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Football is a funny old game. This old cliché certainly sprang to mind after our three performances since my last set of notes! At Huddersfield our domination was such that we could have quite easily had seven or eight goals, yet as it turned out we ended up grateful for Alan McLoughlin's late penalty for a draw. Against Queens Park Rangers we were fortunate when their strikers missed a couple of sitters while it was still 1-0, but again we were largely in control of the match and the 3-0 result certainly didn't flatter us. I was also delighted to see Martin Phillips' return to action. His goal and 'assist' will do won-

ders for his confidence and I am confident he can go on to even better things here.

And then we travelled to Oxford for the match last Sunday on TV. I am not a great believer in superstition, but we certainly must have done something to upset the gods last week. Despite losing Steve Claridge and Michalis Vlachos through illness and injury we created enough chances to have won the game by the half hour mark. But then our back four went to sleep - allowing the sort of goal that gives managers nightmares - and we were up against it. Robbie Pethick was unlucky to be sent off, but he has learned a hard

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"If we can produce the first 30 minutes performance at Oxford consistently some team is going to get a hiding..."



Michalis Vlachos: Missed Oxford through injury

lesson in that position about getting too tight and allowing your man to get away from you. The third goal merely heightened the injustice of the result, but I was pleased with the character the players showed in the second half and if we can produce the first 30 minutes performance consistently some team is going to get a hiding soon.

I would also like to welcome new signing Jeff Péron to

the club. He has enormous experience at the top level in France and I am sure will prove to be a highly useful addition to the squad.

This afternoon we welcome Steve McMahon and his Swindon side to Fratton. Although there is some 'behind the scenes' turmoil at Swindon at the moment, I wouldn't read too much into that. Any team prepared by Steve will go out and give 100% on the field, just as he did himself as a player.

Alan Ball was talking to Colin Farmery

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Runners Up 1926/27
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Division Three (South)
Champions 1923/24

Division Three
Champions 1961/62
Champions 1982/83

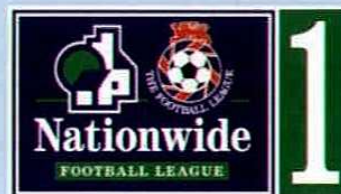
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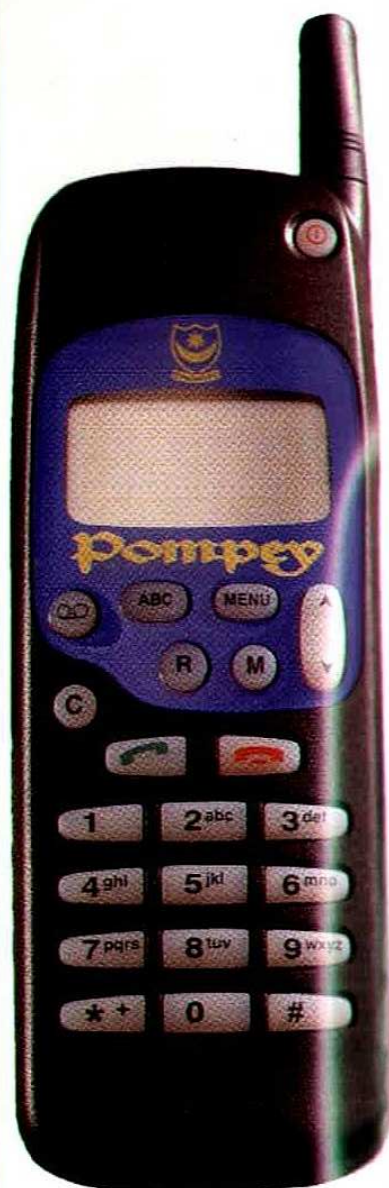
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The SKIPPER

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The Whit talks to Peter Jeffs

THOMSON LEFT IN PLASTER MEANS ALL CHANGE AT THE BACK

It was nice to get off the mark with a win in our last home against QPR. It pushed us up the table and our unbeaten run before that had bred confidence.

In the end I felt that the 3-0 scoreline was a fair reflection. We were totally in control in the first half with excellent play and could have been two or three goals ahead.

Against Huddersfield we should have sewn the game up before their late goals. We know that and didn't need to be told. We are working very hard to make sure that doesn't happen again. Obviously both defences are unhappy when they concede a total of six goals in a game. It's reassuring to know that we are making lots of chances and getting our fair share of goals.

We've had to adapt to having a new back three. We knew that Andy Awford would be out but it was an

even bigger blow to lose Andy Thomson on top of that. Now he's in plaster for ten days so we have to adapt. Equally Russell Perrett going down with a broken nose in training

added to the problems. Robbie Pethick looked very comfortable in the middle against Q.P.R. With his pace and his reading of the game he

can sweep up well in the position.

Martin Phillips had a hectic week after signing but had the sort of debut schoolboys dream of. He's a level-headed lad and I would think there's a lot more to come from him. Jeff Péron will obviously take time to settle in but with the team spirit and set of lads we have there's no better place for him to come

at this time.

I had a quick year with Swindon in the Premiership, and there's still a handful of supporters from there, torn between two clubs today, who

come to watch me at Fratton Park. Swindon have been struggling in recent weeks and you don't like to see your old club struggle. However I have a job to do here and that includes making sure we win today.



Ian Dowie



Awfs

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For our look-a-like today, how about Andy Awford and Ian Dowie?

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Enjoy the game. The Whit.

Well, Corporal Jones certainly got it right when telling Captain Mainwaring 'They don't like it up 'em Sir'. Have you ever seen such a crass headline as 'The News speaks its mind' Have you ever thought that 'The News' printed anything but it's mind? Perhaps they needed to remind themselves that they do have an independent thought and do not print rubbish off the Internet without examining its content and potential accuracy before having one inch headlines broadcasting as a fact 'Wolanin launches new bid for Blues' Let us examine the facts: I wrote my article on the evening of August 21st in the QPR programme after having read 'The News' for that day which reported the events of the AGM of the previous evening. My article was sent to the Club by fax the next morning for approval. At the time I wrote it Wolanin had not made a bid. The News had not reported my condemnation of the headline by the famous quotation 'Lies, Damned Lies and what you read on the back page of The News' They had quoted in the article on the August 20th They

thought they were close to succeeding when they met Martin Gregory and Terry Brady in a swish Paris hotel in January'.

Unfortunately I am not a party to archive material of The News so I was not aware of their report on the January 19th. I believe that to be the only time that they had reported my presence.

THEN a succession of coincidences happened!

- 1) Wolanin faxed his proposal to the Club that evening.
- 2) 'The News' reported that I was with Gregory and Brady in Pairs in their article on the August 24th (they hadn't retrieved their archival material by this time, so they had not realised that they had reported my presence already on the 19th January)
- 3) They reported my comment on the Wolanin statement 'Lies, Damned Lies etc' on August 24th.

I believe it was Sherlock Holmes who said 'One coincidence I can understand, two speaks of conspiracy, three....' Well, I leave you to make your own judgement.

My next point is this. I said that The News ought to have known, and in fact they now admit that they did know that

Martin Gregory was away at the end of July and the beginning of August. So how can they print as a fact to their 200,000 readers a quote from an Internet statement from Brian Howe. They knew that Brian Howe could not have done that which he said he had done! Why didn't they say so?

With regard to the negotiations with Railtrack, I accept that they did report this on the afternoon of the 20th. I missed the small print and I apologise. I do however still feel that Martin's further exposition at the AGM was worth a quote. My apologies.

With regard to the other matters of misquotes and balderdash a lot of the 'news' that is printed is educated guess work and generally speaking is on a subject on which we are unable to comment, either because we are in the middle of negotiations or it is *subjudice*.

It does not help the Club when 'The News' has banner headlines 'Blues buy for £x,xxx,000' when we are still in negotiations. These headlines are introduced to The News by players' agents trying to talk the price up.

PERSONAL MESSAGE

From the Finance Director and Company Secretary, Brian Henson

They are not fact and they don't help the Club. As a matter of policy we do not disclose the details of individual player transactions and with a little bit of thought you will understand why.

But why I am so critical of what you read in 'The News'? May I say that the statement last week in which it was indicated that Portsmouth Football Club had made a profit of £150,000 in their transfer dealings is as far from the truth as the statement that we lost £3.4m last year when in fact we made a profit.

The actual COST to the club for the transactions listed is £842,000, (a mere difference of just on £1m to the figure quoted). But what is that to The News who can make a mistake of £3.8m and you would never have known about it apart from the reaction to my article!

A very wise man, well versed in the activities of the football world and the type of press reporter that it attracts, (and this was before Watergate since when every cub

reporter believes that he is going to be the next Bob Woodward) told me when I first started working for him. 'Never believe the word of a reporter, they are only interested in selling their newspaper, they are not interested in the truth, only what their public want to hear. Don't try to correct them because they only print what they want their readers to read. It will only cost us money to lawyers and by the time the case is heard everybody will have forgotten about it anyway.'

I believe this to be absolutely true. So why did I start on this? Because I believe as a community we are now badly served by our press. They all now have their own agenda. This is not aimed at The News specifically who have a job to do. And with the competition from

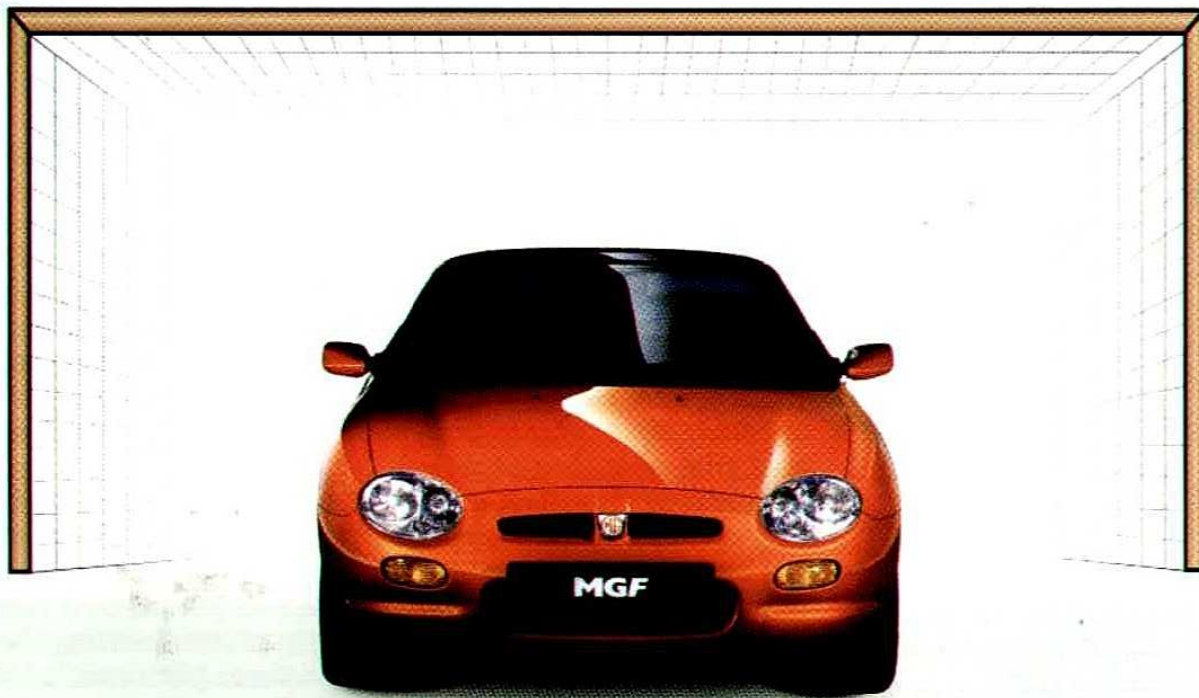
television and the Internet they are losing on wicket! I can well understand the pressure to produce! Will they be the next newspaper combine to bid for a football club? Will Portsmouth get it ahead of Sunderland.

But without a focal point such as Portsmouth Football Club the local press are very small beer!

I am away for the next four weeks so you will have to wait for any response to this article. The Management have asked me to consider writing the occasional piece entitled 'What appeared on the back page of The News' What do you think? Answers on a postcard please.



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YOUTH Matters

Dave Kemp catches up with the Youth news

POMPEY GRAB MORE POINTS AND WELCOME BACK DAVID HAWKINS

Neil McNab's youngsters have started off reasonably well in the league and saw out August with four more points from a possible six.

But they had to battle to get any points at all! At Reading the team were twice in the lead through Neil McNab and Wayne Eastman but the Royals stormed back to earn a point just before the final whistle with a late equaliser. Both Pompey and Wycombe squandered many chances at HMS Collingwood that if taken, the final score could well have been a five-all draw! But as things turned out, Pompey stole it at the very end as Luke Nightingale turned a huge clearance by 'keeper Robert Hannon into the net.

The heart moving story of the month has got to be the return to football of second year apprentice David Hawkins. David has had to sit out over a year of his life watching and waiting (and I dare say

praying) for his chance to come around. All because the lad has been the victim of numerous illnesses which kept him so low that his intended career looked at an end before it even began.

Driven on by his strong spirit and with his mother and father - Tony and Andrea being there for him, seventeen year old David (He likes to be called Digger) fought against the odds and came through it all. With illness now behind him, he started from scratch to regain his match fitness.

His dedication and will to win were finally rewarded when he made his debut for the side against Wycombe, coming on as a substitute after half an hour. He showed plenty of style in defence and set up an opening for Danny Fisher which was blocked. He did

enough to suggest that he will be challenging for a regular place in the side.

Good luck to you Digger!



David Hawkins

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

AUGUST

8	Bristol Rovers	3-2
15	Oxford Utd	1-2
22	Reading	2-2
29	Wycombe	1-0

SEPTEMBER

5	Gillingham	1-1
12	Leyton Orient	H
19	Southend	H
26	Cambridge	A

OCTOBER

3	Colchester	H
10	Luton	A
17	Swindon	H
24	Barnet	A
31	Brentford	H

NOVEMBER

7	Bournemouth	A
14	Brighton	H
21	Oxford Utd	A
28	Reading	H

DECEMBER

5	Brighton	A
12	Bristol Rovers	H

JANUARY

2	Wycombe	A
9	Gillingham	H
16	Leyton Orient	A
23	Southend	A
30	Cambridge	H

FEBRUARY

6	Colchester	A
13	Luton	H
20	Swindon	A
27	Barnet	H

MARCH

6	Brentford	A
13	Bournemouth	H



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SECOND String



Dave Kemp reports

MARTIN ALLEN SHOWS THE WAY

Coach Martin Allen acted quickly a week ago to fill the gap left when the reserve game against Queens Park Rangers was postponed.

He arranged a friendly against Exeter City who brought their side along to Pompey's training ground at Eastleigh and fought out a two-all draw, Nicky Wyatt and Nathan Jukes getting a goal apiece for Pompey. The first ever Avon Insurance Combination League match to be held at West Leigh Park, home of Havant & Waterlooville FC, took place on Wednesday September 2nd. The good sized crowd put up with the wet, miserable conditions and were treated to five well taken goals. Sadly, the Hatters spoilt the tea party by getting three of them.

Pompey went ahead early on when a splendid run and cross by Joe McNab was met by the head of Steve Soley who buried the chance. The visitors were level before the interval with a similar goal before going two goals up, Andrew Fotiades getting on the end of passes

played up to him.

But Pompey came storming back and grabbed a goal as substitute Robbie Simpson cleverly brought a ball down in the area, side stepped his marker and thrashed a shot low into the net.



Martin Allen

With time running out, the reserves pushed forward for an equaliser but the referee's final whistle beat them to it. Oh for another five minutes or so, Pompey could per-

haps have got something from this match.

The line up was : Tardif J. McNab Nelson Cook Russell Robinson Wright Kyzeridis Soley Durnin Groves. Subs Simpson MacDonald and Wyatt.

By the time these notes are read, the side would have been in action again at Havant and Waterlooville this time against Queens Park Rangers. Then Pompey visit Watford on September

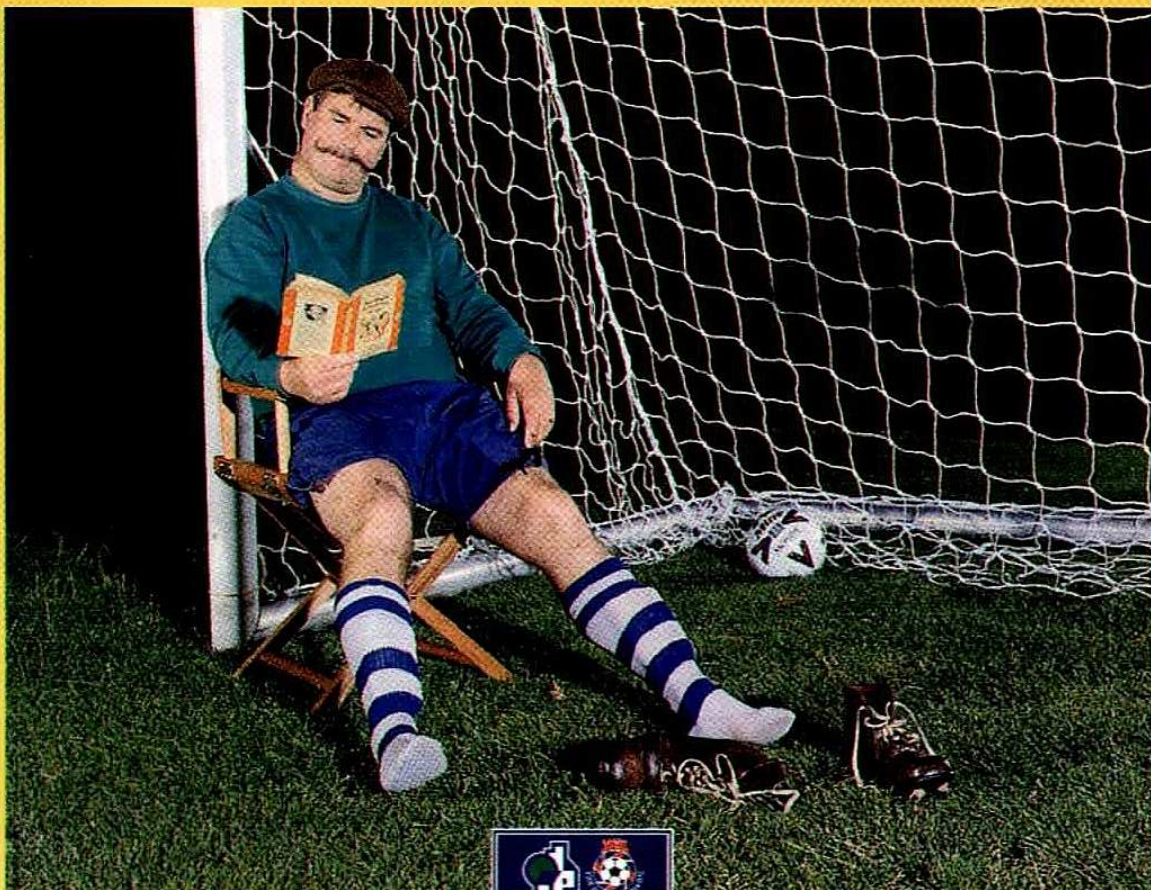
16th before two more home fixtures see out the month - Oxford United on the 23rd and seven days later, Brentford are the visitors. More about these matches in later programmes. Enjoy your afternoon!

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AUGUST		
19	Wycombe Wanderers	1-0
SEPTEMBER		
2	Luton Town	2-3
9	QPR	H
16	Watford	A
23	Oxford Utd	H
30	Brentford	H
OCTOBER		
5	Northampton	A
14	Peterborough	H
28	Brighton	H
NOVEMBER		
4	Cambridge	A
11	Fulham	H
16	Reading	A
DECEMBER		
1	Millwall	A
9	Crystal Palace	A
16	Swindon	H
22	Gillingham	H
JANUARY		
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Football in the Community

Notes from Phil Houghton-Thomas, Community Officer

WAGON WHEELS QUIZ

During the summer holiday we ran a Wagon Wheels sponsored quiz at all of our Summer Courses. The prize was a set of four complimentary tickets for the Sunderland match and a signed football. After coaching over 600 boys and girls during the summer, only one person got 30 out of 30 questions correct along with two runners-up who both scored 29 out of 30. The winner was Luke Farbrace. The two runners-up were Liam Southall and David Miles, both of whom will receive three complimentary tickets each for the Sunderland match.

HURRY WHILE THERE ARE STILL PLACES LEFT - MATCHDAY PACKAGE.

These have proved a roaring success and all of those teams / clubs that have taken part before are already booking up again. If you are interested in this package you will need to book up at least one month prior to the match of your choice as they are filling up quickly. For any further information call Phil on 01705 641644.

SOCCER SCHOOLS

We are now taking bookings from schools and clubs for our six week soccer schools. These are run after school time either at the school or at the club that is taking part in

the course and are incorporating 'Pompey's Skills Challenge' which unlike the FA Soccer Stars is based on 'passing and control'. The syllabus is based on skills coaching and testing over a six week period along with a tour of Fratton Park and a Mini World Cup Competition. If you would like to find out more about these courses contact Phil on 01705 641644.

A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CHILDREN OF WYMERING

The PFC Football in the Community is starting a NEW evening coaching course at the all new Wymering Community Centre on Sevenoaks Road, behind the QA Hospital on Monday September 7th 1998 for the local children of Wymering this will continue throughout school term time. This course is on the all weather pitch so please dress accordingly. For further information please ring Phil.

EVENING COACHING PROGRAMME

The 1998/99 Evening Coaching Programme is upon us all around the city and surrounding areas. These are open to both boys and girls of any ability. If you would like any further details about the courses below or any other courses then please contact Phil on 01705 641644.

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ECP5 Tue 7-9 4.30-6.00 £1.50

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ECP6 Mon 6-9 5.00-6.00 £1.50

Mon 10-12 6.00-7.00 £1.50

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ECP7 Thur 6-10 4.30-6.00 £2.00

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ECP9 Fri 8-10 4.00-5.00 £2.00

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ECP12 Fri 7-10 5.00-6.00 £2.00

Portsmouth City Girls School - Fratton

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ECP14 Wed 7-9 6.00-7.00 £2.00

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ECP16 Fri 7-10 5.00-6.00 £2.00

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ECP18 Mon 7-9 6.00-7.00 £2.00

ECP19 Mon 9-11 7.00-8.00 £2.00

Warblington School - Warblington

ECP20 Fri 6-8 6.00-7.00 £2.00

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Membership Secretary



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Doyle. Best wishes from Nelson

to you all.

TODAY'S MASCOTS



Sam Kettle, aged 7 (left)

School: Bowerhill Primary School

Hobbies: Plays for Melksham Park

Football Team

Favourite players: Alouisi and Igoe



Kerry Favell, aged 12 (right)

School: Portsmouth City Girls School

Hobbies: Loves Football and swimming

Favourite players: Durnin and Igoe

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ROBINS STRUGGLING FOR GOALS SO FAR

Strikers, stadiums and Steve will be on the minds of the Swindon supporters who make the short journey here this afternoon.

The Robins' lack of a regular goalscorer has left Town struggling in the bottom half of the table.

Iffy Onoura and George Ndah have the ability to cause chaos up front and Steve Cowe is returning from a foot injury.

But the man who should be banging the goals in is fast proving to be a big let down. Chris Hay looked a bargain at £300,000 last season when he scored 13 goals by November - but only one more followed and now some fans want the club to sell him and make changes.

Steve McMahon is also proving to be a major talking point after the poor start. He was once hailed the next big manager in the making but now he seems to be hanging on to his job by only his finger tips.

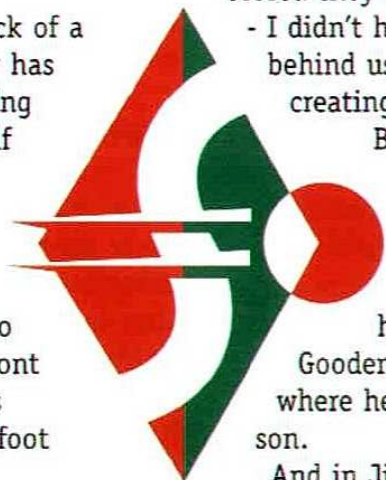
Pressure from supporters hasn't helped and after the 1-0 Bank Holiday defeat at Bury he said: 'As soon as Bury scored they were on our backs - I didn't hear them get behind us when we were creating chances.'

But through the gloom some sunny rays are still pushing through. The highly rated Ty

Gooden is carrying on where he left off last season.

And in Jimmy Glass and Frank Talia, Swindon have two quality keepers who can save them vital points if the scoring problems continue at the other end.

Recently failed attempts to buy the leasehold of the County Ground from Swindon council have also led to Chairman Rikki Hunt developing plans for a new out-of-town stadium.



At a glance

Ground:

County Ground (15,728)

Manager:

Steve McMahon (Nov 1994)

Last Season:

Division One: 18th

League Cup: First Round

FA Cup: Third Round

Current Form:

18 Aug	Wycombe	A	0-2
22 Aug	Wolves	A	0-1
29 Aug	Port Vale	H	1-1
31 Aug	Bury	A	0-1
5 Sep	Bristol City	H	3-2
9 Sep	Oxford Utd	H	-

Average Attendance:

8,848

Discipline:

Yellow 11

Red 2

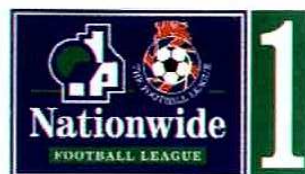
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FRANK TALIA

Spotted playing for Australia's Under 21 team and after trials with several English clubs, eventually signed for Blackburn Rovers in August 1992. Failed to make a first team appearance and was brought in on loan at Swindon before signing in November 1995. Recently put pen to paper in a new three year deal.

DEFENDERS

DAVID KERSLAKE

Now enjoying his third stint at the County Ground having joined on a free transfer from Ipswich Town in March 1998. Made 165 appearances for Swindon in his first spell before leaving to join Leeds United in a £500,000 deal. Later also played in the Premier League for Tottenham. Most effective in right wing-back position.

GARETH HALL

Signed from Sunderland under the Bosman ruling, 29-year-old Hall has a wealth of experience.

Best known as a full-back, he is versatile enough to play anywhere across the back line or in midfield. Started his career at Chelsea where he flourished under ex-Swindon Boss Glenn Hoddle. Moved to Sunderland in 1995 and was a regular in the Premiership for the Weariders. Capped nine times for Wales.

ALAN REEVES

Quit Wimbledon's 'Crazy Gang' in search of first team football with Swindon. Tall central defender, who cost the Dons £300,000 from Rochdale four years ago when he was signed as a replacement for John Scales. Excellent header of the ball, 30-year-old Reeves can be an asset in attack on set pieces as well as adding experience at the back.

BRIAN BORROWS

This former Everton, Bolton and Coventry defender signed an 18 month contract in November 1997 following a highly successful two month loan spell from Highfield Road where he made well over 400

appearances. Comfortable anywhere along the back line, but particularly effective as a sweeper, Brian still has a great appetite for the game.

MIDFIELDERS

ROBIN HULBERT

Gifted young midfielder. He made his first team bow as a substitute against QPR in the Coca-Cola Cup tie at Loftus Road in September 1996. Towards the end of last season he went on loan to Newcastle United to gain experience by training alongside some of the Premiership's top names, staying with the Geordie team right up to the FA Cup Final. Included in the England Under 18 Squad for the European Championships in the summer.

MARK WALTERS

A former England International, Mark signed for Town in July 1996 after being released by Southampton and immediately showed the silky skills which had made him such a hit at Aston Villa, Glasgow Rangers and Liverpool. A serious knee

Swindon boss
Steve McMahon



Swindon's striker finally came good in the West Country Derby against Bristol City last Saturday

injury ruled him out of the last few months of last season.

DARREN BULLOCK

A tough tackling midfielder, Darren signed a three and a half year deal in February 1997 after a £400,000 move from Huddersfield Town. Scored 20 goals in 156 appearances for the Terriers and netted on his debut for Swindon against Birmingham City on February 26th. Could be described as a late developer as he was only drafted into the full game in November 1993 following a £55,000 step up from Nuneaton Borough.

TY GOODEN

Signed by John Gorman in 1993 having been released by Wycombe Wanderers. Made over 30 appearances in Swindon's Second Division Championship season but was hindered by injuries in 1996/97. Having regained full fitness Ty has been an ever

present this term and has proved a real asset either as a wing back or an attacking midfielder.

FORWARDS

GEORGE NDAH

After the departure of Wayne Allison to Huddersfield, Steve McMahon moved quickly to find a replacement and was delighted to pick up the lighting quick Ndah from Crystal Palace in a £500,000 deal in November 1997. Scored a stunner on his debut against Middlesbrough. A former England Youth International, George made almost 100 appearances for Palace.

IFFY ONOURA

Ex-Huddersfield, Mansfield and Gillingham striker who was

signed in a £100,000 deal in March 1998. Made the perfect start for his new club, heading the winning goal on his debut against QPR. But his luck changed for the worse four games later against Charlton when an accidental clash with the referee left him with a fractured cheekbone which ruled him out for the rest of the season.



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Steve Soley talks to Peter Jeffs

TEACHING'S LOSS IS POMPEY'S GAIN AS SOLEY SIGNS ON

Tell us about your background before you moved from non-league with Leek Town to the big-time with Pompey

I played at school and scored a lot of goals but lost interest when I left school and missed the boat really. I was very small at school and didn't start growing until I was nearly 21. I was like a midget until then. I was a self-employed builder until a couple of years ago when I took the time out to get a sports therapy degree at college. I had just been offered a job as a college lecturer to teach the subject when Pompey came in for me. I had been playing locally in Liverpool and Leek bought me from Warrington. I have been scoring goals regularly from midfield ever since - 19 in my first season, 25 in the year when we were promoted to the Conference from the Northern Premier and 17 last year. I won every award last season and was Leek's Player of the Year. Somehow I always thought I would get the chance to play league football. I believe Leek

had a few offers before Pompey's but I was under contract and never heard about them.

What are your strengths as a midfielder?

Fitness is one of my strong points and I've had no problems with the training here. I have a good engine and I like to get about the pitch. I've been encouraged to get forward and to gamble. I believe in myself, that I will get goals whoever I'm playing against and am looking to score at least ten this season as a start. I feel it's brought the best out of me coming here and playing with better

players. Playing in front of much bigger crowds doesn't bother me at all. I don't intend to hang about and it's my aim to make it to the first-team here as soon as possible.

Tell us about your domestic situation

I have been with Suzanne my girl-friend since I was 18 and we have two little boys - Darren aged 6 and Shaun 8 months. I have a three-year contract with Pompey and we'll live in rented accommodation for three months or so while we find somewhere permanent to live here.

STEVE SOLEY: FACT FILE

Name:

Steve Soley

Born:

Widnes, Lancashire

Date of birth:

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Previous clubs:

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The Pompey 1955-56 Century



Richard Owen remembers the people who shaped 100 years of history

43 years ago at Fratton Park, a heatwave did not deter 30,419 people flocking to Fratton Park for the first home match of the 1955-56 season.

The visitors were Wolves whom Pompey had finished joint runners-up with the previous season behind Chelsea who won the League title.

Before the kick-off several spectators were treated for heatstroke. The high temperatures were similar to those experienced here a few weeks ago when

Pompey played Watford in just under 90°F. The summer months of 1955 had been extraordinarily hot and despite an evening start of 6.30pm, the sun beat down on the large crowd hoping for a Pompey win.

Our photo this week shows Pompey keeper **Norman Uprichard** positioned well to save a shot from Wolves number 9 Roy Swinbourne. Northern Ireland International Norman played 182 games for Pompey during the Fifties and became known as a fearless, acrobatic keeper who entertained the

crowds before and during the matches. Youngsters on the terraces would throw sweets to Norman which he would catch in his cap. On the field he would have everyone gasping with some pinpoint saves, and sometimes carelessly punching the ball out in a sea of heads, occasionally injuring his own Pompey team mates.

'Black Jake' as he became known, came from Swindon Town where he had played 73 games in the Third Division South.

Pictured also in the number 3 jersey is fullback **Jackie Mansell**, another long servant for Pompey. Both Norman and Jackie nurse ex-

professionals aches and pains these days in East Sussex.

Pompey's most famous player, **Jimmy Dickinson**, has his back to camera wearing number 6 and tangling with Swinbourne is Pompey midfielder **Derek Rees**, who sadly died aged 64 in May this year at his home in South Wales. Behind him in the picture is tall **Duggie Reid** who is approaching his 81st birthday next month at his home in Stubbington.

Pompey won the match courtesy of goals from **Peter Harris** and **Johnny Gordon** 2-1 defeating Wolves who included six England Internationals in their team that evening; Williams in goal, Slater, Wright, Hancocks, Wilshaw and Mullen. Wolves finished third and Pompey 12th in the 1955-56 season.

Match programme from 43 years ago



Wolves attack the Milton end in August 1955



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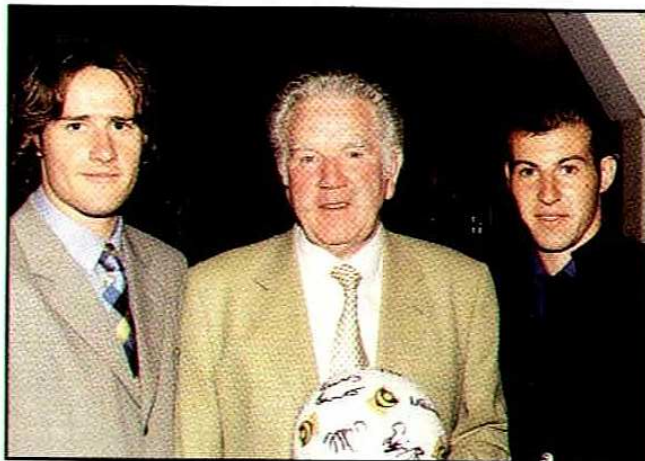


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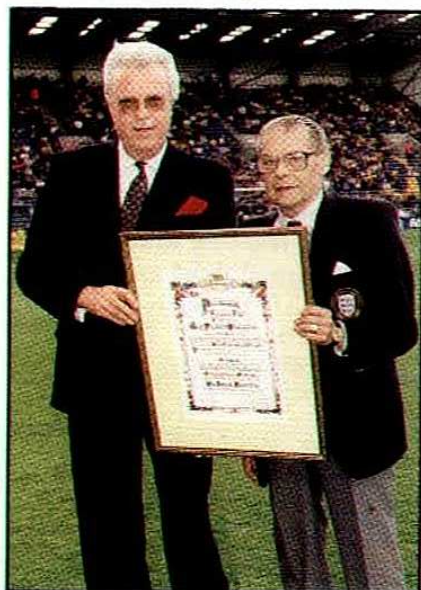
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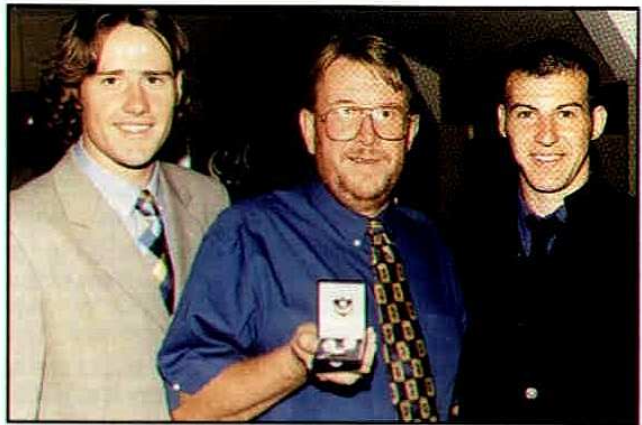
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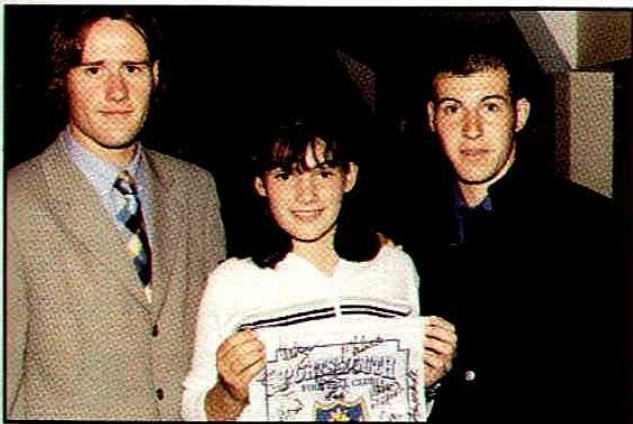
Chris Tardif, Youth Team Player of the Year was presented with the Tony Barton Trophy Award by Paul Hatch of SeyCom.



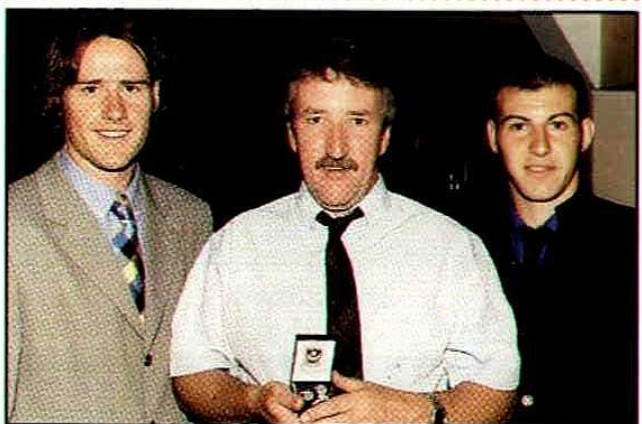
John Hawley and David Waterman presented a PFC pen to Babs (guest of Cosham Plant Hore). Babs, who lives in Australia, never misses a game when she is here for a visit.



Alan Price was presented with a gift for his 50th birthday by John Hawley and David Waterman. He is pictured here receiving his cuff links and tie pin.



Emma Parker, who celebrated her 13th birthday, was presented with a gift bny John Hawley and David Waterman.



Gary Hartridge celebrated his 40th birthday at Fratton Park and was presented with a gift by John Hawley and David Waterman.



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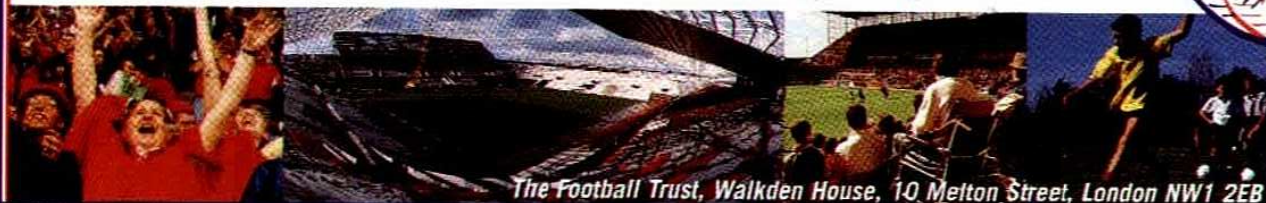
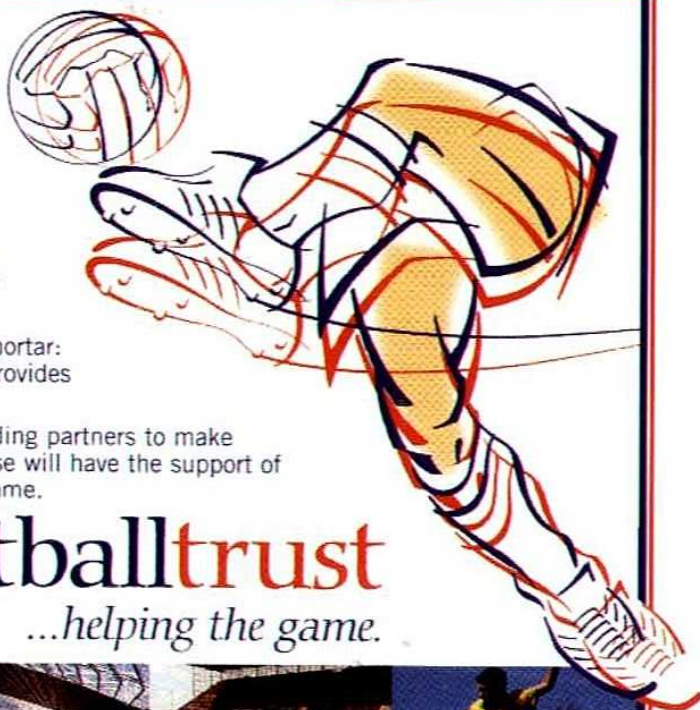
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Tuesday September 22nd
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**WIMBLEDON
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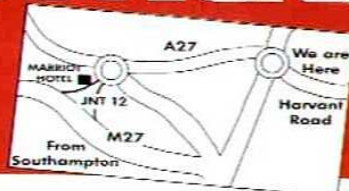
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Chaplain's Chatter

by Club Chaplain Graham Carey

A member of our team will soon find his name in the Guinness Book of Records...

Up until August 15th 1998, Artur Friedenreich (Brazil) held the record for the longest first-class career (spanning 43 years). The oldest international player is 'Billy' Meredith, who played for Wales, aged 45. His international career lasted 26 years. Jimmy Dickinson was 39 and playing for Pompey.

I mentioned August 15th, the

day when Pompey played Tranmere. The Rovers Review listed particulars about our squad. Fascinating Facts!

I read that Lee Russell is 34. John Aloisi has neither height nor weight (the Phantom Goalscorer!). You haven't read anything yet!

Top of the pops and record breaker is Michalis Vlachos, who is noted to be 98. A Greek God indeed! He should receive the 'Player of the Century' award. It just goes to show you can't always believe what you

read! How many times have you been let down, misled? 'Once bitten, twice shy'. Who or what can you trust? May I (and millions thers) suggest the Bible, God's word. His promises are sure; 100% proof.

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Don't wait until you're 98...

Graham Carey, Club Chaplain.

It has been a little bit like a scene from Casualty during the past fortnight in the Treatment room with players returning from training with broken bones and disfigured faces (unfortunately Russell Perrett's fractured nose went unnoticed for the large part of an hour until someone noticed that he was looking better than normal!). Gordon Neave started the jinks when he tried to stop the team coach, single handedly I might add, from crashing into a barrier at the Club after returning from Huddersfield. For his trouble, he received a fractured wrist. He was obviously none too pleased with the driver and told him so in his own diplo-



Russ Perrett,
New Dad!

matic way. So it was no surprise when a different coach company took us to Oxford. Gordie's excuse: 'Our trip clashed with another team who were due to play Leeds', however the players are not convinced.

Steve Soley then returned from training on Monday with an eye wound requiring 'major surgery' - two butterfly stitches and a sticky plaster along with Russell Perrett and his broken nose. Russ has not had the best of luck recently but he certainly received some great news this week with his wife giving birth to a baby girl, Megan. We all wish them well.

Youth team player Jonathan Dodds

fractured his wrist in training along with Charlie Riddington who underwent surgery this week when he also badly fractured his forearm. Wayne 'beast' Eastman also had to receive stitches after the Youth match on Saturday.

In all, a very busy week for my very able assistant Andy Thomson and me. He should be returning to training in the next 10 days if we get the go ahead from the specialist this week. The only other casualty is David Hillier with a right calf strain and unfortunately, 'sicknote' will not be available for today's game.

In for Treatment

with Jonathan Trigg



Names & Games

*Leigh Edwards looks at
the associations between
Pompey and our visitors today*

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Chris Hay's first-half goal gave Swindon Town a 1-0 First Division win on their last visit to Fratton Park on October 31st 1997. John Durnin grabbed a dramatic late winner as Portsmouth triumphed 1-0 in the return fixture at Swindon five months later. Those results mirrored those of the previous season and Pompey last beat Swindon here 4-3 in October 1994 with goals by Alan McLoughlin (2), Darryl Powell and Gerry Creaney's penalty.

REGGAE BOYZ

Portsmouth's Jamaican World Cup star Fitzroy Simpson began his career with Swindon Town. Signing professional at the County Ground in July 1988, he scored nine goals in 105 League outings for Swindon before sold to Manchester City for £500,000 in March 1992. He joined Portsmouth as part of the £1,600,000 deal that

took Kit Symons to Maine Road in August 1995 and has since netted nine times in 90 First Division games. His Pompey team-mates Alan McLoughlin, Andy Thomson and captain Adrian Whitbread are also former Swindon players.



Jimmy Gilligan

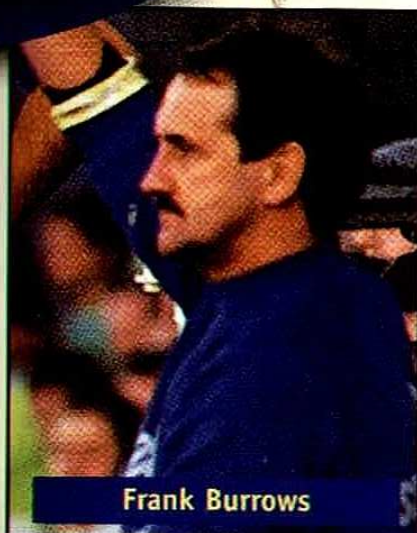
METEORIC RISE

Ex-Portsmouth players Dave Bamber, Leigh Barnard, Jimmy Gilligan and Chris Kamara all featured prominently in

Swindon Town's thrilling rise from the Fourth Division to Second in successive seasons under Lou Macari. Tough-tackling midfielder Kamara had two spells with both clubs, having earlier moved from Pompey to Swindon for £20,000 in August 1977 and helping them to reach the League Cup semi-final in 1979/80. He returned to Fratton Park for £50,000 in August 1981, moving back to Swindon via Brentford four years later and scoring 27 goals in 234 League games overall for today's visitors.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

Former Swindon Town defender Frank Burrows managed Portsmouth to promotion at the first attempt in 1979/80. Moving to the County Ground from Scunthorpe United for £12,000 in July 1968, he starred in Swindon's 1968/69 League Cup and promotion 'double' triumph and scored nine goals in 297 League games prior to becoming their assistant-manager in October 1976. He had a spell as Pompey coach before succeeding Jimmy Dickinson as manager in May 1979 and remained in charge at Fratton Park until March



Frank Burrows

1982, subsequently returning as manager between January 1990 and March 1991. Ex-Swindon defender Terry Fenwick managed Portsmouth for three years until January 1998.

HIGH FIVES

Goals by John McClelland (2), Cliff Portwood (2) and Albert McCann gave the following Portsmouth team a thrilling 5-0 Second Division win over Swindon Town in front of 12,497 at Fratton Park on September 19th 1964: John Milkins, Barry Cordjohn, Alex Wilson, Brian Lewis, Jimmy Dickinson, Harry Harris, John McClelland, Cliff Portwood, Ron Tindall, Albert McCann, Dave Dodson. Right-back Barry Cordjohn was making his league debut and Pompey finished one point above relegated Swindon at the end of that season.

THE TRIUMPH

One-time Swindon Town defenders Steve Aizlewood, John McLaughlin and Andy Rollings featured in Pompey's 1982/83 Third Division title triumph. The former pair also helped Pompey

to win promotion in 1979/80 with Aizlewood scoring ten goals in 112 Third Division games for Swindon before moving to Pompey with McLaughlin for £45,000 in July 1979, netting 13 times in 175 League outings while at Fratton Park. McLaughlin scored nine goals in 202 League games for the Robins, then netted once in 172 league outings for Portsmouth.

IN SAFE KEEPING

Former Swindon Town goalkeeper Norman Uprichard was capped 13 times by Northern Ireland while at Portsmouth. Moving to the County Ground from Arsenal in November 1949, he made 73 Third Division (South) appearances for Swindon prior to joining Pompey in November 1952. He was a key figure as Eddie Lever's side finished third in the First Division in 1954/55, making 182 League appearances before moving to Southend United in July 1959. Current Swindon keeper Jimmy Glass played three First Division games for Portsmouth while on loan from Crystal Palace during the 1994/95 campaign.

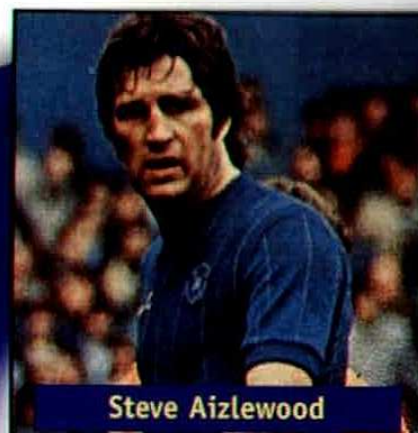
EVER-PRESENT

Ex-Portsmouth centre-half Garth Hudson was ever-present five times for Swindon Town. Signing professional at Fratton Park in August 1945, he made his sole First Division appearance for Pompey in

the 1-1 draw at home to Blackburn Rovers in October 1947. He moved to Swindon in September 1948 and scored 11 goals in 401 League outings for today's visitors during 12 year at the County Ground. The likes of Harry Lunn, Stan Earl, Jack Foxton, Matt Gemmell, Terry Ryder and Billy Hindmarsh also played for both clubs during this era, with the latter making a significant contribution as Pompey won the league Championship in two consecutive seasons.

WEMBLEY WINNERS

Former Portsmouth pair John Moncur and Mickey Hazard helped Swindon Town to reach the top-flight for the first time in 1992/93, beating Leicester City 4-3 in a thrilling Wembley play-off final. Current Pompey favourite Alan McLoughlin scored Swindon's winner in the 1989/90 play-off final at Wembley, only for them to be denied their place in the First Division after an illegal payments scandal. One-time Pompey defender Jon Gittens also featured in that Wembley success, while other players who have appeared for both clubs in the League include Bill Atkins, Paul Gilchrist, Ralph Hunt, David Munks and Tony Taylor.



Steve Aizlewood

Planning a function

Just this weekend East Lodge held their presentation and as you can see from the photographs it was a huge success.



David Wright and Chris Tardif making the presentations to East Lodge (left) and a near full Chimes Bar (right)

There was a Blue Army birthday party for 14 boys at 4pm last Friday. At 7pm there followed the presentation. (right)

On Saturday Daimion and Allison (far right) enjoyed their engagement party attended by some 150 guests and danced the night away until Midnight - What a weekend!



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So, you think you know about POMPEY

Test yourself against Colin Farmery, co-author of Portsmouth FC - the Official Centenary Pictorial History, to see how much you really know about your club!

Each section is worth five points - check your answers below to find out if you are a Pompey 'know-all' or 'no-brain'!



Section One: Who's that face?

I'm feeling generous today! Question three might test you though...

1. Name this Pompey striker from the 1980s (one point)
2. We all know he played for Southampton as well, but can you name two of his other clubs? (One point for each)
3. Against which team did he score twice for Pompey on New Year's Day 1986? (two points)

Section Two:

Name That Season

4. Three 'headlines' from a single Pompey season, five points on offer.
 - * Last gasp Symons ensures winning start
 - * 'Preki' Cup magic baffles Bolton
 - * Sweet night for Pompey at timid Toffees



Section Three: Matchmakers

Action from Pompey's biggest match of the 90s. But what can you remember about Highbury?

5. True or False, Pompey's fans were amassed on the North Bank. (one point)
6. Who played the pass for Anderton to score for Pompey? (two points)
7. The Liverpool player in the background had a loan spell at Fratton. Who is he? (two points)

Section Four: In Opposition

Five questions, one point each, featuring our friends from The

County Ground.

8. Pompey last met Swindon in March 1998. What was the score?
9. This Middlesbrough-born midfielder played for both in the late 1970s and early 1980s.
10. This Swindon centre-half went on to skipper Pompey to the third division Championship.
11. Which Swindon League Cup winner managed Pompey?
12. What was unusual about Pompey's 5-0 thrashing of Swindon in September 1964?

How did you score?

17-20: Are you after my job? 12-16: You know your stuff!

8-11: Mid-table obscurity!

4-7: Do you support Swindon?

0-3: Do you support Southampton?!

- Answers**
1. Mick Channon
 2. Man City, Norwich, Bristol R or Newcastle
 3. Wimbledon
 4. 1994/95
 5. False
 6. Warren Neill
 7. Michael Thomas
 8. 1-0 to Pompey
 9. Chris Kamara
 10. Steve Alzilewood
 11. Frank Burrows
 12. All the goals came in the first half!



Fans' Forum

News from Pompey's Supporters Clubs
Compiled by Johnny Moore

JOHNNY MOORE APPOINTED SUPPORTERS' LIAISON OFFICER

I want to devote the whole page today to my appointment within the club as Supporters' Liaison Officer. Hopefully in time, the supporters of this club will start to have a profound effect on things happening at their club through me.

I will be in constant discussion with those running the club and will attend board meetings as your representative. So I want the general view on Pompey as seen by its loyal supporters.

The cynics may see it as a publicity stunt. Those who know me from my 'Voice from the Terrace' days will know this is something I have been working towards for up to fifteen years.

It may seem a giant step from 'Voice from the Terrace' to 'Voice in the Boardroom' but in reality they are one and the same. Someone speaking for fans. Only this time it will be done properly through the right channels. Conducted

with people eager to listen. Eager to show that we are all in this and we all want to make this club great again.

As days go by you will see more and more literature around Fratton Park on different ways you can see or talk to me. I will be going in different sections of Fratton Park each game and I am eager for your general views. And after time I want you to see 'change' as put forward by the loyal Pompey fans.

Unfortunately it means I have had to give up my position as Chairman of the official supporters club. For almost three years I have enjoyed the immense

challenge that the position demanded but I think and hope others will think that I leave it a much more stable and flourishing organisation.

Believe me, this is a whole new ball game regarding challenge. But for one living, breathing and eating Pompey it is a challenge I have been waiting for fifteen years.

I can only thank Martin Gregory and Peter Hinkinson for allowing it to happen. I hope it will go some way to proving how serious they are about pulling this club back from the brink.

Together we will make it great again.

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Pompey PEOPLE

THE POMPEY WORLD TOUR



This is Mike Shipp from Titchfield on holiday in Nassau, Bahamas, this summer. He tells us: 'Unfortunately the museum has nothing to do with the Blue and White Army but a slave in the 1800s!' Thanks Mike.



Harry Backe aged eight years old on holiday in Florida. (above)

Phil Pilcher sent us this photo of himself and his family whilst living in Australia. The story of the flag is very dubious however, feel free to return it any time Phil!



This photo of 11 month old Bailey Drew (surname unknown) from the Isle of Wight was sent to us by Miss C Absolom of Milton. His Grandfather noticed that he bears a striking resemblance to our own Sammy Igoe.



Send us pictures of yourself on holiday in your Pompey shirts or anything unusual.

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Racism will get the Red Card

Racial abuse by players has become an automatic red card offence following the introduction of tough new measures to rid football of racism. The Football League-backed initiative also wants clubs to set up confidential phone lines for fans complaining about racist incidents. Home Office Minister Mike O'Brien said: 'I particularly welcome this initiative and fully support the campaign to kick racism out of football.'

Hodde's Saturday book-ing brings fear

Glenn hasn't brought out another book but he does have a small part in a decision to play an England international on a Saturday afternoon. England are due to play Bulgaria at 3pm on Saturday October 10 - but First Division clubs fear that attendances will be severely hit by fans staying at home to watch the match. The Football League have refused to move the league programme to a different day but some clubs have already taken action - Bradford City have moved their clash with Bury forward to Friday night.

Frank-ly. I don't give a Corfe!

Merseyside can look a bit grim at the best of times but for the region's third team Tranmere Rovers, the

blackness has got even worse. Chairman Frank Corfe resigned from his post after fans booed him during a half time presentation. The more cynical Rovers fans said he was off to Everton to join former Tranmere chief Peter Johnson - something he denied. This turn of events has left the club with a problem - they need somebody to pay £7m for his share of the club. They must also find somebody willing to prop them up financially with crowds at Prenton Park rarely reaching their 8,500 break even level.

City keep things ship-shape and Bristol fashion

Which is the odd one out - waterlogged pitch, snow-covered pitch, frosty pitch or a ship called Matthew? If you said Matthew you would have been right up until this weekend - but Bristol City must be the first team to call off a game because of a ship. Their home match with West Brom has been put back until tomorrow due to the arrival of the famous vessel in her home port.

The original ship was said to have beaten Christopher Columbus to the first transatlantic crossing in 1497. A copy of the original was

built and it's returning home. Bristol police don't want a football match adding to their traffic problems. City secretary Eddie Harrison said: 'We rely heavily on off-street parking so it makes sense.'

Transfer talk - the top teams

Even Division One's top sides are having problems raising the revenue to bring in new players at the moment. Birmingham City's Trevor Francis could be excused for looking for lost pennies down the back of a sofa following his £900,000 summer signing of Gary Rowett. Trevor explained: 'As far as I knew we didn't have £900,000 so I don't quite know how we are going to pay for him.' Crystal Palace have run into difficulties, with their chairman Mark Goldberg admitting players will have to go. He said: 'Players will be considered available to leave us because of the extent of our very large first team squad.'

Steve Bone is on holiday and will return in the Wimbledon programme, Tuesday 15th September 1998.



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In the NET

A review of Portsmouth FC on the World Wide Web by Gary Tipp

Humour is, for the most part, based on other people's misfortune, and that's why football is such an obvious subject for any number of quick-witted wags on the Internet.

Wherever there are deflated dreams, heroic failures and crushed hopes (not too mention nuts), from the other side of the terracing you'll always find a merry group of antagonists with a collective grin as wide as the goalmouth across their self-



Football 365

satisfied faces. Not exactly known as race with a highly developed sense of humour, the German's have a word for it - 'schadenfreude'. It could even have been invented with the England national team's inability to convert vital spot kicks in mind. Just ask Gareth Southgate.

The Net, as you'd probably imagine, is not short on footie-related laughs. A quick hike over to the excellent Football 365 site <http://www.football365.co.uk/> will soon raise a titter or two. With the two Dannys, Baker and Kelly, con-

tributing to the editorial content, there's no shortage of comedic value. The trademark Top Ten lists continue to grow from strength to strength. Very few other sites would have the footie insight to nominate 'Wolves getting promoted this season' in a list of Ten Things Less Likely Than Ron Noades being Voted Manager Of The Month For Division Three - but Football 365 has. Also popular are the Lookalikes, which include such pairings as Gordon Strachan/Rita Sullivan, John Hartson/Les Battersby and Henrick Larsson of Celtic with the lass with the big nose from All Saints. Finally, the



Football 365

site has to be applauded from the highest floodlight for its on-line publication of a certain donkey-related image entitled 'The Secret of the Dell'. A must see for all Pompey fans.

Although they'd never claim to

pretend to be the Internet equivalent of Oscar Wilde, there's a contingent of Pompey fans with a desire to entertain whose site goes by the vaguely confrontational name of



Not the News

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<http://www.notthenews.mcmill.com/>.

A virtual fanzine run by Pompey fans with a twisted sense of humour, you can send your virtual problems to the site's very own Agony Aunt or take advice from its series of Handy Footie Hits. For instance, "A Manchester City strip makes an ideal clown's outfit for New Year fancy dress parties." Enough said.

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Sunderland	6	3	1	0	11	2	1	1	0	3	1	14
Bury	7	4	0	0	7	1	0	2	1	0	1	14
Wolverhampton	6	2	1	0	5	2	2	0	1	5	2	13
Huddersfield	7	3	1	0	8	4	1	0	2	2	3	13
Norwich	5	2	0	0	6	3	2	0	1	5	3	12
West Brom	6	2	0	1	8	4	1	1	1	6	7	10
Sheffield Utd	7	3	0	1	8	6	0	1	2	3	7	10
Bolton	5	1	1	0	4	2	1	2	0	7	6	9
Stockport	7	1	1	1	3	3	1	2	1	5	6	9
Watford	6	1	0	1	1	2	2	0	2	7	8	9
Ipswich	6	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	0	3	0	9
Grimsby	7	2	1	0	6	1	0	1	3	2	7	8
Crystal Palace	5	1	1	0	4	2	1	1	1	3	4	8
PORTSMOUTH	7	1	1	1	4	2	0	2	2	8	9	6
Crewe	6	2	0	1	5	3	0	0	3	2	6	6
Barnsley	6	1	2	1	5	6	0	1	1	1	3	6
Swindon	6	1	2	0	5	4	0	0	3	1	6	5
Oxford Utd	6	1	1	1	3	2	0	1	2	2	5	5
Bristol	7	0	1	2	4	8	0	3	1	5	6	4
Bradford	6	1	1	1	5	5	0	0	3	1	6	4
Port Vale	6	1	0	3	2	9	0	1	1	2	3	4
QPR	6	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	3	2	8	3
Tranmere	5	0	2	0	2	2	0	1	2	0	7	3

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TODAY'S TEAMS

Flutters odds for player to score first goal shown in green

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Aaron Flahavan

Thomas Thorgersen

Fitzroy Simpson

Alan McLoughlin

Adrian Whitbread

Andy Awford

Michalis Vlachos

Jeff Péron

John Aloisi

Steve Claridge

Sammy Igoe

SWINDON

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