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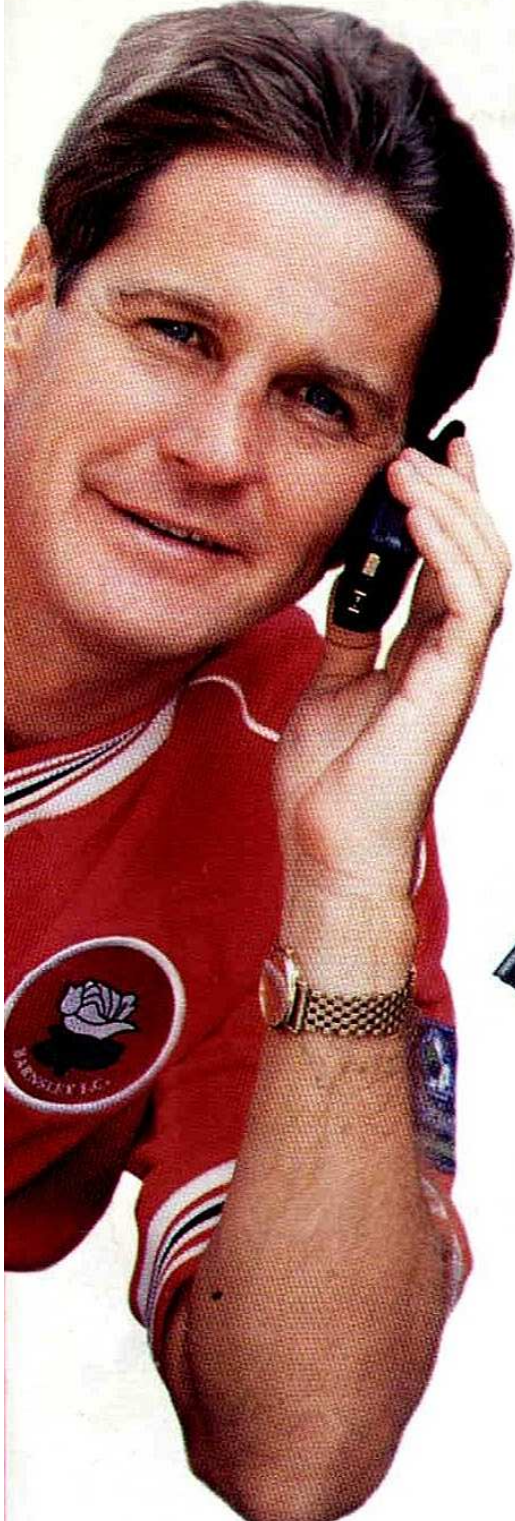
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JOHN HENDRIE

Welcome to Oakwell

A lot of our supporters will have been asking what we've done differently in the last four games to achieve such excellent results. I can answer that in two words - not much! Granted, we may have approached one or two things differently because of a change in personnel, but there certainly hasn't been one big aspect of our game-plan that we've changed which has suddenly caused things to start going our way.

I've been saying all along that our performances this season have warranted far more of a reward than the results we've actually been getting. Fortune is a vital thing in football, and if the rub of the green is consistently going against you, then it can start to affect your self-belief a wee bit. On the other hand, though, when the tide turns and you begin to get the odd break here and there, confidence begins to snowball. That's what's happened to us, to some extent, in the last month or so.

It's funny sometimes, the little things that can change a situation. People will point to the victory up at Sunderland or the seven goals against Huddersfield as the events which have got us motoring again - and although those results have definitely played their part, for me we experienced a turning point of sorts after the home game against Ipswich in November.

In that game where we ended up being down to nine men, but in the last twenty minutes Ipswich were hanging on to a one-goal lead, despite having two more men on the park. The players gave their all that afternoon, and every one of them was applauded off the pitch at full time. In my opinion, that was the turning point. After the game I sat the boys down in the dressing room and said: "Remember that. We might have lost today, but the supporters know you gave everything you had out there, and you got a standing ovation. These fans are desperate for you to do well, but all they are asking is for you to show them that sort of effort and commitment."

Since then we've enjoyed some excellent results and a real upturn in fortunes. The best way I can underline that is by looking at the victory at Portman Road last Saturday... I felt very confident going into

the game, because although Ipswich are second in the table at the moment, we'd more than matched them four weeks earlier in a 'nine men' game at Oakwell. We'd done our homework - we knew that they're a very good counter-attacking side - and apart from one hairy moment early on when they cleared a corner and then broke away, I can't recall Tony Bullock having to make a save.

That's something else which has given us a platform to build on - the fact that we've not conceded many goals of late. Against Watford and Ipswich we kept clean sheets, as we also have done in the last two games at reserve level. Shutting the opposition out like that also fosters confidence right throughout the squad.

We were good value for the points at Ipswich, even though we had what you'd call an under-strength side. The lads that have come in during the last few games, though, have acquitted themselves exceptionally well. Young Karl Rose, Baggy, Deon Burton - and of course, Mike Turner - have all greatly impressed me. Mike's debut was an absolute dream come true for him, real 'Roy of the Rovers' stuff. I've been delighted with the boy since he came from Bilston Town two weeks ago, and once he gets used to full-time training and so on, he should mature into a valuable member of the squad. Believe me, Mike has the ability to achieve a lot in this game, and his destiny is in his own hands now.

Our results over the last four weeks have lifted confidence sky-high, and what's more we've thoroughly deserved everything we've got. Beating Huddersfield so comprehensively will obviously stand out, but bear in mind also that our last three away games have been against the top three teams in the table - and we've come away with seven points. And, without labouring the point, it could even have been nine, because I felt we were the better side at Vicarage Road.

What the boys are starting to realise now is that we are getting these results against the best sides in the division because we are one of the best sides. Naturally, the last thing I want is for anyone to become over-confident, but we've proved over the last few games that we can live with, and beat, our closest competitors. If we can ally that sort of self-belief with the kind of work-rate we've shown all season, then in the months to come we'll be able to have a really good crack at clawing back some of the points we've dropped in the first half of the season.

As I've said though, complacency is always a danger - and if we don't approach this afternoon's challenge in the right frame of mind, I'm sure Jimmy Quinn's lads would be happy to burst our little bubble. Let's try to make sure that doesn't happen.

I'd like to finish by wishing all our supporters a very Merry Christmas... enjoy the game today, get behind the lads, and we'll see you all on 28 December!



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Nationwide Division One

Saturday 21 November 1998

v

Sunderland

at The Stadium of Light
(attendance 40,231)



HOW THEY LINED UP

Sunderland 2

(Scott [pen] 62, Quinn 71)

Sorensen, Makin, Scott, Ball,
Melville, Williams (Quinn 57),
Summerbee, Clark, Dichio, Bridges,
Johnston.

SUBS NOT USED: Craddock, Smith.

Barnsley 3

(Ward 32, Dyer 46, Barnard [pen] 80)

T. Bullock, Morgan, De Zeeuw,
Eaden, Tinkler, Appleby, McClare,
Moore (Marcelle 18), Ward, Dyer,
Barnard.

SUBS NOT USED: Fjortoft, Moses.

S. Bennett (Orpington)

BOOKED

Dyer

SENT OFF

Ward

MATCH REPORT

One man stretchered off, another sent off, a missed penalty... if someone had told you that all this misfortune would befall the Reds in the opening 45 minutes of a daunting trip to table-toppers Sunderland, then you probably wouldn't have given their hopes much credence.

But this event-packed power struggle will live long in the memory of those who witnessed it - more akin to a Hitchcock thriller than a football match, with its unpredictable twists and turns, red herrings, nerve-jangling suspense, and some fabulous performances.

After a relatively quiet first half-hour (in view of the drama that was to unfold later) which the hosts just about shaded, the contest suddenly exploded into life on 33 minutes, when Sunderland centre-back Darren Williams contrived to get in a calamitous mix-up with his goalkeeper... and Ashley Ward arrive on the scene to sidefoot the unclaimed ball into a yawning goal.

Four minutes later, the Reds' top scorer had the chance to extend his team's advantage but blazed over the bar from the penalty spot - and worse was to follow for the former Crewe centre-forward when he was red-carded less than sixty seconds later following a flare-up after he confronted Williams.

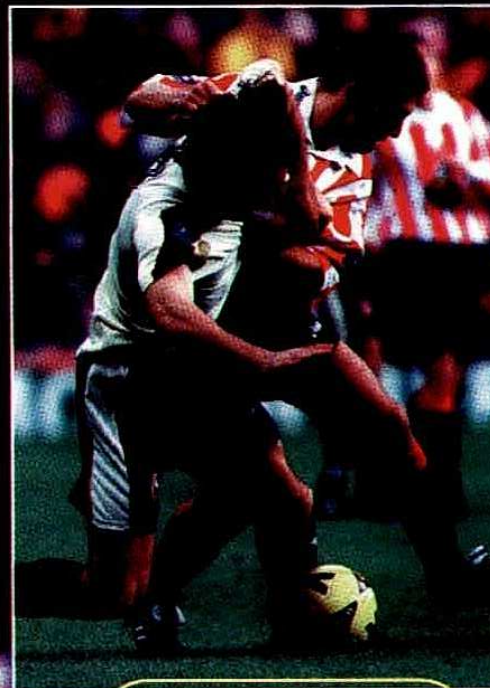
With that dismissal, the game took on an entirely different form - Barnsley's incisive counter-attacking being replaced by dogged determination as Peter Reid's juggernaut began to build up a head of steam. Sunderland poured forward remorselessly until relieved Tyke ears pricked up at the half-time whistle. A minute after the break, Bruce Dyer really gave the beleaguered defence something to hang onto with his first goal for his new club, capitalising on another error by Williams - who's backpass was woefully underhit, allowing Dyer to race through and fire past Thomas Sorensen.

This, of course, was like a red rag to a bull - Sunderland had not been beaten at their Stadium of Light fortress since September 1997, some 14 months ago, and they were determined not to surrender their mighty record. Two minutes after the hour, Chris Morgan was adjudged to have unfairly halted Dichio, Martin Scott stepped up to score from the spot, and the Roker roar increased a few decibels.

Wave after wave of red-and-white striped attackers besieged the Barnsley goal, and when Niall Quinn met Scott's cross at the far post and the beanpoe striker's header looped over Bullock, it just seemed a question of whether the ten men could cling on for an honourable draw.

They did much more than that, however... just as Sunderland were really turning the screw, a swift breakway ended with Sean McClare being upended by Kevin Ball in the area - and Darren Barnard stepped up to nervelessly rifle a low shot beyond Sorensen's right hand. Ten minutes later the whistle went again, and the majority of a 40,000 crowd left the Stadium of Light under a dark cloud.

Bruce Dyer's strength helps
him to hold off this challenge



A real tussle for the
ball between Ashley
Ward and his marker

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DICKIE BIRD

Cricket legend Dickie Bird would have every right to grow tired of interviews as he approaches his 66th birthday, but when the topic of conversation is Barnsley FC, he is in his element....

It is a remarkable testament to Dickie's popularity that his autobiography is set to sell its one-millionth copy over the Christmas period. With the hardback and paperback editions both having topped the best sellers list since their release, it has been a story of success for the figure who was instantly recognisable behind the stumps in his decades of service to the world of cricket. In fact, it could be argued that Dickie Bird is as famous around the world as any cricketing figure this country has ever produced.

Opportunities for Dickie to see his beloved Tykes in action have been restricted with his book signings and his highly successful concert tours filling the diary in the last year, but he remains a committed Barnsley fan. "I don't get to Oakwell as much as I would like," he confirms. "But wherever I am in the country, I always look out for the results and the people at the Club deserve every success.

"Last season's Premiership experience was wonderful for everyone at Barnsley. I was delighted that the people who make this Club special had their chance in the spotlight.



Dickie talks to Curtley Ambrose during a match

From the directors to the ladies who wash the kit and of course the players and the management, it was a wonderful season. And the team did us proud.

"For the people like me who remembered Barnsley at the bottom of the Fourth Division with a couple of thousand people in the stands at Oakwell, seeing them beat Manchester United and Liverpool last season was incredible. Obviously we were disappointed in the end, but we proved that we can compete with the best and hopefully that won't be our last chance in the Premiership."

Dickie's greatest memories of his times on the terraces at Oakwell date back decades. To the days when the likes of Stan Matthews and Nat Lofthouse were treading the turf here and the Tykes boasted a few heroes of their own.

"I have never seen a greater Barnsley player than Johnny Kelly," he states. "He was magical to watch. He played outside-left and would cut inside, then quickly twist past a player on his outside. Wonderful to watch. And then there was Tommy Taylor who is a close friend of mine. He was another great player and he went on to achieve so much at Manchester United under the management of Matt Busby.

"Then there were the players who I saw at Oakwell and will never forget. A lot of the younger fans here today won't know anything about the likes of Frank Swift and Tom Finney, but I can tell you they were something else.

"You could argue that these players would not have lived with the modern stars, but I disagree. The lads are a lot fitter today, that is not in doubt. Yet I still feel that someone like Wilf Mannion could have adapted to the modern game. If they trained as hard as the players in the modern game, they could have been a match for them. When it came down to skill, they had it all. Tommy

Lawton and Joe Mercer were another couple of names I remember seeing at Oakwell.

"And then Matthews and Mortensen at Blackpool. They played against us the 1953 F.A. Cup and they were lucky to get through. Matthews did a bit of magic on the wing and whipped it across to Mortensen who shin-padded it in and they beat us 1-0. They went on to win the Cup that season in what remains one of the most famous Finals of all time, but

we had the chance to beat them at Oakwell before they got anywhere near Wembley."

Dickie's tone takes a dip when the subject of England's flagging cricketers is raised, but he is heading out to watch the final two matches in the Ashes series over Christmas and still has a great passion for the game. "There is no better place to be than

Australia at this time of the year. I'm doing a bit of commentary for Australian TV and I'm sure I'll meet up with a few of our lads along the way.

"Darren Gough is a great lad who I have a lot of time for. He is a part-time Barnsley fan, even though he claims to be more than that, but you couldn't wish to meet a nicer fella. A great lad."

Dickie Bird doesn't have a bad word to say about anyone. It may be the reason that the British public have adopted him as one of their favourite sons.



Darren Gough in action, and right, as a part-time Barnsley fan



WHO'S LAIKIN FOR SWINDON



GOALKEEPER

FRANK TALIA

Born: 20.07.72

Melbourne-born Frank first came to England under Kenny Dalglish's management at Blackburn, but after failing to make a first team appearance at Rovers, he made his league bow on loan at Hartlepool. A switch to Swindon has seen him add to his league appearance tally.

DEFENDERS

MARK ROBINSON

Born: 21.11.68

Mark's form in the red of Barnsley was such that Newcastle United payed £450,000 to secure his services in March 1993. But first team chances were always limited at St. James' Park as the Kevin Keegan



revolution kicked in and he came to Swindon in a £600,000 deal in July 1994. Started his career at West Brom.

CRAIG TAYLOR

Born: 24.01.74

Brother of former Swindon favourite Shaun, Steve McMahon paid non-league Dorchester Town £25,000 for his services and he has developed into a steady first teamer.

BRIAN BORROWS

Born: 20.12.60

Brian had the heartbreak of missing the 1987 F.A. Cup final through injury, forced to watch on as his team-mates lifted the famous silver trophy on what was the greatest day in the Sky Blues' history. Joined Swindon on a free from Coventry last month.

SOL DAVIS

Born: 04.09.79

A youngster who has made just six appearances for the side last season and has gone on to build a platform for himself this term. His slender build means he can look like a soft touch at the back, but he is anything but that.

ADAM WILLIS

Born: 21.09.76

Like Davis, Willis has made his first team breakthrough this season. Started his career in the Premiership with Coventry, but failed to make a single appearance for the Sky Blues before joining Swindon last season. At 22, he will be looking to progress his career rapidly in the next few months.

MIDFIELDERS

DARREN BULLOCK

Born: 12.02.69

A £400,000 signing from Huddersfield Town midway through the 1996/97 season, Darren has provided a cutting edge to the midfield with his aggressive and powerful displays. Started at non-league Nuneaton Borough.

KEVIN WATSON

Born: 03.01.74

Flame-haired Kevin started his career amongst the superstars at Spurs and only managed a handful of first team appearances for the North Londoners, not to mention loan spells at Brentford, Bristol City and Barnet. A move to Swindon has given him the chance of more regular action.

MARK WALTERS

Born: 02.06.64

A winger of whom so much was expected as he made his breakthrough in the professional game at Aston Villa. Spells at Glasgow Rangers and Liverpool saw him produce flashes of brilliance, but injuries at Anfield ended his time there before he signed for Swindon on a free. The former England international has emerged as a key man in the side.

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BUILT A PLATFORM

The departure of Steve McMahon from Swindon was one of the more predictable managerial changes of season 1998/99.

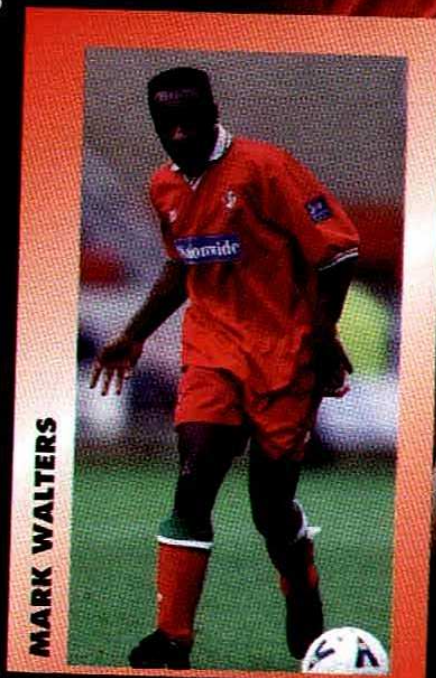
He had actually decided to stand down at the end of last term only for his players to persuade him against the idea and battle on for another season. Yet every Swindon fan will recall that it is only a year since a serious challenge for a Premiership place seemed likely from McMahon's side.

They were the surprise side of the First Division in the early months of last season, but their fall from the spotlight was as dramatic as it was alarming. With virtually no wins in the second half of the season, a side that led the way for a time were sucked down the table to the point where they were fearing the relegation death rattle.

On reflection, it was a run that should have brought down the curtain on McMahon's time at the County Ground, but the former Liverpool hard-man is not one to quit until he has given everything to a job and his time finally came after just a handful of games in this campaign.

Jimmy Quinn was a surprise replacement in the eyes of many and he knew before a ball was kicked that finances would be limited in his bid to re-build the side. But the former Reading boss feels at home in Wiltshire and has already brought a semblance of a turnaround in fortunes for the club. He will be far from happy with Town's place on the fringes of the relegation battle, but if survival is the one and only aim this term, then he has built the platform to reach that target.

With a squad full of familiar names and plenty of top flight experience around, Swindon will provide a stern test for any side in this league and these players will be looking for more vital points this afternoon.



FORM GUIDE:

Town's last 10 away games

| | | | | | |
|------------|----|------------------|---|-----|----------------|
| Nov | 28 | Grimsby Town | L | 0-1 | |
| | 14 | Bradford City | L | 0-3 | |
| | 7 | Crewe Alexandra | W | 2-0 | (Onuora 2) |
| Oct | 20 | Birmingham City | L | 0-1 | |
| | 17 | Ipswich Town | L | 0-1 | |
| Sep | 29 | Bolton Wanderers | L | 1-2 | (Onuora) |
| | 25 | Tranmere Rovers | D | 0-0 | |
| | 12 | Portsmouth | L | 2-5 | (Onuora, Ndah) |
| Aug | 31 | Bury | L | 0-3 | |
| | 22 | Wolves | L | 0-1 | |



continued...

TY GOODEN

Born: 23.10.72

Joined Swindon after being released by Wycombe in 1993 and went on to play a crucial role in the side's promotion from the Second Division in 1995. Another to have suffered with injuries of late, he has found his form this season. Has been recovering from a hamstring injury by spending some time at Lillishall. Hopes to be available today.

SCOTT LEITCH

Born: 06.10.69

There are not many players in professional football who can say their first club was Shettleston, but Scott can make such a boast. Born in Motherwell, his career north of the border saw him play for Dunfermline and Hearts before moving south in 1996.

STRIKERS

IFFY ONUORA

Born: 28.07.67

A powerful frontman who started his league career at Huddersfield. Glasgow-born, Iffy has scored goals on every step of a career that has also taken in spells at Mansfield and Gillingham before his switch to Swindon at the back end of last season.

GEORGE NDAH

Born: 23.12.74

A £500,000 capture from Crystal Palace, George has always shown glimpses of class, but he now has the challenge of stringing together a consistent run in front of goal. A leggy and athletic frontman who will boost Swindon's firepower.

GEORGE NDAH

MEN ABOUT TOWN:

Who's Done What In '98/99:

| | Games | Goals |
|----------|-------|-------|
| Borrows | 25 | 0 |
| Walters | 24 | 8 |
| Onuora | 23 | 12 |
| Talia | 23 | 0 |
| Gooden | 22 | 1 |
| Hall | 22 | 1 |
| Ndah | 21 | 7 |
| Bullock | 21 | 1 |
| Robinson | 18 | 0 |
| Reeves | 17 | 1 |
| Davis | 16 | 0 |
| Leitch | 13 | 0 |
| Watson | 12 | 0 |
| Willis | 11 | 0 |
| Hay | 9 | 0 |
| Hulbert | 8 | 0 |
| Cuervo | 7 | 0 |
| Kerslake | 7 | 0 |
| Cowe | 4 | 0 |
| Taylor | 4 | 0 |
| Howe | 3 | 0 |
| Glass | 2 | 0 |
| Campagna | 1 | 0 |
| McHugh | 1 | 0 |

OUR LAST 10 HOME RESULTS AGAINST SWINDON TOWN

| | | |
|------------|--------|--------------|
| Barnsley 1 | Town 2 | 1979/80 (D3) |
| Barnsley 2 | Town 0 | 1980/81 (D3) |
| Barnsley 0 | Town 1 | 1987/88 (D2) |
| Barnsley 1 | Town 1 | 1988/89 (D2) |
| Barnsley 0 | Town 1 | 1989/90 (D2) |
| Barnsley 5 | Town 1 | 1990/91 (D2) |
| Barnsley 1 | Town 1 | 1991/92 (D2) |
| Barnsley 1 | Town 0 | 1992/93 (D1) |
| Barnsley 2 | Town 1 | 1994/95 (D1) |
| Barnsley 1 | Town 1 | 1996/97 (D1) |



The Swindon Town Diary

OCTOBER

3 - Jimmy Quinn's first game in charge ends in defeat as Stockport win 3-2 at the County Ground. Swindon slip into the bottom three.

9 - Quinn secures his first three points with an impressive 3-0 win over in-form Huddersfield. Iffy Onuora scores against his former club.

17 - A narrow defeat at Ipswich sucks Swindon back into the relegation quagmire.

20 - Ty Gooden's late goal secures a valuable point at Birmingham's St. Andrews.

24 - "We need to start winning more games," is the message from Quinn after another draw, this time against West Brom. Town twice held the lead in a thriller at the County Ground.

31 - Swindon might think that life is tough for them, but QPR arrive in Wiltshire in the midst of a real crisis. After losing 3-1, Rangers are rooted to the bottom of the table. Town's Leitch and Ndah pick up injuries in the game.

NOVEMBER

3 - Winger Mark Walters signs a new contract that will keep him at the club into the next century.

7 - Two Iffy Onuora goals seal a win away at Crewe who drop to the lowest depths of the First Division. It pushes the Robins through the 20 point barrier.

14 - Swindon have not won at Bradford for over 40 years. It will be another year at least before they break that duck after a 3-0 thumping. "That was as bad as we have played since I came here," moans Quinn. Neale Fenn plays his first game on loan from Spurs.

21 - George Ndah comes back from injury to score against his former employers as Swindon beat Terry Venables' Crystal Palace 2-0.

28 - "We should have got something out of this one," was the verdict from Quinn after a disappointing 1-0 defeat at Grimsby.

DECEMBER

4 - Ty Gooden damages a hamstring and could be out for up to a month.

5 - Norwich climb into fourth place after a 1-1 draw against Swindon. Mark Walters scores the equaliser for Town.

8 - Philippe Cuervo breaks his leg in a reserve game.

12 - Onuora scores first against Bradford at the County Ground. But the visitors go on to record a crushing 4-1 win.

Iffy Onuora... Swindon Town's regular goalscorer in action against Bristol City.



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QUINN

Taking on a football management job with the promise of no money and very little likelihood of any materialising would hardly receive the full backing of your doctor.

But that is exactly what Jimmy Quinn took on as he succeeded Steve McMahon as Swindon manager earlier this season. With his experiences as joint-manager alongside Mick Gooding at Reading to fall back on, Quinn appreciates that his task at the County Ground will be anything but easy.

Yet it seems he is at the club where he feels most at home. "A lot of my friends and family are Swindon fans and I have lived in this area for a long time," says Quinn. "It is a great job for me and I am enjoying every moment of it however tough things are from a financial point of view. I know there is no cash to spend on new players, but that was the situation when I came to the club so nothing has changed."

Quinn was the surprise choice to succeed Mark McGhee when he walked out on Reading in 1994 and his partnership with Mick Gooding threatened to end the theory that joint-management cannot work. They took the club to a second place finish in the league that season and would have earned automatic promotion if it were not for the Premiership's reduction in size.

They played out a dramatic Wembley play-off that was ultimately won by Bolton 4-3, but few who were present will ever forget the occasion. A Wembley classic in every sense of the word. So he was thrown into the deep end of coaching when he couldn't have expected it, but this is his first solo effort at lifting a flagging club and he couldn't have taken on a bigger task.

The slump of the team led by McMahon in the second half of last season meant that spirits were low when the season

started and the poor early form did little to alter that depressing mood. So the results achieved since Quinn's first match in charge against Stockport in October have been commendable.

"I just have to work with the resources I have available," continues Quinn. "I am hoping to bring in players on loan or free transfers and we have been looking at the non-league circles for some new talent. That means that results may not be turned around straight away. A good win could easily be followed by a defeat, but we have to try and find consistency."

"Our form at the County Ground has been pretty good since I came here, but we have struggled away from home. That has been disappointing."

As a former Swindon player, the fans are certainly right behind Quinn in his mission and an appearance on Sky's Soccer AM by Swindon winger Mark Walters highlighted that everyone is mucking into the task ahead. "It is very different to what I was used to at Liverpool," confirmed Walters who has just committed his long term future to Swindon with a new contract.

"We all have to help out in any way we can and that means washing our own kit which is something different. It is good to see the other side of the game because life at Liverpool was everything you would expect it to be."

Quinn doubts whether Walters is being totally honest when he suggests that washing his own kit is fun. "I wouldn't have thought he enjoys it, but Mark is an excellent professional and gets on with the job."

As everyone has to at Swindon Town these days.

"Our form at the County Ground has been pretty good since I came here, but we have struggled away from home"



TYKE TALK



MARKING HOOLIGANS OUT OF THE GAME

As a long-term football supporter herself, Home Office Minister Kate Hoey explains the thinking behind the Government's recently published consultation document on combating football hooliganism...

FOOTBALL's thriving. Our game's graced by some of the finest players in the world. Television viewers from China to Norway tune in to watch our matches because they know they are guaranteed excitement and entertainment.

Grounds are safe and comfortable – to a standard unimaginable just 15 years ago. Hooliganism inside stadiums is now a rarity, not routine. Families are flocking back to football and there are far more women at matches than when I first started watching Arsenal 30 years ago.

There's still a buzz from England's brave performance at the World Cup. But events off the field in France also showed we can't afford to be complacent about the thugs who masquerade as football supporters.



The conduct of this tiny minority shamed the vast majority of England fans who went to France solely to support their side and enjoy the football and the occasion.

It prompted the Government to review all existing football legislation to determine what else could be done to counter their threat to both our image abroad and our game at home.

But it is not just a matter of the Government legislating. It is, after all, your game and your enjoyment they are ruining as well. You also have a major part in rooting out hooliganism from soccer.

That's why we want your views on new proposals to tackle football hooliganism and to prevent it starting in the first place. I know you have views. I welcome the many constructive suggestions from genuine fans following the trouble in France.

We are putting forward a draft of new recommendations to tighten up the law and make sure punishments fit the crime. Some of these are closing existing loopholes. Some will be controversial.

Evidence from France this summer, for instance, suggests a ban on the sale and consumption of alcohol can reduce trouble. So to improve our bid for the World Cup in 2006, there is a proposal to give our police a similar power to be used in the most exceptional circumstances. This may not be universally popular but we want to listen to your views.

We believe the World Cup has also shown that there is a strong case for insisting convicted thugs are forced to hand in their passports before international matches or tournaments abroad – and report to their local police station – so they can't travel. And we also want your views on banning known hooligans from travelling to games even if they have not been convicted of football offences.

Among other recommendations are increasing to ten years the maximum ban from grounds for those convicted of football-linked hooliganism, extending ticket touting legislation to matches outside England, and creating a new offence of racist or indecent chanting.

We want to put new measures in place before Euro 2000. I promise you that the Government will play its part. But it is up to all of us – clubs, players, supporters' groups and the fan – to play a role in speaking out against the thugs and making it clear that hooligans will not be tolerated. Together, we can mark them out of our game.

• Please send comments to:
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MORE LISTENERS FOR OAKWELL 1575 AM

Each home matchday the Club's radio station is contacted by many new listeners to its exclusive service to Reds Supporters. The pattern of programmes is: 8-10am Jason Thelwell, 10-12 Kevin Wilson, 12-1.30pm Dave Parker.

At 1.30pm it's "Pitchside", including the Super Reds A-Z and full match commentary from Matt Bailey and Steve Pearson. The day's broadcasts then conclude with Full Classified Results and Interviews.

Competition addicts can join Jason at 9.15am with "Gimme Five", Kevin's "Where Are We Now?" at 11.15am and "Connections" with Dave at 12 noon. After the match, there's the "Family Time Tunnel" to keep you guessing! Remember the phone number... Barnsley 215752, and Good Luck!

All the team at Oakwell 1575 AM wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.



BFC SUPPORTERS CLUB

The next BFC Supporters' Club meeting is to be held at Ardsley House on Tuesday 5 January 1999. Bruce Dyer and Nicky Eaden are to be guests at the meeting which will commence at 7.00pm. Doors open at 6.15pm. Non-members must join before being admitted.



FLASH, BANG, WALLOP... WHAT A PICTURE!



Photographer Stan Bulmer got a huge surprise in the shape of Toby Tyke, when the Reds mascot wheeled out a cake ablaze with enough candles to light Oakwell in the event of a power cut.

But then, Stan is 40. Wife Michelle organised the surprise party attended by 100 guests, at Keresforth Hall.

Toby posed for photographs and joined in the fun, in his boisterous way. Here he is pictured with Stan, his son Bradley and pal Joshua (both four). Stan, of Stan Plus Stan Two, on Old Mill Lane, exposed less of himself this time than on his 30th birthday – when four strip-o-grams reduced him to a pair of Mickey Mouse underpants.

"I had my clean underwear on this time just in case," said Stan. "But thankfully the only strip was the one on Toby Tyke, wearing the best team colours in the world. He was a great party guest and on his best behaviour, for a change. He was the icing on my birthday cake."



THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN REVISITED

The final score of our last home match three weeks ago had us racking our brains as to the last time the Reds had hit seven in a game, and reaching for the record books to find out exactly when it was.

A quick scan through Barnsley FC: The Official History 1887-1998 revealed that our last 'magnificent seven' was way back in April 1976, almost 23 years ago. On that day, Barnsley beat Workington 7-1 (it was the season before the North-East club dropped out of the Football League altogether), with big John Peachey getting a hat-trick along the way – and it wasn't even at Oakwell.

The last time our home ground witnessed a seven-goal spree for the Reds was in November 1961, when Bristol City were demolished in a 7-3 goals avalanche (Ken Oliver hat-trick, among others)... but for the last 7-1 margin of Reds victory at Oakwell you have to go back 40 years to when Charlton Athletic were humbled by that score in September 1958, on a day when Mal Graham hit the net four times.

LORD MASON'S COMPETITION



What was the most memorable occasion for you in Barnsley's historic first season in the Premiership? There were many unforgettable moments to

treasure – but one day, one game, one incident, or chain of events must have meant more to you than any other. So why not re-live the experience now by writing it down and giving yourself a chance to win £100 at the same time? That is the first prize being offered by life-long Reds fan Lord Mason of Barnsley in his annual 'Oakwell Review' competition. And there is also a runners-up prize of £50. Entries, of not more than 750 words, will be judged by Lord Mason and Barnsley Chronicle Sports Editor Keith Lodge, and should be sent to the latter, either c/o Barnsley Football Club, Grove Street, Barnsley, S71 1ET, or at the Barnsley Chronicle, Church Street, Barnsley S70 2AS. Send in your entries as quickly as possible.



CHRISTMAS 'as come early an' nooa mistek. It's almost beyond belief what's 'appened since me last little chat wi' yer. If yer remember, that were on t'neet we laiked 'uddersfield when 'ar wa'r in raptures abart us super win at Sunderland.

An' what 'appened? We terrorised Terriers sooa much 'at the' didn't know which way ter turn. 'Ave niver seen a first 'aif like yon'. Six-nowt up at 'aif-time an' it wa'r just like watchin' Brazil. It couldn't last. But we still finished up wi' a magnificent seven an' it would 'ave bin eight if 'iggie 'edn't made a mess o' that penalty.

Still, we'll forgive 'im. What a debut 'ee 'ad. Two goals in t'first 'aif spree an' a performance 'at suggests 'ee's goin' ter be a reight buy.

It wa'r good ter see Darren Barnard still wi' us an' all. Carlton Palmer might 'ave done a good enough job for us, but not at expense on Darren, surely. Ar meean, ar couldn't imagine Carlton scorin' a goal like that, cud you?

Then we went an' drew wi' at Watford wi'art Brucie an' Wardy, booath suspended, an' follered up wi' a smashin' two-nowt win at Ipswich last Setdy – an' still nooa Wardy. Instead, another dream debut, this time by t'new lad frum Bilston – whereever that is. Wun assist an' a goal in t'space on 25 minutes as sub. Can't be bad.

Nar, of coorse, cum's t'ard bit. We've tekken ten points art on twelve frum teeams at top on t'table. Nar we've got ter start beea'in' teeams at bottom. Teeams like Swindon, for example.

Wardy's still art suspended, but we're not dooin' too bad wi'art 'im at t'minute – an' that's an 'opeful sign, considerin' all t'speculation at's still gooin' on abart 'im leeavin' for a Premiership club. Yer can't blame 'im for wantin' ter laik in t'top flight ageean, really. 'Ee's played fair wi' us an' 'ee's done a great job, but if 'ee 'ez ter go, well so be it. Mindst yer, way things is gooin', 'is best chance o' Premiership football next seeason might be if 'ee stops 'ere!

All in all, things is lookin' up, so 'ave a very 'appy Christmas ivverybody, an' COME ON YOO-OO RE-EDS!





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Back in the days of two promotion slots and two points for a win, Swindon were in a fabulous position when they visited Oakwell on the first day of February 29 years ago. The Wiltshire club were placed third in Division Three but had three games in hand over second-placed Bournemouth with only a point deficit, while there was only another solitary point between them and leaders Watford.

Barnsley were having a season of consolidation after their promotion at the conclusion of the previous campaign. Having said that, however, the home form was very impressive – with 17 wins and six draws recorded in their 23 league games at Oakwell the previous season. The 1968/69 season had opened with home defeats to Barrow and Gillingham, but of the 11 games at Oakwell since then, seven had been won and the other four drawn.

The pitch was very heavy on the day Swindon came to visit, and the rain which had been unrelenting all morning continued throughout the match. It was the state of the pitch, in fact, which contributed to Swindon's goal in the seventh minute... John Trollope, who seemed to play for Town forever, put in a seemingly harmless cross from the left which skidded in the mud, and without leaving the ground, slid across a stranded Roy Ironside to nestle in the far corner.



John Trollope... A league record of 770 appearances for Town.

Town now showed the form which had taken them so high up the table and they had Barnsley on the rack as they made light of the conditions. For a time it looked a case of how many, but the Reds' twin centre-halves Eric Winstanley and Pat Howard stood firm against the assault. Slowly the tide turned and with the ageless John Bettany beginning to see more of the ball in midfield, the hosts began to pose some threats to Peter Downsborough's goal.

With only a minute of the half remaining, the equaliser came. Again, there seemed to be little danger when the ball was played forward into the visitors' penalty area... it looked to be running out for a goal kick where the penalty area crosses with the byline, when suddenly Bettany caught it up and despatched a firm volley from an acute angle, the ball crashing past a startled Downsborough via the underside of the crossbar.

Although the quagmire conditions worsened, the second half was a magnificent affair with both teams going all-out for the win. Both held the ascendancy for spells of the second period but neither could find that all-important winning goal. A draw, in the end, was a fair result – although both managers would put forward a case of chances that had been created but not taken.

At the season's climax, Barnsley finished in mid-table comfort, while Swindon were to be rewarded for an exceptional campaign with promotion to Division Two, losing out on the Championship to Watford only on goal average. However, Town's other – and more spectacular – conquest came in the League Cup. They sensationally carried off the trophy, beating Arsenal in an unforgettable final at Wembley, with winger Don Rogers, in particular, having a match to remember.

TEAMS

BARNSELY: Ironside, Murphy, Booth, Bettany, Winstanley, Howard, Earnshaw, Evans, Loyden, Bradbury, Robson.

SWINDON: Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Harland, Jones, Smart, Smith, Noble, Rogers.

GOALS

BARNSELY: Bettany 44.

SWINDON: Trollope 8.

ATTENDANCE: 13,983.



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Dave
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1st FEBRUARY 1969

Escaped 'Great Train Robber' Ronnie Biggs was in the news on the day Barnsley clashed with Swindon at Oakwell. Police carried out a dawn raid at a hotel in Belgium where they believed they would find Biggs hiding out. Needless to say, they burst in with handcuffs at the ready but Biggs had made his getaway a few minutes previously.

One would-be criminal who wasn't quite so lucky that day was the lad who attempted to rip off a pub jukebox at Stocksbridge, Sheffield. When the barman went down to the cellar to change one of the barrels, the thief managed to prise a panel off the side of the machine and successfully emptied it of cash and the records he wanted. Suddenly, he heard the barman coming back up – so quickly slammed the panel shut and prepared to act natural. Only one problem... his belt got caught in the door as he shut it, leaving him literally strapped to the machine – records in one hand, cash in the other.

On TV that night there was a selection of the era's most popular programmes, with 'The Avengers' and 'The Morecambe and Wise Show' leading up to 'Match of the Day' – while at the cinema the top attractions were the classic musical 'Oliver!', or if you fancied something with a little more action, Clint Eastwood returned as The Man With No Name in the epic western 'The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly'.

Top of the charts at the start of February '69 were Fleetwood Mac with 'Albatross', while Marmalade were hot on their heels with their cover of the Beatles song 'Ob-La-Di Ob-La-Da' and 'Blackberry Way' by The Move was also in the top 10.





This week Keith Lodge talks to...

Karl Rose

KARL ROSE was getting changed after a training session when Peter Shirtliff came up to him and said: "Nipper, the gaffer wants to see you."

His immediate reaction was, 'Oh no, what have I done wrong?' And it was with some trepidation that he went and knocked on the manager's door.

He need not have worried. Super John was all sweetness and light. "How's your injury coming along?" he asked, with obvious concern.

"Not bad, boss," replied Rosie. "I've managed to get through a week's training with no ill effects so far." That certainly made a refreshing change for the 20-year-old who had been sidelined for nine weeks with a troublesome knee injury which refused to clear up.

"Good," rejoined his gaffer. "So how do you fancy a game with the first team at Watford tomorrow?"

Karl's jaw dropped. It was the last thing he was expecting. All right, he was well aware that the Reds had been rocked by suspensions and injuries and they were down to the bare bones when it came to putting out a strike force, but he had not played for nine weeks and had only three days training behind him.

However, nothing ventured nothing gained. "Sure, boss," he said. "I'll go for it if you're happy to take the risk."

The team travelled down that afternoon and stayed overnight in a hotel. Karl was just settling down after the evening meal when the phone rang in his room. When he answered it, a voice at the other end of the line said: "Is that Karl Rose? I'm from the Daily Mirror and I'd like to do a special article about you."

Nipper, however, was not taken in. He had been tipped off in advance. The caller was, in fact, Sean McClare, who was in the adjoining room.

Recalled Rosie: "It was a good bit of fun and it helped relieve the tension, but I didn't get much sleep. The game was going round in my head. I was thinking, 'what if I miss an open goal, what if this or that happens?'"

However, he was quite happy with the way he performed, although disappointed not to take one of the two good chances that came his way.

"The goalkeeper made a good save from a first half header, but I might have done better with a shot in the second half. At least I got it on target, so it wasn't too bad. To score would have been the icing on the cake for me.

"I was satisfied with my game as a whole and it was a good result for the team. Watford were going well, with only one defeat at home. I thought we were the better side and could have won."

Karl knew he had performed satisfactorily when his dad, Barrie, told him afterwards that he had 'done all right'. "That's high praise from Dad. He keeps my feet firmly on the ground. He has been the biggest influence on my career. He has always encouraged me and been very supportive all the way."

The former Darfield Foulstone schoolboy also receives backing from Gemma, his girlfriend of two and a half years. A Wath girl, she was there in a family party of ten which travelled down for his league debut at Vicarage Road.

The only absentee was younger brother Lee – he also has a brother Jason, who is 21 – who was taking his theory examination as part of his driving test. The only consolation was that the 17-year-old passed with flying colours.

With three fellas in the house, Karl's Mum has also had to become a devotee of the game, although not quite as fanatical as her husband, who was the one who took Nipper to Oakwell as a young fan almost as soon as he could walk.

"It's a great thrill to play for the Reds because I've stood on the terracing behind the dug-out cheering them on as a supporter for as long as I can remember," says Karl. "When I signed associate schoolboy forms at the age of 15 there were several Premier League clubs interested, including Sheffield Wednesday. I almost signed for them, but the pull of my home town team was too great, and I'm sure I made the right decision. All my family were chuffed to bits at Watford and it was a brilliant day."

On the Sunday he sat at home reading through the match reports in the papers and watching highlights on the telly, and he was still so excited that he hardly slept that night either, reliving every moment.

He was brought back down to earth the following day, however, when, after a training session on the astro turf his knee puffed up yet again.

"I couldn't believe it. I thought I had got over it. It's gone on so long. I've seen three specialists, had one operation, and they still haven't a clue what the problem is. I'm on a course of tablets now. If that doesn't work I will have to go see someone else. It's all very worrying."

He travelled down to Ipswich last Saturday, but was not fit enough to take his place on the bench. Latest recruit Mike Turner stepped in and went on as substitute to make one goal and score the other in a fairly-tale debut. It's an ill wind...

There have been times when Karl thought he was never going to get his first team chance. Just when it looked as though there might be an opening for him, new players were brought in. First Georgi Hristov. Then Ashley Ward. Now there is competition from Turner.

"I have no complaints about the way have been treated, though. I have had a lot of help from Malcolm Shotton, Colin Walker, Peter Shirtliff, Danny Wilson and now John Hendrie. All have played a part in my development and I am grateful to them for that."

Youth team coach Walker did, however, give him a bit of stick after his rare appearance against Watford. "Humph," muttered Colin. "I see you're fit enough to play when you want. It's alright if the first team picks you."

Karl reflects: "It was a surprise to be called up. No doubt about that. But a nice one, although I was rather thrown in at the deep end with so little preparation. I don't think I let anyone down."

He was delighted, too, that Paul Bagshaw also made his league debut as substitute in that game. "Baggy and I have come through the ranks together. It was great to make our league debuts in the same game. We're big mates. Baggy slept at our house after this week's players' party. Gemma came and collected us. It was a case of three steps forward, six back, but we got there in the end. It was a good do."

Karl's immediate ambition is to make the breakthrough as a regular in the first team and help the Reds regain their place in the Premiership. In the long-term he would like to play for England in the team that wins the World Cup!

Nobody's done that for 32 years, but you've got to aim for the top, haven't you?

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FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

BARNLEY CITY CHALLENGE



Steve Lister reporting

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Football in the Community would like to wish all its Club members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 1999. Throughout the coming new year there will be some very exciting new and re-vamped activities, so watch this space for further details.

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- My favourite player and why?
- My favourite match and why?
- My favourite goal and why?
- My favourite moment and why?

All entries to be returned to Steve Lister, Football in the Community, Oakwell Ground, Grove St, Barnsley S71 1ET by Monday 1 February 1999. Further details can be obtained by telephoning our office on Barnsley 211333.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Many happy returns to all the following who have spent their special day here at Barnsley FC:

Glenn Walker, 11; Emily Harding, 9; Joe Palmer, 7; Sheridan Higgs, 11; and Adam Davis, 7. We hope everyone had a very enjoyable day here at Oakwell.

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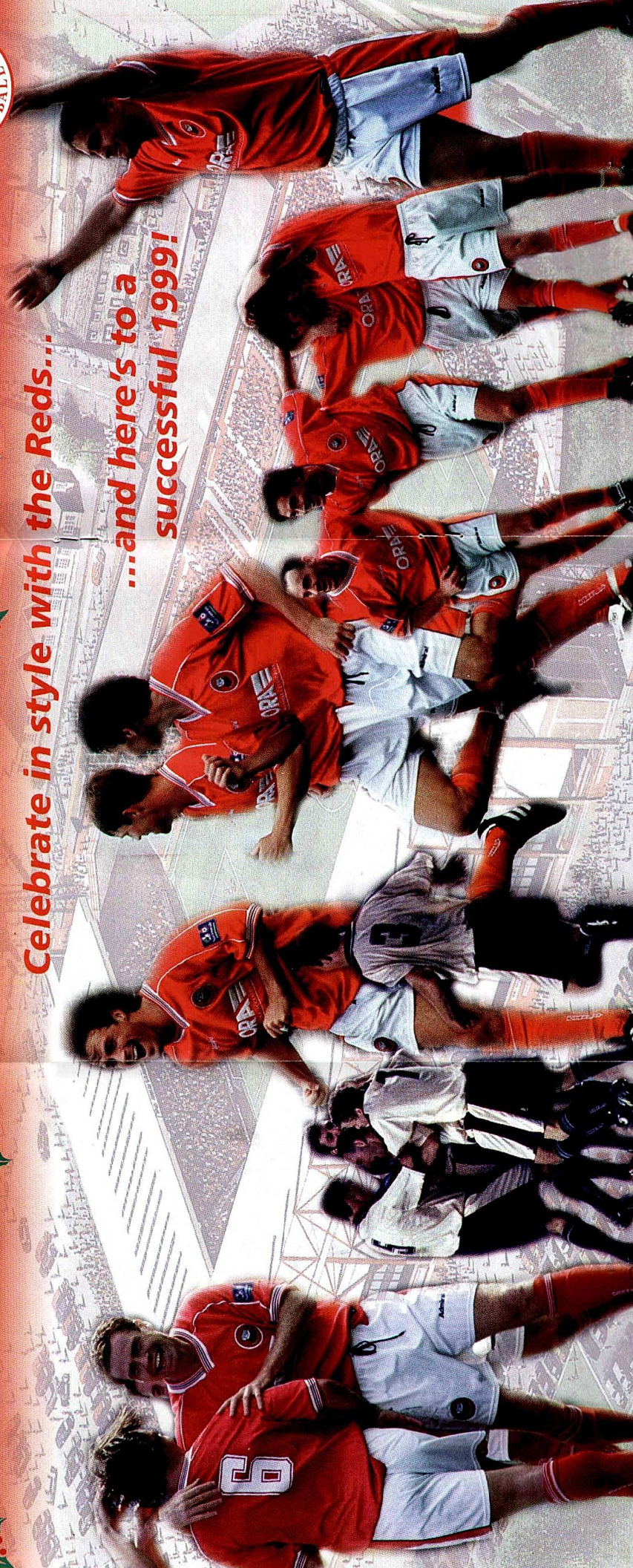
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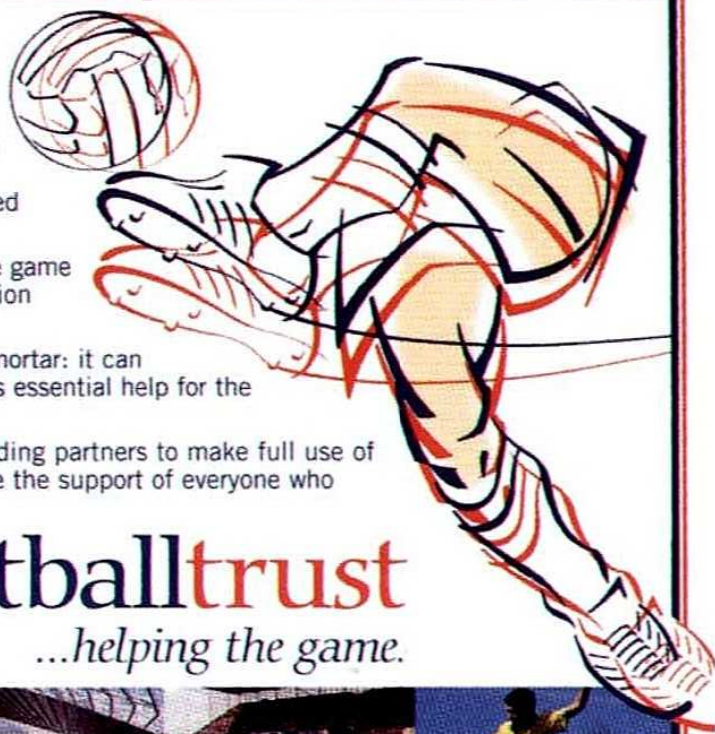
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RETAIL REVIEW

Welcome to this, the final Retail Review before Christmas, keeping you informed of gift ideas for the whole family.

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You might choose a white, blue trim V-neck T-shirt complete with the Barnsley logo. This excellent garment is priced at £17.99 and is available in sizes S-XL.



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Both Reds Superstore and Reds in Town will be operating extended hours of opening in the run up to the Christmas period. Details appear on page 42.

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Alternatively, you can email us at: thereds@barnsleyfc.co.uk

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Purchase the official Barnsley FC calendar from the Reds Superstore or Reds in Town this week to ensure you see the Super Reds in action every day of the year.

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Here we provide the definitive list of those last minute essentials.

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At £3.99 is the Barnsley Football Nut.

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PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

| | | | | | |
|-----|----|-------|--------------------|---|--------|
| Aug | 13 | Thurs | Coventry City | H | 0-1 |
| | 19 | Wed | Sheffield Wed. | A | 1-1 |
| | 26 | Wed | Middlesbrough | H | 1-2 |
| Sep | 3 | Thurs | Manchester City | A | 0-4 |
| | 9 | Wed | Rotherham U. (cup) | H | 2-0 |
| | 16 | Wed | Grimsby Town | A | 0-0 |
| | 24 | Thurs | Burnley | H | 2-0 |
| Oct | 5 | Mon | Tranmere Rovers | H | 4-3 |
| | 14 | Wed | West Brom | A | 0-0 |
| | 28 | Wed | Port Vale | H | 1-1 |
| Nov | 2 | Mon | Hull City (cup) | A | P.P. |
| | 11 | Wed | Bolton Wanderers | A | 1-1 |
| | 17 | Tues | Oldham Athletic | A | 0-1 |
| | 24 | Tues | Halifax Town (cup) | A | 2-1 |
| Dec | 2 | Wed | Wolves | H | 3-2 |
| | 8 | Tue | Coventry City | A | 0-0 |
| | 14 | Mon | Sheffield Wed. | H | 0-0 |
| | 21 | Mon | York City (cup) | H | 7pm |
| Jan | 6 | Wed | Manchester City | H | 7pm |
| | 20 | Wed | Middlesbrough | A | 7pm |
| Feb | 3 | Wed | Grimsby Town | H | 7pm |
| | 17 | Wed | Burnley | A | 7.15pm |
| Mar | 10 | Wed | Tranmere Rovers | A | 7.15pm |
| | 15 | Mon | West Brom | H | 7pm |
| | 24 | Wed | Bolton Wanderers | H | 7pm |
| | 31 | Wed | Port Vale | A | 7pm |
| Apr | 14 | Wed | Oldham Athletic | H | 7pm |
| | 26 | Mon | Wolves | A | 7pm |

Please note: several clubs are using alternative venues for their Pontin's League games.

- Our match against Middlesbrough will be played at Billingham Synthonia

PONTIN'S LEAGUE Division 1 - 1998/99

| | PL | W | D | L | F | A | PTS |
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| Coventry C. | 13 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 7 | 25 |
| Man. C. | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 31 | 18 | 23 |
| Oldham A. | 13 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 17 | 15 | 22 |
| Middlesbrough | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 21 | 23 | 21 |
| Wolves | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 23 | 19 | 20 |
| Sheffield W. | 13 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 16 | 13 | 20 |
| Tranmere R. | 13 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 26 | 19 | 18 |
| Port Vale | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 14 | 18 |
| West Brom | 13 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 18 | 16 | 17 |
| BARNSELY | 13 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 13 | 16 | 15 |
| Bolton W. | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 11 | 23 | 13 |
| Burnley | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 16 | 12 |
| Grimsby T. | 12 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 19 | 6 |

It was nice to keep a clean sheet in the goalless draw with Sheffield Wednesday on Monday night.

Although we did not play as well as we can overall, we defended well right from the start. We rode our luck at times and Lars Leese kept us in it with good saves at crucial times, but generally we remained disciplined and organised at the back against a quality side which included a number of players with a good deal of Premiership experience.

We were rocking at times, but we held on and it was a good result for us. Generally I was pleased with that, although I know we can play better.

Even so, we had a couple of half chances which might have provided us with the breakthrough, Clint Marcelle, Paul Bagshaw and Curtis Bernard all going close, the latter from our best move of the game.

Wednesday had a lot of possession, but we always looked quite solid at the back. Our problem is – and it has been the case all season – we do not score enough goals. And we are trying to address that situation. On this occasion we had Curtis and Clint up front and neither are out-and-out strikers. Indeed, we have not had one all season.

We took the opportunity to give Arjan de Zeeuw and Chris Morgan a run-out after suspension and Kevin Richardson got another 90 minutes under his belt as he seeks match fitness after his injury lay-off, so it was a very worthwhile exercise for those three.

Our team was: Leese, Morgan, de Zeeuw, Krizan, Bassinder, Barker, Richardson, Gregory, Bagshaw, Bernard, Marcelle. Subs: Smith, Kennedy, Heckingbottom, Crookes and Sadler.

Our latest recruit, 22-year-old Mike Turner, signed from Doc Martens League side Bilston, had a scoring debut for us in the 3-2 home victory over Wolves at Oakwell and was delighted to have done so well against a team from his neck of the woods.

Another good performance away to Coventry, where he did not play the full game, was enough to earn him his first team chance as substitute at Ipswich last Saturday, and he again notched a debut goal.

He did brilliantly in that game to not only score the second goal in stoppage time, but also set up the first goal for Sean McClare.

He has been signed to the end of the season and it is up to him to impress sufficiently for us to offer him an extended contract then. He has certainly made a terrific start.

It must seem like a dream for him at the moment and I am delighted for the lad, although he knows as well as anybody that there is a lot of hard work ahead of him as he adjusts to full-time training.

One of our Academy youngsters, Neil Austin, having been substitute for England Under-15 Schoolboys for their second match in the Adidas Victory Shield series against Northern Ireland, was given a place in the starting line-up for the second game against Scotland, and he responded with a splendid all-round performance.

Although it was not an entertaining game – Scotland set out to spoil and stole victory with a late breakaway goal after being outplayed for most of the time – Neil did everything asked of him. Required to play a covering role he acquitted himself admirably, although disappointed that he was unable to get forward as much as he would have liked.

A key member of the Barnsley Schools' team which shared the English Schools' Trophy with Bristol last season, he has been with us since the age of ten, and is obviously a great prospect. He is currently a pupil at Holgate School.

Meanwhile, a 3-0 away win over Newcastle United provided further evidence of the continuing development of our Under-19 Academy side.

It was a complete 14-man performance. The players now just have to believe more in themselves. They have shown that they can do it. There was just one blemish and that was the fact that, despite me having a moan in the previous few games about our slow start, we did it again. Fortunately on this occasion the home team failed to take advantage and we took control from then on.

We went in front after 15 minutes and never looked back. An Andrew Smith corner was not cleared properly and Ryan O'Carroll fired home a great shot from the edge of the penalty box.

It was no surprise when we went further ahead following a clearance from Dale Crookes, Curtis Bernard picked up the ball just inside his own half, beat two men, cut inside and scored with a brilliant left-foot shot just inside the far post.

Newcastle had a good 15-minute spell in the second half, but still failed to test Adam Sadler, and we added a third goal to kill the game off. Jackson went down the left, delivered a great pass across the box to Crookes, whose goalbound shot was deflected round the goalkeeper by Bernard.

Fielding a very young side, with only three full-time 17-year-olds, our Under-17s went down 3-1 at Newcastle, but, apart from two costly lapses, gave a good account of themselves against a physically stronger side.

We scored first after some good football, Duncan Richards showing a good first touch as he collected the ball 20 yards out before firing a shot into the top corner.

Shortly afterwards a defensive mistake allowed Newcastle to equalise and they scored again to take a half-time lead. The second half was again fairly even, but Newcastle added to their score when slackness at the back allowed a far post header to find the net.

Under-19s: Sadler, Crookes, O'Callaghan (Sidebottom 75), Dudgeon, Heckingbottom, Smith, O'Carroll (Jackson 65), Goodyear (Cataroche 55), Barker, Kennedy, Bernard.

Under-17s: Parry, Sedgewick, Parkin, Fox, Austin, Fleetwood (Schofield), Richards, Kay, Mulligan, Greenwood (Marsh) Cox.

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ACADEMY LEAGUE Under-17 and Under-19

| | | | U-17 | U-19 |
|-----|---------|--------------------------|-----------|------|
| Sep | 5 Sat | Coventry City | H 2-1 | 1-1 |
| | 12 Sat | Manchester City | A 0-0 | 2-2 |
| | 19 Sat | Wimbledon | H 2-1 | 0-2 |
| | 26 Sat | West Ham United | A 2-8 | 0-2 |
| Oct | 3 Sat | Sheffield Wed. | A 1-4 | 2-0 |
| | 17 Sat | Middlesbrough | H 3-2 | 1-1 |
| | 24 Sat | Derby County | A P-P | P-P |
| | 31 Sat | Nottingham Forest | H 3-0 | 0-0 |
| Nov | 7 Sat | Leeds United | A 1-1 | 1-2 |
| | 14 Sat | Leicester City | A 0-1 | 4-2 |
| | 21 Sat | Sunderland | H 0-4 | 1-2 |
| | 28 Sat | Newcastle United | A 1-3 | 3-0 |
| Dec | 19 Sat | Middlesbrough | A 11am | |
| TBA | | York City (Cup) | A TBA | |
| Jan | 12 Tues | Sheffield Wed. | H 1pm | |
| | 16 Sat | Tottenham Hotspur | H 10.30am | |
| | 30 Sat | Nottingham Forest | A 11am | |
| Feb | 13 Sat | Newcastle United | H 12 noon | |
| | 20 Sat | Derby County | H 10.30am | |
| | 27 Sat | Sunderland | A 12 noon | |
| Mar | 6 Sat | Leeds United | H 10.30am | |
| | 20 Sat | Leicester City | H 11am | |
| | 27 Sat | Crewe Alexandra | A 11am | |

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● **ALOISI...** May be sold to help clear debts at Portsmouth

BIRMINGHAM CITY

The Blues' seven goal feast at Oxford had manager Trevor Francis purring about the performance of his three strikers – though it was only the fourth time this season that Paul Furlong, Peter Ndlovu and Dele Adebola had played together for Birmingham. Francis thought the whole team did well but reserved special praise for the City fans who stood in the pouring rain on the exposed Manor Ground terraces. The huge win was ample revenge for the Blues who had lost at home to Oxford a few weeks before. By coincidence, Birmingham came to cash-strapped Oxford's assistance by buying United's Simon Marsh for £250,000.



PORTSMOUTH

Pompey fans may well be glad to see the back of 1998, but before the New Year is here they might have a few more traumas to go through. The latest upheaval coincided with a 0-1 home defeat to Grimsby – their fourth home league defeat of the season – and several hundred disgruntled fans took to the field at half-time and at the end of the match to demonstrate their anger at the club's financial affairs. Stories in the press have said that under chairman Martin Gregory the club is losing £40,000 a week and in the light of a £5m debt is preparing to sell leading scorer John Aloisi to Charlton at a 'knock down price', though there were doubts whether the deal would go through as Charlton's management was unhappy with the level of publicity surrounding any deal. Indeed, all the Portsmouth players are up for sale but boss Alan Ball has been excluded by his chairman from any negotiations. Now the club may well face a fine if the F.A. judges the pitch invasion as a breach of security.

WOLVES

The failure of Wolves to put themselves among the front runners in the promotion stakes has led to a number of players at Molineux being told already that they won't be retained after this season. Manager Colin Lee decided there must be many changes at the club and reportedly Mark Atkins, Paul Simpson and Darren Ferguson (just back from a loan spell in Italy) are among those senior players who have been told they are free to leave in the summer. Dean Richards is holding out on a contract until he is sure of Wolves' status for next season. Meanwhile, Lee was cheered by a late fightback by Wolves after trailing 2-0 at home

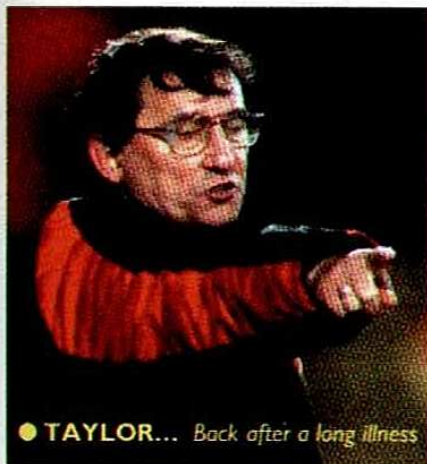
to Norwich – Robbie Keane netting twice in the last six minutes but the Canaries were far angrier at the tackle by Kevin Muscat that put Craig Bellamy out of the game and out of action until the New Year. Muscat, who has been booked eight times this season so far, escaped a yellow card for the tackle that left Norwich boss Bruce Rioch seething.

BRADFORD CITY

Lee Mills helped himself to two goals in the Bantams' 4-1 win at Swindon but was then sent off for the first time in his career, the ref deciding that Mills kicking the ball away after an offside flag warranted a second yellow card. The 13-goal striker misses the Boxing Day clash with Bolton and was already awaiting the outcome of the F.A.'s decision over a charge of misconduct following an incident after the Huddersfield v Bradford game in November.



● **WRIGHT...** Exiled Goalscorer



● **TAYLOR...** Back after a long illness

BRISTOL CITY

City made a move into the European transfer market with the £400,000 signing of Hungarian central defender Vilmos Sebok, but only after talks over the Ujpest Dozsa player's tax situation were resolved. In the home match against Palace, City's Mickey Bell was both hero and villain in a minute. First he deflected a shot into his own net but within sixty seconds had set up a Ade Akinbiyi header for the striker's 12th of the season to share the points.

WEST BROM

What chance Lee Hughes collecting a £20,000 sports car before Christmas, courtesy of hitting 27 goals? The West Brom striker got closer to claiming the prize when he took his tally to 24 with a goal in a good win at Huddersfield, shattering the Terriers' unbeaten home record. The player known as the 'Balti Boy' for his love of curry netted his team's third after sub James Quinn had scored twice.

CREWE ALEXANDRA

Jermaine Wright came up with the goal that ended Crewe's agonising run of 18 league games without a win, stretching back to August, by scoring the game's only goal at Loftus Road but it was Australian goalkeeper Jason Kearton who stopped the Rangers' revival.

WATFORD

The Hornets welcomed manager Graham Taylor back from a long illness, saw chairman Sir Elton John in the directors' box for the first time this season and scored four against

Stockport to celebrate. Gifton Noel-Williams scored twice for the home team before County got two late consolation goals.

BOLTON WANDERERS

Speculation has been building that Wanderers' eagerness to sign Jon Newsome, who has been on loan from Sheffield Wednesday and playing alongside Paul Warhurst in the Bolton defence, might extend to Arnar Gunnlaugsson going to Hillsborough in part-exchange. Manager Colin Todd has been quick to deny any such deal and instead hopes the Icelandic striker, who has 15 goals to his name, will sign a contract extension.

SUNDERLAND

Sunderland's drive towards the Premiership came close to slipping up when the City of Light's undersoil heating failed to work properly for the visit of Stockport – and to add to manager Peter Reid's annoyance he missed the winning goal from Nicky Summerbee on the snow-covered pitch because he was stuck in the lift on his way from the stands to the bench! The Wearsiders were cheered by the return of Alex Rae as sub following his much-publicised alcohol problems and was back in the starting line up for the home win over Port Vale a week later.

TRANMERE ROVERS

Captain Kenny Irons hammered his 12th goal of the season to earn Rovers a 94th minute equaliser against Bolton at Prenton Park and their 12th draw of the campaign helped relieve some of the worries building up at the Merseyside club – not only over the league position but also in the light of enquiries by local police into allegations of fraud at the club.

NORWICH CITY

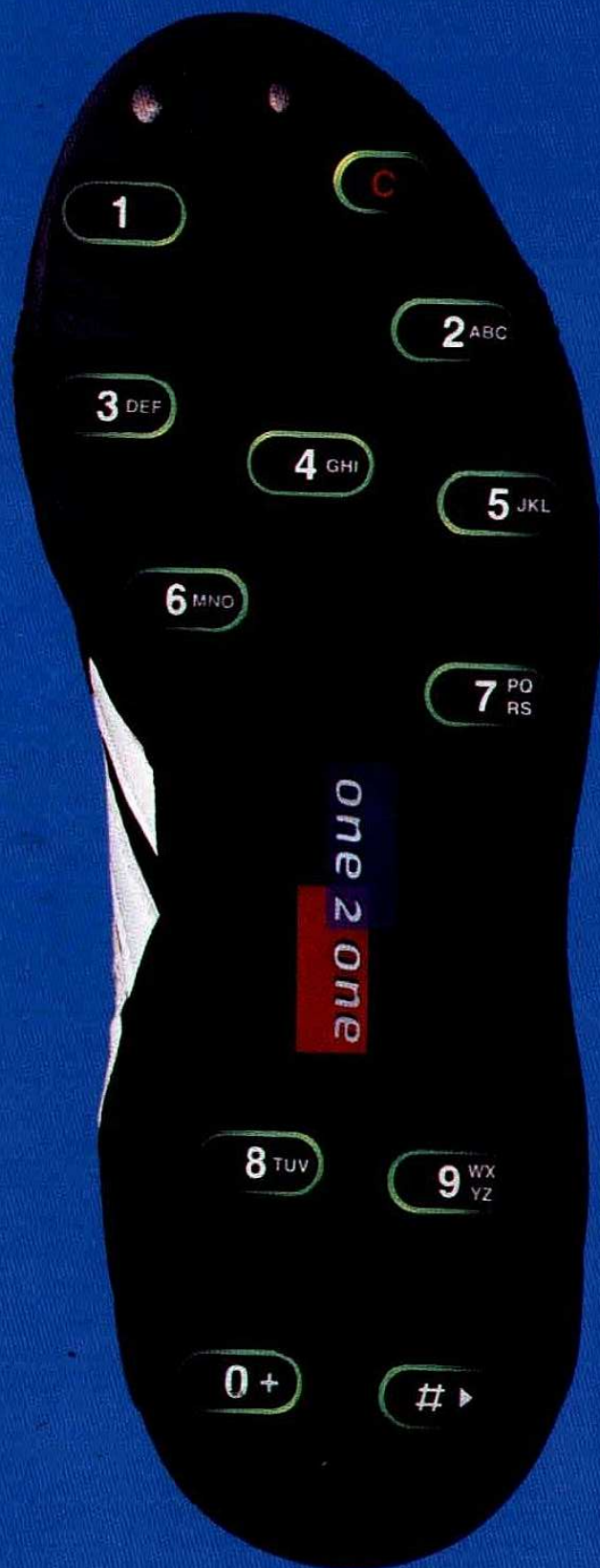
Traditional yellow and green or all yellow? While Carrow Road boss Bruce Rioch has gone on record to say he dislikes the new experimental yellow footballs, fans of the Canaries are voting in a display of appropriately coloured cards at half-time in the match against Bristol City to show which first choice strip they prefer their favourites to play in.

● **IRONS...**
Hammered home a stoppage-time equaliser for Tranmere



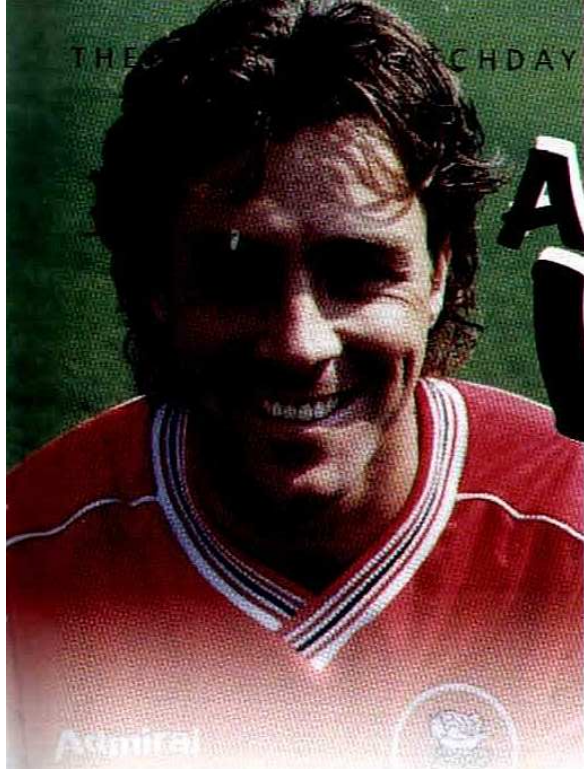
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Who has been the biggest influence on your career?

My Dad has been vital for me and Dario Gradi was an important figure in my days at Crewe. He is a coach who likes to work with players and improve them, not someone who tries to win football matches at all costs. There are not many coaches left like that and anyone who has worked with Dario would be full of praise for him.



What's the best game you have played in for Barnsley?

The 7-1 win against Huddersfield the other week was incredible. The best thing about that night was the reaction of the crowd because they have had a tough time this season and suddenly everything went right at the same time. It was an amazing game because if every chance we had went in, it would have been a much bigger win. Being 6-0 up at half time was strange, but the boss still had a go at us. He said it should have been ten and he wasn't wrong.

Who is the best current player in your position?

Michael Owen has set the world alight in the last year, but I am more of a target man and Mark Hughes has always been the main man in that role. He is playing a bit deeper for Southampton this season, but at his best, no-one holds the ball up better.

Which one thing would you change in football?

There has been enough talk about it, but I am in favour of having television replays for key decisions. It is unfair for a team to be punished by what might be a genuine mistake on behalf of a referee, so when there is a doubt whether the ball is over the line or not, have a look on the TV. And if you are not sure whether a defender is the last man back of not, double check it. You don't want to stop the game all the time, but it would help.

What's the best game you've ever watched?

I was an apprentice at Manchester City when we beat Man. United 5-1 and that was an incredible day. City were the big under-dogs and to give United such a beating will never be forgotten by one half of Manchester. I was a City fan as a kid and to see what is happening at the club now is terrible.

What's the most embarrassing thing that has happened to you on the pitch?

Losing by a hatful at Old Trafford last season wasn't a pleasant experience. They had one of those days when everything they hit went in. I've spoken to United fans who say there were worse teams than us who went there last season and they got away with much better than a 7-0 thumping.

If you could swap places with anyone in the world, who would it be?

Nick Faldo. I love watching the golf when they go into the extra holes at the end of a major. It is one against one and you are on your own out there. No-one else can help you and the pressure is incredible. I really admire the way they pull it off.

What is your most treasured possession?

My two girls, Darby and Taylor.

What is your nick-name at the club?

I've got so many, but what one is printable! They called me saviour last year, but I didn't save us so that didn't work and Darren Sheridan has called me George of the Jungle this season. It has something to do with a film, as far as I know. I must look like George.

Do you have any footballing superstitions?

I used to wear the same socks for weeks on end if I was on a goalscoring run, but I tend to take a more balanced approach to the game now. Those superstitions don't work.

We're 1-0 down in the last minute of a vital match when an opposition player goes down injured and they kick the ball out deep in their half. Do you throw it back to them?

It depends on how the game has gone. If they had been kicking lumps out of us all day, I would think twice about it and if we are at Wembley next May, trying to get a goal in the play-offs, then it would be hard to throw it back.

Who would you most like to be stuck on a desert island with?

People answer this question by saying their family, but why would you want them stuck on the island. It is bad enough that you are there! I suppose a Baywatch babe would not look out of place on a desert island.



What was the last film you saw?

Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels. It was pretty good and Vinnie Jones put in a good performance.

Who, apart from Barnsley, do you think will get promoted this season?

It is hard to look beyond Sunderland, even though we got a great win at their place a few weeks back. And I fancy Bolton will be right up there at the end of the season. I still think we have a chance to go up even if it is through the play-offs.

ON THE SPOT

1998/99 RESULTS

| DATE | OPPONENTS | RES. | ATT. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|------|------------------------------------|------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| Aug | 8 WEST BROMWICH ALBION | 2-2 | 18,114 | Watson | Eaden | Jones | Richardson | Moses | de Zeeuw | Hendrie* | van der Laan | Hristov+ |
| | 12 Scarborough (WC 1,1) | 1-0 | 3,064 | Watson | Eaden | Morgan | Richardson* | Moses | de Zeeuw | M Bullock+ | van der Laan | Ward 1* |
| | 15 Crewe Alexandra | 1-3 | 5,289 | Watson | Eaden | Morgan | Richardson | Moses | de Zeeuw | Hristov+ | van der Laan* | Ward |
| | 18 SCARBOROUGH (WC 1,2) | 3-0 | 7,978 | Watson | Eaden 1 | Morgan | Richardson* | Moses* | de Zeeuw | McClare | van der Laan 1 | Ward |
| | 21 STOCKPORT COUNTY | 1-1 | 16,377 | Watson | Eaden | Morgan | Richardson | Moses | de Zeeuw | McClare+ | van der Laan* | Ward* |
| | 29 Birmingham City | 0-0 | 19,825 | Watson | Eaden | Morgan | Richardson | Moses | Appleby | Sheridan | van der Laan | Ward |
| | 31 OXFORD UNITED | 1-0 | 15,328 | Watson | Eaden | Morgan | Richardson | Moses | Appleby | M Bullock* | van der Laan* | Ward |
| Sept | 8 NORWICH CITY | 1-3 | 15,695 | Watson | Eaden | Morgan | Richardson* | Moses | Appleby | M Bullock | van der Laan | Ward 1 |
| | 12 Grimsby Town | 2-1 | 8,149 | Leese | Eaden | de Zeeuw | Richardson | Moses | Appleby | M Bullock* | Sheridan+ | Ward 2 |
| | 15 READING (WC 2,1) | 3-0 | 7,840 | Leese | McClare | de Zeeuw | Richardson | Moses | Appleby | M Bullock+ | Sheridan | Ward |
| | 19 CRYSTAL PALACE | 4-0 | 15,597 | Leese | McClare 1 | de Zeeuw | Richardson | Moses | Appleby | M Bullock* | Sheridan+ | Ward 2 |
| | 23 Reading (WC 2,2) | 1-1 | 6,983 | Leese | Eaden | de Zeeuw+ | Richardson | Moses | Krizan | M Bullock* | McClare | Ward 1 |
| | 26 Bradford City | 1-2 | 15,887 | Leese | McClare | de Zeeuw | Richardson | Moses | Appleby | M Bullock | Sheridan+ | Ward 1 |
| | 29 Bristol City | 1-1 | 12,005 | Leese | Eaden | de Zeeuw | Richardson+ | Morgan | Appleby* | M Bullock | McClare | Ward |
| Oct | 3 BOLTON WANDERERS | 2-2 | 17,362 | Leese | Eaden | de Zeeuw | Jones | Morgan | McClare+ | Marcelle* | Sheridan | Ward 1 |
| | 11 PORT VALE | 0-2 | 16,195 | Leese | Eaden | de Zeeuw | Jones | Morgan | Appleby+ | Marcelle* | Sheridan | Ward |
| | 17 Sheffield United | 1-1 | 23,180 | Leese | Eaden | de Zeeuw | Jones | van der Laan | Appleby | M Bullock | Sheridan | Fjortoft 1 |
| | 20 Tranmere Rovers | 0-3 | 5,194 | Leese | Moses | de Zeeuw | Jones | van der Laan+ | Appleby | M Bullock | Sheridan | Fjortoft |
| | 24 PORTSMOUTH | 2-1 | 15,152 | T Bullock | Moses | de Zeeuw | Jones | Tinkler | Appleby | M Bullock | McClare | Ward 1 |
| | 27 BOURNEMOUTH (WC 3) | 2-1 | 8,560 | T Bullock | Eaden | de Zeeuw | Jones | Tinkler | Moses | M Bullock | McClare | Ward 1 |
| | 31 Wolverhampton Wanderers | 1-1 | 20,714 | T Bullock | Moses | de Zeeuw | Jones | Tinkler | Appleby | M Bullock | McClare | Ward 1 |
| Nov | 4 Queens Park Rangers | 1-2 | 8,218 | T Bullock | Moses | de Zeeuw | Barnard | Tinkler | Appleby | M Bullock 1+ | McClare | Ward |
| | 7 BURY | 1-1 | 15,115 | T Bullock | Morgan | de Zeeuw | Barnard | Tinkler | Appleby+ | M Bullock | McClare* | Ward 1 |
| | 10 Luton Town (WC 4) | 0-1 | 8,435 | T Bullock | Morgan | de Zeeuw | Jones | Tinkler+ | Appleby | M Bullock* | Sheridan | Ward |
| | 14 IPSWICH TOWN | 0-1 | 15,966 | T Bullock | Morgan | de Zeeuw | Eaden | McClare* | Appleby | M Bullock+ | Sheridan | Fjortoft* |
| | 21 Sunderland | 3-2 | 40,231 | T Bullock | Morgan | de Zeeuw | Eaden | Tinkler | Appleby | McClare | Moore+ | Ward 1 |
| | 27 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN | 7-1 | 16,648 | T Bullock | Morgan | de Zeeuw | Eaden | Tinkler 1 | Moses | McClare* | Hignett 2+ | Ward 1 |
| Dec | 5 Watford | 0-0 | 10,165 | T Bullock | Morgan | Moses | Eaden | Tinkler | Appleby | McClare | Hignett | Rose+ |
| | 12 Ipswich Town | 2-0 | 16,021 | T Bullock | Eaden | Moses | Jones | Tinkler | Appleby | McClare 1 | Hignett | Burton |
| | 19 SWINDON TOWN | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 26 Stockport County (kick-off 1pm) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 28 QUEENS PARK RANGERS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 2 Swindon Town (F.A. Cup 3) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 9 West Bromwich Albion | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 16 BIRMINGHAM CITY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 30 Oxford United | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb | 6 CREWE ALEXANDRA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 13 Norwich City | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 20 GRIMSBY TOWN | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 27 Crystal Palace | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar | 2 BRADFORD CITY | | | | | | | | | | | |
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THE MAN IN BLACK

Name: **Michael Jones**

From: **Chester**

Age: **30**

Occupation: **Local Government Accountant**

Marital Status: **Married (to Sue)**

Children: **Christopher (5), Matthew (3)**

Career Details: **Started refereeing at the age of 15 in the Chester & District Leagues, obtaining Class One status in 1990. Progressed to the Football League via the West Cheshire League and the North West Counties League. 1997/98 was his first full season as a Football League referee, having been a linesman for the previous four seasons.**

Honours:

**Referee - 1997 Pontin's League Cup Final
- 1997 Spalding Cup Final
(Macclesfield v Kidderminster)**

Interests and Hobbies: **DIY, most sports and relaxing with the family.**

TODAY'S MASCOTS



We have two mascots for today's game - brother and sister Luke and Leah Watson of Cudworth. Leah, who is 13 years old, attends Willowgarth High School and names Ashley Ward, Scott Jones and David Watson as her favourite Reds players. Her hobbies are football, swimming and dancing - for which she takes lessons in tap and modern. 10-year-old Luke, meanwhile, goes to Churchfield Primary School - and also plays for their school team. Football is actually his main hobby, along with swimming and computer games. His Oakwell heroes are Ashley Ward and 'Super' John Hendrie.



- + First substitution
- Second substitution
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| Liddell | Barnard | Fjortoft+ | M Bullock* | T Bullock | | |
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| Fjortoft+ | Barnard | Hendrie | Sheridan+ | Liddell* | | |
| Liddell | Barnard | Hendrie | McClare+ | Fjortoft* | | |
| Fjortoft 2 | Barnard | Hendrie | Marcelle+ | Liddell | T Bullock | Krizan |
| Fjortoft 1 | Barnard | Hendrie | Marcelle* | Eaden+ | | |
| Fjortoft* | Barnard | Hendrie* | Marcelle+ | Bagshaw* | T Bullock | Dudgeon |
| Fjortoft* | Barnard | Hendrie | Liddell* | Eaden+ | | |
| Hendrie* | Barnard | Fjortoft* | Liddell* | Sheridan 1+ | | |
| Fjortoft* | Barnard | M Bullock* | Liddell* | van der Laan 1+ | | |
| Hendrie* | van der Laan | Fjortoft* | Liddell* | McClare+ | | |
| Hendrie+ | Barnard | Moses | Marcelle+ | McClare | | |
| Hendrie* | Barnard | Morgan | Marcelle* | McClare+ | | |
| Dyer+ | Barnard 1 | Fjortoft+ | Eaden | van der Laan | | |
| Fjortoft 1 | Barnard+ | Morgan | Sheridan+ | van der Laan | Leese | Hendrie |
| Dyer+ | Moore | Fjortoft+ | Sheridan | Eaden | | |
| Dyer | Moore | Fjortoft+ | Sheridan | Jones | | |
| Dyer* | Moore | Fjortoft* | Sheridan* | Jones+ | | |
| Fjortoft | Barnard | Moses | McClare+ | Eaden | Leese | Hendrie* |
| Dyer | Barnard | Moses+ | Moore* | Hendrie* | | |
| Dyer 1 | Barnard 1 | Moses | Marcelle+ | Fjortoft | | |
| Dyer 2* | Barnard 1 | M Bullock* | Marcelle+ | Sheridan* | | |
| Burton | Barnard | Bagshaw+ | Marcelle | Sheridan | | |
| Dyer | Barnard | | | | | |

TODAY'S OTHER
DIVISION ONE FIXTURES

Birmingham vs Sunderland
Bolton vs Portsmouth
Bradford vs Wolves
Crewe vs Huddersfield
Crystal Palace vs QPR
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| Birmingham | 23 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 17 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 14 | 37 | 38 |
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| Norwich City | 22 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 17 | 37 | 37 |
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First Team Appearances and Goals

| | League | FAC | WC | Total | Goals |
|---------------------------|--------|-----|------|--------|-------|
| Darren Barnard | 20 | 0 | 6 | 27 | 4 |
| Arjan de Zeeuw | 18 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 2 |
| Ashley Ward | 17 | 0 | 6 | 23 | 15 |
| Adrian Moses | 16(1) | 0 | 5 | 21(1) | 0 |
| Nicky Eaden | 16(2) | 0 | 4 | 20(2) | 1 |
| Matty Appleby | 18 | 0 | 2(1) | 20(1) | 0 |
| Sean McClare | 14(6) | 0 | 4(1) | 18(7) | 2 |
| Martin Bullock | 13(4) | 0 | 4 | 17(4) | 1 |
| Chris Morgan | 13 | 0 | 3 | 16 | 0 |
| J.A. Fjortoft [Frankfurt] | 9(10) | 0 | 5(1) | 14(11) | 7 |
| Kevin Richardson | 10 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 0 |
| Darren Sheridan | 9(6) | 0 | 2(3) | 11(9) | 1 |
| Robin van der Laan | 9(1) | 0 | 2 | 11(1) | 2 |
| Tony Bullock | 9 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 0 |
| Scott Jones | 8(1) | 0 | 2 | 10(1) | 0 |
| Lars Leese | 8 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Eric Tinkler | 8 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 1 |
| Bruce Dyer | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 3 |
| David Watson | 6 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| John Hendrie | 6(2) | 0 | 0(3) | 6(5) | 1 |
| Andy Liddell [Wigan] | 3(5) | 0 | 1(1) | 4(6) | 0 |
| Alan Moore [M'bore] | 4(1) | 0 | 0 | 4(1) | 0 |
| Craig Hignett | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Clint Marcelle | 2(5) | 0 | 0(2) | 2(7) | 0 |
| Georgi Hristov | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Dean Burton | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Karl Rose | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ales Krizan | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Paul Bagshaw | 0(1) | 0 | 0(1) | 0(2) | 0 |
| Mike Turner | 0(1) | 0 | 0 | 0(1) | 1 |
| Peter Markstedt | 0 | 0 | 0(1) | 0(1) | 0 |



Nationwide Division One

Friday 27 November 1998

v
**Huddersfield
Town**
at Oakwell
(attendance 16,648)



HOW THEY LINED UP

Barnsley 7

(Dyer 10, 70, Hignett 19, 26, Tinkler 28, Ward 37, Barnard 40)

T. Bullock, Morgan, De Zeeuw, Eaden, Tinkler, Moses, McClare (Sheridan 73), Hignett (Marcelle 55), Ward, Dyer (M. Bullock 89), Barnard.

Huddersfield 1

(Facey 74)

Vaesen, Jenkins, Edwards, Johnson, Collins, Richardson (Gray 46), Phillips, Stewart (Facey 67), Allison, Barnes (Beech 46).

W. Burns (Scarborough)

Morgan

BOOKED

Johnson

SENT OFF

MATCH REPORT

What a game. It defied belief, let alone description. Seven goals for John Hendrie's side, several of them absolute corkers, a penalty miss, breathtaking attacking football, an incredible 6-0 half-time scoreline and a glorious two-goal debut for new signing Craig Hignett... all ingredients which made this Friday night feast one to savour for a euphoric Oakwell crowd, and for a nation watching on television.

Hignett, understandably, warranted special mention after his instant impact, and Darren Barnard was voted man-of-the-match for a performance which comprised one stunning goal, two assists and a stream of searching crosses into the box - but in truth, it was a day for the team rather than individuals. The Reds functioned smoothly as an offensive and defensive unit; ripping their highly-placed visitors apart with some slick, purposeful passing. Deep down, you have to feel sorry for Peter Jackson's Huddersfield side, for this annihilation could have been inflicted on any one of half-a-dozen opponents already this season - it was just the Terriers' misfortune that they happened to be stood in the firing line when Barnsley finally hit top gear.

The catalyst was Bruce Dyer's early goal, a volley hooked home from point-blank range in the 10th minute, which gave the home side the early boost they needed. Shortly afterwards Hignett opened his Oakwell account with a deft nod of the head to divert Nicky Eaden's cross into the bottom corner... and the new man doubled his tally when Town's Belgian 'keeper Nico Vaesen allowed Hignett's firm volley from 20 yards to squirm under his body and over the line.

Eric Tinkler then thundered in at the near post to flick another Barnard corner into the roof of the net, and Ashley Ward inevitably got in on the act when he fastened onto Eaden's through pass to evade Vaesen with ease and slide home his 15th goal of the campaign.

The Reds' faithful erupted in delirium once more when they were treated to a sixth goal in a cathartic half-hour spell five minutes before the interval. Eaden swung a high crossfield pass out to Barnard on the opposite flank, and the Welsh international produced the goal of the night... a perfectly executed first-time left-foot volley from the corner of the area which swerved and dipped on its scorching path into the top right hand corner. Definitely a 'goal of the season' contender in anyone's book.

After a first half which couldn't have been better if John Hendrie himself had written the script, the second period was destined to be something of an anti-climax. And so it proved - with Hignett sending a penalty and the chance of a dream hat-trick skywards after Ward had been fouled in the 54th minute. There was, however, a beauty of a seventh goal when Dyer's superb turn and blistering finish left spectators and defenders alike gasping, and although substitute Delroy Facey grabbed a late consolation, it was hardly any consolation at all for our West Yorkshire rivals. They had been comprehensively shredded by a five-star Barnsley performance which certainly bodes well for the second half of the season.

Confusion reigns in the visitors' defence as Ashley Ward spearheads yet another attack

Eric Tinkler gets his head to Darren Barnard's corner and it's 4-0!



Craig Hignett leaves two Terriers in his wake

DOH! Craig Hignett misses the chance to notch a sensational debut hat-trick from the spot. He had to settle for two goals in a 7-1 annihilation instead. Gutted, eh?





SALES AND MARKETING

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Welcome back to Oakwell. Before greeting our sponsors today, I'd like to thank everyone who sponsored our last home game, against Huddersfield Town – and I'm positive that they got value for money with six goals by half time! Main match sponsors were **Barnsley Building Society**, while **The Barnsley Chronicle** put their name to the Match Ball, and **ASG Contractors Ltd** were the Programme Sponsors.



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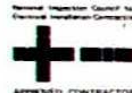
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Captain's Comment...

Judging by our last four results, I think the lads must've been looking at the league table upside down beforehand. Three superb wins and a draw against four of the top eight teams is a fantastic achievement for the lads, and we are really buzzing now. Prior to the Ipswich home game, we hadn't won in four, and we'd been knocked out of the League Cup to boot, so we all felt a bit down on our luck. Since then, though, things have really started to come together. Winning at Sunderland gave us a massive confidence boost, because up until then they had looked like an irresistible force, especially at home.

The other thing which the gaffer must be over the moon with is the way we've continued to do well despite having key players out. Wardy, Arjan, Mogs, myself, Shez, Bruce Dyer, Dave Watson and Robbie van der Laan have all been unavailable on and off during the last few weeks... but others have come into the starting eleven and done a good job. The lads who've come in, some of them for their first taste of league football, have shown that they can do the business when required - and having players like that is a must for any squad.

On a personal note, I was glad to be involved, albeit on the bench, at Portman Road last Saturday. I can't stress enough how frustrating it is and much you miss the thrill of the game when you can't be selected because of injury and suspension, so it was a real relief to be able to pull on a first team shirt again.

There's no doubt that, as a team, we're living up to expectations now, more than before - but if you ask anyone at the Club, they'll tell you that the potential has always been there for us to do that. For various reasons, the early weeks of the season didn't go quite as well as we'd hoped, and with some of our rivals getting out of the blocks like lightning, that was a bit of a setback. In the last month, though, we've been playing as well as anyone in the division.

It's a common phrase, but you can't overestimate the role that confidence plays in football. When you are on a high, you express yourself more on the park, and you have the belief to try something that maybe you wouldn't attempt when things aren't going your way. The Huddersfield game is a perfect example - it was as if something suddenly clicked into place, and you could visibly see the team growing in confidence during that match. A case in point is Darren Barnard's tremendous goal. Now, Darren has a powerful shot on him anyway, but because he had the confidence on the night to try something like that, we saw one of the goals of the season.

It's so tight in the top half of the table that anyone who has a decent run over the holiday period is going to find themselves in a good position come the New Year. Everybody seems to be beating each other, with only Sunderland standing out, so only a few points separate the sides at the top from those in mid-table. About a month ago, we were 12 points off the Play-Off positions, and in the space of four good results we've cut that to just seven. You always play a two or three games in a short space of time at this time of year, and if we continue our good form through Christmas, we'll be right up there with the chasing pack by the time we take a break for the F.A. Cup.

In the third round, of course, we have a difficult trip down to Wiltshire to face today's visitors. In that respect, today's game assumes even more significance because not only are there three valuable league points at stake - but whoever comes out on top this afternoon will carry a little psychological advantage with them for when we meet Swindon again in a fortnight's time. First things first, though, and we'll be going all out today to make sure that our good form continues, and we can give all you Reds fans an early Christmas present of three points!



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Saturday night stay at the Jarvis International, Norwich.

Accommodation to include bed and English breakfast, all rooms en-suite.

Sample the delights offered by a Sunday lunchtime visit to Cambridge.

Both trips will also benefit from excellent coach facilities including:

- Courier Service
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- Hot drinks service
- Toilet and washing facilities

Each trip costs just £65.00 per person (excluding match ticket)

Bookings can now be made for either or both trips at the Oakwell Box Office, although with limited availability early booking is recommended.

Kindly note that Reds Football Weekend Specials are now organised entirely by Barnsley Football Club and bookings must be made via the Oakwell Box Office.

To book by telephone, please ring (01226) 211211 during office hours.

To book by fax, please dial (01226) 211444 at any time.

ON THE ROAD TO EDGELEY PARK

STOCKPORT COUNTY v BARNSELY
NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE
BOXING DAY 26 DECEMBER 1998
KICK-OFF 1.00pm

Kindly note the earlier kick-off time for this match.

We have been advised by Stockport County Football Club that the above match has been designated ALL TICKET for Barnsley supporters.

Barnsley's allocation of tickets was 1,000 seat tickets and 2,000 standing places which went on sale via the supporter category system a couple of weeks ago. These tickets are priced at: Adults £13.00, Juveniles £6.00, OAP's £8.00.

Already the seating tickets are sold out and the vast majority of standing tickets have also been sold.

All remaining tickets are now on general, unrestricted sale, and Reds supporters are, therefore, strongly urged to purchase their tickets at the earliest opportunity. You are reminded that the Box Office will be open tomorrow from 10.00am to 4.00pm and until 7.00pm on Monday 21 December for your extra convenience.

Subject to availability, tickets will remain on sale at the Box Office until 3.00pm on Thursday 24 December 1998.

COACHES TO STOCKPORT

Depart: 10.45am Fare: £7.00

Coach travel tickets are now on sale at the Oakwell Box Office. Reds supporters intending to travel by coach are advised to purchase their travel tickets at the earliest possible opportunity. It is often difficult to arrange additional coaches at short notice during the Christmas holiday period.

ROUTE TO STOCKPORT COUNTY

Leave by A628 Dodworth Road via Silktone, Penistone, Flouch and Tintwistle to Mottram. At roundabout join M67 following signs 'Stockport'. At the end of the M67 branch left to join the M60 (signposted Stockport, Manchester Airport) to Junction 2. At roundabout take the first exit then turn right at traffic lights on to the A560. Continue for one mile, then turn left at traffic lights (Farmers Arms public house on left) into Edgeley Road. The ground is on the right hand side about one mile along this road.

CAR PARKING

There are no designated car parks at the ground and most local side streets are 'residents permits' only. Look for streets and car parks off Mercian Way. Stockport County Football Club telephone number: 0161 286 8888

MORE 'AWAY' MATCH INFORMATION

SWINDON TOWN v BARNSELY

F.A. CUP SPONSORED BY AXA
SATURDAY 2 JANUARY 1999
KICK-OFF 3.00pm

Barnsley has been allocated approximately 2,200 tickets for the Stretton Bank Stand at the County Ground. These tickets are priced at £14.00 for adults, £5.00 for juveniles and £8.00 for students and OAP's.

The tickets went on sale on the supporter category basis on 11 December and are now on general sale. Although the match is not all ticket supporters are encouraged to purchase their tickets from Oakwell before the day of the match. Subject to availability, tickets are expected to remain on sale until 5.00pm on 31 December - please note that the Oakwell Box Office will not be open on New Year's Day.

COACHES TO SWINDON TOWN

Depart: 10.00am Fare: £13.50

Official coach travel tickets are now on sale at the Oakwell Box Office. Please book your places as soon as possible because it is often difficult to arrange transport at short notice during the festive season.

In the event of the Swindon F.A. Cup tie ending in a draw, the replay would be at Oakwell on Tuesday 12 January 1999. Kick-off would be at 7.45pm.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION v BARNSELY

NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE
SATURDAY 9 JANUARY 1999
KICK-OFF 3.00pm

Barnsley has been allocated 3,000 tickets for the Hawthorns' Smethwick End. These tickets are now on general sale having previously been available under the supporter category system. The match is not all ticket although Reds supporters can obtain their tickets at a discounted rate if they are bought in advance from the Oakwell Box Office.

Prices for the West Bromwich match are:

| | Purchased at Oakwell | Purchased at West Brom. |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Adults | £13.00 | £14.00 |
| Juvenile/OAP's | £7.00 | £7.50 |

Subject to availability, tickets for this match are expected to remain on sale at the Oakwell Box Office until close of business on Friday 8 January 1999.

COACHES TO THE HAWTHORNS

Depart: 11.30am Fare: £9.00

Official Coach travel tickets are now on sale at the Oakwell Box Office.

OXFORD UNITED v BARNSELY

NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE
SATURDAY 30 JANUARY 1999
KICK-OFF 3.00pm

Barnsley's allocation for this match will be approximately 300 seats and 2,200 standing places.

Admission to the seating area will be by ticket only, admission to the standing area will be by payment at the turnstiles only.

The sale of the seat tickets will be on a strict supporter category basis and it is hoped that the Box Office will be able to begin selling to Category One supporters immediately after the Queens Park Rangers match (28 December 1998).

More information will be printed in our programme versus Queens Park Rangers.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

| | Oakwell Box Office | Reds Superstore | Reds in Town |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday 20 December 1998 | 10 am to 4 pm | 10 am to 4 pm | 10.30 am to 4.30 pm |
| Monday 21 December 1998 | 9 am to 7 pm | 9 am to 7 pm | 9 am to 5.30 pm |
| Tuesday 22 December 1998 | 9 am to 5 pm | 9 am to 5 pm | 9 am to 5.30 pm |
| Wednesday 23 December 1998 | 9 am to 5 pm | 9 am to 8 pm | 9 am to 9 pm |
| Thursday 24 December 1998 | 9 am to 3 pm | 9 am to 3 pm | 9 am to 3 pm |
| Friday 25 December 1998 | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| Saturday 26 December 1998 | CLOSED | 9.30 am to 10.45 am | CLOSED |
| Sunday 27 December 1998 | 11 am to 2 pm | 11 am to 2 pm | CLOSED |
| Monday 28 December 1998 | 9 am to 5.15 pm (closed during match) | 9 am to 5.15 pm (closed during match) | 9 am to 5.30 pm |
| Tuesday 29 December 1998 | 9 am to 5 pm | 9 am to 5 pm | 9 am to 5.30 pm |
| Wednesday 30 December 1998 | 9 am to 5 pm | 9 am to 5 pm | 9 am to 5.30 pm |
| Thursday 31 December 1998 | 9 am to 5 pm | 9 am to 5 pm | 9 am to 5.30 pm |
| Friday 1 January 1999 | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| Saturday 2 January 1999 | 9 am to 12 noon | 9 am to 5 pm | 9 am to 5.30 pm |





Benny Hill's

25th
year

STOP PRESS

Today's writer is **GAIL ROBINSON (Barnsley Star)**

THERE was a time, not that many years ago, when, wherever I went in the world, if my home town of Barnsley was mentioned people's eyes would glaze over and there would be muttering about one Mr. Scargill or filthy muck stacks – if they had even heard of Barnsley that is.

But Barnsley FC's storybook rise to the dizzy heights of the Premier League changed all that and I'm sure life will never be the same again.

Suddenly, not only was it cool to come from Barnsley, but in the strangest of places fans of all creeds and colour expressed admiration and affection for this small club from the North battling it out with the footballing giants.

For the past couple of years in weird and wonderful places complete strangers have suddenly burst into animated debate whenever the name Barnsley was mentioned.

I happened to be in a bar in the City of London the dramatic evening Barnsley booted Manchester United out of the F.A. Cup.

"In the strangest of places fans of all creeds and colour expressed admiration and affection for this small town club from the North battling it out with the footballing giants"

I doubt so many braying Hooray Henry voices have ever been heard cheering the Reds on at Oakwell, but that night every City Slicker in the heart of the capital was a Barnsley fan.

In sunny Malta, I was minding my own business when suddenly there were cries of despair, arms and hands were dramatically flapped and waved in all directions and for one dreadful moment I thought the government had been toppled.

Finally I had to ask the reason for the groans and moans and was told: "Oh Madonna! He go, he leave you, why he do this?"

I was still puzzled when another man, almost weeping, told me: "Poor, poor little Barnsley, why he leave you like this?"

So animated was the debate it took several minutes before I worked out that the topic of heated conversation was Danny Wilson's decision to move to Sheffield Wednesday.

And the phenomenal interest has not waned. These days visitors from far and wide no longer

want to visit Holmfirth to pose for pictures outside Compo's house; can't we see Oakwell they ask.



Gail says that Barnsley's season in the Premiership ensures life will never be the same again

Only a few weeks ago I was in Florida, at the MGM studios talking to a half-Italian film director, Dino. Having said Yes, I was English, I was asked whereabouts in England I lived.

"Oh a town you will never have heard of called Barnsley," said I. "Barnsley? Not Barnsley as in football?" he said.

"Those little guys did really great, I was so happy when they kicked Manchester United's butt. Wow, wait till I tell my buddies you come from famous Barnsley, that's real neat!"

SAFETY MESSAGE

Barnsley Football Club takes very seriously the safety of all spectators during their visit to Oakwell.

In order to assist us, please comply with the instructions of stewards, the Police or any safety message broadcast over the public address system. Make sure you know the location of your nearest exit and please remain seated throughout the game. Standing on seats, in any gangway or aisle marked with yellow paint is strictly prohibited.

Any supporter requiring medical attention should make their way to the St. John Ambulance Brigade staff who can be found around the pitch perimeter track. Supporters in the East Stand Upper Tier should make their way to the first aid post, located close to Stairtower C, towards the centre of the stand. Alternatively, contact any steward. A fully equipped first aid room is located on the lower concourse of the East Stand. Enjoy the game.

C. D. Patzelt, Asst. Secretary.



For all the latest news from Oakwell – Telephone Barnsley Clubcall 0891 121152



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Who's your favourite team?

Everyone has a different opinion as to the best all time English team, the one above is ours. If you think you can name a better one, write and let us know. We will read all entries and on the last home game of this season John Hendrie will announce a winner who will win a Brand New VW Polo to drive for two weeks and four tickets in the executive box at a match of your choice!. We look forward to your ideas.

Of course when it comes to supplying the best line-up of cars in the area, Hayselden have always been the winners!

Please send your entries to the address below before 19/4/99, Marking your envelope "THE BEST TEAM EVER!"

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Bruce DYER (10)

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Mike TURNER (13)

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