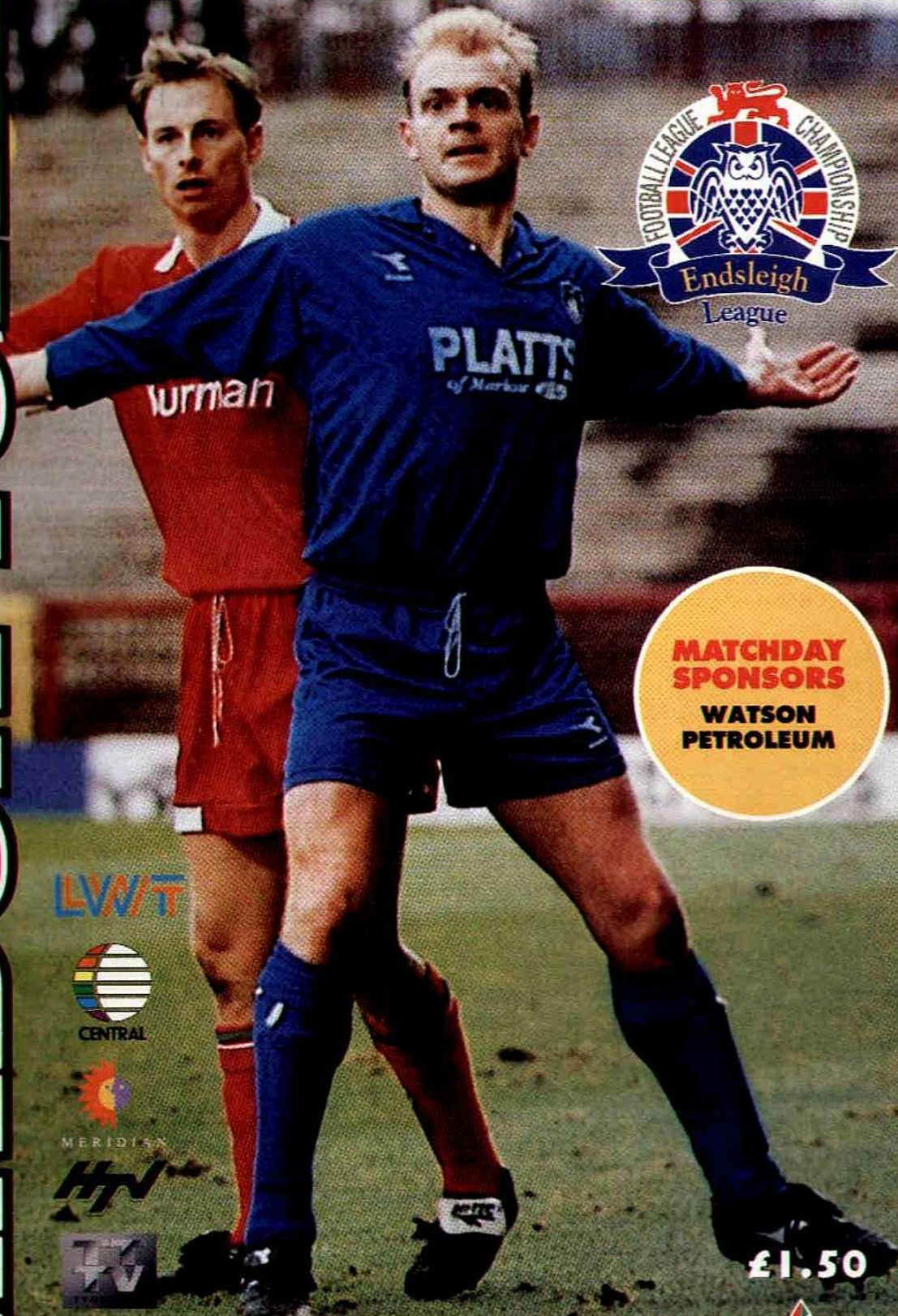


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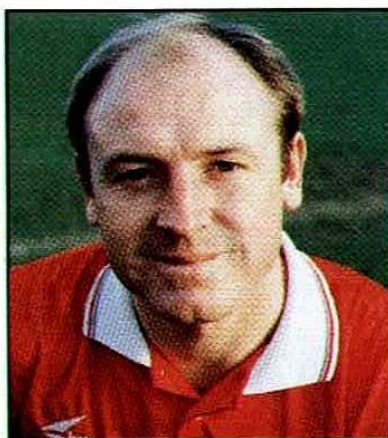
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FROM THE TOP *With* STEVE McMAHON



Wednesday night was a great night for the club. To reach the last four of a major cup competition is no mean feat, and we did it with a great fighting display. But that was last Wednesday. Now we have to come down to earth as there are more important games

coming up starting with this afternoon.

We enjoyed the night, hopefully the fans did too, and we have had time to reflect upon it but the players have to realise that the priority is the League.

For me the most pleasing aspects of our win over Millwall was the workrate and determination shown by the players. I thought they displayed a lot of commitment and a lot of character.

All games are different, the pattern of our win over Marlow in the FA Cup was not the same as that over Millwall; you find that almost every game is different. But commitment and character can never be missing. It has got to be there in every game you play. You must have that commitment.

The lads did themselves proud against Millwall. They had a great result but it is back to basics now. That is finished, finished completely. They have had their little glory and now they have to get down to the bread and butter stuff.

After the Coca-Cola Cup we now take on the team that has proved itself the best in the League, because they are top of the League. Knowing Bryan Robson I know he feels, as I do, that you don't get much without commitment. He has done that throughout his career and his team are proving that they have learned quickly under his guidance. They are a good example to everybody else in the League.

I am disappointed I will not be able to play myself today but then after the way the lads performed on Wednesday I wouldn't be able to get into the team anyway. It would be hard to play myself. And this is what I want in the club. I want competition, I want people to really want to be in the team, people who will strain every muscle to keep their shirt.

I know everything is not going to go right every week, but against Millwall they set the standards. The effort and commitment was there for everyone to see and if they don't play with that same desire every week I shall want to know why.

Finally, thanks to the fans you were superb on Wednesday. Hopefully you can enjoy it now and give us the same tremendous backing this afternoon.

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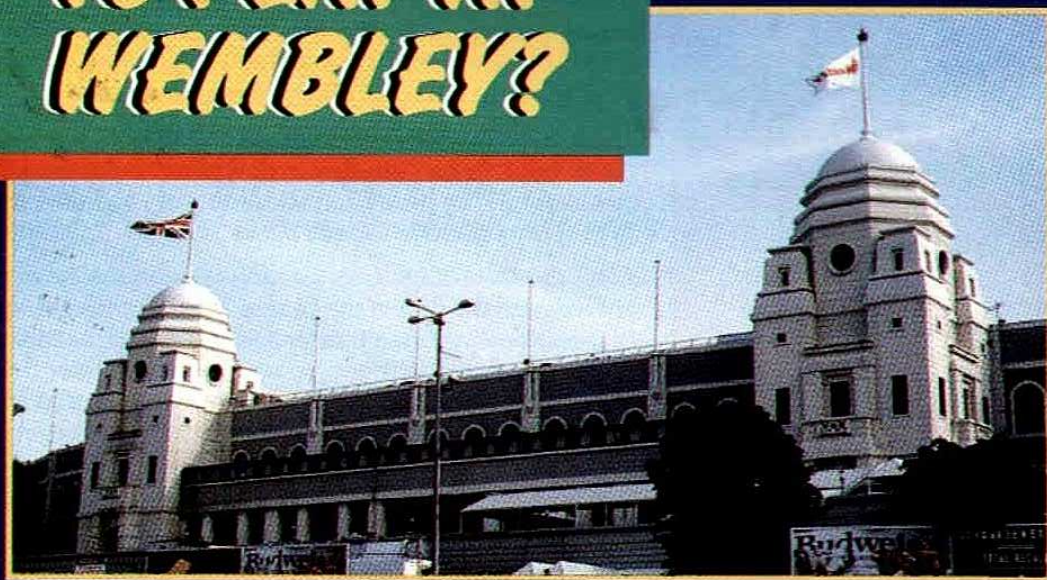


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Endsleigh League

Next Saturday we resume our encounters with Millwall when we take on the Lions at The New Den in the Endsleigh League Division 1 where the kick-off is at 3.00pm. This game is followed on Saturday 4 February 1995 by the lengthy trip to the North West with Turf Moor the venue for our game with Burnley which again sees a 3.00pm kick-off.

The outstanding game at home to Sunderland will now be played on Wednesday 15 March 1995 kicking off at 7.45pm.

Tickets already purchased are still valid. Endsleigh League games in February are subject to change due to the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final ties.

Avon Insurance Combination

Queens Park Rangers are here at The County Ground this Wednesday evening in the Avon Insurance Combination kicking off at 7.30pm. This is followed by home games on consecutive Wednesday's with Watford here on 25 January and Chelsea on 1 February.

Veenendaal Return

The Youth Team have been invited to defend the trophy won last Easter in the International Youth Tournament in Veenendaal in the Netherlands. This year's tournament will again be held over the Easter weekend with other clubs competing including Vitesse Arnhem and FC Den Bosch from Holland and Trelleborgs FF from Sweden who put paid to Blackburn's European ambitions this season.

Coca-Cola Cup

Our Coca-Cola Cup semi-final first leg tie against Bolton Wanderers is all ticket. Full ticket details will be announced tomorrow but priority will be given to holders of vouchers from previous games at The County Ground this season along with holders of the Vouchers on the back of the Match Programmes. Dates for the semi-finals are 12/15 February for the first leg and 22/26 February for the second leg. Television coverage will determine the actual dates the games are played.

F.A. Cup

Watford and Scarborough replay their F.A. Cup- sponsored by Littlewoods Pools third round tie at Vicarage Road this coming Tuesday evening to decide who we play in the fourth round on Saturday 28 January 1995. Once the venue is known full ticket details will be announced on ClubCall.

Youth Cups

Tomorrow evening Portsmouth are scheduled here at The County Ground for the F.A. Youth Cup second round replay to decide who meet Manchester City at Maine Road in the next round. Kick-off tomorrow is at 7.00pm. Pompey return here a week tomorrow for the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup quarter-final which also kicks off at 7.00pm. Both games will be decided on the night with if need be extra time and penalties.

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MIDDLESBROUGH



By **JOHN NOLAN**

There is a new air of optimism on Teesside since the appointment of Bryan Robson as manager last May. The former England skipper is a born winner and it did not take long for his influence to take shape.

Robbo claimed that there were two areas he was looking to improve in Boro's game. First he wanted to introduce Manchester United's passing style and secondly he wanted his players to adopt the same sort of movement off the ball as his colleagues at Old Trafford.

Explained Mr. Robson: "The players needed to understand that they could not play with the foot down on the throttle for 90 minutes throughout the season. The best way to save energy and dominate a game is by passing the ball about. With another former England favourite, Viv Anderson, who enjoyed a glorious career as a fullback with Nottingham Forest, Arsenal and Manchester United, as his assistant Robson has cleverly guided Boro into the driving seat at the head of the First Division table.

They got off to a great start with straight 2-0 victories over Burnley and Southend and did not concede a single goal in their first five League and Cup games, it being mid-September before they suffered their first defeat, at Port Vale.

The first sticky patch came in October. Following a 1-0 defeat by Tranmere at Ayresome Park, Boro unbelievably crashed 5-1 at Luton Town. Indeed, in a spell of ten games only home victories over Swindon (3-1) and Oldham Athletic (2-1) gave the fans anything to cheer about.

Then on November 20, Boro beat Wolves 1-0 in a top of the table clash at Ayresome Park. John Hendrie was the scorer of that golden goal which has set them on the road towards the Premiership.

There has been just one embarrassment en route, a home defeat inflicted by Southend United, but generally Middlesbrough have looked the part of front-runners.

Bryan Robson has introduced a sweeper system for away games which has worked well. He says: "It makes the team very strong in defence, but it is by no means a defensive system because it gives our fullbacks more freedom to get forward, while our midfielders can also make forward runs in the knowledge they have an extra defender behind them."

Alan Miller is the current first choice custodian with Cox and either Fleming or Morris at fullback. Vickers and Whyte are regular choices in the centre of defence with Pearson while Blackmore and Mustoe share selection alongside. In midfield Pollock and Hignett are very influential with Robson, Moore or Todd.

John Hendrie and Paul Wilkinson carry the goal threat while also in the squad are such players as Bolivian World Cup ace Moreno, 20, a £250,000 buy from FC Blooming and Derby born Andy Todd is another 20 year-old.



Back row: Andy Todd, Jamie Pollock, Derek Whyte, Steve Vickers, Nigel Pearson (captain), Paul Wilkinson, Robbie Mustoe.

Middle row: Chris Morris, Curtis Fleming, Michael Barron, Ben Roberts, Steve Pears, Andy Collett, Craig Hignett, Graham Kavanagh, Alan Moore

Front row: Mark Nile (senior physio), John Hendrie, Neil Cox, Bryan Robson (player-manager), John Pickering (first team coach), Viv Anderson (assistant manager), Clayton Blackmore, Tommy Wright, Tommy Johnson (physio)

NEIL COX - Right Back. Big money signing from Aston Villa last summer, Neil made his 'Boro debut on the opening day of the season against Burnley. Came into the professional game with Scunthorpe United, making his League debut at Halifax Town on October 6, 1990. In February 1991 Villa paid £400,000 for his signature after only 17 League appearances but Neil was not able to hold down a regular spot in the Villa side though he did make a substitute appearance in their League Cup winning side at Wembley in 1994. Cost 'Boro a Club record £1-million, and scored his first goal for 'Boro against Swindon in October. Born: Scunthorpe 8-10-71



PAUL WILKINSON

CURTIS FLEMING - Left Back. The popular Manchester born Irishman joined 'Boro from St Patricks in 1991 for a bargain £30,000. A tough tackler he played on the right until the arrival of Cox and has lost none of his qualities in the number three shirt. Capped by the Republic of Ireland at "B" and Under-21 levels he has now made over 100 League appearances for 'Boro but injury and suspension has hampered his progress this season. Born: 3-10-68

JOHN HENDRIE - Forward. The veteran of over 500 senior games John is a bubbly live-wire attacker with great dribbling and shooting skills that have netted him over 120 goals. Started his career as an apprentice with Coventry City and made his League debut in a 2-1 win at Tottenham in December 1981. Made only 20 further appearances, and 6 on loan to Hereford, before joining Bradford City in 1984. Netted 46 League goals in four seasons which tempted Newcastle United to part with £600,000; he then helped Leeds United to win the 2nd Div Championship. 'Boro paid £500,000 for him in 1990. Born: Lennoxtown 24-10-63.



NIGEL PEARSON

CRAIG HIGNETT - Midfield. Was on Liverpool's books as a youngster but it was Crewe Alexandra who offered him the chance to become a professional. Made over 100 League appearances for them, finishing season 1991-92 as second top scorer with 13 goals. Likes to run at defenders and cost £500,000 when he moved to Middlesbrough during the 1992-93 season. Born: Whiston 12-1-70.

ALAN MILLER - Goalkeeper. A graduate of the FA School of Excellence at Lilleshall, Alan was on Arsenal's books as an Associated Schoolboy and then joined them from school. Was a shadow of first John Lukic then David Seaman at Highbury and only made an handful of appearances for the Gunners. Actually made his League debut for Plymouth Argyle while on loan and had other spells with West Brom and Birmingham to gain experience. Stands 6'2" and has been capped by England at Youth and Under-21 (4) levels. Cost 'Boro £425,000 in the summer of 1994. Born: Epping 29-3-70.

CHRIS MORRIS - Defender, has now played over 50 games for Boro since his arrival from Glasgow in 1992 in exchange for Andy Payton. Spent the first five years of his career with Sheffield Wednesday, making his League debut at Swansea in August 1983, the first of 74 League outings (1 goal) for the Owls. Left Hillsbrough for Celtic in the summer of 1987 and won Scottish League honours. Has won more than 30 caps for the Republic of Ireland at right-back but missed the World Cup Finals in the USA because of injury. Born: Newquay 24-12-63.

ROBBIE MUSTOE - Midfield. No stranger to these parts Robbie made his League debut for his home town club Oxford United at Norwich in August 1968. He moved to Ayresome Park for £375,000 in July 1990 and his strong running form in midfield established him as a favourite in the 'Boro side. Has now chalked up some 300 senior games in his career and though not capped by England he has been included in Under-21 squads. Born: Oxford 28-8-68.

STEPHEN PEARS - Goalkeeper. Injury at the start of the season lost him his place. An apprentice with Manchester United, Steve made his League debut while on loan to 'Boro, making 12 appearances in all in 1983-84. Returned to Old Trafford to play four games in the latter part of the '84-85 season when Gary Bailey was injured. 'Boro then paid £80,000 to clinch his transfer the summer. Born: Brandon 22-1-62.



JAMIE POLLOCK

has now asked him for more "finesse." An England Under-19 cap it seems incredible that Jamie is not a regular in the Under-21 squad. Born: Stockton 16-2-74.

STEVE VICKERS - Central Defender. Tranmere Rovers picked Steve up from Spennymoor United in 1985 and blooded him in the League football against Northampton Town, in April 1986. Established himself as a regular the following season and he had played in 311 League games for Rovers before switching to 'Boro in 1993-94 for £700,000. Born: Bishop Auckland 13-10-67.

DEREK WHYTE - Central Defender. Strong stopper centre-half signed from Celtic for £900,000 in 1992 to plug the gap left when Tony Mowbray moved the other way in November 1991. Won honours with Celtic and was only 19 when he won the first of four Scotland caps against Belgium in 1988. Has only scored twice in some 100 games for 'Boro, his second goal being last October when 'Boro lost 5-1 at Luton Town. Born: Glasgow 31-8-68.

PAUL WILKINSON - Striker. Fifty goals in his first 150 League games for 'Boro tells its own story for "Wilko" has been harassing defences since he first put on his shooting boots with Grimsby Town in January 1983, his debut being against Charlton. His consistency led to England Under-21 honours and a transfer to Everton in March 1985, but Paul did not settle at Goodison - his stats of 6 goals in 31 First Division appearances hardly doing him justice. In 1987 Paul moved to Nottingham Forest where he scored 5 in 34 before transferring to Watford. Netted 52 goals in 134 League games before a £500,000 move to Ayresome Park where he has topped the scoring chart in each of his three seasons - 60 goals in all. Born: 30-10-64

TOMMY WRIGHT - Forward. Plays a wide role supplying crosses of quality. Served his apprenticeship at Elland Road making his League bow v Fulham in April 1983. His 81 appearances for Leeds (24 goals) were all in the Second Division and in the summer of 1986 he moved to Oldham Athletic as an orthodox striker. In August 1989 Leicester paid £300,000 and played him on the left wing. Has now made some 60 appearances for 'Boro after £650,000 move in the summer 1992. Capped by Scotland at Under-21. Born: Dunfermline 10-1-66.

NIGEL PEARCE - Central Defender. A £750,000 signing from Sheffield Wednesday in the close-season of 1994, Nigel made his 'Boro debut against Burnley in August. A good steady player he came out of the Midland Counties League with Heanor Town to make 181 senior appearances for Shrewsbury Town between November 81 and October 87. "The Shrews" had picked him up for £5,000 and sold him to Wednesday for £250,000. Captained the Owls to a memorable League Cup Final victory over Bryan Robson's Manchester United in 1991. Born: Nottingham 21-8-63.

JAMIE POLLOCK - Midfield. Outstanding young player developed through 'Boro's own ranks. Made his League bow in season 1990-91, while only a teenager and now, at the age of 20, he has already chalked up more than 100 League appearances. A great competitor, strong and determined in the tackle, he showed maturity beyond his years. Has found playing alongside Bryan Robson a great learning experience and the gaffer

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THE MAN IN CHARGE



Player - Manager **Bryan Robson**

Middlesbrough couldn't have gone for a higher profile appointment than that of Bryan Robson, the man they brought in during the summer of 1994 to spearhead their ambitions to become a top class club.

"Robbo", who helped lead Manchester United to their first Championship success for 26-years was released by the Old Trafford club at the end of last season when they retained their title. A move that had several Premiership clubs seeking his playing services for this campaign. But the former England skipper decided to return to his native North East and take the reins at Ayresome Park as player-manager.

It is reported to be costing Boro a £1 million a year but the new boss has already made an impression both on and off the field as his team entered 1995 in poll position in the First Division Championship race.

Born at Witton Gilbert on January 11, 1957, it was back in September 1972 that Bryan joined the apprentice ranks at the Hawthorns. He had made his Football League debut at York on the 12 April 1975. At West Brom he came under the influence of Ron Atkinson and won his first England cap against Eire at Wembley in February 1980.

In October 1981 Atkinson made him Britain's costliest player when he invested £1.5 million to take him to Old Trafford. There Bryan struck up a memorable partnership with Ray Wilkins. The two captained both United and England.

"Robbo's" all action style, which saw him cutting out an attack in his own area one moment then finishing off the counter-attack at the other end in the next instant, made him a firm favourite at both the Club and International levels. He was unquestionably the outstanding midfield player of his generation winning 90 caps for England - captaining them in the 1982 and 1986 World Cup Finals - and scoring 73 goals in over 330 League appearances for United.

He became the first United skipper to lift the FA Cup three times and added a ECWC triumph to his many accolades. His 26 goals for England ranks him sixth in the national side's scoring chart and of course Bryan was credited with the fastest goal ever in the World Cup Finals when he scored against in 27 seconds in 1982.

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Midfielder **Clayton Blackmore**

Just one year after a potential £600,000 move to Aberdeen, Bryan Robson picked up his former team-mate for free in August 1994. Clayton had been with Manchester United since November 1978, when he was signed as an Associated Schoolboy, and it was manager Ron Atkinson who gave him his League debut, at left-back, at Nottingham Forest on 16th May 1984.

Amazingly, after only two League appearances for United, Blackmore was capped by Wales in the summer of 1985 when he went on as a substitute at half-time against Norway. Mike England was manager of Wales at the time. It was the first of 38 full caps for the Principality. Prior to this he had won International honours for Wales at Schoolboy, Youth and Under-21 levels.

A good passer of the ball, he has an excellent football brain, reads the game well and possesses a thunderous shot. A versatile performer, Clayton operated in virtually every area of the field for United scoring 19 goals in 186 League appearances. During his time at Old Trafford, Manchester United won 2 Premiership titles, the F A Cup three times, the League Cup once, the European Cup Winners' Cup and the Super Cup.

Clayton picks out the 2-1 defeat of Barcelona in the 1991 European Winners' Cup Final as his personnel highlight of a memorable career that is still far from over.

Just turned 30 his enthusiasm is as bright as ever. Still a great defender but capable of supporting the attack he has a great temperament and can be a cooling influence on the younger players

around him. Injuries have hampered his progress so far at Ayresome Park, limiting him to just 17 appearances before Christmas. Born: Neath 23-9-64.





ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE PREVIEW

After a week of hectic Cup action in both major domestic competitions it is back to the bread and butter of League action this weekend.

For Town of course this is the first game of 1995 in the First Division following the postponement of the home game with Sunderland. Middlesbrough got a game in and were 2-1 up against Barnsley at half-time when their match was abandoned. But for most teams in the League this is the second game of the New Year.

Whatever happened yesterday Middlesbrough will still go into this game with Town as League leaders. Wolves were four points behind going into their home game with Stoke City yesterday so even if they won they will still be a point short of Bryan Robson's team who now also have two games in hand.

Keith Scott, who scored in our 3-2 victory over Wolves, will have been looking to impress again, for his new Stoke City side.

Another point to mention is that Wolves will have played 14 games at home while 'Boro have only had 12 at Ayresome Park. So statistically the start to the new year couldn't be better for the leaders.

Sheffield United are the dark horses to emerge as serious promotion rivals. They were two goals up at Molineux, both scored by substitute Nathan Blake. But Wolves clawed back to draw from a John De Wolfe penalty and Neil Emblem header in the 93rd minute!

United manager Dave Bassett called it The Great Escape. "I thought they slipped Steve McQueen on," he quipped. Yesterday the Blades faced a difficult task against Millwall at Bramall Lane, and might well have wished they had Kirk Douglas to tame the rampant Lions.

Tranmere Rovers start their quest at Port Vale ten minutes after us this afternoon. They will probably need to do better than their goalless draw at Southend if they are to hold off Bolton Wanderers. Bolton moved alongside them on points in the New Year programmes when Simon Coleman scored the only goal against Reading from close range. Bruce Rioch's Cup aces were at Watford yesterday.

Reading of course have now filled their managerial position by putting Northern Ireland striker Jimmy Quinn and Mick Gooding in joint charge. They had lost just once in five games while looking after things following the departure of Mark McGhee to Leicester.

Yesterday they played for a sixth home win of the season against improving West Brom, who went in search of their first away League win of the season.

The Barnsley vs Luton scrap at Oakwell was an interesting one. The "Tykes" had crept up to seventh place over the holidays and are becoming a serious threat. But who knows what Luton Town will do, they are so inconsistent. Beaten seven times at home they went into the game boasting the best away record in the division with seven wins and four draws!

Notts County are within 90-minutes of another Wembley appearance in the Anglo Italian Cup yet are still stranded at the foot of the League table. Burnley, who had goalkeeper Marlon Beresford sent-off at Portsmouth, were visitors to Meadow Lane yesterday and it will be no surprise if they got something out of it.

Watford's 0-0 draw at Ashton Gate increased Bristol City's relegation fears while Portsmouth hoisted out of the bottom four with a 2-0 home win over Burnley. Yesterday the two clashed at Fratton Park in what was possibly a nervous affair.

Oldham Athletic put their good home record against Sunderland who have won only twice at Roker Park but four times away. A possible draw that one while Grimsby Town should have made home advantage pay over a Southend United side that had conceded 33 goals away from home this season.

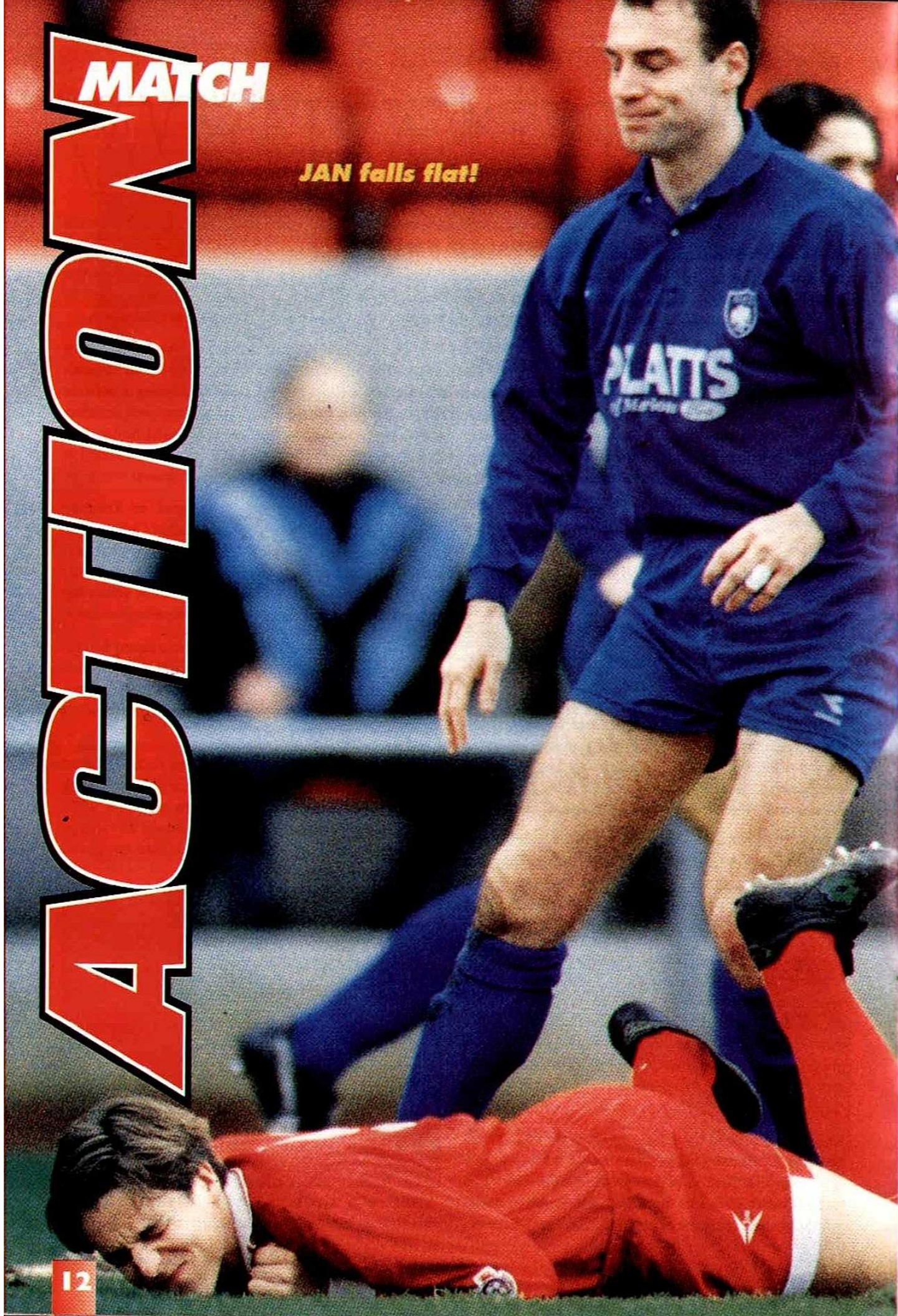


Sheffield United boss Dave Bassett keeping his sense of humour.

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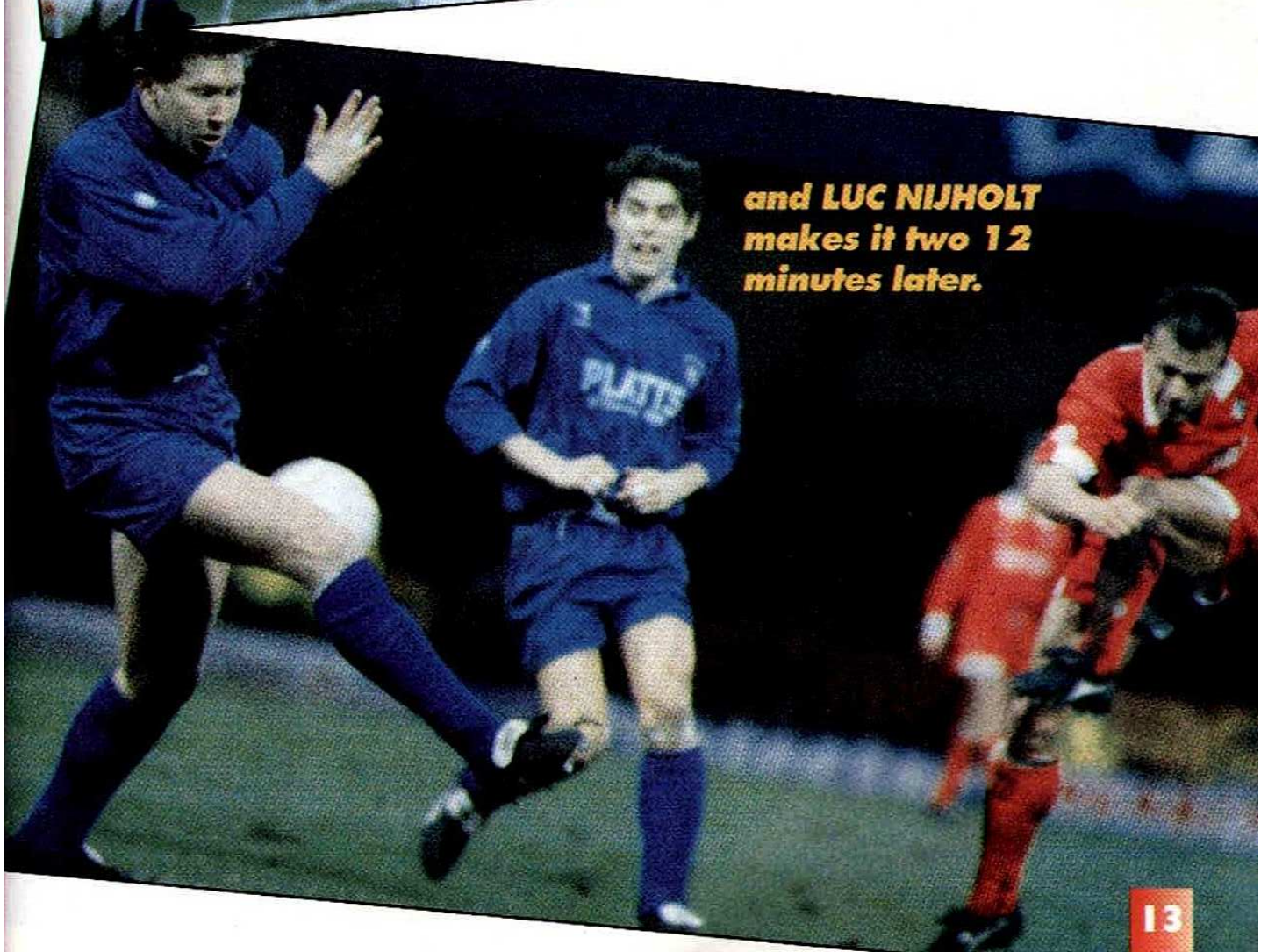
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IN THE *With Shane Cook* COMMUNITY



You might have only just started back at school after the Christmas break but already we are looking at the next half term in February for our ever popular Funweeks.

These have now been set for the week commencing 20 February 1995.

There are two courses at Dorcan School and at Greendown School. Both run for the week for four days meaning there are no courses on the Thursday when we are at Wembley Stadium on the tour.

The Dorcan course runs daily from 9.30am until 12.30pm with the one at Greendown on from 1.30pm until 4.30pm.

Both courses are being held indoors so please remember to bring trainers rather than your football boots.

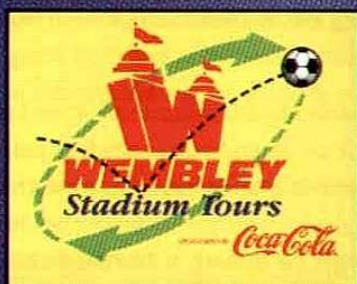
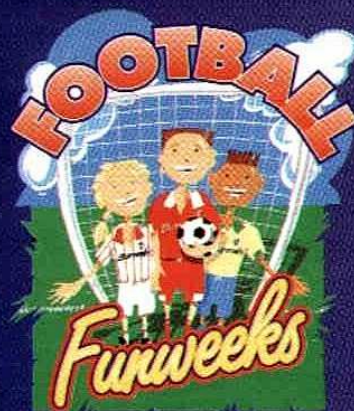
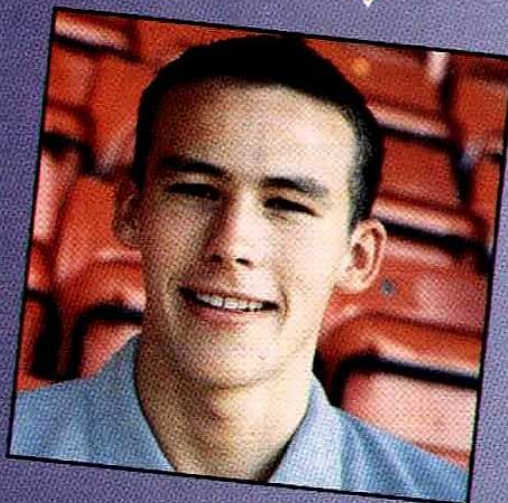
The cost of each course is £25 for the week and if you also want to come along on the Thursday with us to Wembley you can book at the same time at the special price of £10 - a saving of £2.

Bookings for the Funweeks and Wembley Stadium tour are on a first come first served basis and places are limited. Application forms are available now from the Club Reception or Community Office.

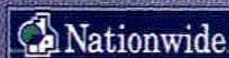
This afternoon we welcome everybody from Shaw & Whitley Youth Football Club who are with us as members of our Team Club today.

Also with us are youngsters from Lainesmead and Covingham Schools in Swindon who are the first schools to come here in the 'Learning Through Football' scheme for 1995.

We trust you all have a good time at the County Ground today - enjoy the game.



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TOWN TALK

Today, Nicky Hammond talks to Colin Benson.

Q. Well Nick, it must be great to get back into the first team?

A. Yes. It was a little bit of a surprise. I did not find out until an hour before the kick-off at Oldham.

Q. Can you be prepared enough with such short notice?

A. I think what we have found since the new boss arrived is that no matter what position you play, and whether you played last time out or not, everyone in the squad prepares to play in the forthcoming game. So come Saturday at two o'clock you wait for the team sheet to go up and hope your name is selected.

But everyone within the squad knows what they have to do within the team should they be selected and I was ready for it.

Q. After what was a dismal year for you in regard to selection it is a great start to 1995 isn't it?

A. That's right. It had been a difficult year for me and the team as well. But we got a good point at Oldham which isn't the easiest place to go.

I was very pleased with my performance particularly as I was a little short of match practice. I had not played too often in the Reserves of late because their fixtures clashed with those of the first team, so taking this into consideration it was good to get that one under my belt.

Q. Outfield players rightly make a lot of match fitness, claiming that they lose their edge if not given regular first team games. It has to be the same for goalkeepers where reflexes and response are so critical. Can you have your playing skills and keep them that sharp, when you are not playing?

A. There is no problem on basic-stopping. This is the basis of our everyday work so we practice these skills daily. It is the decision making and communication with other defenders that becomes flat when you are not regularly active.

I had a couple of games in the Anglo Italian Cup earlier in the season and when I came back I felt good. So I knew mentally I could turn myself back on when I was in the first team. But it is true to say it is a million miles away from sitting on the sidelines or even playing in the Reserves.

Q. The League leaders Middlesbrough present a formidable examination?

A. Yes, they do but it is going to be a great game to play in. They are undoubtedly, in my mind, the side to beat this season and I think anyone who finishes above them will be the Champions.

Q. If all goes to plan we will have two ex-Arsenal goalkeepers facing up to each other from opposite ends this afternoon?

A. Alan Miller. I know Alan very well. He has done superbly well since he moved up to Ayresome Park. I am pleased for him because he was a long time in the shadows of John Lukic and David Seaman and now he has the opportunity to show what he can really do.



Nicky Hammond

Arsenal are a good club to be at particularly for goalkeepers and it can be a little frustrating when you can't get in the side. You can only be play one goalkeeper and we don't have the flexibility that many outfield players have to get into the side in another shirt.

I suppose the way Alan saw it was that Seaman, England's current first choice, was going to be there a long time so that he was going to play regular first team football he had to move. Middlesbrough obviously seems a wide choice.



Q. Obviously you have had a lot of opportunity to study the side from the bench this season and you have now played behind them two or three times. What have you noticed different about Swindon Town of 1995?

A. I think we are beginning to look a little tighter at the back, and hopefully this will remain so. We have brought Ian Culverhouse in and he is going to be a superb acquisition.

We know we had to tighten up defensively. It has always been a problem with us. It was a problem earlier this season; it was a problem last season and a problem the season we got promoted even.

We played as a team and have always been a very open attacking unit scoring goals but unfortunately letting them in as well. In the last two seasons we have let too many goals in it is as simple as that. So we have to plug the gaps without detracting from our attacking force.

Q. Having won back your jersey the onus is now on you to keep your place and it is probably a little more difficult here than it is at most places as Fraser Digby is another first class candidate?

A. It has always been the same at Swindon. You know when you are in the side you have to play your best or you are out. We all have periods when we are on top form and periods when we are a little off. You just have to make sure the off days are really limited.

Q. Do you get nervous before a game?

A. Yes, yes. I always have that sickly feeling in the stomach on the morning of a game and when I stop getting that feeling it will be the time to start worrying. It shows you are hyped up and ready to go. You need that touch of nervous tension.

Q. When does it disappear?

A. Generally when I get into the dressing room, I find the worst time is Saturday mornings.

They tend to drag on. But once you get in with the lads you relax a little. The spirit has always been good here and at the moment it is as good as it has ever been irrespective of how

the results have gone. It is one of the great things of about being a professional footballer, the friendship between the lads is tremendously inspiring.

We have one or two dressing room comics. Terry Fenwick has gone and we have just lost Keith Scott as well so the dressing room is a wee bit quieter at the moment. But there are a few characters in there.

We all have our different ways of preparing - our different quirks.

Q. What are yours?

A. I wouldn't like to say actually. My wife might read the programme.

Q. Oh dear it is as bad as that is it?

A. No not really. I tend to be one of the quieter ones. Goalkeepers tend to be the loners. It takes another 'keeper to know what we do and why we do it.



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BENNO

If all had been well we could have seen two of England's most competitive midfield generals in opposition this afternoon. Alas, the broken arm sustained by Steve McMahon at Oldham Athletic over the holidays denies all Swindon fans that stimulating pleasure.

It's a great shame, for McMahon versus Robson has always been a top of the bill tussle within a battle. The two have clashed many a time in Liverpool v Manchester United fixtures and more recently in the big Manchester derby games. It is the clash of the titans, two midfield men with a singular ambition, undeniable commitment, and that indefinable quality that makes them able to transfer their enthusiasm to those around them.

They are born leaders and their transition towards the managerial seat is a natural progression. The fact is that both have accepted one of the hardest challenges in League football - that of player-manager.

It can be done, there are countless examples of success over the years, but it is a great strain on an individual's resources particularly if results are not too kind.

Glenn Hoddle managed to mix the two roles with great results in his stint at the County Ground. The run to promotion to the Premiership and that magnificent climax at Wembley in the Play-Off Final with Leicester City was his crowning glory. But would the former England star have persevered as a player so long had we been going through a sticky patch?

Perhaps not. When the going gets tough the tendency is for player bosses to put all their concentration into the managerial side and consequently they drift out of the playing arena. It is probably not the intention at first, but once they rest themselves the rest turns into a sustained period, then to the ultimate... hanging up of the boots.

This happened to Mick McCarthy at Millwall. Mick captained the Republic of Ireland in the 1990 World Cup Finals and was still being selected for International squads by Jack Charlton when he stopped playing. At first he was out through injury but his expected return to the Lions side never materialised as he struggled to steer Millwall back on course after a tricky period.

Once the urgency of getting back into the side has gone everything tends to slip. Managerial concerns overlap those of the player in the man and eventually the physical condition goes and the confidence to keep going at such a high level dissolves into the abyss of administration.

One can sense that happening at Loftus Road where Bryan Robson's former midfield partner, for both England and Manchester United, Ray Wilkins has assumed the player-manager title. Ray is now very much the man leaning up against the dug-out. It will be a great loss to the game if he doesn't soon pull on a shirt, tie up his boots and get out there and play.

Equally, it would be a great shame if Bryan Robson and Steve McMahon are tempted, by circumstances, to terminate their playing roles prematurely. There is always plenty of advice suggesting they are fools to attempt the impossible by trying to combine the two jobs and naturally players of senior years are consciously more concerned with their futures than the present.

Yet once those boots are hung out to dry there is no coming back. The managerial chairs will still be there of course no matter what.

As far as Middlesbrough are concerned they could have two of their management team on the pitch for Viv Anderson is still registered as a player. Now Viv is 38 years old but I saw him playing last season for Barnsley and he was man of the match - 20 years after he had come into football with Nottingham Forest. It all goes to show there is no substitute for TALENT.



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With

Phil Alexander

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SWINDON TOWN CLUBCALL

Swindon Town Football Club would like to welcome Stuart Mac aboard as Clubcall presenter. "It's nice to be one of the Clubcall team, and part of my job will be to make the lines more informative and interesting listening, by way of interviews from Management and Players, the latest news as it breaks, i.e postponed matches, pitch inspections and not forgetting the latest match reports which can be found on 0891 12-16-40. On our other line 0891 14-16-40 will be information on availability of tickets and travel (home and away) along with competitions, and lottery results i.e Nest Egg and Moonraker Chase winners.

If you have any comments or queries on Clubcall please write to Stuart Mac c/o The Marketing Department at The County Ground.

(Calls are charged at 39p a minute cheap rate and 49p per minute all other times)."

THEATRE TRIP

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dangerfield of Swindon for kindly donating a mini-bus to take the Junior Robins to the Wyvern Theatre for the Christmas Pantomime, Dick Whittington.

TODAYS LUCKY MASCOTS



7 year old Adam Tredaway is from Upper Stratton in Swindon. He currently attends Ruskin Junior School and enjoys football, swimming and playing the organ. Adam is also a member of our Junior Robins Young Supporters

Club. His favourite player is our flying hero Jan Aage Fjortoft.

Adam Brewer aged 8 from Liden has won the privilege of being a mascot today in a recent Junior Robins competition. Adam attends Liden Junior School and enjoys reading and playing football. His favourite players are Swindon's own Jan Aage Fjortoft and Manchester United's Andrei Kanchelskis.



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Peter Coyne

By **MIKE SKINNER**

Few players can say they scored a hat-trick for England - but Peter Coyne can claim two! As a 15 year-old, back in 1974, Peter grabbed three against both France and West Germany which soon earned him an apprenticeship with Manchester United.

At 17, he made his League debut for United at Villa Park. "I didn't know I would be playing until one o'clock on the day of the match", recalls Peter. "Tommy Doc came into the dressing room and told me I was sub. I remember going on at a Villa free-kick. Andy Gray scored and we lost 2-1!"

Peter's first and only full game for the Reds was at Leicester two months later. "It was a week before the Cup Final and some of the lads were rested", said Peter, who scored but, as at Villa, ended up on the losing side again. Less than twelve months later, in March 1977, Peter was released and played a few games for Ashton United before he quickly realised that he had much to offer at League level.

The first came from Old Trafford old boy Harry Gregg, then in charge at Fourth Division Crewe. Peter clearly enjoyed himself at Gresty Road, finishing top goalscorer there in three out of four seasons. But, following Harry's departure in 1981, there was a major reshuffle of the playing pack and Peter once again left the League scene.

And again Peter joined a Cheshire County League Club, Hyde United, helping them to become the last ever champions. In his first season at Ewen Fields, they did a League

and Cup treble and gained promotion to the Northern Premier League.

Peter had been without regular employment while at Hyde but was about to fix himself up with a job in the Post Office when he received a telephone call from Lou Macari, who had just been appointed manager at Swindon. "I was caught in two minds as to what to do", said Peter, "but it took me about ten seconds to decide!" And he was soon on his way south.

Only Colin Gordon found the net more frequently for the Town than Peter in 1984/85 and in the Championship season that followed Peter collected another 14. Charlie Henry's 18 might have been under threat had Peter not suffered a stomach strain which kept him out of action for two months of the season.

It was Peter's two goals which gave Swindon an opening day victory at Bolton to start off their Third Division campaign and his last of the season at Ashton Gate prevented City from joining Town in the Play-Offs. He stayed on at The County Ground for a further two years, although his appearances in the Second Division were few.

When Mr. Macari left in the summer of 1989, Peter's days here were numbered and he went to

Aldershot on loan. But a permanent move failed to materialise and he instead had the opportunity to return to the North West to sign for Colne Dynamos in the HFS Loans League. "They were ahead by a mile and had it won by Christmas," said Peter. But further progress, to the Vauxhall Conference, was not to happen. "Their ground wasn't up to standard. The chairman, who was a multi-millionaire, just pulled out and we were all left high and dry".

Nowadays Peter, 36, works both on and off the field with his brother Ged, once on Manchester City's books. During the week they look after security at Manchester Airport and on Saturdays assist Glossop North End - where Ged is manager - in the North West Counties League.



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With

Ross MacLaren



AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION DIVISION 1

Tue 16 Aug	Crystal Palace	A	2-1
Wed 31 Aug	Watford	A	0-1
Sat 03 Sep	Arsenal	A	0-0
Wed 14 Sep	Norwich City	A	0-7
Wed 28 Sep	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	7-3
Mon 03 Oct	Bristol City	A	1-8
Mon 10 Oct	IPSWICH TOWN	H	1-1
Mon 17 Oct	Bristol Rovers	A	1-0
Mon 24 Oct	NORWICH CITY	H	2-2
Mon 31 Oct	LUTON TOWN	H	1-2
Wed 02 Nov	OXFORD UNITED	H	0-1
Fri 11 Nov	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	0-1
Wed 23 Nov	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	1-2
Wed 30 Nov	Luton Town	A	2-2
Wed 14 Dec	Ipswich Town	A	2-2
Tue 20 Dec	MILLWALL	H	2-1
Tue 17 Jan	Portsmouth	A	
Wed 18 Jan	Q.P.R.	H	
Wed 25 Jan	WATFORD	H	
Wed 01 Feb	CHELSEA	H	
Tue 07 Feb	Q.P.R.	A	
Wed 15 Feb	Oxford United	A	
Mon 20 Feb	Chelsea	A	
Wed 22 Feb	Wimbledon	A	
Mon 06 Mar	Millwall	A	
Mon 13 Mar	Charlton Athletic	A	
Wed 15 Mar	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	
Tue 21 Mar	SOUTHAMPTON	H	
Wed 29 Mar	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	
Mon 03 Apr	PORTSMOUTH	H	
Wed 05 Apr	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	
Mon 10 Apr	WIMBLEDON	H	
Wed 12 Apr	Southampton	A	
Tue 18 Apr	West Ham United	A	
Wed 26 Apr	ARSENAL	H	
Tue 02 May	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
Tue 09 May	WEST HAM UNITED	H	
TBA	BRISTOL CITY	H	

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AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION DIVISION 1 AS AT 7 JANUARY 1995

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Southampton	20	12	3	5	46	29	39
Queens Park Rangers	19	11	4	4	41	18	37
Charlton Athletic	19	11	3	5	35	22	36
Norwich City	18	9	5	4	43	25	32
Crystal Palace	18	9	5	4	27	13	32
Chelsea	18	8	5	5	39	26	29
Tottenham Hotspur	18	6	5	5	33	20	29
West Ham United	19	9	2	8	20	24	29
Wimbledon	18	7	3	8	29	30	26
Watford	19	8	2	9	27	22	26
Luton Town	19	7	3	9	28	34	24
Arsenal	21	5	9	7	29	38	24
Ipswich Town	18	5	8	5	30	29	23
Millwall	19	8	4	9	25	33	22
Oxford United	20	6	4	10	27	36	22
Portsmouth	21	5	5	11	22	43	20
Bristol City	18	4	5	8	32	37	18
Bristol Rovers	19	5	3	11	22	53	18
Swindon Town	16	4	5	7	22	34	17
Brighton & Hove Albion	17	4	2	11	27	47	14

With the Reserves still in hibernation after the Christmas lay-off we can take a look at interesting facts from other Club's playing in the Avon Insurance Combination recently.

ARSENAL have identified an unexpected source of talent - the famous North Bank! Until last year 22 year old Jon Gunner was a Season Ticket holder on the North Bank and combined spectating with playing for Hertford Heath before joining Hertford Town at the start of this season. It was there that he was spotted by **BRENTFORD** and he has already played in their first team.

BATH CITY must need a calculator to keep up with their Reserve Team statistics in Division 2. In their first 13 matches no less than 38 players had appeared in their Combination games, including four goalkeepers.

CARDIFF CITY, currently top of Division 2 of the Avon Insurance Combination have had three players, Lee Baddeley, Tony Bird and Terry Evans in the Wales Under 21 line-up.

LUTON TOWN's Reserve striker Jamie Woodsford appeared as second half substitute for England U18's against Latvia.

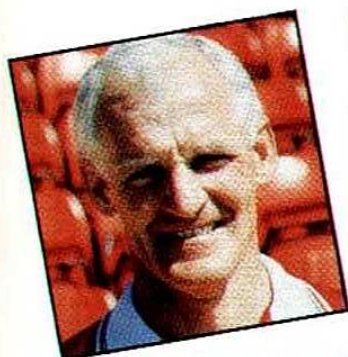
MILLWALL defender Damian Webber, recently signed from Diadora League Bognor Regis Town is a late entrant to the Football League having made his first team debut via the Avon Insurance Combination.

NORWICH CITY have scored 43 goals in their opening 18 matches and boast the Combination's top goalscorer in Jamie Cureton whose 14 goals earned him his full Premiership debut at Nottingham Forest. This came 17 days after he had scored against Chelsea after having been on the pitch for less than thirty seconds!

QPR striker Daniele Dichio combines scoring goals for Rangers Reserves while working part-time as a disc jockey.

Former Town star Adrian Whitbread aggravated his foot injury playing for **WEST HAM UNITED** at Bristol City recently.





YOUTH TEAM IN FOCUS

With **John Trollope**

Our last South Counties League at home to prior to Christmas against Southampton saw us lose our unbeaten run of nine games, going down by the only goal of the game.

In the previous two or three games we had not played particularly well so this defeat was on the cards and this time our luck ran out.

More disappointing was that we never even looked like putting on a good performance by not working hard enough when not in possession and not using the ball well enough when in possession.

We created very few chances, the least in any game this season but somehow managed to come in level at the interval.

Although Southampton had more of the game they themselves could not finish but after the break from a half cleared attack they crossed back into our area where from a glancing header they got the only goal of the game to give them a deserved win.

The alarming thing about this game was our lack of application which has been our strong point during our good run and to end what has been such a good achievement without too much of a fight was most disappointing.

Being in this form was not the best preparation for our F A Cup replay against Portsmouth but due to bad weather the tie was postponed twice and maybe this was a blessing in disguise. We are now due to play the game here at The County Ground tomorrow evening at 7.00pm and hopefully by now the lads know what is to be expected of them.

Unfortunately our home game against Oxford United on New Year's Eve was abandoned at half time following the tragic fatal collapse of a spectator during the game which will now be redated.

Result:

South East Counties League

Southampton 1 Swindon Town 0

Team: Hamblin, Jordan, Souter, Holloway, Thorne, Thomas, Harvey, Pearce, Fraser, Laidlaw, Wimble. **Subs:** Organ, Mildenhall.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Sat 13 Aug	Oxford United	A	2-3
Sat 20 Aug	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	5-2
Sat 27 Aug	Colchester United	A	2-3
Sat 03 Sep	WIMBLEDON	H	1-5
Sat 10 Sep	Brentford	A	3-1
Mon 12 Sep	Ipswich Town (S.J.F.C. 1)	A	1-0
Sat 17 Sep	Wimbledon (LC 1)	A	1-1
Sat 24 Sep	WIMBLEDON (LC 1R)	H	0-2
Sat 08 Oct	AFC Bournemouth	A	1-2
Sat 15 Oct	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	3-0
Tue 18 Oct	NOTTM. FOREST (MYC 1)	H	1-0
Sat 22 Oct	Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-0
Sat 29 Oct	BRENTFORD	H	3-0
Sat 05 Nov	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	9-0
Sat 12 Nov	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	2-2
Wed 16 Nov	BRISTOL CITY (S.J.F.C. 2)	H	3-1
Sat 19 Nov	LUTON TOWN	H	1-0
Sat 26 Nov	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	1-0
Mon 28 Nov	Derby County (MYC 2)	A	0-2
Sat 03 Dec	Reading	A	1-0
Sat 10 Dec	SOUTHAMPTON	H	3-1
Tue 13 Dec	Portsmouth (FAYC2)	A	0-0
Sat 17 Dec	Southampton	A	0-1
Sat 14 Jan	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	
Mon 16 Jan	PORTSMOUTH (FAYC 2R)	H	
Sat 21 Jan	Wimbledon	A	
Mon 23 Jan	PORTSMOUTH (S.J.F.C. Q/F)	H	
Sat 04 Feb	Bristol City	A	
Sat 18 Feb	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	
Sat 25 Feb	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
Sat 04 Mar	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	
Sat 25 Mar	Luton Town	A	
Sat 01 Apr	READING	H	
TBA	BRISTOL CITY	H	
TBA	Crystal Palace	A	
TBA	OXFORD UNITED	H	
TAB	Bristol Rovers	A	

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SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 2 AS AT 7 JANUARY 1995

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Oxford United	18	9	6	3	39	26	24
Wimbledon	15	9	3	3	60	24	21
Crystal Palace	13	9	3	1	34	14	21
Swindon Town	16	10	1	5	38	20	21
Brentford	18	8	4	6	27	26	20
Bristol City	14	8	3	3	32	13	19
AFC Bournemouth	18	7	5	6	33	43	19
Tottenham Hotspur	17	8	1	8	33	34	17
Southampton	17	5	6	6	22	24	16
Colchester United	16	5	5	6	24	34	15
Luton Town	16	7	0	9	37	25	14
Brighton & H.A.	14	5	3	6	27	37	13
Reading	18	4	3	11	21	42	11
Bristol Rovers	14	1	6	7	18	31	8
Wycombe Wanderers	18	0	3	15	15	67	3

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MY VIEW

With

ITV SPORTS PRESENTER JIM ROSENTHAL



About six or seven weeks ago, before Wolves started to slide, I picked Middlesbrough out as the team I thought would win the First Division title this season - they seemed the more complete unit - so it is no surprise to me that they come here today as the League leaders.

I had Terry Venables with me for our match when they played Wolves, and he is here again with me today. Terry was impressed with Hignett on the day. And obviously John Hendrie has played very very well for them whenever they have been on television, so he's one for Swindon fans to look out for as well.

I suppose coming from where I do - I'm an Oxford fan and we have been since my dad took me there as a six-year-old - I know what it is like to support a team at the other end of the table. Last season when Oxford were looking at the trap door everybody said we were too good to go down but in the end we dropped out of the First Division. It's a little warning for Swindon that once you get into a rut it is a hell of a job to get out.

You have come down one division and have not won many games this season so you are going to have to turn it around and turn it around quite quickly. Again, going back to Oxford we lost games 2-1 and 1-0 which everyone said we shouldn't have lost. Then in the end you go and it is a nasty old swamp down there.

I was at your match against Marlow last week and was highly delighted you won. I live quite near Marlow and my

life has not been very comfortable since Oxford got beaten by them. But I must admit having seen Marlow play here I can see how they beat Oxford.

Though I support Oxford I remember living there when they had the great days down here. The Ernie Hunt days, the Mike Summerbee days; Stan Harland. That was a fantastic team, a great great team, and I'm not one of the Oxford supporters that hate Swindon. I hope Swindon stay in Division One and that we have derby games with you next season. To redress the balance a bit I sponsored Joey Beauchamp during his three years at Oxford and it is quite unusual for someone to move from Oxford to Swindon. I know Joey took a somewhat roundabout route but he got here.

Steve McMahon is going to find it very hard not to be out there mixing it and putting things right this afternoon. You don't see too many managers wearing shorts on the touch-line on a January afternoon as he was last Saturday. I think the hardest part for Steve is seeing things happen that he knows he could have done better - wishing to do everything himself if you like. I think it is devilishly difficult job being a player-manager.

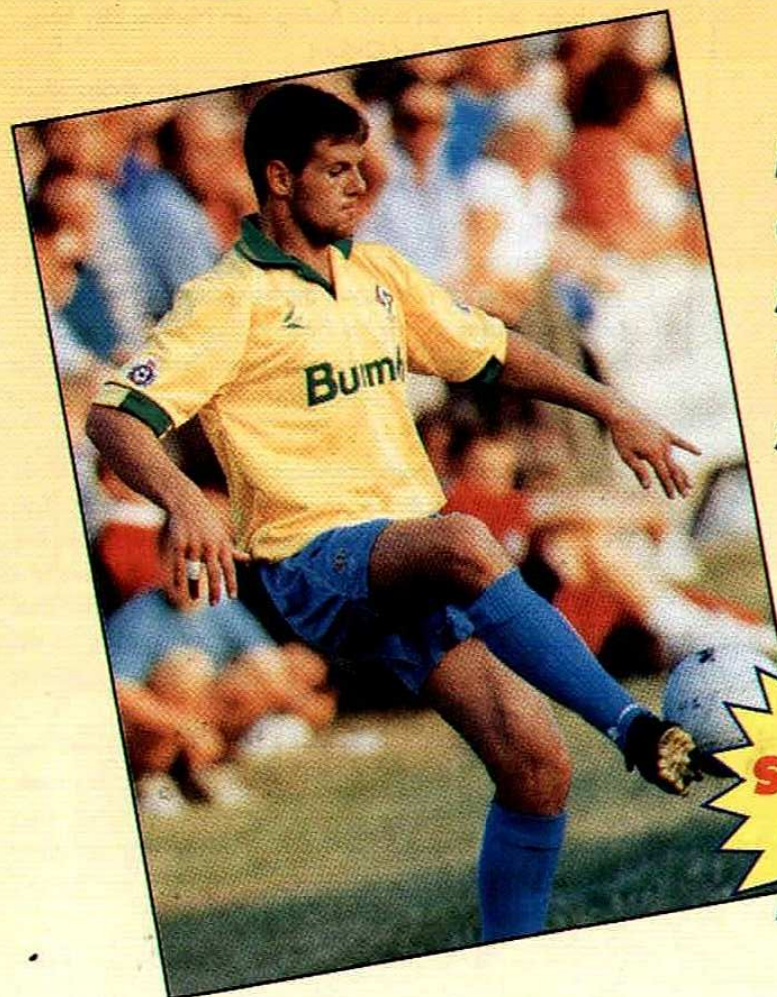
Personally I think you have to do one or the other - I've always thought that. Playing and management are both very hard jobs in themselves and combining both is so difficult to get right. But of course Glenn Hoddle has done it here and he has carried it off successfully and off the pitch I have always been impressed by Steve.

I remember once in the 1990 World Cup Finals when England played The Republic of Ireland in Cagliari and Steve's error gave the Irish their goal in a 1-1 draw. When you might have expected him to turn away and hide he was quite happy to come on television and talk to me about it. I have always taken the view you learn more about people by the way they react when things are going badly rather than well and Steve got a big tick in my book that day.

I think he might have a few days here when things don't go according to plan where those sort of experiences will stand him in good stead. And I hope he does well. I really do hope he does because he has always given everything as a player and I would like if anyone can combine the two jobs it will be a fellow like Steve.

Bryan Robson is also a player-manager but he has not played that much this season. I know he has been out with injury but that might have helped him a little bit. I'm sure he would accept that the hardest part for two world-class players, as they are, is the frustration of seeing things happen from the side line

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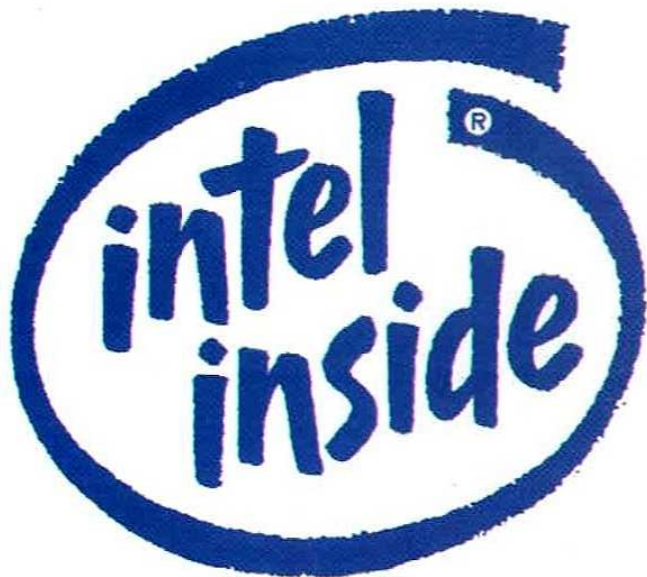
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ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE AS AT 05 JANUARY 1995

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Middlesbrough	25	9	1	2	23	9	5	5	3	16	13	48
Wolverhampton W.	26	9	2	2	27	13	4	3	6	20	21	44
Tranmere Rovers	26	10	2	1	31	13	2	5	6	9	15	43
Bolton Wanderers	26	9	3	1	23	8	3	4	6	16	21	43
Sheffield United	26	8	3	2	23	10	5	5	5	19	18	41
Reading	26	5	6	2	15	9	6	2	5	16	15	41
Barnsley	25	8	3	2	21	11	3	2	7	8	19	38
Luton Town	26	3	3	7	17	19	7	4	2	18	12	37
Watford	26	7	5	1	19	11	2	5	6	9	17	37
Oldham Athletic	25	7	4	2	23	13	3	2	7	13	19	36
Millwall	25	6	4	2	21	13	3	4	6	11	17	35
Stoke City	25	6	4	3	21	11	3	4	5	7	18	35
Southend United	26	8	2	3	16	9	2	3	8	11	33	35
Grimsby Town	25	6	4	2	19	18	2	6	5	16	23	34
Charlton Athletic	25	5	4	4	20	16	3	5	4	17	20	33
Derby County	25	5	3	2	13	9	3	4	8	11	15	33
West Bromwich Alb.	25	8	2	2	14	8	0	5	9	9	25	31
Sunderland	25	2	8	3	12	12	4	4	4	14	13	30
Portsmouth	26	4	4	5	16	17	3	4	6	12	21	29
Burnley	23	3	5	3	17	15	3	4	5	9	16	27
Swindon Town	25	5	5	3	19	17	1	3	8	13	24	26
Port Vale	24	5	3	4	17	14	1	4	7	11	20	25
Bristol City	26	4	4	5	12	16	2	1	10	8	20	23
Notts County	25	3	4	6	13	17	1	2	9	9	19	18

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AS AT 11 JANUARY 1995

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Joey Beauchamp	20(3)	1	10(1)	1	30(4)	2
Austin Berkley	0(2)	0	2(2)	0	2(4)	0
Paul Bodin	24	6	9	0	33	6
Ian Culverhouse	5	0	2	0	7	0
Fraser Digby	24(1)	0	7(4)	0	31(5)	0
Terry Fenwick	2	0	0	0	2	0
Jan Aage Fjortoft	25	13	8(1)	9	33(1)	22
Ty Gooden	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0
Nicky Hammond	1(24)	0	4(7)	0	5(31)	0
Chris Hamon	0(2)	0	0(5)	1	0(7)	1
Kevin Horlock	19(6)	0	8(2)	0	27(8)	0
Stuart James	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
Brian Kilcline	6(3)	0	7(1)	0	13(4)	0
Martin Ling	19(3)	2	9(2)	0	28(5)	2
Ross MacLaren	3	0	1	0	4	0
Steve McMahon	3	0	0	0	3	0
Edwin Murray	0(2)	0	0(4)	0	0(6)	0
Andy Mutch	8(15)	0	7(3)	4	15(18)	4
Luc Nijholt	22	0	10	1	32	1
Wayne O'Sullivan	7(7)	0	5(3)	0	12(10)	0
Marcus Phillips	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
Mark Robinson	24	0	11	0	35	0
Keith Scott	21(3)	8	9	4	30(3)	12
Shaun Taylor	18	2	6	0	24	2
Carl Tiler	2	0	0	0	2	0
Andrew Thomson	18(1)	0	8(1)	1	26(2)	1
Neil Webb	5(1)	0	0	0	5(1)	0
Adrian Whitbread	1	0	0	0	1	0
Steve White	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0

SWINDON TOWN FIXTURES 1994/95

DATE	OPPONENTS	FA
Sun 14 Aug	PORT VALE	H 2-0
Sat 20 Aug	Tranmere Rovers	A 2-3
Wed 24 Aug	ATALANTA A.I.C.(1)	H 0-2
Sat 27 Aug	WATFORD	H 1-0
Wed 31 Aug	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H 0-0
Sat 03 Sep	Notts County	A 1-0
Tue 06 Sep	Venezia A.I.C. (2)	A 0-1
Sun 11 Sep	DERBY COUNTY	H 1-1
Wed 14 Sep	READING	H 1-0
Sat 17 Sep	Charlton Athletic	A 0-1
Wed 21 Sep	CHARLTON ATH. (C.C.C. 2-1)	H 1-3
Sat 24 Sep	GRIMSBY TOWN	H 3-2
Tue 27 Sep	Charlton Athletic (C.C.C. 2-2)	A 4-1*
Sat 01 Oct	Barnsley	A 1-2
Wed 05 Oct	LECCE A.I.C. (3)	H 3-1
Sat 08 Oct	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H 3-2
Sat 15 Oct	Portsmouth	A 3-4
Sat 22 Oct	SOUTHEND UNITED	H 2-2
Wed 26 Oct	Brighton & H.A. (C.C.C. 3)	A 1-1
Sat 29 Oct	Middlesbrough	A 1-3
Tue 01 Nov	Bolton Wanderers	A 0-3
Sat 05 Nov	MILLWALL	H 1-2
Wed 09 Nov	BRIGHTON & H.A.(C.C.C. 3R)	H 4-1
Tue 15 Nov	Ascoli A.I.C. (4)	A 1-3
Sun 20 Nov	Bristol City	A 2-3
Wed 23 Nov	BURNLEY	H 1-1
Sat 26 Nov	LUTON TOWN	H 1-2
Wed 30 Nov	DERBY COUNTY (C.C.C. 4)	H 2-1
Sat 03 Dec	Southend United	A 0-2
Sat 10 Dec	TRANMERE ROVERS	H 2-2
Sat 17 Dec	Port Vale	A 2-2
Mon 26 Dec	Stoke City	A 0-0
Tue 27 Dec	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H 1-3
Sat 31 Dec	Oldham Athletic	A 1-1
Sat 07 Jan	MARLOW (FAC 3)	H 2-0
Wed 11 Jan	MILLWALL (C.C.C. Q/F)	H 3-1
Sun 15 Jan	MIDDLESBROUGH	H
Sat 21 Jan	Millwall	A
Sat 28 Jan	Scarborough or Watford (FAC 4)	A
Sat 04 Feb	Burnley	A
Sat 11 Feb	BOLTON WANDERERS	H
Sat 18 Feb	Luton Town	A
Wed 22 Feb	BRISTOL CITY	H
Sat 25 Feb	BARNSELY	H
Sat 04 Mar	Grimsby Town	A
Wed 08 Mar	NOTTS COUNTY	H
Sat 11 Mar	Watford	A
Wed 15 Mar	SUNDERLAND	H
Sat 18 Mar	West Bromwich Albion	A
Wed 22 Mar	Derby County	A
Sat 25 Mar	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H
Sat 01 Apr	Reading	A
Sat 08 Apr	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H
Sat 15 Apr	Sheffield United	A
Mon 17 Apr	STOKE CITY	H
Sat 22 Apr	Sunderland	A
Sat 29 Apr	PORTSMOUTH	H
Sat 06 May	Wolverhampton W.	A

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10,549	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	WHITREAD	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	FENWICK	FJORTOFT 1	MUTCH	HORLOCK	SCOTT 1	O'SULLIVAN	HAMMOND
8,482	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	FENWICK	FJORTOFT 2	MUTCH	HORLOCK	SCOTT	BEAUCHAMP	HAMMOND
5,167	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	THOMSON	LING	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	SCOTT	HORLOCK	WHITE	MUTCH	HAMMOND
9,781	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING 1	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	SCOTT	O'SULLIVAN	HORLOCK	MUTCH	HAMMOND
11,555	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	SCOTT	O'SULLIVAN	HORLOCK	MUTCH	HAMMOND
6,537	DIGBY	ROBINSON	HORLOCK	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	SCOTT	O'SULLIVAN	MUTCH	KILCLINE	HAMMOND
1,250	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	HORLOCK	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	THOMSON	LING	BEAUCHAMP	MUTCH	BERKLEY	O'SULLIVAN	HAMON	MURRAY	DIGBY
9,043	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	SCOTT	HORLOCK	MUTCH	O'SULLIVAN	HAMMOND
11,551	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	HORLOCK	SCOTT 1	KILCLINE	HAMMOND
9,794	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	O'SULLIVAN	SCOTT	FJORTOFT	LING	HORLOCK	KILCLINE	BERKLEY	HAMMOND
4,932	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	KILCLINE	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT 1	BERKLEY	MURRAY	HAMMOND
8,758	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN 2	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT 1	O'SULLIVAN	MUTCH	HAMMOND
4,932	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP 1	FJORTOFT 3	LING	SCOTT	HORLOCK	MUTCH	HAMMOND
3,911	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR 1	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT	BERKLEY	MUTCH	HAMMOND
2,375	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	MUTCH 2	BERKLEY	SCOTT 1	FJORTOFT	THOMSON	HAMMOND
14,446	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN 1	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	WEBB	BEAUCHAMP 1	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT 1	HORLOCK	MUTCH	HAMMOND
10,610	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN 1	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	WEBB	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 2	LING	SCOTT	HORLOCK	MUTCH	HAMMOND
9,909	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	WEBB	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 2	LING	SCOTT	HORLOCK	MUTCH	HAMMOND
11,382	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON 1	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT	KILCLINE	MUTCH	HAMMOND
17,328	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	LING	SCOTT	WEBB	MUTCH	HAMMOND
10,046	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	KILCLINE	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	WEBB	SCOTT	LING	MUTCH	HAMMOND
9,311	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN 1	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	KILCLINE	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	WEBB	SCOTT	LING	MUTCH	HAMMOND
6,584	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	KILCLINE	LING	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 2	MUTCH	SCOTT 2	HORLOCK	MURRAY	HAMMOND
750	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	HORLOCK	McLAREN	THOMSON	KILCLINE	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP	MUTCH	LING	SCOTT	HAMON 1	MURRAY	DIGBY
9,086	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	McLAREN	KILCLINE	TILER	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	MUTCH	SCOTT 2	O'SULLIVAN	MURRAY	HAMMOND
7,654	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	McLAREN	THOMSON	TILER	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	MUTCH	SCOTT 1	HORLOCK	HAMON	HAMMOND
9,455	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	McLAREN	THOMSON	KILCLINE	O'SULLIVAN	HORLOCK	FJORTOFT	MUTCH	SCOTT 1	BEAUCHAMP	HAMON	HAMMOND
10,043	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	KILCLINE	O'SULLIVAN	HORLOCK	FJORTOFT 2	MUTCH	SCOTT	BEAUCHAMP	LING	HAMMOND
5,803	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	McMAHON	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT	MUTCH	O'SULLIVAN	HAMMOND
8,803	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN 1	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	CULVERHOUSE	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	McMAHON	SCOTT	MUTCH	LING	HAMMOND
7,747	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR 1	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	LING	SCOTT	MUTCH	O'SULLIVAN	HAMMOND
17,662	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	CULVERHOUSE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT	MUTCH	THOMSON	HAMMOND
11,007	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	CULVERHOUSE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	LING	SCOTT	MUTCH	O'SULLIVAN	HAMMOND
8,917	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	BODIN	CULVERHOUSE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	MUTCH	FJORTOFT	McMAHON	LING 1	BEAUCHAMP	MURRAY	DIGBY
7,007	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	BODIN	CULVERHOUSE	NIJHOLT 1	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	MUTCH	LING	O'SULLIVAN	HAMON	DIGBY
11,772	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	BODIN	CULVERHOUSE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	MUTCH 2	LING	O'SULLIVAN	HAMON	DIGBY

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- 9 JAN AAGE FJORTOFT
- 10 ANDY MUTCH
- 11 MARTIN LING
- 12
- 14
- 15 FRASER DIGBY

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- 1 ALAN MILLER
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