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This afternoon we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Crewe Alexandra to Blundell Park for this vitally important league encounter. Due to the bad weather, our last league match at home was Boxing Day and that resulted in a somewhat fortunate 1-1 draw with Stockport, followed away from home by an extremely unfortunate 1-0 loss at Sheffield Wednesday. All the First Division teams were involved in the FA Cup last weekend and therefore there has been little change in the shape of the league table in the last 2 or 3 weeks. The Christmas and New Year period was going to be a highly significant time for us but our win at Preston took some pressure off and we followed

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that with a draw, a loss and a postponement. Many other clubs also lost fixtures due to the weather, so the significance and importance of that period was somewhat diluted. Also, we find ourselves in the slightly unusual situation of having games in hand plus the fact that we have played three more games away than we have at home. With only two further league games scheduled for the remainder of January, that imbalance will not be redressed until late February, or indeed until the Birmingham and Portsmouth games are re-arranged. All that is very well and three points today would make our situation look healthier still, but of course, Crewe and their manager Dario Gradi will have something to say about that. They will be looking at this game as one they cannot afford to lose, being 4 points behind us and having played one game more before today's encounter.

Several teams in the bottom eight are playing teams from the top echelons of the division today and will do well to get results, and therefore our match here could have added statistical importance so far as where we could be if we are fortunate enough to get the three points. It is certainly a match we cannot afford to lose. The news on Bradley Allen this week was good, when we learned that he will not require an operation on his ankle. He is now at Lilleshall as part of his rehabilitation and providing there are no setbacks, he could be with us again in 4-5 weeks. Alan

Pouton and Kingsley Black are both on the road to recovery and apart from Paul Raven who has been sick this week, all the other players have been training with the exception of the odd minor knock. Those should have cleared up today and I expect to have them all available for selection today, including Steve Livingstone, who received a one match ban on Thursday but it does not come into



David Nielsen...
scored at Wycombe
in the 1-1 draw and
we replay this Tuesday.

do duty over the three games. Zhang Enhua has returned from his midweek trip to Rome fit and in good

condition. He played for the Chinese national team against Lazio in the Italians Centenary Celebrations and Zhang scored two goals in a 6-3 defeat for China, in what was a testimonial type match. As the official club website exclusively revealed earlier this week, Zhang has replied to speculation that he may move to Crystal Palace, by stating he is more than happy here and describing the Palace speculation as "nonsense" and "totally a rumour". As I have confirmed before, he is with us on a fixed term agreement until April, which then takes him up to China's World Cup Qualifiers.

Thank you for your support
Best wishes to you all for 2001
Lennie Lawrence



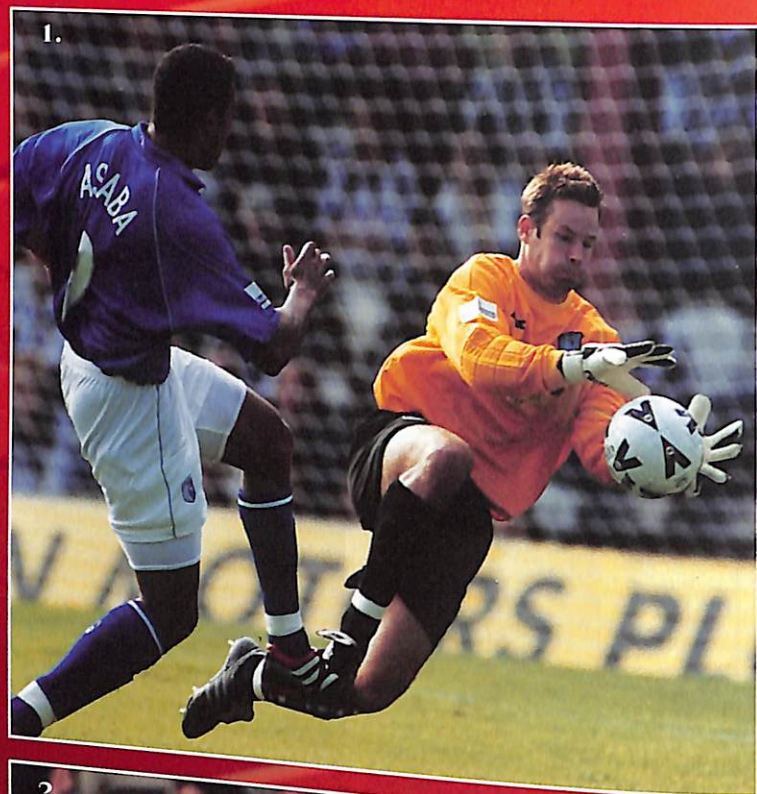
Steve Livingstone...
personal hearing with the
FA last Thursday.

"Livvo gets one match ban after Sheffield Ref comments"...

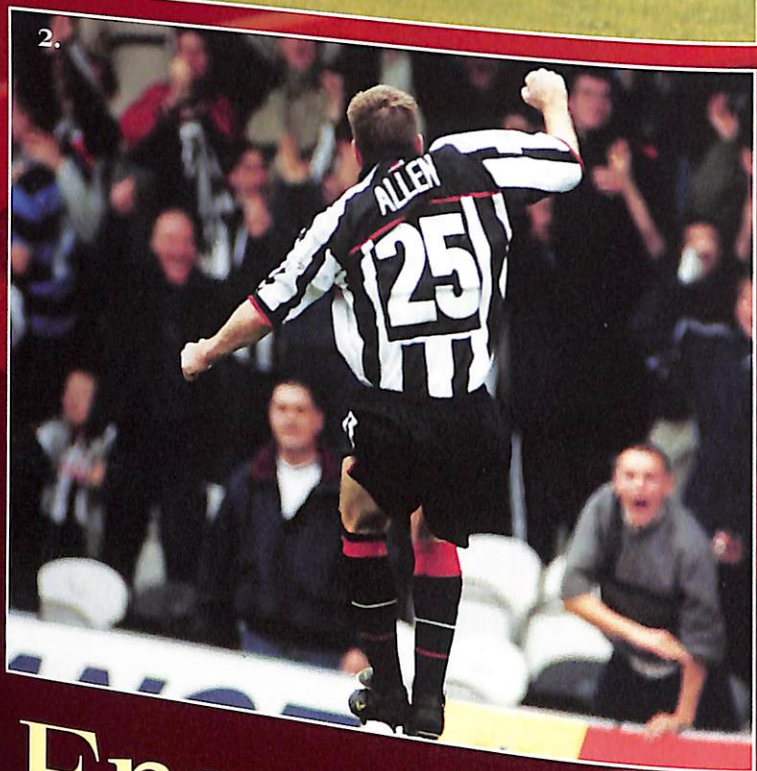
Steve Livingstone was satisfied, in the circumstances, with the outcome of his personal hearing with the FA. The Town striker travelled to Notts County's Meadow Lane ground to answer a charge of bringing the game into disrepute, and spoke after the hearing in front of a panel of five FA officials. "It could have been worse" said Livvo "The standard punishment was a two match ban but because I asked for a personal hearing to plead mitigation and also because my previous record is quite good, I got just the one match and a £500 fine." The ban will start from January 29th and Steve continued "The PFA were there to speak on my behalf and then I also said a few words to the disciplinary panel and apologised. Obviously it would have been better if there was no ban at all, but in the circumstances, they have been fair to me, but it certainly saved me a lengthier ban because I went along to speak to them and plead mitigation."

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1. Danny Coyne is quick off his line to deny Carl Asaba in the Mariners 1-0 win over Gillingham - their first home League victory of the campaign.



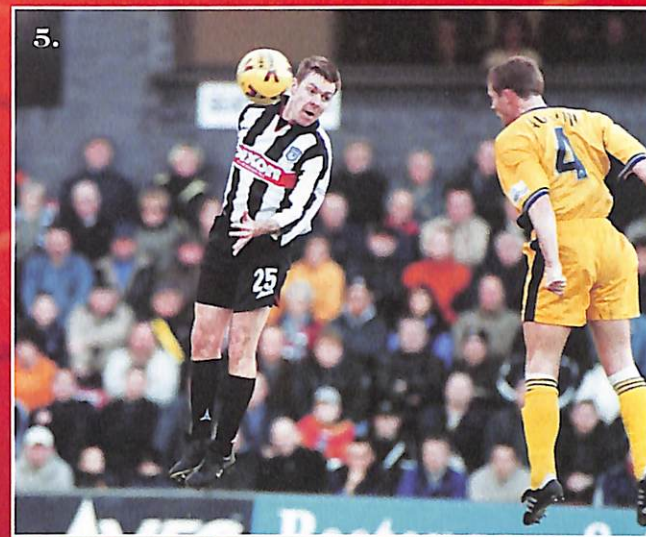
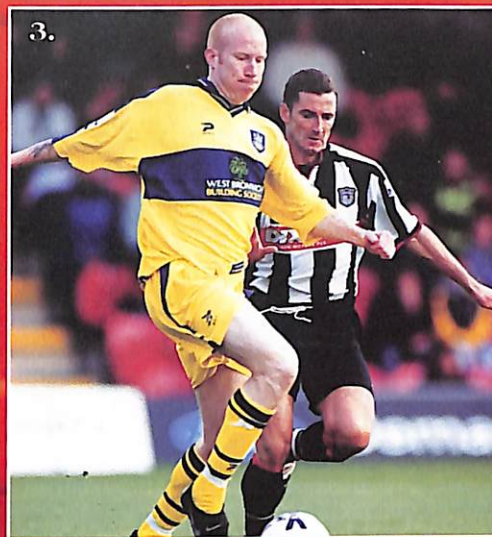
2. Bradley Allen shows his delight in front of the Pontoon after scoring what turned out to be the winner against Huddersfield

3. West Brom dangerman Lee Hughes is well marshalled by John McDermott in the Mariners 2-0 victory in front of the Sky TV Cameras.

4. A guard of honour for Macca as he becomes the Club's League Appearances Record Holder, before kick off against Crystal Palace.

5. Instant shoulder control from Bradley Allen in the 2-2 draw with Palace...and he can do it without even looking at the ball!

6. Striker David Nielsen has a shot against Norwich - the Dane later sealed victory with a second Town goal in the final minute.



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The Season so far



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This Week Then...

NEWSFLASH

January 1956 - Syria and Lebanon sign a joint defence pact against Israel.

January 1991 - Foreign diplomats leave Iraq as the Allies military build up gathers pace.

45 YEARS AGO

Grimsby's Third Division North fixture against Southport is postponed because of a waterlogged pitch. Accrington's surprise defeat at Barrow, however, allows the Mariners to remain top of the table.

Crewe, also in the same division, crash 1-4 at home to Halifax, Joe Littler the Alex' scorer.

10 YEARS AGO

Wigan Athletic claim a first ever league win over Grimsby with a 2-0

Third Division win at Springfield Park. Manager Alan Buckley gives teenage full-back Gary Croft his debut as substitute.

Crewe fall to 22nd place in the Third Division following a 0-2 loss to Southend United.

Classic Programmes

A series by the Editor of Programme Monthly & Football Collectable magazine in which the most famous games in football history are remembered by their programmes, which remain popular with modern collectors. England 9 Scotland 3 British Home Championship Wembley

THE MATCH

Scotland goalkeeper Frank Haffey has gone down in history as "the man to blame" for England's record thrashing of the "auld enemy", but this belies the early stages of the match which saw a 3-2 scoreline, and a wretched performance by those defenders in front of him.

Jimmy Greaves of Chelsea prior to his move to Italy, was at his quicksilver best and scored a hat-trick. Johnny Haynes, who orchestrated the performance with a commanding display in midfield, scored two goals as did Greaves' future Spurs striking partner, Bobby Smith. Bobby Robson and Bryan Douglas completed the England scoring. Scotland included the Rangers full-backs Shearer and

Caldow, Dave Mackay, Billy McNeill, Denis Law and Ian St John, but collectively and individually played very poorly. Their goals were scored by Mackay, Wilson and Quinn. England, pre-Ramsay, were on a roll after their fifth consecutive win, scoring 32 goals in that time with a team that scarcely changed in that period. The quicksilver Jimmy Greaves had scored 11 of them. It was Frank Haffey's last game for Scotland.

THE PROGRAMME

Wembley Stadium issued their familiar programme for the latest clash of the "auld enemy", with an aerial photograph of the stadium in blue and background design in blue red and green on the front cover. As programmes of the time went, this was a reasonable issue, albeit the cover price of 1/- was double the price of normal League programmes. The sixteen pages included articles on the forthcoming World Cup Finals and the future of Scottish football, plus detailed pen-pics of both squads

and action photos of the previous years meeting at Hampden. There were page 3 portraits of the guests of honour, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh and opposite the centre page team lines (in 2-3-5 formation) was the familiar Time Table and Programme of music. Advertisements included the Radio Times (on the inside front page), Bovril featuring Jimmy Greaves in a Chelsea strip, On the back page; Double Diamond beers (inside back page), British European Airways, Senior Service cigarettes and forthcoming Ice Hockey, Greyhound racing and football events at the stadium. The programme is very commonplace and should not cost much more than £2 to buy from one of the major dealers, who will certainly have several copies in stock.

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Highest Gate
28,372
Nott'm Forest
vs Huddersfield

Lowest Gate
3,732
Grimsby
vs Bolton

Highest
Agg Score
Wimbledon...4
Gillingham...4

Biggest
Home Win
Forest...5
Burnley...0

Fulham...5
Watford...0

Biggest
Away Win
Sheff Wed...0
Wimbledon...5

Consec. Wins
Fulham...11

Games
Unbeaten
Watford...15

Consec. Defeats
Sheff Weds...8
Winless Run
Huddersfield 17



Total Games
313

Home Wins
146...47%

Away Wins
88...28%

Draws
79...25%

1-1 Draws
36...12%

0-0 Draws
27...9%

Ave Goals
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Red Cards
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Average Gate
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Div.1 Results Grid

| HOME GOALS | | | | | | | | | | AWAY GOALS | | | | | Grid shows the number of games ending with each result, e.g. 36 matches have been 1-1 draws and 23 games have ended a 1-0 away win. | | | | |
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Referees Report

| | G | RC | YC | Av. Yell |
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| Prosser | 11 | 4 | 52 | 4.73 |
| Hall | 15 | 9 | 67 | 4.47 |
| Olivier | 15 | 4 | 67 | 4.47 |
| Knight | 8 | 4 | 35 | 4.38 |
| Fletcher | 13 | 0 | 56 | 4.31 |
| Dowd | 15 | 8 | 63 | 4.20 |
| Jordan | 13 | 2 | 53 | 4.08 |
| Foy | 14 | 3 | 57 | 4.07 |
| Cooper | 10 | 2 | 39 | 3.90 |
| Jones T | 16 | 9 | 61 | 3.81 |
| Mathieson | 16 | 2 | 61 | 3.81 |
| Bates | 12 | 0 | 45 | 3.75 |
| Hill | 14 | 3 | 51 | 3.64 |
| Frankland | 16 | 2 | 58 | 3.63 |
| Warren | 13 | 2 | 47 | 3.62 |

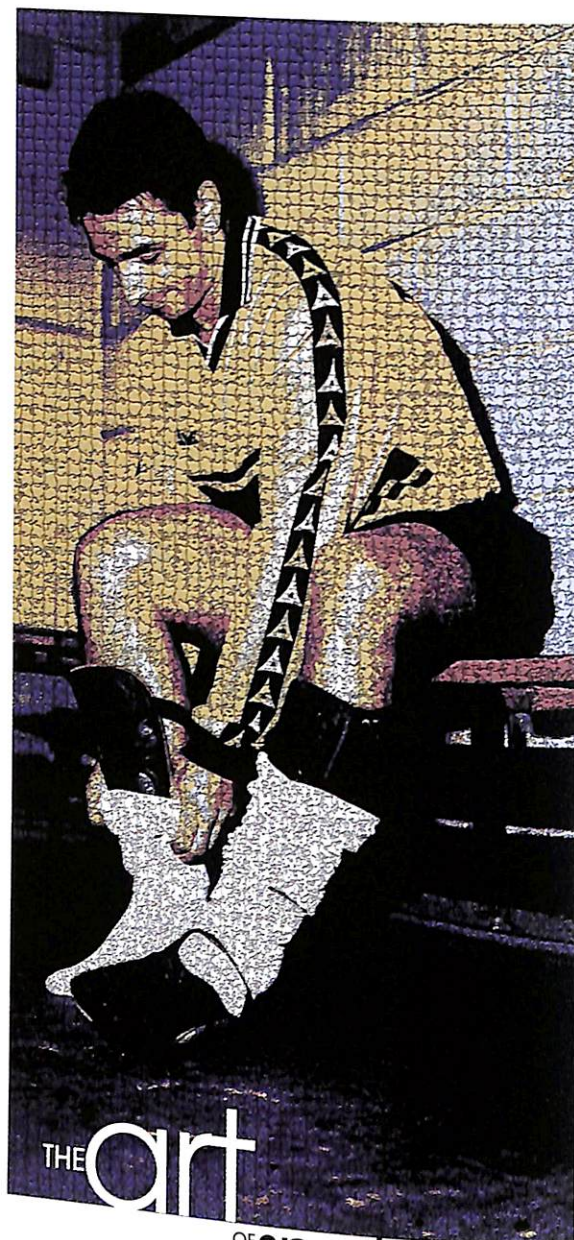
Hotshots - Div.1 Clubs' most prolific marksmen, inc. the difference their goals made

| see key below | Leading Scorer | GS | 1st GI | Sc1 | Sc2 | HT | Gms Ave | W/L | W/D | D/L | Pts | Run | Dry | PU | CS | FS | Last 5 Away Results |
|---------------------|----------------|----|--------|-----|-----|----|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|---------------------|
| Barnsley | Shipperley | 6 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 20 0.3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 27 | 8 | 11 | LLLDL |
| Birmingham | Horsfield | 5 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 20 0.25 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 24 | 8 | 7 | DLWWL |
| Blackburn | Jansen | 10 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 20 0.5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 36 | 10 | 4 | DDWWD |
| Bolton | Ricketts | 14 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 25 0.56 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 26 | 12 | 5 | WLWWW |
| Burnley | Payton | 7 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 23 0.3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 23 | 9 | 5 | LDLLL |
| Crewe | Cramb | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 13 0.31 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 28 | 7 | 12 | LLLLL |
| Palace | Morrison C | 12 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 26 0.46 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 13 | 4 | 6 | 29 | 3 | 7 | WDDLD |
| Fulham | Saha | 16 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 24 0.67 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 31 | 9 | 3 | DDWWL |
| Gillingham | Asaba | 9 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 17 0.53 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 23 | 6 | 8 | LLWDD |
| Grimsby | Nielsen | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 16 0.31 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 27 | 5 | 10 | LLDWL |
| Huddersfield | Gallen | 8 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 21 0.38 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 28 | 5 | 11 | DLWDW |
| Norwich | Roberts | 8 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 25 0.32 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 30 | 9 | 14 | LLLWD |
| Forest | Bart-Williams | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 27 0.37 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 30 | 12 | 10 | WLLLW |
| Portsmouth | Claridge | 10 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 25 0.4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 28 | 5 | 9 | DLLLD |
| Preston | Macken | 9 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 20 0.45 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 27 | 9 | 5 | WLLWL |
| QPR | Crouch | 7 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 23 0.3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 29 | 6 | 5 | LDLDD |
| Sheff Utd | Kelly | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 24 0.25 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 27 | 14 | 9 | LWDDL |
| Sheff Wed | Morrison | 6 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 19 0.32 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 31 | 4 | 10 | LLDLB |
| Stockport | Wilbraham | 5 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 19 0.26 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 31 | 4 | 6 | WDWDL |
| Tranmere | Koumas | 6 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 21 0.29 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 24 | 5 | 9 | LLLLL |
| Watford | Mooney | 12 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 22 0.55 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 28 | 9 | 5 | LLLLW |
| West Brom | Hughes | 15 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 26 0.58 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 16 | 3 | 4 | 21 | 11 | 5 | WWDLW |
| Wimbledon | Euell | 11 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 21 0.52 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 27 | 10 | 8 | WLWWL |
| Wolves | Dinning | 5 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 18 0.28 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 28 | 8 | 10 | LDLWW |

Key: GS=Goals Scored; 1st GI=Games Scored 1 Goal; Sc1=Games Scored 1 Goal; Sc2=Games Scored 2 Goals; HT=Hat-Tricks; Each club's leading league scorer and their goals per game (Ave). Next 3 columns show taking off their goals, how many games change from Win to Loss (W/L), Win to Draw (W/D), Draw to Loss (D/L) and Points (Pts) lost. Last 2 figures show best scoring run, and longest dry spell in consecutive games. NUMBERS PU=Players Used CS=Clean Sheets FS=Games Failed to Score

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Grandpa Grumpy

Problem Corner

Dear Grandpa Grumpy

When we played there, I noticed that Preston had two pictures made out of coloured seats in their new stands - one of Tom Finney and one of Bill Shankly. If we had the same at our new ground, who would you suggest that we use?

Grandpa Grumpy replies,

Well now, as you know I couldn't make it all the way to Preston, on account of my little problem, which means I have to get out of the car every three miles and (we don't want to know that - Ed!). Anyway, I've been told about it, and of course I reckon that Preston have got it all wrong. You see they've got the pictures of their players in the upright position, so they can only get a head and shoulders kind of picture. Now what I'm going to suggest is something rather different - a picture in what I've heard called the 'landscape' mould. Now we could have a picture of Bob Cumming doing a slide tackle down one side of the ground, and maybe another of a trawler towing a net to show our fishing heritage along the other side. Then at the ends we could have a picture of Marjorie lying down (I think we've got your drift Ed!)

Dear Grandpa Grumpy

I read the other week about our's not being a 'modern' pitch, but having seen some of the other pitches on TV - such as Newcastle's last week, our's looks to be in far better 'nick' than most of the 'modern' Premiership ones. Don't you think we should roll up the Blundell Park turf and take it with us to Great Coates. What's more, I've heard that the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, and the new Wembley will be using turf from Yorkshire. Surely we can't have that!

Grandpa Grumpy replies,

Your quite right - except that I don't like these modern words such as 'nick' so don't use them in my column again! Obviously young Frank Bridge and wee Mike have consulted me on how to get to Blundell Park pitch in tip top condition and keep it like that. I did suggest that we play all our games at Waltham to keep

the pitch in even better condition, but this didn't go down too well with the 'top brass'. Now me and the lads down the allotments have been secretly growing turf for the Great Coates Stadium, and it contains some of our 'special ingredient'.

In fact, it contains a lot of our 'special ingredient' which as you can imagine has taken a lot of effort on our part - if you know what I mean.

Unfortunately, the secrets out, and there are those in the town who are trying to get us evicted before the new pitch can be 'rolled out.' So we need a helping hand to stay on the allotments until the project is finished. If you could all join our "Better Utilise Great Grimsby's Earth Resources or Fail the Future" campaign, I'm sure we could get the message across to 'those in the know.'

Dear Granpa Grumpy

Looking into your crystal ball, what do you see heading the way of the Good Ship Grimsby Town in the next year?.

Grandpa Grumpy replies,

Well, I don't need a crystal ball for starters. Lots of stuff really obvious - like a certain team, won't be playing us in the cup, but we'll draw someone for the next round that we've already played four times this season! Then of course, it will be between us and Fulham on the last day of the season to see who goes up as champions - and they'll get a penalty five minutes into time added on. And when we get in the Premier, that certain other team will find an excuse to play somewhere south of Rio de Janeiro. And no doubt, the official ball will change colour again.

In my days the ball changes colour officially during the match - it started off orange and ended up brown. Now if young Menno had hit one of those balled like he did the one at Preston, their goalie would have lost half his fingers

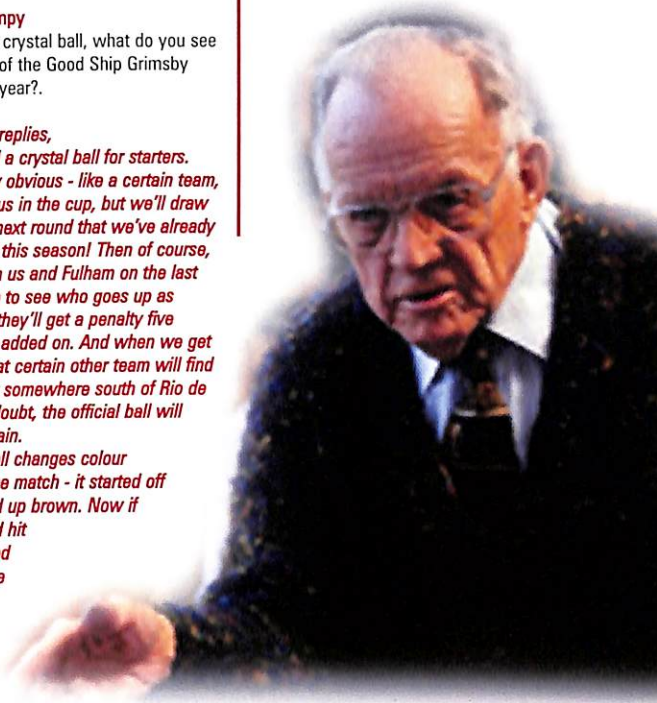
and be able to count no higher than four and a bit. Oh, and we won't get a penalty against Bolton.

Dear Grandpa Grumpy

Sheffield Wednesday had a minion of a male steward looking in the handbags of our female supporters. What do you reckon?

Grandpa Grumpy replies,

It's an absolute liberty! Obviously this should not be allowed! The question wasn't worth asking in the first place. There's no way that lad should be permitted to do that. I know I certainly wouldn't allow it if I was in charge. You mustn't have young men doing that and searching women as they enter a ground. No! That's a job for older ones. Like me.



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moment," he said. "But I'm sure that we will definitely come out of the relegation zone, we just need that luck on our side, getting that win, and then we can get back on the ball again."

From a personal point of view, Sodje is also happy with his own progress at the club, as he looks to impress the boss enough to earn a new contract when his current one expires at the end of the season.

"I'm playing well. I'm still in the side. I didn't play the last cup game but I've played in all the other games. The only time I've missed games are due to national call-ups and apart from that everything's fine."

"But at present everything is on hold as far as the national team is concerned. I'm on a one-year contract and the manager wants to know where I stand so I am putting all my efforts into playing for Crewe."

Sodje, 28, rose to fame playing for Stevenage in the Football Conference wearing a bandanna in every game. He was part of the Stevenage side that won the Conference, but failed to gain promotion due to the standard of their stadium.

However, he did move up to the Third Division a year later when promoted side Macclesfield paid £30,000 for him. But after being released, he moved up a division again to team up with Lennie Lawrence at Luton.

But again his contract was cancelled, due to national commitments with Nigeria, and again he moved up a division where he is firmly settled at Crewe.

"It's actually been a big step, coming from the Conference up to the Third, then the Second, and then the First. But in Division One it's fine."

"First of all I thought it was going to be really difficult, but after my first two games, when we played Fulham and Blackburn, I looked around and said to myself 'To be honest, I can handle this'. Overall I think I've settled in to the First Division with no problem really."

Sodje rates Lawrence as one of the best managers that he has ever worked with, and was glad of the opportunity to meet up with his again when the two teams met in August.

"I know Lennie very well, he's nice man. When he came down to Gresty Road I spoke to him before the game and we got on, shook hands and afterwards we shook hands again."

"I have a good relationship with him. What happened at Luton was that I had my contract cancelled because of national call-ups which was partly my fault, but I'm glad we got things cleared up, because you never know, one day I could be playing for him again."

Sodje's views his international commitments as an important part of his playing career but his plans for the future are very straightforward. He wants to play well, and he wants to play well for Crewe.

With Crewe struggling at the wrong end of the First Division his experience will no doubt be a vital factor for Dario Gradi and Sodje is determined to stay in the First Division to enhance his chances of further Nigerian caps.

"The first thing is to concentrate on staying in Division One. Then I would like to sign a longer contract, and then hopefully I can keep on going and win medals."

The bandanna-wearing central defender has played at various levels with spells at Conference club Stevenage Borough, Third Division side Macclesfield Town and Luton Town in the Second Division.

But now the 28-year old has reached the top of his game, playing in the highest division of his playing career, and after years of hard work Sodje is determined not to throw it away.

"We're playing fine as a team, but this season is not going the right way at the

Star Player



Today...

Crewe Alexander

Crewe Alexandra manager Dario Gradi has a number of experienced players at his disposal and number one goalkeeper **ADAMOLE BANKOLE** has proved to be a top signing after he joined on a free transfer from Queens Park Rangers in the summer. The Nigerian was forced to act as an understudy to **JASON KEARTON** but is now the number one choice. Australia-born Kerton has been a resounding success since signing from Everton in November 1996. He has become a firm favourite amongst supporters and was the understudy to veteran Welsh international Neville Southall while at Goodison Park. He will have a vital role to play in the club's fight to stay in the First Division this season and is strong and commanding in the air. Another goalkeeper at the club is youngster **KEVIN WELSBY**, a product of the highly-rated youth system at Crewe. He was a part of the successful team that reached the quarter finals of the FA Youth Cup.

Gradi snapped him up from Second Division Colchester. Even though many people underestimate the ability of the bandanna-wearing central defender. Sodje shows a great ability to play First Division football and is another successful purchase by Gradi.

Full-back **STEVE MACAULEY** is a regular in the Crewe line-up. Macauley began his career at Manchester City before joining Crewe from non-league Fleetwood Town and quickly established himself as a crowd favourite at Gresty Road. The last few years have seen the tall central defender suffer from a number of injuries. He is a commanding player who is good at both ends of the field, and a serious threat from set pieces with his powerful heading ability. Former Halifax Town defender **SHAUN SMITH** scored the Wembley goal which catapulted the Railwaymen into the First Division and has produced some excellent form this season. Since joining Crewe, he has made the left-back position his own. Waiting in the wings for a chance are youngsters **RICHARD WALKER** and **ANTHONY CHARLES**

who are itching to break into the first-team squad. Walker is a prospect for the future and joined Crewe's Centre of Excellence at 12, and then signed a two-year Y.T.S. deal after leaving school. Charles joined the Alex after being spotted by the

scouting staff. He prefers playing at left-back and should offer regular first-teamer Smith tough competition. **KENNY LUNT** is a former England youth international who made his senior debut in 1997. He is skilful, another excellent prospect for the future and has already become a vital part of the midfield this season. **KEVIN STREET** is another Crewe-born youngster discovered and honed by Gradi. He is an unsung hero at Gresty Road, working tirelessly in the centre of the park, and as found the net on a number of occasions in his career. **NEIL SORVEL** returned to the club, after being released from Crewe as a trainee in 1993. He then joined Macclesfield Town and helped them progress from the Conference into the Football League in 1997, and then into the Second Division. His experience should help those of more tender years who play alongside him in midfield this season. **JAMES COLLINS** signed a two-year deal at the beginning of the 1998-99 season

and will need to push his claims strongly this year. He is beginning to flourish and is a hard-working and skilful midfielder, who makes up for what he lacks in stature with a big heart and is highly thought of by the club.

Up front, Crewe have plenty of options, **MARK RIVERS** was given a professional contract in the spring of 1994 after graduating through the youth ranks. Rivers can play on either wing or as a centre

...at Blundell Park



forward. He lost his place when Danny Murphy returned on loan from Liverpool in the season 1998-99, but proved himself once again with persistence and hard work in training as he forced himself back into the team. **COLIN CRAMB** joined Crewe from Bristol City just before the start of the 1999-2000 season for a fee of £200,000 and the striker scored on his debut, a Worthington Cup tie at Hartlepool. Cramb is a much travelled player who has scored goals for all of his clubs. He joined Bristol City in 1997, for £250,000 from Doncaster, after helping the Yorkshire club survive relegation to the Conference.

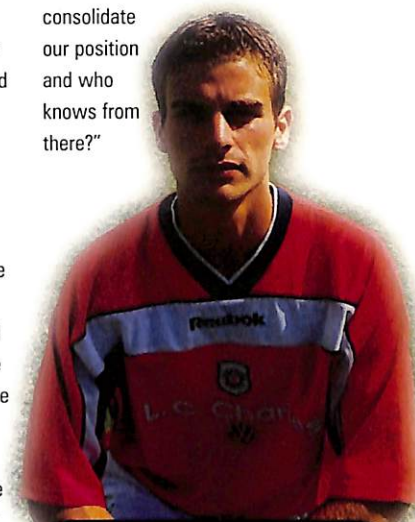
In **RODNEY JACK**, Crewe have one the most exciting players in the First Division. The St. Vincent International forward joined from Torquay for £650,000 in 1998 and Crewe fans drooled at the prospect of one of the most exciting players in the Third Division gracing Road. Initial signs were good - two goals on his home debut suggested plenty more was to come, but he then drifted out of games. Speedy and skilful, he can be used to good effect either through the middle or out wide, where his pace takes him into dangerous positions. **COLIN LITTLE** has once again found the net this season for the Cheshire outfit after signing from non-league Hyde United for £50,000 a then record fee for a non-league player. He joined the Alex with high expectations, carried a reputation of being a consistent goal scorer, and managed to prove himself in the first

season. He scored the goal which took Crewe into the play-offs, then netted two against Luton in the semi finals only for Crewe to lose in the final. **ROB HULSE** impressed a lot of youth team onlookers back in 1997-98 and he was offered a three year professional contract in summer 1998. He suffered a serious back injury and was out of the game for 18 months, but he is now back in first-team action and fighting to hold down a regular place in the side.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

Crewe Alexandra Football Club are renowned throughout the game for their excellent youth development policy. Over the years, many star names have emerged from the productive Alex ranks, with the likes of ex-England midfielder David Platt learning their trade with the Gresty Road outfit. One of the most promising of the current crop of youngsters is 20-year old defender Stephen Foster, who if fit, will be on show at Blundell Park this afternoon. Of his coaching at the club, Foster says "I can't pick out one particular aspect I have learnt from Dario. I know that I am not the most technical player to come through Crewe's youth system, but Dario and all the coaches have taught me how to make the most of the strengths that I do have." After breaking into the first team to make his debut against Bury in 1998, Stephen suffered the disappointment of missing the most of last season with a cruciate ligament damage. "My injury came at a

bad time for me. I had made my senior debut and things were looking bright. However, I think the experience of being out for so long has made me into a better person and player, with a stronger desire to succeed." Stephen has once again broken into the first team this season, performing brilliantly against high quality teams like Fulham and Blackburn Rovers. Foster is definitely one to keep an eye on for the future, but remains realistic about his sides current plight. "Our goal is to stay in Division One. If we can do this then our aim must be to consolidate our position and who knows from there?"



CREWE ALEXANDRA
Founded: 1877
Entered League: 1892
Past League Record
Grimsby Town 20 wins;
Crewe Alexandra 13 wins;
14 draws

First League Meetings

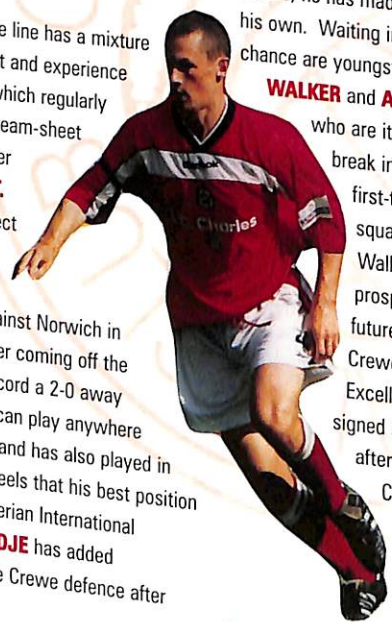
Crewe 1 Grimsby 0
Division Two, 10th September 1892

League Doubles

Grimsby Town - three Crewe Alex - two

ODD SPOT

Jimmy McGuigan - in charge of both Crewe and Grimsby in the 1960s - oversaw the running of a fish and chip shop for a time whilst manager at Gresty Road.



Kenny Lunt



Steve Macauley

Playing to the Whistle

At this time of the season, referees are frequently called upon to inspect football pitches to decide if a match can go ahead or if it is to be postponed.

In local football, the referee has to decide first and foremost on the safety factors. What is the likelihood of a player injuring himself because of the ground conditions? Will there be a foothold for players on every part of the playing surface? Sometimes, the decision is made very easy for the referee because the whole pitch is covered in thick snow with probably ice underneath. It is considerably more difficult when there is probably just one small area of the pitch with ice, usually one of the goal mouth areas. After heavy rain as we have had this autumn and winter, waterlogging is another problem that referees sometimes have to contend with. Again, it is easy if the whole pitch is flooded but this is seldom the case as it is far more likely that there are puddles in various parts of the pitch and the referee has to decide not just on the safety factors but on whether the game will degenerate into a farce and not provide fair conditions for the players to express their skills.

There are also other factors which sometimes affect the judgement of the referee. When all the players want to play and the conditions are doubtful, the referee will sometimes have to be a spoil sport and not allow a game to be played if he feels that the conditions are unsafe. Sometimes, the opposite happens in that the players do not want to play but the referee feels that the playing surface is safe. Towards the end of the season Leagues and Competitions are keen to have their games played so that the season can be terminated with all matches completed and promotion and relegation decided.

Notwithstanding all these pressures, there is one overriding factor which will

influence the referee's judgement and that is the welfare and safety of the players. Having considered all the factors, this is the one he will return to when saying 'Match On' or 'Match Off'.

In professional football, the referee will still consider all the above factors but there are additional pressures on him when making a decision on the state of the playing surface. If there is a likelihood of a postponement, it is the responsibility of the home club to alert the League of the need for a pitch inspection. This must be done as early as possible because the away team may have to travel a long distance and most set off the day before a game. The away supporters are also a major consideration as nobody wants them to have travel a long distance in difficult conditions only to find that the game is called off at the last minute.

Other safety factors are also considered by referees at professional level such as the terracing which, if icebound, will affect crowd control and safety. Sometimes less obvious things such as running water for the catering staff and for toilets may be out of order and also access to the stadium may be difficult if there is ice and snow in the streets around the ground.

When making a decision about the playing surface, the referee may be in touch hesitant when an early decision is called for so he will check out the local weather forecast and discuss the difficulties of the pitch with the head groundsman who will know where the difficult areas are to be found. He may also kick a ball around to see how well it rolls on the surface and will also try out several different types of boots to see which stud, if any, makes the best grip on a particular surface.

At the end of the day, the referee will have to make the decision taking into account all the factors but, in professional football, as in local football, the number one consideration will always be the welfare and safety of players followed very closely by the safety and comfort of spectators, especially those who may have to travel long distances to see their favourite team in action.

Sometimes, play gets underway and conditions change. Having taken due notice of the weather forecast and discussed the pitch and how it plays with the groundsman, a sudden storm may cause the referee to have to take the players off the pitch and then take an inspection if the conditions improve. This is always very frustrating for everyone concerned with a lot of pressure heaped on the referee to make decision within a fairly short space of time as the players are warm and focussed on their game and the fans are sitting or standing outside in deteriorating conditions.

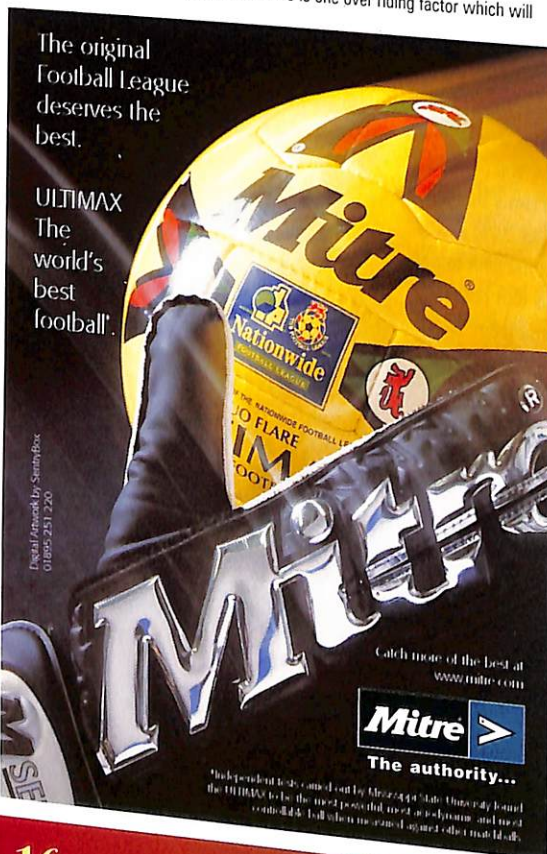
The most difficult decision is when fog descends over a ground during a game. The referee has to decide if he can see his two assistants and both goalkeepers from all over the pitch and he also has to consider the visibility for the playing public who may not be able to see the play from the back of the stand. Having called off the game, the referee's biggest worry is that the fog lifts about 5 minutes after he has called it a day and, sadly, there is no going back if this happens.

I will end with one short anecdote. A few seasons ago, I travelled to County East to act as an assistant referee in a Division 3 game. The journey to County Durham has been pleasant but on approaching the Town around midday there was evidence that snow was starting to fall and soon this became very heavy indeed. The inevitable pitch inspection ensued and, after a very detailed inspection, the referee called off the game. Everyone at the Club seemed relieved that that a sensible decision had been arrived at, except one person - the senior catering officer who, almost in tears, said "What am I going to do with 100 pies?"

Needless to say, the long journey back to Lincolnshire was made far more enjoyable when a tasty, complimentary snack was available en route!
Derek Bray

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Hello again everyone and welcome to the match. After our recent good run it was obviously disappointing that the home game against Portsmouth was postponed, but with the pitch covered in snow there was really no alternative!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY COURSES - SPONSORED BY ASDA

The courses we held over the Christmas holidays went very smoothly. At Humberston around ninety children attended. They were delighted when Grimsby Town captain Paul Groves arrived on the final day to help give out all the prizes. The weather was cold but dry and this helped everyone have a good time.

After Christmas and the New Year we were back in action at Healing Comp School. In total, approximately forty children attended this course. The youngest were five and the oldest was thirteen. Although particularly on the first day, the weather was wet, it didn't stop the children having a great time. In fact, it was probably a case of the muddier the better for many of the young players! Many thanks go to Adam Buckley who attended at the end of the second day to help present the prizes.

All in all it was a very successful and enjoyable holiday and I'm sure it will be repeated next year.

UPDATED GTFC WEB SITE

If you were in attendance at the Humberston course your picture is now on the official GTFC website on the Community page. This can

be accessed by visiting www.gtfc.co.uk and then clicking on the "News" section, from here simply click on the "Community" section and the appropriate pages will come up. There are some excellent photos of all the groups at Humberston. In the very near future there will also be coverage of the Healing course and details of the February half term holiday courses.

SEASON OF PROMISE

Today is another designated game in the "Season of Promise". Our guests are from Nunthorpe and Bradley Park Resource Centre, West Marsh Community Centre and the Friends of Immingham. A Stagecoach double decker bus will pick up each of these groups and transport them to and from the game. Once at the game they will receive a match programme, a GTFC gift and a free hot drink voucher. Many thanks to the Nationwide Building Society for their continued support with this venture.

After our last Season of Promise game there was superb feedback from all who attended and thoroughly enjoyed our victory over Norwich City.

The next scheduled Season of Promise game is on February 3rd when Town are at home against Wimbledon.

HALF TIME TOURNAMENT

Today is the last fixture in the First Round of the half time tournament. So far the standard of play from all teams has been excellent. Progressive Fortum are

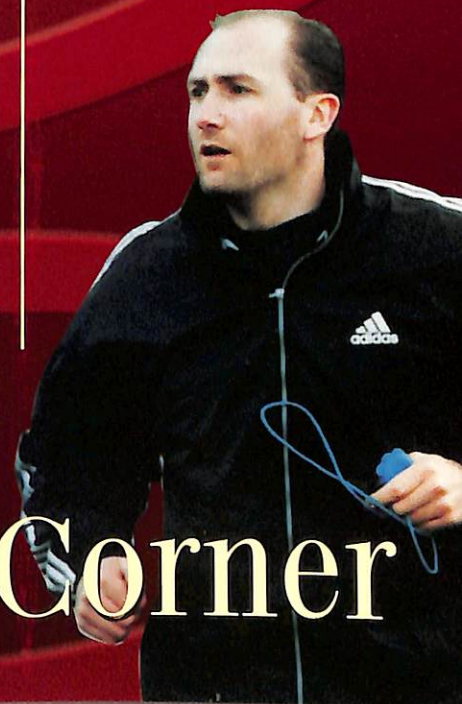
playing TSB Air Products today (weather permitting!). I'm sure you can appreciate how nervous the players are going out on Blundell Park for the first time and having only seven minutes to show what they can do. In the near future the second round will start, see future programme notes for details of this.

GOFERS

The GOFERS for today's game are from Waltham Jets. I hope they enjoy their day out at Blundell Park. Please give them a warm welcome. That's all for now, thanks for reading.

Cheers

Graham Rodger



Community Corner



Steve pictured with the 1992-93 Grimsby Town Squad
middle row fourth from right

This afternoon, Legends Bar Host Dave Boylen welcomes STEVE SHERWOOD as his guest. The 6'4" goalkeeper was with the Mariners between 1987 and 1993, making a total of 183 League appearances for Grimsby Town. Having started his

a vital member of the team which secured successive promotions in 1990 and 1991. Steve will be introduced on the pitch at half time, as he makes the Half Time Bonanza Draw.

career at Chelsea, Steve spent many successful years with Watford, as the Vicarage Road club rose from the Fourth to the First Division under Graham Taylor's guidance and Steve also appeared in the 1984 FA Cup Final against Everton and played in European competition as well. He arrived at Blundell Park in 1987, and after relegation to Division Four in his first season, Steve became

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The Commercial Scene

Good afternoon and welcome to Blundell Park's first match of 2001.

A reminder to you, that the Club Shop is currently having a sale, with up to 50% off selected items. Replica shirts have been reduced to £25 (adults) and £22 (Juniors) and this sale will continue at our Blundell Park outlet, although the GTFC shop in Freshney Place will be closing down this evening.

As regards to our outlet at ASDA, the Club is very hopeful of continuing our agreement with the superstore, which has proved so successful over the last couple of months, and an announcement will be made in the near future. Congratulations MR J LLOYD of STOCKPORT!!!! who scooped the £430 first prize on the Boxing Day Half Time Bonanza Draw. You buy your ticket, you take your chance, but fancy Nigel Batch pulling out a visiting supporters ticket for



ZHANG ENHUA
receives the Man of the Match award after the Stockport game from Intasport's Alan Anthony.

the first prize!!!! Whatever next?

There is still a match sponsorship package available for both the Burnley (17th February) and Watford (14th April) matches at Blundell Park. Any company interested in sponsoring those matches should contact Tony Richardson on 01472 605050. It is an ideal way to impress potential customers, look after existing clients or reward employees and the package represents real value for money.

All the best for 2001

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If you had £50 to spare in your pocket what would you do with it?

Give it to my girlfriend!

If you were stranded on a desert island which 3 things would you want with you and why?

Fire to keep warm at night and for food, bowl to cook in, clothing-I hate walk around naked!

If you could be anybody else for a day, who would it be and why? George Clooney, so I get the attention from a lot of women!

What is the biggest risk you have ever taken?

Driving at 200mph.

Do you prefer curry or chinese and what is your favourite dish? Chinese (sushi), Peking duck

What is the best night out you have ever had?

Every night I've been out in Amsterdam.

What is your favourite one line joke?

I'm no joker.

Who is the best looking woman on television or in films?

Sharon Stone.

What would you go to a fancy dress party as?

A red devil.

If you weren't a footballer, what job would you like to do?

Work in the clothing industry.

Who is the best player in the world in your position?

Redondo.

What is your favourite item of clothing?

Anything by Hugo Boss.

If you could invite any 3 famous people round for dinner, who would you choose?

Michael Jackson, Al Pacino and Denzil Washington.

What is the best chat up line you've ever heard?

Am I that smart or are you that stupid?

Which food do you most dislike?

Zuurkool - Fish and chips!

Which shop wouldn't you be seen dead in?

C & A.

Who is your best mate?

My girlfriend.

Name 3 things in your car glove compartment.

Map, car papers and information about the car.

Who would you be on "Stars In Your Eyes"?

I haven't got a clue!

What's the best piece of luck you've ever had?

That I met my girlfriend.

Who would you send on TV's "Style Challenge" for a makeover?

My mother.

What is your most treasured possession?

My health.

Do you have any footballing superstitions? No

Who was your schoolboy hero?

Maradonna.

Where do you see yourself being in 20 years time?

Spain (I hope).

And on a serious note..... Who is your tip for the Division One Championship this season? Fulham

And the Premiership? Manchester United.



It's... TRIVIA TIME

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1. Which two players top scored with five goals apiece in Euro 2000?
2. Which Phil, became manager of Bolton in 1985?
3. In England's last group game at the 1986 World Cup Finals, against which country did Gary Lineker score a hat-trick?
4. How many England managers did Kevin Keegan play under - 2, 3 or 4?
5. With which club was Steve Stone playing when he made his England debut?

HALF TIME QUIZ

6. Name the two league clubs to win the European Cup Winners Cup in the '60's.
7. In 1981 which former Liverpool player had led Division Four side Swansea City to Division One in just three years?
8. Who won the FA Cup in 1976?
9. With which club did Kevin Hitchcock begin his career?
10. Who was named 'Footballer of the Year' in 1948 and 1963?

20 years ago this season, Liverpool won the European Cup in Paris against Real Madrid 1-0 thanks to a rare goal from full back Alan Kennedy.



Who AM I?

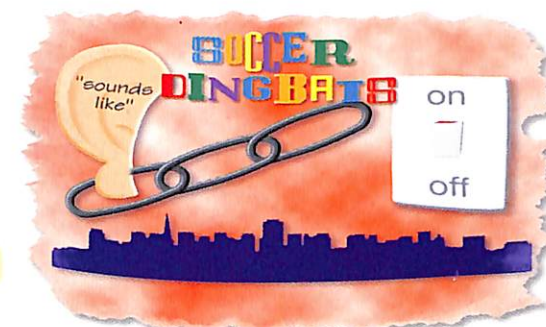


Welsh international midfielder who began his career at Elland Road before moving to Tyneside.

GROUND JUMBLE



Identify four league grounds from the jumble above, the colours will give you a clue.



TRUE OR FALSE?

Singer, Rod Stewart was once a Brentford apprentice?

Can you identify these three club crests?



HALF TIME QUIZ. 1. Patrick Klivert - Holland and Savo Milosavljevic - Yugoslavia.
2. Phil Neal, 3. Poland, 4. 5. Nottingham Forest.
6. Tottenham (1963) and West Ham (1965).
7. John Toshack, 8. Southampton, 9. Mansfield.
10. Stanley Matthews.
WHO AM I? Gary Speed.
GROUND SCAMBLE. Newcastle United - ST JAMES PARK, Norwich City - CARROW ROAD, Millwall - THE DEN, Northampton Town - KINFLDS STADIUM.
THREE IN ONE. Rotherham United, Gillingham, Notts County.
SOCCER DINGBATS. Lincoln City.
TRUE OR FALSE? True.

ANSWERS



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From South and East (A6/A523) over Peak District, directions from the junction of the two roads, at the 'Rising Sun' pub: Follow signs to 'Stockport A6', then 'Manchester A6'. After 2.8 miles, by the 'Nelson Tavern' and with the town hall (a big white building) ahead on the RHS, turn left (s/p Cheadle A560, Stockport County FC) into Greek Street. At roundabout after 0.3 miles take 2nd exit (s/p Cheadle A5465) onto Mercian Way (dual carriageway). Take the 2nd left turn into Caroline Street to ground.

PARKING

PARKING

Those who arrive early can park in the council car parks off Mercian Way (50p). Otherwise it's street parking. Parking is severely restricted around the ground, but the streets to the north of Edgeley Road are fine. Those approaching from the M60 (using the directions above) should continue past the turning to Dale Street, and take the next left, into Grenville Street.

This is John Kirk

PRESTON & SHEFFIELD WED' V TOWN
Preston have chosen two players to be represented by some rather clever colour mixing in the seats of their two new stands. Naturally this sort of thing doesn't come cheap, so they've had to give a great deal of thought to who to show. And of course they've chosen a couple of men with strong Grimsby connections, well what else would you expect? The first is Tom Finney, who despite playing loads of games for England, and spending his entire career at Preston, is best known in the hearts of true football fans everywhere for condemning the Barretts Stand. And the other "player in the seats" is there because he is the man who brought England v Scotland international matches to Blundell Park, the unforgettable Bill Shankly. Apparently Bill used to get the Scottish contingent at Blundell Park playing the English contingent and by all accounts these five-a-side games never finished until Scotland were in front. It's no coincidence then that Blundell Park's first floodlights arrived during Bill's time here, or that the English players finished work one and a half hours before their team mates from north of the border. Of course we just had to remind the Preston stewards of these interesting facts, as they were under the impression that the two said players were there because of their connections with P.N.E. Now with the game being so close to Christmas, the P.N.E. stewards were not expecting a huge contingent from Grimsby on account that all the Town supporters would be in Freshney Place looking for Christmas prezies for their loved ones. What? Instead of watching their loved ones at Preston? And instead of singing their own version of a few Christmas Carols? And instead of taking Bertie Beachball for a day out? They were obviously joking! There was one Preston steward though who really told me a whopper! Try this one for size. This steward claimed to have a referee as his best friend, no this is not going to be a story about people who are cerebrally challenged, not those who rejoice in the name of Bill-no-mates, this referee was a big Mariners supporter! Now I've always understood that "referee" and "big Mariners supporter" could not be put in the same sentence, but a referee claiming to be a big Mariners supporter, born in Leyland, Lancashire is as likely as Man U coming to Blundell Park for ANOTHER tonking in the cup! And so to the match. Being Christmas we gave them a goal start, because we're nice like that. But of course, being Christmas, Preston have quite enough fantasies to believe in, what with Father Christmas, a fairy on the Christmas tree and Snow White with or without her seven dwarfish North End supporters. So Menno somewhat destroyed their chances, and would have destroyed their net too had PNE's keeper not made a despairing effort to prevent the ball creating a huge hole in his net. And then Grovesie brought proceedings to a conclusion

with another great goal. As the Preston fans left in their droves, they revealed Bill Shankly in the seats. I could swear he was smiling more broadly than before the game. No extra time needed this time, eh Bill?

Talking of time, Old Father Time shuffled his way out of 2000, while Kirky was in the company of, now I must apologise with total embarrassment for saying this, with a load of Yorkies. What? I hear you say, Kirky spending his time in Yorkshire. No you've got the wrong end of the stick. The Yorkies have now heard so much about Town being the team of the chosen people, that they have taken to moving in lock, stock and barrel, you must have noticed it yourself. So there I was with Helen, surrounded by people in their finest rig-outs, all sparkly dresses, stoles, suits, ties and carpet slippers. Not just any old carpet slippers either, the best ones with fur round the top and a zip up the front, the real going out ones. Naturally the conversation turned gradually to the Town match at Sheffield. It was so natural most people wouldn't have noticed something like this:

Sheffelder: "These sarnies are oret."

Kirky: "I'm off to watch Town tomorrow."

Yes, that was about it, a sort of natural movement of the conversation into discussing how we were going to give Wednesday a right good seeing to.

The strange feeling was that all of our Sheffielder friends seemed to think that from Lincolnshire the journey to Sheffield was like going to the ends of the Earth. I suppose they're right really!

When we got there...

To digress for a moment, following the trusty football grounds book is not always conducive to arriving in the best of tempers. Take its directions to Hillsborough for instance. After the said book had directed us PAST Sheffield, PAST Rotherham, PAST the Manchester turn off (the Manchester turn off by the way is a junction on the M1 NOT your boring workmate who reckons he supports the devils spawn), and then off by the Bamsley turn off (the Bamsley turn off by the way is another junction on the M1 and not a forty seven year old miners wife at Pier 39 who reckons she can compete with the gorgeous local twenty year olds). Now in hindsight, I admit that this is an easy way to Hillsborough, but if the authors are so damn clever, why didn't they give an equally easy way OUT of Sheffield? Quite how Wednesday won the game is a mystery to all who were there. Maybe it's just

**The 2001-ly unbiased,
Kirky**

Kirky's Expanded Facts.

Distance Travelled: 313 (Preston) and 195 (Sheff Wed) miles.

Distance to date: 4,272 miles (16 games).

Ease of finding the ground: 8 out of 10 for each!

Car parking: 10 out of 10 (Preston) - on the Park Road opposite the ground (free), 7 out of 10 (Sheff Wed) on the industrial estate near the ground.

Final whistle to open road: 60 minutes for each - traffic congestion like you've never seen since... well since you last tried to motor up Grimshy Road.

Approximate journey time: 160 minutes
(120 minutes (Leeds), 90 minutes (Sheffield)).

Town following: 233 (Preston) 1326 (Sheff
Wed).

Pre-match entertainment: None and none again!

Good ideas: Preston - portraits of former players picked out in the seats.

Bad idea: Sheffield - still playing in Yorkshire!
Bertie Beachball success rate: Not there! Bu

Dressing room: Preston - old style, but very

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Wednesday as for Preston, but without the sauna. Success - a large low level tap to fill the drinks dispenser! No success - the large low

Stewards looks: The War of the Roses - which

Stewards looks: The War of the Roses - which set of stewards could be the most miserable!

Referee: Preston - rubbish, but we won, so I'll be generous and award him 1. Sheffield - now let's go over the rules about goal kicks and

Kicker's Man of the Match: Grovesie (Preston).

Kirky's Man of the Match: Grovesie (1980-81)
Stacy (Sheff Wed).

Reporting

Master Mariners



Dave Felgate

Ex-Welsh international Dave Felgate contested Grimsby Town's goalkeeping slot with Nigel Batch. A former Bolton Wanderers junior, he signed professional in August 1978 and made his league debut on loan to Rochdale at home to Halifax Town two months later. He was loaned to Crewe Alexandra in September 1979 and played 14 consecutive Fourth Division games for today's visitors, then had another loan spell at Rochdale before moving to Lincoln City for £25,000 in September 1980. Ever-present in two consecutive seasons, he played in the 1982/83 Football League Trophy final and played for his country against Rumania in October 1983. He was loaned to Cardiff City prior to joining Grimsby initially on loan in February 1985 and Dave Booth paid £27,000 to sign him on a permanent basis four months later. Unable to prevent relegation in 1986/87, he made 36 Second Division appearances for the Mariners before returning to hometown Bolton for £16,000 in February 1987 after another loan spell. He was ever-present in their 1987/88 promotion campaign and also starred in the 1988/89 Sherpa Van Trophy final triumph at Wembley. Moving to Chester City in October 1993, he has since played for Wigan Athletic and now Leigh RMI.

| CREWE ALEX | 1979/80 | L | FAC | LC | T |
|--------------|---------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | | 14 | | | 14 |
| Total | | 14 | | | 14 |
| GRIMSBY TOWN | | | | | |
| | 1984/85 | 12 | | | 12 |
| | 1985/86 | 12 | | | 12 |
| | 1986/87 | 12 | | 2 | 14 |
| Total | | 36 | 1 | 2 | 39 |



Rod Fletcher

Striker Rod Fletcher was an experienced member of Ron Ashman's squad at Blundell Park. Initially with Nelson, he joined Leeds United in December 1962 but failed to secure a first-team slot at Elland Road and left to qualify as a PE teacher at Madeley College in Staffordshire. He joined Crewe Alexandra in March 1967 and made his League debut in their 3-2 win at home to promotion rivals Barrow a month later, signing for Lincoln City in August 1967 after securing his first teaching post at Western Boys School in Grimsby. Leading marksman for Lincoln in 1969/70, he joined Scunthorpe United for £2,500 in June 1971 to replace Kevin Keegan in attack and was top scorer in two consecutive seasons including their 1971/72 promotion success. He became one of the first players to appear for all three Lincolnshire clubs in the Football League after reuniting with Ron Ashman at Grimsby for £5,000 in November 1973 but struggled with a knee injury while at Blundell Park and scored once in 12 League games prior to joining Immingham Town as player-manager in July 1975. Still living locally, he has spent the past 22 years teaching at Humberston Comprehensive School and is now deputy head.

| CREWE ALEX | 1966/67 | L | FAC | LC | T |
|--------------|---------|--------------|-----|----|--------------|
| | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Total | | 1 | | | 1 |
| GRIMSBY TOWN | | | | | |
| | 1973/74 | 11(1) | | | 12(1) |
| | 1974/75 | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| Total | | 12(1) | | | 13(1) |



Jimmy Pennington

Outside-right Jimmy Pennington created numerous goalscoring chances for George McLean while at Grimsby Town. A former Bolton Wanderers amateur while working as a miner at Golborne Colliery, he signed professional for Manchester City in August 1956 and made his First Division debut at Blackburn Rovers in April 1959. He moved to Crewe Alexandra in March 1961 and featured in their 1962/63 promotion campaign but a serious groin injury restricted him to two goals in 34 Fourth Division games for today's visitors prior to joining Grimsby for £2,000 in April 1963. Unable to prevent relegation in 1963/64, he was reunited with manager Jimmy McGuigan while at Blundell Park and scored eight times in 89 League outings for the Mariners before moving to Oldham Athletic in July 1965. He joined Rochdale on a free transfer in July 1966, then Cheshire League side Northwich Victoria a year later. During 30 years with Fiat as a car movement foreman at Garston Docks, then Ellesmere Port, he was subsequently a senior storeman at their Iveco commercial vehicles parts department until early retirement in November 1998 and now lives near Warrington.

| | | L | FAC | LC | T |
|--------------|---------|--------------|-------------|----------|--------------|
| CREWE ALEX | 1960/61 | 11 | | | 11 |
| | 1961/62 | 15(1) | | | 15(1) |
| | 1962/63 | 6 | | | 6 |
| Total | | 32(1) | | | 32(1) |
| GRIMSBY TOWN | 1962/63 | 11(1) | | | 11(1) |
| | 1963/64 | 36(2) | 1 | 1 | 38(2) |
| | 1964/65 | 42(5) | 4(1) | 2 | 48(6) |
| Total | | 89(8) | 5(1) | 3 | 97(9) |



Steve Saunders

Striker Steve Saunders was an influential figure as Grimsby Town reached the FA Cup fifth round in 1988/89. A former Bolton Wanderers apprentice, he signed professional in September 1982 and made his League debut at home to Wimbledon eleven months later. He failed to secure a regular first-team slot and moved to Crewe Alexandra in July 1985, playing alongside future England stars David Platt and Geoff Thomas while at Gresty Road. His solitary goal in 22 Fourth Division games for Crewe clinched their 1-0 win at home to Torquay United in September 1985 and he moved to Preston North End in August 1986.

An early Bobby Roberts signing for Grimsby in August 1987, he netted 13 goals in 76 League outings prior to joining Scarborough in August 1989 and helped them to beat Chelsea in the 1989/90 Littlewoods Cup second round. He joined Runcorn in July 1990 and moved via Altrincham to Halifax Town in September 1993, scoring their winner in that season's FA Cup first round tie at home to West Brom shortly before a heart condition ended his playing career. Since qualifying as a schoolteacher, he has taught at St. Monica's Primary School and now Brook Acre Primary School in his native Warrington.

| CREWE ALEX | 1985/86 | L | FAC | LC | T |
|--------------|---------|--------------|----------|-------------|---------------|
| | | 22(1) | 1 | 1(1) | 24(2) |
| Total | | 22(1) | 1 | 1(1) | 24(2) |
| GRIMSBY TOWN | 1987/88 | 35(3) | 3 | 1 | 39(3) |
| | 1988/89 | 41(10) | 6 | 1 | 48(10) |
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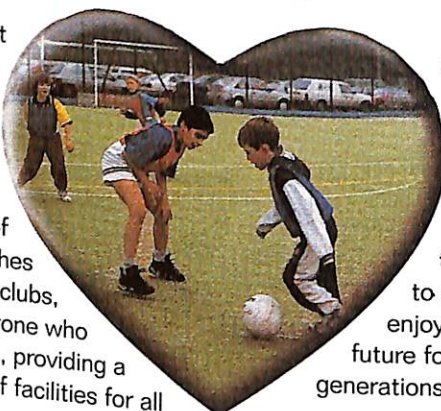
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All Saints have turned down the opportunity to sing before the Champions League final this year. ZOOfootball gazes into the abyss of matchday entertainment horror. In the primitive old days of football, the most you could expect in the way of matchday entertainment was the PA man reading out a few birthdays and maybe a half-time raffle draw. Only a few isolated footballing outposts had any concept of entertainment apart from football. Old Carlisle United fans will remember the wonderful Twinkle Toes, a man who placed a stuffed fox called Olga in the centre circle at Brunton Park before circling the ground, welcoming supporters. However, with the proliferation of TV cameras, football's reinvention as family entertainment and the peculiar ideas SKY TV imported from America, English football has gone showbiz bonkers.

People with long memories will remember those early SKY football broadcasts where pop groups interrupted the half-time lull with a rendition of their latest hit live from the centre circle. As Curiosity Killed The Cat belted out their latest tune from the half-way line at Loftus Road, football was in the process of a change that would make the modern game look very silly indeed. The first mascots ran aground at British stadiums in the mid 1990s and once one club had them, everyone had to get in on the act. The earliest ones were primitive to say the least, but along with the

equally pernicious and disturbing cheerleading troupes, they have become regular sightings at most grounds. However, on the big occasions, football has leaned further and further into showbiz territory. At one stage, cup final crowds could expect little more than a brass band to enliven their pre-match lull, now a star turn at a big match has become almost traditional. Diana Ross plays keep-up at USA '94. A salute, then, to some of the titans of the pre-match circuit, like 'hands-off-my-boobs', Motown superstar Diana Ross. Her performance at the opening ceremony of USA '94 where she conspired to wail like a banshee and then miss an open goal from four yards out will remain long in the memory.

Two years later, it was Mick Hucknall of Simply Red's turn to trivialise an important sporting occasion as he sang his 'undistinguished-by-anything-approaching-a-tune' Euro '96 tune 'We're In This Together' to a nonplussed crowd during the Czech Republic's game with Germany. Ricky Martin is a big star now, but three years ago he was desperate enough to make the big time to record the theme song for France '98 which he duly performed at the FIFA World Player of the Year Award in Disneyland, Paris in 1997. Boyzone had less of an excuse as they accepted the invitation to serenade fans of Juventus and Real Madrid at the 1998 Champions League final. Billie Piper meanwhile

made a misguided attempt to break America by singing before the final of the 1999 Womens' World Cup. However, if you want to add a bit of gravitas to a big occasion, you've got to go for a classy opera singer. Monserrat Caballe, who dullards will remember for her duet with Freddie Mercury on 'Barcelona', sang before Manchester United's Champions League final victory over Bayern Munich.

A year later, warbler Leslie Garrett was warming up the masses before Aston Villa faced Chelsea in the 2000 FA Cup final by singing an incomprehensible version of the national anthem while wearing a truly hideous green trouser suit. All Saints looked set to add a little bit of class to the final of the Champions League 2001, but 'touring commitments' (music industry jargon for 'can't be ar**d') have stopped them from appearing. Still, bet Geri Halliwell will be up for it!



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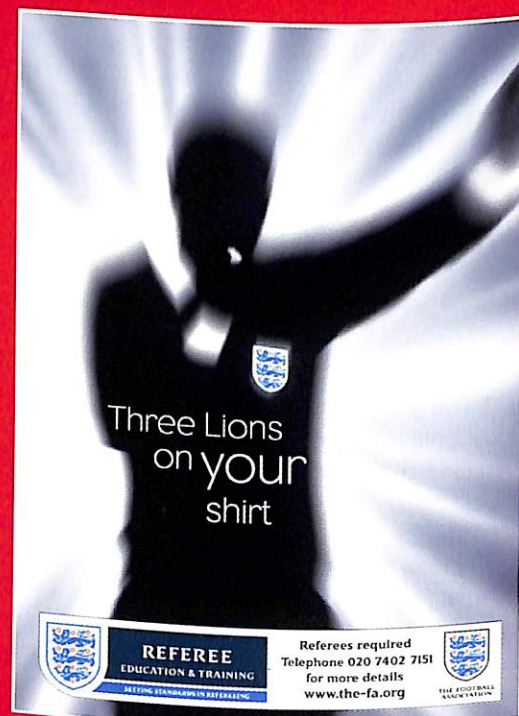
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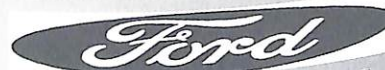
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Since our return to the First Division, four of our five matches against Alex have been draws, with them winning the other one which was earlier this season at Gresty Road. They beat us 2-0 in what was the gaffer's first match in charge. We played a different system that night and had one or two players out of position, and I believe we are a stronger more settled squad as we go into this match with them. Regardless of whether people see Crewe as a small club, it will still be a very tough match for us. Sometimes

people think it is a formality to beat teams in the bottom half of the table, but the players certainly won't be thinking that way. Crewe are established at this level and we will have to be on top form if we are to continue our recent good form of four wins and two draws in our last six at Blundell Park.

Looking back to our New Years Day defeat at Hillsborough, I feel the very least we should have taken from the match was a point. It was an open match and in the first half in particular we had a good amount of possession. I didn't think we were threatened by them at any stage and the goal generally came against the run of play. We had some good chances, especially first half, and at the end of the day, if you want to win, you've got to put at least one of them away. By the same token, we need to start keeping a few clean sheets away from home to make sure of a point at least. I think their manager Paul Jewell summed it up from their point of view, when he said after the match, that the only positive they could take from it was the result. Having won at Preston, it's fair to say one point from the following two

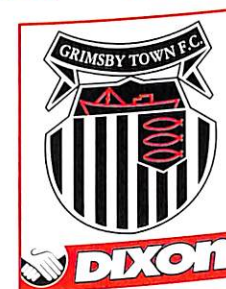
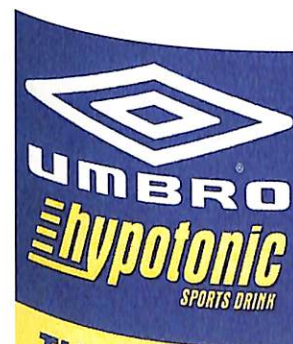
games is a disappointing return. Pairing Preston and Stockport together, we would have taken four points, although you would probably have expected us to get them, the other way round. However, to lose at Sheffield Wednesday, having had the Portsmouth game postponed, just spoilt it a bit, so we are very keen to get back on track today.

The onus will be on us, as the home side, and we will be looking for maximum points to keep us out of the bottom three, and take us into Tuesday's FA Cup replay with Wycombe Wanderers in the right frame of mind.

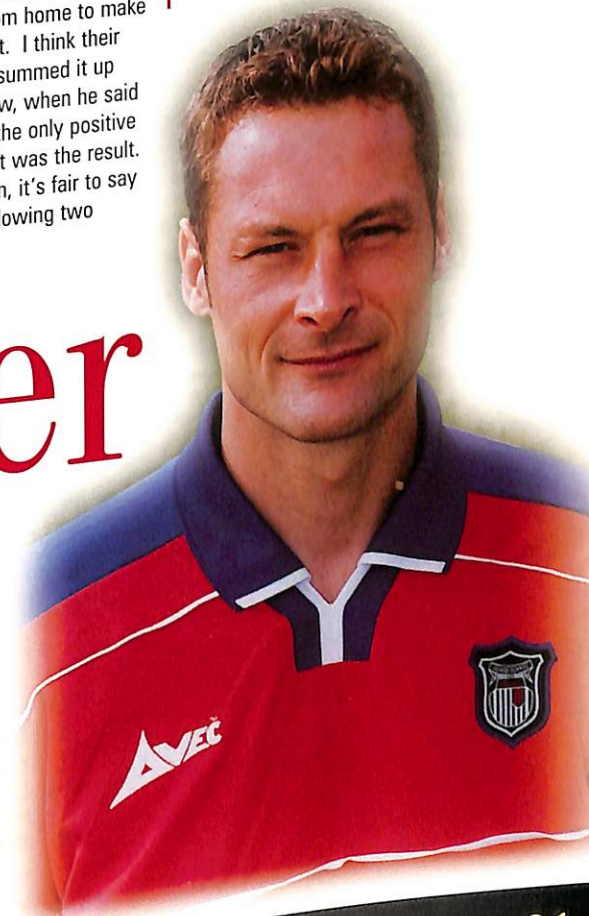
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The site is updated at least twice a day or as and when news breaks out and you can rely on 'marinersnet' to bring you the real facts and accurate information. Several unofficial sites around the globe would have you believe that they bring you the news from Grimsby Town, but the case of inaccuracy was highlighted twice recently with the tales of Daryl Clare and Knut Anders Fostervold.

"Daryl is signing for Lincoln City on loan," declared unofficial sources, whilst the Marinersnet announced his loan deal at Cheltenham. Even then, however, the unofficial sites did not correct themselves in fact they did quite the opposite and criticised Marinersnet for making a "mistake". C'mon fellas, it is our news, why would we get it wrong? It is happening within our organisation!!!

And then it was on to our Norwegian defender "Knut Anders Fostervold is unavailable for the Wycombe match because his loan has ended" was the content of unofficial pre-match articles for last weekend's cup tie. Marinersnet meanwhile, thought it had better set the record straight and confirmed that Knut's loan actually expired on 20th February. In fairness, they did then change their article and correct themselves.

Speculation, meanwhile it part and parcel of the game and it is rife in all areas of the media. Whilst the official site does not begin or promote rumours on its webpages, it will respond to any speculation that it feels is newsworthy, with comments from Lennie, the player involved or the Chairman.

But before you start thinking that the Official Club Website is simply a vehicle for the headlines of the day, let us assure you that there is much more to enjoy when you visit www.gtfc.co.uk....facts and stats, the full season's match reports, archives, memorable Mariner moments, legends and competitions. There's features such as "From (Just Behind) the

Dugout" with Kirky, "The Meekest Link" and "It's A Funny Old Game", and not forgetting Real Audio bringing you exclusive interviews with the manager and players and full match commentary on every Town game in conjunction with BBC Radio Humberside. No official site would be complete without giving fans the opportunity to purchase official club merchandise and Marinersnet does just that with secure on-line shopping.

The Club is satisfied, but not content, with the great strides that have recently been taken and there will be further improvement and developments to follow.

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Daryl Clare - gone to Lincon has he? Marinersnet was spot on, of course, but would other sites believe us



Knut Anders Fostervold - "His loan spell ends before the Wycombe Cup match on January 6th". Stated the unofficial sites

Ghosts of the League

Ashington

The most northerly of all the clubs to have participated in the Football League, the mining town of Ashington was represented in the Third Division North for eight seasons between the two World Wars.

Grimsby hold a special place in the history of Ashington, for the Mariners provided the opposition for their first-ever Football League fixture on 27 August 1921. After a grand opening ceremony at Portland Park by the Managing Director of the Ashington Coal Company (the town's main employer), the Colliers went on to win 1-0 before a 9,000 crowd, keeper Harry

Moody gifting the home centre-forward and easy goal. Town though got their revenge a week later, John Miller's hat-trick setting up a 6-1 Blundell Park Victory.

The following season Jimmy Carmichael scored four times in a 7-4 success as Ashington were destined for re-election, while in 1923-24, Carmichael claimed three goals in a 4-0 win. The teams then met for the final time during the 1925-26 term, Ashington putting a dent in Town's Third North Championship campaign with a 4-2 result at Portland Park, the Colliers themselves finishing in the best-ever ninth place. As unemployment hit the area hard in

the late twenties, Ashington's fortunes dipped, and their second bid for re-election was to be their last. Just 706 spectators saw their final home game in April 1929 against Halifax Town (a 0-3 defeat), and in the summer they forfeited their place to York City, few league clubs upset at losing such a long and expensive away trip to the far North-east.

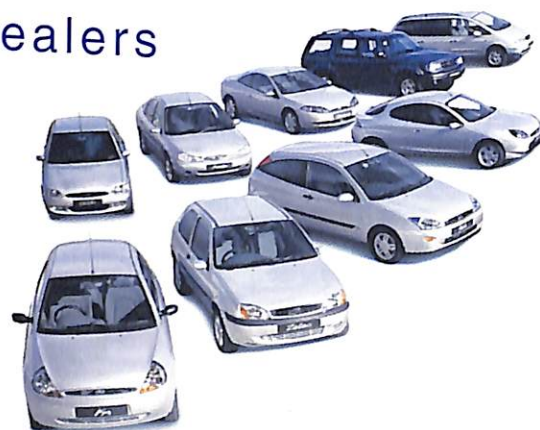
GRIMSBY'S LEAGUE RECORD
V. ASHINGTON:
PLAYED: 10 WON: 5
DREW: 0 LOST: 5

by Robert Briggs

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Blundell Park

Bits & Pieces

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ROBERT RATTRAY love from
Mummy, Daddy and brother Aaron.
Robert's favourite players are
Bradley Allen and David Nielsen.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TREVOR!!!

From: wangxin
(wangxin@sanlingroup.com)
Sent: 03 January 2001
To: enquiries@gtfc.co.uk
Subject: Zhang-Enhua



Dear Sirs,
I am a fan of
Zhang-Enhua
which is now
playing for your
team. We
know nothing
about Grimsby
before he came
to there. And
now a lot of
people around

me feel very interested in your
team, but unfortunately we can not
have chance to watch the game of
your team, because no TV station
rebroadcast it. Our local newspaper
always inform some news about
him, but it is not enough for us. So
we want to know more news and
to see more pictures for him in your
official website if possible.
Please also tell him there are
millions of fans taking care of his
ankle and hope he

can recover soon.
Best Regards,
Jerry Wang

TICKET NEWS
Normal admission prices will apply
for Tuesday night's FA Cup replay
with Wycombe Wanderers. The
match kicks off at 7.45pm and
supporters are reminded that there
is no "junior free" scheme in the
Main Stand for Cup matches.
Season Ticket Holders have until
5pm on Monday to claim their
seats.

Credit Card bookings can be made
by dialling 01472 605050 up to
5.30pm on the day of the match.

NEW FEATURES on Marinersnet
INJURY UPDATE - all the very
latest news from the Physio's Room
to keep you up to date on Town's
walking-wounded.
IT'S A FUNNY OLD GAME - Trevor
Green takes a look at some of the
crazier moments in the beautiful
game.

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AND

Keep those Man of the Match votes
coming in. The overall winner will
receive the Official Website Player
of the Year Trophy at the Awards
Ceremony in May (date to be
confirmed) at The Winter Gardens,
Cleethorpes.



Skipper Paul
Groves presents
an autographed
ball to Brenda
Dobbs, from The
Bright Spot Club,
to raise funds for
the Immingham
Mentally
Handicapped.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mariners biggest win over Crewe was in
December 1894, when they won 5-0 in a
Division Two match.
The biggest post war crowd is 12,772 at
Blundell Park in October 1951.
The Mariners top marksman in matches
against the Alex are Ginger Fletcher and
Jimmy Carmichael who both scored a total of
six goals.

Town reserves beat their Shrewsbury Town
counterparts by three goals to one at Blundell
Park last Wednesday afternoon. After the
visitors had missed a penalty, Michael Jeffrey
gave the Mariners the lead with a composed
finish, but just after the hour the Shrews got
level, and it took a lovely goal from Dave
Smith to put Grimsby back in front. The No. 8
curled in a beauty from 25 yards and his goal
was matched by Ben Chapman who struck
home a third goal from the same distance.

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The Mariners Mascots



Name:
Daniel Smith
Age:
7

School: Uterby Primary
Hobbies: Football

Fav Player: Danny Coyne



Name:
William Peers
Age:
5

School: Healing County

Hobbies: Football, swimming,
bicycles, PlayStation, reading

Fav Player: Paul Groves



Name:
Matthew Cook
Age:
13

School: Matthew Humberston

Hobbies: Football & listening
to music

Fav Players: Bradley Allen
& David Nielsen



Name:
Nicholas Cook
Age:
8

School: William Barcroft
Hobbies: Football, playing
PlayStation
Fav Players: Bradley Allen,
Steve Livingstone & David
Nielsen

KEY
Goalscorers name in **BOLD**
Yellow Background - Booked
Red Background - Sent off
(S1) - Replaced by 1st Sub
(S2) - Replaced by 2nd Sub etc
* - Sub Used



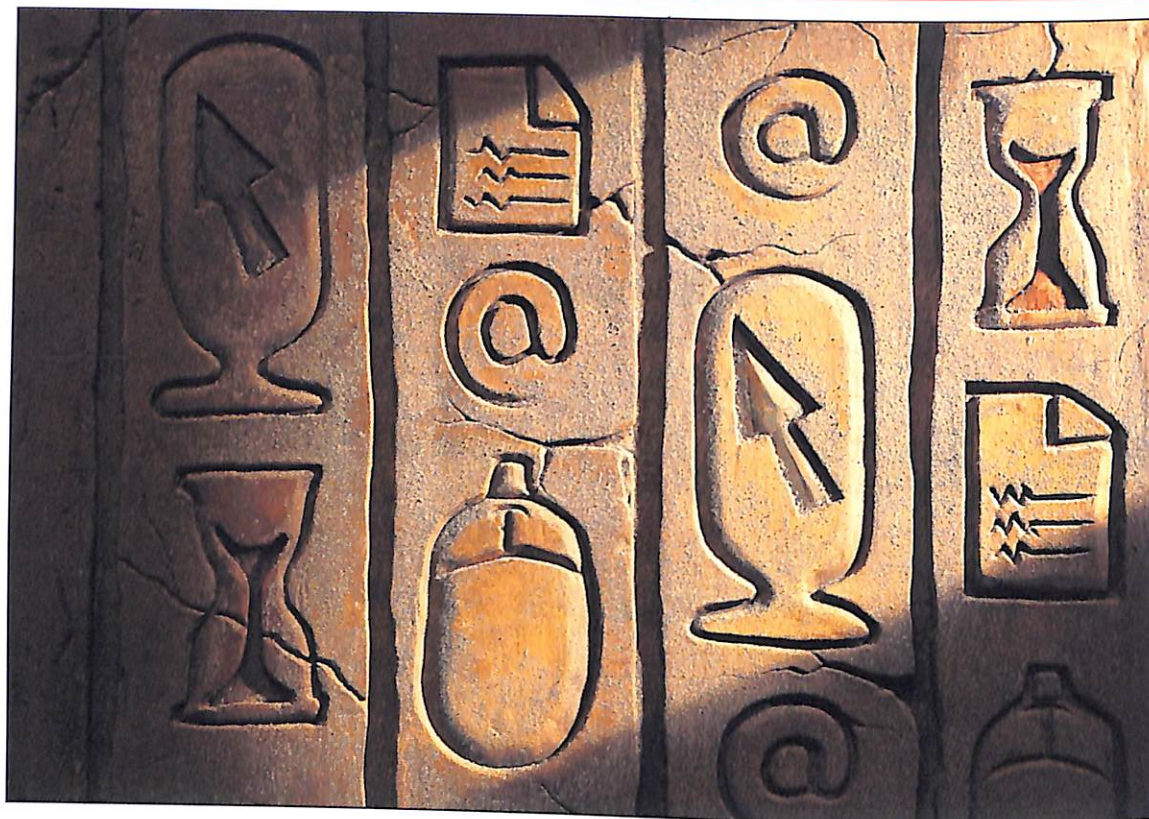
The Season Far 2000 - 2001



| DATE | OPPONENT | V | F-A | ATT | PTS | GK | PLAYER 2 | PLAYER 3 | PLAYER 4 | PLAYER 5 | PLAYER 6 | PLAYER 7 | PLAYER 8 | PLAYER 9 | PLAYER 10 | PLAYER 11 | SUB 1 | SUB 2 | SUB 3 | SUB 4 | GK |
|-------------|----------------------------|---|-----|--------|-----|-------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|------------|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Sat Aug 12 | PRESTON NORTH END | H | 1-2 | 5,755 | - | COYNE | McDERMOTT | SMITH D | LIVINGSTONE | RAVEN | POUTON | GROVES | DONOVAN | BLACK | CLARE S1 | JEFFREY | ALLEN* | BUTTERFIELD* | BUCKLEY | CHAPMAN | CROUDSON |
| Sat Aug 19 | Portsmouth | A | 1-1 | 12,511 | 1 | COYNE | McDERMOTT | GALLIMORE S2 | LIVINGSTONE | RAVEN | POUTON | GROVES | DONOVAN | SMITH D | COLDICOTT S1 | JEFFREY S4 | ALLEN* | BUTTERFIELD* | BUCKLEY | CHAPMAN | CROUDSON |
| Sat Aug 26 | SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY | H | 0-1 | 7,755 | 1 | COYNE | McDERMOTT | BUTTERFIELD S2 | LIVINGSTONE | RAVEN | POUTON | GROVES | DONOVAN | SMITH D | ALLEN S1 | JEFFREY | CLARE* | BUTTERFIELD* | BUCKLEY | CHAPMAN | CROUDSON |
| Tue Aug 29 | Crewe Alexandra | A | 0-2 | 5,305 | 1 | COYNE | McDERMOTT | SMITH D | LIVINGSTONE | RAVEN | POUTON | GROVES | DONOVAN | SMITH D | ALLEN S1 | JEFFREY | CLARE* | BUTTERFIELD* | BUCKLEY | CHAPMAN | CROUDSON |
| Sat Sep 2 | Wimbledon | A | P-P | | | | McDERMOTT | SMITH D | LIVINGSTONE | RAVEN | POUTON | GROVES | DONOVAN | SMITH D | ALLEN S1 | JEFFREY | CLARE* | BUTTERFIELD* | BUCKLEY | CHAPMAN | CROUDSON |
| Sat Sep 9 | GILLINGHAM | H | 1-0 | 4,512 | 4 | COYNE | McDERMOTT | SMITH D | LIVINGSTONE | RAVEN | POUTON | GROVES | DONOVAN | SMITH D | ALLEN S1 | JEFFREY | CLARE* | BUTTERFIELD* | BUCKLEY | CHAPMAN | CROUDSON |
| Tue Sep 12 | BOLTON WANDERERS | H | 0-1 | 3,732 | 4 | COYNE | McDERMOTT | SMITH D | LIVINGSTONE | RAVEN | POUTON | GROVES | DONOVAN | SMITH D | ALLEN S1 | JEFFREY | CLARE* | BUTTERFIELD* | BUCKLEY | CHAPMAN | CROUDSON |
| Sat Sep 16 | Burnley | A | 1-1 | 15,413 | 5 | COYNE | McDERMOTT | SMITH D | LIVINGSTONE S2 | RAVEN | POUTON | GROVES | DONOVAN | SMITH D | ALLEN S1 | JEFFREY | CLARE* | BUTTERFIELD* | BUCKLEY | CHAPMAN | CROUDSON |
| Sat Sep 23 | NOTTINGHAM FOREST | H | 0-2 | 6,467 | 5 | COYNE | BUTTERFIELD | SMITH D | LIVINGSTONE | RAVEN S1 | POUTON S1 | GROVES | DONOVAN | SMITH D | ALLEN S3 | CAMPBELL | CLARE* | BUTTERFIELD* | BUCKLEY | CHAPMAN | CROUDSON |
| Sat Sep 30 | Barnsley | A | 0-2 | 13,096 | 5 | COYNE | McDERMOTT | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | BLOOMER S1 | POUTON S2 | GROVES | DONOVAN | SMITH D | ALLEN S1 | CAMPBELL | CLARE* | BUTTERFIELD* | BUCKLEY | CHAPMAN | CROUDSON |
| Fri Oct 6 | Wolverhampton W | A | P-P | | | | McDERMOTT | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | BLOOMER S1 | POUTON S2 | GROVES | DONOVAN | SMITH D | ALLEN S1 | CAMPBELL | CLARE* | BUTTERFIELD* | BUCKLEY | CHAPMAN | CROUDSON |
| Sat Oct 14 | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN | H | 1-0 | 4,911 | 8 | COYNE | BUTTERFIELD | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | GROVES | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Tue Oct 17 | QUEENS PARK RANGERS | H | 3-1 | 4,428 | 11 | COYNE | BUTTERFIELD | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | GROVES | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL S1 | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Oct 21 | Blackburn Rovers | A | 0-2 | 16,397 | 11 | COYNE | McDERMOTT S2 | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | GROVES | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL S1 | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Tue Oct 24 | Crystal Palace | A | 1-0 | 16,685 | 14 | COYNE | McDERMOTT S1 | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | GROVES | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL S1 | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sun Oct 29 | WEST BROMWICH ALBION | H | 2-0 | 5,429 | 17 | COYNE | McDERMOTT | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | GROVES | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Nov 4 | Watford | A | 0-4 | 11,600 | 17 | COYNE | McDERMOTT | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | GROVES | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Wed Nov 8 | Wimbledon | A | P-P | | | | McDERMOTT | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | GROVES | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Nov 11 | BIRMINGHAM CITY | H | P-P | | | | McDERMOTT | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | GROVES | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Nov 18 | Sheffield United | A | 2-3 | 12,861 | 17 | COYNE | McDERMOTT | GALLIMORE S4 | HANDYSIDE | CAMPBELL | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL S1 | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Tue Nov 21 | Wolverhampton W | A | 0-2 | 16,088 | 17 | COYNE | McDERMOTT | FOSTERVOLD | HANDYSIDE | CAMPBELL | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL S1 | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Nov 25 | Fulham | A | 1-2 | 12,107 | 17 | COYNE | McDERMOTT | FOSTERVOLD | HANDYSIDE | CAMPBELL | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL S1 | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Dec 2 | CRYSTAL PALACE | H | 2-2 | 5,882 | 18 | COYNE | McDERMOTT | FOSTERVOLD | HANDYSIDE | CAMPBELL | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL S1 | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Dec 9 | Tranmere Rovers | A | 0-2 | 7,119 | 18 | COYNE | McDERMOTT S4 | FOSTERVOLD S2 | SMITH R S3 | SMITH R | COLDICOTT S2 | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Wed Dec 13 | Wimbledon | A | 2-2 | 4,489 | 19 | COYNE | BUTTERFIELD | GALLIMORE S2 | GROVES | ENHUA S3 | COLDICOTT S2 | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Dec 16 | NORWICH CITY | H | 2-0 | 5,618 | 22 | COYNE | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GROVES | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Dec 23 | Preston North End | A | 2-1 | 14,067 | 25 | COYNE | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GROVES | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Tue Dec 26 | STOCKPORT COUNTY | H | 1-1 | 6,654 | 26 | COYNE | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Dec 30 | PORTSMOUTH | H | P-P | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Mon Jan 1 | Sheffield Wednesday | A | 0-1 | 17,004 | 26 | COYNE | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Jan 13 | CREWE ALEXANDRA | H | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Jan 20 | Stockport County | A | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Feb 3 | WIMBLEDON | H | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Feb 10 | Gillingham | A | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Feb 17 | BURNLEY | H | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Tue Feb 20 | Bolton Wanderers | A | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Feb 24 | Nottingham Forest | A | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Mar 3 | BARNLEY | H | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Tue Mar 6 | Huddersfield Town | A | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Mar 10 | WOLVERHAMPTON W | H | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Mar 17 | Queens Park Rangers | A | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Mar 24 | BLACKBURN ROVERS | H | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Mar 31 | Norwich City | A | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Apr 7 | TRANMERE ROVERS | H | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Apr 14 | WATFORD | H | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Mon Apr 16 | West Bromwich Albion | A | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Apr 21 | SHEFFIELD UNITED | H | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sat Apr 28 | Birmingham City | A | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Sun May 6 | FULHAM | H | | | | | BUTTERFIELD | FOSTERVOLD | GALLIMORE S2 | ENHUA S1 | COLDICOTT | CAMPBELL | POUTON S3 | DONOVAN | LIVINGSTONE S1 | ALLEN S2 | NEILSEN* | CLARE* | SMITH D* | BURNETT | CROUDSON |
| Wed Aug 22 | Worthington Cup | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tue Sep 5 | CARLISLE UTD (WC 1 (1)) | H | 2-0 | 1,914 | - | COYNE | McDERMOTT | BUTTERFIELD S2 | LIVINGSTONE | RAVEN | POUTON | GROVES | SMITH D | COLDICOTT | ALLEN | JEFFREY S1 | CLARE* | BUTTERFIELD* | BUCKLEY | CHAPMAN | CROUDSON |
| Tues Sep 26 | WOLVES (WC 2 (1)) | H | 1-1 | 1,500 | - | COYNE | McDERMOTT S2 | HANDYSIDE S3 | LIVINGSTONE | RAVEN | POUTON | GROVES | SMITH D | COLDICOTT | ALLEN | JEFFREY S1 | CLARE* | BUTTERFIELD* | BUCKLEY | CHAPMAN | CROUDSON |
| Mon Oct 2 | Wolves (WC 2 (2)) | A | 0-2 | 2,396 | - | COYNE | McDERMOTT | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | SMITH D S1 | POUTON | GROVES | SMITH D | COLDICOTT | ALLEN | JEFFREY | CLARE* | BUTTERFIELD* | BUCKLEY | CHAPMAN | CROUDSON |
| Sat Jan 6 | F. A. Cup | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tue Jan 16 | Wycombe Wanderers | A | 1-1 | 5,390 | - | COYNE | McDERMOTT | GALLIMORE | SMITH R | GROVES | CAMPBELL | BUTTERFIELD S1 | DONOVAN | WILLEMS S2 | LIVINGSTONE S4 | NIELSON | COLDICOTT* | BURNETT* | FOSTERVOLD | HANDYSIDE* | CROUDSON |
| Sat Jan 27 | Wycombe Wanderers (FAC3 R) | H | | | | | McDERMOTT | GALLIMORE | SMITH R | GROVES | CAMPBELL | BUTTERFIELD S1 | DONOVAN | WILLEMS S2 | LIVINGSTONE S4 | NIELSON | COLDICOTT* | BURNETT* | FOSTERVOLD | HANDYSIDE* | CROUDSON |
| Sat Feb 17 | (F.A.C (4)) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat Mar 10 | (F.A.C (5)) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat Apr 7 | (F.A.C (6)) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat May 12 | (F.A.C (F)) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Kirky's Absolutely-Pointless-Did-I-Really-Want-to-Know-That-Fact.....Amaze your mates with this Number 1890 in a series of three million and 19: Kirky's found a longer series of away games than we had this season - but he's had to go back to 1890-1 to find it! Eight away games on the trot and no home game between the end of October 1890 and the last day of February 1891. The results were: W1; D3; Lost 4. Unless of course you count the war-time 'home' games played at Scun's Old Showground between 30th November 1940 and 1st January 1944.

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| Fulham | 27 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 23 | 11 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 50 | | |
| Bolton Wanderers | 27 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 23 | 14 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 16 | 13 | 14 | 49 | | |
| West Bromwich Albion | 26 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 24 | 14 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 19 | 13 | 46 | | |
| Blackburn Rovers | 25 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 14 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 15 | 8 | 46 | | |
| Watford | 27 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 24 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 44 | | |
| Nottingham Forest | 25 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 24 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 17 | 4 | 43 | | |
| Birmingham City | 27 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 15 | 22 | -1 | 41 | | |
| Sheffield United | 26 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 28 | 15 | 8 | 35 | | |
| Preston North End | 25 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 15 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 19 | -3 | 32 | | |
| Burnley | 26 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 17 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 16 | 23 | -2 | 30 | | |
| Wimbledon | 27 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 17 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 18 | -9 | 29 | | |
| Wolverhampton Wanderers | 26 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 14 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 18 | -9 | 29 | | |
| Gillingham | 26 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 17 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 22 | -4 | 30 | | |
| Portsmouth | 27 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 20 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 13 | 23 | -6 | 28 | |
| Barnsley | 26 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 21 | 19 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 19 | -10 | 27 | | |
| Crystal Palace | 26 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 18 | 19 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 25 | -12 | 26 | |
| Stockport County | 27 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 13 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 25 | -15 | 26 | |
| Tranmere Rovers | 25 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 19 | 18 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 19 | -16 | 26 | | |
| Grimsbay Town | 26 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 20 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 13 | 19 | -7 | 25 |
| Tranmere Rovers | 27 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 14 | 15 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 13 | 25 | -12 | 22 | |
| Sheffield Wednesday | 26 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 11 | 8 | 22 | -17 | 22 | | |
| Huddersfield Town | 26 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 11 | 8 | 22 | -17 | 22 | | |
| Queens Park Rangers | 26 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 8 | 22 | -17 | 22 | | |



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Division One News

It was FA Cup all the way last weekend, so let's go back to the 30th December 2000 to remind you of the Division One results.

CREWE HIT ROCK BOTTOM

Today's visitors were last in league action on 30th December, with the 0-1 reverse at Blackburn Rovers meaning that Crewe start the new year in last place, with another relegation dogfight a real possibility. Dario Gradi's side were forced on the defensive for most of the game, though had chances to score themselves, most notably Paul Tait who rolled the ball wide when clean through on goal. Matt Jansen eventually got the only goal for Rovers after earlier missing a golden chance from just four feet.



Andy Kilner's Stockport side inflicted Fulham's second defeat in the league this season.

SURPRISE DEFEAT FOR FULHAM

Stockport made it a great start to 2001 with a great 2-0 victory over leaders Fulham, only the second defeat in the league this season for Jean Tigana's men. The visitors had only themselves to blame though for not taking control early on as striker Louis Saha wasted enough chances to claim a hatrick, with Fulham paying the price on 40 minutes when Jarkko Wiss put County ahead with a shot. Peter Clark completed the scoring early in the second half with a fine individual goal.

BLADES RUN IS CUT SHORT

Sheffield United's seven game unbeaten run came to an end in

controversial circumstances at Prenton Park, where Tranmere claimed all the points following a spectacular long range effort by Andy Parkinson on 11 minutes. The Blades applied pressure in the closing stages and looked to have salvaged a point when George Santos headed home an injury time freekick, only to be adjudged offside. Ironically, Santos joined United last year from Tranmere.

OWN GOAL AGONY FOR BARNLEY

West Brom kept up their promotion push with a 1-0 home success over managerless Barnley, though were indebted to an own goal nine minutes from time for all the points. Until then, Tykes' keeper Kevin Miller had been in inspired form, but on 81 minutes Albion's Slovakian international Igor Balis sent over a right wing cross and Barnley defender Chris Morgan deflected the ball into his own net.

BOLTON TAKE LANCASHIRE DERBY

Bolton maintained their grip on second place in the table with a 2-0 result at Preston's Deepdale ground, against a side who have been inconsistent since the Mariners victory there in December. Gareth Farrelly gave the Trotters an early advantage (8) with a left foot shot from a corner, with the visitors thereafter rarely troubled by what had been a lethal Preston earlier in the season. Supersub Michael Ricketts got his customary goal with a header on 84 minutes with virtually his first touch.

HUGHES OFF FOR BLACKBURN

Adrian Forbes' goal on 32 minutes had given Norwich a deserved lead against Blackburn at Carrow Road when, just before the break, Rovers found themselves down to 10 men after Mark Hughes was dismissed for the ninth time in his career. Instead of taking advantage off the situation however, Norwich allowed Blackburn

to pull a goal back courtesy of Marcus Bent (64) for an eventful 1-1 scoreline. Indeed but for City 'keeper Andy Marshall, all the points might have gone to the visitors.

Latest News...

- ★ Nottingham Forest have taken Southampton defender Francis Benali on a months loan, and, he is expected to make his debut in tomorrow's televised match against Crystal Palace at The City Ground.
- ★ QPR defender Matthew Rose will be out of action for 2 weeks after a freak injury, when he trod on the ball and damaged knee ligaments.
- ★ Newly appointed Norwich manager Nigel Worthington has given a contract to youngster Danny Bloomfield, although the 18 year old defender who has played 3 times for the reserves will not join the Canaries until the end of the season.
- ★ Bolton striker Michael Ricketts is fed up with his 'supersub' tag and he says he plans to make sure he loses it by the end of the season. Ricketts has scored 11 of his 16 goals after coming off the bench.
- ★ New Barnsley boss Nigel Spackman says his first priority is to install some stability at Oakwell, whilst Chairman John Dennis has said that the new manager will be given money to spend.
- ★ Former Portsmouth boss Tony Pulis is to fight his dismissal at Fratton Park. His contract was cancelled after an alleged act of misconduct, although Portsmouth won't say what it was and Pulis has been advised not to comment.

The Selection Process

"Starting Eleven plus five substitutes of which three can be used, to be chosen from the following squads."

Grimsby Town



- DANNY COYNE .1 ■
- JOHN MCDERMOTT .2 ■
- TONY GALLIMORE .3 ■
- PETER HANDYSIDE .4 ■
- RICHARD SMITH .5 ■
- WAYNE BURNETT .6 ■
- KEVIN DONOVAN .7 ■
- DAVID SMITH .8 ■
- MICHAEL JEFFREY .9 ■
- STUART CAMPBELL .10 ■
- PAUL GROVES .11 ■
- DANNY BUTTERFIELD .12 ■
- STEVE CROUDSON .13 ■
- STEVE LIVINGSTONE .14 ■
- PAUL RAVEN .15 ■
- STACY COLDICOTT .16 ■
- KINGSLEY BLACK .17 ■
- ADAM BUCKLEY .18 ■
- DARYL CLARE .19 ■
- MATTHEW BLOOMER .20 ■
- NEIL MURRAY .21 ■
- BEN CHAPMAN .22 ■
- JONATHAN ROWAN .23 ■
- ANDY SMITH .24 ■
- BRADLEY ALLEN .25 ■
- ALAN POUTON .26 ■
- DAVID NIELSEN .27 ■
- KNUT ANDERS FOSTERVOLD .28 ■
- MENNO WILLEMS .29 ■
- ZHANG ENHUA .30 ■

MANAGER: LENNIE LAWRENCE ■

Crewe Alexandra



- 1. JASON KEARTON ■
- 2. DAVID WRIGHT ■
- 3. SHAUN SMITH ■
- 4. KENNY LUNT ■
- 5. DAVID WALTON ■
- 6. STEVE MACAULEY ■
- 7. COLIN LITTLE ■
- 8. PHIL CHARNOCK ■
- 9. PAUL TAIT ■
- 10. MARK RIVERS ■
- 11. RODNEY JACK ■
- 12. EFE SODJE ■
- 13. CLAYTON INCE ■
- 14. KEVIN STREET ■
- 16. ROB HULSE ■
- 17. NEIL SORVEL ■
- 18. ANTHONY CHARLES ■
- 19. CHRIS LIGHTFOOT ■
- 20. PETER SMITH ■
- 21. JAMES COLLINS ■
- 22. STEPHEN FOSTER ■
- 23. PHIL TRAINER ■
- 24. KEVIN WELSBY ■
- 25. RICHARD WALKER ■
- 26. JOHN GRANT ■
- 27. GARETH LIDDLE ■
- 28. CHRIS MCCREADY ■
- 29. DEAN HOWELL ■
- 30. COLIN CRAMB ■
- 31. ADEMOLA BANKOLE ■
- 32. DAVID VAUGHAN ■
- 36. DEAN ASHTON ■
- 37. JIM GANNON ■

MANAGER: DARIO GRADI ■

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