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the gaffer

*Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen.
Welcome to today's game against Jimmy
Quinn's Swindon Town side.*

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to today's game against Swindon Town. Since Jimmy Quinn took charge their results have certainly improved. In saying that, the players are the same as when Steve McMahon was the manager, so one can assume for whatever the reason, their early league position was false anyway.

Frustration and disappointment were the words which sum up our last two games. Drawing at home against Portsmouth when we threw everything at them "but the kitchen sink" was

frustrating for us all. Their on loan keeper had a magnificent game but our players did as much as they could to get the win - a bit of craft was maybe lacking.

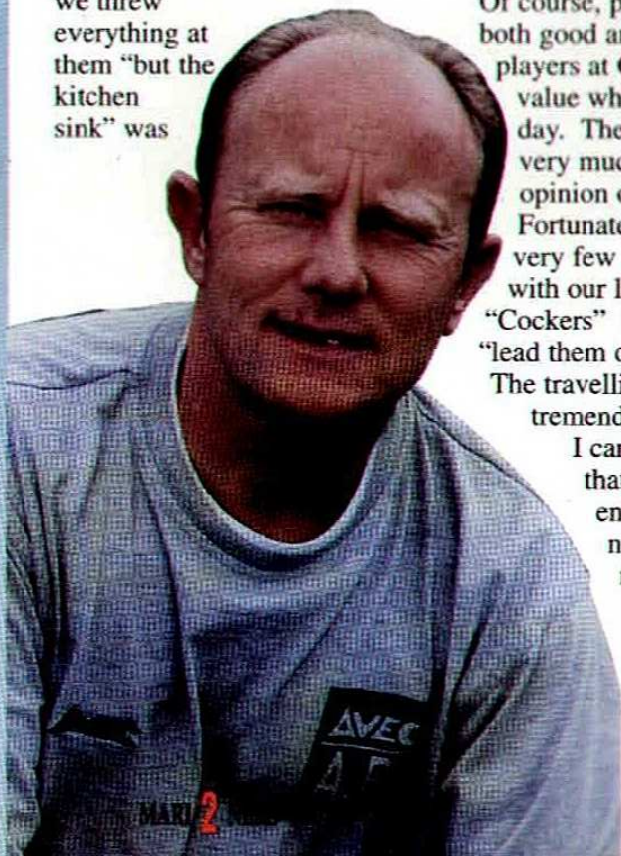
Our Bury non-performance was disappointing. In spite of having a major share of possession we never looked like scoring, and our reaction to going 1-0 down in the second half left a lot to be desired - resulting in a Sunday morning session and a strong reserve team at Coventry in midweek. Of course, players can have both good and poor games but players at Grimsby must give value which we didn't on the day. The players were made very much aware of my opinion on the game.

Fortunately such days are very few and far between with our lads. At least "Cockers" is still fit enough to "lead them off" on a run!

The travelling support was tremendous at Gigg Lane.

I can only apologise that your encouragement was not suitably rewarded.

I have not spoken of it before but some clubs will be victims yet again of player-power.



says.

The Bosman ruling means a player out of contract over 24 years of age can move with no fee being involved. We at Blundell Park will do the best we can to keep our coveted players - I promise you that. But we have our limits and if a player intends moving - he will. Speaking from experience, one always assumes that the grass is always greener etc. After January 1st players can negotiate with other clubs and sign a pre-contract agreement - said players could do so whilst still playing for their current club - striving for promotion or fighting relegation!! Makes you wonder doesn't it?? Thanks for your support. I hope you enjoy the game. Best Wishes

Alan Buckley



Danny Butterfield - deputised for Maccu at Bury



Jack Lester receives some close attention from the Portsmouth defence in our last home match

ALAN BUCKLEY JOINS DAVE GIBBINS

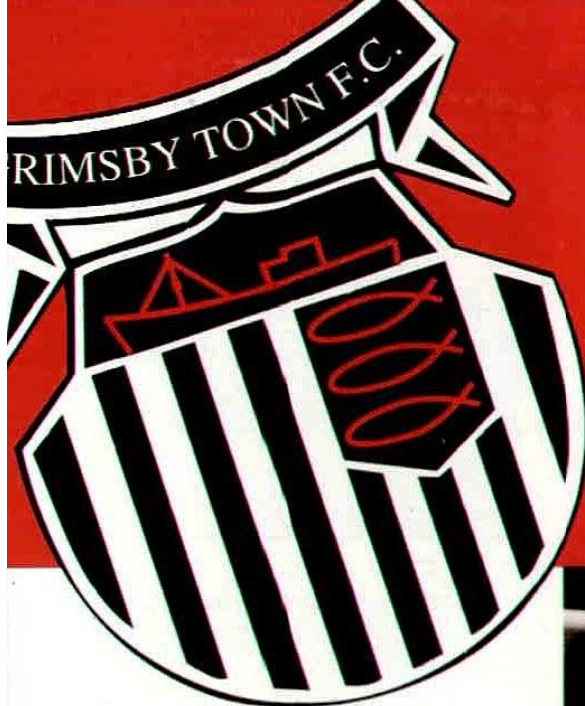
Alan Buckley joins Dave Gibbins for a phone-in on BBC Radio Humberside on Tuesday 8th December. The programme starts at 7.05pm and the Town boss will be available to answer questions from the fans.

PLEASED TO MEET YOU JACK!!

You may have read in last week's Sports Telegraph of mad keen Natalie Sargent of Romsey Court, Laceby Acres who have named their son after our very own Jack Lester.

Jack Lester James Kirby was born just a few weeks ago but today his proud parents will be bringing him to Blundell Park to meet his namesake prior to today's match. The moment will of course be caught on camera and we will bring you the snap in the next edition of the Mariner.

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SATURDAY 14TH

NOVEMBER 1998

GRIMSBY TOWN 1

PORTSMOUTH 1

1. Paul Groves (No:11) races in for the loose ball, as the keeper advances from his line. The Grimsby skipper won the race and with a good finish made it 1-1.

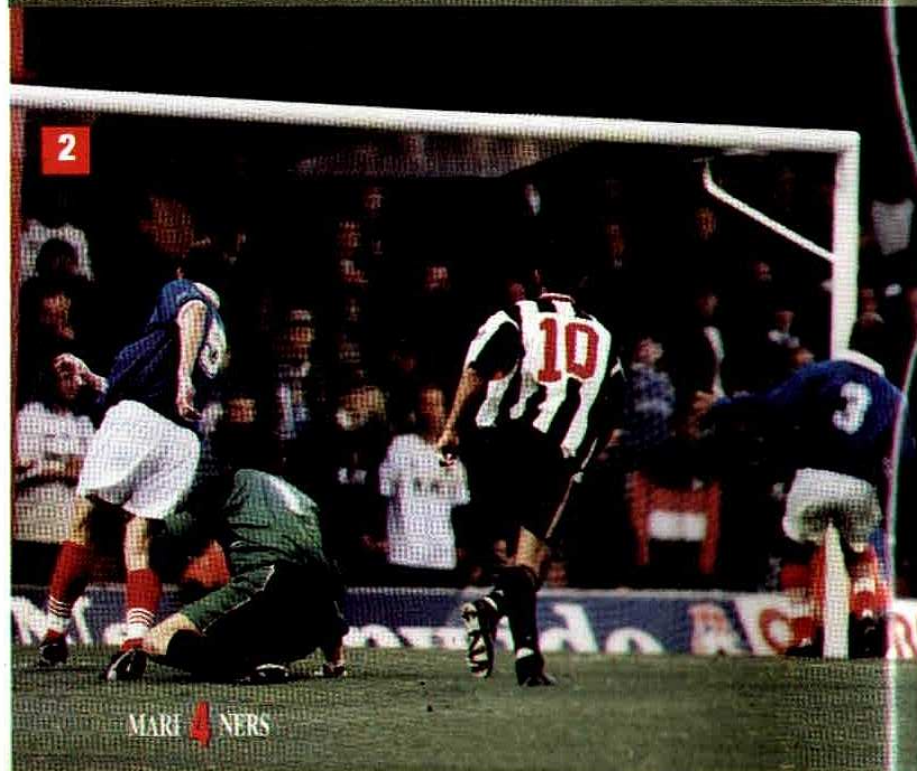
2. Jack Lester watches anxiously as the Portsmouth defence fail to prevent the goal.

3. The Pompey keeper made some excellent saves to deny Town a winner during the second half. Here Kingsley Black's right foot effort is about to be parried away.

4. Grovesie takes a tumble as Jack just fails to get the vital touch.

5. Another good block from the visitors keeper.

6. Lee Nogan goes past the keeper and despite penalty appeals from the Pontoon, there is no contact from the Pompey No: 1.



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THE WINNING TEAM



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today's visitors

Swindon town

the boss



MANAGER JIMMY QUINN

This former Town favourite has gathered a wealth of experience over his career playing at seven different clubs, managing Reading and picking up 48 caps for Northern Ireland. During the time as a player at Swindon he scored 43 goals in 86 appearances and went on to score 94 goals for Reading.

FIRST TEAM COACH MIKE WALSH

This former, Bolton, Everton, Manchester City and Blackpool defender became Steve McMahon's number two in October 1996. After his playing career came to an end, Mike managed Bury for five years, leading them to three play-offs. Since then Mike has renewed acquaintances at Swindon Town with fellow Republic of Ireland player Jim Quinn. Mike has four Republic of Ireland Caps to his name. BORN: Manchester, 20/06/56.

GOALKEEPERS JIMMY GLASS

Joined from Bournemouth under freedom of contract following the Bosman ruling. Started his career as a trainee at Crystal Palace and went out on loan to Portsmouth before grabbing the chance of first team football at Dean Court. His goalkeeping heroics helped Bournemouth reach last season's Auto Windscreens Shield Final at Wembley, where he was unlucky to finish up on the losing side. BORN: Epsom, 01/08/73

FRANK TALLA

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. BORN: Melbourne, Australia 20/07/72

STEVE MILDENHALL

One of Swindon's home grown talents, Steve is in his second year as a professional after successfully coming through the Club's YTS system. Made two first team appearances in 1995/96, came off the bench to play as an outfield player in 1996/97 and made his full league debut between the posts for Swindon in October 1997. BORN: Swindon, 13/05/78

DEFENDERS 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's 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

Wearsiders.

Capped nine times for Wales. BORN: Croydon, 13/03/69

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. BORN: 19/11/67

ADAM WILLIS

Snapped up on a free transfer from Premiership Coventry City after impressing in a couple of trial matches towards the end of last season. Recommended to Swindon by veteran centre back Brian Borrows who had watched him close-up with the Sky Blues. Has recently impressed in the Town's pre-season tour of Ireland. BORN: 21/09/76

MARK ROBINSON

Started his career at West Bromwich Albion, joined Barnsley on a free in June 1986 and such was his form there that Newcastle snapped him up for £450,000 in March 1993. After losing his place in the first team through injury, Swindon paid a club record £600,000 for his services in July 1994 and has been a regular and consistent performer since then. Can play at full back, central defence and was also a success as a sweeper this season before injury ruled him out for three months. BORN: Rochdale, 21/11/68

CRAIG TAYLOR

Younger brother of former Town favourite Shaun, Craig signed a three year deal in April 1997 after impressing during a trial period. Town paid non-league Dorchester Town £25,000 to bring him in and despite a pre-season injury set back, he made a dream debut against Port Vale in October, scoring a wonder goal from fully 35 yards. Strong in the air and determined in the tackle, Craig has certainly carried on where his brother left off. BORN: Plymouth, 24/01/74

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 affective as a sweeper, Brian still has a great appetite for the game. BORN: Liverpool, 20/12/60

ALAN McDONALD

Having spent his entire career at Queens Park Rangers, Alan made his first move - to the County Ground during the summer of 1997 in a two year deal. A highly committed defender with 53 Northern Ireland International Caps to his name, many of them as skipper. BORN: Belfast 12/10/63

DAVID KERSLAKE

Now enjoying his third stint at the County Ground having joined on a free transfer from Ipswich Town in March 98. 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 role. BORN: Stepney 19/6/66

from (left) Onuora



SOL DAVIS

Left sided full back/wing back who was offered his first pro contract in the summer of 1998 after a series of impressive performances in the reserves. Made his league debut as a substitute at home to QPR, shortly after his 18th birthday. First start in a Swindon shirt came six months later in the heat of a local derby clash away at Oxford United. BORN: Cheltenham 04/09/79

MIDFIELDERS

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 time game in November 1993 following a £55,000 step up from Nuneaton Borough. BORN: Worcester 12/02/69

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 attacking midfield.

BORN: Canvey Island 23/10/72

SCOTT LEITCH

Former Motherwell, Dunfermline and Hearts midfielder signed for Swindon in the summer of 1996 for a bargain price of £15,000. Enjoyed a successful loan spell at the County Ground during their Second Division Championship season and manager Steve McMahon was quick to bring him in on a permanent basis. BORN: Motherwell 06/10/69

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 injury ruled him out of the last few months of last season. BORN: Birmingham 02/06/64.

KEVIN WATSON

Came through

ranks and made 12 first team appearances for Spurs under Terry Venables before being loaned out to Bristol City and Barnet. Joined Swindon on a free in July 1996, made 18 starts

last season and has been heavily involved this term with some superb displays in the midfield. BORN: Hackney, 03/01/74

ROBIN HULBERT

Gifted young midfielder. He made his first team bow as 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 club right up to the FA Cup Final. Included in the England

Under-18 squad for the European Championships in the summer. BORN: Plymouth, 14/03/80

LEE COLLINS

Missed the majority of the 1996/97 campaign through injury but signed an extension to his contract during the summer. This ball winning midfielder has been used several times this season and is keen to get a regular place in the first team. Joined Swindon from Scottish club Albion Rovers for £15,000 in November 1995. BORN: Bellshill 03/02/74

PHILIPPE CUERVO

This gifted Frenchman impressed during a trial period and was quickly signed on a three year contract from Sochaux (free transfer) just before the start of the current campaign. Was a revelation during the first two months of the season but then spent several months out with a hip problem. BORN: Ris-Orangis, 13/08/69

STEPHEN (BOBBY) HOWE

Stephen who likes to be known as Bobby, is an attacking midfielder who signed from Swindon in January 1998 from Nottingham Forest where his first team opportunities had dried up. Made 17 appearances for Forest and has had loan spells at Kettering and Ipswich Town. BORN: Annisford, 06/11/73

FORWARDS

CHRIS HAY

This pacy young striker was drafted in from Scottish giants Celtic for £330,000 a week before the current campaign started and what a

bargain he proved to be, scoring 13 goals in 20 appearances before Christmas. Steve McMahon spent a year tracking this goalscoring ace who was finding it hard to break into Celtic's first team on a regular basis. BORN: 28/08/74

STEVE COWE

What he lacks in height, he makes up for with his pace and skill on the ball. This livewire of a front man scored 7 goals in 32 starts last season but has failed to find a regular slot this term.

Brought in from Aston Villa in March 1996 for £100,000. BORN: Gloucester 29/09/74

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 lightning quick Ndah from Crystal Palace in a £500,000 deal in November 1997.

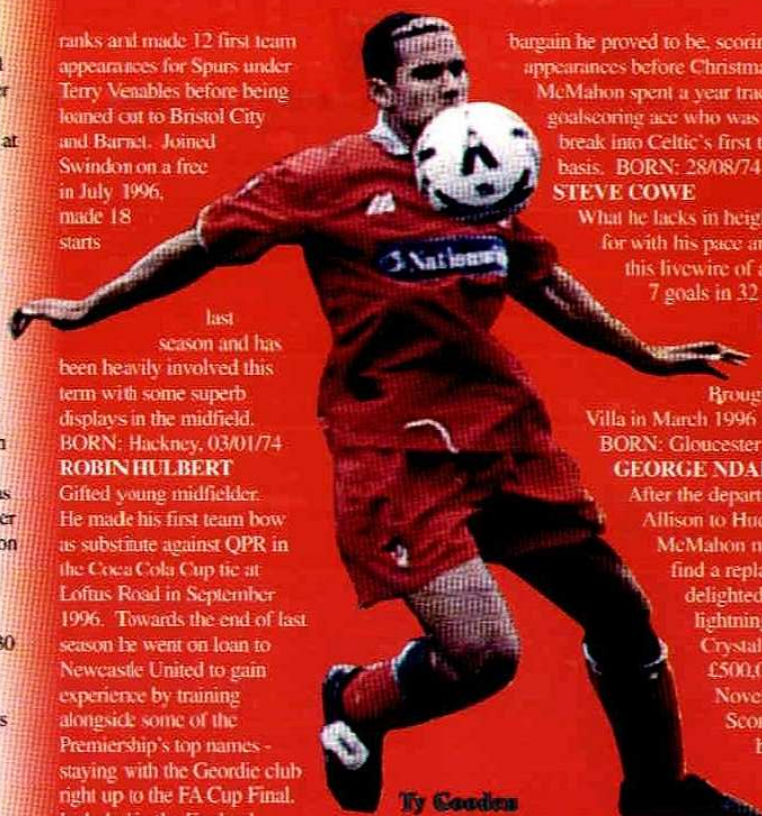
Scored a stunner on his debut against Middlesbrough. A former England Youth

International, George made almost 100 appearances for Palace.

BORN: Dulwich, 23/12/74

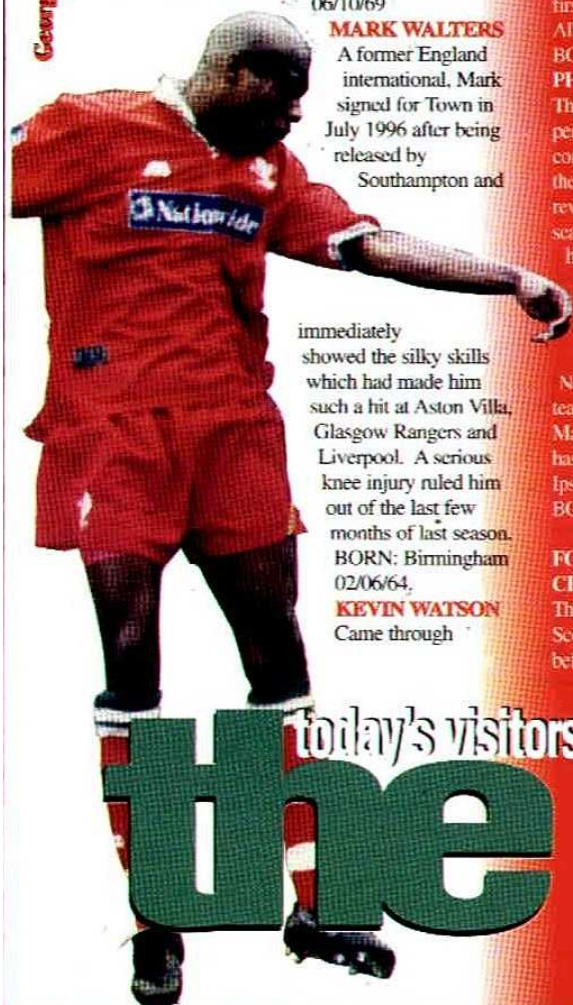
IFEM (IFFY) ONUORA

Ex-Huddersfield, Mansfield and Gillingham striker, who was signed in a £100,000 deal in March 98. Made the perfect start for his new club, heading the winning goal on his debut v 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. BORN: Glasgow 28/07/67.



Ty Gooden

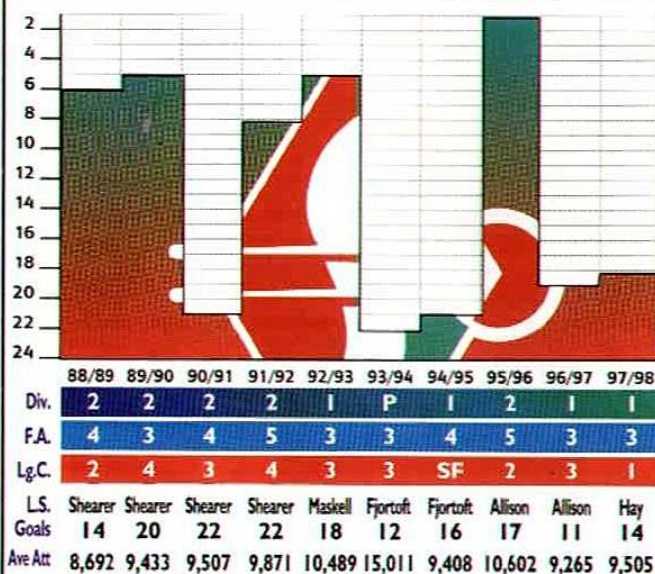
George Ndah



Today's visitors swindon town the robins

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Swindon Town's last ten years - the full record



When Swindon have scored goals... and conceded them



SWINDON'S SINNERS

Bullock...8
Walters...6
Ndah...4
Reeves...4
Leitch...3
Borrows...2
Davis...2
Hulbert...2
Kerslake...2
Robinson...2
Gooden...1

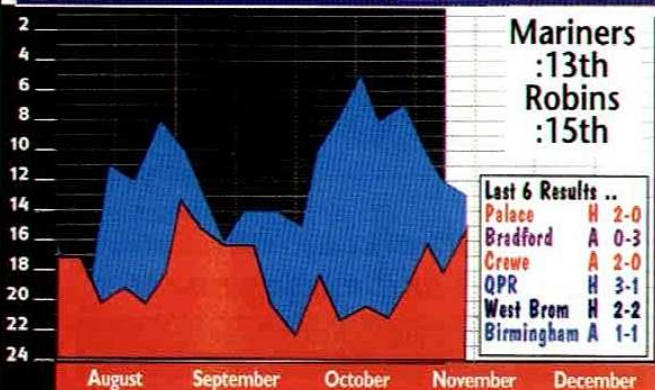
Davis...1
Hulbert...1
Taylor...1

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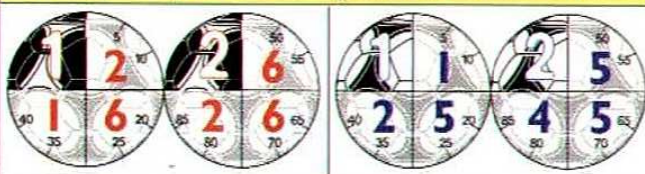
MARINERS' MISCREANTS

Lester...6
Gallimore...4
Lover...2
Smith R...2
Widdington...2
Ashcroft...1
Coldicott...1
Groves...1
Handyside...1
Livingstone...1
Smith D...1

Form comparison throughout this season



When Grimsby have scored goals... and conceded them



Who's played for The Robins this season...

Player	Pos	Lge	Lge	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
		Apps	Gls					
Brian Borrows	D	20		37	5 10	11 12	Coventry	Eng B
Ty Gooden	M	20	1	26	5 8	12 06	Wycombe	
Frank Talia	G	19		26	6 1	13 06	Blackburn	
Mark Walters	M	19	7	34	5 9	11 05	Southampton	England
Gareth Hall	D	17	1	29	5 8	12 00	Sunderland	Wales
Iffy Onuora	F	16(2)	11	31	6 0	13 01	Gillingham	
George Ndah	F	16(1)	6	23	6 1	11 04	Palace	
Darren Bullock	M	15(2)	1	29	5 9	13 04	Huddersfield	
Alan Reeves	D	15		29	6 0	12 00	Wimbledon	
Mark Robinson	D	12(1)		30	5 9	12 04	Newcastle	
Scott Leitch	M	10		29	5 10	12 00	Hearts	
Sol Davis	D	9(4)		19	5 7	11 00		
Adam Willis	D	8		22	6 1	12 02	Coventry	
David Kerslake	D	7		32	5 9	12 04	Ipswich	Eng U21
Kevin Watson	M	3(4)		24	5 9	12 08	Tottenham	
Chris Hay	F	3(3)		24	6 0	12 05	Celtic	
Robin Hulbert	M	3(3)		18			Newcastle	Eng Yth
Phillipe Cuervo	M	2(4)		29	5 11	11 03	St Etienne	
Steve Cowe	F	2(2)		24	5 7	10 02	Villa	
Neale Fenn	F	2		22	5 10	12 08	on loan from Tottenham	
Craig Taylor	D	1(2)		24	6 1	12 03	Exeter	
Jimmy Glass	G	1		25	6 1	13 04	Bournemouth	
Stephen Howe	M	(2)		25	5 7	10 06	Forest	
Sam Campagna	D	(1)		18	6 0	12 00	Kidderminster	
Fraser McHugh				17	5 11			

How The Robins have scored goals... and conceded them



Mariners v Robins

FORM GUIDE	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Sequence
Grimsby Town	2	1	3	6	8	7	LDLWLW
Swindon Town	3	2	1	10	7	11	WLWWDD

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How Grimsby have scored goals... and conceded them



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PONTIN'S

**with john
cockerill**



Welcome to today's game against Swindon Town which will hopefully see us gain three points.

Last week the reserves travelled to Middlesbrough and returned home with a 1-0 defeat. With the team we had out, the result was excellent and with a bit of luck in the first half, we may have scored ourselves.

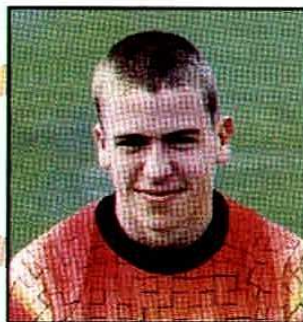
I went with a 4-5-1 formation which suits us better when fielding a young side and gives us more possession of the ball, also making us harder to break down.

All credit to the lads who played, especially Lee Ashcroft who worked tirelessly up front and also

to Mark Lever and Ben Chapman.

Last Tuesday we travelled to Coventry City for a re-arranged fixture. We fielded a strong side, although Coventry City ran out winners by two goals to one despite us taking the lead in the second

half when Livvo put us in front. Thanks for your support. Enjoy the game.



Steve Croudson - played for reserves at Middlesbrough with Andy Love on standby for the first team

PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

AUGUST 1998			F-A
Thur 13	Tranmere Rovers	H	1-3
Wed 19	West Bromwich Albion	A	0-3
Tue 25	Sheffield Wednesday	H	1-1
SEPTEMBER 1998			
Wed 16	Barnsley	H	0-0
Thur 24	Coventry City	A	P-P
Wed 30	Bolton Wanderers	H	0-2
OCTOBER 1998			
Wed 7	Port Vale	A	1-2
Tue 13	Manchester City	H	P-P
Wed 28	Burnley	A	0-0
NOVEMBER 1998			
TUE 3	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	0-2
Wed 18	Middlesbrough	A	
DECEMBER 1998			
Tue 1	Oldham Athletic	H	
Wed 9	Tranmere Rovers	A	
Tue 15	West Bromwich Albion	H	
JANUARY 1999			
Tue 19	Sheffield Wednesday	A	
FEBRUARY 1999			
Wed 3	Barnsley	A	
Tue 16	Coventry City	H	
Wed 24	Bolton Wanderers	A	
MARCH			
Wed 3	Port Vale	H	
Tue 16	Manchester City	A	
Mon 22	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	
Tue 30	Burnley	H	
APRIL 1999			
Tue 13	Middlesbrough	H	
Tue 27	Oldham Athletic	A	

today's action - the lowdown

SWINDON TOWN

FOUNDED: 1881

ENTERED LEAGUE: 1920

HONOURS: Champions Division Four 1986

Play-Off Winners: Division One 1993;

Division Two 1990; Division Three 1987

League Cup Winners 1969; Anglo-Italian Cup Winners 1970

PAST LEAGUE RECORD:

GRIMSBY TOWN - 10 WINS

SWINDON TOWN - 14 WINS

8 DRAWS

FIRST MEETING: Grimsby 3 Swindon 0, Division Three, 9 April 1921.

LAST MEETING: Swindon 3 Grimsby 3, Division One, 25 January 1997.

BIGGEST WIN (GRIMSBY): 3-0 (twice),

April 1921 & September 1959.

BIGGEST DEFEAT (GRIMSBY): 0-5, Division Three, 27 February 1968.

PLAYER CONNECTIONS: Steve Foley, Freddie Jones, Norman Oakley.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Grimsby have yet to win in 17 League and Cup visits to Swindon's County Ground.

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Park LIFE

Happy Silver Wedding Anniversary to Pete and Pat Calder on 24th November. Love from Christopher, Mark, Jonathan, Christine, Rebecca and Gareth

Welcome to 12 year old Catherine Appleton from Swanland in East Yorkshire. She is watching the Mariners for the first time this afternoon

Happy 14th birthday to Neil Mapley who celebrated his birthday on Tuesday 8th December. Love from Mum, Dad, Grandad and the girls

Happy Birthday to Tom Wenham who will be 69 on Tuesday 1st December with love from all the family

Happy Birthday to Alex Rodger - 10 years old today, with love from Mum and Dad. They are all sitting in the Main Stand



A Real Kick Start - Grimsby Town FC officially opened the latest Auto Windscreens fitting centre with a barrage of footballs. Boss Alan Buckley fires in the first shot

There are some vacancies for mascots for matches at Blundell Park after the Christmas period. Anyone interested should contact Julie in the Club Shop for bookings or further details

Happy Birthday to Eva who will be 21 on 2nd December. She is currently at Swansea University but is travelling over for today's match with her Father, who lives in Wiltshire. Both however are keen Town fans - so welcome to Blundell Park. The birthday wish is love from Mum, Dad and Olaf.

Happy 25th Birthday to Ruth Solomon with love from James

The referee for this afternoon's match is Matt Messias (34) from York. Mr Messias was promoted to the Football League's Referee's List in 1997. Having previously been on the FIFA linesman's list since 1995. He was one of the assistant referees for both the European Cup winners Cup Semi Final of 1996-97 and the World Cup qualifier between Hungary and Norway in June 1997. He lists his hobbies as all sports, especially coaching football, athletics and basketball.

The Club Shop will be open after today's match and also it is open on Saturdays when the Mariners have an away match (9am-3pm)

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME - GRIMSBY AUDITORIUM

Today we welcome Sebastian - the Pantomime's Giant to Blundell Park. Weather permitting Sebastian will be officially welcomed to the Club by Mighty Mariner on the pitch prior to kick off.

Sebastian is here to promote the Grimsby Auditorium's Christmas Pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk which runs from 12th December until 2nd January 1999. You are advised to book early and you should contact the Box Office on 01472 311311 for ticket prices and full details on performance schedules.

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with Mr Internet,
Martin Handsley

Good afternoon and welcome to Caught in the Net. First of all I'd like to congratulate two people who help out on the site. I'd like to wish Dave Dixon and his wife Carolyn best wishes on the birth of their daughter Abigail, and Chris Marshall our web designer now has a proper job with Planet, luckily he managed to get permission to carry on with the gtfc site! Well done lads!

One of the problems with running the site as we do is that we sometimes have problems when we travel away from home. I mention this after last weekend's away game at Bury. The Mariners net crew were at Gigg Lane about an hour and a half before kick off. We'd booked a telephone line to provide live match commentary over the internet. We'd got set up and waited for the telephone man to arrive, which he did with 20 minutes to go, only to find out that we didn't have a line. We'd got all the way there to find we had no connection to the internet! We did what we could, which was write a brief report and take pictures, but it was very disappointing not to be able to provide commentary after all our hard work.

The man of the match competition we're running on

the site is hotting up, Jack Lester and Aidan Davison are now joint leaders and Lee Ashcroft is also storming up the table after his recent good form after a lengthy lay off.

Player	Points
Aidan Davison	1060
Jack Lester	1060
Paul Groves	920
Richard Smith	790
Kingsley Black	620
Tommy Widdrington	505
David Smith	485
Tony Gallimore	480
Lee Ashcroft	425
Daryl Clare	425
Peter Handyside	370
John McDermott	360
Lee Nogan	350

The winner of the last competition was Lesley Taylor

her email address is Taylor@grimsby.ac.uk. A signed team shirt is on its way to her.

This week answer these questions to win a pair of tickets to any home Nationwide League game.

1. We have two local reporters who write for MarinersNet, who are they?
2. Who is the club's Physiotherapist?
3. Against which team did Lee Ashcroft score his first goal for the Mariners?

Send your answers on a postcard with your address details to me at the club, address on the first page of the programme, or by email with your address details at my email martin@gtfc.co.uk. Competition closes on Saturday 12th December, answers and winner details will be published in the programme for the game against Watford on the 19th December. No correspondence will be entered into and the editor's decision is final. This competition is also running on the web site. Good luck.

Swindon have their own site at <http://www.swindon-fc.demon.co.uk/> which is worth checking out.

This game has turned into quite an important game for Alan Buckley and the lads as the next three games are away from home. I'm sure that you will join me in wishing the team well. Paul Groves told me on Tuesday night how important to the team your vocal support is. GET BEHIND THE LADS! and let's cheer them on to a good win.

next at Blundell Park

Saturday 19th December 1998

Only one more home match before Christmas! After a series of three away games which follows today's match with Swindon Town, the Mariners play host to Watford. Graham Taylor's side were promoted as Division Two Champions last season and have started this season very confidently, currently in second place in the table.

Over the years, the Hornets have had their share of near success at the top level - FA Cup Runners Up in 1981 when a certain Steve Sherwood played in goal in a 2-0 defeat by Everton. Big Steve went on to serve the Mariners well during Alan Buckley's first spell at the club and he still lives in the Grimsby area - and he still claims the Andy Gray headed goal for Everton in that final was a foul! Watford had previously been runners-up to Liverpool in the First Division Championship (1982-83) after a creditable rise through the divisions under Taylor's first spell at Vicarage Road, and they also had the misfortune to lose out in the FA Cup semi-final of 1987. Watford seem to get their fair share of headlines, but when your Chairman is one of the World's most famous singer-song writers and your manager was formerly in charge of the national side, there is bound to be much interest in your club. Also on the coaching staff is Fother Blissett, a former England international who hit a hat-trick on his England debut against Luxembourg and had a spell at AC Milan after a £1 million transfer in 1983. Most of the pundits have tipped Taylor's side for a respectable mid-table finish in their first season back in the Football League's top division, but after the start they have made with the campaign almost at it's half-way stage, don't be surprised if the Hornets are still up there challenging come May.

This fixture last season saw Watford win 1-0 Ronnie Rosenbald's last in what turned out to be the winner in the opening minute! The Mariners will be on their guard from the first whistle on the 19th as they look to earn three more points at Blundell Park. It promises to be an interesting encounter.

see you there!

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28 November

1908 - The first ever league meeting between Grimsby and Tottenham ends in a 2-0 victory for Spurs at White Hart Lane. Tottenham would finish the season promoted to Division One.

1931 - Grimsby fall to their third consecutive league defeat, losing an exciting First Division match 3-4 at Blackpool. Tim Coleman and Pat Glover both add to a John Priestley penalty.

1953 - Jimmy Bloomer hits his first goal in over two months in the 1-1 Third Division North draw at Chester. Future Liverpool right-back John Molyneux had put the home side ahead.

1960 - A rearranged Monday night fixture brings Swindon Town to Blundell Park, but it's the Mariners who claim a 3-2 win thanks to two goals by Derek Williams. Jimmy Fell also nets before a 7,234 crowd.

1981 - A superb long-range shot by Bobby Mitchell earns Grimsby a home point in the 1-1 draw with Newcastle United. The Mariners though, had now gone eight Second Division games without victory.

1989 - Alan Buckley's men suffer a surprise 0-1 Leyland DAF Cup defeat to Doncaster Rovers at Belle Vue. The Mariners however, would gain revenge two weeks later with a F.A. Cup win over the Yorkshire side by the same score.

AND IN THE NEWS...

1905 - The Irish Sinn Féin movement declares itself a political party.

1919 - Conservative Nancy Astor becomes to first woman to be elected to parliament.

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R. Briggs

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Retired jockey Willie Carson can't wait to see Swindon Town back among the thoroughbreds in the Premier League.

Willie, winner of 17 English classics and 3,828 races in total, can be found in very different enclosures these days.

Instead of the winners' enclosures it is the directors' box at the County Ground because the five times champion jockey has been on the Swindon board for the last two years.

Willie, a stud owner and the BBC's flat-race presenter, says it is his goal to see Swindon back among the elite - they survived only one season in the Premier League back in 1993/94.

Swindon are popular among the racing set with jockey John Francome, retired presenter Julian Wilson and well-known racing journalists Jonathan

Powell and John Demoraville among the supporters.

Willie, who first went to the County Ground in the early 1980s said: "They are all hardened Swindon fans and we all talk football at the races.

"The club has had an eventful recent history so there has always been plenty to discuss." Since Willie, who was awarded an OBE in 1983 and recently a doctorate at Stirling University, began supporting Swindon they have certainly experienced the highs and lows.

Willie witnessed the meteoric climb from the Fourth Division to Premier League between 1986 and 93, but this was followed by two successive relegations and promotion back to the First Division where they have been since 1996.

Now that the flat-race season is over, Willie will be able to watch Swindon more regularly. He explained how he became a director saying: "When I retired from racing I thought I would have nothing to do.

"The first telephone call I received came from Mike Spearman who was then chairman inviting me along to a game and that is how it all came about."

It has certainly been an eventful start to the 1998/99 campaign with the club's financial troubles being well documented. These led to the departure of Steve McMahon who has been replaced by

former Swindon favourite Jimmy Quinn who is the new manager.

Willie, the winner of the 200th Derby on Troy, has enjoyed his time on the Swindon board. He explained: "It is totally different to simply being a fan, and it has made me more passionate about the club.

"It has also been revealing to see the problems fans don't see. It hasn't been nice at times and not easy dealing with the financial problems."

Willie added it is difficult for clubs like Swindon to survive and it is a completely different ball game to the Premier League.

He said: "I hear Premier League clubs moaning about their lot, but they don't know how lucky they are. They want to face the problems we have to deal with at this level."

Willie believes Swindon are now on a sounder financial footing and coming to terms with the troubles.

He went on: "We are getting back on the right lines and starting to make up ground and beginning to slice through the field.

"I am afraid many football clubs are not run like businesses which is why they are in such trouble.

"When hardened business people take charge of a football club they let their hearts rule their heads and they take chances they wouldn't do in

gue is a must

business in pursuit of success.

"It is done in the best interests of the club, but if it doesn't work out clubs are left in trouble and we have had a bit of that syndrome at Swindon in the past."

Willie feels Swindon is now being run on sounder business lines, though it will take time to conquer all the problems.

He believes Quinn is the right man to bring back the glory days to the County Ground.

Willie said: "Jimmy did a good job at Reading almost taking them to the Premier League and

hope he can have us challenging at the top, though it won't be this year.

"It is important we stabilise and consolidate and then start thinking about making a push towards the Premier League next year."

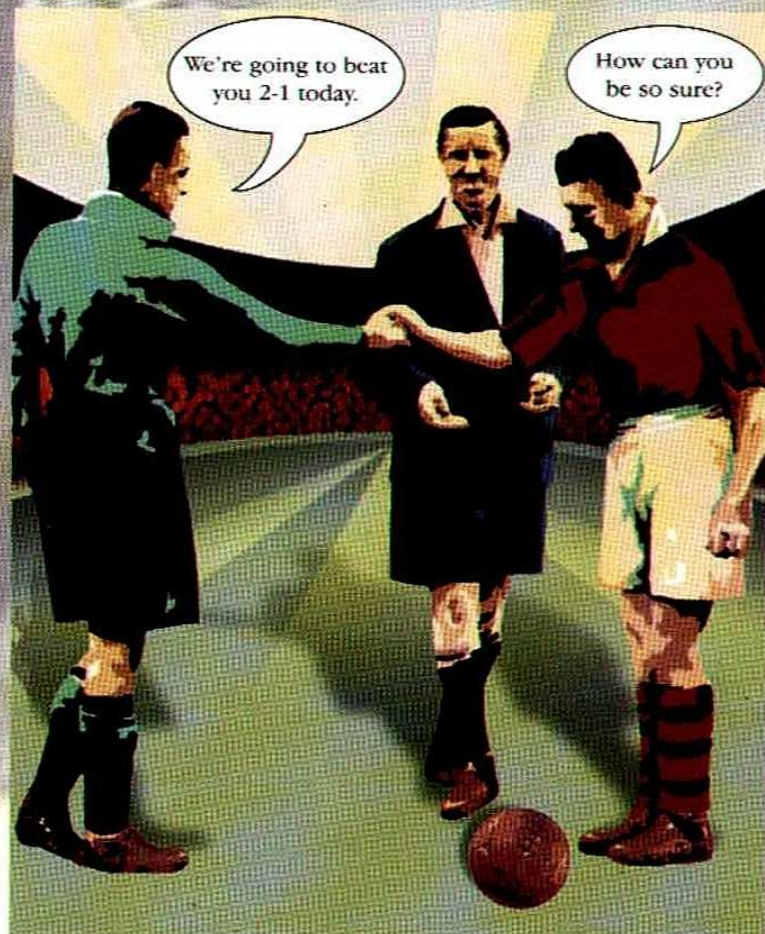
Willie didn't see Swindon much during their 1993/94 Premier League campaign - it was the only time in the club's history they have graced the top flight, and he would dearly love to see them back there again.

The standard of First Division

football has impressed Willie who believes the top teams are not far away from being on a par with those at the bottom of the Premier League.

He believes Swindon just need a couple of class players to strengthen the side so they are in a position to mount a serious challenge.

Of the current side Willie admired Mark Walters, the former Aston Villa, Rangers, Liverpool and Southampton winger, who he says is still a class player even though his career is drawing to a close.



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THE BEST....

GAME FOR GRIMSBY TOWN: Last season's play-off final victory over Northampton Town - winning at such an occasion was tremendous.

GAME EVER SEEN: Liverpool 4 Newcastle

United 3 Either of those recent matches - they were both classics.

GOAL EVER SEEN: John Barnes' individual effort against Brazil.

SAVE EVER SEEN: Jim Montgomery (Sunderland) in 1973 FA Cup Final.

CURRENT PLAYER IN YOUR POSITION (AND WHY?): Peter Schmeichel, he has an awesome presence and he is a winner.

AWAY GROUND: Highbury

OTHER SPORT: Golf

TV PROGRAMME: Any wildlife programmes.

TYPE OF MUSIC: All types from Rock to Jazz.

FOOD: Couldn't live without it!

DRINK: Never enough!

SCHOOL SUBJECT: History (I used to fancy the teacher).

SPORTS CELEBRITY: Mohammed Ali - he stood for what he believed in.

THE WORST....

WHAT ARE YOUR

PET HATES? I don't have any pets.

AWAY GROUND: Racecourse Ground, Wrexham.

MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Being injured in 1991 playing for Millwall against Derby County. I had a collapsed lung and played on for half an hour before having to go off.

OTHER SPORT: KABADDI

TV PROGRAMME: Supermarket Sweep

RECORD OF ALL TIME: "Diamond Lights" - Waddle & Hoddle

SCHOOL SUBJECT: Maths

FOOD: Peas Pudding

DRINK: Whisky

TV CELEBRITIES: Vanessa Feltz

DO YOU HAVE ANY SUPERSTITIONS?

Yes, I always put my clothes on before leaving the house!

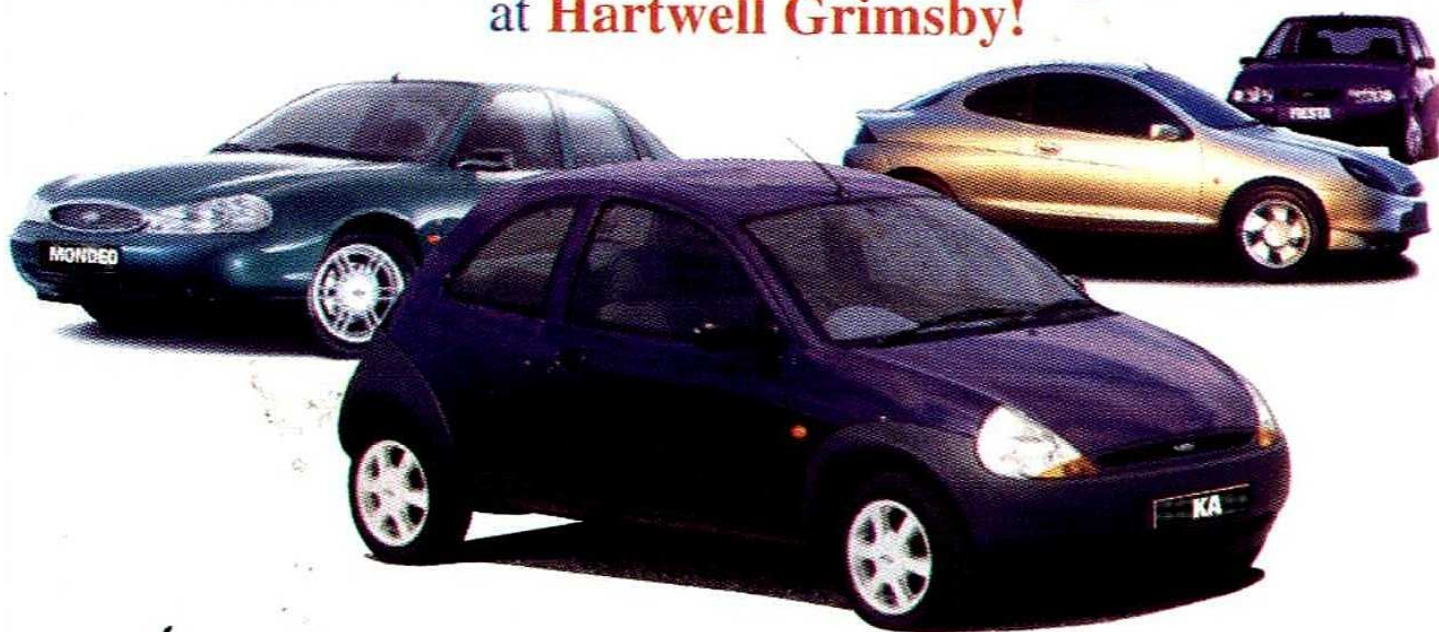


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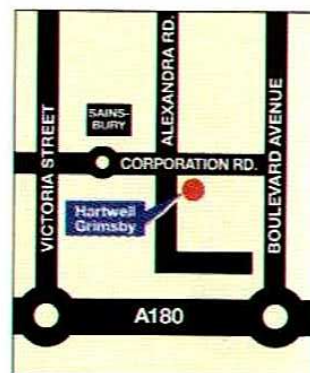
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**a pre-match
chat with
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Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to our game with Swindon Town. I would particularly like to welcome their manager Jimmy Quinn who is a former team-mate of mine at Leicester City and wish him every success apart from today and 24th April 1999.

Our last home encounter against Portsmouth proved disappointing and frustrating. Because of our previous form at home, expectation was high and we were expected to win, especially when they had a man sent off after a quarter of an hour. However they scored soon after and although we equalised quickly, they stubbornly refused to crack and went on to prove that football is not always as straightforward as it looks. I thought we were unfortunate in the second half not to get the slice of luck we needed to go in front. If we had, I am sure we would have gone on to win the game handsomely. There is sometimes a fine line between getting three points and only one. None of the lads could be faulted for effort or desire, it just didn't come off on the day. We pushed hard for the game, but still had to be aware of the threat of the quick counter attack, similar to how they scored their goal. I

think that is a major difference to last season - with all due respect in the Second Division teams did not necessarily have the quality to do that. In Division One, the counter attack will play a big part in the strategy of many teams which come to Blundell Park.

The game last weekend at Bury was a completely different kettle of fish. Bury obviously feel that if they made games scrappy and a battle then it suits them better and gives them the best chance to win the game. Although I felt we controlled the game in the first half with our passing, we did not test their keeper. In fact it was Aidan who had to make two saves to keep it level at half-time. The one thing we did not want to happen in the second half was to concede an early goal in the game. It was always going to be difficult - we posed little threat afterwards. It was thoroughly disappointing ninety minutes and we came out of it with no credit whatsoever.

Today we need to bounce back. Our last three results really put the onus on us to get three points today. The players are all aware of that and want to put it right. It must be remembered that prior to our defeat at Sunderland, we had been in the top seven after some excellent results. You can never take anything for granted. Looking at the fixture list, today is followed by three away matches in succession - the next few weeks will certainly require some character on our part. Having said that, no-one was ever under the

illusion that division one would be easy. There are no easy games, all the teams in the first division are there on merit and we will continue to have to work hard to earn our points.

Your support can help this afternoon. Please get behind the lads and do your best to create a great atmosphere inside Blundell Park. When we can hear you urging us on, it does make a difference.

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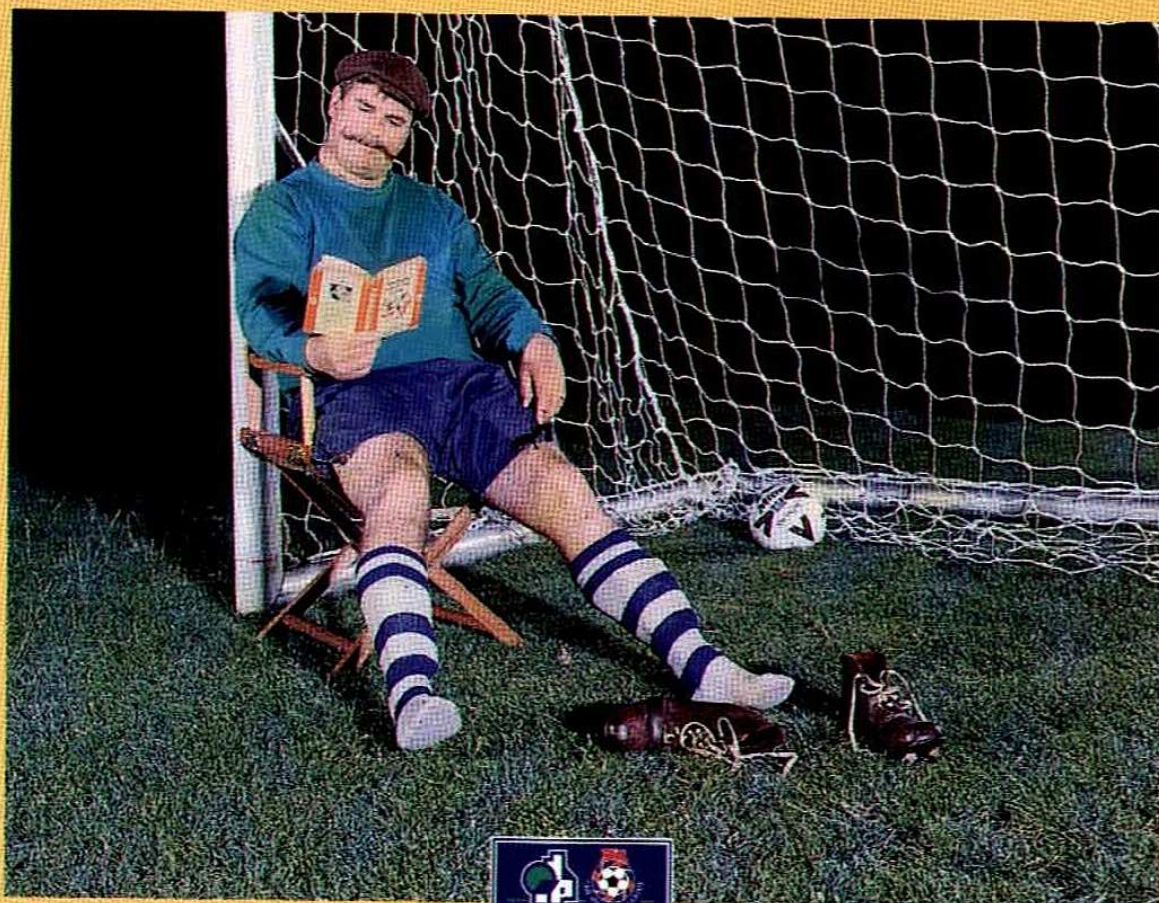
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Half-Time Bonanza winners from our last game were Mr Henry Hookham of Great Limber who won the first prize of £225. Second prize of a £20 Club Shop voucher was unclaimed - ticket number 11544. Mr D Hughes of Cleethorpes won the third prize of an autographed GTFC ball.

Remember, if you have access to the internet you should check out the Club's official website - www.gtfc.co.uk. It is undoubtedly one of the best football club sites in the country. The Club Shop page on the site has been a huge success and we have had orders coming in from all over the world, particularly from Australia. The site is receiving over 2000 "hits" a week, which is a real credit to the skills of

our co-ordinator Martin Handsley and his hard-working team of assistants. I know Martin has more ideas on how to develop the site, which will make it even better. Thanks for your support once again. Enjoy the game.
Tim Harvey

We recently received this e-mail with reference to the 1-1 draw with Portsmouth. "Tell John Tondeur that it wasn't all his fault because I didn't have my GTFC mug in my hand at kick off. I'm not superstitious of course but when I can't get over to Grimsby for a match it usually helps to have the mug handy at 3pm. or 7.45pm. I was actually at Turf Moor Burnley picking my lad up from a football party. John will be pleased to know that we can pick up Radio Humberside in Burnley - but there is too much Scunthorpe and Hull City rubbish most of the time."



Peter Handyside receives the Man of the Match Award from Colin Beese, Chairman of the CBR Group, the match sponsors against Portsmouth.

did they really say that?

"I was saying the other day, how often the most vulnerable area for goalies is between their legs."

ANDY GRAY (SKY SPORTS)

star question

Congratulations to MR T WENHAM of CLEETHORPES who was the winner of the Lee Nogan Star Question Competition in our Portsmouth programme. Mr Wenham won two tickets for this afternoon's match.

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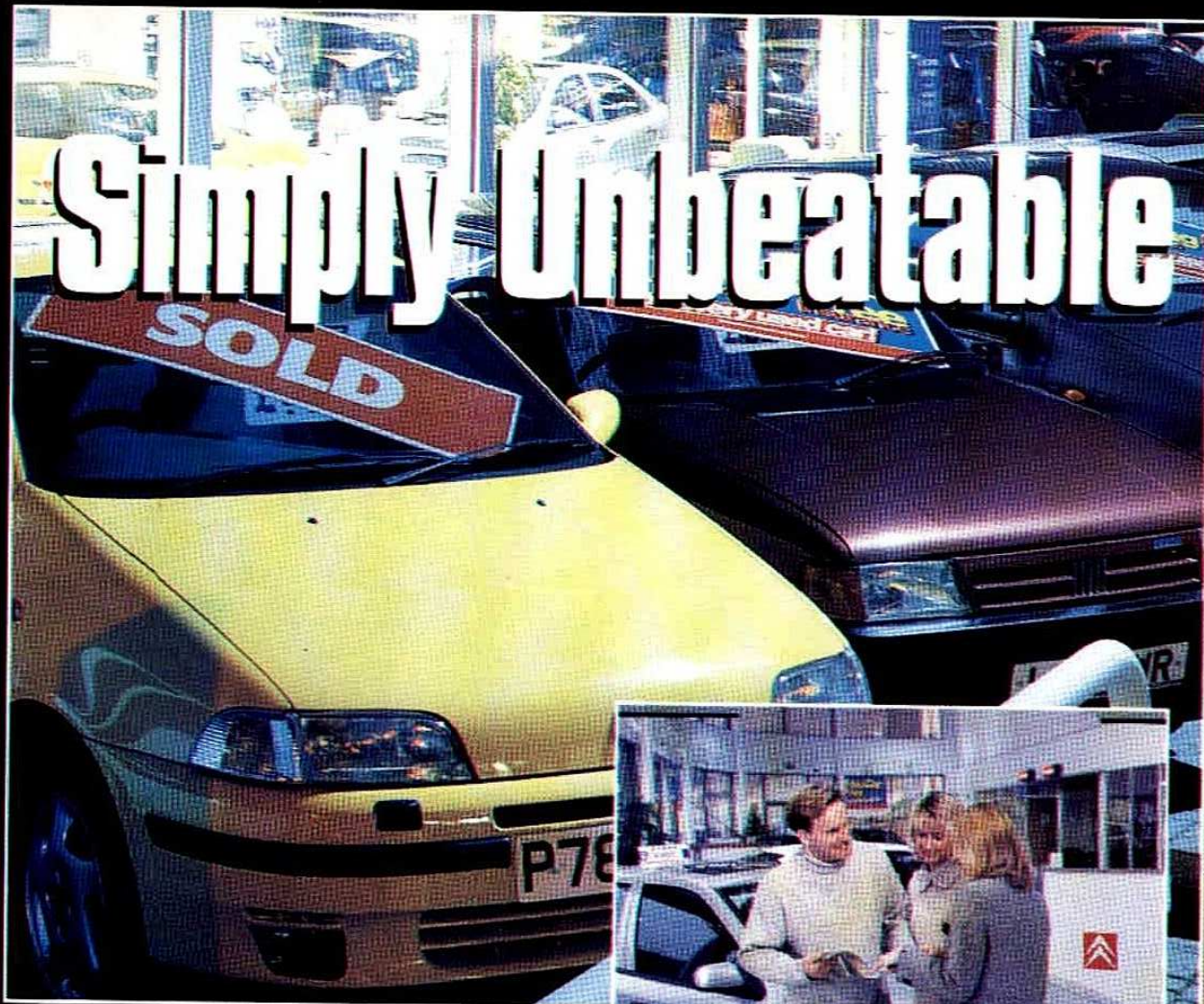
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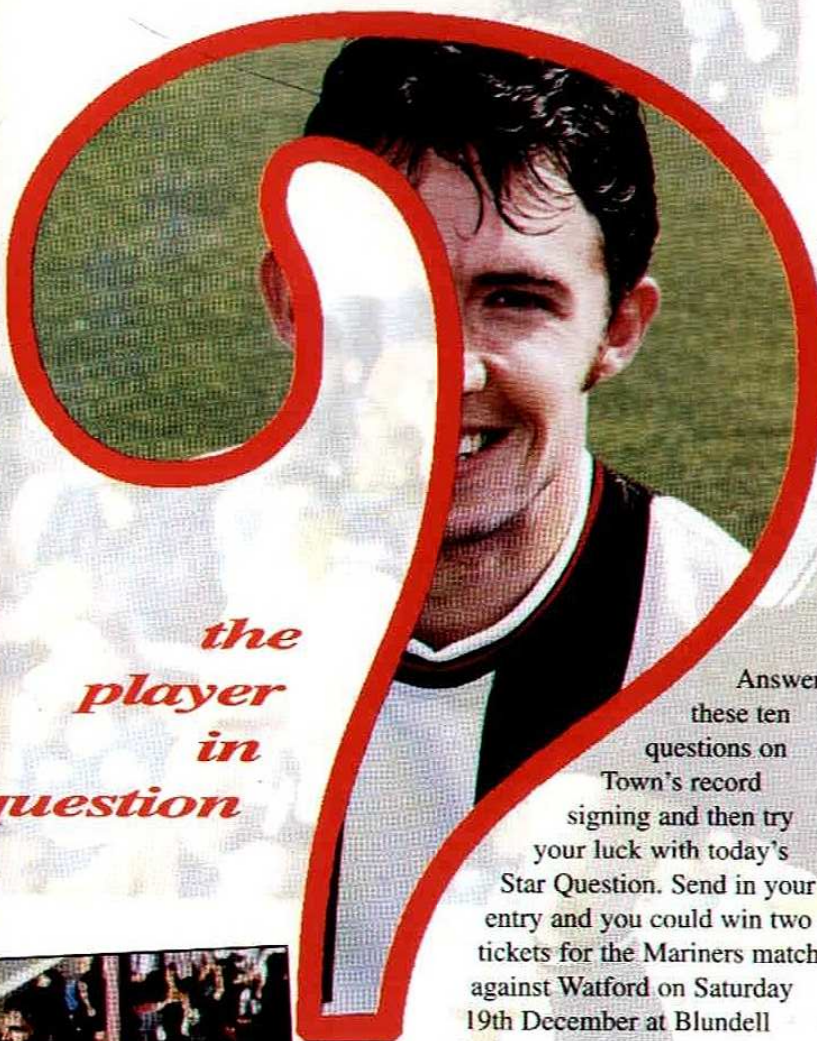
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- Under 21 international?
5. Against which team did he make his Grimsby Town debut?
6. Lee scored in the home defeat by Barnsley in September. Which player scored both Barnsley goals on that day?
7. Which player did Lee replace during last week's defeat at Bury when coming on as a second half substitute?
8. Where was the striker born?
9. Which two players previously held the Mariners transfer record before Lee's signing?
10. When did Lee sign for the Mariners - July, August or September?

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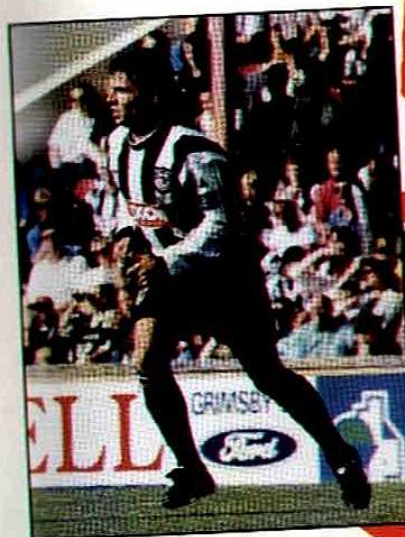
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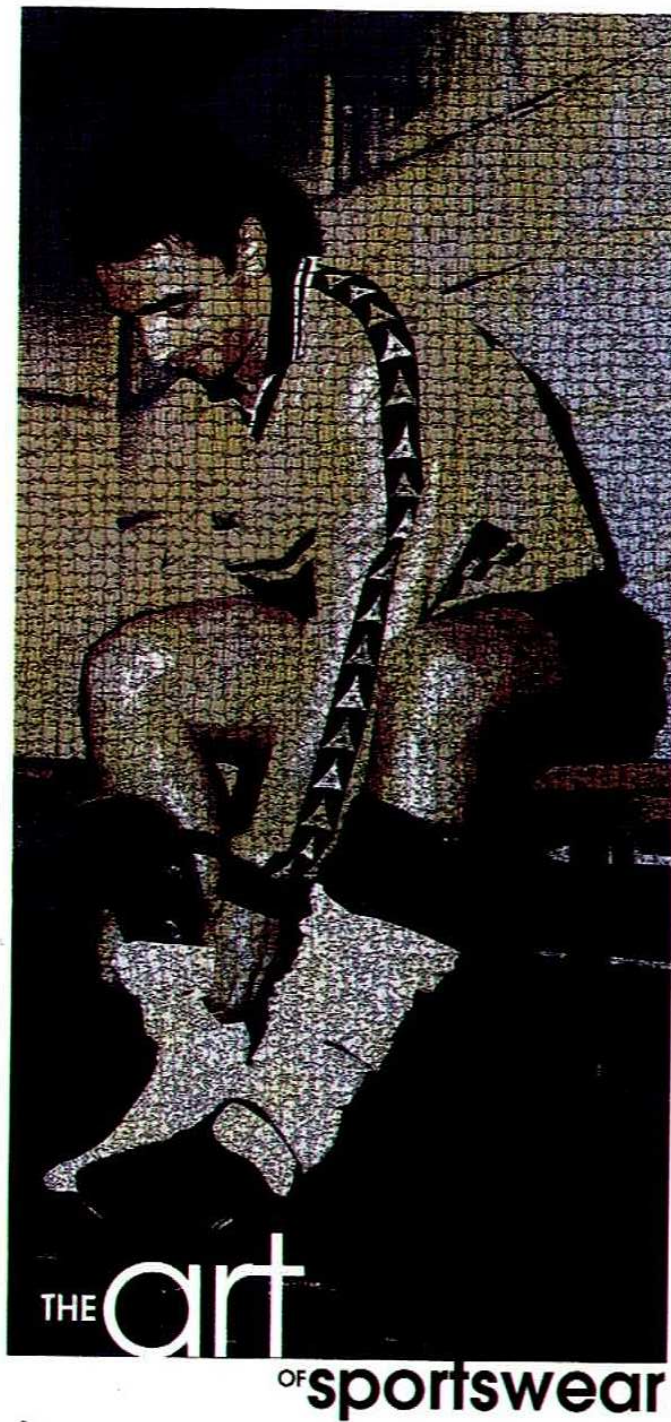
your luck with today's

Star Question. Send in your entry and you could win two tickets for the Mariners match against Watford on Saturday 19th December at Blundell Park.

1. Against which club did Lee score in the Worthington Cup this season?
2. Name the Club at which Lee has had two separate spells during his career.
3. How old will he be on his next birthday?
4. True or false. Lee is a former England



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Lee Nogan 8. Preston 9. Tommy
Bolton Wanderers 6. Ashley Ward 7.
Preston North End 3. 27 4. True 5.



rather be without?....

7 May 1977**Grimsby Town 2 Swindon Town 0**

Victory over the Robins made it five games unbeaten for John Newman's side - Town's best run of form since his arrival at Christmas - giving the Mariners an outside chance of avoiding the drop into Division Four. Swindon themselves had gone nine matches without a win prior to visiting Cleethorpes, though fortunately for the County Ground faithful, a midtable placing meant there was no likelihood of being drawn into the relegation mire.

In a season when bad luck had consistently plagued Grimsby's cause, it made a change to take the lead courtesy of a mistake in the Swindon defence. On nine minutes Colin Prophet was too casual in trying to clear the ball which hit Gary Liddell's body, then, gaining control, Town's Scottish forward played a perfect pass for Jack Lewis to breach the backline. Goalkeeper Jim Allan rushed out to block the run, but Lewis' speed took him wide, and he slotted home from a tight angle to give the Mariners the lead.

Soon after Lewis almost grabbed his second, forcing Allan into a fingertip save

when his header was diverted goalwards, while Keith Hanvey also went close with a shot that produced an equally fine save. Grimsby though finally made their pressure pay with another goal on 23 minutes. Some fine passing between Joe Waters and Dave Boylen saw the ball eventually fall kindly for Gary Liddell, and as the visiting defence stood and watched, the former Leeds United striker broke away to sidefoot wide of the advancing keeper. Town lost the sparkle of Jack Lewis early in the second half with a pulled muscle, and while Malcolm Partridge's header forced a clearance off the Swindon goalline, the second half was generally an anti-climax. The visitors, however, did test Harry Wainman with two long-range shots, but not even the introduction of one-time Manchester United forward Trevor Anderson could alter Swindon's overall resolve to try and rescue the game. Despite the victory, Town relinquished their Third Division status seven days later at Elm Park when losing 0-2 at Reading. Ironically, other results on the season's final day also contributed to the Royals likewise being relegated, with Swindon settling for 11th place.

GRIMSBY: Wainman, Cumming, Moore, Waters, Hanvey, Gray, J. Lewis (Ford), Partridge, Liddell, Boylen, Brolly.

SWINDON: Allan, Taylor, Trollope, Stroud, R. Lewis, Prophet, Moss, McLaughlin, Syrett, McHale, Goddard (Anderson).
Att: 3,027

R. Briggs

Flashback

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.

11. First and Last

Collectors of the programmes issued by clubs in their last season of membership of the Football League invariably feel like spectres at the feast. The last League programme before failing to be re-elected, or resigning from the League in financial ruin, is hardly a celebratory document. Far happier are the first League match programmes issued by clubs who replace the departed, and both types are extremely collectable as well as being of some football historical significance. In general, programmes throughout the first or last season of League clubs are of greater interest to collectors, and therefore more valuable, than ordinary League issues.

Taking the dear departed first of all (those who replaced them will be considered in the next match programme), one has to have a great deal of luck - and deep pockets - to be in possession of pre-war issues from Thames, Merthyr,

Aberdare and so forth. They do exist - but in single numbers only, some seventy years after their clubs drew their last League breath. First to fall after the war were New Brighton, replaced by Workington in 1951, and their red and white issues still appear on the market, albeit fetching offers in excess of £20.

Gateshead and Accrington were next to leave the League, and remain reasonably plentiful, albeit home programmes now appearing only on offer, which in any case they would warrant by their age, irrespective of their significance in terms of League membership. Accrington issues were never the hardest to come by in the 1950s and have survived well. They were reasonably substantial items of 20 or 24 pages - albeit completely dominated by advertisements. Gateshead programmes were smaller in page number, but often appear on superior quality paper, so they too have survived the passing decades.

More Northern clubs fell at the end of the 1960s and early 1970s - Bradford Park Avenue, Barrow, Southport and Workington. Their home programmes remain reasonably plentiful and are sold at roughly double the value of contemporary league programmes. Collectors

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have been sweeping up these issues in recent years, and their value will certainly appreciate in the near future, as demand for them continues. While the dwindling home support for these ex-league clubs will collect fewer programmes as they suffer non-league football, new generations of collectors of the League teams they played maintain the demand for these programmes. For more than a decade, there were no new instances of "Last Season League programmes", despite annual scare stories about the perilous financial position of lowly clubs. Eventually, however, Aldershot and Maidstone United succumbed. The introduction of promotion and relegation from and to the Conference also increased the collecting set. Darlington, Colchester United and Lincoln City fell, happily to return after only one season; Halifax Town still languish.

Only the legislators have saved Torquay United, Northampton Town and Exeter City in recent seasons, although doubts about their ability to beat the drop result in a disproportionate interest in their current season programmes from collectors anxious to steal a march - and beat the increased prices - of "Last Season" league programmes.

around one

nationwide division one round up with robert briggs



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SUNDERLAND LOSE... AT LAST

Sunderland suffered their first league defeat of the season (2-3) against a Barnsley side reduced to ten men for over half the game. In a remarkable five-minute spell before half-time, Ashley Ward put the visitors ahead before missing a penalty, then within seconds was dismissed by referee Alan Butler. Bruce Dyer put Barnsley further in front after the break, but Sunderland fought back with goals from Kevin Scott and Niall Quinn. Darren Barnard's 82nd-minute spot-kick ensured a famous result for the Yorkshire side.

NIGHTINGALE ON SONG

Portsmouth's South Coast encounter with West Brom was billed as a clash between in-form scorers John Aloisi and Lee Hughes, and the latter didn't disappoint, putting the Baggies in front in only the first minute. Aloisi was forced to leave the field on 37 minutes, but his replacement Luke Nightingale struck the equaliser within seconds to the delight of the home fans. A second goal set up by Jeff Peron on 55 minutes proved to be the winner, capping a memorable senior debut for the 17-year old who has just turned professional.

TERRIERS TAKE YORKSHIRE DERBY

Over 18,000 spectators were present at the McAlpine Stadium to see Huddersfield defeat Bradford City 2-1, but for much of the game it was the visitors who were by far the better team, taking the lead through Peter Beagrie.

Town finally hit back on 70 minutes when Delroy Facey beat three men to set up substitute Paul Barnes to level, before Barnes himself turned provider two minutes later for Grant Johnson to score the winner.

SWINDON CONTINUE FORM

Swindon's revival under new manager Jimmy Quinn continued with a 2-0 home win over Crystal Palace - the Eagles' fourth straight defeat on their travels. Ex-Palace winger George Ndah struck first on 22 minutes, heading home Mark Walters' free-kick, while Walters sealed the points early in the second half with a penalty. Lee Bradbury had a goal ruled out for the visitors for offside.

BARNETT IN TROUBLE

Oxford claimed a comfortable 2-1 success over Port Vale at the Manor Ground, though this match is likely to be remembered more for events near the final whistle. Vale defender Dave Barnett was dismissed in the last minute, but as he walked off, he punched Oxford striker Dean Windass to the ground. The former Hull man had earlier scored from the penalty spot, with Paul Powell later extending the lead with a 20-yard shot. Brian McGlinchey replied for Vale.

OTHER NEWS

Tony Thorpe hit his first league goal for Bristol City in the 1-1 draw with Stockport... Bob Taylor struck a 90th minute winner for Bolton at Ipswich... Sheffield United's Petr Katchouro scored the Blades' winner at Q.P.R. (2-1), prior to being dismissed. United's Assistant Manager John Deehan was also forced to walk after using foul language.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Nationwide Football League Division One

Birmingham City v Bristol City
Bolton Wdrs v Bury
Bradford City v Queens Park Rangers
Crewe Alexandra v Ipswich Town (A)
Crystal Palace v Watford
Grimsby Town v Swindon Town
Port Vale v Tranmere Rovers
Sheffield United v Sunderland
Stockport County v Portsmouth

TOMORROW'S MATCHES

Norwich City v Oxford Utd (1pm)
West Brom v Wolves (1pm)

SKY TV'S LIVE COVERAGE

An updated list of all the forthcoming Nationwide Football League and Worthington Cup matches which have been confirmed for live coverage by Sky Television is shown below.

Friday 11th December - 7.45pm
Bury v Sheffield United

Sunday 13th December - 1.00pm

Portsmouth v Grimsby Town

Friday 18th December - 7.45pm

Brentford v Cambridge United

Sunday 20th December - 1.00pm

Sheffield United v Ipswich Town

Saturday 26th December - 1.00pm

West Brom v Port Vale

Monday 28th December - 1.00pm

Wolverhampton Wdrs v Ipswich Town

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE as at 22.11.98

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	G	S	PTS
Sunderland	19	6	2	1	24	6	5	5	0	20	9	44	40	
Watford	20	5	4	1	15	10	5	1	4	20	19	35	35	
Ipswich	19	6	1	3	14	5	4	4	1	12	6	26	35	
Sheffield Utd.	20	6	3	1	19	13	3	3	4	14	16	33	33	
Norwich	18	4	4	0	16	8	5	1	4	14	14	30	32	
Huddersfield	20	7	3	0	19	9	2	2	6	9	20	28	32	
Birmingham	19	4	4	2	13	8	5	1	3	12	9	25	32	
Bradford	19	6	2	1	24	8	3	2	5	11	14	35	31	
Wolves	19	5	3	1	13	7	3	2	5	14	11	27	29	
Bolton	18	5	3	2	19	13	2	4	2	15	16	34	28	
West Brom	19	6	0	4	23	16	2	3	4	14	19	37	27	
Crystal Palace	17	7	1	1	23	10	1	1	6	5	18	28	26	
GRIMSBY	19	5	4	1	17	8	2	1	6	6	14	23	26	
Bury	20	6	2	2	11	6	0	4	6	4	14	15	24	
Swindon Town	20	5	3	2	22	15	1	2	7	7	18	29	23	
Barnsley	20	3	4	3	14	13	2	4	4	11	16	25	23	
Stockport	19	2	5	2	12	11	2	6	2	12	14	24	23	
Portsmouth	20	4	2	4	16	13	1	4	5	13	20	29	21	
Tranmere	19	2	4	4	12	14	2	5	2	12	15	24	21	
Port Vale	20	4	0	6	9	18	2	3	5	13	20	22	21	
Oxford	20	4	3	3	17	12	1	2	7	5	22	22	20	
QPR	19	3	3	3	9	7	2	0	8	9	22	18	18	
Bristol City	20	2	4	4	17	24	1	3	6	11	21	28	16	
Crewe	19	2	2	5	11	19	0	3	7	10	22	21	11	

How Clubs have scored goals... and conceded them

H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG	see key below	H	CR	OB	V	FK	P	IB	OG
6	4	2	1	0	2	10	0	Barnsley	6	5	2	4	2	3	7	0
5	2	4	3	0	3	9	0	Birmingham City	6	1	7	2	0	0	3	1
5	4	6	3	1	2	13	0	Bolton Wanderers	6	4	3	3	1	4	8	0
8	1	4	0	0	3	19	0	Bradford City	6	2	1	2	0	3	7	1
7	3	3	2	1	3	9	0	Bristol City	9	5	5	8	0	2	15	1
4	5	2	1	1	0	2	0	Bury	5	1	1	3	0	3	7	0
4	3	1	1	0	2	10	0	Crewe Alexandra	11	4	5	4	0	1	16	0
5	2	4	3	1	1	11	1	Crystal Palace	5	9	1	3	0	4	6	0
3	4	2	3	0	3	8	0	Grimsby Town	6	3	1	4	0	2	5	1
8	3	5	6	0	0	6	0	Huddersfield Town	2	4	5	3	0	4	11	0
10	1	3	4	0	1	7	0	Ipswich Town	5	2	1	0	1	1	1	0
5	4	1	5	0	3	10	2	Norwich City	0	3	1	3	0	1	12	2
7	1	3	2	2	2	5	0	Portsmouth United	5	8	2	2	2	1	14	0
9	2	4	1	1	0	4	1	Port Vale	15	1	4	3	1	1	11	2
4	9	2	1	0	3	10	0	Portsmouth	6	2	7	1	1	2	12	2
3	2	2	3	0	2	6	0	Queens Park Rangers	3	9	5	1	0	4	7	0
8	7	2	4	3	0	8	1	Sheffield United	6	6	0	4	0	1	11	1
8	5	1	3	0	3	4	0	Stockport County	2	4	3	5	0	1	8	2
12	6	2	5	2	3	12	2	Sunderland	1	3	1	4	0	1	5	0
7	5	2	4	1	3	5	2	Swindon Town	8	6	3	1	1	3	11	0
3	4	4	2	0	2	9	0	Tranmere Rovers	10	3	3	2	2	3	6	0
6	7	4	7	0	2	6	3	Watford	6	4	3	1	1	1	13	0
5	6	2	5	0	3	16	0	West Brom. Albion	10	5	1	5	1	2	11	0
2	5	3	4	0	4	12	0	Wolverhampton W.	5	1	3	5	0	2	3	0

Key: H = Header; CR = Close Range; OB = Outside Box; V = Volley; FK = Free Kick; P = Penalty; IB = Inside Box; OG = Own Goal

Yellow & Red Cards

	Y	R	Points
Sheffield United	40	5	55
Barnsley	38	5	53
Swindon Town	39	3	48
Port Vale	40	2	46
Crystal Palace	36	3	45
Portsmouth	29	4	41
Huddersfield Town	30	3	39
Oxford United	38	0	38
Stockport County	29	3	38
Bolton Wanderers	26	3	35
Queens Park Rangers	27	2	33
Ipswich Town	32	0	32
Bury	25	2	31
Norwich City	25	2	31
Bristol City	30	0	30
Tranmere Rovers	20	3	29
Wolverhampton Wanderers	25	1	28
Birmingham City	23	1	26
Grimsby Town	22	1	25
Sunderland	25	0	25
West Bromwich Albion	23	0	23
Bradford City	22	0	22
Crewe Alexandra	17	1	20
Watford	19	0	19

1998-99 Season Division One Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates

41,008 Sunderland v QPR 8-Aug

3,436 Bury v Oxford 20-Oct

Highest Aggregate Scores

Crewe 4-4 Bolton 19-Sep

Biggest Home Win

Sunderland 7-0 Oxford 19-Sep

Biggest Away Win

Bristol City 1-6 Wolves 7-Nov

Consecutive Wins

Huddersfield, Sunderland 5

Games Unbeaten

Sunderland 18

Consecutive Defeats

Port Vale, QPR 5

Games without a Win

Crewe 15

Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins

Oxford, Sheff Utd 2

Games Unbeaten

Norwich, Watford 7

Consecutive Defeats

Port Vale 5

Games without a Win

Crewe 15

Div. 1 Stat Attack

Division One Statistics, Club by Club

see key above	PU	GF	GA	CS	LP	HP	Leading Scorer	Lge	WC	Tot
Barnsley	27	25	29	3	19	11	Ward	11	3	14
Birmingham City	23	26	19	7	8	1	Adebola	7	2	9
Bolton Wanderers	23	34	29	3	13	3	Gunnlaugsson	11	1	12
Bradford City	22	35	22	7	23	5	Mills	10	0	10
Bristol City	21	28	45	1	23	13	Akinbiyi	6	4	10
Bury	25	15	20	9	17	3	Matthews	2	3	5
Crewe Alexandra	22	21	41	1	24	8	Little	5	2	7
Crystal Palace	32	28	28	3	18	8	Jansen	6	0	6
Grimsby Town	22	23	22	6	22	5	Groves	7	1	8
Huddersfield Town	22	28	29	4	19	1	Stewart	9	2	11
Ipswich Town	22	26	11	12	18	2	Johnson	9	1	10
Norwich City	23	30	22	5	13	1	Bellamy	11	2	13
Port Vale	21	22	34	4	23	13	Windass	8	0	8
Portsmouth	32	22	38	4	24	12	Ainsworth/Beadle	5/6	1/0	6
Queens Park Rangers	25	18	29	5	24	19	Sheron	6	1	7
Sheffield United	28	33	29	1	14	3	Saunders	7	3	10
Stockport County	21	24	25	1	19	4	Angell	9	0	9
Sunderland	26	44	15	8	7	1	Dichio	7	2	9
Swindon Town	25	29	33	4	22	13	Onuora	11	0	11
Tranmere Rovers	25	24	29	4	24	15	Irons	7	3	10
Watford	22	35	29	3	11	2	Smart/Noel-Williams	6/6	0/0	6
West Brom. Albion	23	37	35	3	12	3	Hughes	21	1	22
Wolverhampton W.	24	29	19	8	14	1	Keane	5	3	8

Div. 1 Attendance Details

	Highest	Lowest	Average
Sunderland	41,008	34,111	37,401
Wolverhampton W.	26,816	18,480	21,416
Birmingham City	20,087	15,935	18,060
Bolton Wanderers	21,676	14,324	17,660
Crystal Palace	20,370	13,219	17,328
Norwich City	17,504	14,722	16,218
Barnsley	18,114	15,115	16,090
Sheffield United	23,180	12,293	15,911
Ipswich Town	22,079	11,596	15,393
West Bromwich Alb.	19,472	11,606	14,565
Bradford City	15,887	13,163	14,311
Huddersfield Town	20,741	9,811	13,137
Bristol City	15,432	9,810	12,572
Portsmouth	17,022	9,335	12,258
Watford	14,251	8,750	10,760
Queens Park Rangers	13,337	8,070	10,147
Swindon Town	11,718	7,691	8,882
Stockport County	8,804	6,199	7,519
Port Vale	10,465	5,485	7,423
Grimsby Town	8,149	5,024	6,678
Oxford United	7,521	5,587	6,531
Tranmere Rovers	6,753	5,072	5,988
Crewe Alexandra	5,759	4,489	5,273
Bury	7,659	3,436	4,909

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Bury v Grimsby Town

The year: 1953. A momentous one for Kirby and the country. The Queen is crowned, and in the ensuing celebrations at Winterringham yours truly comes fifteenth in the sprints, but gets a box of choos anyway (it was about this time that the diet went out of the window). Hilary and Tensing achieve top spot, and Bill Shankley's Scotland team win the Blundell Park five-a-sides against England 275 times. And the east coast floods hit Lincolnshire so hard that donkey droppings from Skeggy beach go into orbit, winning the space race for Britain by a full four years - a fact so secret that when they returned to earth two weeks ago we were given a load of rubbish about them really being from a comets tail. As we know, they come from UNDER the tail of COMET the donkey. Unfortunately a row of beach chalets disappeared from Sutton-on-Sea at the same time, never to be seen again. Until NOW! Yes, the Mighty Mariners' Travelling Army has uncovered their whereabouts - they are now executive boxes at Bury! Our original suspicions were confirmed when a family from Mansfield walked out of one shortly before kick-off carrying a couple of deck chairs, and grumbling about the tide being so

far out today they reckoned they could see Norfolk.

Of course, the travelling faithful hardly mentioned the fact that these were the smartest part of Gigg Lane, they were too busy completely outgunning the opposition - maintaining the 100% record achieved this season. It did occur to us though that perhaps with the cemetery being behind the ground, most of the home fans had perhaps turned into the wrong gate. The only debate was whether they were supposed to be the visitors to the cemetery or the visited!

You have to laugh at these Lancastrians though. Take the public safety announcement about it being illegal to run onto the pitch. Bearing in mind the distant position of the seats, most of us would have died of exhaustion long before reaching the perimeter fence! And the Football League introduced the luminous ball just in time for our visit. Being a rather 'rugged' side, if the thing hadn't been luminous we'd never have spotted it re-entering the atmosphere. Unfortunately, the man in black, he of the cloven hooves, required rather more than a luminous ball to spot the difference between an obvious goal kick and a very iffy corner. To make matters worse, Pete Handyside didn't join in the spirit of the occasion, rather unsportingly removing his leg shortly before having it broken, then attempting to miss a right hook followed by strangulation.

As we all know, each of these is a cautionable offense, at least in Mr Wiley's book - where Pete duly found his name. As one Bury supporter told us before the game, "We're really friendly around here!" All you film buffs will remember a similar phrase was used in 10, Rillington Place!

Two things made matters even worse; for the first time this season Kirby helped take in the kit, and we lost; and our family from Mansfield had to go back into the chalet having failed to find anywhere that sold ice-cream.

You'll remember the last time that we played today's visitors, the original game was abandoned when we were 2-0 down, and with Graham Rodgers sent off. If the Swindon supporter is in the ground who reckoned "You must be gutted to have come all this way and only seen half a match!" may I just inform him that the wife and I have never laughed so much with relief since the day our son 'came out' and said he wasn't a referee after all. For those with short memories we drew the re-match. Now I don't usually promote other clubs programmes, but I do have to tell the travelling army that there will be ONE decent article in Norwich's magazine on Tuesday. And that can mean only one thing ...

Distance travelled: 265 miles

Total to date: 3205 miles (12 matches)

away travel details

Three away games on the bounce now for the Mariners.....

WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER
NORWICH CITY CARROW ROAD,
KICK OFF 7.45PM

HOW TO GET THERE

BY CAR: NB The ground is well signposted. **From West (A47):** At roundabout forming junction with roads to Ringland and Easton, Mallingford, go straight on (s/p Norwich E, Great Yarmouth A47). The A47 becomes the Norwich Southern Bypass. Stay on A47 for 10.3 miles, exiting at s/p Lowestoft A146. Trowse (also football ground). (*) At lights turn left (s/p Norwich A146). At T-junction after 0.7 miles, turn right (s/p Ring Road, City Centre A1054). At roundabout after 0.3 miles take 1st exit for County Hall car park. 2nd exit (s/p Ring Road, City Centre) for ground. To ground: keep in RH lane and after 0.2 miles turn right (s/p Ring road A47) into King Street. After 0.2 miles the road bends to right (s/p Ring Road A47), over river, straight on at lights and ground is on RHS after 0.1 miles.

From South (A11): Keep on A11 and at roundabout follow signs for 'Norwich R, Great Yarmouth' onto the A47. After 4.8 miles exit at s/p 'Lowestoft A146, Trowse'. Then as From West. **From Ipswich (A140):** At roundabout take 3rd exit (s/p Norwich L, Great Yarmouth A47, football ground) onto the A47. After 2.1 miles, exit A47 (s/p Lowestoft A146, Trowse). Then as from West. **Tip:** If lost follow signs to, or ask directions to, County Hall or Colman's Mustard factory. Both are near the ground.

PARKING

Note that the Riverside car park of previous seasons is no longer available. Instead, try one of the following:

a. The away coaches parking area is in Lower Clarence Road, and there's space for cars too. It

costs £2 for cars and £10 for coaches.

b. County Hall, signposted on the way to the ground - a 10 minute walk to Carrow Road. This is a very popular car park as it has loads of space.

c. The Park and Ride car park in Kerrison Road, right next to the ground. In season 97/98 it cost £1.70 which included a bus ticket to the city centre. Unfortunately football fans parking here must still pay this even if they are staying at the ground. NB: The council was, at time of writing still negotiating for the continued use of this car park. Check with them on (01603) 212 420.

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER
TRANMERE ROVERS PRENTON PARK,
KICK OFF 3.00PM

HOW TO GET THERE

BY CAR: **From South and East:** Exit M53 at junction 3 (s/p Birkenhead A552). At roundabout turn right (s/p Birkenhead, Liverpool and Tunnels A552) onto the A552 (*). After 1.1 miles, just after the Feso garage on the LHS and by the 'Halfway House' pub turn right (s/p B5151 Clatterbridge, then Higher Bebington) into Storeton Road. Take 1st left into Woodchurch Lane to ground.

From Birkenhead Tunnel (£1 toll): Out of tunnel, bear right and then left, following signs for 'A552, Tranmere Rovers FC, Heswall, Prenton'. After 1.5 miles, go straight on at lights along Borough Road. Follow signs to 'Motorway M53, Clatterbridge, Heswall' for 0.9 miles to third set of lights. Bear left (s/p Clatterbridge Bebington B5151, Tranmere Rovers FC), remaining on Borough Road. Ground is on RHS after 0.2 miles.

From Wallasey Tunnel (£1 toll): From tunnel follow signs to join the M53. After approximately 4 miles, exit motorway at junction 3 (s/p Birkenhead A552). At roundabout take first exit (s/p Birkenhead A552, Liverpool and Tunnels A552), onto the A552. Then as From South and East (*).

PARKING

The car park at the ground charges £3.50, entrance off Prenton Road West, but fills up early. The Staflsbury Boys Club next door has parking on grass, so it can only be used in better weather. Otherwise, it's street parking which isn't easy because of residents-only parking schemes. Try around Prenton Road East and Mount Road, towards Rock Ferry station.

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HOW TO GET THERE

BY CAR: **From North:** Continue on A3 (M) to 'end of motorway' signs (following s/p Portsmouth, Southampton M27). The road bends to the right (otherwise it would fall into the sea) and joins the A27. Exit A27 after 0.7 miles (s/p Southsea A2030). At roundabout turn left (s/p Milton, Bastney, Southsea) onto the A2030 (*). Straight on for 3.0 miles to roundabout by ground, the floodlights are clearly visible along the route.

From West: Continue to end of M27, and take next exit (s/p Southsea A2030). At roundabout turn right (3rd exit, s/p Milton, Bastney, Southsea) onto the A2030. Then as from North (*).

From East: Continue on A27 past junction with A3(M). Take next exit (s/p Southsea, Bastney, Southsea) onto the A2030. Then as from North (*).

PARKING

There's a car park (£2.50) off Goldsmith Avenue, but apart from that it's street parking for all. Steer clear of the roads directly around the ground as they are sprinkled with no waiting cones. Fans coming in on the A2030 could park up en route. Try the roads around the 'Good Companion' pub, such as Warren Avenue or Moorings Way. To the south of the ground, try Haslemere Road or head down Goldsmith Avenue towards the railway station and park on the roads on the LHS. The roads are narrow but there are no parking restrictions.

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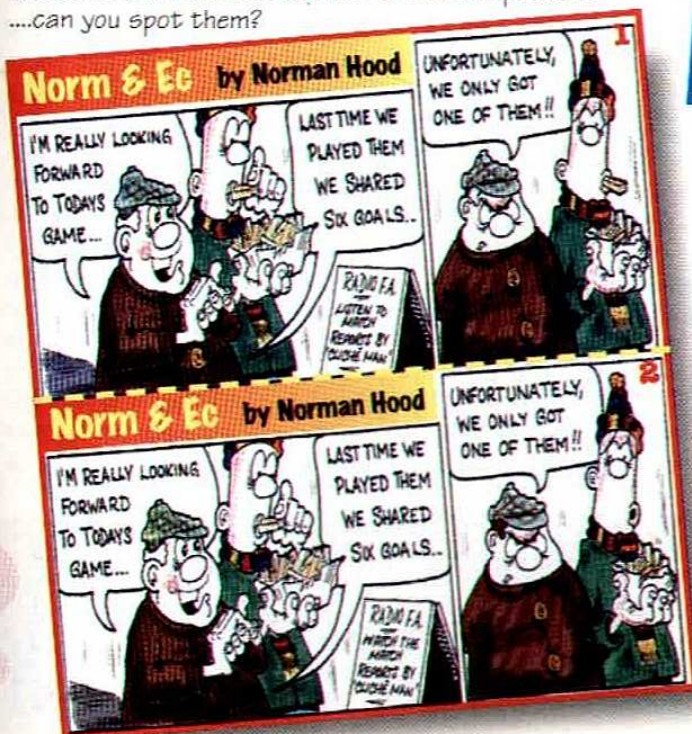
1. Gary Lineker does advertisements for which brand of crisps?
2. Who won the European Cup with Juventus and now plays for Chelsea?
3. Which 3 countries have hosted the World Cup more than once?
4. Who has scored the most goals ever for England?
5. What is taken to every FA cup final but never used?

HALF TIME QUIZ

6. Name the top Premier league scorer ever.
7. Who won the manager of the year award in 1993, 1994 and 1996.
8. Who has managed teams from England, Japan and France?
9. Which Scottish manager resigned after the 1986 World Cup finals?
10. How many games did England lose before going out of the 1982 World Cup?

SPIT THE DIFFERENCE

There are 5 differences between these two picturescan you spot them?



Who won the cup?

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GALLIAN ZAN

unscramble these players names to identify which team won the FA Cup... can you name the year too?

WORD SEARCH

Find the England line up for the 1966 World Cup Final in the list below. Search forwards, backwards or up and down. Letters can be used more than once.



GORDON BANKS, RAY WILSON, GEORGE COHEN, JACK CHARLTON, BOBBY MOORE, NOBBY STILES, ALAN BALL, MARTIN PETERS, GEOFF HURST, BOBBY CHARLTON, ROGER HUNT

true or false?

Pavel Srnicek was once a soldier in the Czech Republic army.

ANSWERS

HALF TIME QUIZ: 1. Walkers, 2. Gianluca Vialli, 3. Mexico, Italy and France, 4. Bobby Charlton, 5. Lothar Matthäus, 6. Alan Shearer, 7. Alex Ferguson, 8. Arsene Wenger, 9. Alex Ferguson, 10. None.
SPIT THE DIFFERENCE: Button missing, 'Listen to' has become 'Watch the', chip missing, ear moved up head, hair coloured.
WHO WON THE CUP: Tottenham, 1967; Pat Jennings, Joe Kinnear, Cyril Knowles, Alan Mullery, Mike England, Dave Mackay, Jimmy Robertson, Jimmy Greaves, Alan Gilzean, Tony Venables, Frank Saul.
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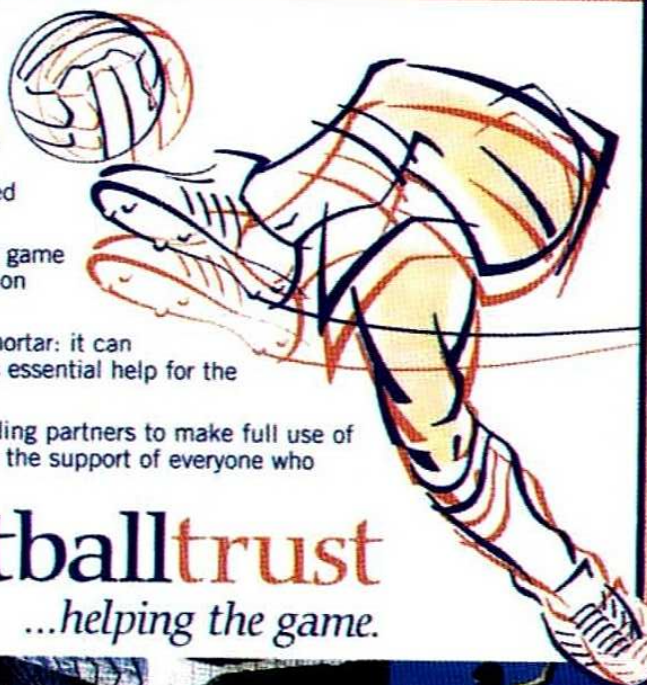
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Good afternoon,

The lads have played two matches since my last notes and I am pleased to report that they have performed well in both matches.

Firstly we travelled to play Darlington and played some very good football during the 1-1 draw. The front men held the ball up well and that helped us to set things up. The goal we conceded could have been avoided - three individual errors causing it but mistakes are always going to happen at some stage and it is the way the players pick themselves up afterwards that is important. There was a much improved attitude and determination about us and the way we battled back was good to see. We dominated the final twenty minutes of the game and got a deserved equaliser when Kirk Blake slotted home from the penalty spot. Even then there were chances for us to win the game but it finished 1-1. Once again we had come up against a strong, physical opposition

but our young side made up mostly of 1st year YT's and schoolboy players showed a very strong mental approach and they did not surrender in the physical battle. If they maintain that approach coupled with their undoubted technical ability, it will stand them in good stead, to continue their development at the club. The lads carried this on into the game last week when we defeated Scunthorpe United 2-0 and dominated the game for practically the full ninety minutes. The work rate and determination was first class and the quality of passing made it a joy to watch. I have seen this sort of performance from them only in patches before, but against our local rivals the lads kept it up. Both the goals came early on - Matthew Cocksworth getting the first and then the second courtesy of a brilliant effort from Dean Partner. Whilst it would be unreasonable to expect this level of performance and dominance every week, I will certainly be looking to the lads to maintain the attitude and determination for the remainder of the season. It really was a true team performance in which every player gave their best. This morning, we were in action at Bradford City. I hope the lads continued their good work of late.

Enjoy the Game

Knighty

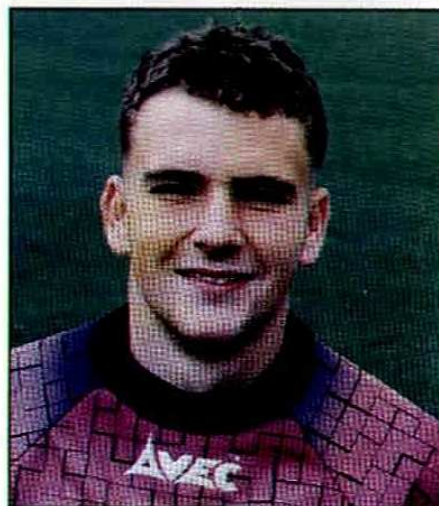
CLUB FIXTURE REPORT

Grimsby Town Youth Team

Fixtures 1998-99

15 Aug Sat	Darlington Youth	H	W1-0
22 Aug Sat	Scarborough Youth	A	D0-0
29 Aug Sat	Scunthorpe United Youth	A	L0-1
12 Sep Sat	Bradford City Youth	H	D0-0
19 Sep Sat	Sheffield United Youth	A	L0-2
26 Sep Sat	Hartlepool United Youth	H	D3-3
3 Oct Sat	Yorks City Youth	A	D0-0
10 Oct Sat	Hull City Youth	H	D1-1
17 Oct Sat	Rotherham United Youth	A	L2-3
24 Oct Sat	Halifax Town Youth	H	W4-0
31 Oct Sat	Huddersfield Town Youth	A	P-P
7 Nov Sat	Scarborough Youth	H	L0-4
14 Nov Sat	Darlington Youth	A	D1-1
21 Nov Sat	Scunthorpe United Youth	H	W2-0
28 Nov Sat	Bradford City Youth	A	
5 Dec Sat	Sheffield United Youth	H	
19 Dec Sat	Hartlepool United Youth	A	
2 Jan Sat	York City Youth	H	
9 Jan Sat	Rotherham United Youth	H	
23 Jan Sat	Hull City Youth	A	
30 Jan Sat	Huddersfield Town Youth	H	
13 Feb Sat	Halifax Town Youth	A	

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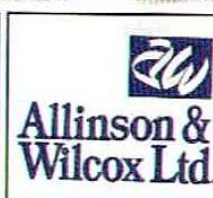
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rodger**



New officer Graham Rodger is welcomed to the club by his assistant Matthew Franklin. Also looking on is regional officer Dick Krzywicki and staff member Damian Houlden



Mighty meets the mascots prior to the Portsmouth match

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the match.

As many of you may be aware Graham Rodger has been appointed as the club's new Community Officer. As a former skipper of the club and recent Player of the Year he can only enhance the scheme's reputation and profile. With his experience and coaching knowledge his appointment is a massive positive step for the Football in the Community scheme at Grimsby Town. Everyone at the club and within the Community Scheme itself is delighted to welcome Graham on board and wishes him every success in his new job.

His first week back at Blundell Park has been spent growing accustomed to the office work and day to day dealings of the Community scheme. He has also visited many of the local schools with the Community staff and has already shown his coaching abilities. Having started at one of the quieter periods of the year gives him that little bit extra time to ease himself into the job before the busy after Christmas period. Of course Graham will continue to be supported in every way by Assistant Matthew Franklin and Damian "Justa" Houlden as well as our gang of part time helpers. Hopefully before Christmas he will be introduced to the weekly three a side games, although he is currently recovering from an injured knee, so it could be a while yet.

With today being his first match day since being appointed he will be taking a keen interest in the usual goings on.

MCDONALD'S MORNING MARINERS

Once again our Saturday morning club has been very popular this week. So much so that we have had to cut down on the numbers participating simply so that we can pay more attention. The maximum number we can now accommodate on any club is thirty. Special arrangements can be made for junior clubs wishing to bring their players along for an outing. Our club members can be identified by the name tag they will wear around their neck. It is hoped these new moves will help the regular Saturday morning clubbers enjoy their day even more as well as making life that bit easier for the Community matchday staff. If you would like to come along to any of our McDonald's Morning Mariners clubs simply contact Graham Rodger or Matthew Franklin on the number below.

MCDONALD'S HALF TIME TOURNAMENT

It is unlikely that the excitement of our last half time game can be surpassed. Discoveries Norcago, one of the favourites for the competition went two goals up against Wybers Wanderers and the whole game seemed over. However, Wanderers launched into a superb comeback to score two late goals to take the match to penalties and then won on sudden death after the first round of kicks. It really was a thoroughly entertaining match and with a little luck there may be more of the same today. Novartis are to play the William Lovell School from Stickney for a place in the second round of our competition. Please give the youngsters a warm reception as they will all be nervous before they start the game.

GOFERS

Today's GOFERS are Louth Old Boys U13. I hope they enjoy the match.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOIS

Many happy returns to Lois Pearce who is one of our loyal Morning Mariners. Lois celebrates her birthday today I hope she received lots of nice gifts (especially from Lewis!!)

On a final note I know that to many people Graham will be a familiar face so if you do see him around the ground today please give him a warm welcome. The Community Scheme needs the support of Grimsby Town fans more than anything else so let's work together to generate even more interest in the club. One of our main aims is to get every local child wearing a Grimsby Town shirt, with their Man Utd or Liverpool shirts forgotten about. We cannot do this without your support, please get behind your Football in the Community Scheme.

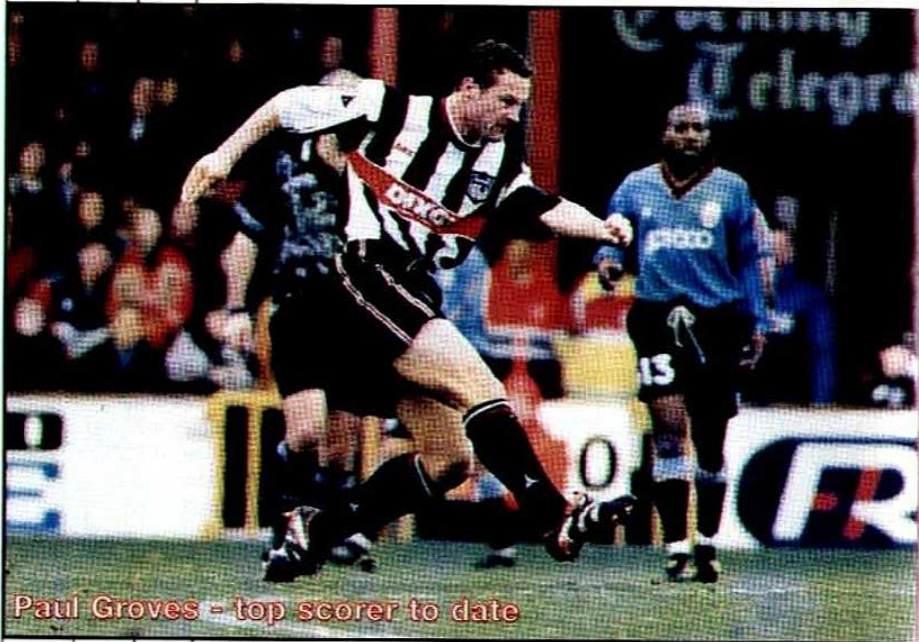
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LONDON**MATTHEW ROBINSON**Matthew is from
Grimsby and is
aged 5. He
attends St.Martins Prep. School. Paul
Groves and Steve Livingstone are
his favourite players.**WILLIAM NICHOLSON**William is 13½
years old. He
attends St.
Mary's R.SSchool and his hobbies include
football and playing on his
Playstation. William's favourite
players are Jack Lester and
Kevin Donovan.**LOIS ELIZABETH PEARCE**Lois is aged 10
today. Lois
attends St.
Joseph's R.C.School. Her hobbies include
football, swimming and reading.
Lois' favourite player is
Pete Handyside.**THOMAS EDWARD FARMERY**Thomas is aged 9
today. Thomas
lives near Caistor,
Lincs. He attends
Holton Le Moor
Primary School.His hobbies are watching football
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cricket and playing on his MegaDrive.
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Aug Sun 9	IPSWICH TOWN	H	0-0	7211	1	-	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Handyside	Smith R	Widdrington
Aug Sat 15	Bolton Wanderers	A	0-2	16,584	1	-	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Handyside	Smith R	Burnett
Aug Sat 22	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	1-0	6974	4	11	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Handyside	Smith R	Burnett
Aug Sat 29	Oxford United	A	0-0	5587	5	12	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Handyside	Smith R	Burnett
Aug Mon 31	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H	5-1	7931	8	8	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	HANDYSIDE	Smith R	BURNETT
Sep Sat 5	Stockport County	A	0-2	6199	8	10	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Handyside	Smith R	Burnett
Sep Tue 8	Sheffield United	A	2-3	12293	8	13	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Smith R	Lever	BURNETT
Sep Sat 12	BARNSELY	H	1-2	8149	8	16	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Smith R	Lever	Burnett
Sep Sat 19	Birmingham City	A	1-0	17,563	11	14	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Livingstone	Smith R	Burnett
Sep Sat 26	PORT VALE	H	2-2	5747	12	14	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Livingstone	Smith R	Burnett
Sep Tue 29	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	1-1	5024	13	15	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Livingstone	Lever	Widdrington
Oct Sat 3	Queens Park Rangers	A	2-1	10,240	16	11	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Smith R	Lever	Coldicott
Oct Sat 17	BRADFORD CITY	H	2-0	7473	19	8	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Smith R	Lever	Widdrington
Oct Tue 20	BRISTOL CITY	H	2-1	5082	22	5	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Smith R	Lever	Widdrington
Oct Sat 24	Wolverhampton W.	A	0-2	18480	22	8	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Smith R	Lever	Widdrington
Oct Sat 31	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	2-0	6948	25	7	Davison	Butterfield	Gallimore	Handyside	Livingstone	WIDDINGTON
Nov Sat 7	Sunderland	A	1-3	40077	25	10	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Handyside	Livingstone	Widdrington
Nov Sat 14	PORTSMOUTH	H	1-1	6236	26	12	Love	McDermott	Gallimore	Handyside	Livingstone	Widdrington
Nov Sat 21	Bury	A	0-1	4198	26	13	Davison	Butterfield	Gallimore	Handyside	Livingstone	Widdrington
Nov Sat 28	SWINDON TOWN	H										
Dec Wed 2	Norwich City	A										
Dec Sat 5	Tranmere Rovers	A										
Dec Sun 13	Portsmouth	A										
Dec Sat 19	WATFORD	H										
Dec Sat 26	Huddersfield Town	A										
Dec Mon 28	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H										
Jan Sat 9	Ipswich Town	A										
Jan Sat 16	OXFORD UNITED	H										
Jan Sat 30	West Bromwich Albion	A										
Feb Sat 6	BOLTON WANDERERS	H										
Feb Sat 13	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H										
Feb Sat 20	Barnsley	A										
Feb Sat 27	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H										
Mar Tue 2	Port Vale	A										
Mar Sat 6	Crewe Alexandra	A										
Mar Tue 9	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H										
Mar Sat 13	SUNDERLAND	H										
Mar Sat 20	Crystal Palace	A										
Mar Sat 27	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H										
Apr Sat 3	Bradford City	A										
Apr Mon 5	NORWICH CITY	H										
Apr Sat 10	Bristol City	A										
Apr Sat 17	BURY	H										
Apr Sat 24	Swindon Town	A										
May Sat 1	TRANMERE ROVERS	H										
May Sun 9	Watford	A										



Paul Groves - top scorer to date

WORTHINGTON CUP

Aug Wed 12	PRESTON N.E. 1(1)	H	0-0	3008	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Handyside	Smith R	Widdrington
Aug Tue 18	Preston N.E. 1(2)	A	0-0	5650	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Handyside	Smith R	Burnett
Sept Tue 15	Sheffield United 2(1)	A	1-2	4563	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Livingstone	Smith R	Burnett
Sept Tue 22	SHEFFIELD UNITED 2(2)	H	2-0	4287	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Livingstone	Smith R	Widdrington
Oct Tue 27	SUNDERLAND (WC3)	A	1-2	18676	Davison	McDermott	Gallimore	Smith R	Lever	Livingstone

F.A. CUP

at a glance

7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Coldicott	Black	Nogan	Lester	Groves	Smith D(8)	Butterfield	Burnett
Coldicott	Smith D	Ashcroft	Nogan	Groves	Livingstone (3)	Lester (10)	Black (6)
Coldicott	Smith D	Nogan	Lester	GROVES	Widdington (6)	Dobbin	Clare (9)
Coldicott	SMITH D	Ashcroft	Lester	Groves	Widdington (8)	Clare	Nogan
Coldicott	Smith D	Ashcroft	Lester	GROVES	Nogan (10)	Widdington	BLACK (3)
Coldicott	Smith D	Ashcroft	Lester	Groves	Lever (4)	Black (3)	Nogan (7)
Coldicott	Smith D	Ashcroft	LESTER	Groves	Nogan	Black (7)	Livingstone(8)
Widdington	Smith D	ASHCROFT	Lester	Groves	Nogan (6)	Black (8)	Livingstone (5)
Coldicott	SMITH D	Ashcroft	Nogan	Groves	Lester	Widdington	Black (6)
Donovan	Black	Ashcroft	Lester	Groves	CLARE 2 (9)	Dobbin (2)	Lever (6)
Donovan	Black	NOGAN	Clare	Groves	Lester (9)	Dobbin(6)	Butterfield (3)
Donovan	SMITH D.	Nogan	BLACK	Groves	Widdington(6)	Dobin	Butterfield
Donovan	Smith D.	NOGAN	Black	GROVES	Livingstone	Dobbin (7)	Butterfield
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Coldicott	Smith D.	Nogan	LESTER	Groves	Black (9)	Dobbin	Bloomer (2)
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Black	Smith D	Ashcroft	Lester	GROVES	Dobbin (6)	Love	Butterfield	CLARE (9)	Donovan (8)
Butterfield	Black	NOGAN	Lester	Groves	Widdington (4)	Love	Handyside (7)	Dobbin	



team check



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AIDAN DAVISON

1

FRANK TALIA

JOHN McDERMOTT

2

CRAIG TAYLOR

TONY GALLIMORE

3

GARETH HALL

PETER HANDYSIDE

4

SOL DAVIS

STEVE LIVINGSTONE

5

ADAM WILLIS

TOMMY WIDDRINGTON

6

BRIAN BORROWS

STACY COLDICOTT

7

MARK WALTERS

DAVID SMITH

8

KEVIN WATSON

LEE NOGAN

9

IFFY ONUORA

JACK LESTER

10

NEALE FENN

PAUL GROVES

11

TY GOODEN

LEE ASHCROFT

12

ROBIN HULBERT

MARK LEVER

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DARYL CLARE

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