

On song Mickey's a real Bell-ter with Blues supporters

MICKEY Bell won the Bucks Free Press Wanderers Supporters' Player of the Year award by a landslide as fans gave the out-of-contract star a massive 'Please Stay' message.

The 26-year-old polled almost three times as many votes as Steve McGavin in second. Third was last year's winner Dave Carroll, while Jason Cousins was fourth.

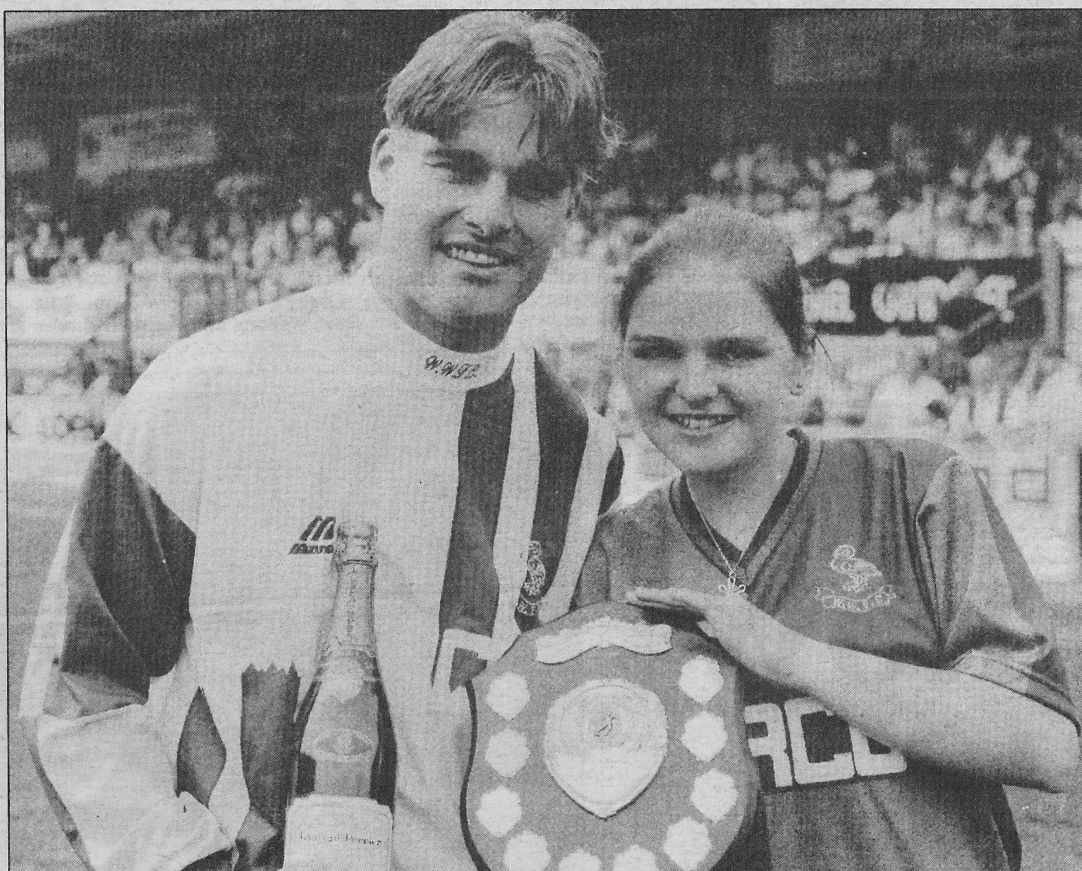
Bell was presented with his award by 14-year-old Bucks Free Press reader Becky Gillett before Saturday's match.

Bell said: "I'm really chuffed to have won. It's nice to be voted by the supporters and it means a lot to me. I was second last year and I thought I might be one of three in the running this year.

"I suppose it's been a pretty successful season now, what with staying up and now winning this. I'm over the moon."

The voting may have swayed John Gregory to try even harder to keep Bell. Three days after the result he gave Bell an improved contract offer in a bid to keep him and said "I'm desperate for him to stay."

McGavin said: "There was only ever going to be one winner. I'm just pleased to be second after the season I had last year under Alan Smith. I hope I can go one better and win it next year."



Good chimes: BFP Supporters' Player of the Year Mickey Bell receives his trophy from Becky Gillett