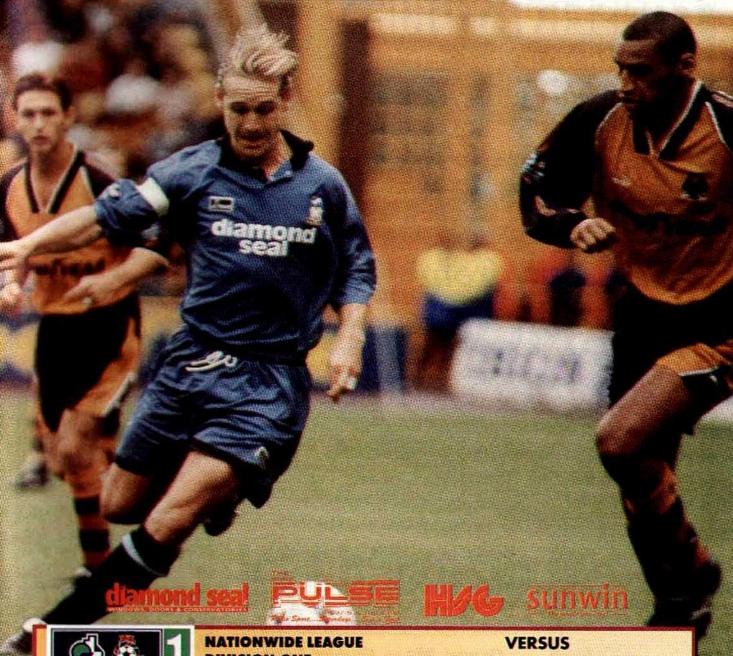
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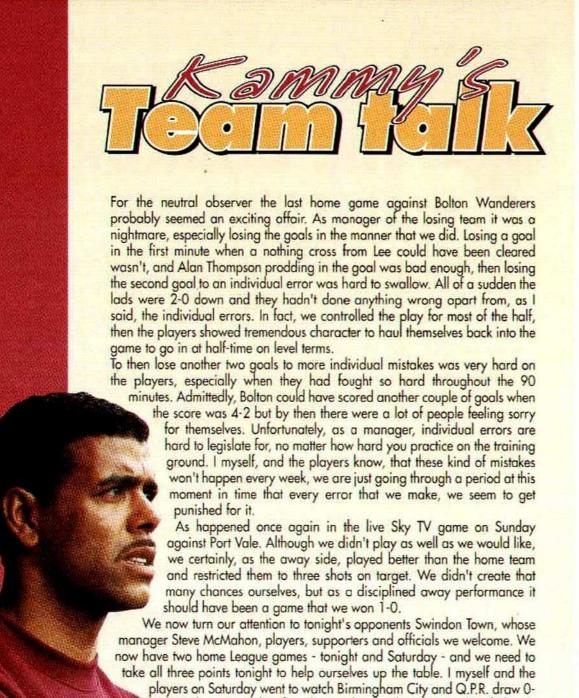


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O. There was a lot of quality on show in that game, a lot of players who cost a hell of a lot of money on both sides, and they are two sides that we face over the next few weeks so we have got some tough games coming up starting with tonight of course! However, we go into the game confident and in good heart with a point secured at Port Vale, and I am sure that if you get behind us like you did against Bolton, tonight's and Saturday's games will turn out to be an excellent week.

Hope you enjoy the game.



### THE VIEW FROM THE BOARDROOM

Welcome to Swindon Town.

Discussions regarding a "flotation" on the A.I.M. member.
[Alternative Investment Market] have taken place between myself and a member of a group of investors interested in investing upwards of £5m in the club in exchange for a 50% shareholding.

There are a number of questions which supporters

would like answers to:-

Question: Is it certain to go ahead? Answer: No - it is a 50-50 chance.

Question: If £5m comes into the club for a 50% share will Geoffrey Richmond receive any of the money for his shares?

Answer: No.

Question: How will the money be used?

Answer: Mostly for team strengthening - but also to repay the club debt and to finance luture ground improvements and facilities for supporters.

Question: Will there be any change in the Board? Answer: The group of investors may require a Board

Question: Will I be able to buy shares in the club? Answer: Yes - shares will be available for supporters and also members of the public.

Question: The news stories spoke about £10m-£15m

- you now speak of £5m upwards.

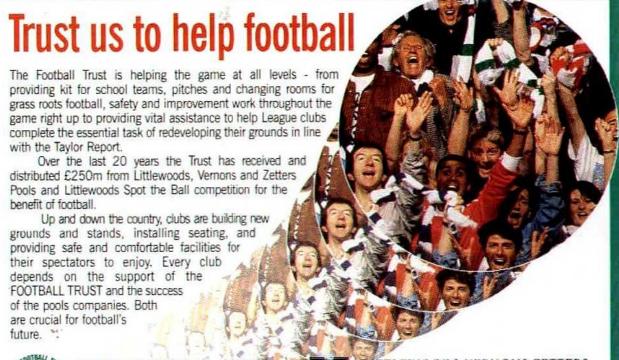
Answer: £5m upwards is for 50% of the shares, the value of the club will therefore be twice the amount of the money invested, i.e. £5m for 50% makes a value of £10m, £6m for 50% makes a value of £12m, etc., etc.

Question: What are the benefits for the supporters of

Answer: £3m+ will be available for Chris Kamara to strengthen the team and facilities at the stadium will further improve.

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### FIRST THOUGHTS

### by DAVID POWTER

Bolton Wanderers remain at the top of the table despite losing their 100% home record to a late Stoke equaliser on Saturday. The Trotters were the better side and had appeared on course for 3 points, courtesy of another Nathan Blake strike, when on-loan Graham Kavanagh pounced for City in injury time.

Grimsby Town's first away success of the season put paid to Barnsley's hopes of returning to top-spot. Craig Shakespeare opened the scoring for the Mariners, but Andy Liddell's equaliser, midway through the second half, appeared to turn the tide for the Tykes. However, late goals by substitute Jamie Forrester and John McDermott inflicted Barnsley's second successive home defeat.

Third placed **Norwich City** had to settle for their third successive home draw after an inspired show by **Tranmere** keeper Danny Coyne. John Aldridge's ninth of the season had given Rovers the lead, but it was cancelled out by Robert Fleck's close range effort early in the second half. City threw the kitchen sink at Coyne, but the Welsh youngster pulled off a string of excellent saves.

Tonight's visitors **Swindon Town** were rather unlucky to lose their televised fixture against **Wolves**, at the County Ground, on Friday night. The Robins had the edge in the first half, only to turn around 1-0 down to a late effort by Darren Ferguson. A fine shot by Kevin Horlock appeared to give Swindon at least a share of the spoils, when Wolves' young substitute Dominic Foley popped up, 5 minutes from the end, to strike his first League goal.

Crystal Palace have been scoring at will since Dave Bassett said "NO!" to Manchester City, netting 16 times in three League and Cup games. The Eagles defeated Bury 4-0 at home in the Coca-Cola Cup after winning their League games before and after by a 6-1 margin. Reading were knocked for six on their own patch and then Southend United were given a spanking at Selhurst Park. To underline what good team work Palace are displaying, nobody netted more than once in each game.

Bassett's old club **Sheffield United** also celebrated victory on Saturday, defeating **Manchester City** 2-0 at Bramall Lane. Goals by Mitch Ward (penalty) and Gareth Taylor, either side of half-time, destroyed the managerless men from Manchester.

### **DIVISION ONE HOTSHOTS**

(all competitions)

10 - Mike Sheron (Stoke City)

9 - Nathan Blake (Bolton Wanderers)

9 - John Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers)

8 - David Hopkin (Crystal Palace)

8 - Marcus Stewart (Huddersfield Town)

7 - Nigel Jemson (Oxford United)



#### LAST WEEKEND'S RESULTS

LAST WEEK	END.	SRESULIS
Barnsley 1 Liddell 65	V	Grimsby 3 Shakespeare 15 Forrester 84
Att. 8,833		McDermott 90
Birmingham 0	٧	Q.P.R. O
		Att. 17,430
Bolton 1	٧	Stoke 1
Blake 42		Kavanagh 90
		Att. 16,195
Charlton 1	V	Oldham 0
Whyte 86		AH. 12,178
C. Palace 6	V	Southend 1
Muscat 2		Williams 82
Houghton 38		
Hopkin 49		
Veart 53		
Dyer 72		
Freedman 79		Att. 14,858
Huddersfield 1	v	Reading 0
Payton 34		Att. 10,330
Norwich 1	V	Tranmere 1
Fleck 46		Aldridge 20
		AH. 14,511
Oxford 2	v	Portsmouth 0
Beauchamp 18	120	A CHENCE IN
Ford 38		Att. 7,626
Sheffield Utd. 2	v	Man. City 0
Ward 45 (pen)	1,50	
Taylor 49		Att. 20,867
West Brom 0	v	lpswich 0
Hear brown v	5.57	Att. 15,606
Port Vale 1	v	Bradford 1
Guppy 37		Jocobs 83
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### 1996/97 DIVISION ONE TABLE (up to and including Sunday, 15th Sept)

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Portsmouth	9	3	1	5	6	11	10
Birmingham C.	7	2	3	2	8 7	7	9
Port Vale	9	1	6	2	7	9	9
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### AGTION SHOTS I

### THE WANDERERS RETURN



Richard Liburd gets the better of two Bolton defenders to get in a cross



City's on-loan Ian Moore puts pressure on a Wanderers' defender

### **BRADFORD CITY 2 v BOLTON WANDERERS 4**

### CITY APPEARANCES

#### CITY APPEARANCES 1996-97

(all competitions)

Player	Apps	Goals
David BRIGHTWELL	1	-
Wayne BULLIMORE	<u>L</u>	<u>-</u>
Gordon COWANS	11	-
Lee DUXBURY	10	2
Jonathan GOULD	6	-
Richard HUXFORD	1+4	
Des HAMILTON	9+2	-
Wayne JACOBS	7+2	1
Paul JEWELL	-	
Andy KIWOMYA	8+2	-
Richard LIBURD	8	1
Craig MIDGLEY	WHEN THE REAL PROPERTY.	-
Graham MITCHELL	8	

Player	Apps	Goals
Nicky MOHAN	11	-
Ian MOORE	3	GETTAGE TO SE
Shaun MURRAY		+
Eric NIXON	3	-
Ian ORMONDROYD	1+2	
Erik REGTOP	7+4	1
Ben ROBERTS	2	
Christian SANSAM	+2	-
Marco SAS	11	1
Carl SHUTT	4+6	negotistis
Mark STALLARD	11	2
Tommy WRIGHT	+9	-
Eddie YOUDS	-	



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### CITY NEWS With Shaun Harvey

A warm welcome to everyone from Wiltshire who have made the trip up to Bradford tonight for our Nationwide Division One fixture. We did of course meet towards the back end of last season in Division Two which saw Swindon eventually promoted as Champions and ourselves via the play-offs.

The support from Swindon will of course be depleted due to the distance between us, and the fixture planners must once again look at this situation to see if it can be stopped. We did of course take over 1,000 fans to Swindon for a midweek game last season, so it will be interesting to see how many do get here. Unfortunately for Bradford supporters it's not all local midweek fixtures as our trip to Queens Park Rangers in a fortnight's time shows.

The draw at Port Vale on Sunday was greatly needed by everyone here at the club and ended our recent string of defeats and with some good results over the next few weeks we could be back in the mid-table area.

Wayne Jacobs' goal on Sunday was testimony to the work being done in

training, however, the celebration, although not quite spontaneous hadn't been subject to the same amount of practice. Wayne, of course, likes the cameras, this being his third goal in front of them out of four for the dub, so bring on Huddersfield. Tonight's game was originally going to be played last night (Tuesday our regular night for football) but because of the SKY game on Sunday it allowed the players further time to recover, so the change is of course conviened rather than a change of policy. Full ticket and travel details for our up and coming fixtures can be found on page 16 including details of Birmingham's special offer of reduced admission to our fixture there on the 12th October, 1996. Have a safe journey home and to the Bradford fans, see you on Saturday.

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- 1 Who used to play their home games down Cold Blow Lane?
- 2 Who scored Manchester United's four goals against Newcastle in this year's Charity Shield
- 3 Who play at Roots Hall?
- 4 Although he never played a League game for them, who was Graeme Souness¹ first club?
- 5 Who were the first team to win the old First Division title for three years in succession?

#### Answers from the Bolton Quiz:

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### SCOTT MERIFIELD

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#### NORMAN BAIRSTOW FRIENDLY LEAGUE

Part of today's pre-match entertainment are two 7-a-side matches played by teams from the Norman Bairstow Friendly League.

#### Shelf v Eccleshill Under 9's and Bolton Woods v Crossroads Under 8's

Bolton Woods' team is Luke Thompson, Robert Tallant, Adam Walker, Thomas Hogarth, Harry Higgins, Jack Summers, Matthew Mathers, Thomas Dibb, Kyle Kitchen and James Higgins. They would like to thank the landlord and landlady of both the Bluebell and Brittania Public Houses for their support and sponsorship this season.

Crossroads' team is Philip Allen, Scott Mallinson, Darren Rooney, Jamie Carnegie, Nathan Hogg, Mark Williams, Simon Davy, Timothy Parker and Andrew Muir. They have been sponsored by Advanced Stairlift Services and would like to thank the company for their support. The committee and players would also like to express their thanks to Bradford City for giving them the opportunity to take part in this unique experience.

### THE COOPS REPORT

It seems barely five minutes since Swindon came here at the back end of last season, when we were all on tenterhooks hoping for the City victory that would guarantee the place in the play-offs; as it happened, we had to wait until the Saturday for that to be confirmed at Hull City. Tommy Wright's goal against Swindon must rate as one of the best scored by a City player last season; another tonight would be most welcome.

The sides have two things in common at the moment; neither has started the season as they would have hoped, and their last League games were both shown on Sky TV.

City's first away goal and point at Port Vale were as welcome as they were overdue, with Wayne Jacobs' strike going a long way in making up for the horrendous conditions in which Peter Barlow and I were commentating.

Away fans are frequently accommodated in the worst place in grounds, but on Sunday it was most definitely the commentators. We were faced with a stark choice; either sit inside an atmosphereless hut with rain pouring against the windows which needed windscreen wipers, or stand outside, on the roof of

the main stand, in the wind and rain. At times it dropped to a Force 10! Our coats had just about dried

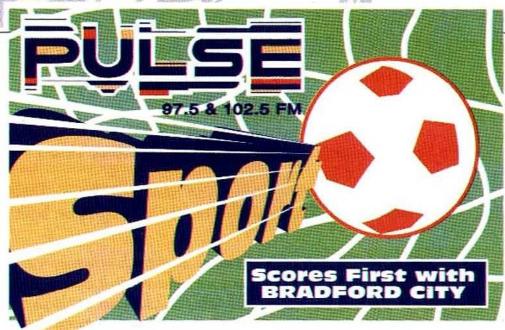
out by half-time when the rain stopped, but promptly got a drenching again throughout the second half, and mine was still damp when I went to bed on Sunday night.

Peter thought I was joking when I suggested stretching cables out through windows and balancing our equipment on a wall, underneath a car rug to try and keep it dry. 5 minutes before kick-off he realised I wasn't! My thanks to James Hunter from the Y.E.P. for the loan of a baseball cap, but I gave that back in the second half when it blew off from beneath my headphones.

As for the performance on the field, I hope the TV exposure will show some of the occasional and floating supporters that the side are playing better than their League position would indicate.

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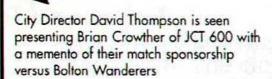
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#### NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE QUEENS PARK RANGERS v BRADFORD CITY Wednesday, 16th October, 1996 Kick-off 7-45 pm

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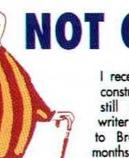
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NOT QUITE THE CITY GENT

I recently read that the construction industry is still in recession, the writer cannot have been to Bradford in recent months, as the whole city appears to be hidden behind scaffolding and hoardings. From the city centre to The Pulse Stadium at Valley Parade building is

progressing at a frantic pace, the future maybe uncertain but at least eyes are being cast towards the new century and Bradford's slow change from Worstedopolis to

Technopolis.

Of course, any major city is a place of constant change, but the projects that are rapidly approaching completion are of such magnitude that they appear to be heralding a new dawn. Whether the various projects will in fact inspire a new confidence in the old city only time will tell, but it is heartening to see noble buildings such as the Wool Exchange being given a new lease of life. Of course, not all the work is restoration, here at The Pulse Stadium at Valley Parade the new Midland Road Stand is emerging into an impressive structure that will give the ground a symmetry it has lacked since the demolition of the elegant

gabled stand in 1952.

Whilst there are many positive signs around the city it is saddening to note the lack of progress at Odsal on the grandiose Superdome, indeed, if the comments from the Bradford Bulls are taken at face value then the whole project must be in doubt. I feel sorry for the speedway team, with their short term lease they must be feeling vulnerable as the Bulls and the developers engage in a battle of hype and brinkmanship.

All concerned could learn a lesson in sustainable development from Bradford Park Avenue's new home Horsfall Stadium, the modest multi-use ground has evolved into a compact venue with little or no fuss, which is in stark contrast to the evnts, or lack of them, at Odsal. I was, and still am, a supporter of the Superdome project, however, the constant stream of delays and broken promises must be bringing into question the whole viability of the scheme.

Another prestigious project to construct a multi-screen cinema and entertainment venue on the vacant side of the Exchange Square is due to commence in the new year, it has been described as a potential nail in the Superdome's coffin, if by then nothing has happened at Odsal then the potential will become a distinct reality.

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### BANTAMS BANTER



Because of work commitments I was limited to watching on tape Sky's coverage of City's game at Port Vale.

It is only the second away game I have missed and, as at Wolves and Stoke, it appeared as though the Bantams deserved not only a share of the points but probably all three.

Everything Chris Kamara is doing at the club is both positive and progressive and I thought, despite Sky's limited praise, City looked streets ahead of Vale and Richard Liburd was quite rightly named as Man of the Match.

A word for the highly talented but often much maligned full-back. How good it is to see a young man with such obvious talent get his act together. The manager has openly criticised Richard for lack of application but never denied his ability. I'm sure Chris Kamara is like many of us who feel like shaking Richard and saying "Do you realise you're Premiership quality?, if only you knew it".

I feel Richard does now realise if he gets stuck in his natural flair will do the rest. His performance on Sunday was a credit, as was that of most of the other players, and once the two or three imports arrive, when we are on Sky later on in the season, the sporting channel will be much less condescending.

Forget all the usual flannel and after match jargon, we are the club who are on the up with the necessary signings in place.

It really hurts to be aware of polite invendos that suggest survival is paramount.

I've never witnessed a more determined manager and astute chairman who are shoving this club at a frightening pace towards top-flight football.

This time last year would you really have believed we were destined to play Sheffield United on Boxing Day in Division One in front of a new Midland Road Stand in a higher division?

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KEVIN MITCHELL

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### DAVID'S DIARY

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The cold, windswept Port Vale ground will be a special place when the story is written of Bradford City's first season back in the First Division. For, that was where City earned their first away point and scored their first away goal.

The 1-1 draw at Vale Park might just be the spark City need to put their season back on track. We will know more about that on Saturday when City have played their next two matches - at home to Swindon tonight and Southend on Saturday.

It's funny how seemingly insignificant - and undistinguished - matches can prove to be the start of something good.

I remember City beating Rotherham 2-0 at home on a cold, miserable day at The Pulse Stadium at Valley Parade last March. It was a scrappy game, but many people will probably chart that game as the start of a run of success that took City to the play-offs and, of course, Wembley and the First Division.

The match at Port Vale might also be significant thanks to Wayne Jacobs' superb equaliser seven minutes from the end.

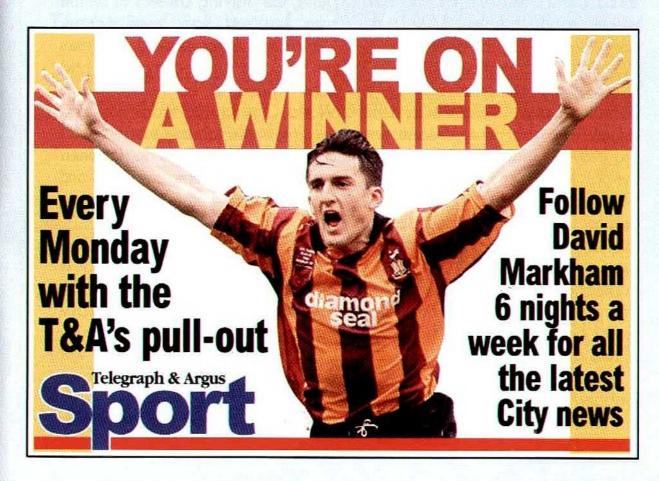
How Wayne must love the presence of Sky TV

cameras - the last time he was on the scoresheet he notched both goals in City's 2-1 win over Preston in the F.A. Cup second round at The Pulse Stadium at Valley Parade.

A combination of bad weather, a 1 pm Sunday kickoff and the presence of the Sky TV cameras helped to keep the gate down and it surprised most people to discover there were as many as 4,706 people there considering the number of empty seats.

Not surprisingly, most crowds at live TV matches this season, including those in the Premiership and especially the Monday night games, have been below average, proving that many fans don't like matches switched from their favourite date and time while others can't resist the temptation to watch on TV.

On the other hand, the live coverage of City's match proved to be a big topic of conversation among sports fans generally. Many of them would never be likely to watch the team live but still support them from their armchairs.



### OUT & ABOUT

With David Powter

### THE FIX

had heard on the grapevine that the BBC were making a film about the big football match-fixing scandal of the early 1960s and last week it was announced that it is scheduled to be broadcast in December. 'The Fix' is the creation of Paul Greengrass (co-author of Spy-catcher) and will star Steve Coogan and Michael Elphick as the newspaper reporters who expose the scandal.

'The Fix' will focus on the stories of investigator Mike Gabbert (played by Coogan) and wing-half Tony Kay (played by Jason Issacs). Kay and two Sheffield Wednesday colleagues, Peter Swan and David 'Bronco' Layne, were the best known of the ten footballers who were found guilty of conspiracy to fraud by fixing matches for betting purposes at Nottingham Assizes on 26th February, 1965. It had been established that the Wednesday trio (Kay subsequently moved on to Everton for a then record £55,000) had, in December, 1962, placed bets (of £50) on their side to lose at Ipswich, which they did 2-0. On the same day, the scam's ringleader, much travelled forward, Jimmy Gauld (then of Mansfield Town) helped 'arrange' the results of two other matches.

Gabbert's exposure of Kay & Co. in the 'Sunday People' provoked a

huge outcry and subsequently led to the players receiving prison sentences and life bans from playing football. The Football Association lifted the bans eight years later but, with their best days gone, the playing careers of all the men involved had been ruined. Centre-half Swan played 19 times for England, while Kay, who had been tipped to be in the 1966 World Cup squad, made just one full international appearance. Of course, Layne had previously been a prolific goalscorer for Bradford City - netting 44 times in 63 League

Ironically (or rather because of the Beeb's perfect timing) around a month after The Fix is to be broadcast, three contemporary footballers - John Fashanu, Bruce Grobbelaar and Hans Segers - will be on trial at Winchester Crown Court. The trio together with Fashanu's girlfriend Melissa Kassa-

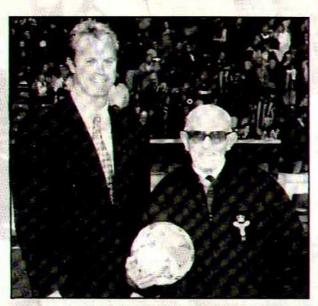
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While we frequently worry about the ability of certain players and occasionally doubt the parentage of others, it speaks volumes for the faith and trust we have in our heroes that we never question their integrity. Hopefully, that will continue to be so.

I look forward with interest to 'The Fix', but will be even more eagerly following events in Winchester next year.

# David Powter is the Editor of WINGER magazine – A Review of British Football

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A very special day for Harry Farnell one of the mascots for the Bolton game. It was his 90th birthday present. Jonathan Gould presented him with a card and a signed football with best wishes from the club.

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	Tue 10	Sheffield United	A	0-3
	Sat 14	Oxford United	A	0-2
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### Charles Sutcliffe, the little lawyer from Lancashire is a brilliant but bygone character who most people have probably never heard of.

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Born in the late nineteenth century the little man from Rawtenstall in Lancashire has fascinated

me for many years.

A man who held numerous positions of authority within the game was responsible as the League Secretary for compiling the fixtures from a system used from his introduction in 1915 until long after his death.

It was in 1968 when computers took over the card system that this brilliant administrator first

introduced.

He was not only a successful solicitor but, League Secretary, referee, served on the appeals committee of twenty different leagues, chairman of Rossendale United plus a member of a rules revision committee and also on the international league board, plus he wrote articles for a football paper called 'Athletic News'.

Small in stature if not frail in appearance, the man who smoked sixty Senior Service a day was quick of mind, if not bodily healthy. His

love and life was football.

Perhaps his hypocondriac life led to a poor existence but Sutcliffe's work load was quite amazing by anyone's standards and not surprisingly his home life was non-existent.

A typical weekend was as follows:-

He attended a Football League meeting in London on Friday and refereed an international match in Aberdeen on the following day. Returned to Burnley on Sunday and on Monday refereed a League match at Newcastle. All the travelling was done by rail and the devoted solicitor boasted he never missed a meeting of any description in over thirty years.

He eventually became President of the League in 1938 which he had sought for many years, having been widely recognised as the 'brains

of football'.

It is often forgotten that people like Charles Sutcliffe were a major influence in shaping the game we now know.

It is easy to scoff at the time element but this marvellous character should never be

forgotten.

Briefly looking back at League attendances, in December, 1949 City had 21,000 for the visit of Chester in Division Three North. Swindon had 16,000 for the visit of Brighton. In the First Division Arsenal v Manchester United attracted 65,000 whilst even Southport v Rochdale saw a crowd of 12,000. Now we are reminiscing!!

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### **GLENN HODDLE - A guarantee of quality**

Next week Glenn Hoddle takes charge of England for his second game as they meet Poland at Wembley Stadium in their World Cup qualifier. The last time the teams met was also at the Twin Towers three years ago, again in a World Cup qualifier with England winning 3-0.

Hoddle is England's ninth post-war coach and will try to become the second following the great Sir Alf

Ramsey to win the World Cup.

Aged 38, Hoddle is three years younger than when Sir Alf took over the national team back in the 1960's and his name has been a guarantee of quality since he made his debut for Tottenham Hotspur when he came on as substitute against Norwich City at White Hart Lane in 1975.

Three years later Hoddle was to help Tottenham achieve promotion to the First Division and was joined at White Hart Lane by Argentine World Cup winners Ricky Villa and Ossie Ardiles - the man he was to replace as manager at Swindon Town later in his career.

Hoddle made his England debut in a friendly against Bulgaria and scored with a tremendous shot in their 2-0 win. He went on to make 53 appearances in total for his country but many believe that this figure should

well have reached the 150 mark.

In 1981 Hoddle was to achieve a lifetime ambition by winning the F.A. Cup with his beloved Spurs. It was from his deflected free-kick that Tommy Hutchison scored to earn Spurs a 1-1 draw with Manchester City in the Final at Wembley. Spurs went on to win the replay 3-2 with a wonder goal from Ricky Villa.

The following season Tottenham were to retain the trophy with the winning goal coming from Hoddle himself from the penalty spot. As fate would have it the manager of beaten finalists was Terry Venables - the man Hoddle was to replace at Lancaster Gate.

The summer of 1982 saw Hoddle in the England World Cup squad in Spain but amazingly a man of his quality was only to make one full appearance in the 1-0 victory over Kuwait.

In 1984 Spurs won the UEFA Cup defeating Anderlecht

of Belgium on penalties after both of the games in the two-legged final ended 1-1.

1986 saw England progress through to the World Cup Finals in Mexico and this time Hoddle was an everpresent. The Lions lost interest in the Championship at the quarter-final stage, beaten 2-1 by Argentina in the game which saw Diego Maradona's infamous Hand of

God goal.

Glenn Hoddle won the last of his caps in the 3-1 defeat by the USSR in the European Championships. For Hoddle it was time to leave Spurs and he moved to Monaco where his career was disrupted by injury, but during his time there he was to learn a great deal from Arsene Wenger, now boss at Highbury. Hoddle is quoted as saying that if it was not for Wenger he might not have been inspired to be a coach.

In 1991 Hoddle took up his first position in football management as player/manager of this evening's visitors Swindon Town. He used his knowledge of the European game with good effect and along with his current England number 2 John Gorman he took Swindon Town to the Premiership with a dazzling brand of football. Swindon achieved promotion with a breathtaking 4-3 victory over Leicester City at Wembley.

However, Hoddle did not see top-flight action with Swindon as a few days after taking the Robins up he decided on a move to Chelsea where in his first season at Stamford Bridge he was to taste defeat in their 4-0 loss to double winners Manchester United in the F.A. Cup Final.

His knowledge of European soccer proved invaluable as Chelsea reached the semi-finals of the European Cup Winners' Cup losing to eventual winners Real Zaragoza.

This summer Hoddle took charge of the England national team, the only job he said he would leave Chelsea for and with EURO '96 proving a tremendous boost for English football Hoddle's optimism for the future is welcomed by us all.

JON POLLARD



#### NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE FIXTURES 1996-7

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Rotherham U.	5	3	1	1	11	7	10
Huddersfield L	5	3	0	2	11	8	9
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Barnsley	4	2	0	2	3	3	6
Scorborough	5	1	3	1	5	6	6
York City	5	2	0 .	. 3	3	10	6
Hartlepool Utd.	5	1	1	. 3	5	10	4
Darlington	5	1	0	4	4	13	3
Sconthorpe U.	5	1	0	4	3	13	3
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Chesterfield	4	0	1	3	2	15	1

### CITY JUNIORS

with STEVE SMITH

### BRADFORD CITY 3 v HULL CITY O

Our game against Hull City in the Northern Intermediate League saw us put in a great performance, dominating the fixture from start to finish, winning 3-0 and gaining our best result of the season to date.



Stuart Airdrie set things rolling early on with a shot which was well saved and from then on the Hull keeper was kept busy, blocking a shot from Richard Langhorne, Mark Bower's shot producing a reflex save and Airdrie heading just over from Ian McLean's deep cross and then turning provider for McLean only to see the keeper getting well down to save and scramble the ball away.

Paul Bolland put an effort just wide from 20 yards and Dean Payne's 25 yard free-kick dipped the wrong side of the crossbar.

In goal at the other end Craig Bates had very little to do apart from dealing with a couple of crosses.

Our passing and movement on and off the ball was first class and we continued the second half from where we left off.

Mark Bower picked out Paul Bolland from the left but he was unable to get any power behind his header.

Soon after, Bolland saw another attempt saved when the keeper saved with his legs. Airdrie and Payne were causing all sorts of problems down the right hand side and Matthew Stevenson was unlucky with a far post header from Payne's deep cross.

Shortly afterwards Stevenson scored his first goal for the club since signing, tapping in at the far post after Richard Langhorne's shot was deflected into his path.

We scored our second from a near post corner which is something we have been working on, Anthony Shields opening his account having got the final touch with a header after Mark Bower had flicked on.

Richard Langhorne scored number three, Airdrie again being involved, crossing a great ball for Langhorne to come in at the far post and head into the roof of the net.

Keeper Bates was very much a spectator for us in the second half but he kept his concentration and dealt with their only real effort comfortably.

The lads have set themselves very high standards now which must be maintained consistantly.

Team: Bates, Payne, Stevenson, Netlleton, O'Brien, Bower, Airdrie, Bolland, Shields, Langhorne, McLean.

Subs: Verity, Hamilton, Lee (not used).

### CITY RESERVES

with PAUL JEWELL

### BRADFORD CITY 2 v STOCKPORT COUNTY 1

Our recent good run of results in the Pontin's League continued with a hard fought victory over a very strong and physical Stockport County side at The Pulse Stadium at Valley Parade.

Stockport went ahead as early as the third minute with a very soft goal.

This unsettled us and we were fortunate not to concede a second goal soon afterwards.

Twenty minutes into the game we began to play the football we know that we are capable of and we were unfortunate not to equalise before the break with Potuguese trialist Sergio Pinto going close on a couple of occasions.

Immediately after the interval we got ourselves level with a fine goal from Christian Sansam who turned the defender and hit a good shot which went in off the post.

After that we played some good football and with twenty minutes remaining took a deserved lead with another smartly taken goal from Christian Sansam.

Tommy Wright found him with a clever pass and Christian ran onto it and coolly slotted the ball past keeper Neil Edwards.

Although Stockport came into the game in the last ten minutes our defence held tight.

We have been playing some excellent football lately and it has been pleasing to see our defence looking a lot more solid than in the first two games of the season.

Another pleasing aspect has been the increase in numbers of supporters who have been turning up to see the reserve team fixtures, giving their encouragement to the lads which is appreciated.

Team: Gould, Huxford, Smithard, O'Brien, Brightwell, Murray, Wright, Pinto, Midgley, Sansam, Bullimore.

Subs: Airdrie (for Midgley), Langhorne (not used), McLean (for Bullimore).

#### PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION TWO FIXTURES 1996-7

			Carlisle United		
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	Wed	11	BARNSLEY	H	2-0
	Wed	18	STOCKPORT CO.	Н	2-1
	Tue	24	MANSFIELD T.	H	3-1
Oct	Tue	15	Grimsby Town	A	
	Tue	22	Rotherham United	A	
Nov	Tue	5	MANCHESTER C.	H	
	Wed	13	Shrewsbury Town	A	
	Tue	19	BURNLEY	Н	
	Wed	27	Wrexham	A	
Dec	Mon	2	Barnsley	A	
	Tue	17	HULL CITY	H	
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Jan	Mon	6	Mansfield Town	A	
	Tue	21	Stockport County	A	
Feb	Tue	4	ROTHERHAM U.	H	
	Wed	12	YORK CITY	Н	
	Tue	18	Manchester City	A	
			SHREWSBURY T.		
Mar	Wed	5	Burnley	A	
			WREXHAM	н	
	Tue	25	CARLISLE UNITED	H	
Anr	Tue	29	GRIMSBY TOWN	н	

All home games are played at The Pulse Stadium at Valley Parade and kick-off at 7-00 pm unless stated

#### PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION TWO TABLE 1996-97

up to and including 25th September

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Wrexham	6	4	1	1	15	7	13	
York City	5	4	1	8	12	6	13	
Carlisle Utd.	6	4	0	2	14	8	12	
Brodford C.	6	4	0	2	12	9	12	
Monchester C.		3	1	1	8	6	10	
Burnley	5	1	2	2	5	6	5	
Rotherham Utd.	4	1	1	2	1	3	4	
Stockpart Co.	5	1	0	4	10	13	3	
Hull City	4	1	0	3	5	8	3	
Shrewsbury L	3	1	0	2	4	8	3	
Barnsley	5	0	1	4	3	9	1	
Mansfield L	6	0	0	6	7	22	0	



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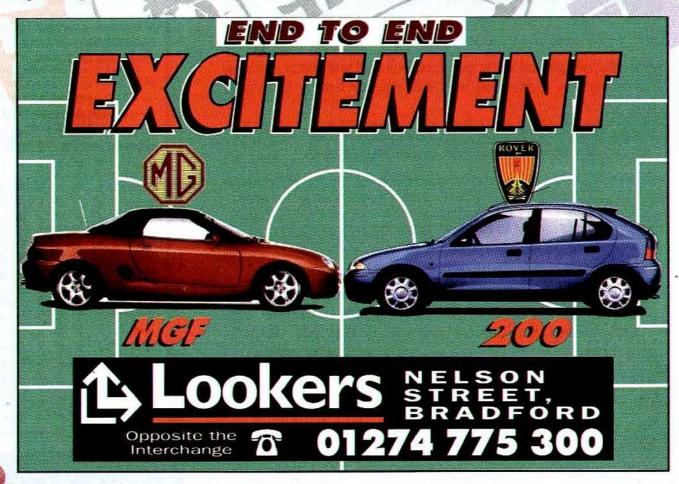
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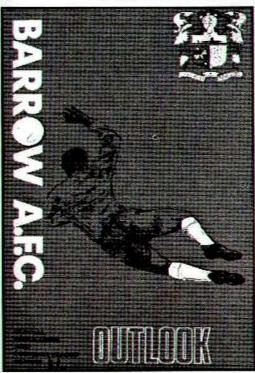
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Football in the Community Development Officer



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### **BLAST FROM THE PAST**

### BRADFORD CITY 2 v SWINDON TOWN 1

Division Three 26th April, 1978 – Attendance 3,448

Two first half goals by Don Hutchins set-up this final victory of the season for City who ended up being relegated along with Port Vale, Hereford United and Portsmouth. Town's second half goal came from Roy Carter. It was City's only 'double' of the season.

Ever-present for City that season was 'Mr Dependable' Peter Downsborough in goal, who himself played 274 times for Swindon in League football before moving to Valley Parade. Terry Dolan, Bernie Wright and Don Hutchins all played 45 times that season.

At Swindon, Colin Prophett figured in all 46 matches and three other players all clocked up 45 games, namely David Moss (now assistant to Brian Horton at Huddersfield Town), Jimmy Allan and John McLaughlin. Making 37 appearances

and scoring 10 goals but not figuring in this game

was a certain Chris Kamara.

Centre-half Steve Baines featured on the front cover of the City programme for this game against Swindon. Always a dominant figure in defence he was no stranger to referees, quite often receiving yellow cards - as central defenders do! These days of course, he's on the other side of Bradford City

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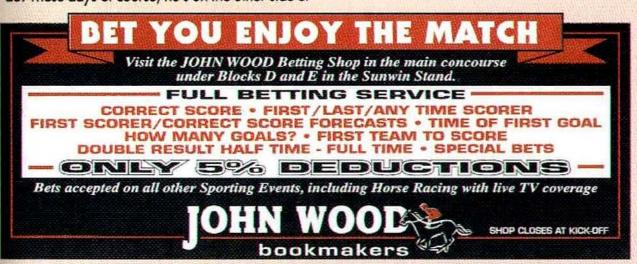
the fence, as a Football

League referee, himself, dishing out the cards to players who are probably glad they didn't come up against him as a player. As in cricket, where many ex-players become umpires, I think there's a definite case of encouraging more players as they reach the end of their playing careers to become referees - but would the pay be good enough?

City: Downsborough, Podd, Wood, Johnson, Cooke, Middleton, Watson, Dolan, Wright, McNiven, Hutchins.

Swindon: Allan, McLaughlin, Ford, Stroud, Aizlewood, Prophett, Moss, Carter, Guthrie, Gilligan, Cunningham. Sub: McHale (for Gilligan).

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### TRANSFER NEWS

There are currently a number of clubs looking to sign strikers, they include Leeds United who are being linked with a move for Celtic goalscorer Pierre Van Hooydonk who has found himself out of favour of late at the Scottish Premier League side. Blackburn Rovers have apparently failed in a move for German striker Oliver Bierhoff at Udinese. A fee of £5m was agreed but Bierhoff turned down Blackburn's £800,000 a year nett of tax pay offer, even though this is double his salary in Italy. Everton, desperate to replace the injured Duncan Ferguson and Paul Rideout are rumoured to be considering a £6.5m bid for Les Ferdinand at Newcastle, Everton have also checked on Wimbledon front man Efan Ekoku rated at £3m. Manchester City star Georgi Kinkladze has spoken to chairman Francis Lee again about his future, should Celtic sell Van Hooydonk funds would be available for the stylish Kinkladze. In an interesting development locally, stories are circulating that Sheffield Wednesday manager David Pleat is trying to set-up what Huddershield Town boss Brian Horton could not afford to do and that is link-up Andy Booth with Marcus Stewart. Should this take place it would be for considerably more than the £1.2m Huddersfield paid for Stewart in the summer. The stadium at Huddersfield is still awaiting the start of its fourth stand and

whilst considerable monies have been obtained, funding is still short of the mark. How would fans take to the sale of Stewart to complete a very expensive project? At Huddersfield, Brian Horton is likely to make a move into the transfer market himself to arrest a slump in form with Wimbledon defender Alan Reeves, who pulled out of a move to Preston a short while ago, a possible target. Horton also continues to monitor Ben Thornley at Manchester United, Newcastle United are the latest club to take an interest in Preston wingman Kevin Kilbane who is rated a £1m by his club. Anders Limpar has not moved from Everton to Bolton (initially on loan) as yet, due to the injury problems at Goodison Park. Chelsea have taken Norweigan keeper Frode Grodas on loan from Lillestrom. He will act as cover for the injured Dmitri Kharine. Middlesbrough boss Bryan Robson will listen to offers for Craig Hignett, although he does not particularly want to lose him, Back with Sheffield Wednesday, David Pleat is trying to set-up a deal to take Graham Hyde to Birmingham in exchange for midfielder Jon Hunt. Spurs boss Gerry Francis is looking to step us his interest in Darren Peacock at Newcastle, Francis will pay £3m for the central defender.

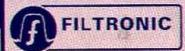
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Tonight's visitors Swindon Town need no introduction - we all remember the way they ran away with the Second Division last season to become worthy Champions.

Of the three teams promoted to the First Division, Swindon have started strongest, with Steve McMahon's side looking comfortable towards the middle of the table.

Last season this fixture produced an excellent 1-1 draw for City which kept the club's play-off chances very much alive into the final game at Hull.

It was after the Swindon draw that everyone realised just how close City were to the play-offs and people began to sit up and take notice.

I hope tonight's game signals a similar turning point in City's fortunes and with it the end of our disappointing start to the

No-one at the club - or the fans either - thought that moving up a division would be easy, but people are very quick to criticise.

Patience is the key. Chris Kamara is in the process of bringing in new players from Scandinavia to strengthen the team and when they arrive he will have more options, not just in personnel but also tactically.

Sunday's draw at Port Vale was a much improved

performance and, but for one slack moment in defence, City would have taken a deserved three points. Other moves are also afoot to help City compete in the higher C REPORT

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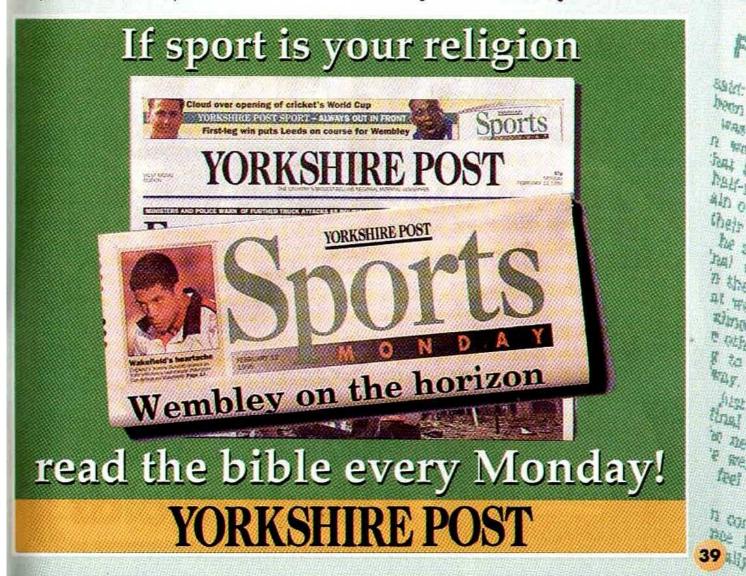
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The club is considering floating on the Alternative Investment Market, in the same way as clubs such as Chelsea have done. This would raise substantial cash for team strengthening, helping the club compete in the First Division, and bankrolling other improvements at The Pulse Stadium at Valley Parade.

But until a final decision on flotation is made, the immediate task is to start winning.

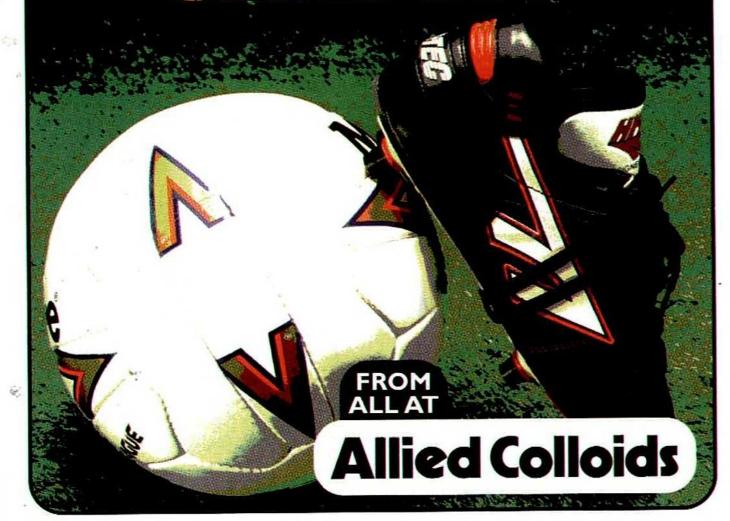
Both Geoffrey Richmond and Chris Kamara are positive people and they are not prepared to even consider failure. Things are not going our way at the moment but that will change. In the meantime we just need to be patient and continue to give the team 100% backing.



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I agree, the end product is not quite there, but we must remember we have come up a division and into a League that has become stronger with all the foreign imports.

Yes, the supporters have every right to vent their feelings and I have every understanding of the need to win. I do not believe though that verbal abuse is the way to get the team into winning ways.

The lads need encouragement at the moment from as many people as possible. We need to stay in the division at least, then build for the future and, to capitalise on the already successful start made at The Pulse Stadium at Valley Parade the whole place is gearing itself for a big future.

So come on, start cheering, be patient, and the right results will come.

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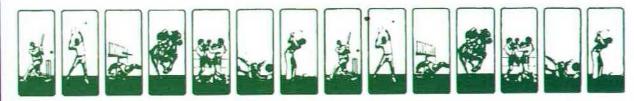
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### with JOHN WATMOUGH

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#### Heaton and North Bradford Branch

The 'Wembley' theme night held on 19th September was a tremendous success with Mark Stallard and Des Hamilton bringing the play-off trophy to the Fountain Inn. Photographs of supporters with the trophy and players were taken and will be available for collection at the branches next meeting on 17th October when a film night will be held. First Stop Jewellers and McCanns DIY are sponsoring the branch.

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On Sunday, 22nd September the team lost 4-0 to Southampton. One of the goals conceded was unusual in that City keeper, Rob Hunt, was lobbed from nine yards. Has any keeper ever been 'lobbed' from a shorter distance? The team was below strength and new players will be welcomed to the squad. If you are interested in playing please contact Martin Hickey on his work number 0171 735 8227 (9-00 am - 5-15 pm) for further details.

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Shaun Taylor (no longer with club), Kevin Watson, Kevin Horlock
Middle row: Jonathan Trigg (Physio), Lee Collins, Mark Robinson, Edwin Murray, Steve Finnay,
Mark Seagraves, Mark Walters, Ty Gooden, Frederic Darras, Dean Hooper,
Steve Cowe, Ross MacLaren (Reserve Team Coach)
Front row: Scott Leitch, Ian Culverhouse, Jason Drysdale, Andy Rowland (First Team Coach),
Steve McMahon (Team Manager), Paul Allen, Alex Smith, Wayne O'Sullivan

The Robins can boast a proud record under manager Steve McMahon.

Promoted as Champions last season, Swindon Town have looked every inch a competent First Division side.

So far this term they have on their travels won one, drawn one and lost two, whilst at home have played five, winning two, drawing one and losing two.

Last Friday's televised game against Wolves saw the Wiltshire side unfortunate to lose with the aerial threat of Wayne Allison and shouting power of Kevin Horlock giving Swindon a powerful appearance.

A good footballing side who will test City's resolve. Steve McMahon has committed himself long-term to a club who appear to be very much on the up in terms of League status.

FRANK TALIA Hails from Melbourne, Australia, and was spotted by a scout playing for the Australian Under-21 side. Was invited to England and had trials with Chelsea, Q.P.R. and a number of other English and Scottish clubs before Blackburn Rovers signed him in August, 1992. His only League appearances (15) were on loan to Hartlepool and when Rovers signed Tim Flowers, Frank dropped down the pecking order. After a brief spell on loan with Swindon last year he eventually transferred in November, 1995 and made 16 League appearances.

Tan culverhouse Ian is a product of the Tottenham youth policy. Played only one game for Spurs in 1984 before joining Norwich City for £50,000 in October, 1985. Played some 369 games for the Canaries and was outstanding in their first European campaign. Swindon paid a tribunal set fee of £250,000 for Ian in December, 1994. He was included in the PFA Second Division team last season.

FREDERIC DARRAS Signed a three year contract in August from French club Bastia. Frederic spent 11 years with French double winners Auxerre before moving to Bastia. He has made no fewer than

19 European Cup appearances, including a quarterfinal tie against Florentina.

**KEVIN HORLOCK** A current member of the Northern Ireland squad, Kevin has proved a great asset to the team since arriving from West Ham with no senior appearances, on a free transfer, in 1992. A good tackler and striker of the ball he demonstrated his scoring ability last season by netting 16 goals (12 in the League).

MARK ROBINSON Joined the apprentice ranks at West Bromwich Albion on leaving school in June, 1985 and made his League debut against Sheffield Wednesday in April, 1986. Albion didn't offer him a professional contract, he was however recruited by Barnsley. He was given an extended first team run in 1989 and such was his form that Newcastle United swooped in with a cheque for £450,000 in March, 1993. Mark suffered with injuries and gladly moved to Swindon for a then club record £600,000 in July, 1994.

mark seagraves A former Liverpool apprentice and England Youth international. Swindon paid Bolton £100,000 for his registration in June, 1995. Mark's League debut was for Norwich City at Coventry City in November, 1986 and he played three games whilst on loan from Liverpool before a £100,000 transfer to Manchester City in September, 1987. Made 42 League appearances for City and joined Bolton for another £100,000 fee in September, 1990 clocking up 180 games for the Trotters.

GARY ELKINS This left sided defender made over 100 appearances for Wimbledon in the Premiership before signing for Swindon in September, 1996 in a £100,000 deal. Played for Fulham as a youngster, had a spell on loan at Exeter City before signing for The Dons in August, 1990 for £20,000.

PAUL ALLEN Paul was signed on a free transfer in October, 1995 from Southampton. Started his career with West Ham as an apprentice in 1979 and went on to make 197 appearances, scoring 11 goals. In June, 1985 Paul signed for Tottenham for £400,000 where he made 377 appearances and scored 28 goals. In September, 1993 he moved to Southampton for £550,000, with the departure of lan Branfoot Paul only made 43 appearances. He had loan spells at Luton Town and Stoke City during his spell with the Saints.

Dunfermline and Heart of Midlothian £15,000 bargain buy was delighted when Steve McMahon offered him a permanent move after enjoying a successful loan period last season. Scott is determined to help Town continue their climb to the top.

MARK WALTERS After starting his career at Aston Villa, Mark has enjoyed successful spells at Rangers and Liverpool. Joined Swindon in the summer on a free transfer from Southampton and is looking forward to relaunching his career at The County Ground. Mark has one England cap and three Championship Winners' medals.

**KEVIN WATSON** Came through Tottenham's junior ranks having joined the club at the age of eleven. Made 12 first team appearances under Terry Venables in 1994. Had loan spells at Bristol City and Barnet. This 22 year old midfielder looks set to have a bright future ahead of him and is looking forward to playing first team football.

WAYNE ALLISON Top shot in his first season with Town scoring 20 goals, 16 of them in the Second Division Championship. A very popular figure who makes the most of his height and weight to unsettle defenders. A Yorkshireman, he served his apprenticeship with Halifax Town and caught the attention of Watford who invested £250,000 in his transfer in July, 1989. A year later he was on his way to Bristol City for £300,000 where he soon established himself as a local hero finishing top scorer for the third time in 1995 (13 League goals) but deciding to move at the end of his contract. A League tribunal ruled Town had to pay £475,000 for his registration.

McMahon's most astute signing if he realises his potential. Was with Aston Villa as an Associate Schoolboy, graduating to professional status in the summer of 1993. Steven was recruited on loan initially, as cover following the injury to Finney, but impressed the management so much that a permanent move was quickly arranged. Made his League bow as a substitute in the 2-0 defeat of Peterborough United.

stephen finney though he started his career with Preston North End where he gained professional status in 1991. Preston released him after 6 appearances and he was signed by Manchester City in February, 1993 after a trial. It was at Maine Road that Steve McMahon came into contact with him and when City released Steve on a free, he quickly signed him in the summer of 1995 as cover. However, injury to Peter Thorne saw Steve make a scoring debut at Hull on the opening day of the season.

PETER THORNE Snatched from the shadow of Alan Shearer in January, 1995, Peter is a strong robust striker in the mould of the England hero. Joined Blackburn Rovers as a trainee in 1989 and made his only first team appearance for them at Wembley in the Charity Shield match. Despite a lot of injuries he still scored 10 goals in 22 League starts to help win the Championship.

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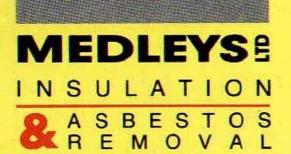
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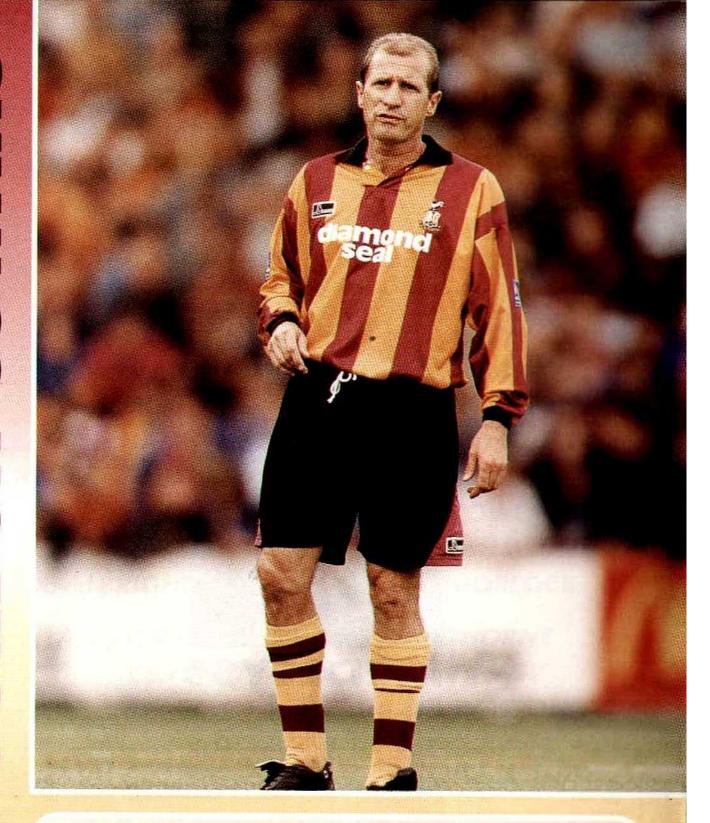


Matthew White is 9 years old and lives in Yeadon. He attends South View Junior School. His hobbies are football, reading and cycling. Matthew's favourite player is Lee Duxbury.



Jason Trudgill is 7 years old and lives at Odsal. He goes to Wibsey First School and his hobbies are football, all sports and music. Jason's favourite player is Des Hamilton.





Date of Birth 27/10/58

Star Sign
Scorpio
Place of Birth
County Durham
First Club

Aston Villa

Status

Married with a 12 year old daughter Jenna and Henry who is 1

Favourite Food
Sunday Roast

Favourite Singer/Group Rod Stewart

Person Most Admired
No-one in particular
Hobbies
Playing Golf
Car Driven

Renault