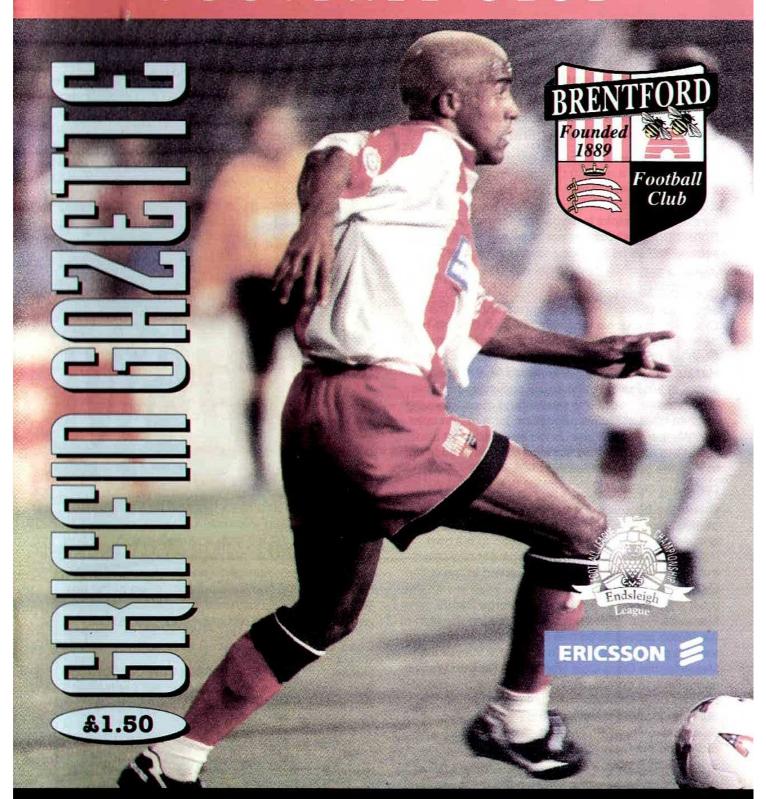
BRENTFORD



ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION TWO SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 1995 - kick off 3.00pm

SWINDON TOWN

Around the Hive he Hive

This afternoon we welcome Swindon
Town to Griffin Park and our visitors
have made a splendid start in their bid
to recover their lost first division status.
We feel sure we can anticipate a highly
competitive and entertaining game.

Last Saturday we lost our first game of the season at Burnley before a near 10,000 crowd getting the ball in the net no fewer than five times all ruled out for off side. Against Hull on Tuesday night we ran out winners 1 - 0 thanks to a spectacular volley from Robert Taylor, who might not have come out for the second half as he felt sick and queasy at half time.

Jamie's 350

Congratulations today to our skipper Jamie Bates who is set to make his 350th appearance for the Club. To honour his ten years at Griffin Park he has been granted a Testimonial and a committee has been set up under my chairmanship including Paul Herting and Phil Coffey. It is hoped to arrange a series of fund raising and social activities for Jamie during the course of this season and of course we hope to have attractive opposition for a match later on. We feel you will give Jamie every support and doubtless an especially big cheer when he goes up to toss the coin this afternoon.

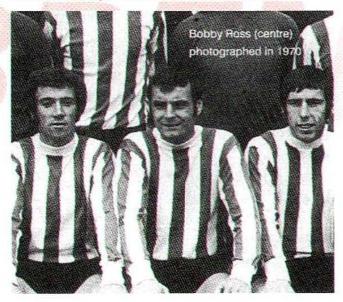
Different Opinions

One of the beauties of watching sport and football in particular is that different opinions held by supporters and each and everyone is entitled to his own view. As you know I always ask someone to select the Man of the Match for the star award in the Griffin Gazette the winner at the end of the season with the most star ratings picking up the George Sands Memorial Plate. But sometimes choosing the Man of the Match proves to be one of very diverse opinions and the press were asked to name the Man of the Match for the Coca-Cola Home-Cup Tie with Walsall and even in a comparatively small press box there were four nominations with Paul Smith just edging our Brian Statham, and Ijah Anderson and Nick Forster also receiving support. So it was Paul who picked up the Coca-Cola Award.

Although opinions of supporters obviously differ at the end of most seasons it seems the most worthy candidate does pick up the plate as certainly was the case with Jamie Bates last season.

Meeting Place

It seems if you want to meet up for Brentford chat you should push a trolley around Tescos at their new Osterley store on a Thursday morning around 10.30am. Having visited Griffin Park the first thing to do one or two little bits of Club business I proceeded to Tescos to do my shopping and the first person I should bump into was our former captain Bobby Ross and his wife Katy. Needless to say and good old chat the reminiscences followed. Bobby was of course captain of our side during the 1967 financial crisis. It was strange therefore that I should then bump into the secretary of the supporters club at that time George Hutchinson and his wife Jean.



Another diversion quickly followed by the appearance of Joyce and Mike Hayward who both actually still assist around the club and Mike was in fact one time a member of an old players Testimonial Committee. Another digression and the hopes of getting home to see the televised opening overs of the last Test Match quickly vanished into oblivion. Nevertheless as Bob Hoskins would say "its good to talk".

Coca-Cola Dates

Our second round first leg Coca Cola Cup Tie at Bolton will take place on Tuesday 19th September with the return leg at Griffin Park on Tuesday 3rd October kick off 7.45pm.

Happy Birthday

We have been asked by Josie and Maurice Hughes to wish their son Eoghan a happy birthday next Monday. He is apparently a devoted fan and collector of programmes over the last ten years so perhaps we can encourage him as a birthday present to buy some older programmes from the Programme Collectors Club whose hut is situated in Braemar Road.

THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

BRENTFORD'S OFFICIAL MATCHDAY MAGAZINE

Around the Hive by Eric White

Programme Fair

Our local friends Hayes Football Club who on their staff have at least two ex Bees in Andy Driscoll and Detzo Kruszynski have asked us to point out that they will be holding a Programme Fair in the Club House and adjacent to their ground in Church Road, Hayes between 10 am and 2 pm on Sunday 24 September. Admission will be 30p and many of the South's top dealers will be attending. The ground is very close to the town centre with a large car park, and is served by public transport from both Uxbridge and Ealing Broadway Stations.

Organ Donors

PALLCALL

We have been asked to draw your attention to the National Computer Register of Organ Donors located at the United Kingdom Transport Support Service Authority at Bristol which has recently updated the original donor card. There are 6,000 people on the waiting list for an organ, and sadly a quarter of these will die this year because of the shortage. All organ donor card holders are now being put on a central register which will make the system far more efficient. If you already carry a donor card you are requested to continue to do so also to ring free 24 hours a day on 0800 555 777

and ask for a leaflet so that full details can be provided.

Historical Note

Our loyal and long serving supporter Jim Tinkler had done one of his delves into memory lane and pointed out that on 15 March 1971 Hartlepool played Brentford to become the millionth league game played ever since the League was formed in 1888. Unfortunately there were no goals to celebrate this auspicious occasion.

First Choice

Barry Ashby's thigh injury substained against Walsall meant him missing his first game since last March. It was also our first change of the season.

Stats to date: Dearden 6, Statham 6, Grainger 6, Bates 6, Hurdle 5, Harvey 6, Smith 6, Forster 6, Anderson 6, Taylor 6, Ashby 4, McGhee 2+1, Mundee 1+2.

Goals: Taylor 3, Forster 2, Anderson 1, Harvey 1, McGhee 1, Smith 1.

Rollcall

We are pleased to reproduce below the career records, up until the end of last season of all the present and recently departed players. Our thanks to Phil Cook for compiling the table.

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David Webb writes...

There is an old expression in horse racing that there are "horses for courses". This translates into meaning that certain horses seem to run well on certain tracks and the converse applies.

It is much the same in football and there are some grounds where teams seem incapable of winning whatever their respective positions in the league. I believe Spurs travelled to Anfield for about sixty years before they managed to win and the Endsleigh League Bulletin each week includes information from the Association of Football Statisticians on such sequences. For example Luton Town recently visited Southend and they had not won there since 1963/64 and Birmingham have only won twice in eighteen visits to Charlton. So perhaps it was no surprise that we returned empty handed from Turf Moor last Saturday despite getting the ball in the net five times and missing a number of chances. I believe the last time Brentford won was way back in 1935 and so that dismal sequence continued.

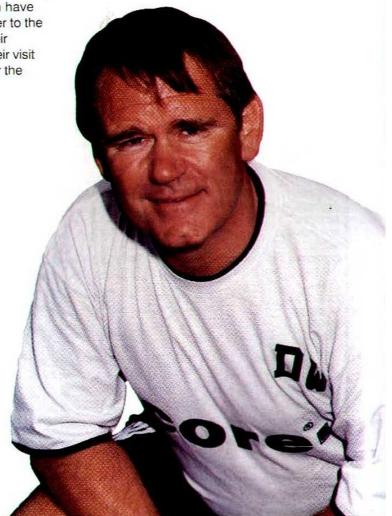
History forms a large part in the background of football clubs and indeed most of the annuals produced record the history of a club over 100 years and usually sell like hot cakes. I was not here when 100 Years of Brentford was produced but I believe it sold very well due to tremendous interest of supporters in the history of their teams and the players and personalities involved in the past who they remember well. On television recently you may have seen a series produced covering seasons in the 1970s and I am told that the viewing figures for this has been tremendous. As well as looking at the personnel it is quite intriguing to look at hair styles and changes in fashion etc.

This afternoon we welcome Swindon Town to Griffin Park. Steve McMahon will be striving to get his relegated team back into the first division and what a bumper Coca-Cola

Draw they have got against Blackburn. We also travel to Lancashire with a slightly less glamourous time with Bolton although again the historians tell me that Brentford and Bolton have much in common having been both promoted together to the old first division in 1935 and strangely each making their appearance in Division One against each other with their visit to Burden Park in August 1935 resulting in a 2-0 win for the Bees. Perhaps history can repeat itself again on 19th September.

As always up the Bees.





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Euro' 96 who'll be joining England?

Next summer, England will host the finals of the European Football Championships, the first major tournament to be staged in this country for thirty years. With forty-nine countries now affiliated to UEFA, the 1996 competition has been expanded to accommodate sixteen finalists. England as the host nation, qualify automatically (just as well, some cynics would say!) but who will be joining them? Norway need just a point to win Group Five, while Bulgaria, Romania and Spain all have substantial leads going into the final round of qualifying games. In this article, GRAHAM RIKLY speculates which fifteen national teams we might expect to visit these shores between June 8th to 30th for what promises to be a football fiesta.

Group One

With 17 points from their seven games, Romania are six points clear of their two nearest rivals France and Poland, who both lost the opportunity to go clear into second place following their lack of goals, four games having ended 0-0. Israel, a further two points behind are also in with an outside chance but with their last game being in Paris, they cannot afford to slip-up against the 'new' nations Slovakia and Azerbaijan. Slovakia began well with draws against France at home and Israel away and although they are now out of contention they, along with the pointless Azerbaijan, may have a say in who qualifies alongside Romania. Likely qualifiers: ROMANIA (winners) and France (runners up).

Group Two

Spain have dropped just two points from their seven games, drawing 1-1 at home to Belgium having already beaten them 4-1. Belgium remain in second place and with away games against Armenia and Cyprus to finish on they may just edge second place from Denmark, the match between these two in Brussels - the next in the series - should decide matters, as the defending European Champions still have Spain to play at home. Macedonia complete the group and have enjoyed 1-1 success against both Belgium and Denmark.

Likely qualifiers: SPAIN and Belgium (or Denmark).

Group Three

Due to the absence of Yugoslavia/Serbia, this is a five-team group and it vies with Group Eight as being the weakest. USA' 94 semi-finalists Sweden are struggling with just two wins and a draw - against Iceland - from six starts and their two remaining games at home to the first and second-placed teams, Switzerland with 13 points and Turkey on 10. The two meetings between the leading sides cancelled each other out as both ended in 2-1 wins for the visitors but English coach Roy Hodgson's side took a slender three-point lead after their 2-0 win in UEFA's most northerly outpost Iceland, who had themselves rallied with four points, including a 2-1 against Hungary, who should also miss out along with Sweden.

Likely qualifiers: SWITZERLAND and Turkey.

Group Four

This group caused a stir as the draw was made in Manchester, in Dec. '92, as one former communist state was drawn out after another and Russia still among the seeded nations in the 'hat'. However, it was Italy who

joined Estonia, Lithuania, the Ukraine, Slovenia and wartorn Croatia. (As a travelling England fan, this is the sort of line-up I wish England could get, instead of Turkey, Poland and Ireland every time!)

Italy would have started as most observers' favourites to take this group and they may do yet but for now it is Croatia with 16 points, who are the surprise leaders and on merit too, as they convincingly beat the USA' 94 finalists 2-1 in Palermo, Sicily. However, Croatia suffered a set-back when they were beaten 1-0 in their last game, in the Ukraine, which has let Italy back into the frame for as well as having a game in hand on all of their rivals and three of their four remaining fixtures at home, there must be a strong possibility, following the renewed fighting in the former Yugoslav state (which caused the cancellation of Croatia's visit to Wembley, albeit on moral grounds), that the deciding game between the two in October, may have to be played at neutral venue. Even so, the 'bookies' recognised that talented Croatia could upset the form book, for they already cut the odds on the team in the red-and-white chequered shirts from 20-1 to 14-1! Lithuania are level with Italy on 13 points following their 1-0 success over Estonia, a result that leaves their Baltic neighbours still looking for their first point.

Likely qualifiers: CROATIA and Italy.

Group Five

'Boring, boring ...' they may be but for the second series in succession, Norway (who England play in October), can be found well clear at the top of their qualifying group and far from scoring ' nulle points' they are already on 20 with two games to play! Despite vying with Greece for the tag of poorest team at USA '94, the side that ended England's interest in the last World Cup need just one point from their two remaining ties to become the first country to book their place in the finals. Their chances received a great boost after the last round of matches before the summer recess for having beaten John Buttegieg's Malta 2-0, they heard that their two nearest rivals had both suffered shock 1-0 away defeats; Holland losing to Byelorussia, while the Czech Republic became a rare success for Luxembourg. A tip here for Mr. Venables and the FA: as in their '92/93 World Cup qualifying series, Norway schedule their matches against the weaker nations in their group early on to get points in the bag, while their stronger rivals

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Today's visitors - Swindon Town



Back row (L to R): Wayne Allison, Paul Bodin, Shaun Taylor, Fraser Digby, Mark Seagraves, Andy Thomson, Peter Thome.

Middle row (L to R): Ian Culverhouse, Kevin Horlock, Jason Drysdale, Stephen Finney, Dean Hooper, Mark Robinson, Luc Nijholt (no longer with club), Ty Gooden, Edwin Murray.

Front row (L to R): Martin Ling, Wayne O'Sullivan, Andy Rowland (First Team Coach), Steve McMahon (player/manager), Ross MacLaren (Reserve Team Coach), Jonathan Trigg (physiotherapist), Jamie Pitman, Ben Worrall.

Swindon have made the best possible start in their bid to regain their First Division status and were the only Second Division side to have maximum points after last Saturday's matches.

The Robins began their campaign with a 1-0 victory at Hull and followed that by beating York 3-0 before earning a 1-0 success at Carlisle seven days ago. Local rivals Oxford were hoping to become the first side to score against them in the League on Wednesday night.

Steve McMahon's side also have the bonus of a Coca-Cola second round tie against League champions Blackburn to look forward to after Kevin Horlock's last-gasp winner in the first round against Cambridge. Horlock struck in injury-time of the second leg at the County Ground to put Town 2-0 up on the night and wipe off their 2-1 first leg deficit.

Town Traumas

The last two seasons have been tortuous watching for Town supporters with two successive relegations sending the club plunging from the Premiership to

the Second Division.

After reaching the top flight for the first time in their history by beating Leicester in the 1993 play-off final manger Glenn Hoddle moved on to Chelsea, leaving his assistant John Gorman to take up the reins. However Gorman was powerless to prevent The Robins suffering immediate relegation after being stuck in bottom place for the entire campaign and when he departed three months into last season Steve McMahon was given the task of arresting the slide.

Despite a run to the Coca-Cola Cup semi-finals, where they were beaten by Bolton, McMahon could not work quite the same magic in the League, although ultimately Town finished fourth bottom and so like Brentford had their fate decided by last season's one-off promotion and relegation placings.

Robins Recalled

Swindon were founder members of Division Three alongside Brentford in 1920 and spent the next years in it and its Southern section until winning promotion

n Park

to the old Second Division. They survived two seasons but returned for another five-season spell at the turn of the 1970's until they were relegated to the Fourth Division for the first time in 1982.

Lou Macari led them out of the basement in 1986 as champions and back into the old Second Division 12 months later and his successor Osvaldo Ardiles thought he had taken the club into the top flight in 1990 before the League blocked their promotion.

Until their recent season in the premiership the club were best known for winning the League Cup as a Third Division side in 1969 when Don Rogers struck in extra-time as they beat Arsenal 3-1. They also twice reached the FA Cup semi-finals as a Southern League side in 1910 and 1912.

Last Time

Swindon's last visit in March 1993 was one of Brentford's most frustrating matches of our Division One season, as despite the fact that two Town players were sent off before half-time we were still held to a goalless draw mainly due to Glenn Hoddle's performance as sweeper. The Robins also drew on their previous visit six years later when Bryan Wade's 87th minute effort cancelled out and early Robbie Cooke goal.

Memory Match

Brentford's last League defeat of Swindon here came in a rearranged Monday evening game in April 1982. The visitors were fighting an ultimately fruitless relegation battle while The Bees were safely in midtable. Terry Hurlock and Keith Bowen put us comfortably 2-0 ahead at the break and Stan Bowles and Jim McNichol added further strikes with two Roy Carter penalties Swindon's only consolations.

Swindon Supremo

Former England international **Steve McMahon** became Swindon's player-manager last November after an influential career with some of the country's biggest clubs.

The Liverpool-born midfielder played for Everton, Aston Villa, Liverpool and Manchester City before moving to the County Ground. His longest spell was six years at Anfield where he won three League Championship medals and two FA Cup medals. McMahon was also capped 17 times by England.

Swindon Squad

In goal: Shay Given kept a clean sheet in his first three League games for Swindon after starting a loan spell from Blackburn. The Republic of Ireland under-21 'keeper had a non-playing spell on loan at the County Ground last season.

Youth team 'keeper Steve Mildenhall was on the

Fraser Digby took over the substitute duties at Carlisle on his return from injury. The former Manchester United apprentice has been at the County Ground since 1986, playing more than 400 games for the club.

At the back: Ian Culverhouse, Kevin Horlock, Mark Seagreaves and Shaun Taylor formed 'The Robins' defence at Brunton Park.

Culverhouse arrived from Norwich last December for £250,000 after nine years at Carrow Road and began his career as an apprentice at Spurs while Northern Ireland international Horlock joined on a free from West Ham three years ago. Former Norwich and Manchester City defender Seagraves was a £100,000 signing this summer from Bolton while Taylor, who cost £200,000 from Exeter in 1991, has been a Town ever-present for the last two seasons.

Welsh international left-back **Paul Bodin** (ex-Cardiff, Newport, Crystal P.), who played against York, is in his second spell at the club while fellow left-back **Jason Drysdale**, who was in the side at Hull, cost £340,000 from Newcastle, and ex-trainee **Andrew Thomson**.

In the middle: Joey Beauchamp, Mark Robinson and Wayne O'Sullivan lined up alongside their manager in midfield seven days ago.

Transfer-listed record signing Beauchamp (ex-Oxford) cost £800,000 from West Ham, a fee which eclipsed the previous record Robinson (ex-Barnsley and West Brom) who netted Newcastle £600,000. Cyprus-born O'Sullivan is a former Town trainee while **Ty Gooden** (ex-Wycombe) played in the first two games but is currently injured and **Dean Hooper** (ex-Hayes) and ex-trainee **Jamie Pitman** were both on the bench last Saturday.

Martin Ling (ex-Exeter and Southend) who is in his second spell at the club, former Coventry player Lee Middleton and ex-trainee Ben Worrall have yet to feature.

Up front: Steve Finney and **Edwin Murray** were Town's strike force last weekend.

Former Preston striker Finney arrived on a free from Manchester City in the summer and hit three goals in the opening three League games while defender Murray, who has come through the club's junior ranks, answered an injury crisis on Saturday to play up from and score the winner. Wayne Allison was Finney's partner against Hull and York after his tribunal-rated £475,000 move from Bristol City in the summer. The ex-Halifax striker is another of Barry Ashby's former Watford team-mates. Injured former Blackburn striker Peter Thorne completes the squad.

Bees v Swindon Town

Season	Final	League Bees	Postn. Swindon	Home	Fixtu	re	Away	Fixtu	re
20 - 21	D3S	21str	4th	Sat 19 Feb	0-1	10,000	Sat 12 Feb	0-1	6,000
21- 22	D3S	9th	6th	Sat 04 Mar	3 - 0	5,000	Sat 12 Mar	1 - 2	6,000
22 - 23	D3S	14th	9th	Sat 10 Feb	3-0	4,000	Sat 03 Feb	0-3	9,000
23 - 24	D3S	17th	6th	Sat 15 Mar	2 - 2	6,000	Sat 22 Mar	1 - 2	6,000
24 - 25	D3S	21str	4th	Sat 24 Jan	0-0	7,000	Sat 20 Sep	0-2	4,000
25 - 26	D3S	18th	6th	Sat 24 Oct	3 - 1	8,282	Sat 06 Mar	1 - 2	4,932
26 - 27	D3S	11th	5th	Sat 02 Oct	2-2	15,404	Wed 09 Mar	2-4	4,659
27 - 28	D3S	12th	6th	Sat 05 Nov	1 - 4	9,527	Sat 17 Mar	1 - 1	6,500
28 - 29	D3S	13th	10th	Mon 10 Sep	2-0	7,231	Sat 06 Apr	1-3	3,107
29 - 30	D3S	2nd	14th	Sat 31 Aug	3 - 2	11,084	Sat 28 Dec	2 - 0	4,317
30 - 31	D3S	3rd	12th	Sat 25 Apr	5-2	4,327	Sat 20 Dec	2-3	4,728
31 - 32	D3S	5th	17th	Sat 19 Mar	2 - 0	10,179	Sat 07 Nov	3 - 1	6,415
32 - 33	D3S	1stP	22ndr	Sat 18 Feb	3-2	11,559	Sat 08 Oct	0-0	6,659
54 - 55	D3S	J11th	21st	Sat 13 Nov	4 - 2	10,634	Sat 02 Apr	1 - 1	5,924
55 - 56	D3S	6th	24thr	Mon 12 Mar	1-2	7,249	Sat 21 Apr	1-0	5,790
56 - 57	D3S	8th	23rdr	Tue 21 Aug	4 - 1	13,510	Wed 29 Aug	3 - 1	11,995
57 - 58	D3S	2nd	4th	Sat 26 Oct	0-0	13,676	Sat 08 Mar	1 - 4	12,755
58 - 59	D3	3rd	15th	Thu 25 Dec	2 - 2	12,504	Fri 26 Dec	1 - 1	12,690
59 - 60	D3	6th	16th	Sat 02 Apr	2-1	8,595	Sat 09 Jan	1-0	8,633
60 - 61	D3 -	17th	16th	Fri 23 Dec	2 - 1	4,410	Sat 07 Jan	1 - 1	8,666
61 - 62	D3	23rdr	9th	Sat 07 Oct	1-0	7,540	Sat 23 Feb	2 - 5	7,088
65 - 66	D3	23rdr	5th	Sat 05 Mar	0 - 1	9,913	Sat 12 Feb	1 - 2	12,551
78 - 79	D3	. 10th	5th	Tue 08 May	1-2	13,317	Tue 12 Sep	0-2	6,902
79 - 80	D3 .	19th	10th	Sat 29 Dec	1 - 3	12,122	Sat 25 Aug	0 - 4	7,204
80 - 81	D3	9th	17th	Sat 06 Dec	1-1	5,727	Sat 02 May	0-0	8,968
81 - 82	D3	8th	22ndr	Mon 19 Apr	4 - 2	5,374	Tue 03 Nov	3 - 0	6,649
86 - 87	D3	11th	3rdP	Mon 20 Apr	1-1	7,443	Fri 26 Dec	0-2	8,086
92 - 93	D1*	22ndr	5th	Sat 27 Mar	0 - 0	10,197	Tue 03 Nov	2 - 0	7,988

Key: J=Joint, P=Promoted, r=Relegation/Re-election position.

Notes: Attendances from August 1925 onwards are generally those obtained from the football league by Brian Tabner & Mark Chapman.

Summary as at 1st August 1995

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		-	-			4th Tier		•	-	*	•	
28	14	8	6	51	33	Total	28	6	7	15	30	47

Doubles by Brentford: seasons 29-30, 31-32, 56-57 and 81-82 Doubles by Swindon Town: seasons 20-21, 65-66, 78-79 and 79-80. Grand total: P56, W20, D15, L21, F81, A80

^{*} Reorganisation in 1992-93 meant that the old Division 2,3 and 4 were renamed Divisions 1,2 and 3 respectively. Thus for exmaple Division 1 became the second tier of the English/Welsh National Football Club "hierarchy" and so on.

Brentford's score given first in all matches.

Programme of the past

Brentford v Swindon Town

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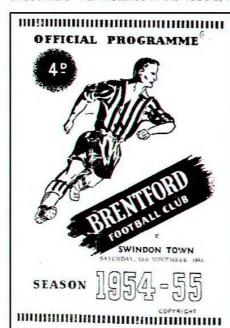
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Attendance: 10600

Team: Feehan, Coote, Latimer, Bristow, Dargie, Robinson,

Heath, Rainford, Stobbart, Towers, Dare.

The tussles between Brentford & Swindon Town over the years, since 1954, have produced a number of high scoring encounters. For instance in the 1950's, when Brentford



returned to Division 3 (s) after a 22 year gap, Brentford recorded 4-2, 4-1 and 3-1 victories. while Swindon had a 4-1 victory. In the 10 matches in the fifties, 32 goals were scored. In 1961-62 however, Swindon gained a notable victory by 5 goals to 2 in what turned out to be Brentford's first relegation to Division 4. The next time the two clubs met was in 1978-79 with Swindon winning

both matches. 1979-80 was Brentford's worst against the Robins. Defeats of 1-3, at Griffin Park and 0-4 at the County Ground in the league matches and there was also a cup tie which Swindon also won 4-1. Do many people recall a certain Chris Kamara running the Bees ragged? In 1981-82 Brentford gained revenge for the poor showing previously by winning both matches. (This saw Swindon relegated to Division 4.) The following season an enthralling cup tie. The first match at Swindon produced a 2-2 draw, unfortunately the replay turned out to be Brentford's worst nightmare. Losing 3-1 was bad enough but losing a player like Tony Mahoney with a broken leg, probably cost the Bees promotion. In 1992-93 when Swindon gained promotion and we lost 1st division status, a highlight of the season was the 2-1 victory gained at Swindon. However the return at Griffin Park saw Glenn Hoddle mastermind a superb defensive display especially after having two players sent off in the first half of a hard fought match.

The programme for the first meeting since 1932 saw a 16 page production costing 4d and measured 8.25"x5.25". The front page showed a sketched footballer in Brentford attire with the match details below. Page 2 carries a full page of adverts for local companies such as newsagents, fish & chip shops etc. On page 3 comes the main editorial by Scanner headed "News and Notes". Above this is the list of club officials. The date and programme number is also shown. In the "News" 'Scanner' talks about Brentford's poor run of only 1 victory in 7 matches. A report on the Bournemouth match next, where Brentford put two goals past their own keeper! A feat not thought to have hap-

pened before. If it wasn't for these poor performances Brentford could have been in a far better position. It then goes on to give a report on the Aldershot match which Brentford won 3-2 and gave Aldershot their first home defeat of the season. That match saw one of Brentford's quickest ever goals, scored by George Stobbart, after 15 seconds. It even mentions the fact that not a single Aldershot player had touched the ball till the keeper picked the ball out of the net! Page 5 has all the latest on the reserves last victory and also states, "It's the first time this season that all three sides won on the same day." The fixtures for the reserves next along with all the goalscorers to date for the 1st team. Swindon are then introduced as the days "guests" and last played at Griffin Park 22 years previous where the Bees won 1-0. A brief history on them next giving their league fortunes and also some club records and "greatest glories." These were two F.A.Cup semi-final appearances. There's some Swindon pen pic next on page 6 and includes one on Mickey Ball, who was an ex-Brentford junior. On the same page there's also a "Floodlight Review" article which looks back at the 5 matches played under lights. In those matches, (2 versus London sides, 1 each v's Scottish and foreign opponents and also a prestigious match versus the International Managers XI). 28 goals were scored, 20 by the Bees. The match versus the Manages XI attracted a crowd of some 21,600 spectators. Page 7 is all adverts with the centre spread showing the competing sides in the usual 2-3-5 formation. On page 10 comes information on the cup tie v Nuneaton Borough of the Birmingham league. The Bees first appearance in the 1st round since 1932. A welcome to Roy Yeatman next who has become an addition to the professional staff. On page 10 there's also the question whether the goal v Aldershot is the quickest ever. There is evidence that a goal by Gerry McAloon v Plymouth in 1946 scored one as quick, if not quicker. Page 11 is blank! While page 12 shows the league table with Brentford struggling a bit, plus the statutory half time scorecard! The supporters news on page 13 next with all the information on the table tennis, netball and football teams, plus whist drives and theatre news. Page 14 shows the fixtures and results for the 1st and 2nd teams with the rest of the programme all adverts. Mainly of the usual local businesses. A good programme from that era with lots of info and news. Printed as usual by the Brentford Printing and Publishing Company.

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Denis Piggott

Brentford Football Club has found itself up a creek without a paddle a number of times since members of the town's rowing club turned their attention to the round ball game back in the winter of 1889. All those problems were overcome, obviously, but it was close call on occasions, none more so than in 1967 when it only required for the Club's then Secretary, Denis Piggott, to acquiesce and undertake certain actions asked of him for the takeover by Jim Gregory's QPR, which would have meant that Brentford would have joined Accrington Stanley in the breaker's yard.

For refusing to undertake these actions Denis earned our eternal gratitude, especially as he had nothing material to lose by putting pen to paper, having already been promised the position of secretary in the new set-up. "I would rather have cut off my right arm than sold Brentford down the river" said Denis forcibly. "So many people were depending on me and I didn't have it in my heart to sell them short. My 36 years at Griffin Park included a number of stressful situation, by nothing to match that period. Brentford could so easily have been finished and, although Jack Dunnett and Jim Gregory held all the aces, in the end it was people power which saved the day.

"And when Ron Blindess walked in and signed a cheque for £104,000 - a not inconsiderable sum in those days - the future was more or less secure."

A footballer of note during his schooldays, Denis was skipper of his school team and County and in 1933 acted as a ball boy at the FA Cup Final between Everton and Manchester City. However, he had no real experience on the administrative side of football when he applied for the position of Assistant Secretary at Brentford in 1946. He recalls "I returned to accountancy when I was invalided out of the Royal Navy but it didn't really appeal and I saw the Brentford job advertised in the Daily Telegraph".

Harry Curtis, the Club's Secretary/Manager, called me to his home for an interview and I still believe it was the sympathy vote which got me the job. Three weeks from VE Day the ship on which I served as a Lieutenant and Commanding Officer was alongside an ammunition ship which blew up and I was wounded in the face, resulting in the loss of my right eye. This disability I learned subsequently also affected Harry's wife."

"Anyway, I was taken on and eventually attained the position of General Manager/Secretary and, finally, Chief Administrator/Secretary." His long service earned him two testimonial matches. Everton doing the honours in May 1973 and QPR in November 1983, but Denis only once saw a full 90 minutes at Griffin Park. He explained "The only game I watched from beginning to end was an FA Cup tie against Chelsea in 1950, when we sold all 38,000 tickets in advance. Normally I would watch the first 20



Denis and wife Kathy

minutes and then return to my office to take in the gate money from the gatemen and count it ready for the Bank." In the early days there was also the iniquitous entertainment tax to contend with and this entailed an early start on Sunday morning to balance the books ready for when the Government Inspector did his rounds. Working on the Sabbath was a regular occurrence for Denis during the football season, as also weekday evenings. As Denis recalls "For many years the Club's entire administrative staff consisted of myself, secretary Ann Lamb, and my wife Kathleen who helped out on matchdays. Kathleen's twin sister, Norah, was a season ticket holder at the time. Mind you, there probably were not as many rules and regulations to deal with and certainly there was no commercial side as such. Nevertheless, it was non-stop from morning the night to ensure the show kept on the road.

"With so few people in the backroom I had to turn my hand to almost everything and in my time did almost every job imaginable except bingo caller in the Bees Club. However, I often had to take over the duties of Steward in the Bees Club and this gave the opportunity to meet many more supporters outside of the office. I have assisted in cutting and marking the pitch, the odd stint at decorating and worked on a turnstile when there was a shortage of gatemen.

"Even when Brenford could rely on 15,000 gates. it was a struggle to make ends meet and when just before a given Cup tie in my early days at Griffin Park the weather turned nasty and the pitch froze, we explored every avenue in a bid to get the match on and keep the revenue flowing. Manager Harry Curtis hit on the idea of covering it overnight with braziers, the type then used by nightwatchmen. The Local Council obliged by lending us a few hundred and we spent the night out on the pitch keeping them stoked up. It paid off and the match went ahead."

That was not the only time Denis found himself at Griffin Park in the small hours. He laughed when he explained: "As keyholder, I was sometimes called out to silence the burglar alarm in the Bees Club when it tripped out. Normally it was a false alarm by on one occasion I arrived at the ground in clothes over my pyjamas, to be greeted by the Police and a posse of dogs.

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Euro' 96 (continued)

take points off each other. When Norway eventually get around to playing the chasing teams, the results are often less crucial; they would have had to lose all three of their final matches, against the Czechs twice and Holland away, not to at least qualify for EURO' 96! Likely qualifiers: NORWAY and Holland (play-off).

Group Six

Could this qualifying series mark the end of the ordinary Republic of Ireland team's run of luck? Despite the blessing of a fortunate 1-0 home win over the leaders Portugal by virtue of an freak own goal by their 'keeper who contrived to paddle a tame cross into his goal, Ireland have since lost their way. Unlike leaders Portugal and their other principal rivals Austria, who have rattled in fourteen and eleven goals respectively in their two meetings with 'whipping-boys' Liechtenstein, Ireland could only manage four at Lansdowne Road before being held to an embarrassing 0-0 draw in the return game, which leaves Big Jack's lads needing to avenge their 3-1 home defeat by Austria, as well as getting something from their final game in Portugal to qualify, although Austria's recent 3-2 defeat in Latvia will have helped their cause. Northern Ireland's only real success since getting the qualifying series under way with a 4-1 win over Liechtenstein in Belfast as far back as April '94, has been their battling 2-1 win in Austria. Likely qualifiers: PORTUGAL and Rep of Ireland (or Austria) (play-off).

Group Seven

Bulgaria recovered from a two-goal deficit in Sofia to register and excellent 3-2 win over Germany to follow-up their USA' 94 quarter-final success and in so doing, consolidated their lead at the top of this group. Germany also lost further points when they were surprisingly held 1-1 in Dusseldorf by Wales, who themselves have endured a disastrous twelve months which has seen them beaten twice by both Bulgaria and more embarrassingly Georgia - Man. City's new signing Georgiou Kinkladze scoring the only goal at the Arms Park - as well as losing in Moldova. With Germany and Moldova still to play and enviable visit to Albania to finish on, the immediate target for new manager Bobby Gould will be to avoid the ignominy of finishing bottom! Likely qualifiers: BULGARIA and Germany.

Group Eight

Finland have for much of the season enjoyed a 'false' position on top of this group, having completed their four fixtures against the Faroe Isles and pointless San Marino from which they naturally gained maximum points, as one would in turn expect Russia and Scotland to do. The Finn's only other success has come against the mediocre Greeks but with away games against neighbours Russia and Scotland to come, they are unlikely to pick up any further points and although Greece still have to play San Marino twice, their challenge should end in Russia leaving Scotland, who recently avenged their 1-0 defeat in Athens, the result of a disgraceful penalty decision, to claim second qualifying place.

Likely qualifiers: RUSSIA and Scotland.

The eight eventual group winners will progress to the finals of EURO' 96 next summer but with only seven places remaining for the eight runners-up, just the six with the best records will qualify automatically. The remaining two countries play-off in a deciding tie scheduled for Anfield on Wednesday, 6th December. continued on page 18.

Where are they now continued from page 13.

The Inspector in charge told me, 'I thing we've got one here tonight, Denis' and as we cautiously approached the Clubroom we could hear someone rummaging around inside. The alarm was still clanging away and the dogs went in to apprehend the intruder who, it transpired, was deaf and had failed to hear the alarm!

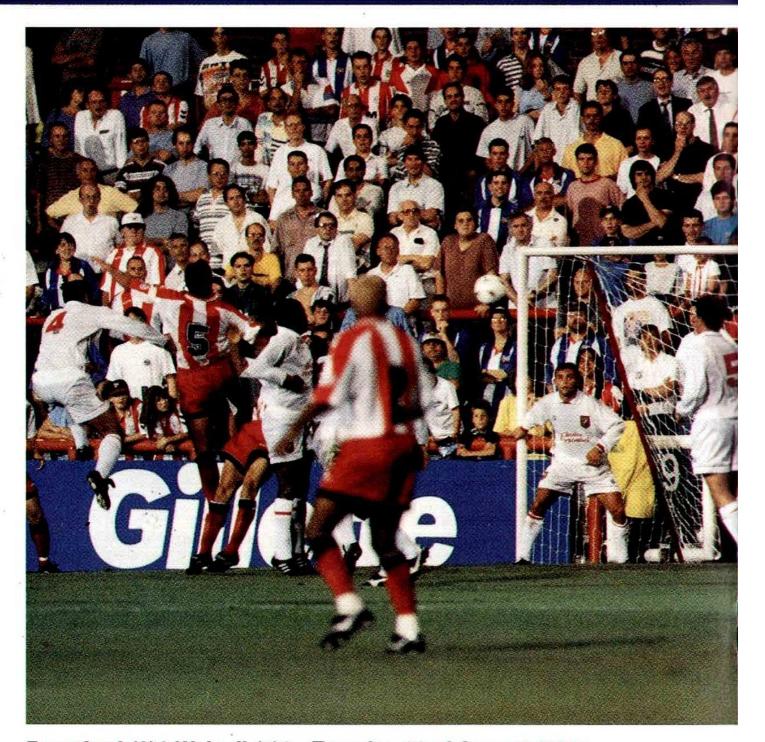
"It could only have happened at Brentford."

After his 36 years' service to Brentford, Denis departed Griffin Park in 1982 and became Company Secretary and Bursar at the Royal School of Needlework, whose offices at Princes Gate were used as a rescue launch pad by the SAS during the Iranian hostage crisis. Later the School premises moved to the more tranquil surrounds of Hampton Court Palace. Denis spent some 11 years with the School and then, on leaving there in 1993, worked part-time in the Revenue section of London Underground. His wife Kathleen, together with her twin sister, worked for London Transport and through the years, for their service to the undertaking were first awarded the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal and then the British Empire Medal.

Denis retired from active work a few months ago at the age of 75 and was joined by Kathleen, who had worked for London Transport for nearly 45 years and had, in fact, completed some 25 years as a senior secretary on the Board floor. In their retirement they jointly work a day at the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher, Denis on the books and Kathleen with the gardening team. Denis says: "I enjoy being a man of leisure and in October we are off to New Zealand to visit the youngest of my three sons, Martin, who is now a Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Navy, a helicopter pilot and senior Aviation Officer. We shall also call at Australia to see Kathleen's brother Joe and his family. The eldest, son Graham, Commander RN and Fleet Communications Officer, and middle son, Keith, now a Team Leader with the Emergency Response Unit at London Underground, are still ardent supporters of the Bees as is Keith's eldest son David. In fact, I was recently in the Club Shop purchasing for him the latest Brentford strip."

"However, no matter how far away I am my thoughts will always stray to Brentford, which for so long played an allconsuming part in my life." (Graham Haynes)

Bees in Action



Brentford (2)3 Walsall (1)2 - Tuesday 22nd August 1995

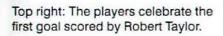
Brentford progressed to the second round of the Coca-Cola Cup on a 5 - 4 aggregate following this win. Their reward, a pairing with Premiership side Bolton Wanderers. The Brentford goalscorers were Robert Taylor, new signing Ijah Anderson and David McGhee.

Picture above: Jamie Bates rises to meet the Brentford corner.





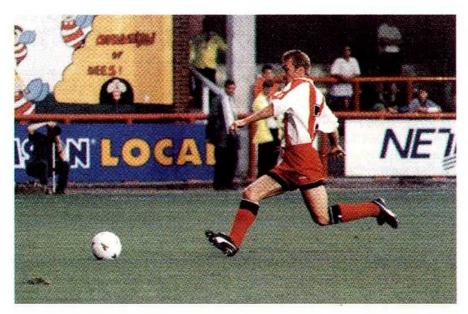




Middle right: Lee Harvey in full flight.

Bottom right: Peter Gilham presents Paul Smith a Coca-Cola jacket, reward for being voted star player of the night.







Euro' 96 (continued)

The ranking of the second-placed teams is decided according to each country's record against the teams that finish first, third and fourth in their respective group. This method is intended to eliminate the effects of the inconsistent, high-scoring results that have occurred in games involving the weaker sides in past qualifying series and with the addition of the many demerged east-European nations, this one has been no exception; Slovakia, Macedonia, Iceland, Malta, Luxembourg (twice), Wales, San Marino and Faroe Isles have all lost by five goals, Finland have conceded six, while newcomers Liechtenstein have suffered two 7-0 defeats and 8-0!

England play their three opening matches at Wembley where, provided they win Group A, they will play any subsequent knock-out stage games. However, should they only finish runners-up, their quarter-final would be at Anfield and semi at Old Trafford, these two north-west grounds also hosting Group C games. Group B games will be played in the north-east at Elland Road and St. James' Park, with Hillsborough and the City Ground, Nottingham staging the east-midlands Group D. Villa park is the second southern Group A venue.

Tickets for 'neutral' supporters can be reserved now (application forms are available from Midland Bank branches, the tickets being distributed in May), although virtually all of the 'cheaper' seats at each venue have already been allocated. The draw is at 2.00pm from the ICC Birmingham on Sunday, 10th December and will be broadcast live on both BBC and ITV.

Footnote: During the regular season, FIFA issues a monthly ranking list giving the relative position of each national team in the world order and up until the end of 1993 (as readers of World Soccer will know), England had upheld a position inside the top ten but have since dropped steadily down the rankings and are now a poor 22nd, as the press - the tabloids in particular - seem to

derive great pleasure in pointing out now. However, whether through ignorance or choice, they do not put this into perspective by pointing out two of the reasons for this apparent fall from grace. After all, since losing away to Holland nearly two years ago, England have lost just one - and that to world champions, Brazil - so even if their performances were below par, their results on paper should have seen them maintain a respectable position. As if to demonstrate how bizarre these rankings are, Norway are unbelievably considered to be the second best team in the world at this time! The reason for England's demise therefore, would seem to rest elsewhere and in fact it is due largely to two of the factors of the 'formula' used for working out the points: away performances score more highly than home games as competitive matches do as opposed to friendlies. As England have not fulfilled either since thrashing San Marino 7-1 in Nov. '93, they are naturally going to lose out and will continue to do so at least up until EURO '96.

article by Graham Rikly, Bracknell.

And my eight to reach the knock-out stages next June? BULGARIA, CROATIA, ENGLAND, GERMANY, ITALY, ROMANIA, RUSSIA and SPAIN.

Obituary

We regret to learn of the death of Mr Alf Phillips who lived locally firstly in Brentford then in Ealing. He was eighty years old and had supported the Bees all his life and told everybody Brentford Football Club was "the home of football".

We send our sincere sympathy to his family.

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Brentford (2) 3 Walsall (1) 2

Brentford progressed to the second round of the Coca-Cola Cup on a 5 - 4 aggregate following this win.

The Bees came out of the blocks fast and went ahead within five minutes. A long throw was cleared to Paul Smith whose shot ricocheted to Robert Taylor (pictured left) who hammered the ball home left footed. Taylor and Nick



Forster both had two good shots each within the next twenty minutes, however Kevin Dearden then turned a fine Kevin Wilson header round the post for a corner. Dearden held the corner and threw the ball out to Brian Statham. He passed down the line to Paul Smith whose right foot cross was curled home by Ijah Anderson for his first Brentford goal. Within five minutes Wayne Evans reduced the deficit when cutting in from the right and slotting home past Dearden.

Kyle Lightbourne went close for Walsall from a corner while a Martin Grainger free kick was deflected just wide for the Bees.

Midway through the second half Brentford seemed to have sewn it up when sub David McGhee, on for injured Barry Ashby, controlled a cross and lashed home a right footer into the roof of the net. Walsall tried to hit back with Stuart Ryder heading a corner just wide before Taylor hit a superb twenty yarder that James Walker tipped over the bar.

Sub Scott Houghton hooked home a left footed shot for Walsall a minute from time, but it came too late to affect the outcome.

Bees: Dearden, Statham, Grainger, Ashby (McGhee), Bates, Hurdle (Mundee), Harvey,

Smith, Forster, Anderson, Taylor. Sub (not used): Fernandes. (article by Frank Coumbe)

Burnley (1)1 Brentford (0)0

Burnley were te first to show when Joyce drove over following a short free kick in the first minute. Then it was
Brentfords turn to go close with Forster setting up Taylor for a shot which was deflected wide for a corner. But then
in the 10th minute came the all important and decisive goal. It followed a centre from Vinnicombe which the Bees
defence failed to clear and Kurt Nogan was in the right place at the right time to fire the ball home from 10 yards.

In the 20th minute a Bates header destined for the top left hand corner of the net was cleared wide by Joyce. 10 minutes later a great run by Forster down the left flank set up a chance for Anderson which again necessitated a hasty clearance by the home defence. Just prior to the break a fine run by Smith saw him feed Forster just inside the Burnley half. He in turn found Taylor to his left whose resultant centre to Smith was met with a shot gathered by keeper Beresford.

The second half saw the Bees take control pegging the hosts back in their own half for long periods. Stathams 46th minute free kick connected with a Bates header which was saved at the second attempt by Beresford whilst 5 minutes later Anderson having won the ball in midfield fed Forster who cut inside the box and unleashed a shot which cracked against the post with Anderson's follow up effort being cleared by Parkinson.

A 57th minute header from Bates flew just over the bar, while 4 minutes later a 20 yarder from Taylor was gathered short of the line by Beresford.

The Bees continued to pressure the Burnley goal area but were all too often caught offside. In fact during the afternoon the Bees put the ball in the hosts net on 5 occasions. With two minutes remaining a low driven effort from Smith from 18 yards was saved low down at the near post. (article by Paul Jacobs)

Forward Looking to Bristol City by Simon Webster

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Focus on - Geoff Buckingham

Early football memories: I have a confession to make here. At the age of nine, and living near the ground, I was intrigued to see the football but could rarely afford the entrance fee (about 2 and a half pence in todays terms). I thus perfected various ways of sneaking into the ground, including slipping under the turnstiles! I soon became hooked on watching the Bees and like to feel that I have paid my just dues since then.

I vividly remember the final home game of 1957-58 when we beat Brighton 1-0 in front of over 25,000 fans to go top of the old Third Division South. Unfortunately for us Brighton had a game in hand in which they controversially defeated Watford 6-0 a few days later to leapfrog over us and take the title, and the only promotion place.

So you see, last season's heartbreak was nothing new.

The road to becoming a commentator on the blind scheme: Alan Rogers, who for many years has done a wonderful job co-ordinating the blind scheme at Griffin Park, approached me about nine years ago. I am always keen to assist the club in any way possible so I decided to give it a whirl and now enjoy it so much they have a job getting me off the microphone.

I greatly admire the group we commentate to and they seem to throughly enjoy their afternoon at Brentford. From my point of view this makes the exercise all worth while. Brentford are on the look out for a commentator to join the team so if you fancy the idea Alan Rogers is the man to contact.

Best thing to have happened: I have been very pleased to be given the opportunity of getting involved with the Blind Scheme.

It is very fulfilling and I am proud of the club's work in this regard.

Through my own business I have been able to sponsor the club's fixture cards for the last 12 years and I greatly enjoyed being co-author of the 'Brentford Story', a book published on the club's history back in 1978.

Worst thing: The 1967 crisis when the club nearly folded, and, just to pile on the agony there was talk of QPR moving into Griffin Park.

I recall having a lump in my throat when the home crowd sang "There will always be a Brentford". And they were right. A great effort, by so many, eventually saved the day.

Heroes: I thoroughly enjoyed the extrovert skills of players like Jimmy Bloomfield, Johnny Brooks and Andy Sinton and also have great admiration for all those who over the years have contributed so much to the club in terms of loyalty, dedication and commitment. So many fall into this bracket it seems sacrilege to mention names but amongst the players are people like Tommy Higginson, Peter Gelson, Ken Coote, Terry Evans and Jamie Bates.

Best Brentford performances: The heroic 2-0 win at Blackburn Rovers in the fifth round of the F.A. Cup in 1989.

I felt on that performance we would have been a match for any side in the country. And, of course, the 1-0 victory at Peterborough which clinched the old Third Division championship a few seasons later.

I had waited so long for that moment I couldn't stand the

tension, and In the final minutes I smoked my first cigarette for 28 years!

The scenes afterwards, and at Griffin Park in the evening were, perhaps, a little like what VE Day must have been. Absolute joy.

Favourite goal: From the literally hundreds to choose from I suppose two of the most significant were the pair scored by Gary Blissett against Blackburn and then the goal which took us up at Peterborough.

For the old 'uns amongst you, what about the six we scored against our old sparring partners QPR on the opening day of the 1965-66 campaign? Was that really 30 years ago?

Most disappointing game: Without a doubt, the crashing defeat at Bristol City two years ago which sent us down.

To be standing in intermittent raiff, watching a sadly off form Brentford being relegated in front of our own eyes and the City fans heaping endless abuse on us made it just about the most wretched experience in all my years of following the club.

Funniest moment: In the mid-70's, when the Torquay United captain led his team out, bounced the ball, trod on it and fell flat on his face. He lost all his dignity and I can still hear Brentford's resident comedian at the time, Phil Perkins, roaring with laughter at that incident.

I remember, also, a pre-season friendly at Chesham a few years back.

I was just pointing out to my colleagues on the terraces the idyllic rural scenes behind the goal, when a bull decided to bestow his amorous attentions on a cow.

What made it so particularly funny was that Ashley Bayes in the Brentford goal was, of course, totally oblivious to the nefarious activity taking place just yards behind his goalmouth!

Most embarrassing moment: In my younger days I played in goal for a Sunday league side, and I used to imitate my hero Gerry Cakebread, the former Bees 'keeper, by leaping up and momentarily holding the crossbar just prior to kick off. Unfortunately, before one game this backfired and the whole lot came crashing down, knocking me unconscious.

Perhaps worse still was the occasion I brought a business acquaintance to Griffin Park on a boiling hot afternoon back in the early seventies. The Bees were not at their best and midday through the second half he dozed off.

The future: Like most fans I yearn for the club to reach the top division and grab more glory in one of the major Cup Competitions.

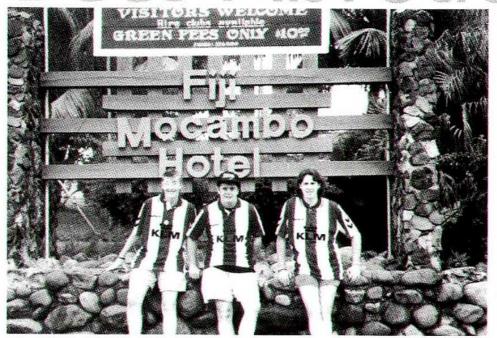
I believe there is good leadership and some very talented personnel at Brentford, both on and off the pitch and that there is much potential here.

I would also like to see the club's highly acclaimed community projects developed even further for this, to me, is what sport should be about.

My wish is to see an enlarged and modernised Griffin Park, regularly packed full of fans of all races and class, enjoying top class football and entertainment in an enthusiastic, yet family orientated atmosphere.

These days will come.

Bees Abroad



The first Bees Abroad today has been sent in by Miss Leigh Hill. She writes "Dear Eric, Please find enclosed a photo of myself and two friends taken in the Fiji Islands in the South Pacific. We were on a hockey tour at the time. I hope you can find room in the Griffin Gazette for the Bees Abroad section. From left to right are: Leigh Hill, Mike O'Sullivan and Mary Kenny.



Our second picture is of Mr John Ridout and his son Ben who is 9 years old. No prizes for guessing where it was taken!

If you have an interesting picture for Bees Abroad then please send it for inclusion in the Griffin Gazette. Please write your name and address on the back if you want it returned. Also we are looking for stories from any supporters living away from London. Tell us how you keep in touch and what lengths you go to in the name of Brentford Football Club.

Please send all correspondence to Eric White, Brentford FC, Griffin Park, Braemar Rd, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 0NT.

Today's Mascot

We have a young lady by the name of Katie Burgess as the Brentford mascot for this evenings game. Katie is 12 years old, she attends Surbiton High School and lists as her hobbies Football, Tennis, Swimming, Hockey and Netball and most important of all supporting the Bees (from 6 years old). Her favourite player is Nick Forster. Katie tells us all she talks and writes about is Brentford Football Club to the great annoyance of her friends.

We all wish you and your family a very happy evening at Griffin Park.



Gilham's Gas..

My reaction on becoming asked to become Marketing Manager here at "my Club" has, as it happens, been guite well documented. I still feel the opportunity afforded me to work for the best Club in the World is one which many others would also give their right arm for.

It led me to think, from my own involvement with the Club over the years, that there are no doubt many other Bees fans who have something to give to the Club (not in a monetary sense) and would love the chance to offer their services but do not know how to go about it or would not be that presumptuous to think that the Club would ever ask them.



No doubt we have amongst our loyal band of followers people from all walks of life with expertise in all manner of things, who would love to give maybe a bit of their time and energy to help "their Club" in some small way.

Maybe you can't give of your time, but have some ideas which have been rattling around in your head for a while, which you think could be put into use at Brentford.

Now's the time for you to make yourself known. For if you are one of these people, I would love to hear from you. I want to hear about those ideas however outrageous you may think they are. I want to hear from those of you who may have that little bit of expertise which could prove so invaluable.

Just give me a call or drop me a line..... "this could be the start of something big".

REPLICA KIT

Anyone who purchased the new home red and white strip prior to the announcement of Ericsson as Club Sponsors, and would like to have the logo embossed on the shirt as authentic replicas, please return you shirt to The Bees Fan-Attic, together with just £1 before next Saturday 9th September, and we will arrange for them to be done for you.

The new replica shirts complete with the Sponsors logo should be in stock within the week. Please not that the price of our replica shirts, along with Charltons', are the cheapest in London and one of the cheapest in the country. Also boys small socks are now in stock at the Bees Fan-Attic. Up the Bees!

Forward Looking to Rotherham by Simon Webster

Date: Saturday 9th September

Venue: Millmoor, Rotherham - 3pm Phone Number: 01709 562434

HOW TO GET THERE

BY SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION COACHES: Departure time 9am. Cost members £12 (juniors & Senior Citizens £11). Non-members £14. Booking details - before or after today's game in the Community Office or telephone 0181 941 0425. Departure point: Layton Road car park. Bees Miles total = 330 miles.

BY ROAD: Take the M1 and leave at J34 following signs for A6178 Rotherham. At the first roundabout take the first exit into the ring road and at the next roundabout take the A6109 into Masborough Street. Then turn first left for the ground. There is an away car park which is signposted and is also free.

BY RAIL: Catch the 11.00 from Kings Cross arriving at Doncaster at 12.32 and connect on to the 12.49 which arrives in Rotherham at 1.10. Coming home take the 6.01 from Rotherham arriving Doncaster at 6.26. Join the 6.53 which arrives at Kings Cross at 8.38. The return fare is £41. The station is approximately 7-8 minutes walk from Millmoor.

TICKET DETAILS: Pay on the day. Terrace places cost £7 (£4.50 Concessions) and Seats £9.50 (£6 concessions). Both away areas are fully covered.

BLIND AND DISABLED: There are facilities available for disabled Bees fans in a wheelchair, with admission free and £5 admission for a helper. Booking must be made in advance. There are no special facilities for blind fans.

PROGRAMME PRICE: £1.40

LOCAL RADIO: BBC Radio Sheffield - 104.1FM, HallamFM - 97.4FM.



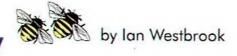
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two's company



Swindon, York and Bristol City drew the jackpot when the Coca-Cola Cup second round draw was made nine days ago.

Today's visitors were handed a meeting with League champions Blackburn while York will travel first to face Manchester United and Bristol City start off playing hosts to Newcastle.

Overall it was good draw for the 19 second Division clubs in it with 13 of them being paired with Premiership opposition in the seeded matches, and surely the most nostal-gic tie of the round must be Oxford's meeting with QPR. Nine years ago the clubs, then both in the old First Division, met in the final at Wembley and United upset all the odds by lifting the Cup after a 3-0 win.

Bristol Rovers are also facing London opposition having drawn West Ham who scraped past. The Pirates in a second round replay in 1966 while Peterborough face the tricky task of tackling early Premiership pacesetters Aston Villa, who won the competition in its inaugural season 1961.

Runners-up that year were Rotherham who pulled off this season's most extraordinary first round comeback when they recovered from a 4-1 first leg deficit to beat Scunthorpe and they were rewarded with a meeting with Middlesbrough. The Millers travel first to the League's newest ground, the 30,000 capacity Riverside Stadium, which became Boro's new home during the summer.

United's Yorkshire rivals Bradford City face Nottingham Forest, who have lifted the competition's various trophies four times, while Notts County also have to travel to Yorkshire to face Leeds, who have won it just once back in 1968.

Staying in the region Hull have a chance to avenge their third round defeat in 1991 in a re-match with Coventry while moving south the League Cup's newest competitors Wycombe take on Manchester City, a club Blues manager Alan Smith should know well from his time in charge at Crystal Palace.

Apart from Brentford the only other Second Division side facing Premiership opponents are Crewe who will take on Sheffield Wednesday providing they do not throw away a 4-0 lead in the second leg of their round tie with Darlington.

The biggest Second Division giant-killing feat in the first round came from Bournemouth who bundled out First Division Luton in extra-time and they have a chance to repeat the feat against The Hatters' closest rivals Watford.

Chesterfield will earn a lucrative local derby with Sheffield United if they can overcome Bury in their unfinished first round tie while Shrewsbury have guaranteed themselves a bumper local crowd in their tie with Derby and Burnley, who have reached the semi-finals three times will try to make further progress against Leicester.

The final tie sees Stockport or Wrexham taking on Ipswich. Their first round tie was delayed because of Wrexham's foray into Europe where their Cup Winners' Cup dreams were cruelly shattered in the preliminary round. The Welsh Cup holders crucially failed to score in their goalless first leg match with the Romanian side Petrolel Ploiesti and went out to a solitary second half goal in the away game. It could be their last-ever European tie because the Welsh Cup winners are unlikely to gain a European place in the future.

Meanwhile the European Championships have caused the postponement of two matches in today's second Division programme. Walsall were allowed to call off their trip to Burnley after Kevin Wilson and Trevor Wood were called up by Northern Ireland and Swansea's game with Carlisle was moved forward to last night because of the Swans" contribution to the Welsh squad.

protocal No **Martin Grainger** Left full back... Signed from Colchester in October 1993...Aged 23...Scored 10 goals last season...Over 120 appearances to his credit.

an invitation

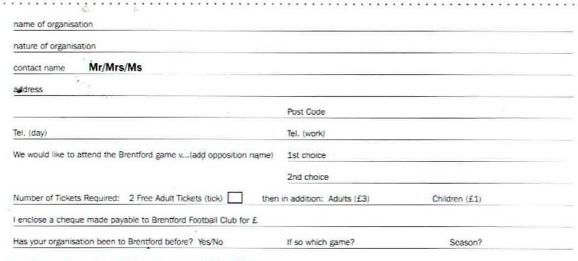
to any Club, School, Community or Charity Organisations

for a great day out at Brentford

Experience the action of the Endsleigh League

Brentford Football Club have introduced a special Group package for organisations to experience the excitement of an Endsleigh League game at Griffin Park. The invitation is for a 'Seat' match ticket and is open to groups of ten or more. The cost is only £3 per adult and £1 for children, a fantastic saving of over £6 to our family seat entrance prices. In addition the first two adults of each group can obtain the package absolutely free! Please note that further price concessions may be given in special circumstances. All requests are subject to availability and will be treated on a first come first served basis.

To apply please complete the form below.



Please return completed form to Polly Kates
BRENTFORD FOOTBALL CLUB, GRIFFIN PARK, BRAEMAR ROAD, BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX, TW8 ONT

Terms and conditions of the offer

The spirit of the offer is to encourage and introduce Brentford Football Club to groups and organisations within our community. It is our hope that these people will enjoy their day and return along with fellow supporters, thus benefiting the club in the long term. Terrace tickets may be provided when seating areas are full. Tickets cannot be exchanged, transferred or refunded. The club reserve the right to refuse admission. Offer applicable to the 1995/96 season.





Footba

football in the community



Great news for the 1995/96 season. Junior Bees membership has already hit the 500 mark and is still rising. Please come to the Community Office to collect your Junior Bees packs as they are now ready. If you can recruit a friend let us know. A special feature of this years' offer are the education packs with J.B.'s ruler, pencil, pen, bookmark, rubber and sharpener.

Bristol Rovers Away Game

The first Junior Bees away match trip is occurring on Saturday September 23rd for the trip to Bristol Rovers. This trip has various activities laid on for the children on the coach and a ticket as well for just £10. For further details contact Graham Watson on 0181-587-8999.

Coaching Success

Congratulations to Richard Hunter and Leigh Curtin, two of the community staff working on a Training Work scheme. They have just passed their FA Coaching Preliminary award which was a week long course involving practical demonstrations and written examinations. They have been working in the community office for the past 6 months involving work within the Griffin schools scheme and holiday coaching courses.

Upbeat Heart Support Group

Tonight's community collection is on behalf of the West Middle-sex University Hospital heart support group. The group was formed to provide support for the victims of heart disease as well as for their dependents. In addition to this we support research efforts. Brentford have a long tradition of involvement with a range of activities centred around this hospital and we

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HEART SUPPORT GROUP

hope all supporters feel able to donate generously to help those who are doing so much to help others.

Ball Girls

Today we would like to welcome 12 Junior Bees girls to





Brentford for this afternoons match against Swindon. They have been just some of the 500 youngsters who have joined the Junior Bees so far, and are here as ball girls. They are just a few of a growing number of girls getting involved in football, both playing and supporting the Bees.

The girls are: Angela and Alison Clarke, Kayleigh Harvey, Charlotte Rose, Nicola Johnson, Katy McNally, Sophie and Lucy Smith, Laura-Jane Thatcher, Stacey Wildy, Amy Cosstick, Jessica Crombie. Have a good day and remind everyone that football is good for girls too.

Voluntary Groups Sponsorship Scheme

Twelve locally based voluntary groups have been brought together under the umbrella of Brentford Football In the Community in order for them to be sponsored throughout the football season by the club.

Lee Doyle, manager of FIC said "The idea is to use the name and local prestige of the club for the direct benefit of the local voluntary groups who do so much good for the community in which the bulk of the clubs members and supporters live".



The groups concerned are Age Concern, West Middlesex Hospital Heart Support Group, Central Middlesex Hospital Radio Service, Victim Support, Richmond Welcare, Mercury Phoenix Trust, NSPCC, Hounslow Toy Library, Children's Heart Foundation, National Meningitis Trust, British Heart Foundation Ealing Branch.



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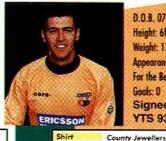
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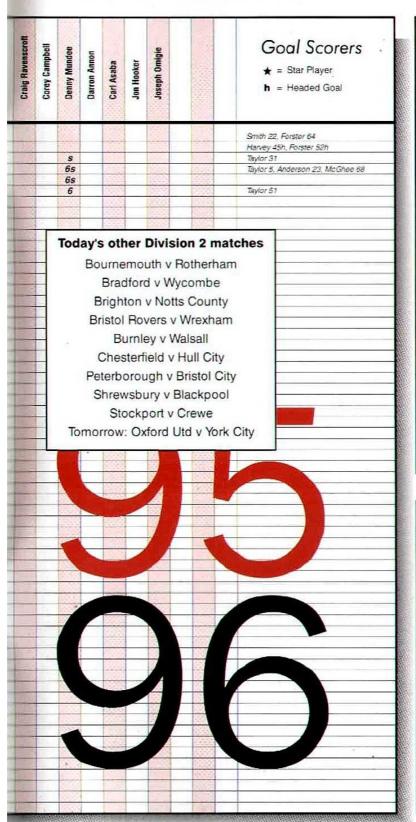
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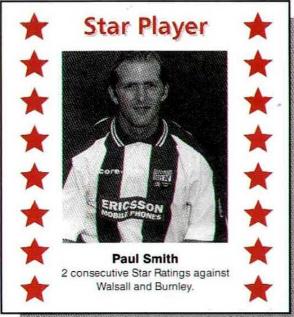
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Martin GRAINGER	11/1	3	Kevin HORLOCK	20/1				
David McGHEE	7/1	4	Steve McMAHON	33/1				
Jamie BATES (c)	20/1	5	Mark SEAGRAVES	40/1				
Denny MUNDEE	10/1	6	Shaun TAYLOR (c)	20/1				
Lee HARVEY	14/1	7	Mark ROBINSON	40/1				
Paul SMITH	16/1	8	Wayne O'SULLIVAN	20/1				
Nick FORSTER	9/2	9	Steve FINNEY	7/1				
Ijah ANDERSON	10/1	10	Edwin MURRAY	9/1				
Robert TAYLOR	9/2	11	Joey BEAUCHAMP	12/1				
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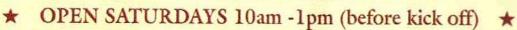
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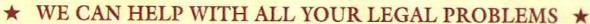
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