

Nationwide
FOOTBALL LEAGUE

adidas

JJB
SPORTS

ntl

11



Match Patron
Sports Network UK
Millennium Volunteers
Matchball Sponsors
on behalf of Denan House
Programme Sponsors
Stagewear Boutique



Coca Cola School of the Match
Brookfield High School
Coca Cola Team of the Match
Garswood Junior Football Team

wiganathletic

Wigan Athletic AFC
Official Matchday Programme
Nationwide League Division Two
versus **Swindon Town**
kick-off 3.00pm . number 11
1 December 2001 . price £2

NEW RULES FOR NEW PREDATOR.

IF A PLAYER BEATS SIX OPPONENTS HE MUST STOP
AND ALLOW THEM TO REGROUP.

Equipment Predator® Precision. Commended by FIFA.™ Featuring
Exchangeable Magnesium Traxion studs for rapid direction changes.
You go left, right, blurry. More at adidas.co.uk/soccer




FOREVER SPORT



v Swindon Town 01.12.01

Contents

Wigan Athletic AFC Directory

Directors

Chairman: David Whelan
Vice Chairman: Duncan Sharpe
Chief Executive: Brenda Spencer
John Benson
Brian Ashcroft
Philip Williams
John Winstanley
President: Stanley Jackson

Club Officials

Manager: Paul Jewell
First Team Coach: Chris Hutchings
Physiotherapist: Alex Cribley
Chief Scout: Nigel Brown
Physiotherapist Assistant: Kevin Kewn
Kit Manager: Joe Newton/Fred Sephton
Assistant Secretary: Stuart Hayton
Marketing Manager: John Fillingham
Corporate Sales & Hospitality: Jill Gregory
Media Manager: Chris Hall
JJB Stadium Safety Officer: Ray Johnston
Community Officer: Bill Collier
JJB Groundsman: David Pinch
Chief Sports Medical Officer: Dr Ansar Zaman
Club Doctor: Dr Mike Ashworth

Honours

Third Division Champions: 1996-97
Autowindscreen Shield Winners: 1998-99
Freight Rover Trophy Winners: 1984-85
Promoted To Third Division: 1981-82
Elected To Football League: 1978
Football League Best Season 4th Division Two:
1985-86, 1986-87, 1999-00
Football League Cup Best Season 4th Round: 1981-82
FA Cup Best Season 6th Round: 1986-87
Record Football League Appearances:
Kevin Langley 317 1981-86 and 1990-94
Record Football League Goalscorer:
David Lowe 66 1982-87 and 1995-99
Record Football League Scorer in a season:
Graeme Jones 31 1996-97
Most Capped Player: Roy Carroll 9 Northern Ireland
Record Transfer Fee Paid: £750,000 to Wolves for
Tony Dinning - September 2001
Record Attendance: Springfield Park 27,526
v Hereford United FA Cup 12 December 1953
JJB Stadium: 15,593 v Preston North End Division Two
04 April 2000



from the manager

Paul Jewell06-07

today's visitors

Swindon Town09-12

news from the web

Casting the Net16-17

match action & reports

v Northampton Town20-21

player profile

Derek Stillie26-27

all the news The JJB

Inside JJB30-31

world news

Planet Football40-41

blues on the road

Oldham Athletic47

today's teams

Squad line-up50

Matchday Magazine

Editor: Chris Hall
Designed by Cris Rivas
Produced and printed by
Colourplan Design & Print
Club Photographer: Brian Sherratt
Action Photography: EMPICS
Wigan Evening Post, Chris Tofalos
Editorial Contributions: Geoffrey
Lea, Dave Seddon, Laurence
Fairhurst, Matt McCann, Kath
Rimmer & John Sherriff.
The views expressed in the
programme are not necessarily
those of Wigan Athletic
Football Club.





NEW
Wigan Athletic
Away Shirt 2001/02

Available at your local **JJB** SPORTS stores **NOW!**

adidas



news and views from
the Chief Executive

Brenda Spencer

"... everyone is optimistic that today we will put on a performance that our home supporters can be proud of."

In what is our penultimate Saturday afternoon game of the year 2001, I was given a remarkable statistic this week stating that we have only won 3 of our Saturday home league games this calendar year. We all of course would like to add to that tally this afternoon as we entertain Swindon Town and if we can find the sort of performance that we gave at Northampton last Saturday then we won't be too far away. On the road we have now won our last 3 games and it could so easily have been 4, had we not surrendered a 2-goal lead to draw at Cardiff in early October.

It seems that every time I write these notes we are talking about turning points and everyone is optimistic that today we will put on a performance that our home supporters can be proud of. I think that what is important is that we are patient with what is essentially a new team and that we realise that Rome was not built in a day. With no league game next Saturday, and then the 2 away games at Oldham and Reading to look forward to, it will be Boxing Day before we are next here at the JJB. To get us into the Christmas spirit however we welcome the Wigan Salvation Army Band to the Stadium this afternoon. Neil McFerran is the man in charge, and I trust that as ever you will give generously as they collect amongst us both prior to the game and at half time.

This afternoon we are without both Lee Ashcroft and Tony Dinning through suspension, whilst captain Arjan DeZeeuw must also now sit out a game following his fifth yellow card of the season at Northampton last Saturday.

Tickets are now available for our away game at Reading on Saturday 22nd December. If you buy in advance the tickets are £2 cheaper for adults and £1 cheaper for OAP's than if you pay on the day.

Children can make the greatest savings with £1 tickets available in advance compared to the normal £9 if you pay on the day.

On behalf of all at Wigan Athletic I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all again on Boxing Day at 3pm.



International Company, Local Supporter

For further information:
Milliken Carpets, Beech Hill Plant, Gidlow Lane
Wigan, Lancashire WN6 8RN
Tel. 01942 826073 Fax. 01942 826570

Manufacturers of modular carpets for the corporate, leisure
and hospitality markets.



from the Manager

Paul Jewell

There are always a hundred different ways to interpret stats and form guides and I rarely allow myself to get bogged down in the facts and figures of recent results. But I think there is one statistic which stands out from all the rest which is tangible enough to base a new found optimism at this football club.

The fact that we are unbeaten in our last three league games might not be information to have other clubs quaking in their boots but I can tell you something, if we continue to get seven points from a possible nine on a regular basis then we'll climb this table soon enough.

I still find myself relating all our performances to THAT game against Stoke but that's not living on past glories. That night was the yardstick against which we have to measure ourselves for the rest of the season and, although we slipped up against Canvey Island and perhaps under performed against Chesterfield, we do look to be heading in the right direction once more.

The win at Northampton last week was an excellent performance from the lads and showed that the confidence is starting to creep slowly back into the club again. My only slight disappointment was that we didn't go three or four up after half-time but that's only a minor complaint that has come about due to our great showing in the first period.

We had effort and commitment there in abundance and our passing is looking slicker and more controlled. Our morale has taken a bit of a bashing this season and it takes time to rebuild that so everyone at the club, including the players, staff and fans, have all had to show tremendous patience.

Now we can see the light at the end of the tunnel but it's very important that no-one gets carried away too early. We aren't yet reaching our full potential and are still being hit by the odd setback, so it is vital that feet remain on the ground for today's clash with Swindon.

I have a lot of respect for their manager Roy Evans, who was the reserve team coach when I started my playing career at Liverpool in the '80s. He was always a hard task master but taught me a lot about football in my time there. Hopefully I can buy him a drink to drown his sorrows after the game!

Enjoy the game,
Paul Jewell





Stick it on the Net



Great Goal? Dirty foul? Dodgy penalty decision? As an ITV Digital customer you decide all from the comfort of your own living room with ITV Active.

ITV Active is ITV Digital's interactive service that gives you, the viewer, access to the internet, the chance to send and receive emails and the ability to shop and bet online all through your TV.

The ITV Sport Channel offers 135 exclusive live games from the UEFA Champions League, Nationwide Football League and Worthington Cup, South American World Cup Qualifiers and a host of dedicated sports programming.

With ITV Active's innovative Big Picture*, you can tune into any live match on the ITV Sport Channel and read what other armchair pundits have to say. ITV Active offers you the chance to get involved like never before with live betting, a daily quiz and the hottest talking points in the game.

Our resident Sports Editor will be in the studio to keep the debate lively. You and your friends send in your views using ITV Active's Talkback facility and see your comments appear on the screen during the game.



FOOTBALL

1

Saturday Nights

Extended highlights and analysis of the First Division's best matches.

FOOTBALL FOOTBALL

2

3

Sunday Mornings

A detailed review programme, presented live from the ground hosting the main Saturday afternoon clash.

■ Matchday – Friday Nights

A preview show offering everything the fan needs to know about the weekend's fixtures.

■ On-the-Road

The ultimate rough guide with facts and figures about the town you plan to visit.

■ Do I not know that? (Quiz)

Teams from Football League, Premiership and Scottish Premier League clubs take part in the ultimate footie quiz.

■ Terry Venables Masterclass

Good old fashioned football sense from one of the world's most respected coaches.

■ Heroes and Villains

What ever happened to those great characters from the past?

■ GOAL! Wednesday Nights

All the week's goals.

■ South American World Cup Highlights

As well as live games from the South American World Cup there are additional highlights of all the other games.



To subscribe to ITV Digital and ITV Active
call **0808 100 0101**

With the ITV Sport Channel and Sky Sports 1, 2 & 3
ITV Digital is the new home of football.



ITV Digital is subject to status, terms and coverage. The ITV Sport Channel is a subscription channel and is currently unavailable on DTT in N. Ireland
*Service only available around Nationwide, Worthington Cup and Premier pay-per-view games on the ITV Sport Channel.



a closer look at
today's visitors

Swindon Town

A closer look at this afternoon's visitors Swindon Town

Nickname - The Robins

Honours - Division Two Champions 1993/94, Division Four Champions 1985/86, Football League Cup Winners 1969

Best Performance

League - 22nd F A Premier League 1993/94

League Cup - Winners 1969

F A Cup - Semi-finals 1910, 1912

Record Transfer Fee paid - £800,000 to West Ham United for Joey Beauchamp - August 1994

Record Transfer Fee Received - £1,500,000 from Manchester City for Kevin Hurlock - January 1997

Club Colours - Red shirts, white shorts, red socks.

Club Sponsors - Nationwide Building Society

Kit Sponsors - Xara

After five matches without a victory, it was back to winning ways on Tuesday night as the Robins defeated Wrexham 3-1 at home to lift themselves one place up in the table. An early strike by Eric Sabin giving them the perfect start, the Frenchman answering manager's Roy Evans prematch teamtalk.

"I keep talking about the importance of a good start. Silly goals have cost us too often this season. We have been in a nice position with regard to the league, but we have started to let that slip in the last five matches. Three points would certainly make our position a lot more comfortable. And will follow up the decent performance against Brighton."

The match against the league leaders last Saturday saw summer signing Eric Sabin net his first goal in English football and manager Evans believes there is a lot more to come.

"He's made a good start with the club and then got injured and needed an operation. Only now is he beginning to look somewhere near his best but he is still not fully fit. Once he gets that back, he could prove to be a real asset."

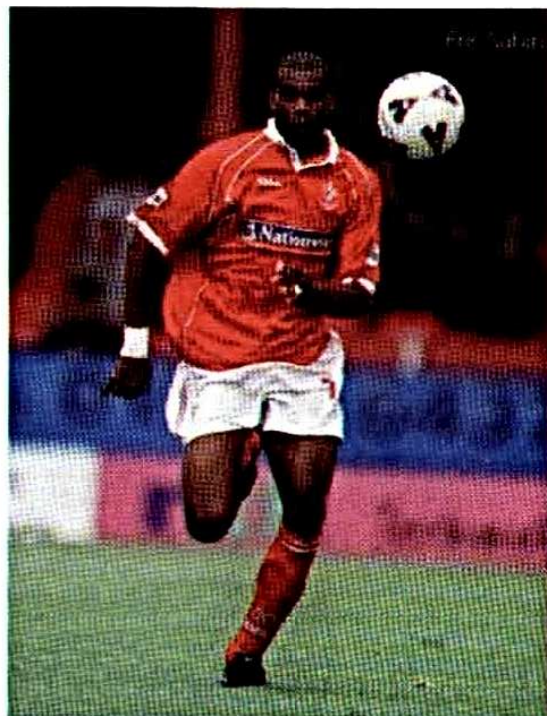
The improving performances at the County ground followed on from three straight defeats including a 4-0 reversal in their last away match at Queens Park Rangers. On their travels the Robins have enjoyed a mixture of results including a 3-1 win at Reading, while suffering another

heavy defeat at Chesterfield in October.

Their visits to this area have seen a 3-0 win recorded at Bury, while only a last minute penalty miss at Blackpool last month saw them lose out 1-0.

The ongoing uncertainty off the pitch means the manager cannot go into the transfer market and bring in new faces. Tuesday night saw his squad reduced by injuries to just seventeen players, lynchpin of the defence Neil Ruddock not available this afternoon because of a one-match ban following five yellow cards.

Evans and player coach Ruddock were brought in by then Chairman Danny Donegan to replace Andy King in August. However following a High Court ruling last month which saw Donegan step down, the club have no directors, an EGM called for next Saturday to appoint a new board with a consortium including former jockey Willie Carson likely to take control.



visiting our website? **win with wiganbet**

GOALKEEPER**Bart Griemink**

Giant keeper who previous manager Colin Todd recruited on a Bosman transfer in the summer of 2000. Ever-present this season, the former Dutch under 21 year old spent a loan spell at the County ground in February 2000. Came into English football in 1995, when recruited by Barry Fry for Birmingham City, following him to Peterborough United in October 1996. Fine shot stopper who commands his area well.

DEFENDERS**Sol Davis**

A solid tough-tackling left back and always gives 100% commitment to the team. A product of the youth system, making his debut in 1997 just after his 18th birthday. Fast approaching a century of appearances for his only club.

Andy Gurney

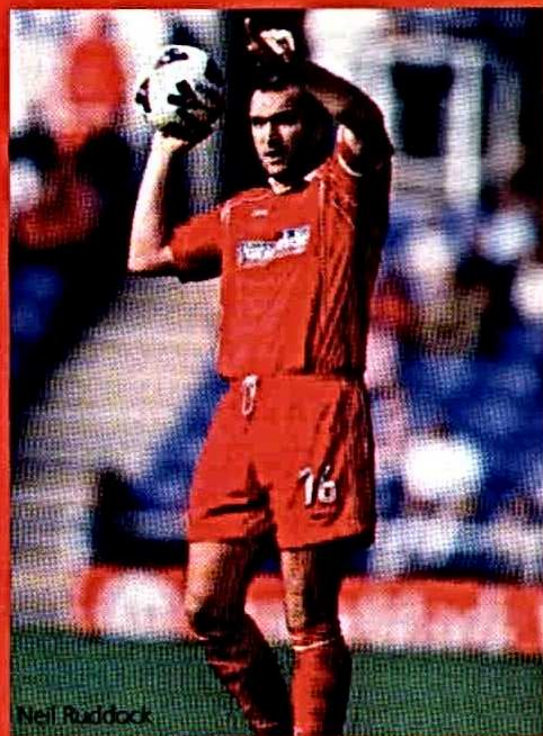
Solid attacking right-back recruited on a free transfer in June from Reading. A virtual ever present, he scored his first goal for the club in the home draw against Tranmere Rovers. Made a century of league appearances for his home city club Bristol Rovers before his £100,000 move to the Madejski Stadium in January 1999.

Matthew Heywood

Promising young central defender recruited from Burnley at the start of the year on a free transfer. A product of the youth scheme at Turf Moor, he never established himself as a regular. A strong tackler, good in the air he has only missed a couple of games this season.

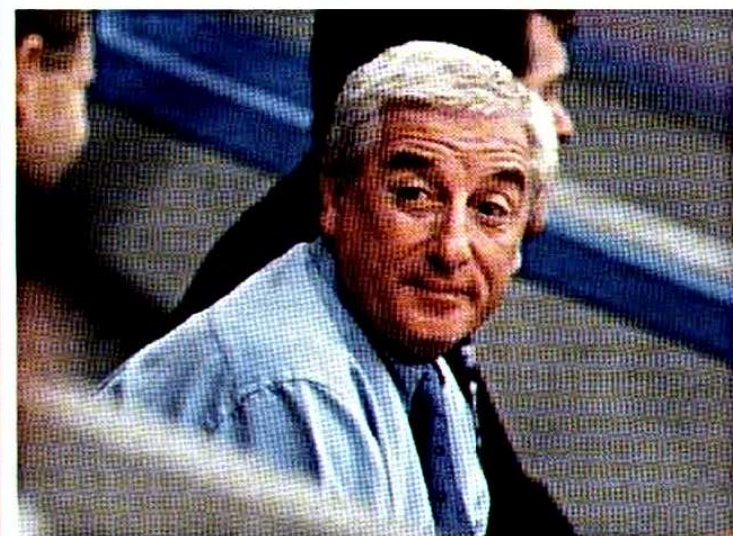
Mark Robinson

Has been the club's right back for the last six seasons making over 200 league starts for the club. Club captain, he cost the club £600,000 following his move from Newcastle United in July 1994. Started his career with West Bromwich Albion, Newcastle paying



Neil Ruddock

The Manager



Name - Roy Evans

Born - Bootle

Date of Birth - 4th October 1948

Management Record

Team	From	To	Games	W	D	L
Swindon Town	03.08.01	present	21	8	8	5
Liverpool	28.01.94	12.11.98	244	123	58	63

The last of the "boot room" managers at Anfield, Roy is the archetypal one club man serving Liverpool for thirty-three years. A very successful reserve team manager during Liverpool glory years, he moved onto first team coach, becoming Graham Souness assistant in 1993, before taking over in charge in the 1993/94 season. Preferring to promote the young players, Steve McManaman and Robbie Fowler were given their first-team opportunities.

Dismissed in November 1998 following an uneasy partnership with Gerald Houllier as joint manager, Roy spent a temporary stint at Fulham helping former player Karl Heinz Riedle. Following three years away, Roy returned to management at the start of this season, replacing Andy King. One link with Liverpool still remains, Roy naming Neil Ruddock as his assistant.

£450,000 to Barnsley for his services in 1993.

Adam Willis

Steve McMahon's last signing for the club, the centre back has now completed fifty league starts for the Robins since his free transfer in April 1998. A former trainee with Coventry City, who has also spent a loan spell with Mansfield Town.

MIDFIELD**Wayne Carlisle**

Speedy right sided midfielder or wing-back, who has represented his country Northern Ireland at both youth and under 21 level. Currently on loan from Crystal Palace having graduated through the youth ranks at Selhurst Park. Scored in the 1-1 away draw at Wycombe Wanderers.

David Duke

Neal left-footed player with a useful long throw who has featured both at

**SOME GAMES
LEAVE YOU HIGH.**

**SOME GAMES
LEAVE YOU LOW.**

**SOME GAMES
JUST NEVER
LEAVE YOU.**



full back and in a wider midfield role since making his league start in the opening game of last season. Recruited on a free transfer from Sunderland in August 2000. Red carded in the 0-3 home defeat by Cardiff City in October.

Matthew Hewlett

An attacking player once tipped for the top when called into the England Under 21 squad during his time with Bristol City. Injuries restricted his time at Ashton Gate to just over a century of league starts after coming up through the youth ranks. Recruited by Colin Todd on a Bosman style transfer, he has been an ever-present so far, his only goal so far coming in a 2-0 away win at Port Vale.

Bobby Howe

Strong running attacking player who is now in his fourth season with the club. A former Nottingham Forest trainee who has also played for Ipswich Town while on a loan spell at Portman Road. An achilles injury saw him miss most of the second-half of last season.

Paul McAreevey

Former trainee who has graduated through the youth ranks, signing a twelve-month contract in the summer. Has represented Northern Ireland at under 21 level. Spent a loan spell with Kilkenny City last season.

STRIKERS

Berti Bayley

Young player who arrived in the summer on a short contract following his free transfer from West Ham United. At his time at Upton Park, he scored a hat trick in a FA Youth Cup final playing alongside Joe Cole and Michael Carrick. Also enjoyed loan spells with Queens Park Rangers and Spurs.

Giuliano Grazioli

Top scorer this season with six goals in thirteen starts including a brace in the win at home against Colchester United in October. A pacy, enthusiastic player recruited by Barry Fry for Peterborough United from non-league football. Signed in July 1999 after scoring against the club while on loan with Stevenage Borough. Sent-off on the opening day of the campaign against Peterborough United.

Danny Invinible

The find of last season after being spotted by Colin Todd while playing in a trial period for West Ham United. Netted regularly during the campaign, finishing the season as top scorer and has continued this campaign with three league goals. Best at running defenders, he possess great pace. Missed a last minute penalty in the 1-0 away defeat at Blackpool last month.

Eric Sabin

Recently returned to the side after missing two months of action following a knee injury. Skilful French player signed up in the summer to replace Gary Alexander, who joined Hull City in the close season. Recruited from Wasquehal signing a two-year deal at the County ground. Scored his first goal in English football last Saturday against Brighton.



Form Guide

Last Five League Results

Date	Opp	V	Res	Scorers
03 Nov	Stoke City	H	0-3	
10 Nov	Blackpool	A	0-1	
21 Nov	QPR	A	0-4	
24 Nov	Brighton	H	1-1	Sabin 58
27 Nov	Wrexham	H	3-1	Sabin 5, Invinible 28, Heywood 60

Month to Month Form Guide

Mth	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aug	4	1	1	2	4	5	4
Sep	7	3	3	1	8	7	12
Oct	4	2	1	1	6	5	7
Nov	5	1	1	3	4	10	4

Season's Record

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A
Home	10	4	3	3	11	12
Away	10	3	3	4	11	15

League Appearances 2001/02 Season

Player	Starts	Subs	Goals
Eric Brayley	0	7	0
Wayne Carlisle	6	1	1
Gareth Davies	0	2	0
Sal Davies	4	2	0
David Duke	19	1	1
Nathan Edwards	5	1	1
Paul Edwards	4	0	0
Giuliano Grazioli	13	2	6
Bert Gremmink	20	0	0
Andy Gurney	19	0	1
Matthew Hewlett	20	0	1
Matthew Heywood	16	2	1
Bobby Howe	15	1	0
Danny Invinible	17	3	4
Paul McAreevey	0	4	0
Keith O'Halloran	6	0	2
Joe Osei-Kuffour	4	7	2
Alan Reeves	11	0	0
Mark Robinson	3	1	0
Steve Robinson	14	2	0
Eric Sabin	9	1	2
Adam Willis	2	0	0

An energetic midfielder, who fully justifies his nickname of "turbo", Steve Robinson is this afternoon's player to watch

one to watch

Name - Steve Robinson
Born - Nottingham
Height - 5'9"
Weight - 11.3
Squad Number - 25

Tough-tackling right-footed player recruited in a £50,000 deal from Birmingham City in February. A former trainee at St Andrews, he broke into the Blues first team under Barry Fry, but was constantly dogged by injuries that limited his first team chances.

An automatic choice following his move, Steve is a player who likes to win the ball and use the ball sensibly. Endeared himself to home fans with two expertly struck volleys to secure a 2-0 win at local rivals Oxford United last season.

25



 **DIADORA**
PASSIONE TOTALE



colourplan

... we know your game

Colourplan Design & Print

Tel: (01744) 23868

E-Mail: colourplan@btconnect.com

ISDN: (01744) 752956

Fax: (01744) 753316

Designers and Printers of this publication

Colourplan
design & print

A Week On The Web

Here's a look at the exclusive stories we've been breaking on

www.wiganathletic.tv this week:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Latics manager Paul Jewell has admitted the player he has made a bid to sign is Blackpool striker Brett Ormerod. Chairman David Whelan broke the news that an official bid had been made for a player ahead of the recent clash with Colchester United but Jewell has remained tight lipped over his identity ever since. Now he has admitted an interest in the Blackburn-born front man, who has an impressive strike rate of 18 goals from 24 games this season – including the hat-trick which knocked Wigan out of the Worthington Cup in August.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Lee Ashcroft is the latest to join the Latics injury list as manager Paul Jewell prepares his troops for a tough trip to rock bottom Northampton. After earning just a win and a draw from four consecutive home matches, Wigan are desperate to kick start their stuttering season with a vital three points at Sixfields Stadium. But they will have to cope without battling midfielder Ashcroft, who picked up a groin injury in the 1-1 draw with Chesterfield on Tuesday night.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Latics continue to impress away from the JJB Stadium with a 2-0 win at Northampton. Simon Haworth hits the headlines with a magnificent strike from outside the box which takes him to joint third in the all-time list of Latics goalscorers. Tony Dinning grabs the first goal with a far post header after great work from Jeff Kenna down the left flank.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Latics boss Paul Jewell said his side must now build on their away form by improving their disastrous record at the JJB Stadium. Wigan recovered from their recent home disappointments against Canvey Island and Chesterfield to triumph 2-0 over Northampton at the Sixfields Stadium. But Jewell has suffered enough set backs this season to know not to get too carried away with an isolated victory and was keen for his charges to show more of the same commitment against Swindon next week. Speaking after the game, he said: "They were two super goals and their 'keeper had to pull off two or three great saves. Now we have to take that form into our home games."

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Latics skipper Arjan De Zeeuw will have to wait to find out when he will serve his suspension after picking up his fifth yellow card of the season. De Zeeuw's booking was the only black spot in the 2-0 win at Northampton Town on Saturday and earned him an automatic one-match ban.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

But which game that will be is still uncertain. The rules state that it must be the first game played at least 14 days after the indiscretion which, as it stands, would be away to Oldham on December 15. That could change though if the re-arranged clash with Notts County, originally scheduled for Tuesday night, is played in the week leading up to that game.

Latics manager Paul Jewell has admitted the club's chances of signing Brett Ormerod may have disappeared completely.

Hopes were high a week ago that Wigan's £1.5million bid for the Blackpool striker would be accepted as Jewell looked to boost his squad with the capture of a prolific front man.

"We have had a response faxed back and Blackpool wanted a few extra bits and pieces – quite substantial bits and pieces!" he said.

"We have offered £1.5million but their chairman has turned it down and that's it. I think they probably just wanted us involved to create a bit of an auction and raise his selling price."

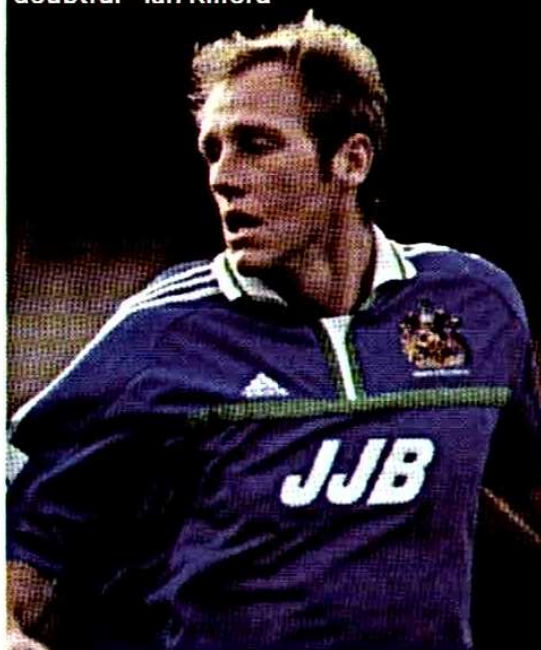
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Wigan Athletic could be set to plunge into the loan market as suspension, injury and illness tear a massive hole in their midfield.

With Tony Dinning starting his four match ban for his sending off against Canvey Island and Lee Ashcroft also sidelined after seeing red, Latics head into this weekend's clash with Swindon Town without a further two midfield stars.

Ian Kilford remains doubtful as he continues to recover from a hip injury, while Ged Brannan is fighting off flu and will struggle to recover in time for the game at the JJB Stadium on Saturday.

doubtful - Ian Kilford



visiting our website? **win with wiganbet**



The NEW internet site from Wigan Athletic and exclusive stories

Casting The Net

After that mad spell of four home games in 11 days, it now seems like an age since our last programme notes but I can assure you we've been hard at work in that time. One of the most important aspects of the website, which many users have rightly drawn our attention to, is the messageboard section. This has, regrettably, been one of our more neglected areas of the site in the past but all that has changed over recent weeks, with teams of technicians working tirelessly to implement a revamped system more compatible with our new-look website.

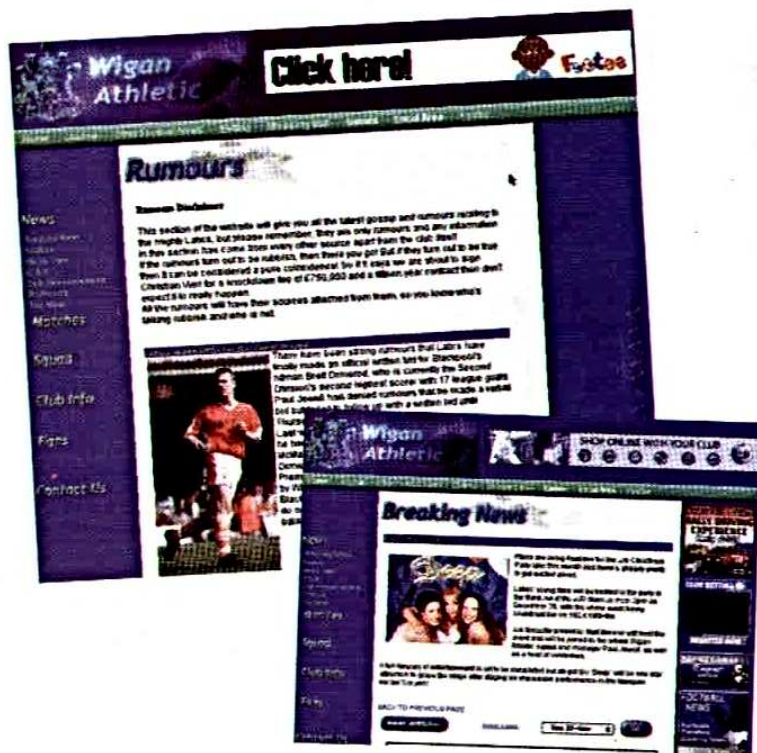
One of the main complaints was the actual look and feel of the messageboards but that problem looks set to be eradicated as the section undergoes a complete facelift, staggered over the next two months.

The first re-design should be launched by mid-December and, apart from looking a sight more attractive, this will allow users to read the messageboard without having to register – a major gripe of many fans so far this year. Anyone wishing to post a message will have to log in but this takes little time and costs nothing.

The next stage is to introduce what are known in the business as hierarchical threads. This basically allows you to reply to individual posts and is another method of improving the functionality of the section. This should come on line by mid January.

Finally, the completely revamped messageboard is due to be launched by the end of January with a state-of-the-art split screen view which should put us at the forefront of messageboard technology. Also, a spokesman from inside the club will regularly be checking the messageboard and responding frankly to your comments to promote lively but well-informed debate on a daily basis.

With all these new measures installed for the fans' benefit, we hope you can start spreading the gospel to drive more traffic through the site and help make this venture a success. Who knows? By introducing five friends to the website, you could earn us the extra few pounds to pay for our next big signing. In the meantime, here's what's been hitting the on-line headlines recently.....



102.4 WISH

fm

The Best Variety of Hits!



Sports coverage worth shouting about!

**Follow Latics on their travels with
FULL 90 MINUTES COMMENTARY**

WISH FM's Matt McCann

Swindon Town - A match to remember

102.4 WISH ^{fm}

In the last 3 years crushing disappointment in the play offs is something we've become accustomed to. If we were to do a straw poll of teams that have caused us the most heartache names like Man City, Gillingham and Reading would quite rightly figure high up on the list. But the team that inflicted the first play off sickener on Latics is today's opponents Swindon Town. Now this may make painful reading for some of you but please bare with me, it might prove therapeutic!!!

The year is 1987, the month is May and the venue is the glorious Springfield Park. After a magical season under Ray Mathias Latics have finished 4th in Division Three (or Division Two as it's known now) and qualified for the FIRST EVER play offs. We would face Swindon Town, who had finished just one place above Latics in the table, over two legs for a place in the play off final. The season had already seen Latics make headlines in the FA Cup by reaching the 5th round of the competition for the first time and beating teams like Hull City and Norwich on the way. So confidence was sky high as the match approached.

The first leg was in Wigan and the match is still to this day one of the most dramatic and memorable in the clubs history. It was a tremendous summers evening as Latics began their attempt to make history and reach English football's Division Two (or Division One in today's language). With Springfield Park full to bursting Latics started like Brazil and tore Swindon to pieces.

Chris Thompson got the match off to the perfect start by hammering in a 25 yard screamer at the Shevington End. Now, as is the case with most famous footballing stories, the length of Tommo's shot will depend on who you ask. I've heard people say it was as far out as 35 yards when fuelled with alcohol and talking about the match. Maybe in the year 2011 the shot will be back towards the half way line in people's tales. But it matters not!!!! The goal was a screamer and Latics had the perfect start.

Things were to get even better though. While most people inside Springfield Park were still raving about Thompson's cracker Latics went 2 up. With just 15 minutes of the game gone Barry Knowles had a free kick on the edge of the box, which proved too hot to handle for Swindon keeper Fraser Digby who had to parry the ball clear. David Lowe showed those legendary quick reactions that helped him grab 66 goals for Latics and put the ball in the back of the net for 2-nil. Now I'd love the story to stop here and that we all lived 'happily



ever after' but the fairytale was not to have a happy ending. From half time onwards it was all to go horribly wrong.

Early in the second half Latics had the chance that could have settled the tie and guess who the chance fell to??? Yep, our current manager Mr Jewell!!!! Paul, who was a little more spritely in those days, raced onto a slack back pass from Swindon's Phil King and was one on one with the keeper - but with his back to goal and at a nasty height, Paul elected to chip the ball over an advancing Fraser Digby, who somehow managed to pull off a magnificent save to deny Latics a 3-nil lead. Paul can still remember the incident as vividly as ever and the pain is still read. When I asked him about it during the week his initial reaction was 'I MISSED A SITTER WHEN WE WERE 2 NIL UP' but I think the majority of fans in the ground would admit that credit should go to Fraser Digby for the save rather than blame to Paul for the miss.

The rest as they say is history. Swindon staged the fight back of all fight backs and won the first leg at Springfield Park 3-2 with a barnstorming last twenty minutes, and followed up with a goalless draw at The County Ground to secure their passage.



visiting our website? **win with wiganbet**

action replay



Northampton Town 0
Wigan Athletic 2



A screamer from Simon Haworth earned him a place among the Latics legends as well as a crucial three points at the Sixfields Stadium.

Haworth's strike took him into double figures for the season and into joint third place on the all-time Wigan Athletic goalscorers chart, alongside Brian Griffiths and Graeme Jones.

Wigan started the game confidently and dominated the play for large periods of the first half, with calm passing through the midfield and a reasonably solid back four.

Northampton were left ruing a string of missed chances after 27 minutes when Jeff Kenna beat his marker with a beautifully crafted back flick before crossing superbly for Dinning to nod the ball home at the far post.

Haworth, after a quiet opening period, finally started to show his wares and only a magnificent save from Town 'keeper Keith Welch halted his wonderful turn and shot.

Welch, though, could do nothing to stop a quite simply breathtaking effort from the Welshman after 58 minutes.

Haworth picked up the ball 25 yards out, beat his man and launched a curling strike into the top corner for another showpiece strike to add to his collection.



Wigan Athletic 1
Chesterfield 1



Latics let a lucky lead slip to drop another two points at home against the Spireites.

Neither side could break the deadlock in a scrappy opening period which failed to enthuse the 4,071 fans – the lowest league attendance ever at Latics' new home.

The battle of half-chances continued into the second period and with the match heading ominously towards a dull stalemate, Latics grabbed a fortunate lead which sparked the game into some semblance of life.

Substitute Peter Kennedy chased a Liddell through ball after 65 minutes but always looked second best to Rob Edwards until the Chesterfield defender inexplicably pushed the ball past his helpless 'keeper and into the bottom right hand corner.

The lead, though, lasted just five minutes as Jon Howard was given an eternity on the edge of the box to bring a high cross under control and volley superbly past a rooted Stillie.

With Simon Haworth back from an ankle injury as a second half substitute, Latics pushed for a late winner but created few chances of any substance, with Liddell restricted to a powerful strike from outside the box which sailed harmlessly over.





Pictures courtesy of Pete Norton



visiting our website? **win with wiganbet**



news and views after the match
against Northampton Town

Post Match Press

PAUL JEWELL

"I am delighted to have another away victory under are belts. They were two great goals and their keeper had to pull off two or three great saves. Our away form has actually been quite good, I think only Oldham have scored more goals away from home than us but we have got to take our away form into our home matches.

I don't like to single out any individual performances but as a team I thought we looked solid right from the start and never looked in any danger of losing the game."

SIMON HAWORTH

"I have been fortunate to score a few good goals. I got the ball, was tempted to cross it but took another touch and saw that the keeper was off his line. I caught it well enough, so I was pleased with the goal, but more pleased that we got three points. I'm feeling confident at the moment, I have know got ten goals before Christmas, It is nice to be back playing and winning after missing a couple of games out through injury."

KEVIN BROADHURST

"Their finishing was more clinical than ours. We got into good areas but we have to be more ruthless. We worked our socks off. Wigan are a top three side with quality all over the pitch. They will be up there at the end of the season. We matched them in most areas but lacked a cutting edge."



The acceptable face of Wigan Athletic was on show once more at the Sixfields Stadium. Paul Jewell's Jeckyll and Hyde outfit picked up their third consecutive away win and the fourth of the campaign as they continued to confound their supporters with displays away from the JJB Stadium.

Manchester Evening News

Paul Jewell hopes that Wigan can finally go on a sustained promotion push after seeing his side overpower lowly Northampton Town. Goals from Tony Dinning and Simon Haworth were enough for their fourth away win, skipper Arjan De Zeeuw and his mean defence meant it was a quiet day for keeper Derek Stillie.



"... I was pleased with the goal, but more pleased that we got three points."



This day in history ... the games and players from the past - by Geoff Lea

A look back in History



BORN THIS WEEK

Name - David Glenn

Date of Birth - 30th November 1962

A member of the memorable League Cup encounter against Aston Villa twenty years ago to the day, Wigan born David always had a burning ambition to play for local side. Having wrote to the club during the summer prior to our Football League election, David is in the Latics history books as the club's first ever apprentice professional.

David's first team debut arrived as a substitute against Port Vale at home

in September 1981, the right winger making his first start also at Springfield Park in a defeat by Bournemouth a couple of months later. The final match of the 81/82 campaign saw him notch his first goal, scoring two in a 4-4 away draw at Scunthorpe United.

The promotion 1982/83 season saw him prove quite an asset, following his conversation to the left-back role starting thirty five times under manager Larry Lloyd as the club moved up to Division Three.

Our first season in the higher division saw David reunited with former manager Ian McNeill, spending a month on loan at Chelsea in what was to be his last season with the club.

Season 1983/84 saw him move up another division signing a two-year deal with Blackburn Rovers, before teaming up with several former Latics players, when Harry McNally took him to Chester City.

Sadly his second season at Sealand Road saw him suffer a terrible knee injury, which required six operations and was to keep him out of football for eighteen months, before taking the decision to retire from the game. An opportunity arose to spend two years playing football in Australia along with another former Latics player John Lowey, returning to the shores in 1991.

Married to wife Beverley with two stepsons Peter and Lewis, David who lives in Standish is a successful financial consultant for one of the leading high street banks, having worked for the company since 1993.



Tuesday 01st December 1981

Football League Cup 4th Round

Wigan Athletic (1) 1 Houghton

Aston Villa (0) 2 Cowans pen, Withe

For 45 minutes at Springfield Park, one of the greatest shocks in League Cup history was brewing. Then our triumph turned to tragedy in the cruellest possible way.

A disputed penalty and a goal tragic enough to make you cry ended our gallant hopes against the mighty league champions. Before the biggest crowd for ten seasons, Larry Lloyd's tactics were right on the night, they harassed and hustled Villa's outfit of international stars, enjoying the magic

moment after just nine minutes when we took the lead.

Graham Barrow, so often the instigator of so much in the Latics midfield headed on David Glenn's free kick into the path of Peter Houghton and the 27 year old raced forward and lobbed the ball perfectly over keeper Jimmy

Rimmer.

Then for forty-five more nerve tingling moments, we held our might against the best from the then first division before Villa cashed in on that bit of cup luck. In the 55th minute, Gary Shaw broke through, pushed the ball too far ahead as Roy Tunks came diving at his feet.

Shaw fell over Tunk's as the ball was running into touch and the referee gave a harsh penalty, which Gordon Cowans gratefully accepted.

Clive Evans brought out a tremendous save out of Rimmer before Kenny Swain came to the Midlander's rescue deflecting a Houghton goal bound effort over the crossbar.

With a replay looming, disaster struck just three minutes from time. Man of the match Colin Methven slipped to let in Gary Shaw and the striker crashed in a drive from twelve yards that Tunks saved brilliantly. But the ball dropped back into the path of Peter Withe, who gleefully accepted the second chance to dump us out of the League Cup.

Wigan Athletic

Tunks, McMahon, Glenn, Wignall, Bradd, Methven, Sheldon, Barrow, Quinn, Houghton, Evans, Sub Wright.

Aston Villa

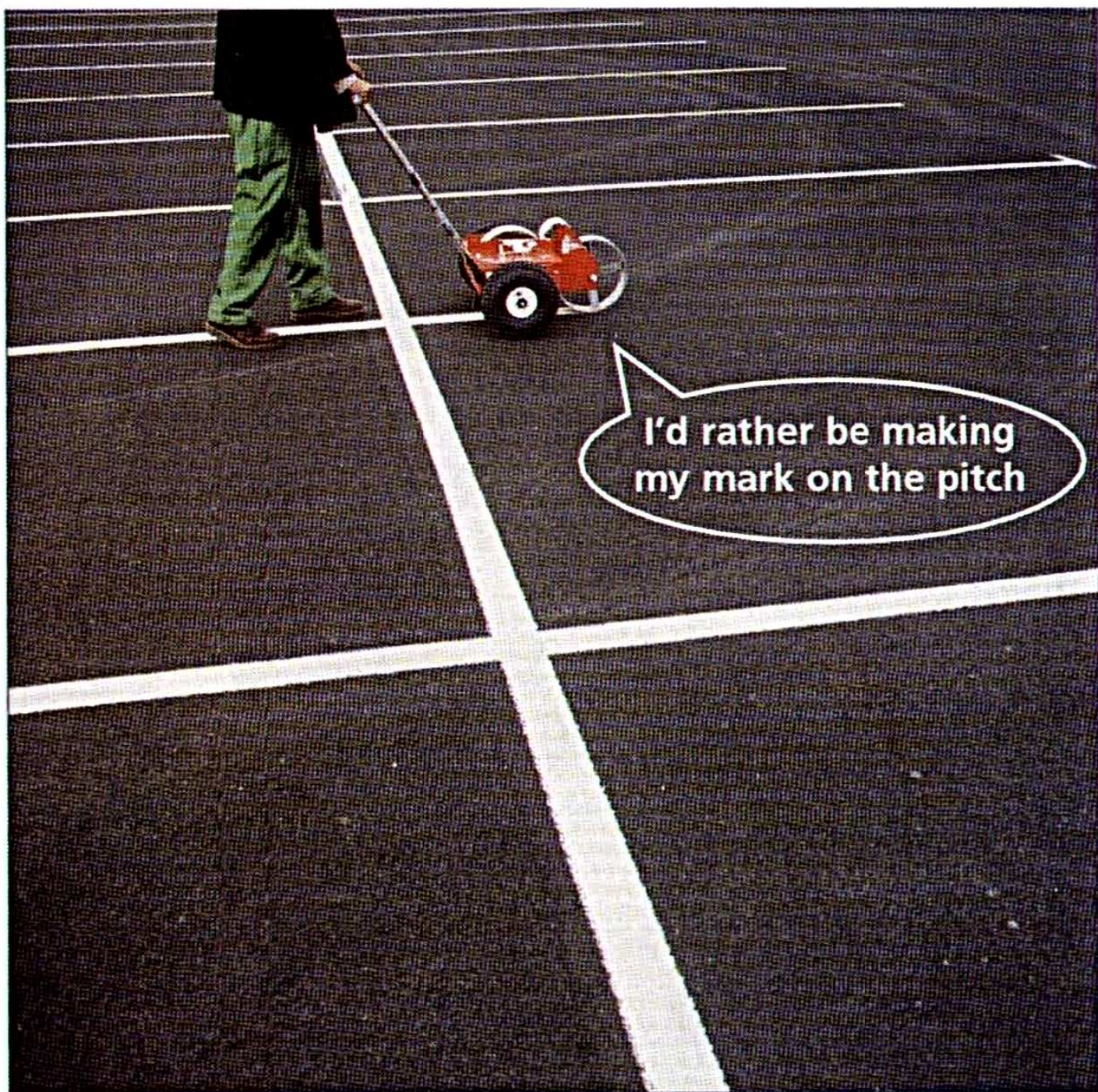
Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, Williams, Deacy, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley, Sub Linton

Referee - D Hutchinson Harrogate

Attendance - 15,362



FOOTBALL



Football matters

www.nationwide.co.uk/football

Nationwide. Underlining the difference

Banking

Credit Card

Insurance

Investments

Loans

Mortgages

Pensions

Savings

GMRs Mark Allen looks at the season so far ...

'may the drama continue'

So here we are on the first weekend of December, just a few months into the season, and already we have experienced enough issues, talking points and drama to cover the whole nine month campaign.

The game almost brought to a grinding halt due to the threat of strike action, the number of managers sacked or 'departed' from their clubs well past the twenty mark, players testing

positive for banned substances, England qualifying for next years World Cup with what proved to be the very last kick of the group stages, referees being accused by managers/players being blamed by referees/players and managers blaming and accusing referees, those marvellous Barthez Blunders (try and keep your face straight Roy!) and now Fergie is refusing to speak to the media because of criticism directed his way from certain quarters.

Now I don't know about you but I can't imagine any other sport providing us with so much drama, entertainment, tension, frustration, anxiety, joy, delight, happiness..... okay so you get the point.

I am sure that you may agree with me though, that nothing else comes close to providing these feelings for so many week in-week out, season in - season out, and long may it continue. It will as well, as long as the national game continues to be played in the same manner.



Fergie ... keeping silent

Going back to Fergie for a moment, his refusal to deal with the media highlights the bravery and honesty displayed by our own Paul Jewell who, despite a tricky and difficult start to the campaign, has never once shirked a press conference. The one that really stands out for me is the home defeat to Canvey Island. Believe me when I say that several managers in the game would have refused to appear in front of the media hordes after a result such as that. But Paul didn't, and credit must be given for that one alone, as well as other awkward situations he has faced when I am sure he would much rather have sat in the bath with a bottle of Booze Plus and let someone else take the flak!

Mark Allen BBC GMR 95.1 & 104.6FM.



visiting our website? **win with wiganbet**

player profile

As your heart drops to the floor when your team concedes a goal, it is easy to convert your sadness into fury and start frantically searching for a scapegoat. But, amid the backlash, try and spare a thought for the poor soul who is always first to start picking up the pieces by plucking the ball from the net. A goalkeeper's lot is not an easy one and is made all the more difficult by the constant proximity to the fans. That means Wigan's Derek Stillie has borne the brunt of the fans' frustration throughout their three up, two down campaign so far. But, speaking to Chris Hall, Stillie said the Blues faithful weren't all that bad.....

So what are Derek Stillie's thoughts on the season so far, then?
It has been a bit of a mixed bag and a real rollercoaster so far. We've had a couple of good results but on the whole we have been more disappointed than anything else.

After finishing high in the table in recent seasons, was the problem that the players expected success this season?
That's what makes it all the more difficult to understand. We have done so well in recent years and there doesn't seem to be any real reason why it's not gone as well as that this season. Hopefully it will just be down to the law of averages and, instead of starting strongly and finishing badly, we will finish this season with a real flourish.

It must have been a fairly traumatic start to the season on a personal level, too. After Roy Carroll left you were promoted to number one 'keeper but then you had to contend with the arrival of Stewart Kerr. How was that?
It was very traumatic but now I'm just delighted to have regained my place in the side and I'm doing everything in my power to stay there. I think everyone knows how happy I have been at this club and the time I have spent here has been great. So as long as I'm playing, I'm very happy to remain at Wigan Athletic. But, in saying that, I have to fight for my place in this team just like everyone else. I'm not under any illusions in that respect.

How pleased have you been with your own performances this season?
I'm quite happy with how it has gone but I'm obviously disappointed not to have kept more clean sheets. As goalkeeper, that's first and foremost in your mind. So I'm quite happy with how I've been playing and hopefully everyone else is as well.

Goalkeepers tend to bear the brunt of the fans' anger during hard times because they are closest to the stands. Have you had to put up with a fair amount of abuse this season?
In general, the fans have been quite supportive. I think we have all been spoilt by the success over recent seasons so the players are every bit as disappointed as the fans are.
So I can understand the fans' frustration at times but, in general, the fans have been great considering the results that they are used to seeing. Hopefully we can get some consistency back and reward the fans for their patience.

Let's enjoy the thought of that Stoke game again. That must have been one of the highlights of your career.
It certainly was. It was just a night when everything seemed to click into place. We scored an early goal and they equalized right away. On other occasions that would have really deflated us but on that night it seemed to spur us on and we went on to put on our best performance not just for this season but for the season before and the one before that!
It was a great game to be involved in and it was the first time we had ever beaten Stoke in my career. We've had a few draws against them but no wins and certainly nothing like that. For it to be as convincing as it turned out to be was very pleasing.

It must have been one of your easiest nights too?
I don't know about that. They did score the goal, hit the post twice and I had to save one shot. So, although on paper it might have seemed like a quiet night, they had enough chances to show they still had a lot of quality in their side and were capable of scoring at any time. We were never really comfortable until the sixth one went in!

That must be one of a goalkeeper's more difficult tasks. Keeping focused when your outfield players are bossing the game for so long.
Our team have been really strong over the past few seasons, so you have to concentrate and focus your mind from the start to cope with the thought that the team you're playing against might only get a couple of attacks in the course of the game. So you need to be ready from the first minute to last.

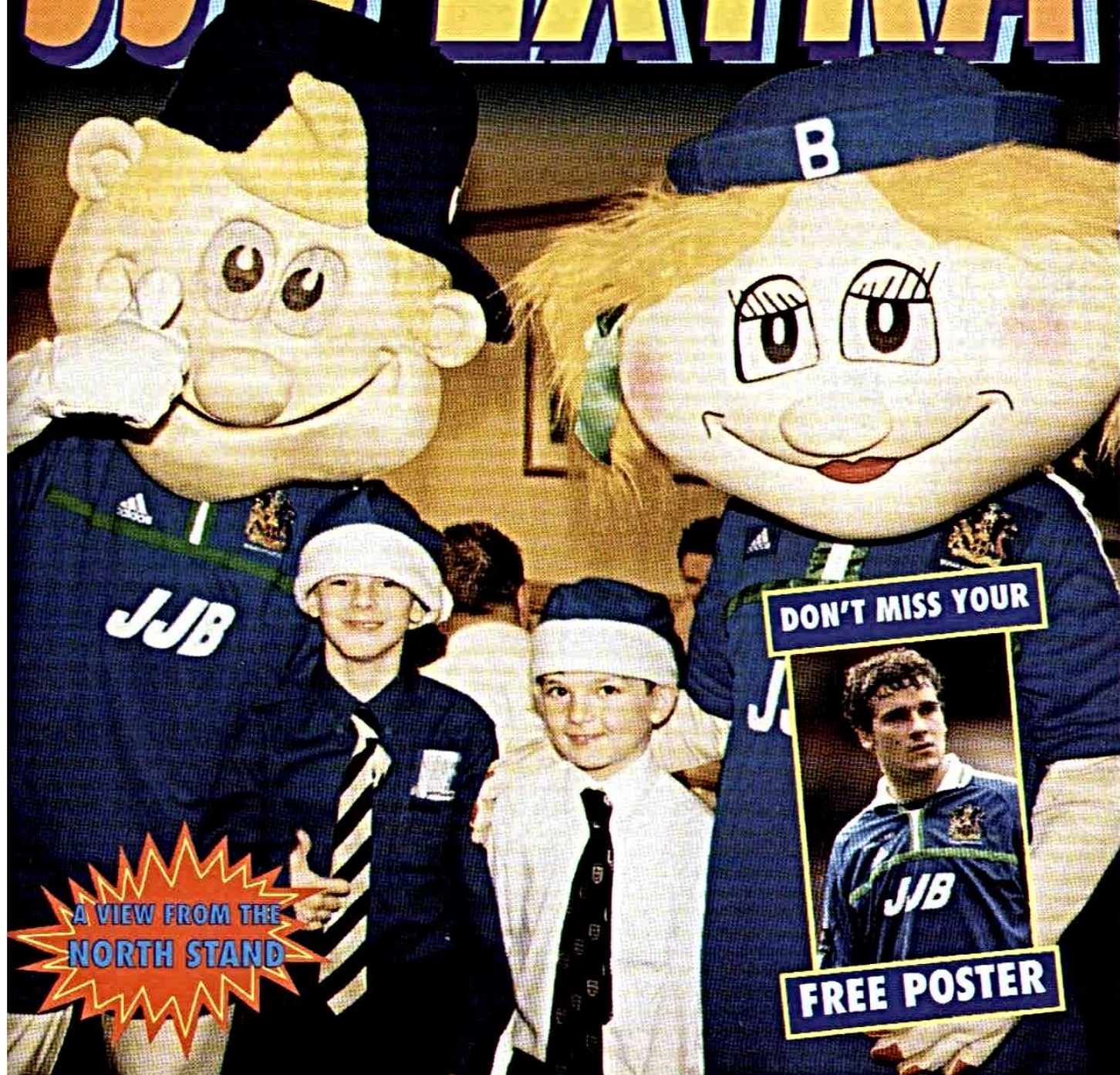
Your goalkeeping colleague Stewart Kerr suffered a pretty nasty back injury a couple of months ago but you must be pleased to see him coming back to health?
Yeah, I don't know when exactly he's coming back but when the accident happened it was very unfortunate and everyone at the club is hoping he'll make a quick recovery. No disrespect to Scott Tynan, who will improve with time, you're not under any real pressure for your place at the moment. Will having Stewart back help you?
There's no doubt that Scott's time is yet to come. He's learning all the time and he's a great prospect for the future. As regards Stewart being back, the club benefited from having myself and Roy Carroll battling it out to a certain extent. I was always putting pressure on Roy to bring the best out of him and I would like to think that myself and Stewart both have good qualities.

Roy must be rubbing his hands together at the moment. With Fabian Barthez really coming in for some stick lately, he must be due for a sustained run in the Man Utd side.
When a goalkeeper makes a mistake, it's always highlighted more than a mistake in general play. So when you are playing in goal for Manchester United and you make a mistake, it's highlighted tenfold.
Roy will be wise enough to know that a couple of mistakes doesn't make Fabian Barthez a bad goalkeeper but if his chance comes, I'm sure he will be ready to take it.

DEREK STILLIE FACTFILE
Date of Birth: 03/12/1973
Place of Birth: Irvine
Position: Goalkeeper
Height: 6ft
Weight: 12st
Career Apps: 81
Latics Apps: 65
Previous Clubs: Aberdeen
Signed On: 01/07/1999
Squad Number: 16

The Official Magazine of the JJ's Matchday Club
sponsored by ASDA

JJ's EXTRA



A VIEW FROM THE
NORTH STAND

DON'T MISS YOUR



FREE POSTER



ASDA



102.4 WISH



UGG
CINEMAS

WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC
present **LIVE** at the

JJB
SPORTS
STADIUM

102.4 WISH fm

Doors Open 1.30pm - Saturday 1st December

JJB CLUB
's

**"Harry Potter
Special"**



Join us today in
the Marquee as we
go Harry Potter
crazy!

With great
giveaways plus your
chance to watch
the film courtesy
of our friends at
UGG Cinemas

Plus a special Harry Potter
edition of 'Challenge Matt'
with Top DJ Matt Monroe

JJB CLUB
's

Enjoy
THE MARQUEE EXPERIENCE

LIVE ON STAGE

Take Two

**MISS IT
MISS OUT**

Matchday
Club

AVAILABLE ONLY TO JJ's MEMBERS

A VIEW FROM THE NORTH STAND

with

MIRANDA

Hey guys,

It's great to be back here again at home at the wonderful JJB Stadium. But when it comes down to picking up points, I would much prefer them playing away from home as past results and performances suggest. Most teams hold a formidable home record and then struggle to pick up points away, but Wigan seem to be quite the opposite as it is our home form that is letting us down and when we travel away that is where we are picking up the majority of our points. But it's just like Wigan to do things the wrong way round.

This was shown through the impressive 2-0 away victory over Northampton this time last week. Even though Northampton sit at the foot of the table the game itself showed that not only can we beat the best in the division, in the shape of Stoke, but also the worst as well. No slip ups occurred this time, as the game saw a screamer from Simon Haworth rocket him into the Wigan Athletic record books. Simon's 10th goal this season has now put him joint third in the all-time Wigan Athletic goal scorers, which he is currently sharing with Brian Griffiths and Graeme Jones respectively. Let's hope that he continues and breaks his impressive and record breaking goal tally this afternoon. The last match here at the JJB wasn't a convincing performance and many of the

fans became frustrated, but it was clear to see that the players were both physically and mentally drained in the 1-1 draw, due to their very heavy workload. But on a more bright and joyful note, before kick off the news was announced that everyone was waiting for and that was that Matt Jackson had decided that he wanted to stay at Wigan and had extended his one month loan contract for another 2 and a half years. Let's hope that Jeff Kenna can follow in Matt's footsteps over the next couple of days and make his shirt 'Kenna No 3' a more permanent sight in the Wigan dressing room. Either way though it will be hard for any of us to forget 'that goal' against Stoke, which arguably could be the best of his career.

As for today, with the whole

country going Harry Potter crazy, and JJ's have joined in with the magic that has cast a spell over the nation. So in the marquee before kick off there is to be staged a Harry Potter fancy dress competition, and it will be interesting to see who will be flying in. So get down there and see what fun and games are going on with JJ, B and the gang.

As for today's match itself, we are up against Swindon Town who are sure to be feeling slightly tired and drained this afternoon, as this is to be their third tough match in only seven days. They are sure to come to the JJB a little bit exhausted and this should be taken full advantage of by stretching them and making them work hard. They are currently sitting just above us in the league, ready and waiting for us to leapfrog them at any moment soon. The match this afternoon not only brings an opportunity for us to put two wins together, which we have been unable to do in the past, but also to put our disastrous home form behind us.

The players, the manager and most importantly us the fans know the team can play well. The players need to take onto the pitch, the right attitude and for everything to click into place on a regular basis. And if the right team runs out today then the three points are sure to be in the bag for the boys in blue.

Yours, Miranda

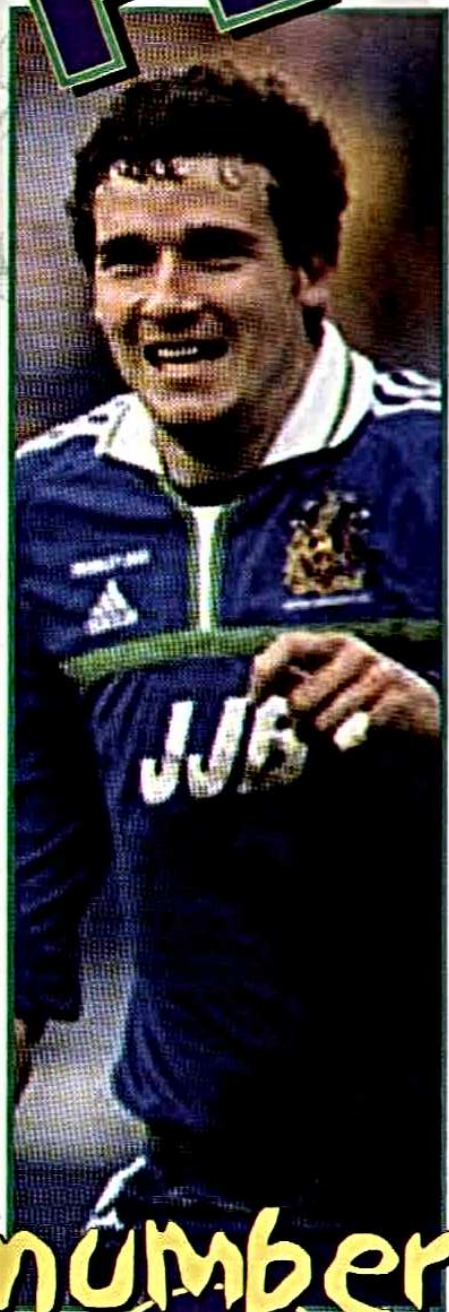
number
9

SIMON HAMMORTH



PLAYER *profile*

Simon Haworth



Date of Birth: 30/3/77

Star Sign: Aries

Favourite Food/Drink: Italian/Coke

Hobbies: Horse Racing

Best Feature: Personality

Worst Habit: Gambling

Best School Subject: P.E.

What is your favourite film: Twin Town

Who was your childhood hero: Ian Rush

Favourite Holiday Destination: Marbella

If you were marooned on a desert island what 3 CDs would you take:

Ocean Colour Scene, Stone Roses, Oasis

Which TV Programme would you most

like to appear in: Only Fools And Horses

What would you most like to be stuck in a lift with: Racing Post

number
9

S F H L F F Y D U D Y L Y F C
 N D U A D E N I R E H T Y L S H
 L O Y Y G R Y D Y R O B P U C E
 F H I L F R E K A T E R A C E R
 E A A T R H I Y F L A M D F S M
 L G M A O E U D Y R E H L R T S
 B R H W E P Y T T O D U R G R G
 M O L G R O D N I F F Y R G A R
 U S A O O I T O P F E L R A W I
 D S M H D T O P Y R R Y A H G D
 S E L F E S R F E F Y R G M O H
 Y F Y H L S Y F L Y I N G A H O
 A O H A B F R R D R A O B P U C
 R R Y Y M O R A U I U N I T O P
 Y P R R U R H H D E T Y L S P O
 Y R A H D P E N O I M R E H S E

Harry Potter



CARETAKER

FLYING

HOGWARTS

CUPBOARD

GRYFFINDOR

MALFOY

DUDLEY

HAGRID

POTION

DUMBLEDORE

HARRY

PROFESSOR

FLUFFY

HERMIONE

SLYTHERIN



Calling all JJ's Members

JJ&B INVITE YOU TO

JJ's Christmas Party

sponsored by

Heinz

Live on 102.4 Wish Fm



102.4 WISH

102.4 WISH

102.4 WISH

102.4 WISH

102.4 WISH

THE MATT MUNROE SHOW LIVE

from The Marquee at the JJB Stadium

Thursday 20th December 2pm - 4pm

featuring

Heinz

PAUL JEWELL

BELTING

and the Wigan Athletic Team

Interviews by Latic's

Fanatic **MATT CANN**

Live on Stage

Pop Trio

Heinz

DEEP



Places are limited to 500!

Admittance by TICKET ONLY

Watch out for your JJ's Christmas card

and invitation in the post.

Enquiries to: WIGAN ATHLETIC

01942 774000

Fun & Games for all! Lots of Prizes!

★ SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES ★



TODAY'S MATCH PATRONS

Sports Network North West



SPORTS VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION

At today's match the "Millennium Volunteers Sports Network North West" is delighted to congratulate the second wave of young people who are celebrating the successful completion of 200 hours of Millennium Volunteering in sports.

TODAYS AWARDS

25 Millennium Volunteers who will be presented with "MV Awards of Excellence" after today's match are:

Hannah Dixon,	Wigan
Yvonne Coldrick,	Stockport
Kathryn Tomaselli,	Skelmersdale
Jamie King,	Liverpool
Peter Spencer,	Liverpool
James Boyle,	St Helens
Emma Buczman,	Rochdale
Nick Cantello,	Poynton
Mark Bradley,	Liverpool
Leeanne Conteh,	Skelmersdale
James Dean,	Birkenhead
Lauren Dobson,	Northwich
Kevin Fasting,	Liverpool
Matthew Goddard,	Heswall
Kevin Holland,	Runcorn
Ben Mitchell,	Rochdale
Martin Prescott,	Wigan
Peter Silcock,	Wallasey
Michelle Sim,	Ormskirk
Leslie Bateson,	Kirkby Lonsdale
Sherry Brown,	Carlisle
David Hoyland,	Barrow in Furness
Jamie Knowles,	Kendal
Jonathan Benn,	Barrow in Furness
Neil Cameron,	Kendal

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to every one of you who has spent 200 hours, and often more, of your spare time to coach junior sports teams, to lead physical activity sessions in primary schools and youth clubs, to assist with holiday play schemes, to referee or judge at sports events, to help organise new sports tournaments and festivals, to help your PE teacher run after school clubs and generally give more young people the opportunity to get involved in sport in the North West.

MILLENNIUM VOLUNTEERS SPORTS NETWORK NORTH WEST

- *Encourages young people aged 16-24 years to make a difference to their community through volunteering.
- *Offers recognition on completion of 100 and 200 hours of voluntary activity in sport.
- *Assists volunteers to plan and deliver sports activities via a Sports Volunteer Plan.
- *Support sports volunteering activities such as Coaching, Refereeing, Marshalling, Travelling to and from, Planning Activities, Sports Research, Committee Work, Fundraising.
- *Encourages personal development through uptake of volunteering related training, eg., NGB Leadership & Coaching Awards, Sports Development Courses.
- *Offers out of pocket expenses to volunteers and their mentors.
- *Supports communication between young people involved in sports volunteering and the promotion of volunteering opportunities throughout the region.



ARE YOU INTERESTED?

If you are interested or would like further details, contact:

Lynn Bellard, MV Counties Co-Ordinator for Cheshire & Merseyside

Mobile Tel: 07940 564836

Email: lynn@lb-mvsport.org.uk or check out our website @ www.mvsport.co.uk

WELL DONE FROM EVERYONE AT WIGAN ATHLETIC

A special congratulations to all the Millennium Volunteers who are joining us today at the JJB Stadium. We are honoured to be chosen for the Sports Volunteer Celebrations. This is the second event staged at the Club and we are looking forward to a third in the new year. This is a tremendous scheme and being in the sports industry we appreciate all the hard work that has to go in to such worthy activities. Enjoy the game today and once again well done to you all.

BRENDA SPENCER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

thank you for your support

marketingmatters



Welcome to Today's Sponsor and Guests

MATCH PATRONS

Sports Network NorthWest
Millennium Volunteers

MATCH PROGRAMME SPONSOR

Stagewear Boutique

TODAY'S GUESTS

Mr Colin Briggs & Guests
JJB Sports Limited
Adidas (UK) Limited
Wigan Borough Partnership
Colourplan Design & Print
Wincanton Logistics
Powerzone
Mr David Clarke & Guests

FORMER Latics PLAYER

Mr Joe Hinnigan

TODAY'S SPONSORED MASCOT

Courtesy of Dorbcrest Homes Limited - James Penk

BUSINESS CLUB MEMBERS

John Smiths
Camba Precision Engineering Limited
Dorbcrest Homes Limited
Fenway Builders
J F Lyon Limited
Mr & Mrs Guest - Acequip Ltd
Mr James & Guests
M & J Lever Limited
Missing Link
Wigan Athletic Supporters & Travel Club

Latics Blues Bar Members

Alan Jolley Design Services Limited
Blackstar Engineering Limited
C & C Baseline Engineering Limited
Colourplan Design & Print
DC Electrical Services Limited
Express Electrical Services
Hesketh Steel Fabrications
Milliken Industrials Limited
Mrs Betty Davies, Mayfair Travel
Mr Ron Waller, Waller Eurosel
Port Petroleum Limited
S & S Supplies Limited
Mrs L Fillingham
Mrs B Taylor



Official Club
Sponsor

Official Kit
Sponsor

Executive
Lounge Sponsor

Family Enclosure
Sponsor

Wigan Athletic
Schools Project

JJ's Asda
Matchday Club

Pre-Match
Entertainment





news from behind the scenes at The JJB

inside JJB

LATICS LEGENDS FLOODING BACK

The formation of a Wigan Athletic Past Players Association is picking up momentum as well as a few famous names along the way. Applications to join the new association, chaired by Latics legend Tommy Gore, are flooding into the JJB Stadium every day, with a string of former greats keen to renew their links with the club. Names such as Joe Hinnigan, ex-manager Ian McNeill and many, many others have been putting themselves forward in time to join the PPA, whose first general meeting takes place in January. Club spokesman John Fillingham said he was impressed by the success of the PPA so far. "We are absolutely delighted with the response from Wigan Athletic's past players," he said. "The early signs are that the new association will get off to a fabulous start when it holds its first official meeting in the New Year."



TOP HONOUR FOR BLUE STU

Wigan Athletic are backing up their aspirations to excellence on the field with an improvement in technical know-how off it. Assistant secretary Stuart Hayton, already the oracle of all things Latics, has now received a Certificate of Higher Education in Professional Football Management from the Southampton Institute.

Stuart, along with representatives from other Football League and Premier League Clubs, attended 16 two-day courses organized by the Institute of Football Managers and Administrators and has completed a similar number of written assignments. He has put a lot of hard work into achieving the qualification, which was

awarded to him at a ceremony in Southampton earlier in the month. Congratulations, Stuart, from everyone at Wigan Athletic.

NO FRENCH CONNECTION

Latics' spies have been frantically researching a possible Surprise Surprise-style reunion to mark today's clash with Swindon Town. Unfortunately, no link has yet been found between the family trees of the Robins' French striker Eric Sabin and famous Wigan fan Brian Sabin. The search continues.....



HAPPY 13TH BIRTHDAY

Chris Wilcox from Ashton-in-Makerfield. Congratulations on becoming a teenager on the 5th December, with lots of love from Mum & Dad, have a lovely day.

WIGAN ATHLETIC SCOREBOARD ADVERTISING

Why not treat your friends or family to a great surprise at a Wigan Athletic match. See your name in lights on the Latics Scoreboard to celebrate birthday's & anniversaries. It's only £5.00 just complete our application form and return to the JJB Stadium.

Wigan Athletic Scoreboard Advertising

name
address
tel no.

message (no more than 15 words)

.....
.....
.....
I would like my message shown on (state match & date)
.....

Payment: £5 cheques payable to: Wigan Athletic AFC.
Return to: Latics Marketing, Wigan Athletic AFC, Robin Park,
Wigan, Lancs WN5 0UZ

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Polite Notice

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 matchday.

Thank you for your co-operation



JOHN SHERRIFF

Good afternoon,
Hopefully we can extend our unbeaten run to four games today, it's looking better and with the Christmas period looming who knows? We can reach the play offs, we are good enough. Give Paul and the lads your full support - let's do the business.
News on the Past Players

Association:- There will be a full meeting in January, all past players will be notified well in advance. Members are coming in steadily. Delighted to hear from Billy Sutherland and Eamon O'Keefe recently. If anyone has news of whereabouts of any of our past players please give a call to myself 01942 244275 or Tommy Gore (Chairman) 01744 603343 - Kenny Morris (Treasurer) 01695 624769 your help is appreciated.

My half time guest today is a guy who joined us in 1975, played 153 non league games, and 66 league games for us. He played in 12 cup games and scored a total of 11 goals. A very accomplished full back, not only a member of our 78/9 squad, but he scored our very first league goal. His talent was recognised and he signed for Sunderland, later to join PNE, Wrexham, Chester. A really nice guy, always gave his all for Latics, still does his bit for the kids football, still lives local. Please welcome onto the pitch at half time - our own JOE HINNIGAN!!! Enjoy your day Joe.

*Meet Joe in the West End club after the game

*Buy your Golden Ball ticket - be in it - win it
Good luck to the lads today, enjoy the game.

Safe journey home

Thanks, John Sherriff



ticket information

How to purchase match tickets...

In Person From The Ticket Office

Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

Matchdays 10am - Kick-Off

We advise supporters to pre-purchase match tickets.

By Post (no cash)

Postal applications are available by sending a letter of application, a stamped addressed envelope along with method payment (cheques and postal orders made payable to Wigan Football Company Limited). In the letter of application state clearly the match, stand, number of tickets and breakdown of adults and concessions. Any bookings received 2 or more days before the fixture is set to be played will be posted out, any after that will be left for collection at the pre-paid collections window situated at the North End of the West Stand.

(Please note that the club accepts no responsibility for tickets either lost or delayed in the postal system.)

By Telephone (MasterCard, Visa, Delta and Switch)

08451 473 227 (local rate) (**£1 administration charge**)

Telephone bookings are available by calling the above ticket hotline. Bookings will be accepted up to 3 hours before kick-off. Have your credit card or switch card details on hand, including valid from and expiry date. Any bookings received 2 or more days before the fixture is set to be played will be posted out, any after that will be left for collection at the pre-paid collections window situated at the North End of the West Stand.

(Please note that the club accepts no responsibility for tickets either lost or delayed in the postal system.)

By Fax

01942 770 466 (**£1 administration charge**)

Fax bookings are available by faxing to the above fax number. State clearly the fixture, stand, number of tickets, breakdown of adults and concessions, credit card or switch card details with expiry and valid from date, full name and postal address. Any bookings received 2 or more days before the fixture is set to be played will be posted out, any after that will be left for collection at the pre-paid collections window situated at the North End of the West Stand.

(Please note that the club accepts no responsibility for tickets either lost or delayed in the postal system.)

By E-Mail

TicketOffice@jibstadium.co.uk (**£1 administration charge**)

Bookings are available by e-mailing to the above e-mail address. State clearly the fixture, stand, number of tickets, breakdown of adults and concessions, credit card or switch card details with expiry and valid from date, full name and postal address. Any bookings received 2 or more days before the fixture is set to be played will be posted out, any after that will be left for collection at the pre-paid collections window situated at the North End of the West Stand.

(Please note that the club accepts no responsibility for tickets either lost or delayed in the postal system.)

Matchday Admission Prices:

Heinz Family Enclosure

North Stand (NO SMOKING)

Adults	£11.00
(must be accompanied with children)	
Senior Citizens	£7.00
JJ's Gold (16-17)	£4.00
JJ's Plus (14-15)	£3.00
JJ's (5-13)	£2.00
Ambulant	£7.00**
Disabled (wheelchair)	Free**
Under 5's	Free

West Stand

Adults	£13.00
Juniors (Under 16's)	£8.00
Senior Citizens	£8.00
Ambulant	£8.00**
Disabled (wheelchair)	Free**
Under 5's	Free

*East Stand (Visitors)

Adults	£13.00
Juniors (Under 16's)	£8.00
Senior Citizens	£8.00
Ambulant	£8.00**
Disabled (wheelchair)	Free**
Under 5's	Free

South Stand

Adults	£11.00
Senior Citizens	£7.00
JJ's Gold (16-17)	£4.00
JJ's Plus (14-15)	£3.00
JJ's (5-13)	£2.00
Ambulant	£7.00**
Disabled (wheelchair)	Free**
Under 5's	Free

*All Visiting Supporters should contact their own club regarding the purchasing of match tickets.
**Proof of disability required.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

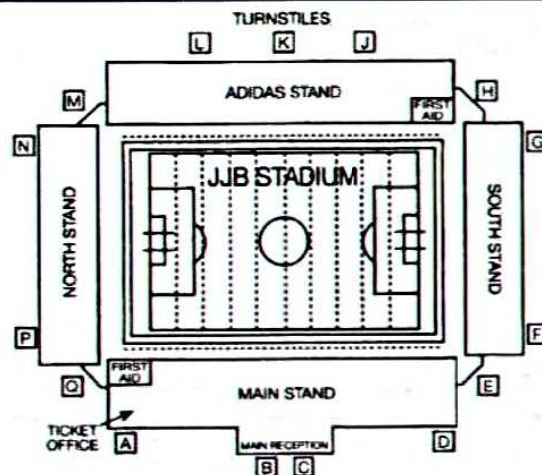
In the event of an emergency at the JJB Stadium requiring evacuation of the ground in part or whole, spectators are requested to remain where they are and listen carefully to announcements over the public address system.

The announcements may direct spectators in a specified area of the ground and require evacuation through exit gates to the outside of the ground or through perimeter exit gates onto the pitch.

Club Stewards and Police Officers will assist in directing spectators to the safest locations.

If requested to evacuate a specified area of the ground, spectators should do so as calmly and quickly as they can to assist in a safe and speedy evacuation.

All emergency announcements will be preceded with a chime.





all the news from around the
second division by **Geoff Lea**

Nationwide news

Cambridge United has promised to give caretaker boss and John Taylor a chance to impress despite Taylor losing his first match in charge 6-1 away at Tranmere Rovers last Saturday. Former player Taylor who took over from John Beck has been given the backing from Chairman Reg Smart despite the disaster at Prenton Park, which saw keeper Lionel Perez dismissed after just twelve minutes.

After a man of the match performance at Colchester United last weekend, Bury manager Andy Preece has labelled his keeper Paddy Kenny as the best in the division. The Shakers' boss believes that if Kenny played for a more fashionable club, his name would be among the most talked about outside the Premiership. His heroics saw the Gigg Lane side stretch their unbeaten run to five league matches, however the win came at a cost with Martyn Forrest the latest to join their long casualty list. The defender broke his foot in the game and will be out for at least two months. Keeper Kenny will also miss this afternoon's encounter at home to league leaders Brighton as he is the middle of a three match ban following a red card dismissal against Northampton Town last month.

Bournemouth's Steve Fletcher has suffered a recurrence of his long-term knee injury and now faces another lengthy lay-off. The club captain was playing in only his first league match of the season away at Saltergate last Saturday, suffering a setback after just an hour. The cherries woes have continued with midfielder Carl Fletcher out of today's game at home to Tranmere Rovers. His ankle injury is proving more difficult to overcome than expected. One timely return is that of our former transfer target Steve Hughes who is expected to play this afternoon after missing the majority of the present campaign through injury.

Scott Murray believes Bristol City can cement a place in the top six by overcoming Notts County at Ashton Gate. The midfielder who was the last-gasp goal hero in the 2-1 win over Blackpool last Saturday insists the Robins can now put their recent bad run behind them and start making ground on the top two positions.

Meanwhile Danny Wilson has called on his supporters to back striker Tony Thorpe despite the leading scorer decision that he wants to leave. Boored the previous week by a small section of the crowd, Thorpe was back on the goalscoring trail notching his tenth of the season in the 2-1 win over the Seasiders last weekend.

John Salako has signed on for a second-month on loan for Reading after impressing in his four matches while on loan from Charlton Athletic. His initial deal expired following last weekend's 2-1 away win at Peterborough United in which he set up both the Royals goals for substitute Darius Henderson. Charlton were happy for the ex England winger to stay are looking for a fee of around £250,000 for the ex England international.

Not stopping at the Majedski Stadium for a second month loan deal is midfielder Kevin Watson, who has returned to Rotherham United after the Millmoor club rejected a second month spell.

Expected to miss the next six weeks for the Royals is first-team keeper



Phil Whitehead, who suffered torn thigh muscle in the win at London Road.

Furious Cardiff City manager Alan Cork has hit out at snipers who are suggested turbulence in his player's dressing room. The players refused to talk to the media following last Saturday's goalless draw against Notts County citing negative journalism.

Cork says the comments had been sparked by a rumour that he had clashed with skipper Graham Kavanagh the previous weekend.

Owner Sam Hamman is also upset by events which sees the Bluebirds who are at home today against Oldham Athletic still out of the top eight, despite spending £8 million on players since his arrival fourteen months ago.

The former Wimbledon Chairman believes an experienced mentor is required for Cork and is rumoured to be tracking former Manchester City



Andy Parkinson

Lionel Perez



manager Joe Royle.

Tranmere Rovers could be prepared to listen to offers for striker Andy Parkinson who has failed to make an impact in the side this season. Manager Dave Watson persuaded the 22-year-old to rip up his transfer request in the summer following the club's relegation. However he has not fitted into Watson's 4-4-2 formation this season and has not figured in the starting line-up for the last six weeks following the signings of Jason Price from Brentford and the loan signing of Alan Navarro from Liverpool.

John Salako



Nationwide

Nationwide League Division 2

	HOME						AWAY						GD	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A		
1 Brighton	20	8	1	1	18	6	3	6	1	10	9	13	40	
2 Stoke	20	7	2	1	16	5	5	2	3	13	12	12	40	
3 Brentford	19	7	3	0	25	8	4	3	2	11	9	19	39	
4 Reading	20	6	1	3	17	11	6	1	3	13	9	10	38	
5 Bristol City	20	6	2	2	16	7	3	3	4	13	14	8	32	
6 Wycombe	20	6	4	0	18	7	2	4	4	9	13	7	32	
7 Huddersfield	20	5	3	2	17	11	3	3	4	12	11	7	30	
8 Oldham	20	6	2	2	20	8	1	6	3	14	17	9	29	
9 Tranmere	20	5	3	2	25	10	3	2	5	12	21	6	29	
10 Cardiff	19	3	5	1	13	10	4	3	3	14	11	6	29	
11 QPR	20	5	3	2	16	8	3	2	5	11	14	5	29	
12 Peterborough	20	6	1	3	23	11	2	2	6	6	16	2	27	
13 Colchester	20	6	1	3	17	10	2	2	6	14	21	0	27	
14 Blackpool	20	4	5	1	14	11	3	1	6	13	21	-5	27	
15 Swindon	20	4	3	3	11	12	3	3	4	11	15	-5	27	
16 B'mouth	20	6	2	2	16	9	1	3	6	9	20	-4	26	
17 Port Vale	20	4	2	4	16	12	2	3	5	8	15	-3	23	
18 Wigan	19	2	2	5	15	14	4	2	4	14	13	2	22	
19 Chesterfield	20	4	1	5	16	16	1	5	4	7	11	-4	21	
20 Bury	20	4	2	4	13	13	2	1	7	8	21	-13	21	
21 Notts County	19	2	5	3	11	13	2	2	5	12	19	-9	19	
22 Wrexham	20	2	3	5	11	16	2	1	7	13	30	-22	16	
23 Cambridge	20	3	5	2	15	1	0	1	9	5	25	-20	15	
24 N'hampton	20	2	1	7	8	19	2	1	7	10	20	-21	14	

TONIGHT'S MATCHES

Bournemouth v Tranmere Rovers
Bristol City v Notts County
Bury v Brighton
Cardiff City v Oldham Athletic
Huddersfield Town v Cambridge United
Peterborough United v Stoke City
Port Vale v Blackpool
QPR v Colchester United
Reading v Chesterfield
Wrexham v Northampton Town
Wycombe Wanderers v Brentford



For the facts, not the fiction

WIGAN ATHLETIC
09068 121 655
NEWS, UPDATE AND MATCH COMMENTARIES

Calls cost 60p per minute at all times. Clubcall knightsbridge House, London SW7 1RB

FANS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas Celebrations ~ Adidas Suite

Boxing Day, 26th December **Bury**
Saturday, 29th December **AFC Bournemouth**

If you have not wined and dined in style at the JJB now is the time to book - come with friends - come with family make your Christmas matches special.

Only £30 + VAT

Your Christmas Celebration Package includes:

- Matchday Hospitality in the Adidas Suite
- Pre Match Christmas Buffet
- Matchday Host
- Executive Match Tickets
- Half Time Coffee
- After Match Presentations
- Hostess Service Throughout

(Season Ticket Holders reduction £10)

To book ring Jill at Latics on **01942 774000**

PLACES LIMITED - DON'T MISS OUT

PLATT & FISHWICK SOLICITORS

THE OLD BANK
47 KING STREET
WIGAN WNI 1DB

**TELEPHONE
01942 243281**

Solicitors for Wigan Athletic AFC

FOOTBALL

2nd

round-up



That old adage in football of never going back to a club has been proven right again with John Becks' resignation at Cambridge. Beck put the Abbey Ground on the map in the early 90's with his cold showers, gaining huge media coverage and a large loyal following. But he has found it difficult to win back those same fans. Struggling at the bottom of the table and with the supporters turning against his style of football he resigned leaving John Taylor temporarily in charge.

No such problems at Wycombe. They have turned their incredible cup exploits of last season into a solid league campaign. With the side playing good open attacking football, the two wide men Stuart Roberts and Darren Currie are really shining. Darren has even been compared to his uncle and

former England player Tony Currie. Wycombe could well become one of the great success stories of the new millennium. They have even been compared to the giant-killing team of the eighties and nineties, Wimbledon. Let us not forget this is a side who are setting their sights on a place in the First Division when they only entered the league in 1993. Sounds familiar doesn't it?

FOOTBALL 2nd on the ITV Sport Channel, is your dedicated highlights programme for the Second Division every Sunday at 11.00am.

Presented from a different league ground every week it gives you the best of the Saturday afternoon action and all the goals. Football 2nd delivers everything the die-hard fan wants to know about their side and their rivals.

To subscribe to the ITV Sport Channel, Sky Sports 1, 2 & 3 and a host of other great entertainment channels, call ITV Digital on

0808 100 0101

SUBJECT TO COVERAGE, STATUS AND TERMS.



You can see Matt Smith and Simon Hill presenting Football 1st, on the ITV Sport Channel, every Saturday at 8.30pm.

A.K.S.

Air Conditioning Ltd.

Air Conditioning
Heating & Ventilation

4 Edinburgh Road, Formby,
Liverpool L37 6EP, Merseyside
Telephone: 01704 833755
Mobile: 07831 549867
Fax: 01704 833422

WIGAN BUSINESS EQUIPMENT LIMITED

For all your stationery requirements

SHARP



CASH REGISTERS
CALCULATORS &
TYPEWRITERS

Canon



PHOTOCOPIERS &
FAX MACHINES

BOSS
FEDERATION
British Office
Systems and Stationery
Federation

8-10 Orrell Road,
Orrell
Tel: (01942) 212490
Fax: (01942) 217650

SAFES FOR THE HOME & OFFICE



Do you want the whole picture?

Unfortunately, we can only give the complete ***security*** picture.

For ALL your ***guarding requirements***.

Kingdom Security Limited

FREEPHONE: 0800 027 7919



TOSHIBA DVD PLAYER

ONLY **£139.00** WITH 3 FREE DVDs

SONY PLAYSTATION 2

ONLY **£193.99**

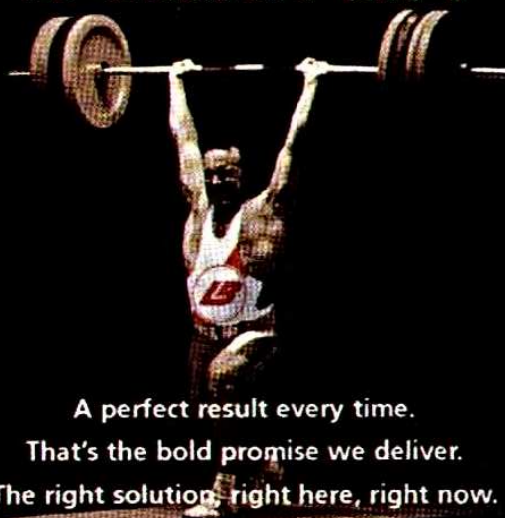
Your official club site has joined forces with some major partners to bring you exclusive Christmas deals online. When the shops are as crowded as a Boxing Day home game then why not go to www.wiganlatics.co.uk and check out our amazing 'Search & Save'.

THE BEST VALUE IN THE NET THIS CHRISTMAS

Are you up for a thrilling Rally Driving Experience at a special £115 game for a Gameboy Advance at £82.99 or do you fancy a free phone from Nokia! There's lots more and every week supports your club. So get online today and start making great saves NOW!

Great Christmas shopping online @ www.wiganlatics.co.uk

A CLEAN LIFT



A perfect result every time.
That's the bold promise we deliver.
The right solution, right here, right now.

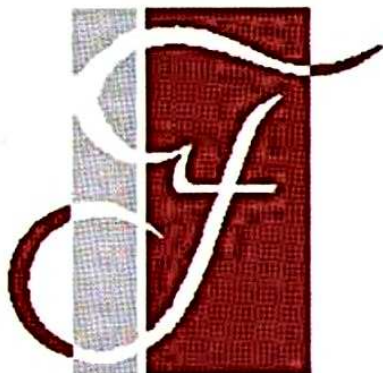
**CHALLENGE WAY
MARTLAND PARK
WIGAN WN5 0LD
T 01942 223456
F 01942 223453
E info@lbftrucks.co.uk
W www.lbftrucks.co.uk**



**LB MATERIALS HANDLING AND CLEANING EQUIPMENT
SERVICE • SALES • HIRE**

The Best Defence Against A Tax!

For Tax Planning Ideas & Solutions



www.john-fairhurst.co.uk



Wigan Borough's Leisure Discount Card!

Pleased to be sponsored by Wigan Athletic this year as part of their community programme.

A LINC card will get you great discounts of up to 50% off activities at your local sports centre or your plus savings at libraries, golf courses and hundreds of shops, tourist attractions and leisure outlets.

For further information, pop into your local leisure centre or library. Alternatively, call the LINC team on

01942 704986

or visit our web site www.wiganlincs.gov.uk/buryford

LINC has membership for all the family!

Under 11's or 'Cat's Club' - FREE membership for children under 11 who live or go to school in the borough.

11-21 - FREE and available to all young people aged between 11 and 21 who live or study full time in the borough.

Advantage - £1 per year for residents who receive means-tested benefits or who study full time.

Advantage Gold - £1 for 5 years membership to all borough residents aged 60 or over.

Advantage Standard - £12.50 per year for ANY borough resident aged 21 - 59 not on a low income.

Over 40,000 people already benefit from a LINC Card

Special Offers at Wigan Athletic Home Games

LINC Advantage & Gold (not Standard) - Please ask at ticket office for details (Excludes corporate LINC members). Proof of benefit may be asked for. **Cat's Club -** join JJ Club members for £2 in the North Stand on the Aoda Matchday Scheme.





Junior Latics

Welcome to today's game with our visitors from the West Country. A warm welcome to all Juniors who have travelled up from Wiltshire to the JJB Stadium.

A couple of weeks ago, our ever-keen committee at Junior Latics were challenged to play football at the Soccerdome against the "Wish F.M. Crew". A "belting" game ended with Matt McCann's boys suffering a (12-7) defeat and a rematch is planned for the near future as they seek revenge.

The Junior Latics Christmas Party is being held on Monday 10th December. A great night's entertainment for "strictly members only", lots of festive fun and great games. Doors open at 7.15pm with a 9.30pm finish.

The Junior Latics trip to Oldham on Saturday 15th December is now fully booked, don't forget the coach will leave at 1pm prompt from the Soccerdome. A mascot will be chosen en-route to lead the team out at Boundary Park. Finally, a story relating to today's visitors from Swindon, for all male supporters.

In 1998, Swindon Town Manager Jimmy Quinn announced that he was banning his players from supermarket shopping on the three days before a match. He explained that "Trailing around the shops with your missus for three or four hours can tire you out. I don't want them lugging heavy bags of shopping around!"

Must end my notes as the wife wants to drag me off to Asda, or is it Tesco this week?

Enjoy today's game.

Laurence Fairhurst

Latics star Lee Ashcroft meets the Junior Latics members at the November Karaoke Night.



WIGAN MASCOT

name. **Matthew**

Bonney

age. 7

school. Highfield

St Matthews

hobbies. playing

football, watching

videos

ambition. to be

successful in life

favourite food. chips

favourite drink. Fanta

favourite tv

programme. Pokemon

favourite holiday

resort. Cornwall

person most like to meet. Roy Carroll

most treasured possession. his dinosaurs

favourite player. Arjan De Zeeuw



WIGAN MASCOT

name. **James**

Penk

age. 8

school. Lamberhead

Green School

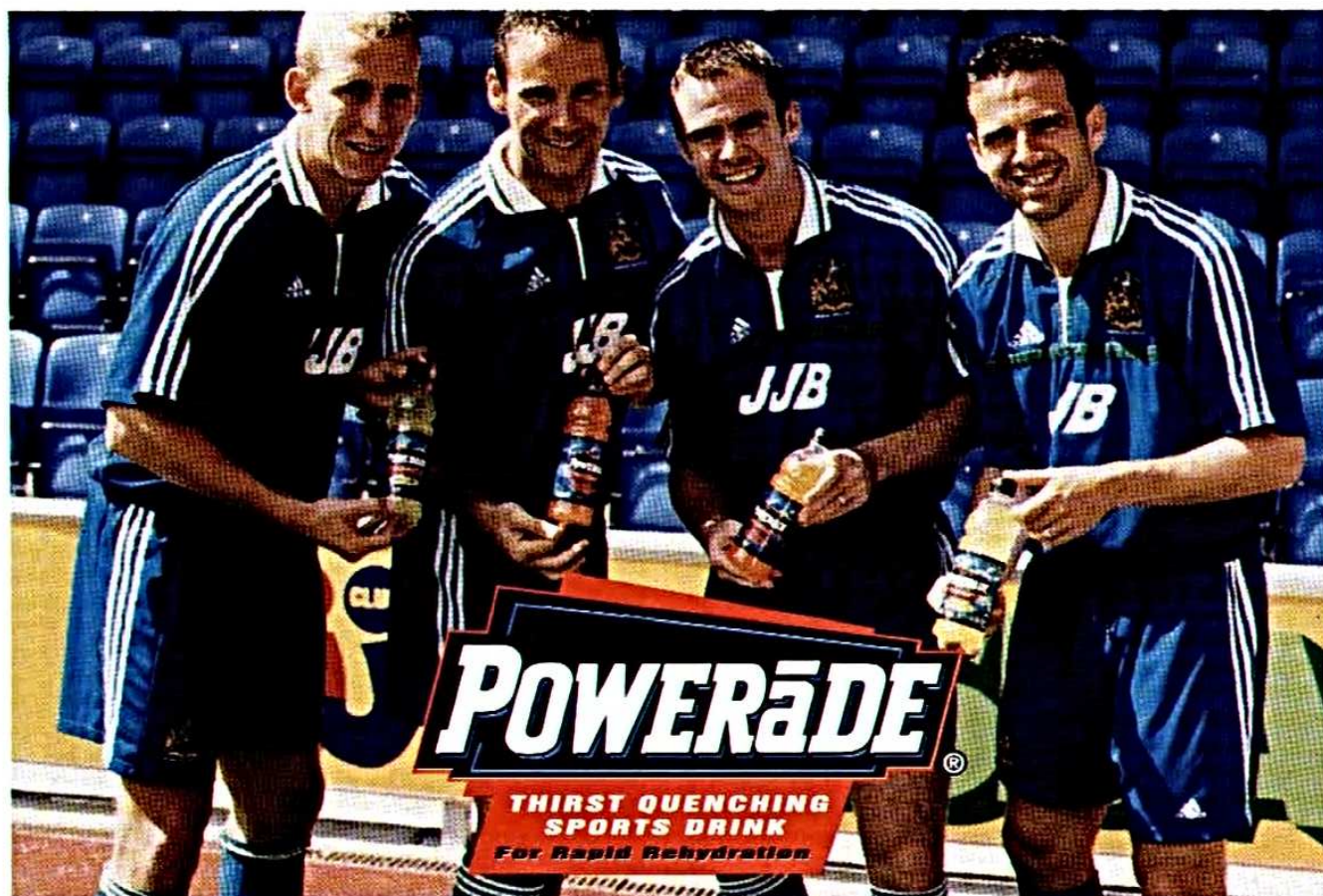
hobbies. football,

Rugby, playstation

favourite player. Andy

Liddell





POWERade®

**THIRST QUENCHING
SPORTS DRINK
For Rapid Rehydration**



funding the future... Grass roots
Community
Education

www.footballfoundation.org.uk



FootballFoundation

football's biggest supporter

25 Soho Square, London W1D 4FF
t: 020 7534 4210 f: 020 7287 0459
e: enquiries@footballfoundation.org.uk

mlinkuk.com



- ♦ client / server
- ♦ networking
- ♦ software development
- ♦ internet / intranet
- ♦ e-mail
- ♦ web design
- ♦ lan / wan

Missing Link Communications Ltd

Unit 99
Bradley Hall Industrial Estate
Bradley Lane
Standish
Wigan
WN6 0XQ

Telephone: 01257 473445
Facsimile: 01257 473446
e-mail: info@mlinkuk.com
www.mlinkuk.com



Crusader Cabs

(01942) - 321500 - 244444
- 242888 - 511111
- 246602 - 829829

8 SEATER MINI BUSES
(WHEELCHAIR ADAPTED)
DISTANCE NO OBJECT
COURIERS, CONTRACTS, AIRPORTS
24 HOUR SERVICE
FOR ALL YOUR PRIVATE HIRE
SUPPORTING WIGAN ATHLETIC
ON THE WAY UP
FAX (01942) 826341

Central Catering Stadiums Limited

Official appointed ground caterers for the JJB Stadium

Telephone: (01942) 621 800

***Proud to be
associated with
Latics and The
Warriors***





news from around the
football world

Planet Football

The last place in next year's World Cup finals has finally been allocated and the string of sackings, retirements and resignations continues among the 'shut out' nations.

Romanian manager Gheorghe Hagi, a true legend of east European football, has honourably quit after guiding his nation to an embarrassing play-off defeat to Slovenia, which halted their bid for qualification.

The former midfielder had been asked to extend his contract until after the 2004 European Championships in Portugal but Hagi claims he has let the whole nation down by failing to lead his nation to Japan and Korea and has resigned with immediate effect. Despite former team-mate Dorinel Munteanu claiming the players may yet round up enough support to convince him to change his mind, a short list of candidates have already been lined up for Hagi's job.

The immediate favourites are Anghel Iordanescu, who is coaching in Saudi Arabia, Galatasaray boss Mircea Lucescu and Victor Piturca of Steaua Bucharest.



Mark Viduka

Australia are the latest country to bow out of the World Cup with a play-off defeat to Uruguay and their disappointment could also manifest itself in the loss of two key figures from their international set-up.

Leeds midfielder Mark Viduka has threatened to walk away from international football following the 3-0 defeat in Montevideo, claiming the qualification process is unfair.

The result was the Socceroos' third consecutive World Cup play off defeat, after crashing out to Argentina in 1994 and Iran in 1998.

"I don't know if I'm going to back up after this. It's exhausting, mentally exhausting," said Viduka.

"The whole two-game thing just kills us. We have such an unfair route to qualify. I mean, they've lost about 10 games in their group and we've lost one but we're out. I'll probably go back to concentrating on club football."

Coach Frank Farina is also on the brink of walking away from his involvement in the national side, claiming his players' mistakes could have cost him his job.

One side who won't have to concern themselves with qualification for any tournament for at least another five years is France.

But even the world and European champions have to endure shock retirements from time to time and Emmanuel Petit's announcement that he could hang up his international boots next summer is a prime example.

The Chelsea midfielder, who scored in France's final triumph over Brazil in 1998, seems remarkably unsettled in the World's greatest team and claims he hasn't a friend on the international stage.

"I haven't told anyone but I seriously think that the eventuality of me retiring after the World Cup has, and does, cross my mind," he said.

"The people who think they know me because I play in the team with them for a few years, they don't know me at all. They only see Manu Petit at training or in a football match but in real life I am a different person."

Congratulations this week go to Bayern



Emmanuel Petit

Munich, who added the Intercontinental Cup to their Champions League title with a 1-0 win over reigning champions Boca Juniors. The result marked the first time Bayern had clinched the title in 25 years, previously holding the honour after their last European triumph in 1976.

But in this week's bad books is Brazilian Barcelona star Rivaldo, who looks set for disciplinary action after television cameras caught him landing a punch on Athletic Bilbao's Jose Maria Lacruz.

The pair were both shown the yellow card, meaning a subsequent red for Lacruz, after a second half scuffle largely unseen by the officials.

But Bilbao are now set to appeal, claiming TV footage shows Rivaldo enforcing his own brand of justice on his opponent after having his shirt tugged, leaving the striker facing charges of aggressive behaviour.



Gheorghe Hagi

- Suppliers of Team Travel coaches to Wigan Athletic AFC
- Superb fleet of executive class, air-conditioned coaches for private hire.
- Corporate coaches with 32 or 34 seats, tables and on board catering facilities.
- Executive 48 or 49 seater coaches with seatbelts, WC, fridge and hot drinks facilities.
- Specialist travel for teams and supporters.
- British & Continental tours and short breaks.
- School tours and exchange visits.
- Private group tours department.
- Coaching for conference and exhibition delegates.

**Everything you
need to know
about Latics -
6 nights a week
in your**

W Evening Post
IGAN



**BLUE CHIP
2000**

A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT 'YOUR TEAM'



BLUECHIP 2000 is a private members club supporting WIGAN ATHLETIC AFC by raising valuable funds through a unique lottery scheme. Join BLUECHIP 2000 now and WIN great cash prizes and sensational benefits.

- GREAT CASH PRIZES EVERY MONTH
£1000 GUARANTEED
- WIN A VIP DAY OUT
- END OF SEASON GRAND PRIZE DRAW
'A BRAND NEW CAR!'
- AS WE GROW SO DO THE PRIZES

GREAT MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- END OF SEASON MEMBERS GALA DINNER
- MEMBERS EXCLUSIVE BAR IN THE WEST STAND ON MATCHDAYS
- 10% OFF SEASON TICKETS (NO OTHER OFFER APPLIES)
- PRIORITY TICKET ALLOCATION
- EVENT PRIORITY
- SUBSIDISED MATCH PROGRAMMES

ALL FOR JUST £10 A MONTH!

How to join.

For further information and a Bluechip application form simply contact:

Wigan Athletic Development Association on
01942 774000

or pick up an application form at the JJB Stadium



RAILTRACK
stay safe, play safe!

Wigan Athletic Football in
the Community



Soccer School Success



TEAM OF THE WEEK **GARSWOOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAM**



Bill Collier

Community Officer Bill Collier, Christopher Park, off Woodrush
Road, Standish Lower Ground
Wigan WN6 8LB Tel. 01942 824599 Fax. 01942 824599



Our Saturday Clubs have been a roaring success recently and there are still places up for grabs. The sessions run from 10am to midday and involve a warm-up, topic coaching, a small-sided game and post-session de-brief – all for just £2!

The emphasis is on enjoyment and there's no need to book. Just turn up at Christopher Park with

boots, trainers and kit.

For more information contact us here at the Football In The Community Office. I look forward to hearing from you.

Bill Collier

SCHOOL OF THE MATCH – BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Brookfield High School is a moderate learning difficulties school for children with special needs. The school takes children from all over Wigan and even a few from outside the borough.

The pupils follow the national curriculum in all subjects, with results improving every year. The pupils also participate in lots of out of school activities such as visiting

the Peace Centre in Warrington, playing football against other special schools around the north west and some of our more able sports stars have represented Wigan in the Greater Manchester Youth Games.

This year we will again be taking a group of pupils to France and the Lake District for a week as the school continues to grow from strength to strength.

On behalf of everyone at the school, I'd like to thank Wigan Athletic for allowing us to come and visit the club and watch the game today, which has made this a very special day for everyone involved.

Steve Allon

Teacher – Brookfield High School



SCHOOL OF THE WEEK **BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**



news from the Wigan Athletic Youth
and Reserve teams

Youth & Reserve



Chris Hutchings

RESERVES

Wigan Athletic's reserve team continued to show their senior colleagues the way ahead by extending their unbeaten run to five matches with a 5-1 home win against Chesterfield.

A brace from Lee McCulloch set Chris Hutchings' side on their way to a five star performance, which was wrapped up by further goals from Neil Roberts, Greg Traynor and Ben Kay in the second half as Latics opened up breathing room between

themselves and the Avon Insurance Division Two basement clubs. The visitors started brightly and early strikes from Thomas Cudworth and Roger Willis tested Scott Tynan.

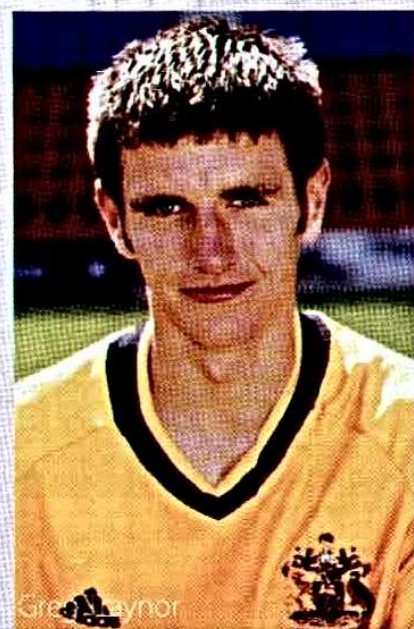
But McCulloch opened the scoring after just 12 minutes with a great turn and volley from the edge of the six yard box after Roberts headed down an Ian Nolan cross.

Ian Johnson was unlucky not to get his name on the scoresheet after a one-two with Roberts sent him racing into a one-on-one situation with the opposition 'keeper. But his finish curled agonizingly wide of the target.

The lead was doubled after 39 minutes when Roberts crossed superbly for McCulloch to stab the ball home at the far post.

Wigan continued to dominate after the break and went three up just five minutes into the second period as Roberts pounced on a defensive error to slot the ball past a rooted Andy Richmond.

Greg Traynor skinned his marker beautifully before picking his spot past Richmond to add Latics fourth after 65 minutes moments before Adam Smith managed to find the net for the visitors' consolation effort. And the goal fest was capped by a text book move after 79 minutes, as Johnson's cross from the right flank was comfortably nodded down by McCulloch and Kay rifled his shot home.



Greg Traynor



David Lee

YOUTH

David Lee refused to get too disheartened after Latics' youth team fell from grace in Cumbria. Hot on the heels of their impressive 4-1 win at Burnley, hopes were high that Wigan's young guns would fight off a battling Carlisle outfit but instead they wasted chance after

chance and slackened off at the back to gift the home side victory.

But speaking after the game, Lee said his charges were better than the scoreline suggested.

"The 3-0 scoreline didn't really reflect the way the game went," he said.

"We had plenty of chances and could have gone a goal up in the first minute when Magno Viera was one-on-one with the 'keeper. I felt that if we had scored then, the flood gates would have opened.

"We didn't score but we kept pressing and pressing all game without success and then conceded a goal just before half-time. If we had converted just one of our chances, I think we would have had three or four but we just couldn't put the ball in the back of the net.

"At 1-0 down, one of our lads missed a chance from two or three yards out but instead they went straight up to the other end and scored. And the third goal came from a scuffed clearance from Ben Kay, which came off the outside of his boot and into the top corner. You know it's not your day after a goal like that.

"It just showed that you've got to be on your metal for two or three games in a row before you can relax and start enjoying matches. You won't get any complaints from myself about the players. They know they didn't perform well on the day.

"It was just one of those days, I suppose. We could have played all day and still wouldn't have scored. On the back of the Burnley result, we would have settled for a 1-0 win or even a draw. But we'll just have to put it down to experience."



Lee McCulloch



Scott Tynan

YOUTH TEAM APPEARANCES 2000/2001

	STATUS	APP	SUB	GLS
Baines, Leighton	Trainee	9	1	0
Charnock, Keiran	Trainee	9	0	0
Clarke, Alistair	Trainee	0	0	0
Clegg, Michael	Trainee	0	4	1
Ishamel, Martin	Trainee	11	0	0
Jones, Christopher	Trainee	3	1	0
Johnson, Ian	Pro	3	0	4
Kay, Ben	Pro	6	0	0
Kay, Rob	Trainee	2	5	1
Lee, Paul	Trainee	9	0	1
Lynch, Christopher	Trainee	5	5	0
Moore, David	Trainee	11	0	6
Pendlebury, Ian	Trainee	7	0	0
Roberts, Joseph	Trainee	7	2	4
Robinson, Nigel	Trainee	0	2	0
Santus, Paul	Trainee	6	1	0
Thompson, Jonathan	Trainee	6	1	1
Traynor, Greg	Trainee	7	1	0
Tynan, Scott	Trainee	6	0	0
Viera, Magno Silva	Trialist	9	0	3
Yeomans, Ryan	Trialist	5	0	0
Own Goals			2	

Wigan Athletic AFC Reserves



Avon Insurance League

Date	Opponents	V
Wed Aug 15	Notts County	H
Wed Aug 29	Mansfield Town	A
Wed Sep 5	Carlisle United	H
Wed Oct 3	Kidderminster H	A
Wed Oct 10	Hartlepool Utd	H
Wed Oct 17	Halifax Town	H
Wed Oct 31	Hull City	H
Wed Nov 7	Rochdale	H
Wed Nov 14	Macclesfield Town	A
Wed Nov 28	Chesterfield	H
Wed Dec 5	Hull City	A
Wed Dec 12	Halifax Town	A
Wed Jan 9	Notts County	A
Wed Jan 16	Mansfield Town	H
Wed Jan 30	Kidderminster H	H
Wed Feb 13	Hartlepool Utd	A
Mon Mar 11	Carlisle United	A
Tue Mar 19	Rochdale	A
Wed Mar 27	Macclesfield T	H
Wed Apr 13	Chesterfield	A

Wigan Athletic AFC Youth team



Football League Youth Alliance

Date	Opponents	V
Sat Aug 25	Preston NE	H
Sat Sep 1	Rochdale	A
Sat Sep 15	Tranmere Rovers	A
Sat Sep 22	Carlisle United	H
Sat Oct 6	Burnley	A
Sat Oct 20	Oldham Athletic	H
Sat Oct 27	Bury	H
Sat Nov 10	Blackpool	A
Sat Nov 17	Tranmere Rovers	H
Sat Nov 24	Carlisle United	A
Sat Dec 8	Bury	H
Sat Dec 15	Burnley	A
Sat Jan 12	Oldham Athletic	A
Sat Jan 19	Blackpool	H
Sat Jan 26	Bury	A
Sat Feb 9	Preston NE	A
Sat Feb 16	Rochdale	H

next up

at the Robin Park Arena

Mansfield Town will provide the opposition for our next Avon Insurance League Division Two fixture on Wednesday 16th January. All home Avon Insurance League matches kick-off at 2.00pm. Due to increased charges from Wigan MBC, the admission charges for the new season will be as follows:

Adults £3.00
Juniors/Oap's £1.50

next home game

at Christopher Park

Burnley provide the opposition for the Latics Youth Team on Saturday 15th December. All youth team home matches are played at our Christopher park Training Ground. All home matches start at 11.00am.

news from Wigan Athletic Supporters Travel Club

Supporters Travel Club

WEBSITE

Don't forget to log onto the W.A.S.T.C. website, for all the up to date information regarding forthcoming events and away coach prices and times.

BRENTFORD TRIP

Places are still available on our trip to Feltham for the Brentford game on January 19th. Mayfair Travel are taking the bookings for this trip. This trip is excellent value, the cost to our members being just £39 per person. Non-members can pay £44 (of which £5 will be towards membership fee). For more details on this trip contact Mayfair on 829988, or call into their office on Wigan Lane.

WATCH THIS SPACE

Watch this space for details of the W.A.S.T.C. annual dinner after Christmas.

Arrangements are in hand and we hope to have an announcement shortly as per the date, etc.

Tickets will be strictly members only for an event that is sure to be a sell-out.

COACH BOOKINGS

Today we will be taking bookings for the trips to Oldham and Reading.

KATH RIMMER

Supporters Club Secretary



CONTACT DETAILS

Address: W.A.S.T.C., P O Box 160, Wigan
D.O., WN6 7FN
Telephone: 01942 737886
(THIS IS NOT A COACH BOOKING LINE)
e-mail: wastc@hotmail.com
website: www.wastc.co.uk

TRAVEL & LEAVESWAYS



COACHES

All W.A.S.T.C. official transport to away games in 2001/2002 season will be provided by **LEAVESWAYS COACHES**. WASTC guarantee to run coaches to every single W.A.F.C. away game. Executive coaches will be used for all games. We now have 2 official booking points:

MAYFAIR TRAVEL, WIGAN LANE

In person or by Credit Card. Tel: 01942 829988

JJB STADIUM MARQUEE ON MATCHDAYS

Saturday games: 1.00pm – 2.45pm
Evening games: 6.15pm – 7.30pm
Bookings being taken by any other party are independent of W.A.S.T.C.

COACH PRICES & TIMES



OLDHAM - Saturday 15th December

Adult:	£ 8.00
Concession:	£ 6.00
Parent/Child:	£11.00
Departure Time from Soccer Dome:	1.00pm



READING - Saturday 22nd December

Adult:	£17.00
Concession:	£13.00
Parent/Child:	£25.00
Departure Time from Soccer Dome:	9.30am

Bookings being taken today in the Marquee.

A look at our next away opponents Oldham Athletic

Blues on the road



Oldham Athletic
Saturday 15th December 2001
Kick-off 3.00pm

"Back in business" was the words new manager Mick Wadsworth described last Saturday's 2-1 home victory as Oldham recorded their first league victory in eight attempts. For Wadsworth, it was his first victory in charge since his appointment following the controversial departure of Andy Ritchie at the start of last month. Ritchie's three and a half-year rein in charge at the club ended when he declined the offer from ambitious Chairman Chris Moore to become the club's technical director in his "restructuring programme".

Appointed in his place, Wadsworth who was a former assistant manager at both Newcastle United and Southampton has added to his backroom staff bringing former Northern Ireland striker Ian Dowie in as his number two.

Last weekend's 2-1 home win saw a debut in goal on loan for Paul Rachubka, the Manchester United's fourth choice keeper ending a crisis after both Gary Kelly and Dave Miskelly suffered injuries in previous matches. This week saw the manager making his first signing paying £200,000 to Watford for Allan Smart. The striker was a second-half substitute for Stoke in the match at the JJB Stadium recently, and was returned after been red carded for fighting ironically against Oldham Athletic.

An impressive start to the campaign saw the Latics remain unbeaten in their opening seven matches, placing them in a top three position. However since October results have not been as good, the start of the month bringing four straight defeats including their only home reversals against Bristol City and Reading.

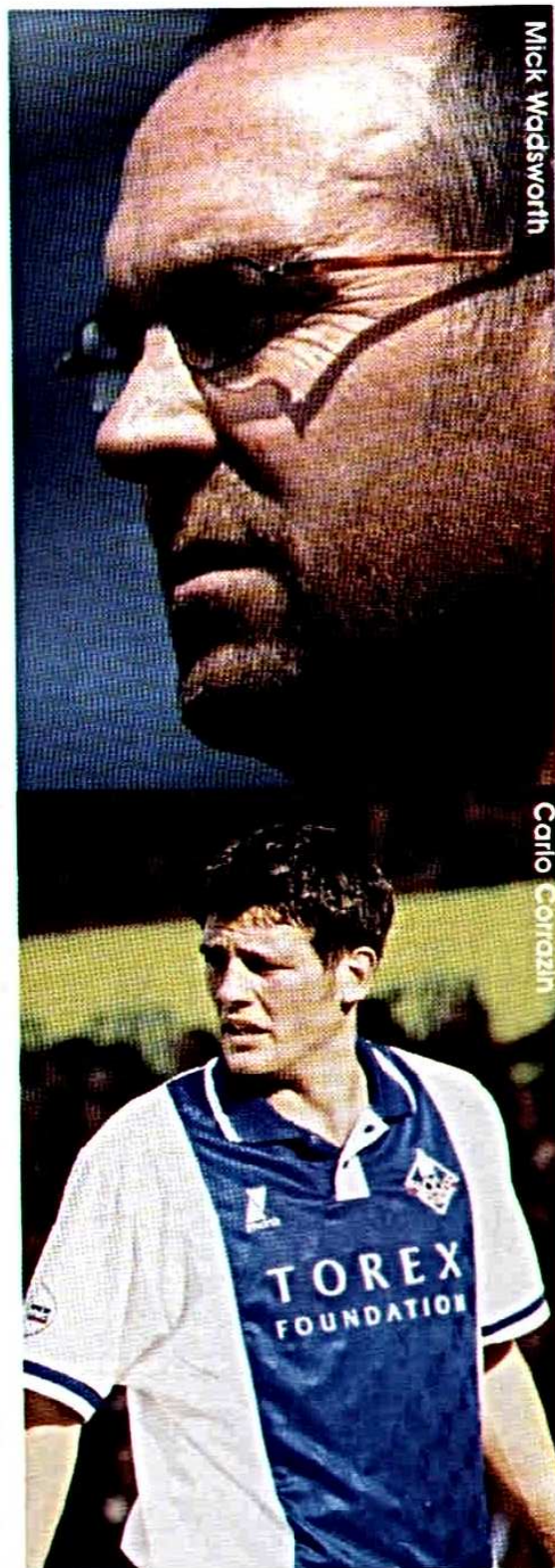
Our record against the other Latics has not been impressive in recent seasons, the Boundary Park club were the first ever club to win a league match here at the JJB Stadium. Our last two league trips away have also ended in defeats, ever present this season Lee Duxbury on the scoresheet in last season's 2-1 reversal.

The match will also pair both Darren Sheridan and Stuart Balmer against is for the first time following their summer releases, both have made impressive starts following their signings in the summer. Stuart netting four times already this season, while for Darren he has linked up for the first time with his elder brother John Sheridan.

Admission prices at Boundary Park are £15 for adults, £7 for concessions, away fans located in the now named ITV Sports Channel stand, situated behind one of the goals. Boundary Park can be reached by exiting junction 30 of the M60, taking the A627(M) for three miles to the ground.



Boundary Park



Mick Wadsworth

Carlo Corazzin



visiting our website? **win with wiganbet**

Wigan Statistics 2001-2002 Season

WIGAN ROLL CALL 01-02

Player	Nationwide League 2		League Cup		FA Cup		Total	
	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's
Dariusz ADAMCZUK	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	0
Lee ASHCROFT	14 (1)	3	0	0	1	0	15 (1)	3
Ged BRANNAN	16 (2)	0	1	1	0	0	18 (2)	1
Gabor BUKRAN	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Paul DALGLISH	17 (4)	1	0	0	1	0	12 (4)	1
Hugh DICKSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tony DINING	15	4	0	0	1	0	16	4
Jason DEVOS	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
Arjan DE ZEEUW	18	1	1	0	1	0	21	1
Scott GREEN	15 (1)	0	0	0	1	0	17 (1)	0
Simon HAWORTH	13 (3)	9	1	1	0	0	15 (3)	10
Matt JACKSON	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
Ian JOHNSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ben KAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jeff KENNA	5	1	0	0	1	0	6	1
Peter KENNEDY	16 (1)	0	0	0	1	0	18 (1)	0
Stewart KERR	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
Ian KILFORD	6 (1)	0	0	0	0 (1)	0	7 (2)	0
Andy LIDDELL	10 (1)	2	0	0	1	0	11 (2)	2
Lee McCULLOCH	6 (8)	2	0	0	1	0	7 (9)	2
Pat McGIBBON	12	1	1	0	1	0	15	1
Alan McLOUGHLIN	1 (2)	0	0	0	0	0	2 (2)	0
Stephen McMILLAN	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Paul MITCHELL	5 (5)	0	1	0	0	0	6 (6)	0
David MOORE	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Ian NOLAN	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Ian PENDLEBURY	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Neil ROBERTS	4 (6)	2	0	0	0	0	5 (6)	2
Paul SANTUS	0 (1)	0	1	0	0	0	0 (1)	0
Kevin SHARP	1 (3)	0	1	0	0	0	3 (1)	0
Derek STILLIE	11	0	1	0	1	0	14	0
Greg TRAYNOR	0 (1)	0	1	0	0	0	1 (1)	0

Wigan Memorabilia Mon 11am to 5.30pm
Programme Shop Tues 11am to 5.30pm
 Now open for business at Wed 12pm to 6pm
 Unit 9 Hope Enterprise Thurs 11am to 5.30pm
 Centre Fri 11am to 5.30pm
 Scot Lane (Behind Soccer Late night opening
 Dome playing fields) 6.15pm to 7.15pm
 Sat 11.30am to
 Or on the net at 2.30pm
www.WMPS.co.uk After match 5pm to 6pm
 Sun Closed All Day

Useful numbers

General Enquiries: 01942 774000
 Corporate Sales/Hospitality: 01942 770400
 Junior Latics: 01942 737188
 Supporters and Travel Club: 01942 608726
 Football in the Community: 01942 824599
 Merchandise - JJB Sports, Robin Park: 01942 216945
 Soccer Dome: 01942 212122
 Crompton Street: 01942 241880
 ClubCall: 09068 121 655

Key to symbols and abbreviations

- ① Goals Scored ② Sub/Goal & player replaced
 Booked Booked & Sent off Sent Off



Date	Opponents	V	Res	Att	A.Att	Pts	Pos
Sat Aug 11	Brentford	H	D1-1	5952	461	1	12
Sat Aug 18	Brighton H&A	A	L1-2	6518	300	1	17
Sat Aug 25	Bristol City	H	L1-2	6231	1174	1	18
Sat Sep 8	Bury	A	W2-0	4175	1446	4	17
Sat Sep 15	Wycombe Wand.	A	L0-1	5400	271	4	22
Tue Sep 18	Huddersfield Town	H	W1-0	5717	1122	7	18
Sat Sep 22	QPR	H	L1-2	6686	992	7	18
Tue Sep 25	Cambridge Utd	A	D2-2	2969	89	8	20
Sat Sep 29	Blackpool	A	L1-3	5276	1000	8	21
Tue Oct 9	AFC Bournemouth	A	L0-2	2908	54	8	21
Fri Oct 12	Cardiff City	A	D2-2	11072	62	9	22
Sat Oct 20	Wrexham	H	L2-3	5979	1141	9	23
Tue Oct 23	Tranmere	A	W2-1	9030	799	12	23
Sat Oct 27	Port Vale	H	L0-1	5634	626	12	23
Sat Nov 3	Peterborough Utd	A	W2-0	5405	177	15	20
Fri Nov 9	Colchester Utd	H	L2-3	5735	151	15	21
Tue Nov 13	Stoke City	H	W6-1	7047	3030	18	18
Tue Nov 20	Chesterfield	H	D1-1	4071	280	19	18
Sat Nov 24	Northampton	A	W2-0	4267	278	22	18
Sat Dec 1	Swindon Town	H	3.00pm				
Sat Dec 15	Oldham Athletic	A	3.00pm				
Sat Dec 22	Reading	A	3.00pm				
Wed Dec 26	Bury	H	3.00pm				
Sat Dec 29	Bournemouth	H	3.00pm				
Tue Jan 1	Notts County	A	3.00pm				
Sat Jan 5	Bristol City	A	3.00pm				
Sat Jan 12	Brighton H&A	H	3.00pm				
Sat Jan 19	Brentford	A	3.00pm				
Tue Jan 22	Reading	H	7.45pm				
Sat Jan 26	Stoke City	A	3.00pm				
Sat Feb 2	Blackpool	H	3.00pm				
Sat Feb 9	Wrexham	A	3.00pm				
Sat Feb 16	Cardiff City	H	3.00pm				
Sat Feb 23	Wycombe Wand.	H	3.00pm				
Tue Feb 26	QPR	A	7.45pm				
Sat Mar 2	Huddersfield town	A	3.00pm				
Tue Mar 5	Cambridge Utd	H	7.45pm				
Sat Mar 9	Oldham Athletic	H	3.00pm				
Sat Mar 16	Swindon Town	A	3.00pm				
Sat Mar 23	Tranmere	H	3.00pm				
Sat Mar 30	Port Vale	A	3.00pm				
Mon Apr 1	Peterborough Utd	H	3.00pm				
Sat Apr 6	Chesterfield	A	3.00pm				
Sat Apr 13	Northampton Town	H	3.00pm				
Sat Apr 20	Colchester Utd	A	3.00pm				

WORTHINGTON CUP

Tue Aug 21 Blackpool A L2-3 4237 598

FA CUP

Sat Nov 17 Canvey Island H L0-1 3671 360 - -

LDV TROPHY

Tue Oct 16 Wrexham H L1-5 1550 112 - -

Jason DE VOS	Kevin SHARP	Pat MCGIBBON	Steve McMILLAN	Arian DE ZEEUW	Andy LIDDELL	Ian NOLAN	Simon HAWORTH	Lee ASHCROFT	Lee MCCULLOCH	Neil ROBERTS	Derek STILLIE	Scott GREEN	Paul MITCHELL	Alan McLOUGHLIN	Ian KILFORD	Hugh DICKSON	Ged BRANNAN	Tony DINNING	Peter KENNEDY	Gabor BUKRAN	Dariusz ADAMCZUK	Ben KAY	Ian JOHNSON	Stewart KERR	Greg TRAYNOR	David MOORE	Kelran CHARNOCK	Paul DALGLISH	Ian PENDLEBURY	Scott TYNAN	Paul SANTUS			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
					</																													

today's squads



Wigan Athletic AFC

2	Jason De Vos	
3	Jeff Kenna	
4	Pat McGibbon	
5	Steve McMillan	
6	Arjan De Zeeuw	
7	Andy Liddell	
8	Ian Nolan	
9	Simon Haworth	
10	Lee Ashcroft	
11	Lee McCulloch	
12	Neil Roberts	
14	Scott Green	
15	Paul Mitchell	
16	Derek Stillie	
17		
18	Ian Kilford	
19		
20	Ged Brannan	
21	Tony Dinning	
22	Peter Kennedy	
23	Matt Jackson	
24	Dariusz Adamczuk	
25	Ben Kay	
26	Ian Johnson	
27	Stewart Kerr	
28	Greg Traynor	
29	David Mocre	
30	Keiran Charnock	
31	Paul Dalglish	
32	Ian Pendlebury	
33	Scott Tynan	



Swindon Town

1	Bart Griemink	
2	Mark Robinson	
3	Sol Davies	
4	Matthew Hewlett	
5	Adam Willis	
6	Andy Gurney	
7	Keith O'Halloran	
8	Bobby Howe	
9		
10	Giuliano Grazioli	
11	David Burke	
12	Juan Cobian	
13		
14	Eric Sabin	
15	Richard McKinney	
16	Neil Ruddock	
17	Danny Invincible	
18	Eric Bayley	
19	Matthew Heywood	
20		
21	Gareth Davies	
22	Alan Reeves	
23		
24		
25	Steve Robinson	
26		
27	Paul McAeavey	
28	James Williams	
39		
30		
31		

Match Officials

Referee **T Parkes**
 Assistant Referees
C Oliver/A Smith
 Reserve Official **K Mattocks**

Match Sponsors



Main Club Sponsors



Kit Sponsors



Drinks Sponsors



FULL MATCH REPORT
& FORM ANALYSIS - only in the

SUNDAY PINK



**OFFICIAL
WIGAN ATHLETIC
KIT SPONSORS**

**OFFICIAL KIT AND
MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE
FROM THE LATICS CLUB SHOP
SITUATED AT THE**



STADIUM WAY, WIGAN. TEL: 01942 212122

VISIT OUR OTHER STORES:

Crompton Street, 01942 241880

The Galleries, 01942 826334

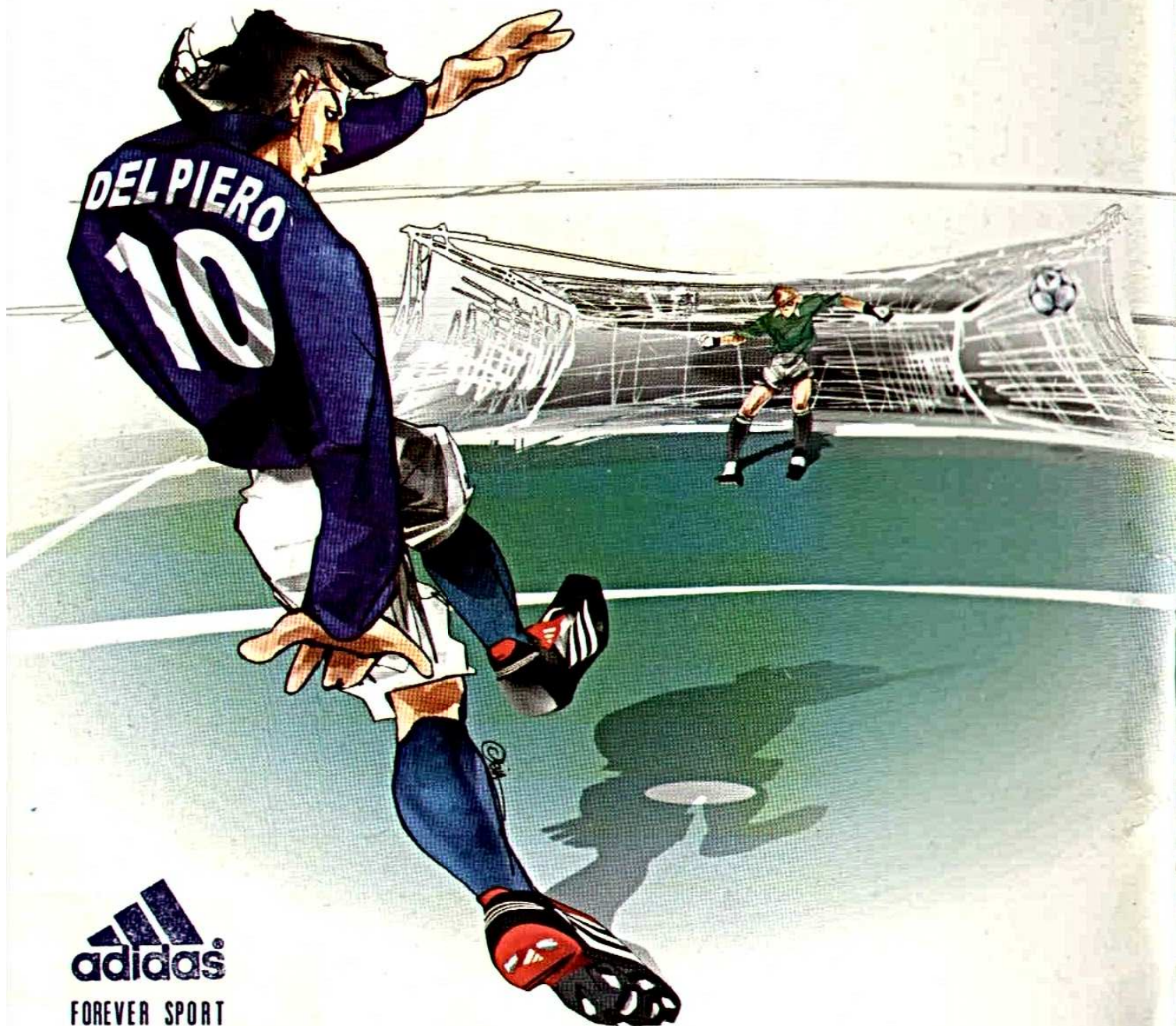
Robin Retail Park, 01942 216945



NEW RULES FOR NEW PREDATOR.

BEFORE A PENALTY IS TAKEN THE PLAYER MUST
FOREWARN WHERE HE INTENDS TO SCORE.

Equipment Predator® Precision. Revised Predator Technology
around the foot's key strike areas. For more power, accuracy, glory.
Commended by FIFA.™ More at adidas.co.uk/soccer




FOREVER SPORT