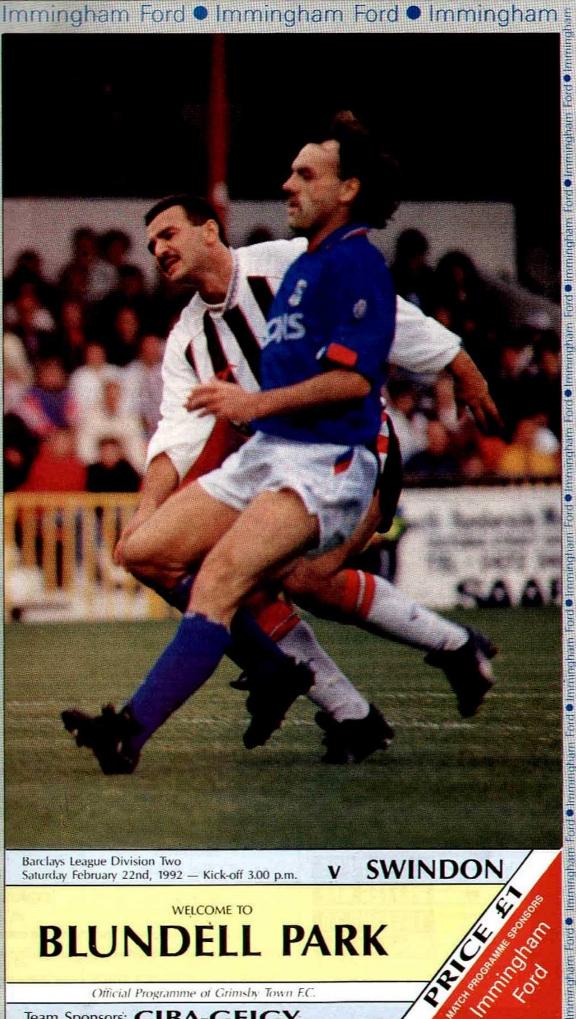
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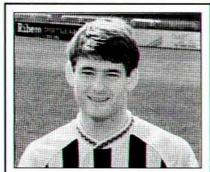
Good afternoon ladies and can look forward to four and track suits in the Club gentlemen, welcome to on the trot at home. Blundell Park for today's Barnsley on 7th March, game against Swindon 1992, Brighton on 10th Town. Glenn Hoddle their March, 1992, Leicester on manager must be a happy 17th March, 1992 and man seeing Swindon up Newcastle on 21st March, amongs the leaders in 1992. Division Two.

against Blackburn Rovers, M.P. for Grimsby, A. Foster Town fans must be & Son (Horncastle Ltd), wondering why we are not Photographic Processors in the top six. Saturday's and G.H. Abernethie, Fish game at Millwall saw Merchants another good performance Grimsby, again a special drawing 1-1. After today's thank you to all concerned game, we then have two for their support. away, Bristol City and Don't forget there is still Charlton Athletic, and then 25% off all replica shirts

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ALAN BUCKLEY

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to today's game against Swindon Town, arguably the best footballing team in the Second Division. Indeed, our drawn game against Glenn Hoddle's men last November was one to savour. The passing and movement from both teams was excellent.

The same could be said of our home defeat at the hands of Blackburn Rovers. Undoubtedly, we gave them too much time on the ball and space - even so at 2-0 down we could so easily have been leading. The effort and bright play from our players certainly deserved a result, I felt, in our favour. One thing's for sure, the willingness of both teams to play open, attractive football ensured super entertainment for an excellent 10,000 crowd.

At Millwall last Saturday we could not have had a better start, Tony Rees scoring after thirty seconds! Overall though a draw was a fair result, Millwall having most of the game, us having two penalty claims ignored. It was, as expected, a very competitive game, the players emerging with credit.

Last week of course saw Graham Rodger sign on a permanent basis after his months loan from Luton. With the acquisition of Graham and return to fitness of the likes of Neil Woods, Paul Agnew, Murray Jones and Futch free from suspension, the competition for places is keen, which should be of benefit to all.

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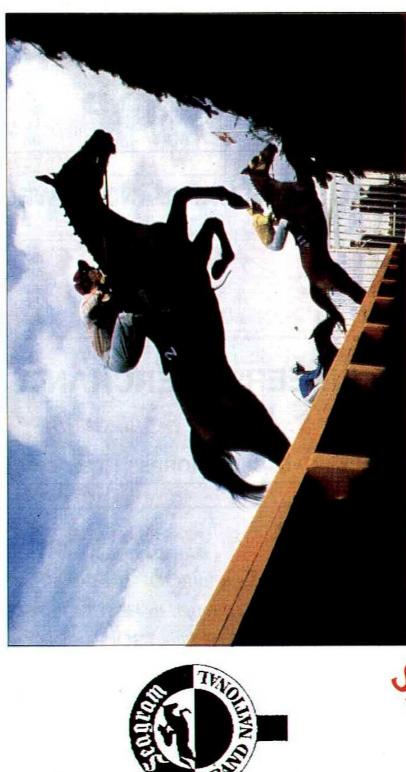
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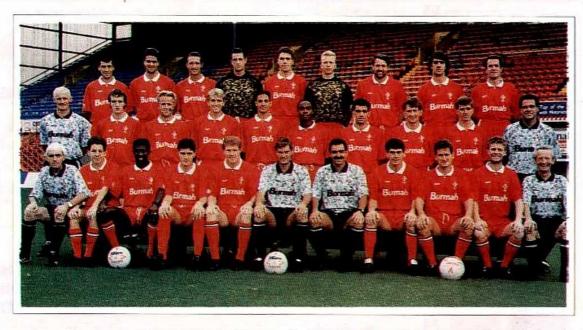


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Millions last Sunday witnessed a footballing performance from Swindon that had impartial soccer lovers drooling. Had there been marks for technical merit and artistic interpretation, Glenn Hoddle's team would have had a string of 5.9's. As it is Swindon lost the FA Cup tie against Villa because of bad luck, astute tactical ploys by the First Division side, and it has to be said, poor finishing.

But as their manager said, footballers enjoy passing the ball and creating space. And in that interpretation of how football should be played, Glen Hoddle shares a similar soccer outlook, to his former Spurs team mate Ossie Ardilles, who established the basis by which Swindon are still performing. But the former England midfielder has introduced a few variations on the 'diamond' style so beloved by Ossie. It was evident against Villa, that Swindon are adept at the occasional long ball. Not played into the box as employed by Cambridge, but used to change direction, and not a front man creating space on the flanks. Then there is the use of a sweeper. The experienced Ross Maclaren, in the number ten shirt, not only acts as a long stop at the back, but frequently will indulge in forward forays.

Swindon come to Blundell Park, sixth top, and very much in the promotion battle despite their difficulties in front of goal last Sunday, the West Country men are top scorers in Division Two. Needless to say Duncan Shearer has top billing. Well on the way to being leading marksman at the County Ground, for the fourth successive season, only John Aldridge has scored more goals in all competitions. £30,000 summer buy David Mitchell currently partners the well built Scot up front. Involvement in Cup competitions caused Swindon's form to dip somewhat in November and December. Today's visitors actually topped the table in early November, but then failed to win a league match until New Year's Day, when Shearer scored twice in the 3-1 win over Millwall. Since then Swindon have steadily improved their league form, and with no cup distractions, are determined to contest the promotion play offs - at the very least.

Of course the club were denied a place in the top flight at the end of th 89/90 season after comprehensively outplaying Sunderland in the Wembley Play-off Final. Financial irregularities caused them to remain in Division Two, and at one stage it looked as though Swindon might actually be placed in Division Three.

Last season was therefore an anti-climax. Hopes were high that Ardilles would again work the oracle. Instead the unthinkable happened and Swindon were involved in a

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| 1986/87 | Three | 46 | 25 | 12 | 9 | 77 - 47 | 97 | 3. | White | 15 | 7,708 | 4 | 2 |
| 1987/88 | Two | 44 | 16 | 11 | 17 | 73 - 60 | 59 76 | 12 | Quinn | 21 | | 4 | 3 |
| 1988/89 | Two | 46 | 20 | 16 | 10 | 68 - 53 | 76 | 6 | Shearer | 14 | 9,541 8,687 | 4 | 2 |
| 1989/90 | Two | 46 | 20 | 14 | 12 | 79 - 59 | 74 | 4 | Shearer | 20 | 9,394 | 3 | 4 |
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desperate relegation battle. They eventually escaped the drop by two points. Money troubles caused the sale of influential midfielder Alan McLoughlin to Southampton for £1 million. Defender John Gittins also moved to the Dell in a £400,000 move and Welsh cap Paul Bodin was transferred to Crystal Palace for £650,000. Then in March, Ossie departed for Newcastle.

Given the upheaval on and off the field, it is great credit to the Board and Glenn Hoddle that Swindon have been so successful this season. Financial stability would seem to have returned, so much so that Bodin is again back at the County Ground, after barely a year with Palace.

Swindon is one of the fastest growing areas in the country, and could surely support top flight soccer. This is the Robins Third spell in Division Two, and on each of the previous occasions, they were tipped to make the top flight. Present Youth Coach John Trollope was a resolute defender in those sides. Still involved with the club, he could well be celebrating third time around.

Recent Managers

| John Trollope | 1980 — 1983 |
|----------------|-------------|
| Ken Beamish | 1983 - 1984 |
| Lou Macari | 1984 - 1989 |
| Ossie Ardilles | 1989 — 1991 |
| Clenn Hoddle | 1991 — |

Swindon's Formguide 91/92 Division Two

Leicester h 0-0; Cambridge a 2-3 Shearer, Hazard; Barnsley h 3-1 White, Ling, Shearer; Ipswich a 4-2 White, Calderwood, Taylor, Hazard; Port Vale a 2-2 White, Maclaren; Sunderland h 5-3 Hazard 2, White, Simpson, Shearer; Bristol Rovers h 1-0 Jones; Wolves a 1-2 White; Watford h 3-1 Shearer, Simpson, Taylor; Plymouth a 4-0 Shearer 4; Derby h 1-2 Hazard; Blackburn h 2-1 White, Calderwood; Brighton a 2-0 Shearer 2; Newcastle h 2-1 Calderwood, White; Charlton a 0-0; Southend a 2-3 White, Shearer; Portsmouth h 2-3 White 2; Tranmere a 0-0; Grimsby h 1-1 Simpson; Middlesbrough a 2-2 Simpson, Shearer; Ipswich h 0-0. Bristol City a 1-1 Shearer; Barnsley a 1-1 Shearer; Millwall h 3-1 Shearer 2, Ling; Cambridge h 0-2; Leicester a 1-3 Bodin; Oxford h 2-1 Shearer, Kerslake; Blackburn a 1-2 Mitchell; Bristol City h 2-0 Shearer, Jones; Brighton h 2-1 Calderwood 2.

Cup Matches:

West Brom h 2-0 Mitchell, Hazard FLC1/1; West Brom a 2-2 Shearer 2 FLC1/2; Millwall a 2-2 White 2 FLC2/1; Millwall h 3-1 Shearer, White, Simpson FLC2/2, Huddersfield a 4-1 Shearer 2, Summerbee, Tatlor FLC3; Crystal Palace h 0-1 FLC4; Oxford h 3-3 White2, Maclaren ZDS1; Chelsea a 0-1 ZDS2; Watford h 3-2 Shearer 2, Mitchell FAC3; Cambridge a 3-0 Shearer 2, Calderwood FAC4; Aston Villa h 1-2 Mitchell FAC5.

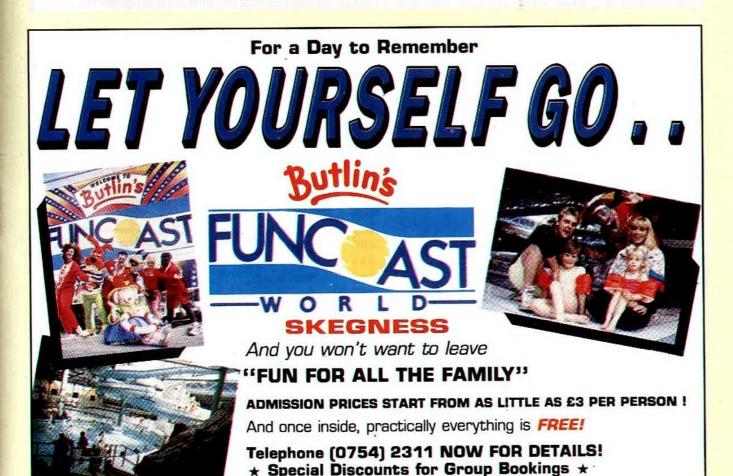
League Goalscorers:

Shearer 18; White 10; Calderwood, Hazard 5; Simpson4, Jones, Ling, Taylor 2; Bodin, Kerslake, Maclaren, Mitchell 1.

Cup Goalscorers:

Shearer 9; White 5; Mitchell 3; Calderwood, Hazard, Maclaren, Simpson, Summerbee 1.

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IN TOWN TODAY



Nicky Hammond. Has become first choice 'keeper this term. In his fifth season at the County Ground having joined the club from Arsenal. A six footer, Nicky is aged 24.

David Kerslake. Big money buy from QPR three years ago. Former England Under 21 international who is regarded as one of the most accomplished midfielders in the Second Division. Aged 25.

Paul Bodin. Back at the County Ground after barely twelve months with Crystal Palace. A Welsh international full back, aged 27, he has also had league experience with Cardiff and Newport.

Martin Ling. Joined the club from Southend this season after a loan spell. Spent a few months at the County Ground in 1986, having moved from Exeter.

Colin Calderwood. Has played over 250 league games for Swindon since joining the club from Mansfield in 1985. A powerful defender who was 27 last month. Hails from Stranraer.

Shaun Taylor. A six foot defender recruited from Exeter in the close season. Missed only seven games for the Grecians after joining them from Bideford in 1986.

Micky Hazard. Explosive playmaker, now 32 who joined Spurs from school in Sunderland. Had nine years as a pro at White Hart Lane before moving to Chelsea in 1985, Portsmouth in 1989 and Swindon a year later.

Duncan Shearer. Has scored 74 League goals for Swindon in 150 outings. Born in Fort William, and a brother of former Mariner David, the Scot was signed from Huddersfield in 1988. Satrted his English career with Chelsea, will be 30 this year. Tom Jones. A chequered career that began as a Chelsea apprentice, took off in 1988 when he joined Swindon. Was released by the Londoners,

and spells at Farnborough, Weymouth and Aldershot preceded his move to the County Ground.

Ross Maclaren. Experienced midfielder in his fourth season with Swindon. Edinburgh born he moved to Shrewsbury from Glasgow Rangers in 1980 and then Derby in 1985. has played over 400 league games for his three clubs.

David Mitchell. A £30,000 bargain buy from Chelsea during the summer. Though born in Glasgow the big striker plays in international football for Australia. Now 29 he formerly played for home town club Rangers, and then Feyenoord.

Shaun Close. Born in Islington, London. Has made just eight full league appearances since a £70,000 move from AFC Bournemouth almost two years ago and has scored only once for the club — in a Rumbelows League Cup tie against Darlington last October. Went to Dean Court in March 1988 from Tottenham, where he began his career as a trainee.

Fitzroy Simpson. Former trainee, who will be 22 next week. Plays in midfield and in his third campaign as a first team regular.

The Boss - GLENN HODDLE

Succeeded Ossie as manager, and has continued the same skilful style of play. One of the most fluent footballers in recent years Glenn's talents probably earned greater appreciation in Marseilles. Though the hub of the Tottenham side for many years, many feel he should have won more than 53 caps. Indeed the major footballing debate of the 1980's was whether or not England's tactical approach should be built around Glenn. Still retains his playing registration and has made 10 appearance this season.

IN RECENT TIMES

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| 1979/80 | Three | 2-0 | 0-3 | 21P | 10 | | |
| 1976/77 | Three | 2-0 | 1-4 | 23R | 11 | | |
| 1975/76 | Three | 1-0 | 0-3 | 18 | 19 | | |
| 1974/75 | Three | 2-0 | 2-3 | 16 | 4 | | |
| 1967/68 | Three | 3-2 | 0-5 | 21R | 9 | | |
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THE COMPLETE RECORD

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| Div. Three | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 24-11 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 6-27 | | |
| League Totals | 12 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 25-13 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 7-29 | | |
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Last at the Park

Saturday 16th February, 1980 Division Three

Town 2 (Cumming, Ford)

Swindon 0

An excellent match. Table toppers Grimsby just edged home with second half goals. Swindon, who were also in the promotion hunt, and had reached the league Cup semi-finals were a shade unlucky not to claim a point. The success started a sequence that saw Town unbeaten to the season end.

Starmen: Grimsby — Mitchell.

Swindon - McHale.

Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Moore K., Waters, Wigginton, Crombie, Brolly, Kilmore (sub Ford), Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.

Swindon: Allan, Lewis, Stroud, McHale, Tucker, Carter, Miller, Kamara, Rowland,

Bates, Williams. Attendance: 12,675.



Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to Blundell Park for our league fixture against Swindon Town. One of the most skilful players of the last decade, namely Glenn Hoddle, manages Swindon and it is obvious his flowing, stylish passing game is getting through to his players after watching his team take on Aston Villa last week. Today's game promises a lot, let's hope it produces a game to remember

The reserves at last won 2-0 against Mansfield Town after a run of consecutive defeats with goals by Stuart Burns and lan Barraglough. This was a good performance and but for several very good saves by the Mansfield keeper in the second half the scoreline would have been more emphatic.

The Youth team have had two very good results in as many weeks with a 2-0 victory at Aston Villa followed this week by a 0-0 draw at Coventry. The Villa goals were scored by Simon Dunlop and Kyle Talbot. A special mention for 3 under 16's in the side against Coventry who did very well — Dave

0-1 and the 15's lost 1-3 at Sheffield Wednesday, with our goal coming from John Cotton. Ray Gooch informs me the 15's played very well indeed especially Matthew Rushby, Danny

competition from other league clubs. We wish John good

Another of our very good School of Excellence lads is this week spending a few days at Lilleshall in the hope of getting through to the final squad for the National School of Excellence, namely Steve Adams.

Well done Steve, I hope things went well for you. Enjoy the game.

Blakey, Simon Buckley and Steve Bowman. Both the under 16's and 15's lost at the weekend in very windy conditions. The under 16's including 6 trialists, lost by Louth and Kevin Broni. We are pleased to have completed the signing of local lad John Hammett on Associate Schoolboy forms, after stiff fortune with the club.



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With France playing at Wembley in midweek and Eric Cantona opting for Leeds instead of Hillsborough, French football seems to be all the rage at the moment.

Now comes news that the French FA has put the squeeze on Yugoslav striker Allen Boksic who has found himself without a

club to play for.

Boksic was signed by Marseille from Hajduk Split last summer with a good fortune seemingly ahead of him. But then things started to go wrong for Boksic when the south of France club bought Trevor Steven from Rangers the following month.

The French authorities would not let Marseille play more than three foreigners in one game thus leaving the Yugoslav out in the cold.

He was loaned out to Cannes for the rest of the season and played against Lyons in a goalless draw at the end of last season. Lyons however complained that Boksic had been loaned illegally — and the French FA agreed. They stepped in and withdrew the luckless players licence to play for Cannes.

Now the former Yugoslav international has nothing better to do than play beach football on the Riviera.

It's a hard life isn't it?

UEFA, the governing body for European football, are also getting tough with clubs and players who break the rules.

Massive fines result for clubs who have caused trouble during European games.

The punishment to date – £40.000 – was meted out to Portugese Champions Benfica after a linesman was struck by a metal object during last December's European Cup tie against Barcelona.

Also receiving a stiff fine – some £20,000 – were the Greek FA, after missiles thrown by Greek fans hit a Dutch player and a linesman during the European Championship qualifier the same month.

Naughtiest boy on the field was judged to be Red Star Belgrade hard man Ilja Najdoski, who was banned for five European matches after being sent off for violent conduct during his team's European cup clash with Anderlecht.

The Belgian club's John Bosman, dismissed in the same game for retaliation escaped with a mere three-game ban.

In the programme for the Blackburn game you read about the changing face of football in the CIS – Commonwealth of Independent States or Russia to you and me.

Now comes news that the liberated – in more senses than one – folk of Russia could be scooping thousands of roubles on the pools!

Former Italian striker Paolo Rossi, whose goals helped Italy lift the World Cup in 1982, has a new challenge – introducing

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| Twente Enschede | 23 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 41 | 31 | 26 | |
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| Kaiserslautern | 23 | 11 | 7 | 5 | 38 | 22 | 29 |
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| B'ssia M'gladbach | 23 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 20 | 30 | 21 |
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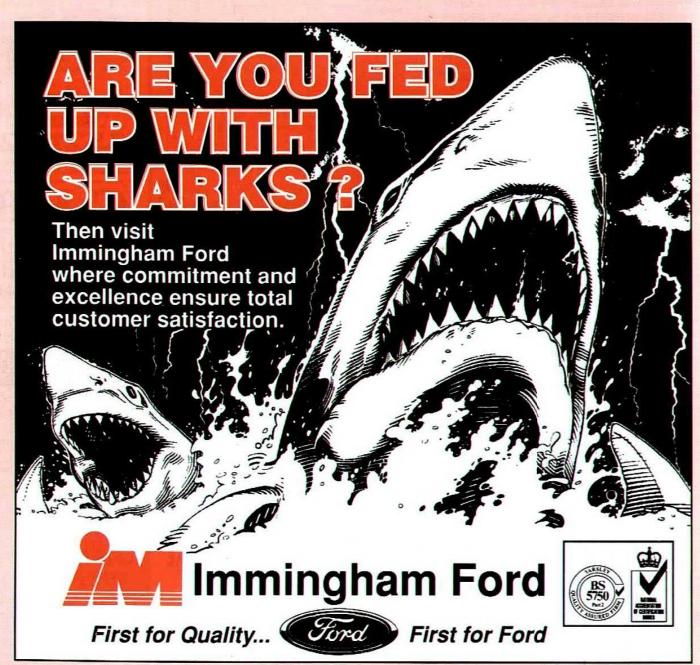
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FRONT Saturday Celegraph **PAGE** NEWS

By Geoff Ford

February 11th, 1982

Queens Park Rangers knocked the Mariners out of the FA Cup by three goals to one in its fifth round stage.

On their second visit in the space of eight days to the plastic of Loftus Road the game was all but over at half-time.

Town, and particularly Nigel Batch, kept the home side at bay until the 28th minute. Terry Fenwick knocked the ball over and Simon Stainrod, the second division's leading scorer, headed his 18th of the season.

Clive Allen gave Batch no chance eight minutes before the interval to put Rangers firmly in the driving seat.

However, Grimsby came out fighting in the second period and enjoyed their best spell of the game. But they could not turn possession into goals.

Howe headed Rangers into an unassailable lead in the 65th minute.

some there was compensation for the Mariners in the 71st minute when Kevin Moore scored a super goal.

QPR: Hucker, Fenwick, Gillard, Waddock, Howe, Roeder, Micklewhite, Flanagan, Allan, Stainrod, Gregory.

Sub: Fereday

Grimsby Town: Batch, D. Moore, Crombie, Waters, Wigginton, K. Moore, Brolly, Ford, Drinkell, Mitchell, Stone. Sub: Beacock

Attendance: 13,344





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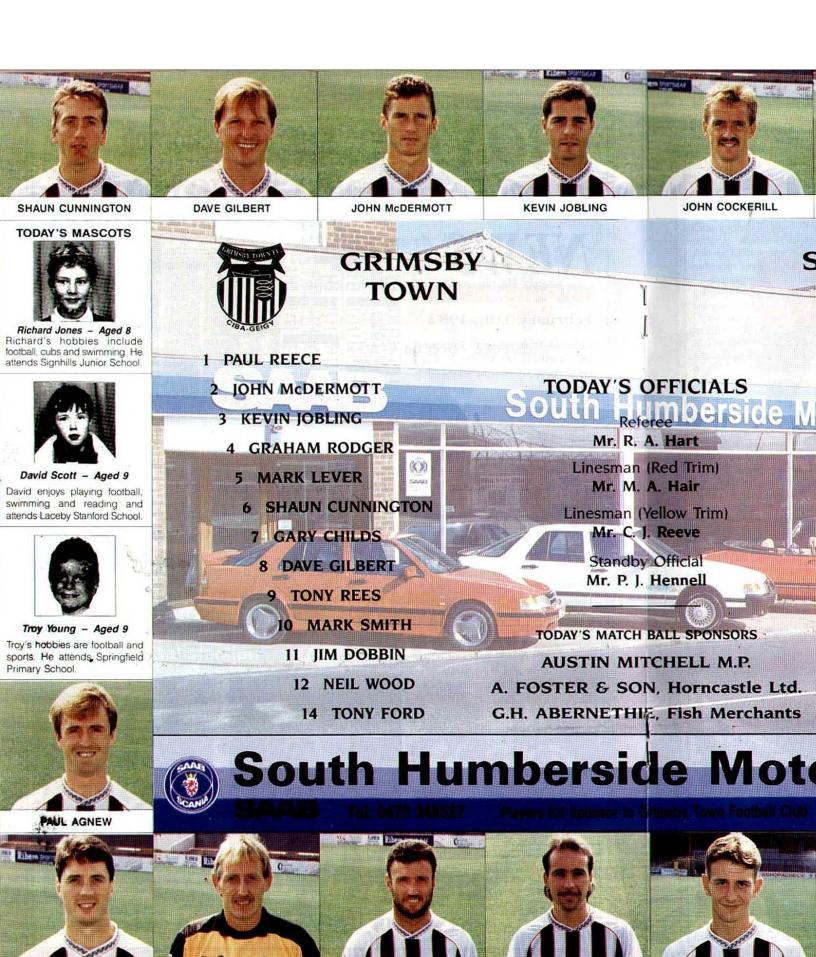




KEVIN MOORE late header.



CLIVE ALLEN second goal



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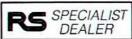
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

There is a theory in football that winning teams are built from a position of strength down the middle. Grimsby's successful 1955-56 Championship team fits into this pattern; whilst Bob Crosbie and Allenby Chilton dominated attack and defence respectively, goalkeeper Clarrie Williams conceded only 29 goals, the lowest number in any League season for the Mariners.

Following National Service Clarrie found himself surplus to requirements at Doncaster Rovers, and when ex-Mariner Jack Hodgson recommended him to Blundell Park, he agreed terms in March 1953. Harry Nicholson was also in contention for the number one jersey, but Clarrie's displays gradually won him favour, leading to him being ever-present during Championship year. "All the games that season were memorable," he recalls, "especially the night we beat Southport to clinch the title." Clarrie's agility in goal was well noted. "We spent much of our training running to



CLARRIE WILLIAMS (1953-1960)

Humberston and back again," he says. "Strengthening exercises always took precedence over ball skills – we certainly had strong legs!"

With gates then averaging 15,000, the club was an important part of the community. "Many of the dock workers supported us," Clarrie remembers. "I used to go most weeks down there. It's sad to see how the docks are now though." For relaxation cinema visits and nights at the Gaiety

and Café Dansant were most popular. "Sometimes I called into Marks and Spencer's restaurant as well. That's where I met my wife Pat — she was working on the mens sock counter!" Clarrie was earning £16.00 a week then, but considered the pay to be low. "We weren't able to save for the rainy days. When I left football I just about doubled my wages."

Now settled in Grimsby, Clarrie, a dedicated golfer, works at Courtaulds despite a hip replacement and having two back discs removed. "Football seems faster these days," he comments. "The lighter boots and balls make all the difference. Ours were more like army boots. I used to stand in a bucket of water with mine to soften them!"

Grimsby career: 189 League appearances.

R.J.S. Programmes

MARINERS ON THE ROAD

Today we welcome Swindon supporters to Grimsby Town, I hope they had a good journey to support their team who play the kind of football that Town fans will appreciate, if this encounter is anything like the game at Swindon, then we are in for a very good afternoon of football. A very good point was gained at Millwall but once again the referee denied us a quite justifiable penalty but that's how it goes, some you get, some you don't.

I would like to record a vote of thanks to Millwall for the courtesy shown by everyone connected with the club, stewards, police etc. We were not hassled but were allowed to make our own way wherever we wanted to go, which made for a very pleasant afternoon.

The officer in charge of policing came on the coach after the game and thanked us for our impeccable behaviour which is getting to be the hallmark of Grimsby Fans. Well Done!

PS - I wouldn't say the ref. was afraid to award the penalty, but I think his father must have been a Rhode Island Red.

Bernard Morely

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Youth Development Association
Once again it is my turn as a Y.D.A.
committee member to write the notes for our
regular column in 'The Mariner'. Previous
requests here for new members and more
support have passed largely unnoticed, so
on this occasion I shall content myself with
writing instead about one of my footballing
heroes and, according to 'Cockers Calling',
the hero of several Grimsby Town players too
— Glenn Hoddle — who will be bringing his
Swindon team here today. Unfortunately it

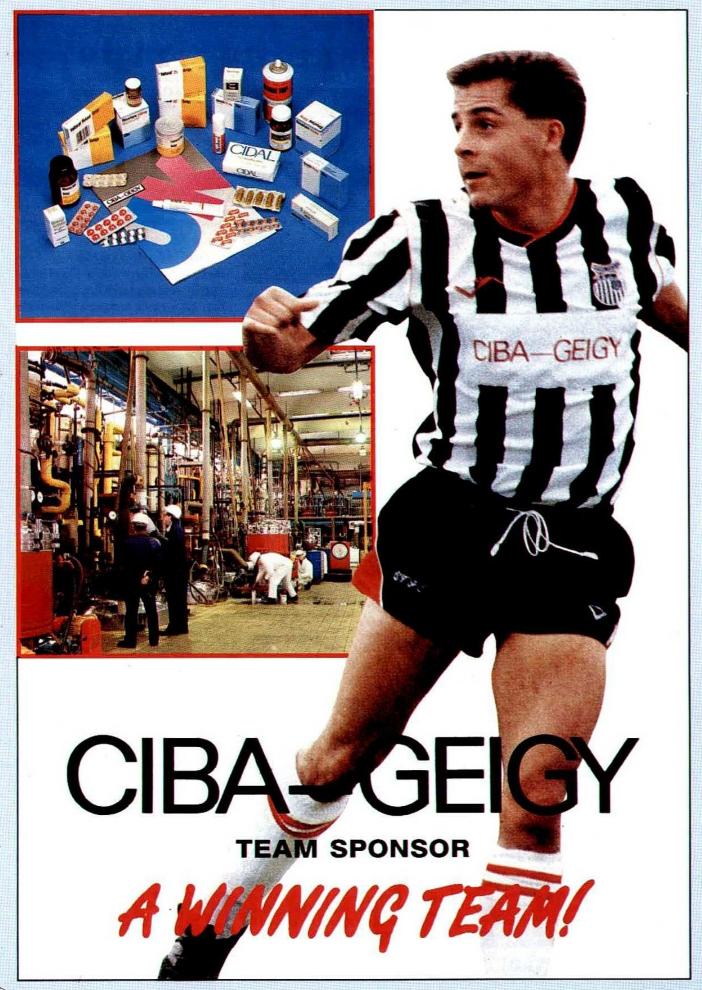
seems unlikely that we shall be seeing Hoddle's undoubted skills grace Blundell Park on this occasion. Over the years, however, he illuminated many a game with just one turn, one visionary pass, one spectacular shot, to leave spectators with a memory which lingered long after the game had finished. Steve Sherwood will no doubt have his own memories of Hoddle. In a game between Watford and Spurs in September 1983 Glen's brilliance was perfectly illustrated when, with his back to goal, he received the ball in the penalty area, turned on a sixpence and produced an exquisite angled chip to reduce Steve and the Watlord delence to onlookers as the ball floated into the net.

During his career with Tottenham Hoddle was the scorer and architect of many fine goals and orchestrated some of their greatest performances in the 80's. In the 90's Swindon are benefitting from his stylish approach to the game which will hopefully blend with the Mariners own skilful play to produce a game to savour loday.

Although at his peak Hoddle was immensely valuable he cost Tottenham nothing in transfer fees. He progressed through their youth set up from the age of 10 – a perfect illustration of the benefits of a comprehensive youth policy – which is what GTFC with the financial support of Y.D.A. is striving to achieve.

Moira Tabois







NEWS ON TWO

Swindon Town boss Glenn Hoddle has been singing the praises of his side as the best outside the First Division despite an inconsistent season albeit interrupted by good runs in both the Rumbelows and F.A. Cups. Hoddle says "There are more passing teams in the Second Division than in the First. We are probably the best in the Division and I would say only Manchester United and Leeds are better in the First. I don't know the reason. It is not the pressure of competing for a Premier League place because a lot of clubs in the Second Division have the same pressure and the others are fighting to avoid the drop. It is just how the Managers want their teams to play and more in the First Division seem to prefer the long ball. When you are a passing side however, it is harder to defend and we have let our concentration go a bit recently."

In contrast, Cambridge United who prefer a more direct style of play appear to be back on the rails following a lean spell and have now gone four games without conceding a League goal despite injury to first choice keeper John Vaughan. The return from injury of Steve

Claridge has boosted the U's promotion challenge and boss John Beck reminds critics of just what the club has achieved in the last two years "If anyone had said at the start of the season, or for that matter, two years ago, that we would be third in Division Two, then I think we would have been very pleased. For the last two and half seasons we have hardly ever gone more than three games without a win and now we have hit a sticky patch we must battle through it. Maybe we have all got carried away with the early season press hype about our promotion hopes or maybe we are expecting too much of the players?'

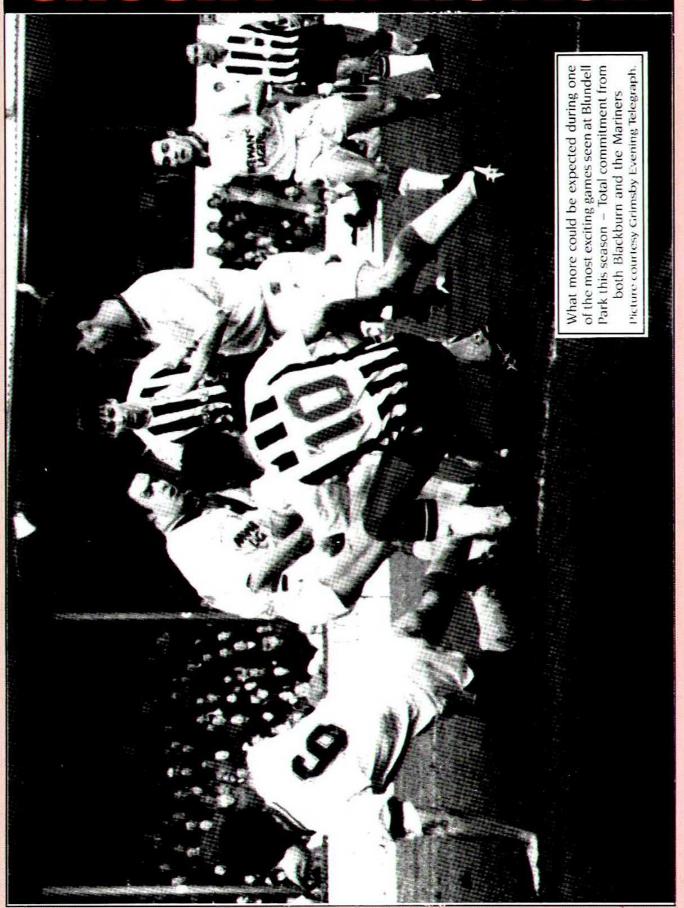
Charlton Athletic's recent signing from Crystal Palace on a free transfer Alan Pardew does not hold the Second Division in high esteem. 30 year old Pardew who made over 120 appearances for Palace does not mince his words "The Second Division now is terrible. The difference from the first is, quite simply, massive. Since my move from Palace I've not seen a side that would last five minutes in the top flight. Anybody that goes up will have a major headache, because they will have to spend a lot of money to stay up there."

Sunderland, who can look forward to a replay against West Ham in the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup following their 1-1 draw at Roker Park last Saturday are benefitting from the coaching skills of former Everton man Paul Bracewell who is acting in an unofficial capacity as Malcolm Crosby's first team coach. Still only 29, Bracewell is keen to put his mind to playing for a while yet before he contemplates the future "If you had asked me a couple of years ago, I would not have fancied going into coaching. But this has given me an insight into another side to the game. Other lads go into business or run a pub but I think I may have something to offer on the coaching side. First and foremost however I am a player and I'll have to keep playing well to hold my place."

The average attendance in the Second Division of 9,865 is showing a 13% drop on last season's average of 11,381. Only, Divisions Three and Four are showing an increase on last season with the First Division's average of 22,114 being 2% down.

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| Millwall | 30 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 20 | 23 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 27 | 26 | 40 | 8,363 | Kerr/Rae 11 |
| Tranmere R. | 28 | | 7 | 1 | 22 | 17 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 39 | 8,793 | Aldridge 12 |
| Bristol Rov. | 32 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 26 | 23 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 11 | 23 | 37 | 5,741 | Saunders 8, White 6 |
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| Grimsby | 28 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 19 | 19 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 14 | 24 | 34 | 6,660 | Woods 5, Dobbin/Rees 4 |
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| Port Vale | 32 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 17 | 20 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 15 | 23 | 33 | 7,091 | Foyle 10, Van Der Laan 4 |
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| Newcastle | 32 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 30 | 23 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 17 | 39 | 32 | 19,675 | Hunt/Peacock 9, Kelly 6 |
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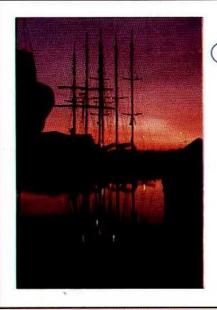
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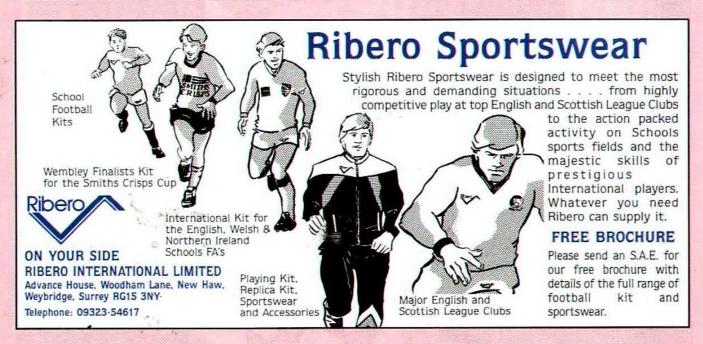
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BARCLAYS LEAGUE FACTS AND FIGURES

DIVISION AGAINST ITALIANS

The Football League confirmed this week that they had accepted an invitation from the Italian League to play a representative match at Second CHALLENGERS' Division level in Italy next month. The game, between the Italian League Serie B and a Barclays League Second THE PALACE on Wednesday 4th March 1992.

Hoddle commented: 'I'm delighted at chance of a Wembley appearance. being asked to lead the Second Division against a side which is bound Blackford (Barnet), Marcus Gayle turns to the second leg of the Zenith to contain exceptional players who are (Brentford), Paul Gorman (Charlton Data Systems Cup Northern Area Final technically very highly skilled. I have Athletic), Stan Collymore (Crystal at the City Ground in Nottingham. already learned though that Division Palace), John Marshall (Fulham) Steve Iraly'

Barclays League side played in Naples. be confirmed). However, the Second Division will be keen to do better than their peers from the top flight who went down 3-0 on FOR WEMBLEY PLACE that occasion through goals from Van Basten, Careca and Simeone.

APPOINTMENT AT

Swindon Town manager, Glenn Thursday at the Crystal Palace National colleague, Peter Taylor. They will be win a place in April's grand Wembley 4th and 11th of March respectively. able to select a multi-national team Final. £500 is on offer for the winner which reflects the cross-section of of the heat, with the runner-up also English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish as well guaranteed a starting place beneath the BALANCED FOR as overseas players currently plying twin towers. A further incentive is SECOND LEG their trade in a strong Second Division. provided for the remaining runners Looking forward to the game, with a fast third place offering the

Two has a great many talented players Lovell (Gillingham), Lee Harvey the week commencing 24th February, and is extremely competitive which (Leyton Orient), Liburd Henry, though a draw for Forest in the FA Cup bodes well for a close encounter in (Maidstone United). John Goodman this weekend will see the tie re-(Millwall), Tony Witter (QPR), Spencer scheduled for the week beginning 2nd The Football League are particularly Prior (Southend United). Darren March. The winners go forward to face pleased to be able to continue their Bazeley (Watford), Matthew Rush (West Southampton at Wembley on 29th relationship with the Italians which Ham United) and Terry Phelan March.

HODDLE LEADS SECOND was renewed last season when a (Wimbledon). (Tottenham entrant to

BORO' FACE UNITED

Middlesbrough must now face League leaders Manchester United in the Rumbelows League Cup Semi-Finals, after their midweek replay defeat of Third Division Peterborough United.

The North East side now play host Division side, will be played in Caserta The next round of the Rumbelows to United in the first leg at Ayresome Sprint Challenge takes place this Park on Wednesday 26th February with the return at Old Trafford a week Hoddle, has agreed to manage the Sports Centre when fifteen later. However if Boro' draw at Barclays League squad, assisted by representatives from League clubs in Portsmouth this weekend in the FA Watford number two and former Spurs London and the South East attempt to Cup then the two games move to the

ZENITH FINELY

With Leicester City and Nottingham Forest battling to a 1-1 draw at Filbert Contestants for the heat are: Gary Street on Wednesday, attention now

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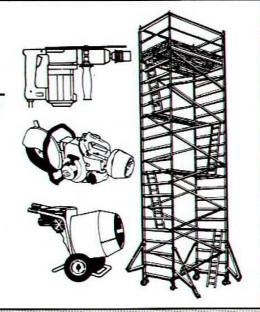
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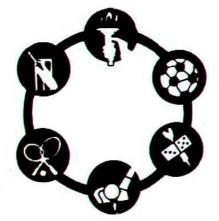
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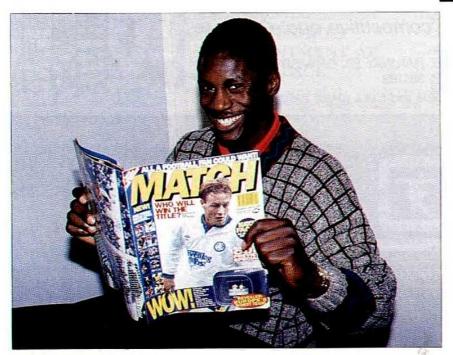






DENNIS THE MENACE

QPR player Dennis Bailey became an overnight sensation when he smashed a glorious hat-trick against Manchester United on New Year's Day.



Laid back striker Dennis Bailey relaxes with his favourite magazine.

QPR's hat-trick hero Dennis Bailey has revealed his biggest secret ... he was once one of soccer's laziest players!

The player who scored a superb hat-trick on his first visit to Old Trafford to knock Manchester United for six on New Year's Day, admits there was a time when he just couldn't get out of bed in the morning.

His bout of morning blues first came to light during his time at Birmingham when he appeared late for an afternoon session after falling asleep in the changing rooms. The 'lazy bones' tag has dogged him since, although he insists he's getting better.

"I've got a bit of a reputation for being a late riser but the taunts from players were a direct result of the incident at Birmingham.

"It was during the pre-season when you break from training at lunch time. It was a hot Summer's day and I was laying down in the dressing room. I vividly remember the last players leaving for the afternoon session when all of a sudden I woke up and discovered I was late.

"I always find it difficult to wake up in the morning, I like to have a lie-in although I admit I'm a bit laid back about it all. It's this problem I have about leaving the house. I like to take my time getting up, dressed and eating my breakfast, I hate rushing about but I've improved since the club started fining players."

"I've got a bit of a reputation for being a late riser but the taunts from players are a direct result of an incident at Birmingham when I fell asleep in the changing rooms."

While Dennis has face problems off the field he's no stranger to problems on it. His rise to fame with QPR this season has been a slow and sometimes arduous battle, when quitting the game seemed a reasonable alternative.

"I began my career at Watford as a schoolboy under Graham Taylor but the club failed to offer me professional terms so I joined non-league

"It was a big disappointment so early on in my career and I must admit I was surprised that Watford lost interest in me. In hindsight, joining Barking was a big mistake - they were at the wrong end of their respective League and I couldn't even get in their reserve side."

So in a desperate bid to save an ailing career, Bailey left Barking.

"I think it still ranks as the lowest period in my career, I was so naive when I left Watford that I jumped at the first opportunity to stay in

football."

"I began my career at Watford as a schoolboy under Graham Taylor, but the club failed to offer me professional terms."

Yet when it seemed Bailey had been given a lifeline by then Second Division Fulham, his career took another turn for the worst.

"I suppose at this stage many people would have given up but I was absolutely delighted to be given a lifeline by Fulham. However, after impressing them in a trial, I spent two season in the Combination League and then quit to join Farnborough.

"After the events at Barking I'd swore never to drop out the League but when it came to the crunch I had no alternative. I joined Paul Mortimer who now plays at Crystal Palace after we were both released by Fulham yet I was very reluctant and it took a tremendous amount of persuasion by Alan Taylor to get me to join Farnborough.

"Three months later I got my big break when Crystal Palace moved in for me and after an anxious wait I made my League debut against Hull."

Yet, when it seemed Bailey had turned the corner he was on the move again after just making five appearances in two seasons for Crystal Palace.

"I got a call from Gerry Francis and spent the last three months of my second season at Palace on loan to Bristol Rovers. I think it was the first time that I actually enjoyed my football, probably because I was playing regularly."

Impressed, Francis made a bold move to sign Dennis, yet with speculation rife about key players leaving and Francis' future, he joined Third Division Birmingham.

"It was a difficult decision because I had so much respect for Gerry Francis, yet with uncertainty hanging over the club I felt Birmingham was a much bigger challenge and with no disrespect to Rovers they were a much bigger club."

Under Dave Mackay, Dennis made over 50 appearances for the 'Blues' but as pressure began to take its

toll with expectations high of a quick return to the Second Division, Mackay paid a heavy price and was sacked.

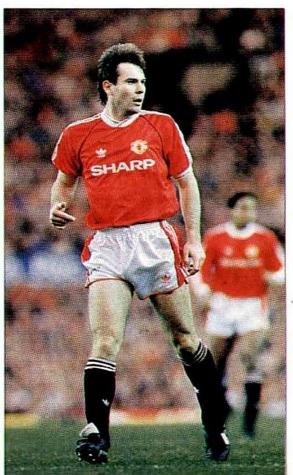
"Ironically, Rovers got promoted that season and when Lou Macari took over I no longer figured in his plans. Fortunately Gerry Francis maintained interest in me and took me on loan.

Dennis' form in that month was inspirational and Francis moved swiftly to sign him on a permanent basis.

However, a sudden turn of events saw Francis appointed manager at QPR and Dennis'future was under a cloud. With his contract up at Birmingham, Dennis anxiously waited to hear from interested clubs. Rovers remained favourites to sign him but in an unexpected turn of events Francis pursued his interest and made a firm bid to take Dennis to QPR.

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"I was off, it was as simple as that. The chance to play First Division football after so many set-backs was a great challenge yet, if I'm honest, working with Gerry Francis again certainly helped."



Even Brian McClair, Manchester United's prolific goalscorer could not match Dennis Bailey's flair on New Year's Day.

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