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AUGUST 2006

Having started the season with a short tour of Cornwall under the new manager Russell Slade, Yeovil enjoyed the visit of local rivals Exeter and Premiership Portsmouth, before kicking off the season at The New Den the home of newly demoted Millwall.

Having started well, Yeovil led through a Wayne Gray goal but couldn't hold on for the 90 minutes and had to be satisfied with a 1-1 draw following a Darren Byfield goal.

Supporters left feeling good, but the optimism soon evaporated after they struggled in their first home match against AFC Bournemouth in a boring, uneventful 0-0 draw.

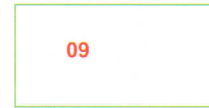
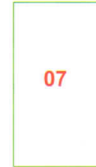
Things improved for the return of Kevin Gall's new club Carlisle as the home side ran out 2-1 winners, but needless to say the Welshman had the last laugh, scoring the visitors' goal after Chris Cohen and substitute Ishmael Welsh had put Yeovil in control.

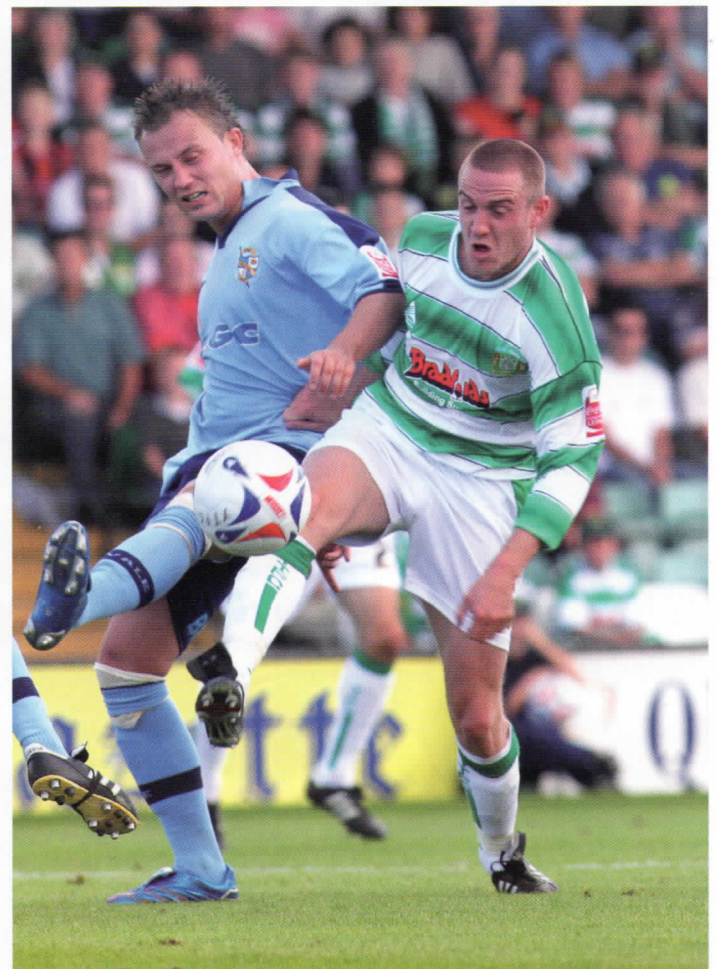
Next up for Yeovil was an away trip to Merseyside to face Tranmere and after Chris Cohen had equalised an early Ellison goal, things were looking good, but The Glovers couldn't hold on and Mullin secured all the points for Tranmere.

Yeovil's next game against Southampton just went on to illustrate how big the gulf between League One and The Championship is, as they crashed out of the Carling Cup 5-2 with Wayne Gray and Matt Harrold scoring for Yeovil.

League leaders Port Vale were next up at Huish Park and a Paul Terry goal was enough to knock Vale off their perch as Yeovil steadily climbed the table to eighth.

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SEPTEMBER 2006

The new month started with a mid week trip to Swansea's flash new Liberty Stadium.

Trips to Swansea are always something of an intimidating experience and this one was no different, but with Yeovil controlling the game and a debut goal from on loan Marcus Stewart, things were looking good.

But as he often does, our old friend Lee Trundle put away a very dubious penalty to rob The Glovers of all three points.

Former European Cup Winners Nottingham Forest came and did a smash and grab job on The Glovers, when in the 88th. minute Grant Holt secured all the points, but Yeovil's impressive away form continued when they secured a point away at Sixfields with another Marcus Stewart goal.

The season's most exciting game so far took place at Huddersfield the following week. In a match of swinging fortunes, Yeovil came out 3-2 winners when goals from Lee Morris, Arron Davies and Chris Cohen took all three points and continued an impressive run of away form.

Back to back victories against Crewe and Brighton followed, with an own goal and Paul Terry taking the plaudits against Crewe and Wayne Gray and Marcus Stewart netting against Brighton.

The Glovers made it four wins on the trot when they knicked all the points at Griffin Park with a 2-1 win against Brentford where Chris Cohen and Terry Skiverton scored.



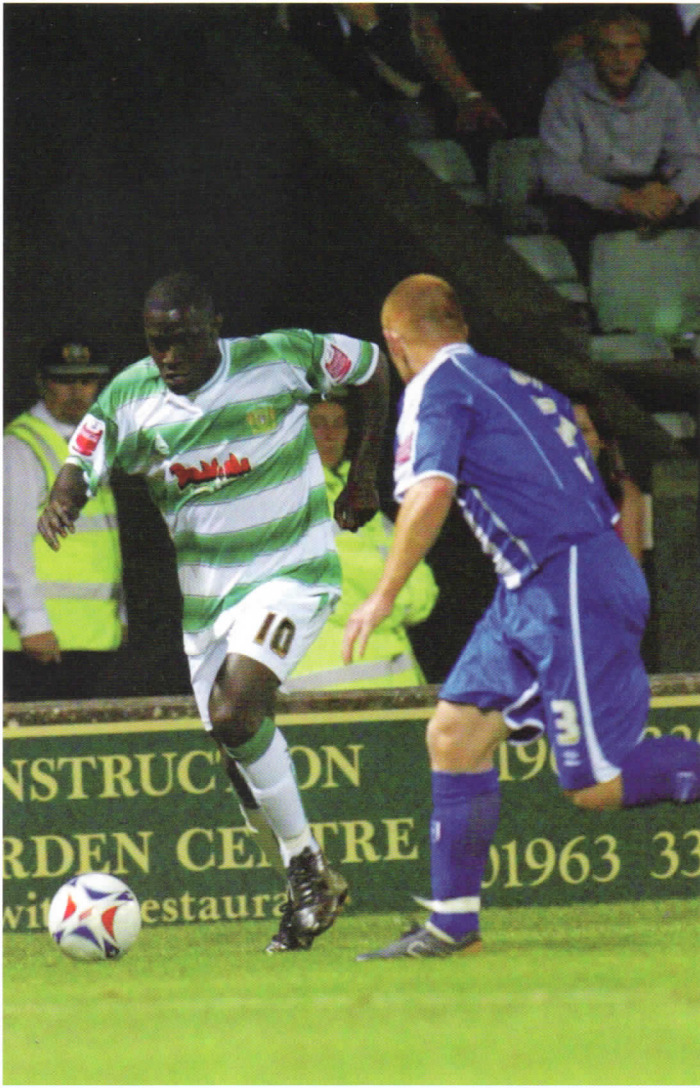
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OCTOBER 2006

October started well enough for Yeovil with a 4-2 win after extra time over Welton Rovers in the Somerset Premier Cup, but the league success came to an abrupt halt with a 1-0 reverse at home to Cheltenham.

It was a disappointing match, with again a late goal sealing the points for the visitors.

Form away from home though was still pretty good and another late goal, this time from Marcus Stewart secured a further point for Yeovil against Blackpool.

A Terry Skiverton goal on half time was enough to put paid to Oldham in the next fixture at Huish Park and then another away draw followed at Chesterfield, where again it was Marcus Stewart, this time in the 89th. minute.

But the month ended with disappointment when Yeovil went out of the Johnsons Paint Trophy at Gay Meadow, where the home side ran out 2-1 winners despite a fantastic goal from Anthony Barry. Although it was not the most productive of months, Yeovil were still sitting in 4th. place seven points behind leaders Forest.



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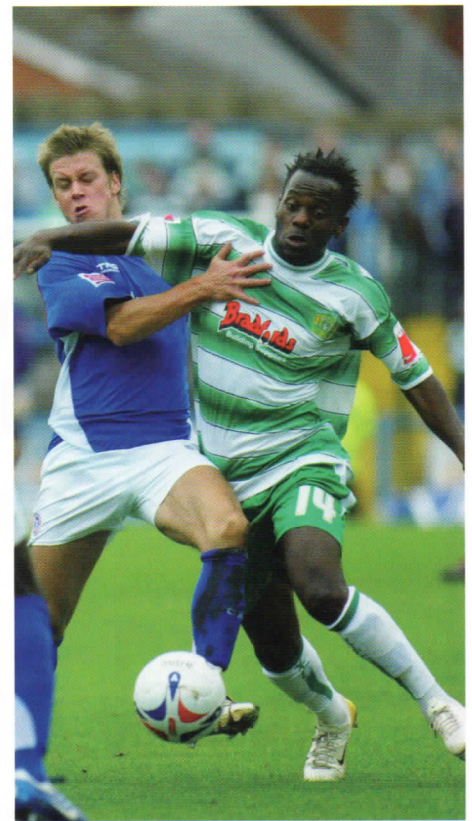
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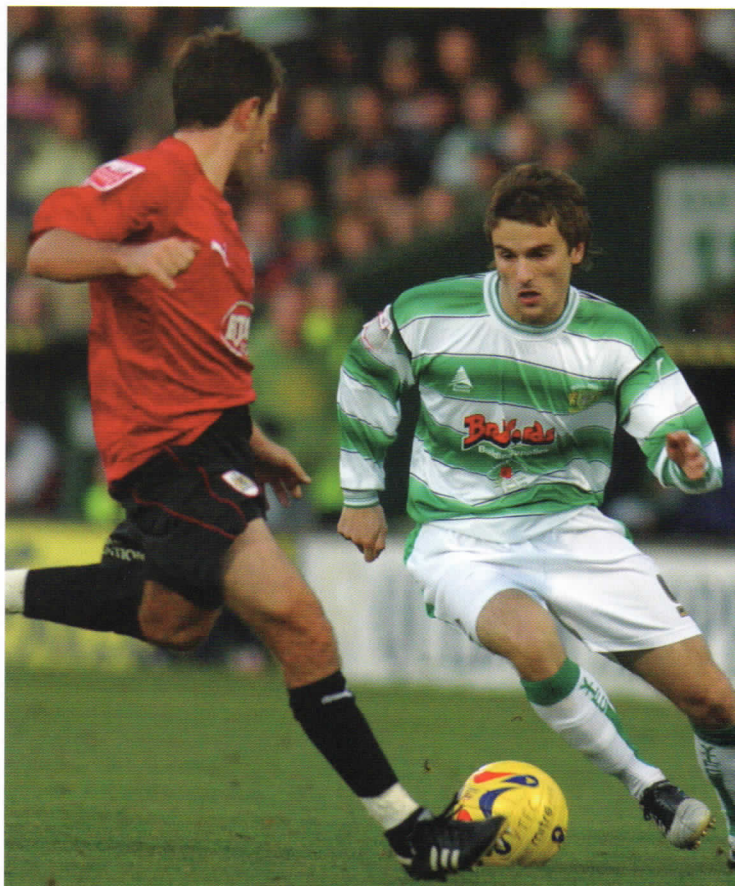
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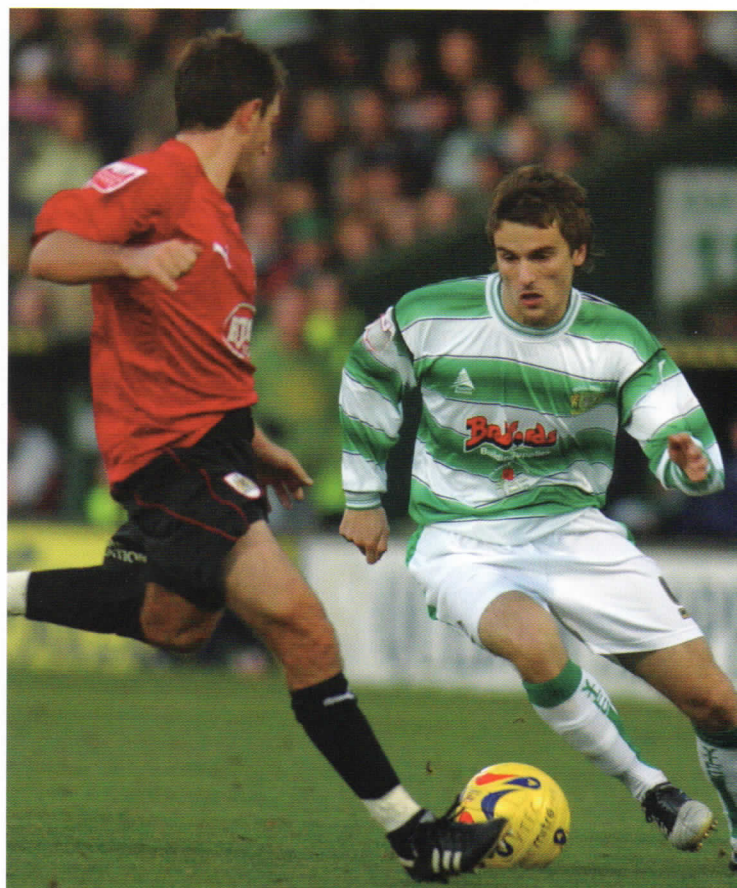
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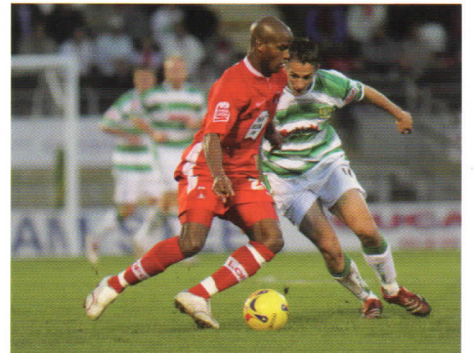
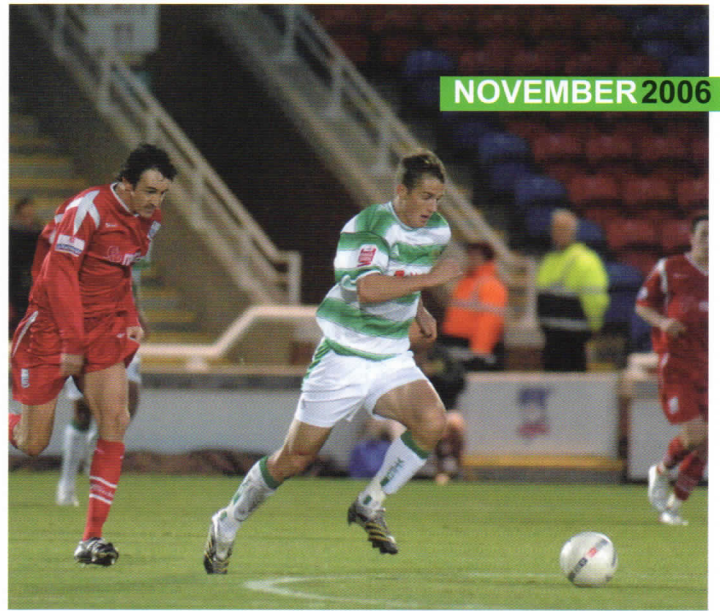
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DECEMBER 2006

December didn't start any better as despite coming back from 2-0 down to 2-2 with goals from Leon Best and Lee Morris, the Glovers went down 3-2 at Rotherham.

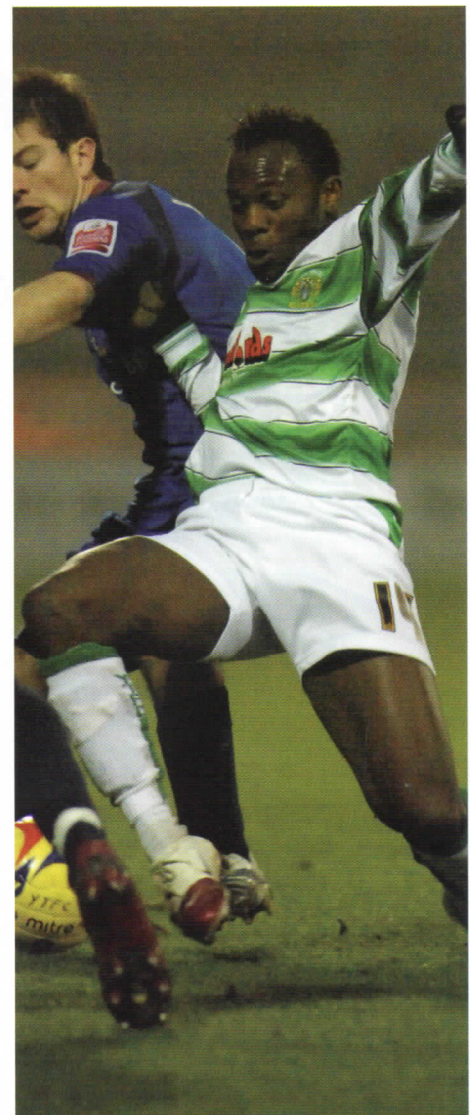
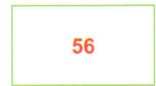
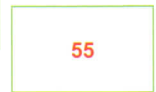
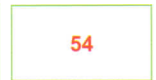
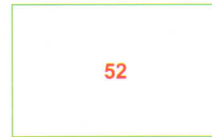
The following Saturday though it all came right, when Gillingham were despatched pointless from Huish Park when goals from Best and Cohen saw Yeovil run out 2-0 winners.

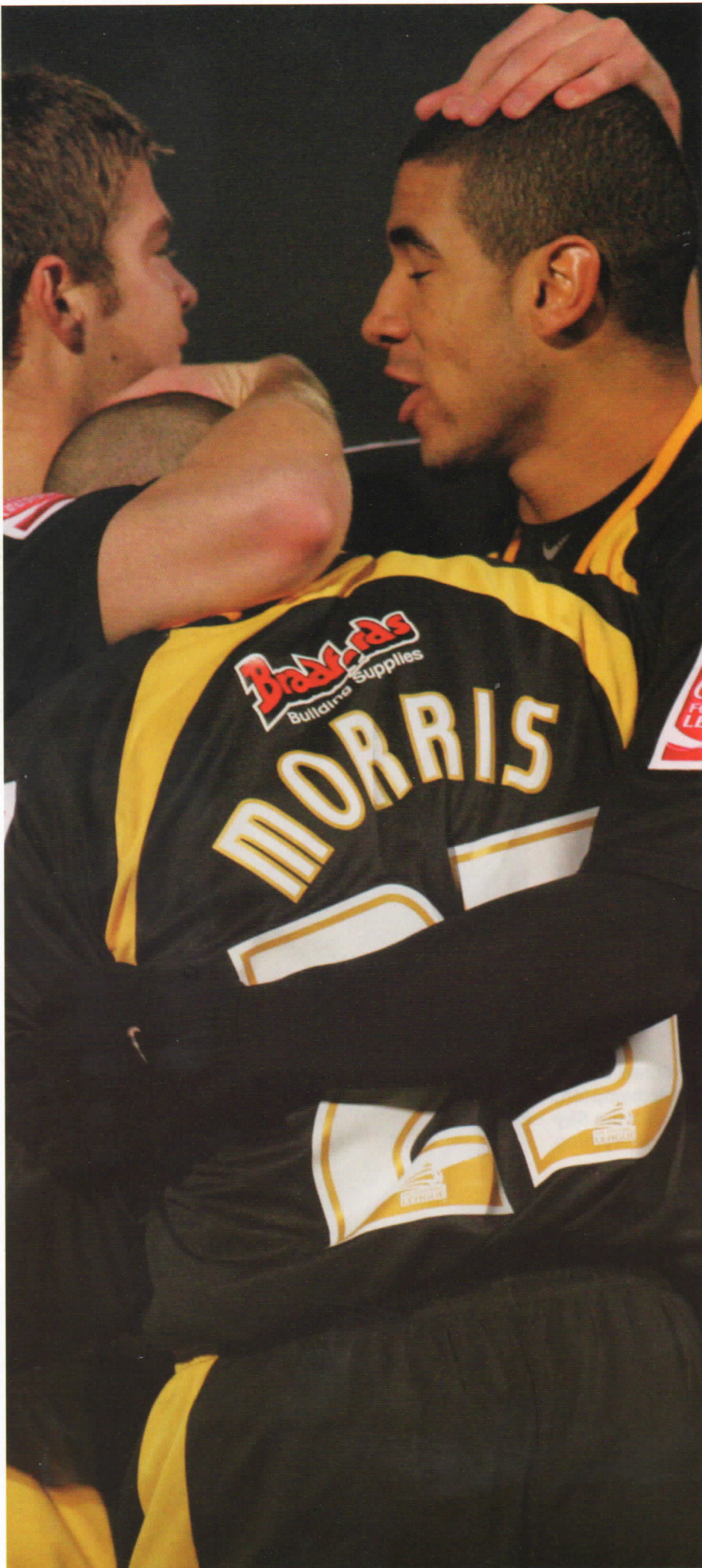
A week off whilst everybody else was on F.A. Cup duty and then a 0-0 draw against Bradford City set everybody up for two important away games at Brighton and Crewe.

Boxing Day at The Withdean Stadium gave everybody a great Christmas present as Lee Morris, Leon Best and Arron Davies gave Yeovil a 3-1 victory.

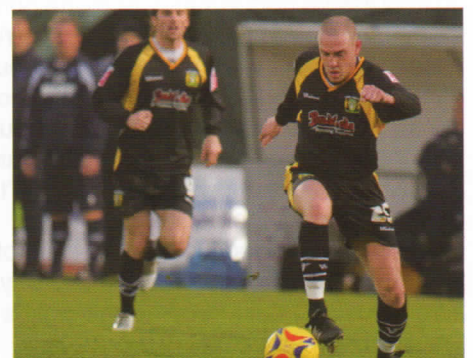
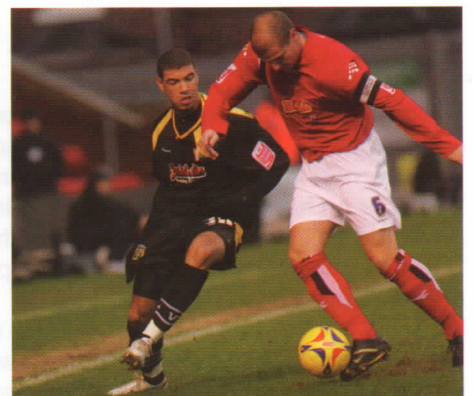
Then it was up to Crewe, where again Best and Morris ran the show with two for Leon and one for Lee as Yeovil finished the year in style winning 3-2.

Yeovil went into the new year in sixth place and with everything to play for in the rest of the season.





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JANUARY 2007

The new year started with two home matches on the trot and the first of those, against Northampton, turned into a pretty dour 0-0 draw. But with the Sky cameras on hand for the visit of Huddersfield, everything changed as The Glovers turned on the style.

By half time they were 3-0 up with Sky pundit Steve Claridge likening their play to Real Madrid.

Leon Best and Lee Morris absolutely ripped them apart in the first half with a goal apiece and an own goal. Huddersfield did stage a bit of a comeback in the second half, but it was an impressive performance from the home side and enabled them to complete the double over the Yorkshiremen.

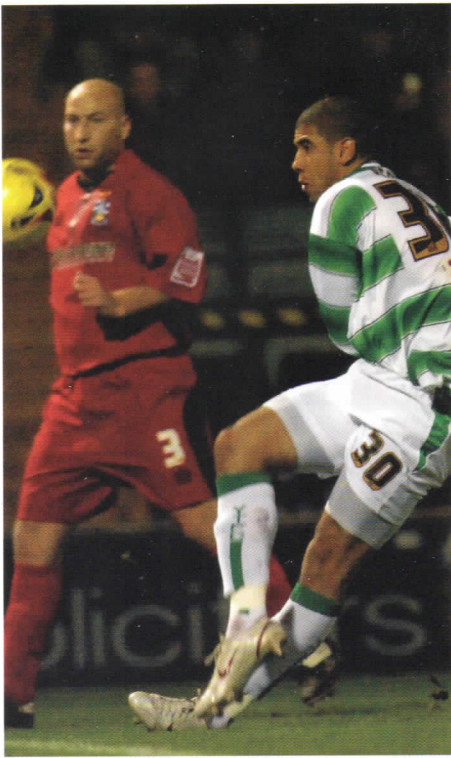
Next up it was a visit to the City Ground, Nottingham but again after a good performance from Yeovil, Forest managed to nick all three points with a 48th. minute Grant Holt goal.

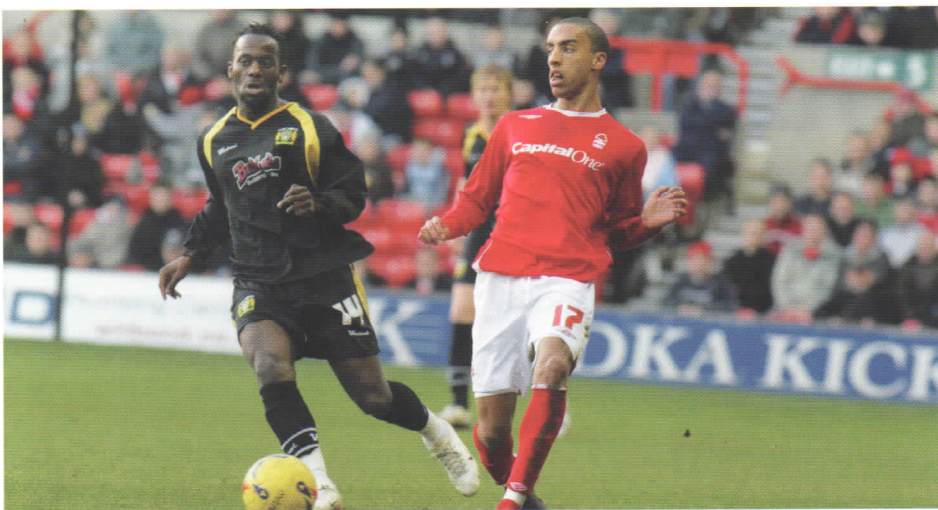
Brentford were the next visitors to Huish Park, but despite a gritty defensive showing, they couldn't keep Leon Best out and that won the game for Yeovil.

The Glovers ended the month with another visit to Yorkshire to face those fallen giants Bradford City, but two goals from Arron Davies again secured the points and Yeovil finished the month in 4th place.







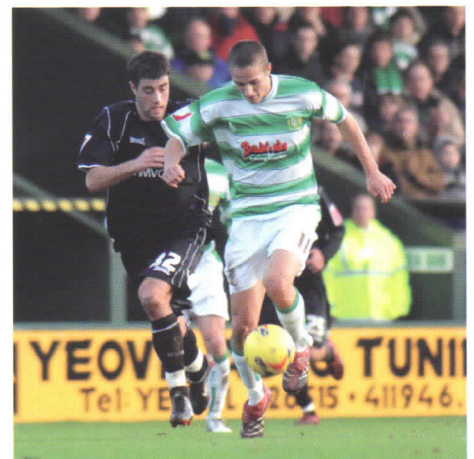


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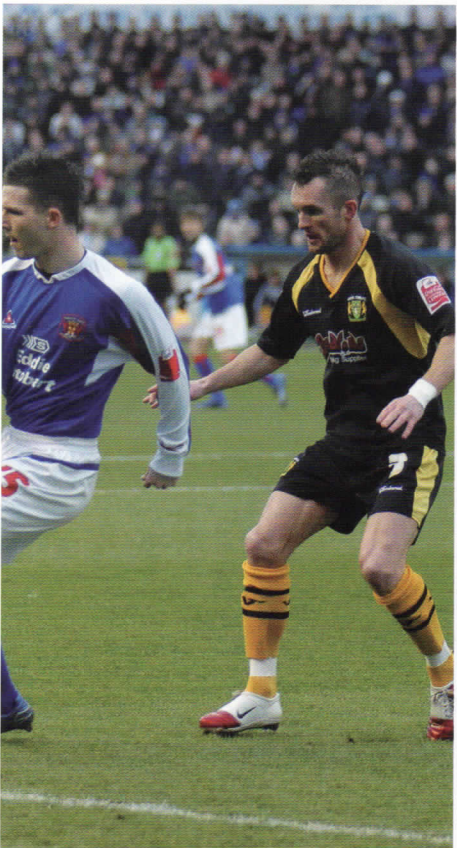
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FEBRUARY 2007

There were more highs than lows in February, but Yeovil started with a miserable 1-0 home defeat to Millwall who were struggling at the bottom end of the table.

The long trip back from Carlisle though was a happy one for although going in at half time behind, they bounced back following, shall we say, "a frank exchange of views" at half time. A goal a piece for Chris Cohen and Wayne Gray and two for Leon Best turned the match on it's head and certainly justified Russell Slade's half time chat.

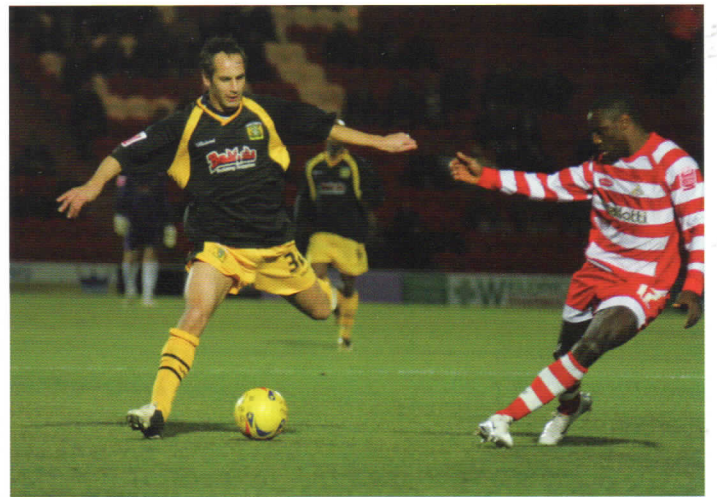
But the return to Huish Park saw another slump as Tranmere won by 2-0 to undo all the good work at Brunton Park.

Leon Best played the last game of his loan spell down at The Fitness First Stadium, Bournemouth and despite constant barracking from the Bournemouth fans, he had the last laugh with the second goal after Wayne Gray had opened the scoring. He who laughs last eh! Best had scored ten goals in his three month stay and would be badly missed.

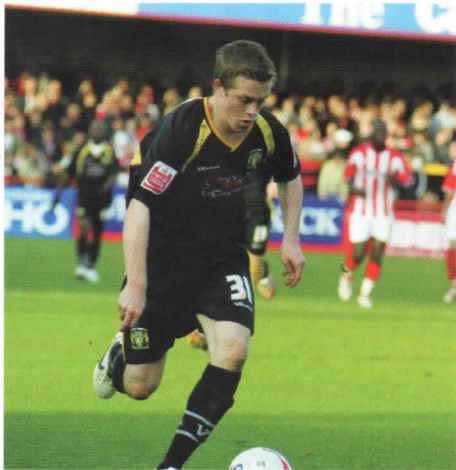
Next visitors to Yeovil were Swansea who were up there in the mix for the Play-off places. A tight game though saw Yeovil reign supreme, when Marcus Stewart popped up with the only goal of the match to secure the three points for The Glovers.

Yeovil's first visit to the brand new Keepmoat Stadium saw a pretty boring 0-0 draw but it kept Yeovil in with a great chance of automatic promotion in second place.





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MARCH 2007

March started with a trip to Port Vale but on a total bog of a pitch the home side adapted the better and ran out 4-2 winners. It had looked game over as Vale went 2-0 up in the first half, but goals from Gray and Stewart enabled Yeovil to level things by half time.

But the pitch was the only real winner as Vale slotted home two more goals to run out easy winners.

Cheltenham were struggling when Yeovil arrived at Whaddon Road the following week and two more goals from Wayne Gray saw The Glovers run out 2-1 winners to keep the pressure on at the top.

Blackpool were the next visitors at Huish Park and despite another attacking display, the Northerners nicked all the points with a 1-0 victory.

Struggling Chesterfield at last enabled Yeovil to grab three home points, when a last minute strike from Nathan Jones of all people secured the points for Yeovil. It had been close though and it certainly kept the Huish Park crowd on the edge of their seats.

Another away defeat ended the month when fellow Play-off hopefuls Oldham secured all the points with a 1-0 victory at Boundary Park.

So all to play for with Yeovil going into the penultimate month of the season in 5th place.



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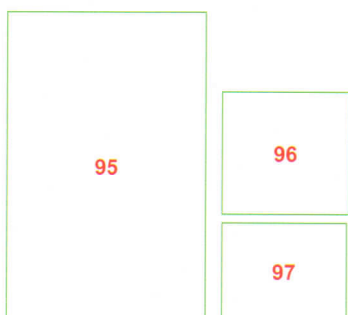
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APRIL 2007

April couldn't have started with a more difficult game, as The Glovers travelled to Glanford Park to face league leaders Scunthorpe.

The friday night game produced plenty of chances but only the one goal and that went to Nathan Jones who mis-judged a difficult cross, but The Glovers were far from disgraced as they really took the game to the leaders in the first half.

The home win over Leyton Orient was significant not only for the well earned victory, but also the fact that Yeovil at last were awarded a penalty which Wayne Gray converted to help secure a 2-1 victory.

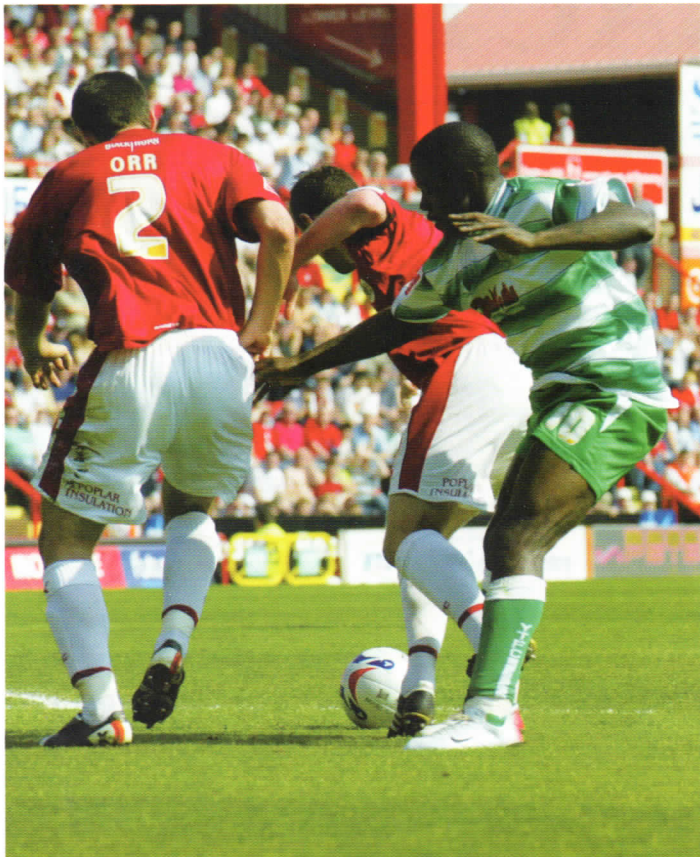
With other results going Yeovil's way, they were still in a fairly secure 5th.place, but a 2-0 reverse against old rivals Bristol City did nothing for the nerves. Scott Guyett was also sent off which didn't help the cause, but at least the red card was later rescinded.

Victory against Rotherham would almost secure a Play-off place and a Marcus Stewart goal did the trick more or less on the stroke of half time, but it was a nervy affair nonetheless.

Another single goal victory saw off Doncaster the following week and at last the supporters had a Play-off match against either Oldham or Blackpool to look forward to.

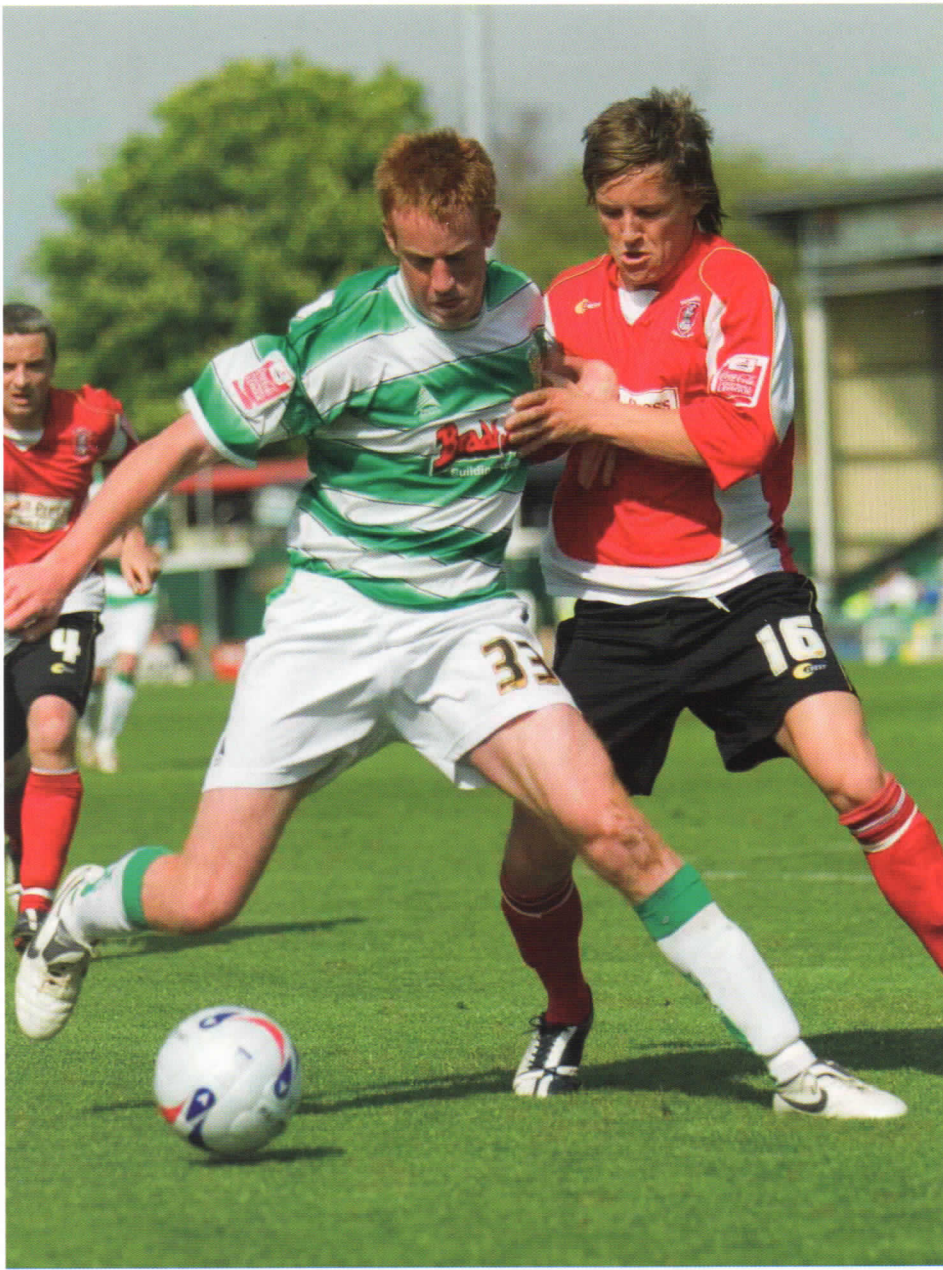






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MAY 2007

A fairly pointless match against Gillingham on the last full Saturday of the league season saw the manager give debuts to Tom Clarke, Craig Alcock and Gavin McCallum as a much changed Glovers side did enough to see off Gillingham 2-0.

Probably of more significance though was that Nottingham Forest would be our Play-off opponents after drawing 0-0 with Crewe Alexandra.

Yeovil's first venture into the world of the Play-offs though ended in disaster.

Despite controlling the game and setting up numerous chances, Forest ran out 2-0 winners following one dubious and one stonewall penalty.

All but the faithful had more or less given up all hope, but what happened at The City Ground will go down in the annals of Yeovil Town history.

The lads came back from the dead with a 5-2 victory to go to their first ever appearance at The New Wembley Stadium.

Arron Davies grabbed two, Marcus Stewart and Lee Morris one apiece and an own goal from Forest's Alan Wright did the damage, while Dobie and Holt netted for the home side.

If you weren't there you missed a fantastic night that those present will never ever forget.

So it was all systems go for a Wembley final against Blackpool and nearly 30,000 Yeovil fans made the trip to see their heroes perform.

But sadly on the day the team just couldn't raise their game one more time and the dream of Championship football was dashed.

The Seaside's ran out 2-0 winners and it was a very sombre coach trip home from Wembley.

Some will savour the day, but Wembley is not a place for losers and Russell and the team will be doing everything they can to repeat the adventure next season.



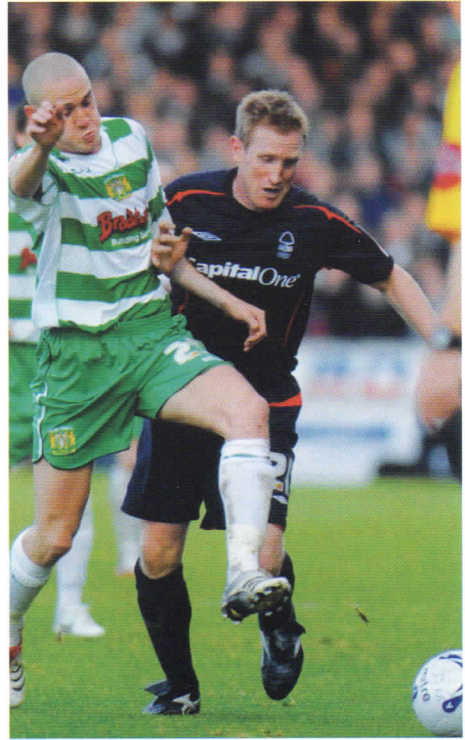
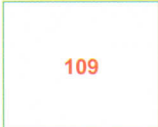
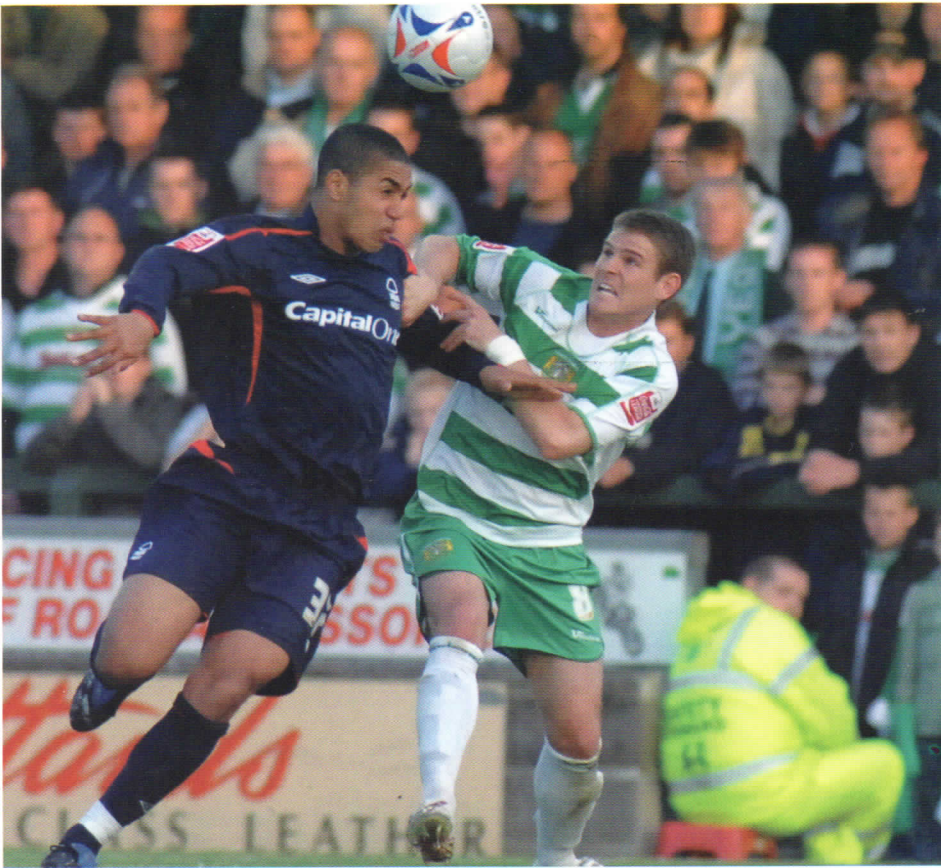




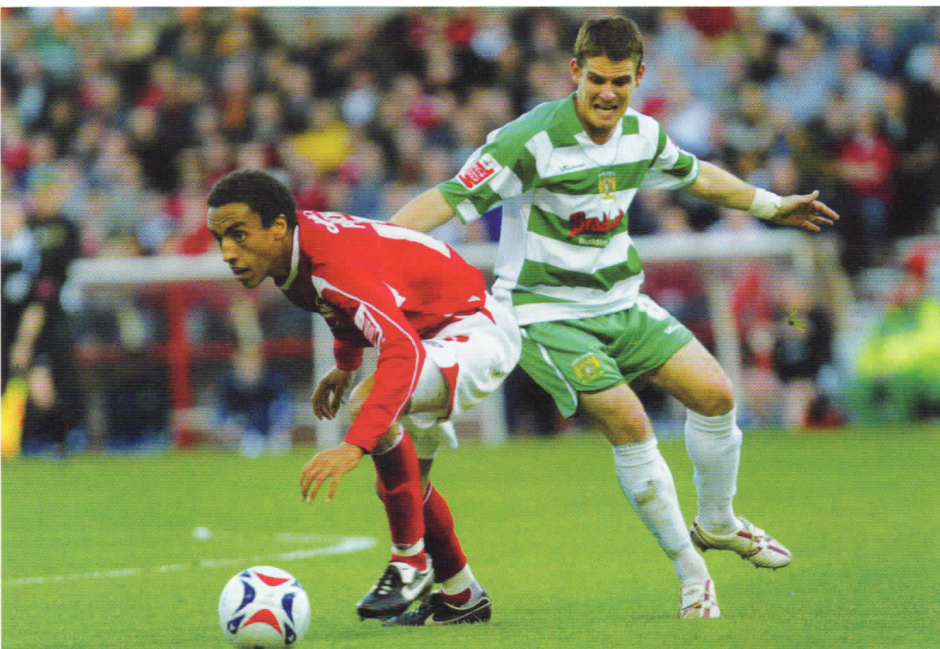
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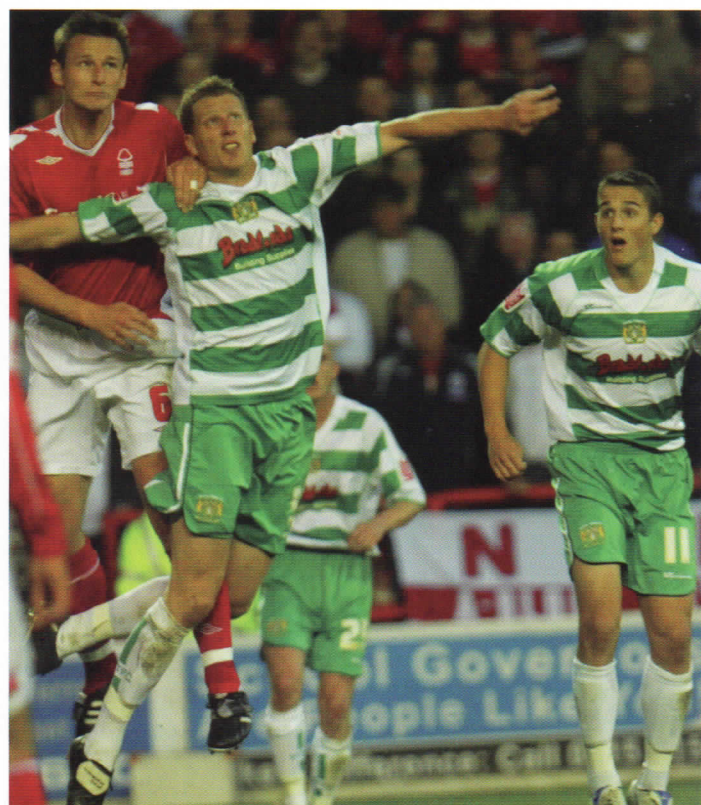
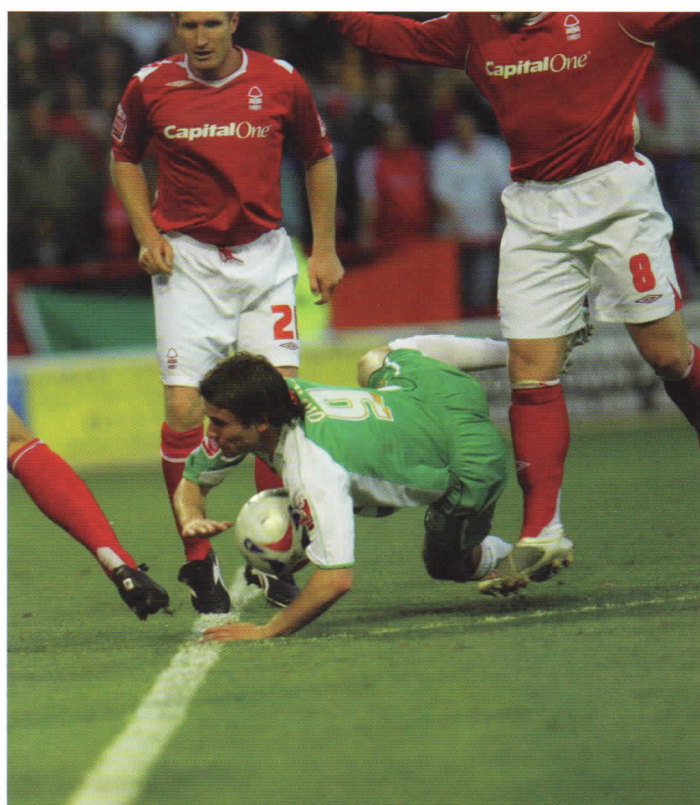
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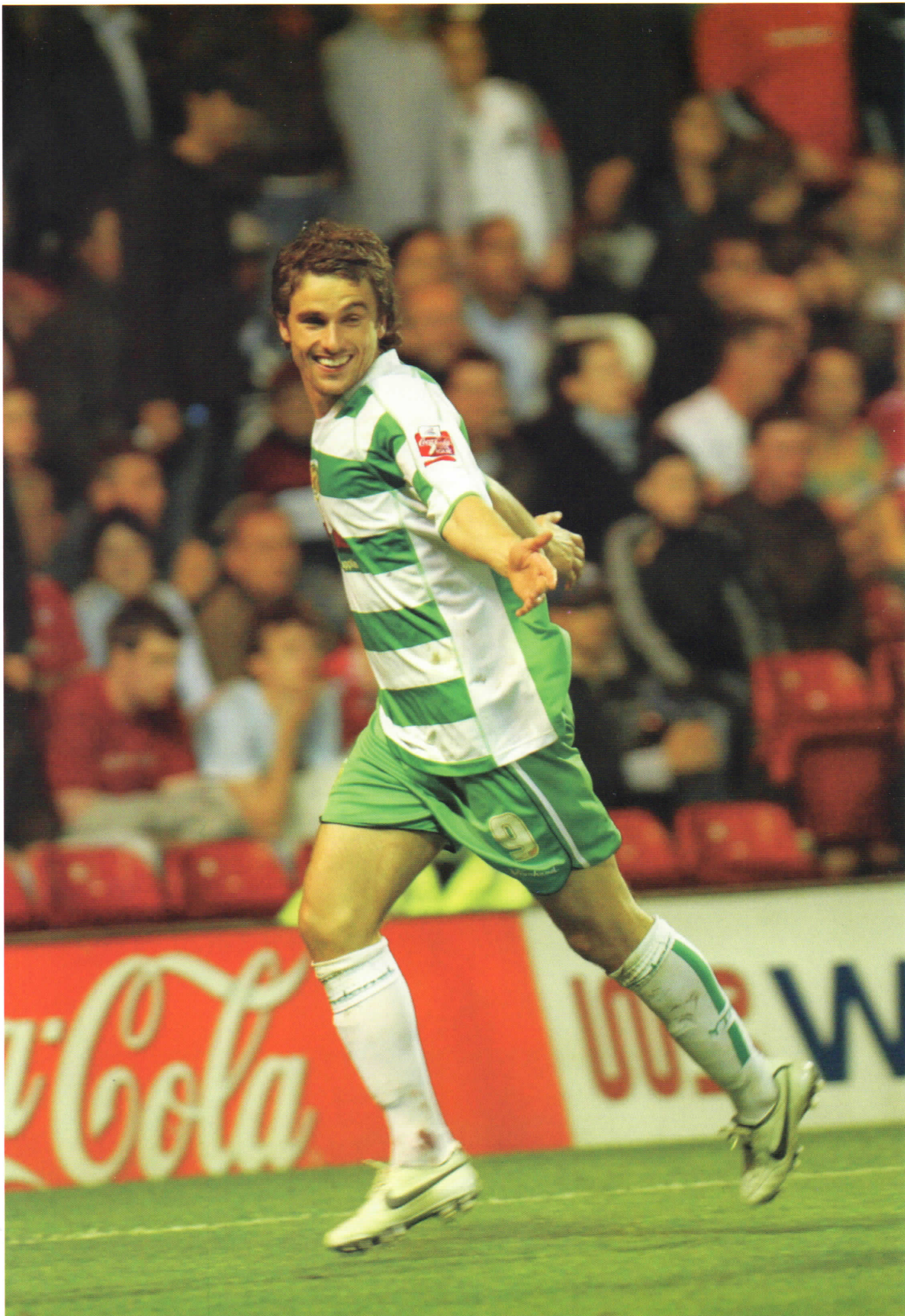
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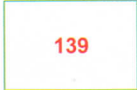
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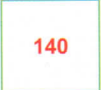




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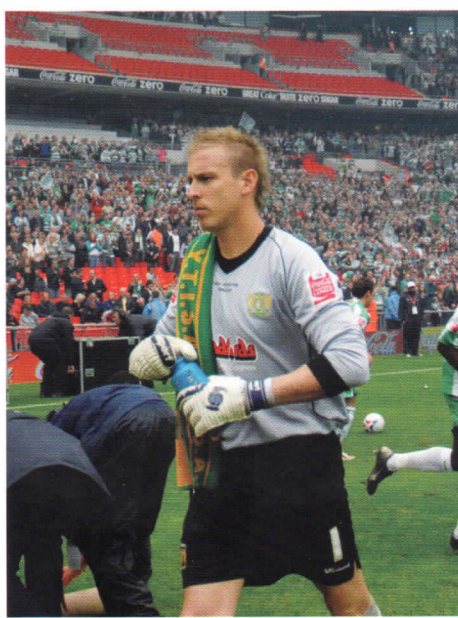
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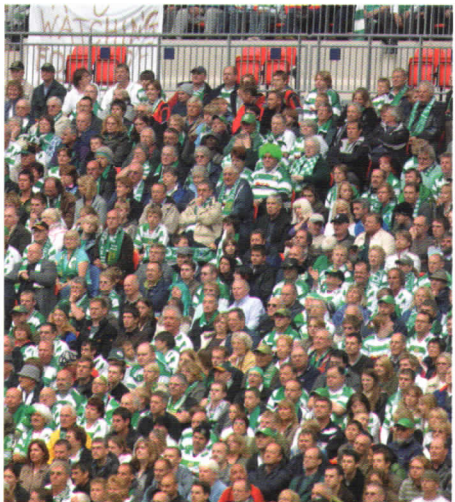
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The Glovers

Profiles of the players that took Yeovil Town Football Club to it's highest ever position in the Football League

Steve Mildenhall

Squad number: 1

Position: Goalkeeper

League appearances: 46

Mildenhall followed Russell Slade south from Grimsby in the summer of 2006 and proved an inspired signing.

The only squad member to play every minute of every game, the 29-year-old rightly ended the season rated as one of the best goalkeepers in League One.

Tall, commanding and an excellent shot-stopper, there appear to be few weaknesses in the Swindon-born shot-stopper's game.

Started his career at Swindon Town and had spells with Notts County and Oldham Athletic before moving to Grimsby.

After losing at the Millennium Stadium with the Mariners, Mildenhall suffered play-off final disappointment for the second season running at Wembley with Yeovil.

Will want to make it third time lucky next year and is undoubtedly capable of playing at a higher level.



Andy Lindegaard

Squad number: 16

Position: Full-back

League appearances: 14

The departure of Kevin Amankwaah to Swansea before the start of the season saw Lindegaard become Yeovil's first choice right-back and he started the campaign well.

But just four games in, the Yeovil-born defender suffered a groin injury at Tranmere which eventually needed surgery.

In Lindegaard's absence, manager Russell Slade signed Mark Lynch on a permanent basis from Hull City and the former Manchester United player slotted into the right-back role with ease.

After several setbacks, Lindegaard returned to fitness over Christmas and his comeback coincided with Lynch suffering a serious knee injury.

Martin Cranie initially took over at right-back, but when he was recalled by Southampton, Lindegaard got another chance.

He played six times and looked to be establishing himself again before sustaining another injury, this time at Carlisle.

The former Town trainee played a key role in the play-offs, starting all three games and notably setting up Marcus Stewart's memorable equaliser at Nottingham Forest.

Mark Lynch

Squad number: 24

Position: Right-back

League appearances: 17

Lynch joined the Glovers on loan from Hull City in August following the injury to Andy Lindegaard but endured a tough debut as Town were hammered 5-2 at Southampton in the Carling Cup first round.

But he quickly showed the quality expected from a former Manchester United youngster and his raids down the right flank became a feature of Yeovil's early season success.

Boss Russell Slade made the move permanent before the transfer window closed on September 1, with Lynch switching to Huish Park on a free transfer.

The 25-year-old had been unlucky with injuries at his previous clubs, Sunderland and Hull, and he suffered again in December when he sustained a serious knee injury in training.

Lynch quickly underwent surgery and spent five months in rehabilitation before returning to fitness for the final league game of the season.

An impressive performance at Gillingham secured the Mancunian a place on the bench for the play-offs and he made it on to the field at Wembley as a replacement for Andy Lindegaard.

The subsequent departure of Lindegaard shows that Slade now regards Lynch as his first choice in the right-back position for the 07-08 season.



Nathan Jones

Squad number: 3

Position: Left-back

League appearances: 42

Jones was another of Yeovil's star performers in an impressive campaign and will have enjoyed his second season at Huish Park much more than his first.

Undisputed first choice at left-back all season, the Welshman only missed league games through suspension or injury.

Jones belies his 34 years and is one of the fittest players in the Town squad.

The former Brighton defender was also installed as Yeovil's vice-captain during the season, deputising for regular skipper Terry Skiverton and having the honour of leading the team out at the new Wembley Stadium.

Forced to undergo groin surgery in March, Jones astonished everyone by making his comeback within two weeks and only missing two games.

He also enjoyed a fairytale return in his first game back from the operation when he hammered home a 90th minute winner against Chesterfield.

A committed Christian and one of the real characters in the squad, Jones was rewarded for his good form with a new two-year contract.

Terrell Forbes

Squad number: 6

Position: Defender

League appearances: 46

Forbes was another player tempted south by Russell Slade, ending an unhappy spell at Oldham Athletic to move to Huish Park.

Had previously played under Slade at Grimsby Town, where he was used at right-back, centre half and as a sweeper.

Quickly established himself in central defence at Yeovil, forming a solid partnership with captain Terry Skiverton.

Forbes' pace and reading of the game makes him an ideal covering defender and one of the best man markers in the Football League.

He specialises in goal-saving tackles and was one of the real success stories of Yeovil's season.

Slade utilised his versatility when Mark Lynch and Andy Lindgaard were injured, switching Forbes to right-back and allowing him to attack down the right flank.

But Forbes undoubtedly prefers playing as a central defender and he was Yeovil's best player in the disappointing play-off final at Wembley.



Terry Skiverton

Squad number: 4

Position: Defender

League appearances: 39

The Yeovil captain enjoyed another impressive season for the Glovers but was forced to miss the play-offs through injury.

In his eighth season at Huish Park, Skiverton again led by example and remains a talismanic figure.

His goal output was down on previous seasons, with the 32-year-old only netting twice.

But his partnership with Terrell Forbes at the heart of Yeovil's defence was one of the best in League One and one of the reasons that only champions Scunthorpe conceded fewer goals than the Glovers.

Town fans feared the worst when Skiverton collapsed with exhaustion at Blackpool in October, but he recovered to score the winner in Yeovil's next game against Oldham.

Injured in both league games with Bristol City, Skiverton also limped out of the win over Crewe in December.

And a late season groin injury robbed him of the chance to play at Wembley, although he did recover sufficiently to take his place on the bench.

Scott Guyett

Squad number: 5

Position: Defender

League appearances: 16

Guyett's best performances came at the end of the season when he replaced injured captain Terry Skiverton and played a key role in Yeovil reaching the play-off final at Wembley.

Skiverton's impressive performances meant Guyett didn't start a league game until January.

But Guyett was robbed of the chance of a run in the side before that, when he was sent off in the home game against Bristol City for retaliating against Louis Carey.

With Skiverton sidelined Guyett was in line to deputise, but a three-match ban put paid to that. It was a case of déjà vu when Yeovil visited Ashton Gate as Skiverton was again injured and Guyett came on to replace him, only to be red carded a second time.

Thankfully referee Mike Dean later rescinded that decision, allowing Guyett to play his part at the end of the season.

Surprisingly failed to score throughout the season, but his aerial power makes the Aussie a threat at set-pieces.



Paul Terry

Squad number: 7

Position: Midfielder

League appearances: 20

Terry eventually signed a new contract over protracted negotiations in the summer of 2006 and became a key man over the first half of the season.

Boss Russell Slade used a variety of midfield systems over the early months, but all of them featured Terry in the holding role as he was told to screen the Glovers' defence.

The Londoner did manage to get forward to score two goals, netting the winner against Port Vale, but was always aware of his defensive duties.

Terry's discipline allowed Chris Cohen to have a greater degree of freedom and was instrumental in the youngster's goalscoring run at the start of the season.

Unfortunately Terry suffered a serious knee injury at Rotherham in early December which curtailed his campaign and required major surgery.

But after undergoing treatment and rehabilitation at Premier-ship club Chelsea, where his brother John is club captain, Terry made a quicker than anticipated recovery and even came close to a place on the bench in the Play-off final. Will be fully fit for the start of the 07-08 season.

Anthony Barry

Squad number: 8

Position: Midfielder

League appearances: 24

Barry returned to action at the start of the 06-07 season after a terrible injury ended his previous campaign prematurely.

But after starting the first two games, the Scouser then dropped out of the team as his lack of match action probably caught up with him.

Barry sat out most of September and October, but made a dramatic return to the starting line-up in November when he was part of the team that impressively defeated Bristol City at Huish Park.

The former Accrington midfielder enjoyed another short run in the side but was again relegated to the bench in December.

Thereafter the playmaker was restricted to occasional appearances before a late season revival.

He again came back into the side against Bristol City in April and then kept his place for the rest of the campaign as he played particularly well in the Play-off semi-finals against Nottingham Forest.

Is under contract for next season.



Jean-Paul Kalala

Squad number: 14

Position: Midfielder

League appearances: 38

Kalala was the third former Grimsby player to link up with Slade, following Mildenhall and Forbes to Huish Park.

The DR Congo international hit the national headlines during his time at Blundell Park when his spectacular long-range strike knocked Tottenham Hotspur out of the Carling Cup.

Started the season on the bench at Huish Park but quickly established himself in the side in a defensive midfield role.

Kalala became even more important to the set-up when Paul Terry sustained a season-ending injury and formed an impressive partnership with Chris Cohen over the second half of the campaign.

The former Nice player was affected by a virus in April which saw him substituted against Bristol City and then left on the bench against Rotherham.

Kalala's place in the side was taken by Anthony Barry, although he did score his only goal of the season when selected in the shadow squad that faced Gillingham.

And the Congolese player also made an impact when he replaced the injured Cohen in the second leg of the Play-off semi-final at Nottingham Forest, slamming a long-range shot against a post and seeing the rebound deflected in by Alan Wright.



Chris Cohen

Squad number: 11

Position: Midfielder

League appearances: 44

Having been voted player of the year in 05-06 while on loan, Cohen made a permanent move from West Ham during the summer break for an undisclosed fee.

He quickly proved his importance to the side during a superb start to the season, with his all-action style again endearing him to the fans.

Initially selected on the left of a 'diamond' midfield, Cohen was then handed a free role behind a lone striker as boss Russell Slade tried to give his star man more freedom.

The move worked as Cohen got forward to great effect, both scoring and creating goals for his side. The teenager linked particularly well with Lee Morris and Marcus Stewart and at times their linked play belonged at a far higher level than League One.

In December the arrival of Leon Best prompted Slade to return to a 4-4-2 system, with Cohen moving back to an orthodox midfield role and being forced to curb his attacking instincts.

He still turned in outstanding performances and it was no surprise to see him linked with a move away from Huish Park in January.

Fortunately no transfer was forthcoming and Cohen stayed to spearhead the Glovers' play-off push.

Cohen battled through a series of injuries in the closing weeks and a groin injury forced him out of both the Play-off semi-final second leg and the final at Wembley and resulted in a summer operation.



Arron Davies

Squad number: 9

Position: Winger

League appearances: 39

Davies was another player who was handed a variety of roles throughout the season as he lined up in midfield, out wide and up front.

He started the campaign in the 'hole', playing just behind the front two in the draw at Millwall.

But when that formation was abandoned, the Welshman found himself on the bench before being recalled in a wide role.

He scored his first goal of the season from that position in the 3-2 win at Huddersfield and was a regular in the side throughout October.

Martin Brittain's arrival saw Davies left out of the home game with Bristol City at the start of November, but he responded in the right way as he scored the opening goal after coming off the bench.

He then regained his place in the side and only missed a handful of games after that.

Davies starred in the 2-0 win at Bradford in January, scoring both goals, and he also scored a vital goal in the 2-1 win over Leyton Orient.

But his season will be remembered for an outstanding performance in the Play-off semi-final second leg at Nottingham Forest.

Davies opened the scoring with a brilliant individual effort and then proceeded to terrorise the home defenders before netting the all-important winner in extra-time.



Wayne Gray

Squad number: 10

Position: Striker

League appearances: 46

Gray arrived on a Bosman free from Southend before the start of the season and was immediately installed as Russell Slade's first choice striker.

He played alongside Matt Harrold on the opening day of the season at Millwall and scored on his debut as the Glovers picked up a point from a 1-1 draw.

The Londoner was soon thrust into a lone striking role and scored at Southampton in the Carling Cup.

But at the start of September he was handed another position following Marcus Stewart's arrival. Gray moved out to the right wing, with Stewart up front, and didn't appear to enjoy the change.

With Stewart unavailable, he was recalled at home to Bristol City and netted in a memorable 2-1 victory.

But when Stewart returned to Ashton Gate in December, Leon Best came in to play up front and Gray was again among the substitutes.

He came on in every game, most notably when he was part of the amazing second half comeback at Carlisle in February.

And he ended the season as a regular in the side after Best went back to Southampton, scoring more important goals. Gray netted both in the 2-1 win at Cheltenham and then secured a play-off spot with the vital winner against Doncaster at Huish Park.

And to his credit the former Wimbledon trainee ended the season as the Glovers' top scorer.



Marcus Stewart

Squad number: 29

Position: Striker

League appearances: 31

Stewart started the season at Bristol City, but it was quickly made clear to him that he wasn't part of the plans at Ashton Gate.

He jumped at the chance of a loan move to Huish Park at the end of August and immediately became a crowd favourite.

The veteran frontman scored on his debut, earning a 1-1 draw at Swansea, and also secured a point at Northampton.

Further goals against Brighton, Blackpool and Chesterfield persuaded boss Russell Slade to make the move permanent, but Stewart was first forced to sit out December due to the transfer regulations.

He also missed the home win over City as part of the loan deal. But Stewart's first game as a full-time Yeovil player was one of the highlights of the season as he played a key role in the demolition of Huddersfield in front of the television cameras.

Stewart also scored the only goal of the game against Rotherham – but will always be remembered for his final strike of the campaign. With just two minutes left of the Play-off semi-final second leg at Nottingham Forest, his header from Andy Lindegaard's cross to take the game into extra-time was fairytale stuff.

Leon Best

Squad number: 30

Position: Striker

League appearances: 15

Best was undoubtedly the best loan signing of the season after he arrived on a temporary basis from Southampton in November.

Joining good mate Martin Cranie in south Somerset helped the youngster settle in and the pair lodged with Cranie's mum.

And after a quiet substitute appearance in the home defeat against Scunthorpe, Best exploded into the Yeovil team.

He marked his first start with a goal at Rotherham, when the Glovers deserved to get at least a draw. Then came crucial goals in victories over Gillingham, Brighton and Crewe and by the end of December, Best had five goals in five starts.

He kept going in January as he netted in wins over Huddersfield and Brentford.

And the former Notts County trainee then signed off in style in February, scoring twice in the incredible comeback win at Carlisle and also finding the target in the victory at Bournemouth.

In the final analysis, Best scored 10 goals in 15 games for the Glovers before he was ordered to return to St Mary's. Who knows where Yeovil would have finished the season if he had been allowed to stay until May.



Martin Cranie/Matthew Rose

Cranie was another of Slade's successful loan signings and arrived from Southampton in November in time to cover a defensive crisis.

With Terry Skiverton injured and Scott Guyett suspended, the England youth international initially provided cover in central defence.

When Skiverton returned he then played one game in midfield, before taking over from the injured Mark Lynch at right-back.

It was a real blow when he was recalled by the Saints in January, but he returned for a second spell in March.

This time the versatile youngster stood in for Nathan Jones at left-back for two games, before relieving Terrell Forbes on the opposite flank.

But Cranie was again recalled by Southampton at the end of March, just before his loan officially ended.

Rose was signed in February to provide cover in defence and midfield and proved his value over the closing stages of the season.

The former QPR defender made his debut against Swansea when Scott Guyett was injured and later established himself at right-back.

Had an eventful game against Bristol City at Ashton Gate when he played at full-back, centre half and in midfield over the course of 90 minutes.





Martin Brittain/Peter Sweeney/ Adam Rooney

Brittain spent two spells on loan at Huish Park, first arriving in south Somerset in October and making his debut at Shrewsbury in the JP Trophy.

He became a regular during that first stint, starting nine successive league games before being recalled by Ipswich in early January.

The right winger came back in February, but struggled to recapture his best form and only started a further three games.

Brittain was left out of the squad for the Play-off final and is now a free agent, having been released by Ipswich.

Sweeney was a loan signing from Stoke City in February and impressed in early appearances.

But the left winger spent long spells on the bench and opted to return to the Britannia Stadium in April.

Rooney also came in on loan from Stoke, signing just before the March transfer deadline.

But the young Irish striker also spent long spells on the bench and only started one game, the home win over Rotherham, when he played on the right wing.

Returned to the Potteries before the end of the campaign.

Stephen Maher/Darryl Knights/ Ishmael Welsh

Midfielder Maher was recruited from Ireland before Slade's appointment as manager in the summer of 2006.

He became a regular in the reserves before making his Town debut as a substitute in the imposing surroundings of Nottingham Forest's City Ground in January.

However, Maher only made the bench once more before moving back to Ireland on loan.

Striker Knights initially arrived from Ipswich on trial but impressive performances in the reserves saw him recruited on loan in March for the rest of the season.

Encouraging displays from the bench marked him out as a player for the future but he missed out on starting the final game of the season at Gillingham when he sustained an ankle injury in training.

Welsh, a winger signed from West Ham, announced his arrival with a bang when he scored on his debut against Carlisle in the third game of the season.

That signalled a run of four starts in a row, but thereafter Welsh was consigned to the bench until he was part of the shadow squad that ran out at Gillingham.

Spent a spell on loan at Weymouth and will be looking to make more of an impact next season.



Kevin James/Kevin Cooper/ Nicky Law

James was recruited on loan from Nottingham Forest on the eve of the season and played his part in the first month of the campaign, starting the games against Carlisle and Tranmere.

But the emergence of Lee Morris saw the Londoner return to the City Ground at the start of September.

Cooper came in on loan from Cardiff when Morris was injured at the end of September and started four games on the left wing.

But he was clearly short of full fitness as he recovered from a long-term injury and returned to Ninian Park at the end of his month's stay.

Law arrived at Huish Park on loan from Premiership side Sheffield United in February when Jean-Paul Kalala was suspended.

A tigerish midfielder, the teenager made a good impression in his six appearances and it was a blow when the Blades recalled him to Bramall Lane at the end of March.



Bradley Thomas/Daniel Webb/ Darren Behcet/Dan Barker

Central defender Thomas was loaned out to Tamworth and Boston during the campaign, so his chances with the Glovers were limited.

However he did make his Town debut in the FA Cup tie at Rushden and Diamonds when he came on as a substitute for Anthony Tonkin. He was released at the end of the season.

Striker Webb scored some spectacular goals at reserve level during the season but struggled to make an impact on the first team.

Made a handful of substitute appearances throughout the campaign and was loaned to Woking towards the end of the season. Released.

Second choice goalkeeper Behcet provided back-up to the outstanding Steve Mildenhall all season, with Mildenhall's form stopping him from making a single first team appearance.

The former West Ham youngster is under contract for next season and will hope to make his Glovers debut at some point.

Former youth team stopper Barker was another player who spent spells on loan at non-league teams and was released at the end of the campaign.

Tom Clarke/Craig Alcock/ Gavin McCallum/Jake Smeeton

The final league game of the season at Gillingham was a significant one for Yeovil's youngsters as three were handed their first team debuts.

Striker Tom Clarke had the biggest smile in Kent when he was given a starting spot up front and displayed good movement before he was replaced by Danny Webb. His reward was a contract for next season.

Teenage right-back Alcock also made his bow at the Priestfield when he came on for Ishmael Welsh and lined up on the right wing.

Alcock spent loan spells in non-league during the course of the season and his development was recognised with the offer of a one-year contract.

Canadian winger McCallum completed a trio of debutants against the Gills, replacing Martin Brittain.

A pacy, direct wideman who had successful loan spells with Crawley Town and Dorchester, McCallum was released at the end of the season.

Left-back Smeeton was named on the bench to face Gillingham, his first time in the matchday squad, but failed to make it on to the pitch. He was released at the end of the season.



David Poole/Matt Harrold/ Anthony Tonkin

Poole started the season on the bench before making his one and only start of the campaign in the victory over Carlisle in the third game of the season.

But the former Manchester United youngster was then dropped to the bench again before being sent out on loan to Stockport before the close of the transfer window in September.

He subsequently made a permanent move to Edgeley Park.

Harrold began the campaign as a first choice striker, lining up alongside new signing Wayne Gray.

But two disappointing displays saw him left out by the third game of the campaign.

Scored after coming on as a substitute against Southampton in the Carling Cup but after just one more game he was on his way, joining Southend in a £100,000 deal before the September 1 deadline.

Tonkin returned for a second spell with the Glovers in September but arrived short of fitness following an injury-plagued pre-season.

Struggled to make a first team breakthrough and played only a handful of games before being sent out on loan to Grays in March.

Released at the end of the season.



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FIXTURES & RESULTS

Month	Date	Opposition	Result	Score	Goals
AUGUST 2006	5th	Millwall	Away CCL1 D	1-1	10012 Gray 35
	8th	AFC Bournemouth	Home CCL1 D	0-0	6451
	12th	Carlisle United	Home CCL1 W	2-1	4709 Cohen 16, Welsh 42
	19th	Tranmere Rovers	Away CCL1 L	1-2	6023 Cohen 44
	23rd	Southampton	Away CC1 L	2-5	20653 Gray 30, Harrold 90
26th	Port Vale	Home CCL1 W	1-0	4827 Terry 5	
SEPTEMBER 2006	1st	Swansea City	Away CCL1 D	1-1	14513 Stewart 53
	9th	Nottingham Forest	Home CCL1 L	0-1	6925
	12th	Northampton Town	Away CCL1 D	1-1	4583 Stewart 68
	16th	Huddersfield Town	Away CCL1 W	3-2	9573 Morris 14, Davies 51, Cohen 77
	23rd	Crewe Alexandra	Home CCL1 W	2-0	5333 Own Goal 45, Terry 71
	26th	Brighton and Hove Albion	Home CCL1 W	2-0	5243 Stewart 6, Gray 82
30th	Brentford	Away CCL1 W	2-1	5770 Skiverton 57, Cohen 88	
OCTOBER 2006	6th	Cheltenham Town	Home CCL1 L	0-1	6220
	14th	Blackpool	Away CCL1 D	1-1	6812 Stewart 86
	21st	Oldham Athletic	Home CCL1 W	1-0	5471 Skiverton 45
	28th	Chesterfield	Away CCL1 D	1-1	5413 Stewart 89
	31st	Shrewsbury Town	Away JPT2 L	1-2	1795 Barry 67
NOVEMBER 2006	4th	Bristol City	Home CCL1 W	2-1	9009 Davies 78, Gray 90
	11th	Rushden and Diamonds	Away FAC1 L	1-3	2530 Cohen 62
	18th	Leyton Orient	Away CCL1 D	0-0	4842
	25th	Scunthorpe United	Home CCL1 L	0-2	5921
DECEMBER 2006	2nd	Rotherham United	Away CCL1 L	2-3	4823 Best 25, Morris 31
	9th	Gillingham	Home CCL1 W	2-0	4933 Best 17, Cohen 59
	23rd	Bradford City	Home CCL1 D	0-0	6208
	26th	Brighton and Hove Albion	Away CCL1 W	3-1	6554 Best 38, Morris 47, Davies 59
	30th	Crewe Alexandra	Away CCL1 W	3-2	5450 Best 5, 8, Morris 70
JANUARY 2007	1st	Northampton Town	Home CCL1 D	0-0	5361
	5th	Huddersfield Town	Home CCL1 W	3-1	5554 Morris 4, Best 23, Own Goal 36
	13th	Nottingham Forest	Away CCL1 L	0-1	17885
	20th	Brentford	Home CCL1 W	1-0	5373 Best 55
	27th	Bradford City	Away CCL1 W	2-0	7474 Davies 5, 67
FEBRUARY 2007	3rd	Millwall	Home CCL1 L	0-1	5810
	10th	Carlisle United	Away CCL1 W	4-1	7112 Gray 49, Best 72, 90, Cohen 90
	17th	Tranmere Rovers	Home CCL1 L	0-2	5168
	20th	AFC Bournemouth	Away CCL1 W	2-0	7285 Gray 30, Best 77
	24th	Swansea City	Home CCL1 W	1-0	5984 Stewart 56
	27th	Doncaster Rovers	Away CCL1 D	0-0	8046
MARCH 2007	3rd	Port Vale	Away CCL1 L	2-4	4202 Gray 37, Stewart 38
	10th	Cheltenham Town	Away CCL1 W	2-1	5314 Gray 20, 63
	17th	Blackpool	Home CCL1 L	0-1	6012
	24th	Chesterfield	Home CCL1 W	1-0	4735 Jones 89
	31st	Oldham Athletic	Away CCL1 L	0-1	6035
APRIL 2007	6th	Scunthorpe United	Away CCL1 L	0-1	7883
	9th	Leyton Orient	Home CCL1 W	2-1	5206 Gray 77, Davies 83
	14th	Bristol City	Away CCL1 L	0-2	19002
	21st	Rotherham United	Home CCL1 W	1-0	5878 Stewart 45
	28th	Doncaster Rovers	Home CCL1 W	1-0	6253 Gray 72
MAY 2007	5th	Gillingham	Away CCL1 W	2-0	7484 Kalala 63, Gray 68
	11th	Nottingham Forest	Home POSF1 L	0-2	8935
	18th	Nottingham Forest	Away POSF2 W	5-2	27819 Davies 22, 109, OG82, Stewart 87, Morris 92
	27th	Blackpool	Away PO F L	0-2	59313

KEY
 CC = Carling Cup
 CCL1 = Coca Cola League One
 FAC = F.A. Cup
 JPT = Johnstons Paint Trophy

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PLAYER STATISTICS

APPEARANCES

	CCL1	FAC	CC	JPT	TOTAL
Terrell Forbes	49	1	2	1	53
Steve Mildenhall	49	1	2	1	53
Wayne Gray	27(22)	1	2	0	52
Chris Cohen	47	1	1	0(1)	50
Nathan Jones	37(5)	1	2	0	47
Arron Davies	37(5)	1	1	1	45
Jean-Paul Kalala	35(5)	0	1	0(1)	42
Terry Skiverton	38	0	1	0	39
Lee Morris	26(10)	1	0(1)	1	38
Marcus Stewart	34	0	0	1	34
Anthony Barry	16(11)	1	0	1	29
Paul Terry	20	1	1	1	23
Mark Lynch	17(1)	1	1	1	21
Ishmael Welsh	17(1)	0(1)	1	1	21
Scott Guyett	4(14)	0	1	0	20
Andy Lindegaard	13(6)	0	0	1	18
Martin Brittain	15(2)	0	0(1)	0	16
Leon Best	12(3)	0	0	0	15
Martin Cranie	14(1)	0	1	0	12
Matthew Rose	11(1)	0	0	1	9
Peter Sweeney	7(2)	0	0	0	8
Kevin James	5(3)	0	0(1)	0	7
Anthony Tonkin	2(4)	1	1	0	7
Danny Webb	1(4)	0(1)	0	1	7
Matt Harrold	0(4)	0	0(1)	0	6
Nicky Law	2(3)	0	0	0	6
Darryl Knights	5(1)	0	0	0	5
Kevin Cooper	0(5)	0	0	0	4
David Poole	4	0	0	0	4
Adam Rooney	1(3)	0	0	0	3
Stephen Maher	1(2)	0	0	0	1
Gavin McCallum	0(1)	0	0	0	1
Craig Alcock	0(1)	0	0	0	1
Tom Clarke	0(1)	0	0	0	1
Bradley Thomas	1	0(1)	0	0	1
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 CCL1 = Coca-Cola League 1
 FAC = F.A. Cup
 CC = Carling Cup
 LDV = Johnstone Paint Trophy

*Substitute appearances
 are shown in brackets*

GOALSCORERS

	CCL1	FAC	CC	JPT	TOTAL
Wayne Gray	11	0	1	0	12
Marcus Stewart	10	0	0	0	10
Leon Best	10	0	0	0	10
Arron Davies	8	0	0	0	8
Chris Cohen	6	1	0	0	7
Lee Morris	6	0	0	0	6
Paul Terry	2	0	0	0	2
Terry Skiverton	2	0	0	0	2
Matt Harrold	0	0	1	0	1
Ishmael Welsh	1	0	0	0	1
Anthony Barry	0	0	0	1	1
Nathan Jones	1	0	0	0	1
Jean Paul Kalala	1	0	0	0	1
Own Goal	3	0	0	0	3

KEY
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TABLE & ATTENDANCES

COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE TABLE2006/2007

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Scunthorpe	46	26	13	7	73	35	38	91
2	Bristol City	46	25	10	11	63	39	24	85
3	Blackpool	46	24	11	11	76	49	27	83
4	Nottm Forest	46	23	13	10	65	41	24	82
5	Yeovil Town	46	23	10	13	55	39	16	79
6	Oldham	46	21	12	13	69	47	22	75
7	Swansea City	46	20	12	14	69	53	16	72
8	Carlisle	46	19	11	16	54	55	-1	68
9	Tranmere	46	18	13	15	58	53	5	67
10	Millwall	46	19	9	18	59	62	-3	66
11	Doncaster	46	16	15	15	52	47	5	63
12	Port Vale	46	18	6	22	64	65	-1	60
13	Crewe	46	17	9	20	66	72	-6	60
14	Northampton	46	15	14	17	48	51	-3	59
15	Huddersfield	46	14	17	15	60	69	-9	59
16	Gillingham	46	17	8	21	56	77	-21	59
17	Cheltenham	46	15	9	22	49	61	-12	54
18	Brighton	46	14	11	21	49	58	-9	53
19	Bournemouth	46	13	13	20	50	64	-14	52
20	Leyton Orient	46	12	15	19	61	77	-16	51
21	Chesterfield	46	12	11	23	45	53	-8	47
22	Bradford City	46	11	14	21	47	65	-18	47
23	Rotherham	46	13	9	24	58	75	-17	38
24	Brentford	46	8	13	25	40	79	-39	37

KEY
P = Games Played
W = Games Won
D = Games Drawn
L = Games Lost
F = Goals For
A = Goals Against
GD = Goal Difference
PTS = Points
C = Champions
P = Promoted
R = Relegated

HOME ATTENDANCES

		DATE	ATT
Yeovil Town	v	AFC Bournemouth	08/08/2006 6451
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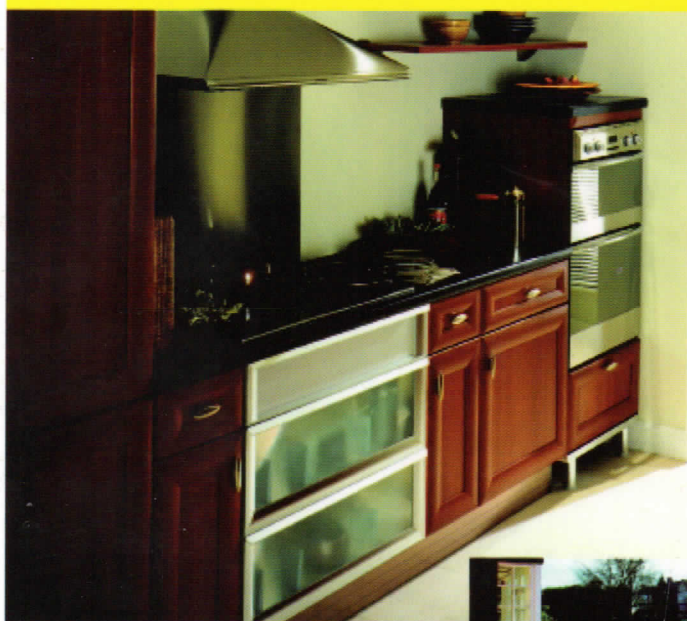
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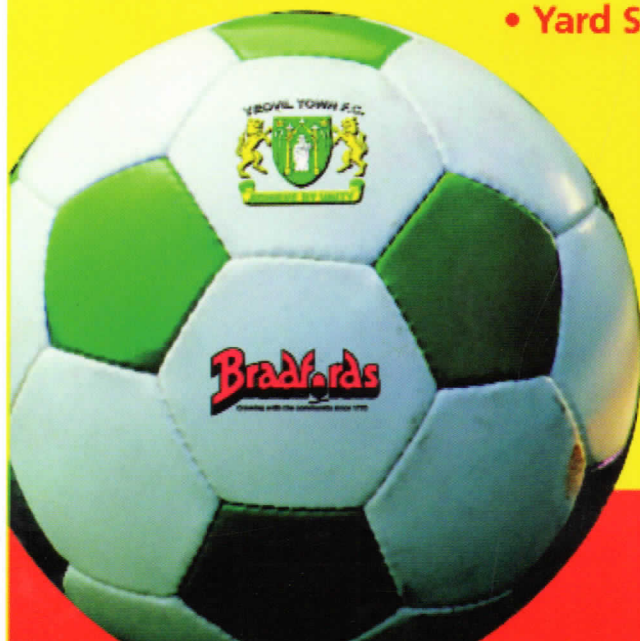
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