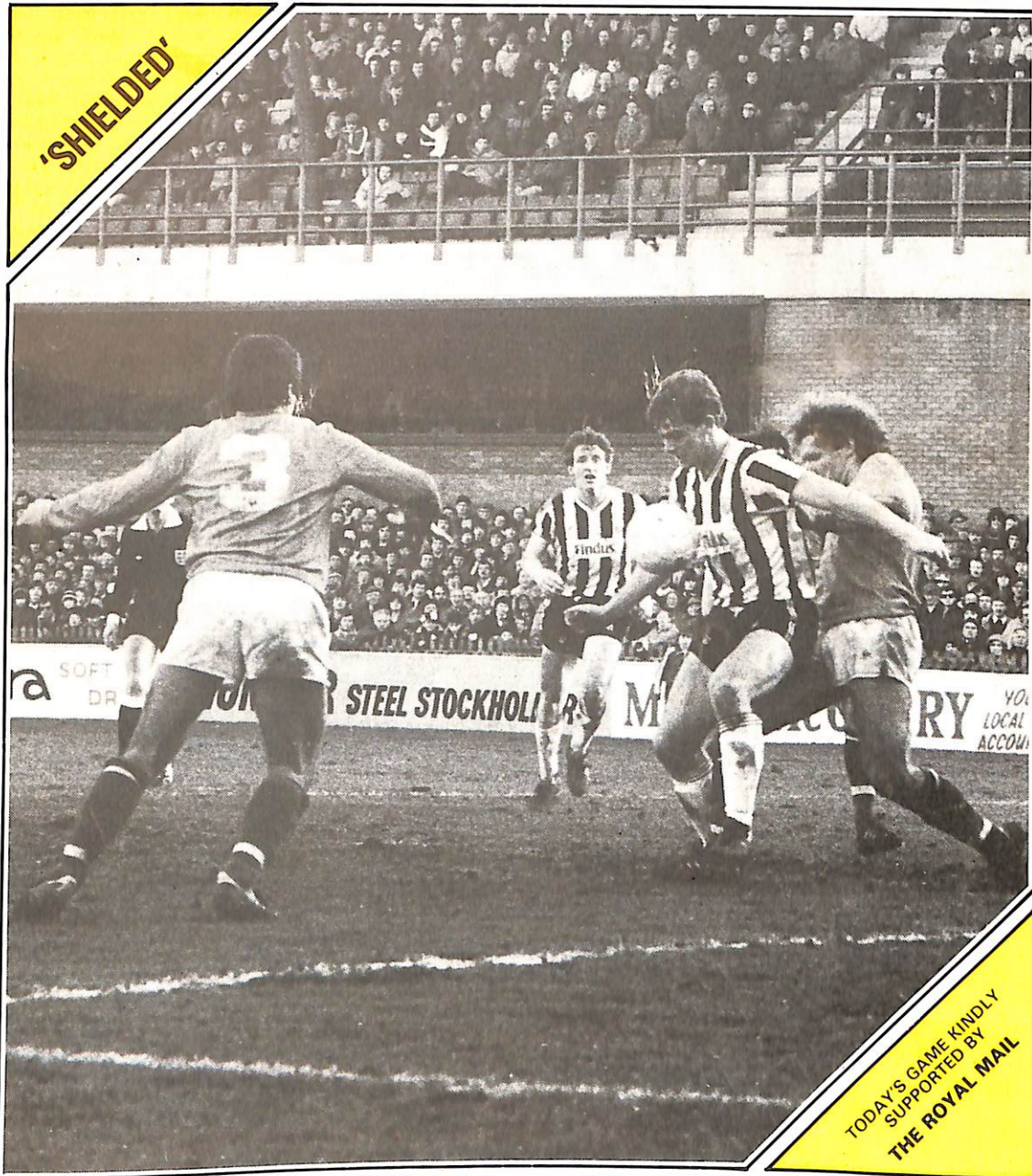


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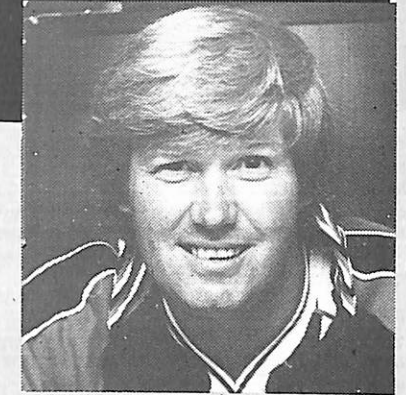
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Dave Booth



This season is far from over. Ten games are left, thirty points to play for. Six of those games including this afternoon's are at Blundell Park.

Results wise our last three matches have been disappointing. Six goals were scored against Charlton and Portsmouth yet we only had one point to show. At Leeds last Saturday, quite frankly we looked jaded.

I felt all three games were there for the taking. Against Portsmouth we fought back from two goals down to be all square at the interval. We overcame the inevitable euphoria surrounding Charlton's resurrection, and were on level terms as the game went in to the final quarter. Over at Elland Road most people at half time were saying there was no way we could lose — but we did.

After getting ourselves in to a position to secure three points in those games, we failed to press home the advantage. We were not ruthless enough.

Everyone at the club has done

tremendously well to get in to the promotion frame. Now is not the time to throw all that hard work away. There is a danger we start making excuses, start feeling sorry for ourselves, looking for reasons for losing. That is a recipe for disaster. Quite simply that attitude has to be met with a kick in the backside.

Now is not the time to slacken off, but rather maintain the pressure. The prize is bigger than at any other time in the club's history. We have worked hard and proved our right to be there at the kill over 30 games, and must not throw away the opportunity.

Some of us will never be this close again. A footballer's career is precarious, and very rarely does one get a second chance. Consequently the next ten games will test our character. Put another way we have got to show some bottle.

Last week three of the Juniors — Gary Lund, Gary Henshaw and Andy Moore were in the party at

Leeds. As a result Alan Woodward's team for the Northern Intermediate match at Hartlepool was somewhat decimated and the 1-5 reversal was a big blow to the Juniors' Championship hopes. While first team results are obviously important, the Juniors' performances are a good pointer to the future, and their disruption is usually kept to a minimum. However in terms of development I feel the lads learnt as much at Leeds than a windswept Hartlepool.

Bob Cumming will be back in contention this afternoon, and last Monday's Lincolnshire Cup game at Boston provided an excellent work out to get rid of a few cobwebs. Initially the match seemed of nuisance value only, but as things have turned out the fixture proved tremendously valuable.

We need to get back to winning ways and take full advantage of our home games. We owe it to ourselves to strive for that bit extra — to run harder, to run longer, to push forward, to give more encouragement.

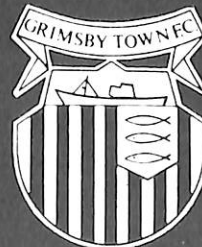
So get behind the team and give your bit extra, in the form of vocal backing. We are all striving for the same goal.



Portsmouth keeper Alan Knight bravely stopping Bobby Cumming.

COVERPIC: Kevin Drinkell demonstrates the art of shielding the ball from an opponent.

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BARNLSLEY

Since beating Brighton on the last Saturday in November, Barnsley have managed just three league wins in sixteen attempts. The sequence has placed them perilously close to the relegation zone, and resulted in the sacking of Norman Hunter, the man who guided them out of Division Three in 1981.

Home attendances have suffered, and the Colliers, one of the better supported teams in the Division had their lowest gate since returning to the second tier for the recent visit of Shrewsbury. Still a crowd of 5,576 would still gladden the heart of quite a few club chairmen.

But our visitors lack of success in recent months is misleading. Ten of their sixteen defeats have been by the odd goal, their goal difference of -2 suggests an end of season mid table position, and their defensive record is on a par with promotion challenging Newcastle.

Clearly the rub of the green has not always been in their favour, though last week's 3-0 home defeat by Portsmouth was a sickener. Barnsley's last away win came at Leeds (2-1) in February, and other travelling successes have been at Cardiff (3-0), Derby (2-0), and Crystal Palace (1-0).

One reason being advanced for the Reds' in and out form has been changes in playing personnel. Of the squad that came to Blundell Park last season, no less eight are now with other clubs. Stylish Ian Banks, sent off in that

game moved to Leicester in the close season, veteran Stewart Barrowclough joined Mansfield, and forwards Alan Birch and Derrick Parker went to Chesterfield and Oldham. As the current season progressed Tony Cunningham teamed up with Sheffield Wednesday and those other promotion hopefuls Man. City, scooped for Mick McCarthy. Add to that list Jimmy Mann and Ian Evans, both of whom hung up their boots, and it is perhaps easy to see why the Yorkshiremen have struggled after two seasons of success in the Second Division.

The future of Oakwell lies in its youth policy. Their present Junior team heads the Northern Intermediate League table, just ahead of our young Mariners, and several of the side on parade this afternoon, are products of the Barnsley youth programme, re-established so successfully by acting boss Bobby Collins.

While the youngsters mature, some experienced players have been recruited to consolidate the club's status. Central defender Larry May was signed from Leicester last August for a club record fee of £110,000. A strapping six footer he made 250 first team appearances for City, but missed out on the promotion celebrations last season after losing his place following suspension.

David Geddis made a goalscoring debut for Barnsley against the Mariners last September, after joining the club from Aston

Villa in a £50,000 deal. A Cumbrian, David began his career with Ipswich, winning an FA Cup Winners' medal in 1978. He never settled at Villa, spending 18 months in the Reserves, but is enjoying a new lease of life at Oakwell.

Midfielder Stuart Gray cost £40,000 from Nottingham Forest in the close season. A Withernsea lad he failed to make the grade with Hull, but played 50 First Division games for Forest. Recently Stuart has been wearing the No. 12 shirt as a consequence of the arrival of Gwyn Thomas from Leeds. Bobby Collins' first signing has Welsh Under 21 caps to his name, and was in the United side beaten 2-0 at Blundell Park last September.

There is an experienced look about the Reds midfield. Mick McGuire arrived at Oakwell twelve months ago from Norwich, after 200 games and a spell as skipper of the Canaries. His first pro club was Coventry and since moving to Barnsley has kept Billy Ronson out of the team. Billy who came from Wrexham in July 1982 has suffered relegation with each of his previous clubs - Blackpool, Cardiff and Wrexham. It is a sequence he will not wish to continue.

Then there is Ronnie Glavin, top scorer at Barnsley in three of the past four seasons, and heading for a repeat performance this time around. Signed from Celtic for a bargain £40,000 in the summer of 1979, his name has often been linked with other clubs, notably Newcastle. However he remains at Oakwell. is

approaching his 200th league game for the Reds, and on his day is one of the most direct and exciting players in the Division.

Wearing the No. 3 shirt - barring injury will be Barnsley's longest serving player Phil Chambers. He signed professional in 1971 after playing for England Boys, and took over from Dave Booth at full back. Having passed the 450 appearance mark, Phil could establish a new club record next season by overhauling Barry Murphy's total of 514.

The remainder of the squad has been nurtured as youngsters goalkeeper Andy Rhodes made his first team debut against Walsall in the Milk Cup last October and shows tremendous promise, displacing Bobby Horn the former Crystal Palace custodian. Central defender Nicky Law, a Londoner, served his apprenticeship with Arsenal but was released by the Highbury club, and has broken in to the league scene with Barnsley. Full back Joe Joyce, hails from Consett, went to Oakwell on leaving school, and though making his debut in a side thrashed 7-0 by Reading has not looked back.

Striker Carl Airey scored after just nine minutes of his league debut last season against Crystal Palace, and is now a first team regular. Carl has to be on his toes for Winston Campbell and David Wilkes, two more local youngsters are knocking on the door. Campbell played 22 games last season, while Wilkes scored twice on the opening day of the current campaign against Fulham.

Other names for the future are midfielder Steve Shutt and defender Wayne Goodison.

Ousted from the Milk Cup by giant killers Walsall, from the FA Cup by near neighbours Sheffield Wednesday, it has been a mediocre winter for Barnsley. After the heady successes of recent years an ordinary campaign had to happen. and Bobby Collins will be well satisfied for a mid table ranking.

PRESENT...

The Boss Bobby Collins



Following the dismissal of Norman Hunter earlier in the year, Youth Coach Bobby has taken over the hot seat at Oakwell, albeit in an acting capacity until the season end.

One thing is for sure that Bobby's first victory as a manager could not have happened at a more appropriate place. Barnsley ended a dismal seven match run by winning 1-0 at Elland Road, scene of so many triumphs in the mid sixties for the former Scottish international schemer. For Bobby was the man around whom Don Revie built a side that took Leeds to the Second Division Championship in 1963-64, and a Wembley Cup Final twelve months later.

One of the smallest forwards in recent years, standing just 5' 4", Bobby first made a reputation with Celtic in his native Glasgow. He was already established in the Scottish team when Everton brought him to Goodison in 1958 for £25,000, and in the next four years he amassed 133 league games for the Merseysiders.

Don Revie too, invested £25,000 for his services, and his promptings helped to establish Leeds as one of the forces in the English game for a decade. With the Leeds rebuilding completed, Bobby moved to Bury in 1967. The Shakers were then in Division Three but he masterminded their promotion to the Second in 1967-68. He returned to Scotland for three years with Morton before having a final fling with Oldham. Bobby hung up his boots in 1972.

For a time he remained outside the game but returned as Youth Coach to Barnsley in 1980, and could well be set for a managerial career in this his 53rd year.



Back Row: Carl Airey, Ian Evans (now retired), Bobby Horn, Nicky Law, Tony Cunningham
Middle Row: Eric Winstanley (First Team Coach), Ronnie Glavin, Wayne Goodison, Stephen Shutt, Stuart Gray, Mick McCarthy (now Man. City), Winston Campbell, Joe Joyce, Norman Rimington (Physiotherapist), Bobby Collins (Caretaker Team Manager),
Front Row: Derrick Parker (now Oldham), Mick McGuire, David Wilkes, Norman Hunter (now W.B.A.), Billy Ronson, Phil Chambers, Alan Birch (now Chesterfield).

Form Notes
Phil Chambers is the one survivor from Barnsley's Fourth Division days - Town could field seven

BARNLSLEY'S FIVE YEAR RECORD

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Top League Scorers	Average Gate	Cup M.C.	F.A.
1978-79	4	46	24	13	9	73	42	61	4	Bell 18	11,048	1	2
1979-80	3	46	16	14	16	53	56	46	11	Glavin 20	11,890	2	2
1980-81	3	46	21	17	8	72	45	59	2	Glavin 18	12,800	4	5
1981-82	2	42	19	10	13	59	41	67	6	Banks 15	15,097	5	3
1982-83	2	42	14	15	13	57	55	57	10	Glavin 17	12,390	4	4

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Largest gate for a match between the clubs was the 21,261 that witnessed the midweek game at Oakwell in May 1979. On an emotion charged evening Barnsley secured the points necessary to accompany the Mariners in to Division Three. Mike Lester scored Town's goal in the 1-2 defeat — the last strike of a season that saw Grimsby end as Runners-up to Champions Reading. Interesting point that Mike also netted the first goal of that promotion campaign, the previous August, again in a 1-2 defeat, at home to the eventual Champions.

Town's record 8-1 win in the 70 game league series was back in December 1899, but another decisive victory, 7-0 in April 1910 came in unusual circumstances. The Colliers sent their Reserve team to Blundell Park, as the first string were at Lytham, preparing for an F.A. Cup Final replay with Newcastle. As well as losing, Barnsley were fined by the Football League, and to cap it all lost the replay to the Tynesiders.

Last season's double by the Tykes was the second they have achieved. Grimsby have managed seven, none more vital than in 1979-80 when four precious points helped us to the Third Division Championship.

COMPLETE CUP CLASHES

1898-99	FA Cup	Qualifying Round	Oakwell	Draw 0-0
		Replay	Blundell Park	Town won 2-1
1899-00	FA Cup	Qualifying Round	Blundell Park	Town won 3-2
1903-04	FA Cup	Round One	Blundell Park	Town won 2-0
1962-63	FL Cup	Round Two	Oakwell	Town lost 2-3
1965-66	FA Cup	Round Two	Oakwell	Draw 1-1
		Replay	Blundell Park	Town won 2-0
1966-67	FL Cup	Round One	Oakwell	Town won 2-1
1972-73	FL Cup	Round One	Oakwell	Draw 0-0
		Replay	Blundell Park	Town won 2-0
1977-78	FA Cup	Round Two	Blundell Park	Town won 2-0

TWO CLUB MEN

Neil Cooper, now playing Scottish Premier League football for St. Mirren was the last man to have played for both clubs. Born in Aberdeen he never really settled to English football after joining Barnsley for £40,000 in January 1980 from his home town club. Neil helped the Yorkshiremen to promotion from Division Three in 1981, and totalled 57+3 league games before joining Town in March 1982. He made his Mariners debut against Luton but stayed just 20 months before returning to Scotland last November. The last of his 47 league games for Grimsby came last October at Manchester City.

Of course there is little Dave Booth does not know about Oakwell. Indeed when the Mariners boss left Barnsley in 1972 it allowed Phil Chambers the chance to stake a claim for the No. 3 shirt. Twelve and some 400 games later, Phil is still in possession. Incidentally Dave figured in 165+3 games for the Tykes before coming to Blundell Park.

Mike Lester and Ron Wigg are other men to have played for both clubs in recent years. Each player was much travelled. Essex born Ron toured six clubs including Town and Barnsley while Mike made it seven when he joined Scunthorpe last March.

Other men to have been on the books of both clubs since 1946 include Tom Blenkinsop, George Burkinshaw, Stan Charlesworth, Keith Cockburn, Frank Sharp, Billy Wardle, David Yates, and the answers to Clever Dick No. 5.

BARNSELY'S LAST LEAGUE VISIT

Saturday 20th November 1982. Division Two.
Town 1 (Whymark 89) **Barnsley 2** (Glavin 59, Cunningham 65)
Grimsby: Batch, Moore D., Cumming, Waters, Cooper, Whitlock, Speight, Whymark, Drinkell, Bonnyman (sub Kilmore 70), Ford.
Barnsley: Horn, Joyce, Chambers, Glavin, Banks, McCarthy, Souter, Campbell, Cunningham, Mann, Barrowclough, sub. Parker.
Attendance: 7,219

THE FULL LEAGUE RECORD 1898-99 TO 1982-83

Season	Division	Home		Away		Final Position	
		P	A	P	A	Town	Barnsley
1898-99	Two	0-1	2-2	10	11		
1899-00	Two	8-1	1-0	6	16		
1900-01	Two	1-0	3-2	1P	15		
1903-04	Two	5-1	1-3	6	8		
1904-05	Two	0-0	2-2	13	7		
1905-06	Two	2-1	0-2	8	12		
1906-07	Two	1-0	1-1	11	8		
1907-08	Two	4-1	1-2	18	16		
1908-09	Two	0-0	1-3	13	17		
1909-10	Two	7-0	1-2	19XX	9		
1911-12	Two	0-0	2-2	9	6		
1912-13	Two	1-1	0-3	7	4		
1913-14	Two	1-1	1-3	15	5		
1914-15	Two	2-3	0-0	17	3		
1919-20	Two	1-1	1-0	22R	12		
1926-27	Two	1-3	1-2	17	11		
1927-28	Two	3-1	4-1	11	14		
1928-29	Two	2-1	2-0	2P	16		
1948-49	Two	3-0	1-2	11	9		
1949-50	Two	2-2	2-7	11	13		
1950-51	Two	3-1	1-3	22R	15		
1953-54	Three N.	0-1	0-0	17	2		
1954-55	Three N.	1-3	3-1	23X	1P		
1956-57	Two	4-1	0-2	16	19		
1957-58	Two	2-1	3-3	13	14		
1958-59	Two	3-3	1-3	21R	22R		
1959-60	Three	2-0	3-3	4	17		
1960-61	Three	3-2	2-3	6	8		
1961-62	Three	4-0	3-0	2P	20		
1964-65	Three	3-2	0-1	10	24R		
1977-78	Four	1-0	2-1	6	7		
1978-79	Four	2-0	1-2	2P	4P		
1979-80	Three	3-0	1-0	1P	11		
1981-82	Two	3-2	2-3	17	6		
1982-83	Two	1-2	0-4	19	10		

P — Promoted R — Relegated X — Re-elected XX — Not Re-elected.

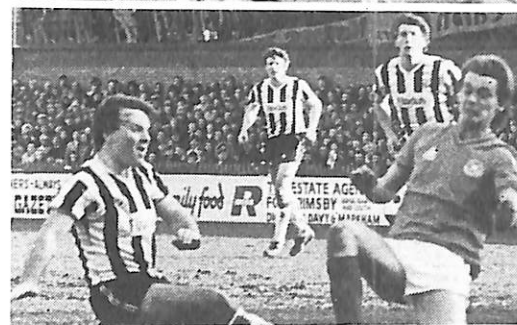
TOWN v. BARNSELY — LEAGUE SUMMARY

Div.	Home					Away				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Div. Two	26	14	8	4	60 28	26	5	6	15	34 57
Div. Three	5	5	0	0	15 4	5	2	1	2	9 7
Div. Three N.	2	1	0	1	1 4	2	1	1	0	3 1
Div. Four	2	2	0	0	3 0	2	1	0	1	3 3
Totals	35	22	8	5	79 36	35	9	8	18	49 68

CLEVER DICK

- Which is the smallest town to have a current League club?
- Barnsley were founded under what name?
- Last season Ian Banks was sent off at Blundell Park. Which Barnsley player was dismissed on Boxing Day 1979 when they visited Blundell Park?
- Which notable Football League legislator was connected with Barnsley in the 1950's?
- I ended my playing career at Oakwell in 1961, having joined Barnsley from Grimsby in March 1960. I collected a Division Three North Championship medal with Town. Who am I?
- Which players holds the Division Three goal scoring record for Grimsby Town?
- Against whom did Nigel Batch make his Mariners debut?
- Who scored Town's winning goal at Oakwell in April 1980?
- This man was boss at both Oakwell and Blundell Park.
- Plymouth are the sixth Third Division club to reach the F.A. Cup Semi Finals. Name the others.

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No. 18 Mariners Leading Leaguers

Time Served

Kevin Moore 1976-



Kev made his 300th League appearance for Town against Derby a month ago, and in so doing became the youngest Mariner to reach that milestone.

Considering he has not yet celebrated his 26th birthday — that event occurs next month, there is little doubt that Keith Jobling's all time record of 450 League games for the club is well within his grasp.

That of course depends on a number of variables. Football is a notoriously uncertain sport and who knows what the future holds. One fact that cannot be disputed is the consistency of performance produced by Town's stylish defender over the last eight seasons.

One of Tommy Casey's astute signings in July 1976, Kev swapped 'A' level examinations, and the chance of a University place for the hurly burly of League Division Three. He stepped straight into the first team at left back, faltered a little in mid season, but forced his way back into the side for the final two months.

That initial campaign was a struggle, culminating in relegation to Division Four. But since then Kev has grown in stature, become an accepted first team regular, and

now a Town teamsheet without his name would be a collector's item.

Initially a full back, Kev moved to central defender on the Mariners return to Division Two in 1980, forming an effective partnership with Clive Wigginton. Now an equally strong rearguard operates with Chris Nicholl, and there is no doubt Kev's game has benefited from the presence of the Northern Ireland international.

In emergencies Kev has turned out in midfield, most notably at the end of 1981-82 when Town successfully staved off the threat of relegation. But as he himself admits his best position is in defence.

Kev is a studious player, has a good positional sense and possesses a quick authority. So much so that he was appointed skipper in Joe's absence back in 1981.

Scoring vital goals used to be his hallmark. Most were from set pieces, but in the last two seasons he has managed just one — the strike that earned three priceless points at Swansea last November.

As well as setting records for league appearances Kev at present enjoys the distinction of not missing an F.A. Cup, F.L. Cup, or Milk Cup game for Town since

August 1976 when he first tasted big time soccer against Sheffield Wednesday in the League Cup.

With perhaps another ten years in the game — should he emulate Chris Nicholl. Kevin Moore should reach a few more appearance milestones.

Season	Division	Apps	Goals
1976-77	Three	27 + 1	—
1977-78	Four	41 + 1	—
1978-79	Four	46	6
1979-80	Three	41	4
1980-81	Two	41	1
1981-82	Two	36	4
1982-83	Two	38	—



back to London, this time to join Chelsea.

After making 11 Second Division appearances for Chelsea last season he returned to Carlisle on loan and moved back to Roker Park for the third time last summer to take up the duties of coaching.

That goal against West Brom was Bryan's 261st in the Football League and that means that the little striker has scored more goals in the competition than anyone else currently registered as a player.

Sunderland manager Alan Durban has had no qualms about using his goalscoring coach and has named him as the substitute on numerous occasions this season so he is obviously still in contention for a place.

"I came out at Christmas and it was a long game, but I scored a

one or two problems in recent years but I still want to play up front and score goals, that is the most exciting thing for me to do."

From this point of view does Bryan think he could command a regular team place if he moved down the divisions a little?

"I played for Chelsea and Carlisle in the Second Division last season but I broke an ankle which took some eight weeks to heal up before I could start training again so it kept me out of action for quite a while. Even so I had about 26 games but until Christmas I hadn't played in the First Division since 1981.

"Initially I felt last summer that I had reached the end of my playing days and that is why I accepted the offer to coach at Sunderland. Also I am more interested in the coaching

STILL POPPING THEM IN

His official title at Roker Park is "First Team Coach" but when at the age of 38 he was recalled to First Division duty in the Christmas home game against West Bromwich Albion and scored the opening goal in Sunderland's 3-0 win it was easy to see why Bryan 'Pop' Robson is revered on Wearside.

Veteran of over 500 Football League games now, Pop is affectionately spoken of in the same respected breath as legends such as Charlie Buchan, Len Shackleton, Hughie Gallacher and Jackie Milburn.

Born just a stone's throw away from Roker Park, Bryan was brought up amidst the fanatical atmosphere and folklore of this hotbed of football fanaticism, yet it was up the road at Newcastle where he started his career in the game.

Starting how he intended to continue, Bryan made a goalscoring debut for Newcastle United at Charlton in September 1964 and ever since that successful baptism, London and the North East have figured prominently in his career.

From Tyneside he moved to West Ham United for £125,000, in February 1971, making the return trip to Sunderland in July 1974 for £145,000. Then it was back to Upton Park in January 1977 (£80,000) and back again to Roker Park in June 1979 (£40,000).

March 1981 saw Bryan on the move again, this time to Carlisle where he took up the position of player-coach, but in July 1982 it was

goal and we managed to win it so it worked out quite well," says Bryan. "I came on again as a substitute in our next home game against Luton, and we won that one as well so maybe I am a bit of a lucky charm."

He realises that he is not a first choice player anymore but when injuries strike there could be few better replacements for a front line role.

"I'm still in the twelve or thirteen," he says with a degree of satisfaction although he admits it is not easy combining playing with coaching.

"I have always been fairly fit and enjoyed playing and still have the same enthusiasm for the game but it is a little bit more difficult keeping yourself tuned up when you are organising because it is difficult to supervise others if you are throwing yourself into the session as well.

"So I miss out a little bit when I can't join in but I play a little bit of squash and table tennis which keeps me fairly active and fairly sharp and I can get a good sweat on there if it is necessary."

There are a lot of old-timers still enjoying a regular position in the First Division such as Billy Bonds, Frank Lampard and John Hollins but it is always more difficult for a striker than a defender to keep going.

"That is right," agrees Bryan. "The usual story is for a striker to drop back into midfield but I have never ever wanted to play in midfield and that has caused me

side now. At 38 you don't have too many ambitions of playing at Wembley so really this is where my future lies.

"Sunderland still kept me registered as a player so that I can help out when necessary and I have come in for injuries and would hope to do so again. I still enjoy playing."

With over 700 senior appearances behind him what are Bryan's most cherished memories of his lifetime in soccer?

"Probably winning the European Fairs Cup with Newcastle was one of the highlights of my career," he reflects. "Scoring goals and finishing as the First Divisions top goalscorer and then receiving a golden boot for finishing as the top scorer in the Second Division. Those are all happy memories. I just enjoy scoring goals."

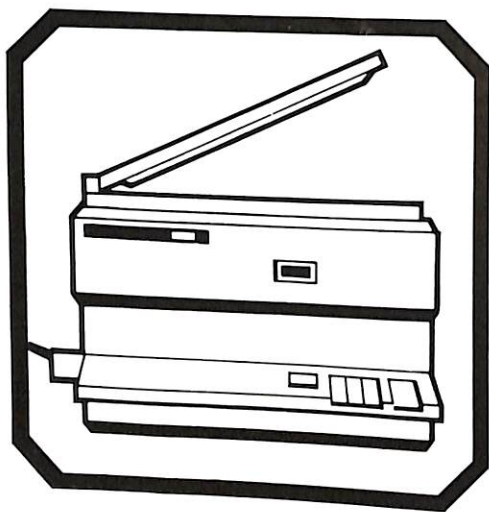
It is something that Bryan has done exceedingly well and just to emphasise the point, that goal against West Brom was Bryan's 300th in first class football.

BRYAN ROBSON'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORD

Team	Transfer Fee	League		Lge Cup		Lge Cup	
		App	Gls	Gls	Gls		
Newcastle Utd		206	81	4	2		
West Ham Utd	£125,000	120	47	1	5		
Sunderland	£145,000	90	34	4	1		
West Ham Utd	£80,000	107	47	3	1		
Sunderland	£40,000	52	23	—	2		
Carlisle Utd	£10,000	48	21	3	—		
Chelsea	F/T	15	3	2	—		
Carlisle Utd	on loan	11	4	—	—		
Sunderland		2	1	—	—		
Totals		651	261	17	11		

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Bradley's BRIEF



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Ian Rush was recently elevated to superstar status when he scored a hat-trick in a televised match at Villa Park. Television is a mean seducer and the soccer scribes waxed lyrical over his performance on a skidpan Villa surface that was more fitted for ice skating.

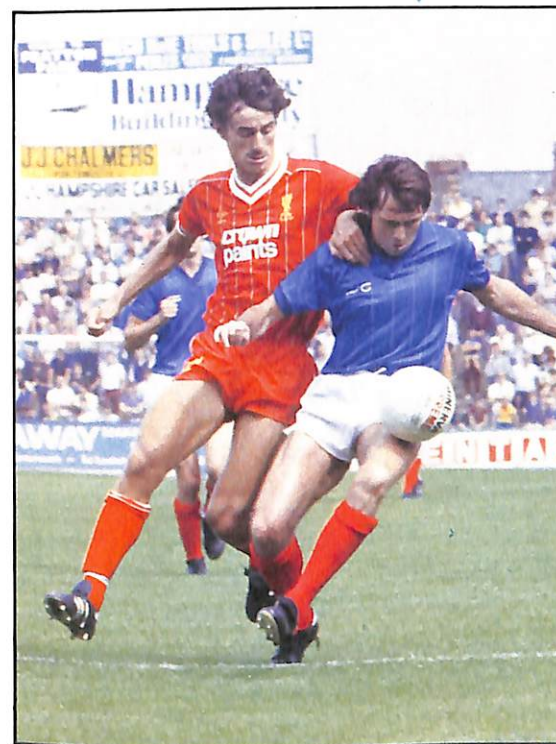
Extravagant words like Genius, Matchless, Perfectionist were tossed off typewriters like confetti for public consumption.

There were the inevitable comparisons with Torvill and Dean, but whether Rush can do the Bolero on ice has yet to be seen on the magic lantern. No doubt some bright spark at the Beeb is already contemplating such an absurdity for Sportsnight.

Even the normally reticent Rush was caught off guard by a melodramatic media and was moved to say: "I scored five in a match last season and now I want to hit six. But my ultimate target is not to miss a chance!"

When you have tasted the milk of Paradise it is hard not to get drunk on false flattery. Even the over-publicised mortals of Liverpool are vulnerable.

But to put things in perspective before we all flip off to Fantasy Island, Rush is now recognised as the smartest finisher in the country. But he has been for some time.



NATURAL

For three seasons he has been the jewel in Liverpool's crown and is now set to take over centre stage from Kenny Dalglish at the Anfield altar.

If accuracy is the striker's most potent weapon, then this 22-year-old Welshman is a rare talent in the Jimmy Greaves mould. Shooting strength is fine, but accurate finishing is an art and skill given to few.

For a big man he has good balance, vision and the sort of pace which enables him to leave defenders flat footed. Such skills are a licence to steal while others sleep.

He has benefited enormously from playing alongside the cunning Dalglish, a rare tutor for a willing pupil, and is now beginning to time his runs to a point which gives him mastery over dilatory defenders. But his greatest asset is his ability to punish mistakes. Making chances is one thing: converting them is another. Rush has few peers in the finishing department.

Yet in his first seven League outings for Liverpool he failed to score, a fact frequently forgotten by those who now acclaim him as a born goal scorer. No, Ian had to learn his trade in the reserves as most Liverpool players have when suddenly transferred to the Anfield spotlight.

FALSE PROPHETS

Liverpool plucked him out of obscurity and the £300,000 they paid Chester in April 1979 — a figure that caused a few shock waves at the time — now looks peanuts.

Rush hit 30 goals in his first campaign in the top flight to prove that Liverpool are always willing to gamble on real potential, while others dither when the time comes to put your money where your mouth is.

This season he has been troubled by a mystery virus which necessitated blood tests and a succession of colds and it has taken time for him to achieve peak fitness.

For several weeks he had to take two pain-killing tablets prior to games and often played in severe pain because of a groin complaint. But with the help of special stretching exercises designed to strengthen the groin he is now back to his best . . . stretching defences.

"It seems to have worked out fine," says Rush. "I now find I have greater mobility. Any success that I am having is down to the players around me. They make so many opportunities that I cannot fail to get among the goals.

"But goals are not everything. I can have a good game without scoring — a fact which is appreciated by my team mates, but not the media."

Beware of false prophets Ian. Just keep doing what comes naturally . . . sticking the pill in the back of the net!

ROBSON'S BLUEPRINT



ENGLAND manager Bobby Robson unveiled his "Blueprint for Excellence" at a Press Conference in London, a futuristic plan designed to improve the quality of English football.

It has long been the contention of the former Ipswich Town boss that English players are inadequate in the basic skills of their trade and to tackle this problem he is aiming at the grass roots level of schoolboy football.

The announcement that the F.A. were to operate a National Football School to mould international stars for the future took most of the attention but it is another aspect of Mr Robson's exciting programme which I feel will have the biggest impact on the development of our game, and that is the installation of Centres of Excellence around the country to cater for boys in general, from the age of 11.

That will be a crucial step forward. For under the present arrangements with the English Schools Football Association professional clubs are not supposed to take an interest in a boy until he reaches the age of 14 and by that time they have developed most of their habits.

If Bobby Robson gets his way then the proposed Centres of Excellence will be a very important part of the scheme. The Football Association will license the approved centres which will be fully equipped and the contents of the course for 11-14 year olds will be set by the England manager himself.

"There are 39 Football League clubs with the facilities to accommodate this scheme," he explains.

That should cast the net wide enough while the National School, based at Lilleshall in Shropshire, will concentrate on the creme de la creme.

Next September they will take in 25 of the most promising schoolboy footballers in the country on a residential two-year course which will be supplemented by an annual intake of 15 new pupils.

The lads will receive top class coaching and instruction every day under the guidance of Dave Sexton, and will attend the local Idshall Comprehensive School for their general education.

PRACTICE

"We will concentrate on teaching them skill and technique," says Bobby Robson. "They will also need to play

some games and we will arrange these but we will be able to control this and that is important.

"There is no doubt that the good youngsters in this country play too much football. They can be involved in five or six matches a week and that means that there is no time for practice. This is a fundamental error we will be able to correct.

"I didn't play for the England Schoolboy side when I was a kid because our school did not even have a school team. I learned my technique, control and how to dribble in the street.

"Now that sort of environment does not exist anymore and that is a pity because it produced some great

players, but in order to try and create the same end product we are turning to this scheme. We do need to produce a better technical player in this country and this is the way to do it."

Gone are the days when youngsters honed their skills with tin cans and tennis balls in 20-a-side games. The Coronation Street aspect of football has been replaced by green playing fields and multi-purpose sports halls, and to some degree this has not benefited the game.

Youngsters playing 11-a-side football on full size pitches has meant that they have had too much room. The tight control and mazy dribbling skills you



had to acquire in the back streets if you wanted any time on the ball, has thus not been developed and the result is that at the highest level our players are now inadequate.

Bobby Robson is aiming to restore those basic skills and thanks to a sponsorship deal with General Motors the scheme has now become a practical proposition.

The agreement with General Motors covers at least the next four years and John Fleming, the chairman and managing director of GM enthuses: "We are proud and excited by this relationship with the F.A.

"In commercial life we have to plan many years ahead but no business can operate without taking care of the community it operates in. So through our association with the F.A. we have the opportunity to further the interests of the most popular sport in the country."

TRUST

As part of the deal General Motors will sponsor the pre-season glamour curtain raiser, the Charity Shield, and will also supply the F.A. with all its transport needs.

John Tanner, who is the chairman of the F.A. Instructional Committee, says: "Most players reach international standard at 24. If we can accelerate that performance then the national side will benefit."

It is accepted however that selection for this National School does not mean that the pupils will automatically become international footballers. "The boys who don't reach that standard can still play an important part in the game," adds Tanner.

F.A. Chairman Bert Millichip is quick to emphasise: "This is not only to produce international players. We want to develop the overall standard of football in this country."

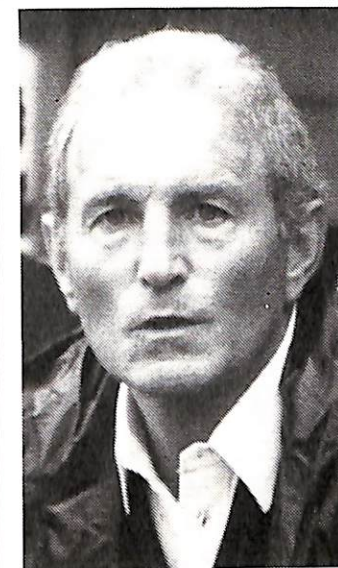
The pursuit and achievement of excellence is what it is all about but already there are doubters . . . and the first term is not underway yet. Some managers are wary of losing the services of a star youth player for two years, others question the type of coaching they will receive.

Then of course there is the inevitable opposition from some teaching quarters.

Robson hopes that League club managers will put their trust in him. He says: "I hope to be able to guarantee that when we hand a lad back after two years he will be a better player. Otherwise there will be no point in running the school."

The availability of these players for special club matches is "an area for discussion," but for some top clubs there seems to be no problem.

Peter Shreeves, Tottenham Hotspur's



DAVE SEXTON, one of the most respected coaches in the game has been given the job of teaching the star pupils at the National School at Lilleshall.

"I am delighted to be involved," he says. "This is obviously a serious attempt to organise our game better at the grass roots level and gives us the opportunity to identify good players earlier.

"I shall do my best to give them all the help I can and I am certainly excited by being in on the scheme at the beginning.

"It will be nice to work without the pressure of having to obtain results in matches. We will endeavour to instill good footballing habits into all the pupils.

"The lads will have at least 1½ hours a day working on skills, and we will cover all the basic elements of the game.

"This is a serious attempt to identify talent earlier and improve it. I do not see any dramatic turnover of players but hopefully we can produce some international class players.

"And because we are taking them at 14 it does not preclude those who develop later. There will always be room for players coming in to the international scene from other directions, through the under-16 and under-18 teams for example . . . The way must always be left open for talent."

assistant manager explains: "There is more than one way of skinning a cat. We have given it our stamp of approval. If one of our youngsters is selected he will learn and still be our player.

"And if they teach him things which are different to what we preach then it will help broaden his outlook on the game, make him a more complete player."

MAXIMISE RESOURCES

The F.A. have been running coaching schemes since just after the war and in the past year they ploughed £425,000 into it but this is by far the most progressive scheme that they have ever been involved in.

As the governing body of football in England they have a responsibility to develop the game at all levels and Bobby Robson's 'Blueprint for Excellence' does just that.

He intends bringing some top name players to Lilleshall and says: "Let the likes of Peter Shilton work with the 14-year-olds for an afternoon. If the kids see this type of interest being paid to them then it will take off.

"Dave Sexton will work as much as he can with the class but in addition we have employed Denis Saunders as a full time residential coach to not only teach technique and skills, but look after the pastoral welfare of the boys. He will be the father figure.

"If we fall down on that side of it the whole thing will collapse like a pack of cards. The success of the school depends on the staff.

"You get the best lads in the country, the best coaches and offer them the best facilities and then maximise the time to the benefit of everyone . . . We want to lift the standard of the First Division."

Some 300 lads were nominated by schools, Sunday Leagues and clubs and Mr Robson had the task of sifting through this mass of football potential, but for those not so lucky the new Centres of Excellence should provide the ideal tuition.

The French FA have been operating a football college for their top youngsters for some eight years now and it was perhaps significant that they walked off with the UEFA Youth Championship, the finals of which were staged in England, last summer.

As for the FA's new baby it will take some ten years to determine whether it has been successful or not . . . and in the meantime you can bet it will come under the closest scrutiny.



The Football League entered the New Year with nothing to fear from the ogre of 1984. Big Brother is not a spectre on the grandstand roofs of the 92 clubs.

There is a real prospect of attendances showing an upward trend by the end of the season. More goals will be scored, for the third season in succession, if the present rate is maintained.

Income from the Canon (UK) Ltd and National Dairy Council sponsorships together with fees from television, radio and football pools is now in excess of £8 million per year.

And the benefits of individual sponsorships in the form of shirt advertising are now being enjoyed by more than 60 of the 92 clubs.

"I am sure", says Graham Kelly, Secretary of The Football League, "that the League will look in better shape, in terms of finance and stability, at the end of 1984 than for many years.

"That is no mean achievement. It reflects a lot of hard work by many people and defies the prophets of doom.

"The precise attendance figures at Canon League matches over the Christmas and New Year holiday period have yet to be finalised, but gates totalled nearly 2 million, bringing the season's average to around 9,500 per match.

"And still to come is the outstanding First Division programme postponed from the Saturday before England played Hungary in October; the Easter programme; and the prospect of a closer finish to the First Division Championship than last year.

"The stabilising of attendance figures reflects the determination of clubs, and their managers and coaches, to play entertaining football.

"So, too, does the rate of goalscoring. After the holiday programme, 1,038 Canon League games this season had produced 2,923 goals compared with 3,026 goals from 1,056 League matches last season. That is only 33 goals fewer from 18 less matches and, in percentage terms, suggests that we can expect the season's goals total to rise again.

"It is still too early to assess the live television experiment fairly, but generally, the televised matches have been excellent showcases for the game and this may have contributed to the encouraging attendance figures.



"The increase in the number of sponsored clubs is a factor in which the League can take pride. Hard-headed businessmen are careful where they invest their money these days.

The fact that League football can attract an increasing amount of finance can be seen as a substantial vote of confidence.

"The Football League goes into 1984 in good shape".

GEORDIES SCORE AT LIVERPOOL

More than 100 Merseyside youngsters are to be treated to a Canon League match-day at Anfield, home of champions Liverpool, thanks to the generosity of Newcastle United supporters and Liverpool F.C. themselves.

"I congratulate the Geordie fans on one of the most heartwarming gestures I can recall", says Peter Robinson, Chief Executive of Liverpool.

"It all started when Newcastle were at Anfield for the recent F.A. Cup tie. There was damage to a number of our stand seats when some of the fans got over-excited, but within four days I had a letter from Mr Harry Rodden, an official of the London branch of the Newcastle United Supporters Club, enclosing a cheque for £100.

They wanted the money used to entertain either some handicapped youngsters or children in local authority care.

"Furthermore, members offered to travel to Anfield to help us replace the seating.

"I think it is an absolutely marvellous gesture" adds Mr Robinson, "and shows where the true heart of the game is. We propose to use the cheque to provide transportation for the youngsters and as a reciprocal gesture from Liverpool we will admit them without any charge."

Harry Rodden, 39-year-old Cockney Geordie, says: "This is a sincere gesture from a caring club to endorse our disapproval of the anti-social fans. We as a club deplore the lunatic behaviour of those responsible for the damage and apologise on behalf of all true Newcastle fans."

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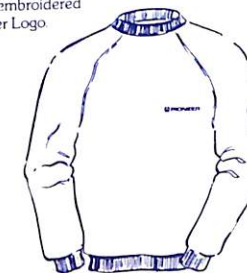
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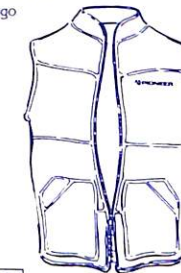


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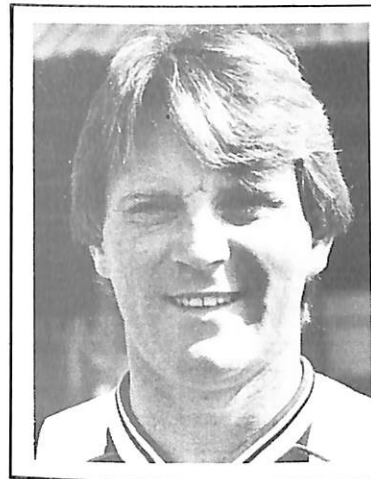
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"Coming to Grimsby was the best move I made. Looking back I should probably have left Leicester sooner. The breaks were not coming my way, and Tommy Casey gave me the chance to get going again".

Joe of course made the entry into top class football all youngsters dream about. Two 'Roy of the Rovers' goals in the F.A. Cup against Q.P.R. that clinched Leicester a Semi-Final place with Liverpool in 1974. He played in that match with the Anfield team before a capacity Old Trafford crowd. The final result was 0-0 and Mike Stringfellow replaced Joe in the replay which the Merseysiders won 3-1 at Villa Park.

A handful of first team games at Filbert Street followed, then in January 1976 a loan period at Grimsby followed by a permanent move.

"John Newman's arrival was particularly good for me. He set targets for scoring goals, and allowed me to develop my strengths. I enjoy running at defenders and John encouraged that aspect of my game. Ideally I would like to be more of a two footed player, and had I come under John's influence earlier I'm sure he would have worked me in that respect".

Joe of course has played more games for Town than any other current player. He has now figured in more than 400 in League and Cup, but appearance milestones mean little to the Limerick man.

"I always try to get through a season

without missing a game, and thankfully have been lucky with injuries. There was the bad one in October 1981, but generally I seem able to shrug off the occasional knock and bruise".

As usual Joe is chipping in with useful goals. The side's penalty taker, he should maintain his knack of reaching double figures before the season end. Indeed only Kevin Drinkell of the present squad has netted more goals for Town.

Arguably one of the most popular players to appear for the club, that £8,000 investment by Tommy Casey was one of the bargains of the century. Certainly Joe has amply repaid the Mariners and there is little chance Town fans will be saying Au Revoir, Auf Wiedersehen, or whatever to the Republic of Ireland international.

Vital Info

Born: Limerick.
Birthdate: 20th September 1953.
Height: 5' 6". **Weight:** 10st 10lbs.
Career Highlights: "Thankfully quite a few. My International caps, that first team debut for Leicester, the two promotions with Town, and the League Cup run in 1978-79."
Career Lowspots: "Relegation to Division Four in 1977 was a sickener. Also missing out on promotion to Division One back in 1981."
Influences on career: "John Newman did a great deal for me, instilling discipline in my game and giving the responsibility of captaincy."
Career after playing: "I've obviously got my business interests, but I would like to stay in football, perhaps in a coaching capacity."
Town debut: v. Millwall, Division Three, 26th January 1976.

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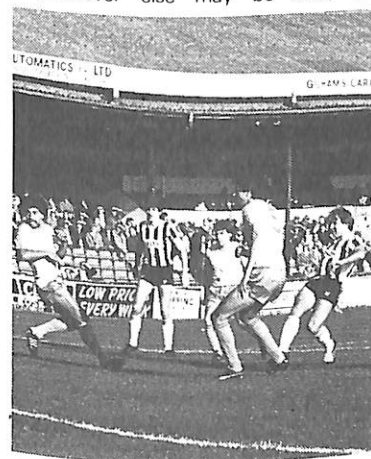


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Joe Waters in action against Crystal Palace earlier in the season.

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Season	Club	Div.	League		F.A. Cup		Milk Cup		AS/GC/FLT	
			Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's
1973-74	Leicester	One	8	1	2	2	—	—	—	—
1974-75	Leicester	One	3+2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1975-76	Grimsby	Three	19	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
1976-77	Grimsby	Three	45	6	3	2	2	—	—	—
1977-78	Grimsby	Four	46	8	5	2	3	3	—	—
1978-79	Grimsby	Four	46	10	1	—	3	1	—	—
1979-80	Grimsby	Three	46	8	4	2	9	—	—	—
1980-81	Grimsby	Two	42	10	1	—	2	1	3	1
1981-82	Grimsby	Two	35+1	7	2	—	2	—	6	1
1982-83	Grimsby	Two	40	8	3	1	4	—	3	1

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The Games People Play 1983-84

Date	Opponents	Att.	Res.	Pts.	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 27	Shrewsbury Town	5,177	1-1	1	17	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Sept. 3	Cardiff City	5,135	1-3	4	12	Batch	Cooper	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
6	Leeds United	7,723	2-0	5	14	Batch	Cooper	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
10	Newcastle United	9,000	1-1	6	14	Batch	Cooper	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
17	Middlesbrough	10,239	1-1	9	10	Batch	Cooper	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
24	Fulham	5,769	2-1	6	10	Batch	Cooper	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Oct. 27	Manchester City	10,966	1-2	9	10	Batch	Cooper	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
8	Huddersfield Town	25,080	0-0	9	10	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
15	Brighton & H.A.	8,897	0-0	10	15	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
22	Crystal Palace	6,075	5-0	13	16	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Nov. 29	Derby County	11,531	2-0	19	8	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
5	Portsmouth	12,906	2-1	19	8	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
12	Charlton Athletic	5,584	0-4	19	8	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
19	Swansea City	6,178	2-1	22	6	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Dec. 26	Carlisle United	5,665	1-1	25	6	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
13	Blackburn Rovers	6,409	1-1	27	7	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
20	Oldham Athletic	4,825	3-0	30	6	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Jan. 27	Sheffield Wednesday	13,151	3-2	33	5	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
3	Cardiff City	16,197	1-0	36	5	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
10	Cambridge United	4,319	2-2	37	5	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
17	Fulham	7,164	1-0	40	5	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Jan. 24	Shrewsbury Town	7,351	1-1	41	5	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
31	Middlesbrough	3,343	2-1	44	5	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Feb. 7	Manchester City	7,342	0-0	45	5	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
14	Newcastle United	11,966	1-1	46	5	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
21	Derby County	28,528	2-1	49	4	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Mar. 4	Crystal Palace	8,530	1-0	51	3	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
11	Portsmouth	5,956	3-0	55	3	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
18	Charlton Athletic	8,729	1-4	55	3	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Apr. 4	Leeds United	7,626	3-3	56	6	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
11	Barnsley	14,412	1-2	58	6	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
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Home matches and scorers in heavy type. * Own Goal. † Player withdrawn. ‡ after extra time.

Date	Opponents	Att.	Res.	Pts.	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 30	York City MCT (1L)	3,905	1-2	1	17	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Sept. 13	York City MCT (2L)	3,580	2-0	4	12	Batch	Cooper	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Oct. 4	Coventry City MCT (1L)	6,088	0-0	6	14	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
25	Coventry City MCT (2L)	8,705	1-2	6	14	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Jan. 7	Portsmouth FAC3	12,707	1-2	6	14	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark

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OBITUARY
 It is with deep regret we have been informed of the death of Mr. Ralph Jones of 7 Elm Avenue, Cleethorpes. The Mariners played an important part in Mr. Jones's life and the club take this opportunity to convey their sincere condolences to his wife Daisy and the family.

WOODY in reserve

At the time of writing, matches involving the Juniors and Colts continue to produce the most encouraging results and performances. Hopefully last Saturday's Juniors' match against Hartlepoons has kept our marvellous sequence of wins going. Certainly this would ensure a highly competitive game of football against fellow title-chasers Barnsley at King George Stadium this morning.

As Ray Gooch and I begin working on another batch of youngsters in training I feel I must thank once again for the hard work put in by school teachers. Experience has shown that their ability to select the right boys for our local representative sides is most impressive. Once again I would like to thank Tony Crowther in particular for his comments on schoolboy players and his outstanding work with Grimsby Boys and Lincs. FA XI at U18 level, both of which provide G.T.F.C. with a rich source of talent.

It is pleasing to report that the age of schoolboys attending training is considerably younger than two years ago. This can only be advantageous to everyone concerned as a really good working relationship can be developed over a longer period.

This in turn should lead to higher standards. One slight cause of concern is the attitude of these youngsters back in their own school environment. Certainly I want them to be proud of their involvement with G.T.F.C. but in no way do I want it to affect their performances and attitudes in their school matches and school work generally.

School must always come first however glamorous or exciting Grimsby Town may appear to them. Hopefully their improvements as players should enhance the standard of schools football. If this happens then I am helping to repay teachers for their assistance in my search for young talent.

ALAN WOODWARD

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Date	Home	Away	F	A
Aug. 31	Huddersfield Town	Bradford City	1-2	4-2
Sept. 8	Bradford City	Wigan Athletic	2-1	2-1
28	Manchester City	Wigan Athletic	1-2	1-1
Oct. 4	Notts. County	Wigan Athletic	0-1	0-1
11	Preston N.E.	Barnsley	1-2	4-3
19	Barnsley	Port Vale	4-3	2-1
27	Port Vale	Huddersfield Town	2-3	2-3
Nov. 2	Huddersfield Town	Coventry City	0-0	0-0
8	Coventry City	Chesterfield	2-1	2-1
15	Chesterfield	Blackpool	1-3	1-3
22	Blackpool	Rotherham Utd.	5-0	0-1
30	Rotherham Utd.	Wolverhampton W.	0-1	0-1
Dec. 5	Wolverhampton W.	Notts. County	2-1	2-1
12	Notts. County	Manchester City	0-2	0-2
Jan. 10	Manchester City	Preston N.E.	3-3	3-3
Feb. 7	Preston N.E.	Barnsley	1-1	0-1
21	Barnsley	Coventry City	0-1	0-1
Mar. 28	Coventry City	Wigan Athletic	3-3	3-3
13	Port Vale	Port Vale	3-3	3-3
20	Bradford City	Chesterfield		
27	Chesterfield	Blackpool		
Apr. 3	Blackpool	Rotherham Utd.		
10	Rotherham Utd.	Wolverhampton W.		
17	Wolverhampton W.	Oldham Ath.		
25	Oldham Ath.			

To be arranged:
 Middlesbrough
 Oldham Athletic
 Middlesbrough

CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Saturday 10th March 1984)

League	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coventry City	20	11	3	6	34	15	36
Manchester City	20	10	3	7	40	26	33
Port Vale	18	10	2	6	25	21	32
Huddersfield Town	20	10	2	8	37	34	32
Bradford City	19	9	4	6	36	33	31
Oldham Athletic	19	9	2	8	32	31	29
Wolves	19	9	2	8	26	28	29
Notts. County	18	9	1	8	39	26	28
Barnsley	20	7	7	6	32	36	28
Blackpool	20	9	1	10	38	45	28
Chesterfield	19	7	6	6	29	22	27
Middlesbrough	20	7	6	7	37	39	27
Grimsby Town	20	7	4	9	33	32	25
Preston N.E.	19	6	5	8	27	40	23
Wigan Athletic	17	5	2	10	30	33	17
Rotherham Utd.	16	2	0	14	17	51	6

FIRST TEAM SUMMARY (to 17th March 1984)

Player	League	Milk Cup	F.A. Cup
Nigel Batch	32	4	1
Phil Bonnyman	18+2	1	1
Neil Cooper	7	1	1
Dean Crombie	30	4	1
Bob Cumming	24+3	1	3+1
Kevin Drinkell	26+4	2	1
Paul Emson	32	5	4
Tony Ford	32	8	4
Gary Henshaw	0+1	1	1
Gary Lund	2	1	1
Andy Moore	3	1	1
Kevin Moore	32	1	4
Chris Nicholl	30	4	1
David Shearer	1	1	1
Mick Speight	15+2	2	1
Joe Waters	32	6	4
Trevor Whymark	9+2	2	1
Paul Wilkinson	27	10	4

NORTHERN INT. LEAGUE

Date	Home	Away	F	A
Aug. 13	Newcastle Utd.	York City	1-2	2-1
27	York City	Huddersfield Town	1-0	1-0
Sept. 3	Huddersfield Town	Middlesbrough	2-0	1-1
17	Middlesbrough	Huddersfield (Cup)	0-0	0-2
Oct. 1	Sunderland	Barnsley	0-0	0-1
8	Barnsley	Sheffield Utd.	3-2	5-1
15	Sheffield Utd.	Halifax T.	0-3	3-2
22	Halifax T.	Rotherham Utd.	1-1	0-3
Nov. 5	Leeds Utd.	Middlesbrough	1-1	1-3
12	Middlesbrough	Newcastle Utd.	3-0	4-1
19	Newcastle Utd.	Huddersfield T.	3-0	P-P
Dec. 3	Doncaster R.	Sheffield Wed.	4-1	4-1
10	Sheffield Wed.	Hartlepool Utd.	5-1	5-1
Jan. 14	Hartlepool Utd.	Sheffield Utd.	5-1	5-1
Feb. 4	Bradford City	Sheffield Wed.	5-2	P-P
11	Sheffield Wed.	Leeds Utd.	2-1	4-0
18	Leeds Utd.	Bradford City	2-0	2-0
Mar. 3	Sunderland	Halifax T.		
10	Halifax T.	Hartlepool Utd.		
17	Hartlepool Utd.	Barnsley		
24	Barnsley	Doncaster R.		
Apr. 7	Doncaster R.	York City		
21	York City	Rotherham Utd.		
23	Rotherham Utd.			

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Player	APPS	GOALS
D. Hannay	20	
S. Holgeth	18	
A. Foster	18	1
T. Gale	11	3
M. Davidson	13	1
A. Moore	10	1
A. Woods	14	3
R. Dunderdale	18	2
K. Storr	13	8
N. Mathews	19	6
K. Topliss	19	5
D. Topliss	18	1
A. Dixon	18	
G. Lund		

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SUNDAY EXPRESS

We need
new faces
says boss
Booth

by HUGH ASH

Leeds Utd 2, Grimsby Town 1

BATTLING Grimsby are still on course for promotion according to Leeds boss Eddie Gray and Dave Booth, the Blundell Park side's team chief.

After their slip at Elland Road, Booth said: "Promotion is still a possibility but it might be time to bring in some new faces from the reserves. One or two of my players are looking jaded."

Added Gray: "Grimsby are only three points off the promotion pack and I can understand why they are there. They've got bouyancy and they've still a great chance."

It took two stunning goals and some magically marvelous trickery from revitalised Peter Barnes before Leeds could dampen Grimsby's spirit.

MAIL ON SUNDAY

Barnes
closes
the door

Leeds 2 Grimsby 1

PETER Barnes, the Leeds and former England winger angered Grimsby by hampering their promotion efforts at Elland Road

The man who is finally adding consistency to his sparkling repertoire of skills, played a significant part in shunting Grimsby to their second defeat in 19 League games.

Barnes blended enterprisingly with the ageless Peter Lorimer and teenage starlet Scott Sellars, but the Mariners were their own worst enemies with some alarmingly careless finishing.

Leading scorer Kevin Drinkell missed two early opportunities when the Leeds defence looked hesitant, and squandering two equally acceptable second half chances.

Town came under the hammer in the second-half

VERDICT by
John Kirby

after giving as good as they were getting in the first. They equalised almost immediately after going behind and up to half-time were coping quite comfortably with Leeds attacks.

But it was a different story in the second-half where Leeds took a firm grip on the game and pushed Grimsby back. Barnes, the man who had criticised Grimsby as not being good enough to go up, had one of his good days and Speight was eventually booked for fouling him.

CLEVER DICK - ANSWERS

1. Hereford (population 47,000), 2. Barnsley St. Peters, 3. Norman Hunter, 4. Joe Richards, 5. Goalkeeper Clarrie Williams, 6. Ron Rafferty 1961-62, 34, 7. Sheffield Wednesday 28/12/76, 8. Mick Brolly, 9. Tim Ward, 10. Millwall (1936-37), Port Vale (1953-54), York (1954-55), Norwich (1958-59), Crystal Palace (1975-76).

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OPINION

There was a time when the Transfer Deadline was approached with feverish activity and spiralling money deals. Not any more. Britain may be coming out of the recession, but soccer, if the transfer market is a reliable barometer, could be said to be still bottoming out.

Take Derby central defender Paul Futcher. The game's worst kept secret is that he and boss Peter Taylor do not see eye to eye. A move has been on the cards all season, and County seemingly ditched by Robert Maxwell, need all the cash they can raise to keep the Inland Revenue at bay. Futcher was valued by the Rams at £40,000. Norwich made a £20,000 bid. Consider though the effects of the recession. Fifteen months ago Derby paid Oldham £135,000 for the defender. He had earlier left Luton for Man. City (£350,000) and cost Oldham £150,000.

But it is not just cash Derby are concerned about. Last week's home defeat by Brighton put them deeper in relegation trouble. After the ignoble F.A. Cup exit by Plymouth, keeper Steve Cherry, winger John Robertson, and Archie Gemmill who has given the side



STEVE CHERRY

some semblance of order were all dropped. The Rams looked ragged, and Brighton, even without the driving force of Irish midfielder Tony Grealish, transferred to West Brom earlier in the week were clearly the better side. Alan Young, the Seagulls close season signing from Sheffield United notched his ninth goal of the season - a fair return considering he missed a dozen games through injury.

The south coast side have picked up since Christmas, losing just three times in thirteen outings. But it is Fulham who are the in form side, having lost just once in the same period. The Cottagers have faced three promotion hopefuls in succession, and serving notice they will be back challenging at the top next season.

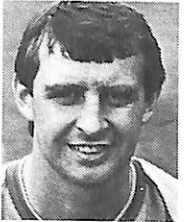
Fulham came within an ace of beating Newcastle, but had to settle for a 2-2 scoreline. A fortnight ago they were full value for the 1-1 draw at Hillsborough, and last Saturday thumped Man. City 5-1 at Craven Cottage. Gordon Davies rattled in a hat trick, and his co-striker Leroy Rosenior notched his fifth in as many games.

Davies now operates on the wing with the tall Rosenior and Dean Coney pushing down the middle. In reality Fulham play with five forwards for young full backs Cliff Carr and Paul Parker provide most of the crosses in the manner of old fashioned wingers.

The scoreline prompted City manager Billy McNeil to comment, "On our present form it might be just as well we do miss out on promotion".

Ace strikers Derek Parlane and Jim Tolmie returned to first team action after being rested, but lacked the sparkle of early season. Rumours were rife that McNeil was chasing Newport striker, 29 goal John Aldridge and City could well have a new forward in their line up for today's game with Cardiff.

The Welshmen have won their last three games under Acting Manager Jimmy Goodfellow, and last week comfortably accounted for a lacklustre Shrewsbury. Gay Meadow boss Graham Turner dropped Steve Cross and Brian Hackett but only stout defensive work from Wayne Williams and the veteran Colin Griffin kept the winning margin down to 2-0. Nigel Vaughan and Gordon Owen scored for the Bluebirds.



COLIN GRIFFIN

Newcastle central defender Steve Carney returned to the team for the derby game with Middlesbrough, turned in an impressive performance, but will be sidelined this afternoon as Jeff Clarke returns, for the visit to Shrewsbury. Several sides, Barnsley and Leeds included have been watching Carney with interest, but the former Blyth Spartan seems happy to stay at St. James' albeit in the Reserves.

Kelham O'Hanlon returned to the 'Boro goal after the proposed transfer of Man. United keeper Stephen Pears fell through. The youngster played a blinder, and could not be faulted for the Newcastle goals. One Middlesbrough player who may have regrets is Paul Sugrue. He squandered a fine chance to put the Teesiders in front minutes before Terry McDermott scored the Magpies' second goal.

Cambridge, doomed to relegation, fielded a side, average age 20, for the visit of Sheffield Wednesday. Ironically it was the Owls who seemed more under pressure than the youngsters who played with verve and commitment. Steve Spriggs netted for United, but Gary Bannister and Imre Varadi did their established double act, and put Wednesday joint top with Chelsea.

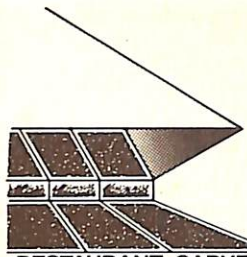
The Abbey Stadium team have now gone 24 games without a win, but if the spirit of those youngsters remain, then the future can only get better.

Swansea put up a plucky fight at Oldham drawing 3-3, only their 4th away point of the season. The South Wales side have not won a game away from home since May 1982 when they beat Nottingham Forest in the First Division.

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Saturday 17th March 1984)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Leading Scorers - League, Cups	League Gates Best Average
Chelsea	33	11	4	2	40	16	7	Dixon 24, Speedie 12, Nevin 7	35,147 19,497
Sheffield Wed.	31	12	3	1	40	15	7	Varadi 18, Bannister 17	41,134 21,271
Carlisle Utd.	32	10	5	2	24	8	6	Poskett 16, Shoulder 9, O'Riordan 6	14,756 5,927
Newcastle Utd.	31	11	2	2	36	15	7	Keegan 23, Waddle, Beardsley 13	36,506 28,398
Manchester C.	32	10	3	2	31	13	6	Parlane 17, Tolmie 14, Baker 6, Kinsey 5	41,862 27,444
Grimsby T.	32	9	5	1	27	11	6	Drinkell 15, Wilkinson 12, Ford 8, Waters 6	16,197 7,743
Blackburn R.	31	7	8	0	27	14	6	Garner 18, Thompson 7	18,199 7,797
Charlton Ath.	31	11	4	1	30	13	2	Hales 9, Moore 8, Robinson, Smith K. 6	14,393 6,595
Leeds United	31	10	2	4	26	15	3	McCluskey, Wright 8, Watson, Ritchie 7	30,806 16,030
Brighton	32	6	6	4	30	16	6	Connor 14, Young A. 9, Wilson 8, Ryan 7	20,874 12,466
Portsmouth	32	6	1	8	31	23	6	Hateley 21, Biley 14, Dillon 10, Morgan 8	18,852 14,052
Huddersfield T.	31	6	4	5	16	14	4	Lillis 13, Russell 8, Stanton 7, Stonehouse 6	23,497 10,018
Cardiff City	31	9	1	5	24	18	4	Owen 10, Vaughan, Baird 6	14,580 6,808
Shrewsbury T.	32	8	4	3	22	14	2	Petts 8, MacLaren, Brown 6	9,471 4,552
Fulham	32	6	5	5	28	21	3	Davies 19, Rosenior 8, Tempest 5	24,787 8,926
Oldham Ath.	32	8	5	4	26	21	2	Palmer 12, Cross 7, Ward 5	9,269 5,640
Barnsley	32	6	5	5	24	20	4	Geddis, Glavin 9, Gray 8	20,322 10,890
Middlesbrough	31	6	5	3	19	13	3	Currie 14, Otto, Sugrue 5	19,648 9,504
Crystal Palace	31	6	4	6	13	14	2	Evans 6, Hilaire, Giles, McCulloch 4	13,781 7,993
Derby County	31	5	5	7	19	26	2	Davison 13, Campbell, Plummer 4	18,691 14,121
Swansea City	33	5	3	9	13	21	0	Walsh, Gale 4	10,900 7,318
Cambridge U.	32	2	6	9	16	28	0	Cooke 7, Sinton 5	10,602 3,962



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- 1 **NIGEL BATCH**
Has been an ever present in four of the last five seasons — and could repeat the performance this year.
- 2 **BOB CUMMING**
Missed last week's trip to Leeds through suspension. Scored his first goal of the season in the last home game against Portsmouth.
- 3 **DEAN CROMBIE**
Almost broke the Pontoon end goalnet when scoring against Barnsley in April 1979.
- 4 **JOE WATERS**
Including Cup games made his 400th first team appearance for Town at Charlton a fortnight ago.
- 5 **CHRIS NICHOLL**
Has played in all four Divisions for Halifax, Luton, Aston Villa, Southampton and Grimsby.
- 6 **KEVIN MOORE**
Scored in that five goal thriller between the clubs on Good Friday 1982 when Town came back from the dead after being 2-0 down.
- 7 **TONY FORD**
Eight goals so far this season, and he has not missed a game. Born Grimsby joining the club from school.
- 8 **PAUL WILKINSON**
Scored his 12th of the season at Elland Road. Also netted at Oakwell last September.
- 9 **KEVIN DRINKELL**
Currently leading scorer with 15. His last minute effort earned a point at Charlton.
- 10 **PHIL BONNYMAN**
Started his career with Glasgow Rangers. Had spells with Hamilton, Carlisle, and Chesterfield before joining Town in 1982.
- 11 **PAUL EMSON**
Has not missed a game this season. Born Lincoln but went to school in Grimsby.
- 12

BARNSELY

Red Shirts, White Shorts



- 1 **ANDY RHODES**
Youngster who has taken his chance with both hands this season and made the goalkeeping jersey his own.
- 2 **JOE JOYCE**
Long-serving full-back who was born at Consett. Barnsley is his only club.
- 3 **PHIL CHAMBERS**
Barnsley through and through. Came through the apprentice ranks and has topped the 400 appearance mark this season.
- 4 **RONNIE GLAVIN**
Goal-scoring midfielder who was capped for Scotland while with Celtic.
- 5 **NICKY LAW**
Greenwich-born he was released by Arsenal after serving his apprenticeship.
- 6 **LARRY MAY**
Expensive signing from Leicester earlier this season. Strong, powerful centre half.
- 7 **MICK MCGUIRE**
Former Coventry and Norwich midfielder who cost Barnsley £30,000.
- 8 **GWYN THOMAS**
New signing from Leeds who made his debut in the 1-0 defeat at Swansea.
- 9 **CARL AIREY**
Youngster who returned to the side when they beat Shrewsbury 3-0 at Oakwell.
- 10 **DAVID GEDDIS**
Scored on his debut against Town back in September. Ex Ipswich and Aston Villa striker.
- 11 **WINSTON CAMPBELL**
Flying winger who was born in Sheffield.
- 12 **STUART GRAY**
Close-season signing from Nottingham Forest who also found the net in the Mariners' 3-1 defeat at Oakwell.

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