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## THE BUCKLEY BRIEF

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to tonight's game. Lennie Lawrence's side will provide tough opposition for us tonight, as we found out in our recent 2-2 draw with them at Kenilworth Road. It is not like us to lose a 2-0 lead, but Luton put us under a great deal of pressure in the closing stages and drew level. Lennie's teams always look to play the game the right way and I am sure they will come here tonight to give us a good game of football.

The Wembley factor around the town continues to snowball. It appears that almost the whole of Grimsby and Cleethorpes will desert the town on that Sunday - they might as well close all the shops! Myself and the players are fully aware of what a magnificent prospect the day is, but I can only repeat what I have stated before. We have vital league games between now and then and must be fully concentrated on each and every game as it comes along.

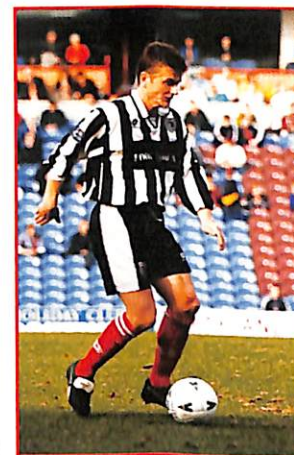
It is important we do our own job properly and don't rely on other teams to do us favours.

This club has never shouted about what we are going to do - we have simply done our very best and will continue to do so for the good of Grimsby Town.

It was interesting to note that I was hopelessly misquoted in a National newspaper after our defeat at Burnley. It read that I had said we were now only playing for a play-off place but my only comment was that it was difficult chasing Bristol City and Watford and losing at Burnley would make it more so. I sometimes think journalists dream up the occasional story! As I said earlier, we will simply continue to do our very best and I will make sure the players are very focused on the job in hand.

Thanks for your excellent support. I hope you enjoy tonight's game.

*Alan Buckley*



**Jim Dobbin - back in Mariners colours for a second spell after re-joining the club on transfer deadline day.**

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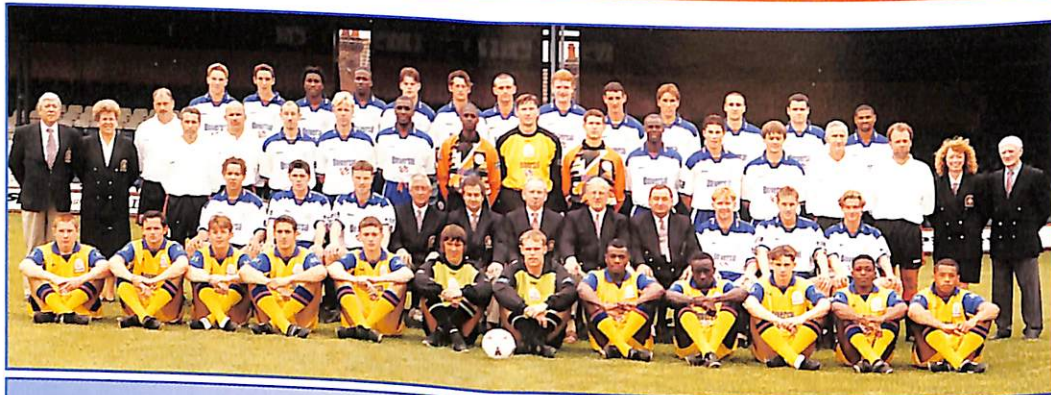
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# WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

# LUTON TOWN



Luton Town Football club

**Back Row (L to R):** Robert Kean, Sean Evers, Stuart Douglas, Steve Augustine, Andrew Barr, Paul McLaren, Simon Davies, Gary Doherty, Matthew Spring, Ian Jones, Andrew Fotiadis, Richard Harvey, Dwight Marshall.

**Standing (L to R):** Bob Bird (Financial Controller), Cherry Newbery (Club Secretary), Clive Goodyear (Physio), Paul Lowe (Youth Development Officer), Wayne Turner (First-Team Coach), Paul Showler, David Oldfield, Trevor Peake (Reserve Team Coach), Kathy Leather (Commercial Manager), Les Shannon (Scouting Co-ordinator).

**Seated:** Liam George, Tony Thorpe, Steve Davis, Nigel Terry (Director), David Kohler (Chairman), Lennie Lawrence (Manager), Cliff Bassett (Director), Chris Green (Director), Gary Waddock, Julian James, Terry Sweeney.

**Front Row:** Jimmy Cox, Russell Lawes, Stuart Fraser, Darren Howe, James Ayres, Daniel Tate, Nick Webb, Emerson Boyce, Moses Jerry, Michael McInroe, Andre Scarlett, Delroy McKay



**LENNIE LAWRENCE - Manager**  
Lennie Lawrence was appointed manager of Luton Town in December 1995, following the departure of Terry Westley.

A player with non-league Croydon, Garshalton Athletic and Sutton United, Mr Lawrence was an assistant manager at Plymouth, where he was also caretaker manager, and at Lincoln, before becoming manager of Charlton Athletic in 1982, having initially joined the Addicks as reserve team coach.

Charlton finished as runners-up in Division Two in 1985/86 earning promotion to the top flight after an absence of 29 years. In the following season they were involved in the first promotion/relegation play-offs, overcoming second division Leeds United in extra-time in a dramatic play-off final replay, but were relegated in 1990.

Mr Lawrence left Charlton in 1991, after nine years with the club which at the time made him the third longest-serving manager in the country behind Nottingham Forest's Brian Clough and Oldham's Joe Royle.

He headed north to Middlesbrough, where he took the Teeside club into the FA Premier League in 1992 in his first season with them. They returned to Division One in 1993, and Mr Lawrence left in 1994, when Bryan Robson took over at Ayresome Park. He then joined Bradford in May 1994, leaving Valley Parade in November of this year. He is the 21st manager in the history of Luton Town.

Unable to keep Luton in Division One in his first season in charge, he guided them to the Division Two play-offs in 06/97. After Christmas 1996 the Hatters were rarely out of the top three, but lost out to eventually promoted Crewe in the two-legged play-off semi-finals.

**CLIVE GOODYEAR - Physiotherapist**  
Clive is back at Kenilworth Road for the second time in his career, having been a member of the Hatters' Second Division championship winning squad of 1982. Clive moved to Plymouth, and then to Wimbledon where he won an FA Cup winners' medal in 1988.

Within three years his career was over through injury and he became a qualified physiotherapist. He joined the Town in 1993/94, as assistant to Andy McDade, and took the full physio post during the summer of 1994.

**WAYNE TURNER - First Team Coach**

Wayne returned to Kenilworth Road in the 1992/93 season, having previously represented the club as a player between 1977 and 1985. During that period he made 84 league appearances and scored 2 goals as the Hatters climbed from Division Two to Division One. In 1985 he joined Coventry City before seeing out his playing days with Brentford and Barnet. He was appointed reserve team coach at Luton in 1992 by David Pleat, following a coaching spell at Barnet. Lennie Lawrence appointed him first-team coach in January 1996.

**JOHN MOORE - Youth Team Coach**  
A former Luton manager, John returned to the Hatters coaching staff in 1990, 25 years after his signing from Motherwell. He made 263 appearances for the Town between 1965 and 1974, and was a leading figure in the promotion seasons of 1968 and 1970. He returned to Luton as youth coach in 1978 and was promoted to first team manager in 1986, seventh in the 1986/87 season. He stood down after one season, but returned to where David Pleat was manager. John rejoined Luton in 1990 as reserve team coach under Jim Ryan, and following a spell as first-team coach under David Pleat, he this season takes charge of the Town's youth side.

**LUTON TOWN**  
(Appearance and goal figures as at the start of the 97/98 season)

**PAUL SHOWLER - Midfield/Forward**  
Born: Doncaster 10.10.66  
Signed in August 1996, from Bradford City where he played under current Luton boss Lennie Lawrence. Played non-league football for Altrincham and Barnet, with league appearances for the latter following their promotion from the Conference. Scored his first goal for the Hatters on the 3-1 win over Walsall in October 1996. Suffered with injuries at the start of the 97/98 campaign.

**KELVIN DAVIS - Goalkeeper**  
Born: Bedford 29.9.76  
Kelvin is a highly-rated keeper who made his league debut for the Hatters on the final day of the 1993/94 season in a 2-2 draw at Stoke. He spent a month on loan at Torquay in September/October 1994, before winning a place in the Luton starting line-up in March. With Juergen Sommer on international duty, Kelvin

made his home debut in the televised 'derby' with Watford, saving a penalty in the 1-1 draw. He kept his place until the end of the season, and also won two England youth caps. Paul was selected for the England Under-21 squad for the Toulon Tournament in June 1995. Signed new four-year contract in June 1995, and was again in England Under-21 squads throughout the 95/96 season. Went on loan to Hartlepool in August 1997, but was recalled following the injury to Ian Feuer.

**IAN FEUER - Goalkeeper**  
Born: Las Vegas 20.5.71  
Ian signed for the Hatters from West Ham in December 1995, for a fee which could rise to £580,000 depending on appearances. The 6ft 7ins American arrived at Luton in September, and spent three months on loan. Was Luton's Player of the Year for the 95/96 season. At West Ham he was understudy to Luděk Mikloško, but never played a first team game, and due to restrictions on overseas players was kept off the bench by Les Sealey. His Luton debut wasn't his league debut though, as he was on loan at Peterborough in 1994/95, playing 16 games in Division Two. Spotted by West Ham playing in Belgium, although he actually signed from Los Angeles Salsa. Regular for the Hatters in 96/97, but suffered a serious shoulder injury in August 1997.

**SIMON DAVIES - Midfield**  
Born: Middlewich 23.4.74  
Joined the Hatters from Manchester United in the summer of 1997, after only rare appearances in the Old Trafford first-team. Made 11 league appearances for the Reds, and also played six matches during a loan spell at Exeter. Scored for United in a European Cup match v Galatasaray in December 1994, when they won 4-0, and also played in the 3-1 defeat in Gothenburg.

**RICHARD HARVEY - Defender**  
Born: Letchworth 17.4.69  
Richard resurrected his Town career in 1994/95 after two years plagued by injury. Made his first league appearance in the Anglo Italian Cup defeat in Cesena in November 1995. Went on loan to Preston in October 1996 and won his place back in the Northern Ireland squad at the end of 96/97. Ruled out with an ankle injury at the start of the 97/98 season.

Was given a free transfer at the end of last season, but remains on month-to-month contract.



**JULIAN JAMES - Defender**  
Born: Tring 22.3.70  
Julian joined Luton as a trainee, and was introduced to First Division football in 1988, but was sent off on his full debut in a Littlewoods Cup win at Leeds in November of that year. A former England Under-21 international, he was a regular at left-back in the 1993/94 season, but made the right-back position his own in 1994/95 with a string of consistent displays which earned him the Player of the Year award from the Loyal Luton Supporters Club.

Was in and out of the side at the start of the 95/96 campaign, before an extended run at right-back after Christmas. Granted a benefit match in 1996. Regular at right-back during 96/97.

**MARVIN JOHNSON - Defender**  
Born: Wembley 29.10.68  
Marvin made his Football League debut against Wimbledon in 1988, and quickly established himself as a versatile defender. Started the 1994/95 season at left-back, but then switched to the centre of defence to form a reliable partnership with Trevor Peake. Marvin was one of only three players to play in every first-team match in 94/95 season, and was awarded the Players' Player of the Year trophy. He was again a consistent performer in 95/96 at centre-back, alongside Steve Davis for the most part, and Darren Patterson. Similarly in 96/97.

**PAUL McLAREN - Midfield**  
Born: High Wycombe 17.11.76  
Paul made his debut in the Town first-team on the final day of the 1993/94 season, coming on as a substitute at Stoke City. He joined the Hatters from school, and is an England youth international. Started as a centre-half, but spent much of the 1994/95 season in the reserves in centre midfield. Made his full debut at Tranmere in October 1995, and then played in the Anglo-Italian Cup game in Genoa. Was an able deputy for Gary Waddock and/or Ceri Hughes in 96/97, and is set to be a regular this term.

**MITCHELL THOMAS - Defender**  
Born: Luton 2.10.64  
The former England Under-21 international made over 100 appearances for Luton before moving to Spurs, shortly after David Pleat, in 1986. He played in the 1987 FA Cup Final, and later moved to West Ham. He was on loan at Luton in the 1993/94 season before a permanent free transfer move, and after missing the start of the season through suspension was a regular at left-back in the 1994/95 campaign. Recalled by new manager Lennie Lawrence in December 1995, and responded with an ever-present record until the end of the season. Was regular left-back during the 96/97 campaign, but underwent a hernia operation just after the start of the 97/98 campaign.

**DARREN PATTERSON - Defender**  
Born: Belfast 15.10.66  
Darren signed for the Hatters in August 1995 from Crystal Palace for £150,000, a fee which could rise to over £200,000 based on appearances. The Northern Ireland international started his league career with Wigan, and joined Palace for £250,000 in 1992. An Achilles injury ruled him out of the first two months of the season, and kept him out of Northern Ireland's final European Championship qualifying match in Luton in the Anglo Italian Cup defeat in Cesena in November 1995. Went on loan to Preston in October 1996 and won his place back in the Northern Ireland squad at the end of 96/97. Ruled out with an ankle injury at the start of the 97/98 season.

**DWIGHT MARSHALL - Forward**  
Born: Jamaica 3.10.65  
Dwight signed in the summer of 1994 from Plymouth for £150,000, after scoring 14 goals for



Peter Shilton's side the previous season - his third campaign at Home Park after playing non-league football with Grays Athletic. Started well for Luton, with two goals in the 5-1 win over Middlesbrough in October and despite being troubled by a shin injury late in the season he finished as the Hatters' leading scorer with 13 goals in league and cup. Scored 13 goals in 95/96, but suffered a broken leg in February 1996, ruling him out for the rest of the season. Returned in November 1996.



**GRAHAM ALEXANDER - Defender/Midfield**  
Born: Coventry 10.10.71  
Graham joined the Hatters in July 1995, and was Terry Westley's first signing after being confirmed as Luton's new manager. The Town coaching staff had been watching him for two seasons before deciding to make their move, with the fee in the region of £100,000, with further payments depending on appearances.

A regular on the right-hand side of midfield, he played in all but one of Luton's league and cup matches in the 96/97 season.

**TREVOR PEAKE - Defender**  
Born: Nuneaton 10.2.57  
Trevor started his league career at Lincoln City in 1979, before moving on to Coventry City in 1983. He enjoyed eight full seasons at Highfield Road, winning an FA Cup winners' medal in 1987 as the Sky Blues beat David Pleat's Tottenham 3-2 at Wembley. Trevor joined Luton for £100,000 in August 1991, and signed a new one-year contract in the summer of 1994. For the first time in his career he maintained an ever-present record throughout the season, being voted the Supporters' Club Player of the Year, and signed a further one-year deal in the summer of 1995, and was appointed reserve team coach during the 95/96 season. Beat his own record as Luton's oldest ever player, when he came on as a substitute against Wrexham in September 1997.

**SEAN EVERS - Midfield**  
Born: Hitchin 6.9.77  
Sean made his first-team debut in the Anglo-Italian Cup match against Perugia in September, making his league debut in the final home match of the season. Made one league appearance in 96/97.

**PHIL GRAY - Forward**  
Born: Belfast 2.10.68  
First signed for Luton in August 1991, but missed most of the season due to injury as the Hatters were relegated from the top flight. Scored 20 goals in the new Division One the following season, and was subsequently transferred to Sunderland for £800,000 in July 1993. Had three seasons at Roker Park, before moving to France to play for Nancy - a free transfer under the Bosman ruling - and from there he moved to Dutch side Fortuna Sittard. Returned to Luton in September 1997 for £400,000. A regular in the Northern Ireland squad.

**ALAN WHITE - Defender**  
Born: Darlington 22.3.76  
Joined the Hatters from Middlesbrough for £40,000 in September 1997 - a fee rising to £90,000 on appearances. Was signed for Boro by Lennie Lawrence as a teenager, having signed schoolboy forms with Derby County, but never made a senior appearance at Ayresome Park/the Riverside Stadium. Made his Luton Town debut in the Coca-Cola Cup at West Brom in September 1997.

**DAVID OLDFIELD - Midfielder/Forward**  
Born: Perth, Australia 30.5.68  
David returned to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1995, six years after leaving Luton Town. He started his career with the Hatters, progressing through the junior ranks to a two-goal senior debut

in a 2-1 Simod Cup win at Everton in February 1988. He also scored on his full league debut in a 2-1 home win over Watford in May 1988, and went on to make 29 league appearances for the Hatters, scoring four goals. Australian-born Oldfield, who played for England Under-21s, joined Manchester City for £600,000 in March 1989, before moving on to Leicester City.

**GARY WADDOCK - Midfield**  
Born: Alperton 17.3.62  
Gary completed a free transfer move from Bristol Rovers in December 1994, after a three-month loan spell at Kenilworth Road. Started his career with QPR making over 200 appearances, including an FA Cup Final against Spurs in 1982, and the subsequent replay. That was followed by a spell in Belgium with Charleroi as Gary recovered from a serious knee injury, and he also had spells at Millwall, QPR again, and Swindon, before moving to Bristol. Gary missed only one game, through suspension, after joining the Hatters in 1994/95, and scored his first goal for the club on the final day of the season. His consistent displays in 95/96 were rewarded with the Players' Player of the Year Trophy. Team captain in 96/97 and 97/98.

**NATHAN ABBEY - Goalkeeper**  
Born: London 11.7.78  
Luton Schools player who joined the club as a YT in June 1994, playing for the youth and reserve sides. Made his senior debut in August 1997 in the Coca-Cola Cup against Colchester, following Ian Feuer's injury, and with Kelvin Davis in full-time.

**STEVE DAVIS - Defender**  
Born: Hexham 30.10.68  
Steve joined the Hatters in the summer of 1995 after making over 160 league appearances for Burnley, scoring 22 goals. He joined the Turf Moor side in August 1991 for £60,000 from Southampton, after loan spells at Burnley and Notts County. He captained Burnley during their rise up the league into Division One, and played in both their victories over Luton in the 1994/95 season. Was a commanding figure for the Hatters in 95/96, but again suffered the agony of relegation as Luton, like Burnley the previous season, dropped out of Division One. Regular in the centre of defence last season.

**ANDREW FOTIADIS - Forward**  
Born: Hitchin 6.9.77  
Andrew joined the Hatters on a full-time basis in the summer of 1996, aged 18, after staying on at school to complete his A Levels. He had been a regular member of the youth and reserve sides in the preceding two seasons, and won England Schoolboy caps at Under 15 and Under 18 levels. Made a good impression in early league games, signing an extension to his contract in October 1996, and celebrated with his first goal for Luton in the 3-1 win over Walsall. Suffered with injury in his first season, and also at the start of the 97/98 campaign.

**GARY DOHERTY - Striker/Defender**  
Born: Donegal, Eire 31.1.80  
Made his first-team debut as a substitute against Millwall in September 1997, whilst still a youth team player. Born in Eire but educated in Luton, playing for the Luton Schools and Beds County teams. Has represented Eire at Under 18 level, playing at centre-half where he started in the Luton youth side before being switched up front as an emergency striker.



**STUART DOUGLAS - Striker**  
Born: London 9.4.78  
After an impressive scoring record in youth and reserve team football, Stuart made his first-team debut, as a second year trainee, against Oldham in November 1995, and scored after 41 minutes. Injuries gave him a chance to press his claims for a starting place at the start of the 97/98 campaign, and he responded with the winner in the televised game against Southend in August.

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Grimsby Town fans will be given the chance to bid for a signed club shirt later this season when the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association launches its "Put Your Shirt on a Dog" campaign.

Aiming to raise many thousands of pounds, the campaign is the brainchild of two avid football supporters, Tom Watt - alias Lofty from the early days of Eastenders - and Guide Dog owner Wayne Busbridge. A total of 93 shirts will be up for grabs in what will be the world's largest auction of signed football kit. The shirts have been donated by every one of the country's Premier and Nationwide league clubs as well as the England team. Bidding will be by telephone and phone lines will be open from Saturday April 11th to Sunday July 18th for people to place their bids. Each club will have its own number; Grimsby Town fans can get their hands on their signed team shirt by calling 0709 1009655. These calls are charged at 12 1/2 pence at the weekend, 25 pence in

the evening and 37 1/2 pence during the day. All proceeds from the auction will go to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. It costs over £25,000 to train each Guide Dog and its owner, so every penny helps! successful bidders will be notified later this summer. So go on, help one of the nation's favourite charities by putting your shirt on a dog!

For more details and a full list of bid line numbers just call the "Put Your Shirt On A Dog" Information Line on 0930 122822. These calls are charged at 50p per minute.



**IN RESERVE**

Welcome to tonight's game against Luton Town. Last week saw the reserves entertain Middlesbrough who had a number of experienced players on show. The game itself was a very lively one with plenty of good football played but unfortunately ended 0-0. After a fairly even first half we then had the better of the second period, but our final ball in the last third just let us down. Their keeper then made three good saves in the last ten minutes to keep the scores level. All credit to the lads who coupled their good football with the hard work that goes with it. For the first time I added a bit of pressure to the team as they chase Sunderland and Leicester City who are at the top, with us being 5 points behind in third. Whatever happens it has been a great achievement to find us where we are, considering the number of young players we regularly field and also the size of the clubs we play against. All credit to those who play.

Enjoy the Game.

*Cockers*

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Good evening and welcome to the game

### Easter Soccer Courses

We are currently in the first week of our Easter coaching programme. The first course of the two week programme in Market Rasen was completed today where 80 children have participated in football coaching and fun game. The rest of the Easter programme is as follows:-

Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th April  
Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th April

Lough, London Road Sports Association  
Grimsby, Waltham Toll Bar School  
(Sponsored by NAT WEST Bank)  
Brigg, Sir John Nelthorpe School

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th April

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control the Girls Football Course at Waltham Toll Bar on the 20th April 1998 has had to be cancelled. Waltham Toll Bar School are now starting back to school a day earlier than planned and therefore we are unable to access their facilities to operate the course. It is hoped that another Girls Football Course will be planned in the near future. Sorry for any disappointment this may have caused.

Haven Holidays are kindly sponsoring the soccer course again this Easter holidays. Each child will receive a discount voucher so they can attend a Haven Holiday Camp, so mums and dads can relax on a well deserved holiday. All the children that attend the courses will have their names entered into a prize draw, and the winner will be awarded with a free holiday at any Haven Holiday Camp throughout the United Kingdom, during selected periods.

The Grimsby, Waltham Toll Bar course has also been kindly sponsored by the National Westminster Bank and the Football in the Community Scheme extends its thanks to them for their continued support. All the courses will run from 10.00am through to 3.00pm and will cost £12.00 for the two days. Places for all the courses are filling up, so if you wish to attend any of the courses please return your forms as soon as possible or contact the Community Office on 291776.

### Raising the Game

Grimsby Town Football Club and The Football in the Community hosted the 'Sport - Raising the Game' open meeting at the club on Monday 23rd March. The meeting was organised in conjunction with N.E. Lincolnshire Council's Leisure Services Department was intended to provide information and advice to adults and children interested in sport and how to develop in coaching and sports administration. Overall the meeting was a tremendous success with many young people benefiting from the opportunity to talk to those with the relevant knowledge in the sports arena.

### Lough Mini Mariners

A new initiative for the Football in the Community Scheme in the Lough area is coming to the end of its initial trial period. The Lough Mini Mariners has been running on a Saturday morning for a six week period and has proved tremendously successful, providing football coaching to fifty young footballers aged five to eight. Because of the success of the scheme it is scheduled to continue after the Easter break, with the first week of activities taking place on Saturday 25th April 1998. The club will operate throughout the academic year, with rest period during the school holidays. Anyone interested in adding their name, or their child's name to the register should contact the community office as soon as possible.

### Half Time Tournament

Tonight's half time entertainment is provided by Progressive Boys 'A' and William Lovell School. This is the second semi final of the competition and we wish both teams all the best as they seek to progress into the final.



Participants in the half time 6-a-side football match reached the semi-finals v Middleton Boys.

### Penalty Competition

Tonight we are also providing some extra half time entertainment in the form of a penalty competition. In the summer of 1997 we ran several soccer coaching courses throughout the area and at each venue we presented awards for an achiever of the course. This award was given to the person who, in the eyes of the coaches, had applied themselves to the coaching sessions the best and who had developed their skills over the length of the course. Each of the children will take five penalties and the winner will receive tickets to the final game of the season for themselves and their family. The participating children are as follows:-

- 1 Tessa Madden, Market Rasen
- 2 Richard Drakes, Lough
- 3 James Willis, Grimsby
- 4 Craig Allen, Immingham
- 5 Abigail Bennett, Skegness



Players from GTFC Football in the Community Skills Centre. With Matt and Damo from F.I.C. staff.

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

Tonight's GOFERS are provided by Discoveries Continental Under twelves. I hope they enjoy their night at Blundell Park.

### WELCOME

The Football in the Community Programme would like to welcome two new Training for Work trainees. Gavin Osborn and David Overan have both recently joined the Football in the Community for a period of six months to both assist on the scheme and to gain their F.A. Coaching Certificate. Welcome to them both and good luck in their studies.

### Muppetto Update

Gavin has not had the best of starts to his lunch time three-a-side games. He's had the shirt on three occasions in three weeks, taking his to join second with Wraithy, but still trailing Damo with five. Keep you posted to the end of the season. See you next time

*Julian*


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## NEWSDESK

### Happy Birthday, Victoria Blake!

Victoria is an under graduate student at Christ Church College, University of Kent, despite being on a low budget, she follows the Mighty Mariners home and away whenever possible, and what better way can she celebrate her 21st birthday tonight than at her home ground of Blundell Park. Victoria has always followed the Mariners since the age of seven alongside her father Ray and sister Hannah and Louisa.




Victoria pictured with Nigel Batch back in 1987

She was one of the first girl mascots for the Mariners on February 14th 1987 against Reading.

She recently travelled nearly 1000 miles round trip to see the Mariners play at Anfield and shall certainly be cheering the lads on at Wembley with the rest of her family and friends.



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**Thanks Bob**  
Prior to tonight's match there will be a presentation on the pitch to Mr Bob Jones in recognition of his hard work and enthusiasm in supporting the Club Grand National Draw for 10 years. Everyone at Grimsby Town wishes to thank Bob for his efforts.




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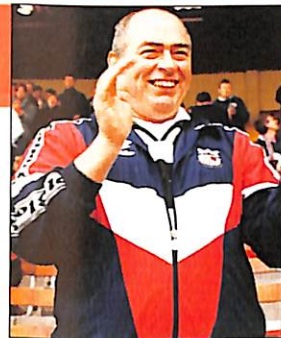
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## ON THE ROAD WITH KIRKY (AGAIN!)

Turf Moor again for Kirky and despite the defeat, he still manages this amusing report.....

Burnley v Grimsby Town  
While waiting for the team bus, we had the 'pleasure' of meeting someone very special - 'The World's Most Depressed Man'. He made Les Dawson look like a veritable optimist. He was a Claret's fan, but started off by saying what a wonderful team Town have (kiss of death every time!). Gradually, he talked less of Town's wonderful team, and more of Burnley's inept season, which would lead to the Third Division, defeat by Halifax (more than he could bear), more defeat by Rochdale, Hartlepool, et al, relegation to the Vauxhall Conference, the East Lancashire League, the Accrington Under 11s third division, and the end of the world. All this to be achieved by a week next Tuesday. He decided to go for a drink to drown his sorrows, but returned minutes later, because one of his (even more depressed) friends couldn't sell her raffle tickets, would we buy a book? We were so close to tears at his tales of woe, we'd have bought the clothes off his back, his house, his dog AND his Missus if he'd asked. He then wanted the autographs of every Town player starting with 'D' (for depression) - Davison, Donovan, Dobbin, and Dave (Smith).

Scotty confused the cafe staff somewhat by asking for a carton of Pink Icelandic Glacier Water a la Volcanic Ash. The young lady was somewhat perplexed, never having sampled this delight at Shrewsbury or Bournemouth (wonder if it's on sale at Wembley?). I have it on good authority that this used to be brought back to Grimsby in the bilges of mid-water trawlers when the pumps weren't working, but that's just another delicacy lost to the town with the demise of the fishing industry. Helen intends to buy a lorry load when she next finds it on sale, as she's sure it will do her aspidistra a power of good.

A couple of Wembley stories heard at Burnley: Shares in Wilkinson Sword and Old Spice have shot up again now that Terry Hall has promised to remove his beard if we gain promotion. He has also agreed to sort out a new colour scheme for Wembley by colouring his beard in halves - one black one, one white one....

Sol told us of how he was about to achieve his moment of stardom in front of YTV's cameras in the ticket queue - but blew it in a big way. As the crew made their way up the line, each punter was asked the same question: 'How long have you been here?' ... "Five hours and I want six tickets." "Four and a half hours, and I want ten tickets." "Four and a quarter hours, and I want three tickets." "And Sol what about you? How long have you been here?" "Thirty years - I was born here mate!" "CUT! CUT!"

It was good to see St James getting off the bus at Burnley - Welcome back, Jim! Then there was Doug Collins, now a preacher in America, and as far as I could judge with my eyesight, no different from when he strolled along the touchline on the receiving end of the 'humour' emanating from the Barratts Stand.

The away stand had a good number of Town supporters - obviously not as many as for the match ten days earlier, money doesn't stretch THAT far! As for the regulars, their finances are beginning to make the National Debt look like loose change! You would have thought Gordon Brown would have added an extra category in his recent budget: HUSBAND/WIFE, TWO KIDS AND GRIMSBY TOWN TO SUPPORT.

And so to the game. Terrific excitement right the way through - probably the best goal we have had scored against us, a flash of inspiration from Jack, and then lots of goalmouth incident. Finally, Keith said the forbidden words: "Just watch Payton score against us, again!" and Hey Presto he did! If only Keith could have kept quiet for another ten minutes, we'd have won!

I wonder if my Burnley friend is now slightly less depressed? I hope not, it seemed that that was all he had to live for!

Distance travelled: 312 miles  
Total to date: 8423 miles (28 matches)

**AWAY TRAVEL V WYCOMBE WANDERERS  
ADAMS PARK KICK OFF 3.00pm FRIDAY 10th  
APRIL 1998**

The good news is that Adams Park is easy to find - well-signposted and away from the city centre. The bad news is that it's on an industrial estate, in the middle of what one fan described as 'the country's largest alcohol-free zone'. In other words, there are no pubs nearby - well, not any that welcome visiting fans. The second problem is that Adams Park is at the end of a cul-de-sac, which tunnels traffic and pedestrians into a dead end.

### HOW TO GET THERE

**BY CAR:** From all directions: Exit M40 at Junction 4 (5/p A404 Wycombe, Marlow). At motorway roundabout, follow signs to Aylesbury A4010, picking up first sign to Wycombe Wanderers FC. Straight over three roundabouts and down a long hill - a total of 2.3 miles. At first of two mini-roundabouts turn left into Lane End Road. At next roundabout, after 0.5 miles, turn right (5/p Industrial Estate) into Hillbottom Road.

After the game, follow the yellow AA signs into the direct traffic back to the M40, avoiding the town centre and some of the worst jams.

**FROM RAILWAY STATION** (High Wycombe) 2.0 miles as the crow flies, further as the human walks. By taxi: About £5. By bus: The club runs special buses from the railway station; at 1355 and 1425 on Saturdays, and 1835 and 1840 for midweek games. They call in at the bus station in the Octagon Centre at 1400, 1430, 1905 and 1910. The journey takes about 15 minutes.

### PARKING

The car-park at the ground is not usually open to away fans. Sometimes the club has access to a nearby field, and charges 50p - but beware, there's only one way out. There is also parking around the industrial units (free or minimal charge). For a quicker getaway, park off the Hillbottom Estate completely, and instead try Roundwood Road. In all cases, arrive early to avoid a long hike to the ground. Information supplied by Football Fans Guide

### OUR NEXT VISITORS

The Easter Monday match at Blundell Park sees the Mariners taking on Bristol Rovers, another side with play off ambition this season. The Pirates have made it a "Bristol-double" in the top places of Division Two for much of the season, but whilst the red half of the City look all set for automatic promotion and are in with a real shout of the championship, the blue sector of Bristol will be happy if they can steer themselves into the play-offs. Whilst their away record is as good as most of their rivals, it is their form at home (or Memorial Ground at Bristol Rugby Union to be exact) that has let them down, with 8 defeats on their own soil, at the time of writing. Last Saturday they were in action at Millwall and will have been hopeful of a good result to take them into the Easter period. Good Friday sees them at home to Wigan Athletic whilst the Mariners travel to Wycombe Wanderers.

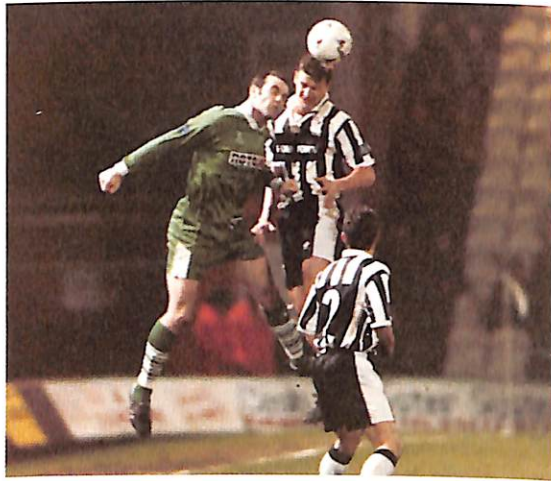
Ian Holloway is the man in charge at Rovers and he still looks to take a playing role at the Club as well using his experience of spells at Wimbledon, Brentford, Bristol Rovers (played under Gerry Francis) and QPR to help the younger players at the Club. Former Mariner Andy Tilson is part of the Pirates defence and indeed captains the side. Other squad members include Gary Penrice, Jamie Careton (ex Norwich City) and ever dangerous Barry Hayles. Holloway's side will be smarting from the 4-0 defeat, the Mariner, handed out in the Memorial Ground meeting back in December when goals from Tony Gallimore, Steve Livingstone (2) and Kevin Donovan gave Town their best away result of the campaign to date. As the season draws to its close, the tension builds. It promises to be an exciting match. See you there!

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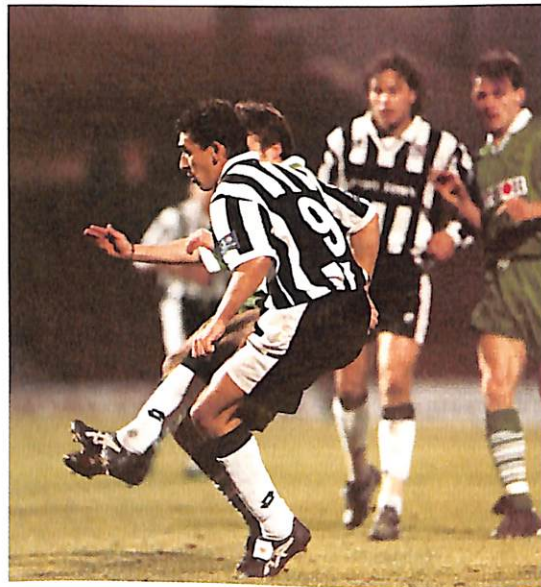
# LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

## Grimsby Town 1 Plymouth Argyle 0

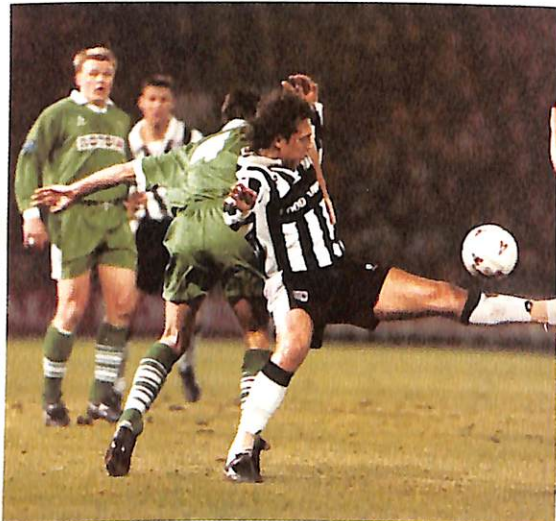
*Nationwide League Division Two,  
Tuesday 24th March 1998, Blundell Park*



1. Mark Lever outstanding at the heart of the defence outjumps the Plymouth attack during the first half. John McDermott looks on



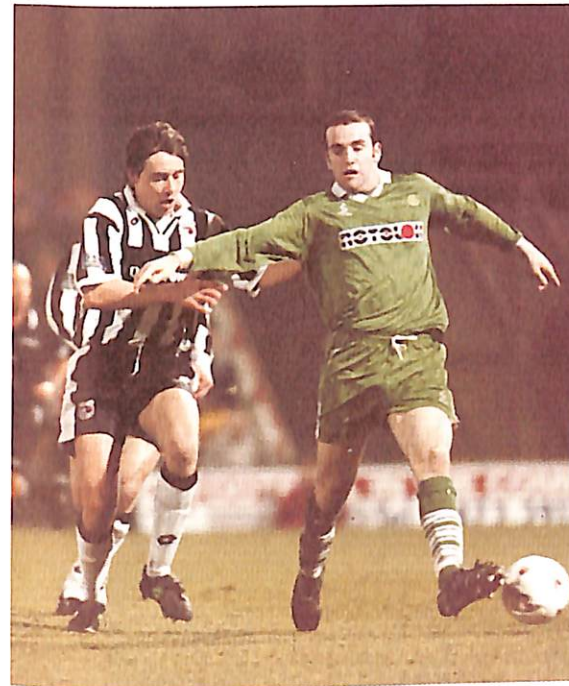
2. Lee Nogan forced a tremendous save from the Pilgrims keeper on 18 minutes. Here he is battling for possession outside the area



3. This midfield battle sees Wayne Burnett at full stretch.



4. Panic in the Argyle penalty area as Steve Livingstone (grounded) is thwarted as Town look for the all-important goal.



5. The visitors attack was never a real threat superbly marshalled by Peter Handyside & co.



7. Towns top scorer runs at the defence. He was soon to provide the vital cross for Paul Groves to nod in the winner.



6. Jack Lester looks to get in behind the defence.



8. "Nice cross Kev!". Jack Lester congratulates Donovan on his supply.

# PROGRAMME COLLECTING FOR NON-ANORAKS

## PART 22 - UP FOR THE CUP

"The Magic of the Cup", that special frisson of excitement which punctuates the weekly grind of League matches as winter takes its grip, is reflected in the collecting of programmes for cup ties. The contents, scarcity and collectability of cup tie programmes mark them out from normal league issues.

A cup tie gives programme editors an excuse to look back on past cup glories, and allows them to indulge in fantasies far removed from the reality of league position - asking the annual question - "Could this be our year?". When a bigger, more glamorous club comes to call, it is often the excuse to make an extra effort in terms of contents, cover design and size, and an increase in the number of pages, page size and inevitably, the cover price!

Such "specials" are under greater demand by both types of programme buyer - the casual purchaser at the match, who may not normally bother purchasing a league programme, but who is caught up in the cup tie hype; and the collector who will attempt to purchase "big match" or special programmes as a priority over the hundreds of ordinary League issues. As a consequence of the first, there may be fewer surplus programmes to satisfy collectors who did not attend the match. As a result of the second, demand will be greater than normal for an already restricted supply of cup tie programmes.

These collectable issues, therefore, will fetch higher sums than their contemporary league programmes. For programmes in the 1990s and 1980s, there will be probably be a premium

of 50p on the league price; £1 may be added for 1970s and 1960s League Cup and FA Cup issues, and expect to pay twice as much for 1950s and earlier Cup tie programmes, as you would for League match programmes of a similar vintage.

Cup tie programmes is an attractive set to collect because it comes in manageable numbers. Rather than committing yourself to collecting up to 20 League matches a season, a handful of cup ties each year will see the set completed far quicker - and to a much smaller budget. This would enable the collector with limited funds to spread the "age" of his collection more widely, and to add some expensive issues from the 1940s and 1950s, a few at a time. This could not be contemplated, financially, if every home programme were targeted, including league matches, when 1940s programmes are fetching upwards of £10 at auction.

By concentrating on the comparatively fewer Cup tie issues, the collector will be able to enjoy the competition of bidding by postal auction against other collectors, and the sensation of coming across a much sought after programme by rummaging through boxes at programme shops and fairs, or in sifting through the pages of programme dealers' catalogues.

*\*"Programme Monthly" contains up to 100 pages each month on all aspects of programme collecting, and is available priced £1.90 (inclusive of postage) from 46 Milton Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY1 1TL; or an introductory copy of a recent edition can be obtained by sending a 1st class stamp to that address.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

- \* Aston Villas Charlie Wallace was the first player ever to miss an FA Cup Final penalty. It was against Sunderland in 1913 but Villa still won 1-0.
- \* The corridors of Highbury are said to be haunted by the ghost of ex-Arsenal boss Herbert Chapman.
- \* Scottish winger Jimmy Johnstone was nicknamed "The Flea".
- \* Tom Finney was the first player to be named Footballer of the Year, twice.
- \* Millwall were once known as Rovers, then Athletic before settling on the single name.
- \* Rotherham United were once known as Thornhill United.
- \* Lincoln City were the first ever club to be automatically relegated from the Football League. They went down to the Vauxhall Conference in 1987, but won promotion back to the Football League again the very next season.
- \* Ipswich Town's players gained the first, second and third places in the PFA Player of the Year Awards in 1981.
- \* The final Home International Championship in 1986 was won by Northern Ireland.



# THE WINNING TEAM



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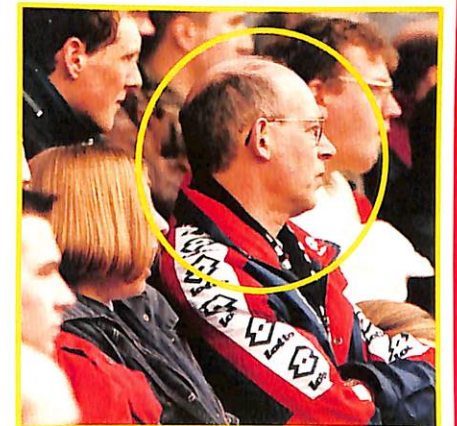
## ARE YOU THE JOHN SMITHS SMOOTHIE?

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Look out in the next Matchday Programme for another JOHN SMITHS SMOOTHIE  
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See page 25 for last match winner.



# WEMBLEY RE-VISITED FOR TOWN SKIPPER

Back at the club for his second spell, Paul Groves is performing as well as ever in the heart of the Mariners midfield. The skipper, with his strong forward runs, has found himself on the end of many a flowing move this season and has grabbed his fair share of goals from his midfield berth. He has notched twelve goals up to and including the Wrexham match and has been ever present in those 57 games as indeed he was an ever present in his previous spell at Blundell Park. He is one of the Mariners men who has tasted the Wembley experience before, once with non-league Burton Albion and twice with former club Blackpool. He experienced both the Wembley emotions with his visits with the Tangerines, losing the first play off final and then returning the following year to win promotion - both games going to penalty shoot-outs. But despite Sunday 19th April being his fourth visit, it will still be a very special day "Once the Bristol Rovers game is over, we can turn our attention to Wembley. That is when the magnitude of the day will hit the players and then on the day itself, the first step out of the tunnel is an unbelievable feeling" says the captain. "However when all is said and done, it is a game that we want to win to make it a really memorable day."

## Grovsie gives his answers

### PERSONAL

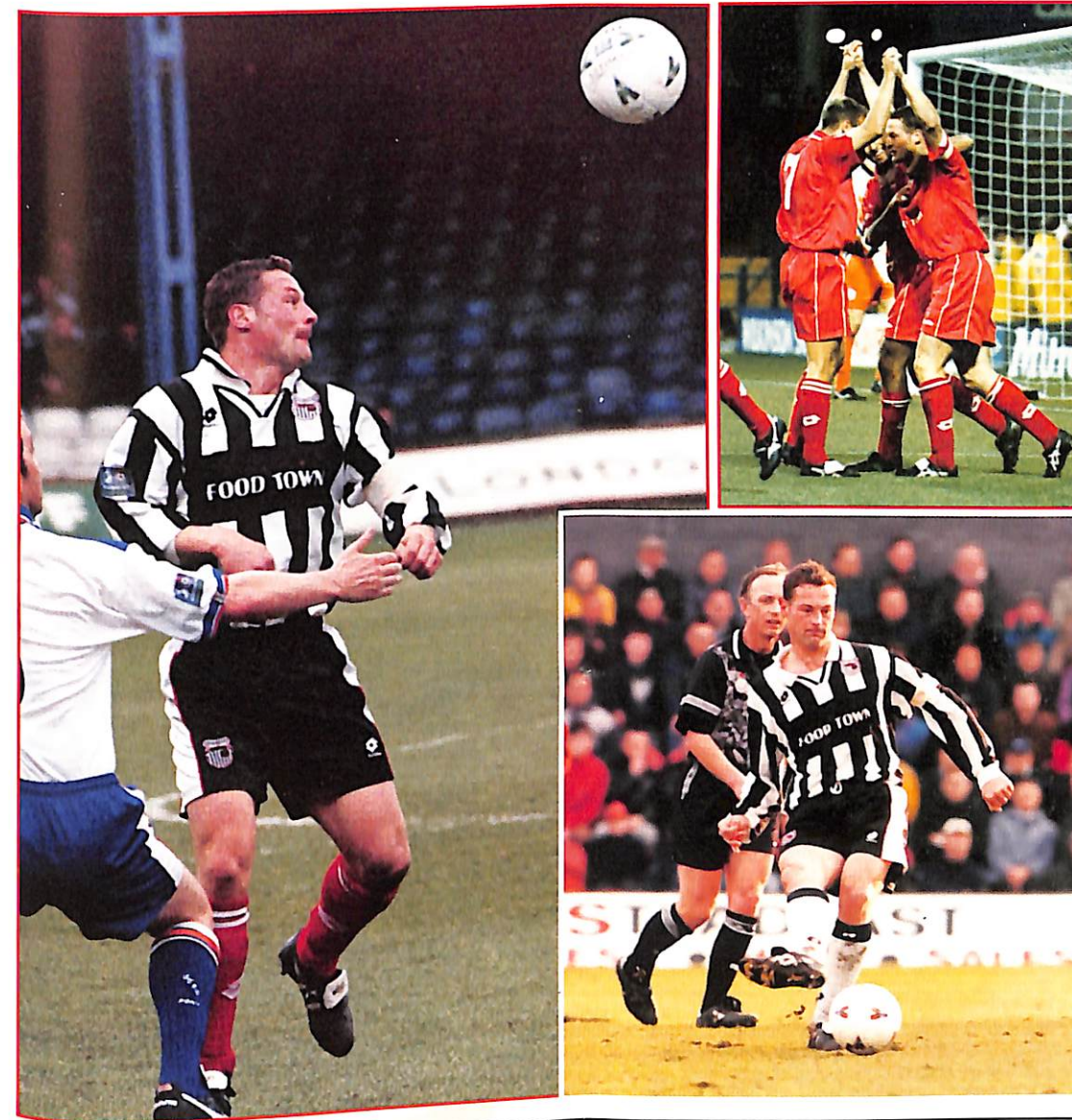
Name: Paul Groves  
 Birth Place / Date: Derby 28.02.66  
 Marital Status: Married  
 Children: One boy - Sam  
 Star Sign: Pisces  
 What school did you go?  
 Bemrose Comprehensive Derby  
 What was the name of your first girlfriend and where did you meet her (be honest)?  
 Debbie - school  
 Where did you buy your first alcoholic drink and how old were you?  
 The Broadway - Derby 16  
 What was the naughtiest thing you did at school?  
 Missed certain lessons  
 Who did you have a crush on when you were a teenager?  
 Whitney Houston

### FOOTBALL

What is your pre-match meal?  
 Chicken and spaghetti  
 What was the first professional match you ever went to watch?  
 Derby v Leeds  
 Who is your room mate for away games?  
 Kev Donovan  
 What are his worst habits?  
 None that I can mention  
 What is the highlight of your career to date?  
 Play Off Final for Blackpool v Scunthorpe. We won on penalties.  
 What has been the most embarrassing moment of your career?  
 Not divulging it.  
 Which current law of the game do you dislike the most?  
 Offside rule.  
 If you were not a footballer what would you be?  
 Coach (driver!)  
 What is your favourite ground?  
 St James Park, Newcastle  
 Which of your team mates deserves a medal and why?  
 Richard Smith for his desire to get fit.

### LIFESTYLE

What is your favourite piece of clothing?  
 Suits  
 How do you relax?  
 Golf  
 What was the last film you watched that made you cry?  
 None  
 What is your all time favourite record?  
 Gil Scott Heron - "In The Bottle"  
 What would be your worst nightmare?  
 Having to finish playing football through injury.  
 Which person has been an inspiration to you?  
 My Dad  
 Who would top your guest list at a party?  
 Elle McPherson  
 What song would you sing at a karaoke?  
 "You've Lost That Loving Feeling"  
 What is your pride and joy?  
 My family



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# GAME LOWDOWN

## ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY 7 April

**1894** - The Second Division journey to Burton Swifts is a happy one as Town's 3-0 victory gives them the 'double'. Rose, Jones and Dave Riddoch take the points.

**1934** - Pat Glover is absent for the vital 'derby' at Hull City, but Wally Ponting proves a capable understudy with the only goal of the game. An Anlaby Road crowd of 20,077 see Grimsby edge nearer the Second Division title.

**1950** - Over 21,000 are present at Blundell Park to see Grimsby defeat Leeds United 2-0. Lawrie MacKenzie scores with a penalty, while John Charles - later of Juventus fame - concedes an own goal.

**1962** - A top-of-the-table clash at Fratton Park ends in a 2-0 win for Grimsby thanks to the two Rons - Rafferty and Cockerill. Despite the feat, Portsmouth go on to claim the Third Division championship.

**1990** - Grimsby visit Halifax Town for the last time on League duty, earning a 2-2 draw through strikes by Tony Rees and Keith Alexander.

**1992** - Derby County inflict Town's second home defeat in three days with a 1-0 win in Cleethorpes. Goalkeeper Steve Sherwood makes his last appearance of the season.

### AND IN THE NEWS...

1902 - The Texas Oil Company (later to become Texaco) is formed.

1915 - Blues singer Billie Holiday born.

1924 - Benito Mussolini's Fascist Party wins the Italian elections.

1947 - Henry Ford, founder of the famous car company, dies.

*R. Briggs*

**Past League Record**  
Grimsby Town 11 wins  
Luton Town 10 wins  
10 draws

**First Meeting**  
Luton Town 6  
Grimsby Town 0  
27th December 1897

**Last Meeting**  
Luton Town 2  
Grimsby Town 2  
21st March 1998

**Biggest Win (Grimsby)**  
7-1 FA Cup 3  
6th January 1996

**Biggest Defeat**  
(Grimsby)  
0-6 December 1897  
and October 1981  
both in Division Two

**Player For Both**  
Mick Cullen  
Chris Nicholl  
Matt Tees  
Graham Rodger  
Kingsley Black  
Paul Futcher

**Entered League**  
Luton 1897

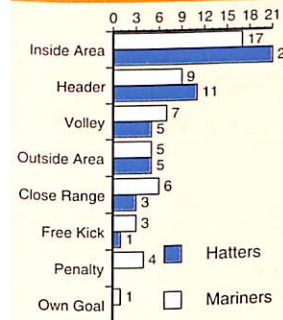
**FIRST EVER**  
Luton provided the  
first ever league  
opposition at  
Blundell Park - a 3-3  
draw in the Second  
Division in Sept  
1899

**Luton Honours**  
Champions Div 2 1982  
Champions Div 3 South 1937  
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Champions Div 4 1968  
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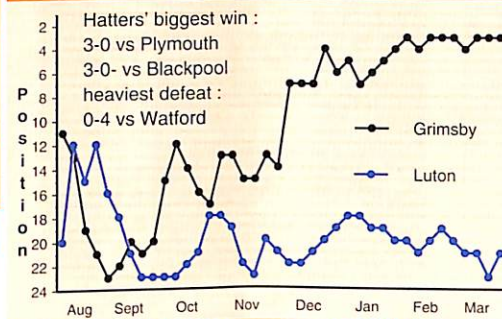
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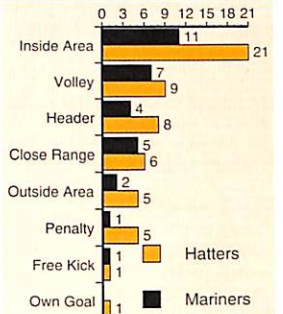
## goals - how scored



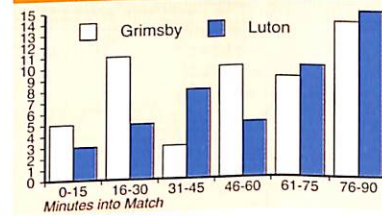
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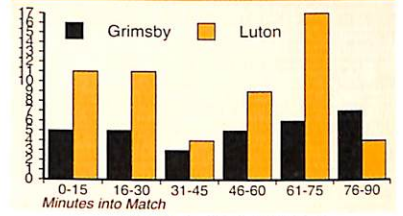
## and how conceded



## when goals have been scored



## and when conceded



## Division 2 Stats Current Form Table

Index in the table below reflects the league position of the opposition in the 6 games, i.e. the higher the position, the higher the index.

| W              | D | L | F | A  | Pts | Idx | Sequence   |
|----------------|---|---|---|----|-----|-----|------------|
| Bristol City   | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9  | 6   | 13  | 28% WWLWDW |
| Brentford      | 3 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 8   | 11  | 62% WDWWDL |
| Grimsby        | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8  | 4   | 11  | 27% DLWDWW |
| Preston        | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8  | 7   | 11  | 43% DWDWLW |
| Northampton    | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7  | 3   | 11  | 67% DDWWLW |
| Wrexham        | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6  | 4   | 11  | 51% DLWWWD |
| Plymouth       | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 9   | 10  | 70% WLWLWD |
| Wycombe        | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8  | 5   | 10  | 56% LLWDWW |
| Walsall        | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6  | 7   | 10  | 51% WLWLDW |
| Luton          | 2 | 3 | 1 | 8  | 6   | 9   | 38% WDDDLW |
| Fulham         | 3 | 0 | 3 | 6  | 6   | 9   | 60% LWLWWL |
| Gillingham     | 3 | 0 | 3 | 6  | 5   | 9   | 50% LWLWLW |
| Millwall       | 3 | 0 | 3 | 5  | 6   | 9   | 56% LLWLWW |
| Wigan          | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7  | 8   | 8   | 37% DLLWDW |
| Blackpool      | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6  | 7   | 8   | 78% DWLDWL |
| Southend       | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9  | 9   | 7   | 75% LWWDLL |
| Watford        | 1 | 4 | 1 | 8  | 8   | 7   | 39% DDWDDL |
| Chesterfield   | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6  | 7   | 7   | 61% WWLLDL |
| York           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7  | 9   | 5   | 51% DLLWDL |
| Burnley        | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5  | 7   | 5   | 43% WLDDLL |
| Bournemouth    | 1 | 1 | 4 | 9  | 14  | 4   | 23% WLLLDL |
| Carlisle       | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6  | 9   | 4   | 51% LLLLDW |
| Bristol Rovers | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5  | 9   | 4   | 59% WDLLLL |
| Oldham         | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6  | 10  | 2   | 59% LLLDLL |

## .. various Div 2 stats ..

| Players used includes those who have left the club | Plys used | goals for | goals agt | clean sheets | low pos. | high pos. |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| Bournemouth  | 24        | 50        | 47        | 14           | 14       | 4         |
| Blackpool  | 32        | 49        | 57        | 8            | 17       | 7         |
| Brentford  | 36        | 43        | 60        | 10           | 24       | 11        |
| Bristol City                                       | 27        | 64        | 33        | 15           | 19       | 1         |
| Bristol Rovers                                     | 27        | 58        | 59        | 8            | 14       | 3         |
| Burnley  | 33        | 43        | 51        | 8            | 24       | 18        |
| Carlisle   | 34        | 51        | 60        | 8            | 24       | 16        |
| Chesterfield                                       | 28        | 39        | 38        | 15           | 14       | 2         |
| Fulham   | 37        | 48        | 36        | 15           | 18       | 3         |
| Gillingham   | 29        | 48        | 45        | 13           | 17       | 3         |
| Grimsby  | 25        | 52        | 31        | 20           | 23       | 3         |
| Luton  | 32        | 46        | 56        | 11           | 23       | 16        |
| Millwall   | 35        | 40        | 48        | 10           | 17       | 3         |
| Northampton  | 28        | 45        | 31        | 16           | 7        | 2         |
| Oldham   | 34        | 52        | 47        | 11           | 14       | 3         |
| Plymouth   | 27        | 49        | 60        | 10           | 24       | 17        |
| Preston  | 24        | 47        | 48        | 12           | 18       | 3         |
| Southend   | 33        | 45        | 70        | 6            | 24       | 13        |
| Walsall  | 24        | 39        | 44        | 14           | 22       | 12        |
| Watford  | 26        | 59        | 35        | 12           | 2        | 1         |
| Wigan  | 31        | 51        | 58        | 6            | 21       | 6         |
| Wrexham  | 26        | 48        | 44        | 14           | 20       | 3         |
| Wycombe  | 21        | 47        | 51        | 13           | 19       | 3         |
| York   | 26        | 47        | 51        | 11           | 17       | 3         |

## Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates  
16,128 Bristol City v Millwall 26-Dec  
2,039 Wrexham v Southend 21-Oct

Highest Aggregate Scores  
Burnley 7-2 York 31-Jan

Biggest Home Win  
Burnley 7-2 York 31-Jan

Biggest Away Win  
Carlisle 5-0 Southend 10-Jan

Consecutive Wins  
Luton 0-4 Watford 4-Oct

Games Unbeaten  
Bristol City 8

Consecutive Defeats  
Bristol City 15

Games without a Win  
Bristol Rovers 0-4 Grimsby 12-Dec

Consecutive Wins  
Bristol City, Chesterfield 2

Games Unbeaten  
Brentford, Watford 5

Consecutive Defeats  
Carlisle 4

Games without a Win  
Oldham 8

## Current Sequences

Consecutive Wins  
Bristol City, Chesterfield 2

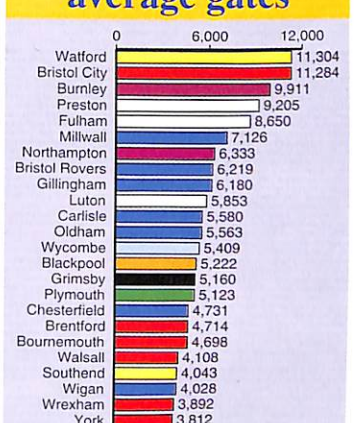
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Consecutive Defeats  
Carlisle 4

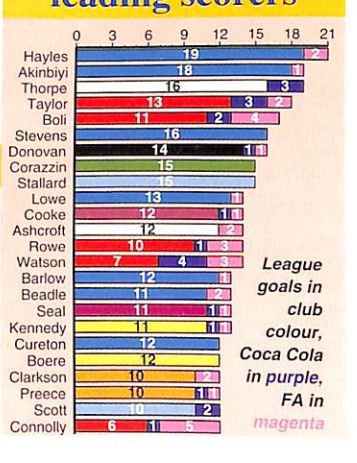
Games without a Win  
Oldham 8

## average gates

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Stats don't include weekend matches



## leading scorers



# NATIONWIDE ROUND-UP



## A step by step look at the remaining fixtures in Division Two

### Tonight

Burnley v Blackpool  
Fulham v Walsall  
Grimsby v Luton Town  
Wigan Athletic v AFC Bournemouth

### Friday 10th April

Bristol Rovers v Wigan Athletic (3.30)  
Wycombe Wdrs v Grimsby Town

### Saturday 11th April

Brentford v Fulham  
Burnley v Bristol City  
Carlisle United v Oldham Athletic  
Chesterfield v Northampton Town (All ticket)  
Gillingham v Luton Town  
Plymouth Argyle v Blackpool  
Preston North End v Southend United  
Walsall v Millwall  
Watford v Wrexham  
York City v AFC Bournemouth

### Monday 13th April

Blackpool v Brentford  
Bristol City v Watford  
Fulham v Carlisle United  
Grimsby Town v Bristol Rovers  
Millwall v Plymouth Argyle

Northampton Town v Preston North End (All Ticket)  
Oldham Athletic v Wycombe Wdrs  
Southend United v Gillingham  
Wigan Athletic v Burnley (All Ticket)  
Wrexham v York City

### Tuesday 14th April

AFC Bournemouth v Walsall  
Luton Town v Chesterfield

### Saturday 18th April

Brentford v Wigan Athletic  
Bristol Rovers v Luton Town  
Burnley v Fulham  
Chesterfield v Bristol City  
Gillingham v Wrexham  
Plymouth Argyle v Northampton Town  
Preston North End v Blackpool  
Walsall v Oldham Athletic  
Wycombe Wdrs v Millwall  
York City v Southend United

### Sunday 19th April

**Auto Windscreens Shield Final**  
AFC Bournemouth v Grimsby Town (1.30)  
Wembley Stadium  
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### Tuesday 21st April

Carlisle Utd v Grimsby Town  
Wigan Athletic v Walsall

### Friday 24th April

Wigan Athletic v Millwall

### Saturday 25th April

AFC Bournemouth v Burnley  
Blackpool v Bristol Rovers  
Brentford v Luton Town  
Bristol City v Walsall  
Carlisle United v York City  
Northampton Town v Fulham  
Oldham Athletic v Southend United  
Plymouth Argyle v Gillingham  
Watford v Grimsby Town  
Wrexham v Preston North End  
Wycombe Wdrs v Chesterfield

### Tuesday 28th April

Oldham Athletic v Burnley  
Watford v AFC Bournemouth

### Saturday 2nd May

Bristol Rovers v Brentford  
Burnley v Plymouth Argyle  
Chesterfield v Blackpool  
Fulham v Watford  
Gillingham v Wigan Athletic  
Grimsby Town v Oldham Athletic  
Luton Town v Carlisle United  
Millwall v AFC Bournemouth  
Preston North End v Bristol City  
Southend United v Wrexham  
Walsall v Wycombe Wdrs  
York City v Northampton Town

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# CAPTAINS LOG



Action from our 2-2 draw with Luton at Kenilwoth Road.

season. That was the downside of the match - on the positive side it was a point which kept a bit of distance between us and them. I am writing these notes before our match with Gillingham. Let's hope we got the tight result and can get another one this evening to make the most of the two successive home matches. Once again you can play your part from the stands tonight by getting behind us right from the first whistle. There is still so much to be decided between now and the end of our season. In closing, I have been asked to remind you that the Club Shop is stocked with various types of Wembley 98 merchandise and the much sought after new replica Wembley shirts will be on sale from this Thursday.

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| STOCKPORT COUNTY                |                | OLDHAM ATHLETIC                        |  |
| GRIMSBY TOWN                    |                | HUDDERSFIELD                           |  |
| Isle of Man v Grimsby Town      | Sun 19th July  | K.O. 3.00pm Bowl, Douglas              |  |
| Wrexham v Huddersfield Town     | Mon 20th July  | K.O. 3.00pm N.S.C., Douglas            |  |
| Stockport County v Grimsby Town | Mon 20th July  | K.O. 7.15pm Ballacooan Stadium, Ramsey |  |
| Huddersfield v Oldham Athletic  | Tues 21st July | K.O. 3.00pm Bowl, Douglas              |  |
| Oldham Athletic v Wrexham       | Wed 23rd July  | K.O. 3.00pm N.S.C., Douglas            |  |
| Isle of Man v Stockport         | Wed 23rd July  | K.O. 7.15pm Castletown                 |  |
| PLAY OFF                        | Fri 24th July  | K.O. 3.00pm N.S.C., Douglas            |  |
| PLAY OFF                        | Fri 24th July  | K.O. 7.15pm Castletown                 |  |
| FINAL                           | Sat 25th July  | K.O. 3.00pm Bowl, Douglas              |  |

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# MATCH STATISTICS 1997 / 98

| DATE   | OPPOSITION                          | VENUE | FOR/AGAINST | GATE  | POINTS | POSITION    |
|--------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|--------|-------------|
| AUG 9  | BRISTOL CITY                        | H     | 1-1         | 6220  | 1      | DAVISON     |
| AUG 12 | OLDHAM A. CCC 1(1)                  | A     | 0-1         | 5656  | -      | McDERMOTT   |
| AUG 16 | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE                     | A     | 2-2         | 6002  | 2      | GALLIMORE   |
| AUG 23 | WREXHAM                             | H     | 0-0         | 4404  | 3      | HANDYSIDE   |
| AUG 26 | OLDHAM A. CCC 1(2)                  | H     | 5-0         | 5078  | 3      | LEVER       |
| AUG 30 | BRENTFORD                           | A     | 1-3         | 3875  | 3      | WIDDINGTON  |
| SEP 2  | PRESTON NORTH END                   | A     | 0-2         | 9489  | 3      | DONOVAN     |
| SEP 9  | YORK CITY                           | H     | 0-0         | 5308  | 4      | BLACK       |
| SEP 13 | FULHAM                              | A     | 2-0         | 6874  | 7      | LIVINGSTONE |
| SEP 17 | SHEFFIELD WED CCC(2)                | H     | 2-0         | 6429  | 7      | NOGAN       |
| SEP 20 | MILLWALL                            | H     | 0-1         | 4267  | 7      | LESTER      |
| SEP 27 | A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH                  | A     | 1-0         | 3712  | 10     | GROVES      |
| OCT 1  | SHEFFIELD WED CCC(2)                | A     | 2-3         | 11102 | -      | JOBLING(3)  |
| OCT 4  | WIGAN ATHLETIC                      | H     | 2-1         | 4623  | 13     | WOODS(8)    |
| OCT 11 | NORTHHAMPTON TOWN                   | H     | 1-0         | 4778  | 16     | RODGER(6)   |
| OCT 14 | LEICESTER CITY CCC                  | H     | 3-1         | 7738  | -      | WOODS(9)    |
| OCT 18 | BLACKPOOL                           | A     | 2-2         | 5234  | 17     | LESTER(9)   |
| OCT 21 | OLDHAM ATHLETIC                     | A     | 0-2         | 4520  | 17     | WOODS(10)   |
| OCT 25 | WATFORD                             | H     | 0-1         | 5699  | 17     | WOODS(10)   |
| NOV 1  | SOUTHEND UNITED                     | H     | 5-1         | 4501  | 20     | WOODS(10)   |
| NOV 4  | WALSALL                             | A     | 0-0         | 2599  | 21     | WOODS(10)   |
| NOV 8  | CHESTERFIELD                        | A     | 1-1         | 5004  | 21     | WOODS(10)   |
| NOV 15 | SHREWSBURY TOWN, F.A. CUP 1         | A     | 0-1         | 3193  | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| NOV 18 | LIVERPOOL (CCC4)                    | A     | 0-3         | 28515 | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| NOV 22 | BURNLEY                             | H     | 4-1         | 4829  | 24     | WOODS(10)   |
| NOV 25 | SHREWSBURY TOWN (F.A. CUP 1 replay) | H     | 4-0         | 3242  | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| NOV 29 | GILLINGHAM                          | A     | 2-0         | 4855  | 27     | WOODS(10)   |
| DEC 2  | WYCOMBE WANDERERS                   | H     | 0-0         | 4160  | 28     | WOODS(10)   |
| DEC 6  | CHESTERFIELD F.A. CUP 2             | H     | 2-2         | 4762  | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| DEC 9  | CHESTERFIELD (AUTO W/5 SHIELD)      | A     | 1-0         | 1128  | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| DEC 12 | BRISTOL ROVERS                      | A     | 4-0         | 4801  | 31     | WOODS(10)   |
| DEC 16 | CHESTERFIELD (F.A. CUP 2 REPLAY)    | A     | 2-0         | 4553  | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| DEC 20 | CARLISLE UNITED                     | H     | 1-0         | 6222  | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| DEC 26 | YORK CITY                           | A     | 0-0         | 7093  | 35     | WOODS(10)   |
| DEC 28 | PRESTON NORTH END                   | H     | 3-1         | 6725  | 38     | WOODS(10)   |
| JAN 3  | NORWICH CITY F.A. CUP 3             | H     | 3-0         | 8161  | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| JAN 6  | HULL CITY                           | H     | 1-0         | 4778  | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| JAN 10 | BRISTOL CITY                        | A     | 1-4         | 12567 | 38     | WOODS(10)   |
| JAN 17 | BRENTFORD                           | H     | 4-4         | 4624  | 41     | WOODS(10)   |
| JAN 24 | LEEDS UNITED F.A. CUP 4             | A     | 0-2         | 29598 | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| JAN 27 | SCUNTHORPE UNITED                   | A     | 2-0         | -     | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| JAN 31 | FULHAM                              | H     | 1-1         | 6785  | 42     | WOODS(10)   |
| FEB 7  | MILLWALL                            | A     | 1-0         | 6020  | 45     | WOODS(10)   |
| FEB 14 | WIGAN A. F.A. CUP 5                 | A     | 2-0         | 3548  | 48     | WOODS(10)   |
| FEB 17 | BLACKPOOL (AWS S/FINAL)             | H     | 1-0         | 8027  | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| FEB 21 | A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH                  | H     | 2-1         | 5456  | 51     | WOODS(10)   |
| FEB 24 | BLACKPOOL                           | H     | 1-0         | 4924  | 54     | WOODS(10)   |
| FEB 28 | NORTHAMPTON TOWN                    | A     | 1-2         | 6932  | 54     | WOODS(10)   |
| MAR 3  | CHESTERFIELD                        | H     | 0-0         | 4940  | 55     | WOODS(10)   |
| MAR 7  | SOUTHEND U. F.A. CUP 6              | A     | 1-0         | 4829  | 58     | WOODS(10)   |
| MAR 10 | BURNLEY (AWS N/FINAL 1)             | H     | 1-1         | 6064  | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| MAR 14 | WALSALL                             | H     | 3-0         | 4916  | 61     | WOODS(10)   |
| MAR 17 | BURNLEY (AWS N/FINAL 2)             | A     | 2-0         | 10257 | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| MAR 21 | LUTON TOWN                          | A     | 2-2         | 5700  | 62     | WOODS(10)   |
| MAR 24 | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE                     | H     | 1-0         | 4661  | 65     | WOODS(10)   |
| MAR 28 | BURNLEY                             | A     | 0-1         | 8256  | 65     | WOODS(10)   |
| MAR 31 | WREXHAM                             | A     | 0-0         | 5421  | 66     | WOODS(10)   |
| APR 4  | GILLINGHAM F.A. CUP SEMI            | H     | -           | -     | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| APR 7  | LUTON TOWN                          | H     | -           | -     | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| APR 10 | WYCOMBE WANDERERS                   | A     | -           | -     | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| APR 13 | BRISTOL ROVERS                      | H     | -           | -     | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| APR 19 | AFC BOURNEMOUTH AWS FINAL           | A     | -           | -     | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| APR 25 | WATFORD                             | A     | -           | -     | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| MAY 2  | OLDHAM ATHLETIC                     | H     | -           | -     | -      | WOODS(10)   |
| TBA    | CARLISLE                            | A     | -           | -     | -      | WOODS(10)   |

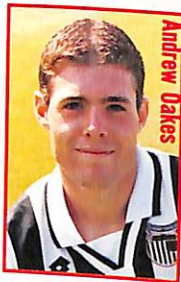
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|---------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------|------------|---------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| DAVISON | McDERMOTT   | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | LEVER  | WIDDINGTON | DONOVAN | BLACK      | LIVINGSTONE | NOGAN       | GROVES | JOBLING(3)      | WOODS(8)       | RODGER          |                |                  |
| DAVISON | McDERMOTT   | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | LEVER  | WIDDINGTON | DONOVAN | BLACK      | LIVINGSTONE | NOGAN       | GROVES | JOBLING(8)      | WOODS(9)       | RODGER(6)       |                |                  |
| DAVISON | McDERMOTT   | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | LEVER  | SOUTHALL   | DONOVAN | BLACK      | LIVINGSTONE | NOGAN       | GROVES | JOBLING(3)      | WOODS          | LESTER(9)       |                |                  |
| DAVISON | McDERMOTT   | JOBLING   | HANDYSIDE | LEVER  | SOUTHALL   | DONOVAN | GILBERT    | NOGAN       | LESTER      | GROVES | WIDDINGTON      | GALLIMORE      | LIVINGSTONE     |                |                  |
| DAVISON | McDERMOTT   | JOBLING   | HANDYSIDE | LEVER  | SOUTHALL   | DONOVAN | GILBERT    | NOGAN       | LESTER(3)   | GROVES | WIDDINGTON(6)   | GALLIMORE(8)   | LIVINGSTONE(10) |                |                  |
| DAVISON | McDERMOTT   | JOBLING   | HANDYSIDE | LEVER  | SOUTHALL   | DONOVAN | GILBERT    | NOGAN       | LESTER      | GROVES | WIDDINGTON(6)   | GALLIMORE(8)   | LIVINGSTONE(10) |                |                  |
| PEARCEY | BUTTERFIELD | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | LEVER  | WIDDINGTON | DONOVAN | GILBERT    | LIVINGSTONE | LESTER      | GROVES | WOODS(10)       | BLACK(8)       | WIDDINGTON(2)   |                |                  |
| PEARCEY | BUTTERFIELD | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | LEVER  | WIDDINGTON | DONOVAN | GILBERT    | NOGAN       | LIVINGSTONE | GROVES | LESTER(9)       | McDERMOTT(2)   | GILBERT         |                |                  |
| PEARCEY | McDERMOTT   | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | LEVER  | WIDDINGTON | DONOVAN | BLACK      | NOGAN       | LIVINGSTONE | GROVES | LESTER(9)       | JOBLING        | WOODS           |                |                  |
| PEARCEY | McDERMOTT   | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | LEVER  | HOLSGROVE  | DONOVAN | BLACK      | NOGAN       | LIVINGSTONE | GROVES | LESTER(9)       | JOBLING(3)     | WOODS(8)        |                |                  |
| DAVISON | McDERMOTT   | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | LEVER  | HOLSGROVE  | DONOVAN | BLACK      | NOGAN       | LIVINGSTONE | GROVES | LESTER          | WOODS          | WIDDINGTON      |                |                  |
| DAVISON | McDERMOTT   | GALLIMORE | HANDYSIDE | LEVER  | WIDDINGTON | DONOVAN | BLACK      | LESTER      | LIVINGSTONE | GROVES | LESTER          | WOODS          | JOBLING         |                |                  |
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# MARINERS AT WAR

## THE NEW GENERATION

Good evening and welcome to tonight's game. As I told you in my last notes, the youth side has no more fixtures left this season, so I will be looking to arrange some friendly matches. This will give me an opportunity to bring some of the Under 16's into the youth side in preparation for next season. It will give the lads a chance to become familiar with their team-mates rather than starting cold next season. I will update you on the members of the Under 16 squad that have been offered Youth Trainee Contracts for next season in my next notes. For tonight I'll concentrate on this season's YTS who have earned themselves a professional contract with the Club.



**Andrew Oakes** Matthew Oskin, Steve Croudson and Andrew Oakes will join the ranks of the professionals at Blundell Park in June. "Os" has become a regular in the reserve side and has given many fine

performances at that level in the centre of midfield. Goalkeeper Steve Croudson will no doubt be pushing for a reserve place next season having done very well for the youth side to earn his contract. Andrew Oakes is a striker who has also made appearances for the second string and done well when called upon. All three of those lads have worked hard to earn their reward but all three will also know that this is just the first step on the ladder of achievement and they must continue to apply themselves correctly. The step from YT to professional is a big one and they will now be competing at a high standard. All three deserve credit for their achievement so far. I hope you enjoy the game. Cheers!

**Knighly**

While the build up to Grimsby's away match at Birmingham on 10 April was dominated by news that German General von Hindenburg has asked for 300,000 more men to break through the Russian positions to reach Warsaw, Grimsby Town welcomed back former goalkeeper Martin Spendiff to the club. A brave custodian who had first played for the Mariners in 1903, Spendiff (later a Cleethorpes dairy owner) had also seen service with Hull, but with reserve Bill Blanchard out with a broken arm, had volunteered his services to the end of the season.

John Quinn stepped aside for Tommy Spink in the only change for the visit to the Midlands, but after their Easter exertions to make sure of Second Division safety, Grimsby went down 0-3 to Birmingham. Full back Sid Wheelhouse was absent from the pitch when Blues scored their first goal, and although he returned, his injury meant a reorganisation of what until then had been an impressive defence. Two more goals followed to allow Birmingham revenge for a 1-0 defeat at Blundell Park four months before.

### 15 APRIL: FRENCH END ASSAULT ON ST. MIHIEL AFTER HEAVY LOSSES

It is worth noting that this was Town's first defeat in six games, as well as their first match without scoring since a 0-0 draw at Glossop in January. Nevertheless, the selectors kept faith in the team for the following week's trip to Blackpool, albeit Wheelhouse's injury allowing Tony Arrowsmith to return for what would be his last ever first team game. However, before a

good end-of-season crowd of 4,000, Blackpool gave the Mariners a football lesson with a comprehensive 5-0 beating.

Grimsby were outplayed from the start, with Blackpool's tough play winning the applause of a partisan home crowd. George Rampton though did have what looked a perfectly good goal disallowed by the referee after which the home side raced to a 3-0 half time lead - the first making forward Lane the Second Division's top scorer with 25 goals. Town's cause in the second half wasn't helped with Arrowsmith absent through injury for the final 45 minutes and an overworked defence did well to concede only two more goals.

### 20 APRIL: LLOYD GEORGE URGES AUSTERITY MEASURES AGAINST COST OF WAR

The final week of the 1914-15 season saw Grimsby with two league games still to play, but while the campaign had begun the previous August in jubilation and belief that the War would be over by Christmas, it was to end with the situation in Europe settling down to stalemate. Football had continued despite constant demands for it to cease, most notably so that players could join up to fight, and so, in all consideration, Mr F.J. Wall's statement of 19 April was almost inevitable. The Secretary of the F.A. confirmed a unofficial decision that no F.A. Cup or Football League matches would continue after the season ended until the War itself was over.

**R. Briggs**

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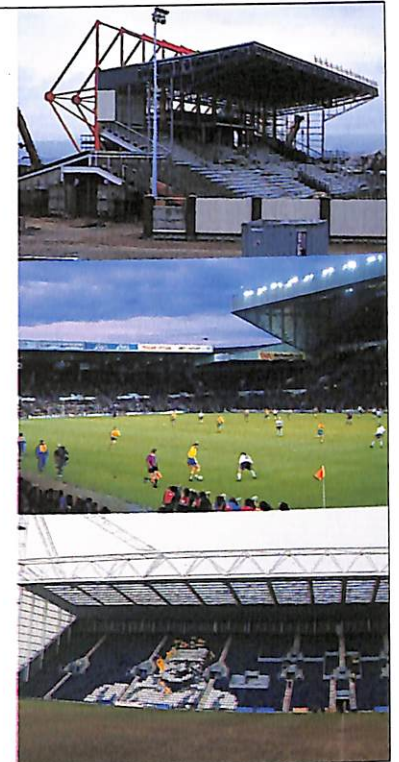
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# TEAM SHEET



## GRIMSBY TOWN V LUTON TOWN

TEAM CHANGES

|                 |    |                  |
|-----------------|----|------------------|
| AIDAN DAVISON   | 1  | KELVIN DAVIS     |
| JOHN MC DERMOTT | 2  | JULIAN JAMES     |
| TONY GALLIMORE  | 3  | MITCHELL THOMAS  |
| PETER HANDYSIDE | 4  | GARY WADDOCK     |
| MARK LEVER      | 5  | STEVE DAVIS      |
| WAYNE BURNETT   | 6  | ALAN WHITE       |
| KEVIN DONOVAN   | 7  | DWIGHT MARSHALL  |
| DAVE SMITH      | 8  | PAUL MCLAREN     |
| LEE NOGAN       | 9  | DAVID OLDFIELD   |
| JACK LESTER     | 10 | RORY ALLEN       |
| PAUL GROVES     | 11 | GRAHAM ALEXANDER |

### SUBSTITUTES

|                   |    |              |
|-------------------|----|--------------|
| STEVE LIVINGSTONE | 12 | SEAN EVERS   |
| KEVIN JOBLING     | 13 | GARY DOHERTY |
| JIM DOBBIN        | 14 | SIMON DAVIES |

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#### THE MAN IN CHARGE

Tonight's referee is Roy Pearson, a maintenance technician, married with three sons. He has been on the line for the 1995 Coca-Cola Cup Final, the 1994 World Cup Quarter Final and Semi-Final and also 1993 FA Cup Final. He was the referee in last season's Football League Play-Off Semi-Finals. Mr Pearson lists his hobbies as keep fit, squash and driving.



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