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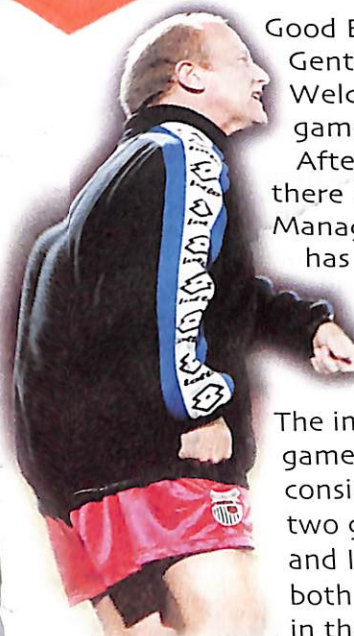


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THE BUCKLEY BRIEF



Good Evening Ladies & Gentlemen.

Welcome to tonight's game against Blackpool.

After recent 'stormy' times there it looks as though Manager Nigel Workington has brought much needed stability to the club, aided, no doubt, by the experienced Mick Hennigen.

The importance of tonight's game is apparent when one considers the winners are two games from Wembley and I'm sure that fans of both clubs would not mind in the slightest a "day out" at the Magical Stadium.



Paul Groves



...And Wayne Burnett. The two goalscorers in our last round victory over Scunthorpe United.

and could easily have built on the early

goal from Livvo. It was certainly a good trip home with the three points gained. These notes are written before the Wigan game - let's hope we will have kept our superb run of results going. Last week Wayne Burnett's loan move became permanent - I know that there is a lot more to come from him - I'm sure he will be an important acquisition. As usual, thanks for your support. Enjoy the game.

Alan Buckley

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"WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS"

BLACKPOOL F.C.

This evening Blackpool make the first of two visits to Blundell Park in the space of seven days. Tonight's match is, of course, all about a place in the Northern Area Final of the Auto Windscreens Shield whilst next Tuesday sees the teams compete on league business.

The Seasideers received a bye in Round One of this season's competition, before they met York City at Bloomfield Road in the next round. Phil Clarkson's goal left the scores level at 1-1 and the game moved into a penalty shoot-out with Blackpool eventually winning 10-9! Wigan Athletic were their next victims as Andy Preece's goal sent them through to this semi-final stage.

Manager Nigel Worthington has had just over 18 months in the Bloomfield Road hot seat, landing the job when Gary Megson resigned to take over at Stockport County. Worthington has a

wealth of experience with 66 caps for Northern Ireland in a career which saw service at Notts County, Sheffield Wednesday, Leeds United and Stoke City amassing over 600 Football League appearances.

His squad includes former Scunthorpe United midfielder Phil Clarkson and club record signing Chris Malkin, who cost £275,000 from Millwall last season. In defence they have the experience of former Ipswich man David Linighan (brother of Andy) and Northern Ireland international Anton Rogan whilst Andy Preece will be a threat to the Mariners defence along with fellow striker James Quinn, who has been the subject of much transfer speculation after forcing his way into the Northern

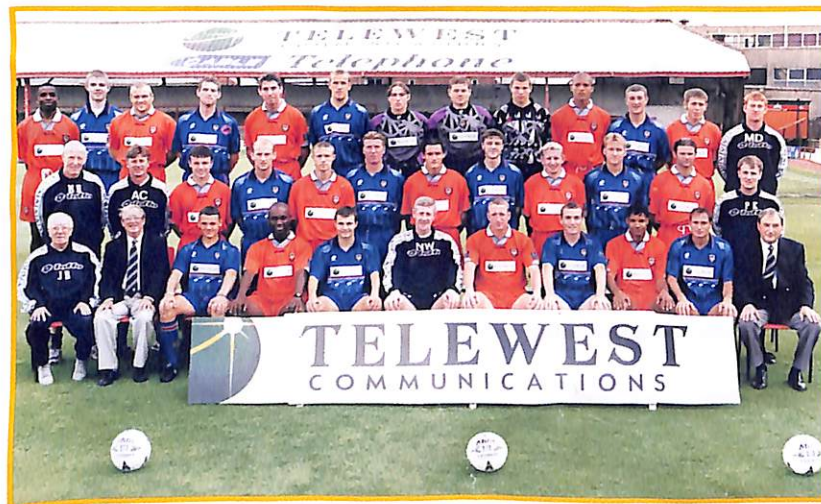


Andy Preece



Dave Linighan

Ireland squad. The Seasideers are remembered for their participation in one of the greatest ever cup finals - that of the FA Cup Final of 1953 at Wembley (although the current playing squad will have few recollections of that!). It was their third Wembley visit in five years and they scored three goals in the last twenty minutes of the match to overcome a 3-1 deficit against Bolton Wanderers, to lift the cup by four goals to three. The late Stan Mortensen scored a hat-trick and Bill Perry the winner, although the game became known as the "Stanley Matthews Final" after some marvellous dribbling by the "Wizard of the Wing". So the Club has a Wembley tradition from days gone by, although they have paid a visit to the twin towers on two occasions in the last decade, once being denied and then being successful in a play-off final. They, like the Mariners, are fully aware of the possibilities available to the winners of tonight's game, with the twin towers becoming just that bit nearer for the victors. Remember, there must be a winner tonight. If scores are level after 90 minutes, it's golden goal time and then penalties if necessary.



TONIGHT'S CUP TIES
AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD
AREA SEMI-FINALS
NORTHERN AREA
 BURNLEY v PRESTON NORTH END
 GRIMSBY TOWN v BLACKPOOL

SOUTHERN AREA
 AFC BOURNEMOUTH v LUTON TOWN
 PETERBOROUGH UNITED v WALSALL

ON THE ROAD WITH KIRKY (AGAIN!)

The last round of this competition saw the Mariners travel to Glanford Park and come away with a 2-0 victory over our local rivals, Scunthorpe United. The support the lads received from you was quite superb and it goes without saying that our man John Kirky, was there. His experience at Glanford Park produces this exclusive report.

Scunthorpe United v Grimsby Town And today I bring you - two heroes, doing the unspeakable to ensure they saw a Town match - becoming members of SCUNNY! Surely when Tony Blair announces his next lot of honours, these two will be given at least a knighthood! Three quid for membership, and then ten quid for a ticket! Real supporters. On the opposite side of the coin of course, we have two deserters - Tina and Katie - who actually sat with the Scunny supporters! Well did they get their comeuppance or what? Not the result - just the knowledge that Helen and I spoke to Shakey for fully half an hour! Well, alright, two minutes - but will someone be sick as a parrot about that! Then into the sheer luxury of Glanford Park (lowest form of wit again), to see the assembled ranks of our supporters. Great every one of them, but as the great Wellington said, "I don't know what they do to the Scunny players, but God they frighten me!" The Wellington Arms that is, not the General. Of course, being such good friends, we couldn't give Scunthorpe a real drubbing - no repeat of September 1966 at any rate - so the lads sportingly gave them the impression that they were in with a shout. Ironically, (these are the best jokes you're getting) Scunthorpe's supporters weren't in with a shout at all, or at least, not one that we could hear. Then, just as the Iron were thinking Golden Goals, Grovesy administered the Coup de Grace and Wayne rounded the evening off nicely. Being good sports, we didn't remind Brian about the score. Well, not much.

Of course, at the end, all the Scunny supporters crept out. But two had the biggest smirks seen in Scunthorpe since Richard, Thomas and Baldwin played in midfield. Now where did those new membership cards go? No membership cards needed tonight versus Blackpool, but Grimsby Road on a match day is getting to be as crowded as the 'Golden Mile', the difference being that our roller coaster only goes up, and who needs a Tower when we're aiming for two? Football being the funny game it is, we're not counting our chickens, and all bets are off. All bets of course with the exception of those headlines that Geoff Ford dreams up. The latest prices on these are:

'Blackpool Rock'	5 - 4 on
'Tower of Strength' Evens	
'End of the Pi: Show'	6 - 4
'Town Win/Draw/Lose Match v Blackpool'	100 - 1
'Kirky Takes Kit In - Town Lose'	1,000,000 - 1

Distance traveled: 134 miles
 Total to date: 6274 miles (21 matches)

AWAY TRAVEL

Details on the Mariners trip to Northampton Town on Saturday 28th February will appear in our matchday programme for this Saturday versus Bournemouth.

COMIC CORNER

"He was quite daunting. If I ever need any guttering fixed, I'll give him a call"
Ray Wilkins at QPR in 1994
after playing against 6ft
Tinch striker Kevin Francis.



HALF-TIME TEASER

Which was the first club that Brian Clough managed?

HARTLEPOOL UNITED

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY 17 FEBRUARY

- 1894 - Tommy McCairns is on the mark in the 1-0 success at Northwich Victoria. This gave Town a Second Division 'double' over their Cheshire opponents having won the first game 7-0.
 - 1900 - The Mariners consolidate their place near the top of Division Two with a 2-1 victory at Bolton. An own-goal seals the points following an earlier strike by George Ratcliffe.
 - 1923 - Grimsby's trip to the northern outpost of Ashington is not a happy one with the Colliers winning this Third North game 2-1. Jim Millar scores from the penalty spot.
 - 1931 - A fourth successive victory is achieved courtesy of a 4-1 rout over Bolton. Tim Coleman (2), Joe Cooper and Jim Prior all find the net in this First Division fixture.
 - 1945 - An easy 5-0 score is achieved over a poor Rotherham United side in the wartime Football League North. Harold Huxford takes the eye with a hat-trick.
 - 1973 - York City achieve a rare win over Grimsby in Cleethorpes (2-1), with keeper Graeme Crawford excelling for the visitors. Phil Hubbard hits Town's reply
- AND IN THE NEWS ...**
- 1909 - Geronimo - leader of the Apache Indians - dies aged 80
 - 1914 - Suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst is released from jail after a hunger strike.
 - 1949 - Chaim Weizmann is elected Israel's first President.
 - 1960 - Martin Luther King is arrested on perjury charges.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

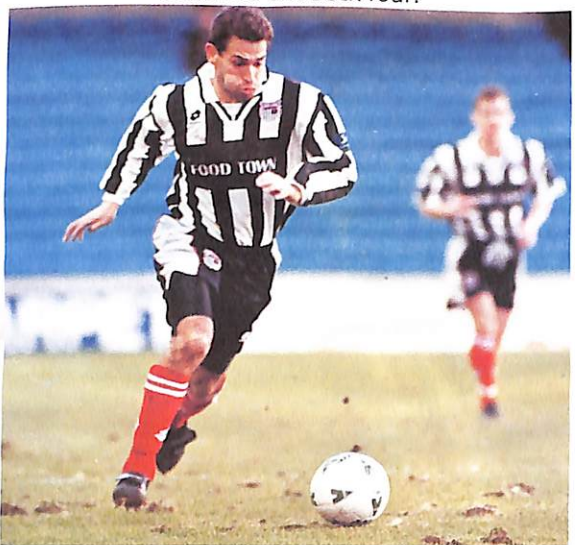
Millwall 0 Grimsby Town 1
The New Den, Saturday 7th February 1998



Steve Livingstone, scorer of the game's only goal, wins this flick on, before he was dropped back into the back four.



The Millwall midfield is crowded out by a combination of John McDermott and Paul Groves.



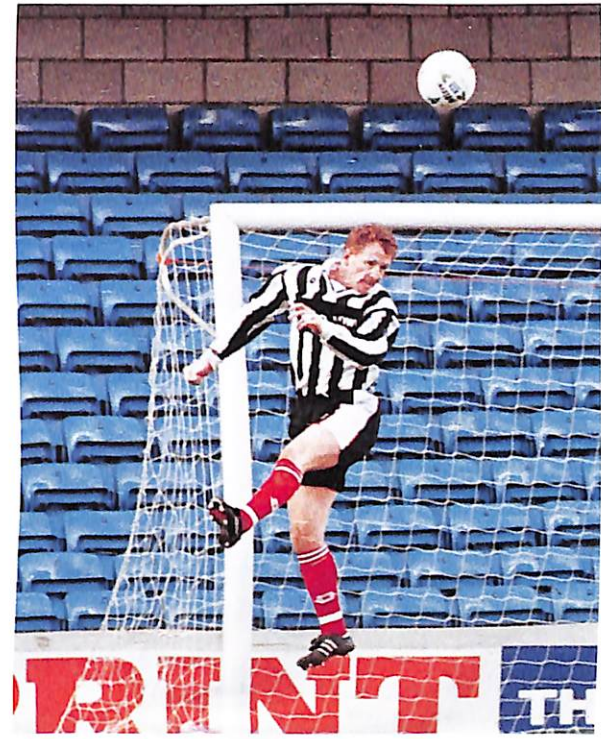
Good to be back in action! Lee Nogan carries the ball out of defence in his first game back after a hamstring injury.



Wayne Burnett battles it out with Andy Gray, in his first game as a loan player, before a permanent deal was struck



Jack Lester gets in this effort with the Millwall defence grounded.



Striker tured defender Steve Livingstone powers away this header, to help Town keep a clean sheet.



A sweetly struck shot by David Smith is just wide of the target.



Sub Kingsley Black in action having replaced Jack Lester in the latter stages of the game.

TEAM SHEET



GRIMSBY TOWN V BLACKPOOL

TEAM CHANGES

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AIDAN DAVISON	1	STEVE BANKS
JOHN MCDERMOTT	2	MARVIN BRYAN
TONY GALLIMORE	3	JOHN HILLS
PETER HANDYSIDE	4	TONY BUTLER
MARK LEVER	5	JASON LYDIATE
WAYNE BURNETT	6	DAVID LINIGHAN
KEVIN DONOVAN	7	MARK BONNER
DAVID SMITH	8	PHIL CLARKSON
STEVE LIVINGSTONE	9	CHRIS MALKIN
JACK LESTER	10	JUNIOR BENT
PAUL GROVES	11	ANDY PREECE

SUBSTITUTES

LEE NOGAN	12	IAN HUGHES
KEVIN JOBLING	13	JAMES QUINN
KINGSLEY BLACK	14	LEE PHILPOTT
	15	
	16	

REFEREE

MR E. LOMAS

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MR. D.S. BABSKI

MR.. P.W. BARNES

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TO BE ARRANGED

TONIGHTS MASCOT



The Mariners mascot for tonights game is 11 year old LEWIS BEIGHTON from Grimsby. Lewis attends St. Joeseph R. C. School and lists his hobbies as football, football and football! His Favourite players are Kingsley Black and Jack Lester and everyone at the club hopes Lewis enjoys his night at Blundell Park.

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