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EDITORS COMMENT

Well, unbeaten in five games and all of a sudden Latics are beginning to look good.

Having climbed in to the top half of the table and hopefully even higher after today's game with Swindon, Ronnie Moore's men, at last, are running in to a bit of form. This coming Tuesday's F A Cup 2nd round replay could be coming at just the right time. Another cash windfall for Latics, with another £75,000 in the bank thanks to the Sky TV coverage will put a smile on Managing Director Simon Corney's face. Stranger things have happened, just think, come January 8th Latics could be in the 4th round of the FA Cup and be sitting pretty in the top four of the league on 42 points (4 wins and 2 draws) what a cracker of Christmas that would have been...well, Christmas is when dreams come true isn't it?

Gordon.

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We welcome manager Iffy Onoura, the Swindon Town chairman, board of directors and players for this afternoon's game.

It should be an interesting contest with Swindon not having the best of times and ourselves having picked up a bit of form recently. But, as you all know, football can be a funny old game!

Swindon had a good result at Rotherham in their last outing but I am more concerned about our performance.

We have to make sure we play at a high tempo and not concede any daft goals like we have been doing.

It is a game we can win which would extend our unbeaten run to six games but we will have to be patient and do the right things.

Swindon play with a 4-5-1 formation but I won't be changing our 4-3-3 system which is proving to be pretty successful.

It is now beginning to cause a lot of teams a few problems.

Paul Edwards got the man-of-the-match award in Tuesday night's win over Walsall and when they threw caution to the wind he had a lot of defending to do as well as causing them trouble when going forward.

It was a nothing goal to concede and it would have been a tragedy if we had dropped any points.

Walsall had nothing to lose at 2-0 down and really had a go at us. Instead of being cigar time we gave them a lifeline and, once again, we were back to heart attack time. At least we held out to go four places up the table to put us just five points off the top six. There is no reason why we can't chalk up another victory this afternoon and move even closer to the play-off places and that will leave us sitting pretty for the Christmas period. Games are coming thick and fast at the moment and it does get a bit ridiculous when there are so many.

THICK AND FAST

This will be our third in a week and we go to Brentford on Tuesday night for an FA Cup replay. It is a game neither side wanted at such a busy time but I am sure the chairman of both clubs will be delighted that SKY TV are going to screen it live which means a welcome financial boost of £75,000 each.

A win will give us a tie at Stockport and I would like to think that is another winnable game, so there is plenty of action to look forward to.

It is at this time of year that you worry about injuries more than anything else and it can make or break your season there is no doubt about that. If you come out with hardly any points then you can suddenly find yourself in relegation trouble.

It is a massive time for all the players and that is why we are happy that our squad is now getting fitter and bigger. Stefan Stam returned to training this week and Chris Swailes is around a couple of weeks away.



There was also better news for Will Haining after being told his hamstring injury is not as bad as was first feared.

MOORE TALK

PLAYING WITH CONFIDENCE

He has the pace to go past defenders, has a few tricks, and his crosses into the box are a striker's dream.

The lads are certainly playing with a bit of confidence and it was good to get the win over Walsall.

Although there weren't a lot here, the fans really got behind us and we are going to need a lot more of that in the coming weeks.

We were the better side throughout on Tuesday night and deserved all three points.

But we still shot ourselves in the foot by giving away a sloppy goal - how many times have I said that this season - and in the end we were hanging on.

ROB EDWARDS.



"I decided to risk Will Haining although he hadn't played for almost eight months and I went for more experience by recalling Guy Branston who had been sidelined for four games. I played them in a back three alongside Terrell Forbes and they all did well."

The view from the dugout

It is about having strength in depth and it looks like we might have a decent squad to pick from. It is vital that we make sure the Christmas period is good for us. When you look at the fixtures we have some good games with a great chance of picking up results. We also have to remember that, with so many games, it can be expensive for the fans. Our gate against Walsall was under 4,000 but we are not playing badly and they are handpicking the games they want to go to. Hopefully, there will be a bigger crowd this afternoon.

ADAM GRIFFIN

Adam Griffin extended his loan period at Oxford for another week on Thursday and it could lead to a permanent deal.

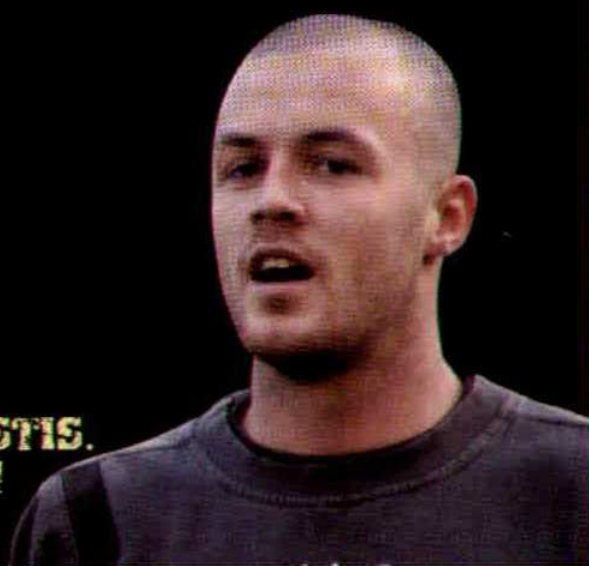
They are pleased with him and may try to sort something out when his loan period is up. I can't see him getting into the side here and I am not looking to stand in anyone's way if they want to leave.

I would like to end these notes by thanking you one all for your continued support, which is always, appreciated by the coaching staff and the lads and we wish you're a very Happy Christmas.

Enjoy the game and see you on Boxing Day.

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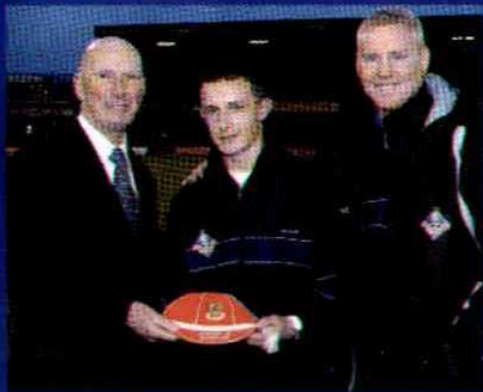
Newsdesk

SCHOOLS OUT AT LATICS!

A big Boundary Park welcome goes out to all the youngsters visiting us this afternoon for the game against Swindon. Over 5,000 Free tickets have been made available to Primary Schools across the borough over a seven game period of which today's game is the first. We do hope that all the youngsters have a great day along with the parent's as well! Is it to early to wish you all a happy Christmas?...is it eck... HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

IF THE CAP FITS..WEAR IT!

Oldham Athletic chairman Barry Chaytow presented Latics youngster Neil Eardley, with his Welsh under 19's cap during the half time interval when Brentford visited Boundary Park.



The cap was in recognition of Sean's games for his country recently against San Marino, Austria and France. Interestingly Latics chairman Barry Chaytow's company are the official suppliers to the Welsh FA of their International caps and mementoes so handing over the cap to one of his own clubs players was a double whammy for him.

BRENTFORD REPLAY

The replay of the FA Cup 2nd round tie against Brentford takes place this Tuesday at Griffin Park, kick-off 7.45pm. The game is being shown live on Sky Sports, but for those who like to watch the action live Latics travel club will be running a coach to the game. Seats are priced at 22.50p each and the coach departs Boundary Park at 1.45pm. Admission to the game is priced at £17 Adult seating, £12 Concessions and standing is priced at £12 Adults, £6 Concessions and under 16's pay just £3 whatever option they chose.

HILLSTONE SPONSOR LATICS SHORTS AGAIN.

Hillstone Developments have once again very generously come forward to sponsor the shorts that the boys in blue will be wearing down at Brentford in the FA Cup replay on Tuesday.

Hillstone Developments have been magnificent with their support for the club over recent weeks and the directors would like to publically register there thanks to all concerned. Tune in to Sky Televisions coverage to see just what the shorts look like.



THAT FLAG...

Club officials met with the owners of the 'flag' earlier this week following Brentford Manager Martin Allen's outburst last Saturday. The club were, and still are, of the opinion that the flag was indeed not racist in any way but the flag owners were concerned about all the publicity that has surrounded its use. Therefore the flag owners have themselves made the decision not to use the flag in its current form and club officials would like to commend them on their decision.

DID YOU STRKE IT LUCKY?

The first prize of £219 went unclaimed on Tuesday night, the winning ticket number with which the prize can still be claimed was 7385, if you have this ticket please bring it along to the Latics shop at your earliest convenience. The runners-up prize of £50 worth of Streetwise Sport vouchers was won by ticket number 12575, Matthew Friesen was the lucky winner who was visiting Boundary Park from Vancouver, Canada. Matthew sent his son John to collect his £50 Streetwise voucher (pictured).





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CHADDY CHIRPS

I have to start with an apology. I am really sorry for making such a short appearance on Saturday against Brentford. For a start I have really had enough of seeing that team, and I think that they feel the same.

I know that their manager has had enough of seeing us as it shows in his post match interview when he started moaning about one of those really nasty things that you see in everything football ground in the country... A flag? Apparently the flag has got something on it that offends some of his players. Now I saw the flag, and I took a good look at it because I had heard about it pre game, and for the life of me I could not understand what was so bad about it. I did read that Mr. Hardy said that he did not see anything wrong with it, but he would be speaking to the owner of the flag during the week. That's good news for me as I am planning on wearing my OAF C England flag at the game next Tuesday when we play Brentford again. I suspect that Martin Allen has got wind of my plan as I heard him say that if he sees another flag at the game on Tuesday he will personally burn it. Now I know he is obviously a bit tight with his money, but I did not think he was desperate enough to give the Christmas turkey a miss and go for the roasted owl in its favour. That is not going to happen anyway as he has got no chance of catching me, that guy could not catch a cold.

The main reason I did not stay out for long last week was I hurt my ankle. I did it whilst playing football on the Thursday, and I was not going to come out at all, I was going to just stay in my nest watching the game from high, but I spoke to Mr. Jarvis and he said it would be nice if I did come to see you all for a while, but not to over do it as they definitely need me for today's game. So I got ready and came out for a bit of a stroll around the place. I really enjoyed taking the Mickey out of those six lads in the away end with pink shirts on, a little bit TOO camp for me, but they seemed game enough when I was giving them some stick, but maybe they were just being kind so they could get closer to me, but I made a sharp exit as you cant trust any bloke in a pink shirt. I have got a lot to do at today's game as we have given out a lot of free tickets to kids around the area to get them supporting Latics for the future. There are going to be lots of nice surprises for the kids at today's game, so make sure you don't disappear at half time or you might miss out. If my ankle has fully recovered I have been permission by the powers that be to do something I have wanted to do for ages, but you will have to wait and see what that is.

I have been coming up with some ideas for games to keep you all entertained at half time, but it is difficult to get the club to agree to them so I have started making up my own, like the one I did on Saturday when I gave the ball to a fan in the crowd and bent over for them to hit me with the ball. I was quite surprised how many people wanted a go at that, just a shame you were all useless at it, and nobody even got close to me. If anyone has got any ideas for any games you can send them into me at my website www.chaddytheowl.co.uk I know that the site has not been updated for ages but there are a lot of rules I have to follow with the football league so I had to get all the facts before I started getting more involved in it. I have got tons of pictures to go on it from all the appearances I have done since the start of the season, and one or two videos, but it is now down to my mate Nugget to get it all up to date once I have sent him all the info. I have had some great jokes sent in to me, and some of them have been used in past write ups, others are going to be saved for my joke book when I eventually get round to finishing it off. If you have any more jokes please send them in to me. If you have something for me like a picture that can't be sent by computer, then please drop them off at the shop for me and I will get them onto my website or even into one of my write ups for the programme.

Before I go I would like to wish everyone at Latics and all the fans a very Merry Christmas as this is our last home game before Christmas day. I will see you all on Boxing day hopefully when we play Bradford, so I will be having a laugh with my old mate City Gent and Billy Bantam as I know they are definitely coming down for that game. And by then we will be sitting around the playoff places, you mark my word.

Get behind the lads, and come on you
BBBLLLUUEEESSS!!!!





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GOALKEEPERS

	Apps
1 Rhys Evans	6
13 Matthew Bulman	0(1)
26 Tom Heaton	19

DEFENDERS

2 Sean O'Hanlon	19
3 Jack Smith	18
5 Jerel Ifil	21
6 Steve Jenkins	12(3)
14 Alan Reeves	1(1)
15 Andrew Nicholas	13(2)
17 Charlie Comyn-Platt	5(6)
20 Patrick Collins	13
27 Andy Gurney	12(1)

MIDFIELDERS

4 Nicky Nicolau	3(3)
7 Gareth Whalley	17(1)
10 Stefani Miglioranza	11(1)
19 Michael Pook	21(1)
21 Ben Wells	0(3)
23 Neale McDermott	8(5)
29 David Stroud	2
32 Aaron Brown	1(1)

STRIKERS

8 Rory Fallon	20(1)
9 Tony Thorpe	8(2)
12 Ricky Shakes	9(8)
18 Christian Roberts	9(12)
25 Colin Heath	11(3)
28 Hameur Bouazza	10
30 Ashan Holgate	0(2)
31 Petr Mikolanda	0(2)

GOALSCORERS

9 Rory Fallon	11
18 Christian Roberts	4
28 Hameur Bouazza	2
27 Andy Gurney	2

THE STORY SO FAR

Biggest H win 4-2 V Rotherham
Biggest A win 0-1 V Rotherham
Biggest H defeat 0-3 V Barnsley
Biggest A defeat 3-1 V MK Dons

ROCKIN' ROBINS

First away win for Iffy Onuora's battlers

LAST weekend's 1-0 victory at Rotherham United was a rare highlight for League One strugglers Swindon Town, writes the Advertiser's Carl Marsden.

That welcome win saw the Robins leapfrog Bristol City to move off the bottom of the table for the first time since September 24, when their dismal run cost former manager Andy King his job.

After finishing in 12th spot last term, King lost several prized talents during the summer including Matt Heywood and Grant Smith (Bristol City), Sammy Igoe (Millwall) and 24-goal striker Sam Parkin (Ipswich Town).

To fill Parkin's boots, he recruited Bolton youngster Ricky Shakes and experienced Queens Park Rangers pair Tony Thorpe and Jamie Cureton (now on-loan at Colchester United). Defenders Jack Smith (Watford), Charlie Comyn-Platt (Bolton) plus midfield men Nicky Nicolau (Southend United) and Gareth Whalley (Wigan Athletic) were also drafted in to bolster the backbone of the side in 'keeper Rhys Evans, defender Sean O'Hanlon and hitman Rory Fallon.

An opening-day 2-0 defeat at Barnsley, followed by Latics' 3-2 win at the County Ground three days later, provided portents of serious trouble ahead.

Despite subsequent home wins over Nottingham Forest and Yeovil, Swindon then lost seven consecutive league games prompting King's departure.

Heavily shackled by the club's continuing financial problems both he and his successor, Iffy Onuora, have placed faith in loan signings to spark a change.

Manchester United first allowed goalkeeper Tom Heaton and striker Colin Heath to sign on three-month deals and they have since been followed by defender Patrick Collins (Sheffield Wednesday), midfielders Neale McDermott (Fulham) and Aaron Brown (QPR), plus strikers Hameur Bouazza (Watford) and Petr Mikolanda (West Ham).

Improvement under Onuora was initially slow but his side had lost just one and drawn four in six league games before last weekend's gutsy win at Millmoor.

That smash-and-grab performance was Swindon's first away win and came despite four first-team regulars - Andy Gurney, Steve Jenkins, Sean O'Hanlon and Jerel Ifil - being suspended.

That necessitated drastic changes with Brazilian midfielder Stefani Miglioranza dropping deep alongside centre-backs Patrick Collins and Charlie Comyn Platt in a 3-5-2 formation.

And thanks to several players operating out of position - plus goalkeeping heroics from Rhys Evans - Town did enough to hang on to Rory Fallon's 11th goal of the season and complete the double over the Millers. Delighted boss Onuora believes that victory could yet prove to be a turning point in their battle against the drop.

"Getting off the bottom was a big incentive, but I am looking at the points more than the position," he said.

"The lads have given themselves a platform from which to build. Hopefully it will be important to our season."

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In The Dugout.

Swindon Town Manager

Iffy Onura



Q&A

How important was your win at Rotherham United last weekend?
Everyone builds it up as a six-pointer when you're playing a team near you in the table, but we stood up to the task well. Psychologically it was a big boost to get off the bottom of the table.

Swindon are unbeaten in four league games away from home, including draws at Brentford, Huddersfield Town and Port Vale. How do you explain that improvement?

The boys have worked hard and they believe we're better than our league position. Some of our better performances have been on the road, perhaps because there's a bit more anxiety at home.

How confident are you of staying up and why?

I'm confident because we've played most of the teams in this division and I've yet to see an outstanding team. The division is very open and anyone can beat anyone else.

We've played okay at times without getting results.

Swindon reached the play-offs the season before last. What's gone wrong?

The team that Andy King had in the play-offs were all at the right age, with two players (Sam Parkin and Tommy Mooney) who scored 20-plus goals a season.

They're not here now so that's been a big factor. It's been a little bit of a rebuilding job, with a lot of young players.

Bristol City also reached the play-offs in 2003-04; Gillingham and Rotherham were Championship clubs last season. How surprised are you by their results?

I don't really pay too much attention to other clubs, but they've all changed their managers and it does take time.

How much pressure is the club under financially and how does that affect your job?

The financial constraints impact on everything you do in terms of bringing players in, staying away overnight and so on, but you know that and you get on with it. We're similar to a lot of other clubs, but the fans are probably a bit more aware of the situation because of the history of administration here.

What are you expecting from Oldham today?

I expect a tough game. They're our rivals because they're in the wrong half of the table.

And finally, what do you think of the so-called Magic Roundabout, that series of mini-roundabouts in Swindon?

As far as I'm aware, I had no say in the planning of that roundabout. It can get a bit hairy at times!



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GOALKEEPERS

FORMER England U21

international **Rhys Evans** remains first-choice after agreeing a new one-year contract last summer. Swindon-born, the 23-year-old signed from Chelsea in summer 2003 after being released despite impressing on-loan at Bristol Rovers, Queens Park Rangers and Leyton Orient.

Tall, confident and a competent handler of the ball, the 6ft 1in custodian remains a fine shot-stopper with undoubted potential.

On-loan Tom Heaton, 19, has joined from Manchester United until January 1, 2006 in a deal that could be yet extended for the rest of the season. After agreeing the initial switch in August, the Chester-born youngster held down the Number One slot until recently being dropped after he was sent-off in conceding a penalty at Boston United.

Former youth team 'keeper Matt Bulman, 19, was handed a chance to stake his first-team claims pre-season but has made just one substitute appearance so far.

DEFENDERS

ON-LOAN Sheffield Wednesday defender Patrick Collins, 20, was recalled to the first-team last week. The versatile player prefers the right-back position but usually operates in central defence. A former Sunderland youth product, he is highly-rated by the Hillsborough coaching staff. Full-back Jack Smith can be deployed on either flank and is predominantly right-footed. The 22-year-old made a handful of starts for Watford last term - including becoming a penalty shoot-out hero in the Carling Cup win over Sheffield United - before agreeing a switch to the County Ground in July. Strong and pacy centre-back Jerel Ifil is another ex-Watford trainee. The 23-year-old was a £70,000 signing in August 2004 and has impressed with his tireless tackling and excellent man-marking attributes. After starting just ten league games at Vicarage Road, he was previously loaned to Huddersfield and then Swindon three times.

Skipper Sean O'Hanlon was a £150,000 signing from Everton in January 2004 following a loan stint. Southport-born, the 22-year-old can operate in central defence or at right-back. A tough and uncompromising figure, he has attracted interest from several higher league clubs.

Former Bolton centre-back **Charlie Comyn-Platt**, 20, signed after being released from his contract this summer. Manchester-born, he had failed to make the senior squad breakthrough at the Reebok but gained first-team experience on-loan at Wycombe.

Andy Gurney is back on-loan back at his former club from Swansea City. The 31-year-old is an ex-Bristol Rovers apprentice who enjoyed moves to Torquay and Reading (£100,000) before spending three years with the Robins. He joined Swansea in September 2004 before a central-defensive crisis prompted his return. Vastly-experienced Steve Jenkins, 33, is a former Welsh international right-back. A one-time Swansea City trainee, Huddersfield Town paid £275,000 for him in 1995 and he subsequently also represented Cardiff City, Notts County and Peterborough United.

Left-back Andrew Nicholas, 22, has forced himself back into the first-team scene under new boss Iffy Onuora. The 2003 capture from Liverpool endured a disappointing campaign that saw him farmed out on-loan to Ian Rush's Chester City last term. A tall and pacy player, he also possesses an excellent long throw.

Defensive cover is completed by Kyle Lapham, the 19-year-old Youth Team Player of the Year, and veteran Alan Reeves, 38, who coaches the reserves.

MIDFIELDERS

SUMMER signing Nicky Nicolau, 22, has just returned to training following hernia surgery.

The left-sided midfielder, who also recently had a knee problem, has endured a nightmare time since moving from Southend United. A one-time Arsenal trainee, he has only figured once so far under new boss Iffy Onuora.

Gareth Whalley signed after his one-year deal at Wigan Athletic expired in July. The 32-year-old central midfielder is a skilful player who came through the Crewe youth system. A £600,000 move to Bradford followed in 1998 before a two-year stint with Cardiff City.

Michael Pook, 19, is a strong-running youth product able to play anywhere across the middle. After making three starts last term the local lad has stepped up to become a virtual first-team

ever-present this season.

On-loan Fulham man Neale McDermott is with the Robins until January 11, 2006. The creative 20-year-old midfielder is the son of Liverpool legend, Terry McDermott, and moved to Craven Cottage from Newcastle United in January 2003.

Brazilian **Stefani Miglioranza** is a graduate of the American College system who spent three years with Portsmouth. The classy 28-year-old moved to Swindon after impressing in a trial but has been consistently dogged by injury problems. Second year scholar Ben Wells, 18, has arrived on the first-team fringe earlier than expected. A neat passer with boundless energy, he has only been used from the bench so far.



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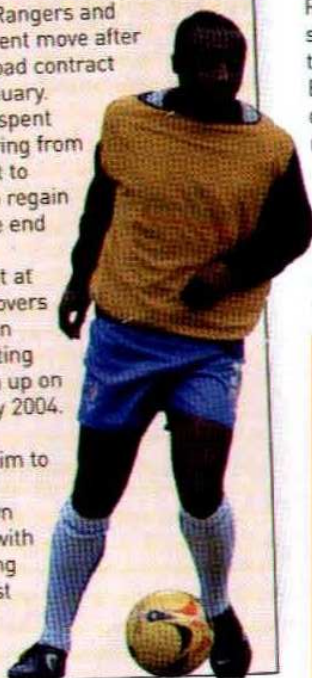


STAR MIDFIELDER

AARON Brown is desperate to make a big impression during his one-month spell on-loan at Swindon.

The 25-year-old midfielder has temporarily joined from Queens Park Rangers and hopes to secure a permanent move after learning that his Loftus Road contract will not be renewed in January. A left winger by trade, he spent much of last term recovering from a broken leg and was sent to Torquay United on-loan to regain match fitness towards the end of the campaign.

His career had started out at hometown club Bristol Rovers where he made more than 150 appearances, prompting Ian Holloway to snap him up on a free transfer in January 2004. But with first-team competition restricting him to just one league start for Rangers this term, Brown recently spent a month with Cheltenham before opting to join Town ahead of last month's loan deal deadline.



STRIKERS

CZECH U21 international striker Petr Mikolanda recently signed a one-month loan deal. The 21-year-old joined West Ham United this summer from Viktoria Zizkov after a successful trial but is yet to make a start for the Hammers. He recently also had a spell with Northampton, playing against Macclesfield, Norwich and Cheltenham, before injury curtailed his stay.

Frenchman Hameur Bouazza, 20, is on-loan from Watford. Pacy, skilful and strong he can operate down the left or as an out-and-out striker. A dislocated shoulder hampered his opportunities last term but he has already made 16 first-team starts at Vicarage Road. Although sometimes criticised for his reluctance to shoot, he netted a smart equaliser at Port Vale last month. Colin Heath is on a three-month loan deal from Manchester United. The 21-year-old spent last term developing in the reserves after a stint with Belgian club Royal Antwerp. A five-game loan spell with Cambridge United then ended goalless but he has netted twice for Swindon to date.

Experienced Tony Thorpe struggled to hit QPR's first-team last term and opted to move to Wiltshire this summer. The 31-year-old ex-Luton trainee has bagged more than 160 goals in spells with Fulham (£800,000), Bristol City (£1 million), Reading and Rotherham (both loan).

Ricky Shakes, 20, signed this summer from Bolton after netting twice in a four-game loan stint at Bury. Brixton-born, he can operate up front or wide on the right and uses his pace to unsettle defenders.

Right-sided forward Junior Mendes, joined from Mansfield Town in summer 2004 and prefers cutting in from wide positions.

After a slow start to his career, he suddenly hit form with six goals in as many games last term before falling behind Pawel Abbott in the pecking order. Pacy and a natural finisher, he has also played for Carlisle, Dunfermline, Plymouth, Rushden and Diamonds, and St Mirren. Also capped by Montserrat at international level, he celebrates his 29th birthday next Thursday.

Star Striker

CHRISTIAN Roberts marked his Swindon Town debut last season by scoring his first goal for his new club in their 1-0 defeat of the Latics at the County Ground. A former Welsh U21 international, the player had ironically been linked with a move to Boundary Park just days before as Brian Talbot looked to bolster his firepower.

After starting out as a trainee with hometown club Cardiff City in 1997, Roberts made just six first-team starts for the Bluebirds before being allowed to join Exeter City on a free transfer in July 2000. His subsequent tally of 18 goals in 67 appearances at St James' Park then prompted Bristol City to make their move in March 2002. In his first full season at Ashton Gate, the player twice hit the net against his boyhood favourites Cardiff in the league but couldn't repeat the feat against them in the play-off semi-final.

Although mainly used from the substitutes' bench the following term, Roberts again came good when it mattered: netting a late goal to take City through to the play-off final but costing himself the chance of a full Welsh cap in the process.



That promotion bid ultimately failed again and, following the dismissal of manager Danny Wilson, Roberts opted to join Swindon in October 2004. A pacy and direct front-man, only a lack of awareness and fitness problems have prevented him from fulfilling his true potential.

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HOTSHOT

LEADING scorer Rory Fallon's current tally of eleven strikes is no mean feat given Swindon's woes this term.

Until recently he was the only club striker to have contributed more than a single goal from open play and the story represents a dramatic turnaround in his personal fortunes. The 6ft 2in frontman appeared to be on his way out last February when Andy King agreed to send him to Yeovil Town on loan.

But the Kiwi soon returned to the County Ground revitalised, putting in several good late-season displays which have continued this term.

Fallon had signed from Barnsley in November 2003 for a £60,000 fee after putting in several impressive performances against the Robins. The 23-year-old started out as an Oakwell trainee and was just breaking into the first-team picture after a loan spell with Shrewsbury Town when a foot injury pushed him back down the pecking order.

A bustling centre forward, with a good touch on the deck, he causes defenders problems with his physical presence.



POTTED HISTORY

- 1881 - Club forms as Spartans
- 1884 - Amalgamates with St Mary's Young Men's Friendly Society, becoming Swindon
- 1894 - Joins Southern League
- 1896 - Moves to County Ground
- 1910 - Sam Allen's side reaches FA Cup semi-finals
- 1912 - Beaten FA Cup semi-finalists again
- 1920 - Join new Third Division of Football League
- 1933 - Allen steps down as club finishes bottom of Third Division (South)
- 1963 - Bert Head's team promoted as Third Division runners-up but they drop again two years after he leaves for Bury
- 1969 - Promotion plus historic League Cup final win over Arsenal (3-1)
- 1974 - Relegated to Third Division
- 1982 - Drop back to Fourth Division
- 1986 - Lou Macari's team win Fourth Division title with 102 points
- 1987 - Third-place finish secures second successive promotion
- 1989 - Osvaldo Ardiles oversees Play-off Final victory over Sunderland but within days promotion is lost after club is found guilty of irregular payments
- 1993 - Glen Hoddle guides club to Play-off victory over Leicester, securing top-flight football but soon joins Chelsea
- 1994 - Bottom-placed finish under John Gorman with just five wins
- 1995 - Second successive relegation under Steve McMahon
- 1996 - Second Division title winners
- 2000 - Financial crisis prompts Terry Brady's takeover but relegation follows with boss Jimmy Quinn replaced by Colin Todd
- 2001 - Andy King becomes manager but Brady departs after row over stadium plans
- 2002 - King returns after failure of Ronnie Evans
- 2005 - King replaced by Iffy Onuora

HONOURS

- Division Four champions 1986
- Division Two champions 1996
- FA Cup semi-finalists 1910, 1912
- League Cup winners 1969
- Anglo-Italian Cup winners 1970

Did You Know?

Swindon remains one of the fastest growing UK towns and has relatively low unemployment in its population of about 180,000.

The Domesday Book refers to the original Saxon settlement of Swindon as Suindune, which literally means 'pig hill' as it sits atop a limestone hill.

The Wiltshire & Berkshire, and the North Wiltshire canals accelerated growth in the 19th century but the most significant impact came in 1840 when Isambard Kingdom Brunel chose Swindon to house a major railway works for the Great Western Railway. That industry remained the major local employers around the late 1970s when Honda swept in.

Local landmarks include the 'Magic Roundabout' (subject of a song by local group XTC), The 'Oasis' Leisure Centre (which inspired Noel Gallagher to use the name for his band), Broome Manor Golf Complex, and the National Monuments Record Centre.

Famous Swindon offspring include Billie Piper (actress), Melinda Messenger (model), David Hempleman-Adams (explorer) and Ian Fleming (author).

Pictured: Melinda Messenger





El Capitano

We were all happy to pick up the three points against Walsall on Tuesday night and it was a good win. We needed to kick-off our home form which has been indifferent to say the least, but we still made hard work of it. Again.

After going 2-0 up it was time to keep the ball but we let them have a free shot from the edge of the box and it was back to panic stations. Chris Day made a really good save in the last minute just when it looked like it was going to go into the bottom corner. We had our chances and their keeper made a good save from me when I got through by sticking out a leg. I really thought it was going in. He made a couple of other good saves and it was a bit anxious when you saw him going up the other in time added on for a corner. When you have him on trial and released him you think "Here we go, a header in the bottom corner." Thankfully, he did a bit of GBH on Warney and gave him a double-handed shove. But he still managed to get his head to the ball and put it over. Even so, we fully deserved the win although it was a free-flowing game of football. But you are not going to get many of those in this league. To be honest, it would have been an injustice had Walsall got anything out of the game because, without doubt, we were the best team. Because we haven't been doing well at home and the manager saying don't panic when you get 2-0 up you can feel it. When you are cruising and the opposition gets a goal back it becomes a mental thing. Instead of pushing on you are thinking about it when you should be pushing for a couple more goals. But Walsall were honest enough to say we deserved our result. They hadn't trouble us until the last 10 minutes and that was self-inflicted. I don't what it is about our home form and I can only speak from my personal point of view. There are two sets of posts with green grass in between, so I don't know what it is. I don't think it is fear, but if you could explain it and knew what it was you could put your finger on it and solve the problem once and for all.

We got some way to solving it by winning on Tuesday night and we have to take that on board. Now we have to do it again this afternoon. It was good to move up the table, but I think most sides will be up and down all season. It is going to be pretty even. The game against Swindon is another big game for us and I can't see it being free-flowing, either. I have played in teams myself that have been down where they are and they will be scrapping for every point they can get. The main thing will be to score first. That will settle us down we look good when we do that. We had a good result against the at their play and nearly chucked that one away! We were 3-0 up, they came back to 3-2 and hit the post in the last minute. The man to watch will be Rory Fallon who was a young lad just starting out when I was at Barnsley. He has scored around 12 goals in a side struggling near the bottom of the table, so that isn't a bad return. But myself, Paul Warne and Chris Porter have rattled in 24 between us so that's not bad going, either. That makes us comparable to most strike forces in our league, although Billy Sharpe and Lee Trundle our way out there in the scoring stakes. We are looking more solid and tight again at the back and we are on a little bit of a run. But we need to make it seven, eight or nine runs on the bounce to make it really count and that has to be our aim. We have five league games left this month and if we can make them count there is no reason why we can't go into the New Year full of confidence. Christmas is just around the corner and I wish you all a good one.

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SIX OF THE BEST...

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS selects Six Swindon Town 'Classic Campaigns' from 60 post-war seasons.

1968/69

Don Rogers starred as Swindon Town achieved an epic League Cup and promotion 'double' in 1968/69. Early pace-setters in the Third Division, they lost 1-0 at home to Watford in the title 'decider' watched by 28,898 and finished runners-up on goal average. Swindon defeated Torquay 2-1, Bradford City 4-3, Blackburn 1-0, Coventry 3-0, Derby 1-0 and Burnley 3-2 in the League Cup before beating Arsenal 3-1 after extra-time in the Wembley final: Peter Downsbrough, Rod Thomas, John Trollope, Joe Butler, Frank Burrows, Stan Harland, Don Heath, Roger Smart, John Smith (Willie Penman), Peter Noble, Don Rogers.

1985/86

Swindon Town stormed to the Fourth Division title with a record 102 points in 1985/86. Lou Macari's side made a poor start in the League but defeated Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday en route to the Milk Cup fourth round. Kenny Allen arrived from Torquay and Dave Bamber from Portsmouth as Swindon soared to the top of the table with 14 wins in 16 matches. They set a club record of 13 consecutive home victories with a 3-1 win over Burnley and clinched the title with a 1-1 draw at Mansfield. Charlie Henry and Colin Gordon scored 35 goals between them, while skipper Colin Calderwood was ever-present.

1986/87

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

1989/90

Swindon Town won the 1989/90 Second Division play-off final but were denied top-flight status after an illegal payments scandal. Swindon had qualified for the play-offs the previous season and Ossie Ardiles replaced Lou Macari as manager. They soared into the promotion frame with seven wins in nine games including a 6-0 victory over Stoke and signed David Keirslake from QPR in November. Alan McLoughlin, Duncan Shearer and Steve White starred as Swindon maintained their challenge with just one defeat in 13 matches and finished in fourth position. They defeated Sunderland 1-0 in the play-off final at Wembley.



1992/93

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



1995/96

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



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Gareth Owen's only regret about his transfer to Latics was that it didn't happen 12 months earlier. The defender was keen to move to Boundary Park in the summer of 2004 only for Latics to be unable to agree a fee for the 23-year-old.

Owen had completed a three-month loan in which he had made 15 league appearances during the 2003/04 season. So it was a case of returning to his native Potteries last season for a campaign which saw him play league football for three clubs - Stoke, Torquay and Latics. It was back to Boundary Park late in the campaign with Owen featuring in the final nine matches, including the win-or-bust last match against Bradford City which Latics had to register a victory to stave off the threat of relegation.

Owen, who finally made his move to Latics permanent in the summer, is delighted with life at Boundary Park. He admitted he thought it would be difficult to nail down a regular first-team place only for a defensive injury crisis to open the door and, apart from a spell out with a gashed knee, Owen has been a regular in the back line.

Owen said: "I didn't expect to walk straight into the side with a lot of new players arriving in the summer but, due to injuries, I have played in nearly every game.

"I have been reasonably pleased with the way I have done and hopefully I can stay in the team and keep improving as I learn my trade.

"I haven't escaped the injury curse when I had stitches in my knee and missed a few matches, but I am grateful to be playing every week and to the manager for having the faith in keeping picking me." Here Owen picks 20 numbers at random from a list of 50 questions which tells us about some of the best things in his life, both on and off the field.

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1 MAGAZINE YOU READ - FHM because it covers a wide range of subjects - fashion, cars and sport - and I usually buy it at the end of each month. I read quite a lot and usually get a paper on my way home from training to read in the afternoon.

2 THING THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED TO YOU - I would say being given my first professional contract because it is a job I had dreamed of doing since being a kid. And it is something I had worked hard putting in many hours training and practicing at Stoke's school of excellence and in the youth team with a professional contract the eventual goal. It has been a long road and only a couple of my youth team at Stoke are still playing professionally which shows how few actually make it so it is special.

3 NEWSPAPER FOR ITS SPORTS COVERAGE

- The Sun's football coverage is second to none, and I particularly like the 'Goals' pullout on a Monday when I can read a match report about every game. Second to that would be the Sunday Telegraph because that has some good write-ups about football.

4 PIECE OF NEW TECHNOLOGY

- I have an Apple i Mac laptop and i-pod combined. It is unbelievable the amount of music you can get on such a small piece of equipment. My laptop is great for away matches as I can watch DVD's, play games and also do work on including my bank accounts.

5 SPORT OTHER THAN

FOOTBALL - I play cricket for my local club in Cheadle, Staffordshire and it is great to get some exercise and fresh

GARETH OWEN

air. I played about half a dozen matches for the second team last summer and took a few wickets, as I am mainly a bowler. I could have played for Staffordshire schools at cricket, but Stoke City weren't keen on me playing so I had to pack it in for a time.

6 MOMENT IN FOOTBALL - Making my league debut for Stoke at Wigan obviously stands out. I didn't know I was travelling until the day and when somebody went down ill I was given a place on the bench and managed to get on. Another memorable moment was scoring my first league goal which was while I was on loan at Oldham in our 4-1 victory against Plymouth. I scored the second and it was an unbelievable feeling. Will Haining took a long throw, two of their players collided and I just smashed it as hard as I could. My celebration was wild as I didn't know what to do and I ran around like a mad man with my arms raised!

7 LEAGUE CAMPAIGN - The 2003/04 season was important as the three months I spent here on loan from Stoke gave me my first lengthy run of first-team football. The move came out of the blue and the club had to get special dispensation from the Football League for me to join them as they were in administration. John Sheridan was in charge and it was great to arrive and play 15 league matches and help them stave off the threat of relegation.

8 FOREIGN TEAM - AC Milan because of their history and the fact they have always been one of the heavyweights of European football. And Paolo Maldini is one of my favourite players and to achieve what he has done in 21 years at the club is fantastic as well as appearing in four finals of the World Cup. I like Italian football and it is probably the best defensive league in the world.

9 TELEVISION PROGRAMME - It was Max and Paddy's Road to nowhere which was hilarious and I couldn't stop laughing. I also like Only Fools and Horses and even though they have been re-run many times I still find them as amusing as ever.

10 AUTHOR - I don't have a favourite author, but I enjoy reading autobiographies. The best one has been Lance Armstrong's 'It's Not About The Bike' which was inspirational as it told how he overcame cancer and then trained to be a world-class athlete. It also showed how your mind can overcome a lot of troubles and it makes you think twice about any little niggle you might have when you see him continuing with cancer.

11 PIECE OF MAGIC ON A FOOTBALL FIELD - Ronaldinho seems to produce something special each week in Spain when I watch him playing in La Liga and some of the things he does are unbelievable. The best thing he has done, and

something I have never seen before, was passing the ball with his back when somebody played in a high ball to him. His team mate Guly was making an overlap and as the defender came out he twisted his back as though he was going to pull out and played in Guly who scored. The only player here who can perform tricks is Thierry Henry, but not even he is in Ronaldinho's class.

12 FOOTBALL PROGRAMME ON TELEVISION - Match of the Day as I like to see the highlights of all the Premiership matches and see all the goals which have been scored. I also look at the defensive play and see if there is anything I can learn from centre halves playing in the Premiership and seeing if I can apply it to my own game as I am always looking to improve.

13 PIECE OF ADVICE YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN - Before every game my dad Dave tells me to work hard, but most of all enjoy the game. He says play with a smile because if you relax you are always going to play better rather than being nervous and tentative.

14 BEST PLACE YOU HAVE VISITED AS A FOOTBALLER - When I was at Stoke City's school of excellence, I went with the under-14s to America for three weeks to play in a tournament. We reached the semi-finals where we lost to a Brazilian team so it was no disgrace. We had one week in Orlando for the tournament, the second in Atlanta, where we played some local teams, and returned to Orlando for the third week. It was an unbelievable experience at that age to go somewhere like that without your parents and the fact I missed school made it even better.

15 RESTAURANT - I would pick a local pub, The Raddle Inn at Hollington which has home cooked food which I prefer to a restaurant. And the meat and potato pie is wonderful. It is some of the best food I have eaten and I usually go there a couple of times each month.

16 WAY TO UNWIND AFTER A GAME - After home matches it is an hour's drive home so by then I often don't feel like doing anything so I tend to watch television and relax. Sometimes I go out with friends and it is nice to take your mind off the game. I have some good friends and they know the result of our game and they know I don't want to be quizzed about the match.

17 AWAY GROUND - I was in the Stoke squad when they reached the League One play-off final, but didn't get to play at the Millennium

Stadium where we beat Brentford. That ground was unbelievable as was being involved in the whole day. As for the best one I have played on, I would pick Molineux where I have played for Stoke City's first team and reserves. The pitch was like playing on a carpet and the stands have all been rebuilt.

18 FRIEND IN FOOTBALL - Andy Wilkinson, a young centre half at Stoke, is a good friend as we came up through the ranks together. I was on the left side and he was on the right and we had a great partnership, both on and off the pitch. He has played a couple of times for Stoke's first team this season, and I am pleased for him.

19 FOOTBALL SHIRT YOU'VE OWNED - I was always a Chelsea fan as a kid and that was the first one I ever had. I would be eight or nine years of age and, because it was my first one, I had fond memories of it and I think I still have it somewhere at home. My dad is a Chelsea fan and I supported them because of him. Before I started playing regularly we used to go to Stamford Bridge quite often. My first-ever squad number '25' at Stoke was special and I had that signed by all the players and it is framed on the wall at home.

20 CD YOU POSSESS - Faithless' Greatest Hits is a terrific dance music album and I like to listen to it on my i-pod before I go out to play as it gets me into the mood. My favourite track is called 'God is a DJ' and if I hear it when I am out it makes my night.



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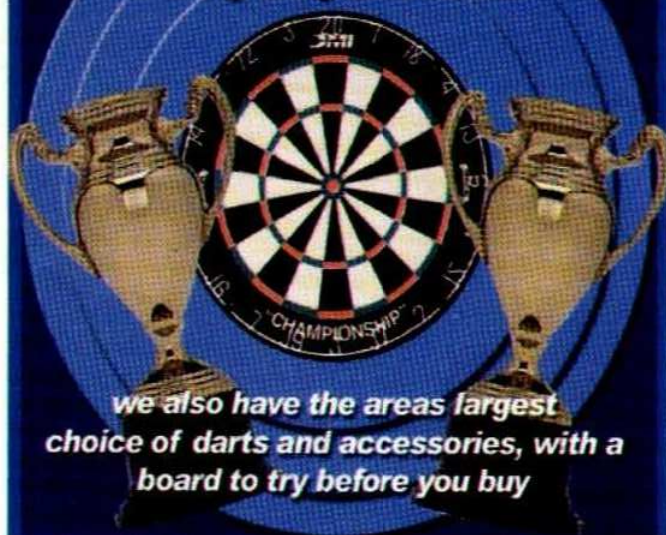
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Sorry folks but today is the Boundary Blues committee's Christmas bash and we have had to close the lounge just for this game...hope you are all not too disappointed!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy to all our members who have birthdays in December, Matthew Shipp, Andrew Buckley, Kristian Longden, Joshua Bowker, Alexander Cadd, Benajmin Williams, Benjamin McDonald, Luke Stacey, Karl Jones, Corey Weldon, Christopher Davies, Matthew Edwardson, Naomi Lee, Thomas Lee, Amber Web-Lord, Jonathan Hardy, Bobby Larnar, Chris Stott, Simeon Ogden, Louis McCarthy, Matthew Fitzpatrick, Ben Green, Phil Rawlings, Jake Meller, Jonathan Fullalove, Adam Kershaw, Luke Fitton, Lawrence Girvan, Robert Cahill, Andrew Winspear, Jonathan Window.

BALL BOYS AND GIRLS.

If you would like to become a ball boy or girl give your name to any of the committee and we will put you on the list.



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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Just a reminder to everyone that the party is a week on Monday, 12th December, in the Clayton Arms from 7pm until 9pm. All the players will be in attendance, we will be playing games, having a quiz and raffle, plus autograph and question and answer session. So hurry along and buy your ticket, £7.50 for Adults and £5 for members. You can buy them in the Boundary Blues lounge on match days or in the club shop. Join us for a great night.

BOUNDARY BLUES ON TOUR

Don't forget to book on our trip to Blackpool on Wednesday 28th December. Places are still available £20 per Adult and £10 per Member. You can book them in the Boundary Blues lounge or in the club shop. Please note- the change of time of this match, it is a 7.45pm kick off and we will be leaving the Clayton Arms at 5.30pm prompt!

PLEASE NOTE

Because we are all off having a good time. There will be no mascot for today's game. Normal service will be resumed on Boxing Day!



Matchday Mascot Trophies

A special thank you to Graham from Gee Dee Trophies for supplying us with our lovely mascot trophies, Many thanks Graham!



BOUNDARY BLUES LOUNGE

on match days we look forward to seeing you all, just pop along for a chat, play on the play stations, or buy from the tuck shop. Everyone is welcome, don't forget to have your season ticket with you to show the stewards if you are coming from a different part of the ground.

AND FINALLY....

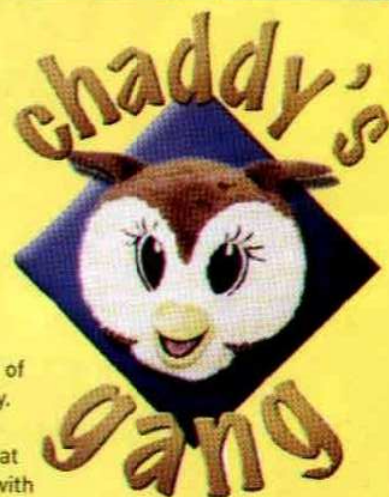
Shout as loud as you can today and get behind the lads, they can hear you, C'MON YOU BLUES!!

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"YOU'D HAVE THOUGHT SOMEBODY WOULD HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO MISS THE MATCH, WOULDN'T YOU?"

Hi GANG!



Hi Gang,

Have you all bought your tickets for the bash of the year? 'The Chaddy' Gang Christmas Party. We thought that we would have a change of venue this year and so the party will be held at Sparkles in The Market Square, Royton. As with all your parties I, the great Chaddy the Owl will be there and there will be appearances from some of the players too. Your two hours of fun will include the following :-

- Over one hour in the play system
- 30 minutes in the party room
- Unlimited juice
- A visit to Santa's grotto (including a present for each child)
- Hot and cold party food
- Party hats, crackers and a Christmas party bag.

Along with the change of venue, there are also a couple of other changes. Mums and Dads do not have to pay for their ticket this year. Instead members will have to purchase a ticket. These are priced at £4. Non-members will also have a chance to purchase a ticket at a slightly higher cost of £5 each.

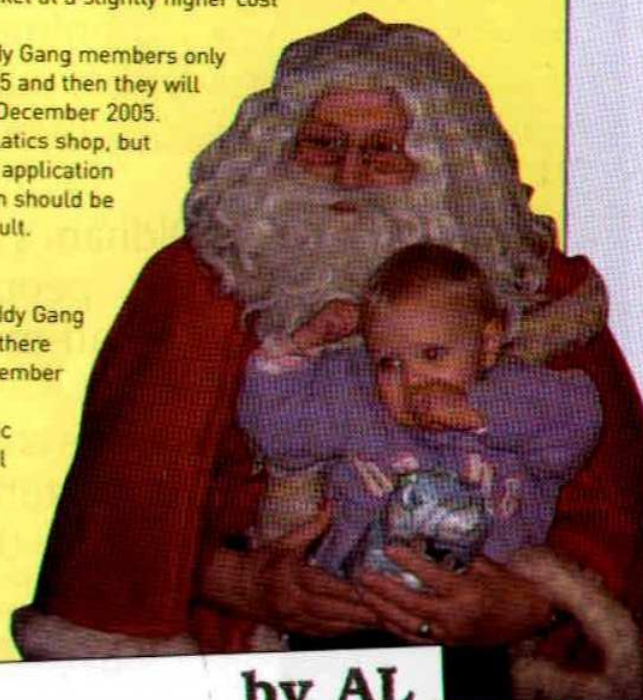
Tickets will go on sale to Chaddy Gang members only until Sunday 4th December 2005 and then they will go open sale from Monday 5th December 2005. Tickets are available from the Latics shop, but don't forget to bring along your application form and remember all children should be accompanied by at least one adult.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

A happy birthday to all the Chaddy Gang members who have celebrated there birthdays in November and December

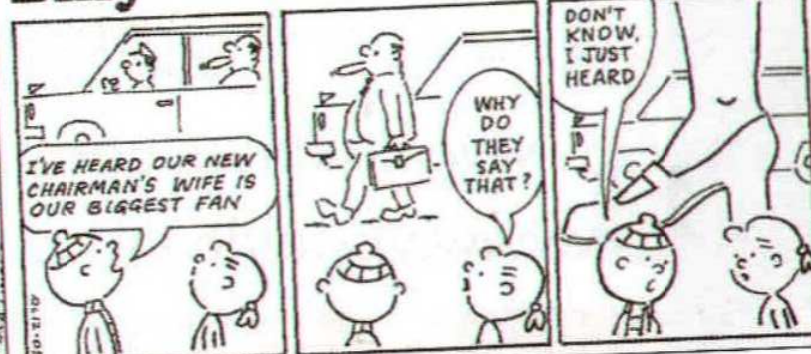
November- Micheal and Dominic Longshaw, Sarah France, Daniel Aspinall, Evan Harrison, Shania Davies, Luke Charters.

December- Caitlyn Taylor and Nathan Buckley.



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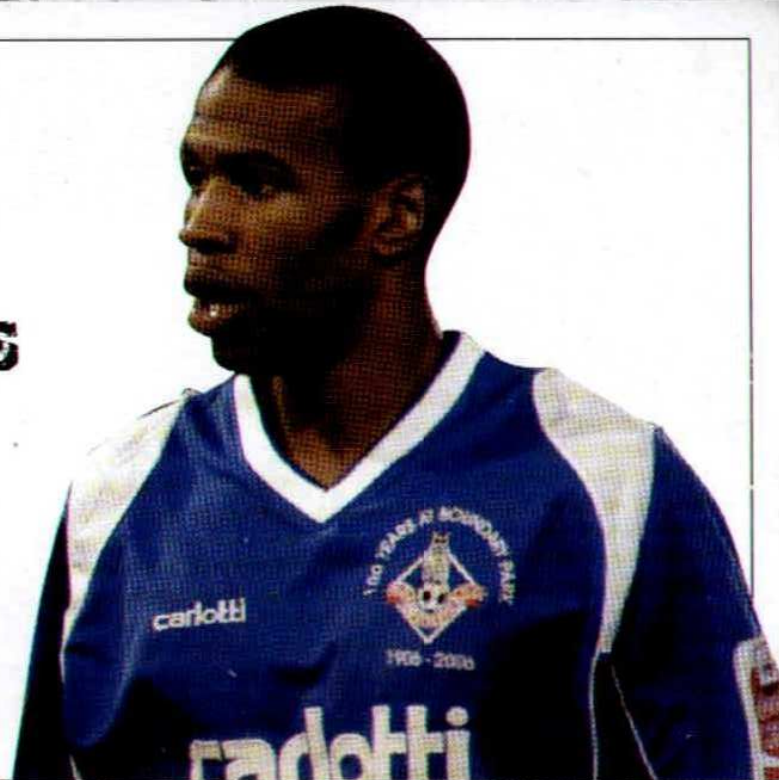
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PAUL EDWARDS

Look out for the England World Cup squad in 2014... it might just include a wonderkid by the name of Edwards. Latics winger Paul has seen his young son join the Manchester United Academy. And here, Paul reveals more about his life away from football.



ANGER

When did you last lose your temper?

Paul says: That happened when I was walking my dog on Wednesday afternoon and it kept trying to get at some nearby swans.

It's a Staffordshire Bull Terrier with a bit of a short temper, so I have to keep a tight leash.



GLUTTONY

What was the last thing you splashed out on?

A pair of trainers. They were nice Puma shoes from a shop called Flannels in the Lowry Centre and I added them to my collection.



GREED

What is the most expensive thing you have ever bought or done?

Apart from my car, which is a Subaru Impreza, that would be a coat I bought three months ago. It's a Prada leather jacket which was a bit pricey and came from Flannels. They love me at that shop. Their eyes light up every time I walk in!



SLOTH

When are you at your laziest?

Every single day when I get home from training. I get on the sofa, put on Sky Sports and don't move.

The missus goes on at me about it, but I'm afraid I'm not very big on housework.

PRIDE

What makes you glow with pride?

Watching my son, Devonce, play football. He is nine years old and just signed up to the Manchester United Academy. Devonce plays on the right wing so, you never know, I might come up against him in a few years!

LUST

What, or who, makes your pulse race?

Beyonce, definitely Beyonce. She is quality, out of this world and she does it for me.



ENVY

What, or who, makes you envious?

I see envy as a weakness, so it's something which doesn't affect me. But, if anything, I

would like to have a golf swing like a really good player. Every time I try to play, it takes me about ten attempts to make contact with the ball. Just to hit the thing would be nice.



Beat BETTY!

International football is the theme this week as Batty, sorry Betty, takes on Northern Ireland's Mark Hughes.

And Mark, Latics midfield star and captain of Northern Ireland under-21s, is in no mood to be embarrassed by an old lady . . . even if she does remember Stanley Matthews, Nat Lofthouse and all that lot.

1 Which referee disallowed Sol Campbell's goal for England against Portugal in the quarter-finals of Euro 2004? Was it Kim Milton Nielsen, Urs Meier or Pierluigi Collina?

Mark: Urs Meier.

Betty: Can we not begin in the 1950s and work our way up from there? All the way to the 1960s, perhaps. The ref called Collina was scary, so I might say him.

2 Which two England internationals recorded a single called Diamond Lights in the 1980s?

Mark: Glenn Hoddle and Chris Waddle.

Betty: Is this something from the hit parade? I'm afraid the Beverley Sisters is as modern as I can go.

3 Two players share the honour of being top scorer for Scotland with 30 goals. Kenny Dalglish is one, who is the other?

Mark: Possibly Ally McCoist.

Betty: I'll say Denis Law.

4 Who hit the winning goal for Northern Ireland when they shocked hosts Spain in the 1982 World Cup?

Mark: That was Gerry Armstrong.

Betty: This is unfair! Mark is bound to know that one. I can only think of that big burly teenager who played for Manchester United. I think he was called Whiteside.

5 Who was manager of Wales before the current boss, John Toshack?

Mark: I'll say Mark Hughes.

Betty: What a coincidence. That was the other Mark Hughes.

6 Which of the home nations did Latics player Andy Liddell represent at under-21 level?

Mark: Scotland.

Betty: Andy played for Scotland.

7 Which country won the World Cup in 1970?

Mark: That's going back a bit. I'll go with Argentina.

Betty: Oooh, what a team. Pele was the best, but they could all play a bit. Still, they shouldn't have beaten England

though. It was Brazil.

8 And which country won the first ever World Cup in 1930?

Mark: Definitely one of Uruguay or Paraguay. I think it was Uruguay.

Betty: Even I don't remember that game, but perhaps it was Italy.

9 Name the two finalists in Euro 2000.

Mark: This is a harder question than it sounds. I have a feeling Trezeguet scored, so one must be France. Did they beat the Czech Republic?

Betty: France sounds about right. The other team was probably Germany. It usually is.

10 Everybody knows Geoff Hurst hit a hat-trick for England in the 1966 World Cup final, but who also scored in the 4-2 win against West Germany?

Mark: Sorry, no idea.

Betty: If all the questions had been about the 1966 World Cup final, I would have scored 10 out of 10. It was Martin Peters.



First ten answers: 1 Urs Meier; 2 Glenn Hoddle and Chris Waddle; 3 Denis Law; 4 Gerry Armstrong; 5 Mark Hughes; 6 Scotland; 7 Brazil; 8 Uruguay; 9 France beat Italy in extra time; 10 Martin Peters.

Luke BECKETT

Luke Beckett missed the first eight games of the season and is currently confined to the bench but he still roared out the defiant message: Don't write me off.

The 28-year-old striker insisted: "I will wait for my chance – and take it when it comes." Beckett's capture on a season-long loan from Sheffield United was hailed as a masterstroke by boss Ronnie Moore.

Here was a player with a reputation for scoring goals for fun with 20 a season well within his capabilities. But he picked up a knee injury and didn't have the pre-season he wanted. He has since had six starts but the hitman who has a goal ratio of almost one very other game could only once find the target. Beckett admitted: "To say I am disappointed is an understatement.

"But there have been better players than me on the bench and I will just have to live with it. "I have never been in this position before and I don't like it, not one bit.

"For the last seven or eight years I have been a first-choice striker and have always been consistent.

"It has just not worked out this time."

By the time Beckett was ready for his comeback Moore had looked at other options and has settled for a three-man strike force of Paul Warne, Chris Porter and Andy Little who have bagged 24 goals between them. His patience is going to be tested as he waits for the call. Beckett, who scored six goals in nine games at the end of last season to help save Latics from the humiliation of relegation, said: "It is bad enough being on the bench but it is horrible when you don't even get on the pitch, it is worse than being injured. "The manager made the right decision when he left me out of the side.

"When I have gone through a lean spell I have always had a few goals under belt and it has

been difficult to drop me. "This time I haven't got that to fall back on.

"These things can happen in football and I really haven't been able to get into my usual stride. "It's nearly two months since I started a game and it is even more difficult with the lads in the side doing so well.

"I am vying for a place with Chris Porter but he has scored six goals in five games, including a hat-trick. "But I am determined to fight for my place and once I get back I will be looking to score the goals that will keep me in there.

"I don't wish it on anybody, but I might have to wait until someone gets injured.

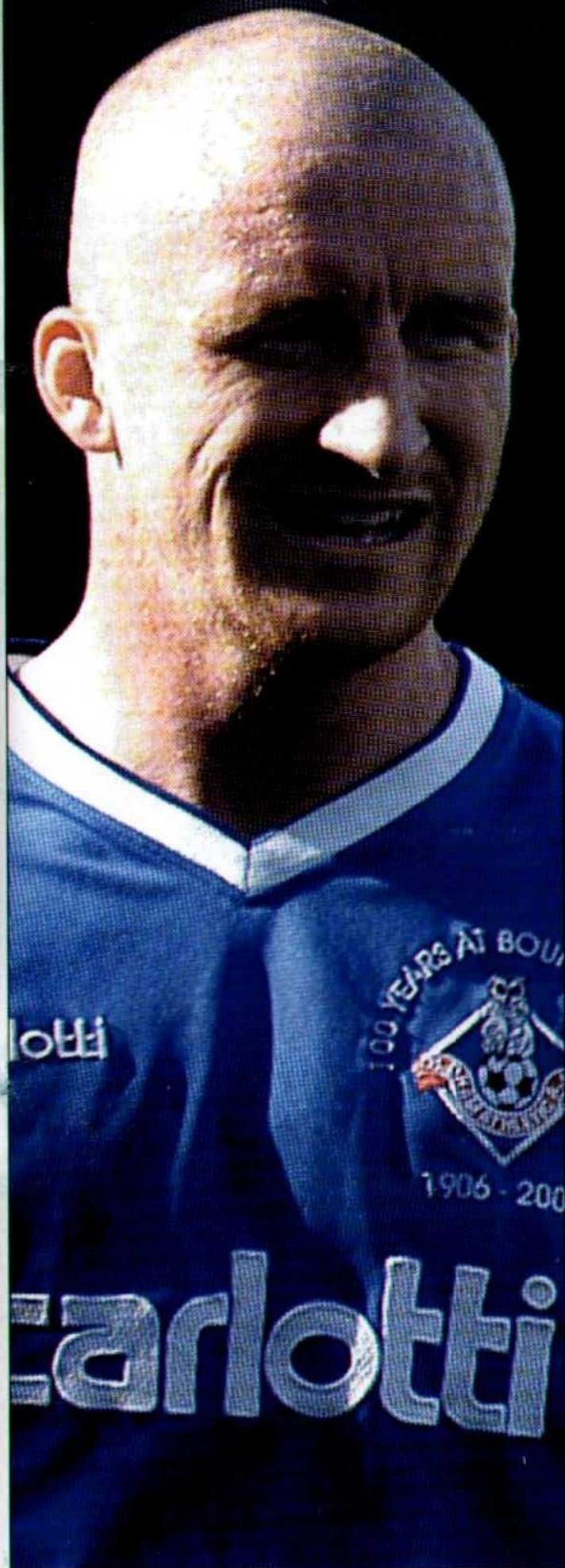
"That's how I got my first chance. "I have no divine right to play but I would just love to come off the bench more and get on the end of some chances."

Beckett believes Latics should be looking for automatic promotion but there is still no reason why they can't hit the play-offs. He explained: "We need to get a good run, not one or two wins but seven or eight. "Other teams have done and shot straight of the top of the table.

"You can be down on the floor one week with everything going well the next.

"But it is vital we beat teams below us and we must make sure we get three points this afternoon." Beckett blames his injury for failing to establish a regular place in the side. He added: "I have never missed a start before, but you don't lose something overnight. "I know I still have goals in me and I have to make sure I am ready when I get the call.

I will be And I can't wait."



Autograph

Luke Beckett

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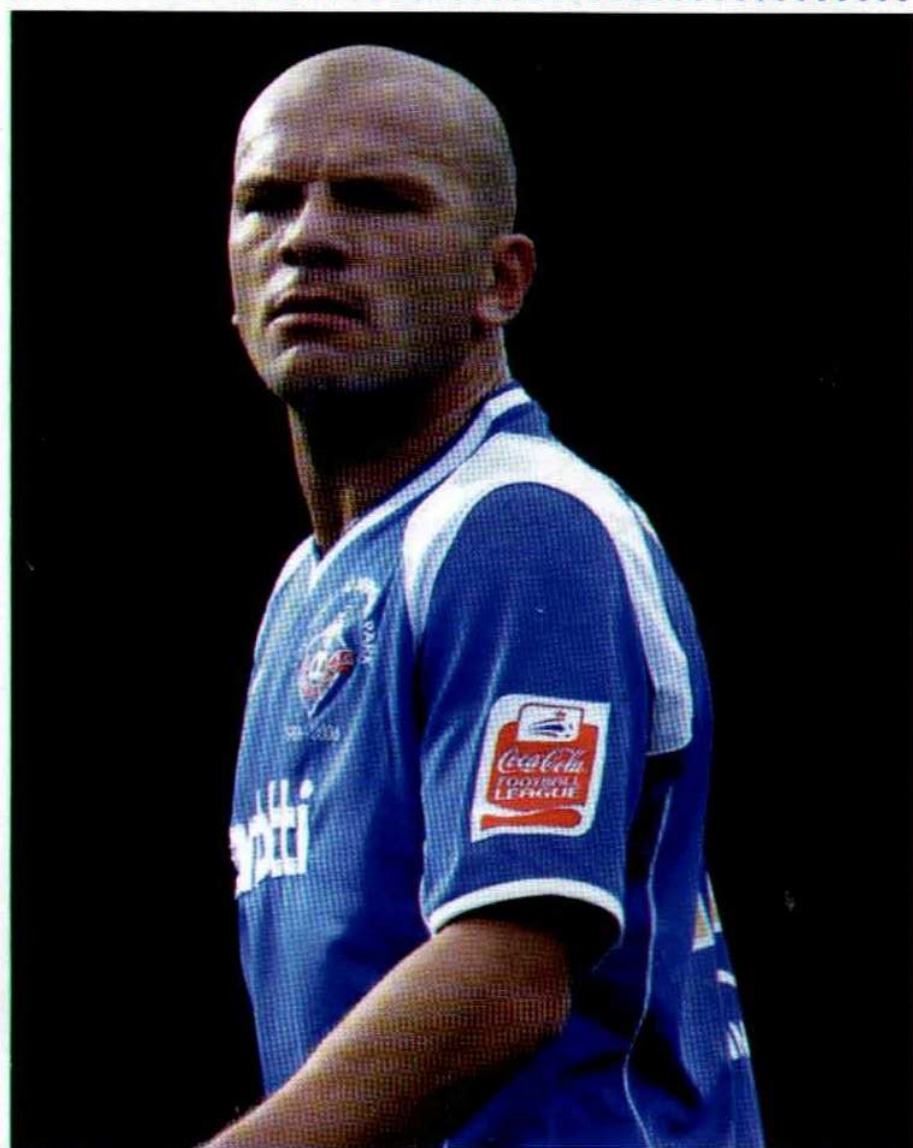
PREVIOUS CLUBS
BARNLEY, CHESTER, CHESTERFIELD,
STOCKPORT COUNTY, HUDDERSFIELD
TOWN, LATICS.

CLUB	APPS	GOALS
BARNLEY	N/A	N/A
CHESTER	81(4)	33
CHESTERFIELD	70(4)	26
STOCKPORT CO	86(5)	50
SHEFFIELD UTD	1(4)	0
HUDDERSFIELD	7(0)	6
LATICS	15(6)	7
TOTALS	260(23)	122



Guy Branston and girlfriend

The word of the moment around Boundary Park is 'consistency'. The team overall is desperate to find that much talked about level of consistency during the December matches. If it can be found, the club will be in a good position to start concentrating on the promotion fight in the New Year.



One squad member who is pleased with his own personal consistency so far this season is Guy Branston. The 26-year-old defender has performed well in his matches and is doing a good job of providing some steely determination at the back. However, Guy's level-headedness was rocked at the beginning of the month when the FA charged him with a breach of

rule E3: using abusive and/or insulting behaviour. He has since returned his no guilty plea back to the FA and is looking to appear personally at the hearing to prove his innocence. Guy gave Blue Pride his version of events that led to the FA charge following the Latics 4-2 defeat to Scunthorpe United: "The police pulled me at half time and accused me of being foul and abusive. I

did not swear at the crowd or make any insulting gestures - the only thing I indicated was that I had found it easy to get past one of their players. It was by no means meant to be abusive and I feel I have done nothing wrong: I want to clear my name."

Guy has also made it clear that the team's performance in the League is the main thing he wants to concentrate on. The six League matches in December, four of which will be played at Boundary Park, will be the perfect opportunity for Ronnie Moore's men to group together and get the 18 points available and Tuesday's win over Walsall was a good start.

Originally from Leicester, Guy now lives in Sheffield with his girlfriend Fay and their dog Frankie. Fay went to Nottingham University to study for a degree in psychology, sociology, english and media and now works for Nottingham radio station Heart. Blue Pride caught up with the couple this week as Guy looked forward to today's match against Swindon.

How did you meet each other?

Guy: "We met at my brother's birthday party nearly five years ago. She claims we had never met, but I had noticed her before."

Fay: "He was being a bit of a nuisance and caught my eye! I worked in a bar in Leicester and he said he had seen me before. It was nice to see a bit of new talent in Leicester!"

Is Fay a typical footballer's partner?

G: "No, she has a degree."

F: "I wish - I wish I could go out and spend his money every day!"

How do you spend your time together?

G: "Taking the dog for a walk or relaxing around the house - I'm a very calm person now."

F: "We also like to go travelling and see new places - whether that be in England or abroad. The best trip so far was when we went to Australia and Singapore. When we're not travelling we just do the usual stuff like go for meals or watch dvds. We also go to the gym and go running together."

What is the best thing about Guy being a footballer?

G: "It's nice having some spare time and being able to play as many computer games as I want! No, seriously, being a footballer is even better than I expected it to be and sometimes I have days when I still can't believe it is my job."

"The police pulled me at half time and accused me of being foul and abusive. I did not swear at the crowd or make any insulting gestures"

F: "I feel very proud watching him play every week. He is really passionate about his job, which I envy him a little bit for. He has so much determination and has worked really hard to get where he is now."

And the worst?

G: "There aren't many lows but when they come they can be very low. When you're so passionate about something, being dropped from the team or losing matches can hit you hard, especially when you just can't figure out why it is happening. You're always thriving to be better and you can start to judge yourself harshly."

F: "Putting up with the bad moods, but Guy tends to take things in his stride. He wants to stand up for himself."

Guy, do you feel settled as an Oldham Athletic player?

G: "Yes I feel really settled here and

would love to sign a new contract in the summer. I have been to many different clubs, but I really enjoy playing here. The club has the right people in charge and it is well-run. The players are really well looked after and it is near where I want to be in terms of the playing level."

How do you feel about your season so far?

G: "I have been pleased so far. I have played in regular matches and have really enjoyed it. It has been a good season for me so far and feel I have played more good matches than bad ones."

F: "Whenever I have seen the team play they have always looked good to me, so I think they will be fine."

And what are your hopes for the rest of the season?

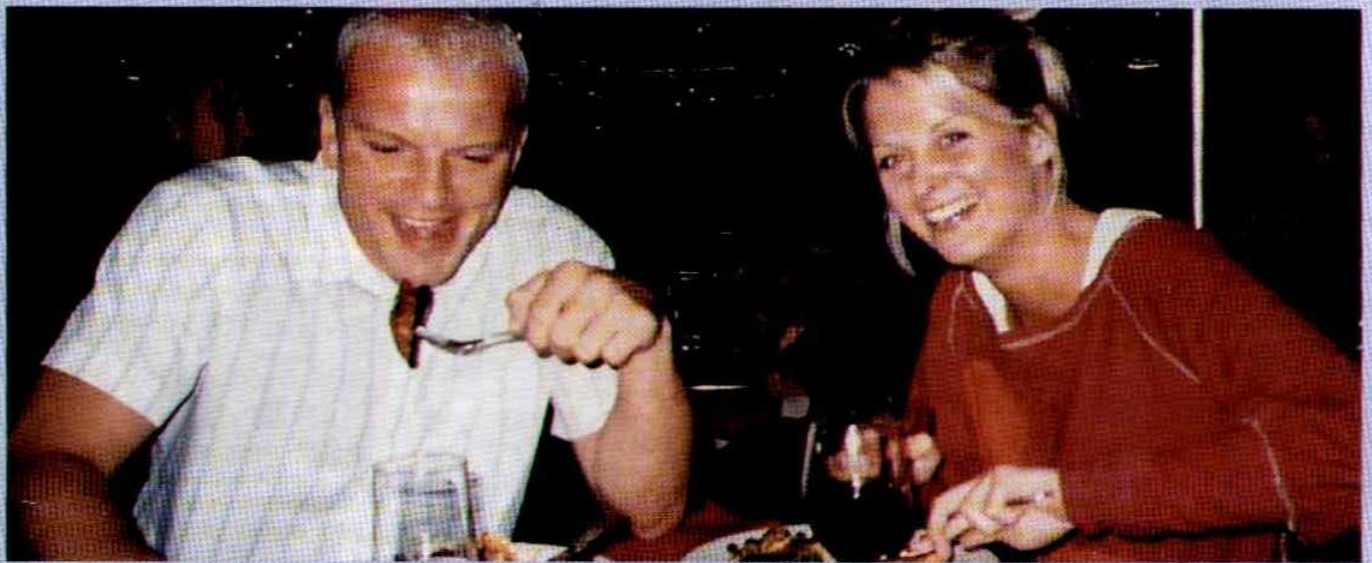
G: "It is still very open and if we get a good run of games over Christmas we

will be in a good position to fight. The table at New Year starts to show how things may end up, so we need to get up there. I don't see why we couldn't make promotion in some way if we can find that much talked about consistency."

What are your plans for the future?

G: "I hope to gain promotion with Oldham and play for the team for as long as possible. I have been moving about for a long time, but I feel settled here."

F: "We have only just moved in together so let's see how that goes! We are also looking to buy a new house together soon."



More Details Please Guy...

Five people you'd like to have to dinner? "Muhammed Ali, my Mother, sister Katiy, Grandad Reg and Billy Connelly"

Last shopping trip and what did you buy? "I bought a Diesel top from my mate's shop the other day"

Favourite song? "Wifey - it reminds me of my girlfriend"

First poster on the wall? "The Secret of My Success - a Michael J Fox film"

If not a footballer, what instead? "I've never really wanted to do anything else"

Car? "A Volvo"

Complete this sentence: Guy Branston... "...hates losing."

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A VIEW FROM THE TERRACES

WALSALL

Good Afternoon. As you are all sat with your pie and your Bovril reading this about to enjoy another Latics win spare a thought for me as I will just have finished work for the day at some snake pit of a factory in the middle of nowhere in India. I won't even know who England got in yesterdays World Cup draw, bring on Togo!

As there is no away game for me to write about for today I have decided to look back at Tuesday nights win over Walsall. I got to the club and into the Corner Flag suite, it's fair to say Walsall on a Tuesday night wasn't the best attraction for people however we had 12 from the Oldham Chron in plus about 15 others. Whilst reading through the programme I told my gorgeous assistant Pam that I would love to enter her, in the Latics lovelies section of the programme, or Gordon's excuse to look at sexy ladies all day. However Pam was having none of it, mores the pity. My Pre-match guests were Chris Killen and Chris Swailes, the good news is that Swailes expects to be in first team contention within a couple of weeks and both predicted a win for the Latics but warned of the danger posed by Matty Fryatt.

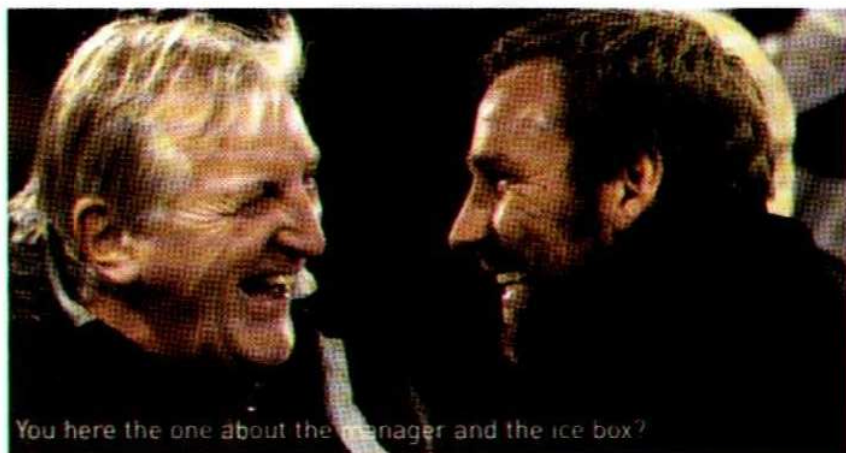
After leaving the Suite I popped into the bookies and invested in 3 bets, £2 on Guy Branston 1st goal, £2 on 3-2 to the mighty blues and £1 on a scorecast of 2-1 to Latics with Lidds first bag. I then went up to the PA box to read out the Walsall team before finally sitting down to enjoy the game. The first 20 minutes were pretty even, there was plenty of huffing and puffing but no houses were blown down. The Guy Branston leapt like a salmon to win a header in front of the Walsall 'keeper and I couldn't believe it when it dropped wide.

Message to Guy, do not let Lloyd Owusu teach you how to score goals. I thought I was £40 up at that moment.

A stroke of, erm, genius from Warney led to our first goal, he fooled all of the stadium with a dummy then put a belting cross in for Ports to nod in his 8th of the season, suddenly the chill lifted from Boundary Park! Richie Wellens did his best to get into this weeks showboat with some of his trickery but the best moment of skill was by Paul Merson, skilfully trapping a ball dead which was coming down with snow on it, before falling over the ice box behind him, even Ronnie applauded his efforts, not bad for a manager!

back into it with what looked like a deflected shot from the edge of the box. Cue panic!

The last 10 minutes or so were a nightmare, after looking very unthreatening for 80 minutes Walsall turned into Brazil with wave after wave of attacks and corners and it was a great relief after what seemed like a week of injury time when the ref blew up, not literally, that'd be messy, and the mighty blues could celebrate another 3 points, all on board the Play Off express. My after match interview was Paul Warne who was selected as the Champagne moment winner for his glorious first goal assist! Warneys response when asked about it was "you just can't teach that" and

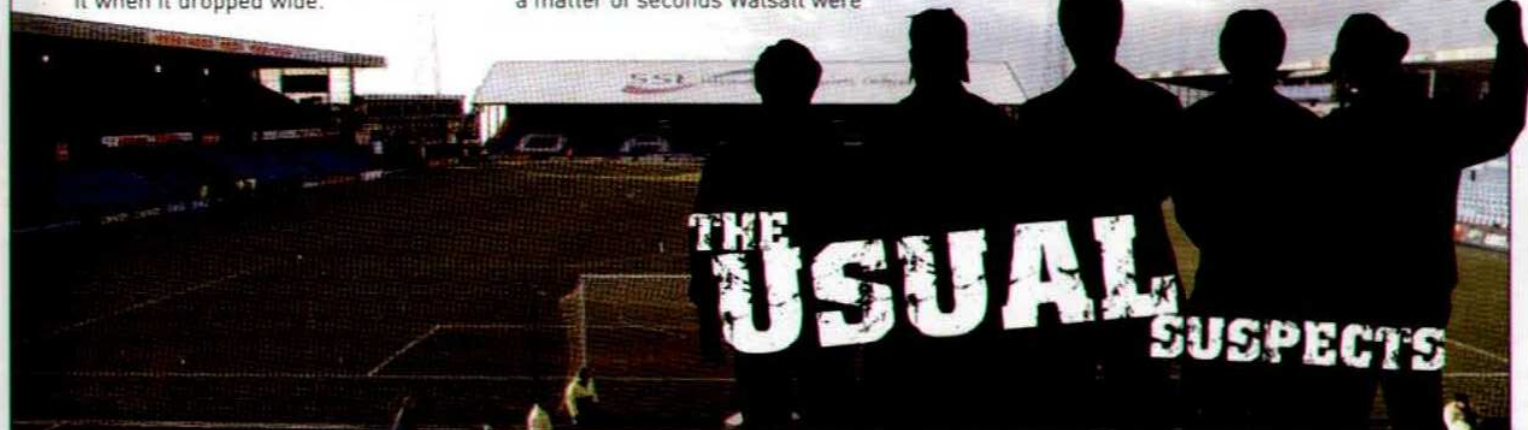


You here the one about the manager and the ice box?

At half time things were looking good as I went to take over the PA as Franny has to leave after half time on Tuesday nights. We were looking good value. Paul Edwards was roasting their full back every time and after another of his mazy runs he put a great cross into the box which Warney got his head onto to make it 2-0 and that should have been game over... Happy Days. However, as we all know, Latics don't work like that and within a matter of seconds Walsall were

that some of the skills learned whilst in non-league football have obviously stayed with him!

Fingers crossed for today, another 3 points would go down very nicely, I will go for an emphatic 4-1 to the blues today.



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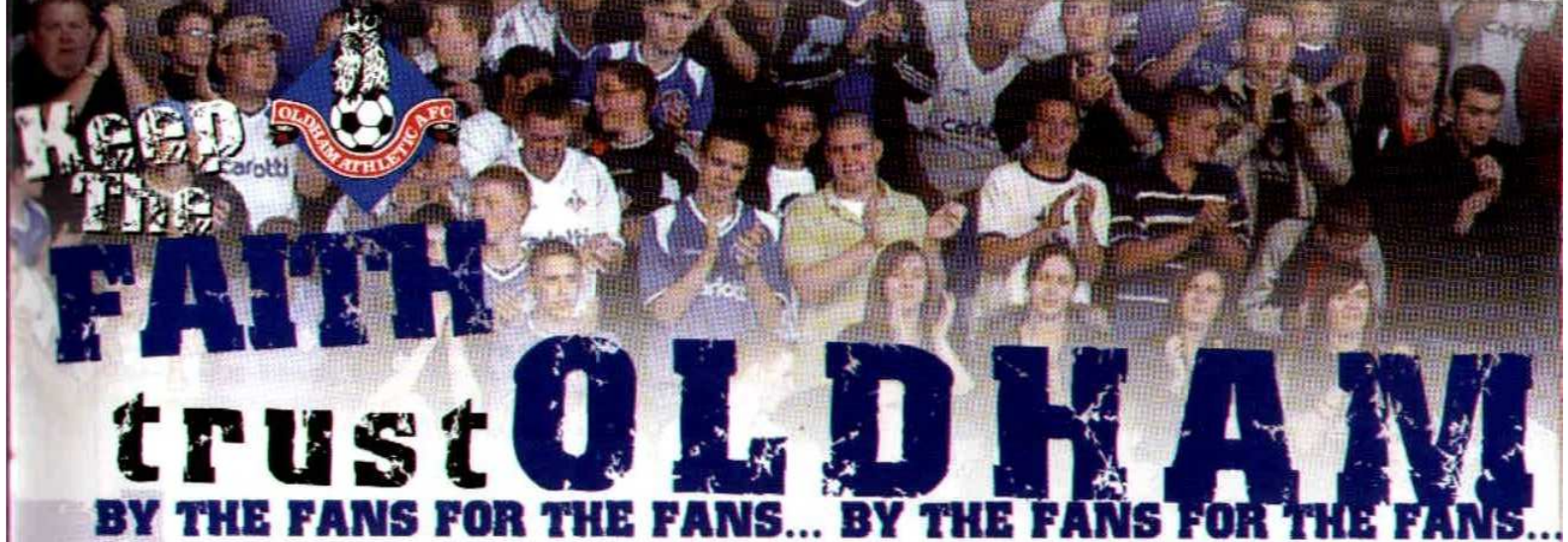
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Hello and welcome back to Boundary Park for today's visit of Swindon Town.

A warm welcome to the handful of supporters that have made the trip up from Wiltshire. Swindon are currently struggling near to the bottom of the division but I am sure that we are all aware that anybody seems capable of beating anyone else this season so we must be looking to follow on from the game on Tuesday when goals from Chris Porter and Paul Warne gave us a 2-1 win over Walsall. That win moved us into the top half of the table and we must now be looking to carry on climbing and getting close to the Play Off places. Even though we have not been playing too well so far this season (An understatement in a lot of peoples eyes!) it must be encouraging to think that if we can put a good run of wins together we could well be up there in the thick of it. The busy week continued on Wednesday as it was the Trust Oldham Christmas Dinner up at the White Hart in Lydgate. The feedback that we received over the duration of the evening was very good and a good night seemed to be had by all.

We had decided to have 'live' entertainment in the form of 'ABBA Love' (an Abba tribute band). We had been informed that there were only the 2 female singers and that they got "Benny & Bjorn" out of the audience. All the Trust directors were strategically placed out of sight in the marquee when the girls took to the floor and the lucky guys that were "invited" on to the stage were Lee Nobes & Lee Croft. Full credit to both of them as they entered into the spirit of the night and played along in their blonde wigs and blow up instruments. I am sure that the pictures will be surfacing very soon!! We will now get on with organising an AGM for the New Year.

After our trip to Torquay last season when we took over a Hotel I have negotiated a deal with a Hotel in Bournemouth for our game down there in February. The hotel has an indoor swimming pool, sauna and solarium, a games room (pool and table tennis), 2 bars and "live" entertainment. The package is for Friday 10th February for either B&B or BB/EM & Saturday 11th

February for BB/EM. There are a number of options available ranging from £50 to £82 depending on what you require. The first 2 options you must make your own travel arrangements to Bournemouth and there are 2 prices depending on whether you will be arriving in time for the evening meal. £50 per person without EM or £55 per person with EM. Options 3 & 4 include return coach travel from Boundary Park and will cost either £77-50 per person or £82 per person depending on the departure time on the Friday of either 11am or 4pm. Both these options that include travel are dependent on a minimum of 40 people wanting to use them. More details can be found on the Trust website ([www.keep-](http://www.keep-the-faith.co.uk)

[the-faith.co.uk](http://www.keep-the-faith.co.uk)) or alternatively you can call me Dave Hudson on 07970 368153 to book your place or to get more details. A deposit of £20 per person will secure your booking.

I have also organised transport between the Hotel and ground for the game. If anybody would like to look at the hotel before booking it can be found at www.lagunaholidays.com but these prices are only available if booked through myself. With this being the last home game until Boxing Day I would like to finish off by wishing each and everyone of you a HAPPY CHRISTMAS from us all at Trust Oldham

Dates for your Diary:

February 10th/11th

Weekend trip to Bournemouth at the Laguna Hotel.



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Good afternoon. May we remind everyone that renewals will be due at the turn of the year, whilst new members can join now for 2006 and enjoy the rest of 2005 for free. Forms are available from the club shop and the cost is £4 inclusive of pin badge. We also stage our December monthly quiz this Monday in the sponsors lounge at 8pm. The cost is £1 per person for teams of up to a maximum of 6 and there are prizes for the winning team. Non members are welcome, there is a free supper and the bar will of course be open throughout the evening. On to today's game against a Swindon team that it is a little suprising to see in the

bottom four. Their squad on paper looks better than that and they enjoyed a good win at Rotherham last week, so expect a tougher game today than league positions might suggest, particularly given our record of losing to struggling sides in recent years! The way in which the fans have warmed to Richard Butcher since his return from Lincoln has been a welcome reminder of the more positive vibe that used to characterise Boundary Park. Richard responded with easily his best performance in an Oldham shirt last Saturday, evidence that our support really does make a difference. At the time of writing we have yet to play Walsall, but a win in that game will have presented us with a magnificent opportunity this afternoon to really force our way in to the play-off shake up so lets do all we can to urge the team on. Enjoy the game.

BEFORE

I was famous...

In a long and illustrious playing career, Andy Liddell has even managed to break new ground following his summer move to Latics.

Never before has Liddell, who was once capped by Scotland at under-21 level, been afforded the honour of captaining one of his teams.

"I know I am only skipper until Chris Swailes regains his fitness, but I have really enjoyed my spell leading the team," Liddell explained.

He was put in temporary charge when the campaign kicked off in August never for one moment envisaging that he would still be wearing the captain's armband four months later.

Liddell, who has previously played for Barnsley, Wigan and Sheffield United, has already scored nine goals and so is half way to matching his best-ever total of 18 in one season which was for Wigan in 2001/02.

The versatile Liddell prefers to play as a striker and has done for much of the season in 3-4-3 and 3-5-2 systems, but he has also played wide right in a 4-4-2. Liddell had been close to joining Championship club Stoke City in the close season until the deal collapsed following the dismissal of manager Tony Pulis, and this enabled Latics to step in. On life with Latics, Liddell said: "I have been reasonably pleased with the way things have gone for me personally, and I have managed to score a few goals.

"It would be ever better if we were higher up the league and playing more consistently. But it is an incredibly tight division with little separating the play-off and relegation places.

"An important period is coming up and it is important we do well over Christmas and New Year and it is a great opportunity to put together a decent run and make a move up League One." Here Liddell, whose father Gary played for Leeds, Grimsby, Doncaster and Hearts, reflects on his early life in a footballing family.

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Where were you born and brought up, and which schools did you attend? I was born in Leeds when my father was playing for Leeds United and spent most of my childhood growing up in the city. My first school was The Leas when my father was at Grimsby, but we returned to Leeds and I went to Swarcliffe Middle School and Temple Moor.



Did any of your schools have any famous old boys? I am good friends with my former Sheffield United team mate Nick Montgomery who was also a pupil at Temple Moor, though he is eight years younger than me. Another former Temple Moor old boy was Andrew Morton, the author who wrote the controversial books on Princess Diana.

What exams did you pass, and what were the subjects you liked/disliked? I passed seven GCSE's with grades of 'C' and above. I started doing my 'A' Levels, but packed them in when the chance came to join Barnsley. I was decent at English, French and PE, but was bad at maths and had to sit that twice before I passed that. I was also not that clever at the sciences.

What was the first football team you starred for, and what position did you play? I played for Swarcliffe Middle School when I was 9/10 years of age. I have been always been a striker, though I had a spell in the centre of midfield while I was at Temple Moor.

Can you remember your first footballing honour? When I played for Oulton and Woodlesford Juniors we were unbeaten for three years and we won everything in the Leeds area as well as

the Yorkshire Cup. We reached the final of a national tournament and also played abroad. Dean West, who played at Lincoln, Boston and Burnley, was in our team and two or three others became first-year professionals at Leeds United.

Did you play any representative football? I had trials for Leeds City Boys and West Yorkshire Schools, but I was told at both I was too small which was upsetting as my mates were playing and I felt I deserved to be doing as well. Not long ago I came across the man who managed Leeds City Boys when I had my trial, and you could say we had a polite chat when I got a few things off my chest!

Which team did you support as a child, and who were your favourite players? I have always supported Leeds United who are my local team, and I still watch them when I can. I was brought up in the era when John Sheridan, Gary McAllister, Gordon Strachan and Gary Speed played, and I admired them all.

Would you liked to have played for Leeds United? It has always been an ambition, and I could have done so many years ago. Not long after I went to Barnsley, Leeds watched me playing for Barnsley in a youth-team match and would have liked me to join them. Barnsley had been good enough to offer me a trial and I wanted to show loyalty to them. Looking back I am glad I stayed with them.

Did you watch your first professional match at Elland Road? It will have been at Leeds when my mother took me to see my father playing, though I have no recollections of that. I can vaguely remember him playing for Grimsby who had quite a good team at that time.

How did you get your big break? I had started taking my 'A' Levels but was frustrated as I felt I was as good as friends who were being taken on. I decided to write to all 92 League clubs, but only Huddersfield and Barnsley were the only two to reply offering me trials. And Barnsley offered me a one-year YTS which is how I started.

Who were the early influences on your career? There was nobody until I went to Barnsley where youth-team manager Eric Winstanley was a big help, though he was hard and uncompromising and stood no messing, and you never spoke out of turn to him. When I was younger I had no special coaching and simply wanted to play game. Unlike today, when

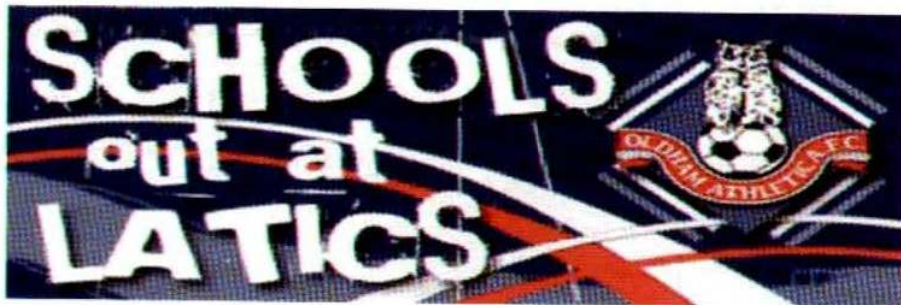
kids are restricted as to how much they can play, I had matches on Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon.

Did your father offer much guidance? He would come to watch me play, but was laid back and never tell me what I was doing right or wrong. Though he knew football inside out, he wanted me to find out things for myself and he put no pressure on me. There is nothing worse than seeing parents trying to live their lives through their kids. They shout from the touchline when they are playing which only succeeds in putting them off.

What would you have done had you not become a professional? I haven't a clue, as I always wanted to be a footballer. I stayed on at school to take my 'A' Levels and I would probably have gone on to university. When I was 16/17 and nobody was interested in me, that is what pushed me into writing letters to all 92 League clubs. My father told me I needed something to fall back on, but luckily things worked out for me.

Have you any advice for youngsters dreaming to become a professional? I was told several times I was too small so I would say don't always listen to what others say. You need luck as I had when Barnsley offered me a trial, but I believe if you are good enough you will get picked up. I would also say practice but, above all, enjoy playing.





I would like to start off today by welcoming the children (and of course adults) that have taken up our free ticket offer through the 'Schools Out' initiative.

Hopefully you will not only see a Latics win today but also enjoy the experience of Boundary Park and come back for more. For supporters who are not aware of the Schools Out initiative I will run through it briefly once again.

In simple terms, as part of our support for the Football League fans of the future programme we have launched our own scheme entitled Schools Out - begin a lifelong passion. The aim of the scheme is to attract new junior supporters to Boundary Park and Latics. As part of this aim we have selected six games to be part of our schools Out scheme - they are as follows.

Today
V Southend (Sat Jan 7th) - subject to the FA Cup
V Gillingham (Sat 21st Jan)
V Port Vale (Saturday 4th Feb)
V Colchester (Saturday 11th Mar)
V MK Dons (Sat 8th April)

For each of the above fixtures we will be distributing approximately 5000 tickets to school pupils in our Borough.

This is being done methodically through our football In the Community department.



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Sean Jarvis

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Thank you to Mitre for supplying the club with 'mini-balls' to distribute throughout the games.

particularly from their school. These are of course very encouraging signs to us especially after Tuesday night's poor attendance.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank a couple of people for helping with this project. Firstly our football In the Community department who assisted in distributing the tickets to the selected schools and Mitre who have donated some mini balls to give to children in the stand for each of the home games. Chaddy the Owl will be giving away approximately 30 mini balls to lucky children at each of the Schools Out games - so keep your eyes peeled for him.

On to another major project for us is the 100 years Book.

Gordon Lawton and myself have been responsible for the production of the book and we had hoped to get it out in the Club shop in October. However due to production issues and the quality of the final product we wanted it has been delayed.

So firstly please accept our apologies for the delay but rest assured it is coming and is due to be in the Club shop on 16th December. Gordon will also ensure that all of the individuals who have pre booked one of the books are notified and theirs will be put to one side for collection from the 16th onwards.

Once again apologies for the delay but rest assured it is worth the wait.

See you on the terraces.

Sean

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BT COMMUNITY CUP

U11's Schools 6-a-side Football Competition

The final group matches of the Oldham Athletic stage of the BT Community Cup competition have taken place this week. Last Thursday and Friday at Grange school astro-pitch area 22 school teams competed in groups of 4 or 5 with the winning team from each group returning to Grange on January 27th.

Over 60 school teams have entered our competition and in January two teams will emerge to play the final on the Oldham Athletic pitch prior to a First Team home game.

Learning Through Football

Since the start of September the following schools have taken part in the LTF programme at Oldham Athletic:

- Parish Church
- Baretrees
- Thorp
- East Crompton St James
- High Barn
- St Mary's Rochdale
- Limeside
- St Thomas, Moorside

The weekly full day visits from a Y5 or Y6 class from each school involve extensive ground tour and work sheets using the football club as a topic to cover such subjects as maths, geography and history. Our LTF teach Terry Taylor, arranges the day for each class and schools visiting after Christmas include Boarshaw, Corpus Christi, Roundthorn, St Patrick's, Mayfield, St Joseph's and St Edward's.

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COMMUNITY COHESION MINI LEAGUES

Our two most recent community cohesion leagues are now completed. The Werneth league was won by Werneth Stars, the runners up were Werneth Juniors.

Both teams were made to compete all the way by the other six teams in the group.

The Tudor Street League in Coppice was Won by Terminators and Runners up were Volvo Stars in the league that involved seven teams.

The above two leagues ran weekly for 12 weeks and were except to restart the leagues again within the next few months.

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LATRICS YOUTH TEAM

A very dominant attacking display by the Latrics resulted in a convincing win. The scoreline suggests a very easy victory but for half an hour the game was very tight and only a Scott Spencer goal separated the teams coming to the end of the first half. However, a breathtaking spell of goal scoring, with three goals being scored in the space of five minutes, took the game away from Chester just before half time. Deane Smalley's scrambled effort from a corner, Ashley Kelly's penalty after great work by Scott Spencer and Paul Black's cool finish following great skill by Lewis Alessandra meant that Latrics cruised into a 4-0 lead.

To be fair to Chester, they continued to battle hard and pulled a goal back after a mistake in the Latrics defence allowed their striker to fire home past Terry Smith. The Latrics response was immediate though, and another cool finish by Scott Spencer put the young lads 5-1 up.

More attractive fluent football followed by the youngsters and it came as no surprise when great interpassing lead to Ashley Kelly firing home his second goal of the game. Further good work by Chris Baguley and Chris Taylor opened up the Chester defence once again and Michael Pearson arrived late on the far post to score the Latrics seventh goal. Unfortunately in the last minute of the game, the Latrics switched off after clearing a corner kick and this allowed Chester to score their second goal, making the final score 7-2.

Once again, an excellent all round display by the young Latrics who continue to play with great drive, belief, pace and enthusiasm. It must be said that the signs for the future are very promising, bearing in mind that the majority of the team fielded were still only First Year Apprentices competing against older players and coach Tony Philliskirk feels that there is still more to come from what is potentially an exciting group of Latrics youngsters.



WELCOME TO AFC OLDHAM

This afternoon we would like to give a big Boundary Park welcome to the players and staff of AFC Oldham football club. Formed in 2004, the club operate three open age group teams who play in the Lancashire and Cheshire league and four junior teams who play in the Tameside Junior and Rochdale & Oldham Junior Football leagues..

The clubs initial aim is to provide the opportunity for as many people as possible to be able to participate in the beautiful game of soccer and to achieve this to Charter Standard. The club is also firmly behind the 'Kick Racism out of Football' scheme and operate the R.E.S.P.E.C.T. charter programme. A big welcome to you all, let's hope for a cracker of a game this afternoon.

PONTINS LEAGUE RESERVE FIXTURES 2005-06

AUGUST

Weds 17 SHEFFIELD UTD (A) H L 2-1

Weds 24 BRADFORD CITY H W 4-0

Weds 31 League Cup

SEPTEMBER

Wed 7 WALSALL H D 1-1

Tues 13 MAN UTD H W 2-1

Wed 21 Rotherham Utd A W 1-0

OCTOBER

Wed 5 Nottingham Forest A W 1-0

Wed 12 Bury A W 4-1

Wed 26 BARNLEY H W 4-1

NOVEMBER

Wed 9 Huddersfield Town A PP

Wed 16 SHEFFIELD WEDS H PP

Wed 30 Stoke City A 2pm B Newcastle Town

DECEMBER

Wed 7 League Cup

Wed 14 Sheffield Utd (A) H 2pm B Chesterfield FC

JANUARY

Mon 9 Walsall A 2pm

Wed 25 ROTHERHAM UTD H 2pm

FEBRUARY

Wed 1 League Cup quarter final

Wed 8 STOKE CITY H 2pm

Tue 21 Bradford City A 2pm B Valley Parade

MARCH

Wed 8 NOTTINGHAM FOREST H 2pm

Wed 22 League Cup semi final

Wed 29 Barnsley A 7pm

APRIL

Wed 5 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN H 7pm

Tues 18 Sheffield Weds A 7pm - B Hillsborough

Wed 26 Play-off semi final

MAY

Tues 2 Play-off final

Tues 9 League Cup final

OLDHAM ATHLETIC YOUTH FIXTURES 2005-06

AUGUST

Sat 13 AWAY MACCLESFIELD W 4-1

Sat 20 HOME SHREWSBURY TOWN W 11-0

SEPTEMBER

Sat 3 AWAY BURNLEY L 5-4

Sat 10 HOME WALSALL W 2-1

Sat 17 AWAY WREXHAM W 4-1

Sat 24 HOME LINCOLN CITY W 2-1

OCTOBER

Sat 1 HOME ROCHDALE W 3-2

Sat 8 AWAY PORT VALE L 4-1

Sat 15 HOME CARLISLE W 4-1

Sat 22 HOME HARTLEPOOL YA CUP R2 W 7-1

Sat 29 AWAY BLACKPOOL W 1-0

NOVEMBER

Sat 5 HOME BURY PP

Sat 12 HOME STOCKPORT COUNTY W 3-0

Sat 19 AWAY WIGAN ATHLETIC YA Cup R3

Wed 23 HOME WREXHAM YC 21 - 11 (overseas)

Sat 26 AWAY PRESTON NORTH END W 4-0

DECEMBER

Sat 3 HOME CHESTER CITY W 7-2

Sat 10 HOME ROCHDALE

Sat 17 HOME PORT VALE

JANUARY

Sat 7 AWAY CARLISLE

Sat 14 HOME TRANMERE ROVERS

Sat 21 HOME BLACKPOOL

Sat 28 IN SERVICE

FEBRUARY

Sat 4 AWAY BURY 10.30am

Sat 11 AWAY STOCKPORT YA Cup R4

Sat 18 HOME WIGAN ATHLETIC

Sat 25 HOME PRESTON NORTH END

MARCH

Sat 11 AWAY CHESTER CITY

Sat 18 HOME MACCLESFIELD TOWN

Sat 25 AWAY SHREWSBURY TOWN

APRIL

Sat 1 HOME BURNLEY

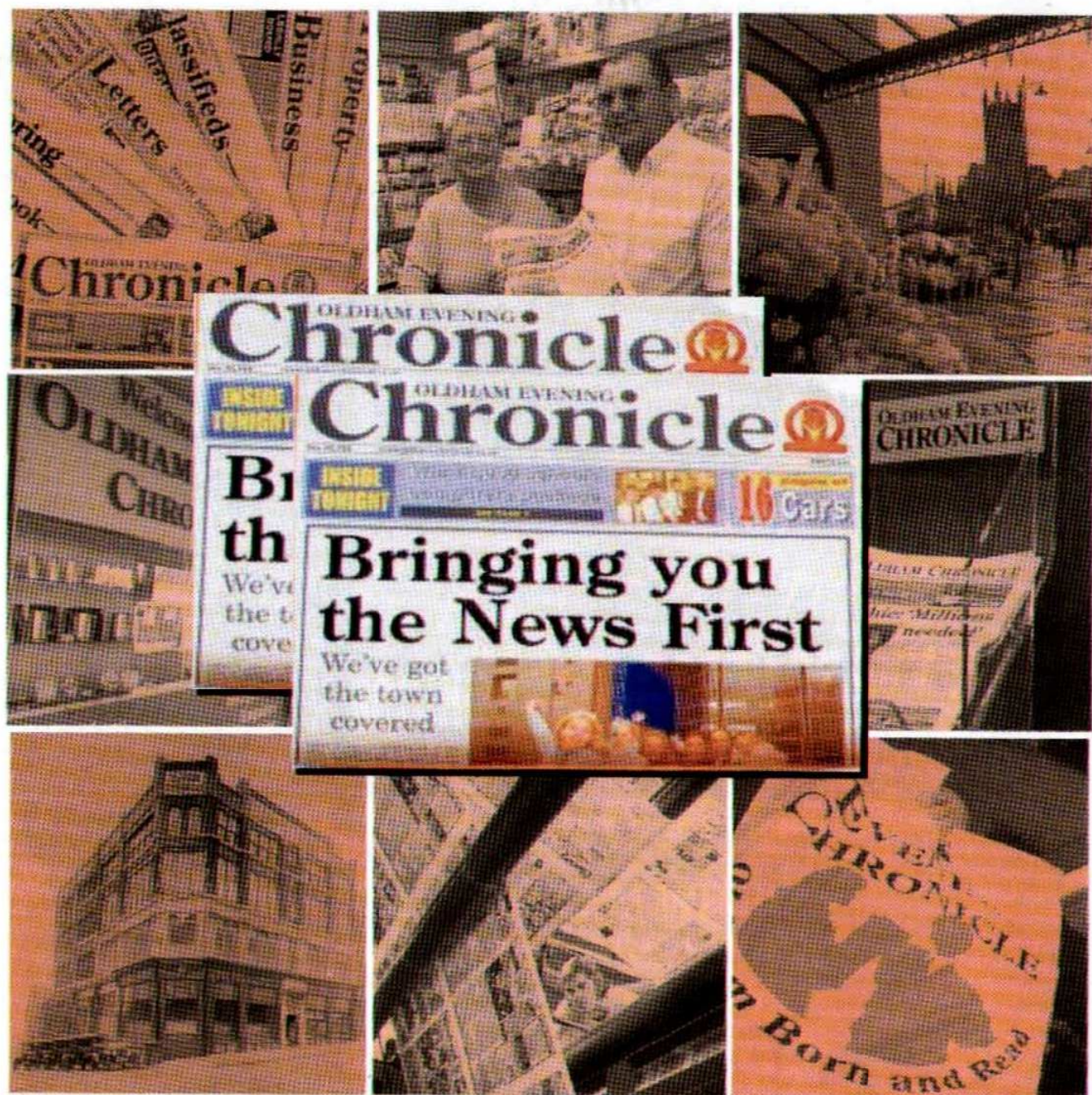
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Sat 15 HOME WREXHAM

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League One Doncaster Rovers are enjoying what Joe Royle once referred to as a "pinch-me" season. The team, which only regained its Football League status in 2003, has won through to the quarterfinals of the Carling Cup.

And they proved the earlier victory against Manchester City was no fluke by claiming a second Premiership scalp, that of Aston Villa.

David O'Leary had been trumpeting the Carling Cup as a chance to kick start a disappointing season and duly fielded his strongest line up.

But it all went pear shaped for Villa as they were handed a comprehensive 3-0 defeat to reach the last eight in the League Cup for the first time in 30 years.

Rovers are the only team outside the Premiership still in the knockout and their exploits have captured the hearts of the nation.

And it has helped revive interest in the competition which has been much maligned and open to ridicule in recent years with the big clubs fielding weakened teams.

It offers a route into Europe and, by and large, the remainder of the clubs continue to take it seriously as it offers an additional source of revenue. And Coors Brewers Ltd must still value it commercially as they recently struck a new three-year sponsorship extension for it to remain the Carling Cup until 2009.

The magic of the FA Cup remains and the second round saw Conference club Tamworth cause the major upset winning at League One



David O'Leary

armed and caused him serious injury. Four fans were arrested as a result of the trouble and the FA could order games to be played behind closed doors at the Britannia Stadium as a punishment. Stevenage goalkeeping coach Lionel Perez is also in a spot of bother, though this time he appears to be the guilty party after an attack on his opposing number during the FA Cup, second-round tie against Northampton Town.

Perez, once Sunderland's extrovert French keeper, was seen by millions jabbing two fingers into the eyes of David Watson who had a spell as Latics' goalkeeping coach some time ago.

Former Latics manager Neil Warnock has rejected the chance to become manager of Portsmouth in favour of staying with Sheffield United.

Warnock was in charge of the Blades with a 1-0 victory against Wednesday in the steel city derby in a week in which he celebrated his 57th birthday and six years in charge at Bramall Lane. And finally congratulations to Alan Quinn who became the first player in the 112-year history of the steel city derby to score for both Sheffield club, Quinn and Leigh Bromby both joining the Blades in the summer from their arch rivals.

THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

Hartlepool. After winning at Bournemouth, also from League One, in the first round, Mark Cooper's side repeated the feat to earn a trip to Championship club Stoke City. And Nigel Clough's Burton Albion have landed a home match against Manchester United after overcoming Burscough in the second round. The first-round draw was performed by Peter Osgood and Jim Montgomery, who had both played in finals, and it threw up fairytale ties for other remaining non-league teams as Sunderland play hosts to Woking/Northwich Victoria while Nuneaton/Histon entertain Middlesbrough. Ten-man Huddersfield, who conquered Worcester City in round two, hit the financial jackpot with a third-round match at Premiership champions Chelsea; Torquay, 92nd in the Football League, play hosts to Birmingham City; League Two strugglers Mansfield Town head for Newcastle while League One Scunthorpe United are away to Manchester City.

And with all 20 of the Premiership teams kept apart there is plenty of scope for cup upsets on the first weekend of 2006.

The manager-of-the-month awards for November went to Reading's Steve Coppell; Dave Penney, of Doncaster Rovers and Cheltenham's John Ward with Premiership not making their announcement until this weekend. Coppell's Royals are unbeaten in The Championship since the opening day of the season, a sequence of 21 league matches following their 3-0 home victory against Luton Town. Despite their exploits in defeating Blackpool in the FA Cup and Aston Villa in the Carling Cup, Rovers also won all three League One fixtures in November. And what a dramatic turnabout in the fortunes of Cheltenham who lost four out of five league matches in miserable October, but had a 100-per-cent record in November which also included wins against Carlisle in the FA Cup and Woking in the LDV Vans Trophy. Stoke City are in serious trouble with the Football Association following their home defeat by QPR. The FA are investigating an incident in which QPR keeper Simon Royce was allegedly attacked by a home fan at the final whistle. Royce was stunned later explaining the attacker could easily have been



Neil Warnock

The big football story this week was the sacking of Paul Gascoigne as manager of Kettering Town after just 39 days in charge. The story broke amid accusations from the chairman that the former International star had turned up for work drunk. Gazza gave an interview to Sky Sports furiously protesting his innocence, and then got arrested for thumping a photographer. Point well proved then.

Somewhere in the middle of all this madness, is the man who Gazza gave that exclusive interview to: Peter Stevenson – a highly experienced journalist who has worked for Sky Sports for nearly three years. He has also done work for the BBC, ITV and Channel 4, so when Blue Pride spoke to him this week we expected him to know his football, and he didn't disappoint.

Coming from the Ribble Valley in Lancashire, Peter has supported his local team Burnley since he was a youngster. However, Oldham Athletic has become Peter's second favourite team due to lots of work he has done with the club since the Premiership days.

When the Premiership was launched in 1992, the BBC decided to create a documentary following one North West team throughout the new season. The big clubs such as Manchester United and City refused to

participate, but when Oldham Athletic were approached they were more than enthusiastic. Peter said: "Joe Royle was slightly reserved about it, but the Chairman Ian Stott was very enthusiastic about the idea. We began filming in October and followed the team throughout the season. The 4-3 win against Southampton at the end of the season to avoid relegation was the perfect ending."

The documentary was the beginning of a great relationship between Peter and Oldham Athletic and he has lots of praise for the club. "Because of the documentary, Oldham Athletic became my second favourite team. I always judge a club on how quickly you are offered a cup of tea and when you walk into Boundary Park, not only are you offered tea within five minutes, but also toast and hot food," he said.

The close-knit family-orientated reputation of the club was also one that Peter heartily confirmed. "I remember being in the boardroom watching the FA Cup draw after the Manchester City

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match. It was packed: Chaddy the Owl was there, the Chairman was there, everyone was there - it was fantastic," he remembered. "I have been all over Europe covering teams like Manchester United, but Oldham is a special club."

After the 1998/99 season when Manchester United won the European Cup with their breathtaking last minutes goals, Peter covered the Euro 2000 Championships for the BBC. He was then given the opportunity to move to the ITV's new digital venture On Digital, where he travelled round the world reporting on various sporting events. A trip to Brazil to make a programme about Brazilian football and an Australian and New Zealand rugby documentary were just some of the amazing productions he was part of.

Peter joined the freelance world three years ago and currently presents the Sky Sports News programme and the Football League Review Show, which concentrates on the Coca Cola Championship and League One and Two. He says freelance work suits him and means he can present work for lots of different television networks. He also helps train the journalists of tomorrow at the University of Central Lancashire and visits local schools in Oldham and Rochdale to give the children a taste of being in front of the camera.

Peter's last visit to Boundary Park was towards the end of last season, when Latics beat the then League One leaders Hull to gain three much needed points. He also covered the magnificent 1-0 FA Cup victory over Manchester City. "I spoke to Ronnie Moore after the FA Cup match and then did some work with Les Pogliacomi. Needless to say they were both thrilled with the result," He remembered. "Ronnie is great to deal with from a media point of view."

Peter's career in the media began as soon as he left his local grammar school armed with some impressive A-Levels. Originally he had plans to become a PE teacher, but changed his mind and took a job on his local weekly paper. After a few years working for both the weekly and evening paper, he started working for BBC radio in Blackburn.

Despite being an expert in all sporting matters, Peter's journalist career began with him covering news items. From Blackburn, he progressed to Manchester BBC TV, but when the Premiership began in 1992 he was given the option to switch to covering sport and he has never looked back since.

What many people may not know about Peter is that he had a day's trial with Blackburn Rovers when he was 16, and still plays football every week for his local club. "It's good to still be playing football and working within it also," he said.

Peter's affinity with Oldham Athletic remains strong to this day and he hopes that the team will make it to a play-off position this season. He said: "It feels very strange for me to look down the tables and see Oldham Athletic half way down the League One table. There has been lots of to-ing and fro-ing this year and the bonding process does take a while, but I'm sure they will be up there by the New Year."

Peter points to his own home team of Burnley to show how tight the Coca-Cola leagues can be. At the beginning of the season, the Clarets were languishing at the bottom of the Championship, but a few good performances later they are now



facing the New Year fighting for a play-off place.

"Clubs have to show a lot of patience with their squad and see how the players bond together. December is a busy time and the supporters should see the team strike it lucky soon."

And with that positive endorsement for the team, Peter went off to pack his suitcase to fly to Florida, where he is covering an extreme sports event for Channel 4. First though, he added, he would check the scores of Chelsea v Liverpool, Rangers v Inter Milan, Burton Albion v Burscough.....

Peter Stevenson

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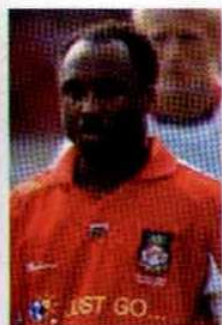
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Where are they now? Part 2

We all know there were lots of new arrivals at Boundary Park over the summer, but a number of players have also departed from Latics since the tail end of last season. Here, concluding a two-part special, Blue Pride reveals whatever happened to...



RODNEY JACK

The St Vincent star had a somewhat controversial career with Latics as it was affected by international call-ups.

Ex manager Brian Talbot was not impressed by Jack missing games, and even less impressed when he picked up a serious injury against Mexico. Damaged knee ligaments kept him out for much of last season and Jack was released. He had a pre-season trial with Wrexham but later moved to Ireland to sign for Waterford United.



JERMAINE JOHNSON

Affectionately known as JJ, the Jamaican forward ended last season on non-contract forms. He had

been released and re-signed but was free to leave again after failing to earn a permanent deal. The last we knew at Boundary Park, Johnson had returned to Jamaica.

STEVE MILDENHALL

Big goalkeeper Mildenhall spent six months at Latics after negotiating his release from Notts County.



He arrived as number two to Les Pogliacomi but eventually took over in goal after his Aussie rival was dropped. Sadly for

Mildenhall, a broken hand spelled the end of his Oldham Athletic career and he left as a free agent. Grimsby moved in with a contract and Mildenhall is now first choice for the League Two Mariners.

LES POGLIACOMI

A loss of form and confidence near the end of last season meant keeper Les Pogliacomi began the new campaign in reserve.



He was behind new signing Chris Day in the Latics pecking order and admitted he would prefer to leave in search of first-team football.

Blackpool obliged, and Latics allowed their Aussie stopper to move on after three years of service. Pogliacomi went straight into the Blackpool team, but he recently lost his place.

AMADOU SANOKHO



The big French midfielder player joined Latics on non-contract terms in March. Formerly with Burnley, he was named on the bench four times but only made one appearance, for

eight minutes, at home to

Sheffield Wednesday. He was then released and is now playing in Turkey.

SCOTT VERNON

It could be a fascinating clash between Latics and Blackpool at the end of this month as both sides could come up against former players.



Mark Bonner is out injured, but the Boundary Park squad includes Paul Edwards and Richie Wellens while Blackpool can choose both Les Pogliacomi

and Scott Vernon.

Striker Vernon came through the Latics youth system and scored a total of 27 senior goals, but like Pogliacomi he fell from favour. A summer move to Bloomfield Road was the result, with Wellens coming in the opposite direction, but Vernon has so far struggled to hold down a place.

WES WILKINSON

The pacy forward looked a real find for Latics when he was signed from Nantwich Town. Wilkinson soon gained a place in



the squad after his arrival in March 2004, but he then picked up a knee injury. Though he was retained last season, he

made very little impact before being told he had no future at Boundary Park. Wilkinson is now back in non-league, playing for Woodley Sports in the Unibond first division.



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**COCA COLA LEAGUE 1
BLACKPOOL V OLDHAM ATHLETIC
BLOOMFIELD ROAD
WEDNESDAY 28TH DECEMBER 2005
KICK-OFF 7.45PM**



TRAVEL 2 BLACKPOOL

Wouldn't you think that the football league fixture compilers would once, just for once, send Latics fans to either Blackpool or Bournemouth or any seaside resort for that matter, in the summer months..just for a change? Still it could be worse, at least we only have to travel to the Fylde coast this Christmas, not as if we have to travel to Milton Keynes or anything is it...no, they have saved that for New Year!

DIRECTIONS: TO BLACKPOOL

Now is there anyone out there who does not know the way Blackpool?
Just to cover ourselves..here we go.
Take the M62 West to join the M61, follow M61 (Preston) to join M6.
Go on to the M6 and exit at junction 32 (s/p M55 Blackpool, Fleetwood) on to the M55.
Go straight on for 13.1 miles, picking up the signs for main parking areas. At first roundabout go straight on (sign posted Main Parking areas) At roundabout after 1.9 miles go straight on for car parks.

ADMISSION PRICES

SUPPORTERS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO PURCHASE A TICKET BEFORE TRAVELLING.

There are 1,867 seats available priced at Adults £14, Concessions £10, Under 18's £7, Under 7's FREE.

Tickets are now on sale at The Boundary Park ticket office, Under 7's must have a ticket in advance. The Boundary Park ticket office is open 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday and on match-day's until kick-off. Be aware that the ticket office will not be open on the following days over the Christmas period.

CLOSED :

Saturday 24th December
Sunday 25th December
Tuesday 27th December
Wednesday 28th December
The ticket office will be open 9am to kick-off on Monday 26th December for the final sale of tickets for the Blackpool game.

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Latics travel club will be running coaches to this game, seats are priced at £12 per seat and coaches will depart Boundary Park at 5.30pm. To book your seats either call in to the Latics shop or telephone 08712 261679.

TOP TIP

It will be cold and probably wet, so wrap up well and take a warm drink with you. Remember this is an evening game just after Christmas and virtually everywhere except the great British pub will be closed. Bloomfield road will be selling the usual football ground refreshments, Bovril, Pies, Burgers. Tea and Coffee...at a price!

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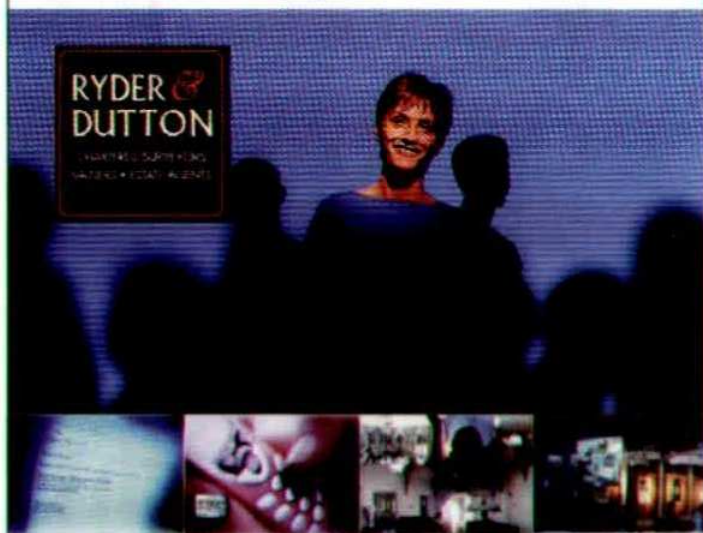
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HEIGHT: 5.11
WEIGHT: 11.06

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Mark Bonner **4**



POSITION: MIDFIELD
AGE: 31
D.O.B: 7/6/74
HEIGHT: 5.10
WEIGHT: 11.01

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Guy Branston **4**



POSITION: DEFENDER
AGE: 26
D.O.B: 9/1/79
HEIGHT: 6.0
WEIGHT: 13.12

Rosemary and John Delooze

John Breckin **AM**



POSITION: ASST MANAGER
AGE: OLD
D.O.B: RECORDS LOST
HEIGHT: 5.10
WEIGHT: OFF THE SCALE

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Richard Butcher **17**



POSITION: MIDFIELD
AGE: 24
D.O.B: 22/1/81
HEIGHT: 6.0
WEIGHT: 12.13

Grant Thornton

Chris Day **13**



POSITION: GOALKEEPER
AGE: 30
D.O.B: 28/7/75
HEIGHT: 6.2
WEIGHT: 13.07

Ann, Edward and Milly

Paul Edwards **11**



POSITION: MIDFIELD
AGE: 25
D.O.B: 1/1/80
HEIGHT: 5.11
WEIGHT: 11.00

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David Eyres **28**



POSITION: MIDFIELD
AGE: 41
D.O.B: 26/2/64
HEIGHT: 5.11
WEIGHT: 11.9

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Terrell Forbes **2**



POSITION: DEFENDER
AGE: 24
D.O.B: 17/8/81
HEIGHT: 5.10
WEIGHT: 17/7/81

Corbishley Family

Adam Griffin **3**



POSITION: DEFENDER
AGE: 21
D.O.B: 28/8/84
HEIGHT: 5.7
WEIGHT: 10.4

Lynn And Wendy

Danny Hall **15**



POSITION: DEFENDER
AGE: 21
D.O.B: 14/11/83
HEIGHT: 6.0
WEIGHT: 12.1

Juliet Winfield

Will Haining **5**



POSITION: DEFENDER
AGE: 22
D.O.B: 2/10/82
HEIGHT: 6.0
WEIGHT: 11.2

G.T Butterworth

Mark Hughes **8**



POSITION: MIDFIELD
AGE: 22
D.O.B: 16/9/83
HEIGHT: 5.10
WEIGHT: 12.5

Andrew Thorne & Co

Chris Killen **12**



POSITION: STRIKER
AGE: 23
D.O.B: 8/10/81
HEIGHT: 6.0
WEIGHT: 11.5

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Kelvin Lomax **27**



Available

Andy Liddell **22**



POSITION: STRIKER
AGE: 32
D.O.B: 28/6/73
HEIGHT: 5.7
WEIGHT: 11.7

Jordan Refridgeration

Ronnie Moore **M**



MANAGER
AGE: OLD
D.O.B: UNKNOWN
HEIGHT: SHRINKING FAST
WEIGHT: FLUCTUATES

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LEE NOBES
PHYSIOTHERAPIST
AGE: D.O.B
HEIGHT: WEIGHT

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Gareth Owen **20**



POSITION: DEFENDER
AGE: 23
D.O.B: 21/9/82
HEIGHT: 6.1
WEIGHT: 11.09

Boundary Blues

Chris Porter **21**



POSITION: STRIKER
AGE: 21
D.O.B: 12/12/83
HEIGHT: 6.1
WEIGHT: 12.9

Nat West Bank

Tony Philliskirk **YC**



YOUTH COACH
AGE: 40
D.O.B: 10/2/65
HEIGHT: 6.1
WEIGHT: 14.5

Horners Motor Group

Rob Scott **16**



POSITION: DEFENDER
AGE: 32
D.O.B: 15/8/73
HEIGHT: 6.1
WEIGHT: 11.11

PC Assist

John Sheridan **C**



RESERVE TEAM COACH
AGE: 41
D.O.B: 1/10/64
HEIGHT: 5.10 12.3

O.A.S.A

Stefan Stam **6**



POSITION: DEFENDER
AGE: 26
D.O.B: 14/09/79
HEIGHT: 6.2
WEIGHT: 12.7

Amie

Chris Swalles **23**



POSITION: DEFENDER
AGE: 34
D.O.B: 19/10/70
HEIGHT: 6.2
WEIGHT: 12.12

O.A.S.A

Marc Tierney **19**



POSITION: DEFENDER
AGE: 19
D.O.B: 7/9/86
HEIGHT: 5.11
WEIGHT: 11.4

Alpen UK

Paul Warne **14**



POSITION: FORWARD
AGE: 32
D.O.B: 8/5/73
HEIGHT: 5.9
WEIGHT: 11.3

Horners Motor Group

Richard Wellens **7**



POSITION: MIDFIELD
AGE: 25
D.O.B: 26/3/80
HEIGHT: 5.9
WEIGHT: 11.7

Terry Taylor

Matty Barlow **R**



POSITION: FORWARD
AGE: 18
D.O.B
HEIGHT: 6.0
WEIGHT

G.T Butterworth

Chris Hall **R**



POSITION: FORWARD
AGE: 18
D.O.B
HEIGHT: 6.3
WEIGHT

Pennine Honda

Chris Lever **R**



POSITION: DEFENDER
AGE: 18
D.O.B
HEIGHT: 6.2
WEIGHT

Boundary Blues

Jason Taylor **R**



POSITION: FORWARD
AGE: 18
D.O.B
HEIGHT: 6.1
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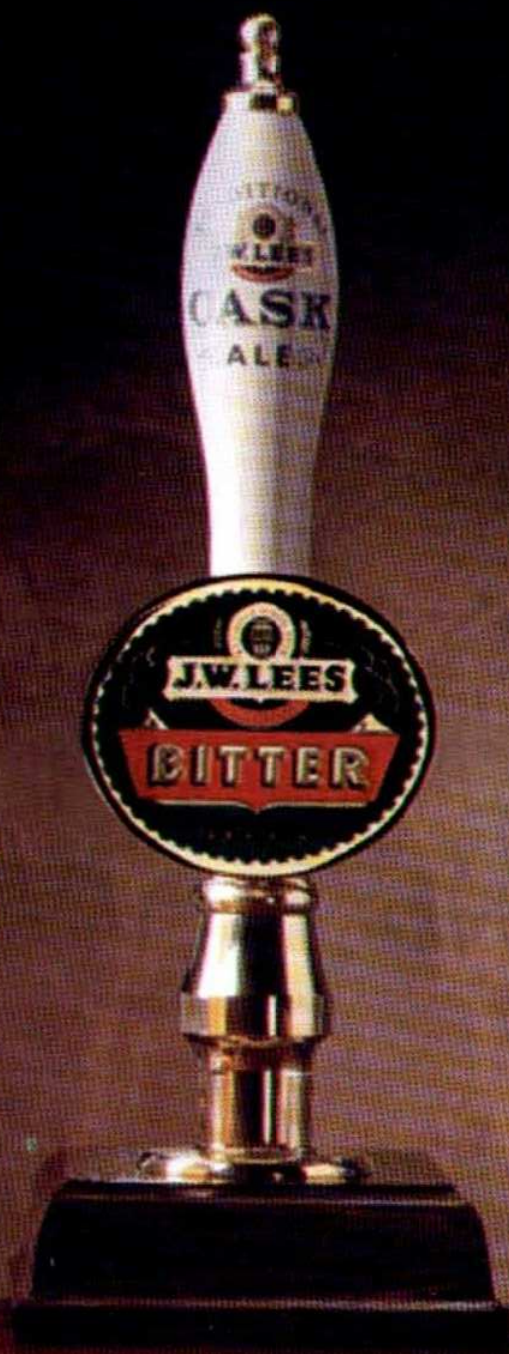
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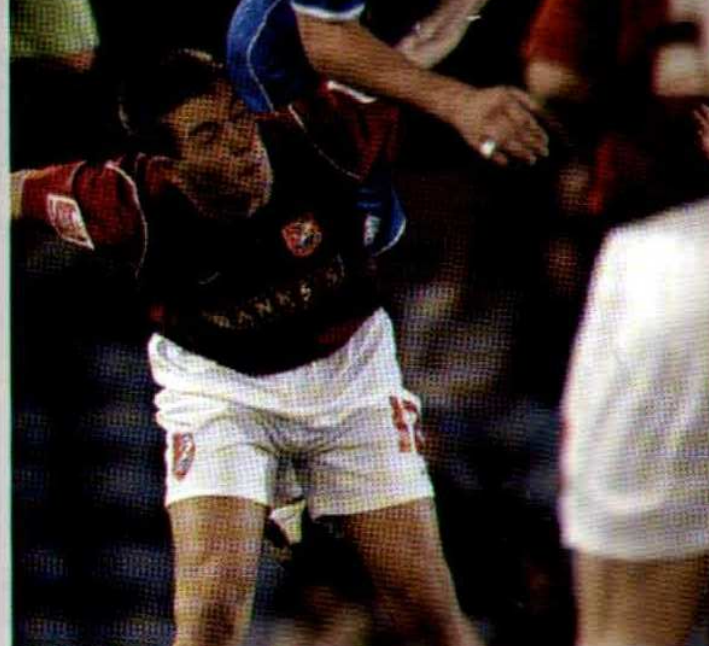
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JOHN WILLIE TO HIS MATES





33 minutes.... Chris Porter puts Latics 1-0 up



21 minutes... Guy Branston once again was dominant against Walsall



53 minutes... Man of the Match, Paul Edwards was thorne in Walsall's side all night long



72 minutes... Paul Warne celebrates having put Latics 2-0 up



81 minutes... Chris Day pulls of a terrific finger tip save to give Latics the 3 points.



Match ACTION

PLAYER APPEARANCES

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	P	G	P	G	P	G
LANCE CRONIN	0	0	1	0	1	0
CHRIS DAY	20	0	5	0	25	0
TERRELL FORBES	20	0	4	0	24	0
MARK BONNER	7	0	1	0	8	0
WILL HAINING	1	0	1	0	2	0
STEFAN STAM	3	0	0	0	3	0
RICHIE WELLENS	20	2	5	0	25	2
MARK HUGHES	8	1	5	0	13	1
LUKE BECKETT	9	1	3	0	12	1
DELROY FACEY	3	0	1	0	4	0
PAUL EDWARDS	9	0	2	0	11	0
CHRIS KILLEN	8	2	0	0	8	2
PAUL WARNE	17	6	5	1	22	7
CHRIS HALL	1	0	3	1	4	1
DANNY HALL	6	0	3	0	9	0
ROB SCOTT	17	1	4	0	21	1
RICHARD BUTCHER	13	0	2	0	15	0
GUY BRANSTON	15	1	3	0	18	1
MARC TIERNEY	15	0	4	0	19	0
GARETH OWEN	12	0	3	0	15	0
CHRIS PORTER	19	6	4	2	23	8
ANDY LIDDELL	20	7	5	2	25	9
CHRIS SWALES	0	0	0	0	0	0
KELVIN LOMAX	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAVID EYRES	11	0	3	1	14	1



Handbags at seven paces!

LEAGUE ONE AT A GLANCE



	P	GD	PTS
1 Swansea	20	22	41
2 Huddersfield	20	10	39
3 Brentford	20	9	36
4 Southend	20	10	34
5 Barnsley	20	9	33
6 Colchester	20	7	33
7 Chesterfield	20	4	33
8 Bournemouth	20	3	30
9 Nottm Forest	20	3	30
10 Bradford	20	3	28
11 Port Vale	20	-1	28
12 Oldham	20	-5	28
13 Doncaster	20	2	27
14 Walsall	20	-1	26
15 Hartlepool	20	-3	26
16 Scunthorpe	20	-4	25
17 Gillingham	20	-14	23
18 Milton Keynes Dons	20	-4	22
19 Yeovil	20	-9	22
20 Tranmere	20	-2	21
21 Blackpool	20	-7	20
22 Rotherham	20	-4	19
23 Swindon	20	-10	17
24 Bristol City	20	-18	16

GUIDE

Played

Booked

Scored

Two Yellows - Red

Substitute

Number indicates player replaced.

Straight Red

DATE	K/O	A	OPPONENTS	COMP	RES	ATT	TRAV	PTS
AUGUST								
Sat 6	3.00	H	YEOVIL TOWN	CCL1	2-0	6979	1022	3
Tues 9	3.00	A	SWINDON TOWN	CCL1	3-2	5294	338	6
Fri 12	3.00	A	TRANMERE	CCL1	0-4	8466	1738	6
Sat 20	3.00	H	CHESTERFIELD	CCL1	4-1	5347	241	9
Tue 23	7.45	A	LEEDS UTD	LCR1	0-2	14970	1630	-
Sat 27	3.00	A	COLCHESTER UTD	CCL1	0-0	2742	332	10
Mon 29	3.00	H	ROTHERHAM UTD	CCL1	0-1	6950	1408	10
SEPTEMBER								
Sun 4	3.00	A	SOUTHEND UTD	CCL1	1-2	5261	303	10
Sat 10	3.00	H	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	CCL1	0-3	6803	1834	10
Sat 17	3.00	A	GILLINGHAM	CCL1	1-0	6259	224	13
Sat 24	3.00	H	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	CCL1	1-0	5058	131	16
Wed 28	7.45	A	PORT VALE	CCL1	2-2	3796	490	17
OCTOBER								
Sat 1	3.00	A	BARNSELY	CCL1	0-4	8077	1205	17
Sun 9	2.00	H	BRENTFORD	CCL1	0-1	5089	235	17
Sat 15	3.00	A	SWANSEA CITY	CCL1	0-0	14029	239	18
Tue 18	7.45	H	CARLISLE UTD	LDV1	1-1(5-6p)	2226	216	-
Sat 22	3.00	H	BRISTOL CITY	CCL1	4-3	5456	579	21
Sat 29	3.00	A	SCUNTHORPE UTD	CCL1	2-4	5055	613	21
NOVEMBER								
Sat 5	3.00	A	CHASETOWN	FAC1	1-1	1997	435	-
Sun 13	2.00	H	DONCASTER ROVERS	CCL1	0-1	5800	1024	21
Wed 16	7.45	H	CHASETOWN	FAC1r	4-0	7235	2436	-
Sat 19	3.00	A	BRENTFORD	CCL1	3-3	5450	306	22
Sat 26	3.00	A	YEOVIL TOWN	CCL1	0-2	5852	347	25
DECEMBER								
Sat 3	3.00	H	BRENTFORD	FAC 2	1-1	4,365	416	-
Tues 6	7.45	H	WALSALL	CCL1	2-1	3,878	177	28
Sat 10	3.00	H	SWINDON TOWN	CCL1				
Tue 13	7.45	A	Brentford	FAC2R				
Sat 17	3.00	A	CHESTERFIELD	CCL1				
Mon 26	1.00	H	BRADFORD CITY	CCL1				
Wed 28	7.45	A	BLACKPOOL	CCL1				
Sat 31	3.00	H	HARTLEPOOL	CCL1				
JANUARY								
Mon 2	3.00	A	MILTON KEYNES DONS	CCL1				
Sat 7	3.00	H	SOUTHEND UTD	CCL1	FA Cup 3			
Sat 14	3.00	A	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	CCL1				
Sat 21	3.00	H	GILLINGHAM	CCL1				
Sat 28	3.00	A	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	CCL1	FA Cup 4			
FEBRUARY								
Sat 4	3.00	H	PORT VALE	CCL1				
Sat 11	3.00	A	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	CCL1				
Wed 15	7.45pm	H	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	CCL1				
Sat 18	3.00	A	WALSALL	CCL1	FA Cup 5			
Sat 25	3.00	H	TRANMERE ROVERS	CCL1				
MARCH								
Sat 4	3.00	A	ROTHERHAM UTD	CCL1				
Sat 11	3.00	H	COLCHESTER UTD	CCL1				
Sat 18	3.00	A	BRADFORD CITY	CCL1				
Wed 22			FA Cup 6					
Sat 25	3.00	H	BLACKPOOL	CCL1				
Fri 31	7.45pm	A	HARTLEPOOL UTD	CCL1				
APRIL								
Sat 8	3.00	H	MILTON KEYNES DONS	CCL1				
Sat 15	3.00	H	BARNSELY	CCL1				
Mon 17	3.00	A	BRISTOL CITY	CCL1				
Sat 22	3.00	H	SWANSEA CITY	CCL1	FA Cup Semi-Final			
Sat 29	3.00	A	DONCASTER ROVERS	CCL1				
MAY								
Sat 6	3.00	H	SCUNTHORPE UTD	CCL1				

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH 2005

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- 2 TERRELL FORBES
- 3 ADAM GRIFFIN
- 4 MARK BONNER
- 5 WILL HAINING
- 6 STEFAN STAM
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- 19 MARC TIERNEY
- 20 GARETH OWEN
- 21 CHRIS PORTER
- 22 ANDY LIDDELL (c)
- 23 CHRIS SWAILES
- 25 LANCE CRONIN
- 28 DAVID EYRES



SWINDON TOWN

1. RHYS EVANS
2. SEAN O'HANLON
3. JACK SMITH
4. NICKY NICOLAU
5. JEREL IFIL
6. STEVE JENKINS
7. GARETH WHALLEY
8. RORY FALLON
9. TONY THORPE
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LAST THREE RESULTS

W	2-1	WALSALL	H
D	1-1	BRENTFORD	H
W	2-0	YEOVIL	A

LAST THREE RESULTS

W	1-0	ROTHERHAM	A
L	3-0	BARNLEY	H
L	2-1	PETERBOROUGH	A

- 1 CHRIS PORTER, ON THE SCORESHEET AGAIN!
- 2 RORY FALLON, SCORED AT ROTTERHAM



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LATICS V HARTLEPOOL UNITED
SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2005
KICK-OFF 3PM

LATICS ON THE ROAD

COCA COLA LEAGUE 1
CHESTERFIELD V LATICS
SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2005
KICK-OFF 3PM

COCA COLA LEAGUE 1
BLACKPOOL V LATICS
WEDNESDAY 28TH DECEMBER 2005
KICK-OFF 7.45PM

COCA COLA LEAGUE 1
MILTON KEYNES DONS V LATICS
MONDAY 2ND JANUARY 2006
KICK-OFF 3.00PM

WITH THE RESERVES

PONTIN'S HOLIDAYS LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE CENTRAL
SHEFFIELD UNITED (A) V LATICS
WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2005
KICK-OFF 2PM (AT CHESTERFIELD FC)

MANCHESTER SENIOR CUP
STOCKPORT COUNTY V LATICS
WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2005
KICK-OFF T.B.C.

LANCASHIRE SENIOR CUP
LATICS V BURY
WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2006
KICK-OFF 2PM.

YOUTH TEAM

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE
LATICS YOUTH V PORT VALE YOUTH
SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2005
CHAPEL ROAD, KICK-OFF 11AM.

KEEP THE FAITH