties away **7**. The team to score the most penalties is Hartlepool **7**. Swansea missed **3** penalties in the Coca Cola Football League One this season.

RESULTS

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

0-0	27
0-1	33
0-2	19
0-3	7
0-4	2
0-5	1
1-0	42
1-1	54
1-2	21
1-3	8
1-4	4
1-5	-
2-0	33
2-1	43
2-2	17
2-3	5
2-4	1
2-5	-
3-0	20
3-1	12
3-2	9
3-3	-
3-4	-
3-5	-
4-0	7
4-1	8
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INSIDE THE OLDHAM SUNDAY LEAGUE...



Since this column started in Blue Pride magazine, we have looked at a number of aspects of the Oldham Sunday League including its associated clubs, players and officials, both past and present. But what about the history of the league itself - where did it all start? A bit of a clue as to the origins of the league is in the words 'Garlic Bread' and 'Pasta'. Yet, when the league was born in 1965, few of us living in Oldham had heard of Garlic Bread - now, it seems, folk just can't get enough of the stuff, although personally I would ban it as I detest the obnoxious little bulb with a vengeance! So what has Garlic Bread (yuk) and Pasta got to do with the formation of a league? It was in the Crime View public house on Cutler Hill Road, near Daisy Nook, that three men, Tommy Sinclair, Orlando Garforth and Tommy Webb, met for the first time to put into motion a collective idea about local teams taking part in what was then often referred to as a medal competition. Tommy Sinclair, Orlando Garforth and Tommy Webb, now there's three great Oldham sounding names for you. Not sure about Orlando

though - wasn't that the name of a kids' television series in the sixties with Sam Kydd in the lead role? I digress. All three men lived on Limeside (these days pronounced Limma- sid-ay) area of Oldham and played for Crime View FC of the Oldham Amateur League on Saturdays. Because Sunday football was not allowed in Oldham during the sixties, the working title of the league that eventually formed was the Woodhouses and District League, becoming the Oldham Sunday League in the early-seventies. The threesome's vision of Sunday football in Oldham was a clear one and, thanks to the many people who have given their

time voluntarily since that fateful day in the Crime View, the league has gone from strength to strength over the course of its forty-plus years. But back to that embryonic period and the committee members of the time decided to name that first medal competition the 'McIlroy Cup' after the then Latics' manager, Jimmy McIlroy. Ash Mill and George Dew contested that first-ever final which was to prove the forerunner of the current Challenge Cup competition. And it is the name of Ash Mill that is the first in the league's roll of honour - they were 1-0 winners in the final at Springhead. Oh, and guess who Ash Mill defeated on their way to the final - none other than Latics' Supporters Club in the semi-final at Little Wembley. So what has all this got to do with Garlic Bread (yuk) and Pasta? The Crime View pub is now an Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria, specialising in the likes of Pasta and Garlic Bread. And if I mention that word again I am going to be sick! I wonder if Jimmy McIlroy liked Garlic Bread? I'll have to go to the bathroom...



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SECOND CHANCE

PONTINS HOLIDAY LEAGUE
CENTRAL DIVISION
BRADFORD CITY 1
OLDHAM ATHLETIC 2

The wait was over for Latics reserves when they beat Bradford to record their first victory of the campaign.

Michael Pearson and Matty Wolfenden were the goalscoring heroes in a deserved 2-1 success in the Pontins Holiday League Central Division.

It is not all about winning games at reserve level as helping to supply first team players is the main objective, but Latics were still pleased to break their duck at the eleventh attempt.

They had some solid performers in the match at Boundary Park, with young goalkeeper Josh Bell also chipping into the victory as he denied Bradford until the closing stages.

Latics had a slightly less youthful side than in recent games, although they were still relying on the likes of Pearson, Wolfenden and Kelvin Lomax to be senior figures.

Deane Smalley, who had played 17 minutes as a first-team substitute at Bristol Rovers the previous night, was also kept sharp with half a game. The breakthrough almost came from Wolfenden as Latics forced Bradford into some uncertain defending from a 13th minute set piece.

Ryan Brooke headed back towards the visitors' net and Pearson connected with an overhead kick which fell to Wolfenden, who unluckily hit the bar. Bradford also had chances for Luke Sharry and Sean Taylforth, who was denied by good defending from Lomax.

Keeper Bell did well to save from Louis Horne before Latics stormed into the lead through Pearson just after the half hour.

His goal was a straightforward affair as Lomax hit an accurate free kick from the right and Pearson found space at the far post to head in from close range.

Latics had to be strong at the back for the next stages of the contest, but they kept the lead with solid defending which was helped by poor finishing from Bradford.



Michael Pearson...
on target

The home side went on to make it 2-0 after 69 minutes as the ball broke loose to Wolfenden, who turned to shoot home powerfully through a ruck of players.

Bradford's consolation goal was snatched by Luke Medley 13 minutes from time when he raced behind Latics' back four and gave Bell no chance with a low strike.

Bell made a fine save in the 90th minute when he tipped Horne's shot on to the woodwork.

Latics: Bell, Lomax, Black, Chalmers, Knight, Kelly, Pearson, Brooke, Smalley (Owen 46), Wolfenden. **Subs:** Winters, Fitzgerald, Thaker, Ollerenshaw.

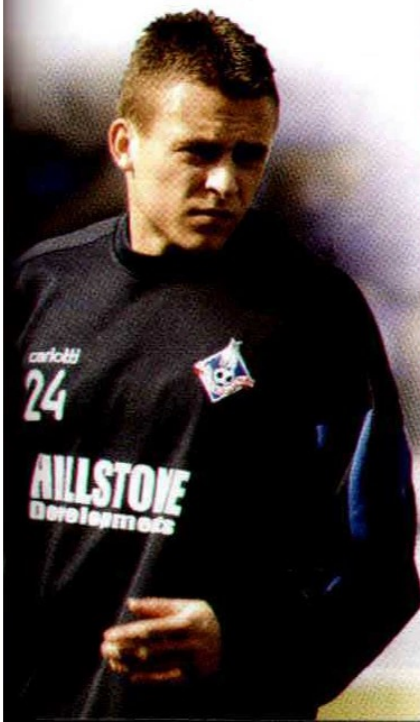
Matty Wolfenden...
powerful shot.

PONTIN'S HOLIDAY LEAGUE FIXTURES 2007-08
KICK OFF 7pm UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

DATE			
AUGUST			
Mon 20	Port Vale		L 2-1
Wed 29	Stoke City		L 3-1
SEPTEMBER			
Mon 10	Wolves at Telford United		L 4-0
Wed 19	Leicester City		L 3-0
Mon 24	Shrewsbury Town 2pm		L 3-1
OCTOBER			
Wed 10	Walsall		D 2-2
Wed 17	Bolton Wanderers (Manchester Senior Cup)		L 3-0
Wed 24	West Bromwich Albion		L 6-1
NOVEMBER			
Wed 7	Bury (Manchester Senior Cup)		D 3-3 LS-4 pens
Wed 14	Coventry City 2pm		L 3-2
Tues 21	Manchester City (Manchester Senior Cup)		L 2-1
DECEMBER			
JANUARY			
Wed 9	Stoke City 2pm at Newcastle Town		L 2-1
Mon 14	Shrewsbury Town		D 1-1
Thurs 17	Manchester United		L 4-0
FEBRUARY			
Wed 13	Bradford City		W 2-1
Wed 20	Bradford City 2pm		HOME
Mon 25	Coventry City 2pm at Nuneaton Borough		Away
MARCH			
Wed 5	Huddersfield Town 2pm		Away
Wed 12	Walsall		HOME
Wed 19	Notts Forest		Away
Wed 26	Huddersfield Town		HOME
Mon 31	W.B.A. 2pm at The Hawthorns		Away
APRIL			
Wed 2	Notts Forest		HOME
Wed 9	Wolves		HOME
Wed 16	Port Vale 2pm		HOME
Mon 21	Manchester United (LSC)		HOME
Mon 21	Leicester City at Hinckley United		Away
Wed 30	Play Off Semi Final		

RESERVE APPEARANCES 2007-2008
UPDATED 28-01-08

NAME	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	P	G	P	G	P	G
LEWIS ALESSANDRA	3	1	2	1	5	1
JOSH BELL	5	0	1	0	6	0
PAUL BLACK	9	0	2	0	12	0
RYAN BROOKE	5	1	0	0	5	1
AARON CHALMERS	9	1	2	0	11	1
LIAM DAWSON	4	0	0	0	4	0
ADAM EDWARDS	4	0	0	0	4	0
JACK FITZGERALD	5	0	1	0	6	0
REUBEN HAZELL	1	0	0	0	1	0
MARCUS HOLNESS	1	0	0	0	1	0
LEE HUGHES	1	1	1	2	2	3
J-P KALALA	2	0	1	1	3	1
ASHLEY KELLY	7	1	1	0	8	1
NATHAN KILCOURSE	5	1	1	0	6	1
DANNY KNIGHT	3	0	1	0	4	0
KELVIN LOMAX	1	0	1	0	2	0
GARY McDONALD	4	0	1	0	5	0
JOSH OLLERENSHAW	1	0	0	0	1	0
KC OWEN	3	1	2	0	5	1
LES POGLIACOMI	3	0	0	0	3	0
MICHAEL PEARSON	5	0	0	0	5	0
MICHAEL RICKETTS	1	0	0	0	1	0
CHRIS ROWNEY	3	0	1	0	4	0
DEANE SMALLEY	1	0	1	0	2	0
CHRIS TAYLOR	1	0	0	0	1	0
ROSS THACKER	9	0	1	0	10	0
JOHN THOMPSON	4	0	1	0	5	0
NEAL TROTMAN	7	0	1	0	8	0
AARON WALSH	6	0	1	0	7	0
RUAIRIDH WINTERS	2	0	0	0	2	0
MATT WOLFENDEN	8	2	2	0	11	2





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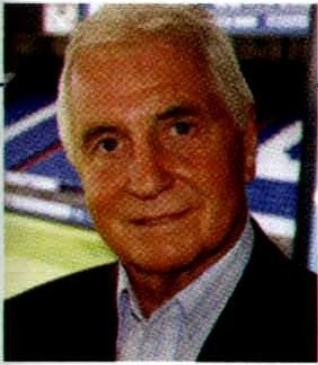
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BOUNDARY PARK BLOG

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Marketing Department have recently been in overdrive arranging events for the forthcoming months, so here are a few for your diary:

Wednesday 9th April 2008:

A Sporting Evening featuring Johnnie Casson, Q & A with Mark Crossley, Latics Goalkeeper, 3-course meal.
Venue: The Bower Hotel, Chadderton, 8pm,
Price: £40 plus VAT.



Johnnie Casson



Wednesday 23rd April 2008:
Latics Player & Kit Sponsors Dinner,
Venue: Smokies Park Hotel, 8.00pm, 3-course Meal, Disco, Raffle, and Presentations to Sponsors.
Price: Non-Sponsors £30 Inc VAT.

Tuesday 29th April 2008:

Latics Spring Golf Classic, Sponsored by Cable Comms, Saddleworth Golf Club, Competitive Golf, 3-course meal, BBQ, Sandwiches, Quiz, Water dinner, speaker, Jimmy Wager, Prizes.
Price: £300 plus VAT for a team of 4.



Wednesday 7th May 2008:

End of Season Presentation night, Sponsored by Cable Comms.
Venue: The Avant Hotel, 7.30pm. 3-course Meal, Casino night, Disco, Player Presentations.
Price: £35.



Hello and welcome to Boundary Park for this evening's clash with Swindon Town and very warm welcome back to Boundary Park goes out to Hasney Aljofree. A special warm welcome to our shirt and club sponsors Hillstone Developments who are with us this evening in the Sponsors Suite.

TONIGHT'S SPONSORS

An even bigger welcome this evening is due to our sponsors:

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Our sponsors this evening are long standing supporters of the club... Smokies Park Hotel are part of the Best Western group and are situated at Ashton Road in Bardsley, Oldham. Smokies is now one of the top venues in the area for hosting Sporting Dinners and Weddings and the hotel itself is of a very high standard.

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Finally B.K. Landscapes, Brian Knaggs has supported Latics for 30 years that I know of! And his company are without doubt one of the top landscaping companies in Greater Manchester. We would like to thank all of our sponsors your support is very much appreciated.

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BEAT THE CLOCK

There are many words we could use to describe Lee Duxbury's quiz performance in the last edition of Blue Pride, but let's keep this clean. How about pitiful? Pathetic? Disgraceful? Embarrassing? Dux managed only six correct answers out of 12 in a time of something like four and a half days. Okay, he was messing about, but the reserve team coach still tainted the good reputation of Oldham Athletic. Fingers crossed, Paul Black might do a bit better. If he can not, it is time to give up before his career gets off the ground! (Answers at foot of page)

1 Who are the only team from League One to reach this year's FA Cup quarter-finals?
Paul: Bristol Rovers.

2 Which side from the Championship humbled Liverpool in FA Cup round five?
Paul: Barnsley....do they get harder BIG man?

3 Who scored twice for Manchester United in their fifth-round hammering of Arsenal?
Paul: Er...Darren Fletcher?

4 Back in league action, who scored the third goal when Latics beat Yeovil 3-0 last week?
Paul: Craig Davies

5 And who scored the winner two weeks ago when Latics went down 1-0 at Bristol Rovers in injury time?
Paul: Er...was it Disley?...yes Craig Disley.

6 Name the manager of Championship high fliers Stoke City.
Paul: Tony Pulis.. come on Gordon, my dad could answer these and he knows nowt about football!

7 Who was recently appointed manager of Leeds United?
Paul: Gary McAllister...weren't it?

8 Leeds, Bournemouth and which other club in League One have had points deductions this season?
Paul: ooohh...er...Luton Town.

9 Who was the England goalkeeper in Fabio Capello's first game in charge?
Paul: The best keeper in England.... David James.

10 And who was the England keeper in Steve McClaren's last game before being sacked?
Paul: Scott Carson,.. and he was unlucky, very unlucky.

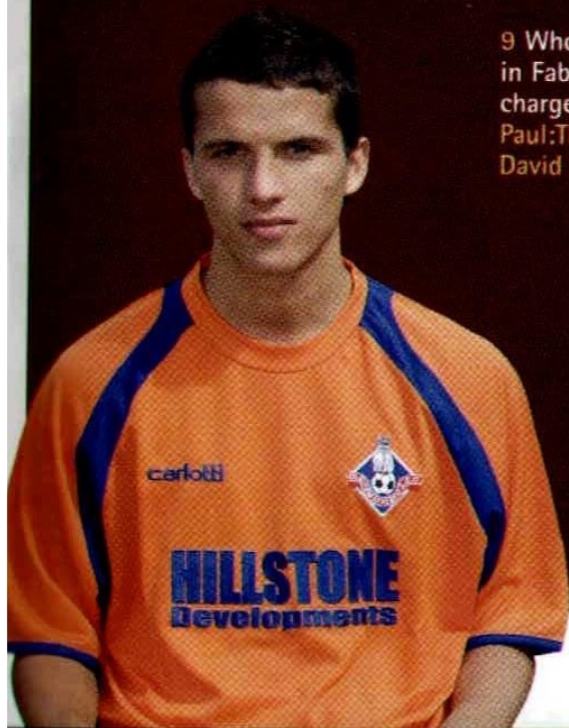
11 Former Crewe striker Luke Varney now plays for which team in the Championship?
Paul: Crystal Palace

12 What is the nationality of Bolton defender Ricardo Gardner?
Paul: Jamaican

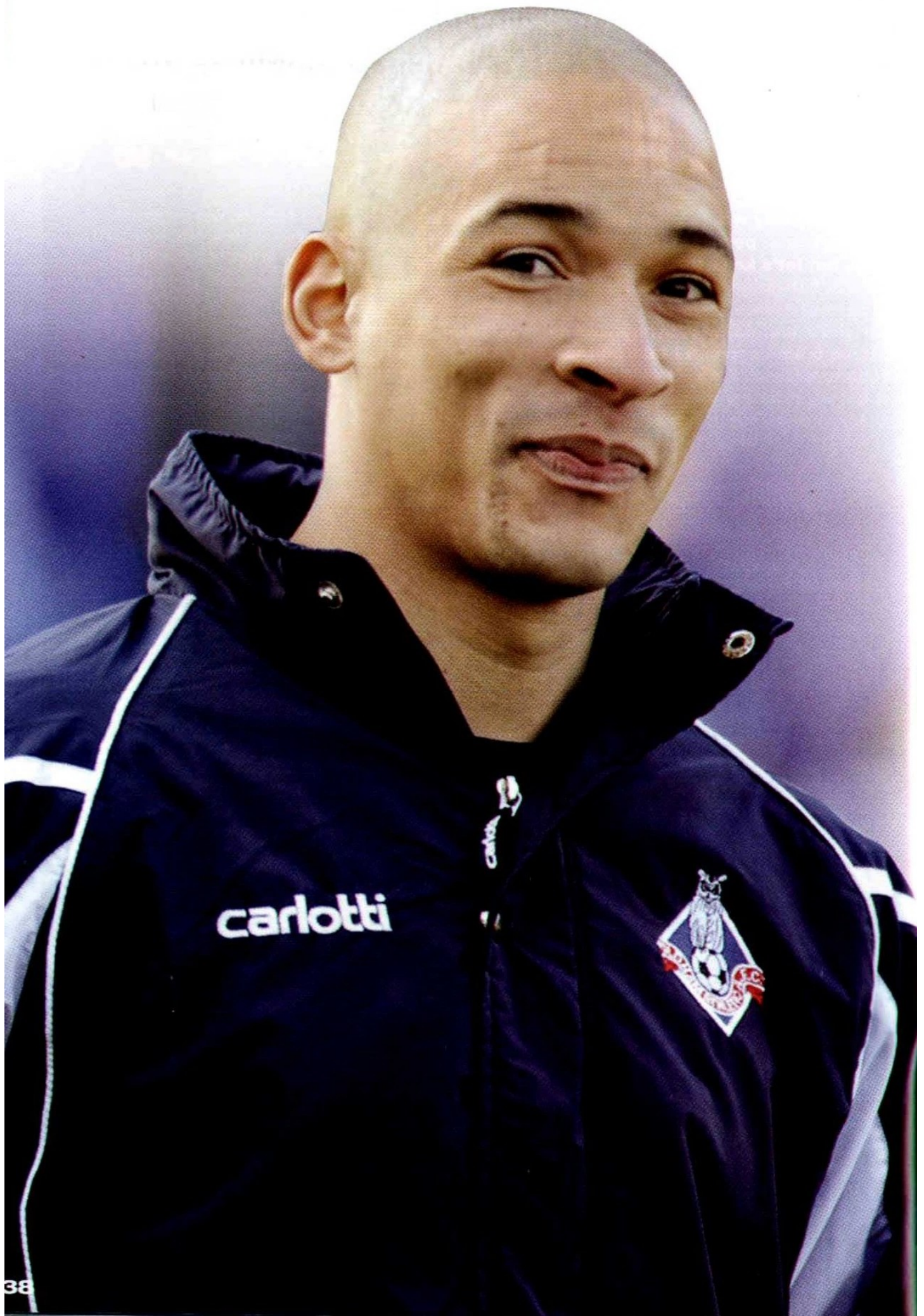
Paul was very good, too good for a youngster actually, in fact he was close to being a smart Arse...nal are a good side aren't they!!! 11/12 in 1 minute 10 seconds and takes Blacky into 6th place. Well done Paul.

LEADER TABLE

1. Ryan Bertrand ...12 right in 1.05
2. Lee Hughes12 right in 1.07
3. Sean Gregan12 right in 1.08
4. Neil Kilkenny ...12 right in 1.09
5. Reuben Hazell ...12 right in 1.11
6. Paul Black11 right in 1.10
7. Graham Brown ..11 right in 1.12
8. Andy Liddell ...10 right in 1.18
9. Tony Philliskirk ..10 right in 1.21
10. Jason Jarrett ...10 right in 1.29
11. Stefan Stam ...10 right in 1.36
12. John Thompson .10 right in 1.38
13. Mark Crossley ..9 right in 1.23
14. Deane Smalley ..9 right in 1.26
15. Matty Wolfenden 9 right in 1.27
16. Neil Trotman ...9 right in 1.38
17. Chris Taylor9 right in 1.49
18. Tommy Wright ..9 right in 2.46
19. Lee Duxbury ...6 right in 3.47

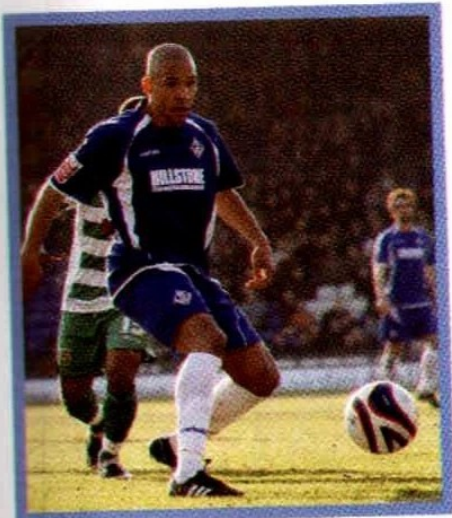


ANSWERS: 1 Bristol Rovers; 2 Barnsley; 3 Darren Fletcher; 4 Craig Davies; 5 Craig Disley; 6 Tony Pulis; 7 Gary McAllister; 8 Luton Town; 9 David James; 10 Scott Carson; 11 Charlton Athletic; 12 Jamaican.



JASON'S FULL HOUSE

Midfield dynamo Jason Jarrett has been something of a lucky charm since he arrived on loan at Boundary Park.



Latics had not won at home for several weeks when Jason first walked through the door, but he has played three home games... and enjoyed a full house of victories.

He marked his debut by helping Latics beat Carlisle. Next, Gillingham were sent away pointless. And then Yeovil were seen off with comfort.

So can Jason, who signed on loan from Preston until the end of the season, continue his winning streak tonight against Swindon?

"You would like to think we can keep on winning at home," he said. "We've done pretty well since I got here.

"You need your home form to be strong so nine points out of nine is pleasing, although I think the lucky-charm thing might be stretching it a bit!

"From what I have heard, performances at Boundary Park were better than the results suggested and it was more a case of needing to take chances when they came along.

"Hopefully we have turned that round a

bit now. It was good to score three against Yeovil, even though we did not play brilliantly well.

"I think we'll find a lot of teams coming here to defend because everybody has a lot to play for, either needing points for promotion or battling for their lives at the other end of the table.

"Not many sides will come to Boundary Park and open up, but we have to deal with that and find a way to break them down.

"Our last three games here have been encouraging. When Carlisle came, they were second or third in the league and we absolutely dominated them.

"I'm told that was possibly the best home performance of the season, and personally I was pleased to get off to a decent start.

"It was a different kind of game against Gillingham because we started very sloppily. We were rubbish in the first half, but we turned it round.

"And the Yeovil game was very comfortable after we scored our early goal. You could see the life draining out of them when we made it 2-0, and then to score another one was a bonus."

Jarrett has been well travelled during his career, playing for Blackpool, Wrexham, Bury, Wigan, Norwich and Preston, plus Stoke, Plymouth, Leicester, Hull, QPR and Latics in loan spells.

But he had not played much league football this season when Boundary Park boss John Sheridan snapped him up during the transfer window.

Jason said: "You need a bit of time to bring your match fitness up to scratch because playing every week, or even twice a week, is not easy straight away.

"I have had that time and I'm fully fit

now. I am hoping, because I didn't really play in the first half of the season, I will be fresher than most in the games we've got left.

"Hopefully that will help the team because we have our targets and we are one of the clubs who can think about reaching the play-offs.

"I would say Swansea are up already and maybe four of the top six are guaranteed to stay there, but that leaves two other places up for grabs.

"There are anything up to ten teams who believe they can go for it, so we need to be consistent if we are going to have a chance.

"The play-offs are still a long way off and I don't think it would help to look too far ahead. To use the cliché it needs to be one game at a time, but we believe two points per game is realistic."



"Our last three home games have been encouraging..."

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CHADDY CHIRPS

With four home games in the next 14 days let's hope we can move up that table a bit.

Looking at the table though..that could be tough 'cause Leeds are 3 points in front with a better goal difference! Because of all the games we have got coming up in the next 22 days Gordon has got me locked up in a cupboard doing my write up, I have got to do 4 of them in a fairly short timescale so that they can get it approved and sent off to the printers. I get the feeling that Gordon is going to be run of his feet so I might even try and get a quick tester in to see if he's awake. I might try the odd naughty word like *@? & (I saw that one Chaddy, keep it clean or you're on boot cleaning duty all week.. Gordon).

Last Saturday saw the return of Warney to BP; I have got to say that I have not seen a reception like that for a long time. He looked gob smacked by it all; he seemed to enjoy it all though, although at the end it looked like it got the better of him. The game was great, we ripped them to pieces and that own goal by Lee Pelter was awesome, that takes some skill to head a ball like that. The chant of "sign him up" had me in stitches.

As I stated in the programme last week, I'm trying to get some sponsorship from people to do the Manchester 10K run. I am hoping to get some of the players to put some money in the pot, but I heard that Crossley kept dropping his wallet, Hughes lost his wallet whilst doing his dance celebration in training, Stamma was spending it all on a smoke and a pancake, Gregan was in the chippy, Dean Smalley hasn't had his spends yet from his mum, Taylor has been spending all his money to get those "Strawberry blonde" highlights (his hair is usually blonde you know), and McDonald is Scottish, so it goes without saying that he is so tight even his skin doesn't fit. Shez just told me to *!\$\$ off (Right Chaddy, I'm going to send you to Alan's

office if you do anymore...(GL). I believe the Chronicle are going to do a bit about the run to see if any companies want to donate, but knowing the chronicle they will say I'm doing a cross channel swim or something, they always seem to mix up stories on me for some reason.

Just before I go I would like to tell you about an incident last week. I decided to buy a dog for Missus Owl. I saw an advertisement for a talking dog, so I went along to see it. The dog answered the door and started telling me about how he had done 4 years working for the police and was awarded a medal for finding the biggest drugs haul in the country. Then he went working for MI5, he was brought in to catch a top KGB agent and did it within 2 weeks, but his life was in danger unless he found a new owner. Just then a bloke walked in the room. I asked if he was the one selling the dog, he said he was. I asked how much he wanted for it, he said he only wanted £20. I explained that was very cheap for a talking dog with all his experience in life, so I asked

why he was selling it so cheap to which he replied "because he's a lying "B*@}}". (Now you've had it Chaddy, put your computer down and go to see Alan, he has got his cane ready and waiting for you).

Note from Gordon: -

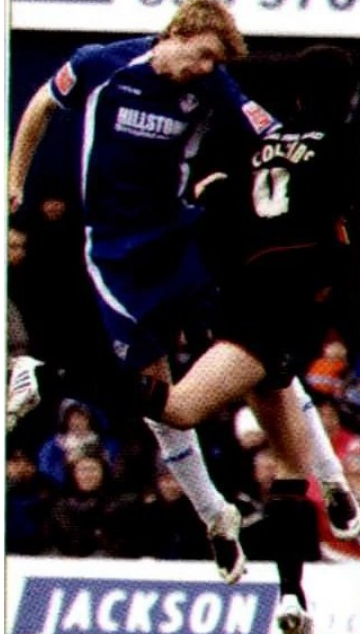
Chaddy has been a naughty owl and is now standing in the corner of Alan's office with a naughty hat on. Alan threatened to make him watch Blackpool every week and he calmed down. I am sure he will be back next week and well behaved.



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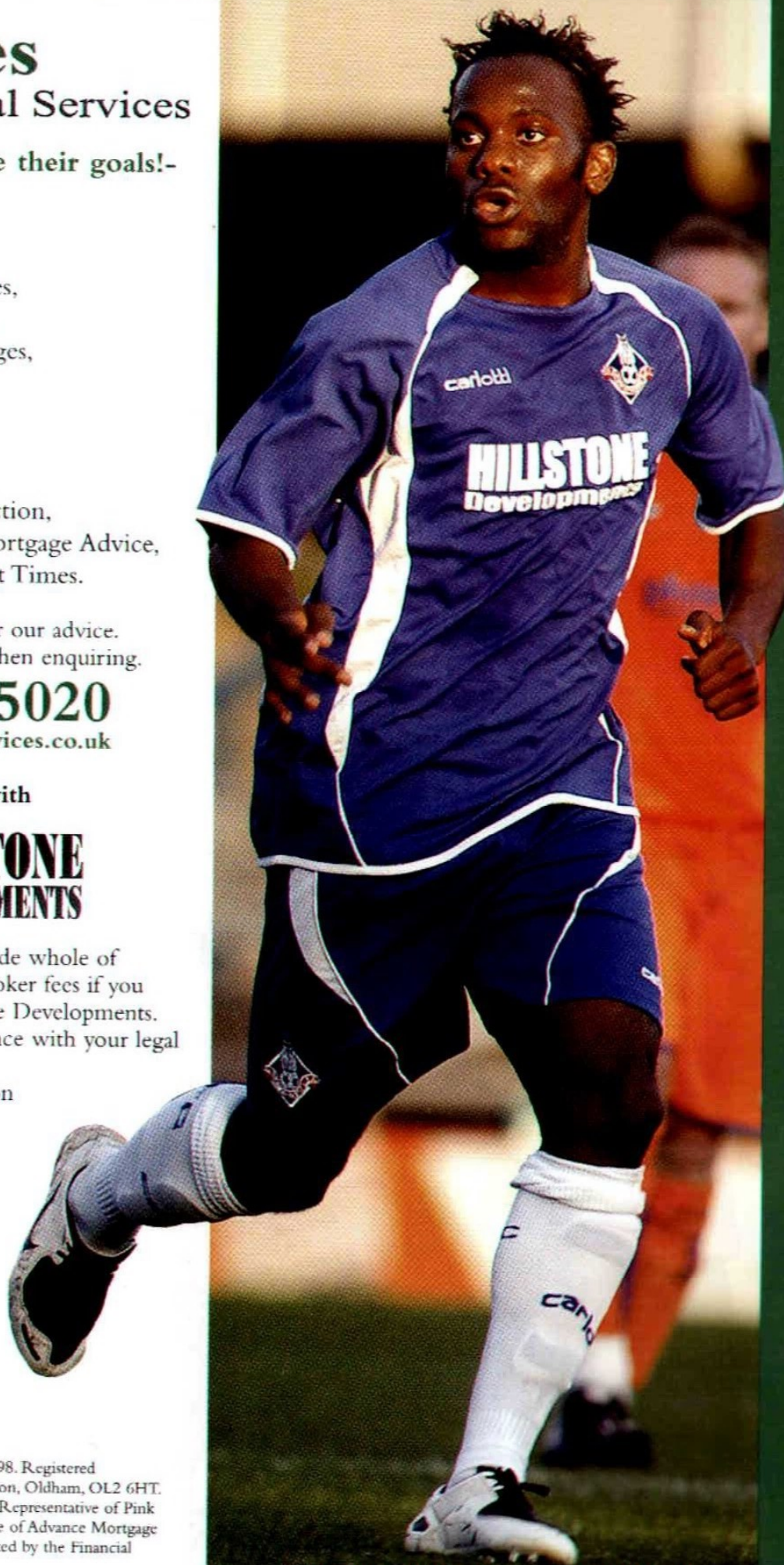
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Andy Liddell has started his comeback and is looking forward to picking up the threads of his 610-game career.

The 34-year-old veteran is bang on target to be playing again and hopes to be in first team action before the end of the season. It has been a long haul back following surgery to repair Achilles damage -- but one the player knows only too well. Liddell had a similar operation -- on the other foot -- in his first season at Boundary Park and knew exactly what to expect on the road to recovery. He had his six-weekly check with his specialist eight days ago and was told he should be ready to be playing again in another five weeks. Liddell said: "When I had the op he told me it would be three months of a job. "It was exactly the same as last time and I had the Achilles tendon scraped and all the damage stripped away. "He said it would be as good as new just like my left foot.

"After I had that done I played more than 50 games without any problem and following this second op I am again feeling good and the Achilles feels pretty strong. "It is all down to wear and tear because of the number of games I have played." Liddell is nearing his 18th season after starting at Barnsley and arriving at Boundary Park on a free transfer three years ago via Wigan and Sheffield United. He specifically asked for the same surgeon because he felt confident it would go a long way to help prolong his career. He admitted: "I have a lot of hard fitness work ahead of me but I did it last time and I know I can do it again. "The surgeon was spot on before and I am sure it will be exactly the same this time."

Liddell was in plaster for two weeks then spent another

couple in an air boot before he could start to walk again.

Last week he stepped up to cardio-vascular work on the exercise bike in the gym, treadmill and in the swimming pool.

"It is mind-numbing what you have to do with this type of injury," says Liddell "It is stretching, stretching and more stretching, morning and afternoon."

He could have had his operation earlier but, like the previous time, he decided to play on through the pain barrier until it got too much.

Liddell, who has a strong pain threshold, explained: "It was my own choice to play on when it was hurting.

"Sometimes it doesn't help being able to take it because you just go ahead and keep playing..

"I would rather be like that than some lads at other clubs who sit around for two weeks with a twisted eyelash.

"They don't even think of playing until they are 100 per cent fit, that's not me. I just love playing and being involved."

Liddell hasn't missed a home game since he was able to return to driving his car and has been impressed by the way Latics have steadily climbed the table following a four-match unbeaten run at Boundary Park.

He said: "They have come through a sticky patch when the home crowd was getting a bit edgy.

"It is a pretty young side and they are not used to handling that sort of situation.

"More experienced players don't care what the fans shout at them, they just get on with the job because they have seen it all before.

"It has been difficult for some of the kids but to their credit they have played through that.

"I am sure they will be all better for it and next time they will be saying it won't affect them and just get on with it.

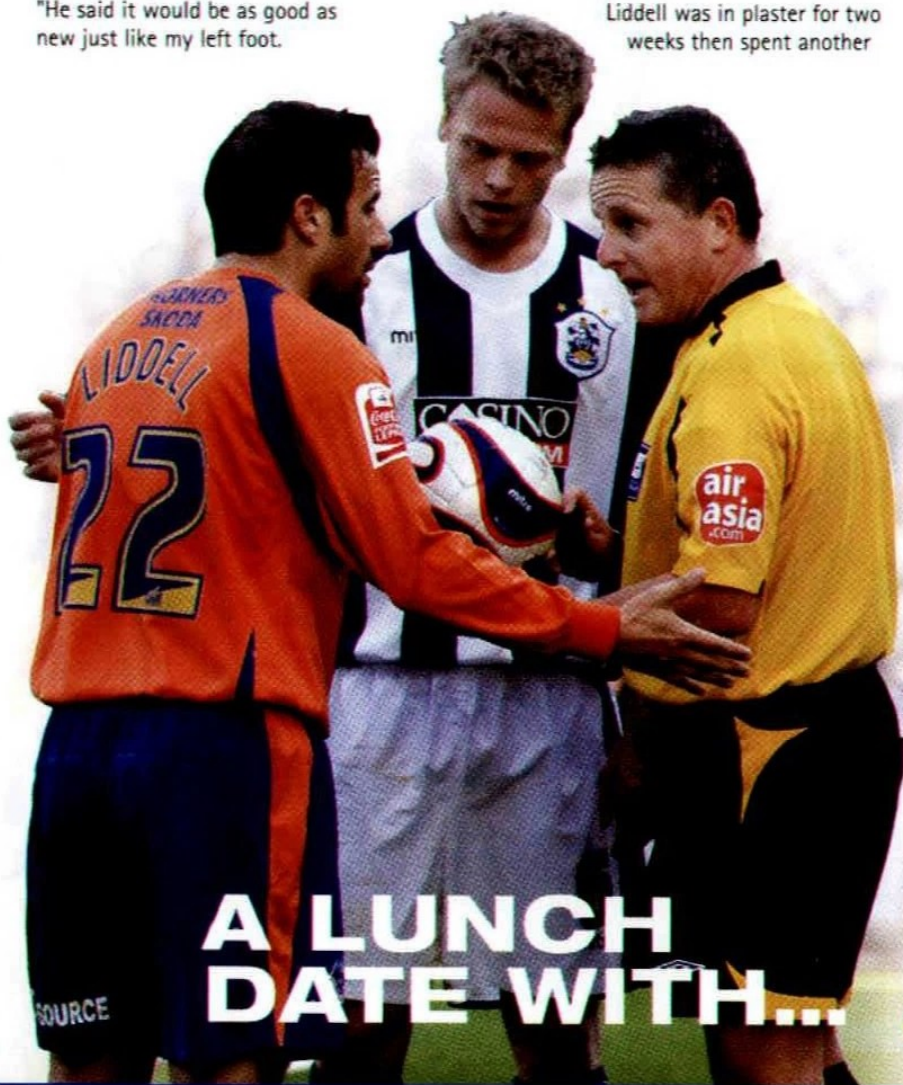
"There are some very good young players here and the club's future looks very healthy because they will make a decent profit if they have to sell.

"You only have to look at Neal Trotman who went to Preston for half a million quid after only just 20 appearances.

"It was a great deal for the club and Neal.

"Then there are the likes of Neal Eardley, Chris Taylor and Lewis Alessandra to name three more, plus others coming through the ranks.

"That's one thing about the manager, Shez has never been afraid to throw them in."



A LUNCH DATE WITH...

ANDY

Liddell also believed Latics can make it to the play-offs although it won't be an easy ride.

He insisted: "It is going to be tight, but if we keep winning at home we would have a great opportunity of sneaking in there.

"There are also the likes of Bristol Rovers and Huddersfield who will also fancy their chances because they have been having decent runs.."

Liddell might yet be a part of it but after being out since the 1-0 win at Tranmere back at the beginning of November, he may need a few reserve team outings before his availability for first team duty.

But he is hoping to do enough to show he is worth a new contract when his current three-year deal is up in the summer.

And he would love to continue his career with Latics.

Liddell added: "I have to prove my fitness and if they don't want to employ me I still have to show that I have a lot to offer other clubs.

"I will be doing my rehab to the dot to make sure it is perfect.

"I need and want to be playing for a while yet and will be doing everything to get as fit as I can.

"I will train throughout the close season like I normally do.

"I have no doubts I can carry on playing and continue on doing it until someone tells me differently.

"I suppose that point comes when nobody wants you.

"But while I can still get a club I will keep pulling on my boots ..."



LIDDELL

THE BUZZ

1997-1998 WARNOCK'S WORLD



Neil Warnock

In February 1997 Neil Warnock arrived at Boundary Park and despite being unable to stave off relegation to the third tier of English football, assured Latics fans that promotion remained the number one priority, writes Tony Hardman. Warnock certainly

had a tried and tested formula for promotion that had served him well in the past having won promotion many times. His tactics may have been direct and somewhat alien to the way Athletic fans were used to seeing football played, but they had proved effective in the past. Warnock's arrival also coincided with the second coming of the Messiah, Andy Ritchie, who rejoined the club as Player Coach

FLOWN THE NEST

Warnock had wasted no time in gathering together some of his tried and tested players from previous clubs in the shapes of Lee Duxbury, Lee Sinnott and Paul Reid.

Sinnott arrived in July 1997 as a replacement for Craig Fleming who had flown the nest to join the Canaries at Norwich. Injury restricted his Athletic career and he saw most of the 97-98 season from the sidelines and overall he appeared only 35 times for the club which proved to be his last prior to retirement.

Reid was recruited from Huddersfield in March 1997 for a fee of £100,000. In his time with Athletic he did show true commitment and consistency and proved to be excellent value for money. He is perhaps best remembered for his Bosman free defection to local rivals Bury in July 1999 rather than his 105 appearances and 7 goals for Athletic.

CHRISTMAS HEIGHTS

It would be fair to say that life under Warnock was certainly far from boring. By Christmas, Athletic had reached the heights of 3rd in the League and had failed to score only twice in the League. The League Cup had seen a traditional early exit, this time at the hands of Grimsby Town who managed to put 5 past Ian Ironside in his only appearance in

goal for Athletic. In fairness the League Cup was hardly Ironside's favourite competition as it was he who Frankie Bunn scored six past in the 1989-90 demolition of Scarborough, but it certainly added credence to the rumour that Ironside had put his head in his hands after the game...and dropped it! As an exiled Athletic fan in Northampton I was getting used to seeing Latics away matches rather than making the pilgrimage to Boundary Park for my fix of football action. In October Athletic visited Fulham for Kevin Keegan's first match in charge of the Cottagers (and Warnock tried to hi-



Lee Duxbury

jack the photoshoot of KK emerging from the tunnel before the match) and were roundly beaten 3-1. In November I took the afternoon off work to travel to Watford and see Athletic play on a Tuesday night. Not wishing to fall foul of British Rail, I made sure that I got to Vicarage Road with enough time to spare...and ended up with 3 hours on my hands by virtue of getting the only express train that was actually an express and stuck to the timetable! Again though Latics lost, this time 2-1.



Paul Reid



Paul Rickers

Sixfield's even though I was temporarily barred from my local thanks to the 'Home Fans Only' door policy.

Equally, living in the Midlands and not yet being a fully-fledged 'inter-nerd' I had little or no access to The Chron and the latest news from Boundary Park. It was with some surprise then that I picked up The Times (it had simply been left in the office, I didn't buy it) and found a page 3 article about a certain Grandad Roberts and his grandson Elvis who were entertaining fans with their 'Meat Pie, Sausage Roll' song. It might not have won any Ivor Novello awards, but would probably prove a worthy theme tune to the northern heats of Masterchef.

GEORDIE BOUND

One noticeable thing about these few matches that I was able to see was that there was again a decent crop of young players coming through the ranks. Carl Serrant began the season at left back and his speed, talent and versatility was soon attracting the attention of bigger clubs. It is hardly surprising that he moved onto Newcastle United for £500,000, but it was sad to see that potential not realised at the highest level as he was forced to retire in 2001 due to knee injuries. Paul Rickers was also making inroads into the starting line up and would go onto make nearly 300 appearances for the club scoring 22 goals. A tireless midfielder, Rickers did however think he had an eye for goal with spectacular efforts from outside the box. Sadly they seemed to end up off target and was further proof that a seat behind the goals is not always a safe bet at Boundary Park.

It was third time lucky for me when Athletic visited Plymouth, the most southerly team in the Football League, as Warnock's men won 2-0 against his former club. However, thanks to BR reverting to type we were 30 minutes late for the game and had to negotiate our way in as the turnstiles had closed. And of course, living in Northampton I could not miss the game at



Carl Serrant

propel the club into anything more than mid-table mediocrity. Warnock had had his shot at the title and it was decided at the end of the season not to renew his contract and instead promote Andy Ritchie to the top job. Another new era was about to start at Boundary Park, where Ritchie made promises to get the team playing attractive football again and entertain the fans. That and we were finally going to get rid of that god-awful blue and red hooped kit!!

BOOKIES WATCH OUT

Speaking of bets, Warnock renewed another relationship with a former player when he signed goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar, who had recently been cleared of match fixing allegations, as cover for Gary Kelly. If nothing else, the 'Clown Prince' lifted the dressing room spirits as socks began to go missing from the changing rooms and on one occasion Billy Urmson was left stranded at Chapel Road, much to the delight of the trainees, as Brucey had driven off in the club minibus!

My personal journey through 97-98 ended up taking me to Bristol when my job was relocated. Once there I was recommended a pub called the Horse and Groom, where the landlord had "something to do with football", according to a new work colleague. That landlord turned out to be none other than Alan Williams who had spent four seasons with the Latics in the early sixties. But Alan was not the only

Williams to play for Athletic, his son Gary had been a player in the Joe Royle era and made the subs bench for the League Cup final. AND he was running the shop next door. My original trepidation of moving to Brizzle (as the locals call it) were quashed and I spent an enjoyable three months of evenings watching Sky Sports with the Williams' and talking over old times at Boundary Park.

Back at Boundary Park, it became clear that even though Athletic were holding their own in the Division, promotion was a dream that was not going to come true at the first attempt. Home form was good, equalling that of Watford who finished Champions, and Athletic were top scorers at home in the Division. But 12 losses away from Boundary Park were never going to



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Whilst Port Vale is one of the few teams not to be named after a geographical location, the name Port Vale exists on maps pre-dating the formation of the club.

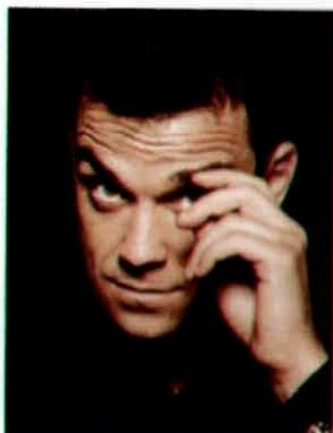
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Former players include Darren 'Feed the Bear' Beckford, Jamaican International and TV pundit Robbie Earle, former Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham, Neville Southall and former England International Mark Chamberlain (who also played for bitter rivals Stoke)



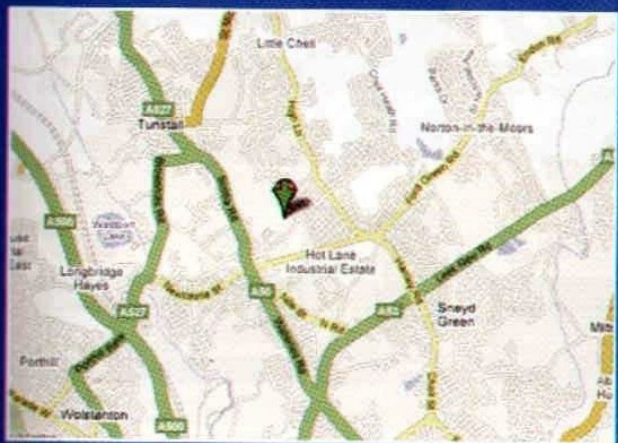
Motorhead's Lemmy



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with Stu Vose

Hello and welcome to tonight's midweek game against Swindon Town here at Boundary Park.

We didn't get the result we wanted at Brighton on Saturday, but there was still plenty going on at oldhamathletic.co.uk. We spoke to David Livermore and Gary McDonald after the game in addition to all our usual features.

Latics World are still running the 99p trial offer, which is proving very popular amongst supporters. The offer gets you access to all World's features for the price of a McDonald's McFlurry!

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I seem to keep going on about a very exciting announcement in this column and I'm aware this has been dragging on for a number of weeks now! But I can assure you new developments are coming soon via a link-up with a third party familiar to many of you.

As you'd expect, I can't say anything until it's signed and sealed but we're working very hard to make sure we can bring you the news as soon as possible.

As ever, if you've got any comments or feedback, please let me know via stuart.vose@oldhamathletic.co.uk.

On a final note, all the media team would like to pass on their very best wishes to Ernie Cooksey and his family after we learned that Ernie was battling cancer.

Enjoy the game,
Stu

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A GAME OF
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HALVES

When Jean-Paul Kalala moved from France to England in 2005 it was also the start of a huge, new adventure for his partner Jessica Macconi.

And while Jean-Paul had football to focus on, Jessica admitted it was far more difficult for her to adapt to life in a foreign country.

Jessica said: "It was a big change to my life and when we first arrived I found it hard because, unlike Jean-Paul, I could not speak good English and because of that it was hard to find work.

"I had English lessons and, now I have my own career, it is a lot more enjoyable for me."

Jessica works in marketing for an estate agents in Manchester close to where they live in a city-centre apartment.

It is a perfect job for Jessica who has a degree in marketing and business studies from her studies in France. In less than three years in England, Jessica and Jean-Paul have certainly seen plenty of the country as he has played for Grimsby, Yeovil and latterly Latics.

Jessica said: "I think it is easier when you move here from a foreign country to live close to a big centre.

"When Jean-Paul was at Grimsby we lived in Sheffield where it was easier to find a job while we were based in Bristol during his time at Yeovil."

But of the three cities, Jessica prefers Manchester with the only downside the weather which is a stark contrast to the sunshine in Nice on the French Riviera.

When Jessica and Jean-Paul met in a nightclub in Nice five years ago, she



never anticipated the journey which has since happened.

At that time Jean-Paul was kicking off his career at home-town Nice never imagining his career would take him to England.

Jessica said: "I have always liked football and as a youngster I would sometimes go with my dad to watch Nice play.

"I would say there is too much football in my life, though I am happy Jean-Paul is doing something he likes."

Jessica admitted it was hard initially being so far away from family and friends, something she remedied by returning home every one or two months in the first year.

"I was only a two-hour flight so I would go back to Nice regularly. Now it is nowhere near as often, probably every three months, due to me working," she explained.

In fact Jessica is so heavily involved in work - she has to do so every other Saturday - that she rarely sees Jean-Paul in action.

She explained: "I asked if they could arrange for me to work when Oldham play away but, so many games have been changed, that I haven't been to many this season.

"And when I watch Jean-Paul, I get very nervous and scared he will get hurt if he falls."

Jessica, who has yet to pursue her hobby of horse riding in England, and Jean-Paul recently paid their first visit to Old Trafford which is not far from where they live.

"We went to see Manchester United play Portsmouth and it was great to see a live game in the Premier League. "It is such a big stadium and there was a great atmosphere. The only bad thing was that it was a freezing cold night," she declared.

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Coca-Cola
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Port Vale F.C.

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AWAITS...



HARTLEPOOL UNITED

Latics will be looking for revenge when Hartlepool come to town for Boundary Park's next home game. And no wonder.

They suffered a 4-1 thrashing in the North East back in their third away game of the season -- their biggest defeat so far on their travels -- and it hasn't been forgotten.

John Sheridan's side were blowing hot and cold at the time but could well be on course for a top-six finish by the time the re-arranged fixture gets under way.

Hartlepool have slowly but surely gone down the table since then and a poor start to the New Year has seen them dumped in the bottom half of the table.

There was just the one win from five games in January although it has been marginally better this month.

But their away form leaves a lot to be desired.

At the time of writing they had won just three, drawn two and lost 11.

In those 16 games they scored 17 goals and shipped in 28, so if Oldham can maintain their home form, which has recently shown an upturn in fortunes, it could be an interesting encounter.

This time Latics should start favourites and, with a play-off place up for grabs, they would also have the much greater incentive.

Certainly, they have the upper hand in the head-to-heads.

In 53 league meetings they have won 25 to Pool's 17 with the other 11 ending in stalemate.

But the stats here at Boundary Park are far, far more encouraging.

In 26 visits since 1935 Hartlepool have won only five times.

Draws don't figure highly, either, with just two 0-0 scorelines.

One major feature is the number of high-scoring games that have gone in Latics favour.

Their biggest victory was 6-0 in the 1962/63 season in the old Division Four.

They have also scored five goals on four occasions, four in three games and three in four other outings.

In those 26 matches Latics have bagged a total of 64 goals while conceding 30 and they have failed to find the target in only five of them.

Somehow a draw looks unlikely and firing blanks even less.

But Latics should beware of Hartlepool because they do have strikers who can cause damage given half a chance.

Richard Barker, 32, is a powerful six-footer who is top scorer with 16 goals.

Aussie James Brown, 29 is another experienced frontman who has bagged 11 so far.

Joel Porter is an up-and-coming 21-year-old who has nine goals to his credit so far.

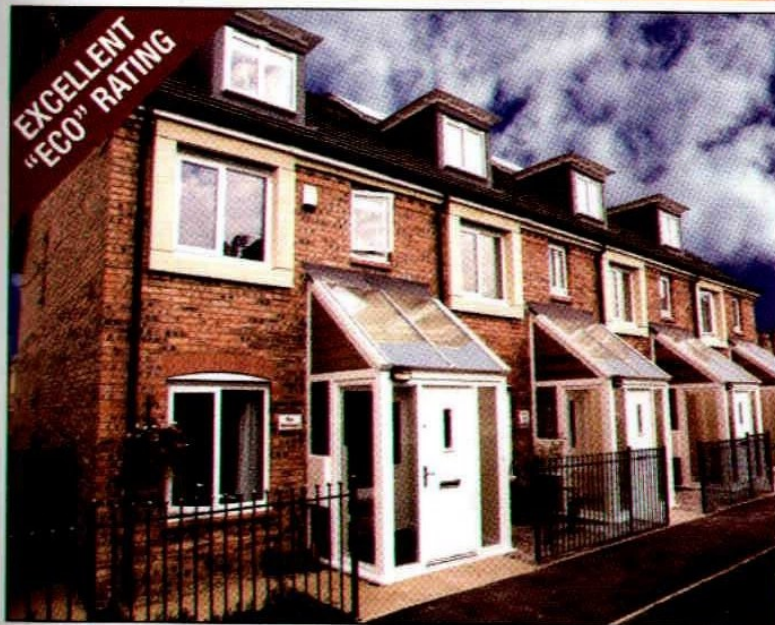
And guess what? All three scored in the 4-1 victory at Victoria Park, so lessons should have been learned.

Then again, will Latics play that poorly again?



James Brown

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LATICS STATS

APPEARANCES 2007-08

UPDATED 25-02-08

PLAYER	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	P	G	P	G	P	G
ALESSANDRA	7	0	1	0	8	0
ALLOTT	30	2	9	0	39	2
CROSSLEY	28	0	7	0	35	0
BERTRAND	21	0	3	0	24	0
BERESFORD	5	0	1	0	6	0
DAVIES	31	11	9	3	40	14
EARDLEY	28	0	8	0	36	0
GIDDINGS	2	0	1	0	3	0
GREGAN	10	0	4	0	14	0
HAZELL	21	1	5	0	26	1
HOLNESS	0	0	0	0	0	0
HUGHES	18	7	3	1	21	8
JARRETT	6	0	0	0	6	0
KALALA	18	0	6	1	24	1
KELLY	0	0	0	0	0	0
KILKENNY	20	1	5	2	25	3
LIDDELL	14	2	3	1	17	3
LIVERMORE	5	0	0	0	5	0
LOMAX	7	0	2	0	9	0
MOORE	0	0	0	0	0	0
MCDONALD	25	3	8	2	33	5
PEARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0
POGLIACOMI	0	0	0	0	0	0
RICKETTS	9	2	3	0	12	2
SMALLEY	23	0	8	1	31	1
STAM	22	0	5	0	27	0
TAYLOR	30	2	7	0	37	2
THOMPSON	5	0	5	0	10	0
TROTMAN	17	1	5	1	22	2
WOLFENDEN	17	1	5	1	22	2

HOW THEY STAND

COCA COLA LEAGUE 1 (25-02-08)

Team	HOME						AWAY						GD	PTS
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
1 Swansea	32	12	3	2	28	11	9	4	2	32	14	35	70	
2 Nottm Forest	32	10	5	1	28	7	5	6	5	19	16	24	56	
3 Doncaster	32	9	3	4	24	14	7	5	4	24	15	19	56	
4 Carlisle	31	13	1	1	29	9	3	6	7	16	22	14	55	
5 Walsall	33	6	7	3	20	14	7	6	4	21	13	14	52	
6 Tranmere	34	9	4	4	24	13	5	6	6	15	18	8	52	
7 Southend	33	9	2	5	26	16	6	3	8	26	30	6	50	
8 Leyton Orient	34	7	5	5	21	20	6	5	6	18	24	-5	49	
9 Leeds	33	11	3	3	31	13	7	5	4	21	16	23	47	
10 Northampton	34	8	5	4	27	15	4	5	8	15	27	0	46	
11 Brighton	31	8	5	3	25	16	4	4	7	14	17	6	45	
12 LATICS	32	5	5	5	16	14	6	5	6	18	15	5	43	
13 Swindon	32	8	4	4	25	17	3	6	7	15	21	2	43	
14 Huddersfield	32	8	3	5	20	16	5	1	10	12	29	-13	43	
15 Bristol Rovers	30	5	7	3	21	19	5	4	6	13	14	1	41	
16 Yeovil	34	7	3	7	15	20	4	5	8	14	22	-13	41	
17 Hartlepool	33	8	5	4	31	20	3	2	11	17	28	0	40	
18 Millwall	33	8	2	7	26	21	2	4	10	8	27	-14	36	
19 Cheltenham	34	7	6	4	16	16	2	3	12	12	31	-19	36	
20 Gillingham	32	7	6	3	20	14	2	2	12	11	35	-18	35	
21 Crewe	33	6	5	5	19	21	2	6	9	12	28	-18	35	
22 Luton	32	8	3	5	21	18	1	4	11	11	27	-13	24	
23 Bournemouth	34	4	4	9	20	33	5	2	10	24	28	-17	23	
24 Port Vale	34	3	5	9	17	25	2	2	13	14	33	-27	22	

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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

John Sheridan

Played 77 Won 32 Drawn 22 Lost 23
 For 103 Against 75
 Av Pts/game 1.53
Biggest Win(s) Oldham 5 Nottm Forest
 0 (01/01/2007). **Biggest Loss(es)**
 Hartlepool 4 Oldham 1 (01/09/2007).

Maurice Malpas

Played 7 Won 3 Drawn 2 Lost 2 For 7
 Against 4
 Av Pts/game 1.57
Biggest Win(s) Swindon 3 Cheltenham
 0 (12/02/2008). **Biggest Loss(es)**
 Huddersfield 1 Swindon 0 (09/02/2008).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0 | John Sheridan0 | Maurice Malpas.....0
 Draws ..0 | Goals 0 | Goals 0

Player with the most...

shots

Craig
 Davies 94

shots on target

Craig
 Davies 50

shots off target

Craig
 Davies 44

assists

Chris
 Taylor 3

crosses

Neil
 Kilkenny 44

fouls

Craig
 Davies 76

free-kicks-won

Craig
 Davies 49



Player with the most...

shots

Lee
 Peacock 39

shots on target

Billy
 Paynter 19

shots off target

Lee
 Peacock 23

assists

Sofiene
 Zaaboub 7

crosses

Sofiene
 Zaaboub 39

fouls

Jerel
 Ifil 49

free-kicks-won

Billy
 Paynter 44

GAMES SINCE

0	a win	1
0	a home win	0
4	an away win	2
1	a defeat	0
3	a home defeat	6
0	an away defeat	0
8	a score draw	3
6	a no score draw	5
1	conceding a goal	0
0	scoring a goal	1
3	conceding > 1	8
0	scoring > 1	1
0	keeping a clean sheet	1
1	failing to score	0
9	back to back wins	12
25	back to back defeats	14
0	gaining a point	1
1	losing a point	0
0	win by > one	1
11	loss by > one	14

SHARP SHOOTERS

Oldham	CCFL Cup	Tot	Swindon	CCFL Cup	Tot		
Craig Davies	11	3	14	Simon Cox	9	1	10
Lee Hughes	7	1	8	Billy Paynter	6	2	8
Gary McDonald	3	2	5	Christian Roberts	5	1	6

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played34 | Oldham wins14 | Swindon wins12
 Draws8 | Goals 54 (1.6 per game) | Goals 54 (1.6 per game)
 0-0's1 | Times failed to score 7 | Times failed to score 9

Biggest League win at Oldham for each team:

31/03/1997 Oldham 5-1 Swindon
 02/12/1967 Oldham 0-2 Swindon



2007/08 LEAGUE STATS



10	Position	11
31	Played	31
11	Won	11
10	Drawn	10
10	Lost	10
34	Goals For	40
28	Goals Against	35
43	Points	43



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
6	3	7	5	2	5	6	21

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
5	7	3	16	9	5	4	6

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
9	5	1	13	10	5	1	11

Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	1	9	18	1	4	9	20

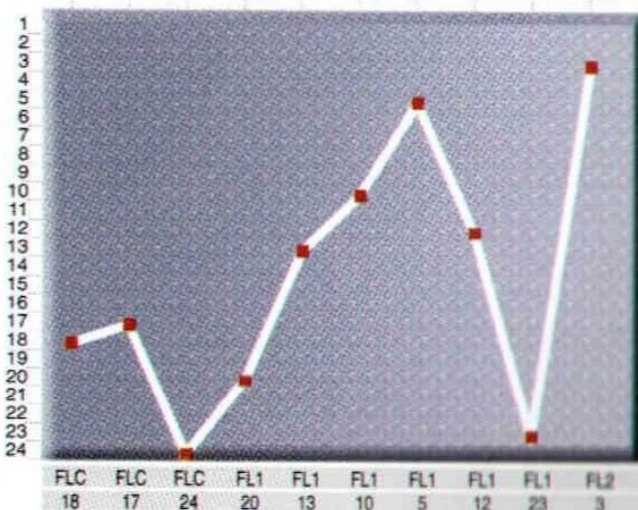
Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[2], 2-0[1], 2-1[2], 3-0[3],
 3-1[1], 3-2[2], Losses: 0-1[7], 0-2[1],
 1-2[1], 1-4[1], Draws: 0-0[4], 1-1[6]

Wins: 1-0[4], 2-1[4], 3-0[1], 4-1[1],
 5-0[1], Losses: 0-1[3], 0-3[2], 1-2[5],
 Draws: 0-0[1], 1-1[7], 2-2[2]

SWINDON - TEN SEASON RECORD

97/98 98/99 99/00 00/01 01/02 02/03 03/04 04/05 05/06 06/07



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Classic Campaigns

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

1962/63

Swindon Town won promotion to the Second Division for the first time in 1962/63. Bert Head's young side won just one of their first six games, then top scorer Ernie Hunt netted a hat-trick in a 5-1 victory over Brighton. Cliff Jackson scored three times in a 4-3 win at Millwall and Jack Smith did likewise in a 5-0 victory over QPR as Swindon overcame the 'Big Freeze' to maintain their promotion challenge. They hammered Colchester 6-1 and clinched promotion with a 1-0 win at home to Shrewsbury. Keith Morgan and John Trollope were ever-present, while other stars included Mike Summerbee and Bobby Woodruff.

1968/69

Don Rogers starred as Swindon Town achieved an epic League Cup and promotion 'double' in 1968/69. Early pace-setters in the Third Division, they lost 1-0 at home to Watford in the title 'decider' watched by 28,898 and finished runners-up on goal

average. Swindon defeated Torquay 2-1, Bradford City 4-3, Blackburn 1-0, Coventry 3-0, Derby 1-0 and Burnley 3-2 in the League Cup before beating Arsenal 3-1 after extra-time in the Wembley final: Peter Downsborough, Rod Thomas, John Trollope, Joe Butler, Frank Burrows, Stan Harland, Don Heath, Roger Smart, John Smith (Willie Penman), Peter Noble, Don Rogers.

1969/70

Swindon Town challenged strongly for promotion to the top-flight in 1969/70. Fred Ford replaced Danny Williams as manager and Arthur Horsfield was signed from Newcastle, starring as Swindon were among the early leaders. Peter Noble grabbed a hat-trick as they beat Charlton 5-0 and maintained their promotion challenge with a 14 match unbeaten run. Swindon finished fifth in the Second Division, their highest position at the time. They also defeated Blackburn 4-0, Chester 4-2 and Scunthorpe 3-1 in the FA Cup before losing 2-0 to Leeds United

in the sixth round, then beat Napoli 3-0 in the Anglo-Italian Cup final.

1979/80

Bobby Smith guided Swindon Town to the League Cup semi-finals in 1979/80. Swindon had narrowly missed promotion the previous season and Alan Mayes scored twice in an early 4-0 win over Brentford. They defeated Portsmouth 3-1, Chester 2-1, Stoke City 2-1, Wimbledon 2-1 and Arsenal 4-3 in the League Cup before losing 4-3 to Wolves in the semi-finals. Andy Rowland and Alan Mayes formed an exciting partnership as Swindon gained four successive wins, then trounced Bury 8-0. They took Spurs to an FA Cup fourth round replay but finished mid-table despite signing David Peach and Glenn Cockerill.

1985/86

Swindon Town stormed to the Fourth Division title with a record 102 points in 1985/86. Lou Macari's side made a poor start in the League but defeated Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday en route to the Milk Cup fourth round. Kenny Allen arrived from Torquay and Dave



Bamber from Portsmouth as Swindon soared to the top of the table with 14 wins in 16 matches. They set a club record of 13 consecutive home victories with a 3-1 win over Burnley and clinched the title with a 1-1 draw at Mansfield. Charlie Henry and Colin Gordon scored 35 goals between them, while skipper Colin Calderwood was ever-present.

1986/87

Lou Macari plotted Swindon Town's 1986/87 Third Division play-off final triumph. Colin Gordon was sold to Wimbledon, while newcomers included Jimmy Gilligan, Mark Jones, Fraser Digby and Bristol Rovers pair Tim Parkin and Steve White. Six victories in eight games catapulted Swindon into the promotion race, then Jimmy Quinn returned from Blackburn and Phil King arrived from Torquay. They starred as Swindon gained seven straight wins and qualified for the play-offs in third position after remaining undefeated in their last 11 matches. Swindon beat Gillingham 2-0 in the play-off final replay after a 2-2 aggregate draw.

1989/90

Swindon Town won the 1989/90 Second Division play-off final but were denied top-flight status after an illegal payments scandal.

Swindon had qualified for the play-offs the previous season and Ossie Ardiles replaced Lou Macari as manager. They soared into the promotion frame with seven wins in nine games including a 6-0 victory over Stoke and signed David Kerslake from QPR in November. Alan McLoughlin, Duncan Shearer and Steve White starred as Swindon maintained their challenge with just one defeat in 13 matches and finished in fourth position. They defeated Sunderland 1-0 in the play-off final at Wembley.

1992/93

Player-manager Glenn Hoddle was a key figure in Swindon Town's 1992/93 First Division play-off final success. Swindon were early pace-setters and new signing Craig Maskell grabbed a hat-trick in a 4-1 win over Cambridge United. They went second after a 5-1 demolition of Notts County, then overcame a lean spell with Ross MacLaren's return inspiring a run of seven victories in nine games. Dave Mitchell netted three times in a 6-4 win at Birmingham and Swindon qualified for the play-offs in fifth position. They defeated Tranmere 5-4 on aggregate, then gained a thrilling 4-3 win over Leicester in the Wembley final.

1993/94

Assistant-boss John Gorman replaced Glenn Hoddle in charge as Swindon Town prepared for the 1993/94 Premiership campaign. New signings included Jan-Aage Fjortoft, Andy Mutch, Luc Nijholt and Adrian Whitbread, with Swindon starting with a 3-1 defeat at Sheffield United. They drew 0-0 at Norwich but despite signing Terry Fenwick and Keith Scott, were already facing relegation by the time they managed their first win 1-0 at home to QPR in November. Swindon completed the double over QPR and also beat Southampton, Spurs and Coventry as well as drawing against Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester United.

1995/96

Swindon Town stormed to the Second Division title under player-boss Steve McMahon in 1995/96. They had plummeted from the Premiership to Second Division and newcomers included Wayne Allison, Steve Finney and Mark Seagraves. Swindon were early leaders, winning seven of their first nine games, and Kevin Horlock netted a hat-trick in a 4-1 victory at Bristol Rovers. They remained in pole position and took Southampton to an FA Cup fifth round replay. Ian Culverhouse and Mark Robinson were ever-present, while leading scorer Wayne Allison and Shaun Taylor also starred as they won the title by nine points.



MANAGING TO SUCCEED

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

SAM ALLEN

Sam Allen gave Swindon Town outstanding service in various capacities. Previously a clerk in the GWR offices, he spent seven years as a Swindon director before becoming their secretary-manager in July 1902. He made several shrewd signings and guided Swindon to the Southern League championship in 1910-11 and 1913-14, also twice leading them to the FA Cup semi-finals. Taking Swindon into the Football League in 1920, he plotted further FA Cup runs and remained in charge of team affairs until becoming secretary only on the arrival of Ted Vizard in April 1933. He held that post until his death on New Year's Day 1946.

BERT HEAD

Bert Head plotted Swindon Town's 1962-63 promotion success. Signing professional for Torquay United in October 1936, the defender moved to Bury in February 1952 and was assistant-boss before becoming Swindon's manager in October 1955. He produced several fine players including Mike Summerbee, Ernie Hunt, Don Rogers and Rod Thomas before returning to Bury as manager in August 1965. Appointed Crystal Palace's boss in April 1966, he guided them to the top-flight for the first time in 1968-69 and had a spell as general manager. He was later manager and director at Bath City and died in February 2002.

DANNY WILLIAMS

Danny Williams guided Swindon Town to a promotion and League Cup 'double' in 1968-69. A former wing-half, he turned professional with hometown Rotherham in October 1942 and starred in their 1950-51 Third Division (North) title triumph. He made a club record 459 League appearances for the Millers before becoming trainer-coach in July 1960, then was manager prior to taking charge of Swindon in August 1965. Leaving the County Ground in July 1969 to manage Sheffield Wednesday, he then managed Mansfield Town before rejoining Swindon as boss from March 1974 until May 1978. He now lives in Bournemouth.

FRED FORD

Fred Ford plotted Swindon Town's 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. He was a centre-half with Erith & Belvedere, Arsenal, Charlton Athletic, Millwall and Carlisle United, then coached Bristol Rovers before becoming Bristol City's manager in July 1960. He guided them to promotion in 1964-65 and discovered several notable players, then coached Swindon from September 1967 until his appointment as Bristol Rovers' boss in April 1968. Returning to Swindon as manager between October 1969 and May 1971, he later coached Torquay United, then was Oxford United's chief scout until his death in October 1981.



Lou Macari

LOU MACARI

Former Scotland international midfielder Lou Macari managed Swindon Town to the Fourth Division title in 1985-86. He won all three major Scottish honours with Celtic before moving to Manchester United in January 1973, featuring in three FA Cup finals including their 1977 triumph. Joining Swindon as player-boss in July 1984, he also guided them to promotion in 1986-87 and Second Division play-offs in 1988-89. He left in July 1989 to manage West Ham and briefly Birmingham before leading Stoke City to the Second Division title in 1992-93. Rejoining Celtic as boss, he later managed Stoke again and Huddersfield Town.

OSSIE ARDILES

Former Argentina international midfielder Ossie Ardiles was unlucky not to lead Swindon Town to the top-



Ossie Ardiles

flight in 1989-90. Together with Ricky Villa, the World Cup winner made headlines with his transfer from Huracan to Spurs in July 1978. He helped them win the FA Cup in 1981 and UEFA Cup in 1984, moving to QPR in May 1988. Appointed Swindon's boss in July 1989, he plotted their 1989-90 Second Division play-off final success but they were denied promotion due to an illegal payments scandal. He took charge of Newcastle United in March 1991, then managed West Brom and Spurs before coaching overseas.

GLENN HODDLE

Ex-England international midfielder Glenn Hoddle plotted Swindon Town's 1992-93 First Division play-off final triumph. Signing professional for Spurs in April 1975, he starred in their 1981 and 1982 FA Cup final successes and was a finalist again shortly before joining Monaco in June 1987. He helped win the French League title in 1987-88 and was appointed Swindon's player-boss in April 1991, scoring once in 64 League games while at the County Ground. Moving to Chelsea in a similar capacity in June 1993, he guided them to the 1994 FA Cup final and has since managed England, Southampton, Spurs and Wolves.

STEVE McMAHON

Former England international midfielder

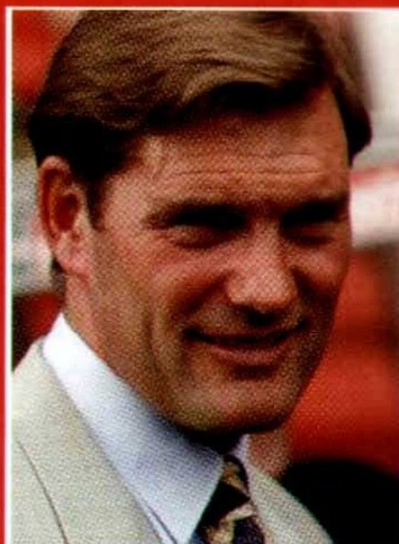
Steve McMahon managed Swindon Town to the Second Division title in 1995-96. Initially with Everton, he joined Aston Villa in May 1983 and moved to Liverpool in September 1985. He starred as they won the League Championship three times and FA Cup in 1989, then reunited with Peter Reid at Manchester City. Appointed Swindon's player-boss in November 1994, he made 42 League appearances and remained in charge until September 1999. He managed Blackpool to promotion in 2000-01 as well as two LDV Vans Trophy final triumphs, since coaching Australian side Perth Glory.

ANDY KING

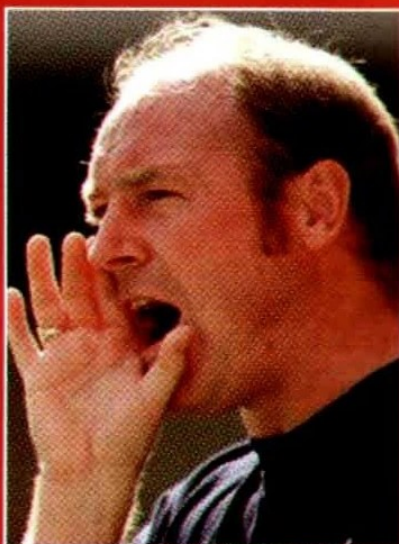
Former England U-21 midfielder Andy King managed Swindon Town to the Second Division play-offs in 2003-04. Signing professional for Luton Town in July 1974, he joined Everton in April 1976 and appeared in the 1977 League Cup final. He moved to QPR in September 1980, then West Brom a year later and rejoined Everton in August 1982. After spells at Wolves, Luton again and Aldershot, he became Mansfield Town's boss in November 1993. He was assistant-boss at Grimsby and Swindon, where he was appointed manager from November 2000 until August 2001, then again between January 2002 and September 2005.

PAUL STURROCK

Former Scotland international striker Paul Sturrock guided Swindon Town to promotion in 2006-07. A legend at Dundee United, he starred as they won the Scottish Premier title in 1982-83, Scottish League Cup twice and were Scottish Cup finalists four times. He became their coach in June 1989, was St Johnstone's boss and rejoined Dundee United as manager in September 1998. Taking charge of Plymouth in October 2000, he plotted two promotion campaigns, then managed Southampton. He led Sheffield Wednesday to promotion in 2004-05, then was Swindon's boss for a year until rejoining Plymouth in November 2007.



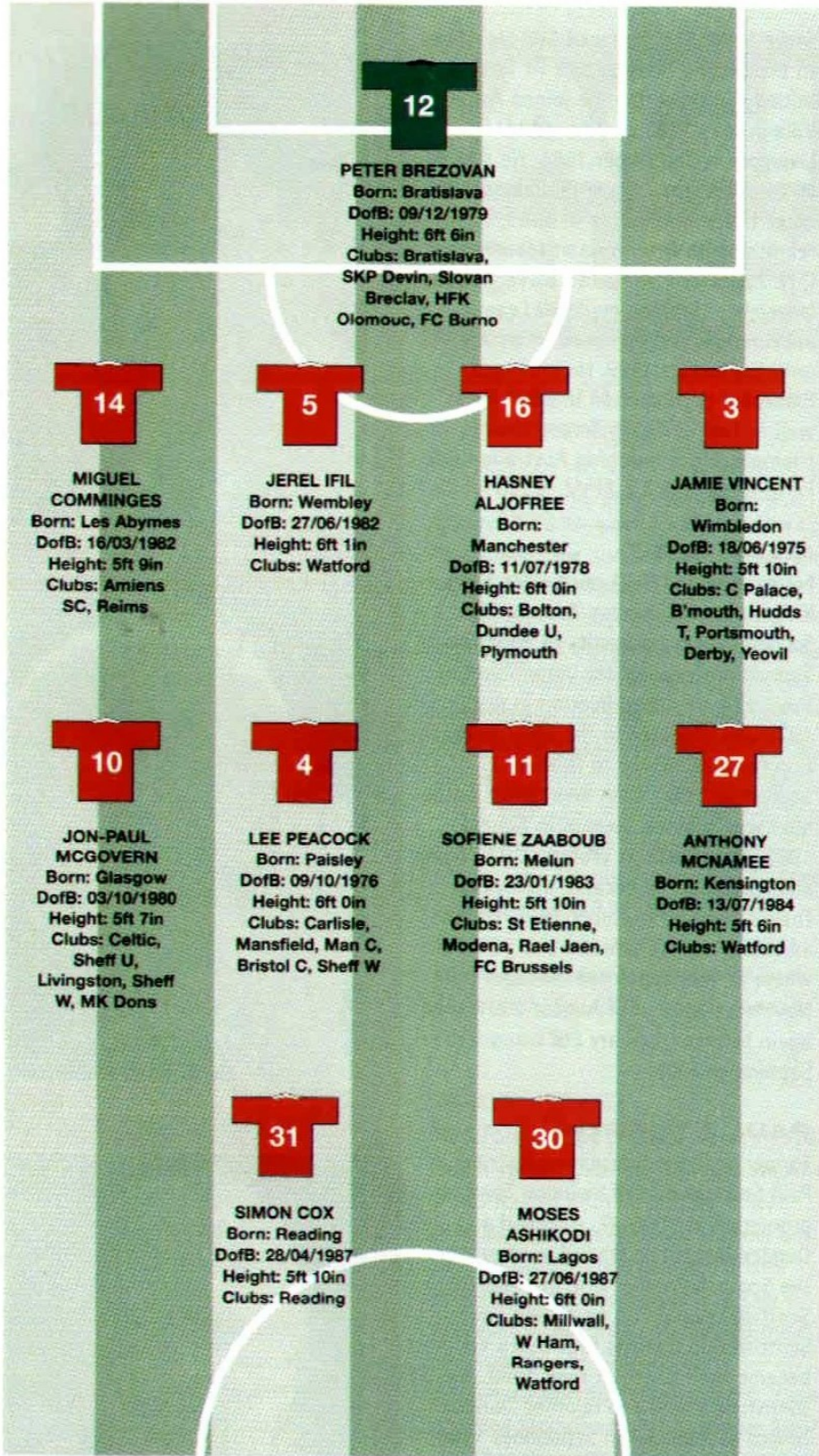
Glenn Hoddle



Steve McMahon



Paul Sturrock



12
PETER BREZOVAN
 Born: Bratislava
 DofB: 09/12/1979
 Height: 6ft 6in
 Clubs: Bratislava,
 SKP Devin, Slovan
 Breclav, HFK
 Olomouc, FC Burno

14
MIGUEL COMMINGES
 Born: Les Abymes
 DofB: 16/03/1982
 Height: 5ft 9in
 Clubs: Amiens
 SC, Reims

5
JEREL IFIL
 Born: Wembley
 DofB: 27/06/1982
 Height: 6ft 1in
 Clubs: Watford

16
HASNEY ALJOFREE
 Born:
 Manchester
 DofB: 11/07/1978
 Height: 6ft 0in
 Clubs: Bolton,
 Dundee U,
 Plymouth

3
JAMIE VINCENT
 Born:
 Wimbledon
 DofB: 18/06/1975
 Height: 5ft 10in
 Clubs: C Palace,
 B'mouth, Hudds
 T, Portsmouth,
 Derby, Yeovil

10
JON-PAUL MCGOVERN
 Born: Glasgow
 DofB: 03/10/1980
 Height: 5ft 7in
 Clubs: Celtic,
 Sheff U,
 Livingston, Sheff
 W, MK Dons

4
LEE PEACOCK
 Born: Paisley
 DofB: 09/10/1976
 Height: 6ft 0in
 Clubs: Carlisle,
 Mansfield, Man C,
 Bristol C, Sheff W

11
SOFIENE ZAABOUB
 Born: Melun
 DofB: 23/01/1983
 Height: 5ft 10in
 Clubs: St Etienne,
 Modena, Rael Jaen,
 FC Brussels

27
ANTHONY MCNAMEE
 Born: Kensington
 DofB: 13/07/1984
 Height: 5ft 6in
 Clubs: Watford

31
SIMON COX
 Born: Reading
 DofB: 28/04/1987
 Height: 5ft 10in
 Clubs: Reading

30
MOSES ASHIKODI
 Born: Lagos
 DofB: 27/06/1987
 Height: 6ft 0in
 Clubs: Millwall,
 W Ham,
 Rangers,
 Watford



PLAYING SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS		APPS
1	Phil Smith	11
12	Peter Brezovan	27

DEFENDERS		APPS
2	Jack Smith	14
3	Jamie Vincent	24
5	Jerel Ifil	30
6	Ady Williams	0(1)
14	Miguel Comminges	28(8)
15	Andrew Nicholas	8(2)
16	Hasney Aljofree	29
17	Chris Blackburn	6(3)
26	Patrick Kanyuka	1

MIDFIELDERS		APPS
4	Lee Peacock	30
7	Christian Roberts	16(13)
8	Craig Easton	30
10	Jon-Paul McGovern	27(5)
11	Sofiene Zaaboub	22(7)
19	Michael Pook	16(10)
24	Chris Allen	3(3)
27	Anthony McNamee	5(1)

ATTACK		APPS
9	Barry Corr	8(10)
20	Billy Paynter	20(7)
21	Blair Sturrock	15(8)
30	Moses Ashikodi	4(2)
31	Simon Cox	21(2)

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KEEPER (12) PETER BREZOVAN

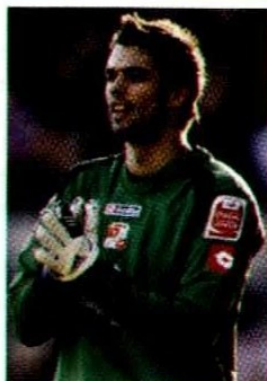
SPURS head the list of clubs to have been linked with this giant Slovakian goalkeeper this season.

The 6ft 6in stopper has become a firm favourite since signing, initially on a season-long loan, from FC Borno in August 2006.

He saved two penalties on his debut against Hartlepool and went on to seal a permanent switch last March.

Bratislava-born, the 29-year-old played for seven homeland clubs before being spotted by ex-Swindon boss Dennis Wise.

Commanding and blessed with a powerful throw, he also spent two days on trial at Everton last September.



STOPPER (5) JEREL IFIL

THIS fans' favourite, known as 'The Beast', first arrived in Wiltshire in January 2003.

The 25-year-old – reportedly a recent target for Wolves – is a fleet-footed centre-back who started out with Watford and went on to make ten starts for the Hornets.

He had a short loan at Huddersfield in 2003 and then returned to the County Ground three times before a £70,000 deal was finally struck in July 2004.

Wembley-born, he has now amassed more than 175 Robins' starts but also has an unenviable record of eight red cards during his time with the club.



GRAFTER: (4) LEE PEACOCK

THIS rejuvenated player has just penned a new eighteen-month contract.

The 31-year-old, captured from Sheffield Wednesday in 2006, was named 'Player of the Year' last term.

Key to that was his conversion from striker to a central midfield role that suits both his industry and ability to support front players.

An ex-Carlisle trainee, he made his name at Mansfield before a failed £500,000 transfer to Manchester City.

Bristol City's £600,000 bid in 2000 then yielded a return of 54 goals in 131 league starts before Peacock served under Paul Sturrock at both Hillsborough and the County Ground.



HOTSHOT (31) SIMON COX

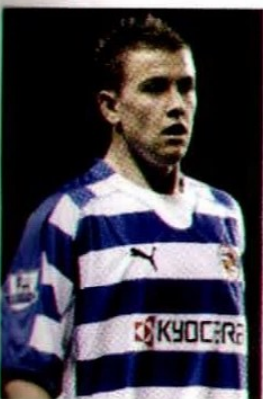
UNCERTAINTY dogged Swindon's attempts to secure the permanent transfer of this Reading striker last month.

Wage demands almost collapsed the deal before a two-and-a-half year contract was agreed just three hours before the transfer deadline.

The 20-year-old had joined Swindon in August on a six-month loan and netted nine goals in just 19 starts.

He returned to the Madejski in January, playing against Spurs in the FA Cup, before returning for a fee of around £200,000.

Aerially dominant and a lethal finisher, he also spurned an approach from Northampton Town, where he played on-loan last season.



INJURIES

STRIKER Barry Corr is likely to remain sidelined tonight after a recurrence of a shoulder ligament injury.

However, midfield lynchpin Lee Peacock should be fit despite missing the recent defeat at Nottingham Forest with a calf problem.

Fellow midfielder Michael Pook missed training last week after suffering a dead leg but should be in contention to return.

Reserve goalkeeper Phil Smith is now back in full training after a successful hernia repair operation.

IN BRIEF

NINE of Swindon's youth team players have been handed professional contracts this week.

The youngsters have been attracting interest from Premiership clubs in recent months after excelling in FA Youth Cup and league action.

The club had already lost Lucas Jutkiewicz to Everton and Ben Tozer to Newcastle in recent times.

Paul Bodin, youth coach, said: "It's great news for the kids – they're all very talented with great potential."

MANAGER Maurice Malpas has challenged his players who are out of contract this summer to prove they deserve new deals.

"I want them to be hungry and prove to me they can get a contract – they've got up to April to convince me," he said.

"I've found in the past that if I tell players too early, the players that are not getting new contracts put their tools away. We don't have a big enough squad for that."

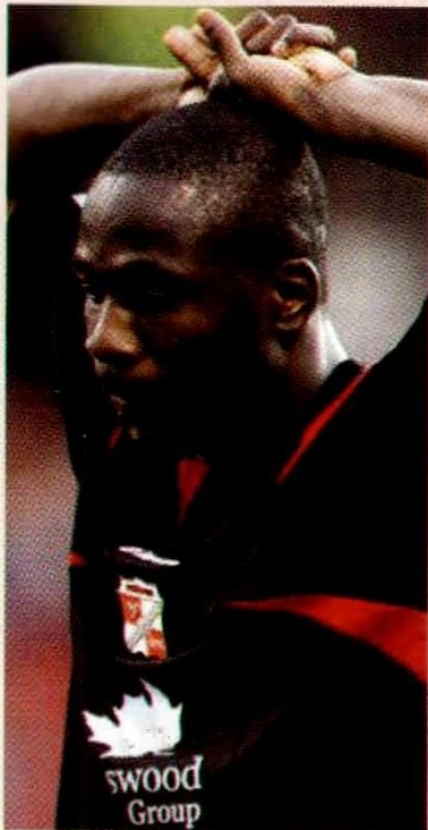
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ANALYSIS

SWINDON Town arrive at Boundary Park determined to keep their League One play-off dream alive, writes the Advertiser's Carl Marsden.

The Robins have emerged from an eventful season – including a change of ownership and manager – to start 2008 in promising shape.

Maurice Malpas was confirmed as manager in January following the completion of Wiltshire businessman Andrew Fitton's takeover.

The ex-Scotland international defender, who played more than 600 games for Dundee United, left his only previous managerial post at Motherwell last summer after just one season.

Since taking charge he has presided over a mixed bag of results comprising three league wins, two draws, two defeats and a disappointing FA Cup exit at Barnet.

However, ahead of last Saturday's home game against Walsall, his side remained just six points adrift of the top six and with two games in hand on several rivals.

An improvement in their form away from the County Ground is imperative though – just three wins to date – and they must start converting more of their six away draws into a maximum-points haul.

Malpas has been quick to strengthen his squad up by bringing in centre-back Patrick Kanyuka (QPR), winger Anthony McNamee (Watford, loan) and a pair of promising strikers in Simon Cox (Reading) and Moses Ashikodi (loan, Watford).

Now he is tasked with fulfilling Fitton's vision of getting Swindon to the Championship within three years, but insists he feels no pressure.

"If we don't get into the play-offs this season then it will be a disappointment but not a disaster," he said.

"Since Andrew Fitton came in you can see the club is making progress. A lot of things are happening off the pitch and that's exciting.

"On the pitch we need to take many, many small steps as we look to push forward."

FUTURE STAR

MOSES Ashikodi (30) signed on-loan from Watford last month until May. The 20-year-old striker became Maurice Malpas' first capture having just recovered from a broken leg sustained on-loan at Bradford City last April.

Born in Lagos, Nigeria, he became Millwall's youngest-ever player in March 2003 when making his senior bow before his 16th birthday.

After joining West Ham in 2004 he was their top goalscorer at reserve level before surprisingly being released and joining Rangers in January 2006.

There he made just one appearance, however, before moving to Vicarage Road in January 2007.

A hard-working England youth international, he now just needs regular first-team football to unlock his latent talent.

SKIPPER

HASNEY Aljofree (16) was appointed club skipper following his move from Plymouth Argyle last summer.

The 29-year-old central defender is an ex Bolton trainee who made 22 Trotters' appearances after turning professional in 1996.

He then began a lengthy association with manager Paul Sturrock, following the Scot to Dundee United, Plymouth Argyle and Sheffield Wednesday over a four-year spell.

Left-footed and comfortable in possession, he joined Latics on loan from Argyle last March, playing five times as cover for injured left-back Simon Charlton.

In all, the Mancunian had started 109 games for the Pilgrims before joining Swindon on a three-year deal.

A player who leads by example, he has spent plenty of time in the physio's room this season and has even operated as a makeshift striker



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DEFENCE

RESERVE goalkeeper Phil Smith (1) has lost his pre-season billing as 'Number One'. The 27-year-old ex-Millwall trainee spent eight years in non-league before switching from Crawley in 2006.

Trinidad and Tobago international Miguel Comminges (14) signed last year from Reims. The France-born right-back, a long throw specialist, previously represented non-FIFA affiliated Guadeloupe.

Versatile Jack Smith (2) is fast-approaching the 100-appearance landmark since leaving Watford in 2005. A reliable tackler, the 25-year-old learnt his trade at right-back but can operate in several positions and excels when roaming forward.

Experienced centre-back Ady Williams (6) was club skipper last term. However, the 36-year-old ex-Reading, Wolves and Coventry man is currently on the comeback trail from a serious knee injury

sustained almost twelve months ago.

Chris Blackburn (17) switched from Morecambe last summer after rejecting a club record contract offer. The 25-year-old ex-Chester apprentice transformed his career after making the transition from midfield to central defence.

Well-travelled Jamie Vincent (3) counts Crystal Palace, Bournemouth, Huddersfield, Portsmouth, Derby and Yeovil amongst his former clubs. The 32-year-old left-back can also slot into central defence and has captained the Robins this term.

Patrick Kanyuka (26) joined last month on a short-term deal following his release by QPR. The 20-year-old Congolese centre-back made just 12 Hoops' appearances.

Ex-Liverpool left-back Andrew Nicholas (15) is Swindon's longest-serving player. Signed in 2003, the 24-year-old remains a valuable squad member.

MIDFIELD

ANTHONY McNamee (27) (pictured) signed for an undisclosed fee from Watford last month. The 23-year-old tricky winger played a key role in the Hornets' promotion to the Premiership three years ago but was loaned to Crewe last term.

Welshman Christian Roberts (7) has just returned from a lengthy spell sidelined by a knee operation. The 28-year-old ex-Cardiff, Exeter and Bristol City player has adjusted well to the recent transition from striker to wide player.

Left-footed French central midfielder Sofiene Zaaboub (11) was captured from FC Brussels in November 2006. The 25-year-old is a skilful performer who previously played for Saint-Etienne, Italian side Modena, and Spanish outfit Rael Jaen.



Ex-Scotland U21 international Craig Easton (8) celebrates his 28th birthday today. The box-to-box midfielder joined last summer after rejecting a new contract at Leyton Orient. Prior to that he played for Livingston after making over 200 Dundee United appearances.

Fellow Scot Jon-Paul McGovern (10) is an ex-Celtic trainee. A lively winger, he established himself in England with Sheffield Wednesday before joining MK Dons in 2006. The 27-year-old is a set-piece specialist with superb crossing ability.

Tough-tackling Michael Pook (19) is a 22-year-old former youth product who is already just a handful of games shy of 100 appearances.

Creative force Chris Allen (24) has struggled for recognition since turning professional last summer. The 18-year-old now seeks a loan move to press his case.

ATTACK

BILLY Paynter (20) had finally established himself in Swindon's first-team plans last month before being hit by the blow of a three-match ban after allegedly elbowing an opponent. The 23-year-old signed last August for an undisclosed fee from Southend United, ending a miserable two-year spell at Roots Hall, and previously with Hull City. Liverpool-born, he had forged his reputation initially as a goalscorer with Port Vale where he netted 30 times in 119 league starts.

Blair Sturrock (21) was snapped up in December 2006 by his father Paul, during his time in charge at the County Ground. The 27-year-old is a strong-running forward who creates most of his

efforts through his own endeavour. Well-travelled, the Scot now boasts more than 150 appearances in spells with Dundee United, Brechin City, Plymouth Argyle, Kidderminster Harriers and Rochdale. However, he has spent most of his time on the substitutes' bench to date this term.

Towering frontman Barry Corr (9) started his career at Elland Road with Leeds United but failed to make an impact. The Irishman then suffered similar disappointment at Sheffield Wednesday before finally joining Swindon on a two-year deal last June. The 22-year-old uses his 6ft 3in frame to good effect and also has an impressive strike rate of five goals in just six starts and nine substitute appearances this season.

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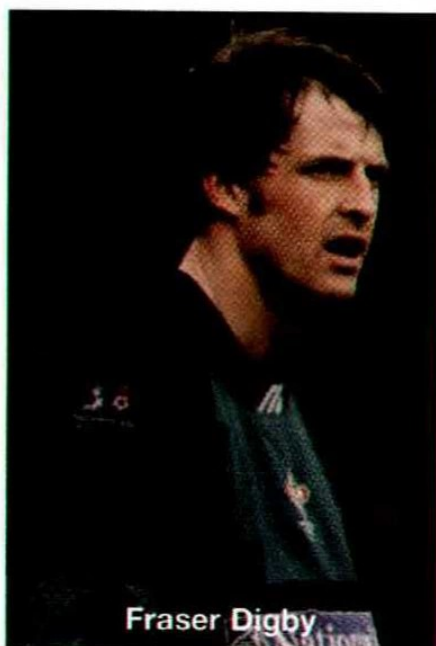


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Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS selects a post-war Swindon Town 'Dream Team' with the help of several Swindon supporters and club officials.

DREAM TEAM



Fraser Digby

FRASER DIGBY: England U-21 goalkeeper who was a key figure in Swindon Town's 1992-93 First Division play-off final triumph. Signing professional for Manchester United in April 1985, he moved to Swindon in September 1986 and featured in that season's promotion success. He was ever-present in 1988-89, starring as they qualified for the play-offs in successive seasons and were Coca-Cola Cup semi-finalists in 1994-95. Also featuring in the 1995-96 Second Division title triumph, he had a testimonial in July 1997 and played 417 League games before joining Crystal Palace in August 1998, then played for Barry Town.

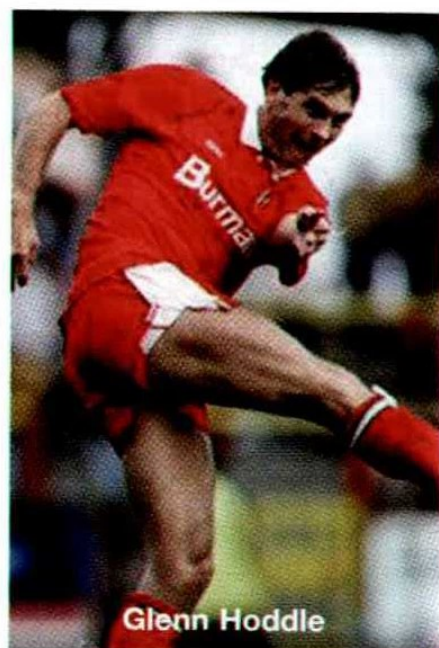
ROD THOMAS: Welsh international right-back who was capped 30 times while at Swindon Town. Initially with Gloucester City, he moved to the

County Ground in July 1964 and was a key figure in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success. He also starred in their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph and netted five goals in 296 League games prior to joining Derby County in November 1973. Featuring in their 1974-75 League Championship campaign, he moved to Cardiff City in November 1977 and subsequently had spells with Newport County and Gloucester again before becoming a publican.

JOHN TROLLOPE: Long-serving left-back who holds Swindon Town's appearance record. Signing professional at the County Ground in July 1960, he made his League debut in Swindon's 1-1 draw at home to Halifax Town a month later and was ever-present



John Trollope



Glenn Hoddle

in seven consecutive seasons including the 1962-63 promotion success. He featured in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' campaign as well as their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. Scoring 21 goals in 770 League games for Swindon, he was coach before managing them between November 1980 and March 1983, then their youth-team boss.

GLENN HODDLE: Former England international midfielder who was player-manager as Swindon Town reached the Premiership in 1992-93. Signing professional for Tottenham Hotspur in April 1975, he starred as they won promotion in 1977-78, then won the FA Cup in two consecutive seasons and the UEFA Cup in 1984. He moved to Monaco in July 1987 and helped win the French



title in 1987-88, becoming Swindon's player-boss in August 1991. Scoring once in 64 League games, he left to take charge of Chelsea after the 1992-93 play-off final triumph and has since managed England, Southampton, Spurs and Wolves.

COLIN CALDERWOOD:

Commanding central defender who was capped 36 times by Scotland after leaving Swindon Town. Signing professional for Mansfield Town in March 1982, he moved to the County Ground in July 1985 and starred as Swindon won the Fourth Division title in 1985-86. He also helped to win promotion in 1986-87, then featured in two further play-off finals including the 1993 Wembley triumph. Scoring 20 times in 330 League games for Swindon, he moved to Tottenham Hotspur in July 1993 and later played for Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest. He has managed Northampton and now Forest.

SHAUN TAYLOR: Influential central defender who was ever-present alongside Colin Calderwood as Swindon Town reached the Premiership in 1992-93. He impressed with Bideford before moving to Exeter City in December 1986 and starred in their 1989-90 Fourth Division title triumph. Joining Swindon in July 1991, he was the sole ever-present player in their 1993-94 Premiership campaign and also featured in the 1995-96 Second Division title triumph. He netted 30 goals



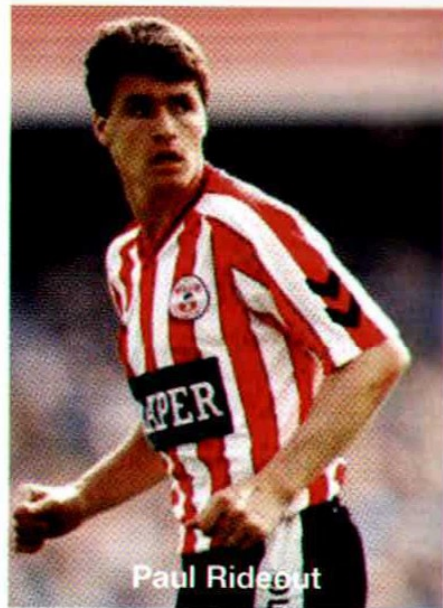
Shaun Taylor

in 212 League games while at the County Ground before moving to Bristol City in September 1996 where he has become development coach.

MIKE SUMMERBEE: Brilliant winger who was capped eight times by England after leaving Swindon Town. Initially with Cheltenham Town, he moved to the County Ground in March 1960 and was an important figure in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion success. He netted 39 goals in 218 League games prior to joining Manchester City in August 1965, amassing a vast collection of domestic and European honours under the Joe Mercer/Malcolm Allison partnership at Maine Road. Subsequently with Burnley, Blackpool and Stockport County, he is a successful businessman and his son Nicky also starred for Swindon Town.

ERNIE HUNT: England U-23 international striker who was Swindon Town's leading marksman in four successive seasons including their 1962-63 promotion triumph. Born locally, he signed professional at the County Ground in March 1960 and netted 82 goals in 214 League games for Swindon prior to joining Wolverhampton Wanderers in September 1965. He was top scorer as they regained top-flight status in 1966-67 and subsequently played for Everton, Coventry City, Doncaster Rovers and Bristol City, featuring in their 1973-74 FA Cup run. He ran the Full Pitcher pub in Ledbury and then became a window cleaner.

PAUL RIDEOUT: England U-21 international striker who was Swindon Town's leading goalscorer in two consecutive seasons. He was Swindon's youngest League player at 16 years 107 days against Hull City in November 1980 and netted 38 goals in 95 League games while at the County Ground before joining Aston Villa in June 1983. Moving via Italian club Bari to Southampton in July 1988, he rejoined Swindon on loan in March 1991. He had spells with Notts County and Glasgow Rangers prior to joining Everton in August 1992 and was an FA Cup winner in 1995, then played for several clubs in China and Tranmere Rovers.



Paul Rideout

PETER NOBLE: Versatile favourite who was ever-present in Swindon Town's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' triumph. Initially with Consett, he joined Newcastle United in November 1964 and played top-flight football before moving to Swindon in January 1968. He scored twice in their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final success and netted 62 goals in 216 League outings prior to joining Burnley in June 1973. An FA Cup semi-finalist in 1973-74, he was twice ever-present for the Clarets and leading marksman in 1978-79. He subsequently played for Blackpool and has since run a sportswear business in Burnley.

DON ROGERS: England U-23 international winger who scored twice in Swindon Town's 1969 League Cup final success. Signing professional at the County Ground in October 1962, he featured in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion campaign and was ever-present in four successive seasons. He starred as Swindon won promotion again in 1968-69 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970, reuniting with Bert Head at Crystal Palace in November 1972. Moving to QPR in September 1974, he rejoined Swindon in March 1976 and netted 148 goals in 412 League games overall for the Robins. He has since run his own sports shop in Swindon.

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DATE	OPPONENT	VEN	KO/RES	COMP	ATT	VS	POS	GOAL SCORERS	TEAM
SAT AUG 11	SWANSEA CITY	H	W 2-1	CCL1	7,397	1,645	4	RICKETTS 3, DAVIES 90	Crossley Eardley(87) Giddins Thompson
TUE AUG 14	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	W 4-1	CCL1	3,155	213	-	KILKENNY 20, KALALA 27, SMALLEY 82, DAVIES 86	Crossley Eardley Thompson Gregan
SAT AUG 18	Carlisle United	A	L 0-1	CCL1	7,777	1,001	11		Crossley Eardley Gregan Thompson
SAT AUG 25	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	L 0-1	CCL1	5,348	499	15		Crossley Eardley Thompson Gregan
TUE AUG 28	Burnley	A	L 0-3	CCL2	7,317	1,339	-		Crossley Eardley Thompson Gregan
SAT SEPT 1	Hartlepool United	A	L 1-4	CCL1	5,015	536	21	DAVIES 14	Crossley Eardley Thompson (52) Gregan
TUE SEPT 3	Accrington Stanley	A	W 3-2	JPT1	1,465	767	-	LIDDELL 55, DAVIES 56, WOLFENDEN 73	Crossley Trotman Thompson Gregan
SAT SEPT 15	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	L 0-1	CCL1	5,151	300	-		Crossley Hazell Thompson(46) Gregan
SAT SEPT 22	Walsal	A	W 3-0	CCL1	6,202	549	19	RICKETTS 33, LIDDELL 65, DAVIES 90	Crossley Eardley Hazell Gregan
SAT SEPT 29	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	W 3-2	CCL1	5,082	310	15	ALLOTT 36, WOLFENDEN 83, KILKENNY 90	Crossley Eardley Hazell Gregan
TUE OCT 2	LEEDS UNITED	H	L 0-1	CCL1	10,064	3,732	20		Crossley Eardley Hazell Gregan
SAT OCT 6	Cheltenham Town	A	D 1-1	CCL1	3,631	397	17	LIDDELL 46	Crossley Eardley Hazell Gregan
SAT OCT 20	Huddersfield Town	A	D 1-1	CCL1	10,909	2,599	20	DAVIES 27	Beresford Eardley Hazell Gregan
TUE OCT 23	Doncaster Rovers	A	L 0-3	JPT2	4,606	229	-		Beresford Eardley Hazell Bertrand
SAT OCT 27	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	L 0-1	CCL1	4,870	369	20		Beresford Eardley Trotman Hazell(4)
TUE OCT 30	Nottingham Forest	A	D 0-0	CCL1	16,423	396	20		Beresford Eardley Trotman Stam
SAT NOV 3	Leyton Orient	A	L 0-1	CCL1	4,690	344	20		Beresford Eardley Stam Trotman
TUE NOV 6	Tranmere Rovers	A	W 1-0	CCL1	5,473	589	20	DAVIES 90+	Beresford Eardley(58) Trotman Stam
SAT NOV 10	DONCASTER ROVERS	H	D 2-2	FAC1	4,280	1,078	-	TROTMAN 32, DAVIES 49	Crossley Eardley Trotman Stam
SAT NOV 17	PORT VALE	H	D 1-1	CCL1	5,097	317	20	DAVIES 23	Crossley Hazell Trotman Stam
SAT NOV 24	Bournemouth	A	W 3-0	CCL1	5,261	277	16	HUGHES 58, 87, TAYLOR 70	Crossley Eardley Trotman Stam
TUE NOV 27	Doncaster Rovers	A	W 2-1	FAC1R	4,340	298	-	KILKENNY 45, McDONALD 40	Crossley Eardley Stam Trotman
SAT DEC 1	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	W 1-0	FAC2	3,900	361	-	HUGHES 41	Crossley Eardley Hazell Stam
TUE DEC 4	LUTON TOWN	H	D 1-1	CCL1	4,251	167	17	DAVIES 32	Crossley Eardley Trotman Stam
SAT DEC 8	DONCASTER ROVERS	H	D 1-1	CCL1	4,776	522	16	ALLOTT 44	Crossley Eardley Trotman Stam
SAT DEC 15	Milwal	A	W 3-2	CCL1	8,033	239	14	HUGHES 32, 74(pen), 80	Crossley Eardley Trotman Stam
SAT DEC 22	Southend United	A	W 1-0	CCL1	7,386	138	14	HUGHES 4	Crossley Hazell Trotman Stam
WED DEC 26	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H	D 0-0	CCL1	8,140	1,678	15		Crossley Eardley Trotman Stam
SAT DEC 29	WALSALL	H	L 0-2	CCL1	5,292	510	16		Crossley Eardley Trotman Stam
TUE JAN 1	Leeds United	A	W 3-1	CCL1	25,906	2,062	14	HAZELL 28, TROTMAN 36, A.HUGHES 00-41	Crossley Stam Trotman Bertrand
SAT JAN 5	Everton	A	W 1-0	FAC3	33,086	5,551	-	McDONALD 45	Crossley Eardley Hazell Stam
SAT JAN 12	BRIGHTON & HA	H	D 1-1	CCL1	5,168	317	14	HUGHES 40	Crossley Hazell Trotman Stam
SAT JAN 19	Yeovil Town	A	D 0-0	CCL1	4,905	131	13		Crossley Hazell Trotman Stam
TUE JAN 22	Gillingham	A	D 0-0	CCL1	4,402	107	13		Crossley Eardley Trotman(52) Stam
SAT JAN 26	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	L 0-1	FAC4	12,749	4,581	-		Crossley Eardley Trotman Stam
TUE JAN 29	CARLISLE UNITED	H	W 2-0	CCL1	4,701	874	12	McDONALD 21, 44	Crossley Eardley Hazell Stam
SAT FEB 2	Swansea City	A	L 1-2	CCL1	12,458	151	13	DAVIES (P) 76	Crossley Eardley Stam Hazell
SAT FEB 9	GILLINGHAM	H	W 2-1	CCL1	4,666	136	10	TAYLOR 42, DAVIES 67	Crossley Eardley Hazell Stam
TUE FEB 12	Bristol Rovers	A	L 0-1	CCL1	5,778	239	12		Crossley Eardley Hazell Stam
SAT FEB 16	YEOVIL TOWN	H	W 3-0	CCL1	4,781	176	10	McDONALD, DAVIES, Yeovil Own Goal	Crossley Eardley Hazell Stam
SAT FEB 23	Brighton & HA	A	L 1-0	CCL1	4,815	221	12		Crossley Eardley Hazell Stam
TUE FEB 26	SWINDON TOWN	H	KO 7.45PM	CCL1					
SAT MAR 1	Port Vale	A	KO 3PM	CCL1					
TUE MAR 4	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H	KO 7.45PM	CCL1					
SAT MAR 8	THANMERE ROVERS	H	KO 3PM	CCL1					
TUE MAR 11	BOURNMOUTH	H	KO 3PM	CCL1					
SAT MAR 15	Luton town	A	KO 3PM	CCL1					
SAT MAR 22	MILLWALL	H	KO 3PM	CCL1					
MON MAR 24	Doncaster Rovers	A	KO 3PM	CCL1					
SAT MAR 29	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	KO 3PM	CCL1					
SAT APR 5	Swindon Town	A	KO 3PM	CCL1					
SAT APR 12	LEYTON ORIENT	H	KO 3PM	CCL1					
SAT APR 19	Northampton Town	A	KO 3PM	CCL1					
SAT APR 26	CHELTENHAM TOWN	H	KO 3PM	CCL1					
SAT MAY 3	Crewe Alexandra	A	KO 3PM	CCL1					



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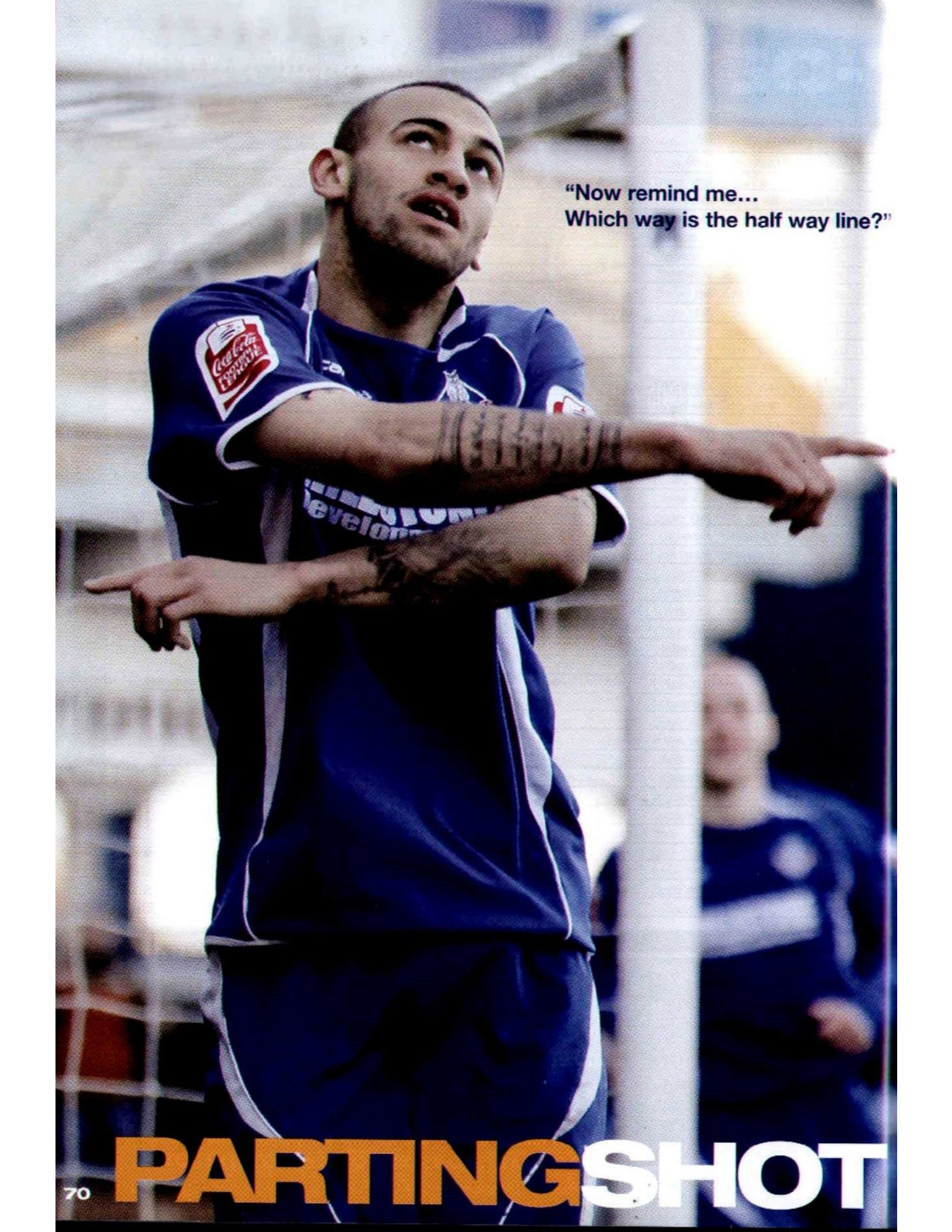
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Alton	Kilkenny	Kalala	Allott●	Taylor(63)●	Daves	Ricketts(63)●	Liddell(63)	Smalley(63)	McDonald(67)	Bell	Wolfenden
Alton	Liddell	Kalala (71)	Allott	Kilkenny (86)	Daves	Ricketts (80)	Taylor (71)	Smalley (80)	McDonald (86)	Wolfenden	Bell
Alton	Liddell (86)	Allott	Kilkenny	Kalala (55)	Ricketts●	Daves	Taylor (56)	Smalley (86)	Bell	McDonald	Wolfenden
Alton	Liddell (77)	Kalala (67)	Kilkenny	Taylor●	Ricketts (87)●	Daves	McDonald (67)	Smalley (77)	Wolfenden (87)	Pogliacomì	Trotman
Alton	Smalley (21)	Kalala	McDonald●	Taylor (85)	Ricketts (74)	Daves	Liddell (21)	Wolfenden (74)	Trotman (85)●	Pogliacomì	Lomax
Alton	Liddell (52)	Kalala (54)●	McDonald●	Taylor	Daves	Hughes	Trotman (52)	Wolfenden (52)	Allott (54)	Pogliacomì	Lomax
Alton	Liddell	Kalala (43)	McDonald (82)	Taylor	Daves	Allott	Wolfenden (43)	Lomax (82)	Pogliacomì	Kelly	Chalmers
Alton	Liddell	McDonald(81)	Allott	Taylor	Daves●	Hughes(65)●	Eardley(46)	Ricketts(65)	Wolfenden(81)	Bell	Kalala
Alton	Liddell	Kalala	Allott	Taylor(89)	Daves	Ricketts(67)●	Hughes(67)	Wolfenden(89)	Thompson	McDonald	Trotman
Alton	Liddell	Kalala	Allott(88)	Taylor	Ricketts(77)	Daves	Kilkenny(68)	Wolfenden(77)	McDonald	Thompson	Trotman
Alton	Liddell	Kalala	Kilkenny	Taylor	Daves●	Ricketts(88)	Wolfenden(88)	Allott	McDonald	Thompson	Trotman
Alton	Liddell	Allott(85)	Kilkenny	Taylor	Daves(78)	Ricketts●	McDonald(85)	Wolfenden(78)	Kalala	Thompson	Trotman
Alton	Liddell(89)	Kalala(75)	Kilkenny	Taylor	Wolfenden(88)	Daves	Allott(75)	Smalley(86)	Alessandra(89)	McDonald	Thompson
Alton	Allott	Kilkenny	Kalala	Gregan(17)	Ricketts(82)	Daves	Thompson(17)	Wolfenden(82)	Smalley(82)	McDonald	Liddell
Alton	Liddell	Kalala(71)	Kilkenny	Taylor(71)	Ricketts	Daves	Slam(46)	Allott(71)	Smalley(71)	McDonald	Wolfenden
Alton	Liddell	McDonald	Taylor	Kilkenny(87)	Daves	Wolfenden(69)	Allott(87)	Smalley(69)	Ricketts	Crossley	Kalala
Alton	Liddell(67)	McDonald(80)	Kilkenny	Taylor	Daves	Smalley(83)	Hughes(67)	Allott(80)	Wolfenden(83)	Crossley	Kalala
Alton	Liddell	McDonald	Kilkenny●	Taylor	Smalley(77)	Daves	Allott(58)	Hughes(77)	Kalala	Crossley	Wolfenden
Alton	Smalley	Allott	McDonald	Kilkenny	Daves	Hughes(82)	Alessandra(82)	Bell	Black	Chalmers	Kalala
Alton	Smalley(85)	Kilkenny	Taylor	Daves	Hughes(72)	McDonald(60)	Allott(60)	Wolfenden(72)	Kalala(85)	Bell	Lomax
Alton	Smalley(78)	McDonald(54)	Kilkenny	Taylor	Hughes(89)	Daves●	Allott(54)	Hazell(78)	Wolfenden(89)	Bell	Kalala
Alton	Allott	McDonald	Smalley	Daves●	Wolfenden(86)	Taylor	Hazell(86)	Bell	Kalala	Alessandra	Black
Alton	Allott	Kilkenny	McDonald	Smalley	Hughes	Daves	Bell	Kalala	Wolfenden	Lomax	Thompson
Alton	Allott	Kilkenny●	McDonald(85)	Taylor	Daves	Hughes●	Smalley(85)	Bell	Hazell	Kalala	Wolfenden
Alton	Allott	Kilkenny	McDonald	Taylor	Hughes●	Daves	Bell	Hazell	Smalley	Kalala	Thompson
Alton	Taylor	McDonald(46)	Kilkenny	Allott	Hughes(85)	Daves	Smalley(46)	Hazell(85)	Bell	Kalala	Thompson
Alton	Allott	Kilkenny	McDonald(85)	Taylor●	Hughes	Daves	Kalala(85)	Pogliacomì	Smalley	Thompson	Wolfenden
Alton	Allott	Kilkenny	McDonald(80)	Taylor	Daves	Hughes	Kalala (80)	Pogliacomì	Smalley	Thompson	Hazell
Alton	Allott	Kilkenny	McDonald(58)	Taylor	Hughes	Daves(78)	Smalley(58)	Wolfenden(78)	Pogliacomì	Kalala	Hazell
Alton	McDonald	Hazell	Kilkenny	Taylor(19)	Hughes(58)	Daves	Smalley(19)	Kalala(58)	Pogliacomì	Eardley	Thompson
Alton	Smalley	McDonald	Kalala	Allott	Hughes	Daves	Thompson(84)	Pogliacomì	Wolfenden	Alessandra	Black
Alton	Smalley	Allott	Kalala	McDonald	Hughes●	Daves(81)	Wolfenden(81)	Pogliacomì	Eardley	Alessandra	Black
Alton	Smalley	Kalala●	McDonald(60)	Allott	Daves	Hughes●	Eardley(59)	Taylor(60)	Pogliacomì	Alessandra	Wolfenden
Alton	Allott	Kalala●	McDonald(72)	Taylor●	Hughes	Daves●	Lomax(52)	Smalley(72)	Pogliacomì	Wolfenden	Alessandra
Alton	Allott	Kalala(76)	McDonald	Taylor●	Smalley	Daves	Wolfenden(76)	Pogliacomì	Black	Lomax	Alessandra
Alton	Allott	Jarrett(89)	McDonald	Taylor	Smalley	Hughes(12)	Alessandra(12)	Kalala(89)	Pogliacomì	Wolfenden	Black
Alton	Jarrett	McDonald	Allott	Livemore	Alessandra	Daves●	Smalley(71)	Kalala(83)	Wolfenden(89)	Pogliacomì	Black
Alton	McDonald	Allott	Jarrett	Taylor	Daves	Alessandra(88)	Smalley(88)	Bell	Lomax	Wolfenden	Black
Alton	McDonald	Allott	Jarrett	Taylor	Daves	Alessandra(73)	Smalley(73)	Bell	Lomax	Wolfenden	Black
Alton	Allott	McDonald(85)	Jarrett(85)	Taylor	Daves(88)	Alessandra	Smalley(85)	Lomax(85)	Wolfenden(88)	Bell	Black
Alton	Jarrett(76)	Livemore	McDonald	Taylor	Daves(27)	Alessandra	Smalley(27)	Lomax(76)	Wolfenden(88)	Bell	Black



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	pld	sub	cards	goals		pld	sub	cards	goals	
Mark CROSSLEY	●	●	●	●	1	●	●	●	●	Phil SMITH
Neal EARDLEY	●	●	●	●	2	●	●	●	●	Jack SMITH
(on loan from Hull City) David LIVERMORE	●	●	●	●	3	●	●	●	●	Jamie VINCENT
Jean Paul KALALA	●	●	●	●	4	●	●	●	●	Lee PEACOCK
John THOMPSON	●	●	●	●	5	●	●	●	●	Jerel IFIL
Stefan STAM	●	●	●	●	6	●	●	●	●	Ady WILLIAMS
	●	●	●	●	7	●	●	●	●	Christian ROBERTS
Mark ALLOTT	●	●	●	●	8	●	●	●	●	Craig EASTON
Lee HUGHES	●	●	●	●	9	●	●	●	●	Barry CORR
Craig DAVIES	●	●	●	●	10	●	●	●	●	Jon-Paul McGOVERN
(on loan from Preston N.E.) Jason JARRETT	●	●	●	●	11	●	●	●	●	Sofiane ZAABOUB
Kelvin LOMAX	●	●	●	●	12	●	●	●	●	Peter BREZOVAN
Les POGLIACOMI	●	●	●	●	13	●	●	●	●	
Reuben HAZELL	●	●	●	●	14	●	●	●	●	Miguel COMMINGES
Gary McDONALD	●	●	●	●	15	●	●	●	●	Andrew NICHOLAS
Sean GREGAN	●	●	●	●	16	●	●	●	●	Hasney ALJOFREE
Matty WOLFENDEN	●	●	●	●	17	●	●	●	●	Chris BLACKBURN
Chris TAYLOR	●	●	●	●	18	●	●	●	●	
Michael PEARSON	●	●	●	●	19	●	●	●	●	Michael POOK
	●	●	●	●	20	●	●	●	●	Billy PAYNTER
	●	●	●	●	21	●	●	●	●	Blair STURROCK
Andy LIDDELL	●	●	●	●	22	●	●	●	●	
	●	●	●	●	23	●	●	●	●	
Deane SMALLEY	●	●	●	●	24	●	●	●	●	Chris ALLEN
Lewis ALESSANDRA	●	●	●	●	25	●	●	●	●	
Ashley KELLY	●	●	●	●	26	●	●	●	●	Pat KANYUKA
	●	●	●	●	27	●	●	●	●	Anthony McNAMEE
	●	●	●	●	28	●	●	●	●	
	●	●	●	●	29	●	●	●	●	
	●	●	●	●	30	●	●	●	●	Moses ASHIKODI (on loan from Watford)
Josh BELL	●	●	●	●	31	●	●	●	●	Simon COX
Paul BLACK	●	●	●	●	32	●	●	●	●	Kurt HAMMOND
	●	●	●	●	33	●	●	●	●	Lloyd MACKLIN
	●	●	●	●	34	●	●	●	●	Callum KENNEDY
	●	●	●	●	35	●	●	●	●	Ben JOYCE
	●	●	●	●	36	●	●	●	●	Mark SCOTT

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: C.W. OLIVER ASSISTANTS: A.S. SCREGG & N. SMITH

FOURTH OFFICIAL: J.R. TYAS

LAST HOME GAME...



COCA COLA LEAGUE 1
OLDHAM ATHLETIC 3 YEOVIL TOWN 0
Saturday 16TH February 2008.
Boundary Park, Attendance 4,781
Latics: Crossley, Eardley, Hazell, Stam,
 Livermore, Allott, McDonald, (Smalley,85),Jarrett,
 (Lomax,85),Taylor, Davies, (Wolfenden,88),
 Alessandra.



LAST AWAY GAME...

COCA COLA LEAGUE 1
NOTTINGHAM FOREST 1 SWINDON TOWN 0
Saturday 16th February 2008.
The City Ground, Attendance 23,439
The Robins: Brezovan, Comminges, Ifil, Aljofree,
 Vincent, McGovern, (Zaaboub, 83), Easton, Pook,
 McNamee, (Roberts,60), Paynter, Sturrock,
 (Ashikodi)

NEXT AT BOUNDARY PARK...

COCA COLA LEAGUE 1
OLDHAM ATHLETIC v HARTLEPOOL UNITED
Tuesday 4th March 2008-Kick Off 7.45pm

COCA COLA LEAGUE 1
OLDHAM ATHLETIC v TRANMERE ROVERS
Saturday 8th March 2008 - Kick Off 3pm

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