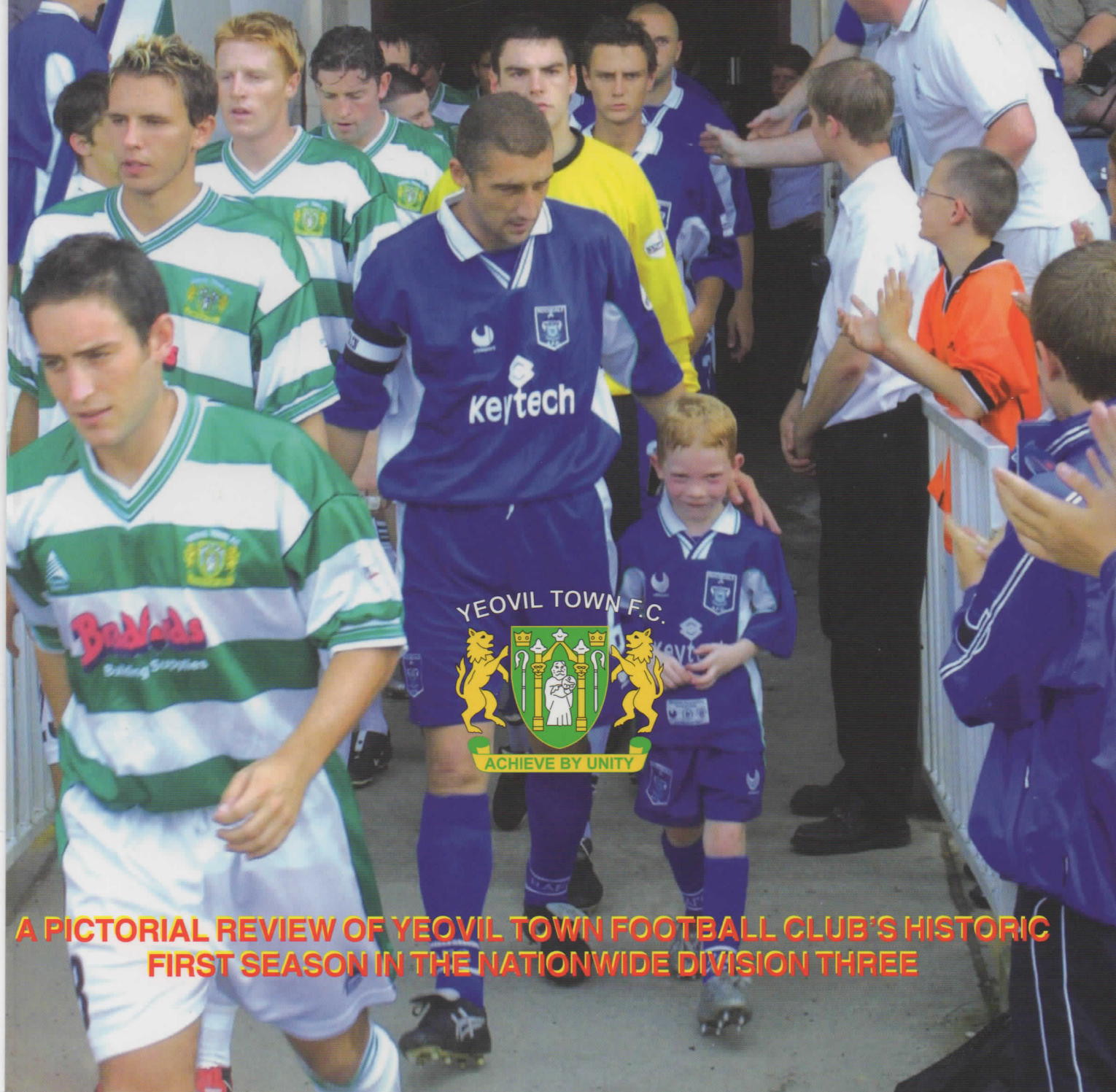


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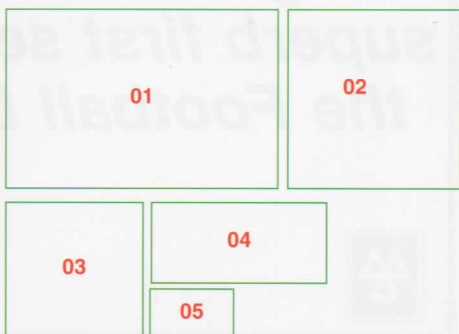
I hope that it will become a yearly record for our supporters. It is nice to look back on the memories and the ups and downs in our first season in the Football League, including our exciting FA Cup campaign.

On the face of it, it can be said it was a good first season for us. I felt that it was important to give our Conference team the chance to become league players and most of them proved themselves although unfortunately some of them weren't able to maintain their form at this level.

Hopefully you will enjoy this annual record, with the story of our season. Thanks for your support throughout the season and let's hope the title of next year's book is "Champions" again.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.





# AUGUST 2003

**Yeovil Town's historic first game as a Football League club kicked off in scorching sun at the Spotland Stadium at Rochdale.**

It was to be a glorious day for the thousands of Glovers fans who travelled up to Lancashire with Kevin Gall etching himself in the history book with two goals, including the first, and Lee Johnson getting the third in a 3-1 victory.

Within days it was time for the club's debut in the Carling Cup but a 4-1 reverse at Kenleworth Road brought everyone back to earth with a bang.

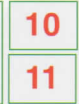
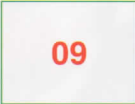
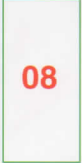
Yeovil's first Football League match at Huish Park against Carlisle United saw another victory, this time 3-0 with Kevin Gall again weighing in with two goals and one from Kirk Jackson.

So far so good and after two games Yeovil sat proudly at the top of the table.

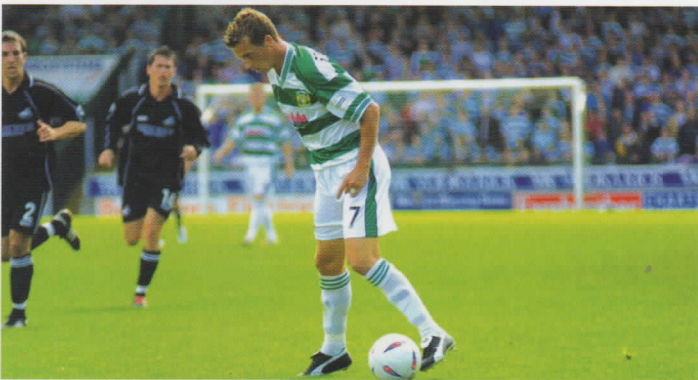
Next up was a trip to Brisbane Road to face Leyton Orient but a 2-0 reverse saw Yeovil continue to come to terms with League football.

Defeat at home to Northampton Town, 2-0 didn't go down to well and the club had now dropped to 8th. place.

A tricky trip to Macclesfield was to follow and when they banged in four goals to one from Adam Lockwood things were beginning to look decidedly bleak as The Glovers dropped to 18th in the League.







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# SEPTEMBER 2003

After such an inconsistent August things could only get better as the team embarked on a four match winning run.

The visit of top of the table Swansea saw the biggest gate of the season at Huish Park and nobody was disappointed, except Swansea, as Yeovil ran out 2-0 winners with goals from Adam Stansfield and Kirk Jackson.

Another home game against high flying York was next on the agenda and Chris Brass and his men returned North with no points as Yeovil recorded another victory with goals from Colin Pluck, Kirk Jackson and Adam Stansfield.

The victory took Yeovil back up to 5th. place and they headed North to Belle Vue Doncaster for their next match in great spirits. Even an illness scare involving Lee Johnson could not spoil things as Gavin Williams scored the goal for the boy's third win in a row and a 4th. place in the League.

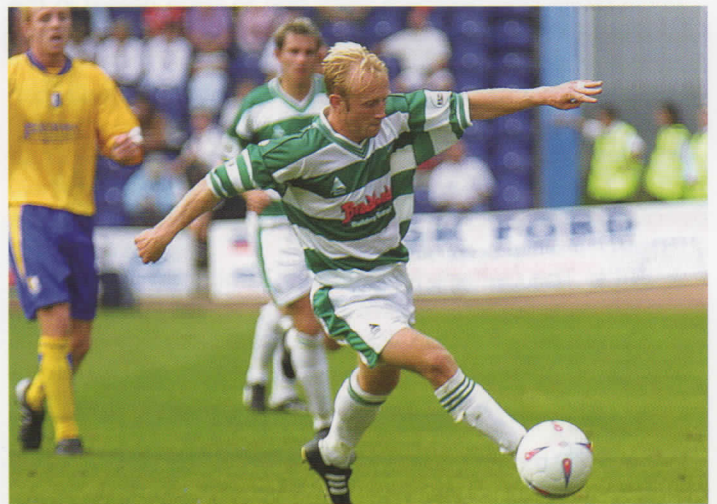
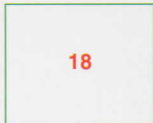
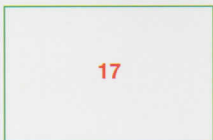
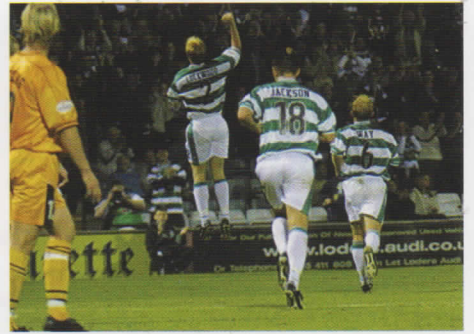
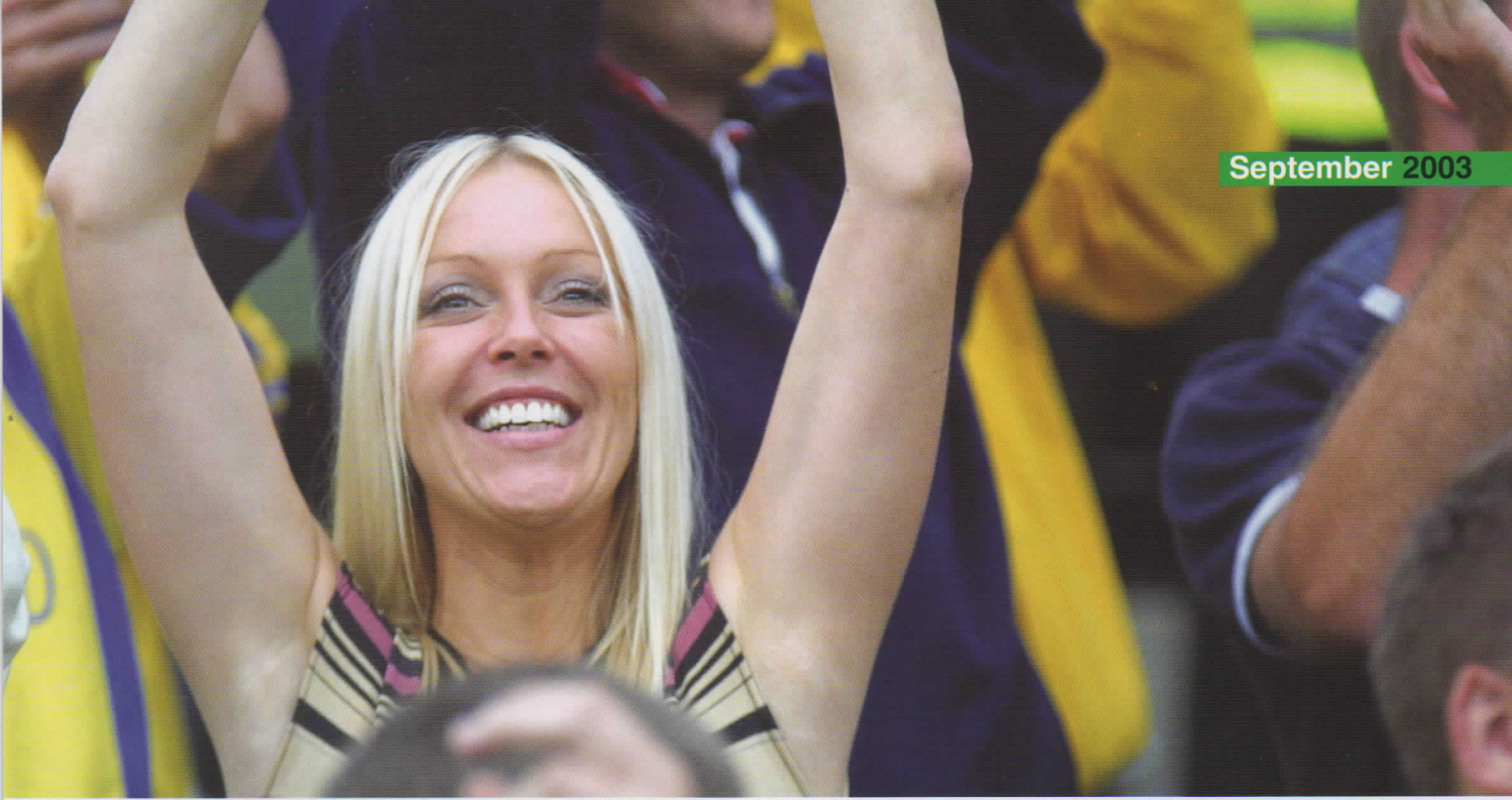
Not satisfied with three wins on the trot Yeovil's next victims were Mansfield Town where another excellent performance saw them run out winners again by the odd goal scored by Kirk Jackson.

The following Saturday the largest crowd of the season, 7,718, piled into Huish Park for the club's first League local derby with Torquay United.

With Soccer A.M.'s Helen Chamberlain looking on and causing a right stir in the crowd, the Glovers were disappointing and the Gulls ran out 2-0 winners. At least Helen was happy anyway!!

Boston were the final visitors of the month to Huish Park and goals from Gavin Williams and Adam Lockwood earnt Yeovil a 2-0 victory and Gary Johnson his first league Manager of the Month Award. It was a positive way to end the month with Yeovil sitting proudly near the top of the league.





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# OCTOBER 2003

**October didn't start that well with a 3-1 defeat at the hands of Cheltenham Town despite a Kevin Gall goal.**

After the euphoria of the Manager of the Month award it was obviously the usual curse the award brings with it!

A 3-2 defeat to Bristol City followed in the Somerset Premier Cup with Yeovil goals coming from Kevin Gall and Jake Edwards.

Defeat at Oxford followed although only by the odd goal in a match that Yeovil totally dominated in the second half. It was also to mark the end of Roy O'Brien's season when he went off injured.

Spirits though were lifted again when another 4 match winning run was put together.

Local rivals Bournemouth were first to taste defeat in the LDV Vans Trophy when goals from Gavin Williams and Jake Edwards were enough to see off the Cherries.

A Gavin Williams penalty put paid to struggling Darlington as Yeovil maintained a solid 6th place in the league.

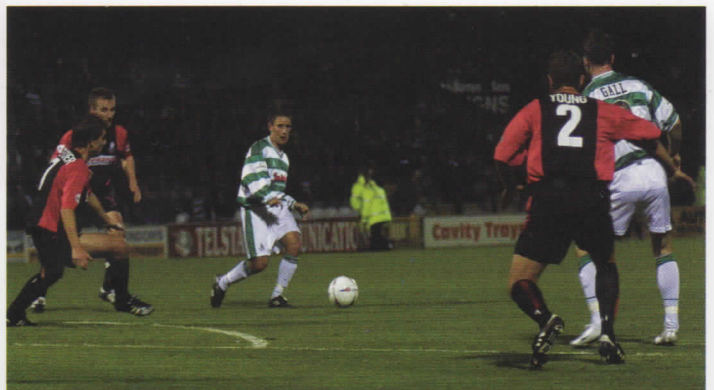
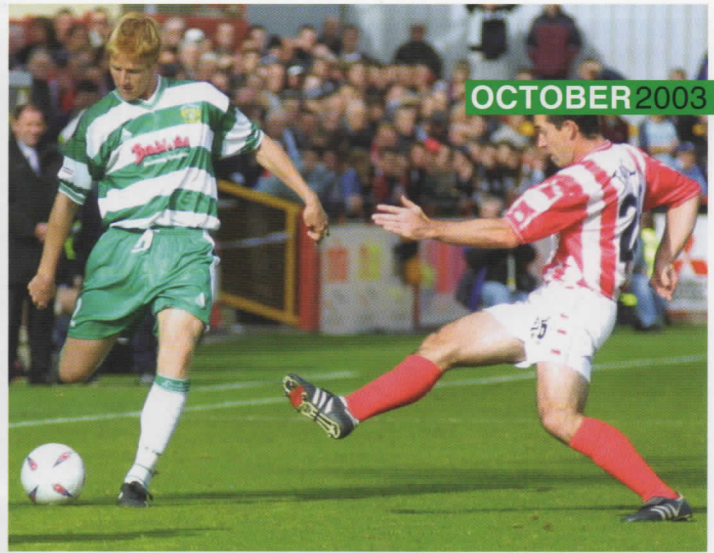
Huddersfield Town were the next visitors to Huish Park and despite a goal from Blackburn Rovers bound Jon Stead Yeovil ran out 2-1 winners with goals from Terry Skiverton and Lee Johnson.

A visit to The Gaffer's former club Cambridge brought yet more joy as a comprehensive 4-1 was achieved with goals from Darren Way, Kevin Gall and two from Jake Edwards.

The game will no doubt be well remembered by The Gaffer for the friendly and warm welcome he received from the Cambridge faithful.

So another month ends and Yeovil, despite a degree of inconsistency are well placed in the league in 5th place.

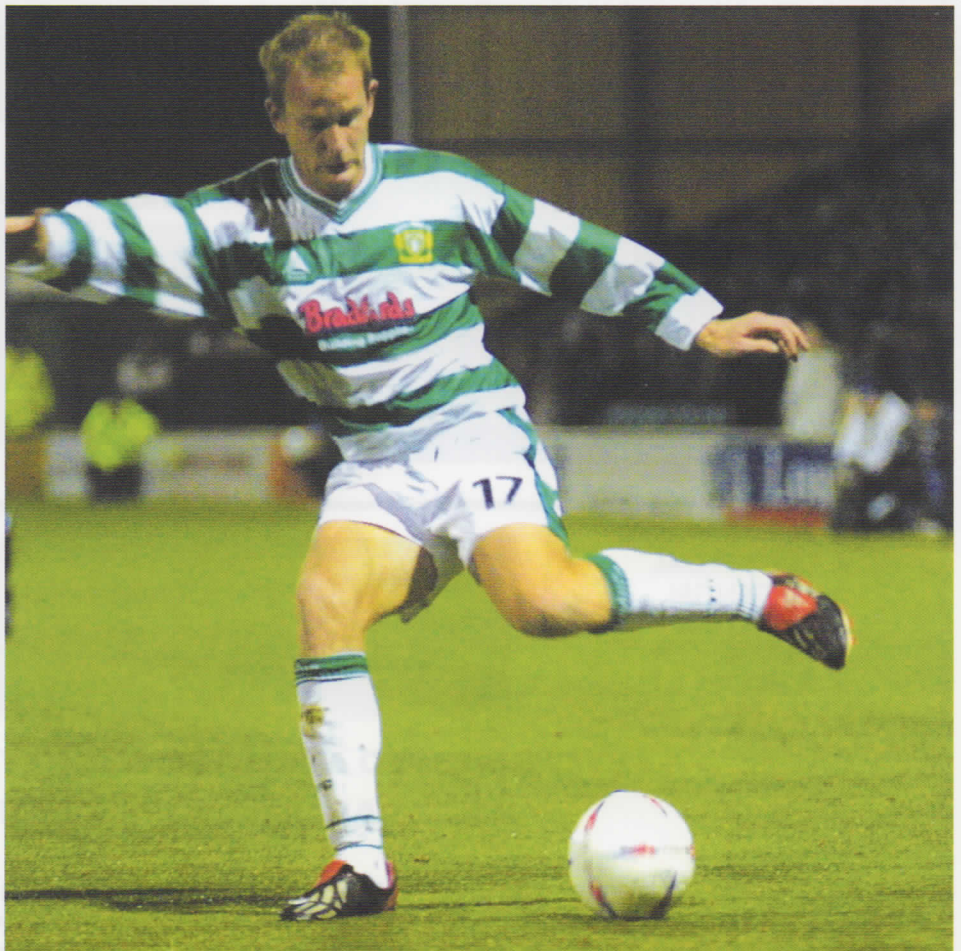






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## NOVEMBER 2003

**As winter crept in November started badly when despite being in control of the game Yeovil managed to throw away a point at Bury when the home team scored late on to clinch the points.**

The match will no doubt be one Stephen Reed will want to forget as he marked his League debut by being sent off. Jake Edwards was again on target for Yeovil.

Things didn't get any better when Colchester edged Yeovil out of the LDV Vans Trophy on penalties after the teams had drawn 2-2 after extra time. Gall and Edwards were on target for Yeovil.

Saturday the 8th saw the start of what was to be an epic F.A. Cup campaign for Yeovil when Wrexham were rolled over 4-1 in a match that went out live on Sky TV. Pluck, Williams, Gall and Edwards were the scorers.

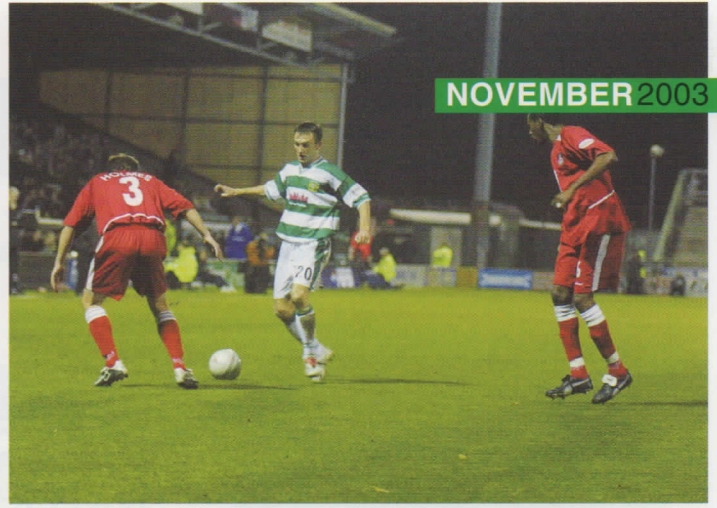
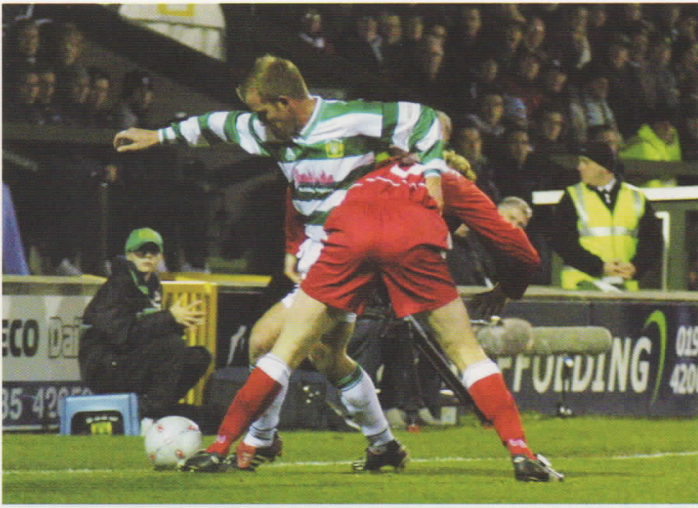
Another four goals sent Southend, with former Yeovil manager at the helm, packing and saw new signing Lee Elam score his debut goal for the club. The others were from Darren Way and two from Lee Johnson.

Next game was a visit to the impressive KC Stadium in Hull where The Glovers earned another point in a goal less draw in front of a huge crowd of over 14,000.

Lincoln were the next visitors but they too left empty handed following a 3-1 victory for Yeovil with goals from Colin Pluck, Jamie Gosling and Adam Stansfield.

Another month gone and Yeovil are still in 5th position and clearly learning the ropes as they go along.





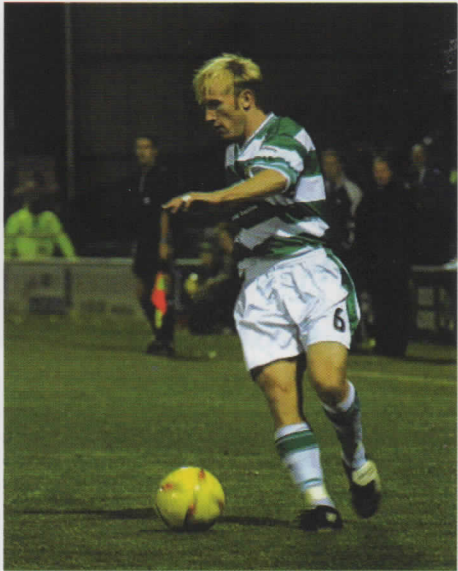
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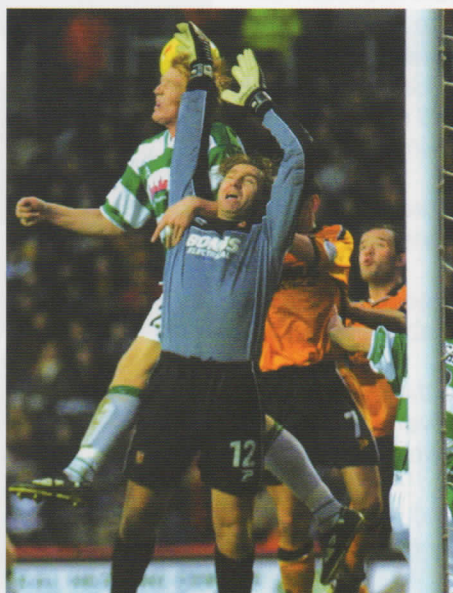
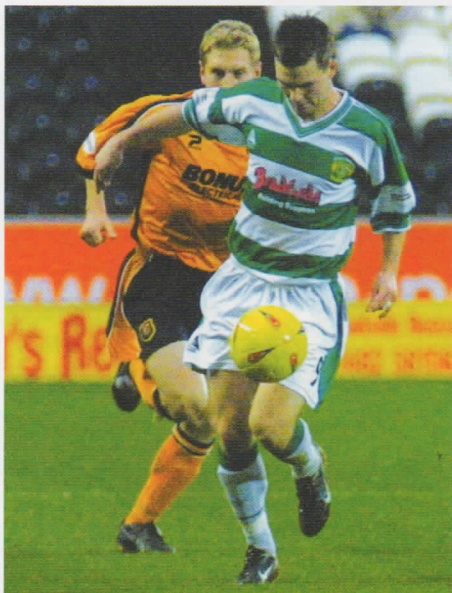
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# DECEMBER 2003

**What a month December was going to be as The Glovers eased past Barnet 5-1 for a place in the 3rd. Round of the F.A.Cup with goals from Colin Pluck, Gavin Williams(2), Nick Crittenden and Jake Edwards**

A great start to the month but when Peter Shilton drew out Liverpool as The Glovers next opponents things really took off.

Ticket Mania with the whole world wanting to see the match and just about every newspaper both National and local depending on Huish Park. Never has there been more media interest in the club and things weren't helped when the ticket office burnt down following an electrical fault.

In the league though a big derby match was successfully overcome when a Nick Crittenden goal put paid to Bristol Rovers but the match brought heartbreak to Jake Edwards who was sent off and would miss the Liverpool game.

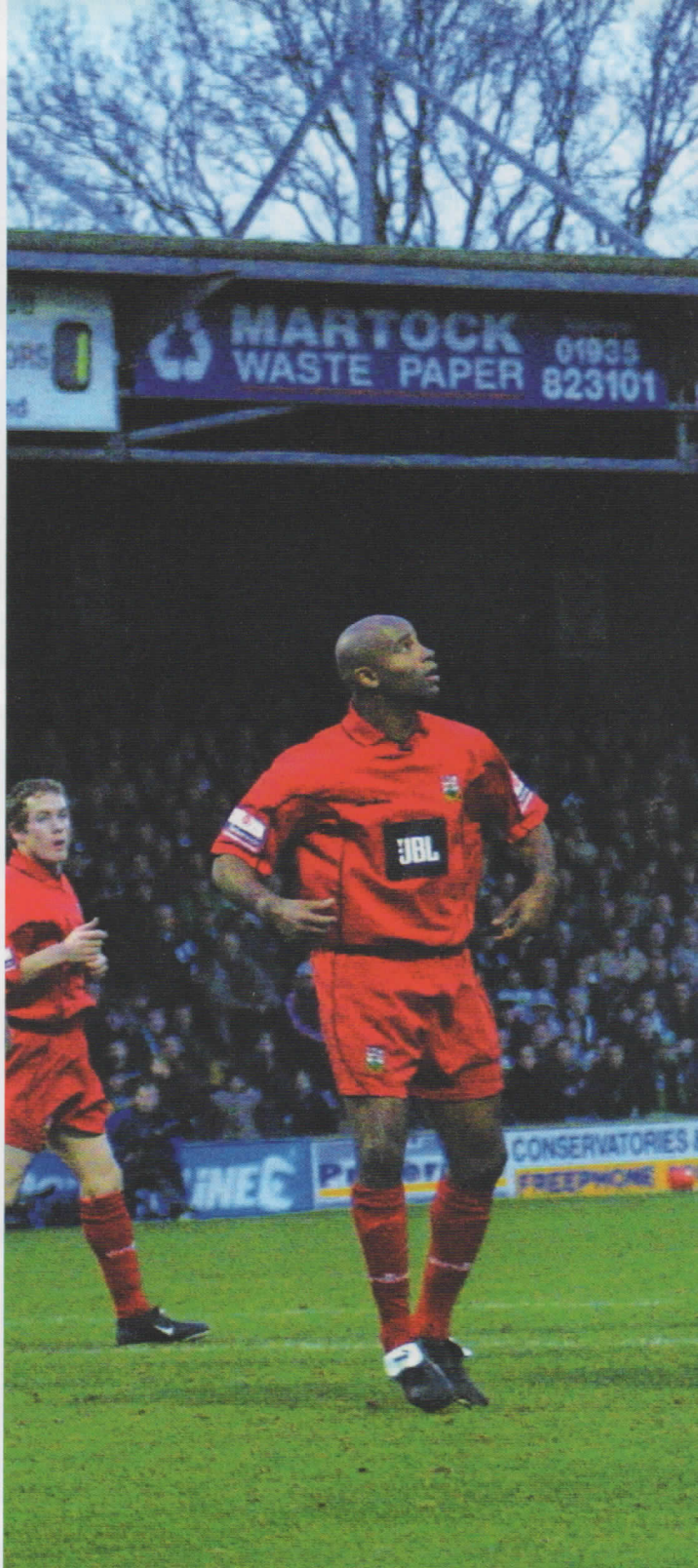
A 2-1 victory over Scunthorpe with Andy Lindegaard and Kirk Jackson scoring took Yeovil back into 3rd place but they slipped up when the heavens opened on Boxing Day against Kidderminster.

The 2-1 reverse dropped Yeovil down two places in the league. Another last minute goal at The Vetch saw Swansea gain revenge as they ran out 3-2 winners.

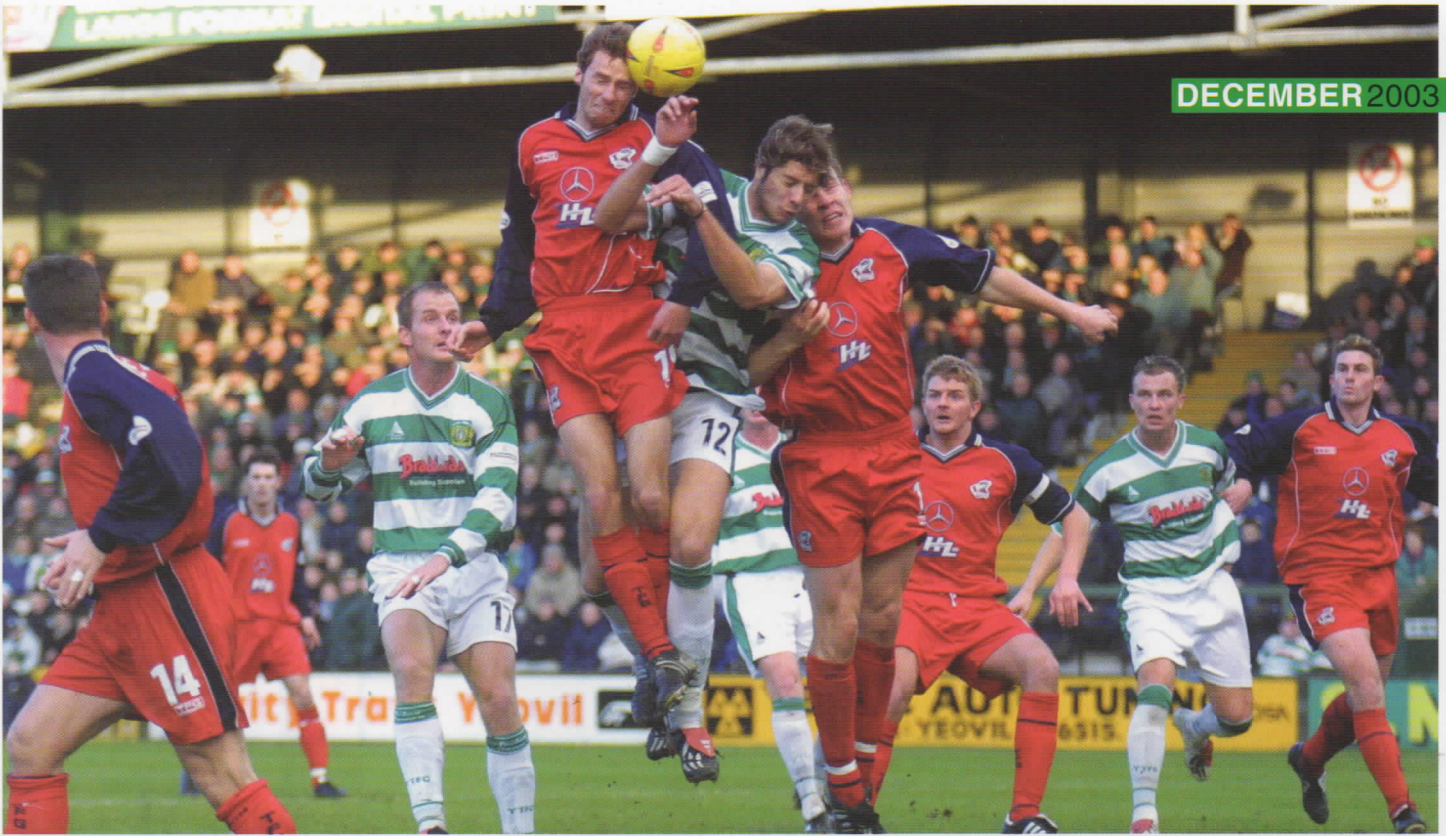
Having been 2-0 up and coasting Yeovil staged a magnificent second half rally to draw level but then forgot about defending having at least gained a point.

By now though everything was geared to the big day with Liverpool and with BBC Match of The Day covering the game those poor souls who missed out on tickets would at least be able to see the match on TV.

The air of anticipation was extraordinary and it seemed the whole world was forecasting a Yeovil victory over struggling Gerard Houllier and his men.





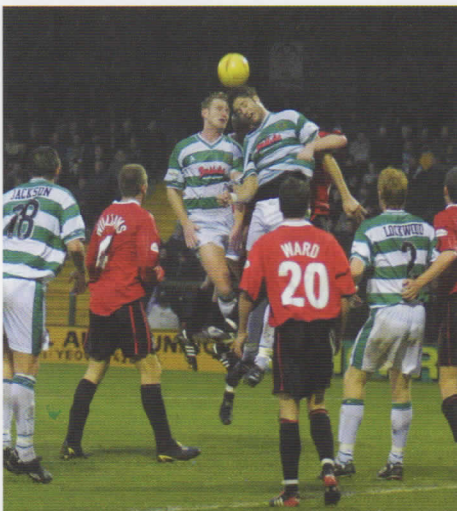


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## JANUARY 2004

**The month started in the most bizarre way as The Glovers decided to record a song. No not an F.A.Cup tune, just their own rendition of Two Little Boys entitled Yeovil True.**

The trip to the Torquay based studio to record the tune certainly helped to ease the tension and anticipation of the forthcoming F.A.Cup tie and a Top Forty entry was the next target.

The big day dawned and as the crowds packed into Huish Park a great day was to be in store for the 9,348 supporters.

Yeovil started well against their illustrious Premiership opponents and Gavin Williams went very close to giving the home side the lead.

It stayed 0-0 until well into the second half when the introduction of Emile Heskey turned things in Liverpool's favour as he opened the scoring.

Ten minutes later a controversial penalty following an alleged dive by Harry Kewell saw Liverpool tie up the match as Murphy scored from the spot. It had been a great dream while it lasted and the cash injection certainly was well received.

Life though, had to go on and Yeovil came back to earth with the visit of Rochdale and a Gavin Williams goal secured another three league points.

The long trip North to bottom club Carlisle should have secured three more points but the Glovers suffered some post F.A.Cup blues as Carlisle beat them 2-0.

The curse of the F.A.Cup was certainly taking it's toll as Leyton Orient completed a double over Yeovil with a 2-1 win.

Despite goals from Darren Way and Jake Edwards Macclesfield came back to pinch a point to end the month on something of a low note.

The Glovers were still sitting in 6th place and a place in the Play-Offs was looking good.



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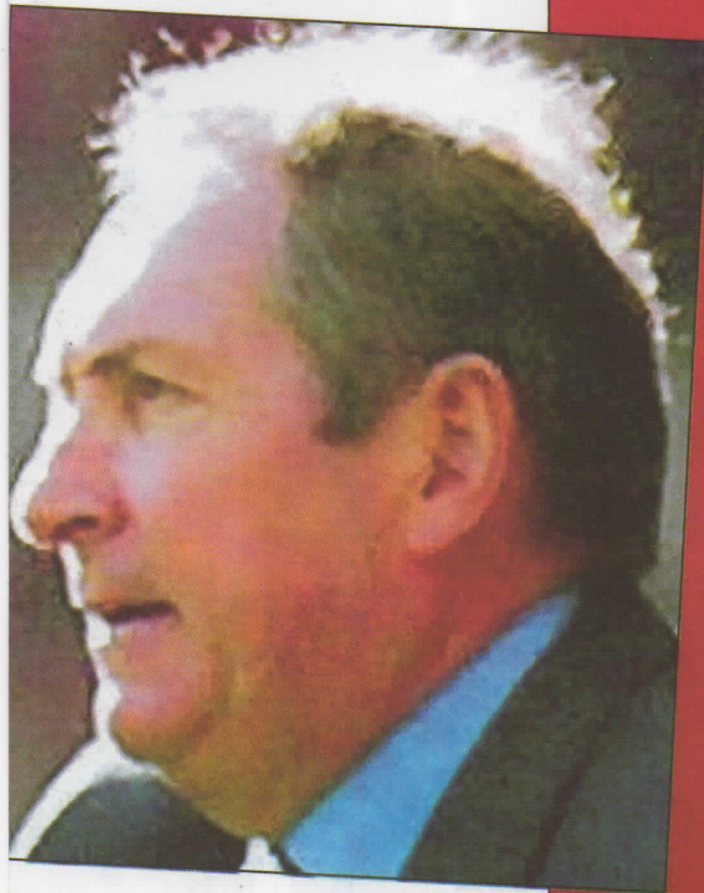
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West soccer minnows seek fame again as FA Cup hit-men

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Cup fever: Yeovil Town players (from left to right) Steve Collie, Adam Streetfield, Paul Terry and Terry Bakerford record the song in the run-up to their home tie with Liverpool



## Music Glovers



By Tina Rowe  
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It has the heart, if not the lyrics, of a Number One hit, and Yeovil Town's players hope it will help kick them into the next round of the FA Cup.

For as Cup fever grips the Somerset town in the run-up to this Sunday's dream tie with Liverpool, the Yeovil players have taken a leaf out of the England team's book, and recorded a song which sums up the feeling of every loyal Yeovil Town fan.

It is called Yeovil True, and it is sung to the tune of Two Little Boys made famous by Rolf Harris. The words, the honky-tonk piano accompaniment, and the main singer's good old West Country accent are a world away from the songs that win Brit awards.

But the chorus, sung by Yeovil Town players, of "Yeovil true through and through, whether we be up or down", cannot fail to strike a chord with the thousands of fans who are famous throughout the soccer world for their support of the Glovers.

The team recorded the CD at a stu-



Striking a chord: Yeovil manager Gary Johnson in the studio. 'Yeovil True' is sung to the tune of Two Little Boys made famous by Rolf Harris

dio in Torquay on Monday it will not be available for sale for two or three weeks yet, but by then the fans hope Yeovil will have moved on to even greater glory.

Former Liverpool legend Mark Lawrenson, now BBC Match of the Day pundit, said Sunday's match sums up the romance of the FA Cup.

He said: "Yeovil have always been renowned as giant-killers and now they are in the League it makes it

even more of an occasion. They are a great little club and they have a fantastic fan-base - certainly for the area that they are in."

Lawrenson has no doubt that Liverpool will win, but who knows, Yeovil beat Sunderland back in 1986, and Sunday's match just might have some surprises.

A walk through Yeovil yesterday showed just how strong the support is, with many shop windows be-

decked in classic green and white colours. The PDSA charity shop window is one of the best, with green and white wigs, scarves, towels, jackets and big green and white hands bearing the legend Come On You Glovers.

Fans have queued through the night for tickets and police have warned supporters not to bring their cars to the Hish Park ground on the day. Park-and-ride schemes will operate from Yeovil - and anyone who parks illegally risks their vehicle being towed away.

Adrian Hopper, club press officer, has been dealing with calls from the national media ever since the match was announced.

The nation's eyes will be fixed on Yeovil on Sunday.

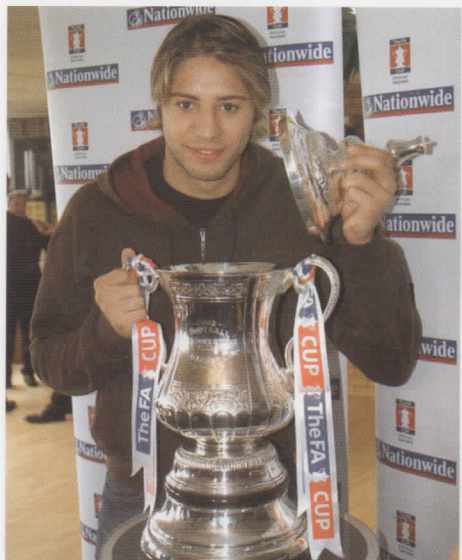
Adrian says: "Everybody has worked really hard and we are ready to go. We are all hoping that we can give Liverpool a good game. It is important that we don't get outclassed - we want to give a good account of ourselves."

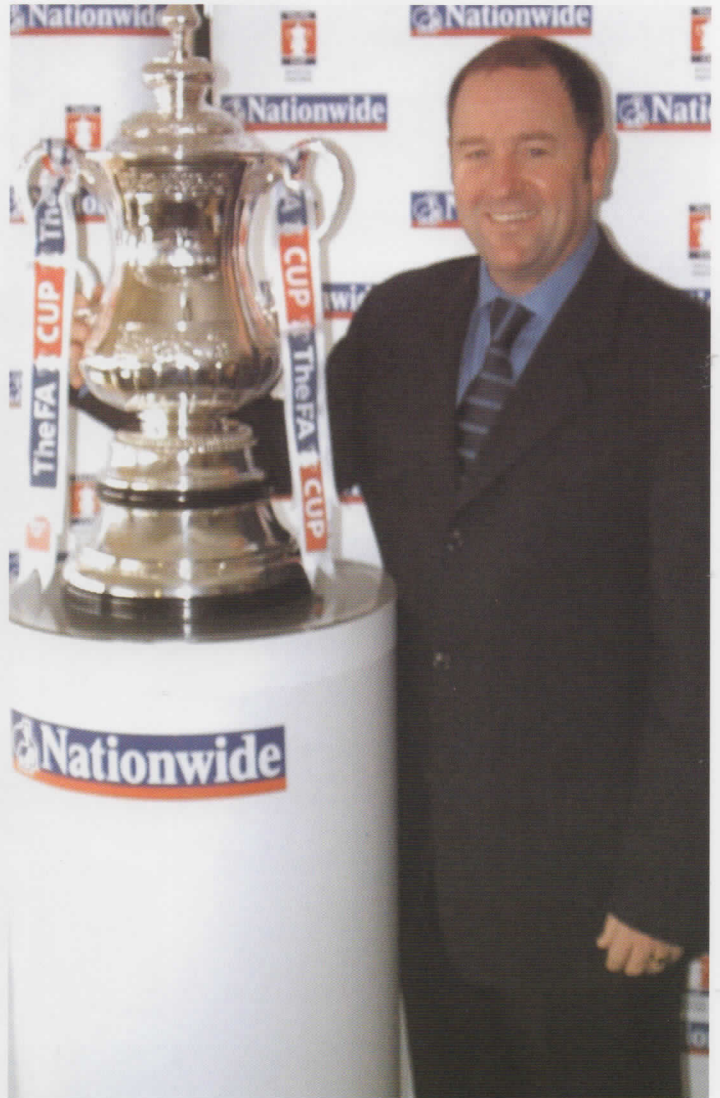
"If it goes our way that would be wonderful - if we get a draw that will be good. At the end of the day it will be 11 men against 11 men."





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their big day as Liverpool travel to Huish Park

# YEOVIL DON'T SCARE US

by GRAHAM NICKLESS

**PINT-SIZED** Yeovil hero Darren Way last night warned Liverpool's superstars: Your big-name reputations don't scare us.

Way faces the biggest game of his life tomorrow when Third Division Yeovil line up against Gerard Houllier's mighty Reds at Huish Park. A club record 2,500 crowd will be jam-packed into the Third Division ground to see if the greatest FA Cup giant-killers of them all can claim their biggest scalp. And Way vowed he would not freeze when the third round battle commences against the Premiership big boys. Way, a big Chelsea fan, admits he was totally star-struck and lost for words when he recently met England ace John Terry.

Terry's brother, Paul - who joined Yeovil last year - took his new teammates to watch Chelsea play Lazio in the Champions League.

Former Norwich ace Way confessed: "I was in total awe of the Chelsea players because I am a huge fan and I love the club."

"And when Paul introduced me to his brother I was lost for words because I couldn't believe I was face to face with John Terry."

## Passion

"But I can promise Yeovil I won't become star-struck on Sunday when I face up to the Liverpool players because I have no passion for their club. They may be Premier League stars but kids off because we will have nothing to fear if we play our own game."

"We beat Wolves - another Premiership team - in a pre-season friendly and I still think the Yeovil players are a million miles apart from Liverpool."

Way, who has twice claimed the Player-of-the-Year award in his four seasons at the club, also has another reason why he can't allow himself to get too excited about this televised tie.

He explained: "Three seasons ago we had a full season when we played Rushden and Diamonds in the match that virtually decided the Conference title."

"I was so excited thinking about the game that when it got to the kick-off I was mentally and physically drained."

"That's why I have not allowed myself to get too excited about playing Liverpool because, if selected, I have got to be on my best form."

It's unlikely that Houllier will know much about Yeovil's little-big-man Way, who has just recovered from a stress fracture of the leg after missing six games.

He came on for the second half in the 3-2 defeat at Swindon on Sunday



THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT: Yeovil's players celebrate Lee Johnson's goal against Wolves



SITTING PRETTY: Paul Terry yesterday

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but only played when his manager Gary Johnson borrowed a number six shirt from a Yeovil fan.

## Crowd

Way explained: "When the gaffer said I was going to be on the bench we suddenly realised that we had left my kit back at Yeovil. He had to go out to the crowd and get a small number six shirt off one of our supporters who was

run his socks off all afternoon.

He has formed a formidable midfield partnership with the manager's son Lee Johnson and the pair will not give the famous Reds a moment's rest."

"I think Lee and I bring the best out of each other and it will be really nice to test ourselves against world-class midfielders," said Way.

"That's why this match is a great challenge for myself and the rest of the team to see what we are made of."

"Quite a few managers have said this season that we are one of the fittest and hard-working teams that they have met and Gerard Houllier may well be surprised by what he sees."



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THE ROUND AS LIVERPOOL COME TO TOWN:

## ERS BASK LIMELIGHT



▲ UP FOR THE CUP: Kevin Gall and Kirk Jackson, ready to test Liverpool  
Picture: Richard Austin

team for their first half display at Swansea last Sunday, but praised a resuffed side for their second half performance. That may well give some indication to today's line-up.

Darren Way, recovering from a stress fracture of the lower leg, returned to the side for the second half and showed no ill effects.

He was certainly missed in his absence, although Paul Terry's performances will probably keep him in the starting line-up, perhaps in a back four role. Terry's brother John, the England defender, will certainly be hoping so - he is making his first trip to Somerset to watch the match.

If Terry does play,

Johnson may come down to a decision between Adam Lockwood or Hugo Rodrigues to partner skipper Terry Skiverton at the heart of the defence.

**Powerful**

The other selection posers would appear to be Nick Crittenden or Andy Lindegaard for a start on the left of mid-

field, and Stansfield or the powerful Kirk Jackson to line up alongside top scorer Kevin Gall up front.

Dreams count for nothing, but there is the feeling in Somerset that if everything goes wrong for Liverpool, and everything goes right for Yeovil, a trip to Anfield might be on the cards in ten days' time.

## Spencer: Yeovil can book a trip to Anfield

by John Lukins

THE man who scored the first ever competitive goal at Huish Park will head back to the ground today hoping - and half expecting - to see Yeovil Town get the draw against Liverpool that would take them back to Anfield for a replay.

Micky Spencer actually holds two records that can never be taken away. In 1989 he became the club's first full-time professional and on August 18, 1990 he scored the 47th-minute goal against Colchester that was the first at the new stadium.

I arrived at the ground that day on crutches, but they strapped me up and sent me out and I scored with my bad foot, he recalls.

One of Spencer's matches was a third round tie against Arsenal, and although Yeovil lost 3-1 he remembers some early half chances for the Glovers that went begging.

If the lads can get an early breakthrough against Liverpool I think there could be a surprise on the cards, he said.

They will come here not wanting to lose. They obviously want to win but I don't think they would be unhappy with a draw and a replay at Anfield.

Financially, a draw and a big pay day at Liverpool would be great for the Glovers. And Spencer, who went on to get 104 goals for Yeovil, believes they have a team capable of doing it.

He said: 'I would have loved to have played in this side. I have seen them once this season and they play with such confidence and create so many

for me was to make a bad ball into a good one. I am sure that if I had played in today's side I would have scored an extra five goals a season.'

A clutch of top Yeovil players of past years will be joining Spencer in the stands, and among them will be one current England international, Chelsea's John Terry will be taking his first opportunity to see brother Paul in action for Yeovil.

One Yeovil legend who won't be at the game is Dave Taylor, whose 285 goals remains a record that will probably never be beaten.

Although he still lives in the area, Taylor only ever returned to the ground once after his playing career ended in 1969 - and that was to help erect a marquee for a wedding reception.

Among the goals he scored was one in an FA Cup win at Walsall in 1950 which many fans with long memories believe was his greatest. It beat the Saddlers in a promotion season when they were otherwise invincible at home.

When I asked Taylor to describe the goal this week his reply was 'I don't remember it!'

At 1pm today it will be time for the reminiscing and hype to end. And one cold fact for the 9,000 us heading for the big match to remember is that since the epic win over Sunderland in 1949, Yeovil have played four top division teams and scored only once, a penalty against Arsenal that was a bit of gift from a generous referee.

If Messrs Gall and Jackson can better that Jordan

## ays Reds will be tuned in

made sure at the pre-match media conference that everyone wished a 'happy new year' and every radio station had a personal goodwill message for their listeners, still has time to think about what a 'special' tournament the FA Cup is.

He said: 'After the way we went out of the Carling Cup and the disappointing performance against Bolton, the players were very upset. They will not want to go out of the FA Cup in the same way.'

There is something on, but I about this cup that play-ryone we g a go at do, and that means

to win it again. This competition is the most prestigious in the world, even in the early days of TV it was shown all around the world. When I was a child, lots of people in France knew about football by watching the English FA Cup.'

And with Michael Owen in the party after three months sidelined with a thigh injury, Houldier is still confident enough to talk in terms of long-term plans for the club.

He said: 'My aims for 2004 are to win a trophy, which is what this club is all about, and to improve our position in the league which we need to do, and that means

have got targets to go for. As for the constant speculation, the players are like me now, they just do not care what is being said.'

The players just ignore it, but I joke with them about it all. I am quite relaxed and confident. It is nothing new.

'But it is not about me. It is about the club. It is more important than me, that is all that matters.'

Danny Murphy is expected to take injured Steven Gerrard's place in central midfield while Stephane Henchoz will hold his place in defence at the expense of youngster John Oisemor.

□ Liverpool have been

The England Under-21 goalkeeper broke a finger in the win over Bolton on Boxing Day but an operation on the injury has revealed a more complicated injury than first thought.

Kirkland had only just re-established himself as first-choice after a serious knee injury ended last season four months' early.

'Chris had to have an operation on Monday and could be out for up to two months', manager Gerard Houllier said on the club's official website, www.liverpoolfc.tv. 'We thought it was a clear fracture at first but the fracture extends down through the

The **GARY JOHNSON** Column  
VIEW FROM DIVISION THREE



YEovil TRUE: Players Steve Collis, Adam Stansfield, Paul Terry and Terry Skiverton record their new song ahead of the Liverpool tie  
PICTURE: Adrian Hopper

NOTHING would give me greater pleasure than to see Yeovil Town knock Liverpool out of the FA Cup this afternoon.

This club still proudly carries Non-League's mantle of being the greatest giantkillers of them all and I want my team to enhance that reputation.

We may no longer be a Non-League team but fans in general across the country still talk affectionately about the club's Cup exploits.

And I know that most supporters will be rooting for Yeovil today because everyone loves to see an upset which is why the BBC cameras are here.

This is just about my biggest game as a manager and the biggest match this club has had since they lost to Arsenal here ten years ago.

But I want to show the nation that my Yeovil team can play football as well and I can promise you we will be going for Liverpool's jugular.

I am not going to give any of my team tactics away just in case Gerard Houllier picks up *The Non-League Paper* on the way to the ground but I want to see if our strengths can cause Liverpool problems.

I want my players to have the confidence to drive forward and not be scared of taking the game to Liverpool.

I want to us get on the ball, pass it and run at people as well as the Liverpool players will do on the day.

I want my lads to win their headers and tackles in the penalty area and show me just how much

## today's preview

### Yeovil Town v Liverpool

they can affect the way Liverpool play.

It's my intention to make sure my players give it everything and not to have any regrets at the end of the match.

We are not a bunch of country bumpkins down here in Somerset - although you might think we are when you hear our new club record.

The lads had a bit of fun going into the recording studio to sing the chorus to *Yeovil True* which will be released at the end of the month.

Our main job is not to sing songs but to record footballing records and a victory over Liverpool would be some feat - and not an impossible one.

Gerard has had a few poor results in the Premiership and many are saying that he might be sacked if they fail to beat us.

My players are up for it and are confident even though we suffered a couple of set-backs against Kidderminster Harriers and Swansea over Christmas.

You won't see my side getting 11 men behind the ball because that would play into Liverpool's hands - we like to attack every team we play.

Liverpool will certainly miss the injured Steven Gerrard which must be good news for us because he makes the team tick and Michael Owen may not make it

either. Personally I would rather see both Gerard and Owen in their line-up because I want my team to play the best so that we can see just how well we have progressed.

Two seasons ago the club was celebrating its first major honour when we won the FA Trophy before we claimed promotion to the Football League after 108 years by winning the Conference in record-breaking fashion.

Now we are establishing ourselves in the Third Division and at the halfway mark I may have to make one or two changes to my squad to see if we can make the play-offs at our first attempt.

Now I have the opportunity to pit my wits against a Premiership manager, Gerard may have had a couple of mediocre seasons but he has enjoyed some great success at Liverpool which should not be forgotten and I have the greatest respect for him.

People here still talk with great affection about the late Alec Stock and that historic FA Cup victory over Sunderland - and that was over half-a-century ago.

I would love our fans to be able to say in 50 years' time that they were there at Huish Park on the day Gary Johnson's Yeovil beat Liverpool.

Gary Johnson was talking to Graham Nickless



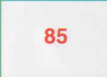
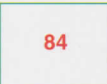
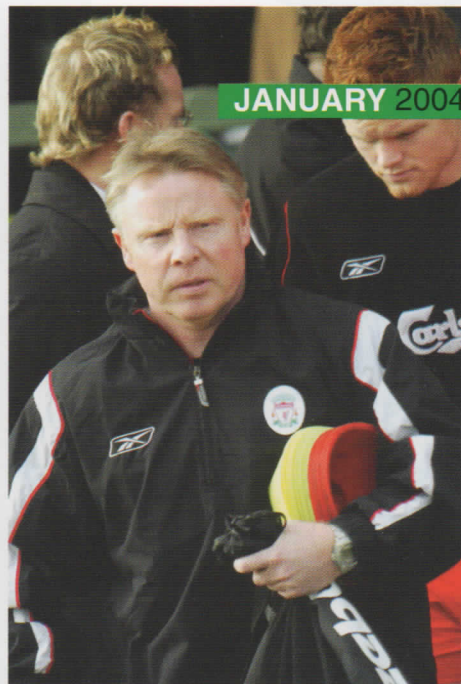


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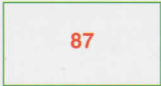




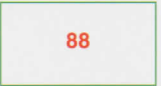




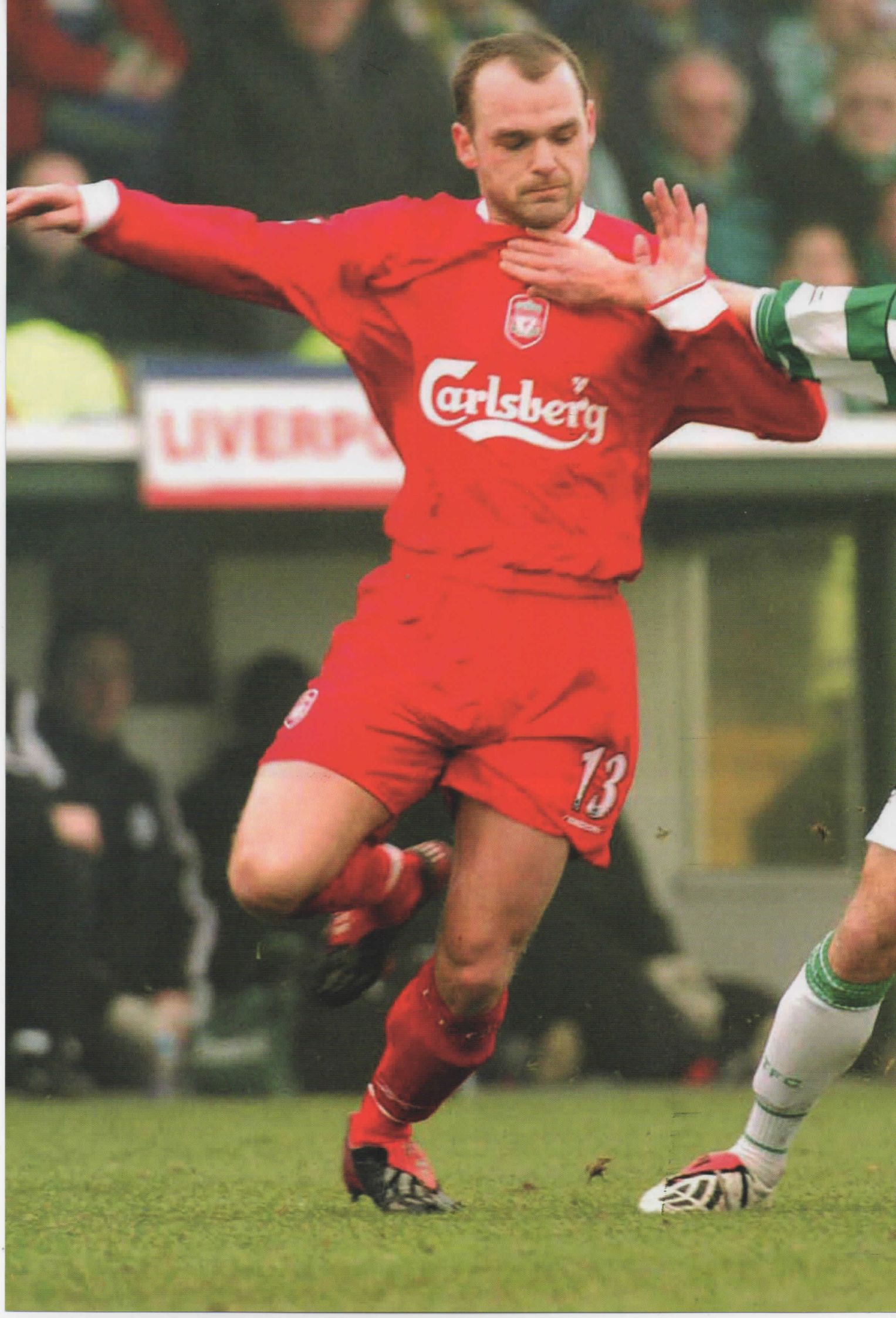
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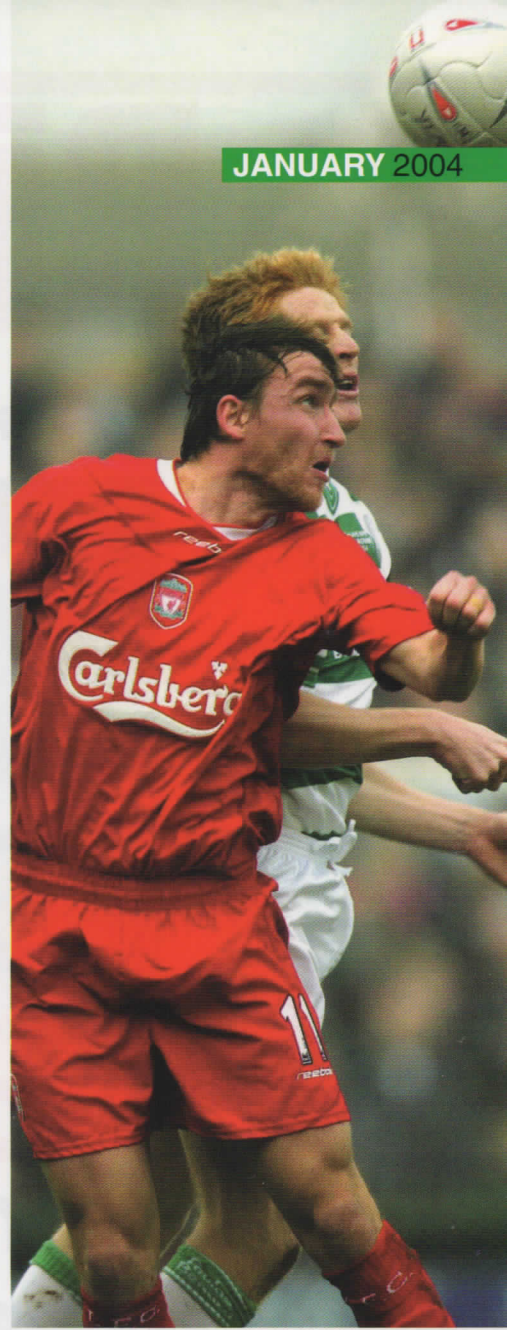


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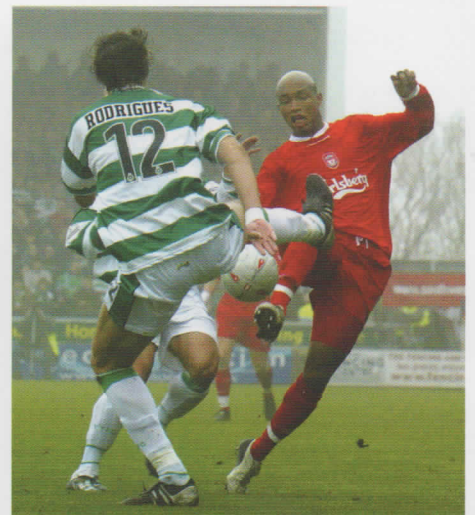


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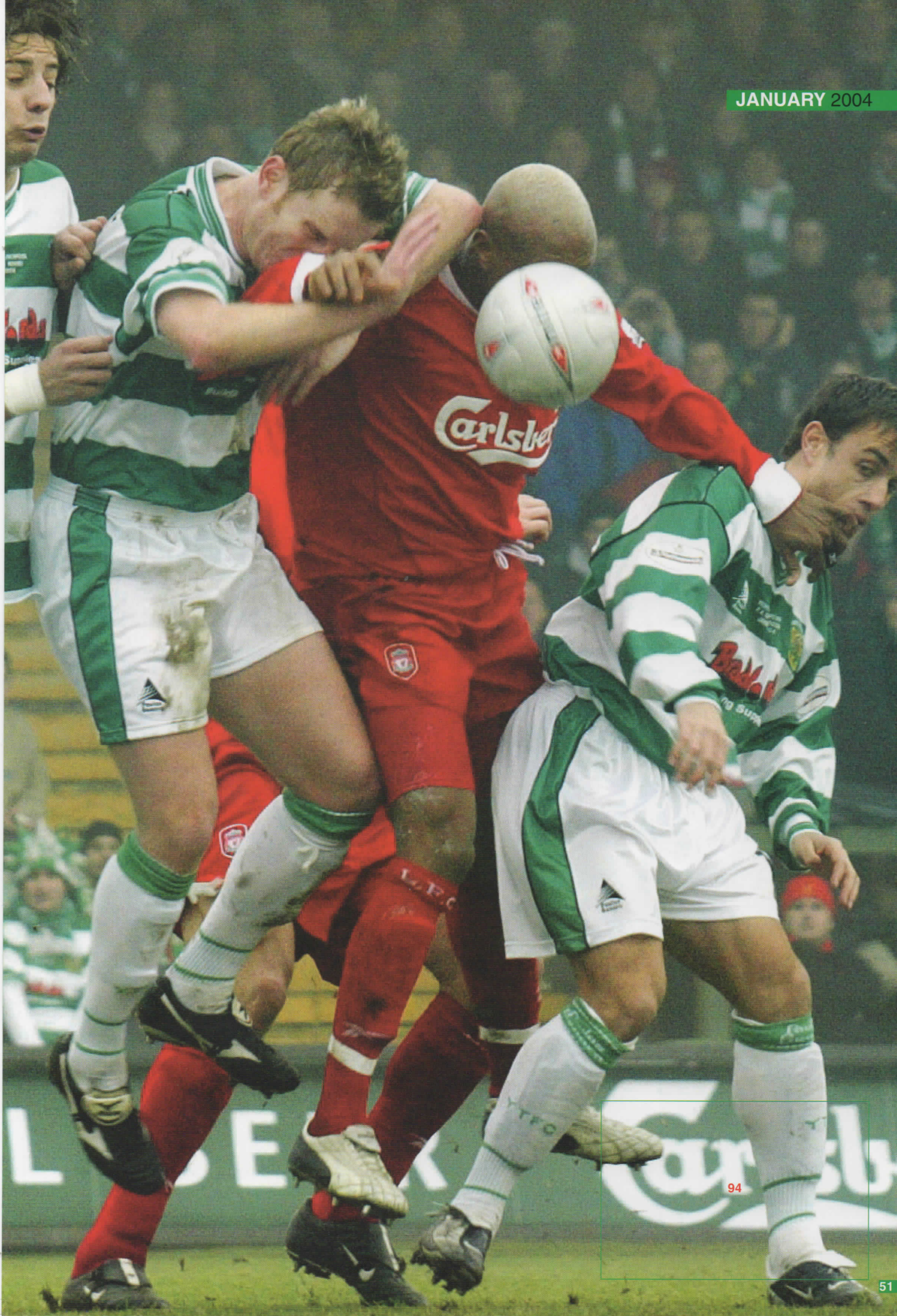
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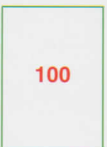
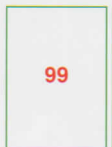
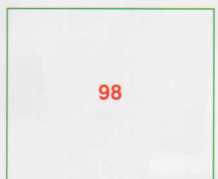
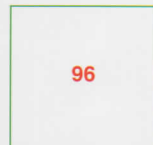
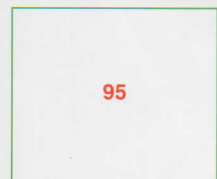
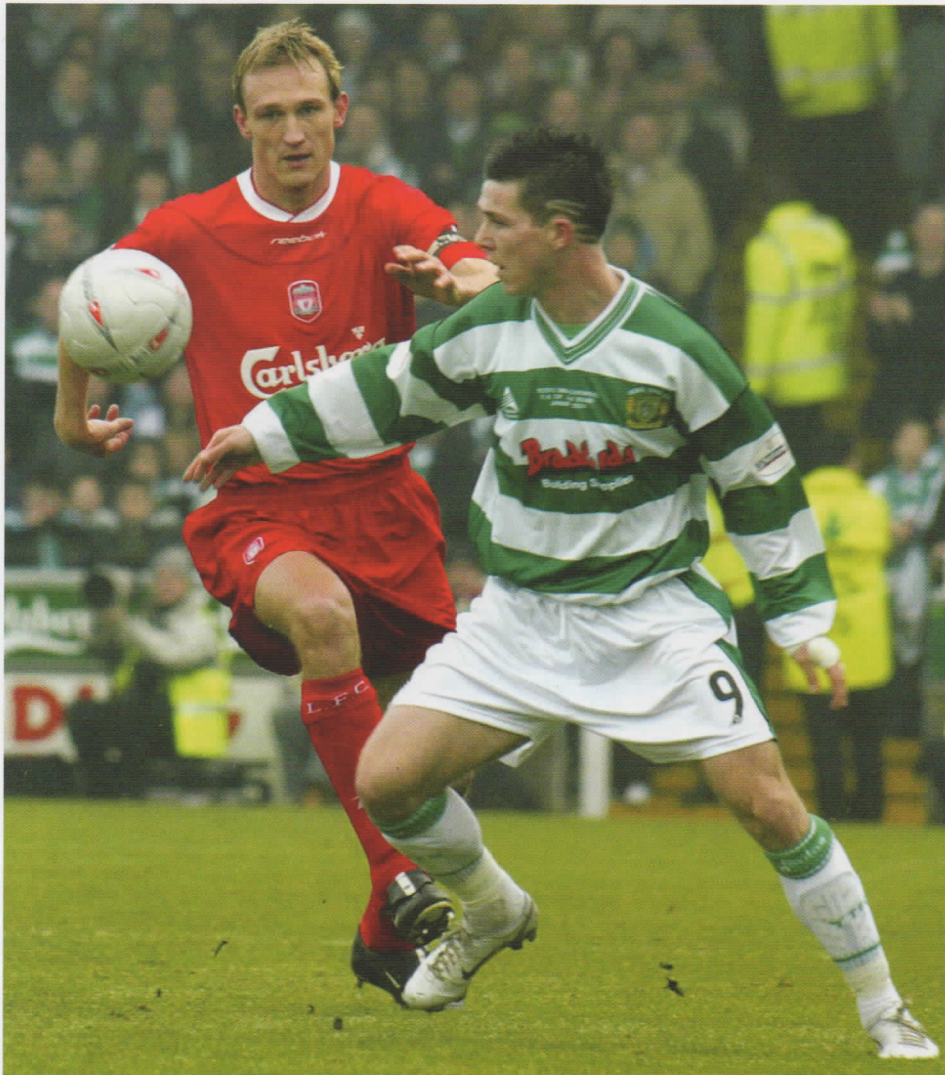


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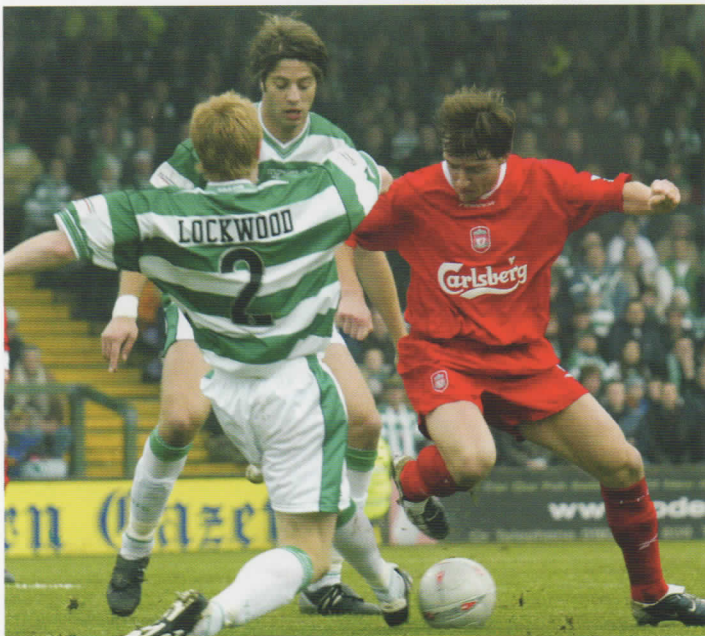


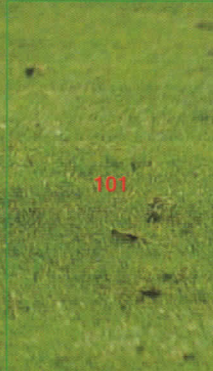
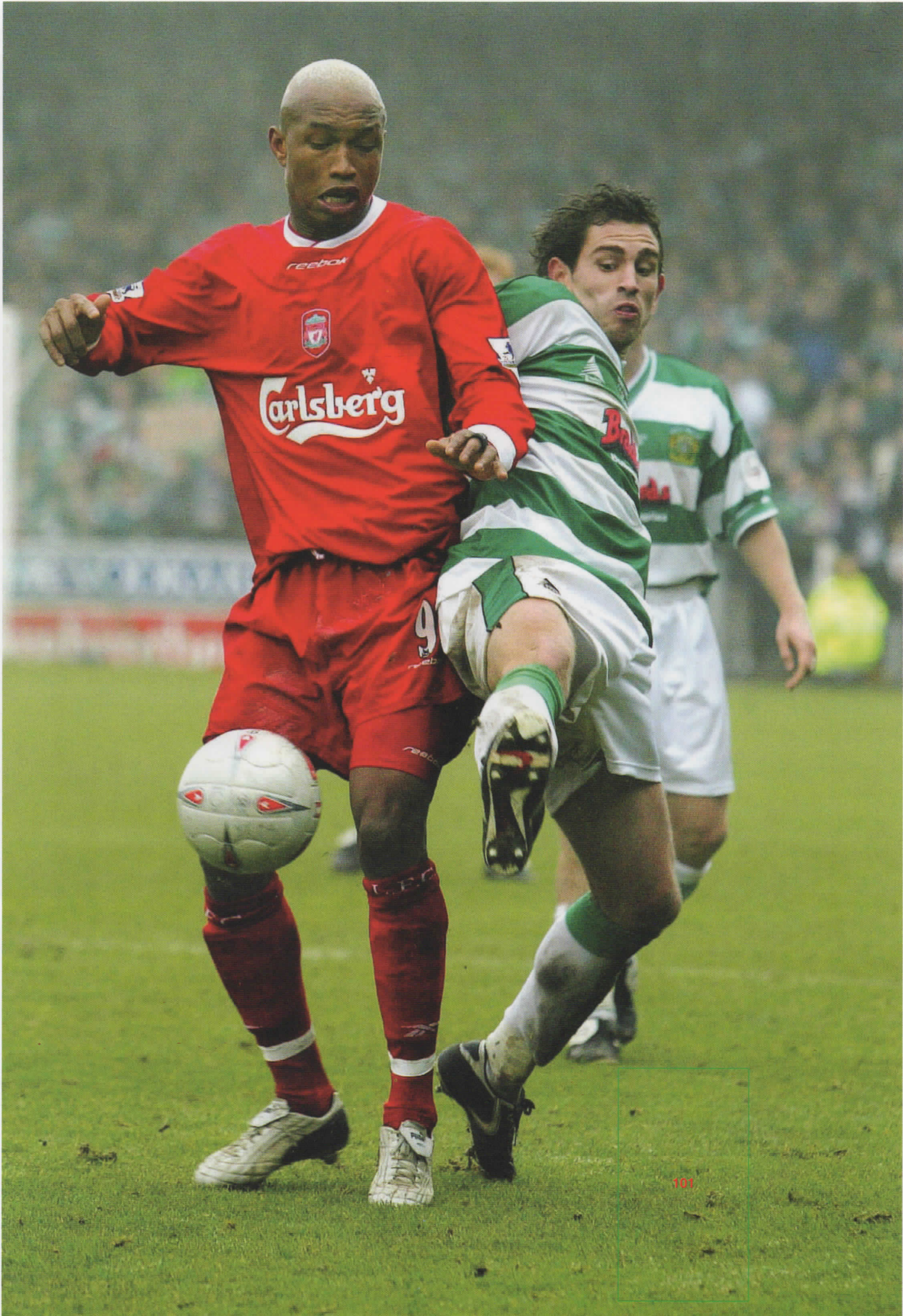


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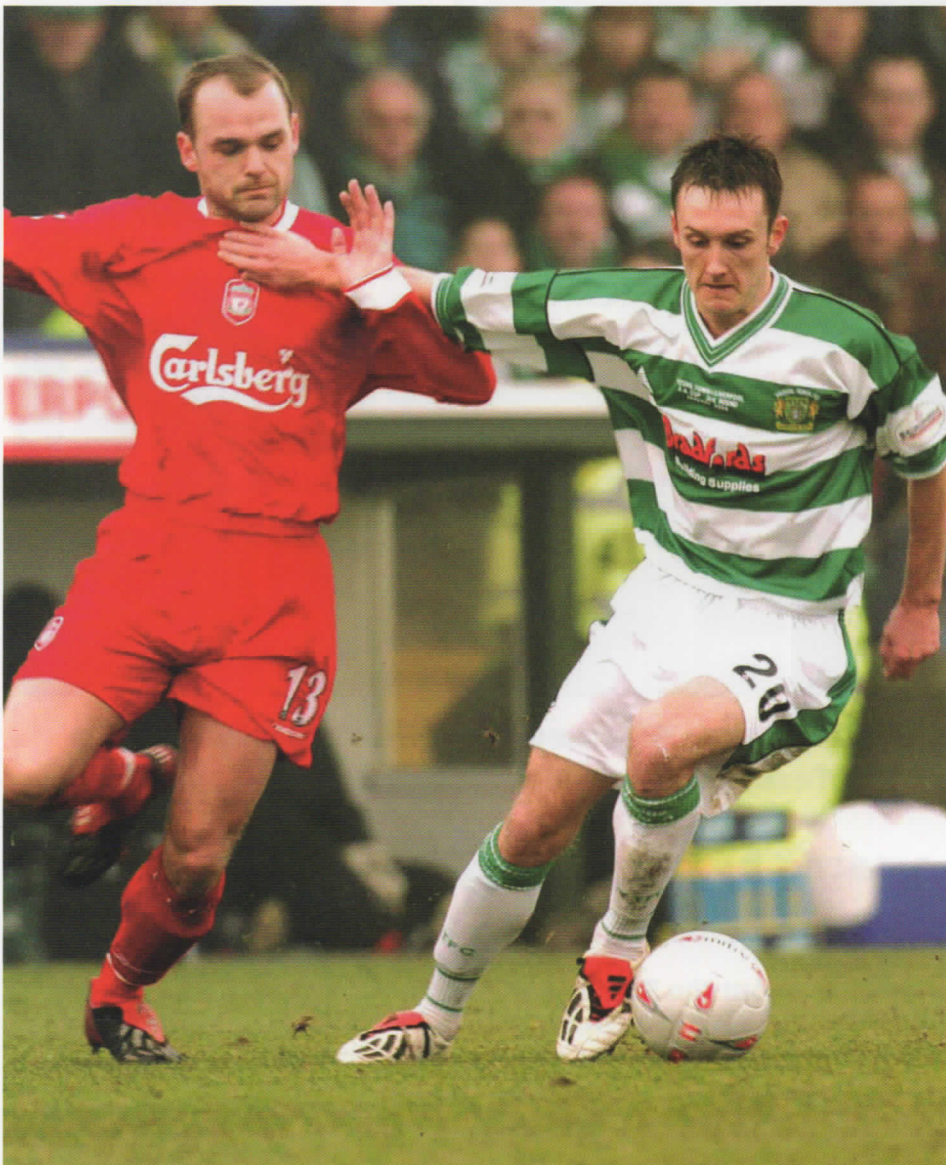








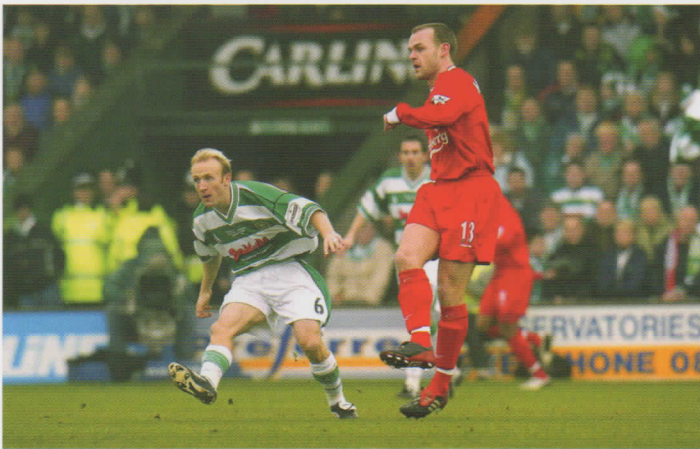
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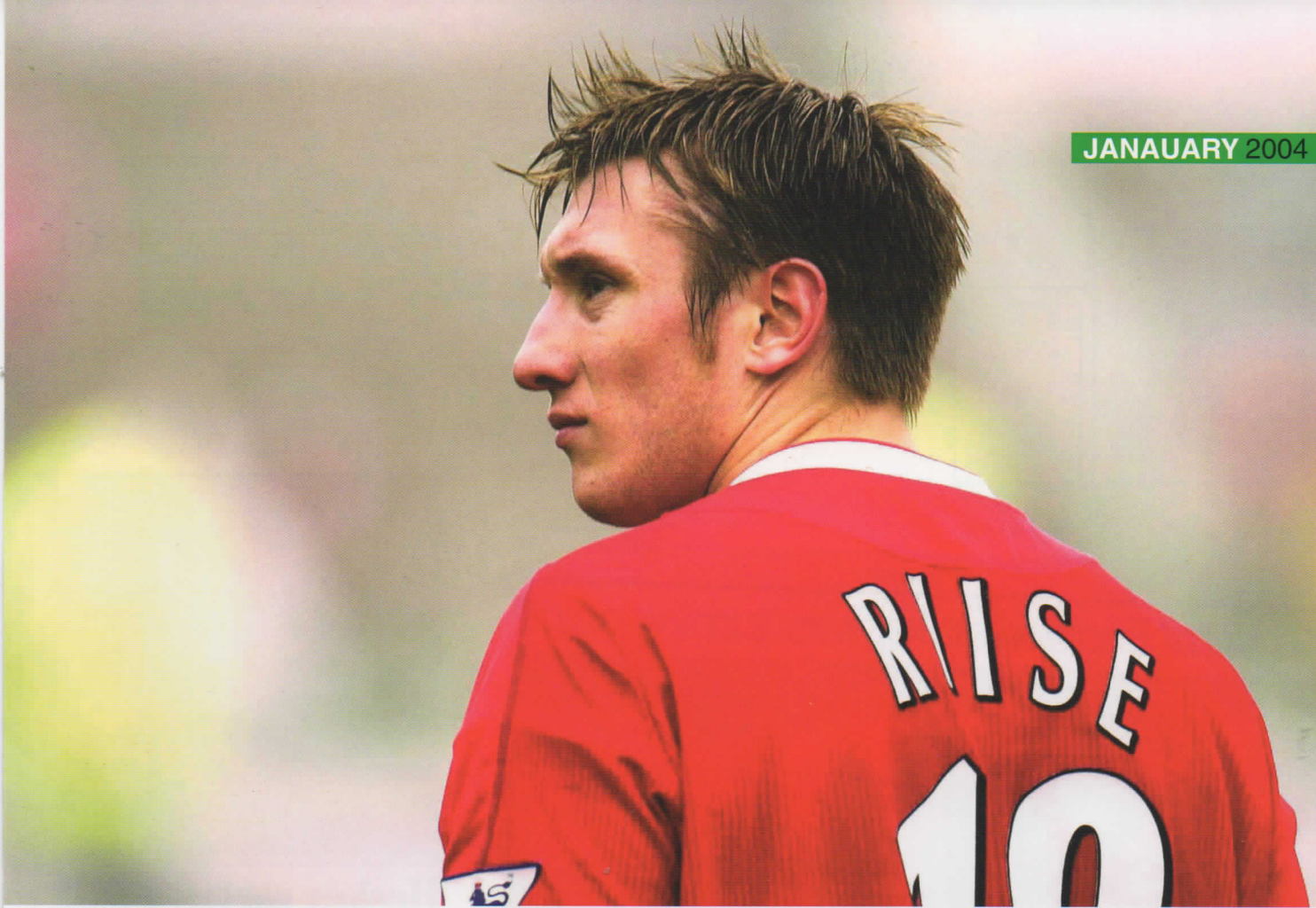


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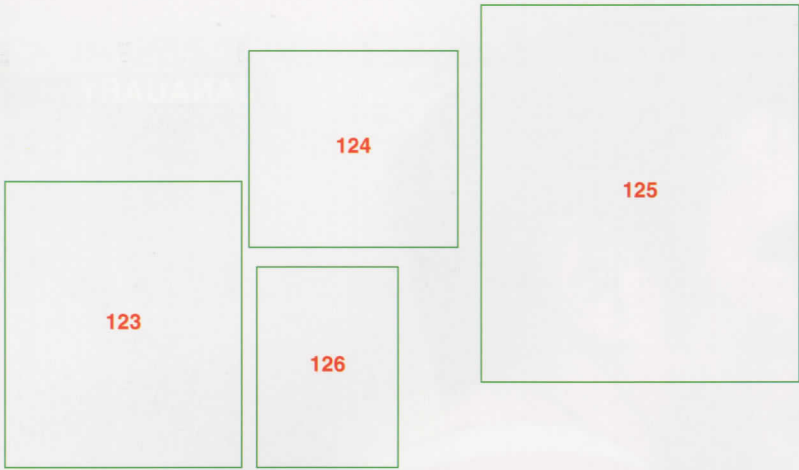
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# Arrival of England striker was 'turning point'



**Crucial breakthrough:** Emile Heskey, second from right, celebrates scoring Liverpool's first goal with, from left, Danny Murphy, El-Hadji Diouf, Vladimir Smicer and Harry Kewell

# HESKEY MADE THE DIFFERENCE - GALL

**KEVIN Gall insisted the arrival of Emile Heskey was a major turning point in the FA Cup battle at Hush Park yesterday.**

Liverpool had struggled to impose themselves during a first half and Yeovil fans were beginning to sense an upset of Herculean proportions until Anfield boss Gerard Houllier announced his first substitution on 50 minutes.

Heskey's physical presence, pace and power immediately altered the complexion of the contest and he broke the deadlock 18 minutes after replacing French starlet Sinama Pongolle.

"His coming on was most definitely the turning point," said Welsh under-21 striker Gall, pictured right.

"I thought he would play just behind the main striker and drift into wide positions. But he went in behind our defenders instead and that was where the damage was caused.

"We had done a good job in keeping them quiet up until then, but Heskey is a class act and it's difficult when a player of his ability comes on.

"He's an England international and you expect special things from him. He

by **ANDY STOCKHAUSEN**

illustrious rivals for 45 minutes, Yeovil lost their way during the second half and eventually succumbed to Liverpool's pass and move tactics.

Gall admitted: "There was a 20 minute spell in the second half when we just couldn't get the ball off them.

"Their passing and movement were exceptional and we were getting tired trying to keep up with them. They retained the ball so well and we gave it away so often, that they were given a lift and our heads went down a little."

Yet Gall insists he and his teammates will benefit from the experience of playing one of Europe's foremost teams.

He said: "We have all learned such a lot from this one game. Playing against a Premiership team is so much different from the Third Division and we now know what we have to do if we want to improve as individuals and as a team.

"If we can carry our first half performance

Glovers captain Terry Skiverton revealed the mood in the dressing room afterwards was sombre. He explained: "It doesn't matter that it was Liverpool, we want to beat any team we play.

"The overriding feeling was one of disappointment because we were only 20 minutes away from a replay when they scored.

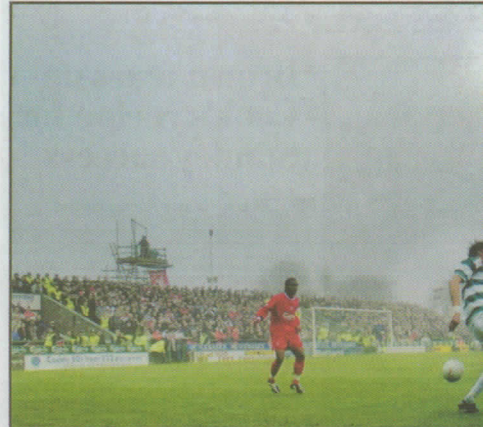
"We didn't seem to be able to get going in the second half and we gave the ball away too often. You can't expect to give a side like Liverpool the ball and not be punished."

Fellow defender Adam Lockwood was upbeat about Yeovil's performance and insisted: "We can push on from here and win promotion.

"Everything we talked about before the game went to plan in the first half and we were

unfortunate not to score. We worked hard, passed the ball well and caused Liverpool all sorts of problems.

"I think we can take a lot from this game and from the Cup run as a whole. Although we lost, we played well and



Hugo Rodrigues (left) and Andy Lindegaard, of Yeovil Town, challenge Liverpool's El-Hadji Diouf.

# Heskey carves a path p

**THE ROMANTICS** in from the Midlands yesterday afternoon contained the ghosts of the Yeovil yeomen who fell in the first half-hour when Yeovil looked the game to their Premiership visitors and might easily have scored. That would have been a real test of char-

**BY GLENN MOORE**  
Yeovil Town 0  
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victory, they have bought their manager time. They may also have generated the vital self-confidence their game has lacked.

as the graveyard of Gerard Houllier's Liverpool ambitions. Houllier's team are some way from threatening the pre-eminence of Manchester United, Arsenal and Chelsea but

# Wurzels not mangled, just left to drink up their cid

**FACUP**



**Sarah Edworthy**

IT IS half an hour before kick-off and the atmosphere at Hush Park is electric. The crowd is in full voice and the players are in their element. The match is a classic FA Cup encounter, with Liverpool's attacking prowess and Liverpool's defensive solidity on display.

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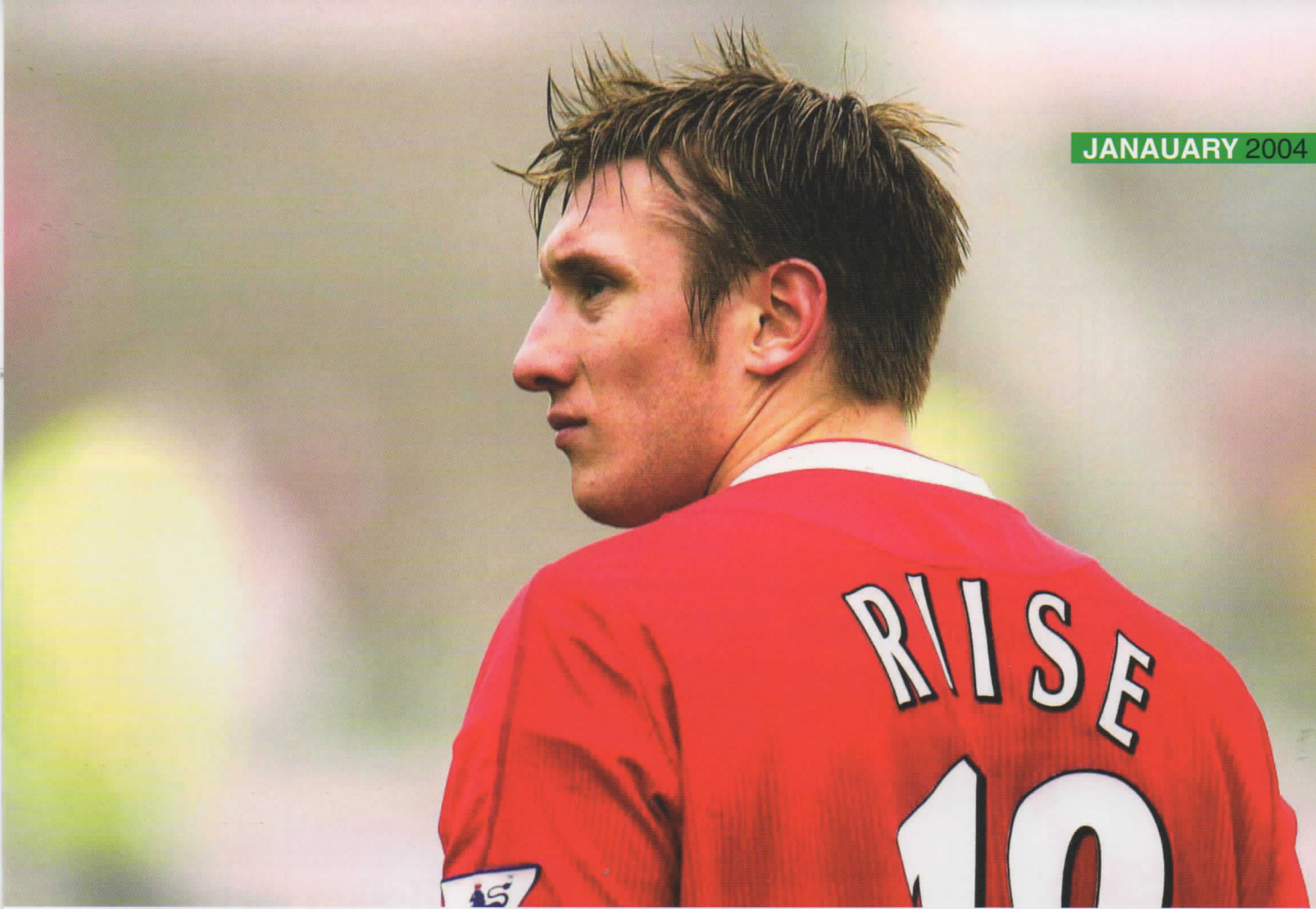
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# Heskey revels in his mist chance



END OF THE DREAM: Yeovil defenders can only look on helplessly as substitute Emile Heskey fires Liverpool's opening goal at Hush Park



The third-round FA Cup tie at Hush Park yesterday David Ashdown

## Yeovil's bold challenge

off the bench to score after 69 minutes. Murphy, from the penalty spot, made sure seven minutes later.

"They gave us a very hard game, which we expected, but we had the right attitude," said Houllier. "We were extremely professional, focused and composed. We had to withstand heavy pressure but the second half was different. Yeovil tired and we passed the ball well."

Hamann, Houllier added, had shown what Liverpool had missed in his long absence. "We call Didi 'The Kaiser'," he said. "He is very important in our set-up. Every team needs a player like that."

Gary Johnson, the Yeovil manager, said: "I was pleased at half-time because we were well in the game, creating chances and looking strong. Liverpool then showed their Premiership quality."

The 6ft 8in Hugo Rodrigues aside, Yeovil are atypical for a Third Division team, being predominantly small in stature. This made for an ironic contrast given Houllier's preference for physically imposing men. Yeovil's neat passing and movement initially troubled Liverpool's less nimble defenders and their pressing game gave the visitors' midfield no time to settle. Yeovil were thus able to gain useful possession and build such promising attacks that the normally unflappable Sami Hyypia was soon seeing a clearance right out of the ground.

This followed a Lee Johnson free-kick which had forced an agile save from Jerzy Dudek. A flowing move then ended with

from a half-cleared corner, brought the save of the match from Dudek. Colin Pluck and the tidy Nick Crittenden also tested the Pole, and Terry Skiverton headed over, as Yeovil scented blood and glory.

Yeovil had, at this point, rarely threatened. A fine tackle from Crittenden halted an early break by Florent Sinama-Pongolle, Vladimir Smicer stretched Chris Weale with a header, and El Hadji Diouf shot wide after Smicer had carved out an excellent chance. Diouf's other contribution was to be booked for diving.

YEsterday's FA CUP THIRD ROUND RESULTS

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Yeovil Town 0 Liverpool 2  
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So, when the fog descended at half-time, Liverpool might have been the happier were the game abandoned. Their most humbling defeat loomed since going out to Southern League Worcester City in 1969 - the loss which led to the arrival of Bill Shankly whose shadow still clouds Houllier's every reverse.

However, the fog cleared and so did Liverpool's heads. Tackles were sharper and passing more precise while Heskey's arrival added a focus to the attack. He might have scored with his first touch after Hyypia had stepped out from defence but Weale denied him. Encouraged nevertheless, Liverpool contin-

after the hour Smicer, from the edge of the box, hit the post. Williams briefly raised home hopes with a bold corner-attack but Murphy then rolled through a pass which Heskey, from the inside-right position, tucked inside the far post.

Any prospect of Yeovil's season-long alcohol ban being compromised by a crate of champagne went soon after as Rodrigues, always an accident waiting to happen, tripped Harry Kewell. Murphy, the only Englishman in the starting line-up, converted. There was still time for Kirk Jackson to bring a fine save from Dudek but not for a giant-killing.

Yeovil were left to concentrate on their faltering promotion campaign and count their takings. This, with television fees, should approach £600,000, an impressive return on an XI which took £45,000 to build. It is now Liverpool who can look to history. This was the fifth time in 30 years they have drawn bottom-division opposition in the third round. On each previous occasion they went on to reach the FA Cup final. After the season he has had Houllier might settle for that. It remains to be seen whether, if it is not accompanied by a Champions' League place, the board will.

Goals: Heskey 89 (0-1); Murphy 69 (1-0); Weale 89 (1-1); Dudek (penalty); Skiverton, Rodrigues, Sinama-Pongolle, Diouf, Pluck (goals); Terry (corner); Skiverton, Smicer, Kewell, Sinama-Pongolle, Hyypia, Diouf (goals); Weale (penalty); Crittenden (goal); Skiverton (goal).

Referee: N Barry (In Lincolnshire). Bookings: Liverpool: Smicer, Diouf, Le

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at Hush Park

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**W**HEN the mist finally parted, there was the looming figure of Emile Heskey ready to guide

Liverpool to respectability. If he had been around from the start of Gerard Houllier's cliff-walk around Hush Park's gloomy and treacherous edge of calamity, it might have been safely completed a lot earlier.

After all the dreary hopes of a giant-killing and after a lunchtime in which a wispy fog rolled in and out of Yeovil's ground, doing its best to set a suitable scene, there was eventually a business-like advance for Liverpool.

Heskey thumped in the first goal in the 70th minute, 19 minutes after his arrival as a substitute had muscledly altered the pattern.

Danny Murphy then tied up the win by scoring with a penalty in the 77th minute after the elongated legs of 6ft 8in defender Hugo Rodrigues allegedly felled Harry Kewell.

It was an ending that made no concessions to the

tumultuous traditions of the competition, nor to the part Yeovil have played in creating it by their past exploits.

It was also one which forced an abatement of the criticism raging around Houllier, which prompted speculation that defeat here would signal the approaching end of his reign at Anfield - or at the very least a torrid time at this evening's shareholders AGM.

With a different ending, Houllier would have faced difficult questions about why Heskey was kept on the bench behind Florent Sinama-Pongolle and El-Hadji Diouf.

But explanations, prompted by the continued absence of Michael Owen, were fair enough. Houllier said: "We have three games in seven days

and I have two strikers still sidelined by injury, so we had to be careful."

Liverpool were nervous and confused in the first half. The territory was unfamiliar enough without the mist. At first they failed to engage with their task, while Yeovil surged with ambitious energy.

Had Jerzy Dudek been less nimble in flinging himself to push away a searing, dipping volley from Gavin Williams, the Third Division side's neat domination of the early part of the game could have been rampaged in the record books.

In such raw circumstances, however, there awaited a scenario pitched perfectly for the powerful talents of Heskey. Yeovil's initial passion spent

and their five-man midfield less of a barrier than it had been at first to Houllier's edgy team, there had been a swing in Liverpool's favour as half-time approached.

The introduction of Heskey nulled it down and Liverpool's confidence and control improved immediately.

Within two minutes of his ominous sprint from the dug-out, Sami Hyypia scurried into the box and forced a fine, close-range block from keeper Chris Weale.

Then, Vladimir Smicer screwed a long-range drive through a crowd of defenders and hit Weale's left-hand post.

The clear opportunity for which Heskey had been foraging was presented to him by Murphy's tidy pass into the

right-hand section of Yeovil's penalty area. He did not hesitate and ran on to score with a firm, low drive.

Rodrigues was a gangling and highly noticeable nuisance to Liverpool's forwards all afternoon. But his untidiness cost Yeovil in the 77th minute and after Kewell hit the ground, Murphy converted the penalty.

This signalled an end to the fantasy Yeovil had harboured in the first half, when the excellent Nick Crittenden had several times troubled Dudek with long, swirling shots.

The Polish keeper had also been forced to push away a powerful, dipping free-kick from Lee Johnson.

These moments of promise were no less than Yeovil deserved for the wiry, creative energy displayed in midfield by Darren Way and Crittenden.

Manager Gary Johnson said: "I wouldn't be unprofessional enough to say that a shock was on the cards, but we created chances. I am very proud of the boys. We made Liverpool earn their win."

Houllier added: "They gave us a very hard game. They had a lot of energy and we had a bit of luck at times. But we had the right attitude."

**YEovil (4-4-3):** Weale; Lockwood, Skiverton, Rodrigues, Pluck (Jackson 74); Terry (Lindsgaard 38) (Goaling 77); Johnson, Way, Gail, Crandon, Williams.  
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## Reds close in on Cisse



CISSE: 'Agreement'

By Paul Joyce

DJIBRIL CISSE will become Liverpool's record signing in the summer but the finishing touches on a £14 million deal are still to be finalised.

Gerard Houllier has dismissed claims that the France international flew into the city for a secret medical yesterday.

And Auxerre striker Cisse - the leading scorer in Le Championnat with 14 goals - has denied reports that he has already agreed a pre-contract to

move in July. Pre-contracts can only be signed by players out of contract at the end of the season and Cisse is midway through a deal with the French side.

But Houllier has a verbal agreement with Auxerre boss Guy Roux to sign the hugely-talented 22-year-old star after tracking him for two years.

Chelsea, Manchester United, Real Madrid and Juventus tried to lure him, but he said: "I'm sure I'll be at Anfield next season."

The deal will eclipse the £10.5m spent on Emile Heskey.



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TALL STORY: Harry Kewell wins Liverpool's controversial penalty as dit bin Hugo Rodrigues looks back in disbelief



# GARY PR CUP BAT

# I DIVED

## Kewell admitted it wasn't a foul blasts Yeovil fall-guy Rodrigues

By MARTIN LIPTON  
Yeovil Town 0 Liverpool 2  
HARRY KEWELL was accused of admitting being a dive cheat as Liverpool squeezed through to the fourth round at Yeovil.

Pressure  
Rodrigues, who is the tallest player in English football, said: "It wasn't a penalty. I saw it on television and spoke to Kewell. I told him I'd never touched him and he said 'Yes, I know; you didn't touch me. But this is football, man. I have to dive.' When I heard that, I just said 'come on!' but Kewell said 'This is football'."

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## I'm so proud of my team – Yeovil boss Johnson

by ANDY STOCKHAUSEN

YEovil Town manager Gary Johnson today spoke of his "huge pride" after watching his players run FA Cup rivals Liverpool close.

Gerard Houllier's Premiership big guns eventually pulled rank to win a thrilling third round tie 2-0 in front of a record Huish Park attendance of more than 9,300. But Third Division Yeovil made them fight hard for victory and even suggested the possibility of a giant-killing act succumbing to second-half goals from England international Emile Heskey and Danny Murphy. And Johnson was full of praise for his young team afterwards, describing them as "a credit to themselves and whole town". He said: "I'm proud of the way in which the club staged a big game and I'm also proud of my players for giving a terrific performance. It proved for part of the game that they could compete with Liverpool and some of them proved they might be able to compete at a higher level. "We may have lost but we also played our part in a great football match. We didn't come to watch Liverpool play but we made them work hard for their victory." Yeovil bridged the class gap sufficiently to enjoy the

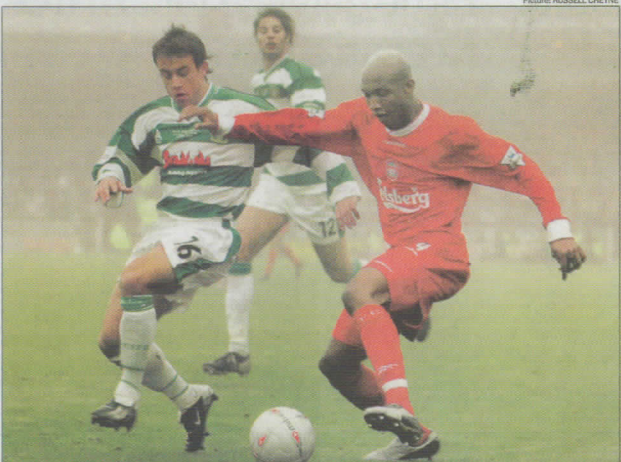
# Liverpool lift pressure on Houllier



Henry Winter AT HUISH PARK

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JUST as the fog and some noted giant-killers were rolling in around a worried Liverpool yesterday, conjuring up the mists of times when Len Shackleton's Sunderland were famously sent packing at the old Huish Park, the latest distinguished guests to Yeovil Town regained their nerve and survived. Rallying around the impressive figure of Dietmar Hamann, Liverpool ended Yeovil's habitual knockout heroes for another year through second-half goals from Emile Heskey and Danny Murphy. Peering through the deteriorating light, ultimately there was little romance to behold, no celebration of a colourful addition woven into the tapestry of Cup upsets. Not quite. Yeovil's players left their lawn of a pitch beaten but proud; proud that they had kept passing and building, kept taking the game to such renowned opponents, household names who earn £50,000 a week set against their £300. Proud, too, that Huish Park had laid on such a show; the fans were dressed to the nines and beyond with faces painted green, hair dyed and voices filling the air with songs and chants. Heskey has been called many things in his time but he has never been linked with Weymouth before. Yeovil lost, but the Cup won. Inspired by the admirable Lee Johnson, Yeovil were delf in



Out of the mist: Yeovil's Andy Lindegaard tries to contain El-Hadji Diouf as Liverpool pressure mounts

possession and defiant at the back and, for 45 minutes, were far more watchable than Liverpool. The strightly Darren Way was cluttered for trying a Cruyff turn. Colin Pluck, a chunky left-back who looked like he had his hair done for the occasion, nutmegged El-Hadji Diouf. No fear here. Chances too. Gavin Williams unleashed a half-volley that Jerzy Dudek somehow pushed away. The photographers, sensing an upset in the hazy air, flocked behind Dudek's goal. Sami Hyypia, momentarily panicking at all this pressure, belted the ball out of the ground halfway to Dorset, far

from the madding crowd of 9,348, a record here. This was the stuff of dreams for these hardy, West Country souls: 66 positions separated the sides in league terms but there was nothing between them at half-time. When an opera singer then strolled on to serenade Huish Park with a reroaked Jerusalem, including a tribute to "Yeovil's green and pleasant land", it appeared Town were hitting all the right notes. "I understand why Yeovil are called the giant-killers," nodded Gerard Houllier. "We had to withstand their pressure. We knew we had to be extremely

committed. We kept strong." Liverpool's manager, a marvelously gracious figure despite all the unpleasant speculation about his tenure, sent on Heskey five minutes after the turnaround, so turning the game his way. As busily as young Florent Sinama-Pongolle had run about, Heskey finally brought a forward focus for Liverpool; within seconds he drew a superb block from Chris Weale. Yeovil's keeper was then beaten by Vladimir Smicer's half-volley but rescued by the post. Liverpool were in the mood. Williams briefly threatened

again, testing Dudek's reflexes, but Liverpool broke through in the 66th minute. Danny Murphy, a tireless contributor in Steven Gerrard's absence, laced a pass down the inside-right channel and Heskey shot firmly past Weale. Seven minutes later Murphy again played the catalyst. His clipped pass sent the ball skidding to the receptive feet of Harry Kewell, who was caught by the otherwise excellent Hugo Rodrigues. Kewell exaggerated contact that was at best non-existent. Weale had no chance with Murphy's cool, low penalty. With Hamann running midfield, Liverpool were in charge. "You can see why Dietmar is called the 'Kaiser' in training," Houllier said. "Liverpool came out in the second half and for 20 minutes showed that Premiership quality of not giving the ball away," said Yeovil's manager, Gary Johnson. "But I'm proud of my players; we didn't just turn up to watch Liverpool." For Liverpool, yesterday provided a chance to hold their heads high as they negotiate the winds and the rain of a hitherto disappointing season. Today's AGM will be a more relaxed affair, particularly with news that the Auxerre striker, Djibril Cisse, moves closer to signing. "Cisse has not signed a pre-contract," insisted Houllier. "He wants to. At this stage, nothing is true about Djibril Cisse. That is not to say it won't be in the future." To which Johnson responded: "Can he be on loan here?" Yeovil at least had the last laugh off the pitch. Yeovil (4-4-2): Weale, Lockwood, Rodrigues, Silverton, Pluck, Jackson 7-2; Terry Lindogard 38, Godin 77, Johnson, Way, Colchester, Gell, Williams, Sabes, Stamford, Collis (9). Liverpool (4-2-2): Dudek, Henrich, Biscan, Hyypia, Rice, Hamann, Diouf (6), Talling 85, Murphy, Smicer (45) 8-1; Pongolle (Heskey 50), Kewell, Subot 10 (9), Traore, Godes, Heskey 69, Murphy 76 pen, Booked: Smicer, Diouf, Le Tallec. Referee: N Barry (Gourlay).

Sarah Edworthy: Sport 6



# Heskey revels in his mist chance



END OF THE DREAM: Yeovil defenders can only look on helplessly as substitute Emile Heskey fires Liverpool's opening goal at Hush Park

**JOHN DILLON**  
at Hush Park

YEovil	0
LIVERPOOL	2

**W**HEN the mists finally parted, there was the looming figure of Emile Heskey ready to guide Liverpool to respectability. If he had been around from the start of Gerard Houllier's cliff-walk around Hush Park's gloomy and treacherous edge of calamity, it might have been safely completed a lot earlier.

But explanations, prompted by the continued absence of Michael Owen, were fair enough. Houllier said: "We have three games in seven days and I have two strikers still sidelined by injury, so we had to be careful."

Liverpool were nervous and confused in the first half. The territory was unfamiliar enough without the mist. At first they failed to engage with their task, while Yeovil surged with ambitious energy.

Had Jerzy Dudek been less nimble in flinging himself to push away a searing, dipping volley from Gavin Williams, the Third Division side's neat domination of the early part of the game could have been turned into an historic rampage in the record books.

In such raw circumstances, however, there awaited a scenario pitched perfectly for the powerful talents of Heskey. Yeovil's initial passion spent

and their five-man midfield less of a barrier than it had been at first to Houllier's edgy team, there had been a swing in Liverpool's favour as half-time approached.

The introduction of Heskey nailed it down and Liverpool's confidence and control improved immediately.

Within two minutes of his ominous sprint from the dug-out, Sami Hyypia scurried into the box and forced a fine, close-range block from keeper Chris Weale.

Then, Vladimir Smicer screwed a long-range drive through a crowd of defenders and hit Weale's left-hand post.

The clear opportunity for which Heskey had been foraging was presented to him by Murphy's tidy pass into the

right-hand section of Yeovil's penalty area. He did not hesitate and ran on to score with a firm, low drive.

Rodrigues was a gangling and highly noticeable nuisance to Liverpool's forwards all afternoon. But his untidiness cost Yeovil in the 77th minute and after Kewell hit the ground, Murphy converted the penalty.

This signalled an end to the fantasy Yeovil had harboured in the first half, when the excellent Nick Crittenden had several times troubled Dudek with long, swirling shots.

The Polish keeper had also been forced to push away a powerful, dipping free-kick from Lee Johnson.

These moments of promise were no less than Yeovil deserved for the wiry, creative energy displayed in midfield by Darren Way and Crittenden.

Manager Gary Johnson said: "I wouldn't be unprofessional enough to say that a shock was on the cards, but we created chances. I am very proud of the boys. We made Liverpool earn their win."

Houllier added: "They gave us a very hard game. They had a lot of energy and we had a bit of luck at times. But we had the right attitude."

**YEovil (4-4-2):** Weale; Lockwood, Skiverton, Rodrigues, Pluck (Jackson 74); Terry (Lindgard 38) (Gooling 77), Johnson, Way, Galt, Crittenden, Williams.

**LIVERPOOL (4-4-2):** Dudek; Henschel, Hyypia, Biscan, Risse; Smicer (Cheyrou 82), Murphy, Hamann, Heskey; Simeon-Pongolle (Heskey 53), Diouf (Le Taliec 87). **Bookeds:** Smicer, Diouf, Le Taliec. **Goals:** Heskey 70, Murphy 77 pen.

Referee: N Barry (In Lincolnshire)

## Reds close in on Cisse



CISSE: Agreement

**By Paul Joyce**

DJBIRIL CISSE will become Liverpool's record signing in the summer but the finishing touches on a £14 million deal are still to be finalised.

Gerard Houllier has dismissed claims that the France international flew into the city for a secret medical yesterday.

And Auxerre striker Cisse - the leading scorer in Le Championnat with 14 goals - has denied reports that he has already agreed a pre-contract to

move in July. Pre-contracts can only be signed by players out of contract at the end of the season and Cisse is midway through a deal with the French side.

But Houllier has a verbal agreement with Auxerre boss Guy Roux to sign the highly-talented 22-year-old star after tracking him for two years.

Chelsea, Manchester United, Real Madrid and Juventus tried to lure him, but he said: "I'm sure I'll be at Anfield next season."

The deal will eclipse the £10.5m spent on Emile Heskey.



The third-round FA Cup tie at Hush Park yesterday

## Yeovil's bold challenge

off the bench to score after 69 minutes. Murphy, from the penalty spot, made sure seven minutes later.

"They gave us a very hard game, which we expected, but we had the right attitude," said Houllier. "We were extremely professional, focused and composed. We had to withstand heavy pressure but the second half was different. Yeovil tired and we passed the ball well."

Hamann, Houllier added, had shown what Liverpool had missed in his long absence. "We call Didi 'the Kaiser,'" he said. "He is very important in our set-up. Every team needs a player like that."

after the hour Smicer, from the edge of the box, hit the post. Williams briefly raised home hopes with a bold counter-attack but Murphy then rolled through a pass which Heskey, from the inside-right position, tucked inside the far post.

Any prospect of Yeovil's season-long alcohol ban being compromised by a crate of champagne went soon after as Rodrigues, always an accident waiting to happen, tripped Harry Kewell, Murphy the only Englishman in the starting line-up, converted. There was still time for Kirk Jackson to bring a fine save from Dudek but not for a giant-killing.

Yeovil were left to concentrate on their faltering promotion campaign and count their takings. This, with television fees, should approach £600,000, an impressive return on an XI which took £45,000 to build. It is now Liverpool who can look to history. This was the fifth time in 38 years they have drawn bottom-division opposition in the third round. On each previous occasion they went on to reach the FA Cup final. After the season he has had Houllier might settle for that. It remains to be seen whether, if it is not accompanied by a Champions' League place, the board will.

Yeovil's neat passing and movement initially troubled Liverpool's less nimble defenders and their pressing game gave the visitors' midfield no time to settle. Yeovil were thus able to gain useful possession and build such promising attacks that the normally unflappable Sami Hyypia was soon seen hoofing a clearance right out of the ground.

This followed a Lee Johnson free-kick which had forced an agile save from Jerzy Dudek. A flowing move then ended with

So, when the fog descended at half-time, Liverpool might have been the happier were the game abandoned. Their most humbling defeat loomed since going out to Southern League Worcester City in 1959 - the loss which led to the arrival of Bill Shankly whose shadow still clouds Houllier's every reverse.

However, the fog cleared and so did Liverpool's heads. Tackles were sharper and passing more precise while Heskey's arrival added a focus to the attack. He might have scored with his first touch after Hyypia had stepped out from defence but Weale denied him. Encouraged nevertheless, Liverpool contin-

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**Goals:** Heskey 70 0-1; Murphy 69 70 0-2; Diouf 87 0-3; Weale; Lockwood, Rodriguez, Skiverton, Pluck (Jackson 74), Johnson, Way, Galt, Crittenden, Williams. **Substitutes not used:** Collis Ige, Smead.

**Liverpool (4-4-1):** Dudek; Henschel, Hyypia, Risse, Douf (Le Taliec 88), Murphy, Hamann, Smicer, Kewell, Simeon-Pongolle (Heskey 53), Diouf (Le Taliec 87). **Bookeds:** Smicer, Diouf, Le Taliec, Galt, Crittenden, Williams.

Referee: N Barry (Lincolnshire)

# Emile lifts the fog

## Liverpool sub dashes Yeovil dream of glory

YEovil TOWN	0
LIVERPOOL	2

By MATT LAWTON

**S**ENDING on a striker who cost roughly 240 times more than the entire Yeovil team hardly represented a tactical masterstroke at Huish Park, but for the money to buy Emile Heskey a relieved Gerard Houllier must be truly thankful.

Heskey scored the goal that put some daylight between Liverpool and their spirited hosts yesterday, ending a slog in the fog with the kind of finish that, until his inclusion as a replacement for Florent Sinama-Pongolle, had proved beyond his Anfield colleagues.

Even then manager Houllier was unable to relax. Yeovil were the giant-killers who brought their own giant and so determined were they to add their illustrious visitors to the 20 scalps they claimed as a non-League club, anything appeared possible.

Fortunately for Liverpool, towering Hugo Rodrigues ended their anxiety. Always more dangerous in his own area than he ever was in the opposition's, the 6ft 8in defender stuck out a telescopic leg and brought down Harry Kewell. Danny Murphy stepped up to score the 77th-minute penalty, easing the pressure on a side that flattered Yeovil for much of this gritty FA Cup clash.

Not that Yeovil needed Liverpool to perform with such mediocrity to make them look half-decent. The team Gary Johnson selected might have been assembled for £45,000 but they went some way to bridging the vast financial gap between themselves and the club who spent £11million on Heskey alone. 'I'm very proud of my players,' said Johnson. So he should be.

From the moment the Liverpool bus rolled up outside a stadium seating a record 9,348 spectators, there was a feeling among those dressed in green and white that an upset was a distinct possibility. The BBC cameras were in position, and as the mist rolled in across the pitch, memories of 1949 flooded back. Well, for those old enough to remember.

It was on a similarly foggy afternoon that Len Shackleton and his Sunderland team-mates slipped to a 2-1 defeat on a sloping pitch, one that now sits under a Tesco supermarket. The scene was set for another such moment in the Somerset club's proud history. The Yeovil fans grew eager. 'Are you watching Weymouth scum,' they cried.

They started well. Terry Skiverton, a Chelsea reject

who sold photocopiers and even tried acting before being recruited by Johnson, while Lee Johnson and Darren Way ran their hearts out in midfield. Paul Terry also did well in front of younger brother John, pressing on the right until injury forced him off.

A Nick Crittenden cross which brought a desperate save from Jerzy Dudek set the scene for the first half, with Johnson then testing the Liverpool goalkeeper with a free-kick after Igor Biscan had brought down the appropriately named Colin Pluck. He also left the field with an injury, prompting one fan to shout: 'Pluck off!'

For the 1,500 Liverpool spectators it was less amusing. The opportunities their side did create were squandered and when Gavin Williams met a Johnson corner, it took a terrific save

from Dudek to deny the 22-year-old his moment of glory. The Yeovil fans were beginning to get excited. 'We're going to score in a minute,' they sang, before mocking Liverpool with: 'Champions League - you're having a laugh.'

At this stage they had a point. Never particularly troubled but never able to impose themselves either, the first half was concluded by a moment that brought shame on Liverpool. El-Hadji Diouf was booked for diving. Desperate times.

To his credit, Diouf worked a good deal harder than Kewell but it was not until Houllier unleashed Heskey on a tiring Yeovil defence in the 51st minute that Liverpool attacked with purpose.

He made an instant impact, testing Chris Weale, Williams met a Johnson corner, and then laying off the ball

for Diouf to drive a shot against an advertising hoarding. Rarely have Blackacre Farm Eggs enjoyed so much exposure.

As Yeovil began to weaken, Liverpool gathered momentum. Vladimir Smicer directed an effort against a post and when Murphy played a neat pass through the Yeovil defence, Heskey beat Weale with a super 70th-minute strike. Murphy's penalty followed, and a Liverpool side who have struggled to perform with any consistency secured their place in today's fourth-round draw.

'Yeovil gave us a hard game,' said Houllier, who would have been facing a difficult Anfield annual meeting tonight had Heskey and Murphy failed to score. 'I expected that, but I thought we were extremely professional. We showed the right attitude and the right

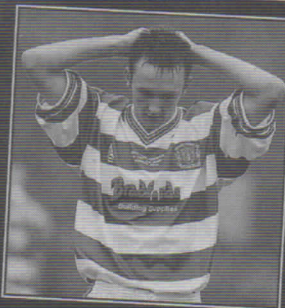
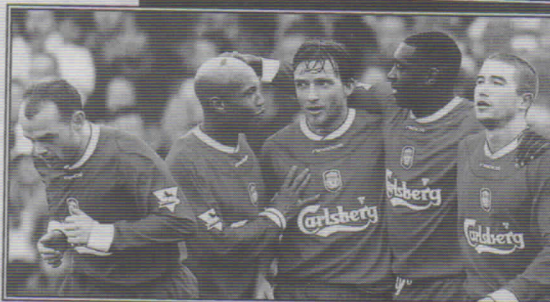
approach. Didi Hamann was excellent in midfield. He was exactly what we call him in training - the Kaiser. And Emile did well too.'

In the absence of Michael Owen and Steven Gerrard, this compared to England's 2-0 win in Liechtenstein last year. Ultimately, a victory is all that matters.

Liverpool will improve with the return of Owen, who might be fit for Wednesday's Premiership visit to Chelsea, while Gerrard will restore extra quality to the midfield. Yesterday there was talk of more Anfield arrivals. While Houllier said a deal had not been agreed, he did not rule out the possibility of signing Auxerre's Djibril Cisse in the summer.

For Yeovil, the adventure is over for another season. Rochdale next, and the chance to climb further up the Third Division.

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Huish hushed: Kewell (above) is brought down by Rodrigues for Liverpool's controversial penalty and there were celebrations (left) after a goal from Emile Heskey (second right) helped to end Yeovil hopes, much to the dismay of Gavin Williams

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## Rodrigues calls Kewell a diver

From Back Page

draw because they scored one goal then had a penalty that should not have been given. I've seen my challenge on Kewell again on television and it definitely wasn't a foul.

I spoke with Kewell at the time and told him I never touched him.

'He said: "Yeah, I know you didn't, but this is football, man. I had to dive".'

'Liverpool tried at least four times to do that in the first half and put pressure on the referee. Eventually he has just said: "I'll give them that one" but it definitely wasn't a penalty.'

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## FEBRUARY 2004

**First up in February was a tough trip to Northampton who had already beaten Yeovil at home. Even John Terry's presence couldn't inspire Yeovil as they slumped to another 2-0 defeat.**

A Gavin Williams goal at Kidderminster though lifted a lot of heads as Yeovil recorded their first away victory for two months. The lift in confidence was clearly visible the next week as Oxford came to Huish Park. Playing their less than attractive defensive game Yeovil took all the points thanks to a goal from on loan striker Andy Bishop.

The impressive Reynolds Arena was Yeovil's next port of call and despite the opulent surroundings they couldn't raise their game as Darlington ran out 3-2 winners. Goals from Adam Lockwood and Lee Johnson gave Yeovil some hope but Premiership M.I.B. sent off Paul Terry and the task was always going to be hard with only ten men.

Cambridge United were the next visitors to Huish Park and as another four goals swept past the helpless Cambridge keeper they certainly appealed to the "Can we play you every week" brigade. Colin Pluck, Andy Bishop, Gavin Williams and Adam Stansfield scored for Yeovil as they stayed in sixth spot as the month ended.

The Glovers other career though was taking off as Yeovil True was released to quite extraordinary scenes in Yeovil as the locals queued to buy their copy and take the song into the charts at position No.36. Another first for Yeovil Town though sadly an appearance on Top of The Pops did not follow.

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## MARCH 2004

**Two successive defeats was hardly the way to start the month and with games running out the defeats at Huddersfield and Scunthorpe were to do nothing for that hopeful play off place.**

A lone Darren Way goal was all The Glovers had to show from their visit to the magnificent McAlpine Stadium whilst an awful display at Scunthorpe did nothing for the confidence.

Thankfully Bristol Rovers came to town for The Glovers next game and as they hit rock bottom Yeovil hit four past them to secure an effortless 4-1 victory. The goals came from Colin Pluck, Adam Lockwood, Gavin Williams and Darren Way.

A tense game against League leaders Doncaster was next up at Huish Park but the leaders sneaked a 1-0 victory after Colin Pluck's equaliser was mysteriously ruled out.

A long trip to York proved fruitless when torrential rain caused the match to be called off an hour before the start.

Another one of those "If Only" moments was the main talking point of a 1-1 draw with Mansfield when Kevin Gall was denied the most blatant penalty you will ever see. A Terry Skiverton goal at least sealed a point for Yeovil

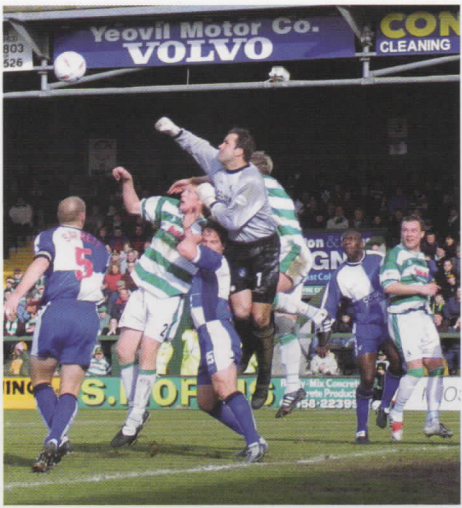
Suddenly that "Play-Off" place was looking less certain as Northampton started to move in but the mood in the camp was still good as Yeovil Town hung on in seventh place.

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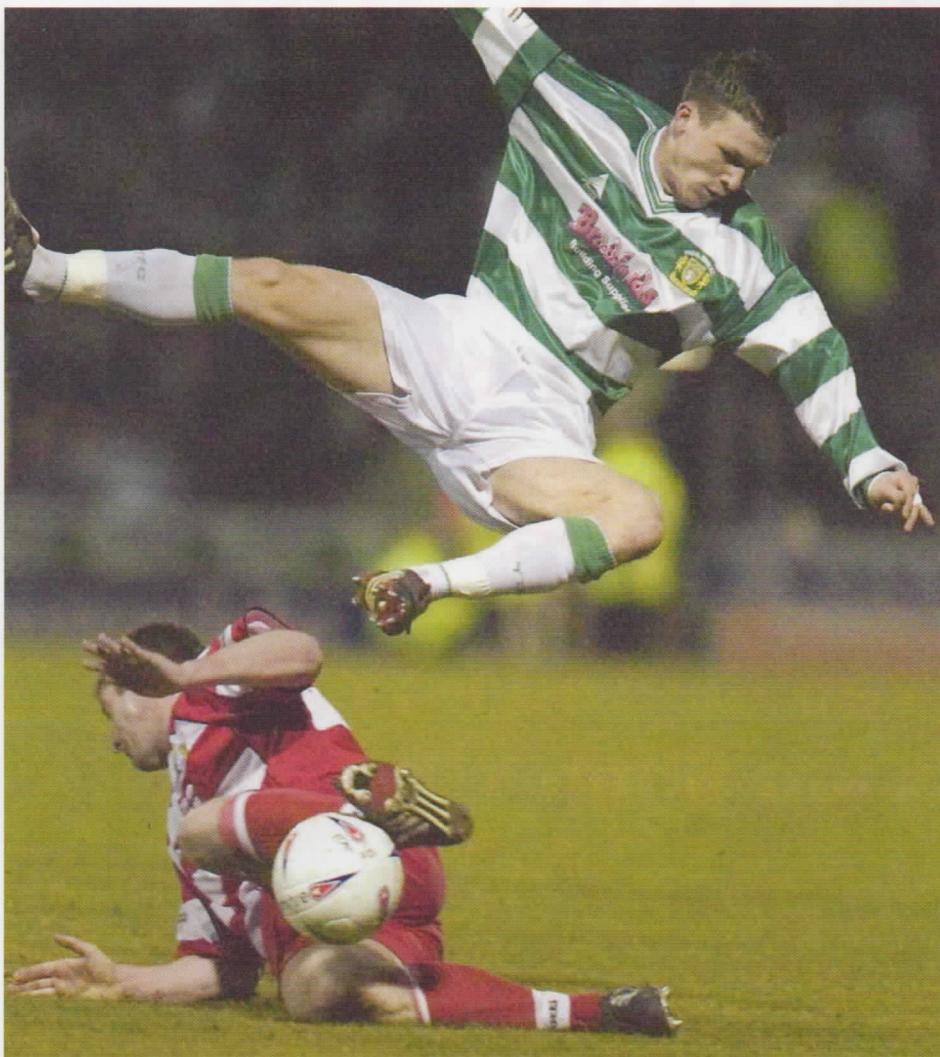
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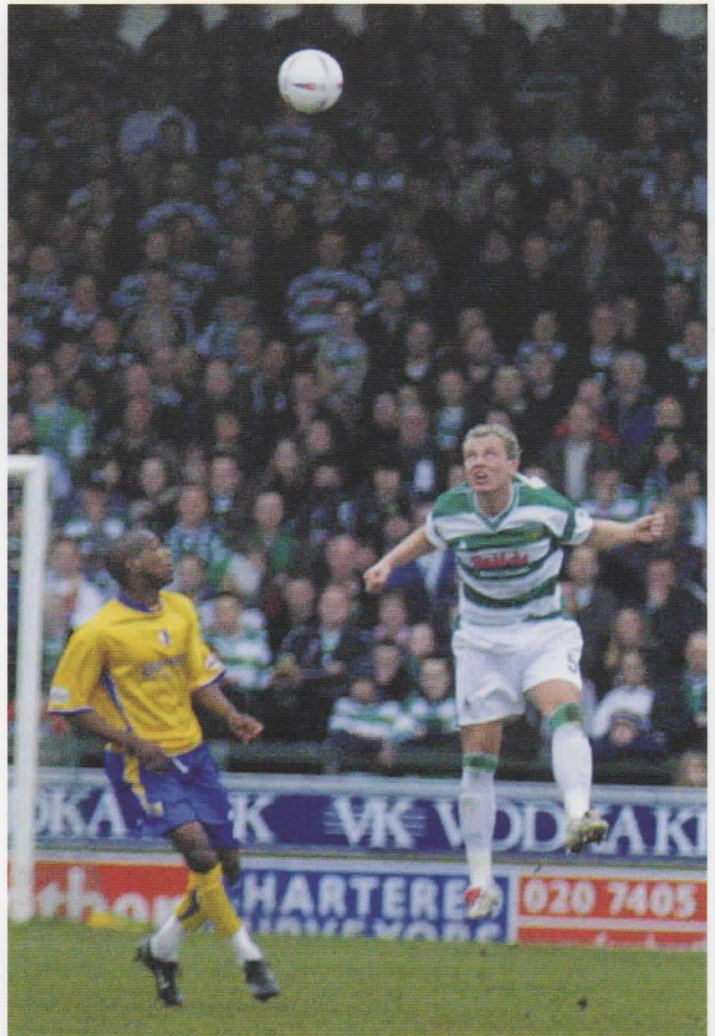
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# APRIL 2004

**April was going to be as Sir Alex Ferguson put it “Squeaky Bum” time and with a tough series of matches Yeovil were going to have to be at their best.**

Things started well as the fans went down to the seaside at Plainmoor, Torquay and within twenty minutes Yeovil were 2-0 up against a strong Torquay side. But another Premiership M.I.B., Rob Styles, was to leave his mark and Torquay came back to dominate the game although they didn't manage to overcome the ten Yeovil men after Gavin Williams had been sent off and Yeovil hung on for a 2-2 draw.

A disappointing 0-0 draw with Cheltenham followed and it certainly got the Gaffer going as he berated his players.

A 3-2 defeat at Boston was to all but put paid to 7th. place for Yeovil. After going in front early on with a Simon Weatherstone goal Boston hit back to lead 2-1 at half time.

The second half though was to be Yeovil's best 45 minutes of the season. They totally battered Boston and drew level with an Adam Stansfield goal. Gavin Williams then won a penalty and after “scoring” had to take the kick again which he missed. But chance after chance was created but somehow Boston kept them out and then right at the end they broke away and scored.

Yeovil's next opponents were Bury at Huish Park and they duly went in front before half time. Things were looking bleak but a new hero suddenly emerged when new signing Dani Rodrigues came on and completely turned the game with a wonderful bicycle kick and a scrambled winner.

A 2-1 victory in the re-arranged game with York was secured in mid-week with goals from Paul Terry and Andy Lindegaard after Yeovil had conceded an early goal.

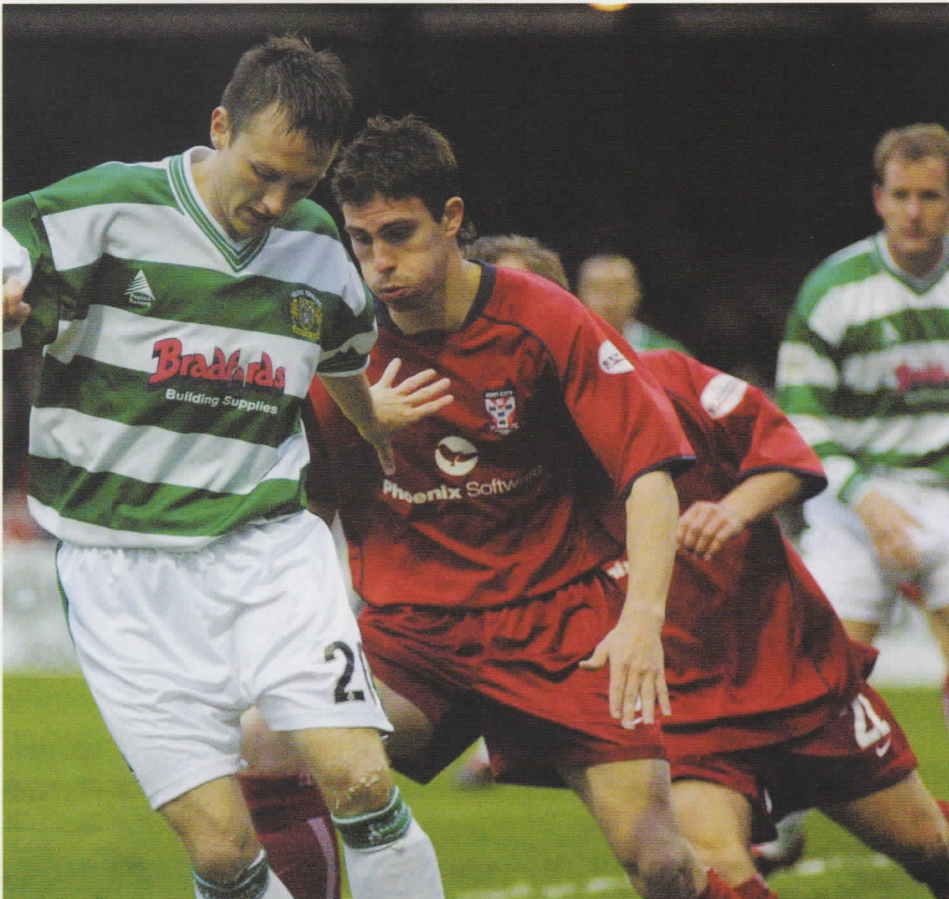
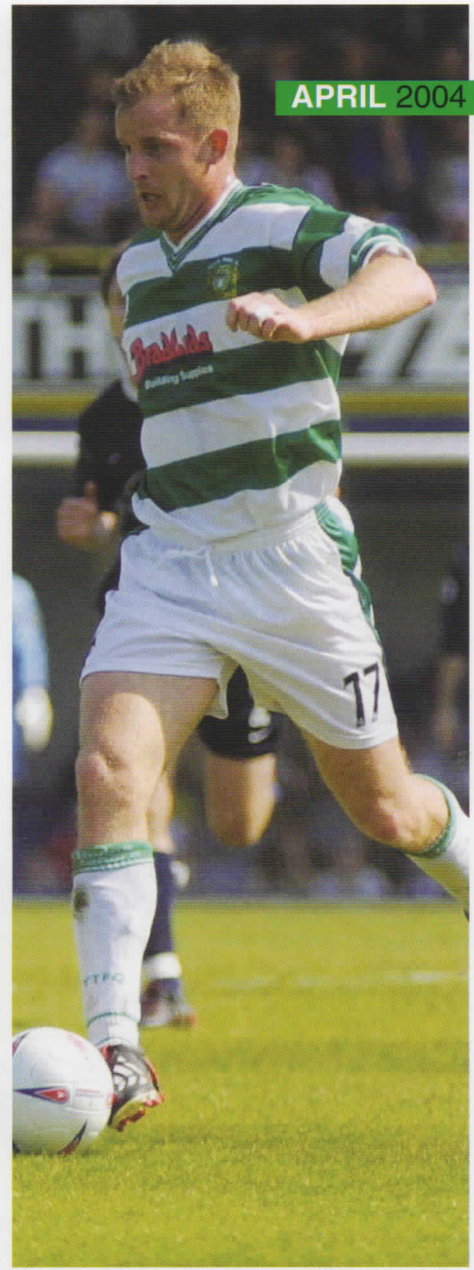
Victory at Southend would be needed and that man Rodrigues was on hand again with two more goals as Yeovil just would not let go of that 7th place.

So as Yeovil went into May they were still there but with a strong Hull visiting on the 1st and then an away trip to Lincoln anything could happen.

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## MAY 2004

**Another full house was assured at Huish Park when Hull were the visitors and another somewhat subdued performance saw The Tigers finally clinch automatic promotion as they won 2-1.**

Hugo Rodrigues had given The Glovers hope with an equaliser, his first league goal, but Hull scored again to break a lot of Yeovil hearts.

With Northampton still winning, Yeovil's chances of a Play-Off place were out of their hands. Provided Yeovil could better The Cobblers results they would be in the Play-Offs or they would have to beat Lincoln by five goals.

Easy when you know how and when Gary Johnson brought on Adam Stansfield and Jake Edwards as second half subs for Weatherstone and Kevin Gall suddenly the dream was alive.

First Adam Stansfield scored and then Jake Edwards scored and then Mansfield equalised against Northampton. For sixteen second half minutes Yeovil were there but then news of a Northampton goal came through to dampen the spirits.

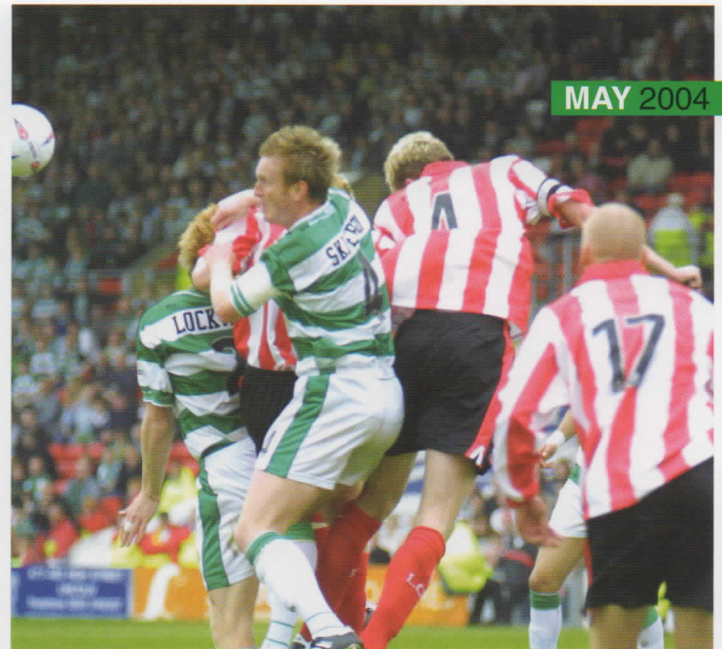
Two goals from Lincoln to draw level did nothing for the nerves but Gavin Williams scored the winner within minutes of the end to secure the points for Yeovil.

Sadly though Mansfield could not score again and Northampton secured their position in the Play-Offs whilst Yeovil lost out by a goal difference of four goals.

For the players and thousands of fans who travelled to Lincoln it was heartbreaking but that didn't stop them cheering their idols for minutes after the game.

As the players trudged off all that was left was the knowledge that with a season to learn from this club has every chance of going all the way next year.

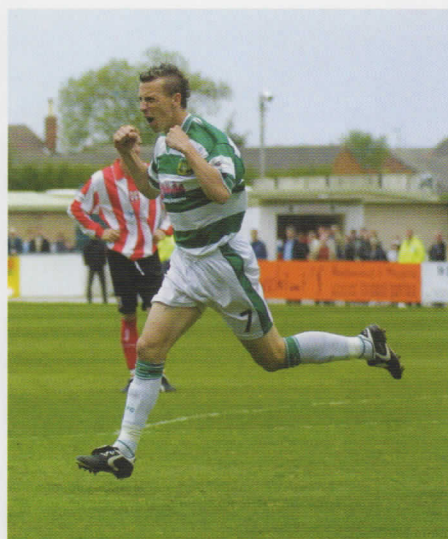
It had been a fantastic season that went right to the last day and the players and manager are to be congratulated on their achievements even if that ultimate goal of promotion had been snatched away at the death.



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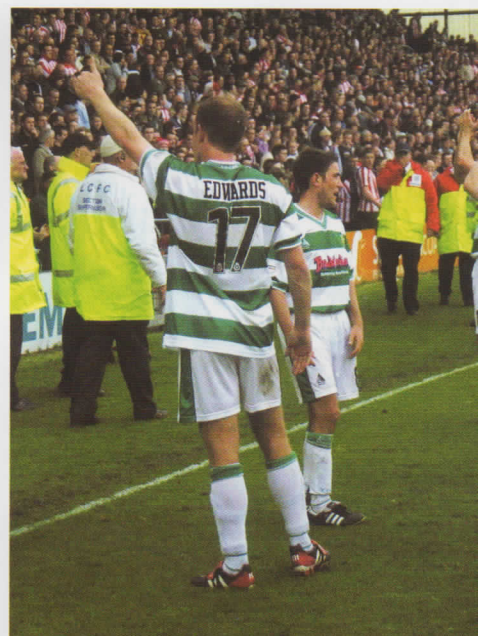


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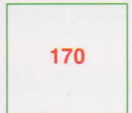
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## TABLE & ATTENDANCES

AUGUST 2003	9th	ROCHDALE	A	DIV3	3-1	Gall <sup>2</sup> , Johnson
	12th	LUTON	A	CC1	1-4	Own Goal
	16th	CARLISLE UNITED	H	DIV3	3-0	Gall <sup>2</sup> , Jackson
	23rd	LEYTON ORIENT	A	DIV3	0-2	
	25th	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	DIV3	0-2	
	30th	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	A	DIV3	1-4	Lockwood
SEPTEMBER 2003	6th	SWANSEA CITY	H	DIV3	2-0	Stansfield, Jackson
	13th	YORK CITY	H	DIV3	3-0	Jackson, Pluck, Stansfield
	16th	DONCASTER ROVERS	A	DIV3	1-0	Williams
	20th	MANSFIELD TOWN	A	DIV3	1-0	Jackson
	27th	TORQUAY UNITED	H	DIV3	0-2	
	30th	BOSTON UNITED	H	DIV3	2-0	Williams, Lockwood
OCTOBER 2003	4th	CHELTENHAM TOWN	A	DIV3	1-3	Gall
	7th	BRISTOL CITY	H	SPC1	2-3	Gall, Edwards
	11th	OXFORD UNITED	A	DIV3	0-1	
	14th	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	LDV1	2-0	Edwards, Williams
	18th	DARLINGTON	H	DIV3	1-0	Williams
	21st	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	DIV3	2-1	Skiverton, Johnson
	25th	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	A	DIV3	4-1	Edwards <sup>2</sup> , Gall, Way
NOVEMBER 2003	1st	BURY	A	DIV3	1-2	Edwards
	4th	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	LDV2	2-2	Edwards, Gall
	8th	WREXHAM	H	FAC1	4-1	Gall, Williams, Pluck, Edwards
	15th	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	DIV3	4-0	Elam, Way, Johnson <sup>2</sup>
	22nd	HULL CITY	A	DIV3	0-0	
	29th	LINCOLN CITY	H	DIV3	3-1	Pluck, Stansfield, Gosling
DECEMBER 2003	6th	BARNET	H	FAC2	5-1	Pluck, Williams <sup>2</sup> , Crittenden, Edwards
	13th	BRISTOL ROVERS	A	DIV3	1-0	Crittenden
	20th	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	H	DIV3	2-1	Lindegaard, Jackson
	26th	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	H	DIV3	1-2	Gall
	28th	SWANSEA CITY	A	DIV3	2-3	Williams, Gall
JANUARY 2004	4th	LIVERPOOL	H	FAC3	0-2	
	10th	ROCHDALE	H	DIV3	1-0	Williams
	17th	CARLISLE UNITED	A	DIV3	0-2	
	24th	LEYTON ORIENT	H	DIV3	1-2	Crittenden
	31st	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	H	DIV3	2-2	Edwards, Way
FEBRUARY 2004	3rd	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A	DIV3	0-2	
	7th	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	A	DIV3	1-0	Williams
	14th	OXFORD UNITED	H	DIV3	1-0	Bishop
	21st	DARLINGTON	A	DIV3	2-3	Johnson, Lockwood
	28th	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H	DIV3	4-1	Williams, Bishop, Stansfield, Pluck
MARCH 2004	2nd	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A	DIV3	1-3	Way
	6th	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	A	DIV3	0-3	
	13th	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	DIV3	4-0	Lockwood, Way, Williams, Pluck
	16th	DONCASTER ROVERS	H	DIV3	0-1	
	27th	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	DIV3	1-1	Skiverton
APRIL 2004	3rd	TORQUAY UNITED	A	DIV3	2-2	Way, Edwards
	10th	CHELTENHAM TOWN	H	DIV3	0-0	
	12th	BOSTON UNITED	A	DIV3	2-3	Weatherstone, Stansfield
	17th	BURY	H	DIV3	2-1	D. Rodrigues <sup>2</sup>
	20th	YORK CITY	A	DIV3	2-1	Terry, Lindegaard
	24th	SOUTHEND UNITED	A	DIV3	2-0	D. Rodrigues <sup>2</sup>
	1st	HULL CITY	H	DIV3	1-2	H. Rodrigues
	8th	LINCOLN CITY	A	DIV3	3-2	Stansfield, Edwards, Williams

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# SEASON 2003/04 STATISTICS

## PLAYER STATISTICS

### APPEARANCES

	DIV3	FAC	CC	LDV	SPC	TOTAL
Lee Johnson	45	3	1	2	1	52
Kevin Gall	39(4)	3	1	2	1	50
Adam Lockwood	43	3	1	2	0	49
Gavin Williams	42	3	1	2	1	49
Darren Way	38(1)	2	1	2	1	45
Colin Pluck	36	3	0	2	1	42
Chris Weale	35	3	1	1	1	41
Paul Terry	22(12)	3	0	1(1)	1	40
Hugo Rodrigues	23(11)	2	1	1	0	38
Adam Stansfield	7(24)	0(2)	0	0(2)	0(1)	36
Kirk Jackson	19(11)	1(2)	1	0	0(1)	35
Nick Crittenden	20(9)	3	1	1	1	35
Jake Edwards	17(10)	1(1)	0	2	1	32
Terry Skiverton	25(1)	3	0	2	1	32
Abdelhalim El Kholti	19(4)	0(1)	0(1)	1	0	26
Andy Lindegaard	12(11)	0(1)	0(1)	0	0	25
Jamie Gosling	4(8)	0(2)	1	0(2)	0(1)	18
Simon Weatherstone	11(4)	0	0	0	0	15
Roy O'Brien	13	0	1	0	0	14
Stephen Collis	11	0	0	1	0	12
Lee Elam	6(6)	0	0	0	0	12
Stephen Reed	3(2)	0	0(1)	0(1)	1	8
Ronnie Bull	7	0	0	0	0	7
Andy Bishop	4(1)	0	0	0	0	5
Lee Matthews	2(2)	0	0	0	0	4
Dani Rodrigues	3(1)	0	0	0	0	4
Chris Giles	0(1)	0	0	0	0	1
Nathan Talbot	0(1)	0	0	0	0	1

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 Substitute appearances are shown in brackets

### GOALSCORERS

	DIV3	FAC	CC	LDV	SPC	TOTAL
Gavin Williams	9	3	0	1	0	13
Kevin Gall	8	1	0	1	1	11
Jake Edwards	6	2	0	2	1	11
Adam Stansfield	6	0	0	0	0	6
Colin Pluck	4	2	0	0	0	6
Lee Johnson	5	0	0	0	0	5
Kirk Jackson	5	0	0	0	0	5
Darren Way	5	0	0	0	0	5
Adam Lockwood	4	0	0	0	0	4
Dani Rodrigues	4	0	0	0	0	4
Nick Crittenden	2	1	0	0	0	3
Terry Skiverton	2	0	0	0	0	2
Andy Lindegaard	2	0	0	0	0	2
Andy Bishop	2	0	0	0	0	2
Paul Terry	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lee Elam	1	0	0	0	0	1
Jamie Gosling	1	0	0	0	0	1
Abdelhalim El Kholti	1	0	0	0	0	1
Simon Weatherstone	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hugo Rodrigues	1	0	0	0	0	1
Own Goal	0	0	1	0	0	1

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NATIONWIDE DIVISION THREE TABLE 2003/04

	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
1 Doncaster Rovers <b>C</b>	46	17	4	2	47	13	10	7	6	32	24	+42	<b>92</b>
2 Hull City <b>P</b>	46	16	4	3	50	21	9	9	5	32	23	+38	<b>88</b>
3 Torquay United <b>P</b>	46	15	6	2	44	18	8	6	9	24	26	+24	<b>81</b>
4 Huddersfield Town <b>P</b>	46	16	4	3	42	18	7	8	8	26	34	+16	<b>81</b>
5 Mansfield Town	46	13	5	5	44	25	9	4	10	32	37	+14	<b>75</b>
6 Northampton Town	46	13	4	6	30	23	9	5	9	28	28	+7	<b>75</b>
7 Lincoln City	46	9	11	3	36	23	10	6	7	32	24	+21	<b>74</b>
8 <b>YEOVIL TOWN</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>+13</b>	<b>74</b>
9 Oxford United	46	14	8	1	34	13	4	9	10	21	31	+11	<b>71</b>
10 Swansea City	46	9	8	6	36	26	6	6	11	22	35	-3	<b>59</b>
11 Boston United	46	11	7	5	35	21	5	4	14	15	33	-4	<b>59</b>
12 Bury	46	10	7	6	29	26	5	4	14	25	38	-10	<b>56</b>
13 Cambridge United	46	6	7	10	26	32	8	7	8	29	35	-12	<b>56</b>
14 Cheltenham Town	46	11	4	8	37	38	3	10	10	20	33	-14	<b>56</b>
15 Bristol Rovers	46	9	7	7	29	26	5	6	12	21	35	-11	<b>55</b>
16 Kidderminster Harriers	46	9	5	9	28	29	5	8	10	17	30	-14	<b>55</b>
17 Southend United	46	8	4	11	27	29	6	8	9	24	34	-12	<b>54</b>
18 Darlington	46	10	4	9	30	28	4	7	12	23	33	-8	<b>53</b>
19 Leyton Orient	46	8	9	6	28	27	5	5	13	20	38	-17	<b>53</b>
20 Macclesfield Town	46	8	9	6	28	25	5	4	14	26	44	-15	<b>52</b>
21 Rochdale	46	7	8	8	28	26	5	6	12	21	32	-9	<b>50</b>
22 Scunthorpe United	46	7	10	6	36	27	4	6	13	33	45	-3	<b>49</b>
23 Carlisle United <b>R</b>	46	8	5	10	23	27	4	4	15	23	42	-23	<b>45</b>
24 York City <b>R</b>	46	7	6	10	22	29	3	8	12	13	37	-31	<b>44</b>

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**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 Carlisle United	16/08/2003	6347
Yeovil Town v Northampton Town	25/08/2003	6105
Yeovil Town v Swansea City	06/09/2003	6655
Yeovil Town v York City	13/09/2003	5653
Yeovil Town v Torquay United	27/09/2003	7718
Yeovil Town v Boston United	30/09/2003	5093
Yeovil Town v AFC Bournemouth	14/10/2003	5035
Yeovil Town v Darlington	18/10/2003	4892
Yeovil Town v Huddersfield Town	21/10/2003	5274
Yeovil Town v Colchester United	04/11/2003	3052
Yeovil Town v Wrexham	08/11/2003	5049
Yeovil Town v Southend United	15/11/2003	5248
Yeovil Town v Lincoln City	29/11/2003	4867
Yeovil Town v Barnet	06/12/2003	5973
Yeovil Town v Scunthorpe United	20/12/2003	5714
Yeovil Town v Kidderminster Harriers	26/12/2003	5640
Yeovil Town v Liverpool	04/01/2004	9348
Yeovil Town v Rochdale	10/01/2004	5806
Yeovil Town v Leyton Orient	24/01/2004	6299
Yeovil Town v Macclesfield Town	31/01/2004	5257
Yeovil Town v Oxford United	14/02/2004	7404
Yeovil Town v Cambridge United	28/02/2004	5694
Yeovil Town v Bristol Rovers	13/03/2004	8726
Yeovil Town v Doncaster Rovers	16/03/2004	7587
Yeovil Town v Mansfield Town	27/03/2004	6002
Yeovil Town v Cheltenham Town	10/04/2004	6613
Yeovil Town v Bury	17/04/2004	5172
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- 04 After match celebrations**  
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- 05 Darren Way lines up as captain at the start of the game**  
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Cambridge United v YTFC  
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- 30 Jake Edwards and Adam Lockwood celebrate**  
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- 97 **Colin Pluck and Hugo Rodrigues go up to clear**  
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- 141 Andy Bishop in the middle of things**  
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- 145 Adam Stansfield puts in another cross**  
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- 146 Steve Collis takes a goal kick against Rovers**  
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- 147 Adam Lockwood celebrates his goal**  
YTFC v Bristol Rovers  
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- 148 The lads celebrate**  
YTFC v Bristol Rovers  
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- 149 Another goal and more celebrations**  
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- 150 Kevin Gall gets physical**  
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- 151 Gavin Williams gets to the ball first**  
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- 152 Kevin Gall is denied a blatant penalty**  
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- 156 Gavin Williams on the ball**  
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- 157 What are they doing? Answers on a postcard please!**  
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- 162 Dani Rodrigues attacks Hull**  
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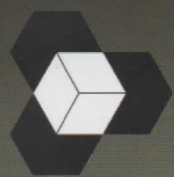
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