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MICHAEL JOLLEY



Good afternoon and welcome back to Blundell Park for this afternoon's FA Cup first round match against Newport County. We welcome Michael Flynn, his players, staff and fans to BP for what promises to be an exciting cup match.

I doubt there has been a better cup team from the lower divisions in recent seasons than Newport. They have consistently gone deep into cup competitions and been rewarded with ties against the likes of Spurs and Man City. They have leveraged off their cup success to establish themselves as one of the top sides in League Two. They went so close to promotion last season and they will be looking to go one better this time around. We wish them well beyond today, and next week of course!

We have been to Crystal Palace and Chelsea ourselves in 2019 so we have our own ambitions in cup competition. The FA Cup is vital for clubs at our level as it can generate significant revenue which makes such a difference to clubs in League Two. I expect today's contest to be keenly fought with both clubs looking to be in the hat for the second round.

It was so frustrating to have both of our recent league fixtures against Cheltenham and Plymouth postponed at the 11th hour. We were looking to build on the positive point we picked up at Cambridge, but we have been prevented from doing so with no fixture. We have therefore fallen one, or in most cases two, matches behind most clubs in the division, so we must make doubly sure that we make these games count when they come around once again in the schedule. A word for our supporters who travelled to Plymouth in vain. Thank you for the lengths you go to to give us your support and I am sorry that you had such a wasted journey. Hopefully most of you will be able to attend the match when it is eventually played.

One positive of the enforced break is that we have been able to give additional time to Luke Hendrie and Max Wright to recover from their respective injuries. Both Luke and Max are important members of the group so it will be good to have them back with us as soon as possible.

Please give your support to the players today. It really does make a difference when they feel that you are with them. It could make the difference on a day like today.

Thank you once again for your support and please enjoy the game.

**Best wishes
Michael**



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Tickets for our away fixture at Northampton Town on Saturday 23rd November are on sale from the ticket office and are priced as follows:

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Over 65 - £18 (£20 match day)
Under 21 - £18 (£20 match day)
Under 18 - £10 (£12 match day)
Under 11 - (Trust members only) - £9 (£12 match day)
Under 7 - Free



Tickets can be purchased on the day from their cabin via cash only at the prices mentioned above.

Please note that evidence of trust membership will be required if purchasing an Under 11 trust member ticket. Those who do not have trust membership must purchase an Under 18 ticket.

Tickets can be posted via standard first or recorded delivery until 3pm on Wednesday 20th November. Please note that standard first class delivery does not include tracking or insurance and can not be reissued or refunded as a result of failed delivery or loss. The final day for special delivery is 3pm on Thursday 21st November.

Tickets can be purchased direct from the Blundell Park ticket office, calling 01472 605050 or by visiting our online ticket store. Remember, GTFC receive 5% of all away league ticket sales made from Blundell Park!

Happy Birthday George!

We'd like to wish George Hubbert a very happy 21st birthday today from all at GTFC!



Town Tour Helps To Soften The Blow For Norwegians



Four Grimsby Town fans from Norway were given a special tour around Blundell Park, and met manager Michael Jolley and the first-team players.

Lars Olav Sæther, Per Øyvind Grimsby, Øyvind Brynhildsen and Ronny Skansen, who are members of the Scandinavian Grimsby Town supporters' group, made the 1,100-mile journey to Blundell Park for our League Two game against Cheltenham Town. But the four Town fans were left bitterly disappointed after the fixture was called off hours before kick-off due to a waterlogged pitch.

Two of the friends, Per Øyvind Grimsby and Ronny Skansen, still went inside the ground to have a brief look around the stadium. But all four were invited for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Blundell Park and Cheapside training ground as a special thank you for their fantastic support.

Per Øyvind Grimsby said: "I feel like I am at home here, and I want to thank the club for showing us around – it's been very great hospitality."

They sat down in the manager's office for a chat with Michael Jolley about their experiences as Town fans from Norway. And they also met the Mariners players, including captain James McKeown, top goalscorer James Hanson, and fellow Scandinavian Ludvig Ohman.



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The FA Cup in Numbers

Since 1882 The Mariners have been competing in the game's biggest and best-known cup competition.

From the biggest wins to the biggest losses, here are some of the stand-out records from Town's 137 years of the FA Cup.



MOST APPEARANCES

- John McDermott - 39
- Harry Fletcher - 33
- Teddy Buck - 32
- Alec Hall - 31
- Jackie Bestall - 30

HIGHEST ATTENDANCES

- 76,962 vs Wolverhampton Wanderers at Old Trafford - Semi Final 1939
- 65,534 vs Everton at Goodison Park - Round Five 1931
- 63,210 vs Arsenal at Leeds Road - Semi Final 1936
- 62,022 vs Sheffield United at Bramall Lane - Round Five, 1939
- 56,799 vs Wolverhampton Wanderers at Molineux - Round Five Replay, 1937

BIGGEST WINS

- 10-0 vs Boston Town - Home - Second Qualifying Round, 1891
- 8-0 vs Darlington - Home - Round Two, 1885
- 8-0 vs Attercliffe - Home - Second Qualifying Round Replay, 1894
- 8-1 vs Croydon Common - Round One, 1911
- 7-1 vs Luton Town - Home - Round Three, 1996

HIGHEST SCORING GAMES

- 5-5 vs Fulham - Home - Round Three, 1954
- 10-0 vs Boston Town - Home - Second Qualifying Round, 1891
- 2-8 vs Ecclesfield - Home - Round One, 1890
- 1-9 vs Phoenix Bessemer - Home - Round Two, 1882
- 3-6 vs Everton - Away - Round Three, 1935

MOST GOALS

- Tommy McCairns - 18
- Pat Glover - 17
- Dave Riddoch - 10
- Billy Cairns - 9
- Harry Fletcher - 8



Town versus Wolves, Old Trafford, 1939

HEAVIEST DEFEATS

- 1-9 vs Phoenix Bessemer - Home - Round Two, 1882
- 2-8 vs Ecclesfield - Home - Round One, 1890
- 0-7 vs Preston North End - Away - Round One, 1899
- 1-7 vs Sheffield Wednesday - Away - Round Three, 1997
- 0-6 vs Stoke City - Away - Round Three Replay, 1986

BEST CAMPAIGNS

- 1935-36 Semi Final vs Arsenal (0-1), 1936
- 1938-39 Semi Final vs Wolverhampton Wanderers (0-5), 1939
- 1936-37 Round Five Replay vs Wolverhampton Wanderers (2-6), 1937
- 1995-96 Round Five Replay vs Chelsea (1-4), 1996
- 1988-89 Round Five vs Wimbledon (1-3), 1989



Town versus Arsenal, Leeds Road, 1936



NEWPORT

Tom King

GOALKEEPER

The 24-year-old joined from Millwall in June and has been a near ever-presented this season. He played 16 games on loan at AFC Wimbledon last term.

Nick Townsend

GOALKEEPER

The former Birmingham City and Barnsley goalkeeper moved to Newport in 2018 and has largely been utilised as a back-up stopper during his time at Rodney Parade to date.

Daniel Leadbitter

DEFENDER

The 29-year-old made 136 appearances in all competitions for Bristol Rovers between 2014 and 2019 before joining the Exiles this summer.



Kyle Howkins



Ryan Haynes

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DEFENDER

Left back Haynes clocked up just shy of 100 appearances for Coventry City and spent last season with Shrewsbury Town before signing for Newport at the start of the season.

Kyle Howkins

DEFENDER

The six foot five defender arrived in South Wales in the summer following his release from West Brom. The 23-year-old spent time on loan at Kidderminster, Mansfield, Cambridge and Port Vale.

Lazar Stojkovic

DEFENDER

Serbian Stojkovic signed for the Exiles in June following his release from Millwall. The defender made his debut in the EFL Cup game against Gillingham in August.

Dan McNamara

DEFENDER

The 20-year-old full back is currently on a season-long loan from Millwall and this season was called up by the Republic of Ireland U21s.

George Nurse

DEFENDER

Nurse is also on a season-long loan from Bristol City and spent last term with Weston-Super-Mare where he scored five goals in 50 appearances.

Scot Bennett

DEFENDER

After making almost 150 appearances for Exeter City, Bennett signed for Notts County. However, he only made seven appearances for the Magpie's before he signed for Newport permanently in 2018.

LAST XI



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Mark O'Brien

COUNTY AFC

Mark O'Brien

DEFENDER

The former Derby County and Luton Town defender scored the winner for Newport on the final day of the 2016-17 season which confirmed their Football League status.

Ryan Inniss

DEFENDER

The athletic centre back is on a season-long loan from Crystal Palace. The 23-year-old has been capped by England U17s but is also eligible to represent Trinidad and Tobago.

Mickey Demetriou

DEFENDER

Since his move in 2015, the defender has played more than 120 games for the Exiles. Previously he'd helped Shrewsbury Town gain promotion to League One in 2014-15.

Joss Labadie

MIDFIELDER

The midfielder began his career at West Brom but gained first team experience during his time with Tranmere Rovers, Notts County and Dagenham & Redbridge prior to moving to Rodney Parade in 2016.

Robbie Willmott

MIDFIELDER

The former Cambridge United and Luton Town player rejoined Newport in May 2017 and played a pivotal role in their high profile FA Cup campaign last season.

Matthew Dolan

MIDFIELDER

The 26-year-old, who hails from the North East, made 42 appearances for the Exiles last season. The former Middlesbrough and Bradford player spent two seasons with Yeovil from 2015-17.

Joshua Sheehan

MIDFIELDER

Sheenan won 12 Wales U21 caps during his time as a Swansea City player. Following a loan spell with Newport from the Swans, he joined the club in a permanent deal.

Taylor Maloney

MIDFIELDER

Charlton Athletic midfielder Maloney moved to South Wales on a season-long loan in the summer.

Keanu Marsh-Brown

MIDFIELDER

The former Barnet and Forest Green Rovers winger (who scored against the Mariners in the 2016 Promotion Final) played for Guyana in the CONCACAF Gold Cup in the summer.

Padraig Amond

FORWARD

Podge scored a remarkable 37 goals for the Mariners in the 2015-16 season. His 43 goals for the Exiles in the last 120 games earned the lethal finisher a Republic of Ireland call-up earlier this year.

Jamille Matt

FORWARD

The striker scored Town's dramatic late winner which ensured the Mariners' place in the Football League in 2017-18. Last season he scored 20 goals in 57 appearances for the Exiles.

Adebayo Azeez

FORWARD

Azeez helped AFC Wimbledon gain promotion to League One in 2016 and

has since gone to feature for Partick Thistle and Cambridge United prior to joining Newport in January.

Tristan Abrahams

FORWARD

Striker Abrahams signed for Newport County in July after his release by Norwich City and he's already notched five goals in 20 appearances for his new club.

Corey Whitely

FORWARD

Whitely joined Newport in the summer after spells with non league Ebbsfleet United, Dagenham & Redbridge and Enfield Town earlier in his career.

Dominic Poleon

FORWARD

Following his release from Crawley in the summer, the former Leeds United, Oldham Athletic, AFC Wimbledon and Bradford City forward signed for the Exiles.



Padraig Amond

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FA CUP REVIEW

Dominic Scott-Bone reviews the Emirates FA Cup Fourth Qualifying Round.

FA Cup magic begins here this afternoon at Blundell Park, where we face fellow League Two side Newport County who also enter the competition at this stage.

However, there are a number of teams from the lower divisions who have arrived through the fourth round qualifying, and as you may not have heard about what happened – here are some of the best bits.

CARSHALTON ATHLETIC 2-1 DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

Carshalton Athletic, who sit 42 positions below National League opponents Dagenham & Redbridge, ran out 2-1 victors in Surrey.

Bobby Price opened the scoring for the home side after bundling the ball into the back of the net from a quick counter attack in the 51st minute.

Dagenham found a way back into the game through substitute Reece Grant who equalised just five minutes after coming onto the field. The striker found space between two Carshalton defenders to head home Matt Robinson's perfectly flighted ball.

But the Robins managed to stake their claim in the first round proper six minutes from time through Ricky Korboa. The winger picked up the ball midway into Dagenham's half on the left-hand side, shifted the ball onto his weaker left foot and drilled a shot into the far corner to send the home support into limbo.

With only seconds remaining, all those associated with Carshalton had their hearts in their mouths. Dagenham's Joe Quigley found himself through on goal and set to equalise, but Luke Read produced a goal-saving block in the 95th minute to set up a tie with National League North outfit Boston United.

BILLERICAY TOWN 5-2 SUTTON UNITED

There were eight replays in the last round, but Billericay Town's was earned in improbable fashion. Their goalkeeper Alan Julian cancelled out Omar Bugiel's early strike, as he came up for a last gasp free kick to head home in the 90+3' minute.

When the two sides met again three days later, this time at New Lodge, it was a far more convincing display from Billericay as they scored five on the night to Sutton United's two, despite the visitors taking the lead early on through Harry Beautyman. Jake Robinson scored three of the goals to complete his fine hat-trick in the 90+8' minute to set up a tie at Forest Green Rovers.

Before this, the Blues have reached the FA Cup first round on five separate occasions and have never gone onto the second round, so will this be the year for Harry Wheeler's men to go one further?

ROYSTON TOWN 1-3 MALDON & TIPTREE

For the first time in their history Maldon & Tiptree are in the first round of the FA Cup, after beating Royston Town in the fourth qualifying round. The club who are the leaders in the eighth tier of English football are managed by former Ipswich Town and Colchester United player Wayne Brown, and have so far won all their league and cup games this season. Daniel Braithwaite opened proceedings, albeit



Maldon & Tiptree defeated Royston Town 3-1

an own goal, and the Jammers capitalised on this as Danny Parish added a second 11 minutes later. Ben Martin got one back for Royston, but Jerome Slew added to his already dazzling tally of 17 goals to put the game beyond reach at 3-1.

BOWERS & PITSEA 2-1 CHICHESTER CITY

Chichester City beat Bowers & Pitsea to become the lowest ranked side, seventh in the eighth-tier Isthmian League South East Division, to enter the first round of the 2019-20 FA Cup competition.

City have only once before, in 1960, reached this stage, and this was the sixth game they played to reach the first round all the way from starting out in the extra preliminary round on August 9th.

First half goals from Matt Axell and Kaleem Haitham earned City their place in the first round with a 2-1 win, despite a late scare from the home side who pulled one back a minute into added time.

Since the teams were drawn out by Jermaine Beckford and Karen Carney on October 21st, City's magic will continue into the second round as they received a bye following Bury's removal from the competition.

NOTTS COUNTY 2-1 BELPER TOWN

Although Northern Premier League Division One East side Belper Town's FA Cup run came to a halt, they certainly gave their travelling fans something to cheer about at Meadow Lane.

The Nailers had done remarkably well to reach this stage of the competition and were relentless in their approach as they faced up against Notts County.

It took just 11 minutes for Belper to open the scoring, Derry Robson laid the ball off to Danny Gordon who struck first time into the top corner from 25 yards to send the Jimmy Sirrel stand bouncing with elation.

However, despite their slow start, County began to find their footing in the game and in the 29th minute, Enzo Boldewijn cut inside and finished with aplomb. Town gave their best efforts to try and claw back an advantage, but the Magpies' pressure paid off and Kyle Wootton capped off a day of superb goals to squeeze past Ryan Musselwhite.

First Round Victories

Club Historian John Kirk looks back at all of our First Round victories in the FA Cup.



John Cockerill scores against Wolves in 1988



The Mariners obviously haven't appeared in the First Round of the FA Cup every season for a variety of reasons, some because we were excused until the Third Round Proper, some because we didn't make it through the qualifying rounds, not forgetting the lack of games during each World War. This list is just of First Round games that we have won - all 39 of them. 22 of those were at home, 16 away, and one at a neutral ground... more of that later! Until the Great War, many of the games were against opponents that we would hardly recognise today, but an 8-1 victory is an 8-1 victory worth having, even against Croydon Common!

In 1964, we were drawn against Barrow, and we needed three games to get past them. The third game was on the neutral ground of Old Trafford. The crowd was more than 66,000 down on our previous game at that venue - also in the FA Cup for the famous 1939 semi-final. We had played Manchester United several times between the two matches, but the opening game of the 1939-40 season was

Padraig Amond celebrates scoring against St Albans in 2015



Lenell John-Lewis gets on the scoresheet against Scunthorpe United in 2013



Gary Jones scores the winner against Carlisle United in 2007



DATE	H/A	OPPONENT	RESULT	ATT	SCORERS
03/11/1883	A	Hull T	● 3-1	5,408	Unknown
08/11/1884	H	Grantham	● 1-0	2,000	Garnham
31/10/1885	A	Lincoln C	● 2-0	2,000	Sharman, Monument
30/10/1886	H	Sheffield Heeley	● 4-1	13,285	Pearson (3), Chapman
15/10/1887	A	Cleethorpes	● 4-0	200	Smith, Lundie, Lee, o.g.
15/12/1888	H	Sunderland Albion	● 3-1	6,877	McBeth (2), Taylor
18/01/1890	A	Newcastle West End	● 2-1	7,017	McBeth, Black
21/01/1893	H	Stockton	● 5-0	3,000	Mullen (2), Ackroyd, Higgins, o.g.
01/02/1896	A	Darwen	● 2-0	4,000	Graham, Pratt
07/02/1903	H	Newcastle U	● 2-1	7,000	Fletcher, Ronaldson
15/01/1908	H	Bristol C	● 2-1	7,000	Lee, Blanthorne
26/01/1911	H	Croydon Common	● 8-1	5,000	Leonard (3), Hubbard (2), Worth (2), Springthorpe
08/01/1921	H	Norwich C	● 1-0	11,000	Smith
28/11/1925	A	Walsall	● 1-0	4,982	McKenna
27/11/1926	H	Halifax T	● 3-2	8,500	Pugsley, McKenna, Marshall
24/11/1951	H	Darlington	● 4-0	14,309	Cairns (3), McCue
22/11/1952	A	Darlington	● 3-2	9,452	Johnston, Rayner, Millar
21/11/1953	H	Rochdale	● 2-0	8,509	Smith, Maddison
20/11/1954	H	Halifax T	● 2-1	10,174	Hughes, Maddison
19/11/1955	A	Netherfield	● 5-1	5,161	Crosbie (2), Reeson (2), Evans
14/11/1959	A	Rhyl	● 2-1	4,405	o.g., o.g.
23/11/1964	N	Barrow	● 2-0	9,292	Pennington, Tees
13/11/1965	A	Barrow	● 2-1	8,656	Tees, Foster
18/11/1972	H	Wigan A	● 2-1	11,560	Brace, Boylen
24/11/1973	A	Runcom	● 1-0	3,934	Barton
23/11/1974	H	Huddersfield T	● 1-0	5,541	o.g.
23/11/1976	H	Droylsden	● 5-3	4,464	Partridge (2), Wigg, Gray, Lewis
26/11/1977	A	Workington T	● 2-0	1,200	Waters, Liddell
27/11/1979	A	Chesterfield	● 3-2	7,820	Moore, Drinkell, Kilmore
14/11/1987	A	Scarborough U	● 2-1	3,764	McGarvey, North
17/11/1988	H	Wolves	● 1-0	7,922	Cockerill
18/11/1989	A	York C	● 2-1	4,128	Hargreaves (2)
25/11/1997	H	Shrewsbury T	● 4-0	3,242	Jobling, Nogan, Lester, o.g.
08/11/2003	H	QPR	● 1-0	4,144	Boulding
20/11/2007	H	Carlisle U	● 1-0	2,008	Jones
22/11/2011	H	Port Vale	● 1-0	1,906	Makofo
19/11/2013	A	Scunthorpe U	● 2-1	5,699	John-Lewis, McDonald
07/11/2015	H	St Albans C	● 5-1	2,263	Townsend, Amond (2), Pittman, Marshall
10/11/2018	H	MK Dons	● 3-1	1,991	Embleton, Thomas, Vernam

expunged, and the two league games whilst we were still in Division One were played at Maine Road due to bomb damage to Old Trafford. When we played our old FA Cup adversaries in 1988, a Cockerill goal was sufficient for us to ease past them. That season was the one where Town fans took inflatables to their heart with Harry Haddock emerging as the great favourite. It was the start of an excellent run as we beat Rotherham, Middlesbrough and Reading (at the second time of asking) to set up a fifth round tie at Wimbledon the holders of the FA Cup. The late, great Keith Alexander put the Town faithful in dreamland with his goal, and set off the biggest shoal of Harry Haddocks ever seen on dry land! Sadly three goals from the Crazy Gang was sufficient to deflate the Harry Haddocks and their owners, but a day to live in the memories of all who were there!

And so to our game here four years ago and a good 5-1 win over St Albans. On the scoresheet twice for Town was fans' favourite Podge Amond. Is it really that long ago that Padraig was the toast of the Town? Thanks for the memories Podge... and the 37 goals!

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Good afternoon and welcome to today's FA cup game against Newport County and especially to the visiting fans making the long return journey from South Wales.

As with the other cup competitions, the interest in the early rounds of the FA Cup tends to be quite low but it should be remembered that this particular competition can provide a vital financial lifeline for lower league and non-league clubs. Indeed, our visitors today have benefited hugely from good runs in the cup in the last two seasons including many televised games which has provided vital additional revenue which in turn has enabled them to be more competitive than may be they otherwise would have been. The winners today will receive £36k and then second round winners receive £54k and third round £135k, so as you can see the rewards are quite significant.

On the subject of financial performance, it was good to see the club report a profit for last year of £150,573 which came as a result of player trading and reaching the FA Cup third round against Crystal Palace. If we analyse the results over the last few years you can see that we very much work on a sustainable basis which is something we should be proud of, particularly when we see what has happened to other clubs recently:

- 2015 - (£78,000)
- 2016 - £59,062
- 2017 - £1,069,791
- 2018 - (£36,328)
- 2019 - £150,573

The large profit in 2017 was principally a result of player trading and has been used to help reduce the club's debt, notably paying off the bank loan of £350,000 (we no longer have any debt to the bank) and also some director loans. This certainly helps make the club more attractive to any future investors. The profit also supported investment in ground improvements and in the academy which as we have seen is reaping rewards with seven of the current squad coming through the academy.

A reminder that on Tuesday (12th November) we have a football quiz night which will include a team of players and a team of management. It is just £5 per team to enter and starts at 7.30pm in the Trust bar, tickets can be purchased online or you can pay on the door, just message us to tell us in advance so that we can cater for numbers. As well as the quiz we will take the opportunity to have a short Q&A.

Finally, we have to mention the fans who made the long trek down to Plymouth only for the game to be called off. I was with a group who went down on the Friday and stayed over until Sunday and so obviously we were absolutely gutted when we got the news as were the many others who were also either staying over or had virtually got all the way before turning back. When we saw the photo of the damage

to the roof it didn't look too bad but to be fair if it had blown off during the game and hit someone there would have been hell to pay. Safety must come first and realistically there was no other decision that could have been taken, it is just one of those things and hopefully we will have better luck when we go back on a Tuesday night. The one consolation our group had was that on the Friday night we got to meet up with Stuart Brace who played over 200 games for Town, scoring 81 league goals, and was top scorer for three seasons on the trot in the late 60's/early 70's. He started his career at Plymouth, which is where he still lives, and is in fact an Argyle season ticket holder, but there is no doubt that he still has massive affection for our club and describes it as his best time in football. He was an absolute gent to speak to and we had two hours of wonderful stories during which time he didn't have a single bad thing to say about the club. Not only a great player, but also one of the nicest people you will ever meet.

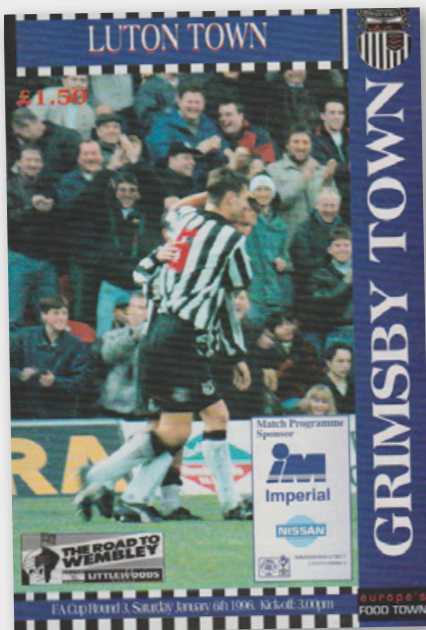
Enjoy the game and let's get right behind the team, it would be great to go on a good cup run, not just for the finances but also as a reward for the fans.

Up the Mariners!

The Mariners Trust Board

SEVENTH HEAVEN

Programme editor Jack Johnson remembers when the Mariners put seven past their Division One rivals Luton Town in the Third Round of the FA Cup.



The Mariners produced one of their finest displays in the FA Cup when they took apart Luton Town here at Blundell Park 23 years ago. On January 6th 1996, Brian Laws' side were flying high in Division One. A month prior to the game, they were top of the table after claiming 13 points out of a possible 15 during November, but a winless December saw the likes of Charlton Athletic, Birmingham City and Leicester City leap-frog The Mariners into pole position for promotion to the Premier League.

Despite Town's minor blip, the dream of reaching the top-flight after a near 50-year absence was very much still on, largely due to the genius of one man from Brescia: Ivano Bonetti. The 31-year-old Italian's arrival at Blundell Park turned a team of well-drilled pass-and-movers into a side that looked capable of challenging for promotion. The former Juventus star made his debut in a League Cup first round game against Birmingham City in front of a crowd of just 3,280. But after a series of match-winning performances, gates swelled to more than 6,000. And by the time Town faced Alan Buckley's West Brom, and his team of former Mariners, 8,155 packed into Blundell Park to watch the little Italian put in his seminal performance in a black and white shirt.

Three draws over the festive period had kept The Mariners in the hunt in the League but the Third Round encounter with Luton gave Town a "good opportunity to start a cup run," as Brian Laws stated in his programme notes. In sharp contrast, the Hatters were

bottom of Division One and their new boss Lennie Lawrence had barely moved his things into the manager's office at Kenilworth Road before he had to make the trip to Cleethorpes. On a very cold, wet and windy January afternoon, Laws selected a similar

ahead. From that moment on the Mariners didn't look back and went 2-0 up after Forrester's shot was turned in off the left boot of Steve Livingstone from close range. And soon afterwards Forrester got his second when the former Leeds United striker stirred Bonetti's cross into the net. The visitors managed to pull one back completely against the run of play, but Town restored their three goal advantage on the stroke of half-time thanks to Bonetti's neat finish.



“FORRESTER GOT ON THE END OF A MEASURED PASS INTO THE CHANNEL BY BONETTI, AND ON THE BOUNCE, BRILLIANTLY HOOKED IT OVER THE LUTON ‘KEEPER”

side to the one that drew with Huddersfield Town four days earlier. Paul Crichton was in goal; the back four were Brian Laws, Gary Croft, Peter Harydside and Graham Rodger; Paul Groves and Jim Dobbin patrolled the middle of the park and Gary Child and Ivano Bonetti the flanks; up front, Steve Livingstone partnered Jamie Forrester.

Town started the brighter of the two sides but the pounding rain and slippery surface looked like they could spoil the cup tie for both teams. Then, with 15 minutes on the clock, Forrester got on the end of a measured pass into the channel by Bonetti, and on the bounce, brilliantly hooked it over the Luton 'keeper Ian Feuer from an acute angle to put Town

Brian Laws' side (who'd not won in their last five Division One games) did not let up in the second half and Steve Livingstone got his second after the big striker smashed a low shot past Feuer to make it 5-1 in front of the Pontoon. With 15 minutes to go, Laws brought on substitutes Neil Woods, Craig Shakespeare and Nicky Southall and the latter made it six after converting Gary Croft's near-post cross. And then Woods completed the rout when he side-footed home Southall's centre.

The eye-catching victory proved to be the catalyst for the cup run that Laws wanted. After a 1-1 draw with Premier League West Ham at Upton Park, the Mariners dispatched Harry Redknapp's Hammers 3-0 in the replay and received national acclaim for their cup exploits. Chelsea then came to Blundell Park in the Fifth Round but a tight 0-0 draw meant that the tie went to a replay at Stamford Bridge a week later. However, the game proved to be a bridge too far for Brian Laws' side who slipped to a 4-1 defeat in West London. Town's cup exploits, though, didn't manage to ignite a promotion push. In fact, following the Luton hammering, the Mariners didn't win again in the league for nine games and only a mini revival in the build up to Easter prevented Brian Laws' men from becoming embroiled in a relegation scrap.

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HARRY CLIFTON

Club media officer Ryan Petterson speaks to Harry Clifton about his memories of last season's FA Cup run, and his hopes of another memorable season in the competition this year.

Clifton played in all of Town's Emirates FA Cup ties last season as the Mariners reached the third round of the competition for the first time since 2014.

The 21-year-old scored in the 2-0 win over Chesterfield in the second round, and played the whole 90 minutes in the third round against Crystal Palace as 10-man Town suffered an agonising 1-0 defeat after Jordan Ayew's 86th-minute goal at Selhurst Park.

And the Town youth academy graduate is now hoping for another memorable FA Cup journey in 2019-20.



“IT WAS AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE, AND IF IT CAN HAPPEN AGAIN THIS YEAR THEN WE’LL LEARN FROM LAST SEASON”

Harry, what have you made of the first few months of the season?

It's been a bit up and down so far. We've had good wins and there have also been some disappointing moments, but I think that's the nature of a football season – it's never a straight path, and that's for me personally and the team as well. But we just have to keep looking at the next game ahead, and picking up as many results as possible. It was similar last season, and then we had a good Christmas, so anything can happen – it's just concentrating on the next game.

Your season, individually, has been slightly stop-start with a couple of knocks, and international call-ups – how have you dealt with that?

It does come with frustrations, but you've got to put that to one side and keep doing what you do on the training ground and don't let your standards drop. And I just look back to a few years ago when I had a similar challenge about getting into the team – you've just got to keep banging down the door and do the right thing, and see where that takes you. It's a different challenge for me. You deal with injuries all the time, but I've had more than I would have liked this season. But it's another learning curve and it gets you mentally stronger and it makes you appreciate when you are on the pitch and when you are able to train. But I just keep concentrating on each game, and hopefully I can try and get a bit of a run together.



But how were the Wales U21 experiences, and what did you learn from them?

It's always a learning curve. It's something different – you're playing with academy players so the training is quite different. And you're in different environments in different parts of Europe, and you always take the positives and make the most of experiences, and that's what I try and do.

And more Wales connections with this FA Cup tie against Newport County - how do you see this one?

Newport are a good team, and we know players who play there – Podge (Padraig Amond) and Jamma (Jamilie Matt). We know what Podge and Jamma can do – they're very different types of players but they work really well together, and I'm sure that they'll be up for it. They'll be really up for the game and they'll want to cause us problems so we've definitely got to be up for that battle. We got the better of them at home in the league last season, which we can take into account, but we know that they're a good outfit. It'll be a really good FA Cup draw – they're the games you want to play in, and hopefully we can get the crowd behind us and get through to the next round.

You played in our FA Cup run last year, what are your memories of that?

Looking back, there are some good memories. It was my first FA Cup appearance, my first FA Cup goal, and we also played at a Premier League ground, so I have some really good memories of the FA Cup last year so if that can happen again this year it would be fantastic. We beat League Two opponents in the first round last year so we'll look to do that again, but it's no easy task getting past Newport so we've just got to get our heads down and focus on that.

What were your emotions after scoring your first ever FA Cup goal in the 2-0 win over Chesterfield?

I was just delighted to be playing in the FA Cup, but then to actually contribute and score the second goal was amazing. I just remember running and celebrating with the fans – I think I got a bit carried away with my celebration! And I also remember doing an interview with Charles Vernam on BBC Sport at the end of the match, and all the fans singing our names and waiting for us to see them – there are some fantastic memories from that day. Obviously that was the second round, but we had some good memories beating MK Dons in the first round so we can definitely take that into this year.

And what about that day in the third round against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park?

You get those days because of the hard work you've put in in the first two rounds. I remember watching the FA Cup draw, and when we



found out we had got Crystal Palace it was an amazing feeling. I still look back now and think 'We could've done it!' But it was an amazing experience, and if it can happen again this year then we'll learn from last season and hopefully we can take it into this year.

That Palace game must have been special for you and your family – especially hearing your name being sung by the 5,000+ Town fans?

At the end we were gutted that we had lost because we came so close, but it was bittersweet because we were proud of what we'd done. But when I heard the 5,000 Grimsby Town fans singing my name at the end it got very emotional. And when the Crystal Palace fans clapped us off, it's a moment that we'll stay with me for the rest of my career and it's one of the biggest moments of my career so far. But you just hope that that's not the last of them, and you just want it all to happen again, so we'll see what's to come.

How much are you hoping to use last season's FA Cup exploits as inspiration for this year?

Definitely. That was only in my first few years as a professional footballer, and I had those moments. But moments like that in football go quite quickly – you remember them, but before you know it you've got a game the following Saturday, you don't have much time to take it all in. So the more moments like that you can get throughout your career the better.



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ARCHIE ALLBONES



Archie is attending his first live FA Cup game today at Blundell Park. Archie enjoys watching football on the big screen and has been to a couple of GTFC matches when he was a lot younger but doesn't really recall much other than being very cold! His dad Johnny is hoping that today's game should reignite his passion for the Mighty Mariners!

MATCH BALL PRESENTATION



10-year-old Charlie Varah presented the match ball to the referee ahead of the game against Leicester City U21s.

MARINERS MOMENTS IN LEGO

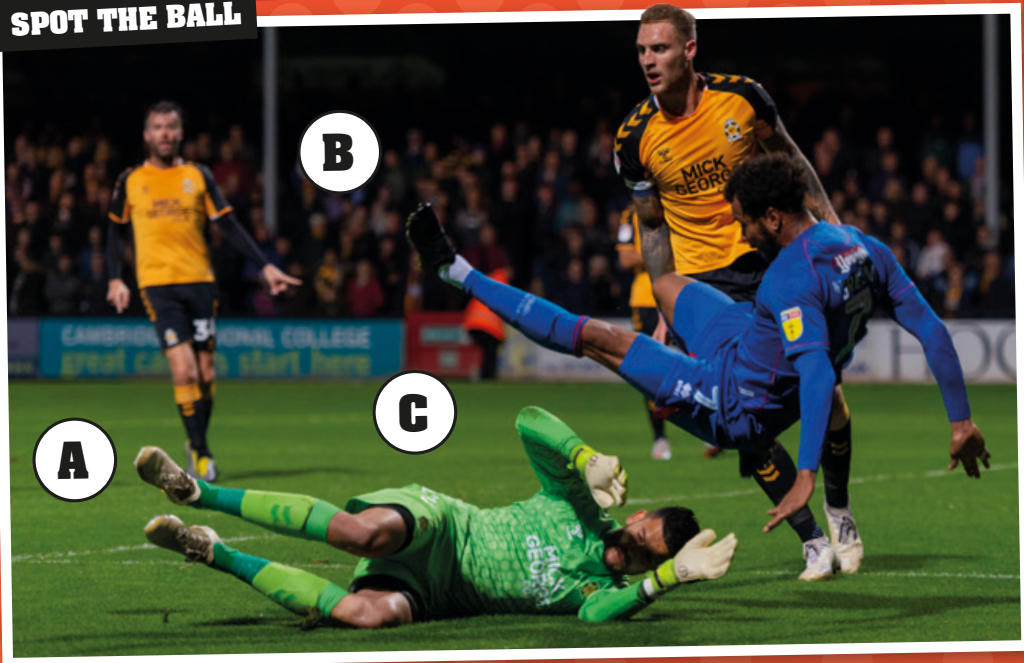


Town captain Jackie Bestall shakes hands with the Wolves skipper ahead of the FA Cup Semi Final at Old Trafford in 1939.

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SPOT THE BALL



GETTING TO KNOW MATTIE POLLOCK

Who did you support as a child? Arsenal
What was your favourite subject at school? PE
What type of football boots do you wear? Adidas Predator

Who do you think is the best player in your position in the world? It's between Virgil van Dijk and Sergio Ramos. I prefer Ramos because everybody in my house is a Liverpool supporter and I don't like it when they always bang on about van Dijk, so I'd say Ramos!

Who is your best friend in the Grimsby Town team? I've got a lot, and obviously I get along with all the young lads, but I'd say Ethan Robson and Liam Gibson with them both being from a similar place to myself

What is your favourite food? Pasta
What is your favourite drink? Fanta Fruit Twist

What is your favourite TV show? I don't really watch TV

What's your favourite song, or who's your favourite artist at the moment? Drake

What video games do you play? I don't play any

What kind of car do you drive? Mercedes

Where did you last go on holiday? Portugal

Do you have a special talent or party trick? No



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Luis Adlard

LUIS ADLARD'S EXTRA-TIME GOAL WAS ENOUGH TO SEE GRIMSBY TOWN YOUTH TEAM PROGRESS TO THE SECOND ROUND OF THE FA YOUTH CUP AS THEY BEAT RUGBY TOWN 1-0 AT BLUNDELL PARK.

Neil Woods's side controlled large parts of the game, but couldn't find the breakthrough as it ended 0-0 after 90 minutes.

But the young Mariners continued to push in extra time, and broke the deadlock after Adlard connected with Brandon McPherson's pass to make it 1-0.

There was great support for Town, who were challenged by their opposition early on – there was a scrap for possession in a stop-start game, with neither time quite finding their groove.

There were moments in the game where Town looked likely to score first with Lennon Stead beating his man and flashing across goal, but no Town player could get there to tap it in.

Town took control of possession in the second half and created more chances as they looked to open the scoring.

Stead was on the end of McPherson's free-kick, only to see it go over the bar, and Josh Smaller headed wide from a similar set piece.

The game ended with Town dominating and showing excellent fitness levels but it remained 0-0 as the match headed into extra time.

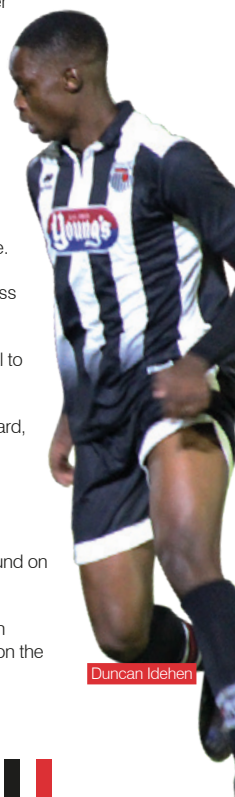
Town upped the tempo again as they continued to search for a goal to get ahead in the tie.

And it finally came after some neat play from McPherson found Adlard, who slotted home to make it 1-0 in the eighth minute of extra time.

Town saw out the game without conceding any further attempts on goal as they progressed to the second round of the competition.

The young Mariners will travel to Crewe Alexandra in the second round on Wednesday, November 13.

Town were in action against Walsall at Cheapside earlier in the Youth Alliance Cup. Make sure pick up The Mariner next time for a report on the game!



Duncan Idehen


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AUGUST			
Sat 3	Doncaster Rovers	A YA	1-4
Sat 10	Bradford City	H YA	2-1
Sat 17	Burton Albion	A YA	0-2
Sat 24	Chesterfield	H YACG	3-0
Sat 31	Scunthorpe United	H YA	1-0
SEPTEMBER			
Sat 7	Chesterfield	A YA	1-1
Fri 13	Scunthorpe United	A YACG	0-2
Sat 21	Lincoln City	H YA	0-1
Sat 28	Mansfield Town	A YA	1-2
OCTOBER			
Sat 5	Salford City	A YACG	P-P
Sat 12	Notts County	H YA	1-4
Sat 19	Huddersfield Town	A YA	1-2
NOVEMBER			
Fri 1	Rugby Town	H FAYC1	1-0
Sat 9	Walsall	H YACG	
Wed 13	Crewe Alexandra	A FAYC2	
Sat 16	Rotherham United	H YA	
Sat 23	Chesterfield	H YA	
Sat 30	Scunthorpe United	A YA	
DECEMBER			
Sat 14	Mansfield Town	H YA	
JANUARY			
Sat 4	Lincoln City	A YA	
Sat 18	Huddersfield Town	H YA	
Sat 25	Notts County	A YA	
FEBRUARY			
Sat 8	Rotherham United	A YA	
Sat 29	Doncaster Rovers	H YA	
MARCH			
Sat 7	Bradford City	A YA	
Sat 14	Burton Albion	H YA	

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1 Doncaster Rovers	8	9	16
2 Scunthorpe United	7	6	15
3 Mansfield Town	9	3	14
4 Rotherham United	7	6	13
5 Notts County	8	2	13
6 Bradford City	7	6	10
7 Huddersfield Town	8	-6	10
8 Lincoln City	7	0	8
9 Burton Albion	7	-4	7
10 Grimsby Town	9	-9	7
11 Chesterfield	7	-13	5




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- *Outreach Team*
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- Outreach Services to rough sleepers
- Advice and advocacy services
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- Activities to build skills and confidence

In the past 12 months, Harbour Place has worked with over 200 different rough sleepers and supported over 180 individuals into stable accommodation. Further ongoing support is provided to those clients as they continue on their journey.

Andrew Brown is Chair of Trustees at Harbour Place and a GTFC season ticket holder, so he is supporting both organisations via his match sponsorship.



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Saturday November 17th 1979

Kick off 3 p.m. League Division 3

GRIMSBY TOWN (1) 1 - 0 (0) WIMBLEDON

Grimsby Town: (1) Batch (2) Stone (3) K. Moore (4) Waters (5) Wigginton (6) Crombie (7) Brolly (8) Ford (9) Kilmore (10) Mitchell (11) Liddell (12) Mawer

Wimbledon: (1) Goddard (2) Briley (3) Jones (4) Galliers (5) Bowgett (6) Downes (7) Lewington (8) Parsons (9) Leslie (10) Cork (11) Dziadulewicz (12) Ketteridge (for Briley)

Attendance: 6716

Scorer: Waters, pen. (Town, 22)

Having lost their momentum the previous Friday at Southend, Grimsby looked for a quick return to winning ways against bottom of the table Wimbledon. The Dons had been promoted alongside Town the previous season, but Dario Gradi's side were finding Third Division life difficult, and had won just once in their previous nine league games.

George Kerr left out Drinkell and Cumming, who had both picked up thigh injuries in the previous day's training session. Their places were taken by Liddell and Kilmore, the latter returning for the first time since Town's defeat at Sheffield Wednesday.

Like the weather itself, the game was dismal. Gradi adopted an ultra-defensive tactic to try and get his side out of trouble. And he nearly got away with it, his team's style and the sticky and heavily sanded Blundell Park making Grimsby's fluent passing game difficult.

The game's only goal came from a Waters penalty after Brolly was fouled by Ketteridge. However, had the fixture been played in better conditions, and had Drinkell and Cumming been available, the Mariners might well have scored six or seven. Wimbledon had both desperation and relegation written all over them. They remained rooted to the bottom after this defeat, their tenth in nineteen league games. Town remained eleventh, but at least they were back to winning ways.

Two days later, Joe Waters was again called up to the Republic of Ireland squad, this time for their European Championship game against Northern Ireland in Belfast. He came on as a substitute in a 1-0 defeat, but his appearance gave him the distinction of being the first since Johnny Scott in 1958 to be awarded a full cap as a Grimsby Town player.

Saturday November 24th 1979

Kick off 3 p.m. FA Cup Round 1

GRIMSBY TOWN (0) 1 - 1 (0) CHESTERFIELD

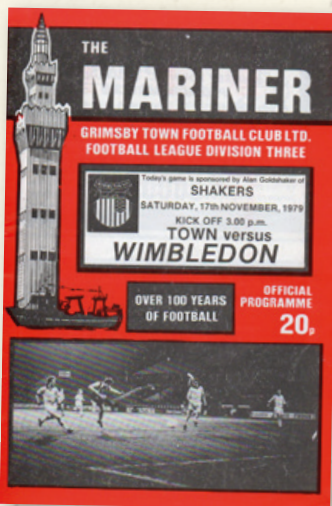
Grimsby Town: (1) Batch (2) Stone (3) K. Moore (4) Waters (5) Wigginton (6) Crombie (7) Brolly (8) Ford (9) Kilmore (10) Mitchell (11) Cumming (12) Drinkell (for Kilmore)

Chesterfield: (1) Tingay, (2) Tartt, (3) O'Neill, (4) Ridley, (5) Green, (6) Kowalski, (7) Birch, (8) Moss, (9) Walker, (10) Salmons, (11) Crawford, (12) Burton

Attendance: 8406

Scorers: Waters (Town, 86) Walker (Chesterfield, 89)

A sixth successive home cup draw for the Mariners saw Chesterfield visit Blundell Park





Joe Waters puts Town ahead against Chesterfield

for the second time in five weeks. Although the first half ended goalless, it was hugely entertaining. Chesterfield came closest when Crawford chipped the ball over Batch only for Dean Crombie to clear it off the line. At the other end, a header from Cumming was cleared from under the crossbar by O'Neill.

The second half also saw both sides create good chances, but it wasn't until four minutes from time that the deadlock was broken. Waters received a pass from Brolly on the edge of the Chesterfield penalty area. He turned, sent O'Neill the wrong way, and as Tingay advanced from his goal Waters clipped the ball high into the net.

Just as it looked as though Town were through to the next round, Chesterfield equalised with only a minute remaining. Birch's touchline cut-back evaded Batch at his near post. Waters' interception only fell to Ridley, whose pass found Phil Walker before Waters could get a challenge in. Calmly, Walker put the ball into the Grimsby net.

The Mariners should have held on to their lead, but few in the ground would deny that Chesterfield deserved an equaliser, and a second chance in the following Tuesday's replay.

Tuesday November 27th 1979

FA Cup Round 1 replay

CHESTERFIELD (2) 2 - 3 (1) GRIMSBY TOWN

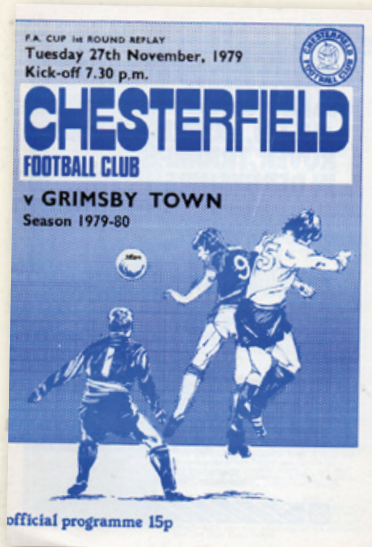
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Grimsby: (1) Batch (2) Stone (3) K. Moore (4) Waters (5) Wigginton (6) Crombie (7) Brolly (8) Ford (9) Drinkell (10) Mitchell (11) Crombie (12) Kilmore (for Ford)

Attendance: 7,820

Scorers: Green (Chesterfield, 31) Salmons (Chesterfield, 41) K. Moore (Town, 43) Drinkell (Town, 80) Kilmore (Town, 86)

Kevin Drinkell had only played the last fifteen minutes of the original cup-tie when he replaced Kevin Kilmore. However, to give the Mariners a greater aerial threat against Chesterfield's giant centre halves, Kerr decided to start with Drinkell and named Kilmore as substitute.



Town were playing well, but fell behind after half an hour when Batch's indecision allowed Green to send a far post header into the back of the Grimsby net. Ten minutes later, Chesterfield scored again. Moss created an opportunity for Salmons to run through the middle. He was too quick for Town's defenders, and hit a low shot past Batch.

“When the final whistle blew, players on both sides sank to their knees, but for very different reasons. Town’s magnificent comeback ensured another bumper gate for the Sheffield United’s visit in the next round”

The Mariners’ responded immediately, and Stone’s long free-kick into the Chesterfield penalty area was headed in by Kevin Moore, with Tingay this time the goal-keeper guilty of indecision.

Only ten minutes of the second half were left when Town equalised. A Bobby Mitchell shot rebounded off a defender and fell to Drinkell who struck the ball firmly into the bottom corner. Only four minutes were left when Town scored the winner. Brolly’s cross was headed goalwards by Wigginton. His effort was blocked on the line, but the ball rebounded kindly for Kilmore who put it straight into the net.

With Mitchell constantly reminding his team mates to remain calm, Town played out the last few minutes comfortably. When the final whistle blew, players on both sides sank to their knees, but for very different reasons. Town’s magnificent comeback ensured another bumper gate for the Sheffield United’s visit in the next round.

Saturday December 1st 1979

Kick off 3 p.m. League Division 3

OXFORD UNITED (0) 0 - 1 (1) GRIMSBY TOWN

Oxford United: (1) Burton (2) Doyle (3) Fogg (4) Briggs (5) Stott (6) Brock (7) Graydon (8) Duncan (9) White (10) Cooke (11) Hodgson (12) McIntosh

Grimsby Town: (1) Batch (2) Stone (3) K. Moore (4) Waters (5) Wigginton (6) Crombie (7) Brolly (8) Kilmore (9) Drinkell (10) Mitchell (11) Cumming (12) Liddell (for Drinkell)

Attendance: 3361

Scorer: Kilmore (Town, 31)

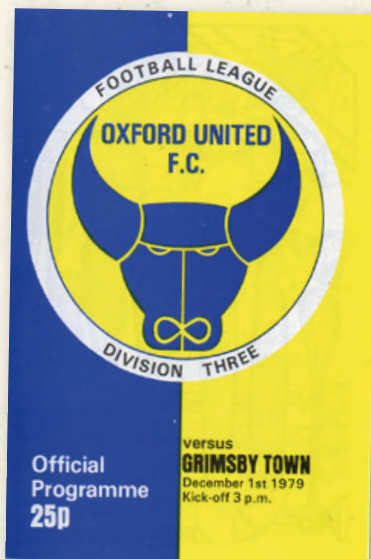
Mid-table Oxford had suffered an FA Cup defeat by non-league Barking, a result which their Secretary described as ‘catastrophic’. If ever a side lacked confidence Oxford were it, and the Mariners took full advantage. In the first five minutes, Kilmore would have had two goals were it not for his overhead kick going just wide and a second attempt producing a good save from United ‘keeper Burton.

With the Mariners in complete control, it was no surprise when they took the lead after half an hour. John Stone’s cross should have been cut out by Burton, but reached Cumming instead. He simply lobbed the ball back into the penalty area, and Kilmore scored with a header that went in at the far post. It was Kilmore’s fifth goal in just nine league games since joining Town.

Oxford did little to suggest they would equalise let alone win the game. Indeed, Grimsby had no fewer than five opportunities to increase their lead. The best of these fell to Stone, whose fierce shot hit Burton’s hands rather than Burton actually saving it.

No one seemed more pleased to hear the full-time whistle than the Oxford players, for whom this was a fourth home league defeat of the season and the only time they had ever conceded points to Grimsby at the Manor Ground since the clubs first met in the 1965-1966 season.

The win took Grimsby back up to eighth with the gap to the top three reduced to three points. Next up for Town, though, was the little matter of a League Cup quarter-final tie with Wolverhampton Wanderers.





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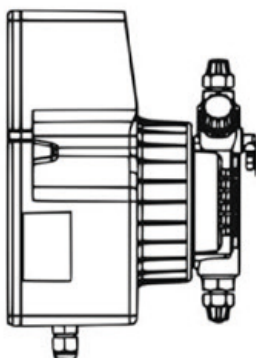
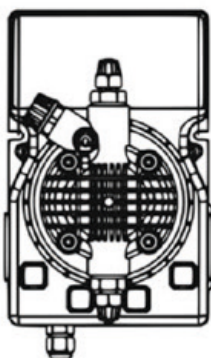
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Ollie Battersby joined participants from Grimsby Town Sports and Education Trust's Premier League Kicks session in Grimsby to celebrate the commitment from the Premier League to fund the community programme for another three years.

This investment will enable more than 175,000 young people to access Premier League Kicks sessions across England and Wales by 2022.

Premier League Kicks gives young people access to free football sessions, sports sessions and workshops, providing them with opportunities, support and pathways to achieve their full potential. It sees club community staff working closely with young people and authorities in their local area, including police, to create stronger, safer and more inclusive communities.

Aimed at eight-to-18-year-olds, Kicks engages young people in positive activities through their passion for football, whilst also addressing topics covering everything from equality and inclusion to youth violence and knife crime.

Premier League support will see the programme grow so that 90 Premier League, EFL and National League clubs are able to deliver sport and education sessions in hundreds of



local communities where projects are needed most. With a focus on integration, equality and inclusion, thousands more girls will be engaged, and clubs will deliver ever more inclusive sessions.

Battersby saw how young people in Grimsby have been positively impacted by the programme and joined in with the GTSET's weekly football session.

Premier League Executive Director Bill Bush said: "The Premier League Kicks programme has been running successfully through our clubs and many across the EFL for thirteen years. To show our commitment to young people and communities, we are investing further to ensure its continuation for another three years, until 2022.

"Kicks is our flagship community programme and we

are pleased that with the support of clubs and partners across the country, not least the police, we can continue to positively impact young people, providing them with opportunities and pathways that they may not have been able to access. Twenty per cent of current Premier League Kicks staff are former participants or volunteers, which goes to show how a long-term commitment can provide support and pathways for young people to better themselves, in turn allowing them to be a positive influence to others growing up in their community."

To find out more about Premier League Kicks or to find a local session, please visit www.gtset.co.uk.

More information on the national PL Kicks programme and its objectives can be found at www.premierleague.com/communities/programmes/community-programmes/pl-kicks.



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Sat 3	Morecambe	A L2	2-0	Whitehouse, Wright	2,872	1,073	2	McKeown	Hewitt	Hendrie	Öhman	Davis
Sat 10	Bradford City	H L2	1-1	Hanson	6,882	1,783	4	McKeown	Hewitt	Hendrie	Öhman	Davis
Tue 13	Doncaster Rovers	H CC1	0-0	Cook	2,470	478	-	McKeown	Hendrie	Gibson	Pollock	Davis
Sat 17	Forest Green Rovers	A L2	0-1	-	2,152	283	13	McKeown	Hewitt	Hendrie	Waterfall	Davis
Tue 20	Colchester United	H L2	2-2	Hanson (p), Green	4,103	144	14	McKeown	Hendrie	Ring	Waterfall	Davis
Sat 24	Port Vale	H L2	5-2	Cook, Ogbu, Green, Waterfall, Hanson	4,290	246	7	McKeown	Hewitt	Hendrie	Waterfall	Davis
Sat 31	Walsall	A L2	3-1	Whitehouse, Hanson (2, 1p)	4,812	772	4	McKeown	Hewitt	Hendrie	Waterfall	Öhman
SEPTEMBER												
Tue 3	Scunthorpe United	H LTG	1-2	Cardwell	1,302	202	-	Russell	Starbuck	Ring	Pollock	Gibson
Sat 7	Crewe Alexandra	H L2	0-2	-	4,679	145	7	McKeown	Hewitt	Hendrie	Waterfall	Öhman
Tue 10	Macclesfield Town	H CC2	0-0*	-	3,011	44	-	McKeown	Hendrie	Gibson	Pollock	Öhman
Sat 14	Oldham Athletic	A L2	2-2	Cook, Öhman	3,789	783	9	McKeown	Hendrie	Gibson	Waterfall	Öhman
Tue 17	Salford City	A L2	0-1	-	2,782	1,066	11	McKeown	Hendrie	Gibson	Waterfall	Öhman
Sat 21	Macclesfield Town	H L2	1-0	Robson	3,794	69	-	McKeown	Hendrie	Gibson	Waterfall	Hewitt
Wed 25	Chelsea	A CC3	1-7	Green	39,674	4,820	-	McKeown	Hendrie	Gibson	Davis	Pollock
Sat 28	Exeter City	A L2	3-1	Robson (2), Ogbu (p)	4,973	261	7	McKeown	Hendrie	Gibson	Waterfall	Pollock
OCTOBER												
Sat 5	Mansfield Town	H L2	0-1	-	5,087	681	9	McKeown	Hendrie	Gibson	Waterfall	Davis
Tue 8	Sunderland	A LTG	2-3	Green, Ogbu	6,952	tbc	-	McKeown	Hewitt	Ring	Pollock	Davis
Sat 12	Stevenage	A L2	1-2	Rose	3,220	635	10	McKeown	Hewitt	Hendrie	Waterfall	Davis
Sat 19	Leyton Orient	H L2	0-4	-	4,132	383	14	McKeown	Hendrie	Gibson	Waterfall	Öhman
Tue 22	Cambridge United	A L2	0-0	-	4,898	369	16	McKeown	Hendrie	Gibson	Waterfall	Öhman
Sat 26	Cheltenham Town	H L2	P-P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tue 29	Leicester City U21s	H LTG	1-2	Ogbu	341	22	-	Russell	Hewitt	Gibson	Pollock	Davis
NOVEMBER												
Sat 2	Plymouth Argyle	A L2	P-P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 9	Newport County	H FAC1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 16	Newport County	H L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 23	Northampton Town	A L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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DECEMBER												
Sat 7	Swindon Town	H L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 14	Carlisle United	A L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 21	Scunthorpe United	H L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thu 26	Macclesfield Town	A L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun 29	Crawley Town	H L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JANUARY												
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Sat 4	Mansfield Town	A L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 11	Leyton Orient	A L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 18	Exeter City	H L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 25	Crawley Town	A L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tue 28	Stevenage	H L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FEBRUARY												
Sat 1	Forest Green Rovers	H L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 8	Bradford City	A L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tue 11	Colchester United	A L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 15	Morecambe	H L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 22	Swindon Town	A L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 29	Northampton Town	H L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARCH												
Sat 7	Scunthorpe United	A L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 14	Carlisle United	H L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tue 17	Cambridge United	H L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 21	Cheltenham Town	A L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 28	Plymouth Argyle	H L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APRIL												
Sat 4	Newport County	A L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fri 10	Port Vale	A L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mon 13	Walsall	H L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 18	Crewe Alexandra	A L2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Hessenthaler	Vernam	Cook	Whitehouse	Rose	Green ¹	Ogbu ¹
Hessenthaler	Cook	Whitehouse	Robson	Green	Hanson	Hessenthaler, Cardwell, Waterfall
Hessenthaler	Cook	Whitehouse	Robson	Green	Hanson	Ogbu, Rose ¹ , Vernam
Hessenthaler	Hewitt	Clifton	Vernam	Rose	Hanson	Ogbu, Green, Whitehouse
Pollock	Hewitt	Hessenthaler	Whitehouse	Green	Hanson	Rose, Davis
Used Substitutes						
Hessenthaler	Clifton	Robson	Ogbu ¹	Rose	Cardwell	Cook, Vernam, Ring

	P	GD	PTS
1 Forest Green	16	10	31
2 Bradford	16	9	30
3 Swindon	17	8	30
4 Crewe	16	8	30
5 Exeter	17	3	29
6 Cheltenham	15	13	28
7 Newport	16	4	27
8 Colchester	17	6	26
9 Northampton	17	4	25
10 Port Vale	17	0	25
11 Salford	17	-4	24
12 Cambridge	17	5	23
13 Plymouth	16	4	23
14 Mansfield	17	1	20
15 Macclesfield	16	-3	20
16 Leyton Orient	17	-4	20
17 Crawley	17	-5	20
18 Grimsby	15	0	19
19 Carlisle	17	-11	18
20 Oldham	17	-8	16
21 Scunthorpe	17	-4	15
22 Walsall	17	-13	15
23 Stevenage	17	-9	13
24 Morecambe	17	-14	13



	2019-20		GTFC CAREER	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS
1 McKeown	19	-	431	-
2 Hendrie	18(1)	-	65	2
3 Gibson	12(1)	-	13	-
4 Davis	11(2)	-	51	3
5 Öhman	9	1	22	1
6 Waterfall	13(1)	1	14	1
7 Green	14(3)	4	17	4
8 Hessenthaler	18(2)	-	70	1
9 Hanson	16(1)	5	17	5
10 Whitehouse	14(4)	2	18	2
11 Cook	10(5)	3	43	8
12 Robson	7(3)	3	10	3
13 Battersby	-	-	-	-
14 Rose	8(3)	1	31	2
15 Clifton	6(2)	-	64	3
17 Cardwell	2(3)	1	49	3
18 Vernam	4(7)	-	61	6
19 Wright	5(7)	1	17	1
20 Ogbu	13(5)	4	18	4
21 Ring	3(2)	-	20	-
22 Hewitt	17(2)	-	19	-
23 Russell	2	-	9	-
24 Curran	-	-	-	-
25 Pollock	8(4)	-	14	-
26 Buckley	-	-	1	-
27 McPherson	(1)	-	1	-
29 Starbuck	1	-	1	-
31 Adlard	(1)	-	1	-

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GRIMSBY TOWN WOMEN'S FC

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL WEEKEND - 16-17 NOVEMBER

Following a record-breaking opening weekend in the 2019-20 Barclays FA Women's Super League, The FA announced plans for the first Women's Football Weekend, with 16-17 November set to be another landmark moment in the growing popularity of the women's game.

The announcement of the weekend, that will become an annual event, comes after a momentous Barclays FA Women's Super League

weekend, as more than 62,000 supporters attended the opening-day fixtures.

We've also seen for ourselves how women's football is quickly capturing the imagination of Town supporters, with over 500 people attending the first ever women's fixture held at Blundell Park recently.

With the men's international weekend creating a pause in the Premier League and some EFL

calendars, The FA are calling on supporters to capitalise on the opportunity to back Women's Football Weekend.

We would also like Grimsby Town fans to get behind Women's Football Weekend and to support our women's team on Sunday 17th November.

It coincides nicely with our women's first ever appearance in the Lincolnshire County Cup, with the news that we have drawn Louth away at their London Road ground (kick off time to be advised).

Knowing the great following that our women have built up in such a short period of time, nothing would surprise us to see a good number of Town fans making the short journey to Louth and backing Women's Football Weekend on the 17th.

Best wishes,

Dale Houlston
Grimsby Town Women's FC Manager



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- 3 Liam **Gibson**
- 4 Harry **Davis**
- 5 Ludvig **Öhman**
- 6 Luke **Waterfall**
- 7 Matt **Green**
- 8 Jake **Hessenthaler**
- 9 James **Hanson**
- 10 Elliott **Whitehouse**
- 11 Jordan **Cook**
- 12 Ethan **Robson**
- 13 Ollie **Battersby**
- 14 Ahkeem **Rose**
- 15 Harry **Clifton**
- 17 Harry **Cardwell**
- 18 Charles **Vernam**
- 19 Max **Wright**
- 20 Moses **Ogbu**
- 21 Sebastian **Ring**
- 22 Elliott **Hewitt**
- 23 Sam **Russell**
- 24 Jock **Curran**
- 25 Mattie **Pollock**
- 26 Brandon **Buckley**



REFEREE:
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ASSISTANT:
David Benton



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- 01 Tom **King**
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- 04 Joss **Labadie**
- 05 Kyle **Howkins**
- 07 Robbie **Willmott**
- 08 Matt **Dolan**
- 09 Pádraig **Amond**
- 10 Josh **Sheehan**
- 11 Jamille **Matt**
- 12 Danny **McNamara**
- 14 Ade **Azeez**
- 15 Tristan **Abrahams**
- 16 George **Nurse**
- 17 Scot **Bennett**
- 20 Corey **Whitely**
- 21 Lewis **Collins**
- 22 Taylor **Maloney**
- 24 Dominic **Poleon**
- 25 Mark **O'Brien**
- 27 Ryan **Inniss**
- 28 Mickey **Demetriou**
- 29 Dom **Jefferies**
- 30 Nick **Townsend**
- 33 Keanu **Marsh-Brown**
- 34 Ioan **Evans**
- 37 Elis **Watts**
- 38 Ryan **George**
- 39 Ryan **Hillier**



ASSISTANT:
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