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WHENEVER we have had a defeat this season we have invariably bounced back with a good win, and this was the case at Roots Hall last Saturday.

After the set-back of losing at home to Wolves it was so important for us to go to Southend and win, and we did exactly that. Although it was not an outstanding performance we did enough, and had we taken our chances we would have won more comfortably.

We knew the pitch would make it difficult for us to play our usual close passing game, so we played it a bit differently, and it worked well, with both goals coming from the kind of moves we had spoken about.

The idea was for Paul Wilkinson to get to the back stick more for the headed knock-downs, with Neil Redfearn timing his runs from midfield to get on the end of them, and the skipper was spot-on.

Unfortunately we again gave away a silly goal which put Southend back into the game, but at least we recovered from that lapse of concentration to eventually pick up three very important points.

At this stage of the season there is a lot of truth in the saying that points are more important than performances. We have got ourselves into a very good situation and if we can get back to playing as well as we can, then we must be in with a very good chance of claiming that second automatic promotion spot.

A lot of people are very important to us at this stage of the season, and I include supporters in that. You really must get behind the team right from the start in matches, instead of sitting back quietly and waiting for things to happen.

If you do the latter, it transmits to the players and makes them nervous and tense, too. On the other hand, if you are shouting and cheering from the first whistle, that helps to really fire them up, and you can therefore play a major part in any success that we might achieve.

Although they appear to be well down the table, the situation is so tight in this division that Swindon are still in with a shout of one of the play-off places, and we know from experience what they are capable of doing if they are allowed. We were far too complacent at their place earlier in the season and paid for it.

I cannot see that happening again, but any side managed by Steve McMahon will be fired up to give 100 per cent effort and they will be difficult to overcome. It may be that we will have to be patient if we are to break them down. We cannot expect to find a way through in the first five or ten minutes. We may have to wait until the last five or ten.

Some of our promotion rivals have spent a lot of money, and are continuing to do so, to try to ensure a place in the Premiership next season. Sheffield United, for example, have spent more than £2 million in the last few weeks on three players.

Obviously we cannot compete on that level with the resources currently at our disposal, but money does not always guarantee success. I am still trying to bring in a player or two, but my options are more limited because of the money available for me, and I will not bring in players who are no better than the ones already here.

Having said that, I do believe that even if we cannot make any signings before the transfer deadline, the players currently in our first team squad are well capable of completing a job they have done so very well up to now.

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INTRODUCING

NEW FACES at the County Ground this season are Frederic Darras, Gary Elkins, Peter Holcroft, Mark Walters and Kevin Watson.

Darras, who was born in Calais in August 1966, signed a three year contract in August 1996 on arriving from French Club Bastia. A defender, he spent 11 years with French double winners Auxerre before moving to Bastia. He represented France at Under 18 and Under 21 levels and has made no fewer than 19 European Cup appearances, including a quarter-final tie against Florentina.

A left-sided defender who made more than 100 appearances for Wimbledon in the Premiership prior to signing for Swindon in September for £100,000, Elkins played for Fulham as a youngster, and had a spell on loan with Exeter City before signing for the Dons in August 1990 for £20,000. Born in Wallingford, he is 30 years old.

Holcroft arrived at the County Ground on a free transfer from Premiership side Everton in November. He did not make an appearance for Everton's first team. Born in Liverpool, he is 21-years-old and is a midfield playmaker.

After starting his career at Aston Villa, Walters enjoyed successful spells with Glasgow Rangers and Liverpool. He joined Swindon last summer on a free transfer from Southampton. He has one England cap and three Championship winners medals in his possession. Birmingham born, he is

Watson came through Tottenham's junior ranks, having joined the club at the age of 11, and he made 12 first team appearances under Terry Venables in 1994. The Hackney-born 23-year-old had loan spells at Bristol City and Barnet, and skippered Spurs' reserves for the past two seasons.

Competition for the goalkeeping spot lies between Fraser Digby and Frank Talia.

Digby served his apprenticeship at Old Trafford, but failed to make the first team, and not even loan spells at Oldham and Swindon brought his League debut. However, in December, 1986, Town paid £32,500 for him and he was so impressive that he gained England Under 21 recognition to go with his Schoolboy and Youth honours. He has now made more



• FREDERIC DARRAS
.... arrived August 1996 from French Club Bastia

than 400 senior appearances for Town, and has twice appeared at Wembley in play-off finals. The Sheffield-born 29-year-old is celebrating his testimonial season.

Talia hails from Melbourne, Australia, and was playing for a club called Sunshine George Cross when he was spotted by a scout. The Australian Under 21 international had trials with Chelsea, QPR and several other English and Scottish Clubs before joining Blackburn Rovers in August 1992. After a brief spell on loan with Swindon in 1994 he was eventually transferred in November, 1995. He is 24.

In addition to Darras and Elkins, the other defenders in the squad are lan Culverhouse, Jason Drysdale, Wayne O'Sullivan, Mark Robinson and Mark Seagraves.

A polished full-back with Norwich City, Culverhouse now excels in the role of sweeper. A product of the Tottenham Hotspur youth policy, he played only one senior game for Spurs before joining Norwich for £50,000 in October 1985. He played 369 games for the Canaries and was outstanding in their first European campaign. Norwich wanted £900,000 for him at the end of December, 1994. but a Football League tribunal set the fee of £250,000. Thirty-two-years-old and from Bishops Stortford, he was included in the Second Division representative team last season.

Drysdale joined Town from Newcastle United on March 23, 1995, for a fee of £340,000, but has been desperately unlucky with injuries. A former Watford trainee, he won an FA Youth Cup winners medal with the Hornets and went on to make 160

senior appearances before a
£425,000 move to St. James's Park in
August, 1994. Seven months later he
joined Swindon. Bristol-born,
he is 26.

A talented 23-year-old from Cyprus, O'Sullivan was given his first senior opportunity in an Anglo Italian Cup-tie at Oxford in September 1992, having joined the club from school. He has since progressed well, and last season not only established himself in the senior side, but was also a regular in the Republic of Ireland's Under 21 squad.

Rochdale-born Robinson (28) joined the apprentice ranks at West Brom on leaving school, but was not offered professional terms and was recruited by Barnsley, where he was given an extended first team run which resulted in Newcastle paying £450,000 for him in March, 1993. He lost his place through injury, and found himself in the shadow of some great names, so gladly moved to Wiltshire for a then club record fee of £600,000 in July, 1994.

A former Liverpool apprentice and England Youth international, Seagraves was signed from Bolton for £100,000 in June, 1995. He made his League debut with Norwich City, for whom he played three games on loan from Liverpool before a £100,000 transfer to Manchester City in September 1987. Bolton paid another £100,000 for him in September 1990. Bootle-born, he is 30.

Ty Gooden links up with Holcroft and Walters in midfield. He was signed by John Gorman in 1993 after being released by Wycombe Wanderers. He made more than 30 appearances and received a Championship medal last season. Born on Canvey Island, he is 24.

The strike-force comprises Wayne Allison, Steven Cowe, Stephen Finney and Peter Thorne.

Allison was a top-shot in his first season with Town, scoring 20 goals, 16 of them in the Second Division Championship success. Born in Huddersfield, he served his apprenticeship with Halifax Town and moved to Watford for £250,000 in July, 1989. A year later he was on his way to Bristol City for £300,000 and became an instant hero. He was top

SWINDON TOWN





Back Row: Peter Thorne, Wayne Allison, Fraser Digby, Steve Mildenhall, Frank Talia, Shaun Taylor (left Club), Kevin Watson, Kevin Horlock (left Club).

Middle Row: Jonathan Trigg (Physio), Lee Collins, Mark Robinson, Edwin Murray (left Club), Steve Finney, Mark Seagraves, Mark Walters, Ty Gooden, Frederic Darras, Dean Hooper (left Club), Steve Cowe, Ross Maclaren (Reserve Team Coach).

Front Row: Scott Leitch, Ian Culverhouse, Jason Drysdale, Andy Rowland (left Club), Steve McMahon (Team Manager), Paul Allen (left Club), Alex Smith, Wayne O'Sullivan.

scorer three seasons, but decided to move at the end of his contract in 1995, and he joined Town for a tribunal-fixed fee of £475,000. He is 28.

An associated schoolboy with Aston Villa, Gloucester-born Cowe (22), was recruited by Town, initially on loan, but impressed so much that a permanent move was quickly arranged, and he made his League debut in the 2-0 defeat of Peterborough United last March. He has two good feet and an awareness of players around him.

Although he started his career with Preston North End, Finney is no relation to the great Tom Finney. Preston released him after six 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 him on a free transfer, his former colleague was quick to sign him in the summer of 1995. He was joint top scorer with 16 goals when he suffered a broken ankle at Burnley last March. Born in Hexham, he is 23.

Snatched from the shadow of Alan Shearer in January 1995, Thorne is a strong, robust striker in the mould of the England hero. He joined
Blackburn as a trainee and made his
only first team appearance for them
at Wembley in the Charity Shield.
Despite a catalogue of injuries, he
contributed 10 goals in 22 League
starts to help Town win the Second
Division title last season.
Manchester-born, he is 23.

IN HIS first full season as Swindon player-manager, former Liverpool favourite Steve McMahon led the club to the Second Division Championship in style, although injuries restricted his appearances to 21 League games.

Liverpool born and bred, he was a ball-boy at Goodison Park; joined Everton as an associated schoolboy; and made his League debut for them at Sunderland in August 1980. He scored 11 goals in 100 League games before a £300,000 transfer to Aston Villa in 1983.

By then he was a seasoned England Under 21 international and he went on to win a European Championship medal in 1984. With Villa he emerged as midfield general of the highest order, which prompted Kenny Dalglish to take him to Liverpool for £375,000.

By the end of his first season with Liverpool he had League and FA Cup medals to add to his collection as the Anfield Reds clinched the double, and there were more to come as he shared Liverpool's phenomenal success.

At international level he was in the 1990 World Cup squad and won 17 caps.

On Christmas Eve, 1991, Manchester City paid £900,000 for him and, until his move to Swindon as player-manager in November, 1994, he had continued to perform at the highest level.









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THE PERIOD surrounding the famous League Cup victory of 1969 was a golden time for Swindon Football Club.

The Robins were denied promotion as champions only by goal difference, but the highlight for their faithful supporters was the visit to the twin towers of Wembley to see their side beat Arsenal 3-1 after extra-time.

More silverware arrived at the club in the 1969-70 season, with success in both the Anglo Italian Cup Winners' Cup and the Anglo-Italian Cup, beating AS Roma and Napoli respectively.

Swindon also reached the sixth round of the FA Cup and finished fifth in the Second Division - the best position the club had achieved up to that point.

In the early 1980s, Swindon had slipped into the Fourth Division, and it was obvious that something had to be done to stop the rot. Enter Lou Macari as the new manager.

After a shaky start in the 1984-85 season - he was sacked for nine days before being re-instated - Macari's belief in fitness and the direct game paid off as Swindon were promoted as champions with a record total of 102 points.

Next season promotion was achieved again, by beating Gillingham in the play-offs.

In 1990 the team, now under the guidance of Ossie Ardiles, beat Sunderland at Wembley in the play-offs to gain promotion to the Premiership for the first time in the club's history. However, players and fans alike were devastated when the Football League decided that the punishment for financial irregularities should be to demote the team two divisions.

This was later reduced to a drop of one league - back to Division One - while Sunderland took Town's place in the top flight.

However, in 1993, with Glenn Hoddle now at the helm, Swindon grabbed a place in the Premiership by beating Leicester City 4-3 in a nail-biting play-off final at Wembley.

This was followed by two disappointing seasons which resulted in relegation from the Premiership to Division Two.

The yo-yo effect, now clearly a feature of virtually every campaign, returned in 1995-96 with the club climbing back to the First Division as runaway Division Two champions under the guidance of former England, Everton, Aston Villa, Liverpool and Manchester City midfield star Steve McMahon.

As a player he was a competitive dynamo who won acclaim at the highest level of the game, and he collected almost all the honours available for both club and country, yet he declared that winning the Second Division Championship was the highlight of his career.

Although injuries prevented him making as big a contribution on the pitch as he would have liked in his role of player-manager, he did make 21 League appearances during the promotion campaign, and his influence as team boss was plain for all to see.

Inconsistency has been a problem this season, with some very good results all too often interspersed with very disappointing ones, but the Robins look as though they will achieve their first target, which is consolidating their place in the division as a prelude to another promotion attempt next season.

THE SEASON AT A GLANCE

August 17: Frederic Darras, Mark Walters and Kevin Watson make their debuts in a 2-0 defeat at Norwich.

August 21: Mark Robinson's first league goal for more than two years earns a point at home to Port Vale.

August 28: Wayne Allison earns the first League victory since their return to the First Division - 1-0 at home to Oldham.

August 31: Goals from Watson, Steven Cowe and Stephen Finney give the Robins their first League win at Southend in 34 years.

September 14: Walters scores his first goal for the club in a 2-1 home win over Tranmere.

October 12: Kevin Horlock's third goal of the season ends a run of four league games without a win.

October 16: The biggest win of the season, 6-0 at home to Huddersfield, Peter Thorne notching a hat-trick.

November 2: The fourth win in five games - 2-0 at home to Manchester City - lifts the Robins into seventh place.

November 16: A 3-0 home win over Barnsley, for whom it is their first away defeat of the season.

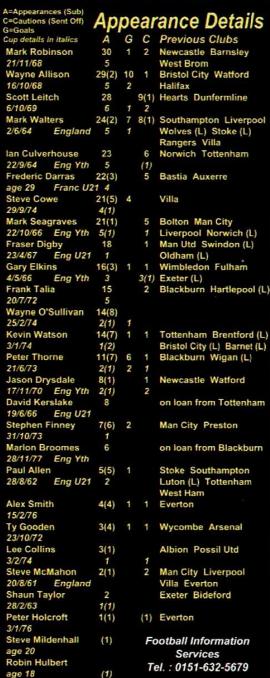
December 26: A run of six successive away defeats is ended with a 1-0 win at Portsmouth, Cowe the scorer.

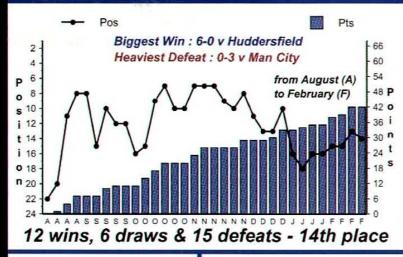
January 18: Player-boss Steve McMahon makes his first start in the league for a year in the 1-1 home draw with Bradford.

February 1: The first home win since November 30 as Gary Elkins scores his first goal for the club following his transfer from Wimbledon.

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Swindon - The Season So Far

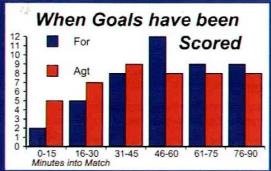




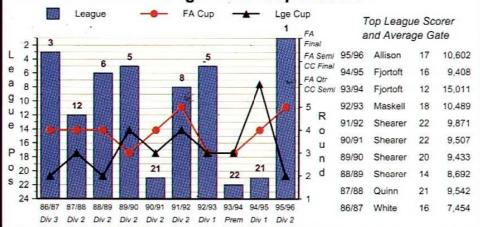




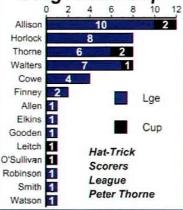




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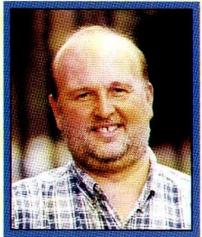
TOWN came to Oakwell on the Saturday between Christmas and New Year five seasons ago. Barnsley had recovered from a very poor start to the season and were unbeaten in five games but with 29 points from 25 games they were still in need of the points. Town were still thinking of the play offs and were six points better off than Barnsley and had three games in hand.

It was Swindon who made the better start and within 10 minutes they were a goal ahead. Duncan Shearer latching on to a through ball and lobbing it over a stranded Lee Butler. Barnsley tried hard to get back into the game but the Swindon defence led by Colin Calderwood stood firm until 10 minutes into the second half. Then Andy Rammell took advantage of a moment's hesitancy to fire home an equaliser.

The game ebbed and flowed and in the 76th minute Swindon had the opportunity to achieve maximum points when they were awarded a penalty. However Mick Hazard's spot kick struck the post and rebounded to safety. In the end the draw was probably a fair result.

Barnsley: Butler, Fleming (Currie), Davis, Bullimore, Smith, Taggart, Robinson, Redfearn, Saville (Banks), Rammell, Archdeacon.

Swindon: Hammond, Kerslake, Jones, Ling, Calderwood, Taylor,



DAVE COPPING TAKES A BACKWARD LOOK

Hazard, Shearer, Simpson, MacLaren, White (Mitchell).

Early in the season Barnsley took the lead in the first minute at the County Ground, Ian Banks being the scorer. However after the break Swindon hit back and goals from Steve White, Martin Ling and Shearer in the end gave them a comfortable win.

LAST VISIT

When Swindon last came to
Oakwell they had just been
relegated from the Premiership.
Having said that they had made
an impressive start to the season
and had taken 17 points from
their opening nine games.
Barnsley on the other hand had
made a slow start and from the
same number of games had taken
only nine points. They also came

into the game having lost three successive games.

Due to injuries Danny Wilson was enforced to make a number of changes and it showed as the game for a long period was uninspiring. However with five minutes of the first half remaining Neil Redfearn powered home the ball from outside the area. The game opened up after the break and mid-way through the second half Swindon equalised when Barnsley failed to clear a corner and Shaun Taylor looped the ball over David Watson from close range. Barnsley were not to be denied and Redfearn again smashed the ball home from the edge of the area with 11 minutes remaining to give them maximum points.

Barnsley: Watson, Eaden, Fleming, Wilson, Taggart, Bishop, Liddell, Redfearn, Jackson, Payton (Bullock), Snodin.

Swindon: Digby, Robinson, Bodin, Thomson, Nijholt, Taylor, Horlock, Beauchamp, Fjortoft, Ling, Scott.

By the time the teams met for the return the roles had been reversed with Swindon struggling for points with 32 points from 29 games while Barnsley were on the verge of the play offs with 45 points having played a game more. However the game failed to produce a goal and the point did nothing to enhance either team's hopes.

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FIRST GLANCE

TREVOR FRANCIS, manager of the First Division's expensive strugglers **Birmingham City**, has issued a warning to his players as the relegation alarm bells start to ring at St. Andrew's.

He is running out of patience after six successive defeats and he said: "I can't sit and watch too much of this because they are not the sort of performances I want. Unfortunately it is becoming a regular occurrence. The more disappointments you have the more you tend to become accustomed to them. It is my responsibility to do something about it.

"I have to come up with a team that is going to put in a performance that our supporters will be proud of. Loss of form leads to loss of confidence. There are players who are unrecognisable from how they were playing a month ago. It is frustrating, but I know where the problems lie and I will put things right." HAVING taken over as **Oldham Athletic** manager from Graeme Sharp, Neil Warnock looks as though he will need something on the scale of the Charge of the Light Brigade to save the Boundary Park Club from relegation to the Second Division.

Promotion specialist Warnock now has a totally different scenario as he faces a fight that looked even more impossible to win after a defeat by fellow strugglers **Bradford City** which left them six points away from safety with seven tough games to come against the top teams in the division.

Yet there were encouraging signs as the inspiration of the new management team - Warnock has brought in former Latics' favourite Andy Ritchie as his number two - produced the best 45 minutes of the season.

Warnock admitted: "Defeat was hard to swallow after the team put so much into it."

LEEDS UNITED are said to be chasing Portsmouth stars Mathias Svensson and Russell Perrett.

Svensson, 22, a £200,000 bargain from Swedish side Elfsborg, has been a revelation since arriving at Fratton Park in December. He starred in the FA Cup victory over Premiership Leeds at Elland Road and has attracted interest from other Premier League scouts.

Twenty-three-years-old Perrett has been outstanding in Portsmouth's defence as Terry Fenwick's side have launched an impressive challenge for the play-offs with a series of excellent results.

It is just possible that United boss George Graham may be tempted to make a £4 million double bid as he begins his re-building at Elland Road. DARREN BULLOCK had a dream start with his new club Swindon Town against Birmingham City, the side he supported

Two days after receiving a suspended sentence following an assault in a pub, Bullock immediately repaid Swindon manager, Steve McMahon, for showing faith in him, by scoring the 13th minute opener in the 3-1 home victory over struggling Birmingham at the County Ground.

Bullock had been signed for £400,000 from Huddersfield Town, who had placed him on the transfer list as a result of the court case.

It meant more misery, though, for City boss Trevor Francis, who saw his side slump to their sixth successive defeat and nearer the relegation zone.



WHEN relegation-threatened clubs lose their managers it is only to be expected, but when there is a parting of the ways between a manager and a club chasing promotion then eyebrows are bound to be raised.

This is what happened last week when Dave Bassett announced he was leaving **Crystal Palace** to join Premiership side Nottingham Forest as general manager only a year after taking over the reins at Selhurst Park.

Said Bassett: "I am sorry to leave Palace, but it is a correct career move for me, from the professional and financial situation, and also domestically. It is a good opportunity. I am not going to be selecting the team or coaching. Stuart Pearce will continue to do that, and he is happy for me to come in to offer whatever support, help and advice I can give."

The club has recently had a windfall £16 million put at its disposal following a successful take-over, but still faces a fight to avoid relegation.

HOWARD KENDALL, the Sheffield United manager, last week finally completed the signing of John Ebbrell, his one-time Everton protege.

Kendall tempted the 27-years-old midfielder with an increased offer of £950,000 and closed the deal even though the player would be out for a fortnight following a foot operation.

"It doesn't bother me that John won't be available straight away," said Kendall. "I know exactly what he can do. He's always been appreciated by managers and coaches, but not always by the Everton crowd.

"This is a tremendous move for him and at a time when he is approaching his peak. I see him as a tremendous pro, a good team player, and a great battler. He needs to be appreciated, not worried whether he is in or out of the side."



FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



TONIGHT'S GAME

TONIGHT we welcome members of Brodsworth Juniors FC to Oakwell and hope that they enjoy their evening. Also here tonight are children and staff from Rockingham Centre Children's Home and again we hope that the football is interesting with of course the right result for the Super Reds.

Other special visitors tonight are Silcoates School, and their pupils and staff are here as guests of Mr. Chris Harrison. We trust that they bring good fortune to the team and so spend an exciting and memorable evening here at Oakwell.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

Recent birthday parties have been held at Oakwell for Nikki Mallinson and Jessica Moran and we hope

Steve Lister Reporting

that they will remember their 1997 birthdays with delight. Enjoyable times were spent by all with football on the Astro turf followed by a buffet spread and birthday souvenirs from Barnsley F.C.

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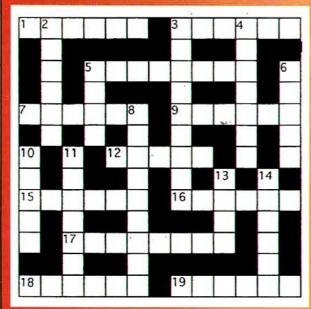
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 (8)
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- Gordon, former England player who has managed both Coventry and Leicester (5)
- The only country which failed to score in the 1994 World Cup Finals tournament (6)
- 16. Reading's nickname (6)
- 17. Finnish international who joined Leicester City from IFK Gothenburg in
- 18. England's caretaker manager for 7 matches in 1974 (6)
- Spurs matchwinning substitute in the 1973 League Cup Final against Norwich City (6)

Down:

- Kept goal for Aston Villa's 1975 League Cup winning side, the year after he had helped Worcestershire take the County Championship (6)
- 3. English translation of the Polish club name, "Gornik" (9)
- 4. Leeds United defender during the Revie-era (7)
- 5. Italian national team's leading goalscorer of all-time with 35 goals (4)
- Former Manchester United captain, voted Football Writers Footballer of the Year in 1948/49 who died in 1995 (5)
- 8. City club relegated from the Premier League in 1995 (9)
- 10. See 13 Down.
- 11. Leading marksman in Euro '96 (7)
- 13. & 10 Down. Manchester United starlet who became the youngest Welsh international of all-time when he came on as a substitute in the 1991 European Championship match with Germany in Nuremburg (4,5)
- 14. 'Sniffer', England striker who was a loser in successive FA Cup Finals in 1969 and 1970 (6)

WHEN the 'electronic eye' was first introduced into cricket, Barnsley's Test match umpire Dickie Bird, who only last season announced his retirement from the international scene, was not too keen on the idea.

He thought it would undermine the authority of the man in the middle and do far more harm than good.

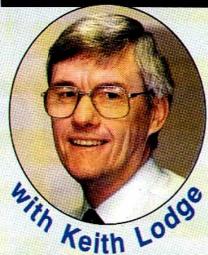
Now he says that umpiring has been made easier because officials can resort to the third umpire - and those action replays - if they have any doubt about a decision, and the electronic eye, he concedes, has been of invaluable help in close run-outs, stumpings, and any different line decisions.

That being so, is it not time that football also embraced the technological age and introduced a similar system to the benefit, not only of referees, but also clubs and their supporters, who might otherwise believe they have been given a raw deal.

I am prompted to ask the question again after suffering along with Leicester City in their controversial FA Cup dismissal at the hands of Chelsea last Wednesday night.

After giving their all in a pulsating replay, the City players were cruelly condemned to a heart-breaking exit from the competition barely two minutes from the end of extra-time by a penalty that should never have been awarded in the first place.

TALKING SOCCER



Television evidence showed quite clearly that Chelsea substitute Erland Johnsen went down in the penalty area under his own volition and that there was no contact by a Leicester City defender in the incident which resulted in Frank Lebouef converting the spot-kick which sent the Stamford Bridge side into the quarter-finals.

Referee Mike Reed claimed afterwards that he had given an honest decision from his vantage point, and that may well be so. But it was not a fair decision, however you look at it. Justice was not done, and certainly not seen to be done.

Looking at the clash from a side-on angle I could not have

argued with the referee's interpretation. It looked a probable penalty, if not clear-cut. Only when the picture switched to the head-on camera was it obvious that the penalty decision was a mistaken one.

The referee, therefore, has my sympathy. But I have even greater sympathy with Leicester City, who had, in more senses than one, to suffer the penalty which in no way fitted the crime.

Whatever he says, Mr Reed will have looked at the re-run himself and thought, 'I dropped a clanger'. He will be embarrassed by it. It may even affect his confidence.

If such mistakes are to be shown to the nation at large so that everyone can wallow in the official's discomfort, and suffering managers and players rail at the injustice of it all, surely it would be far better to allow the referees the same small screen privilege - before the mistake has been made.

Had Mr Reed been able to refer last Wednesday night to a 'second referee' who had the advantage of a quick action replay in the stand, he would have been spared his blushes, Leicester City would have been reprieved to endure the further agonies of a real penalty shoot-out - and justice would have been served.

You know it makes sense.

For all the latest news from Oakwell - Telephone Barnsley Clubcall 0891 12 11 52

Tommy Tyke



Sez

WHY is it 'at footballers can't seem ter see t' funny side o' things these days? Why is it the' go off t' deep end so easily? Why is it the'r on'y too keen ter get other professional footballers inter bother?

Tek that set-to between Ian Wright an' Peter Schmeichel t' other week. Nar, the's nooa way 'at 'am in a position ter knaw what, if owt, Schmeichel called t' Arsenal striker in that game last November, But whattiver 'ee sald it wa'r no excuse for that challenge by Wrighty in t' return match at 'Ighbury 'at could 'ave brok goalie's leg.

'Ow on earth 'ee escaped bein' sent off is beyond me.

But even if Schmeichel did say what 'ee wa'r supposed ter 'eve said, ar can't understand

Wrighty gerrin all het up 'cos 'ee'd bin called black - which 'ee is - an' not bein' at all upset by t' fact that Manchester United goalkeeper 'ad suggested 'ee wa'r born art on wedlock.

Nar Schmeichel's 'evvin talks wi' 'is solicitors an' threatenin' ter sue Wright 'cos 'ee sez 'ee nivver med any so-called racist remarks in t' first place.

It's all gerrin' a bit ovver t' top innit? Just like that tackle.

An' in any case, as 'ave said, the'r all at it, aren't the'? So if Schmeichel accuses Wright, or t' other way rahned, it's just another case on t' pot callin' t' kettle....

Oh, nivver mind

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REDS AT OAKWELL

Friday 7 March 1997. Nationwide Football League. SHEFFIELD UNITED. Kick-off 7.45pm.

Wednesday 12 March 1997. Pontin's League Division Two. STOCKPORT COUNTY. Kick-off 7.00pm.

Friday 28 March 1997, Nationwide Football League. WEST BROMWICH ALBION, Kick-off 7.45pm.

REDS v SHEFFIELD UNITED

Another bumper Oakwell attendance is expected - BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW. Supporters who have still to purchase their tickets may like to do so immediately after tonight's match. Alternatively, the Oakwell Box Office will be open from 9.00am to 5.00pm tomorrow and from 9.00am until 7.00pm on Thursday.

In view of the likely large attendance supporters are once more urged to arrive at Oakwell a little earlier than normal.

REDS v WEST BROMWICH ALBION

You are reminded that the above fixture will be played at Oakwell on GOOD FRIDAY 28 MARCH. Kick-off will be at 7.45pm.

ATE NIGHT OPENING

For the benefit of Reds supporters the Oakwell Box Office and Reds Superstore will remain open on the following days during

THURSDAY 6 MARCH, WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH, THURSDAY 27 MARCH

Supporters wishing to purchase tickets and goods might also like to know that the Box Office and Superstore will be open from 9.00am to 12.00 noon on each Saturday during March.

REDS ON THE ROAD

Sat 15 March - TRANMERE ROVERS

Depart 11.30am Fare £7.50

Sat 22 March - HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

Depart 1.00pm Fare £4.50

Coach travel tickets are now on sale at the Oakwell Box Office for both trips.

TRANMERE ROVERS v REDS

Barnsley supporters have been allocated the Kop Stand at Prenton Park where admission will be by payment at the turnstiles on the day of the match. Full arrangements will appear in Friday's programme v Sheffield United.

MATCHES ARRANGED

We are pleased to advise Reds supporters that dates for our Nationwide Football League matches have now been arranged. Our 'home' match versus Oldham Athletic will be played at Oakwell on Tuesday 15 April, kick-off 7.45pm. Tickets already purchased for this match will remain valid for the re-arranged

The Reds will play Portsmouth at Fratton Park on Tuesday 22 April. Again, kick-off will be at 7.45pm.

EARLY SALE

In accordance with normal club policy tickets for next month's 'home' match versus Birmingham City will go on sale at the Oakwell Box Office tomorrow. Tickets for our other April 'home' matches - namely those versus Charlton Athletic (12 April), Oldham Athletic (15 April) and Bradford City (26 April) will also go on sale tomorrow.

WELL DONE, SWINDON TOWN

It is Barnsley Football Club's policy to provide concessionary admission rates for visiting supporters who purchase their tickets in advance. This policy operates on a reciprocal basis and we are pleased that a number of Swindon supporters have been able to take advantage of the concessionary price. Our thanks to Swindon for their help in selling tickets in advance for today's match.

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN v BARNSLEY

NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SATURDAY, 22 MARCH, 1997 - Kick-off 3.00pm

We have been advised by Huddersfield Town Football Club that the above fixture will be ALL TICKET for Barnsley supporters.

Barnsley has been allocated the Gardner Merchant South Stand which can accommodate 3800 spectators.

Tickets will be for reserved seating and must be purchased in advance from the Oakwell Box Office. They will be priced as follows:-

Adults 210.00 Juveniles/OAPS £ 6.00

Tickets will be made available for purchase by Barnsley supporters at the Oakwell Box Office on a restricted basis as detailed below:-

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

Season Ticket holders will each be able to purchase ONE ticket only on presentation of Special Match Voucher 'K' at the following times:-

24 February 1997 1.00pm - 5.00pm Monday 25 February 1997 9.00am - 5.00pm Tuesday Wednesday 26 February 1997 9.00am - 5.00pm 27 February 1997 9.00am - 5.00pm

OAKWELL CENTENARY SOCIETY/LOTTERY AGENTS

Dakwell Centenary Society members and Lottery Agents will each be able to purchase ONE ticket only on presentation of a valid, current membership card at the following times:-

28 February 1997 9.00am - 5.00pm Friday Saturday 1 March 1997 9.00am - 12.00 noon 9.00am - 7.00pm Monday 3 March 1997

MATCH TICKET HOLDERS - 1

Supporters who can produce match tickets from any FOUR 'home' matches (complimentary tickets excluded) played during the current season will each be able to purchase ONE ticket at the following times:-

9.00am - 7.45pm and 9.30pm - 10.00pm 9.00am - 5.00pm Tuesday 4 March 1997

5 March 1997 Wednesday

MATCH TICKET HOLDERS - 2

Supporters who can produce match tickets from any TWO 'home' matches (complimentary tickets excluded) played during the current season will each be able to purchase ONE ticket at the following times:-

Thursday 6 March 1997 9.00am - 7.00pm

Friday 7 March 1997 9.00am - 7.45pm and 9.30pm - 10.00pm

OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB

Members of the Official Supporters Club will each be able to purchase ONE ticket on presentation of a valid membership card at the following times:-6 March 1997 9.00am - 7.00pm

Friday 7 March 1997

9.00am - 7.45pm and 9.30pm - 10.00pm

Any seat tickets remaining unsold will be initially available for general sale on a first come, first served basis at the Oakwell Box Office between 9.00am and 12.00 noon on Saturday 8 March 1997.

POSTAL APPLICATIONS

Postal applications will be accepted and must include the appropriate voucher/card/ticket, correct remittance and a first class stamped addressed envelope for the return of the ticket(s). All cheques should be made payable to 'Barnsley Football Club Limited'.

TELEPHONE APPLICATIONS

Supporters wishing to purchase seat tickets for the Huddersfield Town match by telephone using Access, Visa or Switch credit and debit cards will be able to do so during Box Office hours from Monday 10 March 1997 onwards.

ALL TICKETS OFFERED FOR SALE ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

COACH TRAVEL

Barnsley Football Club is running official supporters coaches to the McAlpine Stadium. Coach travel tickets can now be purchased at the Oakwell Box Office - the coach fare is £4.50 and the departure time is 1.00pm.



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_	7	Manchester Citý	Α	2-1	26,464	Watson	Eaden	Appleby	Sheridan	Davis	De Zeeuw	Marcelle 2	Redlearn
	10	STOKE CITY	Н	3-0	11,696	Watson	Eaden	Appleby	Sheridan x	Davis 1	De Zeeuw	Marcelle	Redleam
	14	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	Н	1-3	13,003	Watson	Eaden	Appleby	Sheridan †	Davis	De Zeeuw	Marcelle	Redlearn
	17	GILLINGHAM CCC 2(1) §	H	1-1	4,491	Watson	Eaden	Appleby	Bosancic †	Davis	De Zeeuw	Marcelle	Redfean
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	24	Gillingham CCC 2(2) AET	A	0-1	5,666	Watson	Eaden	Appleby	Van Der Velden †	Davis	De Zeeuw	Marcelle	Redfear
	28	GRIMSBY TOWN	Н	1-3	8,833	Watson	Eaden	Appleby	Bosancic x	Davis	De Zeeuw	Marcelle †	Redfearn
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	15	OXFORD UNITED	H	0-0	6,337	Watson	Eaden	Appleby	Sheridan	Davis	De Zeeuw	Hendrie †	Redfearn
	19	Bradford City	A	2-2	11,477	Watson	Eaden x	Appleby	Sheridan	Davis 1	De Zeeuw	Hendrie	Redfearn
Ħ.	25	BOLTON WANDERERS	Н	2-2	9,413	Watson	Eaden	Appleby	Sheridan	Davis	De Zeeuw	Hendrie	Redfeam p
	29	Port Vale	Α	3-1	5,231	Watson	Eaden	Appleby	Sheridan †	Davis	De Zeeuw 1	Hendrie 1	Redfearn
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	9	NORWICH CITY	Н	3-1	9,697	Watson	Eaden	Appleby	Sheridan	Moses 1	De Zeeuw	Hendrie 1†	Redtearn
	16	Swindon Town	A	0-3	10,837	Watson	Eaden †	Appleby	Sheridan	Moses	De Zeeuw	Hendrie	Redfearn
	23	PORTSMOUTH	Н	3-2	7,449	Watson	Eaden	Appleby	Sheridan	Davis 1	De Zeeuw	Hendrie 1	Redfearn
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	7	SOUTHEND UNITED	Н	3-0	7,489	Watson	Eaden	Appleby x	Bosancic †	Davis	De Zeeuw	Hendrie 1	Redfearn
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	14	OLDHAM ATHLETIC FAC 3	H	2-0	9,936	Watson	Eaden	Moses	Bosancic †	and the second second	De Zeeuw	Hendrie x	Redfearn
	18	IPSWICH TOWN	Н	1-2	9,872	Watson	Eaden	Moses	Sheridan		De Zeeuw	Liddell 1	Redfearn
,	25	Queens's Park Rangers FAC 4	_	_		nilkes -	Eaden	Appleby x	Bosancic ††	Moses	De Zeeuw	Hendrie 1	Redlearn 1
	28	Grimsby Town	Α	3-2	6,323	Watson	Eaden	Appleby x	Sheridan	Moses	Shirtliff	Hendrie 3	Redfearn
Feb	1	Norwich City	A	1-1	17,001	Watson	Eaden 1	Appleby	Sheridan	Moses	Shirtliff	Hendrie	Redfeam
	8	PORT VALE	Н	1-0	12,246	Watson	Eaden	Shirtliff	Sheridan	Moses	De Zeeuw	Hendrie 1	Redlearn
	15	Charlton Athletic	A	2-2	9,104	Watson	Eaden	Shirtliff	Sheridan	Moses	De Zeeuw	Hendrie 2	Redfeam
	22	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	Н	1-3	18,024	Watson	Eaden	Shirtliff †	Bosancic x	Moses	De Zeeuw	Hendrie	Redfear
Mar	1	Southend United	Α	2-1	4,855	Watson	Eaden	Appleby	Sheridan	Moses	De Zeeuw	Hendrie	Redfear
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Figure after name denotes goals scored
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† †† x substituted players

§ Denotes own goal

NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

(up to and including Sunday, 2nd March, 1997)

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Bolton 35	13	4	1	39	16	7	7	3	33	29	71
Wolves 34	7	4	7	20	17	10	4	2	27	15	59
Barnsley 33	9	3	4	30	17	7	7	3	26	24	58
Sheffield Utd 34	8	5	4	33	20	7	5	5	25	20	55
Norwich 35	8	7	3	24	15	7	2	8	29	38	54
Crystal Palace 33	7	3	5	28	15	7	7	4	35	20	52
Port Vale 35	5	9	4	27	23	7	5	5	16	16	50
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Bradford	6	5		19		2		10	100	28	34
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Grimsby 33	4	5		22		3	5	7		28	31
Oldham32	3	5		15		4	5		18		31

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND GOALS

	League	FAC	CCC	Total	Goals
David Watson	33	2	4	39	0
Nicky Eaden	33	2	4	39	2
Paul Wilkinson	33	2	4	39	9
Arjan de Zeeuw	31	2	4	37	2
Neil Redfearn	31	2	4	37	14.
Matty Appleby	26	1	4	31	0
Darren Sheridan	27(2)	1(1)	1(1)	29(4) 2
Steve Davis	24	0	4	28	2
Andy Liddell	23(5)	0(2)	3	26(7) 6
John Hendrie	23	2	0	25	13
Clint Marcelle	16(10	0) 2	3(1)	21(1	1) 6
Jovo Bosancic	16(5)	2	3(1)	21(6) 1
Neil Thompson	13	1	3	17	1
Adrian Moses	12(3)	2	0	14(3) 2
Scott Jones	10(5)	0(2)	0	10(7) 0
Peter Shirtliff	8	0	0	8	0
Martin Bullock	3(17	7) 1(1)	1(1)	5(1	9) 1
Carel Van Der Velde	en 1(1)	0	1	2(1) 0
Glynn Hurst	0(1)	0	1	1(1) 0
Dave Regis	0(4)	0	0(3)	0(7) 1



SAVE THOSE TICKETS

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Supporters who bought their matchday tickets in advance for today's game, together with those who paid at the turnstiles are urged to keep their used tickets in a safe place.

These tickets might be helpful for supporters who wish to obtain tickets for important matches at other times in the season.

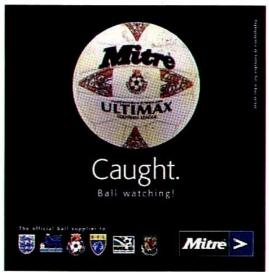


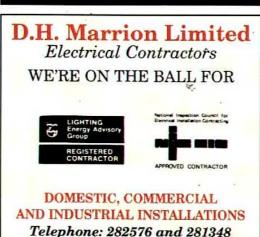
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Programme Collecting for Non-Anoraks!

A series of articles by the Editor of PROGRAMME MONTHLY magazine describing the different varieties of programmes that can form a collection.

18. SCHOOLS AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE GAMES

The attraction of programmes from representative matches at schools or youth levels lies in the pen pictures of the players.

While there may be little interest in the glowing account of a 15-year-old's golden promise - who subsequently made no impression at all on the professional game - there is considerable fascination in reading of the future internationalist or club star in his formative years.

Interesting also to consider the various players who made up the team - some of them going on to greatness, either together in one side, or as future opponents; the majority achieving little more than an ordinary career in the lower reaches of senior football.

Against Scotland Schools at
Chesterfield in 1951, England fielded
Duncan Edwards and David Pegg,
both destined for Manchester United.
Seven years later, for the same
fixture, but this time at Wembley,
Terry Venables and Billy Bremner
were on opposite sides. In 1959, at
Derby, England fielded Chris Lawler
and Martin Peters, while Peter Shilton
featured in the 1965 England v
Scotland Schools programme at
Wembley.

The range of venues used for these matches makes for a varied collection. The majority of League club grounds in England have hosted a Schools or Youth international at one time or another. This plethora of matches, virtually all of them lost in the mists of time, means that a complete collection is just about impossible.

Schools international fixtures, played annually at Wembley and at League grounds around the country, can be picked up for very modest sums from dealers' catalogues, or at programme fairs. While rare because of their age, programmes from either side of the Second World War may be obtained for a fraction of the cost of League, Cup or senior international issues.

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NAYY RDF!



The alternative view from National League Referee Steve Lodge

I THOUGHT you might be interested to read a few responses received in a quick survey conducted among various leading officials of a professional club on the simple question "What do you think of referees?"

Answers returned were very interesting "It's better left unsaid"; "You often have to wonder how competent they really are"; "One in three excellent, but let's not talk about the other two"; "They simply get in the way"; "Well some are good and some are not"; "Too self-righteous"; "They do their best but nobody likes them"; "They should be professional"; "I would rather not say"; "I lose two kilos every weekend because of them"; "Let's hope they get better"; "They have a thankless job to do, but we should take an urgent look at their ability because refereeing is losing its grip"; "They often forget the rules themselves"; "It's all very well to mean well, but that's not enough".

No doubt you already get the picture.

So what is to be done about all these accusations? With all these comments giving cause for concern, what are refereeing committees doing to take the bull by the horns and to come dashing to the rescue in what must be it seems, a pretty desperate crisis situation? Quite interestingly the information that all these gloomy illuminating comments on the current state of refereeing were in point of fact taken from an article which I happened to come across in a magazine, published by a now defunct club.

Exactly 50 years ago. And when one bears in mind the social status and the positions of the people quoted, all leading businessmen from the community, as well as their roles in local football life, we have to conclude four things have been so bad for so long, for half a century in fact, it is not simply because we have failed to educate people in the ethics of sport so that there continues to be a general lack of respect for the sporting arbiter and his important job in life?

At all levels and it seems at all time? I will touch on the answers in my next programme notes.

... and in the middle tonight

Name: Alan Geoffrey Wiley. Age: 36. Home Town: Burntwood. Occupation: Police Officer. Marital Status: Married to Carol. Children: Laura (9), Nicola (6). Career Details: Commenced in 1981 in the Walsall Minor League, progressing through the Staffordshire County League to the West Midlands Regional League. Promoted to the Football League linesman's list in 1991; an FA Premier League linesman in 1994; the Football League referees' list in 1995. Honours: England v Scotland police International (linesman) 1993; Staffordshire FA Senior Cup Final (referee) 1994; FA Umbro Trophy semi-final, Chorley v Macclesfield (referee) 1996. Interests and Hobbies: Enjoys running and playing, or watching, most sports; spending time with his family; and is the holder of the FA preliminary coaching badge.

TODAYS MASCOT



GARETH DAVIES is the son of Steve Davies, of Oakwell AM, and he plays football for the Junior Tykes Under 10s. He has the Reds' full kit for the 1996-97 season.

A pupil at the Oakfield School, Wombwell, eight-years-old Gareth lives at Burtop Croft, Hemingfield, and his hobbies are football, rugby and watching television.

His favourite Barnsley player is Arjan de Zeeuw.





WE TOOK a more experienced side to Grimsby than we had put out in recent weeks, and that made it all the more disappointing to come away with our biggest defeat of the season - 6-0.

All the good work went right out of the window in a very poor performance.

The game was very fast and furious and we were a goal down after only four minutes. Having fought our way back we conceded two more goals before half-time as a result of stupid mistakes.

After half-time we started brightly enough and could have scored a couple of goals which would have put us right back in it, but three more mistakes by individual players cost us three more goals.

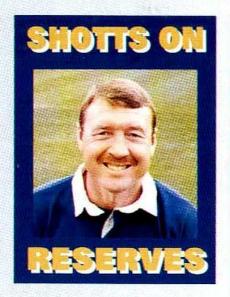
We had enough chances to clear our lines at one end and score goals at the other but failed miserably on both counts.

To sum up, Grimsby took their chances. We did not. They defended well. We did not. Simple as that.

Our team was: Sollitt, Perry, D. Jones, Appleby, Hume, Morgan, Gregory, Marcelle, Van der Velden, Liddell, Ten Heuvel. McClare went on for Van der Velden and Hurst for Jones. Luke Beckett was the other sub.

We returned to winning ways in an Under 21 game at Chester, producing some football of a very good standard to ensure a 4-2 victory. The work-rate, passing, movement, crossing and finishing were all of a very high order and it was good to see that.

Glynn Hurst scored the first goal with a neat finish after good approach work and Luke Beckett notched the second before the break, again after good movement in the built-up to it.



At half-time I made four changes to give other players a run, but it did not affect the pattern of play and we soon went 3-0 up with a good header from Luke Beckett.

We then hit the bar, Hurst being the unlucky player, and Luke Beckett was denied his hat-trick goal by the post.

Chester their pulled a goal back, with their striker getting in behind Darron Clyde to score with a header at the far post, but a 25-yard strike from Lee Norfolk, who played very well in midfield, made it 4-1.

Chester scored their second goal in the last minute with a shot which cannoned off the back of their striker, giving Adam Sollitt no chance.

The team was: Sollitt, Perry, D. Clyde, J. Jones, Hume, D. Beckett, McClare, Norfolk, Bennett, Hurst, L. Beckett. Prendergast went on for D. Beckett, Morgan for Hume, Van der Velden for D. Jones and Gregory for Perry, all of them at half-time.

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ON THE TREATMENT TABLE

AS WE said last week, we are still having to put the reins on **Steve Davis**. He is so keen to get back as quickly as possible that he is sometimes in danger of over-doing things. He needs to calm down a bit and be a little more patient.

It was a very severe injury - he possibly does not realise how bad it really was - and it has still not fully healed. So he needs to listen to us and take it steady, otherwise he could do a lot more harm than good because of his enthusiasm to get back into the action.

We have stepped up the rehabilitation on Neil Thompson's hamstring and he should soon be available again.

Neil Redfearn has done remarkably well to play through a viral infection which has affected his strength. No-one would have thought that he was still feeling a bit weak the way he played against Southend on Saturday, and, of course, came up with two match-winning goals.

Full marks, too, to **Martin Bullock**, who complained of feeling unwell the night before the Southend game as a result of a similar infection, yet still did well when given a place in the starting line-up.

Paul Wilkinson continues to suffer with a shoulder problem and the doctor was yesterday considering giving him a local steroid injection to help knit the fibres together.

Shane Hulson is continuing his rehabilitation after a medial ligament injury, and goalkeeper Rudi Coleano is making excellent progress after his serious shoulder operation. He sees the specialist in a few weeks time and we hope then to start doing some ball work with him.

The only other casualty is Mark Heckingbottom, who is on antibiotics for an infection caused by a cut, and is also suffering for a groin strain suffered in training, but neither problem is serious.

Mick Tarmey and Paul Smith





AT THE risk of repeating myself, I have to say that the weather again played a major part in the game when we beat Bradford City 3-1 on the Queen's Ground last Saturday.

In the first half we had to play against an extremely strong wind which made any dead ball situation a lottery.

Our players deserve credit in that they still attempted to play football, and this was rewarded when a Jackson lay-back was threaded through for Rose to run on and slide the ball past the goalkeeper to give us the lead.

Then Bagshaw finished off a really good three-man move by putting the ball through the 'keeper's legs to put us two-up.

Shortly afterwards we were caught trying to play a little bit too much football and Glynn Clyde was given no chance as Bradford pulled a goal back.

This spurred the visitors on to greater efforts, but Bassinder, Jones and triallist Keddie were solid at the back and provided an effective shield for their goalkeeper.

Just before half-time we made it 3-1, Bagshaw racing clear down the right, and, after some clever footwork, pulling the ball back for Rose to claim his second goal of the game.

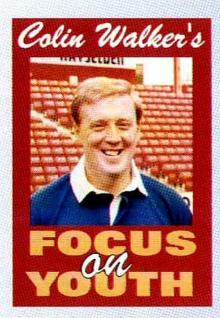
We had done well to reach that position at the break playing against the wind, but we had to make a change for the second half, Rose coming off to be replaced by Harris.

The wind was blowing stronger than ever in the second half and neither side was able to create anything, the weather completely spoiling the game as a spectacle.

However, after three defeats in eight days it was good for the lads to get back to winning ways, as much for their own mental confidence as anything else. As I told them, you don't become bad players in a week.

Hopefully, lessons have been learned over those eight days.

Having ended Leeds United's 20-match unbeaten run in stylish fashion, our own 16-match run was ended by a 3-0 home defeat at the hands of Sheffield United, and we were then beaten 2-1 at Rotherham United.



It was the fifth time the teams had met this season and we have failed to beat them in any of the games.

The weather again had a major say in our performance. The wind was swirling all over the place. We were hit by an early goal, came back well to equalise through Luke Beckett and dominated the match, but we could not capitalise.

From being in control we gave Rotherham the initiative for a period in the second half and were then forced to chase the game.

The third successive defeat came when we were well beaten 5-0 on our visit to Leeds United, who gained ample revenge for the defeat we had inflicted on them at our place.

Teams were as follows:

Against Rotherham: Clyde, Bassinder, Butler (Smith, 80 mins), Cross, Young (Harris, 65 mins), Wood, Shenton, Beckett, Prendergast (Zoll, 70 mins), Bagshaw, Kennedy.

Against Leeds: Clyde, Bassinder, Kennedy (Harris, 46 mins), Smith (Wood, 20 mins), Lenagh, Cross, Bagshaw, Shenton, Rose (Zoll, 70 mins), Beckett, Prendergast.

Against Bradford: Clyde, Bassinder, Jones, Keddie, Beckett, Shenton, Andrews, Bagshaw, Prendergast, Rose (Harris, 46 mins), Jackson (Wood, 70 mins). Sub not used: Cross.

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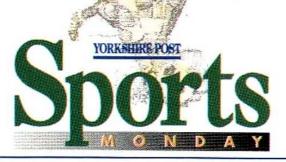
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Just look who happened to be walking past on the Executive Floor. Of course I mean the one and only Toby Tyke. Wigwam Acoustics were delighted to have their photo taken!



Wigwam Acoustics thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Oakwell at our last home game. Here are some of their-party pictured with a few of the players. See if you can spot them!

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

We extend a very warm welcome to the Barnsley Branch of Guide Dogs who are now celebrating their 12th year.

On the pitch tonight we have a few of our canine friends and accompanying Mr. Alan Hunter is Nyle a pure bred Labrador with Eric Wake is Morris a Labrador/Retriever cross. These two dogs are fully trained but we also have Lisa who is a puppy in the progress of being fully trained.

The Barnsley Branch recently had a raffle which I am told raised some £1400 towards their cause. Well done and congratulations from everyone at Oakwell. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for their support.

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THE Daily Star is very much a sports orientated newspaper and as such are only too happy to support sports at all levels whenever possible.

Hopefully the many and varied sponsorships that they have undertaken have put back something into the sports that are covered in the paper. I am assured it will give the Daily Star much pleasure in sponsoring tonight's proceedings versus Swindon Town.

The Daily Star are also pleased to give a special warm welcome to their prize winners tonight who will be able to sample the excellent hospitality which I am told is unique to Barnsley F.C.

The Daily Star are proud to have amongst their guests tonight, Ryan Rhodes, the British boxing champion at light middleweight who is their guest of honour, who did South Yorkshire proud by winning his bout last Tuesday, in the first round, well done and congratulations from everyone at Oakwell.

Finally the Daily Star wishes both teams all the best tonight in what promises to be an exciting encounter and hopes that the quest for Premier League football by Danny Wilson and his team is a successful one.

THE ORA PENALTY SHOOT OUT

This evening's contestant for the ORA Penalty Shoot Out is Shane Smith aged 9. Shane attends Grove Street School and plays football regularly with his mates. He hasn't had far to come tonight only living just up the road from Oakwell.



His favourite player is Andy Liddell. Oh yes, I nearly forgot Shane has a birthday on the 6th March. Happy Birthday from everyone at Oakwell.

Shane will earn himself £10 to spend in the Reds Superstore for each successful penalty taken during the half time interval - courtesy of ORA Electronics.





SPOTLIGHT the Player of the Year Award

THE TIME has come round once again for you to make your nominations for the Oakwell Player of the Year award.

Run in conjunction with the Barnsley Chronicle, the poll will be conducted through the pages of the Chronicle and Oakwell Review, these two publications carrying voting forms until the closing date of Friday, April

The presentation of the Boylin Trophy. donated initially by Mrs. Rosemary Boylin in 1974 in memory of her husband, John, a former chairman of the Barnsley Supporters Club, will then be made at the final home league game of the season against Bradford City on Saturday, April 26.

To help you make up your minds, the following are the contenders in alphabetical order.

MATTY APPLEBY: Born in Middlesbrough and signed for £250,000 from Darlington in the summer, the versatile 24-year-old has played in a number of positions, but has impressed most as sweeper. He played in the first 25 games of the season, during which the Reds had their most successful spell, but has since been handicapped by injuries.

JOVO BOSANCIC: Signed in the summer after impressing during a fortnight's trial. A former Yugoslavian Under 21 international, he has added keen competition to the midfield places, and showed against Manchester City the kind of form of which he is well capable, as well as the confidence to deputise as a penalty-taker if necessary.

STEVE DAVIS: Undoubtedly the unluckiest player on the books, he has been dogged by injuries since his £180,000 signing from Burnley, breaking his leg for the second time in the league game at Queens' Park

Rangers in January after showing some of the best form of his Oakwell career. He is hoping to be back before the end of the season.

NICKY EADEN: One of only three remaining ever-presents in the side this season he has been one of the club's most consistent players over the last three years, during which he has missed only two first team games. A good crosser of the ball from his wing-back role, he has now made more than 150 appearances for the Reds and has made the number two shirt his own.

JOHN HENDRIE: The leading goalscorer, he has made a tremendous impact since his signing from Middlesbrough for £250,000 in October. As well as scoring vital goals, he is capable of bringing colleagues into play with his unselfish running. and holds the ball up superbly. He had a purple patch in January/February when he scored seven goals in five games.

ANDY LIDDELL: Had a good start to the season, scoring in the opening win at West Brom and adding three more goals in the next six games. Another unselfish worker, he was a regular in the side until the end of November. He has since been in and out of the starting line-up. Of the current players, only skipper Neil Redfearn has scored more goals for the club.

CLINT MARCELLE: Born in Trinidad and Tobago, the Trinidadian international proved an instant hit on his arrival at Oakwell during the summer, scoring on his debut at West Brom in the opening game, adding another at home to Huddersfield and then scoring a match-winning double against Manchester City at Maine Road to make it four goals in his first six games.

NEIL REDFEARN: Captain of the side and a previous winner of the award, he has missed only two games this season and has contributed his usual double-figure quota of goals from midfield. including six penalties. A player who leads by example, he turns in consistently good performances. He has now scored more than 60 goals in over 250 appearances.

DARREN SHERIDAN: His versatility has been invaluable this season. Although he prefers a more central midfield role, he has more often than not occupied the left wing-back position as a result of the lengthy injury absences of Neil Thompson and never lets the side down. Probably the best passer of the ball on the club's books.

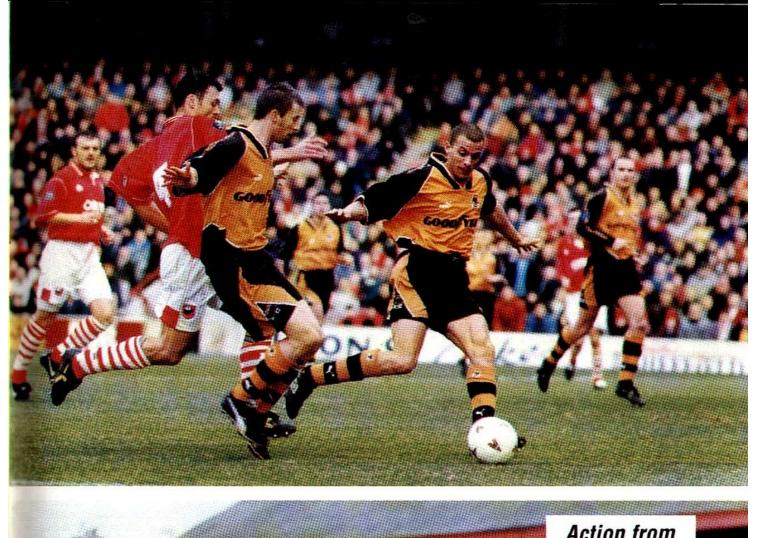
DAVID WATSON: Another ever-present, the former England Youth and Under 21 international has enhanced his reputation as one of the best shot-stoppers outside the Premiership and by the end of the season will have chalked up more than 150 appearances for the Reds. Has been a regular number one for the last three seasons.

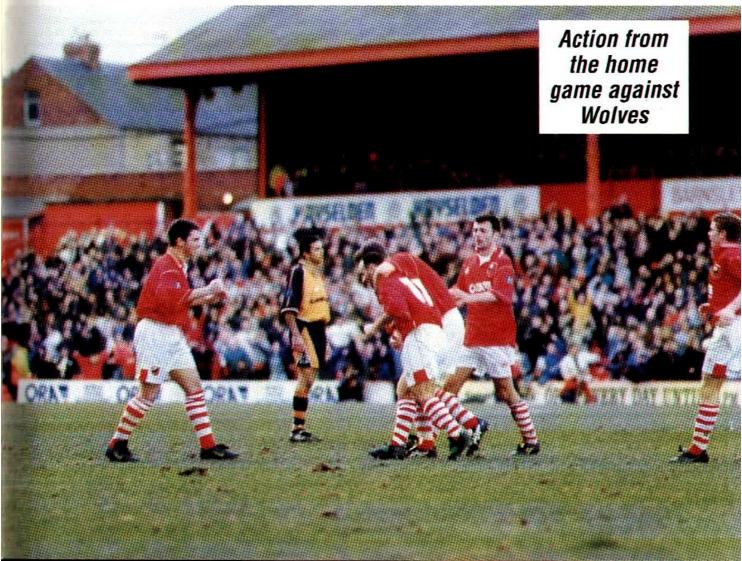
PAUL WILKINSON: The third of the ever-presents, the former Middlesbrough striker has revelled in the renewal of his partnership with John Hendrie. Holds the line well and contributes his share of goals. He is fast approaching his 200th career goal. Takes a lot of knocks but keeps bouncing back for more week after week.

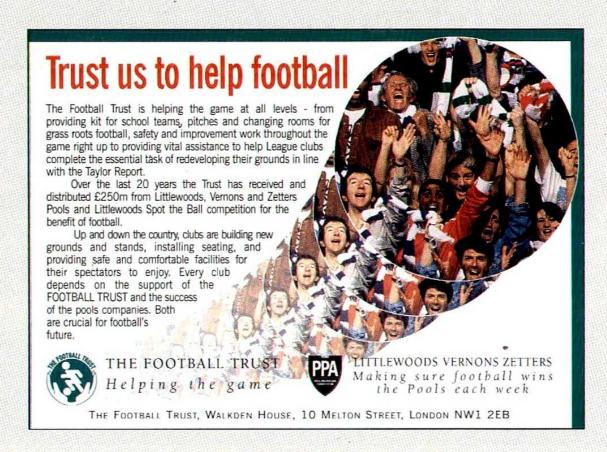
ARJAN DE ZEEUW: Winner of the award last year after his first season with the club, the big Dutchman has again strung together a series of impressive performances in the heart of the defence, being absent from the starting line-up on only two occasions. His aerial dominance and all-round authority have been a feature of the Reds' defensive work.

 Adrian Moses, Neil Thompson, Scott Jones, Peter Shirtliff and Martin Bullock have all played insufficient games to be considered for the award.

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NEIL REDFEARN'S two goals at Southend on Saturday mean that he has again leapfrogged over John Hendrie as the Reds' leading goalscorer this season. Redders now has 14 goals from a total of 37 games - an excellent haul for a midfield player, while Hendrie has 13 from 25.

While Redders' record includes six from the penalty spot, his average of goals per games still compares very favourably with his colleague when you consider that Hendric is an out-and-out striker.

Paul Wilkinson has been stuck on nine for the last 13 matches, his last goal coming in the 3-0 home win over Tranmere Rovers on December 14, but he has been instrumental in creating chances for others.

Other players who are due a goal are Clint Marcelle, who scored four in his first four matches but has added only two more since, and Andy Liddell, whose last goal was in the 2-2 draw at Bradford City on October 19, although to be fair, neither have recently been regulars in the side.

THE GATE of 18,024 for the last home game against Wolves was the highest in the league at Oakwell since the visit of neighbours Sheffield Wednesday in the 1990-91 campaign, when there was a crowd of 23,079 for that derby fixture.

There was, of course, a gate of 18,429 for the third round Coca Cola Cup-tie with Arsenal in October, 1995.

The Wolves' attendance was, however, still more than 700 short of the new capacity for the all-seater ground.

Another big crowd is expected for Friday night's visit of Sheffield United.

THE REDS' 2-1 victory at Roots Hall on Saturday was their seventh away win of the season, the others having come at West Brom (2-1), Manchester City (2-1), Oldham Athletic (1-0), Port Vale (3-1), Sheffield United (1-0) and Grimsby Town (3-2).

It also provided them with their third double of the campaign, their other victims being Manchester City and Port Vale.

In the Southend side were two former Barnsley players, Phil Gridelet and Andy Rammell, the latter going on as a substitute during the second half.

It was good, incidentally, to see in the Southend programme the following quote from one of their players, Andy Harris, who commented: "It's refreshing to see a club like Barnsley challenging for a Premiership place. Danny Wilson is fast establishing himself as one of the country's most promising young managers and personally I hope that the Tykes gain automatic

promotion and ruffle the feathers of sides such as Wolves."

> OUR next visitors to Oakwell are South Yorkshire derby rivals Sheffield United in a vital First Division fixture to be televised live on Sky on Friday

The Blades are just two points behind us in the table, although we have a game in hand, so the importance of the encounter is quite obvious.

> In recent weeks their manager Howard Kendall has spent more than £2 million strengthening his side for the final promotion push, bringing in striker Jan Fjortoft from Middlesbrough and midfield players John Ebbrell and Nick Henry from Everton and Oldham Athletic respectively.

They will, therefore, provide extremely strong opposition, and they will also be keen to avenge a 1-0 defeat at Bramall Lane just before Christmas, when John Hendrie, who was with Fjortoft at Middlesbrough, scored the only goal of the game.

BIRMINGHAM CITY Football Club's historian, Ivan Barnsley yes, honestly, that's his name - is interested in obtaining either the original or a copy of a programme for a match which took place between City and the Reds in order to complete a history book which he is producing for the St. Andrew's Club.

He would be grateful for any help in this matter.

The programme he is seeking is for the game between Barnsley and Birmingham City at Oakwell on December 20, 1947. Anyone who is able to help will be acknowledged in the book and should contact Ivan on 0121 323 4851 or 14, Coombe Park, Four Oaks, West Midlands B74 2QB.

 THOUSANDS OF programmes, old and new, will be available for buying, selling or exchanging at the annual Bolton Spring Football Programme Fair in the executive club at Bolton Wanderers FC, Burnden Park, from 11.00am to 3.30pm on Sunday, March 30.

THIS could be your last chance to enter the competition being run by Oakwell Review in conjunction with Lord Mason of Barnsley, one of our most famous fans.

Lord Mason has put up total prize money of £100 -

£50.00 for the winner, £30.00 for the runner-up and £20.00 for the winner of a special Under 16 category - for one of his annual competitions.

You have all read of the £15 million player and £30,000 a week wages. What Lord Mason wants to know is do you think that Barnsley can afford to compete at that level? Will a Super League be formed, based on big business, to the exclusion of a club like ours?

Under 16s should write giving your opinion of imported foreign players and their value to clubs like Bamsley.

Entries should be addressed to Lord Mason Competition, Barnsley Football Club, Grove Street, Barnsley.





REDDERS on the REDS



IT WAS a very important game for both teams at Roots Hall on Saturday, and, while it was not the best game of football - we played only in pockets again - the result was all-important.

We had discussed things beforehand and one of the comments had been that Southend played it very flat at the back and if anyone was prepared to gamble and get forward from midfield there could be something in it for them. So I took the gamble and it worked - twice.

A lot of credit for the success of the moves leading to both goals had to go to Paul Wilkinson. He has not been amongst the goals himself recently, but he does a great deal of unselfish work for others to cash in on, and that kind of work is not always appreciated.

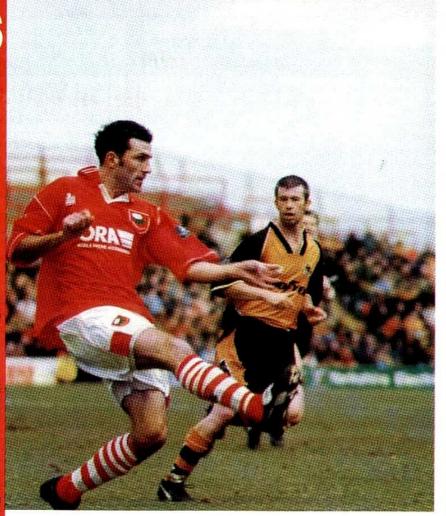
It would be lovely to see him on the scoresheet as well. He deserves that. And I am sure he will start popping them in again very soon. He is that kind of player.

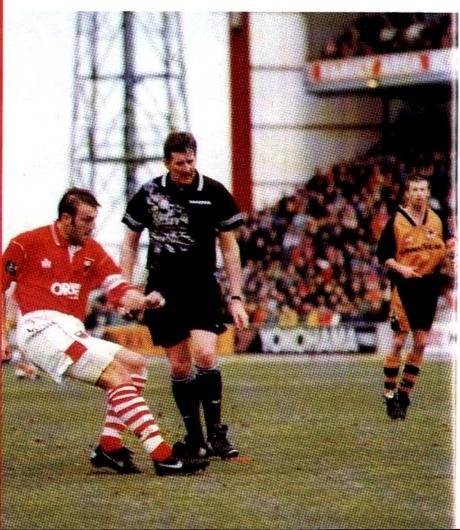
Recently we have been giving silly goals, and it happened again at "Southend after we had taken an early lead. This time it was a bad mistake by Matty Appleby, which he held up his hands for, and to be fair to him he recovered to play very well. While we looked suspect defensively in the first half I thought we were brilliant in that department after half-time.

Now we face two very important home games against Swindon tonight and the big derby with Sheffield United on Friday.

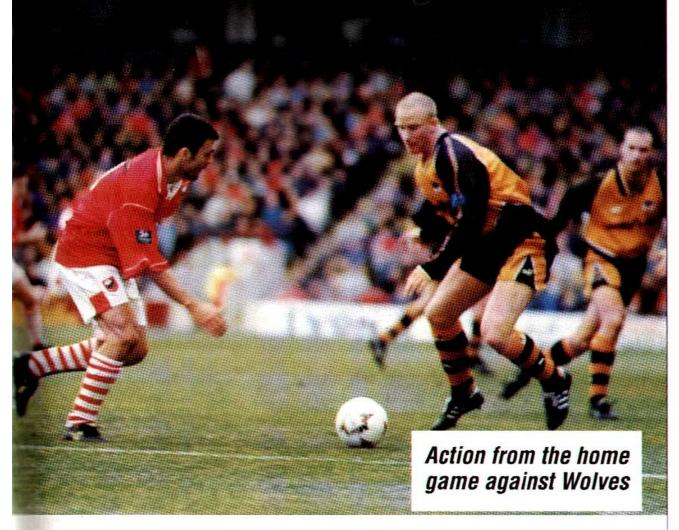
Swindon will provide us with a tough game. They are still in with half a chance of the play-offs and we know that any side managed by Steve McMahon will be fired up. Any player not fired up would not dare go back into the dressing room to face him.

The Blades, of course, have been busy spending their millions in recent weeks. Yet we are still up there competing with them. And that says a lot, not only for our hard work and team spirit, but for our very shrewd manager as well.













WATCHING Barnsley is rarely without incident, but in recent years, Keith Lodge and I have come to suspect a 'Lodge Jinx' might be in place.

Take the following commentaries for example. You may recall the much-loved Fixtures Computer threw up a trip to Portsmouth at Christmas-time a few years ago. I'd arranged to meet the

'Lodgemeister' at some ridiculously early time to give us plenty of time for the long journey with a view to arriving at the ground around noon.

I would also have to 'wire-up' the equipment on arrival; 200-plus miles later down the road, we got on-air with just 20 seconds to spare!

Then there was Tranmere. Driving a much-used Pool car from work, I picked up Keith in Barnsley.

Bad noises started to develop as we went to meet Trevor Lovett of the Sheffield Star. Shortly afterwards the exhaust fell off!

We made a dash back to Keith's to get his car. I made frantic calls to get the wreck to safety (the car that is, not Keith!!), and we got to Prenton Park with five minutes to

BENNY HILL'S





Today's writer is STEVE BANYARD (Sports Editor, Hallam FM)

spare after delays around Manchester.

To round it off, Barnsley played some great football and conceded six!

Now this season we've had the Birmingham experience.

No problems with the travel this time. Far from it. We arrived with large bucketfuls of time to spare and thought of having a big neon sign fixed to the car saying 'We're early!' to celebrate. But this time Parking Stewards and batteries were to frustrate us. (You could be forgiven for thinking the two are connected).

First, we were sent to one side of the ground, then back again, told 'we couldn't park there', advised to park in a school car park that closed before we came off-air, then redirected to the car park we had just come from.

Rather worse, when Birmingham won a penalty, our batteries decided they'd had enough. Tension for us at the ground, tension for everyone listening, but fortunately after a record-quick change, David Watson saved it!!

That's the downside of the 'Lodge Jinx', but I'm pleased to say there are signs of an upturn in fortune.

The Wolves match went without a hitch. Indeed, it was probably the most entertaining match I've seen all season despite the disappointment of ending with a draw. Not only that, but at Port Vale, where we work on the roof exposed to the elements, it didn't rain!

Let's hope it's a good omen for Danny's lads to win promotion in '97.





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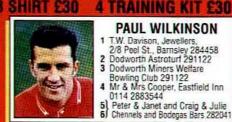
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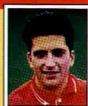


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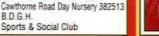
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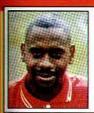
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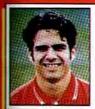
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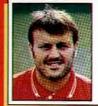
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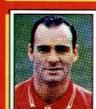
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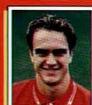
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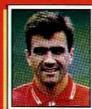
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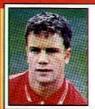
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