

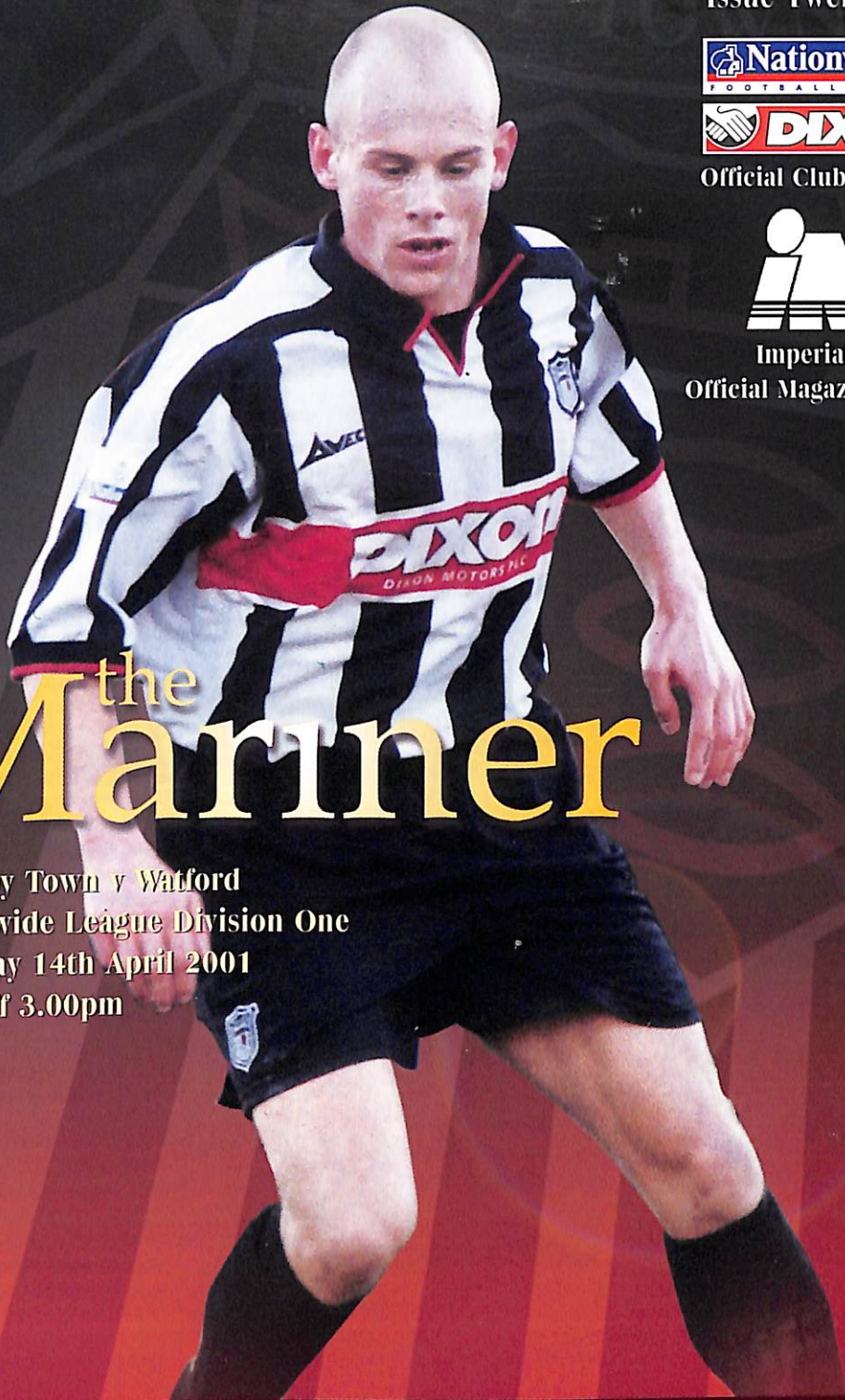
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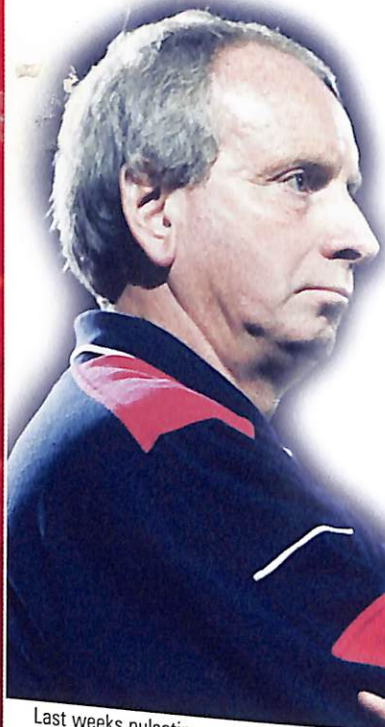
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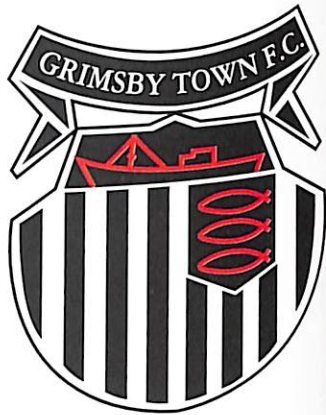
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The Managers Chair



Last weeks pulsating encounter against Tranmere saw us snatch a memorable victory from the jaws of defeat. It was probably our most important home game of the season so far and we eventually earned a well deserved three points. The game was reasonably even in the first half although he mustered two clear cut chances and one half chance.

Tranmere also looked dangerous and scored a good individual goal through Jason Koumas - their outstanding player on the day.

Usually a manager waits until 15-20 minutes into the second half before making any substitutions but I decided that due to the importance of the game, changes were

necessary immediately, and introduced two fresh forwards into the fray. I also changed the shape to allow Kevin Donovan to play just behind the front two, which reduced the space in midfield and made Koumas somewhat less effective. Such decisions can be harsh on players and indeed Michael Jeffrey was unfortunate to be substituted at half time, as he'd run hard and given his usual committed performance. Fortunately the changes came off with the two front players scoring 3 goals between them and in general, gave Tranmere considerably more problems than in the first half.

We felt at half time that if we equalised in the opening 15-20 minutes of the second half, we could go on and win it, and that

proved correct. We have come from behind recently to draw matches, but to do so and win is something we haven't done for a long time and that made it an even more pleasing day. In the build up to the match, both, on the club website and in the local media, I asked for the presence and vocal support of as many Grimsby Town fans as possible, and the atmosphere was as good as it has been at any time in my seven months here. The crowd had a significant effect on proceedings especially in the second half when it was worth a goal. If this can be repeated in our remaining home fixtures, especially today, then our chances of survival will be increased, and as I am certain that the eventual outcome will be very close, then an atmosphere which can lift the players could make all the difference.

Today we welcome the players officials and supporters of Watford Football Club and more especially one of the most genuine people and successful managers of the last 25 years, Graham Taylor. Graham recently announced his decision to retire from the game at the end of this season which will be football's loss and indeed will leave a large gap in the senior management ranks. He was recently given a special award for reaching the milestone of 1000 league games as a manager which, when you consider that he was England boss between 1990 and 1993, is an amazing feat. Certainly the game will be poorer for his departure.

However, today we need to make a dent in Graham's aspirations for his team to finish the season on a high note. We must build on our success over Tranmere last weekend. I

am not mindful to try and predict the points tally that will be needed to avoid the third relegation spot, but six or seven clubs are all competing to avoid it. Another win today, would increase our chances of survival massively. With due respect, we expect a tougher game this weekend, as Watford on their day, can be virtually as good as anyone in this division.

We must make sure it is not 'their day' and you the supporters can play a big part once again.

Thanks for your support
Best wishes
Lennie

THE MARINERS LOG

The Official Video of Grimsby Town's 2000-01 Season will be available at the end of May, priced at £17.99. The Club is delighted to have teamed up with GK Video Productions to produce this compilation video, presented by John Moore. Town fans can pre book their copy of this video by calling in at the Club Shop or sending cheque/postal order for £17.99 made payable to GTFC.

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Sign This Please Macca



Full back John McDermott continued his long association with Grimsby Town Football Club earlier this week, when he put pen to paper on a new two year deal. The popular defender was pleased to secure

his future at Blundell Park with the opportunity to amass even more league appearances for the Mariners. "Macca" has now been with the club for 16 years and fans would argue that he has been one of the clubs most consistent performers over that time. After making his debut as a right winger in a match at Bradford City in 1987 under the management of Mike Lyons, the Middlesbrough born player went on to establish himself as first choice right back - a position he has performed so well in ever since. He passed Keith Jobling's club record for league appearances (which had previously stood for over 30 years) in the away match at Wolves last November with a special presentation made by Keith to John at the Mariners next home game. The new record holder now has 467 League appearances to his name, and all being well he looks set to go well past the 500 mark next season.

The word "loyalty" is one that is becoming increasingly rare in its association with professional football, but in John McDermott the Mariners have a player who has stayed loyal and, with the signing of his new contract, that loyalty remains. Now 32 years old, John's wealth of experience could play a huge part in the Mariners battle for First Division survival, and his performances are still as good as ever. His two year deal is certainly not expected to be his last in the game, with more and more players showing the inability to extend their career in the modern-game - look no further than Paul Groves for that example - and Macca is no exception. One of the fittest men on the books, you can bet he'll still be doing the business for several seasons yet!

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Grimsby Town Football Club

Player of the Year Awards Evening

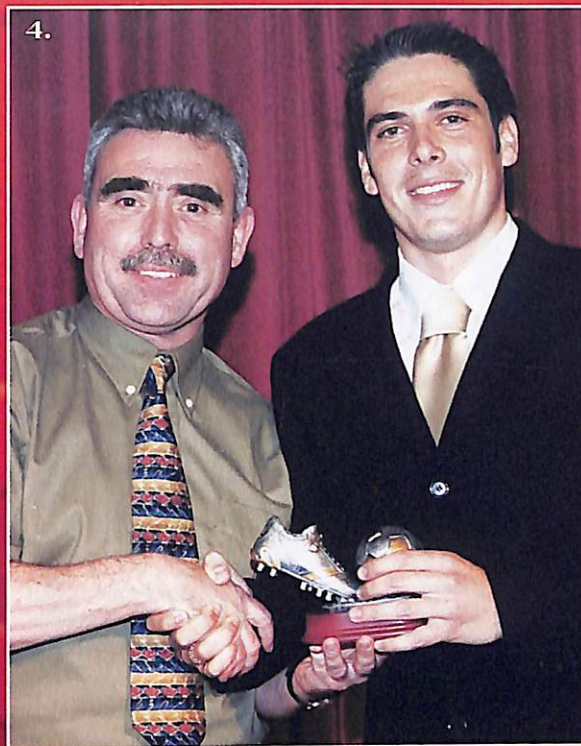
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Player of the Year flashback to last years awards



1. Danny Butterfield receives the Young Player of the Year Award from John Cockerill.
2. The BBC Radio Humberside Award went to Danny Coyne.
3. Martin Handsley congratulates Stacy Coldicott on behalf of the Official Website voters.
4. Daryl Clare's fantastic strike in the 2-0 win over Port Vale earned him the goal of the season trophy, presented here by John Moore of the GTFC video crew.
5. The Louth Supporters Club voted Steve Livingstone as their Player of the Year with the presentation made by Alistair Wood.
6. The Grimsby Telegraph's David Laister presents Alan Pouton with the Boys About Town trophy.



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This Week Then...

NEWSFLASH

April 1956 - Actress Grace Kelly marries Prince Rainier of Monaco.

April 1991- George Carey is appointed Archbishop of Canterbury.

45 YEARS AGO

Derby's surprise defeat at Darlington allows Grimsby to reclaim the lead in Division Three North after a single goal victory against Wrexham. Over 14,000 fans are present at Blundell Park to see Bob Crosbie hit his 32nd goal

of the season.

Third Division South Watford beat Swindon Town 2-1, George Catleugh and Les Graham on target.

10 YEARS AGO

A 0-0 draw at Fulham costs Grimsby the leadership of Division

Three, dropping them to second place behind Cambridge. Almost 5,500 spectators watch the proceedings at Craven Cottage. Former Mariner Paul Wilkinson is Watford's hero with a hat-trick in their 3-1 Second Division defeat of Wolves.

Classic Programmes

Classic Programmes from Famous Games

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.

West Ham 2 Munich 1860 0, Cup Winners Cup Final at Wembley, 19th May 1965

The Match

The early sixties were the glory years of West Ham United. Once established in the First Division, they won the FA Cup in 1964, provided 3 players for England's 1966 World Cup winners, and in between lifted the European Cup Winners Cup, only the second English club to win a European competition.

A mixture of youth and experience, the Hammers were a smooth flowing, fluid attacking team, and they used their accustomed flair to overcome an equally adventurous German side. TSV Munchen 1860 have become the

poor relations in Munich in the years which followed, but they had overcome Porto, Legia Warsaw and Torino on the way to the Wembley Final.

With Martin Peters showing great authority in midfield and reserve team players Alan Sealey and Brian Dear making full use of their opportunity, the Hammers were well worth their 2-0 victory, Sealey scoring both goals.

The Programme

Wembley Stadium issued a typical programme of the era, 16 pages, slightly larger than A5 in size, with spot colour and a cover price of 1/- (5p). The cover design was markedly different from usual, featuring the trophy superimposed on a sketch of the stadium. There was black and red writing on a green background. The Radio Times were in their accustomed position on page 2, opposite a welcome in 3 languages

from the President of UEFA and all the results from that season's competition. Jack Rollin of World Soccer wrote a page on TSV, opposite a full page team group, then came pen pictures opposite the Timetable and Programme of Music.

Centre fold had team selections in a rather outmoded 2-3-5 formation, and the second half of the programme opened with a full page advert for Yardley Shower Talc for men. Peter Lorenzo of The Sun wrote a page on West Ham, followed by pen pictures and a team group. The Cup's history was covered in a page of paragraphs and the programme concluded with full page adverts for Double Diamond beer and Bovril on the back page.

* "Programme Monthly & Football Collectable" contains at least 140 pages each month on all aspects of football collecting. The current edition is available priced £2.30 (inclusive of postage) from 46 Milton Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY1 1TL; or send 9 x 1st class stamps.

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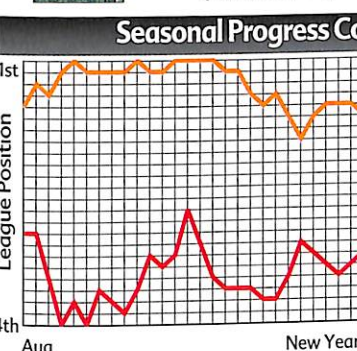
in the graphics below, Mariners' figure is to the left with the goals scored indicated in red and Hornets' to the right and scored in yellow

Where	Mariners	Hornets
CLOSE RANGE	13	32
INSIDE AREA	20	21
OUTSIDE AREA	5	13

How	Mariners	Hornets
HEADERS	7	17
VOLLEYS	6	9
FREE KICKS	1	1
PENALTIES	1	1
OWN GOALS	1	2
SHOTS	22	36

Mariners' Results	Hornets' Results
GRIMSBY TOWN GOALS	WATFORD GOALS
0 1 5 2	0 2 4 2 2 1
1 4 6 2 2	1 3 1 1 3 2
2 8 3 3	2 3 3 4 2
3 2 1	3 1 2 1 1 1
4 1	4 5 1
5 6	6 6
6 7	7 7

CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING	Mariners	Hornets
2 Games	0	3
3 Games	4	4
4 Games	2	1
Maximum Dry Spell	7 games	5 games



Top League Scorers

14 Steve Livingstone (Grimsby Town) vs **9 Tommy Mooney** (Watford)

38 in 40 games Team Goals 66 in 40 games
 0.95 goals Ratio per Game 1.65 goals

7 in 26 games Player's Goals 17 in 35 games
 0.27 goals Ratio per Game 0.49 goals

6 Games Scored In
 1 Games Scored 1st Goal
 5 Games Scored 1 Goal
 1 Games Scored 2 Goals
 0 Games Scored 3 Goals

IMPORTANCE OF GOALS
 (Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)
 3 (6pts) Games Won -> Drawn 4 (8pts)
 0 (0pts) Games Won -> Lost 0 (0pts)
 0 (0pts) Games Drawn -> Lost 4 (4pts)
 6 Number of points gained 12

SCORING SEQUENCES
 Consecutive Games Scored
 2 Games 2
 3 Games 2
 1 game Maximum Scoring Run 3 games

When goals scored & conceded
 15 12 9 6 3 0 0 3 6 9 12 15
 number of goals



Face2Face

Last Season
 At Blundell Parkn/a
 At Vicarage Roadn/a

This Season
 Mariners' Season records:
 Home Win 4 games by 2 goals
 Away Win1-0 Palace
2-1 Preston, 1-0 QPR
 Home Defeat 4 games by 2 goals
 Away Defeat ...0-4 Watford
 Consec. Wins.....2
 Consec. Defeats.....4

Hornets' Season records:
 Home Win....4-0 Grimsby
 Away Win3-1 Portsmouth
2-0 Forest
 Home Defeat...1-3 Fulham
1-3 Sheff Wed
 Away Defeat...0-5 Fulham
 Consec. Wins.....7
 Consec. Defeats.....5

Average time of Scoring / Conceding
 95 mins All Goals for 55 mins
 78 mins Home Goals For 45 mins
 118 mins Away Goals For 71 mins
 65 mins All Goals Against 63 mins
 81 mins Home Goals Against 73 mins
 56 mins Away Goals Against 55 mins

Last 10 Games Form Guide Comparison
 Mariners : SLLDLWSWLW F 10 A 14 Pts 10
 Hornets : LLSLWLLWS F 12 A 15 Pts 9

Watford's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record	DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	2	3	2	Wilkinson	18	9,443
91/92	2	3	2	Blissett	9	8,511
92/93	1	3	4	Furlong	19	8,275
93/94	1	3	2	Furlong	18	7,915
94/95	1	5	2	Phillips/Ramage 11	8,125	
95/96	1	3	3	Ramage	15	9,457
96/97	2	4	2	Mooney	13	8,894
97/98	2	3	2	Kennedy	11	11,533
98/99	1	3	1	Noel-Williams 10	11,822	
99/00	P	3	3	Helguson	6	18,544

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Cool Hand Luke

Grimsby Town's on-loan striker netted twice in last weekend's crunch match with Tranmere Rovers, helping Town to stay away from the First Division relegation zone. They were his first goals since arriving at the club from Fulham. Luke will stay with the Mariners until the end of the season to aid Town's survival bid, whilst also developing his own game at the same time. With the likes of Louis Saha, Louis Boa Morte and Barry Hayles currently at Craven Cottage, it is no surprise he has found it difficult to force his way into Jean Tigana's rampant side.

Luke however, had shown his potential worth with some fine showings in the Fulham reserve team. In 2001, the 20 year old Lambeth born frontman has scored several goals for the Cottagers reserves including strikes against Wycombe Wanderers, Portsmouth, Bristol City and two against Swindon.

Lennie Lawrence bought Luke to Blundell Park to ease his team's goalscoring problems, and has since figured in matches against Wimbledon, Queens Park Rangers, Birmingham City and Norwich City. Although he failed to hit the back of the net in those encounters, his pace and

sharpness was there for all to see. Then against Tranmere last Saturday he broke his duck with two priceless second half goals.

Luke revealed "I thought the result and performance were very good. We deserved to get the three points. It was a do or die situation really, a draw was not good enough - we had to win the game. For the first goal, the ball fell nicely for me in the box. I had to adjust my feet before hitting it in. I was really happy to score. The second goal was instinct really. I was in the right place at the right time to follow it in. The boss told me three minutes before half time "You're going to be coming on. So do a good warm-up and make sure you are ready."

Luke continued: "I felt we was going to win, even when we were a goal down. We kept pushing on because we really needed the goals. Something had to give eventually. When we got the first goal I thought we would definitely win the game. Even in the first half we created chances - all it needed was one goal but they just weren't going in."

Luke then spoke of how he settled in during his short spell with the club. "It's been good. The lads have been good to me. I have enjoyed my spell with Grimsby so far, and I am gaining good

experience."

Although the three points will give Grimsby a vital boost, the run-in features some very tough games, starting with today's home fixture against Watford. Graham Taylor's Hornets started the campaign in fine style and emerged as one of the principal promotion contenders. Since then they have fallen away somewhat, but are still looking good for a place in the play-offs and will have plenty to play for. Taylor has announced his plans to retire from management at the end of this season, and so will determined to end this particular campaign on a high note. Luke explained "Watford will be another hard game, but if we show the same spirit, we should be okay. The lads will be on a high after our last result, but we have got to show the same attitude."

Finally, Luke told of the differences between playing football for Fulham reserves and being involved in a relegation dog-fight with Grimsby "The pace is much quicker - there's a big difference. It's a very big step up. I am getting games here, and that is giving me good experience." If last weekend is anything to go by, Luke certainly has the awareness, pace and eye for a goal that will help him make the transition from reserve team player to first team regular.

Problem Corner

Dear Grandpa Grumpy,

After reading in your column last week about how you're helping the Town fans get things right with the Quizmatch, I see that our representatives have pushed Town into the Premier League. What do you put this down to (apart from your own help of course)?

Grandpa Grumpy replies:

Town fans have long been known as the most knowledgeable in the league. Many referees have stood shaking in the tunnel before a big match knowing that their interpretation of the laws of the game is going to come under the scrutiny of some of the wisest eyes in the football league, not to mention some of those with the longest memories. You don't need me to remind you of the disgraceful refereeing decisions when we lost 2-0 to Aston Villa on 25th April 1903 which resulted in us being relegated from the top division - a penalty not awarded and one of Villa's goals being obviously offside. Now with memories like that, your Town fan can remember just about anything. Take Gladys for instance, she still hasn't forgotten that I didn't go home on VE night! She hasn't forgiven me either!

Dear Grandpa Grumpy,

Last week's game again showed that the Town fans can get behind their team right from the off. How do you rate them compared to say Man U fans?

Grandpa Grumpy replies:

As you know, we're not very attached to Man U fans in this neck of the woods, so I'd rather not bother even answering about them. Now I've heard though that we have several buses leave Grimsby for Liverpool's home games, and we're also told that Liverpool have "the best fans in the country". Now I watched their game last week against Wycombe Wanderers

and there wasn't a shout at all from these so-called super-fans until they'd scored against lowly Wycombe nearly 8 minutes into the game. I reckon you'll agree, your average Town fan knocks their 'best' supporters into a cocked hat! Listen to that Pontoon roar this afternoon!

Dear Grandpa Grumpy,

Every week we notice that foul throws have become a thing of the past. Do you know the rule, and can you explain it, because so few officials seem to be in the know, and we need to have it off by heart in case it crops up on Quiz Match.

Grandpa Grumpy replies:

Well, I'm waiting for the first one-armed throw to be allowed. I don't believe in having rules if you're not going to enforce them. Gladys has rules. She says I've got to be in by 7 o'clock or else! Mind, for the game at West Brom she says I can stay out until half-past.

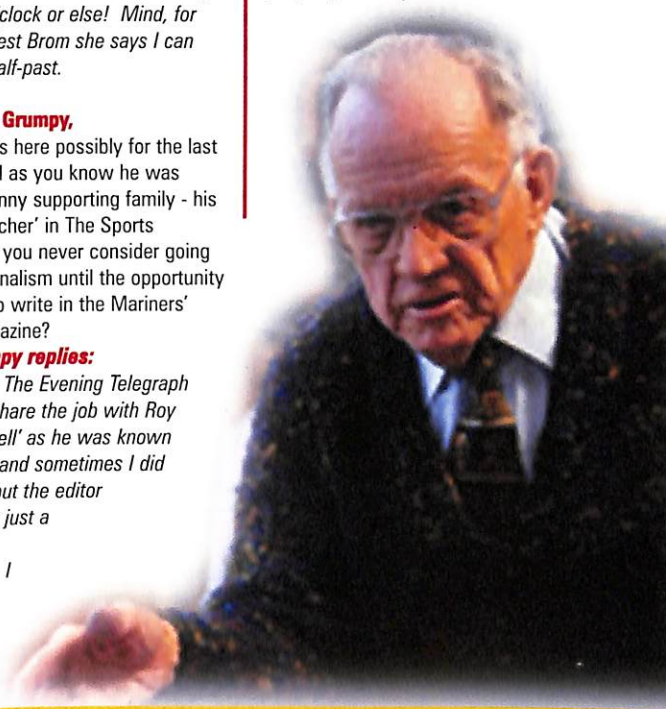
Dear Grandpa Grumpy,

Graham Taylor's here possibly for the last time today, and as you know he was raised in a Scunney supporting family - his Dad being 'Poacher' in The Sports Telegraph. Did you ever consider going into sports journalism until the opportunity arose for you to write in the Mariners' Matchday Magazine?

Grandpa Grumpy replies:

Well of course, The Evening Telegraph did ask me to share the job with Roy Line - or 'Blundell' as he was known to the punters, and sometimes I did ghost for him, but the editor reckoned I was just a tadge biased towards Town. I know you won't believe that! Still, I

*wouldn't have made the mistake young Stuart Rowson did a fortnight ago when he reckoned that Zhang Enhua could be the first Town player at a World Cup final. As everyone in the ground knows, Johnny Scott played in the World Cup in Sweden in 1958. Young Stuart never said a word to me but apparently he told one guy in the club to give me a message. It was "Tell Grandpa Grumpy to **** **!" Of course, this still doesn't change the fact that I was right, does it, Stuart? Like all the players on Quiz Match, he should have asked me first! Next thing you know, he'll be reckoning that West Auckland weren't the first team to win the World Cup! Never mind Stuart, we still love you, son. And to show it, I've left my woolly pully to you in my will.*



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Lets Meet Our Visitors

Tottenham's loss was Watford's gain last summer as experienced Danish international midfielder Allan Nielsen made the short, 20-mile switch from White Hart Lane to Vicarage Road.

Nielsen, who was out of favour with former Tottenham manager George Graham, came to Watford for £2.5 million (pounds) and has since helped bolster The Hornets midfield as they push for an immediate return to the Premiership. Nielsen has an old head, but is sprightly on the pitch as he inspires those around him with his strong running, excellent link-up play, and his fair share of goals.

Nielsen has been described as "a model pro" by Watford manager Graham Taylor.

Nielsen played over 100 times for Tottenham before stepping down a division, but he is targeting a quick return to top flight football with the Vicarage Road club.

"This season has been an up-and-down

one for us" said Nielsen. "We started off really brightly and got off to a terrific start, but we have been gradually going down since then.

"But it is still up to us to grab a play-off place. We have six games to play and there are plenty of points to play for so we are very much still in contention."

Nielsen, who has enjoyed spells at Bayern Munich, FC Copenhagen and Brondby IF, has made an immediate impact with the fans at Vicarage Road with his impressive and dedicated performances.

Taylor's decision to swoop for Nielsen has certainly paid off and so far this season he has scored nine times from his central midfield position.

Nielsen has, however, been left out on the international scene in Denmark's recent World Cup qualifiers, despite his good form. But the midfielder insists he is still targeting a place in the World Cup squad in 2002, should the Danes progress to the finals of the competition in Japan and Korea.

"I've been feeling fine, and I believe I have been playing well this season," said Nielsen. "There is now big competition for places in the Denmark squad so I know I'm going to have to work hard to regain my place.

"There is now a new manager of Denmark and he brings his own ideas and own players, but I think I'm still very much in the frame of the squad and I'm targeting a quick return to the team."

Since moving to England, Nielsen has won many admirers and one of his greatest moments in English football to date

came when he hit the last minute winner for Tottenham against Leicester City to win the Worthington Cup in 1999.

Taylor was obviously one of the admirers, as he snapped Nielsen up in the summer. The midfielder admits the feeling is mutual as he has enjoyed his spell under the vastly experienced boss.

Nielsen has the utmost respect for Taylor and that helped him to understand the managers recent decision to retire at the end of the season.

"It has been a delight to work for Graham (Taylor)," added Nielsen. "He has been a great motivator and he has made Watford what it is.

"It was a shock to learn that he will retire, but everyone knows that it was a big decision for him. He has been in this industry for a long time and his decision is final and we have to respect that."

Nielsen is adamant he can still do a job in the Premiership next season, but is refusing to get carried away with the expectations surrounding the club's swift return to the top-flight.

After going 15 games unbeaten at the start of this season, Watford are lying just outside the play-offs and Nielsen is determined to concentrate on the current job in hand, rather than dreaming of the top-flight.

He said: "I can't really say how we would get on in the Premiership this time around, should we make it.

"We still have a job to do in this league and if we do win promotion then the new manager will bring his own players to the squad and it will be difficult to predict how we would do then."



Star Player





Today...

Watford

ESPEN BAARDSEN has made the number 1 jersey his own after joining from Tottenham in the summer for £1.25 million and taking over from ALEC CHAMBERLAIN.



Espen Baardsen

California-born Baardsen has already made a number of appearances for the Norwegian national side but has yet to gain the goalkeeper's spot on a permanent basis from Everton goalkeeper Thomas Myhre. Chamberlain was Watford's number 1 for 4 seasons before being forced to the sidelines by the arrival of Baardsen. A key figure in the club's promotion to the Premiership 2 seasons ago, he is an experienced shot-stopper and dependable when called upon. NEIL COX was a surprise signing from Bolton Wanderers in 1999 where he had become a crowd favourite. He signed for Bolton in 1997 from Middlesbrough for £1.25 million yet he was allowed to leave 2 seasons later for £500,000. At right-back, Cox is not one to shun the opportunity to get forward and attack but that does not in any way derive from his tough tackling and no nonsense defending. PAUL ROBINSON, 22, has already



Robert Page

made over 100 appearances at left-back for his hometown club. Having joined as a trainee, he has worked his way up the pecking order to have already secured a first-team place as well as a number of under-21 caps for England. ROBERT PAGE is club captain and has become a regular for Wales at centre-back after also working his way through the Watford youth system. In Watford's relegation season from the Premiership, Page stood out at centre-back, where he stood firm with strength in the tackle and in the air. DARREN WARD has established himself this season alongside Page in the heart of the defence, showing maturity beyond his years. Having been loaned out to Queens Park Rangers last season, he returned to Vicarage Road to earn a place as part of a back three at the end of last season as manager Graham Taylor experimented with his formation. JAMES PANAYI is a promising young centre-back who will hope he can follow in the footsteps of Darren Ward and have an accelerated move into a regular first-team position. He played twice in the club's Premiership season, when injuries struck the squad, and he impressed in both appearances with his reading of the game and strength in possession. ALLAN NIELSEN is the club's current record signing after joining from Tottenham for £2.25 million at the beginning of the season in the joint deal that also saw Baardsen join the Vicarage Road club. Nielsen is a vastly experienced player, having played for a number of top European clubs such as Bayern Munich and



Graham Taylor

Brøndby. A regular Danish international, he signed following his Euro 2000 exploits and has been a key part of the Watford team this season with his fair share of goals. PETER KENNEDY has become a vital component to the Watford side as he brings a balance to the midfield on the left side. That balance was dearly missed last season when he was forced to watch the majority of the campaign from the sidelines, after missing 4 months from October when he picked up a knee and back injury. The Northern Ireland international returned strongly this season but has of late been on the substitutes' bench. STEVE PALMER is another of Watford's long-standing servants. He has been with the club since 1995, when he signed for £135,000 from Ipswich Town where he had spent the first 6 years of his career having joined from Cambridge University. Palmer has the ability to play in defence where he and Robert Page form a formidable partnership when they line up together. But his preferred position is sitting in the holding role in front of the defence where his combative skills can be displayed. MICAH HYDE is another midfielder who has been forced to watch from the substitutes' bench recently, despite having his best season for Watford in the Premiership last year. He has failed to reach those heights this year and was signed from Cambridge United for £225,000 in 1997. He is a gifted player with excellent passing and close control skills. Since his arrival from Real Zaragoza, NORDIN WOOTER has lit up Watford's performances with his dazzling close control and ball skills. A former Ajax



Allan Nielsen

youngster, he was in their squad that won the European Cup and was another player who never looked out of place in the Premiership. CLINT EASTON

has developed into a highly useful and talented midfielder after starting his first-team career as a full-back. Now more commonly used on the left-side of midfield, he has shown his ability to create chances and with his enthusiasm and strength is a tough opponent for defences to deal with. PAOLO VERNAZZA signed from Arsenal this season after he saw little chance of breaking into the Highbury first-team. His talent, however, has never been in question and he has shown why Graham Taylor was so eager to bring him to Vicarage Road with a series of impressive displays in the heart of the team.

TOMMY MOONEY was unfortunate to miss out on the majority of Watford's Premiership campaign after falling awkwardly against Chelsea, which led to 2 operations on his knee. This season he has shown exactly what the Watford side was missing last year as he has shot his way to become the club's leading scorer this season, whether he has been used as an out-and-out striker or in midfield. TOMMY SMITH has emerged as one of the brightest talents to come out of the Watford youth system for years. He was impressive in his second full

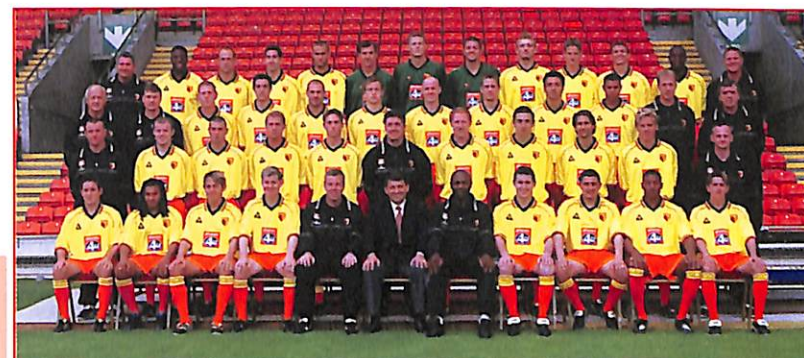


Heidar Helguson

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both club and country despite mainly appearing as a substitute this season due to the emergence of the likes of Tommy Smith and Gifton Noel-Williams.

Watford

Formed: 1891
Entered League: 1920

Past League Record

Grimsby 12 wins Watford 18 wins
11 draws

First League Meeting

Grimsby 3 Watford 0
Division 3, 2nd May 1921

League Doubles

Grimsby 2 Watford 4

Odd Spot

In 1970 Watford were placed fourth in the FA Cup, losing a third place play-off against fellow defeated semi-finalists Manchester United.



Playing to the Whistle

Since the discussion moved on to Full Time Referees in order to try and improve standards at the top, we have heard very little of the previous solution which was thought to be recruiting ex professional players. One of course has made the grade but whilst Steve Baines of Chesterfield has plied his trade in the Nationwide League for some years he has never quite made it to the Premier League. Of course it would be wrong to make a judgement based on only example but there do not seem to be many coming through those ranks at the moment. In Lincolnshire Tony Lormor the Hartlepool and former Mansfield striker is highly regarded as a referee but his experience shows how difficult it is to prepare for the second career whilst still playing the game. Managers have different priorities and after a bad game on the Saturday Tony has all too often found himself in for training on a Sunday and having to give back word on a game.

If it were possible what would be the advantages and disadvantages for ex players and does this make any difference for the experienced local park footballer who takes up the whistle. Locally John Lakin has been around both as a player and a referee for more years that he would care to be reminded of and the level of respect players have for him seems to indicate that there are advantages. What is often quoted, as the greatest advantage is that ex players understand what it is like to be a player playing under pressure for his livelihood as well as points for his club. This may be so but the danger of taking this "advantage" too far is that this level of understanding permits the referee to adjust his style and application of law to

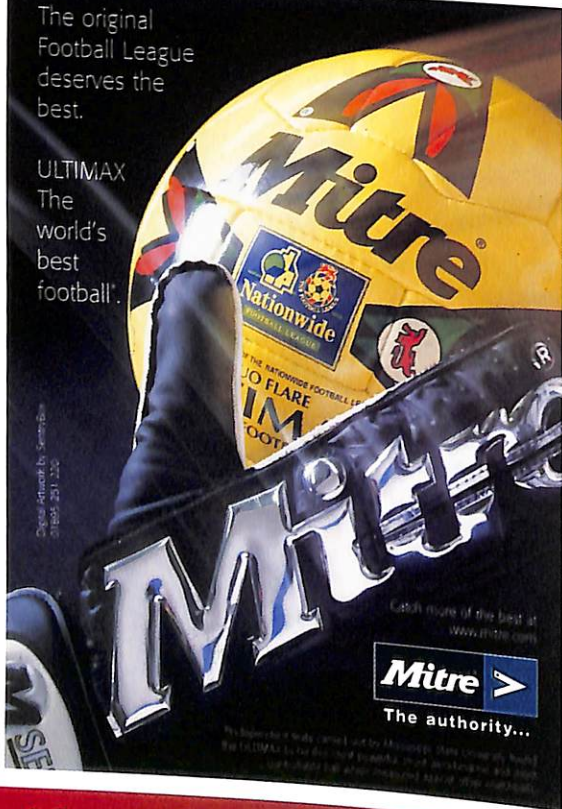
match this understanding. Not only does that step the referee outside the correct application of law but also outside the expectation of those who hold his future in their hands. A quick look at some of the players in the spotlight of the top level shows that there are some eminently sensible people who could very easily adapt their style of play to that expected as referee using management skills. However there are just as many who would struggle not matter how good a player they are.

Another advantage is said to be that ex players know all the tricks and are therefore less likely to be conned. I would suggest that referees in the Premier League have seen almost all the tricks there are to be seen and, provided as they are with seminars to study incidents and compare notes with colleague referees this element soon fades into the background with experience.

I have to say that the merits of being an ex player arose for me in recent Referees course not through any feeling that there is anything wrong at the top level as I believe that this season will go down as a very successful one for referees and refereeing. No, it came up when we looking at positioning and movement. All those on the course had previously played even if it had been in youth football so they all brought with them some understanding of what it is like to be out there on the field but how does that relate to refereeing? If we just rely on our positioning as a player then we will be in trouble. However if we use our acquired skills of anticipation and reading the game then we will start to be able to adapt our positioning as a player to that of a referee.

We considered what we needed as a player. If we played in one position that gave us a territory to cover with a responsibility to cover adjoining territories when necessary. We were expected to follow the ball within the area and to shadow players when the ball was elsewhere. That may be a simplistic way of looking at it but it's a good enough starting point as it puts us not just close to but actually where the ball is. If we use this principle as a referee we would very quickly be in trouble not just because we would be mixed up with play but also because our field of vision would be very limited. As a referee we are expected to be able to have a good view of not just where the ball is now but where it has been and where we believe it is going. In order to have such a view we need to be able to stand back from play to have this field of vision but not so far that our decisions lack credibility of our view is restricted by players. We are expected to cover the whole of the field but not like a headless chicken following the ball. Instead we move from a diagonal line which acts as our guide rather than a straight jacket. This allows not just to cover those areas above but also to look through play to see our assistant wherever possible.

The reality would seem to be for most new referees that they must work on unlearning old habits and acquiring new ones. Mentors are busy offering help and guidance in this and the course has already moved a little of his mindset. Perhaps the acid test for a striker turned referee is when the ball arrives at his feet in a scoring position and he instinctively gets out of the way rather than slams it into the back of the net. Fortunately, I have not come across a referee yet who has not made that leap forward before he has left the classroom.



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Good afternoon everybody and welcome to today's match with Watford, another important game for the lads. It was great to see so many youngsters at last Saturdays win over Tranmere Rovers, taking advantage of the club's offer and the way all the Town fans go behind the team was brilliant to see.

Easter Holidays

As always, we have been very busy this week with many youngsters joining us on our Easter course at Humberston School for four days. The course included a ground tour as well and I know all the children enjoyed taking a look behind the scenes at Blundell Park. Next week our courses are at Healing Comprehensive School (4 days) and also at Louth Sports Association on Thursday and Friday. The Healing course costs £25 and includes a guided tour of Blundell Park whilst the course at Louth does not include the tour and costs £14. There is still time to enrol on the courses by contacting the Community Office on 01472 291776 or simply turn up on the day. All our coaches are qualified to FA Certificate level, fully police checked, first aid qualified and covered for insurance purposes by Football in the Community Public Liability Insurance Policy and registered in the NE Lincs Council Coach Scheme.

Half Time Tournament

There is no half-time match today. Last Saturday saw the first of our semi-finals with Cleve Mariners beating Cleve Borough on penalties after a 0-0 to earn a place in

the final which will take place on Tuesday 24th April at the Blackburn game. The other semi final will be played next Saturday when the lads take on Sheffield United. It will be between Humbertherm A and Humbertherm B. Both the winners and runners up in this competition will be invited to the Clubs Player of the Year Awards Evening on Tuesday 8th May 2001 at The Winter Gardens, to be presented with their awards.

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

Members of Woodlands Primary School are today's Grimsby Official Football Express Retrieval Service. Please give them a warm welcome here today.



"Action from the 'girls only' soccer course which has been taking place on Saturday mornings at Cleve Fields Sports Hall, organised by coach Kate Smith."

Enjoy the Game
Graham Rodger



Community Corner

This afternoon Dave Boylen

welcomes.....

MIKE LESTER



SEASON 1978/79
Back: Young, Partridge, Lester, Barker, K.Moore
Middle: Fraser (Physio), Liddell, Cumming, Batch, Wainman, Ford, D.Moore, Mitchell
Front: Donovan, Booth, Waters, Newman (Man), Drinkell, Mawer, Brolly

actually led 6-0 at the break, suggesting the possibility of a new record score, but despite Mike hitting his fourth and the teams seventh in only the 52nd minute, that proved to be the end of the Grimsby goals, with Darlington pulling two back to leave the final score 7-2.

Mike was a big money signing for Manchester City whilst still a 19 year old but the midfielder/forward arrived at Blundell Park in 1977 from America soccer team Washington Diplomats. He made his Grimsby debut in a 0-0 Boxing Day draw against Halifax Town. His best moment in a Town shirt came in January 1979 when he scored four times in a match against Darlington. The Mariners

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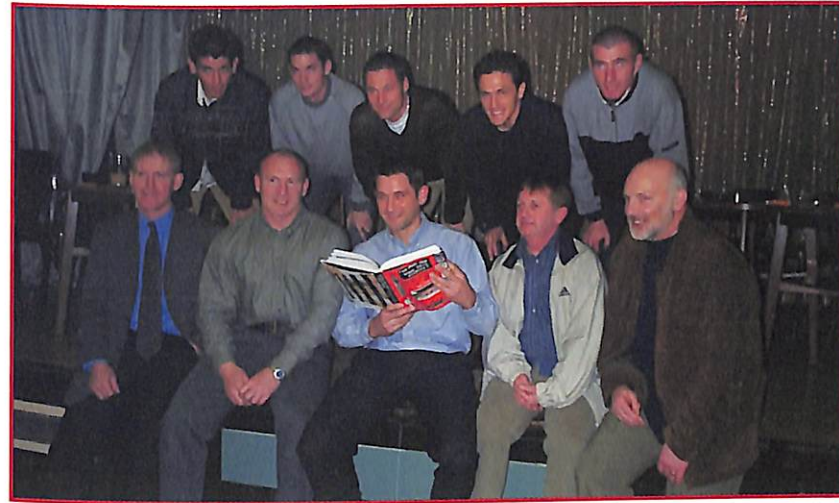
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The Commercial Scene



The teams representing GTFC Past and Present in "A Question of Football" line up before kick off. The quiz preceded the Grand National Draw at the Hainton Club last Thursday. The photo shows (back row) Danny Butterfield, Stuart Campbell, Paul Groves, David Ssmith and Alan Pouton. Front row, Terry Donovan, Dave Moore, Tim Harvey (Question Master), Dave Boylen and Mike Brolly."

the delighted winner of £2001 in the club's Annual Grand National Draw, after his horse Red Marauder was first past the finishing post. J BOOTH of GRIMSBY was also more than satisfied with second prize of £1000 (Smarty), with J MERCER of CLEETHORPES picking up £500 in third place (Blowing Wind) and D POWER of IMMINGHAM winning £200 with Papillon. All the other winners in the draw received £25 for drawing a horse. Many thanks to everyone who

Good afternoon and welcome once again to Blundell Park as the matches come thick and fast here in Cleethorpes. Your support against Tranmere last Saturday was superb and you can see how it lifted the players.

Congratulations go to S RAITHY of IMMINGHAM who was

supported the club in another successful venture.

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Sheffield Wed	Nisa-Today	L 0-1	S Coldicott	Burnley	Youngs Bluecrest	W1-0	Z Enhua
Gillingham	Biffa Waste	W 1-0	S Livingstone	Barnsley	DFDS Tor-line	L0-2	J McDermott
Bolton Wnds	Dixon VW	L 0-1	D Butterfield	Wolves	Russell Grant Ltd	L0-2	P Handyside
Notts Forest	L.E.S. Engineering	L 0-2	B Allen	Wimbledon	Cape Industrial Services	D1-1	P Groves
Hudds. Town	Yorkshire Electricity	W 1-0	P Handyside	Birmingham	Dura-Line	D1-1	Z Enhua
Q.P.R.	Jackson Alexandra	W 3-1	D Nielsen	Blackburn	Assoc. British Ports	P-P	
West Brom	Oakleigh Leisure	W 2-0	D Coyne	Tranmere	Intasport	W3-1	A Pouton
Crystal Palace	Simon Storage	D 2-2	J McDermott	Watford	Humbs. Sea & Land		
Norwich	John Smiths Ltd	W 2-0	D Nielsen	Sheffield Utd	L.E.S. Engineering		
Stockport	Intasport	D1-1	Z Enhua	Blackburn	Assoc British Ports		
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On the Ball

With...

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Richard Smith



It would be an understatement to say that Richard Smith has been unlucky with injuries during his time at Blundell Park.

The talented central defender has had to spend far too much time on the treatment table for his own, and the fans, liking.

After a back operation towards the end of last season, Smudger worked his way back to full training and was a surprise inclusion in the starting eleven at Tranmere in early December, although his performance that day was remarkable given his time out of action. He even followed that up just 4 days later with another sterling display at Wimbledon with his first ever goal for the club as an added bonus! However, his run in the side was halted weeks later, after a run of 4 substitute appearances, when the injury curse struck again. This time a knee ligament injury picked up in training was the cause. Richard says, "It has been so frustrating for me, having had a taste of first team action after a lengthy lay off, and then to get injured again, especially in a training incident." The former Leicester defender is one of several players out of contract at the end of this season, but his future here is not really clear. He told The Mariner, "To be honest, it's all very uncertain at the moment for me. I've not discussed the situation fully with the manager yet, so until then, I don't really know what the future holds."

Name: Richard Smith

Married: Yes, to Kate.

Children: India (5 yrs old) & Callum (fortnight old)

Car: Volvo

Qualifications: Too many to mention

Nickname: Smudger to most, Scrudge to Kev D.

If you had £50 to spare in your pocket what would you do with it? Hide it from the wife!

If you were stranded on a desert island which 3 things would you want with you and why? Mobile phone to keep in touch, Swiss army knife for multiple purposes, fishing rod to catch my dinner.

If you could be anybody else for a day, who would it be and why? The U.S. President, just to experience being the most powerful man in the world for a day.

What is the biggest risk you have ever taken? Having my back operation

Do you prefer curry or chinese and what is your favourite dish? Chinese - Crispy Aromatic Duck

What is the best night out you have ever had? My



stag night in Nottingham

What is your favourite one line joke? It was a close call, but once again the programme censors have banned the joke. "Don't worry," said Smudger, "I'll think of another one." But obviously he couldn't think of a joke clean enough to make it.

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

If you weren't a footballer, what job would you like to do? Something to do with computer games.

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

What is your favourite item of clothing? My Adidas tracksuit

If you could invite any 3 famous people round for dinner, who would you choose? Ali G, Alex Ferguson & Steve Irwin ('The Crocodile Hunter' from Animal Planet).

What is the best chat up line you've ever heard? I overheard one of Gally's but it was too rude to mention.

Which food do you most dislike? Brussels

Which shop wouldn't you be seen dead in? The Funeral Parlour

Who is your best mate? Paul Loomes, a school friend from Leicester.

What is the best practical joke you've seen played? It was played on me on my stag night, when the lads made me wear the most horrendous clothing that they had bought from a charity shop, including a hat.

Name 3 things in your car glove compartment. A-Z map, pen, de-icer.

Who would you be on "Stars In Your Eyes"? The Dry Ice Machine Operator

What's the best piece of luck you've ever had? Winning a TV in a raffle

Who would you send on TV's "Style Challenge" for a makeover? It has to be "Pouts" because of his extraordinary taste in underwear - sorry mate!

What is your most treasured possession? My family

Do you have any footballing superstitions? No

Who was your schoolboy hero? Kenny Dalglish

Where do you see yourself being in 20 years time? Still on that desert island wishing one of my 3 things that I had with me was a boat!

"SMUDGER" - THIS SEASON

LEAGUE APPEARANCES: 2 (+4 sub)

LEAGUE GOALS: 1 (v Wimbledon away, 2-2)



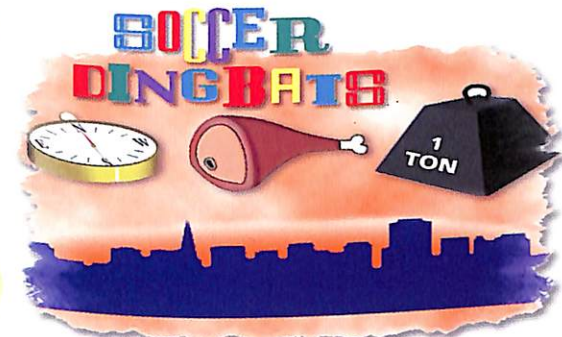
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1. In 1986, which defender did Rangers sign from Ipswich Town for £725,000 to break their transfer record?
2. Name Reading's impressive new ground.
3. Which Ghana international made his Leeds debut against QPR in 1995 after his £3.4m signing from Eintracht Frankfurt?
4. Who did Italy beat in the final of the 1982 World Cup?
5. Who won the Carling Manager of the Month in August 1997?

HALF TIME QUIZ

6. For which country did former Everton and Birmingham star Barry Horne play?
7. How many times was Johan Cruyff named European 'Footballer of the Year' title 3, 4 or 6?
8. Who was the only Premiership referee at Euro 2000?
9. At which Stadium did Barcelona defeat Sampdoria in the 1992 European Cup Final?
10. Name the three Italian clubs for which David Platt played?



Can you identify these three club crests?

- TRUE OR FALSE? False - it was Tony Barton.
- SOCCER DINGBATS, Northampton Stoke
- THREE IN ONE, Crystal Palace, Southampton, Hartlepool United - VICTORIA PARK - Haffax Town - THE SHAY STADIUM - PARK - Chesterfield - RECREATION GROUND - GROUND SCRAMBLE, Carlisle United - BRUNTON WHO AM I? David Beckham, Sampdoria, Wembley, 10, Bari, Juventus and (Blackburn), 6, Wales, 7, 3, 8, Graham Poll, 4, West Germany, 5, Roy Hodgson, 2, The Madejski Stadium, 3, Tony Yeboah.

40 years ago this season, a young Frank McLintock played in his first FA Cup Final in the colours of Leicester City. Ten years later he was lifting the trophy as Arsenal skipper in their famous 'double year'!

WHO AM I?



Played 4 games for Preston on loan in 1995 before going on to become one of the game's most successful players of all time. Still only 25.

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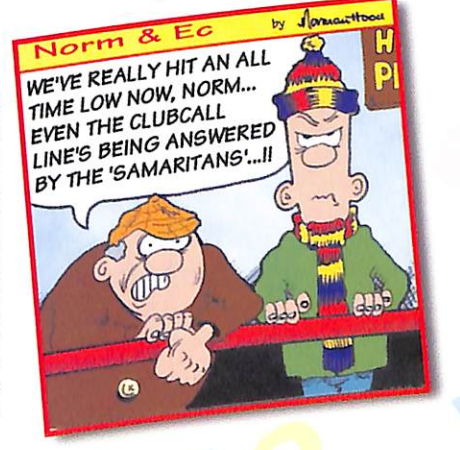
GROUND JUMBLE



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

TRUE OR FALSE?

Ron Saunders was manager of Aston Villa when they won the European Cup in 1982.



ANSWERS

Mariners On The Road



AWAY TRIP TO: West Bromwich Albion
VENUE: The Hawthorns
DATE: Monday 16th April 2001
KICK OFF: 3.00pm
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ADMISSION: Adults £14, Juniors/OAP £8
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 Tickets on sale from Blundell Park
 Ticket Office

HOW TO GET THERE

BY CAR: From North, East and West: Exit M6 at junction 8 (s/p M5 The South West, Birmingham W & S) onto the M5. After 0.7 miles exit M5 at junction 1 (s/p A41 West Bromwich, Sandwell, Birmingham (NW)). For the ground, turn left at roundabout (s/p Birmingham A41) into Birmingham Road.

From South (M40): At junction 3a, the M40 ends and becomes the M42. Follow signs to 'M5 The South West, Birmingham S&W, remaining on the M42. After 11.7 miles the M42 ends at junction 4a of the M5. Follow signs to 'M5, The North West, Birmingham W, N and Cent' onto the M5 northbound. After 13.9 miles, exit M5 at junction 1 (s/p A41 West Bromwich, Birmingham N and W). (*) At the roundabout, take the 4th exit (s/p Birmingham A41) into Birmingham Road to the ground.

From South West (M5): Exit M5 at junction 1 (s/p A41 West Bromwich, Birmingham N and W). The as From South (*).

FROM RAILWAY STATIONS

a) Birmingham New Street. Either take a taxi (up to £7) or catch a local train to Smethwick Rolfe Street (see below).

There are two other alternatives: walk across the Bull Ring to Moor Street Station, from where trains run to The Hawthorns station; or head to Snow Hill station, from where the new Metro runs to The Hawthorns station.

b) The Hawthorns: just a few hundred yards from the ground (see map).

c) Smethwick Rolfe Street; 1.0 mile, mostly uphill. *By bus:* Bus no 450 runs every half hour to the ground. *By foot:* Turn right out of the station and left into North Western Road. Straight on at traffic lights into Halfords Lane.

PARKING

a) For those who arrive in plenty of time, the best bet is the club car park in Halfords Lane (£3). To get there is a little complicated because of matchday one-way systems: at the motorway roundabout, follow signs to 'A4182 Matchday Parking' into Kenrick Way. At next roundabout turn left into Dartmouth Road. After about half a mile turn left again into Halfords Lane. There's also a car park (£2.50) at The Hawthorns station, and in nearby side streets.

b) At the motorway roundabout follow signs to 'West Bromwich Town Centre' onto Birmingham Road, which becomes the High Street. There's street parking here, or continue along the High Street to where all traffic turns left. Keep in the right hand lanes, passing Safeways on the RHS, and park in one of the signposted town centre car parks. These car parks are free, though there are moves to impose changes. From here it's a good 1.5 miles to the ground. Catch bus no 74, or the Metro from the park opposite Safeway.

c) The Moat House, which has matchday car parking for £2, is also signposted off the M5 roundabout.

Kirky...

This is John Kirk

Last Saturday's game against Tranmere will long be remembered by all the Town fans who were here at Blundell Park, both just to watch the spectacle, but also to be a part of it. This week, we take a look at Watford and one of Town's all time greats - Graham Taylor. Of course, I'm sure that Leigh Edwards will include Graham in his "Master Mariners" section of the programme, but if you want the real low-down on GT - you've come to the right place here! Stuff that Leigh Edwards would never dream of telling you! Yep, get the dirt dished on GT here! Of course, playing for Town was Graham's winter-time job to tide him over between summer season's down on the prom taking care of the Yorkie day trippers.

Back to Watford, and the first memorable game against them back in 1962, the last home game and Town needing victory to set up the final away game at Brentford for promotion. A comfortable 5-3 victory. Now young Graham at the time did his usual trick of avoiding playing against Watford. In fact, he avoided playing for the next eighteen months just to be on the safe side, leaving Brian Keeble to do the donkey work at left back. This left our Brian to 'look after' one of the greatest British players ever - Stanley Matthews - who had been transferred back to Stoke from Blackpool. We only drew the game, a result I lay at the door of Brian Keeble totally, who refused to do the decent thing and take Kirky's advice on dealing with the nation's hero Matthews. As I recall my advice was to "break his ***** legs Brian!" When it comes to Town, I've always had a bit of a sporting streak in me as you can tell! Of course, at some stage, Graham had to get into the first team, and this was fairly easy for him in 1963/64 on account of the fact that we were in Division 2 and Watford were in Division 3. So he started against one of the easier teams - Newcastle United - who we saw off as usual with a 2-1 victory. As most of you will know, we were relegated at the end of the season, but despite this, it was not an unmitigated disaster - as Scunny were absolute bottom.

Now with relegation came a bit of a problem for young Graham on account of the fact that Watford were due at BP on October 17th - so he left the unfortunate Brian Keeble to again fill in from August until after the Watford game, following which he never missed another game for the next 64 league games. Did I say NEVER missed another game? Well, that's not quite true as Watford were due to appear at BP again the following October, and Graham's mind was in a whirl. How could he avoid playing against the Hornets again? Fortunately for Graham substitutes had just been allowed from the previous August - but only for injured players not as a tactical switch, and so with a limp (!!!) excuse he was able to leave the field in the match before Watford's visit. Town used only their third ever substitution for this - G. Taylor (Graham) being replaced by G. Taylor (Georgie). By 1965, young Graham was captain of the team. There were two conditions attached to this. First, that he played against Watford in any future game, and second and more importantly that he let the Chairman's wife win

at bingo down on the prom on account of the fact that there was a rather nice plaster-of-Paris Alsatian which she had been saving up her winning bingo tickets, and Graham was her last chance to get it.

By 1967, Graham was into his third season as captain and his seventh down on the prom, and Kirky had gone to college about 25 miles from Watford. So I thought, what a good idea to invest half my student grant for the year in watching Town play at Vicarage Road. Let's not dwell too much on this bit! We were stuffed 7-1. At this point, young Graham realised why he had avoided playing Watford in his younger days, and Kirky realised that for the second time relegation wasn't an unmitigated disaster on account of the fact that Scunny had finished bottom. Again!

A couple of years ago, Watford were heading for the play-offs. But to get into them they had to beat Town in the final game of the season. In the dressing room we were offered a cup of tea (Watford being a very friendly club). Of course when Graham's name came up, I mentioned that I was from the same place as his wife Rita. Within minutes Graham burst into the room obviously straight from the shower with a blue towel wrapped round him. "Who's this who knows my Rita?" After that he must have stayed in our dressing room for over an hour telling us stories about his time at Grimsby. He had us in stitches for the entire time...and this at the time when he must have been really up-tight about the result. He told us of his fondly remembered times in Grimsby and of his playing days here:

Graham worked for a Town director who had numerous outlets down on the prom at Cleethorpes, specialising in Kiss Me Quick hats, tins of Genuine Cleethorpes Fresh Air, buckets, spades, that sort of thing. As the first trains arrived from Yorkshire, strapping Barnsley miners with the missus and three or four kids would mosey down to the beach passing Graham's cabin on the way, and have plans for the day ahead. These would be (1) buy the kids something to keep them quiet (2) clear off to the pub (3) get totally plastered (4) clear off back to Barnsley and tell everyone what a great day you have had.

Normally the first part of the plan worked OK. So they'd spend half the week's wages buying Graham's wares of Genuine Cleethorpes Air (made in Barnsley), a felt black hat, buckets, spades, the works. Then off to the beach for 10 o'clock. Kids being kids, they wanted to go on the slot machines and one armed bandits, and by pub-opening time the beer money had disappeared down the throat of machines that refused to pay up. A miserable afternoon on the beach followed, the week's wages were

gone and your average miner was looking at what he'd had for his money. Things couldn't get worse. Oh yes they could. The weather turned nasty. The rain came. About five minutes after this, the dye started running out of the hat, and the miner's face was streaked with black. He'd come to Cleethorpes and what had he had for his money - a mucky face and a can of fresh air, or to be more precise. ***** all. And who'd sold him this? Correct - our Graham!

"Look out Graham, they're coming back!" shouted the boss. This is where Graham learnt that an extra turn of speed was sometimes not just good, but essential to preserve his boyish good looks, as it became a race between him getting the shutters down, and a Yorkshire fist re-working Graham's handsome features.

Graham Taylor - one of Town's greats! It's been great to know you!
 The untalented and unbiased, Kirky

Kirky's expanded facts on Graham Taylor - You'd better believe it!

Clubs served: Grimsby Town and Watford
Other clubs associated with but which don't match up to the Mighty Mariners and the Hornets: Scunthorpe Boys, Lincoln City, Aston Villa, England

Accolades: Squarest shoulders ever seen in a Town shirt - possibly because he forget to remove the coat hanger;

Best Bingo caller (Cleethorpes Prom Northern Section) 1962;

Most biscuit crumbs in lodgings' bedroom 1962-1966;

Consumer of biggest fish supper at Black and White fish and chip shop (now Josh's), 1966;

One of only 7 players wise enough to leave Scunny to play for a real club - i.e. Grimsby;

Only known footballer to marry girl from Kirky's village of Winteringham (though Bristol Rovers player Biggs had a brother who married one of Jack Burton's daughters in the 1950s, so Graham only just scraped this one);

Also played with: Ron Rafferty - one of Town's greatest ever centre-forwards;

Johnny Scott - wizard of dribble;

Fred Jones - possibly the fastest man ever to play for Town. If only he'd remembered to take the ball with him and NOT to run round in circles looking for it would also have been Town's greatest ever left-winger!

Charlie Wright - a goalkeeper as good at catching oranges as he was at catching the ball!

Best known for: Leaving the choke out for a fortnight on the car he brought from Doug Collins - and reckoning Doug had sold him a pup!

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STUART BRACE

Winger Stuart Brace was an influential figure in Grimsby Town's 1971/72 Fourth Division title triumph. Initially with Taunton Town, he joined Plymouth Argyle in November 1960 and made his League debut at home to Chelsea in April 1963. He was sold to Watford for £1,000 in September 1965 and scored 4 times in 16 Third Division games for today's visitors prior to joining Mansfield Town on a free transfer in July 1966. Forming a deadly partnership with Bill Curry while at Field Mill, he moved to Peterborough United for £5,000 in November 1967. He joined Grimsby for £4,000 in October 1968 and was 3 times leading marksman, starring alongside Matt Tees as the Mariners

reached the FA Cup fourth round in 2 consecutive seasons. Netting 81 goals in 206 League games while at Blundell Park, he moved to Southend United for £7,500 in October 1973 and topped their goalscoring charts in 1973/74. He joined Western League champions Falmouth Town in July 1976, then coached Liskeard Athletic. Now living in Plymstock, he is a sales representative for Aggregate Industries Ltd.



Watford	1965/66	L	FAC	LC	T
	1965/66	16 (4)	2 (2)	-	18 (6)
Total		16 (4)	2 (2)	-	18 (6)
Grimsby Town	1968/69	L	FAC	LC	T
	1968/69	30 (10)	1	-	31 (10)
	1969/70	46 (25)	1	-	48 (25)
	1970/71	44 (9)	1	1	46 (9)
	1971/72	44 (19)	1	6 (4)	41 (23)
	1972/73	39 (18)	6 (2)	3	48 (20)
	1973/74	3	-	1 (1)	4 (1)
Total		206 (81)	10 (2)	12 (5)	228 (88)



STEVE SHERWOOD

Experienced goalkeeper Steve Sherwood starred in Grimsby Town's meteoric rise under Alan Buckley. A former Chelsea apprentice, he signed professional in July 1971 and made his First Division debut at Derby County 6 months later. He had limited opportunities behind Peter Bonetti at Stamford Bridge and was loaned to Millwall and Brentford prior to joining Watford for £3,000 in November 1976. Featuring prominently in their rise from the Fourth Division to First under Graham Taylor, he was ever-present as the Hornets finished League Championship runners-up in 1982/83 and played at Wembley in the 1984 FA Cup final. He made 211 League appearances for today's visitors and scored with a wind-assisted drop-kick in their 2-1 win at Coventry City in

January 1984. Bobby Roberts snapped him up on a free transfer in July 1987 and he was twice ever-present for Grimsby, playing 183 League games while at Blundell Park before moving to Northampton Town in August 1993. He briefly rejoined the Mariners a year later, then had spells with Immingham Town, Lincoln City, Stalybridge Celtic and Gateshead and now works for Standard Life Insurance in Grimsby.



Watford	1976/77	L	FAC	LC	T
	1976/77	8	-	-	8
	1977/78	16	-	-	22
	1978/79	16	3	4	23
	1979/80	4	-	1	5
	1980/81	22	-	1	26
	1981/82	41	3	6	50
	1982/83	42	4	3	49
	1983/84	40 (1)	7	1	48 (1)
	1984/85	9	2	1	12
	1985/86	2	-	-	2
	1986/87	11	-	-	12
Total		211 (1)	23	1	12
Grimsby Town	1987/88	L	FAC	LC	T
	1987/88	46	3	2	51
	1988/89	32	3	-	35
	1989/90	31	1	3	35
	1990/91	46	1	2	49
	1991/92	21	1	5	27
	1992/93	7	-	-	7
Total		183	9	12	204



JASON LEE

Tall, much-travelled striker Jason Lee had a loan spell at Grimsby Town during the 1996/97 campaign. A former Charlton Athletic trainee, he signed professional in June 1989 and made his First Division debut at home to Millwall 6 months later. He had loan spells at Fisher Athletic and Stockport County before being sold to Lincoln City for £35,000 in March 1991 and was leading marksman in 1992/93. Joining Southend United for £150,000 in August 1993, he moved to Nottingham Forest for £200,000 in March 1994 and partnered Stan Collymore in attack as they regained top-flight status at the first attempt that season. He also helped Forest to qualify for the UEFA Cup in 1994/95 and became well-known for his hairstyle. Following a loan spell back at Charlton, he joined Grimsby on loan in March 1997 but was unable to prevent relegation and scored twice in 7 League games while at

Blundell Park. He moved to Watford for £200,000 in June 1997 and starred in their 1997/98 Second Division title triumph, joining Chesterfield for £250,000 in August 1998. Reuniting with Barry Fry at Peterborough United for £50,000 in January 2000, he helped them to win promotion last season.



Grimsby Town	1996/97	L	FAC	LC	T
	1996/97	7 (1)	1	-	8 (1)
Total		7 (1)	1	-	8 (1)
Watford	1997/98	L	FAC	LC	T
	1997/98	37 (11)	4	4	45 (11)
Total		37 (11)	4	4	45 (11)



DUNCAN WELBOURNE

Tough-tackling wing-half Duncan Welbourne made a significant contribution to Grimsby Town's 1961/62 promotion success. Initially an amateur with home-town Scunthorpe United, where his younger brother Don gave fine service, he joined Grimsby in August 1957 and made his Second Division debut in the 4-1 win at home to Huddersfield Town a month later. He played alongside the likes of Dick Conner and Keith Jobling while at Blundell Park, netting 3 goals in 130 League games before being sold to Watford for £1,300 in November 1963. Featuring in that season's promotion near-miss, he

made a record 280 consecutive League appearances for today's opponents. He was ever-present as they won the Third Division title in 1968/69 and were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1969/70, scoring 22 times in a then record 411 League outings for the Hornets prior to joining Southport on a free transfer in June 1974. Appointed player-coach in September 1975, he was later their commercial manager and settled in nearby Hesketh Bank. He has since been a delivery driver for various local vegetable merchants and ran his own market stall in Manchester for a period.

Grimsby Town	1957/58	L	FAC	LC	T
	1957/58	8	-	-	8
	1958/59	20 (1)	3	-	23
	1959/60	31	-	1	31
	1960/61	37 (1)	1	1	39 (1)
	1961/62	27 (1)	-	-	29 (1)
	1962/63	4	-	-	4
	1963/64	3	-	2	3
Total		130 (3)	5	2	135 (3)
Grimsby Town	1963/64	L	FAC	LC	T
	1963/64	19	1	-	20
	1964/65	43 (1)	1	1 (1)	45 (2)
	1965/66	46 (2)	2 (1)	1	49 (3)
	1966/67	46 (6)	4	2	52 (6)
	1967/68	46 (3)	2	4	52 (3)
	1968/69	46 (2)	2	1	52 (2)
	1969/70	42 (1)	5	1	50 (1)
	1970/71	35 (2)	2	2	39 (2)
	1971/72	26 (2)	2	2	28 (2)
	1972/73	43 (3)	3 (1)	1	47 (4)
	1973/74	19	2	2	23
Total		411 (22)	28 (2)	18 (1)	457 (25)



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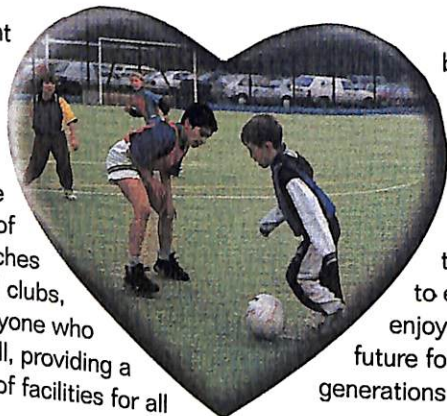
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Ruud Gullit to Chelsea

You can take your pick from a whole stream of massive European players who were suckered into joining uncultured hoofers Chelsea in the mid-90s, but Gullit was the first and probably most amazing. Having lit up Serie A with Sampdoria, his move to Stamford Bridge was as implausible as Gianluca Vialli's and Gianfranco Zola's.

George Weah to Manchester City

Former European Footballer of the Year fallen on hard times. Weah had nonetheless done enough at Chelsea to prove that he still had it in him. His subsequent move to Maine Road was puzzling evidence that he was going prematurely senile at 33. He disappeared mid-season citing a "lack of respect" from City boss Joe Royle.

Fabrizio Ravanelli to Middlesbrough

At 28, Ravanelli was at his peak at the start of the 1996-97 season. Why, then, did he choose to leave the Juventus side who was surely about to name him captain for nowhere-bound, big-spenders, Middlesbrough? Ravanelli scored 17 goals in 35 games that season as Boro won a glorious relegation to the Nationwide league.

Claudio Canniggia to Dundee

From Boca Juniors to Dundee, there

has been no more implausible a move in the history of Scottish football than that of one-time Argentine superhero Claudio Caniggia. At 34, he's still incredibly tricky and, perhaps more amazingly, incredibly committed. After one famous victory, the teetotal striker even pulled pints behind the bar at the Dens Park social club.

Alberto Tarantini to Birmingham City

Fresh from victory in the 1978 World Cup, some kind of supernatural force took control Boca Juniors defender Tarantini and persuaded him that a move to St Andrews was the best way to further his career, 23 games later, he thought better of it and stepped out into legend especially as his missus was allegedly caught shoplifting at the Bull Ring in Birmingham.

George Best to Stockport

You could just about understand George Best turning out for Fulham and Bournemouth when he was a drunken old cripple, but his three appearances at Edgeley Park just a couple of seasons after retiring from Manchester United saw him at a slightly fatter peak of his prime. Three appearances, two goals, one hell of an enigmatic signing.

Attilio Lombardo to Crystal Palace

Surely motivated purely by the appeal of spending a year shopping in London, Lombardo's move from Juventus to Crystal Palace in 1997 defied logic. Things became even stranger when the bald midfielder teamed up with Swedish loser Tomas Brodin to form a short-lived

managerial tag team at Selhurst Park. Still, stranger things have happened...

Ivano Bonetti to Grimsby Town

...none stranger than the Torino winger who liked it so much in Grimsby that he paid his own transfer fee to join them full time. Bonetti's love affair with Lincolnshire only lasted 19 games, however, until he made the mistake of chucking a chicken leg at manager Brian Laws during a dressing room row for which he received a fractured cheekbone in return.

Gary McAllister to Coventry

As his subsequent move to Liverpool demonstrated, the veteran Scottish midfielder had considerably better options available to him when he left Leeds for £3 million in 1996. However, the Sky Blues £25,000 a week deal was enough to dissuade McAllister from pursuing a career as a successful footballer for four seasons.

Kevin Keegan to Southampton

The footballing public were stunned when England's golden boy moved from Liverpool to SV Hamburg in 1977. They were simply bewildered when at 29 he decided to leave the glitz of European football behind to head for the Dell. 37 goals in 68 games saw him quickly become a Saints legend before departing to spend the dog end of his career at Newcastle.

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Paul Groves...

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We firmly believe that it is still all about what we do. It is getting to that stage of the season when people start looking at other results and forthcoming fixtures and trying to work out this, that and the other, but we must not be distracted by this. If another team does us a favour by beating one of our rivals, then great but we must secure our survival ourselves and not be reliant on others. It requires a single-minded approach and the old cliché of taking one game at a time.

Much was said before last week's match against Tranmere about the importance of the game, and I think it was clear to see just how much it meant to the players and the fans to get the win, which was so vital. The lads showed great desire and determination and the same must be said about the fans, because you cannot underestimate the part you played. You can do it again today and in the future.

Whilst it was all about the result last Saturday, it was also good to see that we can respond to pressure situations because that is how it is going to be during this run-in. I felt that being a goal down at the break was harsh on us - at the very least we deserved to be level, but we felt that if we could equalise, then the game was there to be won. Tranmere certainly didn't buckle under the first sign of pressure, but in the end they could not keep us out. Once again I have to mention the atmosphere, it was superb.

Although we were all delighted to have beaten Tranmere, there is no getting

carried away. At the end of the day, it was only worth three points, the same as any other victory. Similarly, if a result doesn't go for us over the next six matches, then we mustn't get carried away to the other extreme. There will be a few twists and turns over the next three weeks.

Once again, I feel today's should be an entertaining match. Like Tranmere but for different reasons, there is no point in Watford coming here looking for a stalemate. A draw is no good (really) for either side and both sides will be approaching the game very positively in that respect.

Thank you for your support again this afternoon. Please give Blundell Park that special atmosphere again.

All the Best
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• Steve Livingstone celebrated his 250th League appearance for the Mariners against Tranmere by scoring his 40th league goal for the club.

• Kevin Donovan played his 150th League game for the Mariners last weekend against Tranmere.

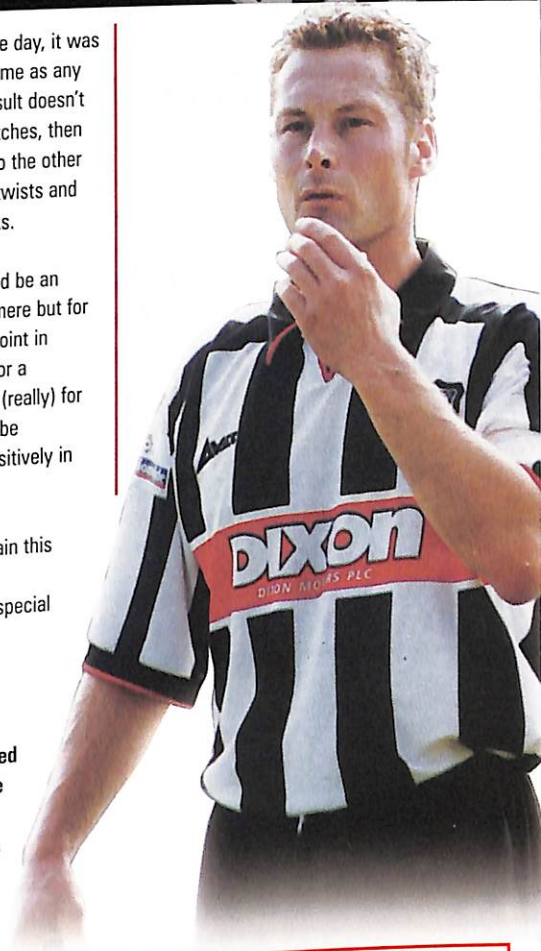
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Name: Dave Messenger

Age: 28

Where do you live? Watford

First ever away match? Cambridge in 1980

Best ever away trip? Liverpool in 1999. The day Watford arrived in the Premiership, nicked a beer from the fridge and put their feet up on the sofa!

Worst ever away trip? Any trip to Selhurst Park.

Arch local rivals? Our friends from up the M1, Luton Town.

Arch non-local rivals? Most Watford fans have noted a particular dislike for Crystal Palace.

Worst ever player? Has to be Tony Meola, the ex-USA international played 1 game and let 2 goals in through his legs!

Favourite current player? The fans favourite at the moment is 20 goal

Tommy Mooney.

If they built a statue outside your ground who should it be of? Graham Taylor. Many fans feel this would be the most appropriate way to mark his imminent retirement.

What are your three wishes for this season? To sneak into the play-offs, to get to Cardiff and win promotion, giving GT the perfect send-off.

Which team in this division gets right up your nose? Perennially 7th placed Wolves. Watch them make a late run to clinch their usual spot.

Which manager gets right up your nose? Whinging Trevor Francis. Why is every Birmingham defeat somebody else's fault?

What is the media stereotype of your club and how true it is? Hopefully its one of a friendly and well-run club that everyone likes! And its true!

Give us a run down of your teams three best players? Tommy Smith - Young striker who

seems to get better and better with every game. Has netted 10 goals so far this season. Local lad comes from Potters End. Nordin Wooter - Dreadlocked Dutchman with the silver boots. Has come into form in the last month and recently scored a dazzling goal against Norwich City. Tommy Mooney - Became the first Watford player to hit 20 goals in a season since Paul Furlong in 1994 with his goal against Crystal Palace. WFC fans took him to their hearts from his first game on loan in 1994. Out on contract at the end of the season, the faithful will be hoping he puts pen to paper very soon.



What will the result be today? If you play your usual attractive football I fancy us to win, we always play better when our opponents try to play, rather than revert to strong arm tactics.

Ghosts of the League

CHESTER CITY
Probably best known for beginning the career of Ian Rush, Chester (the 'City' wasn't added until 1983) had one of the most unremarkable memberships of any Football League club. Elected to the Third Division North in 1931, supporters had to wait 44 years to celebrate a promotion success, while 7 re-election bids featured more prominently. Grimsby's first meetings with the Blues took place in 1951-52, Billy Cairns' 2 goals helping Town to a 3-0 win at Sealand Road, followed shortly after by a 2-1 success in Cleethorpes.

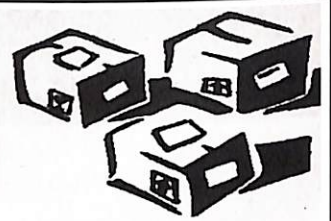
In January 1953, there was drama at a fog-bound Blundell Park when Grimsby led 3-1, only for Chester to pull back in the second half to 4 goals each. In the final minute, the Mariners gained a penalty, with Pat Johnston shooting home for a 5-4 victory. In 1955 both Grimsby and Chester had to apply for re-election, while 3 years later, the Blues became founder-members of the newly-formed Division 4. When that elusive promotion campaign was celebrated in 1975, Chester also made the headlines by reaching the League

Cup Semi-Finals, before bowing out to Aston Villa. Town last met Chester in 1990-91, the homeless Blues then playing at Macclesfield's Moss Rose Ground where Grimsby gained a 2-1 win. In 2000, Chester lost their Football League status to Kidderminster. **GRIMSBY'S LEAGUE RECORD** v CHESTER:

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Blundell Park

Bits & Pieces

Everyone at GTFC sends their congratulations to Richard Smith and wife Kate, after the birth of son, Callum recently.

Prior to kick off today, Paul Fraser (16) and Gill Dobbs will be making the presentation of the ASDA FAMILY LOUNGE Player of the Month Award for March. After continuing in his rich vein of form, the award goes to **DANNY COYNE**. Whilst March wasn't a productive month for the team, Danny was quite brilliant, and none more so than his display, in the win at Queens Park Rangers, when his performance was arguably the best ever by a Grimsby Town goalkeeper.

The ASDA FAMILY LOUNGE is running a free coach to the West Bromwich Albion match on Monday for members only. Those interested members should contact Gill Dobbs this afternoon.

Happy birthday to **THOMAS MOONEY** - 10 years old today from Mum, Dad & friends.

Tickets are now on sale for the Clubs Player of the Year Awards Evening at The Winter Gardens on Tuesday 8th May 2001 (7.30pm). Tickets cost £2 and are available from the Club Shop, along with voting slips for the two main awards of the evening - the Supporters Player and Young Player of the Year.

One of todays mascots, Steven Cooper, is pictured with Town Skipper Paul Groves. Steven thinks "Grovsie is 'ace' and wants to say a big thank you to him for the time he gives to meeting & chatting with the youngsters in the ASDA FAMILY LOUNGE



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	Fouls (1 pt)	Yellows (2 pts)	Reds (5 pts)	Pts per Game
Crewe	306	34	1	10.6
Grimsby	356	37	1	12.1
K'minster	378	37	1	12.7
Barnet	370	41	2	12.8
Port Vale	306	46	2	12.8
Hull C	394	30	1	12.8
Bristol C	368	37	1	12.8
Fulham	340	59	1	12.9
H'pool Utd	379	40	2	13.0
Oldham A	379	39	3	13.1
Macc'field	374	55	1	13.2
Gill'ham	381	44	2	13.3
York C	395	37	4	13.6
Wigan A	388	47	5	13.7

The Mariners Mascots

Name: Jacob Callum
Age: 10
School: Old Clee Juniors
Hobbies: Football, basketball & cricket
Fav Players: Danny Butterfield

Name: Ross Hoban
Age: 10
School: Elliston Street
Hobbies: Ice Hockey & football
Fav Players: All of them

Name: Steven Cooper
Age: 5
School: Wybers Wood
Hobbies: Swimming and Playstation
Fav Players: Wayne Burnett & Paul Groves

Name: Matthew Croft
Age: 7
School: Scartho Infants
Hobbies: Football, Meccano & cars
Fav Players: Danny Coyne

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Around Division One

With Mighty Mariner

BARNSELY: Nigel Spackman was singing the praises of Neil Shipperley after the striker's goal won the local derby at Sheffield United last weekend. "He turned his marker, one touch, and rocketed the ball into the back of the net. It was a goal worthy of winning any derby game."

BIRMINGHAM CITY: Boss Trevor Francis was clearly angry at the weekend at Dele Adebola after the striker was forced to come off with a hamstring problem after only 15 minutes when he had declared himself fit, and he had come on as substitute himself!

BLACKBURN ROVERS: Rovers striker Matt Jansen is set to be offered a new five year contract at Ewood Park with £22,000 per week. He has caught the eye of several Premiership clubs, but Rovers are determined to hold on to the man who has hit 18 goals in 24 starts, with their own Premiership aspirations, of course.

BOLTON WANDERERS: Per Frandsen could be on his way out of The Reebok, believing that boss Sam Allardyce has made him a scapegoat for the club's recent slump in form. Frandsen could be going for a cut-price £400,000.

BURNLEY: After their 3-0 win over local rivals Preston, Burnley feel that their own play-off hopes have been revived. Burnley also restored some Lancashire pride after being beaten 5-0 by Blackburn in their previous outing.

CREWE ALEXANDRA: After the postponement of their clash with Bolton, Crewe watched nervously and several teams at the bottom of the table picked up points, to leave Alex just three points above the drop zone.

CRYSTAL PALACE: Hard-man Neil Ruddock has left the club after his contract was cancelled by mutual consent. The defender has not played since a bust up with boss Alan Smith in February and he has struggled to justify his reported £15,000 per week wages. A financial settlement was agreed.

FULHAM: The Cottagers are being linked

with a move for Galatasary's Brazilian striker Mario Jardel, rated at £8 million, but they will face competition from Real Madrid for his signature, as Jean Tigana looks to strengthen his side for next seasons life in the Prem.

GILLINGHAM: Nicky Southall has been targeted by Barnsley, for a possible close season move when he becomes a free agent. Southall insists he wants to stay at Priestfield but says he needs the right deal. The Gills could also lose Roland Edge, who is interesting Leicester City.

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN: Striker Andy Booth has continued to impress since his return to the club from Sheffield Wednesday and he looks as though he could be a major player in the Terriers bid for survival.

NORWICH CITY: Young keeper Robert Green insists that Norwich are "too good to go down" despite conceding four goals in a 4-3 defeat at Gillingham in what was only his 6th appearance in the first team.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: Captain Chris Bart-Williams says he will not make a decision about his future until the end of the season. The skipper scored both goals in last weekend's 2-0 win over Portsmouth, but says he wants to play in the Prem either with or without Forest.

PORTSMOUTH: Graham Rix admits his side are now in a relegation battle and says that not enough players in his side are taking enough responsibility. Pompey face QPR today in a crucial game for them.

PRESTON NORTH END: Preston boss David Moyes has dismissed all talk of play-offs at the club saying "We'll play all our matches and then see where we are," having seen his side beaten 3-0 at Burnley.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS: "We have to win just about all our games to survive" was Ian Holloway's view, after seeing his side lose at home to Blackburn. Rangers haven't won since February 20th, and a winning run like that does look beyond them, surely?

SHEFFIELD UNITED: Neil Warnock said his side weren't at the races last weekend and they face a tough battle to keep in the hunt for a play-off place.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: Carlton Palmer says he will keep both Coventry and Wednesday in suspense about whether he will retire or not. He is currently on loan with the Owls from Coventry and has been one of the main reasons behind the Sheffield club's move away from trouble.

STOCKPORT COUNTY: Teenage defender Robert Clare could be on his way to neighbours Manchester City. He only debuted last September but he has been tipped for a bright future with City very interested in him.

TRANMERE ROVERS: Rovers are hoping that Blackburn will keep former midfielder Alan Mahon at Ewood Park from Sporting Lisbon, so that the Prenton Park club will receive £250,000 in compensation due to a clause in his transfer contract. However, Graeme Souness may return Mahon, in favour of signing £3 million rated midfielder Jason Koumas.

WATFORD: Boss Graham Taylor wants to retire at the end of this season having seen the Hornets back to the Premiership and would be quite happy to delay his retirement three weeks to accommodate the play-offs!

WEST BROMWICH ALBION: Everton are the latest club to be linked with striker Lee Hughes, who still has a year left at The Hawthorns and has been valued at £5 million by the Baggies. Middlesbrough, Charlton and Manchester City are also said to be interested.

WIMBLEDON: Coventry may return to Wimbledon to sign Jason Euell, just weeks after signing John Hartson from the Dons.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS: Kevin Muscat captained his country to a record breaking win last week as Australia beat Tonga 22-0! And the Wolves man scored five himself, three of which were penalties. The previous record was China 20-0 Bhutan.

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 ■
- IAIN WARD 21 ■
- BEN CHAPMAN 22 ■
- JONATHAN ROWAN 23 ■
- ANDY SMITH 24 ■
- BRADLEY ALLEN 25 ■
- ALAN POUTON 26 ■
- LUKE CORNWALL 28 ■
- MENNO WILLEMS 29 ■
- ZHANG ENHUA 30 ■

MANAGER: LENNIE LAWRENCE ■

Watford



- 1 ■ ALEC CHAMBERLAIN (GK)
- 2 ■ NEIL COX
- 3 ■ PAUL ROBINSON
- 4 ■ ROBERT PAGE
- 5 ■ STEVE PALMER
- 6 ■ PETER KENNEDY
- 8 ■ MICAH HYDE
- 9 ■ TOMMY MOONEY
- 10 ■ RICHARD JOHNSON
- 11 ■ NICK WRIGHT
- 12 ■ ALLAN SMART
- 13 ■ CHRIS DAY (GK)
- 14 ■ NORDIN WOOTER
- 15 ■ GIFTON NOEL-WILLIAMS
- 16 ■ NIGEL GIBBS
- 17 ■ TOMMY SMITH
- 18 ■ HEIDAR HELGUSON
- 19 ■ CLINT EASTON
- 21 ■ DOMINIC FOLEY
- 22 ■ ESPEN BAARSEN (GK)
- 23 ■ DARREN WARD
- 24 ■ ALEX BONNOT
- 25 ■ PAOLO VERNAZZA
- 26 ■ DAVID PERPETUINI
- 27 ■ JAMES PANAYI
- 28 ■ ALLAN NIELSEN
- 29 ■ STEPHEN ARMSTRONG
- 31 ■ MATTHEW LANGSTON
- 34 ■ LEE COOK
- 37 ■ GARY FISKEN

MANAGER: GRAHAM TAYLOR



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