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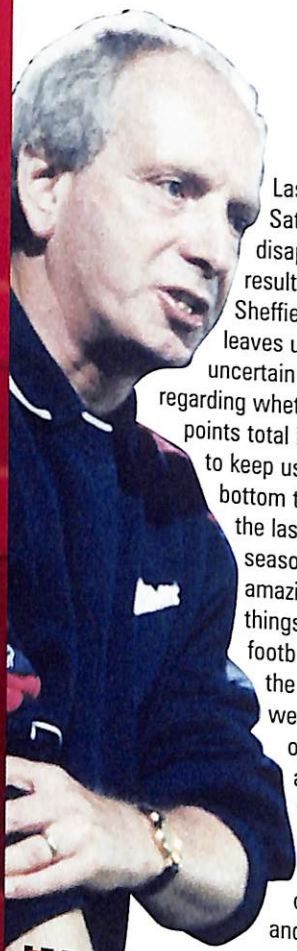
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The Managers Chair

Last Saturday's disappointing result against Sheffield United leaves us in an uncertain situation regarding whether our points total is sufficient to keep us out of the bottom three come the last day of the season. It is amazing how things change in football - before the match we were talking optimistically about finishing nearly half way, but one defeat and once

again we are looking over our shoulder to see what needs to be done to avoid slipping further down. Two or three weeks ago, I would have said 49 points would be enough and I would have been delighted to get to that total, but now I cannot afford to make that assumption. Against Sheffield United, we looked tired and jaded in the first half and indeed were fortunate to come in only one goal down. We made a spirited comeback in the second half, as we have done in each of the previous two home matches, but this time there was no turnaround. Sheffield defended resolutely and were dangerous on the break and whilst we applied some pressure and had a decent amount of possession, this was never really converted into clear-cut chances or goals. We cannot repeatedly give sides a goal start, and on Saturday we paid the price.

Tonight we extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Blackburn Rovers. They are also in a desperate quest for points in order to make sure of the second automatic spot. After a relatively slow start by their standards, Blackburn's progress up the table has been relentless and they have lost only two of their last twenty-three matches. They will also have a significant effect on the relegation issue, with Portsmouth to play at Ewood Park next Sunday. Their squad contains many highly talented individuals, all of whom are capable of winning the game. Rovers have, like ourselves, played a lot of games recently, and we must

make them work very hard for any result that they might obtain tonight. We cannot afford to surrender the first goal and we must ensure a massive physical and mental effort over the ninety minutes. If we do so, then any remaining concerns that we have about relegation can be dispelled - otherwise it goes on to the weekend. With no other team in the bottom seven in action tonight (other than Tranmere who are already relegated), it is a golden but hard opportunity for us to take a small step forward. We certainly need to improve on Saturday's performance if we are to do that. Stacy Coldcott missed last weekend's match with a hamstring injury

and I am not optimistic that it will be any different tonight. Several injured players are on their way back with Bradley Allen and Wayne Burnett both ready for a reserve team outing, but not quite ready for the first team fray at present. Even though Saturday's game ended in disappointment, your support was still excellent. We let you, the fans, down somewhat but please maintain your support and help lift us over the line.

Best Wishes
Lennie



Luke Cornwall - scored winner at the Hawthorns which sealed "Performance Award."

There was a close contest last week for the Performance of the Week in English domestic competition which produced lively discussion

among the League Managers Association members who make up the judging panel. Chaired by Howard Wilkinson, the panel is made up of very distinguished household names, Sir Alex Ferguson, Graham Taylor, the experienced and well-travelled Dave Bassett and the larger-than-life Barry Fry. No holds barred discussion this week centred around Middlesbrough's fine win against Arsenal at Highbury and the excellent victory achieved by Grimsby Town in their away fixture at West Bromwich Albion. Boro's victory might have been the shock of the day but was achieved with the help of two own goals from Brazilians Edu and Silvinho before Hamilton Ricard wrapped up the victory so vital as Terry Venables tries to steer the North-East side to Premiership safety. However, it was the Easter enjoyed by Grimsby Town, and specifically their fine one-goal victory against West Brom at The Hawthorns, which clinched the award of the Stuart Crystal chalice. A first-half goal from Luke Cornwall won the game despite the fact that Albion attacked in a concerted manner in the second half. Goalkeeper Danny Coyne suggested: "We defended brilliantly. The work rate from the lads was phenomenal. To win and keep a clean sheet, you can't ask for more than that." This followed on a home win against Watford. Manager Lennie Lawrence was also delighted. "We knew we would be under pressure in the second half but the players were up for it and we defended brilliantly. The Performance of the Week award is a terrific reward for their hard work." The presentation ceremony took place before the cameras of Sky Sports last Friday and was screened during their Soccer Saturday programme on Sky Sports One.

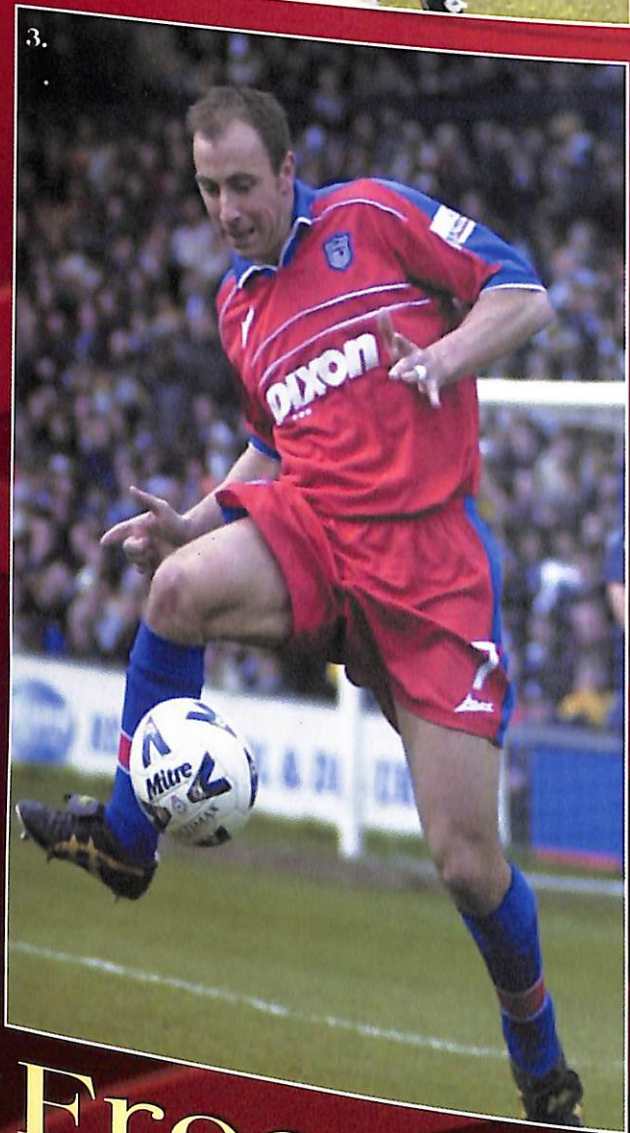
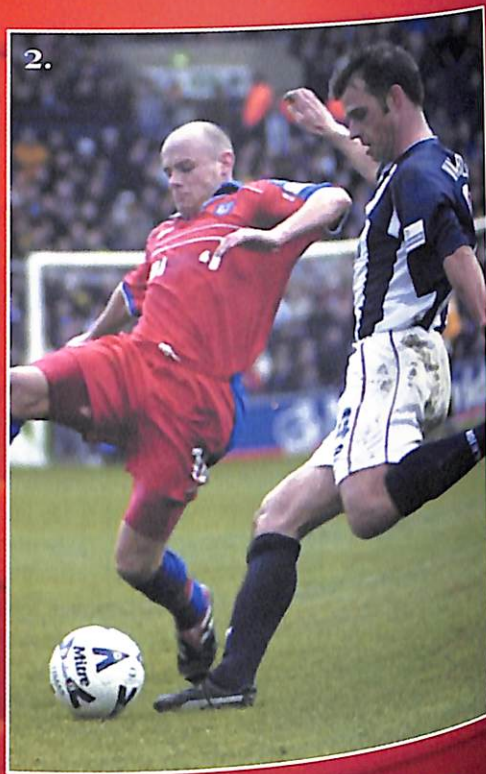
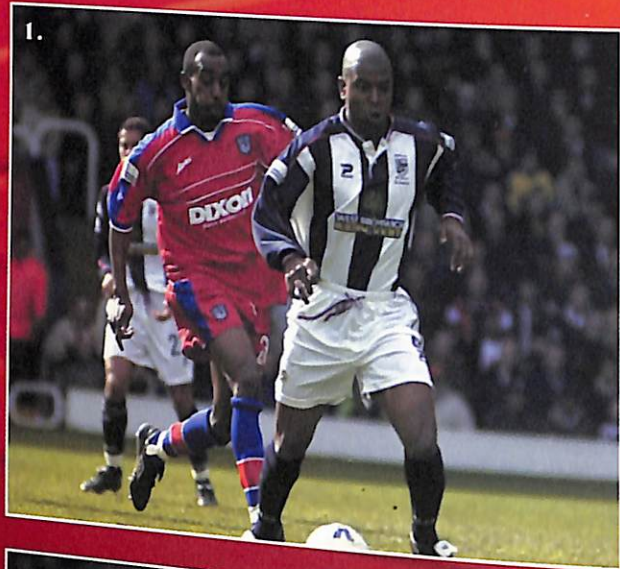
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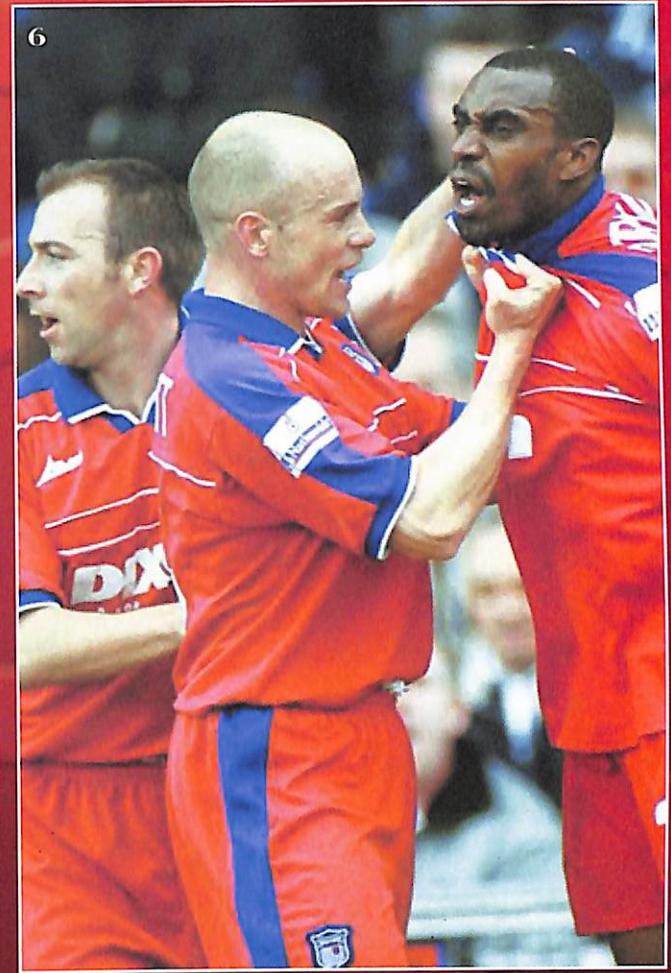
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West Brom 0 Mariners 1

- 1 Luke Cornwall works hard to close down the home defence.
- 2 Midfielder Stacy Coldicott gets in a block.
- 3 Kevin Donovan controls the ball.
- 4 The outstanding Paul Groves heads away from danger.
- 5 The goal that earned the points - Luke Cornwall's volley on it's way into the net as Kevin Donovan looks on.
- 6 Ex-Baggies Donovan and Coldicott are first to congratulate the goalscorer.



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This Week Then...

NEWSFLASH

April 1956 - Elvis Presley reaches number one in the U.S. music charts with 'Heartbreak Hotel'.
 April 1991 - 26 people die when tornados strike the American state of Kansas.

45 YEARS AGO

Over 23,000 fans attend Blundell Park to see the Mariners claim the Third Division North Championship with a 2-0 defeat of Southport. Billy Evans and Bob Crosbie score the decisive goals in the second half to cap a remarkable season, just one year

after Grimsby had had to apply for re-election.

Blackburn Rovers' Second Division trip to Bristol City ends in a 0-2 defeat.

10 YEARS AGO

After three games without a goal,

Grimsby get back on the Third Division promotion trail with a 2-0 victory at Leyton Orient, Garry Birtles (his first of the season) and Tommy Watson the men on target.

A Chris Sulley goal earns Blackburn a 1-0 win at Barnsley, lifting Rovers to 18th place in Division Two.

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.

Newcastle United v Ujpest Dozsa, Inter Cities Fairs Cup Final 1st leg, 29th May 1969

The Match

Newcastle, whose Cup winning feats of the early 1950's were receding into distant memory, won the Fairs Cup (now the UEFA Cup) in their first foray into European football. Progress to meet Hungarian club Ujpest Dozsa was not easy for the debutants - Feyenoord, Real Zaragoza, Sporting Lisbon, Vitoria Setubal and Rangers were all overcome by a mixture of international players and honest journeymen professionals. In front of a huge crowd at St James Park, Newcastle put on a marvellous show in winning 3-0 against a team full of Hungarian internationalists and including players of the calibre of Fazekas, Bene and Dunai. Newcastle

captain and central defender Bobby Moncur twice found himself in an unaccustomed scoring position and twice he scored. Jim Scott also got on the scoresheet.

Newcastle also won the away leg, 3-2, with Moncur again scoring, along with Arentoft and Foggon, to lift the trophy 6-2 on aggregate.

The Programme

The Magpies made a special effort for the Final tie, although the 20 page A5 1/- (5p) programme bore many of the hallmarks of their normal League issue. One departure was the two colour cover, featuring a yellow background and the black and white stripes and mauve of the competing clubs. Newcastle were to use this cover design for their European ties in the following seasons. A message from Lord Westwood, the club Chairman, was opposite the editorial, headed "Good Evening". The next six pages were devoted to the visitors, one-and-a-half of text, a team

group, a welcome in Hungarian which was liberally spread to cover a page, and three pages of pen pictures with head and shoulder photographs. The centre fold had teams, substitutes, officials, and the first small adverts of the programme. The second half started with a page of all of the results in the tournament to date, then two action shots from the semi final against Rangers. The Manager's page was faced by advertisements, which continued on the next two pages with Supporters Club notes and club statistics. The Development Association had a page, and there were six head and shoulder photos of Newcastle's Fairs Cup scorers that season. The back page was a full page advert for the Evening Chronicle pink edition.

* "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. www.pmfco.co.uk

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Goals Info:



Where



15 Goals



21 Goals



5 Goals

How

- Shots.....23
- Headers.....8
- Volleys.....7
- Free Kicks.....1
- Penalties.....1
- O.G.s.....1

Top Scorers

- Livingstone...7
- Donovan.....5
- Nielsen.....5
- Groves.....3
- Allen.....3
- Enhua.....3
- Cornwall.....3

2000-2001

- Highest Gate 7,755 vs Sheff Wed
- Lowest Gate 3,732 vs Bolton
- Average Home Attendance 5,460
- Plys Used 28
- Cln Sheets 9
- Failed to Score 15 Games
- Consec. Wins 3 Games
- Consec. Defeats 4 Games
- Yellow Cards 54
- Red Cards 1

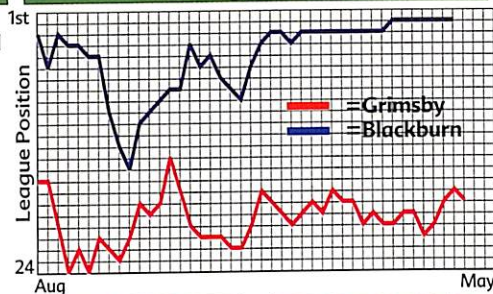
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Grimsby's Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
D	Huddersfield	A	22nd
L	Wolves	H	13th
S	Wimbledon	H	11th
W	QPR	A	23rd
S	Birmingham	H	4th
L	Norwich	A	14th
W	Tranmere	H	24th
W	Watford	H	8th
W	West Brom	A	5th
L	Sheffield Utd	H	11th

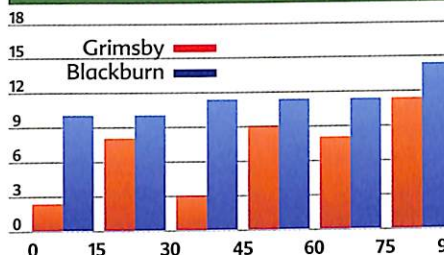
Seasonal Progress Comparison



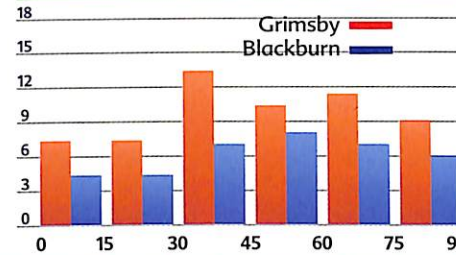
Blackburn's Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
W	West Brom	H	5th
W	Birmingham	A	4th
S	Wimbledon	H	11th
W	Burnley	H	10th
S	Sheffield Utd	H	8th
W	QPR	A	23rd
L	Fulham	H	1st
D	Stockport	A	19th
W	Huddersfield	H	21st
D	Wolves	A	15th

When Goals have been Scored



When Goals have been Conceded

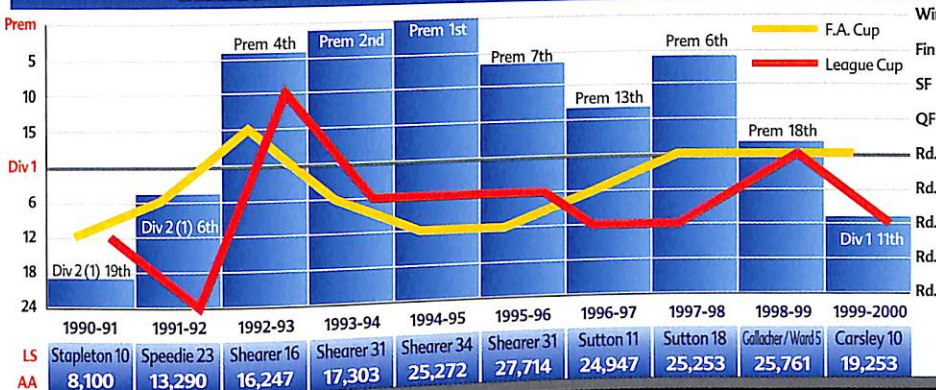


Steve Livingstone (Grimsby) Top Scorers Comparison Matt Jansen (Blackburn)

<p>14</p> <p>Goals.....7 Games.....29 Average...0.24</p> <p>W>L.....3(6) W>D.....0(0) D>L.....0(0)</p> <p>1 game.....5 7 games.....1</p>	<p>6 games.....Total Games Scored In.....17 games</p> <p>5 games.....Games Scored 1 Goal.....14 games</p> <p>1 game.....Games Scored 2 Goals.....3 games</p> <p>0 games.....Hat-tricks.....0 games</p> <p>Season's Results and (loss of points) without the two goalscorers goals</p> <p>W>L.....3(6) W>D.....2(6) D>L.....2(2)</p> <p>4 games.....Maximum scoring run</p> <p>6 games.....Maximum Dry Spell</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Goals.....20 Games.....36 Average...0.56</p> <p>W>L.....3(6) W>D.....2(6) D>L.....2(2)</p> <p>4 games.....Shot</p> <p>6 games.....Header</p> <p>18 goals.....Volleyed Shot</p> <p>6 goals.....Penalty</p> <p>0 goals.....Direct free Kick</p>
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Grimsby Goals.....41	Blackburn Goals.....67
Grimsby Games.....43	Blackburn Games.....42
Grimsby's Goal Ave.....0.9	Blackburn's Goal Ave.....1.60

Blackburn Rovers' Last 10 years - The Complete Record



Goals Info:



Where



16 Goals



43 Goals



8 Goals

How

- Shots.....34
- Headers.....13
- Volleys.....11
- Free Kicks.....3
- Penalties.....4
- O.G.s.....2

Top Scorers

- Jansen.....20
- Dunn.....10
- Bent.....7
- Blake.....5
- Hughes.....5
- Flitcroft.....3
- Taylor.....3
- Hignett.....3

2000-2001

- Highest Gate 29,426 vs Huddersfield
- Lowest Gate 16,397 vs Grimsby
- Average Home Attendance 20,580
- Plys Used 38
- Cln Sheets 19
- Failed to Score 7 Games
- Consec. Wins 6 Games
- Consec. Defeats 2 Games
- Yellow Cards 56
- Red Cards 2

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Grandpa Grumpy Special

Following our win over West Brom last Monday, Grandpa Grumpy's mailbag has been full-to-bursting with mail from the West Midlands. He's been wandering round the plush office suite of the Mariner Matchday Magazine in the John Smith's Penthouse telling us all to remember he's over 24 now, and available on a 'BOSNIAN.' We offered to make him a pack-up for his journey but it appears he's confusing a litigious European footballer of dubious skill with one of the most dangerous places on earth (other than West Brom after a win by the Mighty Mariners!) Ah, well! We tried! Looks like we'll have to put up with his tartan slippers smelling out the offices for a while yet.

Dear Grandpa Grumpy,
How did 400 Town fans make more noise than 16,000 Baggies fans? I know you had Larry in the away end but even he can't make that much of a noise! Do you think we'll still make the play-offs?

Grandpa Grumpy replies:
Now, I haven't been to that many away matches lately, on account of the fact that my... (this bit of Grandpa's reply has been cut as it goes well beyond the bounds of decency and would be of any interest to a doctor with particular qualifications in the nether regions of the human body - Ed)...but I thought you lot from West Brom were a bit on the quiet side. You see your average Grimbarian has the lungs of a whale as he's been brought up to have conversations between trawlers in a force nine gale while at the same time chewing on a nice bit of scrag end of haddock, listening to John Tondeur's dad read out the footie results and operate the winch one-handed, without so much as a "Yer what?". It's also helped us have that perfect enunciation, unlike your average Brummie who speaks as though he's found something

suspiciously like a German sausage in his Balti pie. In fact, I've had to have Birmingham's most famous son - young Stacy - round at my place for three weeks teaching him not to say "Feesh kiki and cheeps, eef yow please." Obviously we wish you well for the play-offs, but frankly we'd prefer to be rid of the real Brummies. For starters, unlike the Baggies, we occasionally lose to Brum.

Dear Grandpa Grumpy
Can you please fix it for me just like Jimmy Saville used to do? I'd like the whole of the Grimsby squad swapping with the whole of the West Brom squad - Thank you
A Baggies fan...

Grandpa Grumpy replies:
My friend, if you sold everything in the whole town of West Brom, you couldn't buy one of our players. We did of course rent a few out to you for a short time a year or two ago, but you didn't look after them properly so they've come back to where they belong and are appreciated. Now if you'd like my advice - and you obviously would like it - I'd take all your players to a decent barber. Rocket Ron for instance. He knows a thing or two about football.

Dear Grandpa Grumpy
Although disappointed to be beaten by Grimsby, I can't help thinking that it was an honour to see the Mariners in action. Why do I feel this way? Winning 2-0 at home this season is one thing but to come here and win and keep another clean sheet is disgraceful cheek. Is there any end to your Northern cheek? I left early in disgust last Monday, but can you tell me if it is true that we carried on playing for half an hour after the Grimsby side had left the pitch and still didn't manage to equalise?

Grandpa Grumpy replies:
Now this takes us back to a famous Town match in January 1912, when we

played at Leicester Fosse. The pitch was so bad that six Town players walked off the field at different times during the game because their complaints to the referee about the state of the pitch were being ignored - and we still won 4-0. Now, as you'll know being a Baggies fan, the state of the pitch at the Hawthorns was pretty poor on Monday - did you see the way the ball suddenly bounced up as Danny Coyne was about to smack it upfield? Anyway, the lads decided that it was time to do a re-enactment of the famous Leicester incident. Except that six players went off the pitch at a time, right through the second half. Mick the Kit was missing off the bench for a long time too, but that's because he was just going for a "Jimmy riddle."

Dear Grandpa Grumpy,
We've heard that you're the man behind the Mariners upsurge, sort of Lennie Lawrence's mentor. My mate says that he's seen you sharing the job with Sven Goran Erikson as well. What are the chances of you coming down to the Hawthorns and helping us into the Premier? We'll be able to offer you lots more money than the Mariners!

Grandpa Grumpy replies:
Money doesn't come into it son. Well that's what the Chancellor said when he gave us a 75p rise in the pension if I remember rightly! But in the case of supporting your team or country it's very true. Now that I've got all the players, management, directors, stewards and so on round to my way of thinking at Blundell Park, I've just got a bit of fine tuning to do with the national side. In fact, I've nearly got young Danny Coyne, Pete Handyside and Alan Pouton naturalised as Englishmen - then we can have the Mariners as the actual England team. We just need a multi-national corporation to sponsor Alan's underwear and we'll be ready for anything!

Grandpa Grumpy

Dear Grandpa Grumpy,
I'm a bit stuck on who to vote for player of the year, so I'd like you to give me and the other supporters some advice. Will you be making any presentations this year?

Grandpa Grumpy replies:
I should certainly hope I will be making some presentations, and if I don't Gladys is going to be hopping mad I can tell you! She's been knitting me the pullover to end all pullovers for the last six weeks, ever since I off-loaded the old stuff onto Zhang. Of course, it'll have to stay 'under-wraps' as it were because I don't know if you've noticed but young Stacy's a bit of a fellow woolly-pully freak as well, and I don't want him snaffling my ideas and trying to upstage me on the night.

Anyway, down to business, with my recommendations for player of the year. Now remember that the actual football's a team game, so any single player of the year might not be seen as "quite right", if you see what I mean. This year I'm basing my vote on who's done the best answers in the centre spread. So here's a run-down of my top three:

In third spot - Gally for his answers to: What's the biggest risk you've ever taken? "Pinching a chip off Pete Handyside." And what's the best night out you've ever had? "All the ones I can't remember."

In second spot - Pete Handyside for his answers to: If you could be anyone else for a day who would it be and why? "Tony Gallimore - Just to see what's going on in there." And if you weren't a footballer what job would you like to do? "The physiotherapist's job looks quite easy."

But the winner is Livvo, for: What's the best chat-up line you've heard? "Get your coat you've pulled." What's the best piece of luck you've ever had? "Playing against Tim Harvey. He made me look a good player!" and Where do you see yourself being in 20 years time?

"Combining managing England and being a brain surgeon."

Dear Grandpa Grumpy,
Have you eaten all the pies? And if you have, which ones are best?

Grandpa Grumpy replies:
I might not have eaten all the pies, laddie, but I've given it a go! Now I expect that you're thinking, which pies are best at football grounds, which would not be the same as which are best in the rest of the world, would it, and as you know, we pensioners aren't on a lot of money like you young 'uns so we have to save where we can. Take West Brom last week for starters. The West Midlands have some very nice Balti pies which remind me of my time out East with the Forgotten Army, and would have been lovely in the circumstances - us beating the Baggies and all - but at £1.95 someone was taking the proverbials. So I get Gladys to buy me some nice ones from John Maltby's. Course, if you insist on pies at grounds, then there's none better at away grounds than at Boston United - but we don't want to be playing them do we - we'll leave that to Man U - they've even tried nicking Immingham's birthright to be called The Pilgrims!

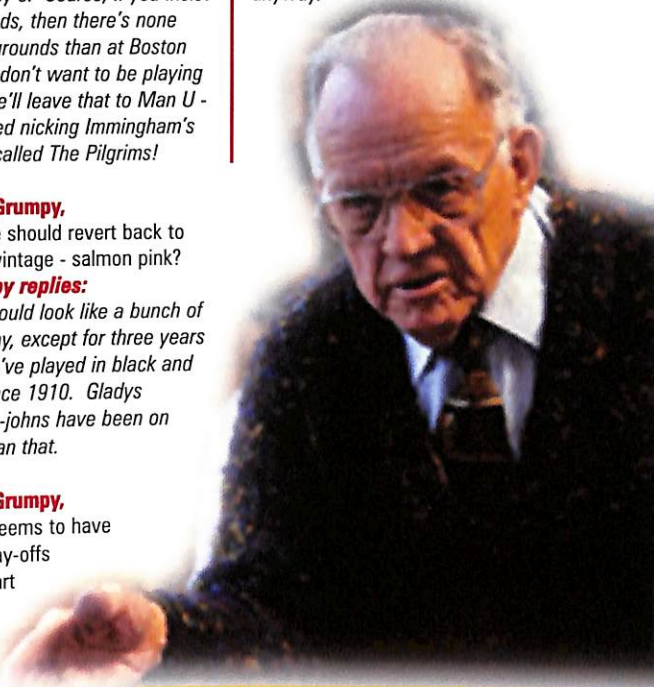
Dear Grandpa Grumpy,
Do you think we should revert back to our kit of 1904 vintage - salmon pink?

Grandpa Grumpy replies:
No! The lads would look like a bunch of Jessies! Anyway, except for three years in the sixties we've played in black and white stripes since 1910. Gladys reckons my long-johns have been on the go longer than that.

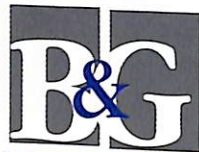
Dear Grandpa Grumpy,
Everyone now seems to have accepted the play-offs as an integral part of the season. But what would you reckon to

having the system where everyone in the top half can go up, and everyone in the bottom half can go down, instead of the old two-up, two down of when you were a lad?

Grandpa Grumpy replies:
Well young fella me lad, you've got your history wrong! You see, when they introduced the old Third Divisions North and South, only one team was promoted from each, and as any Mariners fan will tell you, we ended up second in 1952 to Lincoln City, and only they were promoted, which was a waste if ever there was one. Then of course you get the team that's been in the top division longest of all - Arsenal - and they ended up fifth in the second division before football was stopped for the Great War, and were promoted straight after it. Best say nothing about that! But as for half the league playing to go up, and t'other half to go down - that sounds a bit Irish to me. Well, Scottish anyway.







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Marcus Bent was one of the hottest properties in the Nationwide League during the summer, with a number of Premiership clubs reportedly prepared to help him move up a division. Bent signed professional terms with Brentford as a 17 year old, and went on to make almost 100 appearances for the club in two and a half years. He then had brief spells with Crystal Palace and Port Vale, before making a £300,000 move to Sheffield United in October 1999.

And it was with the Blades where the Hammersmith-born youngster made his name. In his first season at Bramall Lane, Bent scored 16 goals in 35 games, including the first hat trick of his career against West Bromwich Albion.

But despite several speculative links with the top flight, Bent started the current season with United and netted eight goals in the first four months. That form prompted Blackburn manager Graeme Souness to take the plunge and launch a £2 million pounds bid for the striker last November, and a deal between the two parties was quickly tied up.

"Everything about the club persuaded me to come here," said Bent. "The name Blackburn Rovers says it all. There were a lot of rumours in the summer about moves to other clubs but nothing concrete ever came about. "I just kept my head down at the time and did what I had to do. And then the only concrete offer the came along was Blackburn's and I was delighted to sign on.

"I've settled in very well since then. The boys are good here. The gaffer's brilliant, he's taught me a lot. There's a lot of mingling and a lot of good banter. We're doing well at the moment so everybody's happy.

"My season personally has gone very

well so far. I've scored a couple of, made a couple, and I'm happy with the way I'm playing."

Blackburn are currently in second place in the First Division and are favourites to take the second automatic promotion. And Bent admits that the thought of playing in the Premiership is one he awaits with relish.

"I think the club are ready for the Premiership, and I'm really looking forward to the chance of playing there. There are a lot of youngsters in the side now.

"We've got a lot of internationals in the squad, and a lot of mature, more experienced players in there as well. If we get there, touch wood, I'm sure we will do well.

"But we know that there are a lot of games to go yet. We've got some hard games to go, like here today, but we've got to pick up points away from home. We're all confident though, we're in the driving seat at the moment so we've just got to keep ourselves there."

Blackburn have had a taste of life against Premiership opposition recently with a defeat against Arsenal in the FA Cup, and against newly-promoted Fulham in the league. But Bent is optimistic that his side will learn from those performances.

"We learnt a lot from the Arsenal game. We didn't really play as well as we could do. But Cup games are different. It's all about on the day, and, on the day, we didn't play our best, so we can't really judge ourselves on that. "Fulham have played really well all season, I hold my hands up to them, and although they beat us I think we dominated the game. But we can't be truly judged until we play regularly in the Premiership."

As for tonight's game, Bent knows he is in for a tough time as The Mariners look to make certain their First Division status.

"It will be a hard game tonight because Grimsby are a good side. The team in general work hard and they try and pass the ball. But as I said, we need to pick up points away from home so this is a game we must win."



Star Player





Today...

...at Blundell Park

Blackburn Rovers

Blackburn Rovers have 4 experienced goalkeepers at Ewood Park this season with USA international **BRAD FRIEDEL** the goalkeeper who has recently held down the number 1 jersey. Friedel joined Blackburn from Liverpool in early November after a drawn out battle in the courts over the renewal of his work permit. Manager Graeme Souness handed the American his debut in the 1-0 victory over Wolves and he has enjoyed a number of solid performances since, leading to his battle for the USA's No. 1 goalkeeper's jersey with former Leicester City goalkeeper Kasey Keller. Friedel made his name playing for his native Major League Soccer side Columbus Crew, before

linking up with the Anfield giants. **JOHN FILAN** is another experienced goalkeeper with spells at Coventry, Nottingham Forest and Cambridge United. The Australian goalkeeper was signed from Coventry by Roy Hodgson and got his chance in the first team after Tim Flowers suffered a long-term injury. Filan performed so well that the England goalkeeper could not regain his place and was forced to move on to Leicester City. **ALAN MILLER** is a highly-rated goalkeeper who arrived at Ewood Park from West Bromwich Albion in February 2000 for just £50,000 as cover for the injured John

Filan. Miller has been on-loan at Bristol City this season and was also given a short spell at Coventry, only to concede 6 against Chelsea.

ALAN KELLY is the final goalkeeper at Ewood Park. He joined Blackburn from Sheffield United in the

summer of 1999 for £675,000. An established Republic of Ireland international, Kelly was a long servant to Sheffield United and also had a spell at Preston North End. In a squad filled with experienced players, Blackburn's **STIG-INGE BJORNEBYE** and **HENNING BERG** have been vastly influential in the team's bid for promotion to the Premiership. Berg returned to Blackburn on a 3 month loan deal from Manchester United in September 2000 before re-signing permanently on 15th December 2000. An established Norwegian international, Berg was part of the 1995 championship winning

squad having been signed by Kenny Dalglish before joining United for £5 million in August 1997. A succession of injuries during United's treble-winning 98-99 campaign deprived the talented Norwegian of more appearances, but Berg reminded the world of his ability when he was outstanding against Inter Milan at the San Siro in the quarter-final of the European Cup. Bjornebye joined Blackburn in June 2000 for a fee of £300,000 after leaving Liverpool - the club he had served for the previous 8 years. An excellent tackler and passer of the ball, the Norwegian international is a hugely dependable performer.

JOHN CURTIS signed from Manchester United in the summer and was highly regarded by many at Old Trafford. He spent much of last season on loan at Barnsley, but the versatile and pacy Curtis has been playing at right-back this season despite his favoured position being at centre-half. **CRAIG SHORT** is another experienced player who joined Blackburn from Everton for £2.1 million just days before the start of the 1999-2000 season. Short began his football apprenticeship at Scarborough before moving to Notts County in July 1989, and then making the trip to Derby in 1992. The tall, powerful defender's career has been blighted by a succession of niggling injuries. However, Short dominated in the heart of the Everton rearguard with his physical presence. **MARTIN TAYLOR** has come up through the youth system and has recently broken into the first team. Taylor has experienced loan-spells at Stockport County and Darlington.

DAMIEN DUFF is an extremely skilful left winger who burst onto the first-team scene 3 seasons ago. He has subsequently become a regular in the Republic of Ireland squad and is coveted by a number of top Premiership clubs. **DAVID DUNN** claimed his first-

team place at Blackburn over the last season and is now a regular in the starting line up. A midfielder who can pass, tackle and shoot, he specialises in free-kicks and long-range efforts. He has recently found a place in the England Under-21 side, and was captain for their 6-1 demolition of Georgia. **GARY FLITCROFT** is a former Manchester City midfielder who has been in fine form this season. Flitcroft is the current Blackburn captain and is a tough tackling player who shows good accuracy with his passing and shooting. Northern Ireland international **KEITH GILLESPIE** is another experienced individual who started his career with Manchester United before completing a £1 million move to Newcastle. Gillespie is an exciting right winger with the pace and the trickery to go past defenders. Injuries, however, hampered his career with Newcastle and a move to Blackburn followed where he has established himself as a firm favourite with the Blackburn faithful.

JASON McATEER joined Rovers 2 years ago in a £4 million deal from Liverpool. McAteer can play as a full-back, wing-back or indeed in midfield and fulfilled all those roles for Rovers in the 98-99 season. He was set to leave Liverpool a year earlier but broke his leg in Blackburn's goalless draw at Anfield in January 1998. He has

found a regular place on the right of midfield this season, and has turned in some decent performances for the Republic of Ireland recently. Signed from Barnsley during the summer, **CRAIG HIGNETT** has had an excellent campaign this year. The 1999/2000 campaign saw the attacking midfielder score an amazing 20 goals for Barnsley when he experienced his best form of his career.

MARCUS BENT, a tall, quick and strong centre-forward, joined Blackburn Rovers in November 2000 for £1.35 million from Sheffield United. Bent has bags of potential and has been on fire this season, making him a regular in manager Graeme Souness' starting eleven. **NATHAN BLAKE** joined in a £4.25 million deal from Bolton Wanderers in late October 1998, after Rovers had been snubbed in a bid for Dion Dublin of Coventry. A proven goalscorer at all levels, and a regular Wales International, Blake nonetheless struggled to find form during his first 2 seasons at

Ewood Park. **MARK HUGHES MBE** joined Rovers from Everton on a free transfer in October 2000. A glittering career has seen Hughes play for the likes of Manchester United, Barcelona and Bayern Munich but Blackburn will surely be his last. Hughes has juggled around the job of Welsh national manager and his domestic football and has

proven to be a hit with the Blackburn faithful as he has proven to be a valuable asset to Rovers. **MATT JANSEN** cost Blackburn £4 million when he moved from Crystal Palace in January 1999, despite having looked to be on the verge of joining Newcastle. He is a very promising player indeed and, a product of Carlisle's youth system, he attracted much Premiership interest before Palace swooped in February 1998 with a £1 million deal. He had had trials at Manchester United and Derby before the Eagles made their decisive move. A key player in Rovers' promotion hopes, he has had a successful season this year.

BLACKBURN ROVERS
FOUNDED: 1875
ENTERED LEAGUE: 1888

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Grimsby 12 wins
Blackburn 27 wins
16 draws

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Division One, 12 October 1901

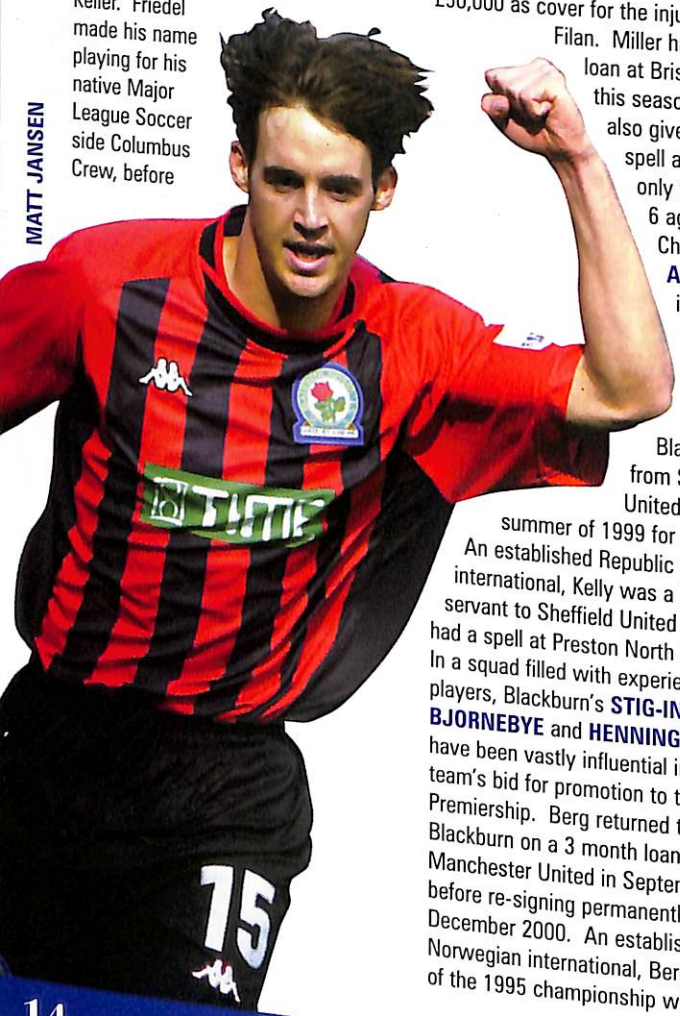
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ODD SPOT
Jackie Bestall - Grimsby's
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between 1949 and 1953, helping
the club reach the FA Cup
semi-finals.

Centre-forward Jimmy Brown,
who scored 28 FA Cup goals for
Blackburn between 1879-80 and
1885-86, was only 5ft 5in tall and
weighed less than 10st. He
captained the team to 3 final
successes.

LEFT: CRAIG HIGNETT

MATT JANSEN



Playing to the Whistle

How well do you know the laws of the game

1. A player uses a mobile phone during a game. What action should the referee take?
2. May a free kick be taken by lifting the ball with a foot or both feet simultaneously?
3. A player taking a penalty kick feints before kicking the ball. Is this permitted?
4. The ball hits the referee and goes directly into goal. Will the goal count?
5. If the colour of the shirts of the 2 goalkeepers is the same, will the referee allow the game to start?
6. May a player who has been sent from the field of play for misconduct remain in the technical area?
7. Is it necessary to have flags at the half way line?
8. May an injured player be excused from taking kicks from the penalty mark to determine the result of a match?
9. Can a captain send off one of his player for misconduct?
10. A spectator blows a whistle and a defending player in his own penalty area picks up the ball. What is the decision of the referee?



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ANSWERS - 1. Caution the offender and show a yellow card. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Yes, if they cannot provide alternatives. 6. No. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. No. 10. Only the referee can dismiss players for misconduct.



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SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

The schools programme is in full swing again with (hopefully) better weather just around the corner. As always schools from throughout Lincolnshire have been targeted, the furthest away this time being Alford Primary School. The following schools are being visited in this half term programme: St Michaels Primary (Louth), Eastfield Infants (Louth), Kidgate Primary (Louth), North Kelsey Primary, Humberston Cloverfields, Signhills Junior, Weelsby Primary, Waltham Leas Junior, Fulstow Primary (Louth), Holton le Clay Infants, Aby Primary (Louth), Grange Junior, Tetney Primary, North Sommercotes, Alford Primary (Louth) and Humberston CE Primary. Each child on the course will receive coaching from our First Aid and Football Association qualified staff. If your school is not on the list and you would like to be, why not ask your teacher to get in touch with us, we would be only too keen to attend.

possible! All you have to do is get as many people you know as possible, to sponsor how many penalties you can score past one of the Football in the Community Staff. Any child raising £35 or more will receive a signed football. All participants will receive a certificate confirming they took part as well as a match voucher entitling them to reduced price admission to a GTFC first team home game. If you are interested get your teacher to contact Kate Smith on (01472) 291776/608005 a.s.a.p., as we are confident this initiative will be hugely popular.

HALF TIME TOURNAMENT FINAL

At half time today we have the big finale of our U12 half time tournament. The two teams that have managed to beat off all competition and get to the finals are

Humbertherm and Clew Mariners. The best of luck to both teams and both teams should be very proud to have got this far.

And finally good luck to Eddie Wright and the Grimsby Town Disabilities Team who are away in Belgium taking part in a tournament involving teams from across Europe.

Thank you for reading and I hope to see you at the last home game of the season against Fulham.

CHEERS
Graham Rodger



Community Corner

Introducing Our Legends Bar Guest.....

"Fingers crossed" but after two failed attempts, Dave Boylen has finally secured the services of **DAVE WORTHINGTON** in the Legends Bar this evening!...

DAVE WORTHINGTON

The eldest of 3 footballing brothers, Dave Worthington had played for both hometown club Halifax and Barrow in attack prior to a free transfer move to Blundell Park in June 1966.



Although initially a forward player with Grimsby, he soon established himself as an excellent full back, missing just 1 league game in 5 seasons. Captain of the Mariners when they claimed the Fourth Division title in 1971-72, he then had a loan spell with Halifax before a permanent transfer to Southend United in 1973, where he teamed up with another Grimsby legend Stuart Brace. In all Dave appeared 293 times in the Football League for Town scoring 14 goals.

Dave was also hoping that "Worthy" would be accompanied by his two brothers, Bob and Frank at tonight's match. We welcome them all to Blundell Park.

Pictured left is the 1971-72 line up with Dave Worthington fourth from left in the middle row:
Back Row: Rathbone, Czuczman, Gray, Wainman, Tees, Wigginton.

Middle Row: Lewis, Brace, Boylen, Worthington, McMenemy (Man), Thomson, Woodward.
Front Row: Park, Riley, Simpson, Hickman, Campbell.

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The Commercial Scene

Good evening and welcome to Blundell Park for the penultimate home match of the season. A reminder to fans that our final game of the campaign at home to Fulham is on Sunday 6th May with a 1.30pm kick off. A warm welcome to tonight's match sponsor ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS and we trust that Ray Dumbleton and his many guests have an enjoyable evening here at Blundell Park. ABP continue to be loyal supporters of the club and that is much appreciated. This Friday, of course, Blundell Park stages international football when the UEFA European Under 16 Tournament comes to Cleethorpes. Kick off for the Finland versus France Group D encounter is 6.30pm and admission is adults £3, juniors/OAPs £1. Initially the Main Stand only will be open but further stands will be used if the demand is there. This really is a superb opportunity for fans to see some of Europe's finest players in action. Other matches in the tournament will be played at Bramall Lane, McAlpine Stadium and The Stadium of Light where the final will be staged on Sunday 6th May.

The votes are pouring in the Player of the Year awards - if you haven't voted yet, official voting slips are available from the club shop. Voting finishes at the Fulham match. Tickets (£2) are on sale at club shop as well, or you can pay on the night at The Winter Gardens, Tuesday 8th May 2001 (7.30pm). Thank you for your support.

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Gillingham	Biffa Waste	W 1-0	S Livingstone	Barnsley	DFDS Tor-line	L0-2	J McDermott
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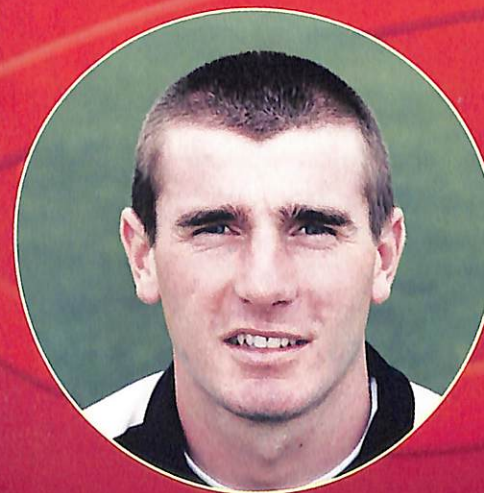
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Alan Pouton



Name: Alan Pouton

Married: No

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Qualifications: I'll pass on this question!

Nickname: "Pouts" or "Snaps"

If you had £50 to spare in your pocket what would you do with it? Buy John McDermott a booster seat so he can see over his dashboard when he's driving!

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

C.D. player to relax and listen to music, suntan lotion so I don't get burnt, and some reading material (this term is used loosely, Alan's choice of "reading material" was questionable - more to do with looking at the pictures I think - Ed).

If you could be anybody else for a day, who would it be and why? Stuart Campbell - so I could knockabout with "Hesks" (Emile Heskey) and "Lenny" (Neil Lennon).

What is the biggest risk you have ever taken? Walking past Mick Jeffrey when he's sneezing.

Do you prefer curry or chinese and what is your favourite dish?

Chinese - King Prawn Curry

What is the best night out you have ever had? Any night when Stuart Campbell has got a round in!

Who is the best looking woman on television or in films? Nell McAndrew - she is on the morning T.V. sometimes.

What would you go to a fancy dress party as?

If you weren't a footballer, what job would you like to do? Page 3 Cameraman

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



What is your favourite item of clothing? Jeans and T-shirt

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

Britney Spears, Caprice and Claudia Schiffer.

What is the best chat up line you've ever heard? Your ears are like flowers - cauliflowers, or your teeth are like stars - they come out at night! (At last, a chat up line we can print!!! - Ed)

Which food do you most dislike? Peppers

Which shop wouldn't you be seen dead in?

Any one that sells good clothes.

Who is your best mate? Scott Jordan - we used to be at York together.

What is the best practical joke you've seen played? Having come up with a printable chat up line, Alan has failed with his practical joke - Ed.

Name 3 things in your car glove compartment. C.D.s, sunglasses and some sweets.

Who would you be on "Stars In Your Eyes"? Jimmy Nail - singing "Crocodile Shoes".

What's the best piece of luck you've ever had? Being given the chance to play professional football.

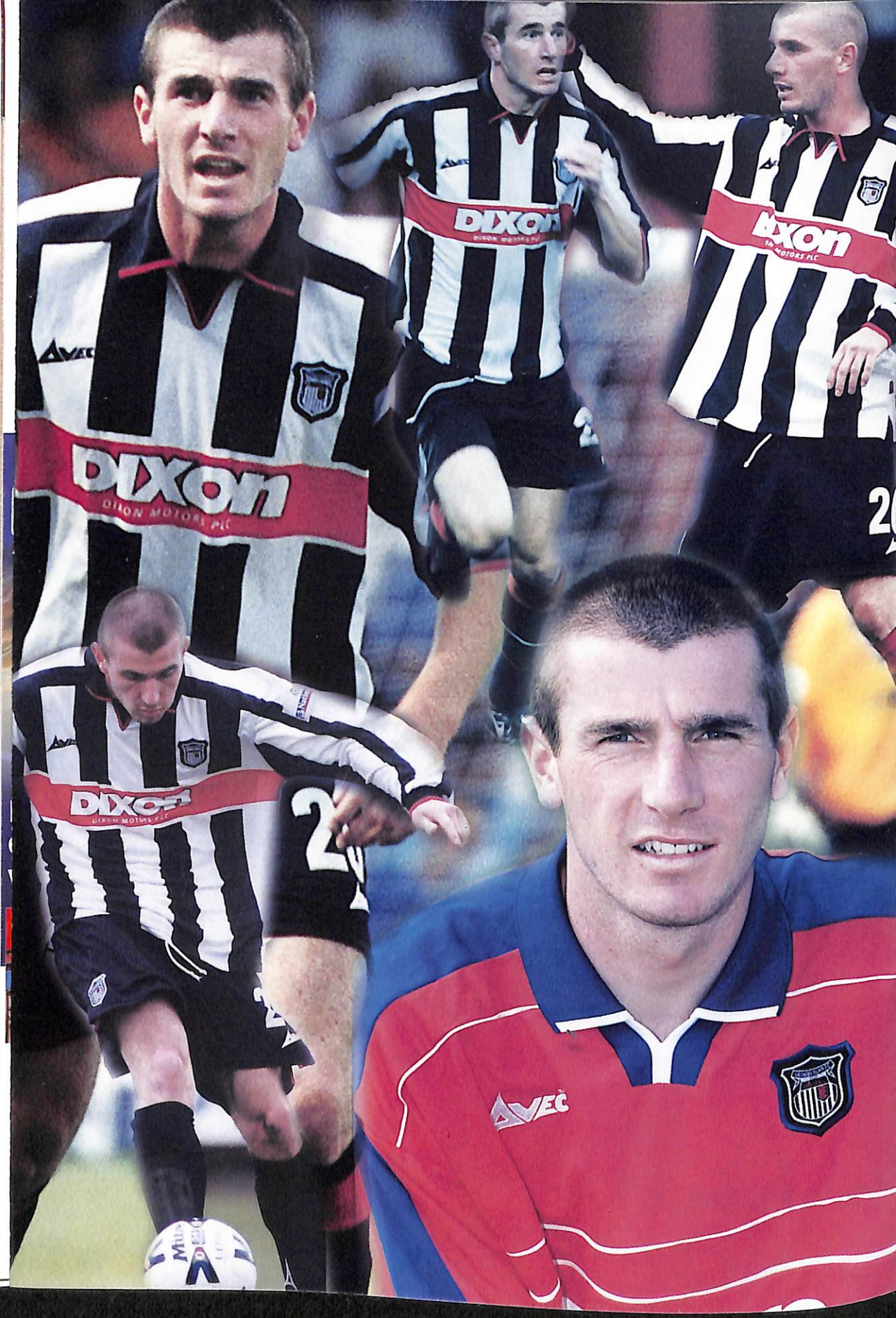
Who would you send on TV's "Style Challenge" for a makeover? Stacy Coldicott - he thinks he lives in the Seventies!

What is your most treasured possession? My family

Do you have any footballing superstitions? No

Who was your schoolboy hero? Peter Beardsley and Glenn Hoddle

Where do you see yourself being in 20 years time? Assistant Manager to Danny Butterfield at The Black Bull!



It's... TRIVIA TIME

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1. What was the title of Kevin Keegan's top 10 hit?
2. Name two former Newcastle managers who have both won World Cup winners medals?
3. Who scored the winning goal in the 1979 European Cup Final on his debut for Nottingham Forest?
4. In 1967, who were the first Division Three side to lift the League Cup?
5. In 1992/93, which club scored four goals against Southampton in 4 minutes 44 seconds?

HALF TIME QUIZ

6. Who was the losing Italian captain in the 1994 World Cup Final?
7. Which former England manager was manager of Barcelona when they won the Spanish League title in 1985?
8. In 1988, who did Manchester City sell to Spurs for a then club record of £1.7million?
9. From which Danish club did Manchester Utd sign Peter Schmeichel?
10. With which club did Kevin Davies begin his league career?

25 years ago this season, in front of a full house of 100,000 at Wembley, Second Division Southampton beat favourites Manchester United to lift the FA Cup thanks to a solitary goal by Bobby Stokes

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

WHO AM I?



Born in Romford in 1973, this right sided midfielder was a member of Arsenal's 1999 FA Cup winning side.

GROUND JUMBLE

PEAKY LEDGER ORAL SLOTH PER RANK POINT

DRACO ARROW

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

SOCCER MY DINGBATS

THREE IN ONE

Can you identify these three club crests?

TRUE OR FALSE?

Michael Owen faced Wimbledon on his Liverpool debut?

ANSWERS
 HALF TIME QUIZ: 1. Head over Heels; 2. Freston; 3. Trevor Francis; 4. QPR; 5. Tottenham; 6. Franco Baresi; 7. Terry Venables; 8. Paul Stewart; 9. Ground Scramble, Southend United; 10. Who Am I? Ray Parlour
 SOCCER DINGBATS: Dumbarton, Freston, THREE IN ONE, Hartlepool, Man City, ROAD, PRENTON PARK - Norwich City - CARROW, EDGLEY PARK - Tramere Rovers - ROOTS HALL - Stockport County - GROUND SCRAMBLE, Southend United - WHO AM I? Ray Parlour
 BRONDY: 10. Chesterfield; 7. Terry Venables; 8. Paul Stewart; 9. Francis; 4. QPR; 5. Tottenham; 6. Franco Jack Charlton and Ossie Ardiles; 3. Trevor

Norm & Ed by J. J. Mautner

AT LEAST WE'RE PLAYING ONE TOUCH FOOTBALL, NORM... ONE IN THE FIRST HALF AND ONE IN THE SECOND!!

Master Mariners

GARY CROFT

Versatile England U-21 international left-back Gary Croft was Grimsby Town's Player of the Year in 1994/95. A former trainee at Blundell Park, he made his Third Division debut as a substitute in Grimsby's 2-0 defeat at Wigan Athletic in January 1991 and signed professional for the Mariners in July 1992. He formed an effective defensive partnership with John McDermott and starred in Grimsby's 1995/96 FA Cup run. Scoring three times in 149 League games, he was sold to Blackburn Rovers for a record £1,000,000 in March 1996 and secured a regular Premiership slot after Graeme Le Saux returned to Chelsea. His solitary goal in 40 Premiership outings clinched Blackburn's 1-0 win at home to Chelsea in November 1997 and he moved to Ipswich Town for £800,000 in September 1999.

He scored their winning goal on his debut in that month's televised promotion clash at home to Manchester City but then received a custodial sentence for motoring offences and became the first player to appear in a league game while wearing a tag. Featuring in last season's First Division play-off final triumph at Wembley, he remains a member of George Burley's squad.



GRIMSBY TOWN	L	FAC	LC	T
1990/91	1			1
1992/93	32	2	2	36
1993/94	36 (1)	2 (1)	1	39 (2)
1994/95	44 (1)	1	2	47 (1)
1995/96	36 (1)	5	2	43 (1)
Total	149 (3)	10 (1)	7	166 (4)
BLACKBURN				
1996/97	5		2	7
1997/98	23 (1)	2	3	28 (1)
1998/99	12	4	1	17
Total	40 (1)	6	6	52 (1)



MIKE HICKMAN

Versatile inside-forward Mike Hickman starred in Grimsby Town's versatile 1971/72 Fourth Division title triumph. A former Brighton junior, he signed professional in June 1965 and was given his League debut at Oxford United four months later. He failed to secure a regular first-team slot and Bill Harvey snapped him up on a free transfer in June 1968, playing alongside the likes of Stuart Brace and Matt Tees in Grimsby's attack. Featuring prominently as the Mariners reached the FA Cup fourth round in 1972/73, he netted 48 goals in 254 League games while at Blundell Park before being sold to Blackburn Rovers for

£10,000 in February 1975. He helped them to clinch the Third Division title that season and scored eight times in 26 League outings for today's opponents prior to joining Torquay United for £2,500 in October 1975. Reunited with Lew Chatterly at Plainmoor, he joined their coaching staff and then spent ten years in Australia before becoming Reading's youth team coach. He followed Mark McGhee to Leicester City as reserve team coach in December 1994, then moved with him again to Wolverhampton Wanderers a year later and has since coached Japanese side Sanfrecce Hiroshima.

GRIMSBY TOWN	L	FAC	LC	T
1968/69	40 (3)	1		44 (5)
1969/70	42 (13)	1	3 (2)	43 (13)
1970/71	39 (4)	1		41 (5)
1971/72	42 (13)	1	1 (1)	48 (7)
1972/73	36 (6)	1	5	45 (7)
1973/74	40 (9)	6 (1)	3	47 (11)
1974/75	15	3 (2)	4	17
Total	254 (48)	1	1	285 (54)
BLACKBURN				
1974/75	19 (7)	14 (3)	17 (3)	19 (7)
1975/76	7 (1)			9 (1)
Total	26 (8)		2	28 (8)



BRIAN HILL

Fast, clever outside-left Brian Hill was ever-present for Grimsby Town in 1964/65. Born in Mansfield, he impressed in local soccer with Parkhall United and signed professional for Grimsby in August 1960. He scored on his League debut in the Mariners' 4-2 win at home to Torquay United eight months later and was a member of the 1961/62 promotion squad. Creating numerous goalscoring chances for the likes of George McLean and Matt Tees, he featured prominently as Grimsby took West Ham to a League Cup fifth round replay in 1965/66 and netted 26 goals in 180 League

games while at Blundell Park before being sold to Huddersfield Town for £20,000 in November 1966. He joined Blackburn Rovers for £35,000 in June 1969 and featured in their 1969/70 promotion challenge, scoring four times in 37 Second Division outings for today's opponents before moving to Torquay United in July 1971. Injury problems ended his League career soon after and he had a spell with Jim Smith's Boston United prior to becoming Market Rasen's player-manager. He now lives in nearby Caistor and for the past 27 years has been a supervisor at Cherry Valley Farm duck exporters.

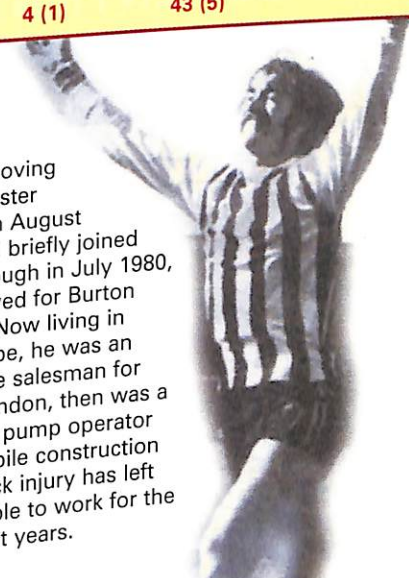
GRIMSBY TOWN	L	FAC	LC	T
1960/61	2 (1)			2 (1)
1961/62	1			1
1962/63	37 (3)	1	1	39 (3)
1963/64	37 (5)	1		38 (5)
1964/65	46 (4)	5	2	53 (4)
1965/66	44 (7)	6	5	55 (7)
1966/67	13 (6)		5 (2)	18 (8)
Total	180 (26)	13	13 (2)	206 (28)
BLACKBURN				
1969/70	24 (3)	1	3 (1)	28 (4)
1970/71	13 (1)	1	1	15 (1)
Total	37 (4)	2	4 (1)	43 (5)



JACK LEWIS

Welsh U-23 international striker Jack Lewis was Grimsby Town's leading marksman in three successive seasons. He impressed in non-League soccer with Long Eaton United prior to joining Lincoln City in March 1967 and made his League debut at home to Aldershot that month. Helping them take Derby County to a League Cup fourth round replay in 1967/68, he played alongside Rod Fletcher in their attack before moving to Grimsby for £3,000 in January 1970 and featured prominently in the 1971/72 Fourth Division title triumph. He was capped by Wales U-23s against their Scottish counterparts as an over-age player in February 1976. Scoring 74 times in 258 League games for the Mariners, he reunited with Jim Smith at Blackburn Rovers in August 1977 and featured in their 1977/78 promotion challenge. He netted six goals in 28

Second Division outings before moving to Doncaster Rovers in August 1978 and briefly joined Scarborough in July 1980, then played for Burton Albion. Now living in Armthorpe, he was an insurance salesman for Royal London, then was a concrete pump operator for Westpile construction but a back injury has left him unable to work for the past eight years.



GRIMSBY TOWN	L	FAC	LC	T
1969/70	19 (4)		1	19 (4)
1970/71	22 (7)		4 (1)	23 (7)
1971/72	27 (4)	1	3	32 (5)
1972/73	34 (2)	3	3	40 (2)
1973/74	36 (13)	2	1	41 (13)
1974/75	41 (21)	3 (1)	1	45 (22)
1975/76	44 (15)	1	1	46 (15)
1976/77	35 (8)	3 (1)	2	40 (9)
Total	258 (74)	13 (2)	15 (1)	286 (77)
BLACKBURN				
1977/78	28 (6)		2	30 (6)
Total	28 (6)		2	30 (6)



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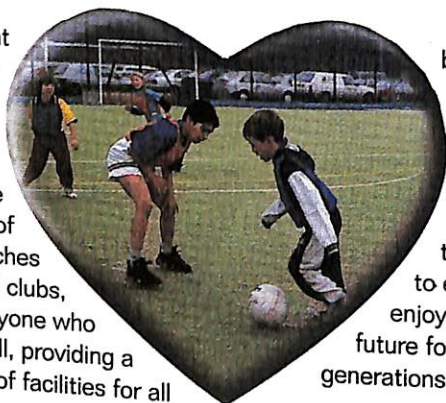
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Massimo Taibi

If you sent the expensive but remarkably accident-prone keeper an invitation it would almost certainly come through the letter box only to slip between Taibi's fingers before squirming between his legs and landing on the doormat behind him. The £4.5 million keeper from Venezia wandered into legend after an appalling display against Southampton and was swiftly posted back to Italy. How we laughed.

Clayton Blackmore

The diminutive Welshman somehow managed to spend 12 years at Old Trafford before Alex Ferguson finally twigged that he was rubbish and gave him away to Middlesbrough. A fat midfielder with no discernible pace and few obvious skills, he seems to have survived for so long on the basis of being quite good at free kicks. Now who does that remind you of?

Mike Phelan

The 27 year old midfielder already had nine years of professional football behind him when Sir Alex Ferguson had a bizarre rush of blood to the head and decided to sign him from Norwich for £750,000. Once the engine room of the Canaries side, on arrival at Old Trafford he almost immediately lost his hair and any case for being a decent footballer. Hung around like a ghost before being fobbed off to West Brom.

Darren Ferguson

Like father like son - Sir Alex will be the first to admit that he was nothing much

as a player and his son is pretty much the same. An overwhelmingly average player, Fergie Jnr somehow managed to play 20 first team games for United before being shipped off to Wolves where he proceeded to do bugger all for the next five years. Last seen at Wrexham and heading downwards every season. That's my boy.

Danny Wallace

Imagine the embarrassment when Sir Alex completed the signing of Wallace only to realise he's bought the wrong one. While Rod went on to have an excellent career with Leeds and a 'not bad' stint at Rangers, the only way was down for Danny after a deeply unedifying stint at Old Trafford. In two years at Birmingham he played barely 20 games. A final game as a sub for Wycombe and he disappeared.

Jesper Blomqvist

Really, why? A £4.4 million signing from Parma, Sir Alex Ferguson seemed to lose interest in adequate Swede Blomqvist within moments of him first stepping through the hallowed portals of the theatre of dreams. Fundamentally unsuited to United, Blomqvist originally dreams of becoming an air steward - with his career potentially over through injury, he might just get his wish soon.

Dion Dublin

Not a bad player but a completely inappropriate one, Dublin was signed from John Beck's ultra-long-ball Cambridge side for £1 million after thumping them in by the bucketload at the Abbey Stadium. It's just as well that he broke his leg almost immediately and rarely got the chance to make himself and his manager look silly at Old Trafford. A great frontman, but Manchester United material? Uh-uh.

Jordi Cruyff

A rather sorry third-rate facsimile of his father, Sir Alex nonetheless paid Barcelona £1.3 million for the appallingly bouffanted soccerbrat. His reward was four years of genuinely substandard football which somehow contrived to allow Cruyff to score six goals for United. Now an old bald bloke at Alaves, his time with United is best forgotten, really.

Mark Bosnich

Mr. Popular at Old Trafford, Bosnich is undoubtedly not the first name on the Ferguson family Christmas card list. The Australian managed just 37 games in his two spells at United before having an almighty ding-dong with Fergie and being relegated to the under-13 squad. Now exiled in Chelsea, Fergie hates him so much that he gave him away on a free twice.

Andrei Kanchelskis

A victim of his own greed and stupidity, Kanchelskis remains persona non grata at Old Trafford after his agent persuaded him that his career would be better served if he quit the club who had signed him from Shakhtar Donetsk and legged it to Everton in the summer of 1995. He's admitted he's sorry but Fergie will doubtless never forgive him.

Neil Webb

Still hated at Old Trafford for reasons which remain obscure, even having a relatively bonny wife - TV presenter Shelley - could not prevent the former (and future) Nottingham Forest star earning the resentment of the United faithful. Webb claims he had a languid, classy style of play but the Red Devils' fans just think he's lazy. And rubbish.





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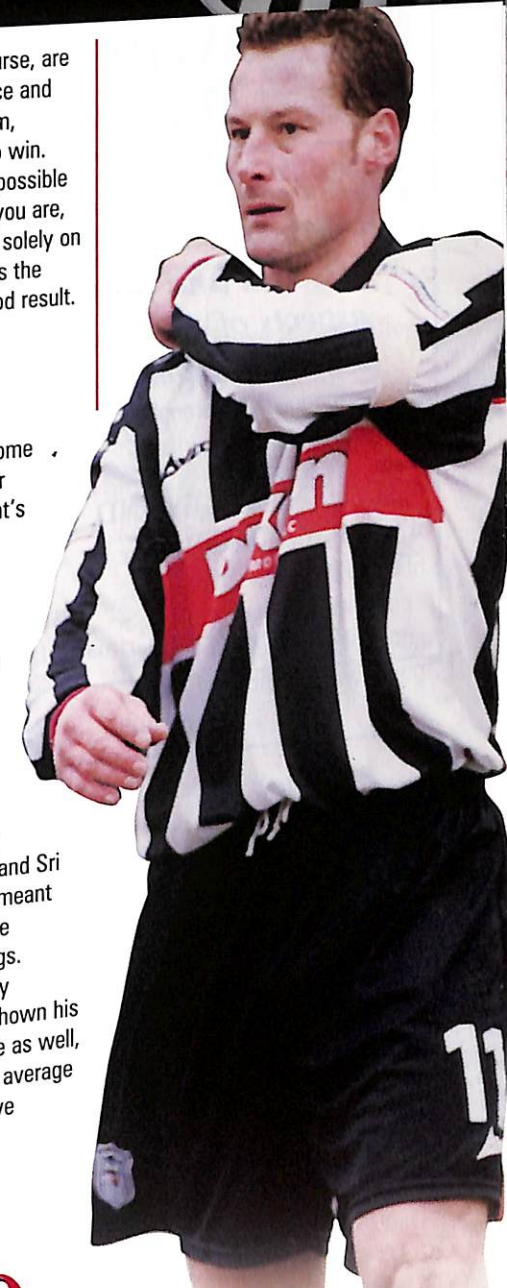
for tonight. Blackburn, of course, are looking to secure second place and there will be pressure on them, because they are expected to win. However, it is not physically possible to win every game whoever you are, and we will be concentrating solely on what we do, to give ourselves the best possible chance of a good result. Thanks for your support.

**All the Best
Grovesie**

The club is delighted to welcome New Zealand Test Cricket star **MATHEW SINCLAIR** to tonight's match.

Mathew will be playing for Cleethorpes CC this summer and will be introduced to the fans on the pitch prior to kick off this evening. The New Zealander is one of only eight NZ batsmen to score two centuries in one day internationals, both coming in the recent Sharjah tournament against Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Those two centuries meant that Mathew had scored three hundreds in his last ten innings. As well as success in one day internationals, Mathew has shown his ability in the test match game as well, currently having a better test average than both Brian Lara and Steve Waugh.

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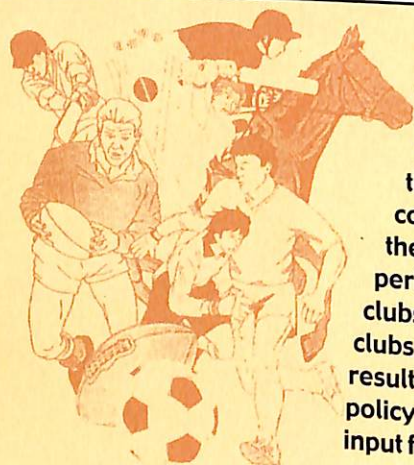
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Last season, The Football League, The Football Association and the FA Premier League joined forces to launch a new award called the **Football Stewarding Qualification**.

Grimsby Town Football Club is the latest club to achieve this accolade and the award will be presented at tonight's match versus Blackburn Rovers.

The **Football Stewarding Qualification** is designed to measure how effectively stewards' training has been carried out at clubs. The initiative has been developed in consultation with the Football Licensing Authority and the Football Safety Officers' Association, with financial support provided by the Football Foundation.

The **Football Stewarding Qualification scheme** was launched in September 1999, when clubs were presented with details of the criteria they would need to satisfy in order to qualify for the award. Applying clubs are visited by a National Verification Manager appointed by the football authorities and the award is given to those clubs whose arrangements for the training and assessment of their stewards best meet the criteria laid down.

Chris Whalley, Head of Stadia and Safety who will present the award to Grimsby Town said "This is an important step forward in our efforts to improve the standards of stewarding in English football. The football authorities are promoting the highest professional standards

in stewards' training, contributing to an even safer environment for spectators at all our football grounds. Everyone involved at Grimsby Town can be proud of the standards they have set at Blundell Park."

Grimsby Town Safety Officer Terry Rudrum writes...

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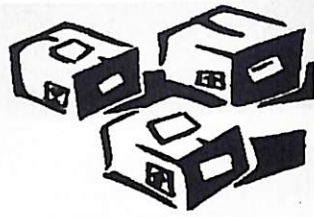
John Cockerill had the ball in the net on 64 minutes, his effort was disallowed. Steve Butler then ensured a landmark in Maidstone's short Football League history with the winner 11 minutes later. The following February, Town journeyed to Watling Street, Dartford, for the return, only to fall behind to another Mark Gall strike. Two-nil up on 50 minutes, Gary Childs pulled one back soon after, only for John Cockerill to miss a penalty. With The Stones on course to record a league 'double', substitute Keith Alexander then headed an equaliser deep into

injury time. Maidstone's troubled finances - not helped by the lack of their own ground and low crowds - were to subsequently affect their fortunes on the pitch. The end came in August 1992 when, on the eve of the new season, they folded with debts totalling £650,000.

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Maldives. The team will be the subject of a TV documentary, which will cover the build up of the trip, the visit (which will incorporate coaching and distribution of football and educational equipment to children in SOS Childrens Villages and Childrens Welfare Associations) and the matches. Everyone wishes John and the squad all the best for the visit.

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Symons (Fulham)
Clare (Stockport)
Kidd (Preston)
Little (Burnley)

Peacock (QPR)
Ripley (Sheff Weds)
Groves (Grimsby)
Crouch (QPR)
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(Grovesie obviously selected as a midfielder, despite playing in central defence!!)

TONIGHTS MASCOTS



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Fav Players: Paul Groves, John McDermott & Kevin Donovan



Name: Aaron Drew Age: 8
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Hobbies: Football & Cubs
Fav Players: Paul Groves (but he appreciates the whole team really!)



Name: Lloyd Dean
Age: 10
School: Wybers Wood
Hobbies: Football, Football, Football
Fav Players: Peter Handyside



Name: Adam McKenna
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School: St Wilfreds
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Fav Players: Damien Duff, David Dunn and Matt Jansen.

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DATE	OPPONENT	V	F - A	ATT	PTS	GK	PLAYER 2	PLAYER 3	PLAYER 4	PLAYER 5
Sat Aug 12	PRESTON NORTH END	H	1 - 2	5,755	-	COYNE	McDERMOTT	SMITH D	LIVINGSTONE	RAVEN
Sat Aug 19	Portsmouth	A	1 - 1	12,511	1	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE S2	LIVINGSTONE	RAVEN
Sat Aug 26	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H	0 - 1	7,755	1	COYNE	McDERMOTT	BUTTERFIELD S2	LIVINGSTONE	RAVEN
Tue Aug 29	Crewe Alexandra	A	0 - 2	5,305	1	COYNE	McDERMOTT	SMITH D	LIVINGSTONE	RAVEN
Sat Sep 2	Wimbledon	A	P - P							
Sat Sep 9	GILLINGHAM	H	1 - 0	4,512	4	COYNE	McDERMOTT	SMITH D	LIVINGSTONE	RAVEN
Tue Sep 12	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	0 - 1	3,732	4	COYNE	McDERMOTT	SMITH D	LIVINGSTONE	RAVEN
Sat Sep 16	Burnley	A	1 - 1	15,413	5	COYNE	McDERMOTT	SMITH D	LIVINGSTONE S2	RAVEN
Sat Sep 23	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H	0-2	6,467	5	COYNE	BUTTERFIELD	SMITH D	LIVINGSTONE	RAVEN S2
Sat Sep 30	Barnsley	A	0-2	13,096	5	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE	HANDYSIDE	BLOOMER S1
Fri Oct 6	Wolverhampton W	A	P-P							
Sat Oct 14	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	1-0	4,911	8	COYNE	BUTTERFIELD	GALLIMORE	HANDYSIDE	GROVES
Tue Oct 17	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	3-1	4,428	11	COYNE	BUTTERFIELD	GALLIMORE	HANDYSIDE	GROVES
Sat Oct 21	Blackburn Rovers	A	0-2	16,397	11	COYNE	McDERMOTT S2	GALLIMORE	HANDYSIDE	GROVES
Tue Oct 24	Crystal Palace	A	1-0	16,685	14	COYNE	McDERMOTT S1	GALLIMORE	HANDYSIDE	GROVES
Sun Oct 29	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H	2-0	5,429	17	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE	HANDYSIDE	GROVES
Sat Nov 4	Watford	A	0-4	11,600	17	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE	HANDYSIDE	GROVES
Wed Nov 8	Wimbledon	A	P-P							
Sat Nov 11	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	P-P							
Sat Nov 18	Sheffield United	A	2-3	12861	17	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE S4	HANDYSIDE	CAMPBELL
Tue Nov 21	Wolverhampton W	A	0-2	16088	17	COYNE	McDERMOTT	FOSTERVOLD	HANDYSIDE	GROVES
Sat Nov 25	Fulham	A	1-2	12107	17	COYNE	McDERMOTT	FOSTERVOLD	GROVES	CAMPBELL
Sat Dec 2	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	2-2	5882	18	COYNE	McDERMOTT	FOSTERVOLD	HANDYSIDE	WILLEMS
Sat Dec 9	Tranmere Rovers	A	0-2	7119	18	COYNE	McDERMOTT S4	FOSTERVOLD S2	SMITH R S3	GROVES
Wed Dec 13	Wimbledon	A	2-2	4489	19	COYNE	BUTTERFIELD	GALLIMORE S2	GROVES	SMITH R
Sat Dec 16	NORWICH CITY	H	2-0	5618	22	COYNE	BUTTERFIELD	FOSTERVOLD	GROVES	ENHUA S3
Sat Dec 23	Preston North End	A	2-1	14067	25	COYNE	BUTTERFIELD	FOSTERVOLD	GROVES	ENHUA S1
Tue Dec 26	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	1-1	6654	26	COYNE	BUTTERFIELD	FOSTERVOLD	GALLIMORE S2	ENHUA S1
Sat Dec 30	PORTSMOUTH	H	P-P							
Mon Jan 1	Sheffield Wednesday	A	0-1	17004	26	COYNE	BUTTERFIELD	FOSTERVOLD	GROVES	ENHUA S1
Sat Jan 13	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	1-3	4495	26	COYNE	BUTTERFIELD	GALLIMORE S3	GROVES	ENHUA
Sat Jan 20	Stockport County	A	1-1	6165	27	COYNE	BUTTERFIELD S2	FOSTERVOLD	ENHUA	GROVES
Sat Jan 27	PORTSMOUTH	H	2-1	4128	30	COYNE	McDERMOTT	SMITH D	GROVES	ENHUA
Sat Feb 3	WIMBLEDON	H	P-P							
Sat Feb 10	Gillingham	A	0-1	8633	30	COYNE	McDERMOTT	SMITH D	GROVES	ENHUA
Sat Feb 17	BURNLEY	H	1-0	6044	33	COYNE	McDERMOTT	SMITH D	GROVES	ENHUA
Tue Feb 20	Bolton Wanderers	A	2-2	24249	34	COYNE	McDERMOTT	SMITH D	GROVES	ENHUA
Sat Feb 24	Nottingham Forest	A	1-3	21660	34	COYNE	McDERMOTT	SMITH D S1	GROVES	ENHUA
Sat Mar 3	BARNSELY	H	0-2	5996	34	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE	GROVES	ENHUA
Tue Mar 6	Huddersfield Town	A	0-0	9494	35	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE	GROVES	HANDYSIDE
Sat Mar 10	WOLVERHAMPTON W	H	0-2	4899	35	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE	GROVES	HANDYSIDE
Tue Mar 13	WIMBLEDON	H	1-1	4276	36	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE	GROVES	ENHUA
Sat Mar 17	Queens Park Rangers	A	1-0	17608	39	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE	GROVES	ENHUA S1
Tue Mar 20	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	1-1	4843	40	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE	GROVES	ENHUA S1
Sat Mar 31	Norwich City	A	1-2	17461	40	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE	GROVES	ENHUA S3
Sat Apr 7	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	3-1	5816	43	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE	GROVES	HANDYSIDE
Sat Apr 14	WATFORD	H	2-1	6610	46	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE	GROVES	HANDYSIDE
Mon Apr 16	West Bromwich Albion	A	1-0	16504	49	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE	GROVES	HANDYSIDE
Sat Apr 21	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	0-1	6983	49	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE	GROVES	HANDYSIDE
Tue Apr 24	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H								
Sat Apr 28	Birmingham City	A								
Sun May 6	FULHAM	H								

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POUTON	GROVES	DONOVAN	BLACK	CLARE S1	JEFFREY	ALLEN*	BUTTERFIELD*	BUCKLEY	CHAPMAN	CROUDSON
POUTON	GROVES	DONOVAN	SMITH D	COLDICOTT S1	JEFFREY S4	ALLEN*	BLACK*	CHAPMAN	CLARE*	CROUDSON
POUTON	GROVES	COLDICOTT	SMITH D	ALLEN S1	JEFFREY	CLARE*	BLOOMER	CHAPMAN	BUCKLEY	CROUDSON
POUTON	GROVES	COLDICOTT	BLACK S3	ALLEN S1	JEFFREY S2	CLARE*	JEFFREY*	BUCKLEY	HANDYSIDE	CROUDSON
POUTON	GROVES	COLDICOTT	BLACK S2	ALLEN S1	BUTTERFIELD	CLARE*	CLARE*	BUCKLEY	HANDYSIDE	CROUDSON
BUTTERFIELD	GROVES	COLDICOTT	BLOOMER	ALLEN	CAMPBELL	JEFFREY	GALLIMORE*	BLACK	DONOVAN	CROUDSON
POUTON S1	GROVES	COLDICOTT	CLARE	ALLEN S3	CAMPBELL	DONOVAN*	JEFFREY*	JEFFREY*	HANDYSIDE	CROUDSON
BUTTERFIELD S2	GROVES	COLDICOTT	CLARE S3	ALLEN	CAMPBELL	DONOVAN*	JEFFREY*	ROWAN*	POUTON	CROUDSON
COLDICOTT	CAMPBELL	POUTON S3	DONOVAN	LIVINGSTONE S1	ALLEN S2	NEILSEN*	CLARE*	SMITH D*	BURNETT	CROUDSON
DONOVAN	CAMPBELL S1	COLDICOTT	SMITH D	NEILSEN S2	ALLEN	LIVINGSTONE* 2G	CLARE*	JEFFREY	ALLEN*	CROUDSON
COLDICOTT	SMITH D S3	BUTTERFIELD	NEILSEN	LIVINGSTONE	DONOVAN S1	BURNETT*	RAVEN*	CLARE	SMITH D	CROUDSON
BUTTERFIELD	COLDICOTT	CAMPBELL	NEILSEN	NEILSEN	ALLEN S3	DONOVAN*	SMITH D	RAVEN*	SMITH D	CROUDSON
COLDICOTT	CAMPBELL	BUTTERFIELD S1	LIVINGSTONE	NEILSEN	ALLEN S2	DONOVAN*	RAVEN*	SMITH D	MURRAY*	CROUDSON
COLDICOTT	RAVEN S4	CAMPBELL S3	LIVINGSTONE	NEILSEN	ALLEN S2	BURNETT	DONOVAN*	SMITH D		CROUDSON
GROVES	DONOVAN	BURNETT S2	COLDICOTT	LIVINGSTONE	NIELSEN	SMITH D	CLARE*	JEFFREY	BLOOMER	CROUDSON
DONOVAN	MURRAY S4	CAMPBELL	SMITH D S1	LIVINGSTONE	NIELSEN	COLDICOTT*	CLAIRE	BLOOMER	BURNETT*	CROUDSON
BURNETT S4	DONOVAN	BUTTERFIELD S3	COLDICOTT	LIVINGSTONE S1	NIELSEN	BLOOMER*	SMITH D	JRFFERY*	WILLEM*	CROUDSON
DONOVAN	DONOVAN	COLDICOTT	CAMPBELL	ALLEN S1	NIELSEN S2	JEFFREY* 1G	SMITH D*	BLOOMER*	MURRAY	CROUDSON
DONOVAN	BURNETT	COLDICOTT	CAMPBELL	JEFFERY	NIELSEN	SMITH D	GALLIMORE*	JEFFREY	BUTTERFIELD*	CROUDSON
BURNETT	BURNETT	CAMPBELL	WILLEMS	DONOVAN	NIELSEN	SMITH D	CHAPMAN*	SMITH R*	BLOOMER	CROUDSON
COLDICOTT S2	WILLEMS	CAMPBELL	CAMPBELL	DONOVAN	NIELSEN	SMITH D	SMITH D*	SMITH R*	HANDYSIDE	CROUDSON
COLDICOTT	BURNETT	CAMPBELL	WILLEMS	DONOVAN	NIELSEN	JEFFREY	LIVINGSTONE*	SMITH D	JEFFREY	CROUDSON
COLDICOTT	BURNETT S2	CAMPBELL	WILLEMS	DONOVAN	NIELSEN S4	SMITH R*	LIVINGSTONE*	SMITH D	JEFFREY	CROUDSON
COLDICOTT S2	BURNETT	CAMPBELL	WILLEMS	DONOVAN	NIELSEN	SMITH R*	JEFFREY*	SMITH D	JEFFREY	CROUDSON
BURNETT S2	DONOVAN	CAMPBELL	WILLEMS	DONOVAN	NIELSEN	SMITH R	SMITH D*	SMITH R	SMITH R	CROUDSON
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COLDICOTT	BURNETT	CAMPBELL	WILLEMS	DONOVAN	NIELSEN	SMITH R*	SMITH D*	SMITH R	SMITH R	CROUDSON
COLDICOTT S4	BURNETT S4	WILLEMS	CAMPBELL S1	LIVINGSTONE	JEFFREY S1	JEFFREY*	CHAPMAN	ROWAN	ROWAN	CROUDSON
BURNETT S4	BURNETT	CAMPBELL	WILLEMS	LIVINGSTONE	JEFFREY S3	BUTTERFIELD*	BLACK	HANDYSIDE	RAVEN*	CROUDSON
COLDICOTT	WILLEMS	CAMPBELL S1	DONOVAN	ROWAN S1	JEFFREY S1	BUTTERFIELD*	COLDICOTT*	ROWAN*	HANDYSIDE	CROUDSON
COLDICOTT	WILLEMS	CAMPBELL	DONOVAN	LIVINGSTONE	JEFFREY	BUTTERFIELD*	HANDYSIDE	ROWAN*	BLACK	CROUDSON
BURNETT	WILLEMS	CAMPBELL	DONOVAN	LIVINGSTONE S2	JEFFREY S1	BUTTERFIELD*	ROWAN*	BLACK	HANDYSIDE	CROUDSON
BURNETT	WILLEMS	CAMPBELL	DONOVAN	ROWAN S2	CLARE S1	ALLEN*	ENHUA	BLACK	POUTON	CROUDSON
BURNETT S2	WILLEMS	CAMPBELL	DONOVAN	BUTTERFIELD	CLARE S1	ALLEN*	ENHUA*	BLACK	POUTON*	CROUDSON
BURNETT S1	WILLEMS S3	CAMPBELL	DONOVAN	BURNETT	CLARE	ENHUA*	WILLEMS*	JEFFREY*	WILLEMS	CROUDSON
BURNETT	COLDICOTT S2	CAMPBELL	DONOVAN	ALLEN	CORNWALL S3	POUTON*	JEFFREY*	POUTON*	WILLEMS	CROUDSON
BURNETT S1	COLDICOTT	CAMPBELL	DONOVAN	ALLEN S2	CORNWALL S3	HANDYSIDE*	JEFFREY*	CLARE*	SMITH D*	CROUDSON
POUTON S2	COLDICOTT S2	CAMPBELL	DONOVAN	JEFFREY	CORNWALL S3	POUTON*P	WILLEMS*	SMITH D*	WILLEMS*	CROUDSON
POUTON S3	COLDICOTT	CAMPBELL	DONOVAN	JEFFREY	CORNWALL S1	CLARE*	WILLEMS*	SMITH D*	WILLEMS*	CROUDSON
POUTON	COLDICOTT	CAMPBELL	DONOVAN	JEFFREY S1	CLARE S2	LIVINGSTONE* 6	WILLEMS*	SMITH D	WILLEMS*	CROUDSON
POUTON	COLDICOTT	CAMPBELL	DONOVAN	JEFFREY S1	CORNWALL S1	JEFFREY*	SMITH D	SMITH D	SMITH D	CROUDSON
POUTON S1	WILLEMS S2	CAMPBELL	DONOVAN	LIVINGSTONE	CORNWALL S3	BUTTERFIELD*	SMITH D*	SMITH D*	SMITH D*	CROUDSON

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 Not counting the three games in the abandoned 1939-40 season, Town's final game against Fulham will be the 4,500th first class game played by the Mighty Mariners. If we play the same rate of games per year that we have since the 4000th game, the 5000th game should take place in Autumn 2010. Tickets available after the match.

DATE	OPPONENT	V	F - A	ATT	PTS	GK	PLAYER 2	PLAYER 3	PLAYER 4	PLAYER 5
Wed Aug 22	CARLISLE UTD (WC 1 (1))	H	2 - 0	1,914	-	COYNE	McDERMOTT	BUTTERFIELD S2	LIVINGSTONE	RAVEN
Tue Sep 5	Carlisle Utd (WC 1 (2))	A	1 - 1	1,500	-	COYNE	McDERMOTT S2	HANDYSIDE S3	LIVINGSTONE	RAVEN
Tues Sep 26	WOLVES (WC 2 (1))	H	3-2	2,396	-	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE	HANDYSIDE	SMITH D S1
Mon Oct 2	Wolves (WC 2 (2))	A	0-2	8,058	-	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE	HANDYSIDE	GROVES
Sat Jan 6	F. A. Cup Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-1	5390	-	COYNE	McDERMOTT	GALLIMORE	SMITH R	GROVES
Tue Jan 16	Wycombe Wanderers (FAC3 R)	H	1-3	3269	-	COYNE	BUTTERFIELD	GALLIMORE	HANDYSIDE	SMITH R

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COLDICOTT	GROVES	DONOVAN	SMITH D	ALLEN S1	JEFFREY	CLARE*	ROWAN*	BLOOMER	BUCKLEY	CROUDSON
CAMPBELL	GROVES	DONOVAN	SMITH D	ALLEN S1	JEFFREY	CLARE*	ROWAN*	BLOOMER	BUCKLEY	CROUDSON
CAMPBELL	GROVES	DONOVAN	SMITH D	ALLEN S1	JEFFREY	CLARE*	ROWAN*	BLOOMER	BUCKLEY	CROUDSON
BUTTERFIELD S1	GROVES	DONOVAN	SMITH D	ALLEN S1	JEFFREY	CLARE*	ROWAN*	BLOOMER	BUCKLEY	CROUDSON
COLDICOTT S1	GROVES	DONOVAN	SMITH D	ALLEN S1	JEFFREY	CLARE*	ROWAN*	BLOOMER	BUCKLEY	CROUDSON
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Around Division One

With Mighty Mariner

BARNSELEY

Tranmere defender Graham Allen is expected to sign for the Tykes in the summer, although Bolton and Coventry are also interested in signing him. Meanwhile Barnsley's promising youngster Lee Parkin could be on his way to Leeds, although Nigel Spackman wants to keep him at Oakwell.

BIRMINGHAM CITY

Trevor Francis has confirmed that he wants to sign Lancaster City striker Chris Ward (19) who has scored 43 goals in the Unibond League this season. Ward played for Blues reserves last week.

BLACKBURN ROVERS

Rovers are said to be targeting Fulham's Lee Clark for next season, although the 28 year old midfielder is set to have talks with the London side about a new deal, and is expected to pledge his long term future at Craven Cottage.

BOLTON WANDERERS

Dean Holdsworth has been linked with a move to hid boyhood favourites, West Ham, although Harry Redknapp has yet to make a firm offer. Holdsworth is always linked with a move to somewhere!

BURNLEY

Stan Ternant refused to blame Gareth Taylor for a late miss in the 0-0 draw with Birmingham on Saturday. The striker missed an absolute sitter in injury time and those extra two points could make all the difference in the Clarets play off push.

CREWE ALEXANDRA

Midfielder Kenny Lunt is set for a rest and will rest the ever-present for tonight's match at Wimbledon. Lunt was withdrawn on Saturday immediately after launching into a two footed lunge which earned him a yellow card.

CRYSTAL PALACE

"We can do it. I know we can," are the words of the ever-optimistic boss Alan Smith. "If we are tough enough and good enough - which I think we are - we will stay up."

FULHAM

Louis Saha says Fulham need to buy at least 5 new players for next seasons

assault on the Premiership. Despite winning the First Division title, the striker does not believe the current squad is good enough without a few additions.

GILLINGHAM

Andy Hessenthaler is backing his players to finish the season with a flourish despite suffering a second successive defeat at the weekend, denting the managers hopes for a top half finish.

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

Lou McCari's first thought after his team's 2-1 win over QPR was for Rangers boss Ian Holloway. The Terriers win sent Rangers down, but McCari was full of praise for his own side battling away from relegation.

NORWICH CITY

The Canaries were undone at The Reebok on Saturday by the quick thinking of Dean Holdsworth. The striker took a clever quick free-kick which caught out Norwich keeper Green.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Boss David Platt has revealed that he may be forced to sell David Prutton to Newcastle, if they fail to win promotion. It seems a firm bid from the Magpies would be hard to turn down. Forest's play-off hopes took a knock after defeat at Wimbledon.

PORTSMOUTH

The war of words between former boss Steve Claridge and Chairman Milan Mandaric has resumed with the Chairman claiming that Claridge, who was sacked after four months in charge and is now on loan at Millwall, was never going to be given the job permanently. Claridge insists that he was given the job and no mention was made of it being temporary.

PRESTON NORTH END

17 year old keeper Andrew Lonergan got a late shout to play against Watford on Sunday and did well as his side won 3-2 to just about cement their play-off place. Regular keeper David Lucas broke down in the warm up.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS

QPR will enjoy the good times again says Ian Holloway, despite the drop to Division Two was confirmed at the weekend. "It's a

wonderful club and I love the place. I want to bring the good times back," he said.

SHEFFIELD UNITED

Neil Warnock was pleased his side ended their run of 5 games without a win at Blundell Park - yeah whatever!

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

The permanent appointment of Peter Shreeves as manager is imminent, and could have happened by the time you read this. Their win over Barnsley all but ensured their safety and Shreeves has turned the club around since taking over from Paul Jewell.

STOCKPORT COUNTY

A good 3-0 win for County at the weekend puts them onto 48 points but they are still not mathematically safe. They play QPR on Saturday.

TRANMERE ROVERS

Kevin Sheedy was "devastated" after his side's 1-1 draw with Crystal Palace on Saturday condemned them to Division Two. "Myself and Ray Mathias have given it our best shot, but it is not just about the last few weeks, it is a result of the whole season."

WATFORD

Graham Taylor admits he is praying for Watford's rivals to slip up, after seeing his team beaten 3-2 at Preston leaving their play-off hopes hanging by a thread.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION

Albion are marking the official opening of their new East Stand with a game against Athletic Bilbao on 31st July. The stand will cost £5.5 million when complete.

WIMBLEDON

The Dons take on Crewe tonight, still on course for a play-off place, with their games in hand. Tony Burton believes 77 points will get his team in the "mix".

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS

Harvard Flo will be discussing his future at the club with the manager this week. The striker is not thought to be in Dave Jones' plans, and could be on his way to Norwegian side Lyn.

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 ■
- MORTON HYLDGAARD 27 ■
- LUKE CORNWALL 28 ■
- MENNO WILLEMS 29 ■

MANAGER: LENNIE LAWRENCE ■

Blackburn Rovers



- 1 JOHN FILAN
- 2 JOHN CURTIS
- 4 JASON MCATEER
- 5 STIG INGE B.JORNEBYE
- 6 CRAIG SHORT
- 7 GARRY FLITCROFT
- 8 DAVID DUNN
- 9 MARK HUGHES
- 10 CRAIG HIGNETT
- 11 DAMIEN DUFF
- 12 JEFF KENNA
- 13 ALAN KELLY
- 14 NATHAN BLAKE
- 15 MATT JANSEN
- 16 MARLON BROOMES
- 17 MARCUS BENT
- 18 KEITH GILLESPIE
- 19 DAMIEN JOHNSON
- 20 EGIL OSTENSTAD
- 21 HENNING BERG
- 22 EYAL BERKOVIC
- 23 ALAN MAHON
- 24 DARREN DUNNING
- 25 SIMON GRAYSON
- 27 ALAN MILLER
- 28 MARTIN TAYLOR
- 29 MARC KELLER
- 30 GARY HAMILTON
- 31 BURTON O'BRIEN
- 32 BRAD FRIEDEL
- 33 JONATHON DOUGLAS
- 34 MARC RICHARDS

MANAGER: GRAEME SOUNESS ■



Match Officials

Referee: Mr S.W. Mathieson

Asst Referee's: Mr. R.A. Pashley & Mr D.J. Birkett

Reserve Official: Mr. K.D.G. Lawson

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