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ALAN CURBISHLEY

"I hope all the clubs in the third round today treat the FA Cup with the respect it deserves"

Today we welcome Jimmy Quinn and his Swindon side to The Valley for this FA Cup third round tie.

It gives both sets of players a break from the rigours of the League, but it also gives both the chance to progress if successful this afternoon.

We met Swindon only a few weeks ago and they demonstrated then in no uncertain terms why our division is so tough.

They may be at the wrong end of the table but they still gave us a tough game and I can assure you it will be no different this afternoon.

In fact, I think I'm right in saying they've only lost once in their last five matches.

If they can keep that run going today, I'm sure they will see it as a help in their League fortunes.

Both teams come into this game on the back of draws. We have got to improve our home record in terms of results, but not, I think, in terms of performances. As I have been widely quoted as saying, our last three home matches have been quite painful in terms of points gained.

Our performances definitely warranted a better return and anyone witnessing the games would

back me on that.

I've gone over the Manchester City and Port Vale games in previous notes, but it was déjà vu for the Blackburn game.

Rovers were another team that had few attempts on our goal but scored from two of them – even though one was at least eight yards offside.

Once again we came against a keeper in fine form – or was it bad finishing?

Either way, after dominating the game we ended up with no points.

We then took ourselves off to Barnsley, which is always a tough place to go and gain any points, especially when you let in a goal after two minutes.

It is great credit to the players that they took the game by the scruff of the neck and really dominated for the remainder of the first half. On top of that we got back into it with Keith Jones' fine strike.

The second half was hard fought and I felt if anyone was going to sneak a winner it would be us, but we ended up with a draw.

If we had picked up the results we should have done in previous home games, I would have been delighted with a point.

Barnsley were fifth in the table before the match on Saturday and they showed why they are up there, but it was another point towards our total and it keeps us in contention.

I do hope today's teams in the third round of the FA Cup treat the



competition with the respect it deserves, in terms of their team selection.

With the changes sweeping through football over recent years – and the fact that Manchester United can pull out of the competition – I sometimes wonder where the game is going.

For whatever reasons of their own, the big clubs have already done their best to weaken the League Cup competition. I hope it is not repeated with the FA Cup.

The third round is normally a special day for any football fan, so let's hope we can remember today as a winning one, which puts us in the next round and in fine spirits for the two forthcoming local derby games in the League.

The fans who travelled to Barnsley on a bitterly cold day last Saturday gave us as much support as they could. It was well appreciated and you need to do that today, so please get behind the players right from the start.



Charlton and Whitehouse – two first-class teams aiming for the top

Addicks Update

The inside story of events at The Valley

Council votes to allow new stand

The Addicks recorded a significant result on Tuesday night without so much as kicking a ball, when Greenwich Council's planning board granted permission for a new north stand at The Valley.

Despite strong opposition from some local residents, the committee voted 3-0, with one abstention, in favour of allowing the club's application, which would increase capacity of the ground to approximately 25,600.

As is usual in these cases the permission is subject to a range of legal commitments, but the club is delighted to have secured the council's formal approval for the expansion. We remain committed to working with the local residents to address their concerns, with or without legal agreements.

Although there are currently no plans to proceed with the work, this permission significantly increases the range of options for the future growth of the club. Certainly it would be difficult to sustain Premiership football with a capacity of 20,000, given the financial muscle available to the biggest clubs.

The proposed stand, which would replace the existing Covered End – built in 1934 and refurbished in 1992, but now the oldest part of the stadium by some margin – would join the west and east stands, and have 8,400 seats.

It would also provide much needed office accommodation for club staff and changing rooms for Greenwich Leisure, as well as a range of hospitality facilities.

Nevertheless, the club's interest in the Millennium Dome site on the Greenwich Peninsula will continue and further news of our bid to be involved in its future is expected in the New Year. Chief executive Peter Varney comments on page eight.

Under the weather

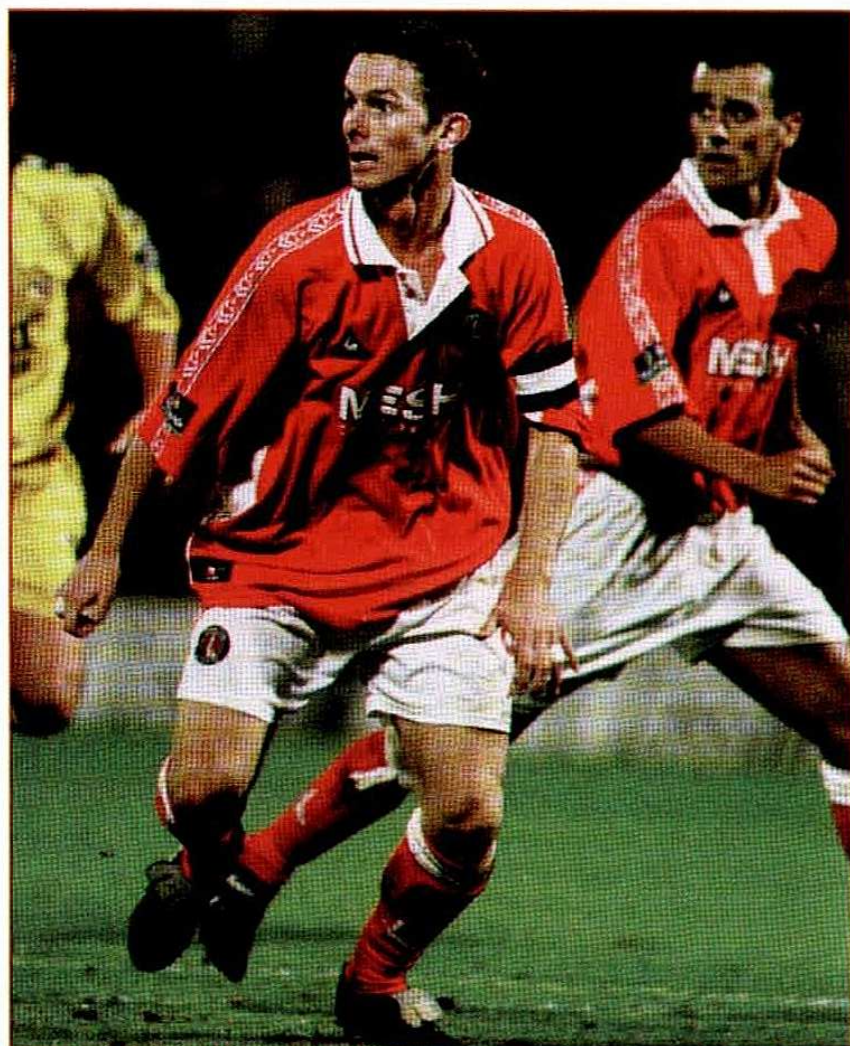
The Charlton training ground suffered a mini flu outbreak this week. John Robinson and Steve Brown were both affected, but looked likely to recover in time to be in contention today. However, Martin Pringle was still under the weather as we went to press.

Striker Richard Rufus – well, it has seemed like it at times recently! – has fractured his right hand after falling awkwardly, but he needs no cast to protect the injury and is expected to play on.

Midfielder Graham Stuart was an absentee at Barnsley last week and is still struggling with an injury to his upper back that he sustained during the Manchester City game.

But right back Greg Shields, who has missed the last three games, is now back to full fitness after twisting his knee at Swindon.

Goalkeeper Simon Royce is



Mark Kinsella (pictured) and Steve Brown both miss next Saturday's trip to QPR through suspension. Mark was one of five Addicks booked at Barnsley and Steve was cautioned against Blackburn

making good progress back to full fitness and has been able to step up his level of training every week recently. It is hoped that he will be in full training by the New Year.

Defender Carl Tiler is also making progress, albeit slower than anticipated, after his close-season knee operation. It is hoped that he will be coming back to full fitness after the holidays.

Limited opening

As from Monday, we are delighted to welcome Paul Ellis to the staff as a general assistant. In fact, Paul has been assisting us for so long unpaid that few will notice the difference! Readers may recall that he was the fan we nominated for the Premier League Hall of Fame last season.

Paul's new status does mean, however, that he will no longer be able to deal with programme requests in the CAFC office between 9am and 5pm on weekdays.

Messages can be left and they will be dealt with after 5pm. Alternatively, Paul will be on hand from 5-6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and on matchdays.

Good response

More than 500 half-season tickets had been sold by Thursday, just over a week after they went on sale.

The total number of season-ticket holders is now well over the 15,000 mark and this will obviously reduce the number of one-off match tickets available.

We anticipate that seats for our Boxing Day home match with Crystal Palace will sell out within 24 hours of going on sale on Monday, so anyone wishing to see that game as part of a half-season would be advised to visit the ticket office today.

There were just over a thousand upper-tier tickets for the game at QPR left on Thursday night.

In common with all other club departments, the ticket office will close at 2pm on Christmas Eve.

Matchdays aside, the only normal working days over the holiday period will be December 29th and 30th. Normal trading will resume on January 4th.

In addition, the club will close at midday this coming Tuesday for operational reasons.

On the box

Our home First Division game with Wolverhampton Wanderers, due to be played on Saturday, February 12th, has been put back until 1pm the following day for coverage on Sky.

Behind closed doors

Wednesday night's reserve match against Southampton (see page 32), had to be switched to The Valley at short notice when the Welling pitch once again proved unfit.

Unfortunately, this meant that we were unable to admit the public because we could not put the necessary measures in place in time.

The previous week's reserve game at Welling, against Leicester, was also washed out and the management were keen to give the players a game.

A Charlton side including Jamaican trialist Ricardo Fuller, who scored, beat a Saints side featuring Matt Le Tissier and Kevin Davies 2-1.

Good judgement

The Sport First newspaper has been carrying out a nationwide poll to discover their readers' choice of Match of the Century. Informed sources tell us that the likely winner is a certain 7-6 victory over Huddersfield here at The Valley on December 21st, 1957. There will be a special feature in Sport First next Sunday, December 19th.

Broncos bonus

Our new tenants, the London Broncos, are offering a special Christmas deal to Addicks fans who would like to watch them as well.

Adult Charlton season-ticket holders can purchase season tickets for the Broncos for just £99, against the usual £170, while Junior Red season-ticket holders will pay £19 instead of £30. Simply call 020-8410 5000, quoting your Charlton season-ticket number, to order.

Appearing on Broadway

You can combine your Christmas shopping with a chance to meet your Charlton heroes at Bexleyheath Broadway on Monday. A Charlton stand will be in the shopping centre all day, with appearances by players from 2-6pm. You'll also be able to buy our new Bouncing Back video, on sale in the Superstore today.



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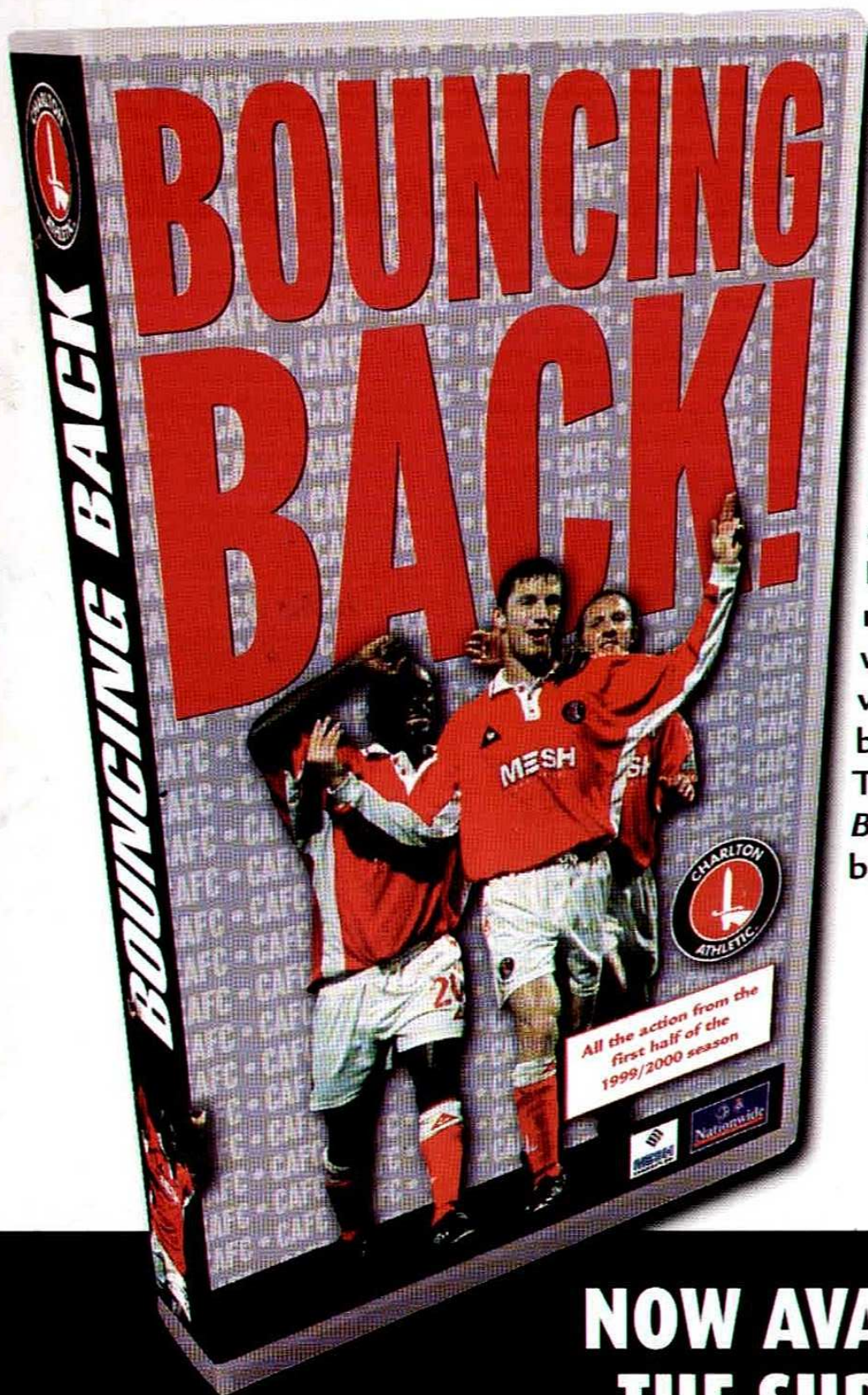
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Addicks Update

Giant programme fair

Tens of thousands of programmes will be on sale at the Giant Millennium programme fair at the Royal National Hotel, Woburn Place, London WC1 on Sunday, January 2nd, from 10.30am-4pm.

Admission is £1.20 and in addition to programmes old and new visitors will find a host of other memorabilia such as books, magazines, badges and photos.

Thanks, Steve

The club has decided to make the post of commercial development manager redundant. As a result, Steve Dixon left the staff earlier this week after more than eight years' service in a variety of roles. Prior to joining us as publications manager in 1991, Steve was secretary of Charlton Athletic Supporters' Club and assistant editor of *Voice of The Valley*. He was also a key figure in the Valley Party.

Steve will be familiar to many

Charlton supporters from his appearances as a matchday announcer and on Millennium Radio.

He had the role of marketing manager at the club for a number of years and was also involved in buying for the Superstore, as well as setting up our various affinity schemes.

We would like to thank Steve for his efforts on Charlton's behalf over the years and everyone at the club wishes him good luck in his future career.

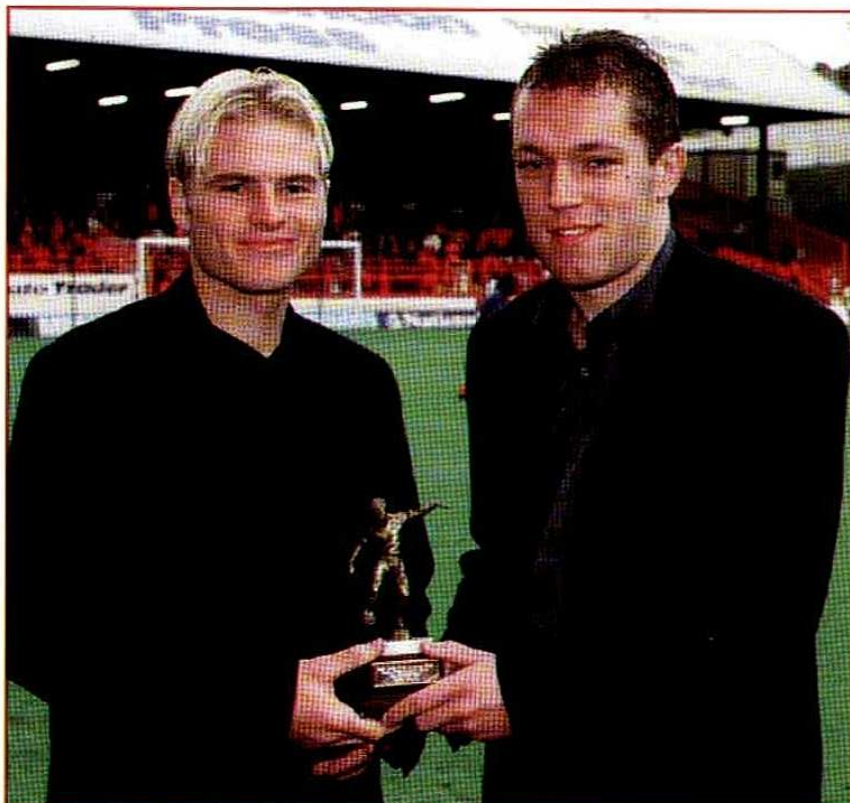
He will be continuing in his role as pitchside announcer on matchdays.

Bromley bash

Bromley CASC will be holding a special Christmas social meeting at the Bickley and Widmore Working Men's Club, Tylney Road, Bickley, this coming Tuesday. The festivities get underway at 8pm.

Make your mark

If you're looking for that special Christmas present, don't forget that the club has decided to extend the area of engraved bricks behind the west stand. Four by eight inches in size and including up to 30 characters, they cost £30 each. Please contact Sue Davies on 020-8333 4000.



Midfielder Dave Collis collects his SLP and Mercury Young Player of the Month award for October from sports editor Richard Cawley before the home game against Port Vale a fortnight ago



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Peter Varney

The Addicks chief executive writes ...

United should be in the Cup

The first Saturday in January is traditionally FA Cup third round day, so it does seem a little strange to be kicking off in the competition in December.

All the talk about the FA Cup so far has centred on Manchester United. I did say at the time of their withdrawal that it was a sad day for football in this country. Many smaller clubs dream of playing them in the Cup and often such games are vital to their very existence. In my opinion, United should not have been allowed to withdraw.

I would like to welcome the directors and officials of Swindon to The Valley. They were very hospitable on our recent visit to the County Ground when we won a tightly fought game 2-1.

The FA Cup does give the opportunity to earn much needed additional revenue and I have given a couple of interviews this week to the local Swindon media, who have drawn parallels between our situation in the 1980s and that currently faced by our visitors. They made me aware of how important the competition is to Swindon, who face an extremely difficult financial situation.

I sincerely hope they manage to overcome their problems and go on to thrive in the same way we have.

I was also approached this week by Stoke City, who have recently been taken over by an Icelandic-based consortium, so we must be doing something right to attract all this attention!

On Monday evening I met with the local residents group and, as you can imagine, there was considerable opposition to our planning application to redevelop the north end of the ground to provide an additional 5,600 seats.

The application was considered by a special meeting of the planning board of Greenwich Council on Tuesday evening and all of us at the club are delighted that the application was successful following a very tense two-and-a-half hour meeting at the town hall.

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I would like to acknowledge the key contribution of Drivers Jonas, our project managers, and Albuquerque Nogueira, the architects of the new stand. The application was lodged in January and a considerable amount of time and effort has been put in by so many people to achieve the successful conclusion. I would also like to thank the planners at Greenwich for the professional manner in which they dealt with the application.

We now await the decision of English Partnerships on our submission in relation to the Millennium Dome site. If we make the final short list of three and if the financial case for the proposed new



stadium stacks up, then we will continue the consultation process we have promised on both options.

I must say I was extremely disappointed to see that English Partnerships had decided to allow a late bid to be added to the short list of nine. Essentially we are involved in a competition and surely it cannot be right that a short list is selected, proposals are displayed for consultation purposes and then a group comes in at such a late stage. I don't think we have heard the end of a very controversial decision.

I would like to apologise for the situation regarding the reserve game with Southampton on Wednesday.

Once it became clear that the weather would lead to us postponing the game at Welling I took the

decision to move it to The Valley.

In the limited time available it was not possible to comply with the safety and police requirements and we had to play behind closed doors.

I apologise for any disappointment caused, but there really was no other decision I could take in the circumstances.

Personally, I don't believe that it is a bad thing that we are having a day off from League action today.

I have sensed a lot of tension around League games and it will be nice to enjoy the thrills and spills of an FA Cup tie.

Get behind the team from the start and hopefully we can take our place in round four.



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Shaun Newton now stand up!

Charlton's right winger has had some stick from the Valley fans this season, but he tells TERRY CORDWELL that he has no complaints about that

Charlton may have suffered their worst month of the campaign thus far, but amid the gloom few Addicks fans could have failed to notice the rays of light that made it a trifle easier to bare.

The sight of Clive Mendonca recapturing his goalscoring touch against Port Vale was one for sore eyes, while the form of Richard Rufus – at both ends of the park – has been tremendous.

But perhaps the one thing that has eclipsed these two saving graces has been the resurgence of Shaun Newton. The 24-year-old right-flanker had a tough time in the

Premiership last season because of a serious knee injury. After returning to the fold prematurely, he struggled to find his form and could only amass 13 starts in all.

The scorer of two goals in the last four games aimed to make a flying start to the current campaign and, although he's the first to admit he hasn't done so, he insists he wasn't playing that badly.

"I don't think things were falling for me during the first half of the season," he said.

"Usually, if a player in an important position like mine is playing really badly, the team loses. And apart from the last month or so,

we haven't lost very many at all."

The Camberwell-based player went on: "I probably needed to score a goal or two early in the season to get me going, but that didn't happen. However, the most important thing was that the team were winning and sitting in a good position in the table."

The Addicks faithful didn't view the situation quite so philosophically and were quick to voice their frustrations.

In reply, Newton has done the professional thing and stepped up his level of performance to something near to the top of his game.

"You can't let the crowd bother you," he said.

"I can understand the way they feel, because they know what I'm capable of and they have a right to be disappointed.

"They pay good money and expect to see the real Shaun Newton, so why should they keep quiet?

"It was a difficult season for me last year. When I did get back into the side at the start of this season I felt so relieved to be playing again that maybe my mind wasn't on performing to the best of my ability.

"Now, though, I know I am completely over my injury, not just physically but mentally as well, and hopefully I can get back to where I was two years ago – playing well and scoring goals."

Newton's duck was broken at

Swindon in late November, and solid displays followed at home to Port Vale and Blackburn.

His first-half injury-time strike in the latter game should end up a goal-of-the-season contender.

But while it would be difficult to argue against his finish at Swindon being responsible for his new confidence, the emergence of the old Newton hasn't only been only about his net-buster against Rovers.

His passing and



Yellow peril: Shaun Newton comes away with the ball against Port Vale at The Valley

Continued on p12

Picture: Tom Morris



PLAYER FEATURE

crossing has acquired a fresh crispness, his touch has tightened up and his willingness to run at defenders has resurfaced.

In his new frame of mind, Newton explains how his season's best tally of seven may soon be broken.

"I set myself a target of ten goals," he said. "The first has always proved the hardest for me and I usually score more in the second part of the campaign."

"The way I see it, I get some kind of chance, be it good or bad, about twice every game."

"I just have to learn to stick them away when they come."

A lack of goals has been a criticism levelled at Newton, but the player still views finding the onion bag a bonus rather than a necessity.

"I'm the kind of player who, because I'm quite fast, am seen more as an attacking midfielder than a defensive one. But I think my defensive work is just as important as my attacking play."

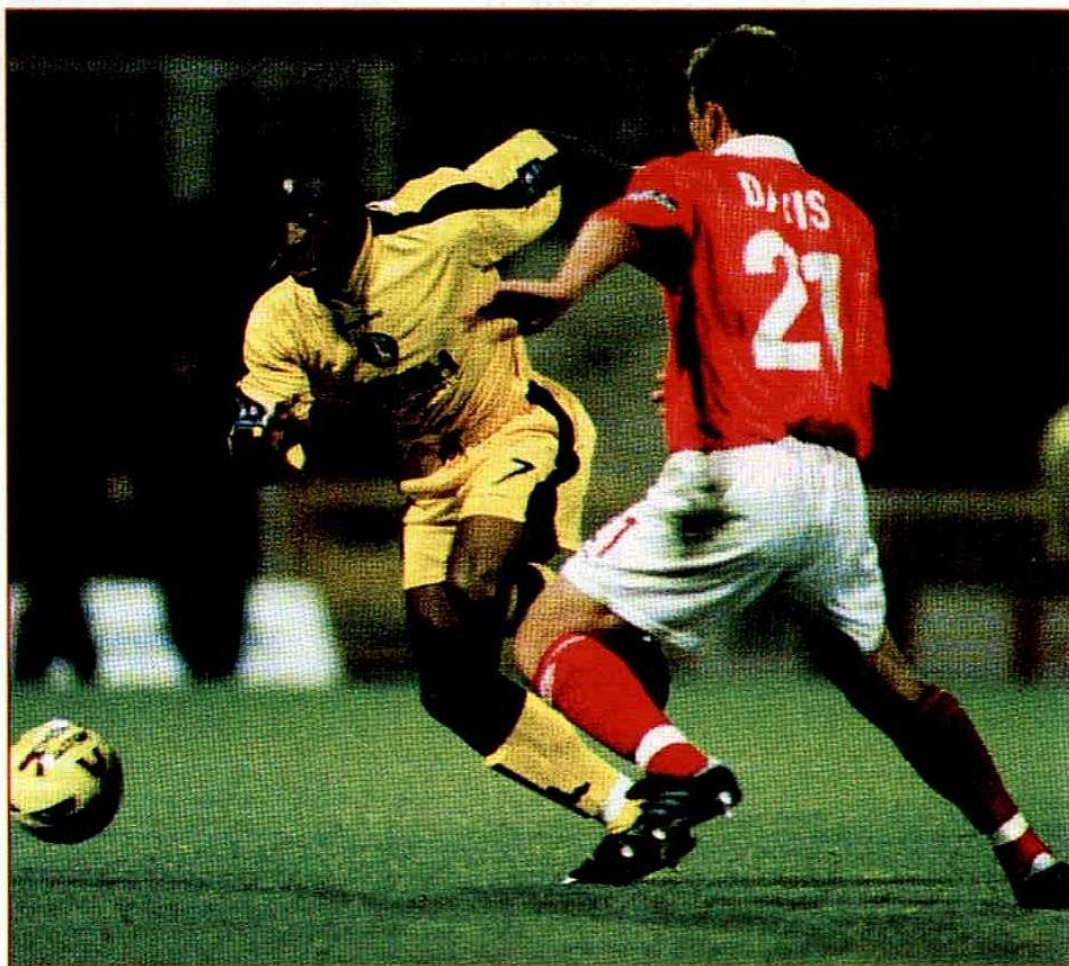
"I could be really pleased with a performance that may not have included goals or even balls into the box. The most important thing is to do your job for the team and if I happen to score as well that's all the better."

It's ironic that Newton's best spell coincided with his team's worst, but he believes the sight of automatic promotion is far from fading.

"I don't think there is anyone in this division capable of living with us at our best," he said.

"There isn't a team out there that we are trying to keep pace with."

"We are just playing our own game and I think what we are going through now will be our only bad patch."



Shaun Newton goes past Swindon's Sol Davis when the teams clashed in November

"We are probably the only team in the division who don't cater for the opposition."

"Teams as high up as Manchester City have come to The Valley and completely shut up shop, which can only be a credit to us."

He went on: "Some people will say we haven't beaten any of the top teams, but anyone watching these games will know we've played well and not scored, and let in sloppy goals."

"Most of our points are coming against mid-table sides and teams down the bottom, which is where a lot of the other top clubs have been dropping them."

If Charlton do go back up, Newton believes they will stay there this time and doesn't share the view that the gulf between the two divisions is increasing.

"Obviously it depends on which clubs you are talking about. You only have to look at what Sunderland are doing at the moment to confirm that if you have a good squad and are organised, you can do it."

"Last season we were only

actually outplayed about three times and that was against the likes of Manchester United and Leeds."

"We didn't do ourselves justice because we kept losing by the odd goal in games that could have gone either way."

"But on the other hand, you cannot say teams who go up are not going to lose by three or four goals week-in week-out."

"Watford and Bradford are both having a hard time of it at the moment."

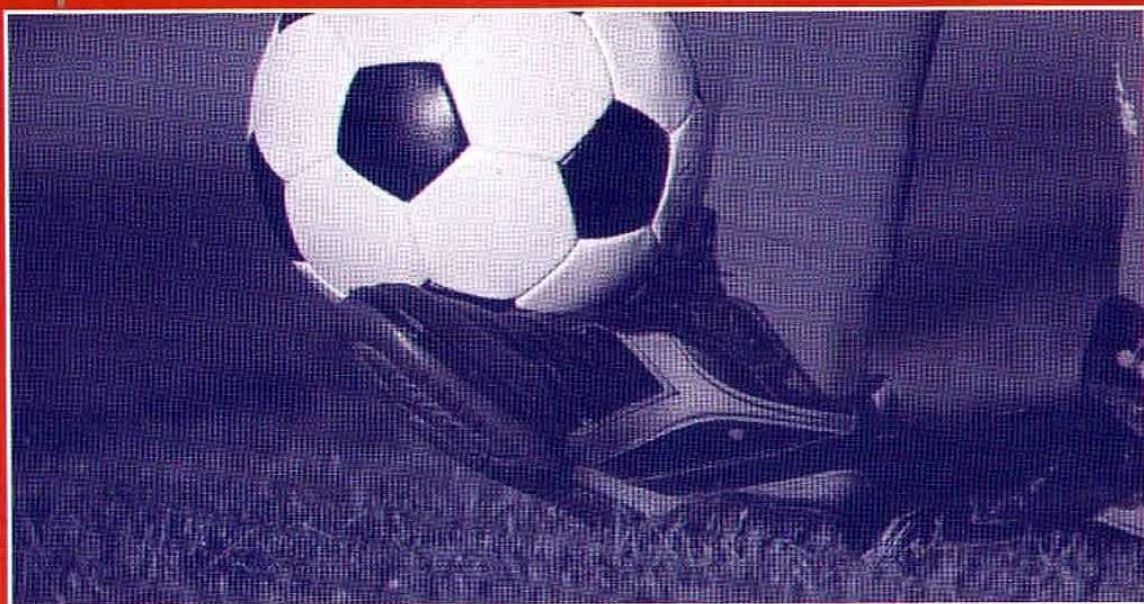
Approaching 25, Newton has reached the peak of his physical fitness, but concedes there is still room for improvement.

"I don't think a professional footballer can ever stop improving," he said.

"You learn new things about the game day in day out and you just want to better yourself in some area with every match you play."

With his injury out of his mind and his confidence well and truly back, there is no reason why Shaun Newton cannot start doing just that.

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➤ Seats in the east and west stands cost £155 adults, £99 for seniors and 16-17 year-olds and £49 for U16s.

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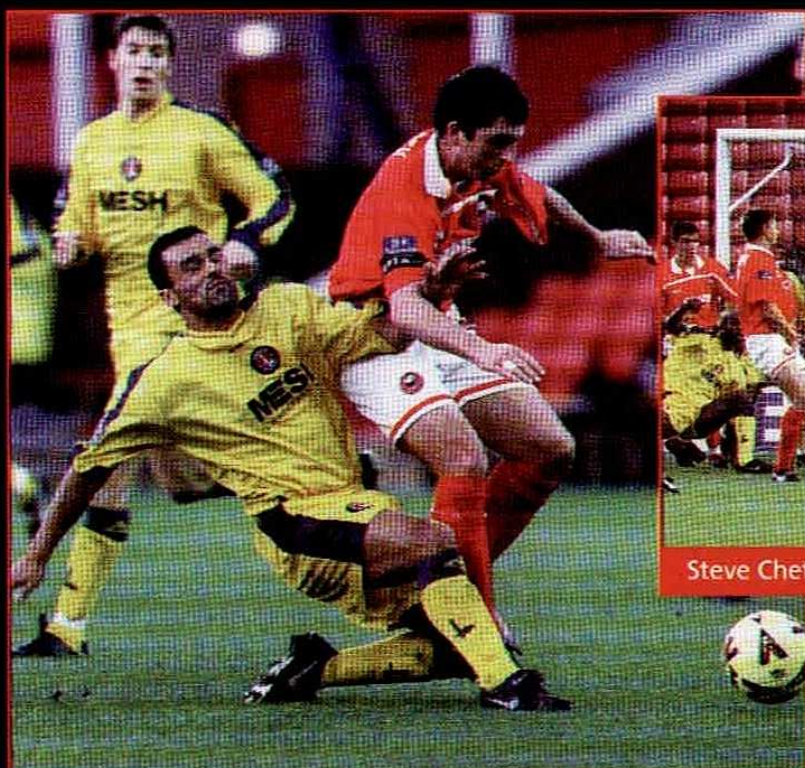


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Something to smile about: teammates congratulate Keith Jones on his first goal of the season

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Clive Mendonca makes a challenge



Steve Chettle puts Barnsley ahead via the crossbar

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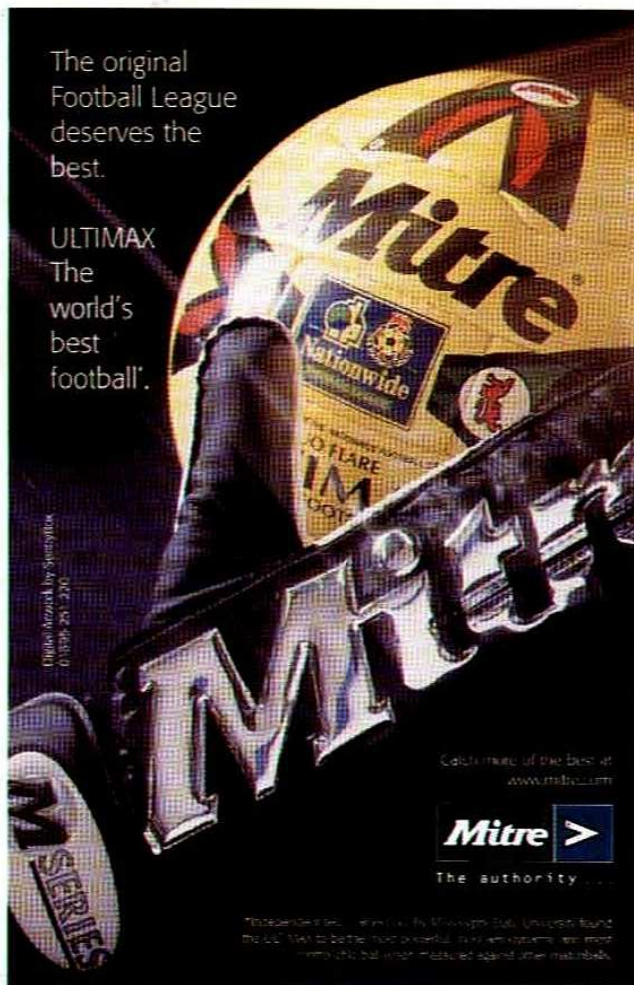
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Robins reliant on mighty Quinn

The battle of the basement boys saw Swindon Town draw one-apiece with Walsall last weekend, a result that kept Jimmy Quinn's County Ground side glued to the foot of the First Division table.

Town will be hoping that a win today will give everyone associated with the club some light relief from the rigours of a relegation battle.

It will also provide the opportunity to make up for an even more embarrassing exit from the Worthington Cup than our own defeat against Bournemouth. Swindon lost over two legs to Third Division whipping boys Orient in the first round.

Until three weeks ago, Town had an FA Cup winner in their side in the shape of winger Mark Walters, who gained Wembley silverware with the Liverpool side that beat Sunderland in 1992. Walters left for Bristol Rovers in November, but another forward with FA Cup pedigree of a different kind is **Giuliano Grazioli**, 24.

London-born of Italian parents, he shot to national fame as the striking sensation who scored the goal that took Stevenage to a bad-tempered fourth-round replay against Kenny Dalglish's Newcastle United two seasons ago.

By coincidence, the nippy marksman got the winner against Swindon in the third round that season, which set up the tie against the Geordies.

Grazioli joined Peterborough soon afterwards, playing up front

with Jimmy Quinn during his spell with the Posh.

When Quinn joined Swindon as boss, one of the first things he did was pop back and pick up his old teammate on a free.

In a desperate attempt to find the goals that could save Swindon's bacon this season, Quinn has given himself a squad number – 40, his age – but Robins fans tend to look to **Iffy Onuora**, 32, for net-rippling salvation.

Charlton fans might remember Iffy fracturing his cheekbone in a bizarre incident a couple of years ago when he collided with the referee during a game against us.

The strapping Glasgow-born striker, formerly of Huddersfield and Mansfield, joined Swindon from

Gillingham for £120,000 in 1998, scoring on his debut with a flying header, and he continued to have Town fans eating out of his hands with a 20-goal tally last season.

Former Celtic man **Chris Hay**, 25, also pitches in with the goals. Signed from Parkhead for £330,000 in 1997, Hay set a blazing pace with 13 goals in 18 games. Despite a series of niggling injuries, he managed another six in 18 games the following season and has put a few away this term, too.

Young goal-grabber **Charlie Griffin** is widely expected to be the next big thing at the County Ground, but a highly-rated youngster who is ultimately using time at Swindon to further his career at West Ham is **Michael Carrick**. Signed on loan from the Hammers, Carrick was a team-mate of Joe Cole in West Ham's victorious FA Youth Cup side of last season.

Calm and composed, the England youth star augmented his growing reputation with the equaliser for Swindon against Walsall last weekend.

Captain **Scott Leitch**, 30, would no doubt love to see Carrick join him full-time at the County Ground. Another of the Robins' Scots brigade, Leitch joined the club for a mere £15,000 from Hearts three years ago but has repaid that fee many times over with his heart-on-sleeve approach to the game.

The Motherwell-born left-sided



Swindon's saviour? Scottish born striker Iffy Onuora

midfielder started out in football at Dunfermline, joining Hearts in 1993. Three years later, ex-Robins boss Steve McMahon took him on loan and saw enough to want to sign him up for good.

When Brian Borrows retired, McMahon gave Leitch the honour of captaining the Wiltshire side.

Currently Town's longest-serving player, wing-back **Ty Gooden**, 27, has been with the Robins since 1993, when then boss John Gorman signed him from Wycombe Wanderers. A pacy wing-back and excellent crosser of the ball, Ty is a big hero with the Robins faithful.

Andy Williams, 22, is a skilful winger who joined Town from Southampton for £65,000 just two months ago, after an impressive loan spell with the club.

The Welshman has played a handful of games for his country, making his international bow at none other than Brazil's Maracana Stadium.

Two other players included in Town's midfield mix are **Bobby Howe**, 26, and **Robin Hulbert**, 18.

Howe is an attacking midfielder signed from Nottingham Forest in January 1998.

The five-foot-seven player made just 17 appearances in seven years at Forest, but seems to have made rather more of a positive impression at Swindon.

At the back, three older heads – **Gareth Hall**, 29, **Alan Reeves**, 32, and **Mark Robinson**, 31 – provide a reassuring presence for **Sol Davis**, 20. A left-sided defender, Davis has come on leaps and bounds since making his League debut against Queens Park Rangers days after his 18th birthday.

Former Chelsea and Sunderland man Hall can play anywhere along the back line, just as he has done on numerous occasions for Wales.

Forced out of the first-team picture at Wimbledon, Reeves provides grit, guile and experience at centre-back.

A fine header of the ball, he complements the assured ground play of former WBA, Barnsley and Newcastle man Robinson, who can play centre-back, full-back or even sweeper.

Backing them up against Walsall last week was local lad **Steve Mildenhall**, 21, a former YTS trainee who vies with **Jimmy Glass**, 26, and Aussie **Frank Talia**, 27, for goalkeeping duties.

Two to watch

Frank Talia – age: 27; previous club: *Blackburn Rovers*

Whether it is all that jumping around in the surf or the spring-

the attention of English scouts playing for the Australian U21 side.

Tim Flowers' form meant he never played in Rovers' first team, and he joined Swindon on loan in 1995.

The move became permanent when it became clear his talent and infectious humour could prove extremely valuable to the Robins' cause.

Charlie Griffin – age: 20; previous club: *Chippenham Town*

Currently mounting a serious challenge for a regular place in the first team, young striker Charlie has followed in the Robins footsteps of boss Jimmy Quinn by being plucked from non-League soccer.

A DIY scoring sensation at Screwfix League side Chippenham



Former FA Cup giantkiller Giuliano Grazioli

heeled demands of Australian Rules football, somehow goalkeepers seem to have become a speciality down under. Frank Talia has joined the likes of Mark Bosnich, John Filan and Mark Schwarzer by plying his trade in England, though he does not have things all his own way at Swindon.

The 13st 6lb former Blackburn Rovers reserve shares goalkeeping duties with ex-Carlisle legend Jimmy Glass and youngster Steve Mildenhall.

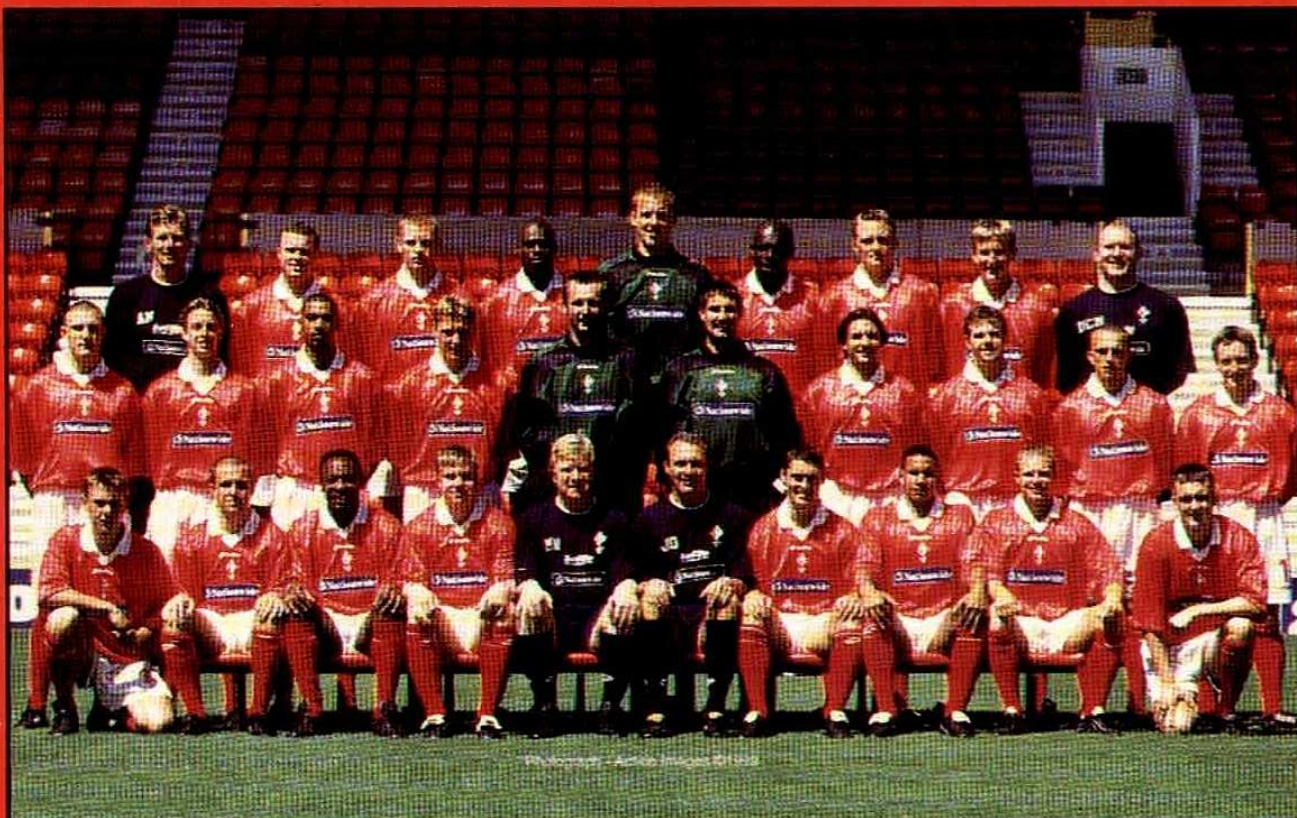
Melbourne-born Frank caught

Town, Charlie was signed for £10,000. His first start in the first team came in the final game of last season when he scored against Barnsley after just seven minutes.

And the man they are calling the "new Quinny" actually partnered his player/boss when the pair came on as second-half subs against Birmingham two weeks ago.

It looks like Swindon may have unearthed the right Charlie, rather than a right Charlie.

Ben Sharratt



Talk of the Town: Swindon's 1999/2000 squad line up for the camera

Meet the manager

Jimmy Quinn entered professional football with Swindon, who plucked him from obscurity with Oswestry Town for £10,000 in 1981.

The tall but mobile target man looked a great prospect for Robins, before his journeyman instincts saw him move on to a host of other clubs. But amid his travels he did return for another stint at Swindon when Lou Macari was boss, scoring 30 goals in 64 appearances.

Quinn recently returned to Town again, this time as manager after Steve McMahon's departure. But just months later, the club is bottom of the First Division.

In the face of grumblings from an impatient section of the County Ground crowd, Quinn has not just rolled up his sleeves.

He has rolled on his socks and pulled on his shirt and shorts, too, remarkably returning to action at the ripe old age of 40 in a plucky attempt to get Town motoring.

A good FA Cup run could be just what the doctor ordered, although it was in classic



Jimmy Quinn

promotion battles that Quinn earned glory as a player.

The Belfast-born Northern Irishman, capped 48 times, norched many vital strikes in

successful promotion campaigns at West Ham in 1990/91 and Reading in 1993/94.

He also bagged a sackful of goals for Blackburn Rovers, Leicester City, Bradford City, Bournemouth and Peterborough United.

He entered management at Reading as co-boss with Mick Gooding in 1994.

During a three-year reign in the Royals' hot seat, Quinn, Gooding and ambitious chairman John Madjeski experienced some giddy times, transforming the club's image from quaint Berkshire no-hopers into a real First Division force.

Quinn was replaced by Terry Bullivant for the 1997/98 season, but he was an obvious candidate for the top job at Swindon when McMahon's reign came to an end.

A threadbare squad and dwindling crowds are hardly the ideal ingredients for a recipe for success, but if Quinn's up and at 'em approach out on the pitch can inspire his side to dig deep, there is every chance the player-boss could drag Town to safety.

Addicks versus Robins statistics

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

| | Div | Home | Away | Att | Att |
|--------------------|--------|------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| 1921/22 | 3S | 4-5 | 8,000 | 0-0 | 5,000 |
| 1922/23 | 3S | 3-1 | 2,000 | 1-2 | 8,000 |
| 1923/24 | 3S | 3-1 | 5,000 | 1-1 | 7,000 |
| 1924/25 | 3S | 1-0 | 10,000 | 2-2 | 7,000 |
| 1925/26 | 3S | 2-0 | 3,823 | 0-3 | 6,076 |
| 1926/27 | 3S | 2-2 | 7,863 | 0-2 | 6,300 |
| 1927/28 | 3S | 3-1 | 2,900 | 2-2 | 8,077 |
| 1928/29 | 3S | 4-1 | 9,309 | 1-1 | 6,886 |
| 1933/34 | 3S | 1-0 | 4,236 | 3-1 | 9,102 |
| 1934/35 | 3S | 6-0 | 15,817 | 2-2 | 12,883 |
| 1963/64 | 2 | 2-2 | 12,396 | 2-2 | 19,344 |
| 1964/65 | 2 | 3-2 | 15,809 | 0-2 | 13,015 |
| 1969/70 | 2 | 1-1 | 14,955 | 0-5 | 20,454 |
| 1970/71 | 2 | 2-1 | 10,052 | 1-1 | 12,160 |
| 1971/72 | 2 | 3-1 | 7,448 | 1-2 | 15,492 |
| 1974/75 | 3 | 3-3 | 4,527 | 0-2 | 10,026 |
| 1980/81 | 3 | 0-0 | 6,495 | 3-0 | 5,909 |
| 1990/91 | 2(SP) | 1-2 | 7,524 | 1-1 | 7,927 |
| 1991/92 | 2(UP) | 0-0 | 5,398 | 2-1 | 7,591 |
| 1992/93 | *1(UP) | 2-0 | 6,742 | 2-2 | 8,980 |
| 1994/95 | *1 | 1-0 | 9,420 | 1-0 | 9,905 |
| 1996/97 | *1 | 2-0 | 10,583 | 0-1 | 9,719 |
| 1997/98 | *1 | 3-0 | 13,789 | 1-0 | 8,831 |
| 1999/00 | *1 | 2-1 | 6,515 | | |
| Total | | | 194,086 | 232,192 | |
| Average | | | 8,439 | 9,675 | |
| Valley only | | | 8,721 | | |

SP=Selhurst Park; UP=Upton Park; *new First Division

| | P | W | D | L | F | A |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Home | 23 | 15 | 6 | 2 | 52 | 23 |
| Away | 24 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 28 | 36 |
| Total | 47 | 21 | 16 | 10 | 80 | 59 |

FA Cup

| Rnd | Home | Att |
|---------|------|--------|
| 1955/56 | 4 | 2-1 |
| | | 28,042 |

FL Cup

| Rnd | Home | Att | Away | Att |
|---------|------|-----|-------|-------|
| 1994/95 | 2 | 1-4 | 5,372 | 3-1 |
| | | | | 5,063 |

FACTS AND FIGURES

*First cup meeting: Charlton and Swindon have only met once before in the FA Cup – in a fourth-round tie at The Valley on January 28th, 1956. Although our great exploits of the immediate post-war years seemed a long time ago, we were the favourites to lift the trophy in 1955/56. Having whipped non-Leaguers Burton Albion 7-1 at The Valley three weeks earlier, our next hurdle was Swindon, who were struggling at the foot of the Third Division (South) and eventually finished bottom, four points below Crystal Palace and six behind Millwall. After taking a 35th-minute lead through Bobby Ayre, an injury to Derek Upton disrupted the shape of the team and when Bob Edwards hit a 70th-minute equaliser, a major shock looked a possibility. We had to rely on an unlikely scorer to get us out of trouble, namely Cyril "Squib" Hammond, who netted his only goal of the campaign to give us a lucky 2-1 win. A disappointing 28,042 watched the game, a thousand less than for Burton Albion, but interest increased dramatically for the home fifth-round tie against Arsenal, when 71,767 saw us lose 2-0.



*Last cup meeting: When Swindon visited us for a second round, second leg, League Cup match on September 27th, 1994, we carried over a 3-1 lead from the first game and the final outcome looked a mere formality for the Addicks.

But Norwegian international Jan-Aage Fjortoft hit a first-half hat-trick to give Swindon a 4-3 lead. We managed to take the match to extra-time, thanks to a late David Whyte goal, but a freak own goal from Andy Petterson gave Swindon a shock 5-4 aggregate win.

*Most appearances against the Robins: Norman Smith 15 (1922-35).

*Most goals (Addicks): Ralph Allen 5 (1934).

*Most goals (Robins): Peter Noble 5 (1969-72).

*Hat-tricks (Addicks): Wilson Lennox (3) April 20th, 1928, and Ralph Allen (3) Christmas Day 1934 – both at The Valley.

*Hat-tricks (Robins): Peter Noble (3) at County Ground, August 30th, 1969, and Fjortoft (3) at The Valley, September 27th, 1994.

*Red cards (one): Colin Walsh for a double booking at Upton Park on November 6th, 1991.

*Yellow cards (50 matches): Addicks 19, Robins 15.

Colin Cameron

Form guide

Swindon's last ten results

(most recent first)

| | | |
|-------------------|---|-----|
| Walsall | H | 1-1 |
| Birmingham City | A | 1-1 |
| Charlton Athletic | H | 1-2 |
| Wolverhampton | A | 1-1 |
| Norwich City | H | 0-0 |
| Huddersfield Town | A | 0-4 |
| Bolton Wanderers | A | 0-2 |
| Port Vale | H | 2-1 |
| Sheffield United | H | 2-2 |
| Barnsley | A | 0-1 |

Fan's eye view

Rocking Robin

London-based Swindon fan Dave Porter, from Osterley, puts his finger on the Town pulse...

Favourite players

Currently, Iffy Onuora. He has that knack of being in the right place at the right time to score crucial goals for us, as he did against Birmingham the other week. All-time, it is Micky Hazard. He was a gifted player with great vision and awareness. For some reason, quality Spurs midfielders love coming to Swindon and Hazard was the best of the bunch.

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CAN THE MAGIC have rubbed off?

DOUG CHAPMAN, US Addick and chief soccer writer for the Providence Journal, Rhode Island, believes the FA Cup will come shining through

Has the FA Cup lost some of its lustre?

A recent internet poll showed that more than 80 per cent of supporters consider the league to be more important than the FA Cup for their clubs.

This season, holders Manchester United are not even involved. They've decided it is more important for England's World Cup 2006 bid that they compete in a contrived FIFA tournament in South America than in the oldest – and best – club competition in the world.

Shame on Manchester United. And shame on the FA for turning the other cheek and rubber stamping their absence. Aren't situations like this one of the reasons United carry such a large squad?

But enough about them. Out of sight, out of mind. It's their loss.

A good number of clubs will be

out of the FA Cup after this weekend. We will hear from their managers, players and supporters that "now we can concentrate on the league".

Most will end up slogging through a nondescript season, finishing in mid-table and forgetting about all the fun that goes with a long Cup run.

FA Cup success can lift a team's stature, raise supporters' spirits and add a few pounds to the club's coffers. Don't underestimate the importance of any of this.

So, has the FA Cup lost any of its lustre? Not to me.

There are three elements that make the FA Cup great – tradition, competition and anticipation.

The tradition speaks for itself. Charlton's greatest playing achievement is the 1947 FA Cup triumph.

The competition is a series of one-offs between two teams. The

experience is either a thrill of victory or an agony of defeat.

In important one-off competitions, the result is immediate and the feelings can be very intense. Just check the scenes surrounding any giant killing.

And then there is the anticipation. That depends on who you are, and who you are playing.

If you are a team from the lower divisions, what could be better than a trip to Highbury, Anfield or Old Trafford?

Ooops, forget Old Trafford.

To go to one of those grand venues is one thing. To come away with a famous victory is something else. The lower-division clubs dream of what could be and the biggest clubs, whether they're willing to admit it or not, dread the same thing.

The FA Cup is, was, and always will be something special.

Charlton versus Swindon may not be setting a lot of football hearts aflutter. After all, they faced each other as recently as November 23rd.

But then how many supporters have travelled more than 3,300 miles to be at The Valley today?

I think it always adds something special to my annual midwinter trip to England when a FA Cup match is on the schedule. If The Valley is my football Mecca, then an FA Cup tie is a high mass.

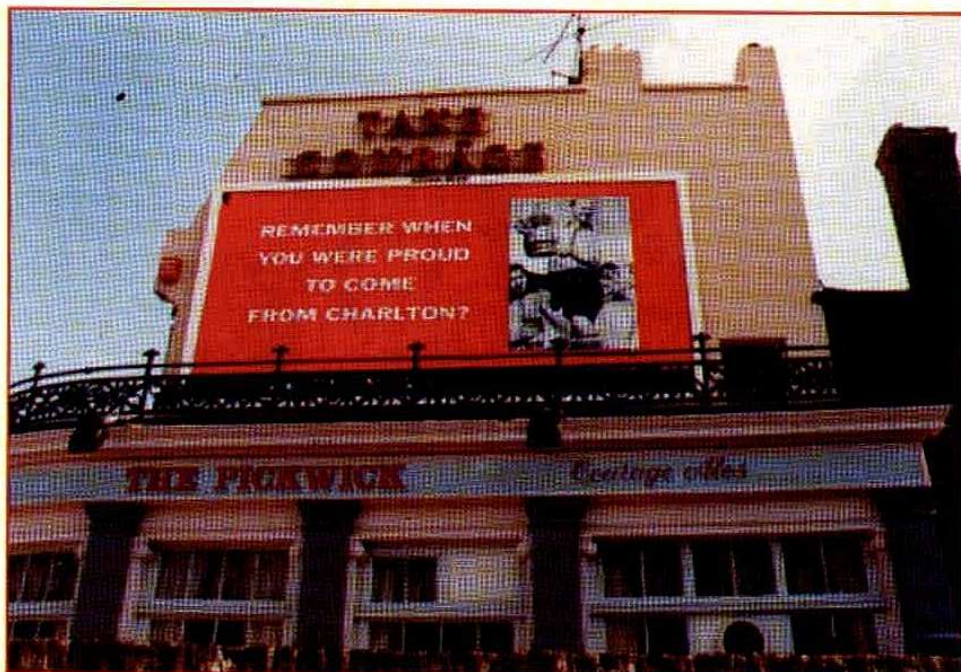
Nothing against our friends from Wiltshire, but I'd prefer the Addicks were playing someone else.

Swindon Town may be down around the bottom of the Division One table, but they are no pushovers.

They have a fighting spirit and are dangerous opponents in a one-off.

But I think even Swindon's supporters would prefer to be playing someone other than Charlton this afternoon.

I prefer when the Addicks are drawn against opposition from a division other than the one that they are in. Higher? Lower? It doesn't really matter, as long as it is someone different from anyone they'll face in the League season.



Memories of Charlton's 1947 triumph were used to good effect in the Valley Party election campaign of 1990

I've also been to Swindon's County Ground, for a 1989 match against Sheffield United.

I recall that it rained, nearly half the ground was closed and that the small quartz alarm clock in a leather wallet stamped with the old Swindon logo that I bought in their club shop lasted for nearly 10 years on the same battery. I hope Swindon are not nearly as efficient today.

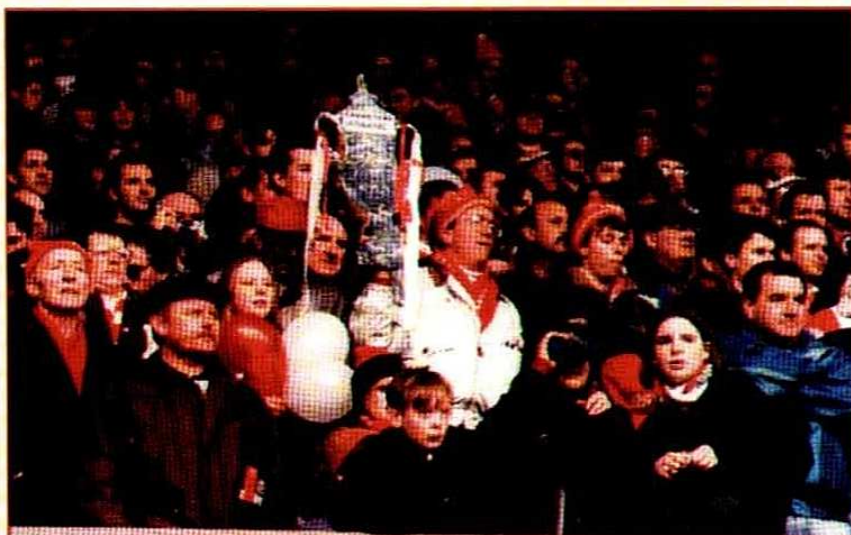
The growing number of Americans who follow soccer have a great fascination with the FA Cup.

In many ways, we look it as bigger than the league, because everyone gets a chance.

That may be because all America's professional sports championships are now decided by one form or another of play-offs.

The value of the regular league season has been reduced to determining play-off positioning.

Major League Soccer, America's professional league, recently crowned its champions at MLS Cup 99. Washington DC United beat the Los



Bring your own: one Addick shows United what it's all about in 1994

Angeles Galaxy 2-0, before 45,000 at neutral Foxboro, Massachusetts.

It was only a coincidence that DC United and Los Angeles also happened to be the two best teams during the league season.

The two best teams in England may not meet in next May's FA Cup final at Wembley. But the two best

Cup teams will be there.

To reach the FA Cup final, a team must use all their skill, determination and guile – and have a fair bit of luck. It could be anyone.

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So has the FA Cup lost any of its lustre? No, not at all.

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THE BRONCOS

are back in town

London Broncos confirmed their return to The Valley with a press conference last week.

The move will mean the resumption of top-class rugby league in SE London after a three-year break.

It will also give Addicks fans a chance to enjoy the Broncos experience and see how the game and the events surrounding it have developed since it was last played at The Valley.

Broncos will be looking to build on last year's ground-breaking season when, as well as a creditable eighth placing in the Super League, they reached the Challenge Cup final at Wembley.

On that occasion they faltered against the might of Leeds Rhinos, but they have been strengthening their squad in the close season, ready to settle the score in the forthcoming campaign.

New signings John Clarke and Andy Johnson have both arrived from Wigan and Carl Hammond, the Broncos captain, is full of

optimism for the season ahead.

"It's great to be back at The Valley," he said. "It's a big, modern stadium, in an area full of people who are passionate about their sport."

"We are really looking forward to showing people what the Broncos experience is all about."

Hammond is also encouraged by the moves the club has taken to strengthen the playing line-up still further before the start of the new season.

"John Clarke and Andy Johnson have both played a lot of rugby up at Wigan, and their ability and experience will prove very important. It's a great boost to the side to have them come and join us

as part of the set-up."

Broncos chief executive officer Tony Rea spoke enthusiastically about the move and the implications for the Broncos.

"We're excited that we've been made so welcome," he said.

"We enjoyed our last stay here very much, and expect to enjoy it even more this time around."

"We've been excited by the appetite for sport in SE London, and we look forward to creating a fortress for sport here."



Sharing a table: last week's press conference

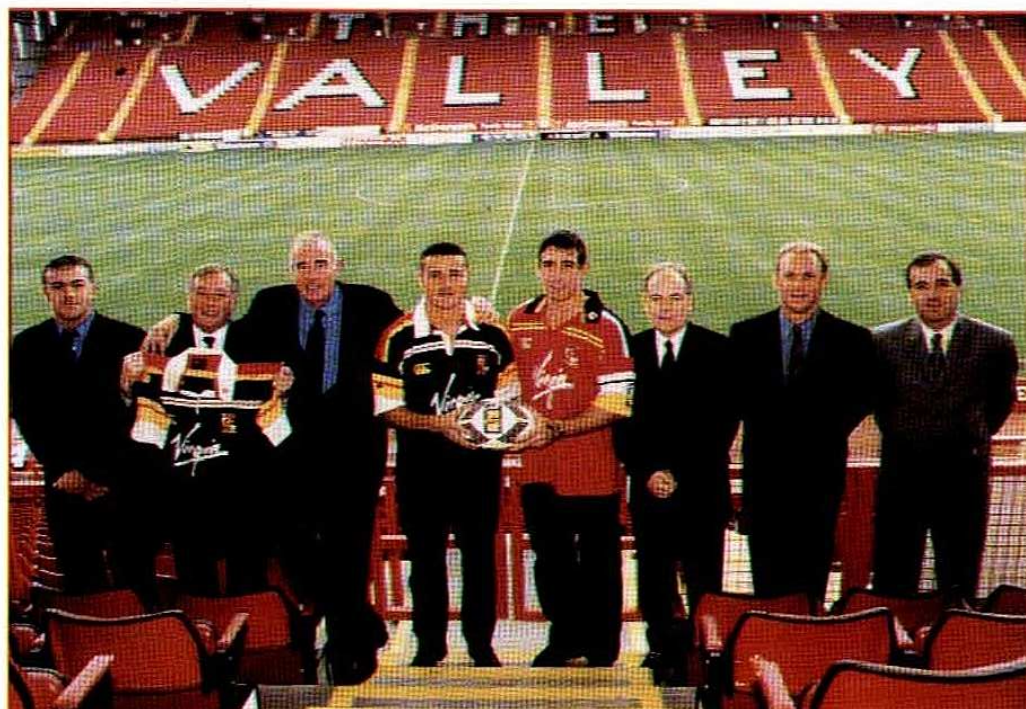
"Having been based in both sides of South London, we are extending our fan base across the region and we now have junior sides across London."

"Next year we will look to hold a number of East versus West matches at all age levels. From this we will be able to develop the next generation of London Broncos players."

"We all went to Wembley when Charlton played in the play-off final and, although we weren't directly involved, we felt thrilled and drained at what we witnessed."

"We had a few beers with some Charlton fans after the game and we look forward to welcoming them to The Valley so we can return the favour this coming season."

Mick Collins



New signings John Clarke and Andy Johnson, flanked by Charlton and Broncos directors and (far left) Broncos skipper Carl Hammond

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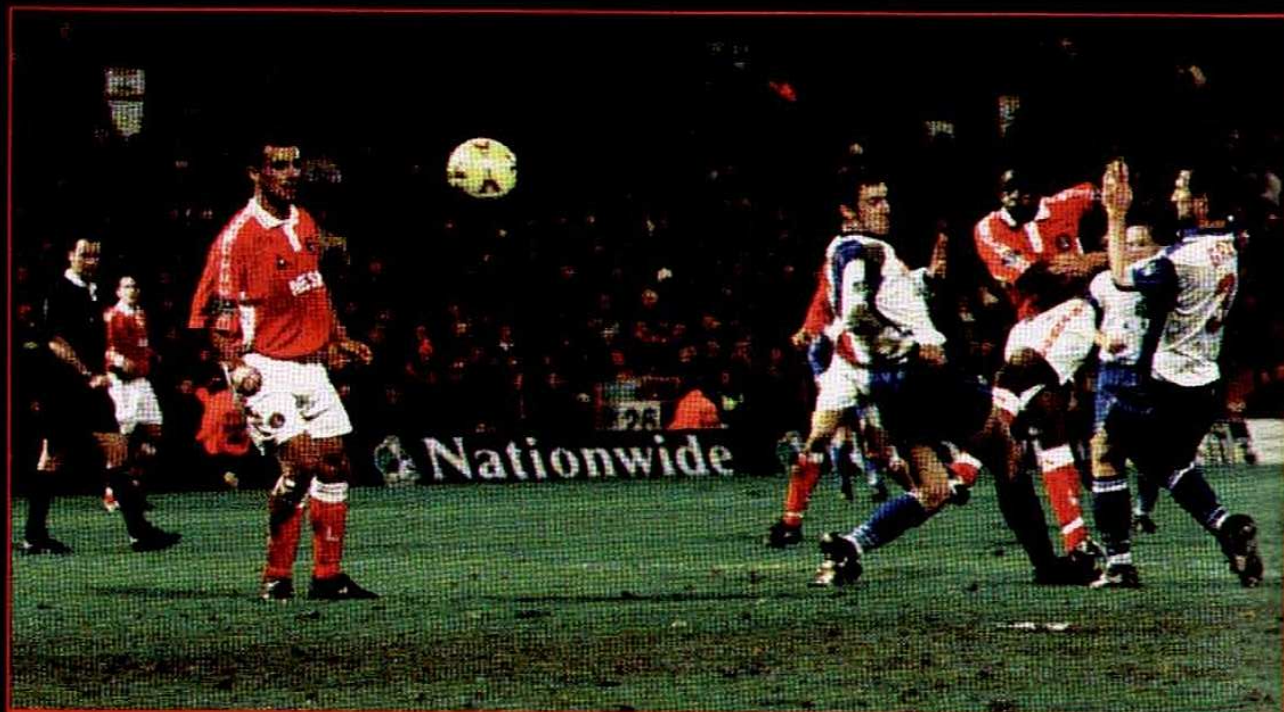
ACTION REPLAY



Charlton Athletic 1 Blackburn Rovers 2



Steve Brown unleashes a first-half shot at the Blackburn goal



Pick that one out! Shaun Newton smashes home the equaliser just before the interval



Clive Mendonca tries unsuccessfully to restore equality with this second-half effort



Andy Hunt's stoppage time header, which was brilliantly saved by Blackburn keeper Alan Kelly

Spotlight on the next generation

Edward the unexpected

Trialist centre-forward Edward Gyimah gave the U17s their first victory since September 18th with a fine hat-trick in a 3-1 win at Nottingham Forest a fortnight ago.

Stocky striker Gyimah, playing his first match for the young Addicks, gave his new team a two-goal advantage by half-time and fired in his third after Forest had pulled it back to 2-1.

"It was a fantastic debut for Edward," said delighted coach Andy Ritchie. "His goals were all very different, which showed what a versatile forward he is."

"He took the ball around the keeper for his first, made space for himself to head home his second and his third was a comfortable tap-in."

"But it was a very good overall performance from all the boys against a well-organised Forest side."

"Kris Taylor was outstanding at the back. When they got back into the game after about an hour, Kris really took charge and motivated the team superbly. It could have been a tricky period for us, but we didn't allow them back into it."

Charlton hadn't won a game since their 3-1 victory over Fulham, but Ritchie insists confidence in the camp has remained high.

"Our results haven't been the best," he admitted. "But I have always worked on the

players' minds as well as their technique, so confidence hasn't been a problem."

"The regulars understand that there will always be a lot of young players in the side, as well as trialists, and that their improvement is the most important thing."

The following week, though, the U17s failed to build on the victory and succumbed 3-0 to West Ham at Sparrows Lane.

Gyimah was again the most dangerous player for the home side

and displayed an impressive array of skills to the New Eltham gathering, who had no doubt heard the story of the previous Saturday.

But the home side struggled to get Gyimah and strike partner Dean Gibbs on the ball in advanced positions and found it equally difficult to contain strikers Moses Jjunju and Lee Riddle, allowing the latter to leave the ground with the match ball.

Charlton had more than their fair share of possession, but West Ham took the lead on 13 minutes. After Jjunju was upended by Charlton goalkeeper Glen Morris, Riddle stepped up to bury the spotkick inside the right-hand post.

Five minutes on, Morris denied the Hammers a second with a fine reaction save. But the visitors managed to double their lead five



Dean Gibbs' shot is blocked by a flying tackle from a West Ham U17 defender

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Hat-trick hero Edward Gyimah

minutes before half-time, thanks to a good finish from Riddle.

Charlton rallied after the break and St Luce powered a 35-yard shot inches over, but they remained unable to make their possession count. West Ham's game-killing third came after 75 minutes.

A fine cross from the right sailed over the Charlton defenders for Riddle to notch up his hat-trick with a far-post header.

"It was a disappointing result, considering the amount of possession we had," said Ritchie.

"I felt we had 70 per cent of the ball and have explained to the players that we have to start producing an end product, especially if we continue to give away soft goals."

He went on: "I was pleased with the way we passed and the spirit was excellent. Alex Martin played his best match of the season and St Luce was steady at right-back. We just have to stop allowing these little lapses to creep into our game."

The U19s' fine run of results came to end on Saturday, when they were convincingly beaten 5-0 by the Hammers at Chadwell Heath.

"We were well beaten by a very strong side," said academy director Mick Browne. "They had players in the team who have been involved in

the first-team squad. They wanted to beat us and they did exactly that. We struggled to match the overall pace of their play, but having said that we were not completely devoid of ideas ourselves.

"We got into four or five very good positions, but couldn't finish any of them off. Although they were very quick at the back, they weren't particularly impressive. They gave the ball straight to us quite a few times, but again we failed to take advantage. Kemi Izzet battled hard in midfield and Pierre Bolangi came out of the game with a lot of credit.

"Being 3-0 down at half-time, we changed it around to their 3-5-2 because their five in midfield were

outnumbering our four. After the break it was more of a contest, but you cannot expect to concede five goals and get anything out of the game.

"We've got Spurs this weekend and would all like to break up for Christmas on a high note."

Terry Cordwell

Team check

Nottingham Forest U17 1 Charlton U17 3 (Gyimah 3): Morris, St Luce, Nunn, Davis, M Turner, Taylor, J Martin, George, Gyimah, Edwards, Flaherty. Subs: Day, B Tambue.

Charlton U17 0 West Ham U17 3: Morris, St Luce, Nunn, A Martin, Taylor, M Turner, Evans, George, Gyimah, Gibbs (B Tambue 75), Cerroni. Sub: Davis.

West Ham U19 5 Charlton U19 0: Brown, Collis, Shittu, Ford, Bolangi, Allman, Izzet, Hockley, Piper (Lewis 75), McCarthy, J Tambue (Martin 65).



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| Sat Sep 4 | Millwall | 2-1 |
| Sat Sep 11 | Arsenal | 1-5 |
| Sat Sep 18 | Fulham | 1-2 |
| Sat Sep 25 | Reading | 3-1 |
| Sat Oct 2 | Ipswich Town | 0-2 |
| Sat Oct 16 | West Ham Utd | 2-1 |
| Sat Oct 23 | Tottenham H | 1-1 |
| Sat Oct 30 | QPR | 2-2 |
| Sat Nov 6 | Wimbledon | 0-2 |
| Sat Nov 13 | Norwich City | 2-0 |
| Sat Nov 20 | Watford | 2-0 |
| Tues Nov 23 | West Ham (FAYC) | 1-4 |
| Sat Nov 27 | Ipswich Town | 5-2 |
| Sat Dec 4 | West Ham United | 0-5 |
| Sat Dec 11 | Tottenham H | H |
| Sat Jan 22 | Wimbledon | H |
| Sat Jan 29 | QPR | A |
| Sat Feb 5 | Norwich City | H |
| Sat Feb 12 | Watford | A |
| Sat Feb 19 | Southampton | A |
| Sat Feb 26 | Chelsea | H |
| Sat Mar 4 | Crystal Palace | A |

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Reserves

Jamaican makes instant impact

Trialist striker Ricardo Fuller marked a fine debut on Wednesday with an excellent headed goal to give Gary Stevens' reserves side their fourth consecutive league win.

The 20-year-old Jamaican international, over for two weeks from the Tivoli Gardens club, guided a forceful 23rd-minute header past Saints goalkeeper Scott Bevan to double the lead already given to the home team by a Steve Barbé thunderbolt after five minutes.

"Ricardo is clearly a very talented young player," said Stevens. "He displayed terrific hunger and enthusiasm and showed he has good touch, pace and strength."

"He capped his performance with a fine diving header and had a couple of other strikes that went just wide or over the top.

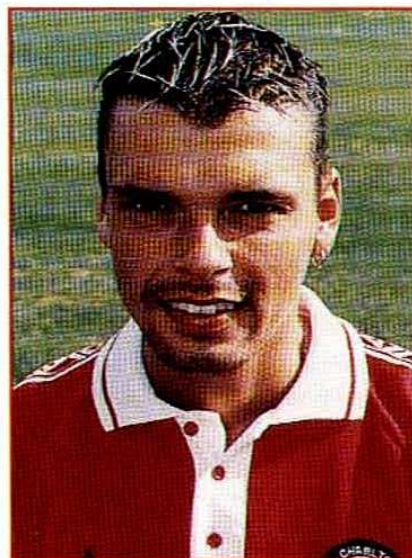
"In the second half we reverted to 4-4-2, which is obviously how the first team play, to have a look at him as part of a front two. He tired slightly towards the end, but that is understandable because he isn't used to the pace of the English game. He was also very surprised how quickly the ball came off the surface compared to Jamaican pitches," he added.

Apart from the last 15 minutes, Charlton's domination of the game was total and Southampton were surely not worth the share of the spoils that they found themselves chasing in a tense final quarter.

"In the first half, especially, we played some excellent football," said Stevens. "We created chances and could have gone in with a healthier advantage. No team can dominate for the full 90 minutes and Southampton came back into it late on, but I felt we dug in really well when it mattered. Sam Turner produced two stunning saves in the last ten minutes, which epitomises the spirit of the players," he added.

The Addicks could have gone 3-0 ahead on 25 minutes when Charlie MacDonald's clever reverse pass set up Mark McCammon. He looked a certainty to score after a perfect first touch, but Bevan managed to smother his rather delayed effort. A minute on Barbé tried his luck again from distance after a neat one-two with Fuller, but the ball just rose above the crossbar.

However, the first team's habit of conceding a goal after the break is obviously contagious because, with the second period barely a minute old, Danni Rodrigues stole in front of Anthony Allman and headed home.



Steve Barbé: scored early goal

"It's ironic because we did the same against Palace," said Stevens. "We did a little bit of reshuffling for the second half and they struck very quickly. But we showed a lot of character to stabilise the situation.

"Everyone from front to back worked very hard to make sure we didn't concede the second goal."

However, Charlton continued to pile on the pressure. Kemi Izzet intelligently avoided the offside trap to latch on to MacDonald's pass, but couldn't get to the ball sufficiently ahead of Bevan to get a clear sight of goal. With the dreaded five-minute period after the interval not yet over, Charlton almost let in a second. Ryan Ashford's swinging left-wing cross was met solidly at the near post by Rodrigues, but sub keeper Turner produced a one-handed point-blank save that induced gasps of disbelief from the 40-odd present.

Charlton then had a string of chances but failed to regain the two-goal cushion. MacDonald stung a shot narrowly wide from 20 yards, Fuller robbed a defender but his chipped effort was saved and McCammon saw his ten-yard attempt saved by Bevan's feet.

"We have one more game before the Christmas break," said Stevens. "It would be nice to see the year out with five wins on the spin."

Charlton: Niemi (Turner 46), Barnes, Konchesky, Barbe, Todd (Allman 46), Fortune, Izzet, Parker, Fuller, McCammon, MacDonald. Subs: Hockley, Collis, Shittu. Booking: Todd.

Terry Cordwell

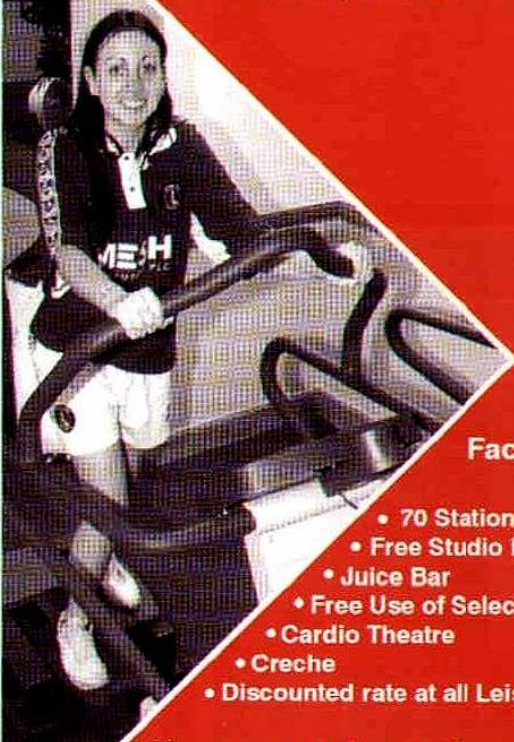
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| Tue Aug 17 | Chelsea | 2-1 |
| Wed Sep 1 | Watford | 3-2 |
| Wed Sep 8 | Southampton | 1-2 |
| Tue Oct 5 | Coventry City | 2-3 |
| Wed Oct 13 | Arsenal | 1-2 |
| Wed Oct 20 | Derby County | 3-3 |
| Mon Oct 25 | Tottenham H | 1-2 |
| Wed Nov 3 | Wimbledon | 3-1 |
| Tue Nov 9 | West Ham United | 2-1 |
| Wed Nov 24 | Crystal Palace | 4-1 |
| Wed Dec 1 | Leicester City | OFF |
| Wed Dec 8 | Southampton | 2-1 |
| Mon Dec 20 | Chelsea | A |
| Wed Jan 12 | Watford | H |
| Wed Jan 19 | Nottingham Forest | H |
| Tue Jan 25 | Tottenham Hotspur | A |
| Wed Feb 2 | West Ham United | H |
| Tue Feb 15 | Nottingham Forest | A |
| Wed Feb 23 | Crystal Palace | H |
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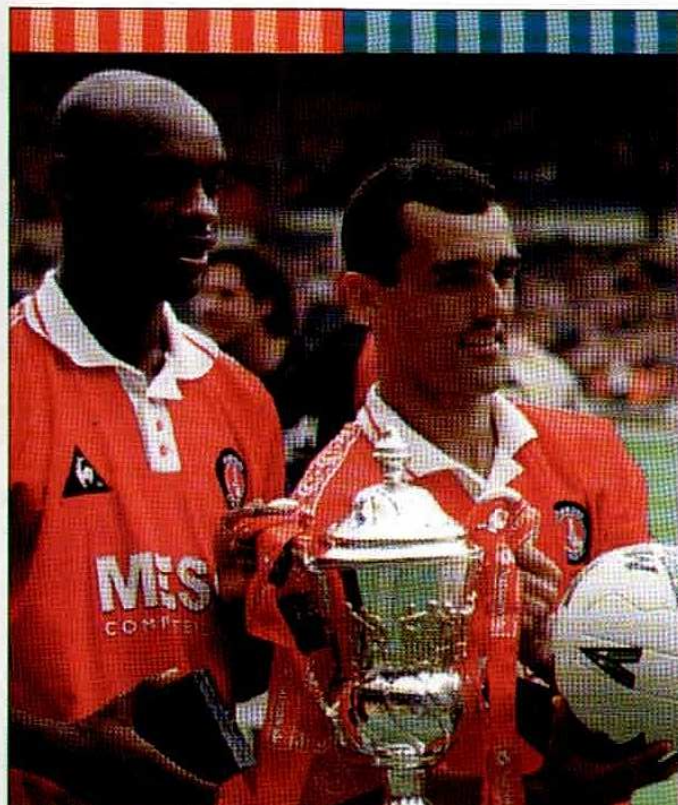
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Personal

Deaths

• Nan King passed away on Monday, November 29th. Nan was 88 and saw her first Charlton match in 1927, shortly after meeting George, her future husband, who was a keen Charlton fan. Together they supported the club and attended most matches, home and away, from 1927 to 1965, when they moved away from South East London. Nan saw her last match two seasons ago, but always followed the team's results with interest. Her enthusiasm for the club has been passed down to her family, who will all miss her deeply.

Birthdays

- Happy 50th birthday on December 13th to Graham Mackley, with lots of love from June, Stephen, Gemma, Caroline and Neil.
- Happy 45th birthday to Chris Close. Love from your little darlings - Oliver, Sarah and David.
- Belated happy birthday to Jonathan Dyson, who became a teenager on December 8th, with love from Mum, Dad and all his friends from St Columba's School, Beddelyheath.
- Happy birthday to Barry Tuffin for December 8th, love from Joy, Lisa, Rose and Stan.
- Birthday wishes to George Booker in the west stand, 15 today.
- Belated greetings to Katie Sands, 27 on December 5th, love Charlie.
- Jason O'Connell, happy 16th birthday on December 12th, love from Mum and Olivia.
- Happy 47th birthday to Jim Henderson for December 10th from Liam, Chloe and Patrick.
- Happy birthday to Richard Penney for December 9th, with love from Sarah and family.
- Tom McQuade, wishing you a happy belated 15th birthday on December 15th, with love from Mum, Steve, Sophie, Nanny, Shirley, Tim, the twins and the Johnsons.
- Happy 12th birthday to east stand Junior Red Alex Farmer for December 21st, with all our love from Mum, Dad and Claire.
- Happy birthday to Oppy Lander today. A Charlton supporter for more than 70 years. Enjoy your day. From your wife Joyce and family.
- Happy eighth birthday to Ross Wood. Have a wonderful day, from all your family and friends.
- Happy 12th birthday for December 17th to north stand season-ticket holder David Parker, with love from Mum, Dad, sister Nikki and Sophie the dog.
- Happy birthday to Junior Red Jonathan Griffiths, seven today, lots of love from Mum, Dad, Katy, Nanny, Poppa, Shirley and Michael.
- Happy 15th birthday to Kerry Williams for December 15th, love from Mum, Dad, Jemma and Amy.
- Happy 20th birthday Louise Marchetti from family and friends.
- Charlie Horan, belated happy seventh birthday for last Sunday, December 5th, from the Perfect family.
- Happy birthday to Martin May, 49 today. Love Liam and Karen.

Congratulations

- ...to Sarah and Michael Potter on the birth of their daughter Alice on November 21st. A sister for Oliver and Tom.
- ...to Lynsey Thompson and Michael Johns on their recent engagement, love from all your family.
- ...to Ian on winning the Maxwell Challenge - next time it won't be so easy, love Emma.

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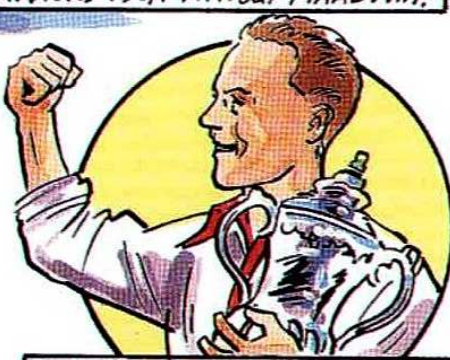
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Many people will recognise Debbie Skey and Marissa Olid from their voices, as they deal with numerous calls each day ranging from general information on the club to wannabe football stars demanding trials.

Debbie explained: "The most frequent type of call we receive each day has got to be from foreign players or their representatives, thinking that they can just phone and book a trial with the club through us.

"I don't think Alan Curbishley would be too grateful if we started arranging the team!

"We also receive a lot of calls from children asking how they can become professional footballers, in which case we give them the details of the youth academy."

Marissa continued: "We get a lot of birthday requests for the tannoy announcements at half-time on a matchday. Unfortunately, we have to disappoint quite a lot of people,

as we only have space for 12 announcements and it is first come, first served in that respect."

Debbie, who originally trained as a florist and has also organised a thousand-strong fleet of cars and heavy vehicles, joined Charlton in March.

Her colleague Marissa joined a few months later in August, after temping for two years.

Both cite the main attraction of the job to be its variety, as Marissa explained: "Our daily duties change from day to day, depending on the clients that are in the building and how the lounges are being used.

"On a typical day we would meet and greet the clients, fans and members of the general public.

"It is basically making sure that

anybody who phones or visits the ground for whatever reason is given the best care."

"Matchdays are a different experience entirely though," continued Debbie. "Then it is a matter of looking after the directors and sponsors and ensuring that they have the appropriate passes."

Despite the friendly environment and the different and interesting challenges the duo face every day, there are a few downsides, particularly the long hours and being the first port of call for complaints.

"At times it can feel like that you are in the front line, with everybody directing their complaints and moans towards you. It can be hard to deal with at times, but that is the nature of the job and you accept it."

However, there are always lighter times around the corner and Debbie explained some of the more obscure requests she has had to deal with.

"A few weeks ago I answered a call from a gentleman who was trying to buy tickets for the Chelsea versus Feyenoord match.

"Despite me telling him quite a few times that he had in fact called Charlton Athletic and not Chelsea Football Club, he still insisted that I could sell him tickets.

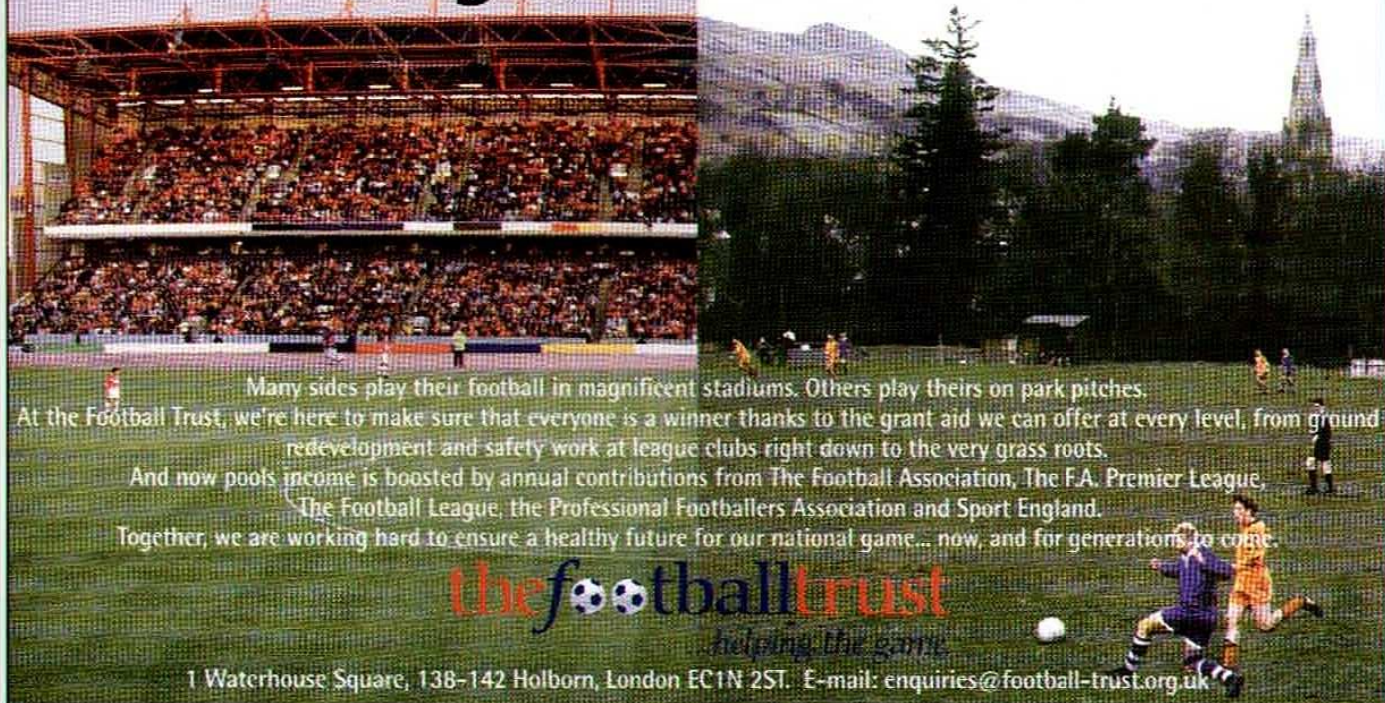
"In the end, I told him it was sold out!"

Jeanette Earl



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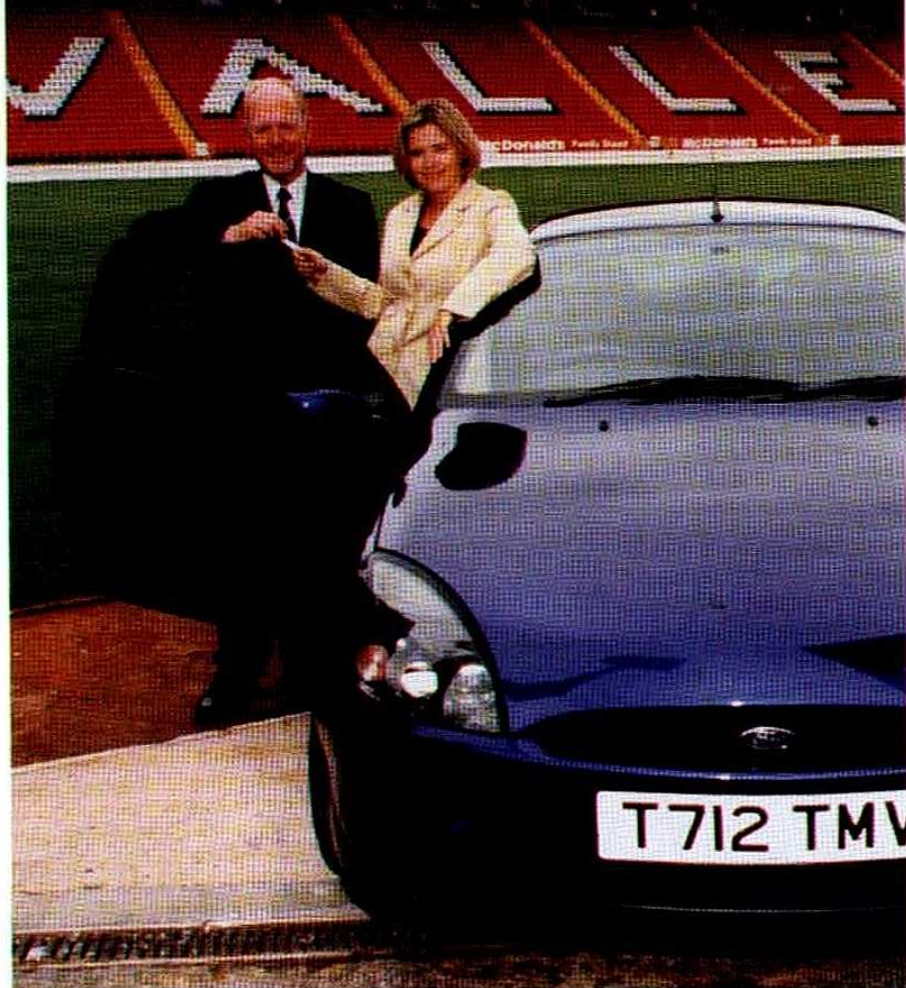
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FOOTBALL

↓ IN THE COMMUNITY ↓

The community matchday coaching returns this season after its abandonment last term due to the enormous demand for tickets when we were in the Premiership.

Matchday coaching offers a superb day out for children and accompanying adults.

The day includes two hours of coaching at the Meridian sports ground by Charlton Park, before transfer by coach to The Valley for the match. Lunch is provided after training and each child will be presented with a goodie bag.

The party will assemble at the Meridian at 11.45am.

Coaching starts at noon,

followed by lunch just before 2pm.

Anyone interested in bringing a party of children to enjoy this great day out should simply call the community office on 020 8850 2866 and speak to Jason Morgan.

Price for the day is £15 each to children and adults, with a minimum of 50 tickets ordered. Most of the tickets must be allocated to children, as the day is geared to them, with the adults attending as chaperones.

Pontin's 2000

Earlier this year we held a long weekend of coaching at Pontin's. It was so successful that we are teaming up with them again next year.

The session will take place in the

summer and booking forms will be available both from the community office and from Pontin's.

More details will be on this page next month.

Christmas fun days

We have three Christmas fun days on offer to children aged 5-15.

Always popular, these enable adults to do their last-minute Christmas shopping while the children are being well looked after and having a great time.

One fun day is being held at Sparrows Lane on Saturday, December 18th, from 10am-1pm.

The price is £6.

This will essentially be an extended Saturday Morning Club, with the early finish giving Charlton supporters enough time to travel to Queens Park Rangers.

Other fun days will be held at Crook Log Sports Centre on December 22nd and Erith Sports Centre on December 23rd.

The fundays at these venues will include lunch, prizes for competition winners and a free raffle.

These days will run from 11am-3pm.

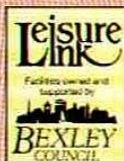
Phone 020 8850 2866 for more information.

Ask for Dave Ridgeon for the Sparrows Lane venue and Matt Parrish for the other two, at which there is now very limited availability.

Jane Playford



Luke Anderson takes the weight off his feet during last summer's coaching at Pontin's



Pulling together for the Community
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Grass roots

Junior Reds, CARE Partnership and Charlton Ladies

Getting a taste for the game

On Saturday, December 18th, Charlton Athletic are staging a football taster day at Erith Sports Centre for disabled youngsters who live in Bexley.

Partners in holding the event are the Football in the Community Scheme, Bexley SNAP (a voluntary group working with disabled youngsters in Bexley), Bexley Leisure Link, Bexley Council and the English Federation of Disability Sport (EFDS).

Anyone who would like further details about this day should contact Alan Milner at Bexley SNAP on 01322 556300.

Spotlight on a Junior Red



Melissa Rose

Name: Melissa Rose
Born: August 30th, 1990
School: East Wickham

Juniors

Favourite player: Mark Kinsella
Which player would you most like to sign for Charlton? David Seaman

Most memorable game seen, and why: play-off final, because it was my first visit to Wembley

What colours would you like Charlton's away kit to be?

Orange

Favourite pop group: Five

Who would you most like to meet? Mark Kinsella

Ambition on leaving school: To be a teacher

Christmas party

Tickets for the Junior Reds' Christmas Party on Sunday, December 19th, are going quickly, so don't delay in getting yours or you could miss out on the social event of the season.

Cars arriving for the party should park in the west stand car park, as the controlled parking zone will be in operation.

Remember that you cannot enter the ground via Floyd Road, because the barrier will be in place outside the Superstore.

Special Junior Red

Soon we will be asking you to

Spotlight on a Junior Red



Christopher Dagger

Name: Christopher Dagger
Born: June 15th, 1988, Gravesend
School: Meopham Favourite

player: Graham Stuart

Which player would you most like to sign for Charlton? Dennis Bergkamp

Most memorable game seen, and why: play-off final, because of the atmosphere

What colours would you like Charlton's away kit to be? White and black

Favourite pop group: Iron Maiden

Who would you most like to meet? Iron Maiden

Ambition on leaving school: To be in a rock band



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nominate a Junior Red who deserves a special treat. So start thinking of anyone you think should be taken in to the dressing room before the match to meet the players, because they have done something brave, kind or even because they have suffered in some way.

Boxing Day contest

Look out for our special Boxing Day competition. It will get you guessing!

You can-not!

Please note that under no circumstances are cans of drink allowed to be taken in to the stands.

CARE coaching

The CARE Partnership and Charlton Athletic's community scheme are offering youngsters under the age of 13 the chance to learn to play football like their heroes.

Free coaching sessions are held every Monday evening from 5.30pm at the Meridian sports ground, behind Charlton Park.

Youngsters need only turn up with their boots (Astro) or trainers to learn from internationally recognised coaches.

For more information, contact CARE on 020-8293 5355 or email care.partnership@greenwich.gov.uk.

Birthday greetings

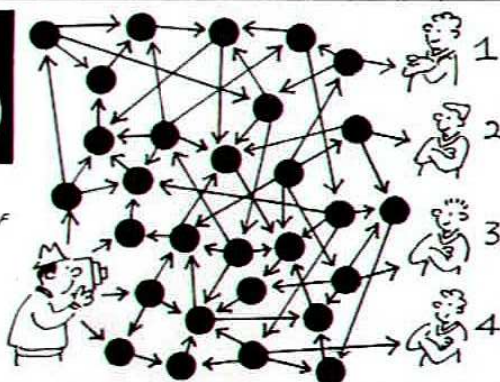
Today's greetings go to Charlotte Abbott, Daniel Allingham, Sam Billingsley, George Booker, Craig Brailey, Carl Bresnahan, Dominic Brundish, Christopher Clayton, Stephen Farley, Connor Foweraker, David Friend, John Griffiths, Steven Grimwood, Laura Howe, Jessica Mahoney, Benjamin McNeil, Christopher Rawlings, Beverley Riley, Benjamin Sulch, Michael Summers, Ryan Tondeur and Philip Vincent.

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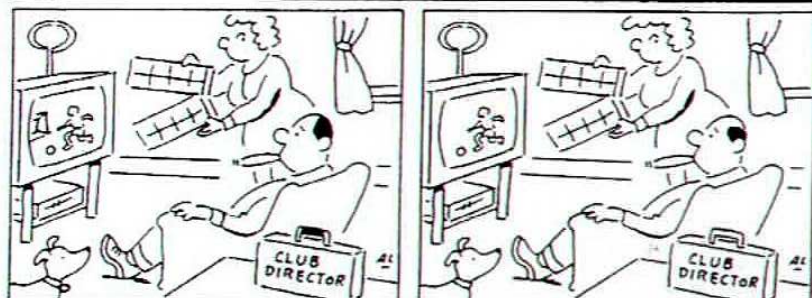
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FOUR PLAYERS
IT IS.



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THE STAR PLAYER IS NUMBER FOUR

Spot the Difference no. 4



Can you spot the 10 differences between the two pictures?

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CAFC Ladies

Charlton Ladies' Reserves are sitting pretty in their league, unbeaten though not quite top.

They have defeated leaders Tottenham and are only second because Spurs have played more games. The reserves are away to West Ham United Reserves on Sunday, December 19th.

Charlton Res 4 Wimbledon Res 2

A superb first-half team performance saw Charlton go into the break with a comfortable 3-0 lead thanks to goals from Rice, Grieves and Hards.

Wimbledon pulled back two, but were buried when Hards struck a beautiful half-volley from the edge of the area.

Squad: Ardis, Bostwick, Distin, Payne, Lyons, Rice, Rawle, Grieves, McHale, Christie, Hards, Emma Carr, Hayley Carr.

Tottenham Res 0 Charlton Res 2

Charlton continued their unbeaten run with a solid victory, Jo Hards scoring both goals.

Stout defending, from Lyons in particular, prevented Tottenham from getting close.

Squad: Ardis, Bostwick, Lyons, Emma Carr, Hayley Carr, Rice, Grieves, Rawle, Whittington, Christie, Hards.

Charlton Res 9 Watford Res 0

Five goals from Hards and others from Grieves, Christie, sub Hayley Carr and Lyons gave Charlton's goal difference a boost.

As they were runners-up on goal difference last season, this score could prove to be invaluable at the end of this campaign.

Squad: Ardis, Distin, Lyons, Rice, Grieves, Whittington, Emily Carr, Hayley Carr, Payne, Rawle, Hards, Christie.

Tomorrow, Charlton Ladies' first team entertain Bristol Rovers at Sparrows Lane in the third round of the Women's FA Cup, kick-off 1.30pm.

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Sundays 10am-2pm until Dec 19th

Christmas Eve 9am-2pm



Please note the Superstore will be closed December 25th, 27th, 28th, 31st and January 1st, 2nd
It will open 10am-2.30pm on December 26th and noon-5.30pm on January 3rd

Vital goal was 50th for Keith

Keith Jones, who had been on the 49-goal mark for ten months, finally made his half-century with what could turn out to be a precious point-winner against Barnsley at Oakwell last Saturday.

The fact that Barnsley were the opponents couldn't have been more appropriate, because it was against the Tykes that Keith's magnificent first-class career started, when he made his first-team debut for Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on March 26th, 1983.

Keith notched his first goals for the Blues, a brace against Coventry City, at Stamford Bridge on November 3rd, 1984 in the old First Division. Chelsea won 6-2, with Kerry Dixon (3) and David Speedie the other scorers.

Our popular midfielder has in fact scored at every level of senior league football and in all the major cup competitions.

Last season, on February 13th, he hit the Premiership goal that gave

us a truly special 1-0 Valley win over a Liverpool side that included Robbie Fowler and Michael Owen.

Despite more than his share of injuries over the years, Keith has to date aggregated 562 league and cup appearances.

His 172 for Charlton, which started against today's opponents, Swindon, on September 17th, 1994, put him in 75th place in our all-time rankings.

His goal at Oakwell was his seventh in our colours, one more than a clutch of players who include Alan Curbishley and Richard Rufus.

Chettle – ten years on

Another veteran who made a big impact at Oakwell last Saturday was defender Steve Chettle, on loan to Barnsley from Nottingham Forest.

His early goal was only his 12th in a 12-year League career.

And the second of his dozen was scored for Forest against the Addicks when we suffered a 4-0 hammering at the City Ground on May 13th, 1989.

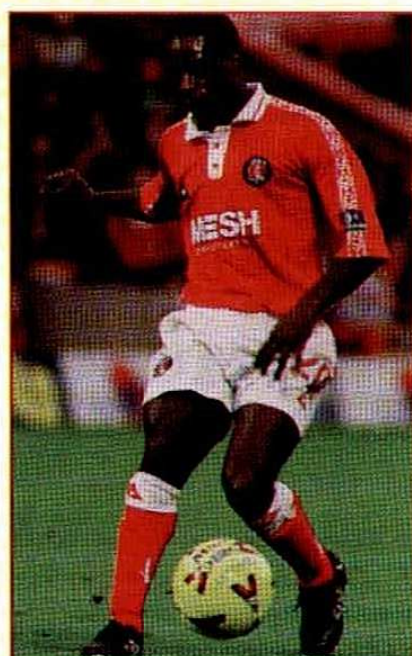
Danger abroad

Welcome as the point was at Barnsley, it was disturbing – and annoying – to come out of the match with five bookings.

Disturbing, because it is the highest number we've picked up in a match this season, bringing our total to 37, which means that, on average, only Sheffield United have a worse record.

And annoying, because if anything Charlton have been lacking a bit on the physical side at times this season.

On this evidence, one could have predicted that our match against the Blades at Bramall Lane back in September would have resulted in a



Keith Jones

spate of yellow cards, but in fact it produced none.

On the other side of the coin, more opponents have been booked against Charlton – some 44 – than against any other club.

This is despite the fact we've played fewer matches than most in our division.

The Oakwell clash was the second time Tony Bates had refereed a Charlton match – both away.

His first time in charge was at Fratton Park on December 20th, 1997, when we beat Portsmouth 2-0 on goals, but lost 4-1 on yellow cards.

So in two matches with Bates in charge, 11 yellow cards have been produced, two dished out to home players and nine to the visitors, Charlton.

Dismissals

Nearly halfway through the season now and I'm pleased to revise downwards my early prediction of sendings-off in First Division football this season from 125 to 117.

This averages out at just under five per club, which even at this stage of the campaign has been exceeded by Tranmere (six red cards) and Bolton (five).

In fact, in Tranmere's 28 League and cup matches, no fewer than 13 players have been sent packing – comprising six from Tranmere and seven opponents.

Connections

Carl Tiler and Andy Todd both had loan spells at Swindon during the 1994/95 season.

The full list of Charlton first-team players connected with the Robins in one capacity or another is Tommy Dawson, Fred Ford, Jimmy Gauld, Paul Gilchrist, Jimmy Giles, Nigel Gray, Baden Herod, Arthur Horsfield, Albert Lindon, Alan McDonald, Garry Nelson, Gordon Pembrey, Andy Petterson, Frank Peters, Dick Plumb, Roger Smart, Pat Terry, Carl Tiler, Andy Todd, Ray Treacy and Steve White.



First no trains, now it's no parking

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Programme sales

Paul Ellis operates an old programme
service, including current season
home and away issues, from the CASC
office. He is available at home
matches and on Tuesdays and
Thursdays from 5-6pm.

**This is the first match for
which the controlled parking
zone comes into effect around
the ground. We will be
monitoring it with interest.**

Today's game will probably not
be the acid test we were looking for,
because of the likely reduced crowd,
but even so there will undoubtedly
be difficulties created for our fans.

We would like to hear any tales
of woe you may experience and no
doubt so would Greenwich Council,
where Brian Hanson will deal with
your calls on 020-8921 6114.

We have had a terrific response
to our request for letters regarding
the closure of Charlton station on
the day of the Port Vale game.

Many thanks to all those who
have written. Your experiences will
form a useful part of our continued
discussions with the council.

Now for our regular feature on
delayed trains travelling to and from
away games. This time, the journey
up to Barnsley was delayed by more
than an hour as we sat outside
Chesterfield admiring the lovely
view of a bingo hall while the police
dealt with an incident on the line.

Having stayed in Yorkshire over
the weekend myself, I was spared the
further fun and games that ensued
on the return journey, as the engine
first lost power and then was forced
to stop altogether due to a collision
with a stray animal.

This resulted in a further hour's
delay, to be compounded by a fire on
the line at London Bridge, ensuring
our travellers arrived home too late
even for Match of the Day.

While I am reliably informed
that North Greenwich Underground
station is very nice, this was
probably not the most opportune
moment to pay a first visit.

I'll drop the rail company a line,
but I am unsure quite where we
stand on these type of incidents.

On a much happier note,
Thursday, December 2nd, saw the
first question and answer session to
be staged by CADSA here at The
Valley, with guests Greg Shields,
Andy Jones and Chris Powell.

This proved to be a superb
evening, certainly one of the most
enjoyable I have ever attended, and
all three lads were an absolute credit
to the club. Thanks very much.

Thanks also to Clive Mendonca
for making the trip down to
Medway on Tuesday and providing
great entertainment.

We said in the Blackburn
programme these were the last
meetings of the year, but that is not
now the case. At the club's request
we have stepped in to rescue the
event planned to take place in
Floyd's on Thursday (8pm). Guests
will be Keith Jones and Shaun
Newton. There is no charge for
admission.

It will be an open public
meeting and we will not insist on
CASC membership on this occasion,
but we will have plenty of forms
available on the night.

Remember, subscriptions go up
to £7 (OAPs £3; junior rate
unaffected) as from January 1st.

Huddersfield travel is now
available for booking, but please let us
know as early as possible.

Finally, we recently received
some good news from our friends at
Shamrock Rovers, whom we met on
the pre-season tour a couple of years
ago. They have now been given the
go-ahead to use a 6,000-seater
stadium in Tallaght and end their
ground-sharing arrangement with
Shelbourne.

We know only too well about
the perils of ground sharing, so
congratulations to everyone
connected with Shamrock.

Have a great Christmas.

Ian Cartwright (secretary)



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TICKETS

Saturday, December 18th, Queens Park Rangers (away) 3pm

We have received an allocation of 3,000 seats in the upper and lower tiers of School End at Loftus Road. These are priced £16 adults, £8 concessions in the lower tier and £15 adults, £8 concessions in the upper tier. They are on sale to season-ticket holders with voucher D today and go on general sale on Monday. We are under instructions from QPR to sell the lower tier first and therefore will be unable to exchange returned lower tickets for upper tier ones.



Monday, January 3rd, Nottingham Forest (home) 3pm

Tickets for this match will go on general sale at £15 adults, £10 over 60s and 16-17-year-olds and £5 U16s from this

Wednesday, December 15th.

Please note that there is a Sunday rail service in operation and despite the fact that it is a Bank Holiday the controlled parking zone WILL apply.



Saturday, January 15th, Crewe Alexandra (home) 3pm

Tickets will go on general sale on Monday, December 20th.

Sunday, December 26th, Crystal Palace (home) noon

Tickets will go on general sale at £15 adults, £10 over 60s and 16-17-year-olds and £5 U16s from Monday, with no internet booking. Please note that although there are no trains on Boxing Day, the controlled parking zone will NOT apply.



Tuesday, December 28th, Huddersfield Town (away) noon

Admission to this top-of-the-table clash is £13 adults and £7 for over 60s and U16s. There are no advance ticket sales and it is pay on the day for everyone, with up to 4,000 seats available for Charlton supporters. For the benefit of those still nursing a Christmas hangover, the match is also live on Sky TV.



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Half-season tickets are now on sale and include the 12 home League matches starting with

Palace, providing they are purchased before Palace is sold out. Prices in the south stand are £99 for adults, £75 for seniors and 16-17 year-olds, and £49 for U16s. This offer will close next Saturday, December 18th.

In the east and west stands, half-seasons are £155 adults, £99 seniors/16-17 year-olds, and £49 U16s.

Call 020-8333 4010 for details. Opening hours are 10am-6pm

Mondays to Fridays; 10am-midday next Saturday.

AWAY TRAVEL

Saturday, December 18th QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Address: Rangers Stadium, South Africa Road, London, W12 7PA
Telephone: 020-8743 0262
Ground capacity: 19,000

COACH: £7 adults; £5 children.

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| 11.30 | *Medway |
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| 12.30 | Charlton |

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CAR: approach from Hammersmith via Shepherd's Bush Road and the A40 Wood Lane, go past the BBC TV Centre on the left and White City Tube on the right and turn left into South Africa Road. However, parking is very limited and you are better advised to travel by Tube to Shepherd's Bush or White City.

Tuesday, December 28th HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

Address: Alfred McAlpine Stadium, Leeds Road, Huddersfield HD1 6PX
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Ground capacity: 24,500

COACH: £15 adults; £13 children.

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| 05.45 | Well Hall/*Gravesend |
| 06.00 | Bexleyheath |
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| MANCHESTER CITY | 22 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 22 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 42 | 13 |
| CHARLTON ATHLETIC | 21 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 19 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 19 | 14 | 40 | 14 |
| IPSWICH TOWN | 22 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 22 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 15 | 14 | 39 | 12 |
| BARNLEY | 21 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 25 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 23 | 36 | 6 |
| STOCKPORT COUNTY | 22 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 19 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 18 | 34 | -3 |
| FULHAM | 21 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 13 | 11 | 33 | 6 |
| BIRMINGHAM CITY | 21 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 21 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 14 | 32 | 9 |
| QUEENS PARK RANGERS | 22 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 19 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 16 | 32 | 4 |
| BOLTON WANDERERS | 22 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 21 | 14 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 12 | 31 | 6 |
| BLACKBURN ROVERS | 21 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 16 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 11 | 30 | 6 |
| WOLVERHAMPTON WDRS | 20 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 29 | 4 |
| TRANMERE ROVERS | 22 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 19 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 20 | 29 | -1 |
| NORWICH CITY | 21 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 28 | 0 |
| WEST BROMWICH ALBION | 21 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 12 | 25 | -2 |
| CRYSTAL PALACE | 22 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 26 | 25 | -6 |
| GRIMSBY TOWN | 21 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 23 | 25 | -12 |
| CREWE ALEXANDRA | 21 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 13 | 21 | 23 | -7 |
| PORT VALE | 22 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 12 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 15 | 19 | 22 | -5 |
| NOTTINGHAM FOREST | 21 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 16 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 17 | 21 | -4 |
| PORTSMOUTH | 22 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 16 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 25 | 21 | -11 |
| SHEFFIELD UNITED | 22 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 15 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 25 | 21 | -13 |
| WALSALL | 22 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 20 | 19 | -15 |
| SWINDON TOWN | 22 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 16 | 17 | -18 |

UP TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 10TH

ROLL CALL 1999/2000

APPEARANCES AND GOALS

TOTAL

| | LEAGUE APP | LEAGUE GOALS | CUP APP | CUP GOALS | CAFC CAREER APP | CAFC CAREER GOALS |
|-------------------|------------|--------------|---------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|
| ANTHONY ALLMAN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| STEVE BARBE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ANTHONY BARNES | 0(2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101(22) | 5 |
| STEVE BROWN | 8(10) | 1 | 2 | 0 | 172(35) | 7 |
| JON FORTUNE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LEIGH HALES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DAVID HOCKLEY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MATT HOLMES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11(8) | 1 |
| ANDY HUNT | 18(1) | 9 | 1 | 0 | 54(3) | 16 |
| KEMAL IZZET | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SASA ILIC | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 0 |
| KEVIN JAMES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| KEITH JONES | 13(1) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 152(20) | 7 |
| STEVE JONES | 1(1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33(27) | 8 |
| DEAN KIELY | 20 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 22 | 0 |
| MARK KINSELLA | 19 | 1 | 0(2) | 0 | 151(2) | 17 |
| PAUL KONCHESKY | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 10(2) | 0 |
| KEVIN LISBIE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5(44) | 2 |
| CHARLIE MACDONALD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MARK MCCAMMON | 1(3) | 0 | 0(1) | 0 | 1(4) | 0 |
| CLIVE MENDONCA | 18 | 9 | 1(1) | 0 | 87(7) | 45 |
| SHAUN NEWTON | 16(1) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 194(47) | 22 |
| SCOTT PARKER | 3(2) | 0 | 1(1) | 0 | 5(12) | 0 |
| CHRIS POWELL | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 0 |
| MARTIN PRINGLE | 3(13) | 1 | 2 | 0 | 20(16) | 4 |
| JOHN ROBINSON | 20 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 258(16) | 34 |
| SIMON ROYCE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| RICHARD RUFUS | 20 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 215(3) | 6 |
| JOHN SALAKO | 2(14) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2(14) | 1 |
| GREG SHIELDS | 15 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 1 |
| GRAHAM STUART | 12(3) | 3 | 2 | 0 | 23(3) | 6 |
| CARL TILER | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 1 |
| ANDY TODD | 0(2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0(2) | 0 |
| SAM TURNER | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EDDIE YODS | 20 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 57(1) | 3 |
| OWN GOAL | | 2 | | | | |

DISCIPLINARY RECORD

CARDS

| | | |
|--------------------|---|---|
| ANTHONY ALLMAN | 2 | 0 |
| VITALIUS ASTAFJEVS | 1 | 0 |
| STEVE BARBE | 1 | 0 |
| ANTHONY BARNES | 0 | 0 |
| AARON BARNETT | 1 | 0 |
| PIERRE BOLANGI | 0 | 0 |
| JASON BROWN | 1 | 0 |
| STEVE BROWN | 5 | 0 |
| DAVID COLLIS | 2 | 0 |
| ADRIAN DEANE | 2 | 0 |
| SIMON FORD | 0 | 0 |
| JON FORTUNE | 1 | 0 |
| DEAN GIBBS | 2 | 0 |
| LEIGH HALES | 0 | 0 |
| DAVID HOCKLEY | 1 | 0 |
| MATT HOLMES | 0 | 0 |
| ANDY HUNT | 2 | 0 |
| SASA ILIC | 0 | 0 |
| KEMAL IZZET | 1 | 0 |
| KEVIN JAMES | 0 | 0 |
| KEITH JONES | 1 | 0 |
| DEAN KIELY | 0 | 0 |
| MARK KINSELLA | 5 | 0 |
| PAUL KONCHESKY | 3 | 0 |
| YOHANCE LEWIS | 0 | 0 |
| KEVIN LISBIE | 1 | 0 |
| MARK MCCAMMON | 1 | 0 |
| PAUL MCCARTHY | 0 | 0 |
| ALEX MARTIN | 0 | 0 |
| CHARLIE MACDONALD | 2 | 0 |
| CLIVE MENDONCA | 1 | 0 |
| SHAUN NEWTON | 1 | 0 |
| RYAN PACEY | 0 | 0 |
| SCOTT PARKER | 1 | 0 |
| CHRIS PIPER | 1 | 0 |
| CHRIS POWELL | 1 | 0 |
| MARTIN PRINGLE | 2 | 0 |
| JOHN ROBINSON | 5 | 0 |
| RICHARD RUFUS | 7 | 0 |
| JOHN SALAKO | 0 | 0 |
| GREG SHIELDS | 1 | 0 |
| RICHARD SMITH | 0 | 0 |
| GRAHAM STUART | 0 | 1 |
| JOE TAMBUE | 3 | 0 |
| KRIS TAYLOR | 0 | 1 |
| CARL TILER | 0 | 0 |
| ANDY TODD | 1 | 0 |
| MICHAEL TURNER | 1 | 0 |
| SAM TURNER | 0 | 0 |
| KEVIN WATSON | 0 | 0 |
| EDDIE YODS | 8 | 0 |

Charlton Athletic 1999/2000



| DATE | OPPONENTS | F A | ATT | POS | | | | | | |
|------------|----------------------------|-------|--------|-----|-------|---------|-----------|---------|-------|--------|
| SAT AUG 7 | BARNLEY | 3-1 | 19,086 | 1 | KIELY | BROWN | POWELL | STUART | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| SAT AUG 21 | NORWICH CITY | 1-0 | 19,639 | 4 | KIELY | BROWN | POWELL | STUART | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| SAT AUG 28 | FULHAM | 1-2 + | 15,154 | 9 | KIELY | BROWN | POWELL | STUART | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| SAT SEP 11 | BOLTON WANDERERS | 2-1 | 19,033 | 8 | KIELY | SHIELDS | POWELL | STUART | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| SAT SEP 18 | SHEFFIELD UNITED | 2-1 | 13,216 | 7 | KIELY | SHIELDS | KONCHESKY | STUART | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| SAT SEP 25 | TRANMERE ROVERS | 2-2 | 5,846 | 7 | KIELY | SHIELDS | KONCHESKY | PARKER | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| TUE SEP 28 | STOCKPORT COUNTY | 4-0 | 19,827 | 3 | KIELY | SHIELDS | POWELL | PARKER | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| SAT OCT 2 | BIRMINGHAM CITY | 1-0 | 19,740 | 1 | KIELY | SHIELDS | POWELL | PARKER | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| SAT OCT 16 | PORTSMOUTH | 2-0 | 14,812 | 1 | KIELY | SHIELDS | POWELL | K JONES | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| TUE OCT 19 | IPSWICH TOWN | 2-4 | 17,940 | 2 | KIELY | SHIELDS | POWELL | K JONES | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| SAT OCT 23 | WEST BROM ALBION | 0-0 | 19,331 | 3 | KIELY | SHIELDS | KONCHESKY | K JONES | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| TUE OCT 26 | TRANMERE ROVERS | 3-2 | 19,484 | 2 | KIELY | SHIELDS | KONCHESKY | K JONES | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| SAT OCT 30 | BIRMINGHAM CITY | 0-1 | 19,172 | 3 | KIELY | SHIELDS | POWELL | K JONES | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| TUE NOV 2 | CREWE ALEXANDRA | 2-0 | 4,747 | 2 | KIELY | SHIELDS | POWELL | K JONES | BROWN | YOUNDS |
| SAT NOV 6 | WALSALL | 2-1 | 18,641 | 2 | KIELY | SHIELDS | POWELL | K JONES | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| FRI NOV 12 | GRIMSBY TOWN | 5-2+ | 6,849 | 2 | ILIC | SHIELDS | POWELL | K JONES | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| SAT NOV 20 | MANCHESTER CITY | 0-1 | 20,043 | 3 | KIELY | SHIELDS | POWELL | K JONES | RUFUS | BROWN |
| TUE NOV 23 | SWINDON TOWN | 2-1 | 6,515 | 2 | KIELY | SHIELDS | POWELL | K JONES | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| SAT NOV 27 | PORT VALE | 2-2 | 19,266 | 3 | KIELY | BROWN | POWELL | K JONES | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| TUE NOV 30 | BLACKBURN ROVERS | 1-2 | 18,939 | 3 | KIELY | BROWN | POWELL | K JONES | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| SAT DEC 4 | BARNLEY | 1-1 | 14,553 | 3 | KIELY | BROWN | POWELL | K JONES | RUFUS | YOUNDS |
| SAT DEC 18 | QUEENS PARK RANGERS | | | | | | | | | |
| SUN DEC 26 | CRYSTAL PALACE (NOON) | | | | | | | | | |
| TUE DEC 28 | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (NOON) * | | | | | | | | | |
| MON JAN 3 | NOTTINGHAM FOREST (3PM) | | | | | | | | | |
| TUE JAN 11 | WOLVERHAMPTON W (7.45PM) | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT JAN 15 | CREWE ALEXANDRA | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT JAN 22 | NORWICH CITY | | | | | | | | | |
| FRI JAN 28 | FULHAM (8PM) * | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT FEB 5 | STOCKPORT COUNTY | | | | | | | | | |
| SUN FEB 13 | WOLVERHAMPTON W (1PM) * | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT FEB 19 | PORT VALE | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT FEB 26 | SHEFFIELD UNITED | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT MAR 4 | BOLTON WANDERERS | | | | | | | | | |
| TUE MAR 7 | WALSALL (7.45PM) | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT MAR 11 | SWINDON TOWN | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT MAR 18 | MANCHESTER CITY | | | | | | | | | |
| TUE MAR 21 | GRIMSBY TOWN (8PM) | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT MAR 25 | CRYSTAL PALACE | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT APR 1 | QUEENS PARK RANGERS | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT APR 8 | NOTTINGHAM FOREST | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT APR 15 | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT APR 22 | PORTSMOUTH | | | | | | | | | |
| MON APR 24 | BLACKBURN ROVERS (3PM) | | | | | | | | | |
| SAT APR 29 | IPSWICH TOWN | | | | | | | | | |
| SUN MAY 7 | WEST BROMWICH ALBION | | | | | | | | | |

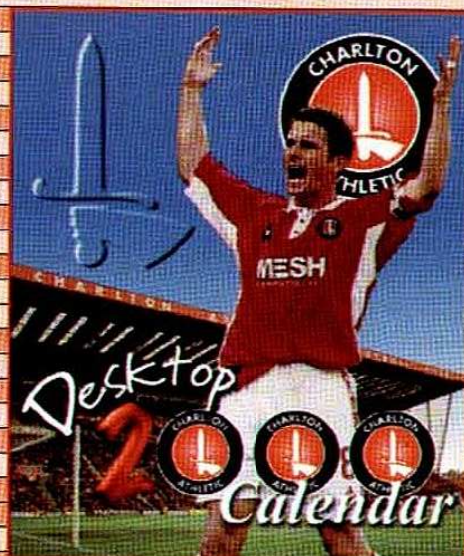
FA CUP FIXTURES

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| SAT DEC 11 | SWINDON TOWN (R3) |
| SAT JAN 8 | R4 |
| SAT JAN 29 | R5 |
| SAT FEB 19 | R6 |
| SAT APR 8 | SEMI-FINAL |
| SUN MAY 20 | FINAL |

WORTHINGTON CUP FIXTURES

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|------------|--------------------|------|--------|---|-------|---------|-----------|--------|-------|--------|
| TUE SEP 14 | BOURNEMOUTH (R2L1) | 0-0 | 10,324 | - | KIELY | SHIELDS | KONCHESKY | STUART | RUFUS | BROWN |
| TUE SEP 21 | BOURNEMOUTH (R2L2) | 0-0* | 4,369 | | KIELY | SHIELDS | KONCHESKY | STUART | RUFUS | YOUNDS |

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| NEWTON | KINSELLA | MENDONCA | HUNT | ROBINSON | K JONES | PRINGLE | SALAKO | S JONES | ILIC |
| NEWTON | KINSELLA | MENDONCA | S JONES | ROBINSON | PARKER | PRINGLE | SHIELDS | HUNT | ILIC |
| NEWTON | KINSELLA | MENDONCA | PRINGLE | ROBINSON | PARKER | MCCAMMON | BROWN | SALAKO | ILIC |
| NEWTON | KINSELLA | MENDONCA | HUNT2 | ROBINSON | PARKER | PRINGLE | BROWN | SALAKO | ILIC |
| NEWTON | KINSELLA1 | MENDONCA1 | MCCAMMON | ROBINSON | BARNES | PRINGLE | FORTUNE | SALAKO | ILIC |
| NEWTON | KINSELLA | MENDONCA | HUNT3 | ROBINSON | BARNES | PRINGLE | BROWN | SALAKO | ILIC |
| NEWTON | KINSELLA | MENDONCA | HUNT | ROBINSON | BARNES | PRINGLE | BROWN | SALAKO | ILIC |
| NEWTON | KINSELLA | MENDONCA | HUNT | ROBINSON1 | BARNES | PRINGLE | BROWN | SALAKO1 | ILIC |
| NEWTON | KINSELLA | STUART | HUNT2 | ROBINSON | BARNES | MCCAMMON | BROWN | SALAKO | TURNER |
| NEWTON | KINSELLA | MENDONCA | HUNT | ROBINSON | BARNES | MCCAMMON | STUART | SALAKO | BROWN |
| NEWTON | STUART | MENDONCA | HUNT | ROBINSON1 | BARNES | MCCAMMON | BARBE | SALAKO | BROWN1 |
| SALAKO | STUART | MENDONCA | HUNT | ROBINSON | BARNES | PRINGLE | PARKER | NEWTON | BROWN |
| STUART1 | KINSELLA | PRINGLE1 | HUNT | ROBINSON | BARNES | FORTUNE | PARKER | NEWTON | SALAKO |
| STUART1 | KINSELLA | PRINGLE | HUNT1 | ROBINSON | BARNES | MCCAMMON | SALAKO | NEWTON | BROWN |
| STUART | KINSELLA | MENDONCA1 | HUNT1 | ROBINSON | BARNES | PRINGLE | SALAKO | NEWTON | BROWN |
| STUART | KINSELLA | MENDONCA | HUNT | ROBINSON | BARNES | PRINGLE | TODD | NEWTON | SALAKO |
| NEWTON1 | KINSELLA | MENDONCA | HUNT | ROBINSON1 | TODD | PRINGLE | BROWN | SALAKO | ILIC |
| NEWTON | KINSELLA | MENDONCA2 | HUNT | ROBINSON | TODD | PRINGLE | STUART | SALAKO | ILIC |
| NEWTON | KINSELLA | MENDONCA | HUNT | ROBINSON | TODD | PRINGLE | STUART | SALAKO | ILIC |
| NEWTON | KINSELLA | MENDONCA | HUNT | SALAKO | TODD | PRINGLE | BARNES | PARKER | ILIC |

TODAY'S FA CUP THIRD ROUND TIES

Aston Villa v Darlington
Bolton Wanderers v Cardiff City
Crewe Alex v Bradford City
Derby County v Burnley
Exeter City v Everton
Fulham v Luton Town
Grimsby Town v Stockport Co
Hereford Utd v Leicester City
Hull City v Chelsea
Norwich City v Coventry City

Preston NE v Oldham Ath
QPR v Torquay Utd
Reading v Plymouth Argyle
Sheffield Wed v Bristol City
Sunderland v Portsmouth
Tranmere Rovers v West Ham
Walsall v Gillingham
Watford v Birmingham City
West Brom v Blackburn Rovers
Wigan Ath v Wolverhampton
Wimbledon v Barnsley

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| NEWTON | PARKER | MENDONCA | PRINGLE | ROBINSON | KINSELLA | MCCAMMON | YUDES | POWELL | ILIC |
| NEWTON | BROWN | HUNT | PRINGLE | ROBINSON | KINSELLA | MENDONCA | PARKER | BARNES | ILIC |

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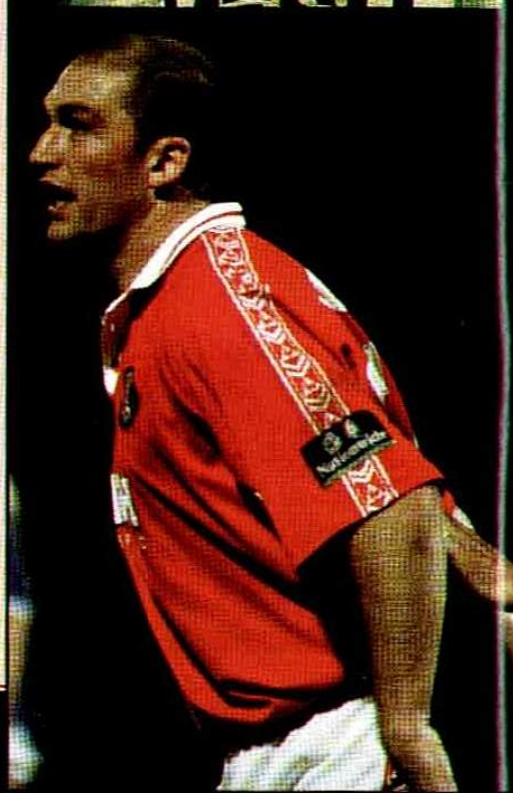
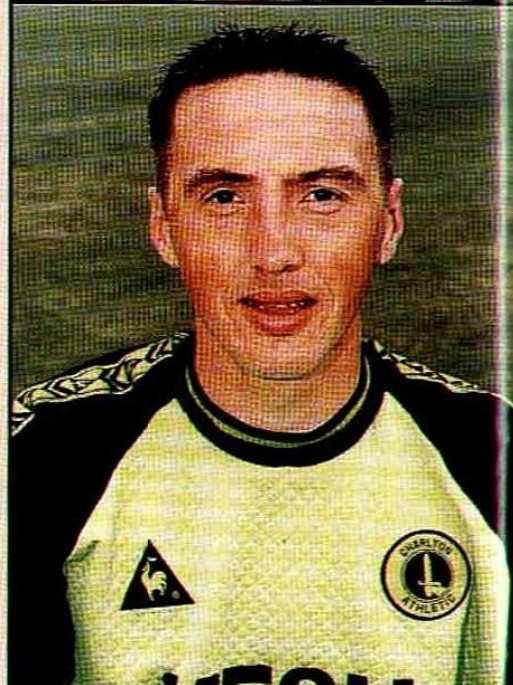
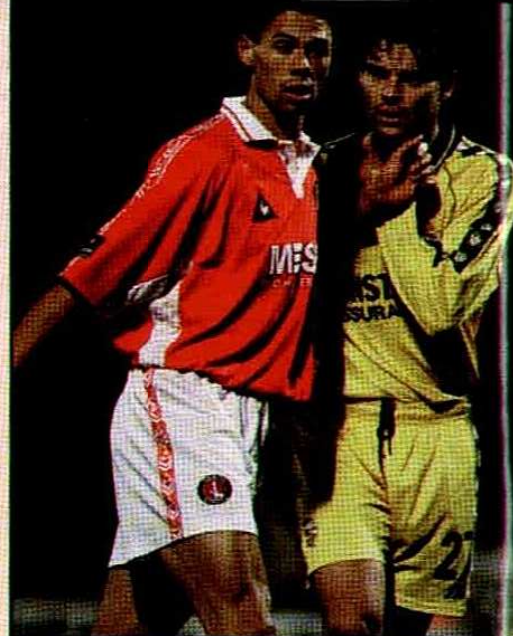




Charlton Athletic

Manager: Alan Curbishley
Colours: red shirts, white shorts

- 1 *Dean Kiely*
- 2 *Anthony Barness*
- 3 *Chris Powell*
- 4 *Graham Stuart*
- 5 *Richard Rufus*
- 6 *Carl Tiler*
- 7 *Shaun Newton*
- 8 *Mark Kinsella*
- 9 *Andy Hunt*
- 10 *Clive Mendonca*
- 11 *John Robinson*
- 12 *Steve Brown*
- 13 *Sasa Ilic*
- 14 *Martin Pringle*
- 15 *Eddie Youds*
- 16 *Greg Shields*
- 17 *Scott Parker*
- 18 *Paul Konchesky*
- 19 *Andy Todd*
- 20 *Keith Jones*
- 21 *Matty Holmes*
- 22 *Simon Royce*
- 24 *Jon Fortune*
- 30 *Charlie MacDonald*
- 31 *Mark McCammon*
- 32 *Sam Turner*
- 33 *Antti Niemi*
- 34 *John Salako*
- 35 *Steve Barbé*



Mascots

Sarah

Marchant

Sarah, 14, comes from Crowborough in East Sussex, where she goes to Beacon Community



College. Her favourite player is Clive Mendonca. Sarah enjoys most sports and has been a Junior Red for four years. She attends all our home games and is a third generation Charlton supporter.

Thomas

Hafford

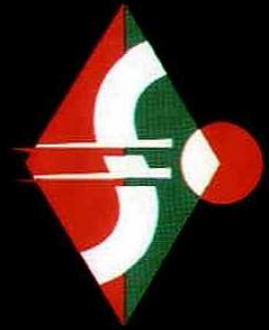
Thomas was ten last Monday, and to be a Charlton mascot was at the top of his birthday list. He lives in Otford, Kent, and is a



pupil at St Thomas' RC School. His favourite players are Andy Hunt and Chris Powell. Thomas is a goalkeeper who hopes to be a pro.

Swindon Town

Manager: Jimmy Quinn
Colours: dark blue and light blue



**SWINDON
TOWN
F.C.**

- Frank Talia 1
- Mark Robinson 2
- Gareth Hall 3
- Scott Leitch 4
- Gareth Davies 5
- Bobby Howe 7
- Iffy Onuora 9
- Giuliano Grazioli 10
- Ty Gooden 11
- Alan Reeves 12
- Jimmy Glass 13
- Chris Hay 15
- Lee Collins 16
- Steve Cowe 17
- Steve Mildenhall 18
- Adam Willis 19
- Charlie Griffin 20
- Sol Davis 21
- Robin Hulbert 22
- Philippe Cuervo 23
- Sam Campagna 24
- Frazer McHugh 25
- Nicky Burke 26
- Ricky Culbertson 28
- Alan Flanagan 29
- Paul McAreavey 30
- Alun Hughes 31
- James Williams 32
- Andy Williams 33
- Jimmy Quinn 40

Today's sponsors

Match: Sadler Davies

Matchball:
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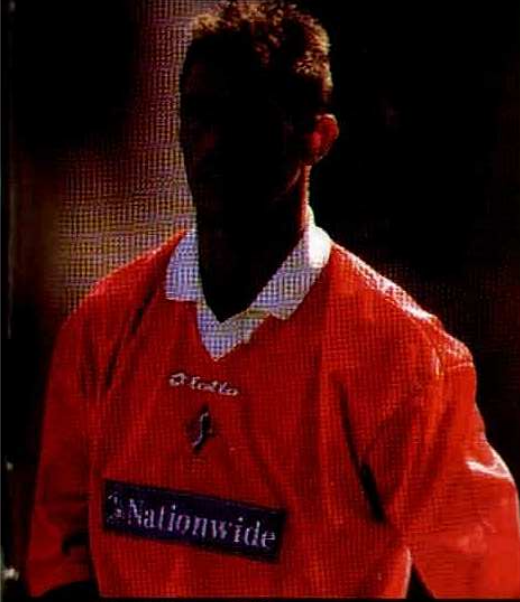
Today's referee:

Alan Butler
Alan, 43, is a senior police officer who started refereeing in his local Nottinghamshire leagues. Now in his sixth season as a League referee, he refereed the 1995 GM Vauxhall Conference Cup final and the 1996 FA Trophy final.

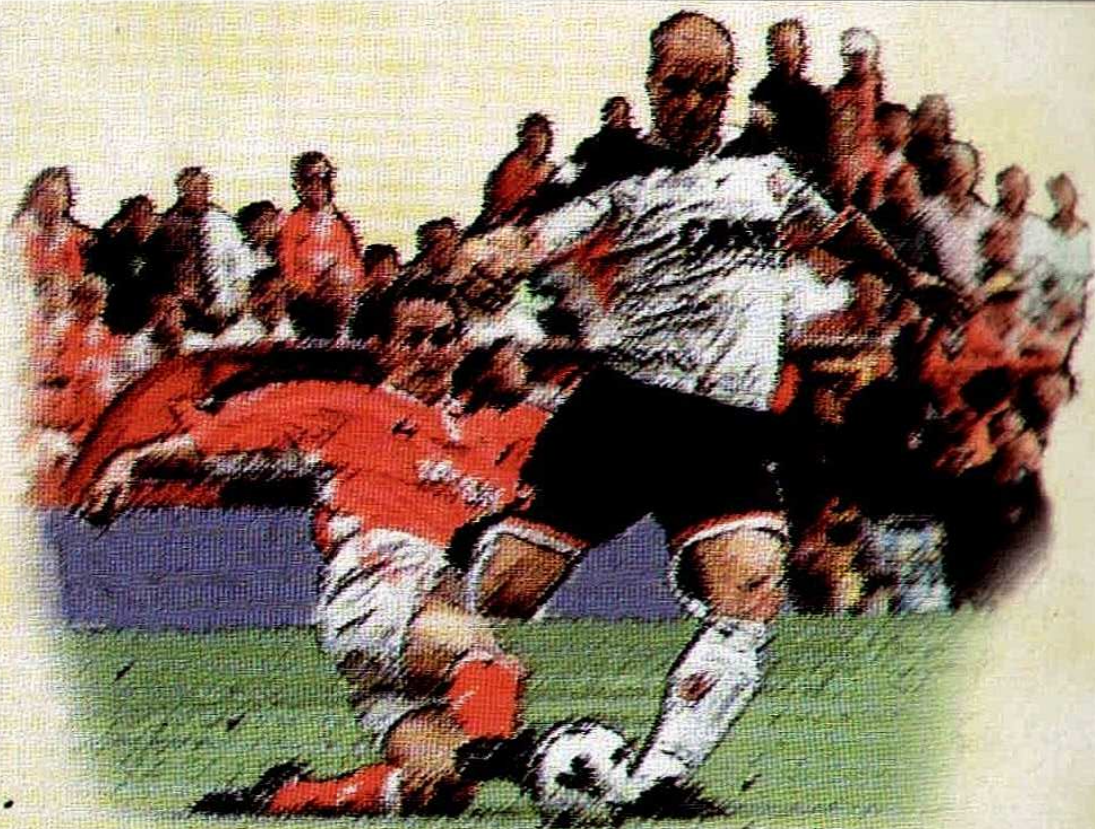
Assistant referees:

I Gosling
C Francis

Fourth official:
E Smith



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