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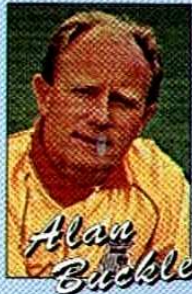
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Mark 'Smudger' Smith outwits the Millwall defence.

THE MANAGER "Speaks"



Alan Biddley

Good Evening Ladies & Gentlemen.

Welcome to tonight's game against Swindon Town, arguably the First Division's best footballing side. System-wise, Swindon are different to us: both teams, however play a passing game to work the ball into striking areas. Whether their way of playing (with three centre-backs) is to accommodate manager Glen Hoddle, I don't know, one things for sure though, he is one of the best passers of a football England have had in recent years, so tonight's game, in theory, should be entertaining.

The Bristol Rovers game a couple of weeks ago was, as I expected, difficult. I thought their passing and movement early in the game was good, but after half-time we took control and our two goals in a minute enabled us to win comfortably.

The least said about our non-performance at Cambridge the better.

Disappointment reigned at 1.15pm last Friday. We were on the coach at Blundell Park about to leave for Swansea when we heard the game at Vetch Field was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch. After all the preparation all week you can imagine the players feelings at the game being called off.

On the injury front Neil Woods is recovering from a knee operation and will be out of action for another month, Lightning has been troubled for two months or so and has not been happy with the injury restricting him somewhat, so hopefully he will be back to his best before too long. Chris Hargreaves also began light training after his ankle ligament injury. Mark Lever also played in last weeks reserve game, and as I expected, Plug did well and with another couple of weeks training should be available for first team duty.

DIVISION ONE TABLE

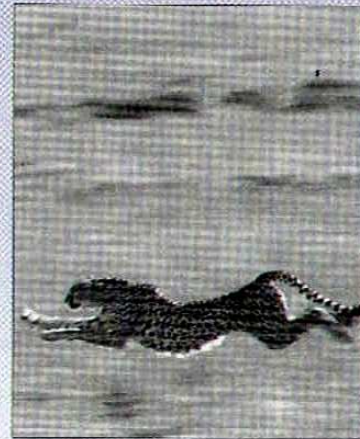
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Newcastle Utd.	26	10	2	1	28	7	9	1	3	23	16	60
Tranmere	24	10	4	0	35	9	3	2	5	13	19	45
West Ham	25	7	2	2	25	10	6	4	4	22	15	45
Millwall	25	9	3	0	32	9	3	6	4	11	13	45
Portsmouth	26	10	1	1	25	3	2	6	6	20	27	43
Leicester	26	7	4	3	22	16	5	2	5	16	16	42
SWINDON	24	7	4	2	26	17	3	4	4	17	21	38
Wolves	26	6	5	2	24	16	3	5	5	13	16	37
Chariton	26	5	7	2	18	12	3	4	5	13	15	36
Derby	25	3	0	8	17	22	7	4	3	23	13	34
GRIMSBY	25	6	3	3	20	16	4	1	8	16	18	34
Barnsley	25	7	2	4	16	10	3	2	7	16	19	34
Brentford	26	6	3	5	22	18	3	3	6	15	19	33
Watford	26	5	5	3	20	18	3	4	6	17	25	33
Peterbro'	23	2	7	4	17	19	6	1	3	15	13	32
Oxford Utd.	25	4	6	3	20	13	2	6	4	16	21	30
Sunderland	24	5	3	4	18	16	3	3	6	9	20	30
Bristol C.	25	5	4	4	18	18	2	2	8	12	30	27
Birmingham	24	6	1	4	16	17	1	5	7	7	21	27
Cambridge	26	5	3	5	17	19	0	7	6	13	28	25
Bristol R.	26	4	2	7	20	28	2	3	8	14	29	23
Southend	26	3	5	4	13	12	2	3	9	12	24	23
Luton	24	1	6	4	12	21	3	4	6	14	24	22
Notts Cty.	26	2	5	5	10	16	2	5	7	15	29	22

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Middle row - John Trollope (youth team manager), Ross MacLaren, Nicky Summerbee, Colin Calderwood, Shaun Taylor, Adrian Vivicash, David Mitchell, Andy Thompson, Kevin Horlock, Andy Rowland (reserve team coach).
Front row - Kevin Morris (Physio), Martin Ling, David Kerlake, Wayne O'Sullivan, Glenn Hoddle (player-manager), John Gorman (asst. manager), Paul Bodin, Shaun Close, Micky Hazard and Eddie Buckley (kit manager).

Inconsistency - both at home and away - has been the name of the game at The County Ground this season as Glenn Hoddle's Swindon Town side, one of the bookies' favourites to figure in the promotion race, have stuttered along with all sorts of results!

They are, of course, still in with a shout of taking a top six place come May, but if only they had strung together a decent series of wins, then the 'Robins' would have surely been flying high at the top of the 'bird' table, perhaps alongside their feathered friends, the 'Magpies', from St. James's Park.

Swindon have, for sure, a reasonable home record - seven wins - but they have lost twice and drawn twice in front of

their own fans, whilst away from the County Ground they have lost four and drawn four of their 11 matches, breaking a poor run with a welcome 1-0 victory at Oxford ten days ago..

But overall their form since October has not had a promotion look about it.

There is, however, still a fair way to go yet in the race for Premier League status, and if Hoddle and Co. can get their game together - again - and maintain a bit of form then a play-off spot is there for the taking. Time will tell.

In the meantime these are the players (listed in A-Z order) who will be hoping to feature in the action against the 'Mariners' tonight, including recent signing Andy Gray, the

THE BOSS MAN



Manager **GLENN HODDLE**, now 35, born in Hayes, Middlesex, joined Swindon Town in April 1991. Capped 53 times by England at full international level plus a further 12 for the U/21's, as a midfielder, he spent 12 years with Spurs (1975-87, making

377 League appearances) before trying his luck in France with AS Monaco. He was out injured for half of last season but is now back to full fitness and playing as a defensive sweeper behind the back four, still showing a great deal of class.

DANGERMAN



ONE TO WATCH STEVE WHITE, 33, was a free transfer signing from Bristol Rovers back in 1986. He reached the 100-goal mark for the Swindon last season before being sidelined with a

back injury. He started off at Eastville in 1977 and has also played for Luton Town and Charlton Athletic, moving to both of those clubs for big fees, prior to returning to Rovers in 1983. Strong and forceful.

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former Spurs, Crystal Palace and Aston Villa midfielder:-

Welsh international PAUL BODIN, 28, cost just £25,000 from Newport County in March 1988, but left Swindon for Crystal Palace in a £550,000 transfer in March 1991 only to return to the County Ground ten months later.

Skipper COLIN CALDERWOOD, 27, is the longest serving player at the club and is in his eighth season as a defender, being the only survivor of Swindon's 4th Division championship-winning side of 1986. He was previously with Mansfield Town.

Goalkeeper FRASER DIGBY, 25, a Yorkshireman from Sheffield, gained England U/21 honours earlier in his career and joined Swindon in 1986 having been an apprentice with Manchester United. In fact, last year he went on a month's loan back to Old Trafford.

ANDY GRAY, 28, and capped once by England, played his early football with Corinthian Casuals and Dulwich Hamlet and joined Palace in 1984. He went to Villa Park in 1987, came back to London with Q.P.R. in 1989 and returned to Palace in 1989. After a loan spell he joined Spurs last May but never really fitted the bill at White Hart Lane. Has made over 300 appearances as a 'pro.'

Midfielder MICKY HAZARD, 32, from Sunderland, was secured from Portsmouth for £130,000 in September 1990, having served before with Spurs and Chelsea. He collected both F.A.

Cup and UEFA Cup winners medals whilst at White Hart Lane and missed only two games last season.

The versatile KEVIN HORLOCK has come on in leaps and bounds over the last year or so, and has already show emmense talent in his first season of League soccer.

London-born right-back DAVID KERSLAKE, 26, was a £110,000 capture from Q.P.R. in November 1989 and he too has won England U/21 caps. He is rated one of the best attacking full-backs in the Football League.

Midfielder MARTIN LING, 26, comes from West Ham and he rejoined Swindon last year after almost five seasons with Southend. A former Exeter apprentice he is slightly built but can score goals as well as make them.

CRAIG MASKELL, 24, is currently Swindon's leading marksman and was a £250,000 signing from Reading last July. He top-scored for the 'Royals' in 1991-92 and was also leading scorer with Huddersfield in two seasons prior to that. He started off with Southampton and actually played on loan with Swindon six years ago.

DAVID MITCHELL, 30, from Glasgow, has 17 Australian caps under his belt and joined Swindon Town from Chelsea. He has also played in Germany (with Eintracht Frankfurt), Glasgow Rangers, Feyenoord (in Holland) and Newcastle United (on loan).

NICK SUMMERBEE, 22, is a utility

player whose father (Mike Summerbee), grandfather and great uncle all appeared in the Football League. He began as a striker but is now a right-sided midfielder who can also play in defence.

Centre-back SHAUN TAYLOR, a £200,000 signing from Exeter City, a little over eighteen months ago, was Town's 'Player of the Season' last term and also took that title in 1980 when the 4th Division championship was won. He came into football late - at the age of 23 - from Bidford Town and scores some cracking goals from set pieces.

ADRIAN VIVEASH, 23, is another useful defender who has progressed through the ranks at The Copunty Ground. He made his League debut in 1990 and is now on a monthly contract.

PAST ENCOUNTERS

The two League games last season both ended in draws - 0-0 here and 1-1 at Swindon, and earlier this term at The County Ground, the 'Robins' took all three points with a 1-0 victory....Craig Maskell the scorer on just two minutes in front of a 5,759 crowd.

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FIRST Review

Since the turn of the year there have been quite a few interesting results in the First Division - but the likes of **Newcastle United**, **Tranmere Rovers**, **West Ham United** and **Millwall** are still en route towards the Premier League following some excellent performances.

* Kevin Keegan's **Newcastle** have increased their lead at the top and if they continue in this vein - winning - then they could well pass 100 points (even 110) and also hit the century mark in goalscoring.

Their last home win v. **Peterborough** (3-0) was seen by over 29,000 fans - and on target - again - was top-scorer David Kelly.

* Welsh international striker John Aldridge will be missing for a couple of games following his sending-off in the F.A. Cup-tie at **Oldham**. **Tranmere** will miss him, but manager John King is a shrewd guy and he's already sorted that problem out as his team look good enough to go all the way.

'Aldo' in fact went out with a bang, scoring twice in Rovers' emphatic 4-0 home win over **Oxford**.

* **West Ham** are also in cracking form and registered three straight 2-0 wins: v. **West Brom** 2-0 in the F.A. Cup and at **Derby County** in the televised League game despite having left-back Julian Dicks sent-off, and then at home to **Portsmouth** when over 18,000 attended Upton Park.

* **Millwall** too are bang in form and are still unbeaten at home following their recent 6-1 hammering of **Brentford**, with **Jon Goodman** scoring twice. Prior to that late winner from Goodman had given them victory over **Notts County** at Meadow Lane.

Portsmouth are just hanging in there, along with inconsistent **Leicester City** whose 5-2 win at home over **Watford** 5-2 stopped a run of four games without success. And the 'Mariners' cannot be ruled out either!

At the bottom end of the ladder **Notts County**, **Southend United**, **Luton**, **Cambridge United**, **Bristol Rovers** and **Birmingham City** might all be in

for a tough last half to the season, although the latter have games in hand.

Up until recently Blues were in last position, but a spectacular goal by John Gayle gave them a 2-1 home win over fellow strugglers **Luton Town**, only for Terry Cooper's men to fall to a couple of late goals in the local derby against hit and miss **Wolves** (1-2).

Malcolm Allison's charges **Bristol Rovers**, despite two excellent performances against high-flying **Aston Villa** in the F.A. Cup, are still in deep trouble, but there have been signs lately that the 'Pirates' are looking far more threatening than they did a month or so ago. An excellent fight-back against **Sunderland** (2-2 from 0-2) clearly emphasised this.

Southend, the poorest supported team in the First Division, have lost more away games than any other club and they are also finding it hard to score goals, although they did themselves a big favour when beating **Bristol Rovers** 2-0 at Twerton Park and then holding **Derby** 0-0.

Luton simply can't win at home and that could prove crucial at the death to David Pleat's men.

Neil Warnock has been sacked as manager of **Notts County** and whoever takes charge of the Magpies will have it all to do to prevent a complete slip-through, with County going down two Divisions in successive seasons.

Cambridge United, under new boss Ian Atkins, almost caused a surprise against **Blackburn Rovers** in the Coca-Cola Cup, but now it's League soccer first and foremost and United must now buckle down and try to end their dismal away record - they've yet to win away from The Abbey Stadium.

Checking on the mid-table teams...**Wolves**, **Derby**, **Swindon Town**, **Brentford** and **Charlton** are all struggling to put any sort of run together and perhaps must settle for another season in the First Division. **Derby**, in fact, have the worst home record in the entire country.

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'Never on Sunday' ... according to the film and song title. Whilst the recent televised match v. Derby was also the first-ever League game on a Sunday here at Blundell Park, the Mariners' three previous excursions on the Sabbath leave much room for improvement.

December 4th 1983 saw Grimsby experience Sunday football for the first time. At Blackburn Rovers' request, the Ewood Park fixture was put back a day to hopefully draw a larger gate, and for most of the game the changeover seemed to suit the home side better. With both teams then well placed in Division Two, it was Blackburn who broke the deadlock thanks to teenager Mark Patterson's freak goal on 46 minutes. His cross from the wing looked harmless until it floated over the keeper Nigel Batch, eventually dropping into the far corner of the net. Both sides then created chances at either end, until, with four minutes left, substitute *Phil Bonnyman* successfully headed Bob Cumming's centre to earn a point. Blackburn were afterwards apparently pleased with the 6,409 attendance - 1,000 up on the season's average - a far cry though from their present Premier League crowds!



PHIL BONNYMAN

Amazingly, Town's next taste of Sunday soccer was almost exactly six years ago - on December 21st 1986 - also being against familiar opponents, Derby County! In return for a 11.30a.m. Baseball Ground kick-off, Derby offered the Mariners £1,000 and paid overnight accommodation, and after doubts whether the game would be played, proceeded to give Town a football lesson with two goals in eighteen minutes. Grimsby's lightweight front line of Rawcliffe, Walsh and Turner were ineffective against Derby's strong defence, and on the stoke of half-time, Bobby Davison claimed his second strike to make it 3-0. Although player - manager Mike Lyons substituted himself during the break, the emphasis on attack didn't materialise, and in the 54th minute Phil Gee made the game safe for Derby, following up a freekick which David felgate failed to hold. Town thus remained in midtable, having suffered their first defeat in nine matches.

Town's third Sunday encounter was also the most controversial. At Birmingham City last August - also before 'live' TV cameras - the Mariners began in determined mood, with the early pressure paying off in the fourth minute through Clive Mendonca's perfect positioning. Although city soon equalised, both Paul Groves and Tommy Watson went close to putting Grimsby back in front, but the match stayed at 1-1 until just two minutes from time. Then, following a City free-kick that wasn't properly cleared, the ball fell to substitute Darren Rowbotham, who appeared to score the winner from a clear offside position. Despite the on-field protests the goal was allowed to stand, and whilst TV replays seemed to prove that Town were hard done by, Birmingham's next issue of the matchday programme took the incident a stage further. Through a number of blurred photos, Rowbotham was 'shown' to be onside, but to the majority of Town fans the results would still appear inconclusive!

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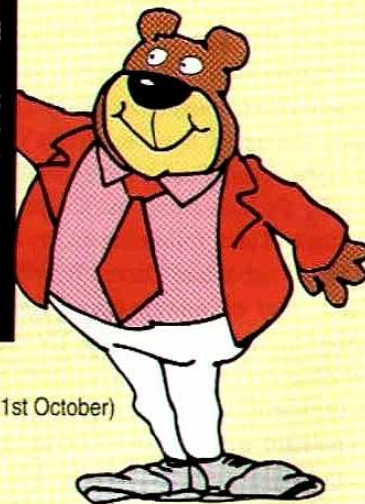
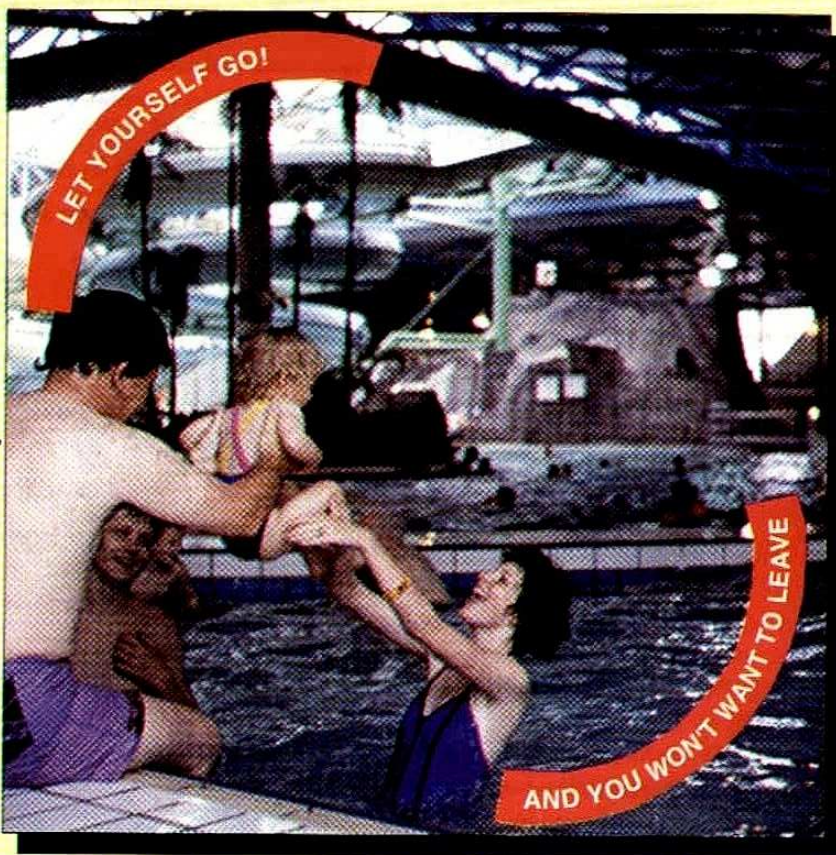
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Is it right to ban someone from a football ground for their own safety?

That's a question which has been asked twice already this season - and each time a manager was involved!

Firstly it was John Bond who was in the news when he was due to return to his old hunting ground - Turf Moor - with his current club, Shrewsbury Town, for an F.A. Cup-tie, and then came Bobby Gould who was all set to make a return visit to West Bromwich Albion as co-commentator for BSkyB TV's live coverage of the Baggies' F.A. Cup 2nd Round replay with Wycombe Wanderers.

Bond was told to 'keep away' from Burnley because certain supporters might hold a grudge against him after he had almost taken the 'Clarets' out of the Football League - and that his 'life' could well be threatened! Bond did what he was told (or asked) and stayed at home!

Gould took Albion into the Third Division for the first time in 1991 and was eventually sacked as manager to allow Ossie Ardiles into the hot-seat.

He, too, was asked to 'stay well away from The Hawthorns' by both the Albion Board and the local Police - and again he, like Bond, did as he was asked (or told), although neither Gould or BSkyB were too impressed with the way the message got through!

But are club's taking this sort of thing too far?

They might well be - but if it continues surely we might, in future, have players being banned from grounds - even entire teams!

Just think what might happen if, say, an Arsenal player smashed in a 93rd minute penalty at White Hart Lane to send arch rivals Spurs into Division One, or Mark Hughes headed in a last gasp winner at Maine Road to send Manchester City nose-diving out of the Premier League?

Some ardent fans, I am sure, would not be too pleased to welcome back either player to those grounds - and in our day and age with so much going on, both in play and off the park, then a ban could well come into force.

It's food for thought - isn't it?

Tony Matthews



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MEETINGS Of the past

GRIMSBY v SWINDON TOWN

Grimsby Town and Swindon Town have played each other 27 times in previous Football League action - and at the minute this is the 'Mariners' record against the 'Robins'

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	13	8	2	3	25	13
Away	14	0	4	10	8	31
Totals	27	8	6	13	33	44

So, it is Swindon who have by far the better overall record in terms of wins and as you can see we have yet to win at the County Ground.

Earlier this season Swindon won 1-0 at home and both games in 1991-92 finished level.

Prior to that, in 1979-80 the 'Mariners' won 2-0 at home - on their way to taking the Third Division championship, Bob Cumming and Tony Ford scoring the goals in front of a near 12,700 crowd. This victory was ample revenge for the 3-0 reverse suffered at Swindon earlier in the campaign.

Town scored another 2-0 home win in 1976-77, but lost 4-1 at Swindon, and the results in 1975-76 were: Swindon 3 Town 0 and Grimsby 2 Swindon 0.

The 'Robins' were on song in February 1968 when they hammered the 'Mariners' 5-0 at home (Division 3) but we gained revenge on the last day of that season, winning 3-2 at Blundell Park before a 4,800 crowd.

A seven-goal thriller at Swindon in April 1967 finished 4-3 to the home side who thus 'doubled up' following their 3-1 win here in Cleethorpes.

Both games in 1965-66 were drawn - and two smartly taken goals by Derek Williams helped the 'Mariners' to a 3-2 home victory in November 1960.

Both the 1959-60 matches - the first between the teams - ended in two home wins - 3-2 to Swindon and 3-0 to Grimsby.

Outside-right Johnny Scott netting twice (one a penalty) in the game here which was attended by over 11,600 fans, while 22,678 supporters went along to see the clash at the County Ground.

DID YOU Know?

* The first man to score FOUR goals in a Third Division League game was the brilliant inside-forward Harold Fleming when he helped Swindon Town beat Luton Town 9-1 on 28th August 1920.

Swindon's other scorers in this Division Three (South) encounter were Batty 2, Davies, Jefferson and Mathieson (o.g). Hawley also missed a penalty as the 'Robins' certainly tore apart the 'Hatters' right down to the brim!

* One of the most prolific marksmen ever seen in the lower reaches of the Football League was Harry Morris, who netted 216 goals in only seven seasons with Swindon Town (1926-33 inclusive) and therefore became the first man to score more than 200 goals in the Third Division for a single club.

* The first referee to be knocked out whilst in charge of a Third Division game was Alf Bond (he with the one arm) who was hit by a hefty clearance from the Swindon Town centre-half George Hudson, in September 1958, during the match with Newport County. Mr. Bond duly recovered after treatment from the Swindon trainer but no doubt ended up with a rather numbing headache!

* Centre-forward Paul Rideout, currently with Everton, was only 16 years 107 days old when he made his Football League debut for Swindon Town against Hull City in November 1980 - the youngest-ever player to serve the 'Robins' in a competitive match.

* Swindon have twice reached the semi-final stage of the F.A. Cup - in seasons 1909-10 and 1911-12. In the former they lost to Newcastle United 2-0 and were beaten by Barnsley 1-0 (after a replay) two years later.

* En route to lifting the League Cup in 1968-69, Swindon played 10 matches and eventually knocked out, in turn, Torquay United, Bradford City (after a replay), Coventry City (at the second attempt), Derby County (also after a replay) and then Burnley (after three clashes, the replay - following the two scheduled legs - at neutral West Bromwich) before licking Arsenal after extra-time on the rain-soaked pitch at Wembley.

* At the start of this season Swindon Town had played a total of 2,868 League games. They had won 1,089, drawn 744 and lost 1,035. Their goals tally was 4,286 'for' with 4,135 against - and they had totalled 3,133 points

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MERIT AWARDS

In the latest 'News & Echo' merit table for December, both Paul Fitcher and Dave Gilbert were placed equal 12th, with an average rating of seven marks per game. The list incidentally, is headed by Newcastle's Lee Clark, who received an average of 7.67.

GREMLINS AT WORK!

Sharp-eyed readers of the Grimsby v Derby programme (December 20th) may have noticed two 'new' players in the Mariners' line-up. At number 14 was Clive Hargreaves, whilst number 6 boasted the talents of Jim Dubbin. Despite the 0-2 scoreline, at least Jim gave a 'polished performance'...

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DOUBLE IDENTITY

Viewers of the BBC series 'Spender' may have noticed the similarity between Jimmy Nail's pal 'Stick' (Sammy Johnson) and Clive Mendonca - they even seem to have the same accent! Still on the subject, judging by the cover of December's 'Matchday' magazine, visiting forward Craig Maskell bears a remarkable likeness to assassin Lee Harvey Oswald. Hopefully he won't have the same 'killer' instinct tonight...



GUEST WRITER

12th January 1993

GREAT TO BE BACK

What a pleasure it was to be back at Blundell Park for the game against Bristol Rovers. My brother Frank watched the 'Mariners' live earlier in the season, on a scouting mission for Kevin Keegan and he told me then that he was impressed by their skilful football. For myself I have only managed to see 'Town' once, on television against Derby and I also was delighted to see plenty of skill and flair. I rarely get the chance to watch my old club nowadays as most of my footballing time is taken up supporting and watching my Cleethorpes born son, Gary, playing for Wigan Athletic but after watching the Bristol game, how proud I would be seeing him in your team.

The team is a credit to the town and the manager's obvious encouragement of inventive and skilful soccer is a joy to watch and in my opinion Alan Buckley and his staff should be congratulated on the achievements so far.

It was nice for me to be recognised and greeted by so many supporters and old friends around the ground on my way to the game, after all it is 20 years since I last played for "The Mariners".

Talking of old friends it was marvellous to be with my old buddy Ron Cockerill again (he never looks any older) and Ron brought me up to date with all the news and whereabouts of some of our old colleagues.

Back to the game and wasn't Jim Dobbin's goal a "scorcher" and Dave Gilbert (any relation to Dave Boylen?) crowned, I thought, a superb performance by brilliantly setting up Tony Rees' goal which wrapped up a very well deserved win for the 'Mariners'. The one hundred and eighty miles round trip was well worth the effort for both brother Frank and myself and we were afforded superb hospitality throughout the afternoon.

With quality football to watch, we shall certainly be over again, in fact we shall both be at John Cockerill's Testimonial dinner in April and also we shall be coaching youngsters during Easter week at St. James School where we are starting a joint venture "Worthington Soccer Camps".

Finally, thanks to Alan Buckley and the lads for the on field entertainment and thanks to Peter Furneaux and the board for their hospitality behind the scenes, it really was "Great to be back".

Best wishes to all the staff and supporters of Grimsby Town.

Yours in sport,

Dave Worthington.

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Good evening and welcome to you all for our attractive fixture against highly rated Swindon Town. All things being equal, tonight's game should be highly skilful and good value for money - lets hope the result is favourable.

The reserves played at Burnley two weeks ago and lost by 2-1. After completely dominating the first half and creating no less than 8 good scoring opportunities, the scoreline was blank at half time. As is usually happens, Burnley opened the scoring before Neil Woods equalised close in after good work by Gary Childs. Burnley stole the game late in the second half, but the result was of our own making.

That result was followed by a superb 2-1 victory over Everton FC at Blundell Park in front of a decent crowd.

I was very pleased with the performance of everyone, particularly the way we tried to play (Everton as well).

We didn't get off to the best of starts, when the 'Toffees' opened the scoring with the first attack of the game, but a great pass from young Joby Gowshall, flicked on by Richard O'Kelly put Stuart Burns clean through. A clumsy tackle gave us a

penalty and Gary Childs made it 1-1. The winner was one of the highest qualities with Simon Buckley and Kevin Joblin and Tony Ford involved in the build up. 'Fordies' defence splitting pass sent Kevin Jobling clear down our right wing, his early quality cross was met at the near post by the ever enthusiastic Richard O'Kelly, and promptly smashed into the top of the net. What a goal!

The Under 15's lost their long awaited encounter against Sheffield Wed. by 0-2. The 'Owls' are the only team to have beaten them so far this season and manager Ray Gooch said "they were a very strong side". By the end of this week, I hope we will have secured the signatures of local lads Andrew Burden and Chris Savage and Mathew Bloomer, on Associate Schoolboy forms - all are currently playing for our Under 15 teams.

Enjoy the game.

ARTHUR MANN

Good evening welcome to this evenings game against Swindon Town, who along with ourselves are one of the better footballing sides in the 1st Division.

Our last youth fixture against

Stoke City ended in a 2-0 defeat at the College ground, the match was played in a gale force wind on a very muddy pitch but the standard of football we played considering our long lay off was very good with good performances by Jimmy Neil, Mark Barratt and Simon Buckley all playing well. Hopefully we got a favourable result against Mansfield last Friday. The Under 16s played out a very exciting 3-3 draw with Darlington last week at Humberston School. We took the lead through David Wilkinson who started and finished a lovely move Darlington went 2-1 ahead ten minutes into the 2nd half but Danny Bacon curled a lovely left foot shot into the top corner, immediately they scored to go 3-2 up, but we kept plugging away for Matthew Loy to rifle home a superb left foot shot to end the scoring at 3-3 in a game that was a credit to both sides.

Enjoy the game

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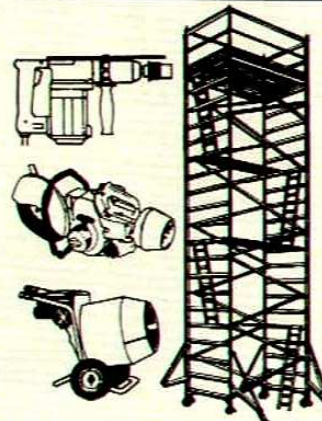
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WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

Jim halts Big Mal's revival

By CHARLES EKBERG Grimsby 2 Bristol Rovers 0
MALCOLM ALLISON'S rallying Rovers could not recover after Grimsby hit them with a two-goal salvo in just 50 seconds. Midfield man Jim Dobbin rocketed the ball in after 70 minutes.

And striker Tony Rees, grabbed the second, moments later, with a similar shot.

Rovers — whose recent form has started to pick up after a disastrous start — had begun with a series of well worked attacks.

Carl Saunders, taking advantage of a ricochet off a Grimsby defender, tried to lob keeper Rhys Wilmot, but the ball went over the bar.

Thwarted

Justin Channing, Hig Maitland and capture soon QPR started promising attacks from midfield, while ex-Grimsby centre defender Andy Tillson, also from QPR, showed well in Rovers defence.

Ian Alexander then rocketed a shot just over the Grimsby bar, with Wilmot stretching.

Things looked set for a stalemate. A brilliant move from Grimsby midfielder Paul Groves, who beat three men, had been thwarted at the death by Rovers' defence.

Unlucky

And Dave Gilbert was denied when his shot was kicked off the line. Had their cause been by double bias.

Battling Rovers could have pulled one back when Marcus Browning fired an, but Wilmot was equal to the occasion.

He then made another cracking save, knocking a John Taylor effort over the bar.

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CLIVE'S THE BIG BOGYMAN

BRENTFORD 0
GRIMSBY TOWN 2

GRIMSBY'S Clive Mendonca was Brentford's bogymen as Grimsby cruised to an easy cup win.

It put them through to the fourth round for the first time since 1989.

And as Grimsby were the last team to beat in-form Brentford, three goals to one at Griffin Park ten games ago, yesterday was just their day.

They were worth every penny of their emphatic victory.

The home side only threatened the Mariners in the opening exchanges, and Grimsby could have won by four or five.

Excellent

Grimsby keeper Reece Wilmot kept his team in the game making two excellent saves in the first fifteen minutes from Smilie and Allison, before Grimsby took charge.

After 37 minutes, Paul Groves fed Mendonca, and Town's lethal striker made no mistake with a left foot shot.

The goal came only a



LETHAL... Mendonca, couple of minutes after Grimsby striker Tony Rees had to be substituted after a dreadful tackle from Brentford mid-fielder Billy Manuel. But this did not inhibit Grimsby, whose substitute

CASTLE EDEN RATINGS

BRENTFORD: Benstead 5, Statham 5, Bennett 7, Chambers 5, Westley 5, Gayle 5, Allen 5, Manuel 5, Lascombe 7, Blissett 5, Smilie 7.

Mark Smith always looked dangerous in attack, and soon after the break he forced an excellent save from Brentford keeper Graeme Benstead.

Then after 80 minutes, Grimsby scored again to settle the tie.

Delighted

A four man break involving Groves and Mendonca ended with mid-fielder Jim Dobbin scoring with a 25 yarder which gave Benstead no chance.

By this time, Brentford had practically given up, and Mendonca could have had a hat-trick.

His first effort, a delicate

chip from outside the area, went wide.

Benstead was forced to make an excellent save in the dying minutes.

Manager Alan Buckley was delighted with the win. "I was pleased with the result and more importantly with the performance."

"It could have been three or four had we taken all the chances, especially in the last fifteen minutes."

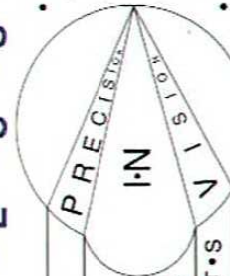
But on an otherwise great afternoon for Grimsby, he did confirm one potential blow.

Striker Rees could be out for some time with a serious knee ligament injury.

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MARK 'Smudger' SMITH

Grimsby Town's exciting, fast-running all-purpose Yorkshireman Mark 'Smudger' Smith has now appeared in the Mariners' first team more times as a substitute than he has actually started a senior game (33-31). Now 31, he played at left-back occasionally last season when making a total of 40 appearances (12 coming off the bench). He had been brought on ten times the previous season, following his transfer from Huddersfield Town on the transfer deadline in March 1991, and already this term he's been drafted into the action as 'sub' by manager Alan Buckley almost a dozen times. Mark came into the senior game quite late.

He spent a few years with Sheffield United as a youngster but never made the breakthrough into the first XI at Bramall Lane, and in 1982 joined Workshop Town, later assisting Gainsborough Trinity before finally making his League debut as a non-contract player for Scunthorpe United in season 1985-86 (coming on as sub!). He then had a spell with Kettering Town and in the summer of 1988 was transferred to Rochdale as a full-time professional. He scored seven goals in 27 League games in half a season at Spotland before moving to Huddersfield where he netted twice in 20 League outings to the end of that campaign.

In 1989-90 he weighed in with another seven League goals (in 44) games and in 1990-91 claimed two goals in 32 appearances when he linked up with that prolific marksman, Ian Roberts.

Then Phil Starbuck arrived at Leeds Road and Mark was pushed out, hence his move to Grimsby.

A honest-to-goodness competitor, he's always enjoyed his football, and still has a lot to offer.

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DIARY ★ 1976-77 ★

1976-77 RELEGATION TO DIVISION FOUR

Although Ron Ashman had steered Grimsby to a creditable sixth place in Division Three, the years following Lawrie McMenemy's move to Southampton were to see a gradual decline in the club's fortunes. As successive managers sought a winning team the situation wasn't helped by financial restraints and a lack of suitable players, so that, by 1977, the Mariners were at the wrong end of the table.

Not surprisingly, the close season saw little transfer activity except for the arrival of defender Colin Blant (Darlington) and trialist Norman Whitehead, along with the return of former player Dick Conner as trainer-coach. After the Lincolnshire Cup matches - both of which were lost - Town's initial competitive games were against Sheffield Wednesday in the League Cup First Round. The home leg though was marred by scenes of hooliganism, and despite a scoreless draw in Yorkshire, a 0-3 aggregate defeat was to set the tone for the season.

When the league campaign began on August 21st at Bury, Town lost centre-half Steve Govier after just four minutes through injury, eventually going down 0-2. Three days later the home fixture v. Crystal Palace, although also in defeat, created a piece of club history. Estate agent G.M. Barton had the honour of being the first match sponsor at Blundell Park, but in the presence of special guest Bobby Charlton, Grimsby lost 0-1. Another casualty was David Booth, ironically replacing Govier in the number six shirt, who twisted his knee and was out until January.

After several attempts to sign new players, manager Tom Casey finally persuaded Bristol City pair Mike Brolly and Steve Harding (loan) to come Blundell Park. Both made their debuts in Town's first league victory over Brighton (2-0) on September 11th, but a week later, despite Brolly adding to a Joe Waters penalty, Town crashed 2-5 at Oxford. The efforts of Waters in midfield was the one positive note in a poor early season for Grimsby, and the popular Irishman was duly rewarded with an appearance for Eire against Turkey a month later.

By the middle of November the club had reached a new low ebb. With only nine points and 22nd place in the Division achieved, Tom

Casey was dismissed, on the same day he moved into a newly-purchased house. Coach Dick Conner took over team responsibilities in a caretaker role, and, in a typically competitive F.A. Cup tie, steered the Mariners to a draw at Droylesden's ominously-named Butchers Arms Ground. A 5-3 replay success earned a second round meeting with Chester, and although lost, Grimsby seemed at last to have found their league form. A three-game winning sequence included the season's best results when Wrexham were beaten 3-0, courtesy of goals by Terry Donovan (2) and

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Ron Wigg. When the managerial speculation began, both Colin Addison (ex-Hereford) and Bob Stoke (ex-Sunderland) were supposedly interested in the job, but the board finally decided on Exeter City boss John Newman. A good public relations man, he saw his new team give an encouraging display in the 1-1 draw with Sheffield Wednesday on December 28th, though the realities of a struggling side soon became apparent. Against Port Vale on January 3rd, playing basically the same eleven as days before, Grimsby fell to a 2-4 home defeat. Manager Newman quickly extracted swift punishment, picking all the players involved for a North Midlands League match versus Hull City Reserves.

After the Port Vale debacle, six points out of a possible thirty kept the Mariners in the relegation zone. Despite the arrival of centre-half Keith Hanvey from Rochdale, the defence continued to leak goals, whilst the forwards managed two goals in a game only twice. The signing of Leeds United striker Gary Liddell - a goalscorer on his debut at Rotherham - did increase competition for places, but there were few opportunities to shine in a team short on confidence. One youngster who did take his chance however was Kevin Drinkell, scorer of both goals in the 2-3 reverse at Wrexham. Nevertheless, Tom's fate wasn't sealed until the campaign's final day. Success at Reading was even then dependant on York winning at fellow strugglers Portsmouth, but in the event Grimsby's defeat made other results purely academic.

Whilst Casey's was always a troubled reign, his biggest contribution to the club was in restoring its youth policy. The likes of Drinkell and Donovan - perhaps better for Grimsby's demotion - were to become the backbone for anew successful side under John Newman, ready to reclaim its place in the Third Division two seasons later.

LEAGUE DIVISION THREE 1976-77

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Mansfield	46	28	8	10	78	33	64
Brighton	46	25	11	10	83	39	61
Crystal Palace	46	23	13	10	68	40	59
Rotherham	46	22	15	9	69	44	59
Wrexham	46	24	10	12	80	54	58
Preston	46	21	12	13	64	43	54
Bury	46	23	8	15	64	59	54
Sheffield W.	46	22	9	15	65	55	53
Lincoln	46	19	14	13	77	70	52
Shrewsbury	46	18	11	17	65	59	47
Swindon	46	15	15	16	68	75	45
Gillingham	46	14	12	18	55	64	44
Chester	46	18	8	20	48	58	44
Tranmere	46	13	17	16	51	53	43
Walsall	46	13	15	18	57	65	41
Peterborough	46	13	15	18	55	65	41
Oxford	46	12	15	19	55	65	39
Chesterfield	46	14	10	22	56	64	38
Port Vale	46	11	16	19	47	71	38
Portsmouth	46	11	14	21	43	70	35
Reading	46	13	9	24	49	73	35
Northampton	46	13	8	25	60	75	34
Grimsby	46	12	9	25	45	69	33
York	46	10	12	24	50	69	32

MARINERS RESULTS

1976-77

	H	A
Brighton	2-0	0-3
Bury	2-0	0-2
Chester	0-0	0-2
Chesterfield	1-2	1-0
Crystal Palace	0-1	1-2
Gillingham	1-1	1-1
Lincoln	1-2	0-2
Mansfield	0-1	0-3
Northampton	0-1	0-0
Oxford	1-2	2-5
Peterborough	2-2	1-3
Portsmouth	1-0	2-1
Port Vale	2-4	0-2
Preston	1-0	1-2
Reading	2-1	0-2
Rotherham	1-1	2-3
Sheffield Wed.	1-1	0-1
Shrewsbury	2-1	1-2
Swindon	2-0	1-4
Tranmere	1-0	0-2
Walsall	2-2	0-1
Wrexham	3-0	2-3
York	1-0	1-1



GRIMSBY TOWN 1976-77

Back Row (left to right) : Bruce Atkin, Stuart Gray, Steve Govier, Nigel Batch, David Booth, Harry Wainman, Malcolm Partidge, Martin Young, Ron Wigg.
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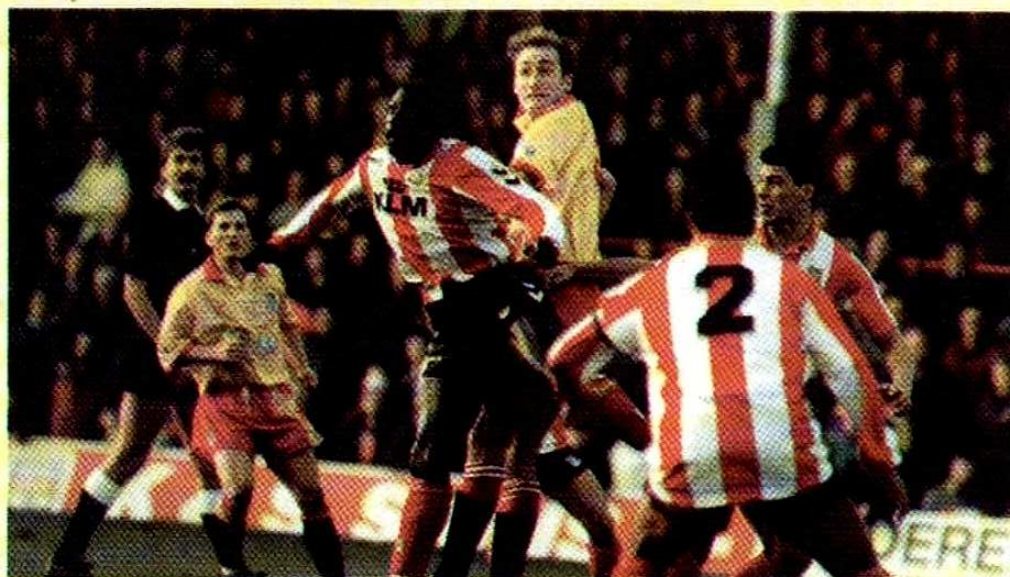
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Favourite player:
Dave Gilbert



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Hobbies include: Football
Favourite player:
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Favourite player:
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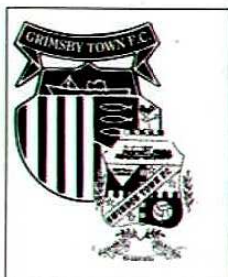
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DATE	OPPONENTS	ATT.	RES	PTS	POS
Aug 15	Cheltenham Athletic	4,823	1-3	-	-
18	Barnsley (Coca Cola Cup Round 1)	3,577	1-1	-	-
22	Wulford	4,772	3-2	3	16
25	Barnsley (Coca Cola Cup Round 1-2)	4,835	1-1	3	17
26	Birmingham City	6,807	1-2	3	17
Sept 1	Leicester City (Anglo Italian Cup)	4,112	0-4	4	17
5	Oxford United	4,546	1-1	4	16
12	Tottenham	5,330	1-1	5	16
16	Newcastle United (Anglo Italian Cup)	2,159	2-2	8	14
19	Bristol Rovers	3,320	3-0	8	14
23	Q.P.R. (Coca Cola Cup Round 2-1)	7,275	1-2	9	12
26	Cambridge	4,048	1-1	9	13
29	Swansea Town	5,789	0-1	9	13
Oct 3	Peterborough United	5,208	1-3	9	13
6	Q.P.R. (Coca Cola Cup Round 2-2)	8,443	2-1	9	13
10	Notts County	5,442	0-1	9	13
13	Southern United	4,117	1-0	12	17
17	Wolverhampton Wanderers	30,098	1-0	15	15
21	Preston North End	5,708	3-0	18	12
Nov 3	West Ham United	9,119	1-1	19	13
7	Luton Town	8,926	4-1	22	12
14	Bristol City	5,881	2-1	25	9
21	Brentford	7,439	3-1	26	8
28	Leicester City	11,240	1-2	28	8
Dec 12	Milton Keynes Dons	7,406	1-3	28	12
16	Derby County	5,990	1-2	28	12
20	Barnsley	6,375	0-2	30	13
Jan 2	Barnsley (F.A. Cup 3)	8,242	0-2	31	12
9	Bristol Rovers	20,771	0-2	31	12
15	Cambridge	6,880	2-0	34	8
22	Swindon	4,137	0-2	34	10
Feb 6	Cheltenham Athletic	-	-	-	-
9	Tranmere Rovers	-	-	-	-
13	Oldham Athletic	-	-	-	-
20	Birmingham City	-	-	-	-
Mar 7	Notts County	-	-	-	-
14	Peterborough United	-	-	-	-
21	Luton Town	-	-	-	-
Apr 5	Brentford	-	-	-	-
12	Wolverhampton Wanderers	-	-	-	-
19	Milton Keynes Dons	-	-	-	-
May 1	Sunderland	-	-	-	-
8	Derby County	-	-	-	-
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23	Newcastle United	-	-	-	-

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The journey back to S.E.7 has so far brought one win and three draws, a vast improvement to their form before the move, when four straight defeats occurred. Generally, it has been Charlton's away record that has seen them drop the table, with losses amongst others at Barnsley (0-1), Brentford (0-2) and Wolves (1-2). Notable wins however, have been forthcoming at Cambridge

(1-0), Sunderland (2-0) and West Ham (1-0) - plus a 0-0 scoreline at Tranmere - suggesting that, on their day, Charlton are a match for any side in the league.

Despite scoring an own goal in the recent F.A. Cup replay v Leeds, Peter Garland - a December signing from Newcastle - has been catching the eye in midfield, where his hard work compliments the skill of former Crystal Palace and Hull City player, Alex Dyer. Another ex-Palace man, Alan Pardew, has contributed half a dozen goals from a similar position, the same number as forward Garry Nelson, a six-figure buy from Brighton in 1991. In goal meanwhile, the reliable Bob Bolder has now completed 250 appearances for Charlton, since joining the club nearly seven years ago.









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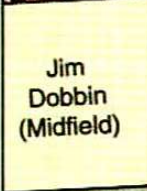
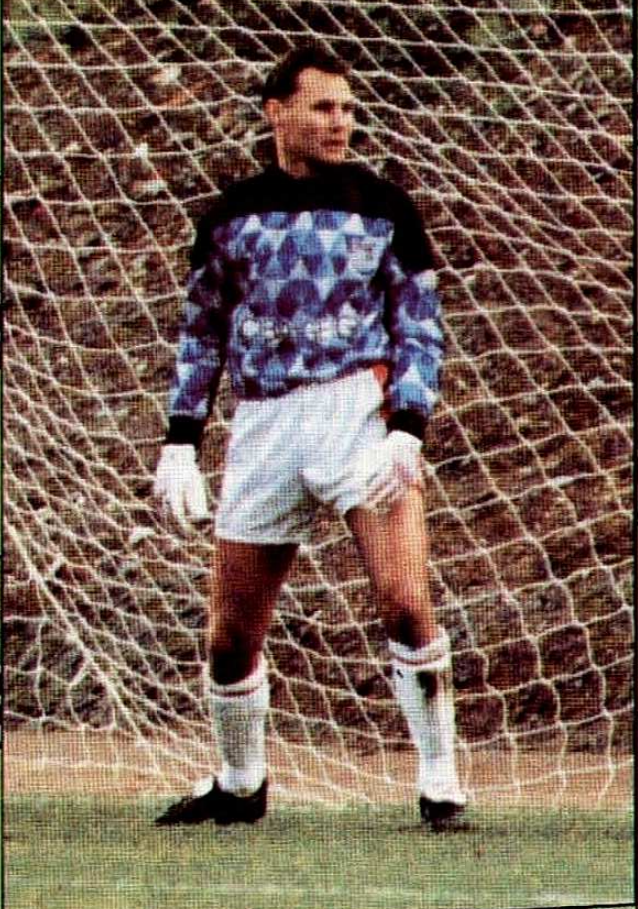



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Born in the North East of England, in the village of Hendon, Sunderland, on 21st December 1913, Raich was producing the goods as a 14 year-old with his local junior team Whitburn St. Mary's and he had played for England Schoolboys when Leicester City asked him down to Filbert Street for a trial. This failed to trigger anything off in terms of actual signing and after he had played a few games for Sunderland Forge F.C. and Esh Winning, he went along to Roker Park and joined Sunderland as an amateur in 1930, turning professional there in November 1931 - and thus starting out on a splendid career which was to last right up until April, 1952 when he retired.

With Sunderland, Raich became a household name. He guided them to the First Division title in 1936 and to F.A. Cup glory over Preston North End the following year. In April 1934 he gained the first of 13 full England caps, lining up v. Scotland at Wembley and assisting in a comfortable 3-0 win.



His international career spanned 13 years, winning his last cap in May 1947 v. Switzerland having appeared in eight wartime internationals during the 1939-45 hostilities.

Slight but 'strong' Raich had a master touch and could kick like a mule.

He was a rare bird, the schemer-in-chief and attack builder who specialized in match-winning (for club and country).

His goals came thick and fast and he made just as many for his colleagues. Yet his fame was based rather on his wonderful qualities as a general midfield tactician. He netted 130 times in 279 games for the 'Rokerites' and that's why he was 'red hot property' and it's why Derby County paid £8,000 for his services in December 1945.

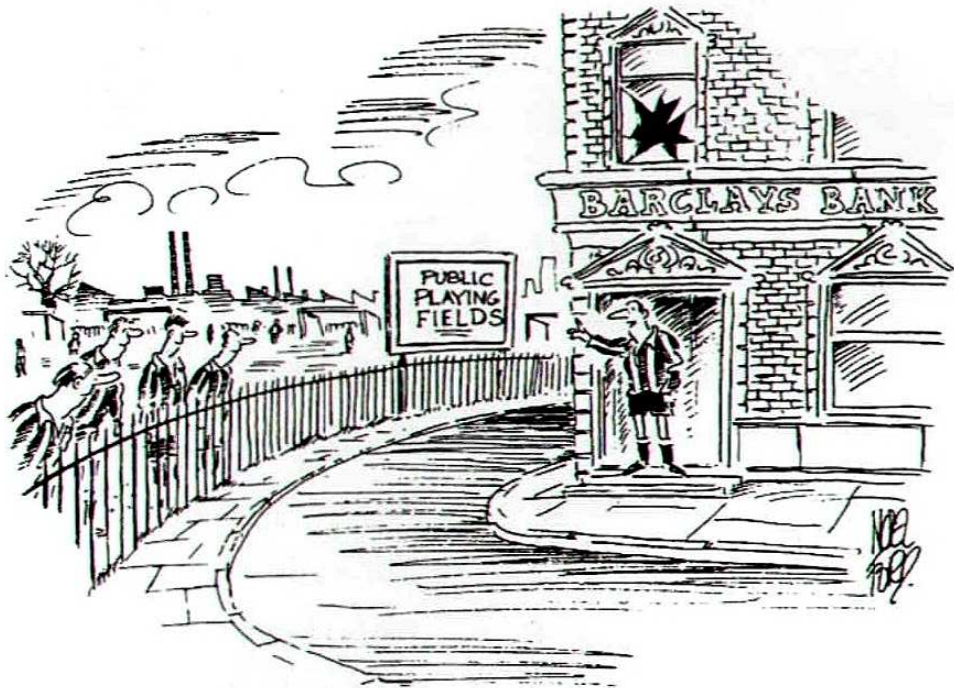
A year after he had joined the 'Rams' he again stepped out at Wembley in the F.A. Cup Final and alongside Peter Doherty helped Derby lift the coveted trophy at the expense

of Charlton to capture his second winners' medal.


From the Baseball Ground he moved to Hull City for £6,000 as player/assistant manager in March 1948, taking over as boss in May of that year, and after making over 160 appearances for the 'Tigers' and gaining a 3rd Div. (N) championship medal (1949), he retired in April 1952. But soon after he was persuaded to return to action and went across the Irish Sea to play for Cork Athletic (January-May 1953), helping them win the F.A.I. Cup, finally hanging up his boots at the age of 39. Leeds United immediately appointed him as their manager (to June 1958). In February 1960 he took a similar position with Mansfield Town and in January 1963 he became boss of Middlesbrough, holding the fort at Ayresome Park until February 1966 when he pulled out of football for good, although he still watches the odd game or two, especially at Hull.

Also a good class cricketer with Durham in the Minor Counties League and occasionally with Derbyshire, Raich Carter amassed a terrific record as a footballer, appearing in more than 570 competitive matches (for club and country) and scoring well over 260 goals. He was indeed a grand player - a Past Master in every sense of the word.

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