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Big Sam Speaks

Welcome to Steve McMahon and his Swindon side. We have given them a good run for their money all season and we will chase them all the way to the end. We achieved a good point at Bristol Rovers last weekend and are looking to continue picking up points to the end of the season in our fight for automatic promotion.



I hope that Darren Bradshaw will have recovered from his injury to be considered for selection today but we are of course also missing long term injury absentee Rick Holden and the suspended Andy Morrison.

The Reserves have continued their good progress this year and are handily placed 7th in the league. We have played quite a number of trialists during the season and more recently we have given experience to some of our YTS players, notably Ian Vickers, Mark Howard, Adam Smith and Paul Maires who is infact still a first year YTS.

This is the time of the year when thanks need to be given to my backroom staff who work

extremely hard for the club in what the fans generally see as unnoticed work.

Phil Brown, Jack Chapman, Mike Davis, Mark Taylor, Alan Crawford and Fred O'Donoghue need special mention but the list goes on with support of scouts, coaches and specialists we call on during the year. I offer my personal thanks to them all.

I know that you like me are all looking forward to today's game with this great full house and a tremendous atmosphere this will create. Having watched Newcastle play Villa at the weekend you the fans can play your part by getting behind the teams with a great crescendo of noise as those Geordies did and virtually sucked the ball into the net.

Enjoy the game and let's see you all next Saturday for the Walsall game.

Big Sam



Big Sam receives the February Endsleigh Manager of the Month Award from Neville Statham, Director of Endsleigh Insurance

SAM SPEAKS TO YOU...

Why not ring Club Call 0891 12 16 48 for Sam's comments on today's game plus all the transfer speculation and injury updates. Money from this service helps your club!

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F.A. Cup Finalists: 1947-48, 1950-51
First Division Runners-Up: 1955-56
Second Division Champions: 1929-30
Second Division Runners-Up: 1936-37, 1969-70
Fourth Division Runners-Up: 1984-85
Fourth Division Play-Off Winners: 1991-92
Anglo-Italian Cup Winners: 1970-71
Anglo-Italian Cup Runners-Up: 1971-72
Central League Champions: 1919-20, 1949-50
Lancs F.A. Youth Cup Winners: 1985-86
Marsden Lancs Cup Winners: 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96
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This is an all ticket match
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I am planning to produce a new magazine entitled "ANYTHING FOOTBALL". The general idea of the magazine is to:-

- Advertise (wanted or for sale) anything associated with football, programmes, souvenirs, memorabilia, etc;
 - To help in the search for Pen Pals.
- I would also welcome news and information from any clubs or organisations who wish to advertise or even write an article or feature, or if any of your supporters have any views on today's state of football, in fact **"ANYTHING FOOTBALL"**

SPORTS AUCTION

A unique 'Sports Auction' is being organised by **Kevin Wilson - Northern Ireland International & Player/Coach at Walsall FC**. All funds raised will be divided between, The British Sports Association for the Disabled and Turnditch Village School. There are over 50 sporting items to be auctioned, many donated by major Football Clubs, including an autographed Club Shirt from Blackpool Football Club. All bids for the above item are to be posted to: 'Sports Auction', Turnditch, Derby, DE56 2LH, stating name, address, telephone number, full description of item and the value of your bid. For an extensive list of the other items please send a SAE to the above address before 10th May 1996. Closing date for all postal bids is **25th May 1996**.

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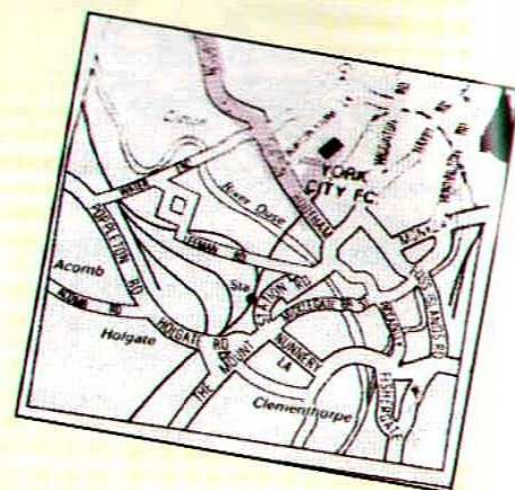
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Pool Memorabilia

by Rob Frowen



"If Oxford United lose at Bristol City and Notts County slip up against Burnley and if we beat Swindon..." Once again 'Pool's amateur statisticians are out in force anxiously working out endless permutations as the season unfolds and reaches its climax. In fact, the similarities

between today's vital top of the table clash at Bloomfield Road and our 1969/70 encounter with Swindon Town contested at the County Ground twenty six years ago this month are so striking that there can only be one item of memorabilia really suitable for featuring on this important day.

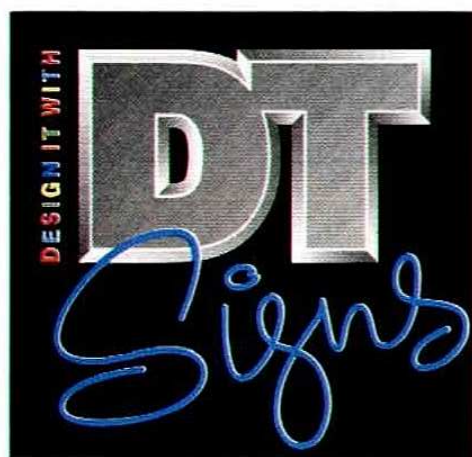
The conclusion of the old Division 2 season was rapidly approaching by Tuesday 7 April 1970 with both Swindon and the Seaside still very much 'in the frame' for promotion to the top division. On that day Blackpool, lying in second position in the league and together with a veritable army of fans, travelled south to Wiltshire to contest what turned out to be a momentous occasion. Swindon, meanwhile, in sixth spot but only three points adrift of the Seaside had promotion aspirations of their own. A near capacity crowd of 28,520 witnessed a third minute goal by the home team's Arthur

Horsfield, his twenty fourth strike of the season but Mickey Burns' headed equaliser shortly before half time secured a priceless promotion point for Blackpool. In terms of quality the match wasn't a classic by any standards but for all the 'Pool fans present, myself included, it probably remains eminently etched in the memory as one of those unforgettable nights. Blackpool, of course, then went on to secure promotion by defeating Preston 3-0 in their next match finishing runners up to Huddersfield Town whilst Swindon missed out and occupied fifth position. A

few weeks after the season's end the Wiltshire side at least had the consolation of winning the Anglo-Italian trophy, a competition in which 'Pool themselves were to prove triumphant twelve months later.

The high drama of the April 1970 meeting shouldn't really have taken place at all because the fixture was originally scheduled for Saturday 20 December 1969 but was postponed due to bad weather. Postponed matches have been known to spell many problems for collectors in the past because it is often unclear as to whether the match programmes were made widely available for sale prior to games being called off or whether the whole issue was completely withdrawn and destroyed. Once or twice a small number of postponed match programmes have managed to survive destruction and 'leaked' into circulation and the originally scheduled Swindon v Blackpool fixture of December 1969 provides a perfect example of this.

The two standard issue Swindon programmes, each consisting of twenty four pages, are pages identical in terms of content although the pages illustrated here clearly show the key differences in dates and variations in the team line ups. The identical aspects of each programme ends with the actual printed material - the April programme would cost you only about 50p to purchase these days but the December rarity may be worth a small fortune. Notwithstanding this I'd willingly sacrifice both of my copies for a 'Pool victory today!



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AUG 12	Brinsford City	A	1-1	7734	562		Capleton	R. Brown	Barlow	Lyndie	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN SB	Gouck	ELIUS H	Preece	Brown	Bryan	Beech	
AUG 15	Bradford City (CCC 1/1)	A	1-2	3670	397		Capleton	R. Brown	Barlow B	Lyndie B	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN	Gouck	ELIUS H	Preece	Brown	Bryan	Beech	
AUG 19	WRECKHAM	H	2-3	4759	899		Banks	Banks	Barlow	Lyndie	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN	Gouck	ELIUS H	Preece	Brown	Bryan	Beech	
AUG 22	BRADFORD CITY (CCC 1/2)	H	1-2	4553	896		Banks	R. Brown	Barlow	LYNDIE HB	MELLON SM	Bradshaw	QUINN	Gouck	ELIUS	Preece	R. Brown	Banner	Parkinson	
AUG 26	Hull City	A	1-2	4755	514	8	Banks	Bryan	Barlow	Lyndie	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN HB	Banner	Morrison	Preece	B. Brown	Banner	Parkinson	
AUG 29	PETERBOROUGH UTD.	A	2-1	3902	149	6	Banks	Bryan M	Darlan	Lyndie	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN HB	Banner	Morrison	Preece	B. Brown	Banner	Parkinson	
SEPT 2	Sheffsboro Utd	H	2-0	3182	711	2	Banks	Banks	Darlan B	Lyndie B	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN	Banner B	Morrison B	Preece SS	Beech B	Parkinson	Brown	
SEPT 9	STOCKPORT CITY	H	0-1	6602	1311	6	Banks	Banks	Bryan	Lyndie	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN	Banner	Morrison	Preece B	Holman	Martin	Brown	
SEPT 12	BOURNEMOUTH	H	2-1	3884	103	3	Banks	Bryan BM	Darlan	Lyndie	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN	Banner	Morrison	Preece BS	Holman	Martin	Brown	
SEPT 16	Brigham	H	2-1	6158	413	3	Banks	Bryan	Barlow	Lyndie	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN	Banner	Morrison	Preece	Quinn	Gouck	Brown	
SEPT 23	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	2-1	7301	1512	2	Banks	Banks	Barlow B	Lyndie	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN	Banner	Morrison	Preece	Beech	Gouck	Brown	
SEPT 26	CREWE ALEXANDRA (AWS)	H	1-0	2560	123	2	Banks	Bryan	Barlow	Lyndie	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN'S	Banner	Morrison	Preece BM	Beech	Gouck	Brown B	
SEPT 30	Bradford C	A	1-2	6820	1362	2	Banks	Bryan B	Darlan	Lyndie B	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN	Banner	Morrison	Preece S	Watson	Watson	Brown	
OCT 7	CHESTERFIELD	A	1-1	5313	658	2	Banks	Bryan	Barlow	Lyndie	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN	Banner	Morrison	Preece P	Watson	Watson	Darlan	
OCT 14	Rotherham Utd	H	1-2	3663	1010	4	Banks	Bryan	Barlow	Lyndie	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN	Banner	Morrison	Preece	Watson	Watson	Brown	
OCT 21	OXFORD UTD	H	1-1	5303	728	5	Banks	Bryan	Darlan	Lyndie	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN	Banner	Morrison	Preece P B	Watson	Gouck	Brown	
OCT 28	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	3-0	3877	234	4	Banks	Brown	Brown	Lyndie	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN'S	Gouck S	Morrison B	ELIUS SM	Watson	Watson	Darlan	
NOV 4	Swindon Town	A	1-1	12470	1551	5	Banks	Bryan	Yallop	Lyndie B	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN PB	Gouck S	Morrison	ELIUS	Holman	Watson	Preece	
NOV 7	Hartlepool Utd (AWS)	A	2-3	4895	107	2	Banks	Bryan	Yallop	Lyndie B	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN P	Gouck	Morrison	ELIUS	Holman	Watson	Preece	
NOV 11	CHESTER CITY FAC 1	H	2-1	5004	869	1	Banks	Bryan M	Yallop	LYNDIE HB	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN	Gouck	Morrison	ELIUS	Holman	Watson	Preece	
NOV 18	YORK CITY	H	1-3	4514	314	5	Banks	Bryan	Yallop	Linghan B	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN	Gouck	Morrison	ELIUS	Holman	Watson	Preece	
NOV 25	Walsall	A	1-1	4459	799	6	Banks	Bryan	Yallop	Linghan B	MELLON S	Bradshaw	QUINN	Gouck	Morrison	ELIUS	Holman	Darlan	Preece B	
NOV 28	Hull City (AWS2)	A	2-1	1422	109	3	Banks	Bryan	Barlow	Linghan	MELLON S	Bradshaw	QUINN	Gouck	Morrison	ELIUS	Holman	Darlan	BEECH S	
DEC 2	COWBYN BAY FAC 2	H	2-0	4581	603	1	Banks	Bryan M	Barlow	Lyndie	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN SB	Gouck	Morrison	ELIUS	Holman	Brown	Martin	
DEC 9	Crewe Alexandra	H	2-1	4551	1005	2	Banks	Bryan	Barlow	Lyndie	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN SB	Gouck	Morrison	ELIUS	Holman	Darlan	Brown	
DEC 16	BRADFORD CITY	H	4-1	4857	748	4	Banks	Barber	Barlow	Linghan	Mellon	Bradshaw	BONNER S	Watson S	ELIUS SM	Watson	Watson	Barber	Darlan	
DEC 23	North County	A	1-1	5522	871	4	Banks	Bryan	Barlow	Linghan	Mellon	Bradshaw	BONNER	Watson	ELIUS	Watson	Watson	Barber	Preece	
JAN 1	Carlisle United	A	2-1	7532	992	3	Banks	BRYAN SB	Barlow	LINGHAN H	Mellon	Bradshaw	BONNER	Watson	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	Beech	
JAN 6	Huddersfield Town (FAC 3)	A	1-2	12424	3319	1	Banks	Bryan	Barlow	Bradshaw	Mellon B	Bradshaw	QUINN'S	Banner	Morrison	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
JAN 9	CHESTERFIELD (AWS 3)	H	0-1	2469	203	2	Banks	Bryan M	Barlow	Linghan	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN'S	Banner	Morrison	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
JAN 13	Wrexham	A	1-1	5479	1252	3	Banks	Bryan	Barlow	Linghan	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN'S	Banner	Morrison	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
JAN 20	BRISTOL CITY	A	3-0	4838	392	3	Banks	Bryan M	Brown	Linghan	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN'S	Banner	Morrison	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
JAN 23	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	1-1	4340	109	3	Banks	Bryan	Brown	Linghan	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN'S	Banner	Morrison	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
FEB 3	HULL CITY	H	1-1	4713	247	4	Banks	Bryan	Barlow	Linghan BM	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN'S	Banner	Morrison	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
FEB 10	Wrexham W.	A	1-0	5285	651	3	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	Linghan	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN'S	Banner	Morrison	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
FEB 13	SWANSEA CITY	A	0-0	4092	35	2	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	Linghan	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN'S	Banner	Morrison	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
FEB 17	Bournemouth	H	4-1	4517	507	2	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	Linghan	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN'S	Banner	Morrison	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
FEB 20	SHREWSBURY TOWN	A	2-1	4210	131	2	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	Linghan	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN'S	Banner	Morrison	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
FEB 24	BRIGHTON	H	2-1	4937	279	2	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow M	Linghan	MELLON SSB	QUINN	Bradshaw	Banner	Morrison	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
FEB 27	Stockport County	A	1-1	7711	2117	2	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	Linghan	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN	Banner	Morrison	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
MAR 2	Burnley	A	1-0	10082	866	2	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	Linghan	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN	Banner	Morrison	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
MAR 9	NOTTS COUNTY	A	1-0	7187	792	2	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	Linghan	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN	Banner	Morrison	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
MAR 12	BURNLEY	H	3-1	8941	2788	1	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	Linghan	MELLON S	QUINN	Bradshaw	Banner	Morrison	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
MAR 16	Swansea City	A	2-0	4478	365	1	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	Linghan	Mellon B	Bradshaw	QUINN P	Gouck	Watson	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
MAR 23	CARLISLE UNITED	A	3-1	8144	1889	1	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	LINGHAN HH	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN P	Gouck	Watson	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
MAR 26	Peterborough Utd	H	0-0	4425	74	1	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	Linghan	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN P	Gouck	Watson	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
MAR 30	BRENTFORD	A	1-0	5899	294	1	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	Linghan B	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN P	Gouck	Watson	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
APR 2	Chesham	A	0-1	7002	1859	1	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	Linghan	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN P	Gouck	Watson	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
APR 6	OXFORD UNITED	A	0-1	7577	1546	2	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	Linghan	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN P	Gouck	Watson	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
APR 8	ROTHERHAM UNITED	A	1-2	6850	456	2	Nixon	Bryan M	Barlow	Linghan B	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN P	Gouck	Watson	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
APR 13	Brackley Town	A	1-1	5626	676	2	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	LINGHAN S	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN B	Gouck	Watson	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
APR 20	SWINDON TOWN	H	1-1	5626	676	2	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	LINGHAN S	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN B	Gouck	Watson	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
APR 27	WALSALL	H	1-1	5626	676	2	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	LINGHAN S	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN B	Gouck	Watson	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
MAY 4	York City	A	1-1	5626	676	2	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	LINGHAN S	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN B	Gouck	Watson	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	
MAY 11	FAC Final	A	1-1	5626	676	2	Nixon	Bryan	Barlow	LINGHAN S	Mellon	Bradshaw	QUINN B	Gouck	Watson	ELIUS	Watson	Darlan	Barber	

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AUG 16	Mansfield Town	A	4-1		Martin	BRYAN S	Dorton	Sheppard	Allardice	Brown	Mitchell	Beech	SYMONS	PARKINSON	SUNDERLAND	Carroll	Hooks	Word
AUG 24	SUNDERLAND	H	0-0		Martin	Bryan	Dorton	Brown	Allardice	Morrison	Mitchell	Beech	SYMONS	PARKINSON	SUNDERLAND	Thorp	Carroll	Word
SEPT 6	BRADFORD CITY	H	0-1	9	Martin	Ward	Hills	R. Brown	Brown	Morrison	Parkinson	Beech	Thorp	Gouck	Mitchell	SYMONS	Carroll	Sunderland
SEPT 13	Coventry City	A	0-1	12	Martin	Ward	Dorton	Beech	Brown	Allardice	Sunderland	Gouck	Thorp	Parkinson	Mitchell	Hills	SYMONS	Carroll
SEPT 21	Middlesbrough	A	0-3	15	Martin	Ward	Dorton	Allardice	Brown	Beech	Quinn	Gouck	Watson	Parkinson	Mitchell	SYMONS	Hooks	Sunderland
OCT 4	HUDDESFIELD TOWN	H	1-1	16	Martin	Ward	DORTON SB	Beech	Brown	Allardice	James	Gouck	Watson	SYMONS	Sunderland	Hooks	Capleton	Carroll
OCT 11	Barnsley	A	2-1	12	Martin	Ward	Hooks	Dorton	Brown	Allardice	S/O	James	Gouck	Watson	Beech	Sunderland	Carroll	Parkinson
OCT 18	ROTHERHAM UTD	H	0-4	11	Martin	Brown	Hooks	Beech	Allardice	Bradshaw	James	Gouck	WATSON SS	SYMONS	Dorton	THORPE	Carroll	Word
OCT 25	Port Vale	A	2-1	9	Martin	Ward	Hooks	Beech	Brown	Daley	James	GOUCK P	WATSON S	SYMONS	Dorton	Thorp	Carroll	M. Taylor
NOV 1	LEICESTER CITY	H	0-0	10	Martin	Ward	Hooks	Beech	Dorton	Bradshaw	Parkinson	Carroll	Thorp	Mitchell	Preece	SYMONS	Hudson	Brown
NOV 8	Aston Villa	A	1-0	7	Martin	Brown	Hooks	Carroll	Allardice	Evensen	James	DARTONS	Thorp	S/O	Parkinson	Mitchell	SYMONS	Hudson
NOV 14	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	2-3	10	Martin	Ward	Hooks	Dorton	Allardice	Evensen	James	BRADSHAW	WATSON S	BEECH S	SYMONS	Mitchell	Parkinson	Hudson
NOV 22	HULL CITY	H	4-0	6	Martin	Ward	Barlow	Allardice	Yelland	Bradshaw	Beech	DARTON HSH	Watson	Preece	SUNDERLAND	Thorp	Carroll	Hook
DEC 6	MIDDLESBROUGH	H	2-4	10	Capleton	Brown	Hooks	Linington	Allardice	DARTON S	WATSON S	Beech	Gouck	Parkinson	Preece	Word	Vickers	Carroll
DEC 18	PRESTON NORTH END	H	0-0	10	Capleton	Marks	Hooks	Dorton	Brown	Allardice	Beech	Gouck	Morrison	Vickers	Sunderland	SYMONS	Carroll	Word
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FEB 14	York City	A	3-0	10	Banks	Owens	Charnock	Carroll	Allardice	Lyndie	Beech	Dorton	THORPE SS	ELLIS S	Mitchell	Word	James	Parkinson
FEB 22	Grimby Town	A	2-2	9	Banks	Brown	Charnock	MORRISON S	Allardice	Lyndie	Carroll	Beech	Thorp	Gouck	DARTON S	Mitchell	James	Word
FEB 28	Burnley	A	2-2	10	Banks	Brown	Charnock	Carroll	Allardice	Lyndie	BEECH S	Gouck	Thorp	Pascoe	DARTON S	James	Ward	Mitchell
MAR 5	ASTON VILLA	H	2-1	9	Banks	Brown	CHARNOCK S	CARROLL S	Allardice	Lyndie	Beech	B	Thorp	Watson	Dorton	Word	James	Mitchell
MAR 13	MANCHESTER CITY	H	4-0	9	Banks	Brown	Hooks	Lyndie	Allardice	B S/O	Heath	Keller	GOUCK SPB	WATSON	THORPE S	Holden	Carroll	Gregg
MAR 18	Preston North End	A	1-2	9	Banks	Ward	Hooks	Carroll	Heath	ALLARDICE S	Lyndie	Haddaway	Thorp	Quinn	Mitchell	Gregg	James	Parkinson
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In Opposition

SWINDON TOWN COME TO BLOOMFIELD ROAD FOR THE MATCH OF THE SEASON - TOP AGAINST SECOND.

Swindon Town who were relegated from the 1st Division last season have had an outstanding season. Out of the 40 League games played to date they have only lost 4. Only one at home 1-0 to Shrewsbury and at Wrexham (4-3), York City (2-0) and Oxford United (3-0). On their travels they have won 11 games which is only matched by Stockport County in our Division. Top scorer is Wayne Allison with Steve Finney (now injured), Kevin

Horlock and Peter Thorne all among the goals. They have two players on loan at the moment, David Preece from Swinton Town, who Blackpool nearly signed, and Donald Sutcliffe from Hearts.

At the County Ground earlier in the season the game ended 1-1 with James Quinn equalising from the penalty spot after Steve Finney had opened the scoring.

The Players

FRASER DIGBY - Goalkeeper

Born: Sheffield 23/04/67

Joined Manchester United from school as an apprentice twelve years ago, Fraser did not make the first team at Old Trafford and had loan spells at Oldham Athletic and Swindon Town before joining us on a permanent basis in September 1986. Has now made over 400 first team appearances for the Club although he did return to Manchester United for a loan spell during season 1992/93. Signed a new contract in November 1995 to take him through to 1998 which will include a testimonial year.

PAUL BODIN - Defender

Born: Cardiff 13/09/64

Welsh International now in his second spell at The County Ground, Paul was initially signed from the now defunct Newport County for £25,000 in March 1988. Three years later he was transferred to Crystal Palace for a fee of £550,000 but was unable to command a place at Selhurst Park and just ten months later he returned to Swindon. Spent the end of last season out with a back injury. Transfer listed December 1995.

SHAUN TAYLOR - Defender

Born: Plymouth 26/02/63

An ever present in the team again last season for the second consecutive year, Shaun was signed from Exeter City in July 1991 for £200,000. He came into professional football late signing for The Grecians from Western League Bideford Town at the age of 23. He played 233 first team games for Exeter before he joined Swindon Town. He has just signed a new contract which will keep him at The County Ground until 1997.

MARK SEAGRAVES - Defender

Born: Liverpool 22/10/66

Big strong central defender signed from Bolton Wanderers for £100,000 in June 1995. Mark forms a solid defensive partnership with Shaun Taylor. A former Liverpool apprentice, Mark had a loan spell with Norwich City before a £100,000 move to Manchester City in 1986. In 1990 he moved to Burnden Park but was unable to command a place in last seasons side who gained promotion to the Premiership.

KEVIN HORLOCK - Defender

Born: Plumstead 01/11/72

Northern Ireland Full and U21 International, Kevin was signed from West Ham United on a free transfer in the summer of 1992 and made his League debut in the 3-1

defeat at Portsmouth that year after injury sidelined regular full-back Paul Bodin.

WAYNE O'SULLIVAN - Defender

Born: Cyprus 25/02/74

Full back Wayne made his debut for Swindon Town in an Anglo-Italian Cup tie against Oxford United at The Manor Ground in September 1992. A former trainee with the club he made his League debut as substitute in the first game of the 1994/95 season at home to Port Vale and started a League game for the first time in the following 1-0 home win over Watford. Has since progressed and become a regular first team member and was selected for the Eire U21 squad to play Latvia in Galway in October 1995.

FRANK TALIA - Goalkeeper

Born: Melbourne, Australia 20/07/72

Blackburn Rovers signed Frank from Sunshine George Cross in August 1992 and spent some time on loan at Hartlepool that season making 15 appearances. Unable to break into the first team at Ewood Park, Frank signed for Swindon in November 1995 having spent a month on loan earlier in the season.

ALEX SMITH - Defender

Born: Liverpool 15/02/76

Signed on a free transfer from Everton in January 1996 where he was a former Trainee. While he had not played in the Premiership Alex has played in Everton's European Cup Winners Cup campaign this season.

MARK ROBINSON - Defender

Born: Rochdale 21/11/68

Signed as an apprentice for West Bromwich Albion on leaving school in June 1985 and made his Football League debut against Sheffield Wednesday on 22 April 1986. Surprisingly he was not offered a contract at the end of his apprenticeship and was picked up by Barnsley but had to wait until 1989 before earning an extended run in the first team. In March 1993 he was transferred to Newcastle United for £450,000 but injury and the vast squad at St. James' Park prevented Mark from getting an extended first team run. In July 1994 he moved to Wiltshire for a then Swindon Town Club record of £600,000.

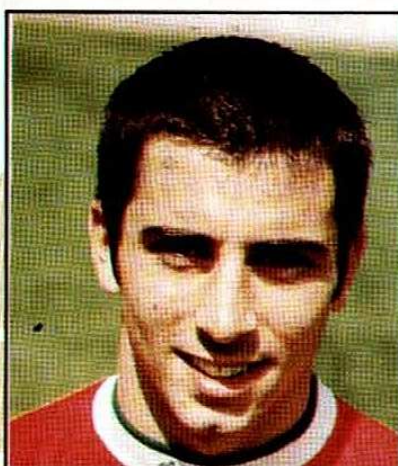
MARTIN LING - Midfield

Born: West Ham 15/07/66

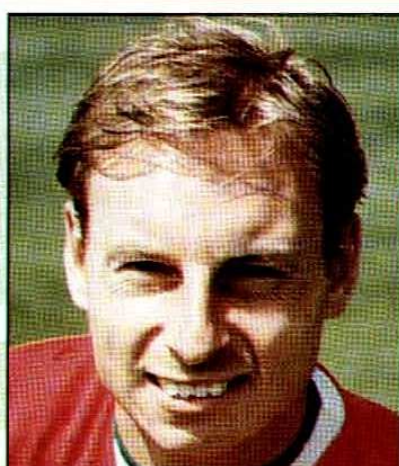
A former Exeter City apprentice, Martin is another in his second spell at The County Ground. He initially signed for £325,000 in July 1986 but just 93 days later he was on the move to Southend United where he made 138 League



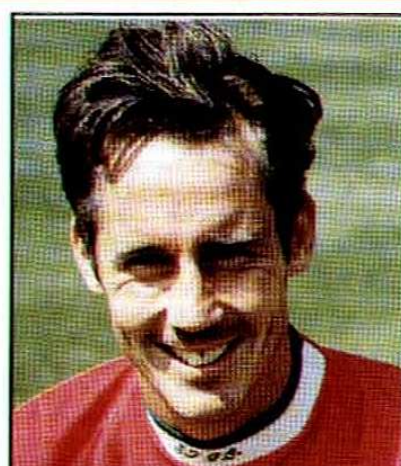
SWINDON TOWN



KEVIN HORLOCK



PAUL BODIN



IAN CULVERHOUSE

spent some time on loan at Mansfield Town and indeed here at The County Ground. In the summer of 1991 Glenn Hoddle acquired his services for a mere £15,000.

PAUL ALLEN - Midfielder
Born: Aveley 28/08/62

One of the renowned footballing Allen family, Paul was signed by Swindon Town on a free transfer in October 1995 having been released from Southampton. Previously with West Ham United with whom he signed as an apprentice in August 1979 and went on to make 197 appearances, scoring 11 goals. In June 1985 a £400,000 move took him across London to White Hart Lane where he made 377 appearances for Spurs scoring 28 goals. In September 1993 he transferred to Southampton for a fee of £550,000 but with the departure of manager Ian Branfoot, Paul was only to make 43 appearances for the Saints. During his time at The Dell he went on loan to Luton Town and Stoke City. Paul is an

England 'B', U21 and Youth International.

IAN CULVERHOUSE - Defender
Born: Bishops Cleeve 22/09/64

Signed from Norwich City at the end of December 1994 for a fee of £250,000 decided by a Football League tribunal after Norwich's request of £900,000 was turned down by Swindon. Ian was a former apprentice at Tottenham Hotspur before turning professional and making his League debut as substitute at Notts County on 21 February 1984. He had only made one full appearance while at White Hart Lane before signing for Norwich City in October 1985 for £50,000. In December 1995, Ian signed a new contract at Swindon Town to take him through to June 1998.

WAYNE ALLISON - Forward
Born: Huddersfield 16/10/68

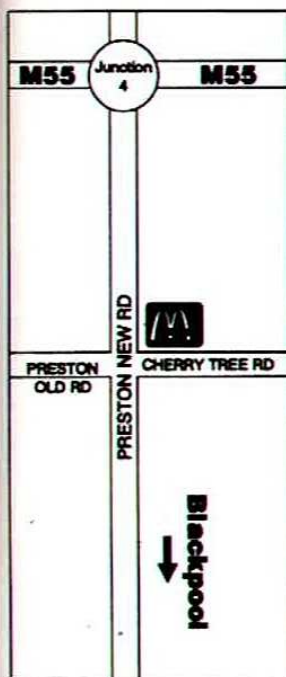
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The Players

to pay £475,000 for the registration of Wayne from local rivals, Bristol City, for whom he was top scorer last season, in July 1995. Born in Huddersfield, Wayne started his career as an apprentice at Halifax Town before moving to Watford for £250,000 in July 1989. The following year a £300,000 deal took him to Ashton Gate where he became a firm favourite with the fans.

STEVE FINNEY - Forward

Born: Hexham 31/10/73

Manager Steve McMahon knew of Steve when they were both at Manchester City and took Finney on a free transfer from Maine Road during the summer. He scored his first goal for Swindon on the club's pre-season tour of Finland. Following an injury to Peter Thorne, Steve was given an unexpected run in the first team at the beginning of this season. He recently signed a new long term contract to keep him at the club until 1998.

PETER THORNE - Forward

Born: Manchester 21/06/73

Young striker signed from Blackburn Rovers for an undisclosed fee in January 1995. Peter was signed on as a trainee player at Ewood Park in July 1989 before progressing to the professional ranks in the 1991 close season. First team opportunities were restricted because of the form of the likes of Alan Shearer, Chris Sutton and Mike Newell and Peter relished the chance of a move to Swindon Town with the opportunity of regular action. His only first team appearance for Blackburn was when he came on as a substitute in the Charity Shield at Wembley against Manchester United. Made an impressive start in his career at Swindon Town, scoring four goals in his first two games. Began this season by netting all five goals against TP Seinajoki on the pre-

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1973/4	Div 2	2-0 (H)	0-1 (A)
1978/9	Div 3	5-2 (H)	1-0 (A)
1979/80	Div 3	0-1 (H)	1-2 (A)
1980/1	Div 3	1-1 (H)	2-1 (A)
1982/3	Div 4	2-1 (H)	3-3 (A)
1983/4	Div 4	1-1 (H)	0-0 (A)
1984/5	Div 4	1-0 (H)	1-4 (A)
1986/7	Div 3	1-1 (H)	6-2 (A)
1995/6	Div 2		1-1 (A)

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Blackpool 1 v Swindon Town 1

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Blackpool: Siddall, Butler, Walsh, Law, Methven, Deary, Davies, Thompson, Stewart, Dyer, Taylor. Sub - McAteer for Davies. Scorer - Stewart (pen).

Swindon: Digby, White, Hockaday, Jones, Parkin, Calderwood, Coyne, Kamara, Quinn, Bamber, Barnard. Sub - King for Bamber. Scorer - Bamber.

Referee - Mr J Watson (Whitley Bay)

In Charge Steve McMahon



STEVE MCMAHON

STEVE MCMAHON - Player/Manager Born: Liverpool 20/08/61

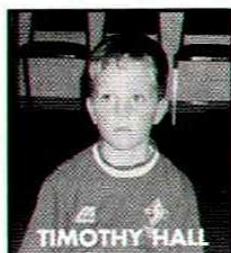
Appointed Player/Manager at the end of November 1994 following John Gorman's departure. An Associated Schoolboy with Everton, he was deeply hurt when they overlooked him when handing out apprenticeships - but he battled back and soon impressed enough to make his League debut at Sunderland in August 1980.

He went on to register 11 goals in 100 League games for Everton before a £300,000 transfer to Aston Villa in the summer of 1983. By then Steve was a seasoned England U21 International, having made his debut against The Republic of Ireland at Fratton Park in February 1981 and he continued in the squad to be part of England's European U21 Championship winning side in 1984.

With Villa, Steve proved to be a midfield general of the highest quality but his career in the Midlands was short lived as Kenny Dalglish splashed out £375,000 to land him his first major deal for Liverpool in September 1985. McMahon filled the position vacated by Graeme Souness and played his first game for Liverpool at Oxford. By the end of the season he had League and Cup medals to flaunt as Liverpool clinched the 'double'.

Further trophies were added to his collection as Steve shared in Anfield's phenomenal success, while at International level Bobby Robson drafted him into the 1990 England World Cup squad as cover for Bryan Robson. He was capped 17 times.

On Christmas Eve 1991, Manchester City paid £900,000 for his registration and until his move to Swindon, McMahon has continued to demonstrate his agility at the highest level.



TIMOTHY HALL

Swindon Mascot

Name: Timothy Hall

Age: 7

Lives: Eldene, Swindon.

School: Eldene School

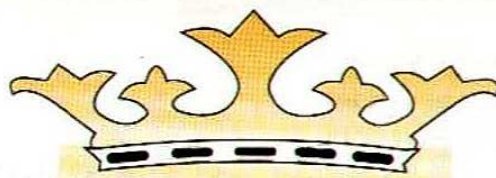
Hobbies: Football - Football - Football

Team Played For: Rodbourne

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Favourite Player: Shaun Taylor

Tim was the youngest member of the Junior Robbins, when he was born he was registered as a member at 2 hours old!



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By Dave Thompson

Pools Past

Looking at former Pool players currently managing Premiership or Endsleigh League Clubs.

■ The recent appointment of Mitch Cook as the Director of Football at Scarborough doubles the number of ex-Seasiders in professional football management. Cook returns to the McCain Stadium for a third time after two previous spells for the Yorkshire Club, totalling 90 league appearances. Mitch Cook joined Pool from Darlington in February 1993 becoming the regular left back until the end of the next season, captaining us on a number of occasions. The only game he missed during 1993/94 was the home defeat by Port Vale when traffic problems on the trip from their Yorkshire homes caused both Cook and Lee Martin to miss the game.

The departure of Billy Ayre and the arrival of Sam Allardyce heralded the replacement of Cook at left back by David Burke and although Mitch did play four games in September 1994 with Burke out injured, when the former Bolton player returned Cook

had played the last of his 80 games for Pool.

He was transferred to Hartlepool until taking over as player-manager at non-league Guiseley. He will perform a similar role at Scarborough despite the fancy title.

The other manager with previous experience as a Pool player is of course, Alan Ball. He holds several records at Bloomfield Road including being our youngest league player at the age of 17 years and 98 days when making his debut against Liverpool in 1962. He also has the distinction of possessing the longest time between appearances in a Tangerine shirt. Over 14 years passed from April 1966 when he played his final game before his



ALAN BALL

transfer to Everton and his return in August 1980.

As player manager in that second spell, Ball added 35 games to his tally of 126 league and cup matches in the 1960's.

Since his sacking in March 1981 Ball has continued in management with Bristol Rovers, Portsmouth and Southampton prior to his current job at Manchester City.

The possibility of a reunion between Ball's first and present club next season, is an intriguing one.

At the beginning of this season, former Pool defender Mike Walsh was the only other former Seasider to be a manager, as he entered his sixth season at the helm at Bury. However, his sacking late last year and his replacement at Gigg Lane with the former Pool bosses Stan Ternent and Sam Ellis left Alan Ball as the solitary former player in the ranks of managers. Mitch Cook's new role has equalled the number.

Walsh himself is now the manager of Unibond Premier League Club Barrow - until at least the end of this season. He moved to the Cumbrian Club after Tony Hesketh stepped up to the Vauxhall Conference to join Morecambe as assistant manager. The examples of both Cook and Walsh made me wonder about future managerial candidates amongst current or very recent Pool players. Will any of the present staff even take over here at Bloomfield Road at some time in the future? How many of today's Seasiders have managerial ambitions?

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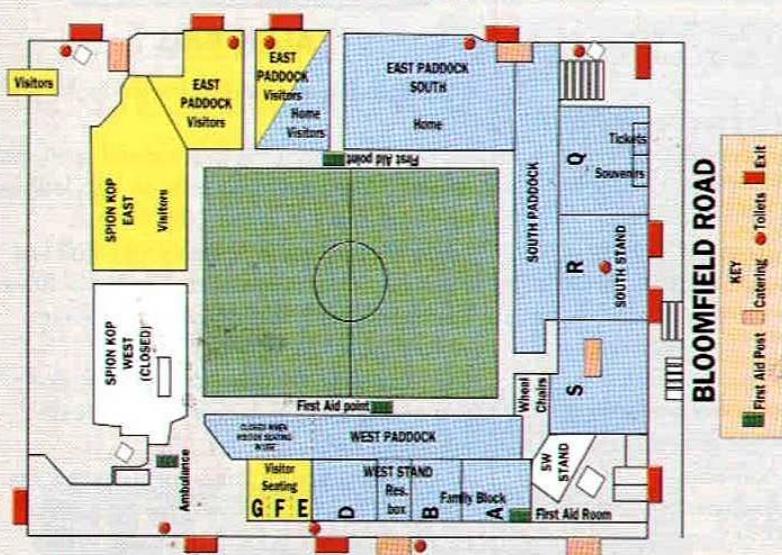
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Tango Notes

Hi there kids!

Did you enjoy reading your latest newsletter? I'm sure by now the York City trip will be fully booked. Our last trip of the season is sure to be a popular one.

You must come to our **End of Season**

Party on Sunday 12th May in the Supporters Club from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

There will be music, food and party games and we want you all to come along to join us. We will be asking all the players and their families to come along as well. So come on let's see the Club packed with Tangerine and White and let's party.

We're very busy now sorting out some events and trips for you to enjoy throughout the summer months so watch out for news of what's going on in your next newsletter.

Our Match Mascot for today is Junior Seaside **DARREN STUART** who is 10 years old. Have fun **DARREN** and enjoy your special day.

Now come on kids - let's cheer on the lads in one of the most crucial games of the season. Come on you Pool

TANGO

Football Community

SOCCER SCHOOL

The Easter soccer school was a huge success with 94 children attending over the 3 days. Many thanks go out to South Shore FC for letting us use the venue and changing facilities at Palatine High School, also for the girls that ran the snack bar feeding all the hungry mouths at dinner time. On this particular soccer school we were provided with a free holiday from Haven for 1 week anywhere in the UK for up to 7 people, all the children were given a raffle ticket with their name on the back and the winner was Natalie Webster age 10 from Fleetwood we hope Natalie and her family have a good time wherever they go.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Claire Derbyshire age 13 she will be meeting the players in the dressing room before today's game, one of her favourite players being Micky Mellon whom she will be having a photograph with...

SCHOOL VISITS

At present the Community Coaching Staff are at the following schools, Carleton Green, Norbreck, Moor Park and Hawesside, passing on a few coaching tips.

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View from the Terraces

By Martin Booker



Dave Linighan collects his **Player of the Month** award for March from **Wendy Rear** who voted for Dave in the Citizen. Also watching the presentation is **Zoe Spinks** from **Bond St Fabrics** and **Nick Arton**.

What a difference a week makes in football! After predicting the Pool would remain unbeaten throughout

the Easter period we lost all three! Losing a game is something we have been accustomed to in previous seasons but this has been a season inflicting only six defeats until the traumatic trio of games has applied even more pressure to the manager, players and fans alike in our promotion bid. Yes, those nerves have crept in and it's been hell watching from the stands, but a much improved

performance against Bristol Rovers brought a crucial point and yet another colourful and noisy tangerine army gained a lot of confidence from that result. It could be our most important point of the season as it stopped the rot. We've been doing something of a Newcastle of late but

today we have the chance of wiping the smile of Steve McMahon's face, stuff em lads!

You may recall McMahon's boyish attitude when we held them to a 1-1 draw at the County Ground saying "Blackpool aren't a good side, I'm not interested in them", well today Macca we'll see who's interested! OK, Swindon look like winning the Championship but for a manager that is meant to be well regarded, his comments were a joke ... anyway enough said about Swindon, this is a game we have all been looking forward to.

A win today would more or less seal our promotion dream, with Walsall visiting Bloomfield next weekend, that day is coming even closer ... then we can party at York, we don't want to be going there needing points, we want it all over by then.

It's at times like these when our experience in the ranks counts and David Linighan has proved to be a great acquisition for our promotion challenge, as has Eric Nixon. They have eased the tension at the back and we now look a solid outfit. The





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defence has to be hailed as one of the most important factors in the season so far, but this is a season in which every player has played a key role.

Who would get your vote for the player of the year award this season, would it be Dave Linighan a late entrant in November last year but a player who has become a something of a terrace idol so far. Micky Mellon who's ability to open up defences with his athleticism and netbusting goals must be a leading contender along with Marvin Bryan who has lifted the crowd with his mazy runs down the right flank, Andy Morrison a fan's player if there ever was one, you could watch hour after hour a player who scares the **** out of the opposition!! These are just a few pointers but the talent on view nowadays is something which has increased expectations from US the supporters, we are all managers out there and each and everyone of us could choose our best Blackpool side ... we are spoilt for choice this season and if successful it could become even harder!

If the atmosphere isn't electric today, I give up because these games are going to get bigger and better, week in week out next season. "Every Blackpool fan shouldn't be able to speak after this match, those vocal chords will be worth a goal today, back them for 90 minutes, don't whinge just back the lads and they'll do the talking on the pitch."

Drums, trumpets, those horns from Spain I've seen recently, cowbells, tambourines, airhorns the whole lot will be in effect today along with 5,000 balloons and hopefully the new 40FT by 20FT Flag will be in operation, for those who don't know what to do with it lift it over your head, it's simple really (you've just got to tell some people though!!), I asked Owen Oysten and the man with the money said yes and promptly signed the cheque for over £1,000, so don't rip it folks!!

This chequebook of his is remaining open for the players as well, I mean what more incentive do they need for £350,000 between them. They should have done the business already, I'd do it for less, let me on that pitch!!

Promotion is on the cards if we overcome this tough hurdle today, and with yet another home fixture against Walsall next weekend we need Bloomfield Road full, full of noise and tangerine all over the place ...

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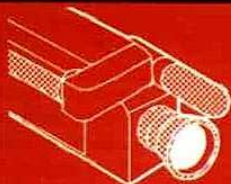
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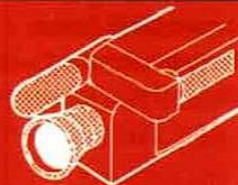
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At A Glance...

LEICESTER CITY RES 0 v BLACKPOOL RES 0

3 APRIL 1996

Blackpool Reserves drew 0-0 against a strong Leicester side at Filbert Street. Leicester had more of the play but Steve Banks had an outstanding game in goals and Phil Brown marshalled the defence well supported by YTS player Mark Howard and Paul Maires.

In the last few minutes both sides might have broken the deadlock. First the home keeper fumbled a hard low cross from Andy Watson but managed to regain control as two Blackpool forwards converged. Then almost on the final whistle Steve Banks made a great save two handed diving to the left to deny the home side.

BLACKPOOL RES 2 v BARNSELY RES 1

10 APRIL 1996

Blackpool Reserves defeated Barnsley Reserves 2-1 at Bloomfield Road in a game of many chances in an end to end encounter. Barnsley had the better of the first 15 minutes before Andy Gouch opened the scoring for Blackpool after 16 minutes with a left foot shot. Lee Thorpe added a second after 39 minutes running onto an Andy Watson through ball and rounding the keeper to shoot home.

Barnsley hit back early in the second half scores after only 21 seconds. The game continued end to end with both keepers having to make good saves.

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Aug 19	Tranmere Rovers 'A'	H	1-3
Aug 26	Blackburn Rovers 'A'	A	2-1
Sept 2	Wrexham 'A'	A	1-0
Sept 9	Manchester United 'A'	H	1-2
Sept 15	Morecambe Reserves	A	3-2
Sept 23	Manchester City 'A'	H	1-0
Sept 30	Liverpool 'A'	A	3-2
Oct 7	Everton 'A'	A	1-3
Oct 14	Preston North End 'A'	H	1-4
Oct 21	Stoke City 'A'	H	3-2
Oct 28	Marine Reserves	A	3-2
Nov 4	Oldham Athletic 'A'	H	1-1
Nov 18	Liverpool 'A'	H	2-2
Nov 25	Crawley Alexandra Reserves	A	0-1
Dec 2	Morecambe Reserves	H	3-1
Dec 9	Burnley 'A'	A	2-1
Dec 16	Bury 'A'	H	0-0
1996			
Jan 6	Oldham Athletic 'A'	A	0-3
Jan 13	Everton 'A'	H	0-0
Jan 20	Tranmere Rovers 'A'	A	0-2
Feb 24	Bury 'A'	A	1-0
Mar 10	Stoke City 'A'	A	0-2
Mar 16	Burnley 'A'	H	3-3
Mar 20	Preston N.E. 'A'	A	1-2
Mar 23	Crawley Alexandra Reserves	H	2-4
Mar 30	Blackburn Rovers 'A'	H	0-2
Apr 13	Marine Reserves	H	1-1
Apr 20	Manchester C 'A'	A	
Apr 27	Manchester United 'A'	A	
May 4	Wrexham 'A'	H	

LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO FIXTURES 1995/96 'B' TEAM

Aug 19	Blackburn Rovers 'B'	A	1-6
Aug 26	Tranmere Rovers 'B'	H	3-0
Sept 2	Wigan Athletic 'A'	H	3-2
Sept 9	Oldham Athletic 'B'	A	4-0
Sept 16	Manchester City 'B'	H	0-3
Sept 23	Crawley Alexandra 'A'	A	0-3
Sept 30	Bolton Wanderers 'A'	H	2-3
Oct 3	Tranmere Rovers 'B'	A	0-1
Oct 7	Carlisle United 'A'	H	3-3
Oct 14	Chester City 'A'	A	0-0
Oct 21	Manchester United 'B'	A	0-6
Nov 11	Rochdale 'A'	A	1-1
Nov 18	Stockport County 'A'	A	0-2
Nov 25	Everton 'B'	H	0-3
Dec 2	Burnley 'B'	A	1-0
Dec 9	Burnley 'B'	H	0-0
Dec 16	Bury 'B'	A	3-0
Dec 23	Preston N.E. 'B'	A	1-3
1996			
Jan 6	Liverpool 'B'	H	3-2
Jan 13	Marine Youth	A	3-0
Jan 20	Blackburn Rovers 'B'	H	2-3
Feb 3	Bolton Wanderers 'A'	A	1-0
Feb 17	Manchester City 'B'	A	0-0
Feb 24	Carlisle United 'A'	A	0-3
Mar 2	Chester City 'A'	H	2-2
Mar 9	Bury 'B'	H	2-1
Mar 16	Wigan Athletic 'A'	A	2-2
Mar 20	Preston North End 'B'	A	0-0
Mar 23	Liverpool 'B'	A	0-5
Mar 30	Marine Youth	H	2-0
Apr 6	Rochdale 'A'	H	1-2
Apr 13	Oldham Athletic 'B'	H	4-1
Apr 20	Stockport County 'A'	H	
Apr 24	Crawley Alexandra 'A'	H	
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Talking Football

by Tim Windle

"When the seagulls follow the trawler....."

The seagull is of course a scavenger, and Eric Cantona's imaginative description of the press can be more easily understood when one sees the type of journalism witnessed in a recent incident involving Blackpool's Micky Mellon.

■ The dramatic "Pool star arrested" headline on the front page of the Evening Gazette (10/4), concerned an alleged incident at the Savoy Hotel involving Blackpool footballers. The report, incidentally, made a rather tenuous link to Blackpool's recent run of three defeats and almost invited the reader to link the two events together. But surely the most significant thing about this news was that it wasn't really news at all. If the alleged incident involved you or I it would hardly warrant a small paragraph, yet it was blown up out of all proportion.

As football supporters the only time we should be concerned with what our players are doing is at 3 o'clock on a Saturday afternoon.

What players get up to away from the stadium should not be up for public consumption as they have a right to live their lives as they want to away from football. What the press should be more concerned with are those whose off field activities undermine the very ethics of the sport. Those are the ones who take drugs to perform better, or those who sell the sport down the river by taking part in match rigging activities.

I am sure there was no malicious intent on the part of the Gazette, who have of course a job to do in selling newspapers. However, I would suggest that there are far worse things going on in the world to report on than high jinks in a local hotel.

Stats corner

BLACKPOOL 1995/96 APPEARANCES AND GOALS

	LEAGUE APP GOALS	COCA COLA APPS GOALS	FA CUP APPS GOALS	AUTO WINDSCREENS APPS GOALS	TO DATE APPS GOALS
ALLARDYCE	0+1	-	-	-	0+1
BANKS	24	-	3	4	32
BARBER	1	-	-	-	1
BARLOW	31	2	2	3	38
BEECH	3+15	1+1	-	1+3	61+35
BONNER	38+1	3	3	3	116+24
BRADSHAW	23	2	2	2	57
BROWN P	4+7	-	1+2	-	38+12
BROWN R	2+1	2	-	-	4+1
BRYAN	41+2	0+2	3	4	48+4
CAPLETON	1	1	-	-	10+2
CHARNOCK	0+4	-	-	-	0+4
DARTON	5+4	-	-	0+1	23+5
ELLIS	39+1	13	2	3	91+1
GOUCK	8+7	1	1+1	2+1	143+29
HOLDEN	19+3	2	2	2+1	23+4
HORNER	-	-	-	-	22+4
LINIGHAN	27	4	-	2	29
LYDIAE	28+2	1	3	3	47+2
MARTIN	-	-	-	-	117
MELLON	42	6	3	3	76
MITCHELL	-	-	-	-	46+33
MORRISON	28	2	2	2	50
NIXON	17	-	-	-	17
PARKINSON	-	-	-	-	0+1
PHILPOTT	3+4	-	-	-	3+4
PREECE	34+4	14	1+2	4	41+6
QUINN	40+1	8	3	3	91+24
SUNDERLAND	-	-	-	-	0+3
SYMONS	-	-	-	-	0+1
WATSON	12+13	6	1+2	2+1	100+30
YALLOP	3	-	-	1	4
OWN GOAL	2	-	-	-	-

RESERVES

THORPE 9, WATSON 9, DARTON 8, GOUCK 5, BEECH 3, CARROLL 2, PARKINSON 2, SUNDERLAND 2, ALLARDYCE 1, BRYAN 1, CHARNOCK 1, ELLIS 1, MORRISON 1, SYMONS 1, O.G. 1 = 47

A TEAM

SYMONS 12, PARKINSON 6, MITCHELL 3, THORPE 3, ALLARDYCE 2, JONES 2, ALLEN 1, CARROLL 1, HOOKS 1, MORRISON 1, SUNDERLAND 1, TORRE 1, OG 1 = 36

B TEAM

VICKERS 9, GREER 7, CARDEN 5, HADDOW 4, HILTON 4, CARLISLE 3, SMITH 3, TALBOT 3, GABRIEL 2, ASHCROFT 1, HILLS 1, JOHNSTONE 1, LONGWORTH 1 = 44

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MIDDLESBROUGH	29	20	4	5	71	25	64
SUNDERLAND	30	16	8	6	55	31	56
PRESTON NE	29	14	10	5	43	30	52
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	29	15	6	8	52	29	51
LEICESTER CITY	28	13	11	4	60	30	50
PORT VALE	29	14	8	7	60	39	50
COVENTRY CITY	29	15	4	10	58	45	49
BLACKPOOL	30	13	7	10	47	36	46
ASTON VILLA	28	11	8	9	51	41	41
BURNLEY	31	11	8	12	60	64	41
MANCHESTER CITY	29	10	10	9	30	34	40
BARNLEY	29	11	5	3	44	51	38
GRIMSBY TOWN	28	10	7	11	53	55	37
ROTHERHAM UTD	30	8	7	15	30	51	31
BRADFORD CITY	27	9	3	15	43	60	30
YORK CITY	31	7	7	17	31	62	28
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HULL CITY	29	2	4	23	11	60	10

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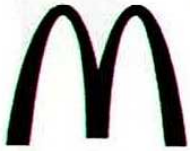
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Torquay United and Hull City may be set to follow the example of Manchester United and switch strips in a desperate attempt to improve their performances. A Torquay spokesperson said their players had found it difficult to pass the ball to each other since the season began last August. And a Hull official voiced similar concerns. "The fact we have won only four out of twenty two home games may be due to our black and amber striped shirts, black shorts, and amber stockings with two black hoops. We're looking for something a little louder.

■ Not surprisingly, the press have had a field day following Manchester United's decision to change their strip at half time during the game against Southampton. United have lost four and drawn one of the five games played wearing their grey kit. According to manager Alex Ferguson the players found it difficult to pick each other out at a distance when they lifted their heads.

As The Independent pointed out on Tuesday, thousands of parents who bought the Umbro grey shirts for their children at prices ranging from £29.99 to £39.99 will now have to buy the new white replacement shirt. And although Umbro are reducing the price by £10 this does lend support to the old adage that you can fool some of the people all of the time.

According to The Independent United are already committed to selling a new version of their traditional red shirt next season and the blue and white third kit is to be changed at the end of the year. Tony Kershaw, secretary of the National Federation of Football Supporters Club told the paper "You can only sum it up as a rip off. Changing all three kits in the course of one season is totally unfair to the fans of all age groups, not just children. United fans are just being taken for a ride."

Meanwhile, an FA spokesman told the

Guardian that England have no plans to scrap their own grey outfit which was launched to widespread derision against Bulgaria. "Our players had no difficulty picking each other out and that was a night game."

The Evening Gazette's Anna Thompson thinks United fans are also being ripped off over the allocation of Cup Final tickets. The Old Trafford side, like their opponents from Liverpool, were given just 25,000 tickets for the big game and this won't even satisfy the demand from season ticket holders. The remaining 30,000 are given to County Football Associations, other Premier League and Football League clubs, sponsors and FA Council Members. According to Thompson these organisations and their members are given tickets as a privilege and many people use them simply because they are free.

"Wouldn't it be better then, if all those interested in going to the FA Cup final applied to the FA instead of being given way over the amount of tickets they need."

If the FA showed a bit of common sense they would have less of a black market problem. Most of us fans would go along with that, Anna.

Enjoy the game

Glimpses from the Past

by Gerry Wolstenholme



Horace Fairhurst ... a tragic end to a promising career.

The New Year of 1921 heralded tragedy for Blackpool Football Club and in particular, for two of its players. They were the full backs Horace Fairhurst and Bert Tulloch who had formed an impressive partnership since being paired together on a regular basis in the 3-0 win over Clapton Orient on 24 January 1920. There were universally regarded as two of the most accomplished full backs in League football but their last appearance together was fated to be at Barnsley on 27 December 1920. Tulloch was the senior of the pair, having first appeared for Blackpool in the 1914/15 season, but it was Fairhurst who was generally deemed to have the most potential. He came from the Bolton and District League and after a season or so with Darwen found himself posted

to Blackpool with the Royal Army Medical Corp on the outbreak of World War I. He played for the Army in matches at Bloomfield Road and was one of the 'D' Company team that won the Service Medals Competition before he was posted to Egypt. He later returned to Blackpool and made a number of appearances for the club in the wartime competition in 1917/18 and 1918/19.

Blackpool saw lots of promise in the young right back and stepped in to sign him ahead of Manchester United and Bolton Wanderers where Fairhurst had been for trials.

"We liked his style and as he looked like making a fine back, we kept him" was the official comment from Bloomfield Road. He graduated with the Reserve side and by the middle of the 1919/20 season he had established himself at left back as partner to Tulloch. He very quickly won the admiration of the fans because of "his cool and sure attitude, even during the hottest of attacks."

Over the Christmas period of 1920, Blackpool played Barnsley twice. Both games resulted in a 1-0 win for Blackpool with Barnsley lucky to escape defeat by the single goal in the Bloomfield Road encounter on Christmas Day. The second game was more fiercely fought; "some of the Seasiders got battered and bruised a bit but their injuries were not so serious as to take them off the field" which made them more fortunate than Cooper, the Barnsley goalkeeper, who was stretchered off and taken to hospital. Barrass scored Blackpool's winner and it was

reported that "Tulloch and Fairhurst were always too strong for the Barnsley forwards", this despite the fact that Fairhurst received a nasty knock on the head during the course of the game.

What was thought to be a touch of gastritis forced Fairhurst not to travel to the following game at Notts County and Tulloch was partnered by Gavin who had stood in twice for Fairhurst earlier in the season. But in training at the Balmoral Private Hotel, South Shore the following week for a Cup tie at Darlington, all the players were reported as "fit and well". However, Fairhurst was eventually deemed not to have recovered sufficiently for Blackpool to run the risk of playing him. And so he stayed at home, unhappy to be missing a second game, whilst the team travelled to the north east to play their non-league opponents. Blackpool were apparently caught napping and the headline the following day read "Darlington Delight at Drawn Game" as, with a 2-2 scoreline, they forced a replay.

But all the Cup tie excitement dissipated when the team arrived back at North Station as Bert Tulloch was met with the sad news that his wife, who had been feeling sick when he left on Friday, had passed away at eight o'clock that evening. And then, on the Sunday night the second tragedy struck. Horace Fairhurst, having been taken to hospital, asked to see "the boys" in order to get an update on the Darlington Cup tie. Manager Bill Norman and the players rushed to his bedside only to find him unconscious when they got there. The players were obliged to leave but Mr Norman stayed behind and was with Fairhurst when he died after 11 o'clock.

The replay with Darlington took place on the following Wednesday, where a collection was made for the bereaved families, and although the players, not surprisingly, had no real heart for the contest, Blackpool won 2-1. Bert Tulloch bravely missed only two games and continued playing first team football until he stepped down in 1923/34, having made 186 appearances. Sadly, Horace Fairhurst's career had lasted only 50 games but during that time he gained a considerable reputation as a full back, was known as a gentleman on and off the field and was strongly tipped for greater honours in the game. Blackpool football had never before witnessed such a tragic weekend as that of 8/9 January 1921.



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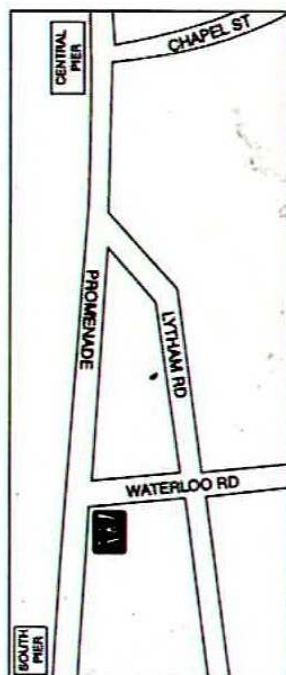


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■ Today's opponents Swindon Town were held 2-2 at home by Bournemouth with Kevin Horlock scoring both for the home side and Steve Jones twice for Bournemouth. Second placed Blackpool drew 1-1 at Bristol Rovers with Peter Beadle opening the scoring for Rovers and David Linighan equalising. Crewe Alexandra won 2-1 at Hull City to move into third place and put Hull into the 3rd Division next season. Promotion contenders Notts County drew 0-0 at Brentford while Chesterfield drew 1-1 at home to Bristol City. Junior McDougald scoring for Chesterfield after Gary Owen had opened the scoring for City.

Wrexham kept in contention for a promotion play-off with a 2-1 win at Carlisle who are in danger of relegation. Karl Connolly and Ste Jones scoring for Wrexham with Rod Thomas for Carlisle. Burnley had an important win at home to Peterborough 2-1 with goals from Warren Joyce and Peter Swan with Greg Heald replying. In the relegation battle at the Vetch, Swansea beat Brighton 2-1 with Swans Kwame Ampedu scoring for both sides before Lee Chapman netted the winner. York City continued their good run away from danger with a 2-1 home victory against Wycombe thanks to goals from Gary Bull and Glenn Naylor with Terry Skiverton replying.

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Blackpool	43	14	4	3	39	17	8	8	6	24	20	78	Preece 14	5511
Crewe A	42	12	3	5	37	19	9	4	9	36	34	70	Edwards 15	3994
Oxford U	41	15	3	2	41	13	5	7	9	20	24	70	Moody (11)	5733
Notts C	41	12	5	3	35	19	7	8	6	20	16	70	White (8)	5188
Chesterfield	40	13	5	2	36	17	5	6	9	15	26	65	Larmor (12)	4779
Wrexham	42	11	6	4	46	25	5	9	7	22	26	63	Connolly (16)	3532
Bradford C	42	13	3	4	36	22	6	3	13	27	42	63	Stallard (8)	5345
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Bristol R	42	11	4	7	27	27	7	5	8	27	30	63	Stewart (19)	5224
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Wycombe W	42	8	7	5	31	24	6	7	9	26	31	56	DeSouza (17)	4737
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Brentford	43	11	6	5	22	15	3	7	11	17	30	55	Taylor (11)	4720
Bournemouth	43	11	4	6	31	25	4	5	13	18	43	54	Jones (17)	4211
York C	41	8	6	7	28	26	4	7	9	27	38	49	Barnes (15)	3398
Shrewsbury T	41	6	7	7	27	24	6	6	9	25	33	49	Stevens (10)	3240
Rotherham U	41	10	7	4	29	19	2	6	12	17	37	49	Goater (16)	3183
Peterborough U	42	8	5	8	37	26	4	7	10	18	33	48	Martindale (15)	4550
Burnley	40	8	8	5	33	26	4	3	12	17	36	47	Nogan (18)	9004
Carlisle U	42	9	6	6	31	19	1	7	13	22	47	43	Reeves (12)	5735
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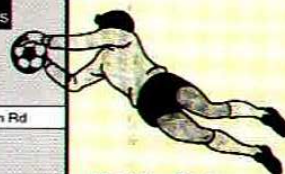
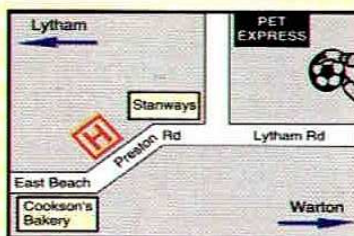
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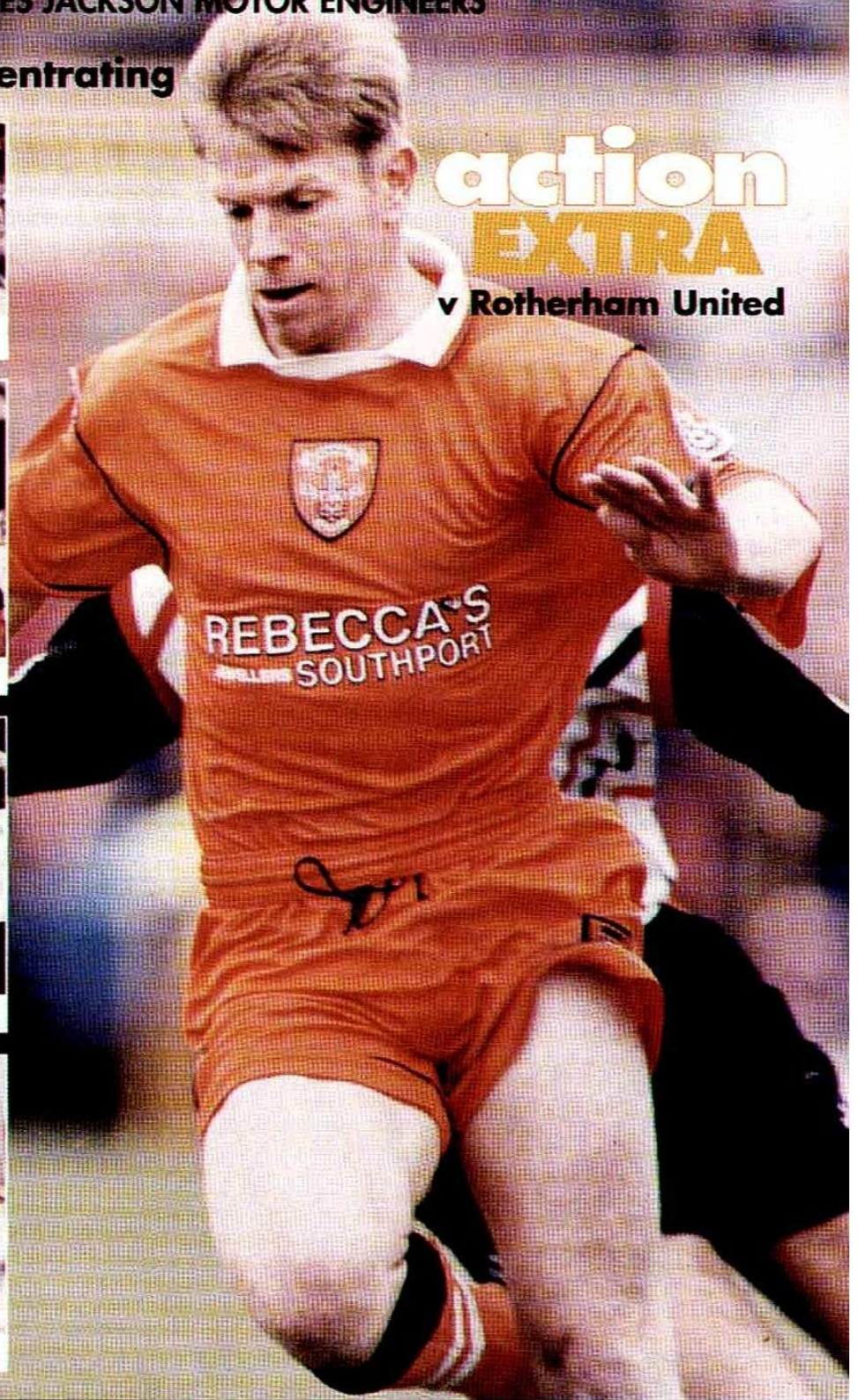
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Gazette Gossip

HERE we go at last. This really is the big one for which Blackpool's fans have been waiting for practically the whole season.

Swindon have been setting the pace at the top of Division Two for much of the term, apart from a recent spell when Pool made the most of a dazzling run of eight wins and two draws from 10 games to move above them.

Three successive defeats saw the Seasiders tumble from pole position but even that did not mean too much damage to their hopes of automatic promotion and the chances appear to be that the two teams on show today will both be in Division One next season.

Pool have already taken a point off Swindon with a 1-1 draw from an impressive show at the County Ground back in November.

They have gone five games without a win but a hard-earned draw at Bristol Rovers lifted spirits after those three setbacks in a row and Sam Allardyce's men are raring to go today.

Swindon have lived up to their pre-season billing as leading promotion contenders after coming down from the First Division at the end of last season.

But it says much for the great strides Pool have made over the last 18 months or so that they have been able all term to keep right on the heels of a club which was in the Premier League two years ago. The Seasiders will be eager to produce a much better show than when they were last at home against Rotherham on Easter Monday. Despite Andy Preece giving them an early lead, they fell to a 2-1 defeat which was their first home setback in 12 League games dating back to November and only their third at Bloomfield Road all season.

A fourth successive defeat would have been an unthinkable platform on which to go into a game as big as this and Pool and their fans will be grateful that there was much from which to take encouragement in the 1-1 stalemate at Twerton Park.

The fact that such a creditable result was gained without the services of Andy Morrison on a ground where the Seasiders have never won should also provide a lift for today.

Key man Morrison is also missing for this game through suspension but Pool can take heart from the show they put up without him last weekend.

If you have any comments to make on any aspect of the Seasiders' performance today or in any match, don't hesitate to call the Gazette's Tangerine Talkback line on Blackpool 831072.

Your contribution could win you a prize, as we have now increased the feature to a slot of its own every Tuesday and the top contribution every week wins a family tickets for a match here at Bloomfield Road.

So call us with your comments on Pool's promotion bid - or feel free to let us know what you think about any other soccer or general sporting topic. It is YOUR column, so give it a call.

The line is open 24 hours a day and calls are charged at local rate. Deadline for use on one of our Tuesday prize pages is lunchtime on Monday.

TONY DURKIN EVENING GAZETTE

Clash of the Titans

by Andy Mabbitt

Back on a windy day in November, when Blackpool were fighting for a place in the play-offs, we faced our toughest opponents of the season away from home. We pulled off a surprise draw that day, a performance that made every team in the division stop and take notice of one side that were deadly serious in their efforts to spark a revival of the glory days, and bring the glamour back to Bloomfield. The opposition that day was Swindon, and if we could draw with the best away from home then anyone would tell you that victory is possible against the same team at home. Tangerine dreams? Certainly not.

Five months later we are really rockin' and rollin' with the big boys in Division Two. We have in fact only slipped out of the top six on one occasion this season (last August) and have occupied the automatic promotion places for the last two months, a statistic that would surely lead you to believe that we are indeed destined to spend next season in the Endsleigh Insurance League Division 1. From then on the possibilities are endless and it is quite viable that we could become a dominant force, alongside teams such as Norwich, Bolton and Q.P.R.

We are at the climax of the season, let's hope we don't shoot our bolt now. Please enjoy the match, I'm sure it will be a good one...

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INTERNATIONAL BOSS

Former Blackpool defender Keith Pritchett has been appointed the Manager of the New Zealand team.

WHAT NAME!!

IN THE wake of Paul Scally, the Gillingham chairman, registering himself so he can play as substitute in the final game of the season, at first glance it appeared something similar was happening at Brighton. However, the Derek Allan who has just signed as a player is not the club secretary but a same-name defender on loan from Southampton.



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Those of you who are regular listeners to Sport on Sunday would have heard that we were joined by Blackpool's player coach Phil Brown last weekend.

Phil very kindly rushed back from the North East to be on the programme and proved to be a great success.

We had a record number of calls, and I can only apologise to those who failed to get through.

But one man who did get through was Mike Davies. When Phil was chatting to us before the show he was telling us Mike might try and somehow the joker in the pack managed to infiltrate the tight security we had set up!

Hopefully Phil will be the first in a long line of guests we will have in the studio. Who knows we may have "Big Sam" next, now his right hand man's been sent in to test the waters!

Remember it's your show, and we want your views, the number to ring is Blackpool 300965, or you can write to me Gary Flintoff, Editor, Sport on Sunday, Radio Wave, 965 Mowbray Drive, Blackpool FY3 7JJ.

I look forward to you joining Martin, myself and hopefully a guest tomorrow night.



Record No. of phone calls for Phil Brown..

SOCCER SHORTS

In the media this week.

Never was the quality of sports television camera coverage better illustrated than the sickening injury to Coventry's David Busst. It was a horrific injury and I'm sure one none of us will ever forget, I know you'll join me in wishing David well.

BBC Radio Lancashire's Ian Chisnell took his family down to Bath last week. But they almost ended up listening to the game outside the ground! Ian thought he'd arranged tickets with two of the 'Pool players.

However it turned out they each thought the other one had got them! Luckily for Ian, Phil Brown came to the rescue, and although Ian's not exactly sure where the tickets came from he's very grateful for the Blackpool player-coach's intervention.

What a difference a season makes, last time Blackpool played Bristol Rovers Tony Durkin from the Gazette was one of four men in the press box. This year poor Tony was told he'd have to sit at the back of the stand due to lack of room, proving it's not all roses at the top of the table!

And finally there is no truth in the rumour that there's a contract out on the Bristol Rovers PA announcer.

Although he apparently has a death wish "Let's hear a big cheer for the Orange" and "I hope Blackpool have a good game, but we don't want them to win, come on you Gasheads!" Don't you just love impartiality?

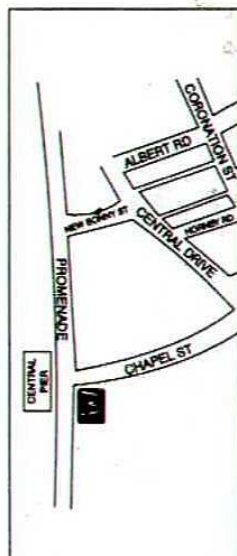
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The Cooke Report

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By
Roger Cooke



■ Gary Lineker once remarked that the best place to watch Wimbledon was on Teletext. This was a more cutting remark than the Queen Mother of football probably realised. Teletext on Channel 3 is pitifully slow turning its pages and it's possible to sit staring at a single scoreline from the Bonzo Dog Brewery League (Midland Division) for what seems an entire lifetime before they move on to the next page.

Ceefax on BBC credits its viewers with being able to read a little more quickly and it is possible to find the score or scores wanted with greater ease. It seems likely that last Tuesday night large numbers of Seasider fans had an evening at home with Ceefax in order to keep an eye on the proceedings at Oxford and to a lesser extent at Chesterfield.

The night started badly with Paul Moody's 5th minute penalty giving Oxford the lead. And for those combining the flickering silence of Ceefax with Radio Lancashire's football night coverage matters were not improved when the lot down the M55 went ahead at Cambridge. Still it was minor league stuff compared with the events at the Manor Ground and Saltergate. It was there that the silver lining first hinted at an appearance when Kyle Lightbourne put Walsall a goal ahead. The lead did not last long as Tony Lormor equalised for Chesterfield early in

the second half. Still, Preston's celebrations seem likely to be postponed at least until Saturday as Cambridge scored two second half goals to take the lead. These, however are merely sideshows to the main event and it is not going well. The score remains obstinately, 1-0 at Oxford and as the clock approaches 9.30pm the Manor Ground club are seconds away from victory that will put them within 5 points of 'Pool with a game in hand.

And then lightning struck again. Or rather Shaun Murphy struck and in living rooms, clubs and pubs throughout the Fylde our fans were punching the air with joy and relief. Another small step towards automatic promotion is in the bag. One of my colleagues kept in touch with the game at Oxford through the Notts County club call rather than Ceefax. When his next telephone bill arrives he may discover it would have been cheaper to drive to the match but for now he doesn't mind. And as the seconds ticked away on Tuesday night I reminded myself of that old saying "Blessed is the man who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed." Just bear that in mind for the next two weeks and winning becomes an even bigger blast.

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With Geoff Warburton

Good afternoon and welcome to today's game. It will be tremendous to see Bloomfield Road packed to capacity as we strive to get back to winning ways and to collect three vital promotion points against 'Champions elect' Swindon Town.

There has been tremendous interest in this game but I am sure you will agree we must only go out looking for three points and forget who the opposition is. Today's game has drawn yet more new sponsors to Bloomfield Road and I would like to thank all of them for their support. Main match sponsors: Blackpool Blind Company Limited, Associate match sponsors: Guardian Insurance one of our largest local employers and the Evening Gazette our very own local newspaper. Mitre matchball sponsors: Edge and Thompson Construction, Poulton le Fylde and finally our match programme sponsor today: James Jackson Garage Services Poulton le Fylde. Let's hope you are all cheering another 3 points at the end of today's game.

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Well known Blackpool supporter Shiela Bough found that Rotherham was her lucky day for although we missed out on the three points Shiela picked up £525 as her prize on the Golden Gamble. Roger Cooke is seen presenting the cash to Shiela. Perhaps today we could have yet another payout, it's down to you to buy the tickets, only £1 each.



Shiela Bough receives £525 for winning the Golden Gamble against Rotherham with winning number 289

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Tony Parr presents Wilf Whitlow of Layton with the first £5,000 Goldbond monthly jackpot

■ Match Tickets

The club are very disappointed once more to report that some local hoteliers are helping to cause us problems with segregation here at Bloomfield Road. We understand several have been buying tickets up in small groups and advertising weekend packages in the Swindon papers. It is so sad in these days when there is very little trouble at football that a minority of people not connected with football look to profit from its success and then could cause problems for their local club, and all for a few pounds profit. If you have a ticket for the wrong section please see a steward for assistance but if you get your ticket from an unscrupulous hotelier please report it to a policeman at today's game so this can be stopped in the future.

Enjoy the game and get behind the 'Pool'.
Geoff Warburton


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4	DAVID LINIGHAN Scored cracking goal at Bristol Rovers	
5	MICKY MELLON Midfield general and scorer of important goals	
6	JAMES QUINN Selected for N.Ireland squad for next Wednesday	
7	JASON LYDIATE Has been playing well in defence with David Linighan	
8	MARK BONNER Midfielder who has had a good season	
9	LEE PHILPOTT Replaced the suspended Andy Morrison at Bristol Rovers	
10	TONY ELLIS Looking to increase his goal tally	
11	ANDY PREECE Scored cracking goal from free kick in last home game	
12	ANDY GOUCK Came on in the last minute at Bristol Rovers	
13	PHIL BROWN Player / Coach who can fill in anywhere in defence	
14	ANDY WATSON Came off the bench last week to replace Lee Philpott	

SWINDON TOWN

1	FRANK TALIA Born in Australia came from Blackburn last November	
2	JAN CULVERHOUSE £250,000 signing from Norwich in Dec 1994	
3	PAUL BODIN Welsh international - 2nd spell at the club	
4	DAVID PREECE On loan from Luton Town	
5	PAUL ALLEN Midfielder who is a member of the famous Allen footballing family	
6	SHAUN TAYLOR Defender who has not missed a game in the last 2 full seasons	
7	MARK ROBINSON Cost £600,000 in July 1994 from Newcastle	
8	DONALD LEITCH On loan from Hearts	
9	PETER THORNE Good scoring record came from Blackburn in Jan 1995	
10	WAYNE ALLISON Top scorer always dangerous came from Bristol City last July	
11	KEVIN HORLOCK Scored 2 goals last Saturday	
12	ALEX SMITH Free transfer from Everton in Jan 1996	
13	STEVE COWE Young striker signed from Aston Villa on transfer deadline	
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Mr J. Rushton
(Stoke)

Welcome to Bloomfield Road to Jim Rushton from Stoke. Jim started refereeing in 1972 and progressed through the League to the football league line in 1984. He was appointed to the referees panel in 1987. He is married with one son and is a potters supervisor. His hobbies include squash and running.

Linesmen:

Mr. J. Leach (Red Trim)
Mr.D.R. Wood (Yellow Trim)

4th Official: Mr G. Salisbury