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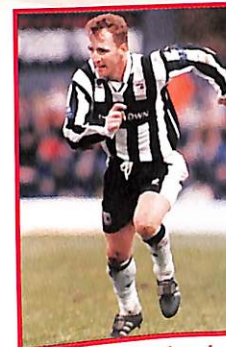
THE BUCKLEY BRIEF

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen!
Welcome to today's game against Fulham. It goes without saying that since Kevin Keegan and Ray Wilkins joined the club they had had a somewhat higher profile!!! Both are of course household names and one would particularly remember Kevin for the magnificent job he did as manager of Newcastle. A glance at the league table also shows how important today's encounter is.

Thanks for the magnificent support you gave us at Elland Road last Saturday. I thought our possession football was of a very high standard - however we lacked a vital cutting edge and never really tested their goalkeeper, and conceded two sloppy) from our viewpoint) goals.



Daryl Clare - first senior goal for the Club against Brentford



Steve Livingstone who put a fine display in the centre of defence against Brentford in our last home game

Nevertheless, our cup exploits have seen us perform with distinction this season, against the likes of Sheffield Wednesday, Leicester, Liverpool, Norwich and Leeds - most satisfying. On a different note, much has been made of the 'Bosman' ruling - and quite rightly so. Most clubs are very concerned what sort of problems they will encounter.

Obviously clubs will try to negotiate with soon out of contract players early. One thing for sure, the 'rich' will continue to get richer, as always the best players will take the largest "slice of the cake". Of course I have my own opinions of what may happen - soccer's agents will also become richer for one thing!!! It goes without saying that the cash can only go so far - one of the things that bothers me is will young players be sacrificed in order to pay senior ones?? The PFA, whilst trying to protect members should not forget they have more non-superstars than others. Our club depends on producing our own talent to become good

players for us or maybe to sell on. I will do my utmost to make sure our youngsters will not be sacrificed in such a manner. Anyhow - so much for me sounding off - thanks again for your valued support.
Enjoy the game

Alan Buckley

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

become team manager at Fulham. Keegan and Wilkins got on extremely well as England playing colleagues and it was a natural partnership.

ANDRE ARENDESE (Goalkeeper)

Fulham can boast of having one of the very first qualifiers for next year's World Cup final in France, playing in the UK, in the shape of goalkeeper Andre. The 30-year old 6ft 2ins keeper turned out in front of 80,000 in Johannesburg as South Africa clinched the draw they needed against the Congo to take their place. Andre won promotion from the Second Division with Cape Town Spurs in 1990, and then League and Cup double in 1995. But he revealed: "I joined the South African set-up when they got back into World Football in 1992 but didn't get a first team chance until 1995. He now has 24 caps and the chance of going to the World Cup finals.

JIMMY AGGREY (Defender)

Jimmy joined Fulham in the summer on a free. The 19 year old Brentford born defender was released by Chelsea after completing his apprenticeship with them. Jimmy says "I started at Chelsea at age 11, playing matches during the holidays and enjoyed my YTS two years, even though it didn't work out as I had hoped. It was a set back but now I am looking forward with Fulham."

ANDY ARNOTT (Defender)

Andy, who came on a free transfer from Leyton Orient, is the product of one of the most successful youth policies outside the big clubs in recent years. Born in Chatham, 24-year old, 6ft 1ins Andy was taken on by Gillingham as a YTS lad alongside future Fulham club mates Chippy Carpenter and Paul Watson. Andy spent five years as a pro at the Kent club, the first two as a forward and then as a defender, notching up 12 goals. He moved to Orient for £15,000 last year, bought by Pat Holland, before his switch this summer to Fulham as a more than useful utility player.

MARK BLAKE (Central Defender)

The former Shrewsbury captain signed for Fulham in September 1994 and was voted Player of the Year in the 1994/95 season by the fans. Mark is a former England Youth International who played for Southampton when former Fulham manager Ian Branfoot was Coach at the Dell. Has over 150 appearances for Fulham to date, he is the usual penalty taker.

PAUL BRACEWELL (Central Midfielder)

Playmaker Paul, 35, was immediately installed as captain after his arrival for £85,000 from Sunderland in October. Paul came through the Stoke youth system, hot on the heels of Garth Crooks, Adrian Heath and Lee Chapman, signing pro in February 1980. His first of three moves to Sunderland came in July 1983 for £250,000, taken to Roker by former Stoke boss Alan Durban. The Stoke connection took him on to Everton for £425,000, reuniting Paul with former Potteries team-mate and then Goodison boss Howard Kendall in May 1984. Again it was the Stoke link that saw him switch to Sunderland when former City central defender Denis Smith paid £250,000 for his services in August 1989. Then Paul, who had played for England with current Fulham boss Ray Wilkins, joined up with Kevin Keegan for the first time - moving to Newcastle in June 1992 for £250,000. He said: "It was a big move to make, considering the local rivalry but it was the right move for me after appearing in the FA Cup Final and being out of contract at Sunderland." Bracewell was a cornerstone on which Keegan built Newcastle into a big power again, before he moved to Sunderland for a third time, for £100,000 in August 1995, joining up with his old Everton team-mate Peter Reid who had become Roker boss. Bracewell has hitched himself to the Keegan star again and says: "I know the boss, Ray Wilkins, well from our England days and I hope my experience will help the other players."

PAUL BROOKER (Winger)

A product of Fulham's junior side. Paul is a speedy winger with skills to match. He played his first full game for Fulham two seasons ago and it looks like he will really come into his own this season, after getting over a cartilage operation at the beginning of October that kept him out until recently.

RICHARD CARPENTER (Right Side Midfield)

Richard joined Fulham from Gillingham in September 1996, after the Football League Tribunal Committee set the fee. The 25 year old stylish midfielder started his career with the Wanderers gave him his chance in League Football in January 1996. Made his debut at Crewe before suffering a freak accident that kept him out of action until April. Matthew is a former Under 18 England Schoolboy who has also obtained a degree in American literature whilst on a four year scholarship to America. Matthew made 13 appearances last season.

MIKE CONROY (Forward)

Joined Fulham in August 1995 from Preston North End and was Fulham's top scorer last season with 23 goals. He has already put in a claim for 97-98 Goal of the Season with his Coca Cola Cup strike from the centre circle at Wycombe. Mike, whose previous clubs were Coventry, Clydebank, St Mirren and Reading is a striker with a proven track record. He also played for Ian Branfoot when he was manager at Elm Park.

DANNY CULLIP (Central Defender)

Danny signed for Fulham from Oxford United. He is an aggressive central defender with an excellent attitude who has been an ever present this season until a three match ban started against Chesterfield on November 1. He has made over 50 appearances for Fulham scoring twice. Manager Ray Wilkins has worked hard to help Danny's improvement on the ball.

DARREN FREEMAN (Centre Forward)

Born in Brighton, Darren was spotted playing for Non-League Horsham by Gillingham and joined them soon after. Darren came to Fulham in the summer of 1996. He is 5ft 11in, a centre forward who has made over 40 appearances for the club and has scored 10 goals. His appearances this season have been limited, having had a second cartilage operation in October.

STEVE HAYWARD (Left Side Midfield)

Steve Hayward has one of the best pedigrees as a player signed by Fulham for some time. Steve who has joined us last Summer in a £175,000 move from yo-yo club Carlisle, won England caps at Under 17, 18 and 19 level while a hugely promising midfield talent during his YTS years at Derby County. Born and raised in Walsall, West Midlands, Steve joined Derby from school but says: "Though I won 19 England youth caps, playing in the European championship in Hungary and the World Youth Cup in Portugal in 1988 and 91, it was hard to make progress because the club had spent a lot of money bringing in new recruits." Steve ended up going to Carlisle for £100,000 two and a half years ago. "I was captain of last season's promotion team and we won the Auto Windscreens Shield playing in front of 76,000 at Wembley," he said. "The season I went there, Carlisle went up though I missed out on a championship medal and we were relegated the next year before coming back up." Steve has made 33 appearances for Fulham, scoring three times.

ROBBIE HERRERA (Left Wing Back)

Formerly at QPR, he arrived at Craven Cottage during the 1993/94 season. A classy left-back who quickly became a

favourite with the Fulham fans. Last season Robbie made 31 appearances for Fulham and has made over 180 appearances for the club.

MATTHEW LAWRENCE (Central Defender)

Twenty three years old Matthew joined Fulham in February 1997 and has been a regular at right wing-back or central defence. He started his career with non-league club Grays Athletic as a right sided midfielder before Wycombe Wanderers gave him his chance in League Football in January 1996. Made his debut at Crewe before suffering a freak accident that kept him out of action until April. Matthew is a former Under 18 England Schoolboy who has also obtained a degree in American literature whilst on a four year scholarship to America. Matthew made 13 appearances last season.

ROD McAREE (Midfield)

Lived Fulham from Duggannon Swifts after spending time at Liverpool and Bristol City. Rod is a dedicated passer of the ball and loves being involved in dead ball situations. The young lad from Northern Ireland signed for Fulham 12 months ago after being a non-contract player. Rod made 6 appearances last season scoring once.

IAN MCGUCKIN (Defender)

The 24-year old 6ft 2ins central defender, signed from Hartlepool for £100,000 has had the misfortune to start the season on the treatment table - due to an injury to his left knee. Ian was born and raised in Middlesbrough and was naturally enough a Boro supporter. He said "I attended their School of Excellence but going to Hartlepool was a chance to get first team football a bit quicker than at a bigger club." Ian, who started out in football as a left-back, played in the same Hartlepool side as Keith Houchen whose 1987 FA Cup Final goal helped unfancied Coventry lift the FA Cup against Spurs. Ian did not figure in last seasons League game at Craven Cottage. "I was suspended for that one but played in the match at home."

PAUL MOODY (Striker)

The 6ft 2ins Paul Moody was a late developer in terms of League football but certainly made up for lost time at his last club Oxford United and looks good value at £200,000. Thirty-year old Paul was born and raised around Portsmouth, playing non-league football first with Fareham Town at 19 before moving to fellow Beazer Homes League club Waterlooville for a two-year spell. Paul then looked to have his shot at the big time, aged 24, when Southampton came calling. He said: "It was a mixture of late development and not being spotted when I was younger, though I had trials with Pompey and Port Vale. "I was there two and a half years, mainly in the reserves and got a handful of first team games." Paul's career finally took off with a £80,000 move to Oxford United, thanks to manager Denis Smith. He helped them into Division One, scoring 65 goals during his two and a half years at Manor Ground. Paul scored 11 goals this term.

SIMON MORGAN (Central Defender, Midfield)

Simon Morgan is a Birmingham born player who has easily passed the 300 appearances mark for the Black & Whites. Simon has been a natural leader of the team and is a former skipper of the side. He is equally at home in defence, midfield

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or attack, but where ever he plays, you can be guaranteed he will always give 100 per cent.

PAUL PESCHISOLIDO (Striker)

Canadian Paul is a crowd pleaser wherever he goes and warmed the Fulham fans by scoring on his October 25 debut against Northampton at Craven Cottage. Quick and sharp around the penalty area, he already looks a bargain at £1.1 million from West Brom, which more than doubles the previous Division Two record. Pesch was discovered for

Birmingham City by Youth Development Officer Tony Taylor, who had been Canada's national coach. Paul was born and raised in Ontario. He first came to prominence playing for Canada in the Under 16 World Cup and later for the Olympic Under 19 team.

Paul came to Birmingham at age 21 and in his second season was snapped up by Stoke City for £400,000, rising to nearly £700,000 after 50 many goals and appearances. After two full seasons at Stoke he switched back to Birmingham for £400,000, having already married St. Andrews managing £400,000. But after only three months he was in demand again and moved to West Bromwich for £650,000 last season. Has been a regular in Canada's World Cup qualifying campaign but they missed out on France next summer. Paul has scored 7 goals in 18 appearances since joining the Club.

ROB SCOTT (Forward)

Likable Rob made an instant impact with the Fulham fans on his debut against Scarborough last season, providing the cross for Nick Cusack to score the winning goal. So far this season he has had to be more content with a place on the sub's bench. The former Sheffield United player notched up 40 goals last season and scored 10 goals.

IAN SELLEY (Right Side Midfield)

Tough tackling Ian more than doubled Fulham's previous transfer record of £200,000 when he moved from Arsenal in mid October for £500,000 which could go up to £700,000 depending on appearances. The Chertsey, Surrey born 23-year old still holds the record as the only 19-year old to achieve FA Cup, European Cup Winners Cup and League Cup winners medals. His Arsenal future was shattered by an horrific double leg break in February 1995 when he was also an England Under 21 regular. He battled back from the career threatening injury, going on to loan to Southend last season, after having a pin removed from his leg. Determined to rebuild his career with Fulham, he was into only his third game for the club when he went down after an early second-half challenge against Northampton on October 25. X-rays revealed he had cracked the tibia, two inches below his original break, which took the impact well. It meant two months in plaster and the prospect of four months out of the game.

NEIL SMITH (Right Wing Back, Midfield)

With 256 League and Cup games under his belt for Gillingham, summer signing Neil is already battle hardened to the needs of Second and Third Division football. He cost £100,000 in a fee determined by Tribunal. But he can also count as invaluable to his development, the seven years he spent at Spurs from the age of 13, helping them win the FA

Youth Cup in 1989. The 26-year old central midfielder man was a striker way back then, before being converted to a central defender, finally into the Spurs reserves mid season. Neil, is a Londoner, born in Lambeth and raised in Bromley where he won schoolboy representative honours at District and Kent County levels.

SIMON STEWART (Central Defender)

Leeds born Simon signed for Fulham in 1996 close season. The Fulham Manager had been on the trail of the big central defender for a long time and was first in the queue when Sheffield Wednesday gave Simon a free transfer. Dogged with injuries last season Simon only made two appearances.

MARTIN THOMAS (Midfield)

Martin, who signed for Fulham in the summer of 1994, has made over 75 appearances for the club and scored 11 times. Born in Lyndhurst former clubs include Southampton and Leyton Orient. He has filled a number of roles for Fulham in attack and defence as well as his accustomed midfield. Martin can be relied on to give 110% for the Fulham cause.

MARK WALTON (Goalkeeper)

The 6ft 4in goalkeeper was originally with Swansea then Luton, but made his League debut for Colchester. He played 40 games for United then went to Norwich as deputy to Bryan Gunn. The Keeper's debut came in a 3-3 draw with Aston Villa. He had a run of games in 91-92 that saw the Canaries reach the Rumbelows Cup Fifth Round and the FA Cup Semi Final. Mark played 32 times last season and this term enjoyed a healthy rivalry with Andre Arendse for the first team shirt until the arrival of Maik Taylor.

ALAN NEILSON

Signed from Southampton in November 1997 for a fee of £250,000. Alan is a defender and made 90 appearances in the Premier League where he had played seven times this season.

PAUL TROLLOPE

Paul was signed in November 1997 from Derby County. Paul is a six footer and he plays in midfield. Has played at Swindon, Torquay and Derby before joining Fulham. Paul has scored twice in 10 appearances since his arrival.

STEVE McANESPIE

Steve signed from Bolton for £100,000 recently. He is a defender and normally occupies the right back slot. He has made four full appearances coming on from the bench on a further three occasions.

CHRIS COLEMAN

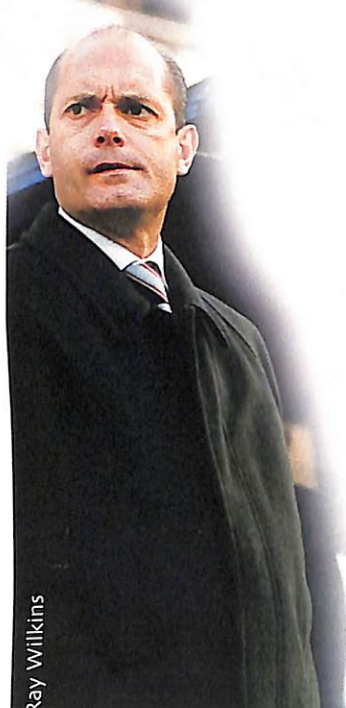
Fulham's record transfer costing the Club £2 million at the beginning of December 1997. A Welsh International Chris is a 6ft 2ins central defender. Started his career with Swansea City before joining Crystal Palace then Blackburn where he made 28 league appearances. Chris has made 10 appearances for the black and whites.

MAIK TAYLOR

Goalkeeper. Signed in November 1997 from Southampton for £700,000. 6ft 3ins tall Maik started his career with Farnborough Town before Ray Clemence took him to Barnet after being bought out of the Army. Made 18 appearances for the Saints last season and has made 14 appearances for Fulham this term.

WAYNE COLLINS

Wayne was signed from Sheffield Wednesday recently for a fee in the region of £500,000. He has played 6 times for the Premiership outfit this season. Wayne is a tough, fast midfielder player who can also play at full back. Started his career with Crewe Alex. Born in Manchester Wayne is 6ft tall and is 29 years of age. Made his debut for Fulham in the match at Luton on the 24th January 1998.



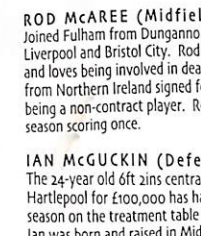
RAY WILKINS (Team Manager)
Ray Wilkins has a vast knowledge of football at the highest level, which will suit Fulham very nicely if they achieve their aim of reaching the Premier League in the next five years. The collection of clubs that the midfielder playmaker appeared for in his prime is right out of the top drawer. At the tender age of 18 he was the captain who led Chelsea back to the top flight, making 197 appearances for the Stamford Bridge club and scoring 34 goals. Born in Hillingdon, Middlesex in September 1956, he went on to represent England 86 times, captaining his country, after caps at Under 23, Under 21 and Youth and Schoolboy level. From Chelsea, Ray moved to Manchester United for £825,000 with 194 appearances (10 goals) that included lifting the FA Cup in 1983. After Old Trafford, Ray moved on to crack Italian club AC Milan for £1.5 million in July 1984 and he also spend a spell with French Paris St. Germain from August 1986 before returning to the UK in a £250,000 transfer to the mighty Glasgow Rangers. Ray won the Scottish League title among 96 appearances and three goals for the Ibrox outfit before going back to London joining QPR on a free in November 1989. He amassed another 182 appearances in his first spell at Loftus Road, scoring 10 goals, before switching across South London to Crystal Palace in May 1994. But Ray was back at Loftus Road as player-manager by November 1994. His commitment to playing saw him leave the club last season after fighting a losing battle to keep them in the top flight. Ray then turned out for a number of clubs including Leyton Orient, Millwall and Hibernian in Scotland before a second spell at Palace, this time as coach. Then came the call from Kevin Keegan in September to



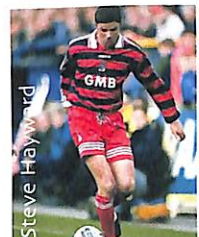
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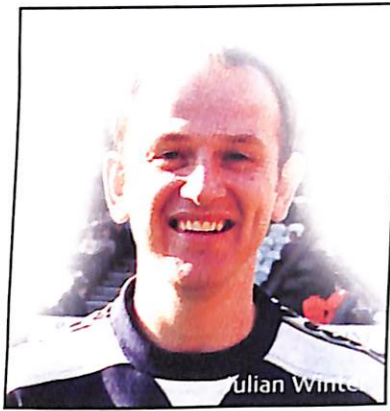
Paul Moody



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Maik Taylor



Julian Winter

Good afternoon and welcome to the game.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

This February half term the Football In The Community Scheme will be operating three of its very popular football coaching courses. The publicity and booking forms for the three courses in question are ready and about to be distributed to the local schools and previous participants on the courses. If you would like a booking form to be sent to you please do not hesitate to contact the community office on 291776. The details of the courses are as follows:-

1. **Horncastle**, Horncastle Playing Fields, Monday the 16th & Tuesday the 17th of February 1998.
 2. **Grimsby**, Waltham Toll Bar School, Wednesday the 18th & Thursday the 19th of February 1998.
 3. **Immingham**, Immingham Comprehensive School, Friday 20th of February 1998.
- Please note the courses are open to boys and girls aged 5 to 15 and operate from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

MORNING MARINERS

Today the Football In The Community Scheme is operating its third Morning Mariners Club which provides coaching, lunch, quizzes and a match ticket for children aged between 5 and 11. The club is still in its infancy but had a tremendous response in its first week when 25 young footballers attended. I hope to see a development in the club's popularity through the rest of the season and into the next as more children take up the opportunity to receive football coaching and show their support for the Mariners all in the same day. Please contact the Community Office to book your child's place for the next home match.

LOUTH MINI MARINERS

The Louth Mini Mariners is yet another new venture for the Football In The Community Scheme. The club will operate for a five week initial period for children February. Coaching will be provided for children between the ages of 5 to 8 starting at 10.30am and running to 12.00 noon. The coaching will take place on the new astro turf pitch at the Louth Sports Association on London Road. This club has already proved to be a popular activity so anyone interested should contact us at the Community Office as soon as possible so as not to avoid disappointment, as the numbers able to participate will be limited.

OASIS

No, the community staff have not joined a little known (?) Rock band. The Football In The Community Scheme is working in partnership with N.E. Lincolnshire Council on its O.A.S.I.S. project, providing Opportunities for Arts and Sports In Society. The F.I.C. scheme will be providing coaching in fifteen local schools over the next academic term in preparation for the school's entry into the OASIS Cup, a five aside tournament initially planned for May 1998. This is an exciting project to be involved in and is further developing The Football In The Community's activities and reputation in the region.

NO SMOKING

Another initiative which has just been confirmed is a programme of activities in five local primary schools working in conjunction with N.E. Lincolnshire's Health Education Department. The concept involves The Football In The Community, through its football coaching programme, delivering health related messages to young children. The initial campaign will be based on a NO SMOKING theme in an attempt to

WITH COMMUNITY OFFICER JULIAN WINTER FOOTBALL FUN FOR ALL



The mascots line-up with the captains, officials and Mini and Mighty before kick-off against Brentford

steer as many children away from smoking as possible. This pilot scheme, if successful, will be further developed in the next academic year and will involve the delivery of healthy eating and anti drugs messages along with alcohol awareness sessions. This is yet another exciting initiative for the Football In The Community Programme as we move into a very busy 1998.

HALF TIME TOURNAMENT

Today's half time game, a quarter final, is between Middleton Juniors and East Coast Juniors (A). Good luck to both teams as they seek to reach the semi final stages later in the season. I'm sure they will provide us with some excellent entertainment.



Our G.O.F.E.R.S. for the Brentford match - pupils from Coomb Briggs Primary School

G.O.F.E.R.S.

Today's G.O.F.E.R.S. are all representatives of Caistor Juniors. I hope they thoroughly enjoy their day at Blundell Park.

CONGRATULATIONS

All the staff at the Football In The Community Scheme would like to congratulate Mark Woodward and James McMurray, two temporary members of staff who have been on our Training For Work Programme, who are now F.A. qualified football coaches. They fully deserve their qualifications as they have demonstrated a real desire to learn about the game and an enthusiasm that has been reflected in all their work throughout their time with us. All the best to them both in their future careers, and good luck to James who gets married in early February!!! See you next time.

Julian

Mascots



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School: St. Martin's Prep School
Hobbies: Swimming, piano, football, cricket and watching sci-fi
Fav. Players: (Grimsby Town) Kingsley Black, (Nationally) Teddy Sheringham



Name: Sean Roger Lewis Jacklin
Address: Cleethorpes
D.O.B.: 6-4-87
School: Reynold's St. Juniors
Hobbies: Football, ice hockey and judo
Fav. Player: John McDermott, Steve Livingstone and Paul Groves



Name: Philip James Davies
Address: Cleethorpes
D.O.B.: 15-7-86
School: Lindsey Lower
Hobbies: Swimming, Football
Fav. Player: Kevin Donovan and Lee Nogan



Name: Joseph David Hanford
Address: Grimsby
D.O.B.: 28-1-89
School: Fairfield Primary
Hobbies: Football, Tennis
Fav. Player: Paul Groves and Mark Lever



Name: Lee Michael Stanley
D.O.B.: 24-1-85
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The Mark Lever Testimonial Committee presents the fabulous **RUMBLE BAND** supported by **THE DANGEROUS BROTHERS** at the **BEACHCOMBER**. £7.50 pay on the door. The club recently received this letter from Mrs DM Bonner, Head teacher of Coombe Briggs Primary School, regarding her pupils recent visit to Blundell Park under the supervision of our Football in the Community Office and also a recent after-schools course held by Julian Winter and his staff at the school....

Dear Mr Carr,
On behalf of all the staff, parents and children, may we say a huge thank you for all the tickets given to our school, for Saturday's match.

In particular, I would like to thank Adrian and Matthew for all their input at the school with training for the children. The programme that Julian has devised with the extra competitions, is so valuable for all our children, whatever age. The children 'love' their visits!

Once again, our sincerest thanks for the tickets and all the work with the Community Development Programme. I'm so pleased Grimsby won on Saturday, otherwise we might have had a riot on Monday morning!! Good luck for 1998, and if you are anywhere near my school, please call in. Best Wishes from Daphne Bonner

There are still some vacancies for matchday mascots at Blundell Park - contact Julie in the Club Shop on 697111 for details in how to book a marvellous day for your son/daughter.

The Club has in its possession a pair of glasses that were found in the visitors stand at Bristol City's ground after we had played there on January 10th.. Please contact the Club Office on 697111 if you think they might be yours.



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ON THE ROAD WITH KIRKY (AGAIN!)

Today, Kirky brings you his report from last weeks trip to Elland Road - his first visit to Leeds for fifty years (allegedly)...

For fifty years I've successfully avoided going to Leeds for any reason at all, but all good things must come to an end. The distasteful things we fans have to do to support THE football team, and there's not much more distasteful than a visit to Yorkshire! At least the fishing industry has its priorities right - never a bit of fresh haddock to be had anywhere in Tyke-land. Now this is damned inconvenient when on an enforced visit there, but what a waste it would be at all other times! Well done lads!

Yorkies always seem to have so much to say for themselves, but when it comes to the crunch - ie. a match against Town, then our fans win hands down. 25,000 Leeds supporters versus 5,000 of Town's - no contest! We were more vocal, more original, with a very high class of song too! The Leeds contingent, for all their greater numbers were totally fazed out. And this was mirrored on the pitch - our brand of superb football versus the Premier Big Boot. Leeds were so frightened of us playing football they had even narrowed the pitch in an attempt to cut down our wing play.

They had done pretty well the same in the dressing room, talk of cats, and swinging must have abounded - in fact if our players weren't such good friends, they'd never have got into their kit! The only player suited to the size of the dressing room - Dave Gilbert - was sitting on the terraces with the rest of us. With the legroom in the seats, he was probably the only comfortable spectator there! But it's good to see players being supporters too.

Today's match of course brings Scunny's favourite son to Blundell Park, not to mention memories of a certain game at Newcastle when 'St James' Dobbin hit the winner in the last minute. That was probably the best game I have ever seen. You'll remember that Newcastle had won eleven on the trot, and needed one for a new record. The Newcastle fans did not take too kindly to the reverse but Kevin Keegan showed how to behave in defeat with his comments on the radio after the game and in consequence shot up in my estimation to be the sports number one gentleman. No matter what the result of today's game, I'm sure he'll say exactly the right things afterwards.

Next week's visit to Millwall brings personal memories of a few years ago when three points were gained - for my license not for GTF. I crossed a red traffic light in London, and was done for it. I think this makes me totally unique - having watched everyone else drive in the capital, I thought green meant go, amber meant go faster, and red meant 'FLOOR IT!' Let's just hope for three points of the orthodox variety!

Distance travelled: 214 miles
Total to date: 6140 miles (20 matches).

AWAY TRAVEL

**Saturday 7 February Millwall - The New Den
HOW TO GET THERE**

By Car: From North, West and East (from Blackwall Tunnel): For directions to Blackwall Tunnel see London Road Guide. From tunnel: Stay on the A102 (M) for 2.0 miles, then take 3rd exit (s/p Central London A2). At roundabout turn right (s/p Central London A2, Blackheath, Greenwich, New Cross) onto the A2 Shooters Hill. Keep on A2 through parkland (Black Heath) over a roundabout and down Blackheath Hill, following signs to Central London A2, Deptford for 1.8 miles. At lights/crossroads at bottom of hill (by various takeaways and George and Dragon pub, s/p Deptford, New Cross) go straight on. At next lights after 0.3 miles go straight on (s/p Deptford, New Cross) and after 0.1 miles take right

filter at lights (s/p Rotherhithe tunnel, Tower Bridge) into Deptford Church Street. Straight over roundabout after 0.1 miles, and then at junction/lights after 0.3 miles (s/p Bermondsey, Rotherhithe Tunnel, Tower Bridge) onto Evelyn Road. After 0.6 miles, pass the Marmara Restaurant and Blackhorse Road on LHS, and take next left (before the Shell garage, s/p Millwall Stadium) into Grimstead Road. Follow road round under railway bridge and stadium parking is signposted off the mini-roundabout after 0.4 miles. For the ground, go straight across mini-roundabout into Surrey Canal Road. Follow to T-junction and turn right into Ilderton Road for ground. From South (M25): Exit M25 at junction 2 (s/p London A2, Dartford A225, Motorway M2). Keep left where road divides (s/p London SE A2) onto the A2 dual carriageway. Exit A2 after 10.3 miles (s/p Central London A2 then Blackheath, Greenwich). At roundabout turn left (s/p Central London A2, Blackheath, Greenwich) onto the A2 Shooters Hill. Then as From North, West and East.

PARKING

Mostly street parking

**Saturday 14 February Wigan Athletic - Springfield Park
HOW TO GET THERE**

By Car: From North: Exit M6 at junction 27 (s/p Wigan, Parbold) and follow A5209 towards Standish and Wigan. After 0.4 miles, turn right at T junction (s/p Shevington, Orrell A5206) into Shevington Lane. After 1.0 miles turn left (s/p Standish Lower Ground) onto B5375. The road winds through open countryside to crossroads after 1.9 miles. Go straight across (s/p Town Centre B5375) and after 0.7 miles, after passing between Traditionals and Belle Vue pubs, turn sharp left at lights into Springfield Road. Take 2nd or 3rd turning on LHS (First Avenue or Second Avenue) to ground. From South and West: Exit M6 at junction 25 (s/p Wigan A49). At roundabout after 1.0 miles, take 1st exit (s/p Wigan A49) onto A49 Warrington Road. Follow signs for Wigan A49 and Town Centre A49 for 1.8 miles to complex junction (by Homestyle). Here, follow signs to Preston A49 into Robin Park Road. Straight on for 1.5 miles past Martland Mill industrial estate and turn right at 4th traffic lights (s/p Town Centre) into Woodhouse Lane. Then as from North. From East: Exit M61 at junction 6 (s/p Chorley Horwich A6027) along dual carriageway to roundabout. Take 1st exit (s/p Westhoughton A6. Wigan B5238) into Chorley Road. After 0.3 miles turn right (s/p Wigan B5238) into Dicconson Lane. After 1.8 miles turn left by Aspull war memorial (s/p Wigan B5238) into Wigan Road. After 2.2 miles, just past the Earl of Balcarras pub on RHS, turn right (s/p Infirmary) into Greenough Street. Follow signs for Warrington A49, Town Centre, through four sets of lights and at the fifth, with Morrisons on LHS and BBC North on RHS, turn right into Parson's Walk. At second set of lights after 0.7 miles turn right into Springfield Road.

PARKING

It's mainly street parking off and along Springfield Road. Only First Avenue and Second Avenue have restrictions. Other than that, there are a number of small, free car-parks e.g. the one alongside the Springfield pub on Springfield Road.



OUR NEXT VISITORS

Following today's match with Fulham, the Mariners have two successive away matches before AFC Bournemouth are the visitors to Blundell Park on Saturday 21st February. Town will be looking for a double over the side they beat 1-0 at Dean Court in September last year when Paul Groves' goal, just after half-time, gave the Mariners all the points. The Cherries currently hold a mid-table position in Division Two and the Mariners are one of only two sides to beat them in their own back yard.

Indeed Bournemouth's current spot is lower than they have spent the most part of the season, being in the play-off zone during September, dropping out of the top ten just before Christmas. However, the division being as tight as it is, by the time they visit Blundell Park, they could well be pushing for the play-off places once more. Last Saturday, they could only manage a goalless home draw with Oldham Athletic, whilst today they face an encounter with Luton Town at Kennilworth Road. They follow that up with a home clash with high flyers Bristol City next weekend and another home game with Chesterfield follows, before they travel to Cleethorpes. Bournemouth are a club who have only recently survived a winding-up order, but after the receivers had been called in, a take-over secured the future of the club. It was a difficult time for manager Mel Machin and his players and it was during the testing time of last season that Machin showed his quality in getting the best out of his players. Bottom of the league at Christmas, Bournemouth showed promotion form with just three defeats in eighteen games and they completed a remarkable turn around to avoid relegation on the final day of last season.

Machin and his men have come through some difficult times and have shown character and determination in doing so. They will therefore be tough opponents for the Mariners when they visit in three weeks time. Town themselves know every game is now vital to their own aspirations and will need to be at their footballing best. See you there!

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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Grimsby Town 4 Brentford 0 Nationwide League Division Two Blundell Park, Saturday 17th January 1998



Paul Groves gets up well to guide his header down into the corner, after Kevin Donovan's cross from the right had beautifully picked out his skipper.



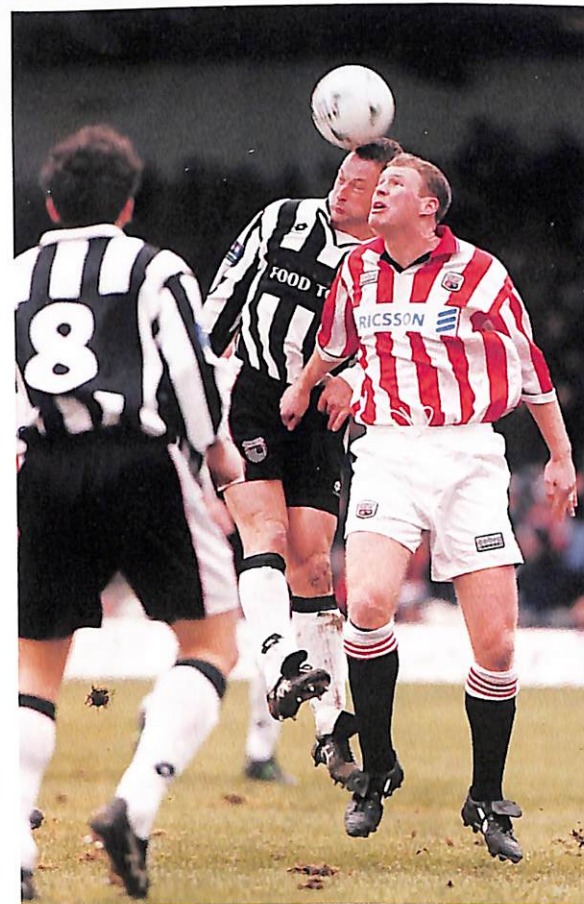
The ball actually strikes the post before rebounding off the diving goalkeeper and in. Grovesie salutes his eighth goal of the season to put Town one up.



Pick that one out! Debut boy Dave Smith strikes a tremendous shot which flies in off the underside of the crossbar - 2-0!



It's nearly 3-0 as Tony Gallimore hits a cracker which smacks against the woodwork.



Captain Paul Groves outjumps the Brentford midfield to win this header.



John McDermott takes a nasty challenge on his ankle, but thankfully was ok to continue.



With the score at 3-0 thanks to Kevin Donovan's eleventh of the campaign, Daryl Clare takes on the Brentford defence to score a fourth, his first senior goal for the Club.

COLLECTING FOOTBALL PROGRAMMES

WHAT TO COLLECT - OTHER LEAGUES

Once the collector has obtained at least one programme from each Football League club, he may wish to widen his one-per-club horizons to include clubs from other Leagues. Most football fans admit to an interest in a Scottish League or Irish League club, and a logical next step would be to obtain a copy of each club's programme from one or both of these Leagues. Nowadays, these are readily available with most good dealers carrying fairly substantial stocks, although the countries themselves have their own specialist dealers. A word of caution to those wishing a one per club per season collection in Scotland or Ireland. It is only comparatively recently that all clubs have issued every season, indeed Ballymena United in the Irish League did not issue a single programme last season, although they have in the past. In Scotland, there have been some surprising omissions over the last 20 years, including a number of seasons in which Cowdenbeath, Montrose and Clydebank did not issue. Into the 60's and 70's, and there are more gaps, while programmes were often a rarity in the Scottish Second

Division in the 40's and 50's. One of the most fascinating tangents to explore in programme collecting is that of Non-League programmes. Those from clubs in your vicinity are likely to be easiest to obtain, and it should be noted that many non-league clubs have shops which boast programme stalls enthusiastically run which are a marvellous source of Non League issues.

There are three main categories of non-league collecting - one per club, which is an endless and enjoyable task as there are always new issues amongst the thousands of non-league clubs, plus the expanding Sunday scene is now spawning programmes of a good quality. Secondly, there are non-league friendlies v League clubs, mostly pre-season games and now always against first elevens. Thirdly, there are the annual jousts between non-league and League clubs in the first few rounds of the FA Cup. Dealers make a point of obtaining this latter category, which produces a wide variety of fascinating programmes, often from unexpected non-league qualifiers.

*Programme Monthly is available from 46 Milton Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY 11 1 TL, prices £1.50 plus 40p postage.

DID YOU KNOW?

- * Hartlepool United went 1,227 minutes of competitive football without scoring during their spell in Division Two in 1992-93. The period spanned two months, this 13 games being 11 in the League, one in the FA Cup and a Autoglass Shield Trophy tie.
- * Portsmouth (1948-49) were the first club to rise from the Third Division to win the League Championship.
- * Wolverhampton Wanderers were represented by one or more players in all 148 matches. England played between October 26, 1938 to April 6, 1963.
- * Only four clubs - Wycombe Wanderers, Barnet, Scarborough and Crewe Alexandra - have not finished as champions or runners-up in any of the four divisions.
- * Manchester United have had just 16 managers in more than 100 years. Sir Matt Busby was their longest serving boss, managing the club for 26 years between 1945 and 1971.
- * Scotland winger Willie Johnston has the most dismissals in a career. He was sent off 21 times (Rangers 7, West Brom 6, Vancouver 4, Hearts 3, Scotland 1).
- * On 26 November 1958, Jack Kelsey and Danny Clapton played for Arsenal against Juventus, an evening kick off. Earlier on the same day they had played against each other in a 2-2 draw between Wales and England.
- * Bobby Moore was England's youngest captain. He skipped his country to Czechoslovakia on May 29th, 1963 aged 22 years, one month and 17 days.
- * Swansea City had eight different goalscorers when they beat Sliema of Malta 12-0 in the Cup Winners Cup first round first leg match on 15th September 1982.
- * When Preston North End completed the first League and Cup Double in 1888-89, they did not lose a single League game and did not concede a single FA Cup goal.



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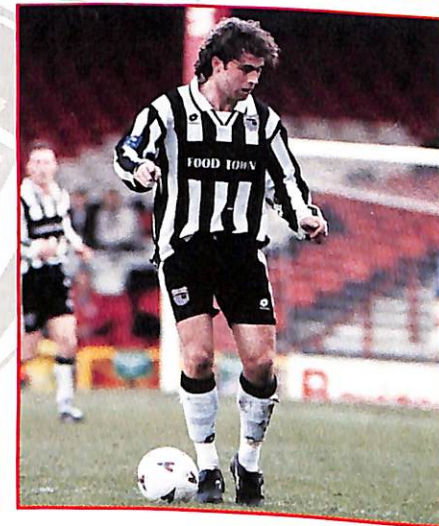
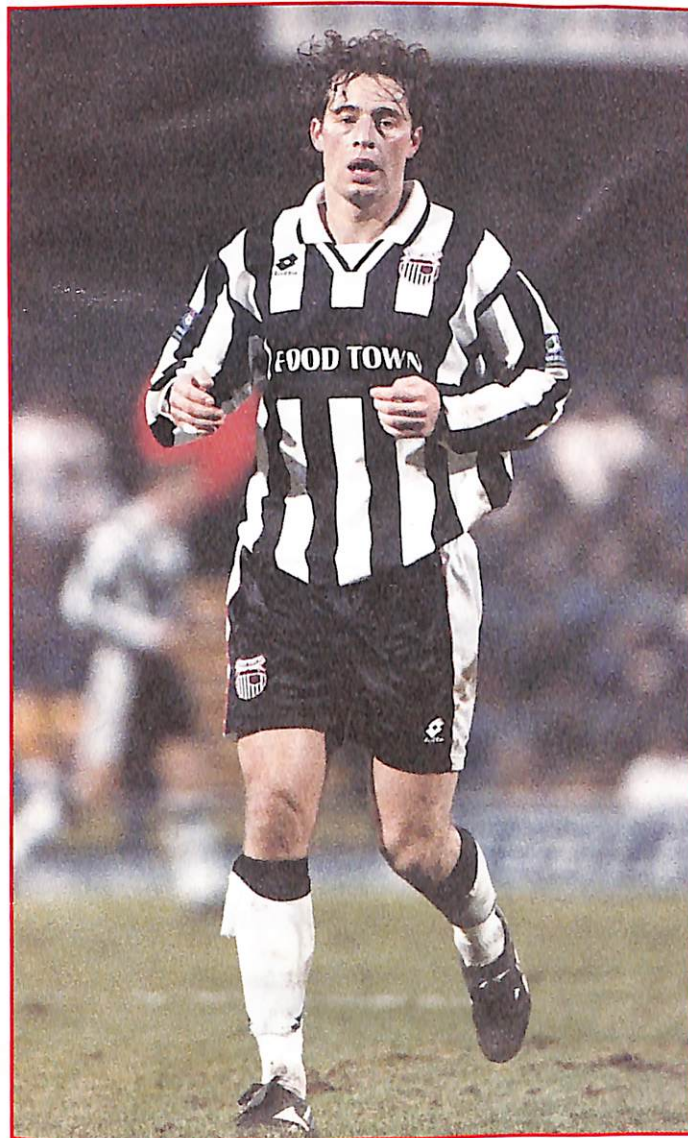


WILL HE OR WON'T HE?

Loan signings are more often than not fulfilling one of two objectives. Either the player is seen as a short-term stop gap whilst he gets a taste of first team action (rather than his usual clubs reserve side) or he joins a club on loan with as the phrase goes, a "a view to a permanent deal". Which category Wayne Burnett's loan deal will fall into is at the time of writing, unknown and the player himself was unable to shed any light on the matter, when he spoke to The Mariner earlier this week. "It's probably a bit early to make any comment on things at the moment" Wayne says. "I came here with an open mind on what may or may not develop and I think the gaffer sees it the same way. I will give it everything I've got and then I'll sit down with the manager and see what the situation is". As he talks, you can see that the first team football Alan Buckley has given him is of genuine delight to the midfielder. "Every player will tell you, there is no place like the first team for playing your football. It really is great to be involved and so far I have really enjoyed every minute of being here."

Wayne's debut for Town could not have been harder, as he came on as a substitute after 25 minutes at Ashton Gate with the team trailing 2-0 to Bristol City. "It was unfortunate for the boys that City got off to a great start and after that it was always going to be hard to get into it" he comments. "City really had their tails up, but even then I could see that our lads were trying to play good football despite getting beat." However the following match was a complete contrast as the Mariners got back on track and the loan signing was unveiled to the home fans in the starting line-up. "They (the fans) gave me a good reception, which was nice and the team gave a good performance" he says in his Cockney accent. Wayne was given a good reception as he was substituted too, with the Blundell Park faithful appreciating his style of play. His skills on the ball are complimented by his ferocity in the tackle, although Wayne feels Town fans have not yet seen him at his best. "My fitness is not yet 100% and possibly I haven't got forward as much as I could because I do see myself as an attack-minded midfielder."

Having been cup-tied for the Leeds clash, the London-born player won his place back for the Scunthorpe clash and capped a fine display with his first goal for Town. "Missing the Leeds game was a disappointment but always knew as a loan player I wouldn't be eligible for the FA Cup and having said that, it would not have been fair on the other lads who had got the club that far if I had played instead of them in such a big game". Wayne continues "It was nice to be back against Scunthorpe and it was a good result for us". And the goal, Wayne? "Livvo did really well and I managed to get up to support him and his square ball left me with a simple chance. It's always great to score!" If a permanent move to Blundell Park does materialise, then it will be the 26 year old's sixth club in a career that started at Leyton Orient as a Youth Trainee. Having made just under 50 appearances at Brisbane Road, he moved onto Blackburn Rovers for £100,000 one of the early signings of Kenny Dalglish's reign at Ewood Park. First team opportunities however did not materialise and a 2 year stint at Plymouth Argyle followed before a spell in the Premiership with Bolton Wanderers. Their relegation though back to the First Division saw Wayne move in the following season to Huddersfield Town after initially joining The Terriers on loan, with the fee fixed at £150,000. A first team squad regular under Brian Horton, Wayne's fortunes changed when Peter Jackson arrived to take charge at Huddersfield and he had been out of favour for much of Jackson's management reign; hence his interest in a spell at Grimsby Town. "As I said before, it's impossible to say what will come of the loan deal at present" he confirms. "There are many things to be taken into consideration - firstly by the manager if he sees me as a worthwhile addition to his squad and then by myself IF a permanent deal is offered. Huddersfield will have to say as well, so there is a lot that goes into a possible move. I will play to the best of my ability and let's wait and see." So Town fans that appears to be his final word on the subject, it's very much a case of wait and see.



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HALF TIME QUIZ

1. Which club won this season's Charity Shield?
2. Which former League club used to play at The Shay?
3. Which Fourth Division side reached the 1962 League Cup Final?
4. What was the name of Glenn Hoddle and Chris Waddle's chart hit?
5. Which two actors had leading roles in the football film 'Escape To Victory'?
6. What's the name of Bolton Wanderer's new ground?
7. Which club has the nickname 'The Grecians'?
8. In 1927, which Welsh club overcame the mighty Arsenal to lift the FA Cup?
9. In which year did Mark Hughes join Barcelona?
10. Name the captain of Brazil's 1970 World Cup winning side who also coached them to victory in 1994?



whose crests?

Name the three club crests featured in this montage

IDENTIKIT

Name the three players in this patchwork pic



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CAULI ALA LIVING

WHAT A JUMBLE!

Unscramble the names of these ten players.

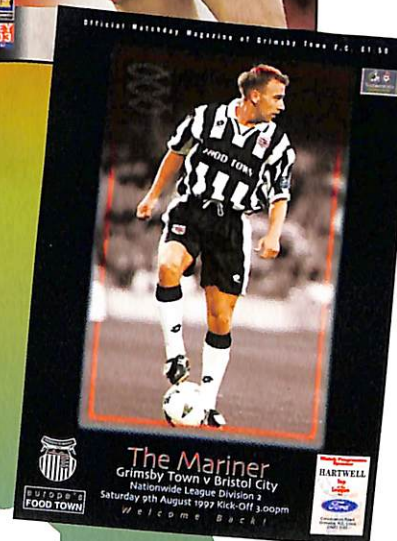
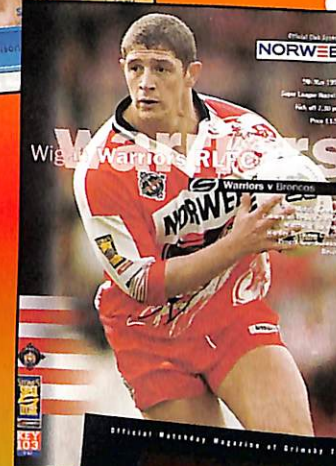
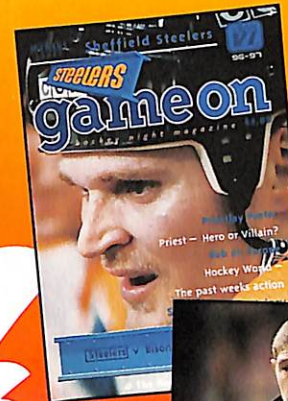
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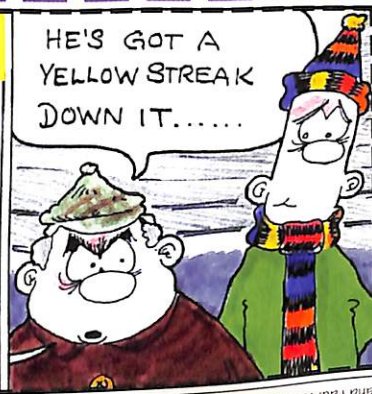
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YOU'D NEVER HAVE SEEN JACK CHARLTON OR CHRIS NICHOLL CHICKEN OUT OF A FIFTY-FIFTY BALL LIKE THAT!

STILL, IT'S PROBABLY A RECURRENCE OF HIS OLD BACK PROBLEM

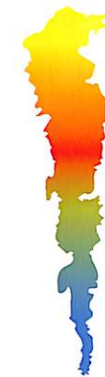
HE'S GOT A YELLOW STREAK DOWN IT.....



ANSWERS

HALF TIME QUIZ: 1. Manchester United; 2. Halifax Town; 3. Rochdale; 4. Diamond Light; 5. Michael Caine & Sylvester Stallone; 6. The Knebworth Stadium and Paul Warrhurst.
WHOSE CRESTS?: Everton, AC Milan and Swindon Town.
IDENTIKIT: Gary McAllister, Denis Wise and John Hartson.
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GAME LOWDOWN

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

31 January

1903 - A rare goal by winger Ben Hall earns a point in the 1-1 draw at Stoke City. Hall later spent eight years as a regular choice with Derby County.

1931 - Jackie Bestall and Joe Cooper give Town a 2-1 win over Manchester United - their first success in nine First Division games.

1933 - Manchester United are again visitors to Cleethorpes, this time recording a 1-1 draw. Dennis Jennings nets before only 4,020 fans.

1948 - The Mariners fall to their third straight defeat, losing 1-3 at Manchester City. Local-born Jim Whitfield scores a consolation.

1953 - Ever-reliable Jimmy Maddison and Scot Alex McCue ensure a 2-0 away win at Chester. This result gave Town the 'double' over the Third North side.

1975 - The late Ron Wigg makes a scoring debut for Grimsby at Tranmere Rovers. Town however, lose this Third Division game 1-3.

AND IN THE NEWS....

1900 - The Marquis of Queensberry, creator of boxing rules, dies.

1923 - Norman Maller, author of 'The Naked And The Dead', born.

1931 - Britain sends 12,000 troops to protect Shanghai from Chinese Nationalists.

1943 - German soldiers surrender to Russian forces at Stalingrad.

Past League Record
Grimsby Town 17 wins
Fulham 21 wins
7 Draws

First Meeting
Fulham 0
Grimsby Town 1
21st September 1907

Last Meeting
Fulham 0
Grimsby Town 2
13th September 1997

Biggest Win (Grimsby)
5-0, Division Two
19th February 1927

Biggest Defeat (Grimsby)
0-6, Division Two
22nd February 1958

Played for Both
Steve Foley
Frank McKenna
Kevin Moore

FA Cup Goal Mania!
In January 1954, Grimsby and Fulham drew 5-5 in a FA Cup tie at Blundell Park. Jimmy Bloomer and Jeff Taylor scored hat tricks for their respective clubs.

Entered League
Fulham 1907

Fulham Honours
Champions Division 2 - 1949
Champions Division 3 (South) - 1932

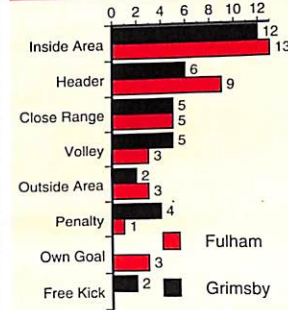
Quick Strike
Fulham's Paul Moody scored after just 48 seconds last Saturday at Luton Town

Fulham finished runners-up in last seasons Division Three to gain promotion to Division Two

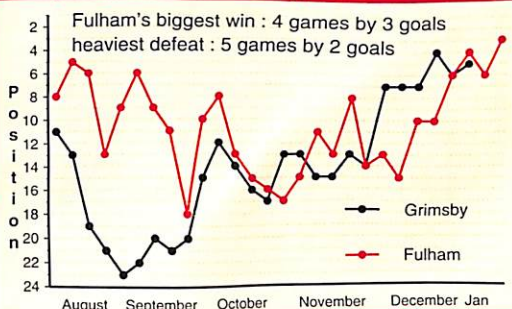
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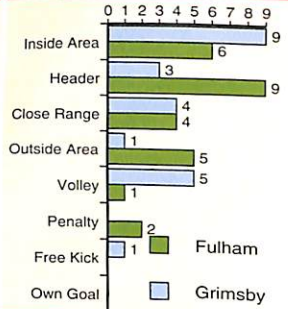
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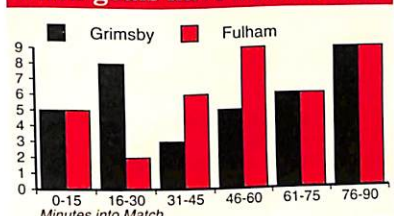
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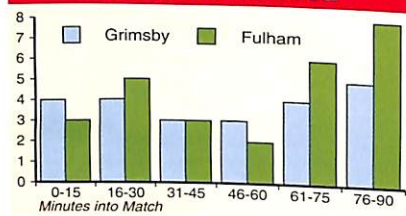
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and when conceded



Division 2 Stats

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Team	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Indx	Sequence
Fulham	5	1	0	13	2	16	37%	WDWWW
Bristol Rovers	5	0	1	14	9	15	22%	LWVWWW
Grimsby	4	1	1	13	5	13	49%	WLWDWW
Bristol City	4	1	1	12	3	13	74%	DWLLWW
Northampton	3	2	1	9	9	11	37%	DWLWDW
Gillingham	3	2	1	8	6	11	36%	DWWWLD
Watford	3	2	1	7	5	11	25%	WWLDDW
Carlisle	3	1	2	12	5	10	61%	WLWDDL
Luton	3	1	2	11	9	10	64%	LLWWWL
Walsall	3	1	2	8	7	10	67%	WWLLDW
Wrexham	2	2	2	5	7	8	55%	WLWDDL
Wycombe	2	2	2	5	5	8	62%	WDLWDL
Bournemouth	2	1	3	10	7	7	67%	DLWLWL
Wigan	2	1	3	10	11	7	34%	LLWLDL
Blackpool	2	1	3	6	9	7	36%	LWLLDW
Chesterfield	1	4	1	5	5	7	27%	DWLDDD
Oldham	1	4	1	4	4	7	47%	DWDDLL
Burnley	2	1	3	3	4	7	59%	WLWLDL
Millwall	2	0	4	6	11	6	43%	WLLLLL
York	0	5	1	7	8	5	61%	LDDDDD
Brentford	1	2	3	5	11	5	59%	LLWDL
Plymouth	1	1	4	8	13	4	69%	WLLDLL
Preston	0	2	4	5	12	2	74%	DLLLDL
Southend	0	1	5	3	12	1	17%	LLLLLD

Campaign Records

- Highest/Lowest Gates**
16,128 Bristol City v Millwall 26-Dec
2,039 Wrexham v Southend 21-Oct
- Highest Aggregate Scores**
Oldham 4-4 Bristol Rovers 27-Sep
Southend 4-4 York 19-Dec
Bristol Rovers 5-3 Bournemouth 28-Dec
- Biggest Home Win**
Carlisle 5-0 Southend 10-Jan
- Biggest Away Win**
Luton 0-4 Watford 4-Oct
- Consecutive Wins**
Bristol City 8
- Games Unbeaten**
Bristol City 15
- Consecutive Defeats**
Carlisle, Southend 5
- Games without a Win**
Burnley, Gillingham 10

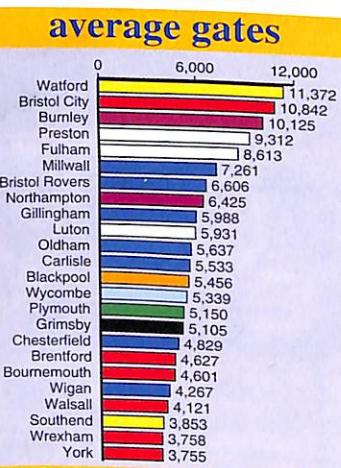
Current Sequences

- Consecutive Wins**
Walsall, Watford 2
- Games Unbeaten**
Fulham 6
- Consecutive Defeats**
Southend 5
- Games without a Win**
Southend 7

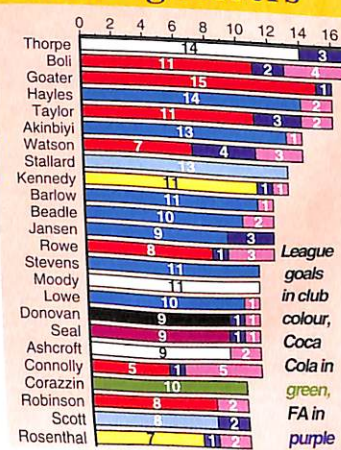
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Team	Plys used	goals for	goals agt	clean sheets	low pos.	high pos.	low and high position taken after 4 game played	Plys used	goals for	goals agt	clean sheets	low pos.	high pos.	
Bournemouth	22	34	30	10	14	4		Millwall	31	33	35	6	15	3
Blackpool	29	36	44	6	17	7		Northampton	27	32	25	10	7	2
Brentford	33	29	50	6	24	11		Oldham	29	40	31	8	13	3
Bristol City	24	51	21	11	19	1		Plymouth	23	35	42	5	24	17
Bristol Rovers	24	41	42	7	14	3		Preston	22	33	33	8	17	3
Burnley	30	26	37	7	24	18		Southend	30	30	55	4	24	13
Carlisle	29	38	46	5	24	16		Walsall	22	30	31	10	22	12
Chesterfield	25	27	23	14	14	2		Watford	25	44	20	11	2	1
Fulham	32	37	27	10	18	3		Wigan	27	40	44	4	21	6
Gillingham	27	35	38	7	17	3		Wrexham	23	32	30	8	20	7
Grimsby	23	36	23	12	23	4		Wycombe	21	35	39	8	19	3
Luton	31	34	44	8	23	16		York	24	34	32	9	17	3

average gates



leading scorers



NATIONWIDE ROUND-UP



Fulham's Paul Moody hit the fastest competitive goal last weekend, needing just 48 seconds to open the scoring at Luton's Kennilworth Road. The summer signing from Oxford went on to claim a hat-trick in an eventual 4-1 win to lift Ray Wilkins' team into third place, at the same time ensuring the importance of today's fixture here at Blundell Park.

Whether Fulham or any of the chasing pack are capable of catching the runaway leaders remains to be seen, but Bristol City's 0-0 home draw with Northampton may have offered some hope, bringing to an end a long winning run at Ashton Gate. Watford meanwhile piled on more agony for struggling Brentford, who after a 4-0 defeat to Grimsby lost 1-2 at home to Watford. The Bees did well to equalise an early goal by Tommy Mooney, but Graham Taylor's men secured their ninth away win thanks to a strike by Richard Johnson.

Former Hull City forward Andy Payton (a recent signing from Huddersfield) hit the only goal for Burnley in the relegation battle against Southend, who earlier had secured the services of Leeds United defender Richard Jobson on loan. Burnley however, still remain bottom with fellow strugglers Carlisle also hitting form - Ian Stevens grabbing a hat-trick in the 3-1 success over Bristol Rovers.

Preston's new manager David Moyes was unfortunate to see his side fail to beat Chesterfield at Deepdale, with Tony Former (ironically signed last year from the Spireites) having what appeared a legitimate goal disallowed right on half-time. York City though showed their inconsistency of late during the visit of Millwall, when the Lions looked to be heading for all three points with a 2-1 lead. Then in the last minute

Gary Bull scored an equaliser, but from the kick-off Paul Shaw took advantage of a loose ball to make it 2-3 at the whistle. York boss Alan Little's anger was subsequently vented when he kept his players in a locked dressing room for half an hour.

TODAY'S DIVISION TWO FIXTURES

Nationwide football League - Division Two
 Blackpool v Wigan Athletic
 Brentford v Plymouth Argyle
 Bristol City v Wrexham
 Burnley v York City
 Carlisle United v Wycombe Wdrs
 Chesterfield v Watford
 Gillingham v Bristol Rovers
 Grimsby Town v Fulham
 Luton Town v AFC Bournemouth
 Northampton Town v Oldham Athletic
 Southend United v Millwall
 Walsall v Preston North End

SKY TV'S LIVE COVERAGE

A list of all the forthcoming Nationwide Football League matches which have been confirmed for live coverage by Sky Television is shown below.

Sunday 1st February - 1.00pm
 Stoke City v Middlesbrough
 Friday 6th February - 7.45pm
 Leyton Orient v Peterborough United
 Sunday 8th February - 1.00pm
 Watford v Gillingham
 Friday 13th February - 7.45pm
 Cambridge United v Lincoln City

Sunday 22nd February - 1.00pm
 Birmingham City v Sheffield United
 Sunday 1st March - 1.00pm
 Nottingham Forest v Middlesbrough
 Friday 6th March - 7.45pm
 Oldham Athletic v Bristol City
 Sunday 15th March - 1.00pm
 Charlton Athletic v Sunderland
 Sunday 22nd March - 1.00pm
 Middlesbrough v Norwich City
 Friday 3rd April - 7.45pm
 Peterborough United v Notts County

DIVISION TWO TABLE

	HOME					AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	P	W	D	L	F			
Watford	28	9	3	1	24	11	9	4	2	20	9	44	61
Bristol C	28	12	2	1	31	10	6	3	4	20	11	51	59
Fulham	28	7	6	1	16	7	5	2	7	21	20	37	44
Bristol Rov	28	6	1	6	20	22	6	6	3	21	20	40	43
Northampton	28	9	3	2	21	11	2	7	5	11	14	32	43
Oldham	27	9	4	0	28	13	1	7	6	12	18	40	41
Grimsby	26	7	4	2	21	7	4	4	5	15	16	36	41
Chesterfield	29	7	6	1	17	10	2	8	5	16	24	35	38
Gillingham	28	7	4	3	19	14	3	4	4	14	19	34	38
York	28	8	2	4	20	13	1	9	6	16	19	33	38
Millwall	27	5	4	5	17	16	6	4	7	15	22	34	37
Bournemouth	28	7	6	2	19	8	2	4	5	14	15	32	37
Wrexham	26	5	6	2	18	15	4	2	10	14	29	36	36
Blackpool	28	8	4	2	22	15	2	2	10	11	21	30	36
Walsall	26	7	4	2	19	10	3	2	8	15	25	35	34
Wycombe	28	6	6	2	20	14	2	4	8	18	21	33	33
Preston	28	6	3	5	15	12	3	3	9	15	23	40	32
Wigan	27	6	3	4	25	21	3	2	9	12	13	34	32
Luton	28	4	3	8	22	31	3	5	4	20	27	36	29
Carlisle	28	5	4	3	6	18	19	3	2	9	20	35	28
Plymouth	28	5	5	4	5	24	22	1	6	7	11	20	27
Southend	29	5	5	5	5	18	20	2	11	12	35	30	27
Brentford	29	6	4	4	4	22	17	0	5	10	7	33	27
Burnley	28	5	7	2	16	12	1	2	11	10	26	26	27

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COMMERCIAL BREAK

Good afternoon. Welcome to our match with Fulham which I hope you will all enjoy. Obviously the club's recent success in cup competitions has made it an expensive time to be a Town fan, but your support has been excellent and as always it is very much appreciated. It was great to see almost as many Town fans as Scunthorpe fans at Glanford Park last Tuesday.

I would like to thank today's match sponsors **ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS** for their backing as well our matchball sponsors **MARTIN ANDERSON INSURANCE, BATEMANS AND G.M.B. UNION**. We hope all our guests have a great day at Blundell Park.

Prior to this afternoon's kick off there will be a presentation taking place on the pitch in memory of the late Steve Lawler, who was a former Town junior and reserve player who I am sure many of you knew through his links with local football. Steve's last wish was that no flowers be sent to his funeral but that donations be made to his chosen charities - The St Andrews Hospice and MacMillan Trust. Dave Boylen, who needs no introduction here at Blundell Park, will present a cheque to the charities on Steve's behalf. It will soon be that time of year again when the Club launches its Grand National Draw and I hope we can count on your support once more. This will be the tenth draw of its kind and the revenue raised is very important to the club. So all ticket holders and people who have previously sold tickets will be sent some automatically but if you are not included in those categories and would be able to sell some draw tickets, please contact our Lottery Office - we would be



Graham Rodger receives the Player of the Month Award for December from Appleby Family Lounge Co-ordinator Gill Dobbs and Lounge Member Donna Barker

delighted to hear from you. Now a round up of our winners from our last home game (Brentford) which saw Mrs Wiseman of Caistor collect a first prize of £200 CASH in the Half-Time Bonanza, with Mrs Wilson of Grimsby and B Hawk of Immingham claiming second and third prizes respectively. The John Smiths Smoothie has not yet claimed his prize of 12 cans of John Smiths Extra Smooth. As always Half-Time Bonanza Tickets are on sale (50p) around the stadium and there is another Smoothie on Page 15.

I hope lots of you will be supporting Mark Lever's Testimonial Event at the Beachcomber this evening when The Rumble Band and The Dangerous Brothers will be appearing. You can pay on the door - £7.50.

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HALF-TIME TEASER

Answer from Brentford programme:
Steve Archibald

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Which teams played in the first all-British European Final?
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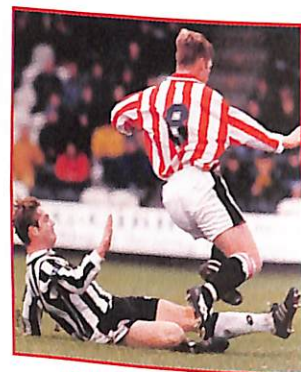
CAPTAINS LOG

Good afternoon everybody. Welcome to today's match with Fulham, which will probably produce an above-average crowd with it being an important game for both sides. Welcome also to the players, officials and supporters of Fulham Football Club who have made the trip up to Blundell Park.

Everyone at the Club is delighted with Tuesday evening's success over Scunthorpe United which puts us through to the semi-finals of the Auto Windscreens Shield. Your level of support was excellent and very vocal and it really spurred the lads on, in such a magnificent cup-tie atmosphere. Scunthorpe worked very hard on stopping us playing and probably edged the first half but we adapted a lot better after the break and began to get control of the game. After a couple of goal-line clearances we eventually broke the deadlock and opened the scoring. It was always going to be a tough game, although it was no tougher than we had expected and the lads battled well and won through. You will not get an easy game in a cup quarter final when both teams have a realistic chance of progressing. The main thing though, was to be the winner, and it was great to give you the chance to celebrate a win over our local rivals, which everybody takes pride in doing.



Congratulations for Dave Smith after his superb debut goal



"Gally" gets in a strong challenge against Brentford

level. This is a top ten game and it makes for a big match. I hope you will really get behind us this afternoon and back us all the way. Enjoy the game and I hope we can produce the right result. All the Best Grovesie

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gentlemen and welcome to today's game against Fulham.

The youth team have played two recent matches resulting in a defeat and a victory. Whilst the

first team were beating Brentford here at Blundell Park, the youths had been in action that morning against Leicester City. It was a very hard fought game with few real chances for either side. Leicester scored what proved to be the winning goal midway through the first half with a well executed free-kick and battle as we did, we were unable to draw level. The side was missing some influential players due to injuries, but take nothing away from the lads who played because they all worked tremendously hard. In goal Steve Croudson deserves a mention for a confident display, whilst Mark Dimech and John Teanby also did well.

The lads followed that up with a 2-0 win over Northampton Town last Friday, in a game brought forward 24 hours so that our lads could watch the first team in action at Leeds United. James Melbourne opened the scoring for us after twenty minutes and our win was complete midway through the second half when James Young tucked away a penalty. It was a good result for the lads to get back on track after the Leicester defeat. There is no game for the youth team this weekend, but the club is taking a reserve/youth team to Wisbech Town today for a friendly game with the side now managed by Gary Childs.

I hope you enjoy today's game with Fulham.

Cheers!

Knighty

Grimsby visit to Glossop's North Road ground on 30 January 1915 was to be the last-ever League meeting between the teams, for at the season's end the Derbyshire side failed to gain re-election. The Management Committee's hope of a return to winning ways saw two changes to the team which had lost at home to Barnsley - Quinn being replaced by Scott in attack - but the biggest talking point was keeper Percy Summers' removal in favour of Bill Blanchard. Summers had endeared himself to the home supporters with some sterling displays, especially early in the season, but 15 goals conceded in his last six outings no doubt strengthened calls for action. Grimsby-born Blanchard had been on the club's books since 1907 (apart from a brief spell at Fulham), although he had made only eight appearances for the Mariners prior to the Glossop game. His presence though seemed to have the required effect, as his clean sheet contributed to a point in a 0-0 draw. Overall it was a very poor game between two struggling sides, with only an estimated 500 crowd present to watch it.

31 JANUARY: GERMAN NINTH ARMY USES POISON GAS ON RUSSIAN TROOPS

One local name of note in the local press was that of Bob Lincoln, a one time Town player who had been associated with the club in its earliest days. His book 'Reminiscences Of Sport In Grimsby' is now widely sought, but on this occasion it was his sons being on active service that had created column space. One was in the Royal Flying Corps, whilst the other had been awarded the Admiralty War Decoration for coastal

defence. The Government meanwhile, issued plans to increase payments of war pensions. The widow of a soldier or sailor was soon to receive a weekly pension of 7s 6d.

Pip Rippon's return for the home fixture v Wolves on 6 February after a two-match absence also saw Blanchard keep his place, while John Scott lined up on the wing despite having taken a kick in the face against Glossop. Town appeared better adapted to the miserable conditions early on, and Rampton should have scored when clean through, but his shot was smothered by the keeper. The visitors then tended to restrict Grimsby to long shots, before a breakaway on 30 minutes resulted in a Wolves penalty. Defender Jim Atkin was adjudged to have handled, and the spot-kick rose high past Blanchard to open the scoring.

2 FEBRUARY: TURK FORCES HALT BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS AT GALLIPOLI

Wolves' lead lasted barely a minute. Grimsby's next attack brought a free-kick which was dropped into the area, and after some hesitation George Padley shot low for the equaliser. More Town pressure followed, and a similar free-kick almost brought another goal. Padley was subsequently injured in a collision, and during his temporary absence the visitors made the extra man count to restore their lead. A ball from the wing was switched to the other side creating confusion in defence, and a forward was able to hook the ball home easily for a 1-2 interval lead.

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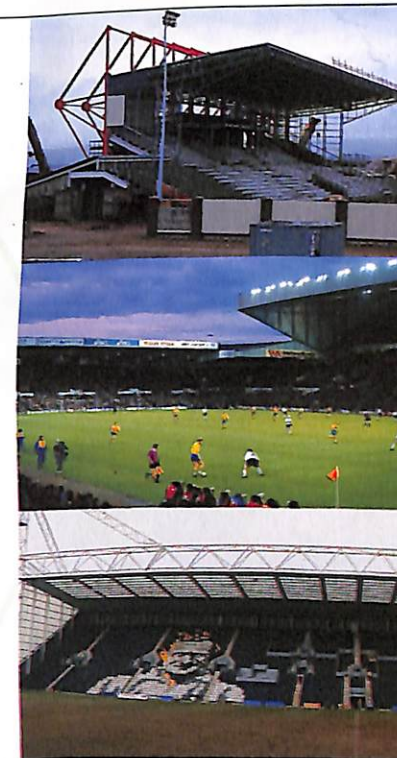
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DARYL CLARE	10	PAUL PESCHISOLIDO
PAUL GROVES	11	STEVE HAYWARD
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