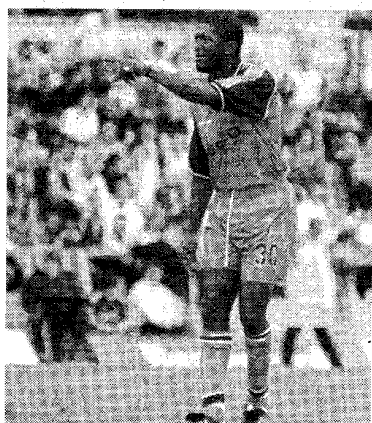


I want to make up for my mistake



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I WANT to start by apologising to all those marvellous fans who travelled with us to Fulham.

I let you all down. My mistake cost us the game and I feel terrible about it.

It was a genuine mistake and I got punished for it. The ball got stuck under my feet and I couldn't get it out.

We were all very disappointed on the way home and I was more upset than anyone.

I'm a very conscientious person and I don't like letting people down.

At the end of the day I know we are out of the FA Cup because of my mistake. I want to make up for it by doing all I can to get this club into the first division.

I had a love affair with the FA Cup last year and like all the players I didn't want it to finish.

I know the club said they wanted to go out in the third round and concentrate on the league but, having experienced the highs of the FA Cup last year, we all wanted a bit more of it.

However, I think we can hold our heads up high. In the two games, we gave Fulham a real test and we can take a lot of confidence from that.

We worked very hard against a good Premiership side. We dug in and frustrated them and in the end they needed a mistake and a wonderful finish from Barry Hayles to finish us off.

But we have now got to take that into the league. We've got ourselves into an excellent position and now we've got to take that on in the second half of the season by reaching the play-offs.

It's important that we get over our disappointment and bounce straight back against Cardiff tomorrow.

It is a massive game for us and I think that is just what we need right now. It's important that we get our eyes focused back on the main job and I'm sure we will.

Cardiff beat us 1-0 at their place on the opening day of the season but we're unbeaten at home and we want to keep that record.