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Brenda Spencer chief executive

Our visitors this afternoon are Swindon Town who are making their first trip to the JJB Stadium. Indeed the last time the Willtshire based club travelled to Wigan was for the 1987 Division Three Play-off Semi Final. On that occasion at Springfield Park we were 2-0 up at half time, only to lose the match 3-2. A game of such excitement, though of course a different result, would be welcome today.

It has been a dramatic week to say the least here at the JJB Stadium as we have seen Bruce Rioch depart the club. However, it is business as usual here today and I would like to wish Colin Greenall the best of luck

as he takes charge of the first team this afternoon. Everyone at the club is 100% behind Colin. We all know what the aim is, and we will give Colin all the support he needs. Having suffered two defeats in our last two away games, can I urge

you to get behind the lads this afternoon from the first whistle. Everyone at the club was extremely disappointed by those results at Peterborough and Northampton, and we are determined to bounce back today.

I am pictured today with Mr Robin Petersen from the South African delegation who attended our recent game with Walsall. On behalf of the club I presented him with an autographed football and shirt.

For our away game with Reading next Friday we have organised a Latics evening here at the Stadium for those who can't make the game at the Madjeski. The match will be shown live on the Big Screen in our Blue Chip Lounge, Pooles pies will be served at half time and beer will be £1.25 a pint all night. It should be a terrific night, so come along and cheer on the team along with your fellow supporters.

For those planning to travel, a reminder that fans can take advantage of a discount by purchasing tickets from the JJB ticket office.

Tickets cost £12 for adults and £7 for concessions. To pay at the turnstile on the evening of the game will cost £14 and £8, so it is worth buying in advance.



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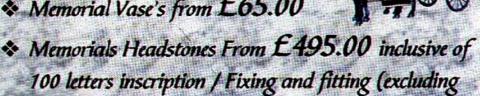
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> John Moon & Jon Dawson Rodney (Bat-Man) & Robin Glennis, Danielle & Lee

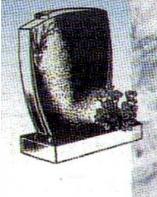


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Following the departure of Bruce Rioch as Manager, there will be no Manager's notes in this edition of the programme. Colin Greenall has taken over as Caretaker Manager and he will write the notes starting against Notts County on Tuesday evening.

Colin has been a good servant to the club and can still be seen making the odd appearance for the Reserve side when called upon.

The Board of Directors and everyone at Wigan Athletic would like to wish Colin every success.

Colin Greenall at Wigan Athletic

Colin Greenall joined Wigan Athletic on a 2-year contract from Lincoln City on the 18th September 1995 and made his debut for his home town club in a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Plymouth Argyle. He scored in his second game for the club at Hereford and soon established himself as Club Captain, forming a superb central defensive pairing with John Pender. John Deehan replaced Graham Barrow as Manager in the October and the club narrowly missed out on the play offs that season. The 1996-7 season saw Colin skipper the club to the Division Three Championship, his first honour after 16 years in the game. He amazingly played every game that season and never picked up a single caution, a superb achievement for a Centre Half. The following

season Colin once again was first choice Centre Back and scored 4 goals as Latics found their feet in Division Two.

At the start of the 1998-99 season Colin was offered a role on the coaching staff and hung up his boots for all of 7 games, before returning to the defence as Latics triumphed 1-0 at Meadow Lane, Notts County. Greenall was back, a rare suspension meant he missed just 1 game during the rest of that season and he finally got the chance to play at Wembley as Ray Mathias' team triumphed in the Auto Windscreens Shield. His final appearance for the club was in front of 31,000 fans at Maine Road as we lost 1-0 in the play offs.

For the past 2 seasons Colin has been First Team Coach, first under John Benson and this season under Bruce Rioch. He now has the chance to take full control of the first team, and everyone at the club wishes him well.

STATS

Name Colin Anthony Greenall D.O.B. 30/12/63

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International

Club Honours Div 3 Championship

1997, AWS Winner 1999

Previous Clubs Blackpool, Gillingham, Oxford Utd, Bury,

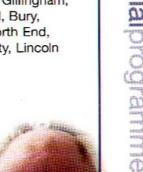
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Career Appearances 767 **Career Goals Latics Appearances Latics Goals**





In town today



Swindon

Manager Andy King saw one of his former clubs, Luton Town, inflict a first defeat in five matches for the Robins last Saturday to leave his side just one place above the relegation places and in danger of suffering relegation for the second successive season.

The 3-1 home reversal against the fast improving Hatters came after a run which had included a 1-0 away win over Cambridge United and a share of the points at home to both Bristol City and Bournemouth.

In his post match interview after that defeat King admitted, "We were very poor and did not handle the pressure of a big game. The players were geared up for it but then they crossed the white line and went to pieces. We shouldn't have conceded the first two goals and the third was inevitable because we were pushing for an equaliser." King is the second manager to be in charge at the County Ground this season, taking over from Colin Todd following his decision to leave and take up a post with Derby County. Todd's assistant, the former midfield player, was given the job on a permanent basis by Chairman Terry Brady after a trial basis. Carrying on the rebuilding exercise, King has been active in the transfer market in a bid to fight off relegation. His old Everton connection

persuaded Peter Reid at Sunderland to loan him striker Michael Reddy, the Republic of Ireland international responding with three league goals in six games, including the winner at the Abbey Stadium in the last match on their travels. Midfielder Steve Robinson was purchased in a £50,000 deal from Worthington Cup finalists Birmingham City, while King is hopeful that influential midfielder lan Woan will be available for selection after missing the last few matches out through injury.

His side arrives without the services of both Keith O'Halloran and Mark Robinson who both start suspensions following their red cards in the LDV Vans Trophy defeat against Southend United. Those dismissals taking the tally to six for the season, which also includes one for former manager Colin Todd.

In a season that has already seen fifty-one yellow cards collected, including at least one in the last twenty-five successive league matches, King is worried that this will cause problems if the Robins are involved in the relegation scrap. "It is a worry because bookings and suspensions mean that players are on the back foot or off the pitch in the important matches."

Turning his attention to today's match King admitted that it was important that his side got back to winning ways.

"The argument is can we go on and win games, we must win games starting on Saturday. Every game between now and the end of the season is a game we must win. The remainder of the season will be very exciting. Last weekend's defeat means it will take a little longer to get out of trouble."

SWINDON TOWN SQUAD 2000/01 GARY ALEXANDER

A £300,000 capture from West Ham United in the summer, the striker has an eye for goal, scoring 19 goals in 37 starts for Exeter City last season while on a year's loan deal. Player of the Year at Exeter City, the former West Ham trainee has scored 6 league goals to date, the last in last Saturday's 3-1 home defeat by Luton Town.

SOL DAVIS

Regular left back whose 11 bookings this season have led him to be suspended twice. A product of the youth policy who has a good turn of pace, he was rewarded with a 2-year contract last summer.

DAVID DUKES

Scottish born midfielder signed by former manager Colin Todd after arriving at the club on trial in the close season. The former Sunderland apprentice made his Football League debut in the opening match of the season, scoring his only goal in the 3-2 home win over Luton Town in September.

GIULIANO GRAZIOLI

Recruited by former manager Jimmy Quinn after playing together at Peterborough United, the striker is now in his second season with the club following his free transfer move.

Restricted by injuries last season, his only goal this campaign earned a home win over Oxford United in October.

BART GRIEMINK

Tall Dutch keeper recruited initially on a loan deal last February. Signed by Barry Fry for Birmingham City, he later followed the manager to Peterborough United before his free transfer move in the summer. Has served 2 suspensions this season following 2 red cards.



DANNY INVINCIBLE

Recommended to the club by West Ham United Manager Harry Redknapp and earned a contract after an impressive trial. Used recently as a substitute, his pace and control have seen him score 8 league goals this season.

MATT HEWLETT

Former England youth international, the skilful midfielder was snapped up on a free

transfer in the close season following his release by Bristol City. Spent over 7 seasons at Ashton Gate making over a century of league appearances. Returned a fortnight ago to play his first match in 4 months following a cruciate ankle ligament injury.

MATTHEW HEYWOOD

Tall central defender recruited on a free transfer from Burnley having not featured in the Clarets first team for over 2 seasons. Made his Robins debut in January in a 3-0 win over Bury.



STEVE MILDENHALL

Local born keeper who has graduated through the youth ranks at the County ground. Enjoying a prolonged run in the side after taking over from the suspended Bart Griemark.

FRAZIER MCHUGH

Nottingham born tough tackling midfielder who has found it hard to hold down a regular first team

berth. A product of the youth system, signing professional terms in July 1998.



ALAN REEVES

Experienced central defender who has been rarely absent from the side since arriving on a free transfer from Wimbledon in June 1998. Captain of the side, Alan made over a century of league appearances for Rochdale before a £300,000 move to the Dons. A threat from set pieces netting 3 goals this season including the

only goal in a 1-0 win at Bristol City.

STEVE ROBINSON

A £50,000 capture from Birmingham City earlier in the month, making his debut a fortnight ago against Cambridge United. A tough tackling midfielder who has graduated through the youth ranks at St. Andrews.

ANTOINE VAN DER LINDEN

Central defender who was awarded a contract in the close season after some impressive performances in pre-season matches. Formerly with Sparta Rotterdam, the Dutchman made his Football League debut against Walsall. His only goal so far was in the away 1-1 draw against Wrexham last month.

JAMES WILLIAMS

A product of the club's youth system, the Liverpool born defender made his League debut in the 1998/99 campaign. Injured at the start of this season, he has recently returned into the side.



IAN WOAN

Experienced and talented left sided midfielder who has made over 200 league appearances with Nottingham Forest. After becoming the forgotten man at the City ground last season with only 1 league appearance was allowed to join Shrewsbury Town on a trial basis after a spell at Barnsley this season. Became Andy King's first signing initially signing on a 1-month contract.





The Manager Andy King

MEET THE MANAGER

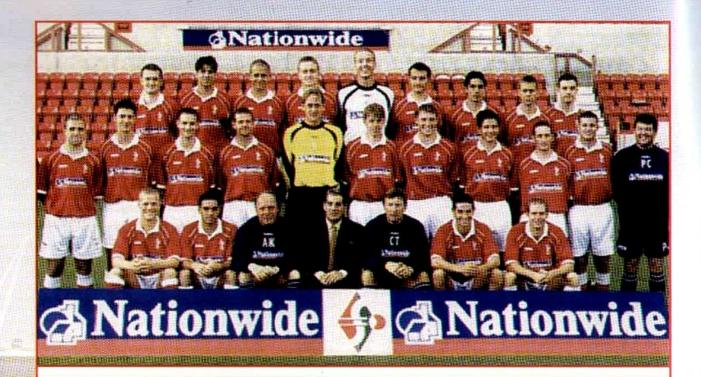
Name: Andy King Place of Birth: Luton

Date of Birth: 14th August 1956

Colin Todd appointed the former Everton player as his assistant during the pre-season. He joined the County Ground coaching staff from Premier League Sunderland, where he worked as a scout for Manager Peter Reid. During his playing career, he played for Luton Town, Everton, Queens Park Rangers, Wolves and Aldershot, netting 92 league goals.

His first spell in management saw him take charge of Mansfield Town and was in charge at Field Mill from 1993 to 1996.

Whilst Colin Todd was finalising his details of the move to Derby County, Andy was placed in temporary charge, losing just 1 match in 4 matches. That form persuaded Chairman Terry Brady to offer the post on a permanent basis.



League Appearances 2	000-01	Season	
Player			Goals
Gary Alexander	16	6	4
Juan Cobian	3	0	0
Steve Cowe	5	4	1
Sol Davis	26	1	0
Richard Dryden	7	0	0
David Duke	20	8	1
Giuliano Grazioli	4	13	1
Bart Griemink	24	10000	0
Charlie Griffin	1		0
Gareth Hall	2	2	0
Kim Heiselberg	1	0	0
Matthew Hewlett	13	1	0
Matthew Heywood	6	0	0
Bobby Howe	17	2	1
Danny Invincible	24	4	8
Kyle Lightbourne	2	0	0
Frazer McHugh	1	1	0
Steve Mildenhall	7	1	0
Keith O'Halloran	30	0	3
Michael Reddy	6	0	3
Alan Reeves	28	1	3
Mark Robertson	4	6	1
Mark Robinson	21	2	1
Steve Robinson	3	0	0
Marko Tuomela	1	1~	0
Jim Whitley	2	0	0
Andy Williams	1	4	0
James Williams	5	1	0
Martin Williams	17	2	2
Adam Willis	18	0	0
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Alan Young	0	4	0
Antoine van der Linden	13	8	1

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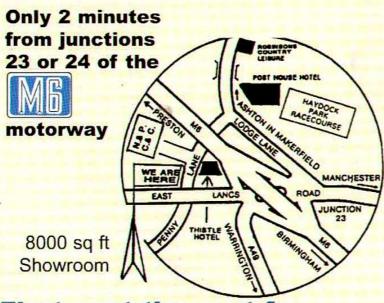
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MANAGER/PLAYERS

Player/Manager for this memorable season was former Scottish International Allan Brown who had played for East Fife, Blackpool, Luton Town and Portsmouth. Appointed in April '64, he had taken Latics to the Championship by five points in the previous season. The playing squad consisted of the following:-

Alan Halsall (24), 'keeper - formerly with Oldham, Blackpool and Man Utd

Derek Houghton (26), right back - joined the club from Golborne Juniors

Roy Wilkinson (23), left back - signed from Bolton Wanderers

Dennis Crompton (23), right half - started with Latics as an amateur before playing for Burnley and Doncaster Rovers.

Alf Craig (27), centre-half - signed from Cambridge City and ex-Blackpool

Dave Roberts (20), left-half - signed from Tranmere Rovers

John Ryan (20), right wing - also came from Tranmere Rovers

Bert Llewellyn (26), inside right - signed from Walsall and formerly Everton, Crewe Alex, Port Vale and Northampton

Harry Lyon (26), centre forward - signed from Burscough

Walter Stanley (23), left wing - signed the previous season from Crompton Recs

WARM UP MATCHES

Latics were to play two home pre-season friendlies. Chorley managed a 2-2 draw but Latics were to beat Burnley Reserves 2-0.

THE MATCHES

Saturday 21st August saw Latics visit New Brighton in their opening Cheshire League fixture and goals by full-back Kevin Cairns and winger Walter Stanley earned a 2-1 win. The Cheshire League Cup Final play-off held over from the previous season was finally sorted out with Latics beating Runcorn 2-0 at Springfield Park. The first defeat of the season then came with a 1-0 reserve at Northwich Victoria.

September began with Latics winning a seven goal home thriller against Buxton before they won 2-1 at Wrexham Reserves. Tranmere Rovers Reserves were then defeated 1-0 at Wigan in the Cheshire League Cup 1st Round. Stockport Count Reserves then hammered Latics 3-0 but they bounced back to win by the same score at Tranmere Rovers Reserves. Witton Albion gained a 1-1 draw at Springfield Park before visitors Winsfield United were trounced 4-0. Another home victory saw New Brighton knocked out of the Liverpool Non League Senior Cup (3-1). In the return fixture at, Witton Albion, Latics were to win 3-1. October started off with a 4-0 away win at Chester Reserves before Latics were held 1-1 at Buxton. Latics gained revenge over Northwich Victoria with a 4-0 home win before local rivals Chorley were beaten by the same score in the 4th qualifying round of the FA Cup at Springfield Park with Harry Lyon getting a hat-trick in front of a crowd of 6,514. The goals continued to flow with Hyde United being slammed 5-1 at Wigan and then Runcorn beaten on their own ground by the same score with another Lyon

November got underway with Latics losing 3-2 AET to Altrincham in the Macclesfield Town Floodlit Cup Competition. The Robins then came to Springfield Park and earned a 1-1 draw in the league. Latics then travelled to Fourth Division high flyers Doncaster Rovers in the FA Cup 1st Round. A fantastic display before 10,005 fans secured a 2-2 draw before the job was completed on the following Wednesday afternoon. A crowd of 7,113 witnessed the historic 3-1 win in which Lyon returned to the pitch despite ankle ligament damage to score a remarkable hat trick. Rhyl were then beaten 4-0 with strike partner Bert Llewellyn getting a treble and Latics then edged a nine-goal thriller at Ellesmere Port.

December began with 16,283 fans seeing Chester beat Latics 2-1 in the FA Cup 2nd Round at Sealand Road with a fluke winner. This incredibly was to be Latics last defeat of





the season. New Brighton were trounced 7-0 at home with both Lyon and Llewellyn getting hat tricks. Chester Reserves held Latics to a 1-1 draw in the 2nd Round of the Cheshire League Cup. A twelve day break followed before Latics won 3-2 at Mosslev. New Years Day saw Latics draw 2-2 at Bangor City before they beat Chester Reserves 2-0 in the League Cup replay.

Other home wins over Stalybridge Celtic (2-0) and Wrexham Reserves (3-2) followed before Latics draw 2-2 at title rivals Altrincham.

Four successive wins came in February with Fleetwood beaten 2-1 in the Lancashire Junior Cup and Chester Reserves hammered 7-1. Both were at Springfield Park with Llewellyn netting four goals in the latter. Latics then slammed Stafford Rangers 6-1 away with another four goal haul from Llewellyn. A hat-trick from Dennis Crompton then helped Latics to a 7-1 home win over Oswestry Town.

March began with Rhyl on the receiving end of a home 5-2 beating before local rivals Horwich RMI managed a 2-2 draw at Wigan in the LJC 3rd Round. Another seven goal haul came against Frickley (7-0) with Lyon and Llewellyn again both getting hat tricks. Latics easily won the LJC replay at Horwich RMI (5-0) before Guiness Exports were despatched from the LNLSC (2-0). Winsford United were no match for Latics in an easy 3-0 away win and Stockport County reserves were trounced 4-0 at Springfield Park followed by Stalybridge Celtic being beaten 4-1 in the League Cup 3rd Round. Macclesfield Town then managed to gain a goalless draw at Wigan.

April began with another home draw, this time against Ellesmere Port (1-1) in which centre-half Alf Craig was to score his only goal for the club. Good Friday saw Mossley beaten 3-0 before Latics travelled to Morecambe for a LJC semi final tie. A 2-0 win was followed by two successive 1-0 victories at Macclesfield Town and Stalybridge Celtic. Llewellyn then scored all four goals as visiting Tranmere Rovers Reserves were hammered 4-0. Runcorn suffered the same fate before Hyde United held Latics to a 1-1 draw. A Dave Roberts goal earned a 1-0 win at Macclesfield Town in the League Cup Semi Final. A 2-1 win at Oswestry Town and a home 3-1 win over Stafford Rangers carried on the run.

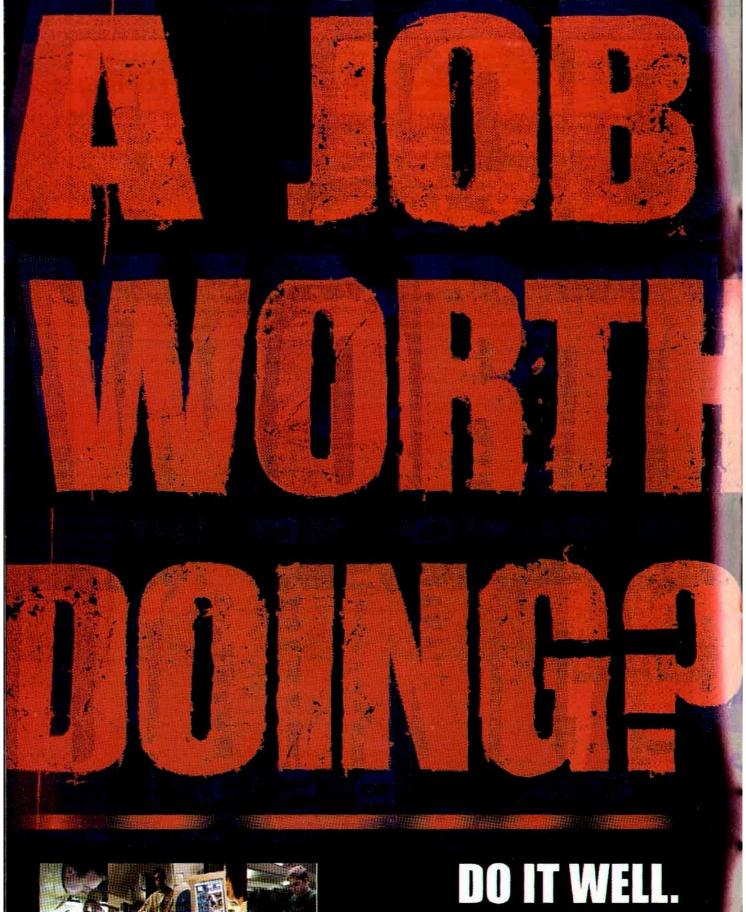
May started with Latics suffering a goalkeeper crisis and in the home League Cup Final 1st Leg against Altrincham, goal king Harry Lyon donned the green jersey and Latics responded with a 3-1 victory. The Lancashire Junior Cup Final against Netherfield held at Morecambe saw Lyon again keep goal and Latics lifted the trophy with a 2-0 win. A Llewellyn treble gave Latics a home 4-2 win over Bangor City which was followed by a 3-2 success at Frickley Colliery. Latics

then had a great 2-0 win at Altrincham in the 2nd Leg of the League Cup Final before completing a terrific season by also winning the Liverpool Non-League Senior Cup by beating South Liverpool 2-0 at Southport. Unbelievably, despite losing only two league games, Latics failed to take the Cheshire League Championship runners up to Altrincham by a point for whom Jack Swindells hit an incredible 82 goals.

APPEARANCES/SCORERS

Alf Craig, Dave Roberts and Roy Wilkinson played in all 42 Cheshire League matches. Harry Lyon appeared 41 times followed by Dennis Crompton (40), Bert Llewellyn (39), Walter Stanley (38), John Ryan (37), Alan Halsall (34) and Derek Houghton (34). Leading scorer was Harry Lyon with 61 goals (42 Lge) including 5 hat tricks while strike partner Bert Llewellyn amassed 58 goals (49 Lge).

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Tuesday 20th February

Two-second half goals inflict only our fifth defeat of the season away at Peterborough United. New signing Ged Brannan suffers a first half injury that will force him out of the weekend trip to Northampton.

Wednesday 21st February

Ben Kay strikes a hat trick as the youth side overcome Carlisle United 4-0 at Christopher Park. Gary Rae nets the other in a three goal second half rout.



Thursday 22nd February
Roy Carroll is to return for
the match against
Northampton Town after an
intensive week of training.
Out since the 19th December
with a fractured foot, the
Northern Ireland international
is to return to first team
action.



Friday 23rd February

The team travels overnight for the game at the Sixfields Stadium without both Pat McGibbon and Brian McLaughlin. Also out is Scott Green who is serving a onematch ban. Good news is that **Darren Sheridan**, Lee Ashcroft and Carl Bradshaw are added to the squad.

Saturday 24th February

Our second defeat in the space of four days on our travels as a goal on the stroke of half-time by Jamie Forrester earns the Cobblers the points. Despite enjoying all the pressure in the second period, we fail to score for the third match running.

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Sunday 25th February

The Supporters team lose out to Bolton Wanderers 3-0 in the Worthington Cup 5 a side competition in front off a sell-out crowd at the Millennium Stadium at Cardiff. The

match was a curtain raiser ahead of the Worthington Cup final between Birmingham City and Liverpool.



Monday 26th February

Lee Ashcroft's shin injury is not as serious as first thought. X-rays have confirmed that nothing has broken following a collision with Cobblers keeper Keith Welch in which Lee's shin pad was snapped during the challenge. Lee was given the all

clear by the hospital but did not train with the rest of the players.



Tuesday 27th February

Bruce Rioch sensationally departs the club less than eight months after taking charge. Bruce requested to be released from his contract with immediate effect with first team coach Colin Greenall taking charge of first team affairs for

the time being.A £1.35 million pound bid for Motherwell pair Lee McCullough and Stephen McMillen is accepted by the Scottish Premier league side.

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inside the JJB stadium



New Signings

A warm welcome to Peter Beagrie and Ged Brannan who both made their debuts in our last home match against Bristol Rovers. Peter has joined us after we bought out the remainder of his

contract until the end of the season. An experienced winger, Peter had made 19 Premiership appearances for Bradford City this season scoring one goal. Peter played under Bruce Rioch during their time together at Middlesbrough.

Liverpool born Ged has signed a three and a half year deal following his £175,000 transfer from Scottish Premiere League side Motherwell. Ged made over 200 league appearances for Tranmere Rovers before joining Manchester City. Ged spent a short loan



spell at Norwich City during Bruce Rioch's spell at Carrow Road.



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Congratulations to
Roberto Martinez
whose appearance in
the match against
Bristol Rovers was his
200th for the club.

Shirts Abroad

Denise Helm has sent in a picture of her two sons Michael & Martin taken outside Cinderella's fairytale castle at Disneyland, Paris.



Half Time Draw

A warm welcome to Alan Crompton who is our guest to make the half time draw. Alan was a visitor to the stadium last season during the celebration to mark out 1000th football league match against Reading and is

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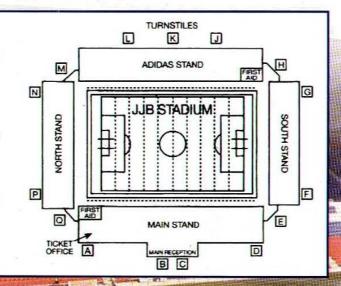
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pictured second right with left to right, Peter Houghton, Noel Ward and Dave Fretwell. Alan joined the club at the start of our football league campaign making seven appearances.

Just the Ticket

A remainder that tickets are now available for our next away match at Reading. The Royals have a policy whereby it is cheaper to purchase tickets in advance. Admission prices for the match at the Madejski Stadium are £12 for adults and £7 for concessions. Those who chose to pay on the night will be

charged £14 adults with concessions having to pay £8.

Obituary -

The club were saddened to hear of the tragic death of Michael Syneczko last week. Our condolences to out to his family and friends.

Supporters Night at the JJB Stadium

If you can't make it to Reading join us in the West End bar (2nd Floor) at the JJB Stadium to watch the match 'Live' on the big screen. Everyone welcome 'cheap ale' - only £1.25 a pint - half time 'Pooles Pies' available.

Notice to Blue Chip Members

Bring along your membership card for a free pint and special members raffle.

Come on - join us and cheer on the lads in the comfort of our very own Stadium.

Lounge opens - 6.30pm Kick off - 7.45pm

Happy Birthday

Jack Kidman 4 years old on the 27th February, love and best wishes from family and friends. True Golborne Blue.

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In the interest of positive public relations with the residents of the Springfield area, it would be appreciated if all spectators, visiting the stadium using private transport, make use of the free car parking facilities provided on a match day.

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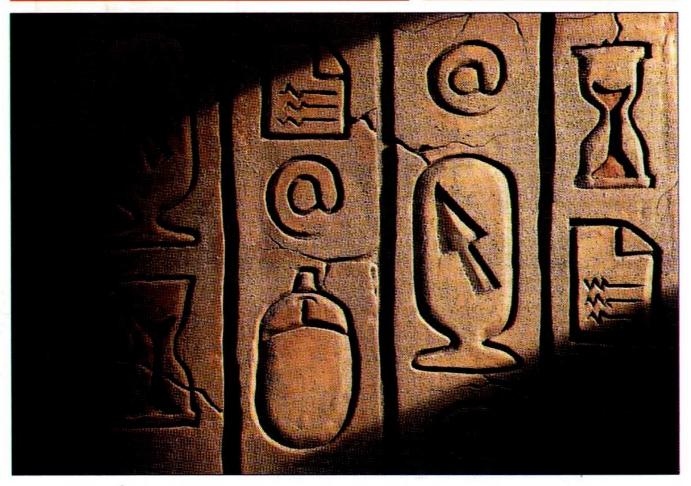


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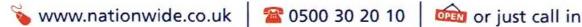


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Hopefully this afternoon following his recovery from a strained abductor muscle, new signing Peter Beagrie can treat us to a spot of gymnastics with his acrobatic back-flip whenever he finds the back of the nets.

"I still do my back flips, although the goals haven't been coming as often. I wasn't able to do one for Bradford against Coventry this season because I had Stan Collymore jumping on my back. Hopefully I'll be able to do a few back-flips here, and I won't be changing my celebrations. I'm 35 going on 21 and still as passionate about my football as I have ever been.

"Wherever I have gone, I've had a great affinity with the fans because I have always given 100%. I always try to do something positive or creative, so the fans tend to forgive the odd stray pass!"

After lasting just forty five minutes on his debut against Bristol Rovers, Peter is keen to return to action after sitting out the defeats at Peterborough United and Northampton Town. Impressed with the set-up at the club, it was the chance to be reunited with working with Bruce Rioch that appealed to him. Sadly the reunion was to last just eight days and Peter like everbody connected with the club were shocked by the events on tuesday afternoon. "The news on tuesday was a complete surprise as we had trained in the morning ahead of this afternoon's match. These things happen in football and as players you have to get on with your job of playing"

"The move was going on for about a month behind the scenes, and it was just a case of waiting to see what happened. Bradford wouldn't let me go anywhere on a loan deal. It had to be a permanent deal or semi-permanent and I am here until the end of the season. It gives the club a chance to have a look at me and for me to have a look at them."

In his short spell at the JJB, Peter has certainly been impressed with his new surroundings.

"My first impressions are very favourable. It is built for the First Division and beyond, the club has a Chairman who is ambitious and a manager who knows the game inside out.

"The training facilities are impressive too and I'm looking forward to spending my time here. All the players have made me welcome and I already know our other new signing Ged Brannan from our Manchester City days.

"I'm travelling in with Kevin Sharp and Andy Liddell, and living in Harrogate at the moment doesn't give me far to travel." This interview took place prior to the departure of Bruce Rioch on Tuesday.

Football League Record							
Season	Team	Starts	Subs	Goals			
1984/85	Middlesbrough	3	4	1			
1985/86	Middlesbrough	21	5	. 1			
1986/87		40	1	9			
1987/88	Sheffield United	41	2	2			
1988/89	Stoke City	41	0	8			
1989/90	Stoke City	13	0	0			
1989/90	Everton	14	5	0			
1990/91	Everton	14	3	2			
1991/92	Everton	20	7	3			
1991/92	Sunderland - loan	5	0	1			
1992/93	Everton	11	11	3			
1993/94	Everton	29	0	3			
1993/94	Manchester City	9	0	1			
1994/95	Manchester City	33	4	2			
1995/96	Manchester City	4	1	0			
1996/97	Manchester City	0	1	0			
1997/98	Bradford City	31	3	0			
1997/98	Everton - loan	4	2	0			
1998/99	Bradford City	43	0	12			
1999/00	Bradford City	30	5	7			
2000/01	Bradford City	9	10	1			
2000/01	Wigan Athletic	1	0	0			
	Total	416	64	56			



JJS ASDA MATCHDAY CLUB

B's Favourite Gets Top Job!

"B is really excited with the prospect of Colin Greenall becoming Latics Caretaker Manager as she has a big soft spot for Colin.

B says: "When I first met JJ, he took me down to Latics' training ground at Christopher Park to see the team train. I was a bit nervous because I did not know anyone but JJ introduced me to Colin. Colin took me into the team canteen to meet all the players and was really nice to me, so ever since he has been my favourite. I hope he does really well as Caretaker Manager. JJ says that Colin was a great player because he used to watch him play at Springfield Park and was there when he got Latics Player of the Year.

So JJ and I want all JJ's members to get behind Colin and the team - good luck today."

There is going to be a large size that will sell at around £10 and smaller ones that will retail at only £5.

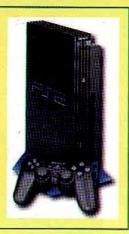
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Abram C of E Primary School Special welcome to Mr Tom Fletcher and pupils of Abram C of E Primary School who are today's Coca Cola School of the Match - we hope they all enjoy the day!

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Joelle Tunstall, Kyle Jackson

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School of the Match Abram C of E Primary School



Headteacher, Tom Fletcher is an ardent Latics fan. He and his family are season ticket holders in the North Stand. He takes every opportunity to encourage children to support the club. He brought more than sixty of his pupils to watch the recent game against Oldham.

The school has established strong links with the club through the Football in the Community scheme run by Bill Collier, whose children, Abby and Luke, attend Abram CE. Bill runs regular coaching sessions both in and after school.

School itself is situated on the edge of a large private housing estate in Simpkin Street and it has 227 pupils on roll. It was opened in May 1979 and the whole school community has worked hard to make the school and its surrounding area an interesting and exciting place to be.

Being a church school it aims to educate children within a Christian moral framework in a family

environment, which makes them feel happy and safe. Its vision is to develop co-operation, communication and a sense of pride amongst everyone involved in school life. To stimulate and motivate all pupils and staff to achieve their full potential.

potential.

A recent Ofsted report stated: "This is a very good school with many considerable strengths."

The school prides itself on its involvement with sport and music which enriches children's lives. Many of the pupils participate in a wide range of sport, and though he doesn't like to admit it, Mr. Fletcher has even encouraged Wigan Warriors to coach the children in the skills of Rugby League!

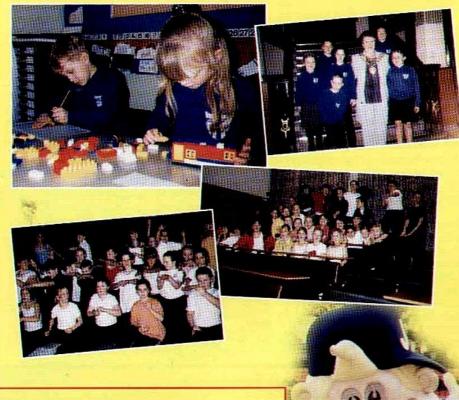
Many children play musical instruments ranging from tenor horns, drums and guitars. The Education Authority's music service hold an annual "Play Day" which is attended by children from across the Wigan

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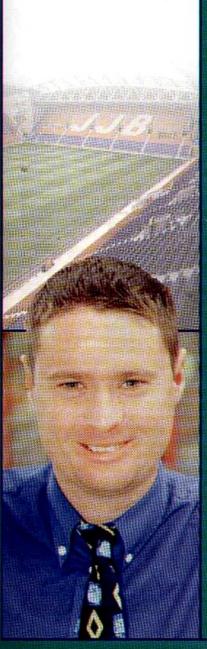
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Dave Seddon



One man's six is another man's seven...

Dishing out marks for players at the end of a match report can be a sport in itself - just ask any reporter in the media.

With football being a game of contrasting opinions, games are seen through thousands of pairs of eyes, with everyone having their own view of the proceedings.

And the ratings seem to produce lively debate from fans, the players themselves, and even managers.

I've lost count of the times players have come up to me and complained about only getting a six or seven in the paper for their performance the previous Saturday.

And some supporters haven't been backward in coming forward when asking how I managed to give so-and-so eight out of 10, when in their opinion, the player in question hadn't been fit to lace his own boots.

But then again, if we all agreed on the same things, the world would be a boring place!

Marking players can be a difficult task though, with different newspapers approaching the business in different styles.

Some papers are happy to spray out top marks like they are going out of fashion, while others take a harsher line.

And it's the rating given to substitutes which seem to confuse the hell out of everyone.

At the Evening Post, we tend to have a rule that subs have to have been on the pitch for around 10 to 15 minutes before qualifying for a mark.

But others, especially the nationals, mark them even when they've been involved in the action for just a few seconds.

Take the example of Latics' game at Colchester the other week. Gareth Griffiths and Stuart Balmer were brought on in the dying seconds to run the clock down.

Yet one paper gave them both 6 out of 10 - the same mark as some of the other players who had toiled away for the full 90 minutes! One thing I always avoid doing in my match reports is giving a mark for the performance of the referee.

After all, I never like giving out 0 out of 10!

A classic example of pompus, self-important refereeing, came last weekend in Shrewsbury's remarkable 7-1 win away at Rochdale. A 19 year old lad called Luke Rodgers, making only his third league appearance, scored a hat-trick and celebrated by whipping off his shirt. This season, the FA have decided that such a helnous crime is worthy of a yellow card - the same as a leg-breaking tackle. As young Rodgers had already been booked earlier in the game, the man in the middle decided that he had to go for an early bath. Why couldn't a touch of common sense be used by the referee in the circumstances, why stick so rigidly to the rule-book?

Latics were refereed by David Elleray at Peterborough last week, and he refreshingly showed a great deal of common sense and understanding.

He's not everyone's cup of tea having earned a reputation as something of a strict disciplinarian over the years.

But against Posh, he allowed misdemeanours to pass with just a quiet word in the player's ear and didn't feel the need once to pull a card from his back pocket.

I noticed he took charge of the Worthington Cup Final last Sunday, and it was only well into extra time that he felt the need to produce the yellow card.

Enjoy the game, and let's hope that March turns out a great deal better than February for Latics.

Dave Seddon, Wigan Evening Post



ay safe, play safe!

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Harold Ashurst a fans view



This column is penned in a state of shock. Just three ours before putting pen to paper I heard of the resignation of manager Bruce Rioch, after just eight months in charge of the club, and to say I was stunned

would be an understatement. We all know the team has not been playing well in recent weeks but for goodness sake, we are fourth in the table and, with 12 games to go, have a great chance of reaching the First Division, either by the automatic route or via the play offs, so there is obviously more to Bruce's decision than meets the eye. Whatever happened on Tuesday afternoon has not been made public, although the rumours are flying around like mad, and no doubt the truth will come out in the wash.

But what cannot be avoided is the fact that the club is now looking for another manager, it's fifth in just over three seasons and that, quite honestly, is ridiculous.

How can a club with the ambitions of Latics ever hope to progress when that

state of affairs exists. Every fan has his own view of the situation – and the majority of those views all tally – but that is not going to help in the current situation.

In my dealings with Bruce Rioch I always found him totally professional, a man who set the highest standards and a man who believed that he could deliver to the Wigan Athletic fans the success they dreamed of.

When he was appointed I, like the majority, thought it a tremendous catch and while the early promise the team showed this season has not been fulfilled in recent weeks, I still believed that Bruce was the man to bring success to the club. Like I say, we don't know what has happened and there is a lot more to be written and said on this matter, but what I do hope is that personal feelings are put aside for 90 minutes this afternoon and that every fan gets behind the team. It doesn't matter who is manager of the club - or who isn't - results on the field are what matters and, with 12 games left, we still have a real chance of promotion. Recriminations will not help, however strongly people feel about the situation.



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Former England U-21 striker Andy Mutch had a loan spell at Wigan Athletic during the 1995/96

He initially impressed in non-League soccer with Southport and was leading marksman in 1984/85, moving to Wolverhampton Wanderers in February 1986. Unable to prevent relegation that season, he quickly formed a lethal goalscoring partnership with Steve Bull as Wolves reached the Fourth Division play-off final in 1986/87 and then stormed to the Fourth and Third Division titles in consecutive seasons. He scored in their 1987/88 Sherpa Van Trophy final success at Wembley and moved to newly-promoted Swindon Town for £250,000 in August

Playing alongside Jan-Aage Fjortoft in their attack, he was an experienced figure as Swindon battled vainly to consolidate in the Premiership and moved to Wigan on loan in August 1995. His solitary goal in 7 successive Third Division games for Latics clinched a

1-1 draw in the local derby at Preston NE on his debut. He scored 6 times in 50 League outings for today's visitors prior to joining Stockport County on a free transfer in March 1996. Helping them to win promotion and reach the Coca-Cola Cup semi-finals in 1996/97, he moved to Barrow

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SWINDON TOWN	1993/94	30 (6)	2(1)	3 (1)	35 (8)
	1994/95	20	2	4 (2)	26 (2)
	Total	50 (6)	4(1)	7 (3)	61 (10)
WIGAN ATH.	1995/96	7 (1)			7(1)
	Total	7(1)			770



Young striker Peter Thorne had a loan spell at Wigan Athletic during the 1993/94 season. A former Blackburn Rovers trainee, he signed professional in June 1991 but failed to secure a place behind the likes of Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton and was loaned to Wigan in March 1994. He made his League debut in that month's 1-1 draw at home to Northampton Town that month and played 11 consecutive Third Division games for Latics. Moving to Swindon Town for £225,000 in January 1995, he scored twice on his full debut for the Robins at Burnley and repeated this feat in their Coca-Cola Cup semi-final first-leg win at home to Bolton Wanderers

He made a significant contribution to Swindon's 1995/96 Second Division title triumph and scored their equaliser at Manchester United in the 1996/97 Coca-Cola Cup third round tie. Partnering Wayne Allison in attack, he netted 27 goals in 77 League outings for today's opponents before being sold to Stoke City for £350,000 in July 1997. He has since topped their goalscoring charts on 2 occasions, including last

season as Stoke qualified for the Second Division play-offs and he netted their Wembley winner in the Auto Windscreens Shi

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One of those players Mark Stallard was on the scoresheet in the FA Cup match here earning a replay with a 1-1 draw, Richard Liburb's stunning strike in extra time taking Jocky Scott's side through to the 3rd round in the 2-1 victory.

In the league, the away defeat last Saturday at Brentford dented their play-off hopes, Danny Allsop a £350,000 capture from Manchester City on the scoresheet in the 3-1 defeat. Leading scorer Mark Stallard has notched twenty goals this season while Allsop's goal at Griffin Park took his tally to six. -

Hoping for a return in the match will be

captain Ian Richardson who has missed the last few matches due to knee ligament damage, while the Magpies squad has also been stretched with injuries to Gary Owers, lan Hamilton & Mark Warren.



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The departure of manager Bruce Rioch on Tuesday left everyone connected with the club in a state of shock. The event came totally out of the blue and its timing left the fans reeling.

With just 12 games to go we are still in with a great chance of promotion to the First Division and this is obviously something we could all have done

What we should remember though is that, wherever the rights and wrongs of the situation and whatever the reasons behind Bruce leaving, the club is bigger than any individual, and as annoyed as many fans are at the moment, we need to get behind the team.

Let's put our feelings as to what's happened this week behind us on match days and get behind the players between now and the end of the season. The team needs our vocal support more than ever after such a traumatic week and we as fans can do our bit by shouting them to victory in the games that remain.

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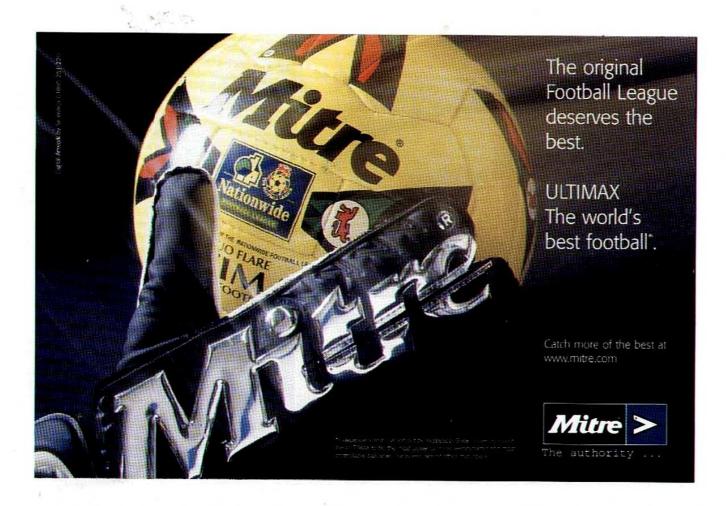
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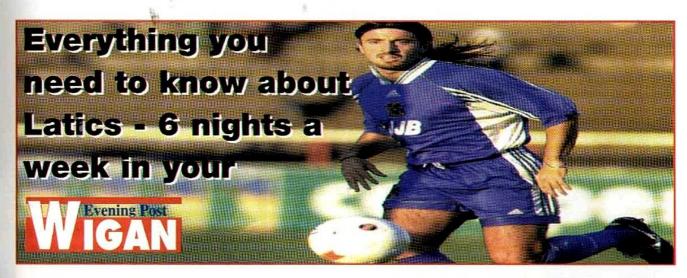
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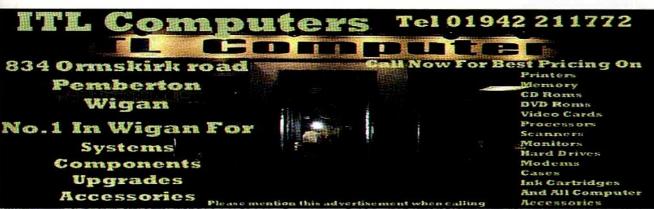
















Vationwide



L E G A

by Geoff Lea

their lead at the top of the table to eight points with a 2-0 win at Oxford City while Walsall suffered a rare home defeat. Former U's striker Paul Moody opened the scoring against his former club, the three points secured in the first period with a second goal by David Livermore on the stroke of half time. That defeat for Oxford leaves them nine points adrift at the foot of the table with further bad news for manger David Kemp arriving with the news that defender Gary Monk has been recalled by his club Southampton. Having signed our former player Darren Patterson, Kemp has allowed a third player Jamie Cook to join both Ross and Simon Weatherstone at Boston United.

Last weekend saw Millwall extend

Walsall suffered only their second home league defeat of the season despite taking a two-goal half time advantage through skipper Tom Bennett against Wrexham. Former Latics trialist Lee Trundle scored his first Football League goal following a £50,000 move from non-league side Rhyl to start an amazing turnaround, the Robins securing their first away win in over four months with Craig Faulconbrige netting the final minute winner with his twelfth goal of the season.

Surprise package Rotherham United moved into third position when they ended Stoke's fifteen match unbeaten run





with a 2-1 win at Millmoor. Mark Robins striking twice in a devastating ten-minute burst, which brought all three goals. that after

Peter Thorne had opened the scoring.

" A bad day at the office" was how Danny Wilson described the 4-0 away defeat at Colchester United as the home side celebrated their biggest win of the season. Dave Gregory opened the scoring as the Layer Road side ended a five match run without a win, further strikes by Joe Keith, Micky

Stockwell and Barry Conlon denting their play-off hopes. Reading kept up with the pace, Jamie Cuerton's 20th goal of the season sufficient for



victory at Swansea City, the defeat for the Swans was their sixth in an eight-match sequence without a victory.

Bristol Rovers finally rid themselves of the most unwanted record in football- the only club in the country without a home win, when they defeated Bristol Rovers at the Memorial Stadium. Transfer listed Vitalijs Astafjevs and Nathan Ellington ending a twelve match run

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without a win. The defeat for Cambridge was to prove the last match in charge for Roy McFarland who was relieved of his duties on the monday night following a board meeting. A new management structure was expected to be in

place for this afternoon's home match against Oldham Athletic with former manager John Beck a front-runner for the vacant position.

F A Cup glory boys Wycombe Wanderers fielding only three players from the side that toppled Wimbledon lost out at

Peterborough United despite taking a two goal advantage. Leo McKenzie grapped a brace of goals to earn a deserved victory which still left manager Barry Fry fuming despite the Posh managing to record back-to-back wins for the first time all season. Brentford blunted our Tuesday night's opponent's Notts County play-off hopes with a 3-1 win at Griffin Park. Captain Paul Evans a wanted target for ambitious Cardiff

City opening the scoring for the Londoners.
Oldham's Matthew Tipton celebrated his call-up to the Welsh Under 21 squad with a brilliant winner as Oldham Athletic overcame
Bournemouth 2-1 at



Boundary Park. Further good news for the Latics arriving after Carl Corazzin had been given the all-clear to continue playing in England after his passport was found to be legitimate after the F A asked all clubs to check the passports of players claiming dual nationality.

Joe Kinnear's Luton Town came from behind to record their fourth away of the season against this afternoon's opponents Swindon Town. Teenagers Emerson Boyce and Lee Mansell making it four wins in five since the appointment of the former Wimbledon manager.

Port Vale and Bury extended their unbeaten



runs to five games in a 1-1 draw at Vale Park. Mark Bridge-Wilkinson scored his second goal in consecutive games to give the home side the lead, the Shakers equalising through on loan striker Colin Cramb.

Nationwide League Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	Α	W	D	ь	r.	Α	Pts
Millwall	33	11	7	4	35	11	10	4	3	32	21	68
Walsall	34	12	4	2	41	18	5	5	6	18	20	60
Rotherham	31	10	4	3	34	19	7	4	3	18	16	59
Wigan	34	11	1	0	23	9		8	6	19	21	58
Reading	31	11	3	2	43	16	6	3	6	17	19	57
Stoke	32	8	5	3	22	12	6	7	3	28	20	54
Bristol City	32	9	3	4	37	19	5	6	5	16	17	51
Notts County	32	7	4	4	26	21	7	3	7	16	25	49
Northampton	33	6	6	4	20	18	6	4	7	17	21	46
Brentford	32	7	6	3	23	21	4	6	6	14	22	45
Oldham	33	9	4	5	28	19	2	6	7	12	24	43
Bournemouth	31	4	6	4	19	16	6	5	6	30	24	41
Wycombe	29	7	2	4	18	14	4	6	6	13	17	41
Peterborough	32	9	3	4	26	20	2	5	9	14	24	41
Wrexham	31	6	4	5	17	18	5	4	7	25	31	41
Bury	32	7	4	5	17	17	4	3	9	14	25	40
Colchester	31	6	4	6	19	16	4	5	6	15	21	39
Cambridge	33	5	5	6	22	19	4	3	10	20	36	35
Port Vale	29	6	6	4	25	16	2	2	9	8	22	32
Swindon	31	4	6	7	22	29	4	2	8	9	21	32
Bristol Rovers	28	1	8	4	10	16	5	4	6	20	17	30
Luton	31	4	1	9	18	27	4	5	8	22	32	30
Swansea	30	3	6	6	14	15	2	3	10	16	34	24
Oxford	31	3	3	11	15	24	1	0	13	17	44	15

A Nationwide

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Bournemouth v Brentford
Bristol City v Oxford United
Bury v Swansea City
Cambridge United v Oldham Athletic
Luton Town v Bristol Rovers
Millwall v Peterborough United
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Matt McCann

I doubt there's not a single Latics fan in the ground today who doesn't wish Colin Greenall and his team all the best this afternoon. By anyone's standards it's been a highly eventful and traumatic week in the life of Wigan Athletic, but come 3 o'clock all that has to be put to one side. Make no mistake Colin is a 'Latics MON' and Wiganer born and bred. He lives, breaths and sleeps Wigan Athletic and is as desperate as

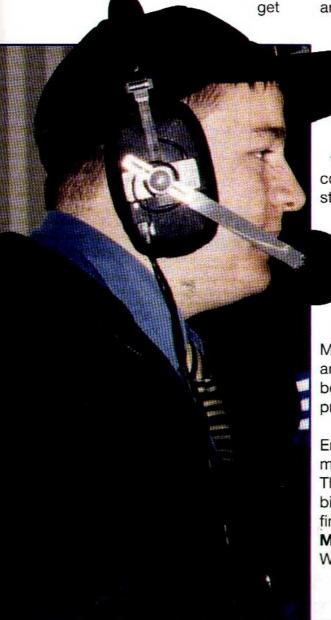
this club into Division One. But aside from his passionate approach to managing Latics, Colin also has the footballing brain and experience to pull off promotion. The players are 100% behind him and I'm sure you'll see today every Latics player who takes to the field will bust a gut to get Colin's reign off to a winning start. But just as important to the club as we enter this 'run in' is the team that Colin has around him. John Benson, Brendan O'Connell, Andy May and Alex Cribley will also play crucial

roles in the coming weeks in helping Colin through these early stages, and as Mr Greenall said on Wish FM this week, "Managing a football club is about more than just one person, it's about the people you have around you". If that's the measure of a successful coaching team then Colin will be in good stead.

The other people who have a crucial role to play this afternoon is YOU THE FANS!!! If ever this club needed the people who care passionately about it to close ranks and rally round then now is the time. Make the JJB a cauldron this afternoon and show the players we're 100% behind them as we go for the top two promotion spots.

Enjoy the match this afternoon and no matter what happens KEEP THE FAITH! There's 36 points to play for and some big games coming up. Another thrilling finish could very well be on the cards.

Matt McCann Wish FM Sport



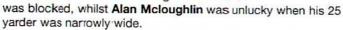
In reserve



Defeat against the team just above us on Wednesday afternoon has put pressure on ourselves following the 1-0 reversal against Darlington at the Robin Park Arena.

Ben Kay had a great

Ben Kay had a great chance to give us the lead after just two minutes when his goalbound shot



In a match which saw the kick-off delayed because of snow in the north-east, the only goal arrived after just twenty-four minutes. Loan keeper Andy Marriott pulled off a superb save, however from the resulting corner after **Gino Padula** had headed off the line, the Quakers Adam Marsh headed home.

In the second half, a share of the points was to be denied when lan Johnson's shot was deemed not to have

croosed the goal line following a shot against the crossbar.

The defeat finds us just one off the foot of the table as we look at relegation following promotion to Division One last season.

Marriott, Dickson, Padula, Cunningham, Mitchell, McMahon, Morris, Nicholls, Kay, McLoughlin, I Johnson. Subs Pitts, Ellis, Spearritt, J Johnson



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Blackpool	15	7	1	7	19	25	-6	22
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next up at the Robin Park Arena

Lincoln City are our next home oponents on Wednesday 28th March 2001. All reserve home fixtures have a 2.00pm kick off.

Admission prices.







division one fixtures

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Wed 30	Walsall	. 2-3
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Wed 6	Grimsby Town	0-1
Wed 20	Shrewsbury Town	1-4
October	,	
Wed 4	Darlington	1-0
Wed 11	York City	2-4
Wed 25	Sheffield United	2-1
november		
Wed 8	Lincoln City	PP
Wed 15	Blackpool	0-2
Wed 22	Scunthorpe United	1-0
december	-	
Thu 7	Stoke City	1-0
Wed 13	Wrexham	1-2
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Wed 10	Walsall	2-0
Wed 24	Stoke City	1-2
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Ashcroft	4	-	
Balmer	7	-	
Bradshaw	2	~	
Carroll	1	-	
Dickson	13 & 1	-	
De Zeeuw	1	-	
Gillespie	1		
Green	-		
Griffiths	2	-	
Haworth	3	1	
Hernandez	3	1	
Kilford	1	-	
Marriott	1 4 .	-	
Martinez	2	-	
McGibbon	-	-	
McLaughlin	4	1	
McLoughlin	13 & 1	2	
McMahon	7 & 1	12	
Mitchell	13	-	
Morris	8 & 2	1	
Nicholls	5	1	
O'Reilly	3	-	
Padula	11	-	
Porter	5	-	
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youth development



Our 'A' Team youngsters have shown better form in recent weeks. In their two latest fixtures, there was a win over Carlisle United and a hard fought 2-2 draw with

Chester. Wigan, in fact, recorded a thumping 4-0 win over our Cumbrian friends who just could not cope with some of the pace and passing ability of our lads. The highlight from our point of view was a well-earned hattrick from Ben Kay. Ben, who showed promise in the First Team in centremidfield in the LP Vans Trophy Cup at Walsall, was up front for the 'A' Team

and cooly slotted home his goals.
First year trainee Paul Lee is also improving game by game at centre back but nobody let the side down in a convincing team performance.

A few days later, we were held to a 2-2 draw by a competitive and talented Chester side. There was little in it for most of the game but having gone 2-1 ahead with not long left, it was disappointing to concede the equaliser from the penalty spot.

Meanwhile, our sides have more than held their own in Conference matches against Tranmere Rovers and Carlisle United. Our best performance against the Wirral outfits was perhaps a narrow away win for our U14's who showed a lot of composure in grinding out their win. A week later, only our U13's came unstuck against Carlisle with our U14's probably putting on the best performance of the day in a thumping win at Carlisle - the coach journey home is always a lot happier after results like that!!

division one fixtures

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Sat 9	Tranmere Rovers	H
Sat 23	Stockport County	н
Wed 27	Carlisle Utd	A
Sat 30	Blackpool	A
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Mon 23	Tranmere LYC	A
november		
Wed 1	Carlisle Utd FAYC	A
Fri 17	Preston NE	A
Sat 25	Oldham Athletic	н
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Sat 13	Blackpool	Н
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Sat 17	Hull City	Н
Sat 24	Shrewsbury Town	A
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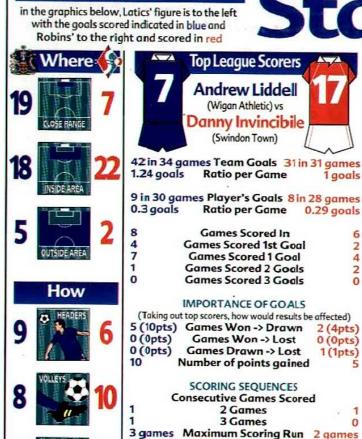
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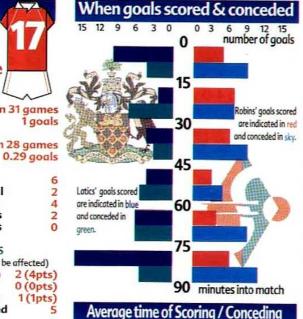
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	C Cunningham	Trainee	16	1	2	
	L Ellis	Trainee	10	0	0	
	A Ferrie	Trialist	1	0	0	
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	I Johnson	Trainee	17	2	3	
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	D Pitts	Trainee	19	0	2	
	G Rae	Trainee	19	0	2	
	N Robinson	Trainee	8	4	0	
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Goalscoring Head 2 Head







Face2Face Last Season At The JB Stadiumn/a At The County Ground..n/a

This Season Latics' Season records:

Home Win..3-1 Colchester 2-0 Swansea, 3-1 Oldham

Away Win .4 games by 2 goals

Home Defeat.....None

Away Defeat_4 games by 2 goal

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Robins' Season records:

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All Goals for

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77 mins Away Goals Against 60 mins Table shows average time taken for both teams to score and

73 mins

63 mins

85 mins

Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison

Latics DWLWLSWDLL F 9 A 10 Pts 12 Robins LLLLWSSWSL F 10 A 12 Pts 9

90 mins

70 mins

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Form Guide shows last 10 results. W = Won, L = Lost, S = Score Draw, D = NoScore Draw. Most recent result to the right

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Robins' Results

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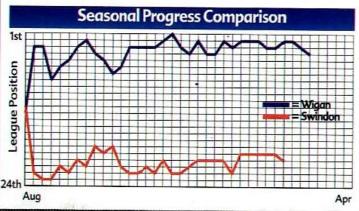
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Heinz JUNIOR LATICS

Welcome everyone at Junior Latics, to today's game, and a warm welcome also to all Junior Fans of our visitors Swindon Town, who have travelled today from Wiltshire.

On Monday 5th March, we are hosting a "Junior Latics talent night". Prizes await the top three contestants so don't be shy! You may even win on the night and receive our special prize and trophy. Last year's winner. Holly Lewis won tickets to see her favourite band "Steps" at a concert in Manchester with her family. The Easter Egg Appeal for the children's wards of our local hospitals. was well supported last year. It is our intention to do even better this year, for the unfortunate children in hospital. The Nursing Staff were 'thrilled to bits' with your generosity and the children were "cheered up" with the appearance of Latics players, handing out the "goodies". Bring along your gifts to the Marquee on matchdays or to the social nights of Junior Latics.

As the season enters it's final stages, every game takes on greater importance and today is no exception. Let's get behind the Latics and shout them to victory and three more points in the scramble for promotion.

See you all at on Monday in the West End Suite.

Enjoy Todays Game

Laurence Fairhurst

featured with JJ & B is Latics player Carl Bradshaw presenting lucky JJ member Steffan Boffey with his great Bike' prize - donated by Latics sponsors JJB Sports.







swimming and playing football ambition, to be a pilot favourite food. Fish & Chips favourite drink. Coca Cola favourite film. The Matrix favourite tv programme. The Royle Family favourite singer/group. Eminem favourite holiday resort. Cyprus favourite players. Arjan De Zeeuw

We have a special mascot today from Hull - Matthew is a great Latics fan, even though he lives all the way over the Pennines. Name. Matthew Home town, Hull School. Hymers College Hobbies. Football & supporting Wigan Athletic

We would like to welcome Matthew & his family to the JJB Stadium today and hope of our mascots and their families enjoy their special day.





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