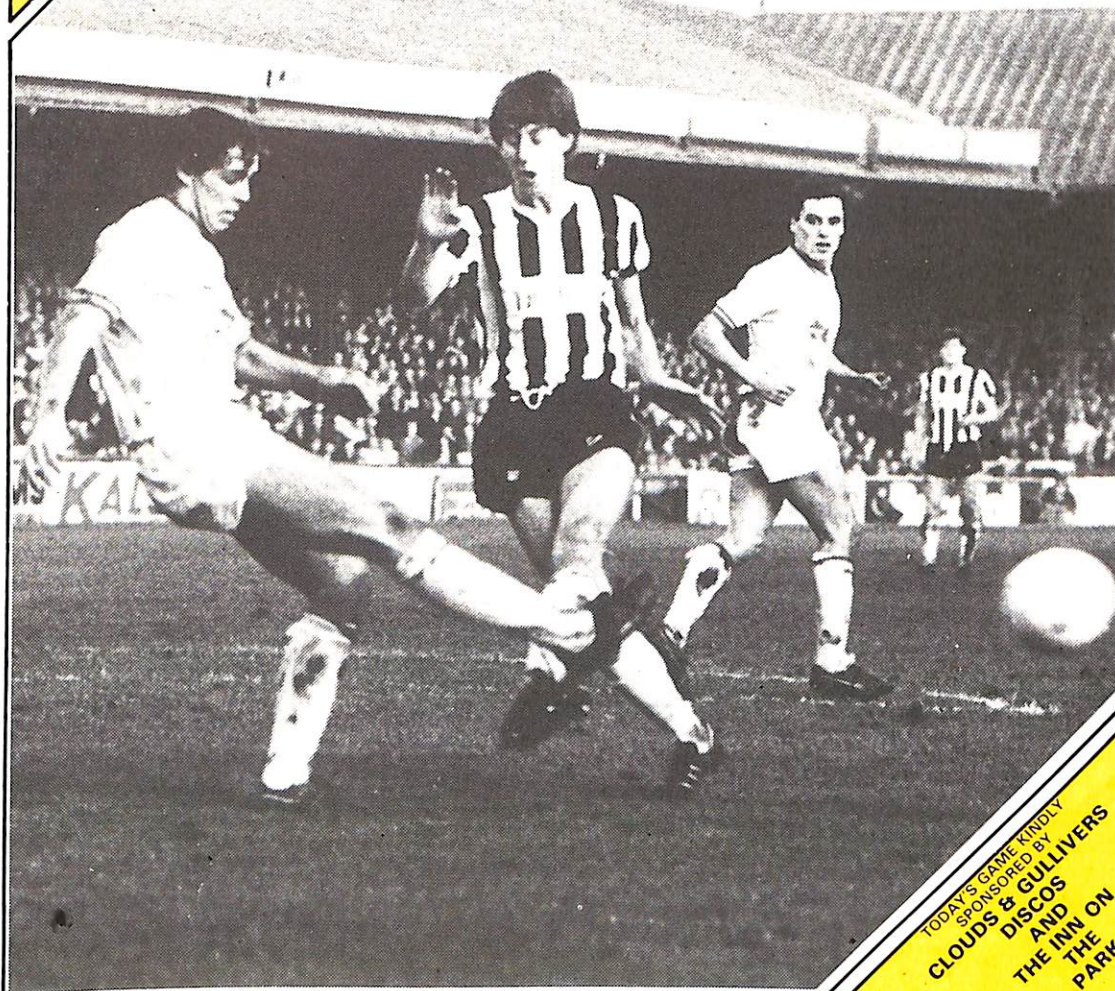


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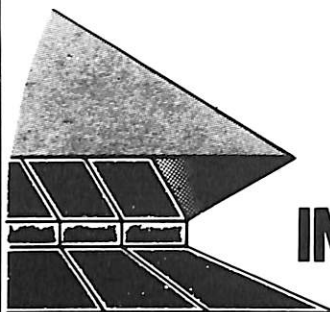
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My last programme notes had to be written prior to the Christmas holidays and much has happened since then.

Most importantly we have maintained our unbeaten league sequence and so retain our position in the top five. It is now that our character as a club will be tested. We are achieving some excellent results, but when we get back in the dressing room Sports Report invariably announces our main rivals continue to gather the points.

The difference from three months ago is that we have closed the gap. Then we were some fifteen points adrift of the top three. Now we lie four points behind second placed Chelsea.

A good Christmas and a fine comprehensive victory at Shrewsbury last Saturday has ensured we enter the second half of the season in buoyant mood. At Gay Meadow we went one behind, but even in that situation there

is always the feeling we can get back.

The clubs at present above us certainly have the traditions, the supposed stature, and it has to be said tremendous support in numbers. However I firmly believe that in the end success depends on the attitude of players, their quality and ability. They have to do the business on the field and maintain a level of consistent performance.

Today we must buckle down to the job in hand and start again. Our players need no reminding that Middlesbrough did us good and proper last season at Blundell Park. A good result today will help us all regain a little self respect.

Boro are an accomplished side with a useful blend of youth and experience. That is not a matter of bullying them up, but just being realistic. Any side with Malcolm Allison at the helm will be inventive and organised. Their F.A. Cup

exploits bear witness to that, and I am sure better times lie ahead for the Teesiders.

Our Cup hopes came to a sudden halt at Portsmouth. It was always going to be a tough match, but at the end we were a shade unfortunate not to get a result. Their winning goal, like Blackburn's last November was fortunate to say the least.

Nevertheless our performance at Fratton was a big improvement on our previous visit to the south coast. It is perhaps worth noting our reaction to that earlier defeat at Portsmouth. The team responded in the same manner last Saturday and hopefully that is a good omen.

A quick word about young Andy Moore who has done a good job in three difficult games. His temperament and ability has undergone a stiff examination, and so far Andy has emerged with flying colours. He obviously has still much to learn but if his attitude is correct then he can get better.

Next Saturday presents us with a vacant date. We have been trying to bring a fixture forward, but at the time of writing without success. Oldham were approached but declined, their reason being that it would have meant three home games in succession.

So there we are. The season is building up for an exciting climax, and it is our aim that Grimsby Town will be in there at the finish.



Central Defender v. Central Defender. Mariner Kevin Moore in a duel with Cardiff's Dave Bennett.

Coverpic: Mariner Paul Emson has the ball pinched off his toes by the Sheffield Wednesday defender.



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MIDDLESBROUGH

Had Boro beaten Town last September the Teeside Club would have gone to the top of Division Two. Undefeated in their opening four games, a sequence that included victory over old rivals Newcastle, promotion was already being talked about by Ayresome supporters.

Joe Waters, with a priceless free kick deprived Boro victory, and so a place at the top of the table. More importantly the Ayresome side did not win in their next six games, and by the end of October were 13th in the league charts. They occupy a similar ranking at present, and their season is now being built about a successful F.A. Cup run.

Boro face giant killers Bournemouth next Saturday at Ayresome, the boot being very much on the other foot. In Round Three the Teesiders were the underdogs against Arsenal, but produced a performance of gritty determination to win by the odd goal in five.

On their day Boro can produce some devastating football. That Cup victory over the Gunners was one, and their last away league win another, when the Teesiders became the first team to win at Hillsborough. Goals from Paul Sugrue and David Currie saw off a Wednesday side still suffering from a Blundell Park hangover.

Were Middlesbrough to produce that sort of display more regularly there is little

doubt a promotion challenge would be within their capabilities. Their other away three pointers came at Portsmouth (1-0) on the opening day of the season, and Barnsley (2-0) a fortnight later. Scoreless draws have been recorded at Chelsea, Brighton and Cambridge.

Architect of the Boro side is Dutch Cap **Heine Otto** who netted when he last visited Blundell Park. He cost the club £125,000 from Twente Enschede three years ago, has excellent vision, and recently completed 100 league appearances for the Teesiders.

If Otto is the creative element, **Mick Kennedy** must be the proverbial ball winner. Possessing the heart of a lion, the Salford born midfielder is much respected by manager Allison — ever since Mick's Huddersfield days when he helped Town knock Man. City out of the F.A. Cup, during Big Mal's spell at Maine Road. Apprenticed at Halifax, the Leeds Road side laid out £50,000 for his transfer, and 'Boro doubled that amount to bring him north in the summer of 1982.

In his short spell at Ayresome, Malcolm Allison has succeeded in coaxing the best out of older players. Defenders **Mick Baxter** and **Irving Nattrass** are two in that category.

Baxter, for so long the butt of the Ayresome boo boys, has been a revelation this season. Authoritative in

the air, sound positional sense, and a never say die attitude make him one of the most accomplished defenders in the Division. Costing £425,000 when signed from Preston in July 1981, Mick did not find the first season at Ayresome easy — who would in a relegation team. Now he is justifying that big money deal, with consistent performances. Town defenders will not need reminding of his towering presence at corner kicks — he scored Boro's goal from one last September.

Full back **Irving Nattrass** is another to cost in excess of £400,000 when he moved from Newcastle in 1980. A spate of injuries threatened to end the career of the one time England Under 23 cap, but his determination won in the end, and 1983 was a good year for the skilful defender. Irving did not miss a first team game, was appointed club skipper, and his vast experience is paying dividends.

Though Boro have a steady look about them Big Mal has not been afraid to give youngsters their head. To make way for the new brigade, older players like **Terry Cochrane**, **Ray Hankin**, **Jim Platt**, and **John Brownlie** have left the club.

Goalkeeper **Kelham O'Hanlon**, grabbed his first team chance when **Jim Platt** was injured and his courage and safe handling have made the position his own. A combination of injuries and IRA death threats, caused him to lose his place temporarily when **Stephen Pears** on loan from Man. United appeared between the sticks, but the Saltburn lad is now back with a vengeance.

Striker **David Currie**, Boro's leading scorer with 12 goals has benefited from the new regime. Born in Stockton, David had First Division experience, but it is this season that he really has justified his potential.

Middlesbrough have received several big offers for defender **Darren Wood**, a 19 year old who made his first team debut at 16, and was a first team regular twelve months later. Scarborough born, Darren can play anywhere in the back four.

One youngster who has temporarily fallen from grace is speedy flank player **Stephen Bell**. He too made his First Division debut at 16, is an England Youth Cap, and did not miss a game last season. Nonetheless he is at present out of the team, with another local lad **Gary MacDonald** in the side.

Paul Sugrue is most definitely a Malcolm Allison man. While at Maine Road, Big Mal took him from the comparative obscurity of non league football with Nuneaton. However league soccer proved a struggle, and following

Allison's departure from Man. City, Paul too was allowed to leave. A spell at Cardiff followed, but the attacking midfielder soon found himself out of favour, and out of a job. A phone call to Ayresome in December 1982 resulted in a short term contract and Paul has been saying 'thanks' ever since.

Another former Cardiff player, **Alan Crawford** signed for Boro last October in strange circumstances. The striker, who has also seen service with Derby, Blackburn, and Bournemouth, asked to train at Ayresome Park while living in the north east. He was drafted in to the Reserve team, scored twice, and offered a contract!

Defenders **Tony Mowbray**, Teeside reared, and Glaswegian **Gary Hamilton** complete the squad likely to be on duty this afternoon. Also in contention will be **Steve Tupling**, a midfielder who hails from Wensleydale and **Paul Ward**, a former wearer of the No. 12 shirt.

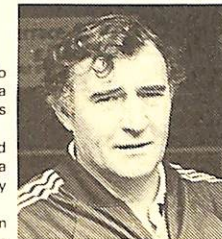
Boro, from being down and very nearly out a couple of years ago, are now a force to be reckoned with. The club had sold its best players — **Armstrong**, **Proctor**, **Johnston**, suffered relegation, and at the same time was in financial hot water over a huge sports complex that though built has never opened.

Little wonder the Middlesbrough public lost faith in their soccer team. But new chairman **Mike McCullough** has stemmed the tide. He brought Allison to Ayresome, shored up the financial drain, and is now managing carefully and sensibly. No money is available, so the youth system has been given a much needed overhaul. **Ted Davies** Chief Scout to Big Mal at Maine Road is now doing the same job for Boro, and ex Arsenal star **George Armstrong** is in charge of coaching.

A new force in football is in the making on Teeside. The McCullough/Allison partnership has got what it takes. And just to prove that fact I for one am having a little flutter on Boro to reach Wembley.

PRESENT...

The Boss Malcolm Allison



Arguably the most talked about manager in the modern game. So often though Big Mal has grabbed the headlines for extra curricula activities while his contribution to football thinking often goes unnoticed.

His talent is one football could ill afford to lose. An accomplished coach, a first class motivator, charismatic leadership, above all a thinker. Were soccer ever to have a University Chair then Mal surely would be a strong candidate for Professor.

Middlesbrough seemed an unlikely stage for his return from Portuguese football in late 1982. But in just over a year at Ayresome Park he has arrested the decline that looked like taking Boro into Division Three, re-established the club's youth policy that had lacked direction for a couple of years, and most importantly restored credibility in the club. Townspeople had become disenchanted with the financial mismanagement that had accompanied relegation to Division Two, but Mal and Chairman **Mike McCullough** have regained respect through honest hard work.

A playing career cruelly cut short by ill health was largely spent with West Ham in the fifties, a training ground for many fine managers — **Ron Greenwood**, **Frank O'Farrell**, **Ken Brown**.

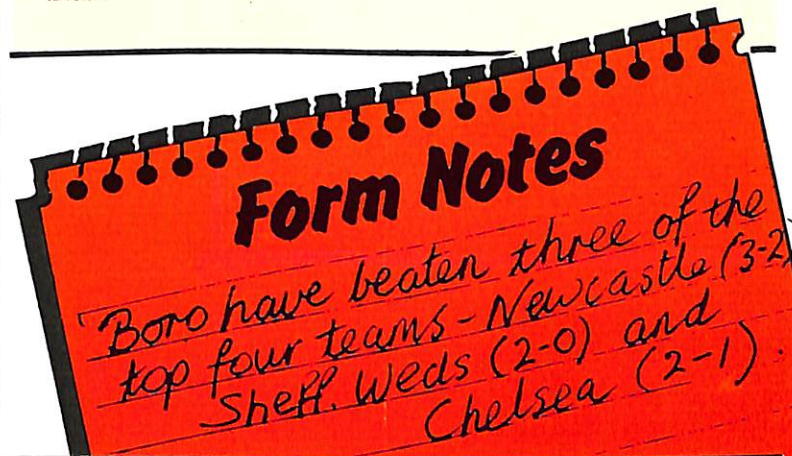
Malcolm first entered management with then Southern Leaguers Bath City. A step up to Plymouth followed and then came the most successful period of his career. At Manchester City with **Joe Mercer** he won virtually every honour — League Championship, F.A. Cup, League Cup, European Cup Winners Cup. A side in his own mould playing fluent football, **Summerbee**, **Francis Lee**, the ageless **Tony Book**, **Pardoe**, **Doyle**, **Young** and the majestic **Colin Bell**.

Elder statesman **Mercer** curbed Mal's more extravagant excesses. Their parting of the ways made English football the poorer. For Man. City it was a tragedy from which they have never fully recovered.

Malcolm's nomadic existence began. **Crystal Palace**, **Galatasaray** in Turkey, **Plymouth**, **Palace** again, a disastrous return to **Maine Road**, **Sporting Lisbon**, and now **Ayresome Park**.

Now he seems more settled than for many a year, and producing results on a shoestring.

Malcolm Allison has still much to offer football, and when he speaks the soccer world would do well to listen.



Back Row: Paul Ward, Garry MacDonald, Kelham O'Hanlon, David Currie, Tony Mowbray
Middle Row: Mick Kennedy, Gary Hamilton, Alan Roberts, Darren Wood, Heine Otto, Mick Baxter
Front Row: Paul Sugrue, Stephen Bell, George Armstrong (Coach), Malcolm Allison (Manager), Irving Nattrass (Captain), Andy Crawford.

BORO'S FIVE YEAR RECORD

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Top League Scorers	Average		Cup	
											Gate	M.C.	F.A.	
1978-79	1	42	15	10	17	57	50	40	12	Burns 12	18,459	2	3	
1979-80	1	42	16	12	14	50	44	44	9	Armstrong 11	18,739	3	4	
1980-81	1	42	16	5	21	53	61	37	14	Jankovic 12	16,432	2	6	
1981-82	1	42	8	15	19	34	52	39	22	Ashcroft/McAndrew 4	13,412	3	3	
1982-83	2	42	11	15	16	46	67	48	16	Otto/Shearer 9	10,274	2	5	

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BORO'S LAST LEAGUE VISIT

Saturday 16th April 1983. Division Two.
 Grimsby 0 Middlesbrough 3 (Sugrue 43, Hamilton 51, Otto 85)
 Grimsby: Batch, Moore D., Crombie, Waters, Saxby, (sub. Wilkinson 64),
 Moore K., Ford, Bonnyman, Drinkell, O'Dell, Cumming.
 Middlesbrough: O'Hanlon, Natrass, Hamilton, Baxter, Mowbray, Otto,
 Sugrue, Kennedy, Wood, Shearer, Bell. Sub. Macdonald.
 Attendance: 5,985.

CUP CLASHES

1885-86	F.A. Cup Round 3	Teeside	Boro won 2-1
1900-01	F.A. Cup Qual. Round	Blundell Park	Boro won 1-0
1935-36	F.A. Cup Round 6	Blundell Park	Town won 3-1

THE FULL LEAGUE RECORD 1899-00 TO 1982-83

Season	Division	Home	Away	Final Position	
				Town	Boro
1899-00	Two	2-0	0-1	6	14
1900-01	Two	2-0	0-0	1P	6
1902-03	One	2-2	0-2	17R	13
1926-27	Two	4-7	0-3	17	1P
1928-29	Two	1-4	0-3	2P	1P
1929-30	One	0-3	5-1	18	16
1930-31	One	4-1	1-2	13	7
1931-32	One	2-0	0-4	21R	18
1934-35	One	2-2	2-0	5	20
1935-36	One	1-0	1-5	17	14
1936-37	One	5-1	0-0	12	7
1937-38	One	2-1	0-1	20	5
1938-39	One	0-2	2-3	10	4
1946-47	One	4-0	0-3	16	11
1947-48	One	0-5	1-4	22R	16
1956-57	Two	3-2	1-2	16	6
1957-58	Two	4-1	1-5	13	7
1958-59	Two	3-2	0-1	21R	13
1962-63	Two	3-4	1-0	19	4
1963-64	Two	3-1	0-6	21R	10
1966-67	Three	2-1	1-0	17	2P
1982-83	Two	0-3	4-1	19	16

TWO CLUB MEN

Prior to David Shearer and John Stone the last two men to figure were both goalkeepers, both were on loan to the Mariners, and both had been born in Middlesbrough.

Maurice Short played ten Fourth Division games for Town in January and February 1971, Oldham Athletic holding his permanent registration. He had started his career at Ayresome Park as an apprentice, but just played 16 games for Boro before his transfer to Boundary Park in June 1970. Ironically his appearances for Town were the last of his league career.

Season 1971-72 saw Pat Cuff play two games for Town in the Mariners Fourth Division Championship year. Eleven years later he was still playing for Darlington. An English Schools cap he spent a decade at Ayresome Park, but the form of Northern Ireland international Jim Platt restricted Pat to just 31 league games. August 1978 saw him transferred to Millwall and two years later Pat moved to the Feethams.

A whole host of players have worn the colours of both clubs. Famous Mariners striker Tim Coleman joined Boro after a short stay with Arsenal. He and Harry Betmead clashed in front of the Barrett Stand during the 1936 Cup tie and both were sent off.

Nearer the present day Pat Johnston who played 250 league games for Town between 1949 and 1956 began his English career with Boro. Born in Dublin he won League of Ireland representative honours while at Shelbourne and crossed the Irish Sea in December 1947. However Pat managed just three First Division games for the Teesiders, and it was at Blundell Park that he made his mark. A talented, consistent wing half he was a major factor in the Northern Section Championship side of 1955-56. Married to local swimming celebrity Brenda Fisher, Pat regrettably died while still a comparatively young man.

Others to have been registered with both clubs include Joe Bukbeck, Jim Maddison, Tom Watkin, Don Walker, and at the turn of the century Bob Gray, Bill Higgins, Rab McFarlane, and Harry Leonard.

Another is the answer to Clever Dick No. 4

TOWN v. BORO LEAGUE SUMMARY 1899-00 TO 1982-83

	Home						Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Division One	11	6	2	3	22	17	11	2	1	8	12	25
Division Two	10	6	0	4	25	24	10	2	1	7	7	22
Division Three	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
Totals	22	13	2	7	49	42	22	5	2	15	20	47

THIS AND THAT

The Mariners were one of two teams to do the double over Boro in 1966-67 when the Ayresome outfit finished runners up in Division Three. Matt Tees scored the only goal on Teeside, five minutes from time. In the return Doug Collins and Gary Moore were the Mariners matchwinners. That victory gave Town their first and so far only double over Middlesbrough. Our visitors have managed four in the forty four game sequence. The last came in 1947-48 as Grimsby dropped out of Division One.

The most significant came in 1928-29, the game at Ayresome being the last fixture of the season with the victors taking the Second Division Championship. Before a 40,000 gate Boro won 3-0 with George Camself netting twice. The programme line up showing 19 year old Tommy Poskett making his Town debut is given below. Despite the presence of numbers these did not appear on the shirts making identification somewhat difficult.

Another page of the matchday programme bore an advert for Middlesbrough Co-Op imploring supporters to "... visit our library after the match".
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CLEVER DICK

- Home grounds please of Stockport County, Wigan Athletic, and Bradford City.
- John Stone played for Town and Boro. What have been his other league clubs?
- The Mariners won 4-1 at Ayresome last season, who scored our goals?
- Boro paid Grimsby £10,000 for my services in May 1948. I had come to Blundell Park during the war, and played for the Football League. Who am I?
- Middlesbrough's former coach Cyril Knowles is now manager of whom?
- Which Yugoslav international was on Boro's books a couple of seasons back?
- When did Town last concede seven in a league game.
- Details please of the man who scored most First Division goals in a season for Grimsby.
- Chris Nicholl won an F.A. Cup Winners' medal with Southampton. True or False?
- Telford United, the only non league club left in the F.A. Cup were known by what name until 1969?

(Answers on page 14, underneath 'Read all about it')

TO DAY'S TEAMS.

Saturday May 4th, 1929

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Middlesbrough v. Grimsby Town

Referee, W. P. HARPER, Stourbridge.

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(2) Freeman	(12) Smith	(13) Peacock
(3) Miller	(13) Ferguson	(14) Bruce
(4) Carr	(14) Camself	(15) Bestall
(5) Emmerison	(15) Coleman	(16) Priestley
(6) Wright	(16) Calderwood	(17) Wrack
(7) Coglin	(17) Jacobson	(18) Wilson
(8) Poskett	(19) Poskett	(20) Poskett
(9) Poskett	(21) Poskett	(22) Poskett
(10) Poskett	(22) Poskett	(23) Poskett

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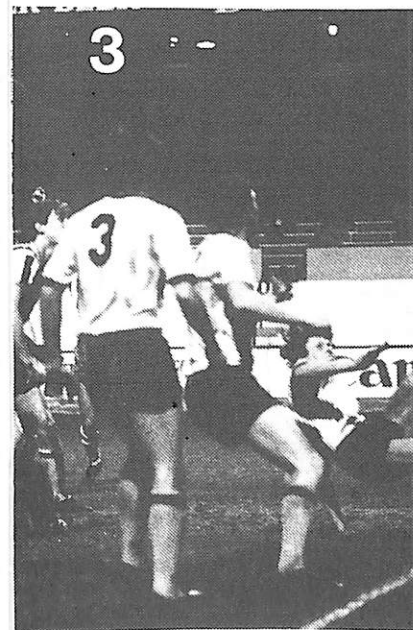


1 ... GOAL!
 Paul Wilkinson slides the ball home against Sheffield Wednesday.

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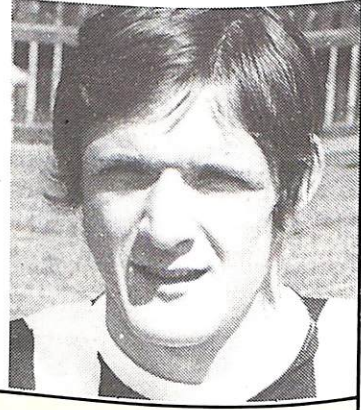
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No. 14 Mariners Leading Leaguers

Time Served

Clive Wigginton 1968-1974 and 1979-1982



In his two spells with Town Wiggy amassed 286+7 league games. Had he spent his whole career at Blundell Park then he could well have topped the 400 mark.

A man of two generations, Clive scored the goal at Bury in April 1972 that clinched promotion from Division Four. Seven years later he came back to Grimsby, bolstered the defence, and the Mariners again rose from football's basement.

Then between 1979 and 1982 the Sheffield born defender played arguably the best football of his career. As the Third Division Championship was won Clive missed just two games. He proved a pillar of strength in the back four, his experienced head being vital in a young defensive set-up.

Twelve months later, he more than any other player, grasped what was required in the Second Division, and as Town became promotion contenders for the third season in a row, Clive relished the challenge, and the higher grade of soccer.

Nephew of another time-served Mariner, Ron Cockerill, Wigginton was an apprentice in the days of keep-fit fanatic Don McEvoy. Bill Harvey signed him as a professional in October 1968, and the following February

he made his league debut against Newport. Initially the consistent performances of Graham Rathbone restricted first team opportunities but injuries to the Welsh pivot in February 1972, gave Clive his chance. He became first choice central defender. After 164+8 games for Town, contractual problems caused him to move to Scunthorpe in the summer of 1975. Two seasons were spent at the Old Showground before Clive became the second man to play soccer for Lincolnshire's three league clubs, when he was transferred to Lincoln in September 1977.

But the Mariners were always his first love, and he returned to Blundell Park in March 1979, when John Newman paid £10,000 for his services. Defenders do not come tougher than Clive, and his appetite for the game is as fresh today as when he was a raw youngster in the late sixties.

Losing his first team place in early 1982 Clive ended his league career at Doncaster after a brief sojourn with Torquay. Now he is back in the area and is player/manager with Skegness Town in the Lincolnshire League.

CLIVE'S LEAGUE LOG

Season	Club	Div.	Apps.	Goals
1968-69	Grimsby	Four	2	
1969-70	Grimsby	Four	22+1	
1970-71	Grimsby	Four	7+3	
1971-72	Grimsby	Four	24+3	
1972-73	Grimsby	Four	39	
1973-74	Grimsby	Three	46	
1974-75	Grimsby	Three	24	
1975-76	Grimsby	Four	42	
1976-77	Scunthorpe	Four	46	
1977-78	Lincoln	Three	41	
1978-79	Lincoln	Three	19	
1979-80	Grimsby	Four	18	
1980-81	Grimsby	Three	44	
1981-82	Grimsby	Two	40	
1981-82	Grimsby	Two	20	
1982-83	Doncaster	Three	13	
1982-83	Torquay	Four	9	
1982-83	Doncaster	Four	18	



Canary Paul Haylock's number was drawn out of the bag.

ENGLISH FOOTBALLERS are definitely not on the pill! That is the pleasing news from the Football Association headquarters at Lancaster Gate where for the past four-and-a-half seasons they have been monitoring drug tests on Football League players.

Since the first player was asked to deposit his sample into the little bottle at the beginning of the 1979-80 season there has not been one positive result and that is a refreshing compliment to our national sport.

At a time when many major sporting activities are rife with suspicion, when communist bloc countries produce female athletes

NO DRUGS

By Colin Benson

with more muscle than a boaconstrictor, our top class footballers have emerged with a totally clean bill of health.

Of course the very idea that British players should stoop so low as to take stimulants was unthinkable until West Bromwich Albion and Scotland winger Willie Johnston hit the World Cup Final headlines in Argentina in 1978, by failing a dope test.

Johnston was alleged to have taken an illegal stimulant and was accordingly banned for a year by FIFA. His expulsion from the Scottish camp and the subsequent press revelations blew up into a scandal not helped by Ally MacLeod's results in a group that Scotland had been tipped to win.

The shock waves were certainly felt in the corridors of Lancaster Gate and that is why the ruling body felt it prudent to establish publicly that there was no problem in the domestic game.

LOTTERY

A list of banned drugs — some 50 or 60 of them — as listed by the Olympic movement was used as the basis, including drugs intended to produce extra energy and those in the anabolic steroid group responsible for producing extra muscle power.

The F.A. first wrote to the club doctors of all 92 League clubs asking them in confidence whether they felt there was a drugs problem in professional football and to a man the answer was an emphatic no.

But still it had to be proved and so a system of random tests was instigated and they really are genuine with the clubs not informed of their participation until after the half-time interval of the match concerned.

The Secretary of the home club is then asked to pick out four numbered balls from a black bag — similar to the one used in the draws for F.A. Cup rounds — and the players with the corresponding numbers on their shirts — two from each team — are the guinea-pigs.

A message is sent down to the dug-out and the players are escorted to the medical room as they leave the pitch. And there they must stay until they have delivered the required 100 millilitres for analysis by the Chelsea College.

Sometimes it can be a long wait. It has been known that players have not been able to come up with the dose for up to two hours after the game and when they are from the visiting club that leaves quite a lot of drinking time for the rest of the lads.

KIDOLOGY

During the first season no less than 40 tests were carried out but since then it has worked out at about a dozen a season, sufficient quantity to be noted by the game in general, and by the end of this season all 92 clubs will have been checked.

"We have had total co-operation from the clubs and the players," says F.A. representative Glen Kirton, "everyone realises that it is in the interests of the good name of football."

But some of the old stalwarts have had a little chuckle. Tony Ingham, currently acting Secretary at Queens Park Rangers, who started as a player with Leeds United in 1946, recalls that legendary manager Major Frank Buckley dishing out pills before a game.

"He tried giving the players tablets before a game," he says. "Whether they did us any good or not we never knew but it never came to anything. I think it was more a gimmick, a bit of kidology."

Those were the days when London based players were allowed half-a-crown tea money for games up north, things are so different now. With top players earning anything up to £100,000 a year there is no room for indiscretions.

When the Willie Johnston story broke the F.A. had to prove the game was clean. This they have done without equivocation having set out initially with an open mind.

But the tests will continue just to keep everyone on their toes and act as a deterrent to anyone thinking of inducing just that little bit extra out of themselves or their team.

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Bradley's BRIEF



Ray Bradley of
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They call him the man with no big names. The Clint Eastwood of soccer. A loner: a rover who has returned. A hot-shot driver who has had more clubs than Jack Nicklaus — a mere 14 — but, then Big Jack never used his favourite putter until the going got tough and the great got going.

Did you miss him on the 10th hole? Or the Brahms and Listz 11th? If you did I make no apologies for nominating Bobby, 'Booby' Gould as my Manager of the Year — even if I get sent to Coventry again.

No, there is no Sky Blue Connexion there, although I shall never forget a horrendous journey with Ken Montgomery of the Sunday Mirror, as we motored back down the M1 after a very fruitful session at Highfield Road with Messrs Merv Robbiliard and Karl Kershaw who knew a bad driver when he saw one.

I missed my turning on to the North Circular and drove the amiable Mr. Montgomery to the austere Press Club off Fleet Street for another session of All Our Yesterdays. But, then, that is another story.

Back to Bobby Gould. I missed his opening career moves at Coventry, saw him at Arsenal, missed him at Wolves and finally caught up with him late one evening after he had joined West Ham.

UNTHINKABLE

With splendid timing he jumped back into circulation at Redbridge Station — actually it was the back of Trevor Brooking's car — as we were on our way to Upton Park. He sat there in the back, quite and unassuming, not wanting to intrude as I directed clever Trevor through the mid-evening traffic. How we got to Upton Park I will never know.

What impressed me was Bobby's down-to-earth attitude. He was supposed to arrive at the East End Rest Home for tired out campaigners, but he was full of restless energy. He went out on the park that night and played a blinder. The crowd loved him; the opposition hated him . . . bubbling Bobby was on song, spreading havoc in the opposing penalty area like a sharp fox running into a frightened Chicken Run.

Now he is the lord of the Coventry Manor, after brief but responsive managerial experience at Bristol Rovers. Truly a rover who has turned over a complete staff at Highfield Road, where the comings and goings have been freely reported in our national media.

Bobby, who brushes aside praise as he once did opposing centre-halves, wrote a new chapter in Coventry's history. Out went the Dirty Dozen who had been wrangling over new contracts; in came the Doughty Dozen from all four corners of the League. When it was all over and nearly £2 million had passed hands — not literally Bobby — the ever-smiling Gould said: "I feel like a cruise after being on the Titanic without a lifebelt!"

Looking back without anger, Gould has accomplished the unthinkable. Producing a First Division team of no mean talent out of a lot of Third and Fourth Division scruffs and has come up with the jackpot.

SIMPLICITY

Says Bobby: "I pencilled in a 100 teams — to save a fortune in ink! I started off with Dave Bamber and Kerry Dixon (He won and lost one there) biroed in Joe Corrigan and ended up with Raddy Avramovic (How the hell do you get that permutation?). The rest was easy.

"I looked for attitude and application. My ideal player must be thankful, respectful and, above all, appreciate what a privileged person he is to play football for a living. Every footballer has some ability. All the coach has to do is find it. A Third Division team playing in the First? Don't you believe it. A few of my lads have something to prove.

Is there a Bobby trap? Are they all just Gould-en dreams? Wait and see. If you have been in as many sand traps as Gould you don't come up a loser.

Gould's philosophy is fed on the beliefs of Liverpool and West Ham. Liverpool, you may ask? Well, according to his mentors — Ron Greenwood and John Lyall — simplicity is genius. He has never forgotten those wise words.

Gould looked around Ryton and spread his hands. Then he said with conviction: "When I was a kid this place was just a sandpit. Now it is one of the best training grounds in Europe, with facilities second to none."

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Gary Bailey



In this edition Colin Benson continues his series on the young players who will be England's future in the international arena by talking to Manchester United goalkeeper Gary Bailey, who won his England Under-21 cap against Hungary in Nyireghaza last October.

Although 25, Bailey has been used as one of the two permitted over age players in England's Under-21 European Championship campaign and was later called up for the senior squad as understudy to Ray Clemence for the senior international against Luxembourg.

GARY BAILEY'S association with the England Under-21 squad spans some six years. "It goes back to when I was first selected at 19," says the Manchester United number one.

"In that period I have also been selected for the first team squad and the "B" squad and captained the Under-21 side last year in Greece so I have had my fair share of experience on the international scene."

There is always a danger that players kept on at this level can find their career with the England senior side just passes them by. Gary Owen the West Bromwich Albion midfielder player and the most capped player by far at Under-21 level is a good example.

Gary says: "Obviously it is not the final ambition to play for the Under-21 team and I see it as a step on the way to the first squad which I want to become involved with. But that is not my decision, it is a case of doing my job for the club and when I'm called up I'm called up no matter who it is for. I always do my best and enjoy being with international squads."

Bailey hopes to take over the role as Peter Shilton's understudy when Ray Clemence eventually retires from the international scene: "It would be a great boost to me and a great honour," agrees Gary. "It is something I have worked for and is very close to my heart. But I am not alone in that wish. Nigel Spinks went to Australia with the senior team when Clem and I were in Swaziland on tour in the summer and then there is Chris Woods at Norwich City.

COMPETITION

"They will be wishing to get that second spot as well and as far as I am concerned international football is a funny thing. Take Ray Wilkins for example. He was England's captain then he was out of the squad, so I don't wish and hope too much, just keep working at my game and if I do get into the England senior side it will be a

wonderful boost."

There are still strains of a South African accent in Gary's voice, picked up as a kid in Johannesburg, and the Ipswich born player agrees that the fact that there are so many good goalkeepers in this country is a disadvantage.

"It holds back my international future and I think that is part of being a great goalkeeper. If I want to be a great goalkeeper then I have to get international experience at the top level and this has been denied me so far.

"I just hope in the near future I get my chance, it is part of my ambition.

"You do of course get a great deal of experience at under-21 level. Obviously it isn't top class; the crowds aren't the same, the players you are up against are all young as well. It is not ideal, but with playing international football at this level and playing for United in Europe I'm getting a fair amount of experience now which I hope one day will hold me in good stead for England."

What then is the biggest difference between under-21 football and the senior game?

"At the top level every game is so important no matter who England are playing, it is almost a do or die situation as far as the English public are concerned. There is not quite the same pressures on you at the lower levels.

"Not the same type of pressure anyhow. The strain comes from the fact that there are so many good young players in the country who inevitably do well. They won the European Championship last year have reached the semi-finals in the previous campaigns so inevitably the competition for places is fierce.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

"The manager looks at you assessing whether you are good enough for the future of England, not could he represent England today!

"In the first squad you have got to perform there and then you have to

produce the goods. I have had six years with the Under-21's and now I feel I would like to be put in the situation to show my ability with the full team.

"I don't worry about it though. Team selection is out of my hands. The time will come when they decide that I am either ready for the first squad or they will let someone else have a chance.

"I just hope they think I'm ready for promotion. Having been behind Clem and Shilts for so long I have not really been given a chance.

"But as I say I don't worry too much. I have important things to do with United, in terms of winning League championships and European silver and although playing for England is very dear to me I can't afford to let it affect me."

With over 200 Football League appearances for Manchester United behind him now, Gary can certainly claim to be one of the most experienced pretenders to Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence's domain.



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A GOOD GROUNDING FOR MANAGEMENT

Exactly what makes a top class football club manager is always a debatable subject, for a start what is the criterion of "success"?

In terms of the record books success is obviously determined by the number of trophies standing on the boardroom sideboard, but in reality success must be judged by the resources at a managers command.

For instance no one in the country expects Rotherham boss George Kerr to lift the Milk Cup or the FA Cup because Third Division clubs simply are not equal to the likes of Tottenham Hotspur, Liverpool or Manchester United. So success for Mr Kerr would not be equal to that expected from say Keith Burkinshaw or Ron Atkinson.

One man enjoying phenomenal success at the moment is former Birmingham City boss Jim Smith, who is leading Oxford United towards the Second Division.

"Everything is going very well," says the manager who started his management career with Boston and then completed his apprenticeship with Colchester United.

He didn't do too badly at St Andrews either before Birmingham City sacked him to make way for Ron Saunders, but it was that grounding with Boston and Colchester United that Jim believes has been essential to his managerial success.

He says: "You couldn't find a better school for management. In the lower divisions you learn every aspect of running a club because you have to. There just simply isn't the staff to delegate responsibility to so you have to be involved."

MORE ORGANISED

"Involved in the financial workings the every day routine business as well as the playing aspect."

Jim also believes that life in the

Third and Fourth Divisions helps develop managers into better tacticians.

"At the lower level you know you can't just pick up a cheque book and buy a player to fill in a problem position," he explains. "You have to work hard at improving the players you have got on the staff and consequently this stretches your ability as a coach and that is a good thing."

"Also because the players are not quite of such a high standard you need to organise the team more than they do in the top flight, particularly defensively and that is a good asset when you move up into the First Division."

"The tendency there is to let players get on with their own thing because they are good players and can read and react to situations themselves. But if you can also introduce a little more organisation into them then the results will be that much better. . ."

"I think you can look at the First Division today and quickly pick out the managers who learned their trade in the lower grade."

Keith Burkinshaw the man who has developed Tottenham into the most attractive side in the country could not have had a harder graft than he encountered at Workington and Scunthorpe United but that experience has stood him in good stead at White Hart Lane.

IN CHARGE

Other top bosses weaned on the bread and butter football at the grass roots of the League include Brian Clough and Peter Taylor who started as a partnership knocking Hartlepool and then the unfashionable Derby County into shape.

Ron Atkinson, now in one of the most glamorous managerial seats in British football, went non-League to try his hand with Kettering Town before graduating through

Cambridge United — bottom of the Fourth Division when he took charge — to First Division football with West Bromwich Albion and now Manchester United.

Down at the Dell, Southampton chief Lawrie McMenemy's route to the top of his trade was via Bishop Auckland, Doncaster Rovers and Grimsby Town and he won the Fourth Division Championship with both Rovers and Grimsby.

Although Graham Taylor, a former Grimsby and Lincoln City player, has not won any of the major prizes there can be no doubting his credentials. Taylor was unexpectedly thrust into the managerial seat at Lincoln, when former Arsenal star David Herd was fired, and transformed the ailing club into Fourth Division champions before joining Watford in June 1977. He then steered Watford from the Fourth Division to runners-up in the First Division last season.

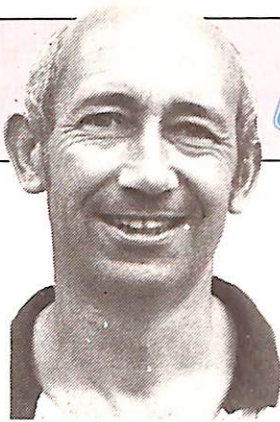
Ken Brown at Norwich City made his introduction to management as assistant to John Bond after learning the ropes at Bournemouth.

The former West Ham United centrehalf who spent four years at Dean Court does not think that it is necessary to spend time in the lower divisions to learn the trade however.

He says: "The emphasis on management is being able to assemble a side together and being able to get them to play the way you want them to perform. That applies to any division, the First or the Fourth."

"Perhaps if you have played in the First Division and you take up your first appointment at a lower level you are able to gain more respect I don't know. They might be looking for something from you that they can't produce and you might be looking for something from them. But at the end of it all it is the experience gained by being in charge of a side that is invaluable, no matter what division they are in."

BENNO AT LARGE



STRIKE THREAT

Money they say is the root of all evil and it is certainly the cause of most industrial disputes. The latest in the football world concerns payment to players for participation in televised FA Cup matches.

The players union, the PFA, are angry over a cut in their pay-out from the governing body and claim that the figure has now been reduced from around £100,000 to £40,000, a cut which the Union secretary Gordon Taylor claims is "totally unacceptable".

Insisting that he does not want a confrontation with the authorities Mr Taylor says: "We have a mandate to reserve the option to tell members not to play in televised matches."

The original long standing agreement between the FA and the PFA laid down that a percentage of the TV income would go to the PFA to help players forced out of the game through injury or illness.

That was fine until the TV contract was re-negotiated four years ago to bring a substantial increase into the FA's funds. It was such a large amount that the percentage deal with the PFA became ludicrous and that is why the authorities have reverted to a fixed sum.

One FA official told me: "The game cannot afford to give the PFA that amount of money we have other commitments within the game to consider."

One substantial commitment is an agreement to help Wembley Stadium with a refurbishment programme and that is going to make the purse strings very tight.

"The money is in the form of a grant to the PFA, the players have no right to take money from the governing body," the FA point out.

The players of course are all under contract to their respective clubs and presumably in the terms of those agreements get financial recompense in any case. For the PFA to then suggest taking strike action to secure what in any case is only a voluntary contribution seems to be taking things too far.

PELE TURNS DOWN £3m

Talking of money, did you see that New York Cosmos had tried to entice the great Pele out of retirement with a staggering offer of £3.25 million for the next season.

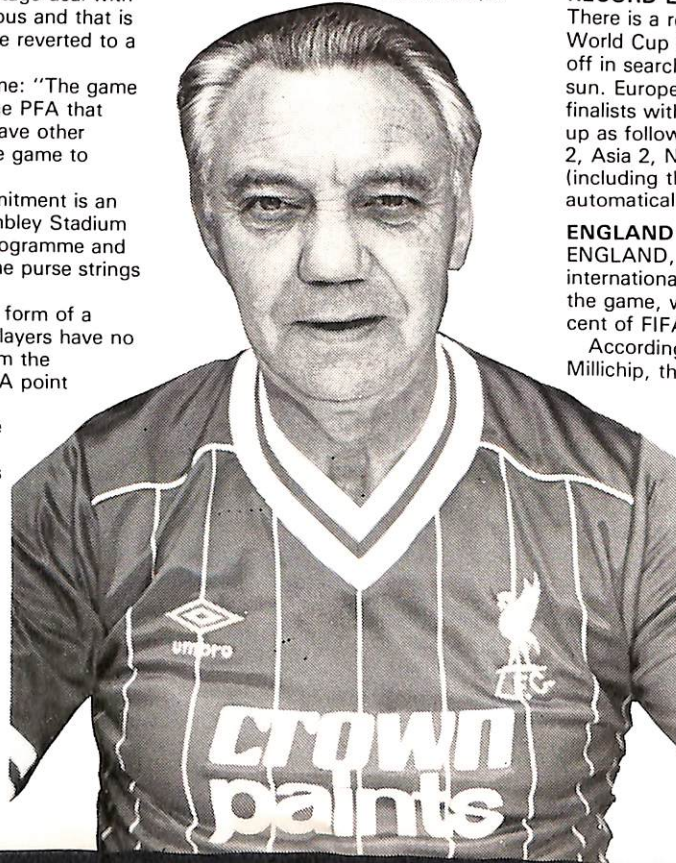
Warner Communications, Pele's employers and owners of the Cosmos, saw his return as a way of improving flagging attendances which threaten the very existence of the NASL.

The Brazilian superstar was clearly tempted but thankfully eventually declined. It would have been a tragedy, to see him kicked and hustled by young players eager to stop the big name. The skill might still be with him but the legs certainly aren't.

LIVERPOOL BID FOR CHANGE

Liverpool, three times winners of the European Cup, have instigated a move

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to reorganise the whole competition.

They would like to see the preliminary rounds scrapped and replaced by mini-leagues of say eight groups of four teams, with the group winners then going forward to the quarter-finals which would be played on a knock-out basis.

It is not a new idea, in fact Liverpool first suggested it to UEFA five years ago, but it makes economic sense.

Each club would be guaranteed at least six matches, which would eliminate the first round losers, who at present receive compensation from UEFA's own coffers.

It would also eliminate the immediate dismissal of some of the better named clubs. One can remember Liverpool meeting Nottingham Forest in the first round in a previous year; and although there is now a seeding process it does not prevent all anomalies as witness the pairing of Rapid Vienna and Nantes this season.

Certainly the idea presents exciting prospects and should gain plenty of support.

RECORD ENTRY

There is a record entry for the 1986 World Cup with 119 countries setting off in search of a place in the Mexican sun. Europe will provide 14 of the 24 finalists with the balance being made up as follows: South America 4, Africa 2, Asia 2, North/Central America 2 (including the hosts Mexico who automatically qualify).

ENGLAND OUT

ENGLAND, one of the most famous international teams in the history of the game, would disappear if 60 per cent of FIFA members had their way.

According to FA Chairman Bert Millichip, the majority think that it is unfair for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to continue as separate entrants. They would prefer to see a Great Britain team.

Fortunately it would require a 75 per cent vote to force the measure through, but as FIFA expands and more and more third world countries join the international circus so the issue becomes more strained.



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MARINER MAN

Phil Bonnyman

Town's Glasgow born midfielder

Football is full of worries. Phil lost his first team place after an injury against Leeds last September. Three months later he took possession of the No 10 shirt again, when Micky Speight took a knock.

Arguably Phil is now playing his best football since joining Town in August 1982 from Chesterfield. "Yes I feel more on top of my game, playing with two players wide creates more opportunities. Alternatives present themselves, and that is a great help to the midfield."

Last season Grimsby usually operated with one flank player, and consequently options were much reduced. "It was a difficult season" admits Phil, "the team as a whole tended to struggle and inevitably this does have an effect on one's own form".

Nevertheless Phil missed just two games, and worked as hard as any player to retain Town's Division Two status. Now he is enjoying the fruits of that effort and displaying the natural ball skills that has so impressed several managers and prompted Dave Booth to invest £80,000 in his signature.

Town's midfield has a balanced look when Phil is on form. Recent games against Wednesday and Cardiff showed the value of close control and pin point passing. "I try to play football, and ensure we keep possession, kicking the ball anywhere is alien to my style."

His positional sense has been spot on, always available for the short ball, and then changing the direction of play with telling passes. Phil's style comes as no great surprise for beginning his career at Ibrox Park, he came under the spell of Jim Baxter, 'Slim Jim' himself, probably one of the most constructive and fluent midfielders of the last twenty years.

But though he joined Rangers as a youngster, it was with Hamilton that he made his entry to senior soccer. While at Douglas Park he frequently adopted a defensive role and was capped by Scotland 'B' against Italy, in a game abandoned fifteen minutes from time after a torrential downpour.

English scouts were beginning to notice his potential and he crossed the border to Carlisle in March 1976 for a fee of £22,500. Four years later he moved on to Chesterfield in a £150,000 deal, as the Derbyshire club fought a ding dong battle with Grimsby for promotion to Division Two. Sadly the Saltergate side just missed out, and when the same thing happened in each of the next two campaigns, support dwindled, and the club were reluctantly forced to sell. However it was at Chesterfield that Phil enjoyed one of his most satisfying experiences. He scored twice against Rangers in the Anglo Scottish Cup, goals that paved the way for a 4-1 victory over the Scottish side. Two games later he was in the Cup winning team that beat Notts County.

In some respects Phil has had a nomadic footballing life. Recently his name was being linked with Doncaster, challenging strongly for promotion from Division Four.

Philosophically he takes such uncertainties in his stride, meeting each situation as it happens. Married to Ann, a Glasgow girl, they and the lads Paul aged 5, and Ryan 3 have settled on the east coast, but know that if opportunities arise they may have to be taken. That is one of the facts of a footballing life.

Phil has worked hard at his game, right from the time when he was released by Rangers and "realised exactly what was needed to make the grade".

He has done that at all his clubs being a thorough professional.



Phil Bonnyman in recent action against Cambridge.

Career Record

Season	Club	Division	League		FAC		Milk Cup	
			Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's
1973-74	Hamilton A.	Scots Two	7+6	—	—	—	3	—
1974-75	Hamilton A.	Scots Two	35	5	3	—	7	—
1975-76	Hamilton A.	Scots One	23	2	—	—	6	—
	Carlisle U.	Two	9	—	—	—	—	1
1976-77	Carlisle U.	Two	35+2	1	2	—	1	4
1977-78	Carlisle U.	Three	32+1	8	4	—	2	—
1978-79	Carlisle U.	Three	45	7	3	—	2	—
1979-80	Carlisle U.	Three	28	10	5	—	4	—
	Chesterfield	Three	11	3	—	—	—	—
1980-81	Chesterfield	Three	41+1	8	6	—	4	—
1981-82	Chesterfield	Three	46	14	2	—	2	—
1982-83	Grimsby T.	Two	40	1	2	—	3	—

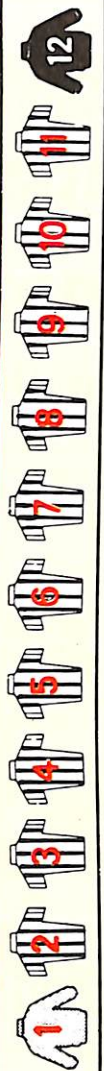
Vital Info

Born: Glasgow
Birthdate: 6 February 1954
Height: 5' 10 1/2". Weight: 12st 4lbs
Career Highspots: A Scotland 'B' appearance in 1974-75, and the Anglo Scottish Cup win at Chesterfield.
Career Lowspots: Leaving Glasgow Rangers as a youngster
Influences on Career: Every manager has taught me something but Frank Barlow, coach at Chesterfield was a bit special.
Career after playing: Something to do with property, possibly estate agency.
Town debut: v Leeds, Division Two 28 August 1982.

NEEDHAMS MEATS

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The Games People Play 1983-84



Date	Opponents	Att.	Res.	Pts.	Pos.
Aug. 27	Shrewsbury Town	5,177	1-1	1	17
Sept. 3	Cardiff City	5,126	1-3	1	12
6	Leeds United	7,723	2-0	4	14
10	Middlesbrough	6,020	1-1	5	14
17	Newcastle United	10,239	1-1	6	10
24	Fulham	5,769	2-1	9	10
27	Barnsley	5,986	1-3	9	10
Oct. 1	Huddersfield Town	25,080	0-0	9	15
8	Brighton & H.A.	8,469	0-0	13	9
15	Crystal Palace	6,175	2-0	16	8
22	Derby County	11,531	2-1	19	8
Nov. 5	Portsmouth	12,906	0-4	19	6
12	Charlton Athletic	5,584	2-1	22	6
19	Swansea City	5,178	1-0	25	6
26	Cardiff United	5,665	1-1	25	6
Dec. 3	Blackburn Rovers	6,409	3-0	27	6
10	Oldham Ath.	4,825	3-0	30	6
17	Sheffield Wednesday	12,151	0-0	32	6
24	Cardiff City	4,319	2-2	37	6
Jan. 7	Fulham	7,164	1-0	40	5
14	Shrewsbury Town	7,351	1-1	41	5
21	Middlesbrough	3,343	2-1	44	5
Feb. 4	Manchester City				
11	Newcastle United				
18	Derby County (FA 5)				
25	Crystal Palace				
Mar. 3	Portsmouth				
10	Charlton Ath. (FA 6)				
17	Leeds United				
24	Barnsley (MC F)				
31	Huddersfield Town				
April 7	Brighton & H.A.				
14	Swansea C. (FA SF)				
21	Sheffield Wednesday				
28	Cardiff United				
May 5	Blackburn Rovers				
12	Oldham Athletic				
19	FA Cup Final				

Home	Goals	Score	Opp.	Goals	Score	Player	Time
Batch	1	1-2	Moore K.	1	1-1	Moore K.	35
Batch	1	2-0	Nicholl	1	1-1	Nicholl	15
Batch	0	0-0	Nicholl	0	0-0	Nicholl	15
Batch	1	1-2	Nicholl	1	1-1	Nicholl	15
Batch	1	1-2	Nicholl	1	1-1	Nicholl	15

CUP FIXTURES AND RESULTS
 Aug 30 York City MC1 (1L)
 Sept 13 York City MC1 (2L)
 Oct 4 Coventry City MC2 (1L)
 Oct 25 Coventry City MC2 (2L)
 Jan 7 Portsmouth FAC3
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ROY LINE
 The Directors, Players & Staff take this opportunity to pay tribute to ROY LINE, a great friend of your Football Club.
 Roy reported and supported your Club honestly, fairly and always with constructive criticism.
 It is very sad indeed that we have lost a man of his calibre. He is remembered with affection and warmth.
 We offer his family our sincere condolences in their sad loss.

WOODY in reserve

Even an established pessimist would be struggling at the moment not to be at least a little excited about the Club's prospects as we turn into the New Year.

The first team are in glamorous company at the top of Division 2 and they are there entirely on merit. They work extremely hard and are well organised and as a result they have become very difficult to beat. From a coach's point of view this is a marvellous quality to have and hopefully it will continue.

Everyone at the club was delighted with the performances of Andy Moore over Christmas. He now becomes the fourth player in the last twelve months to have progressed through the junior ranks to the first team. I feel that this fact is my real reason for optimism. Steadily the management is developing a talented squad of players, all of whom are genuine first team material, which is a marvellous blend of experience and youthful exuberance. One of the highlights of the Sheffield Wednesday match was to be aware of the way in which the vastly experienced Chris Nicholl quietly helped and advised Andy constantly throughout the game. Only when this happens can the younger lads be successfully integrated into the first team. In turn the younger professionals must help and set high standards to our next generation of apprentices and amateurs. Only when this happens can we truly be confident of being a successful club.

ALAN WOODWARD

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

To be arranged:
 Middlesbrough
 Oldham Athletic

CENTRAL LEAGUE		APPS	GOALS
P. Grotier		11	
M. Burrell		3	
D. Topliss		3	
G. Henshaw		13	1
A. Moore		8	
N. Cooper		7	1
M. Hine		13	2
G. Lund		12	5
T. Whymark		5	3
M. Speight		4	1
K. Topliss		10	
D. Hannay		2	
M. Andreuszewski		4	
A. Foster		10	
A. Gale		4	
P. Wilkinson		1	1
R. Cumming		2	1
N. Mathews		12	
R. Greenough		10	3
J. McMahon		1	
P. Bonnyman		8	2
S. Holgeth		7	
D. Shearer		9	5
M. Davidson		1	
K. Storr		1	
P. Agnew		1	

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

Supporters please note that the Juniors home games will be played on King George V Stadium, Grimsby

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE		APPS	GOALS
D. Hannay		15	
S. Holgeth		13	
A. Foster		14	
T. Gale		11	3
M. Davidson		12	1
A. Moore		8	1
A. Woods		11	2
R. Dunderdale		13	2
K. Storr		10	4
N. Mathews		15	3
D. Topliss		13	
A. Dixon		13	
G. Lund		8	7
G. Henshaw		9	2
A. Duckworth		5	
R. Walker		7	
G. Green		2	
L. Thompson		2	
Cressey		1	
Kilkenny		1	
P. Agnew		1	

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THE SUN

Wednesday
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Grimsby 1, Sheffield Wednesday 0

PAUL WILKINSON'S eighth goal of the season settled this thrilling derby and extended Grimsby's unbeaten run to seven games. Joe Waters engineered the goal with a run from deep inside his own half. Then he combined with Trevor Whymark to lay on a simple chance for Wilkinson to inflict defeat on Wednesday for only the second time this season.

The first-half was played at a furious pace and introduced plenty of entertainment.

MAGIC MOMENT FOOLS TOPPERS

DAILY MIRROR

By PETER COOPER

Grimsby T.1
Sheffield Wed. ...0
SHEFFIELD Wednesday, the Second Division pacemakers, slipped to their second defeat of the season—victims of a "W" combination.

Grimsby's Joe Waters, Trevor Whymark and

scorer Paul Wilkinson came together in the 51st minute to produce the moment of sweet, gliding football in the mud that topped Wednesday.

At face value it was a massive upset—a treat or a blow for 16,107 fans who made up Blundell

Park's first five-figure gate this season, more than 8,000 backing Wednesday.
But Grimsby, fifth in the table and still unlikely promotion contenders, had lost only once in 10 previous League matches. They'll tell you it was a form result.

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DAILY EXPRESS

Pacesetters too fast for a showpiece

Grimsby 1, Sheffield Wednesday 0

ON PAPER, this match appeared almost too good to be true . . . and it was.

Grimsby, with 14 points from six games and an unbeaten home record, against Second Division leaders Sheffield Wednesday, defeated only once this season.

But both teams were too anxious to live up to the advance billing. One hundred mile an hour football stifled skill and created mistakes.

CLEVER DICK — ANSWERS

1. Edgeley Park, Springfield Park, Valley Parade. 2. York, Darlington, and now Rotherham. 3. Joe Waters (2 pens), Dean Crombie, Neil Cooper. 4. Tom Blenkinsop, 5. Darlington. 6. Bosco Jankovic. 7. v. Watford (a) 2/12/67, Division Three. 8. Tim Coleman, 35 in 1930/31. 9. No. Chris joined the Saints in June 1977 twelve months after Southampton won the F.A. Cup. 10. Wellington Town.

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Second OPINION

Bob Stokoe, Second Division Manager of the Month for December, could afford a wry smile as his Carlisle side stretched their unbeaten sequence to fifteen games, by beating Cambridge 2-0 at the Abbey Stadium.

"This is my most satisfying spell as a manager" claimed the one time Newcastle wing half, "however I don't want to talk about promotion, after all we are just country cousins".

All part of the Stokoe style to underplay his chances of achieving First Division soccer. Certainly any side claiming to be contenders for the top flight must do the business against the Cumbrians.

Carlisle had only one point to show from the first dozen available this season. Since then they have lost just once at Cardiff, and as doughty defender Jackie Ashurst said 'have learned to believe in themselves'.

Their success is based on a solid back four with quick breaks, midfielders Russell Coughlin and Tommy Craig feeding Alan Shoulder and Malcolm Poskett with long through balls.

Poskett scored his 11th of the season at Cambridge, with former Derby striker Andy Hill registering his first goal for the Cumbrians.

For luckless Cambridge it was their 17th game without a win. Just 2,203, the lowest post war Second Division gate witnessed the match, and caretaker boss John Cozens must wonder what to do next.

Blackburn meet Manchester City at Ewood this afternoon, and will be out to avenge that 0-6 drubbing received at Maine Road last September. But since that debacle Rovers have lost just twice, and September. But since that debacle at Huddersfield was their 11th last Saturday's meritorious victory at Huddersfield was their 11th game without defeat. The win was achieved with leading marksman Simon Garner getting on the scoresheet, the goals coming from Thompson and Patterson.

Former Mariner Keith Hanvey has made a welcome return for Huddersfield, after being out with back trouble. The Terriers have fell away in recent weeks, and having already seen off QPR will be looking



Russell Coughlin

for a good Cup run to retain interest.

Sheffield Wednesday look to have put a temporary loss of form behind them. In atrocious conditions they walloped luckless Swansea 6-1 at Hillsborough, though the gate of 13,787 was their lowest of the season. Gary Megson a belligerent and talented midfielder ran the show, while Imre Varadi and John Pearson were sharp up front.

Poor John Toshack, back in charge at Swansea, put through his own goal, and the Welshman are stranded with Cambridge at the foot of the table. Gary Stanley has now departed for Portsmouth and though former England striker Bob Latchford failed to agree terms with Man. City, the Vetch Field wage bill has been greatly reduced, Ray Kennedy, Jeremy Charles, and Alan Curtis all having left the club.

Chelsea brought 5,000 fans with them to Derby and won 2-1 thanks to a bizarre own goal by Rams' keeper Steve Cherry. The Pensioners paraded new midfield signing the pugnacious Micky Thomas from Stoke. Micky had started his career at Wrexham under present Chelsea boss John Neal, and will be no doubt thinking First Division soccer will be his in a few months. Veteran skipper John Hollins missed the game, and striker Kerry Dixon failed to score for the third successive week. Still with 21 to his name Kerry can be forgiven an occasional barren Saturday.

Danny Wilson made his move from Forest to Brighton permanent, and celebrated with a goal in Albion's four goal romp against Oldham. The midfielder cost Seagulls' boss Chris Cattlin £45,000, after spending six weeks on loan at the Goldstone, during which time he scored four goals. A useful man to have around as Brighton prepare for Liverpool in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup.

For Oldham, it was seven goals conceded in two games, and though Newcastle fans are not particularly happy with former Latics defender John Ryan, the England Under 21 cap would be made more than welcome back in Lancashire.

Mike Flanagan has rejoined Charlton from QPR in a £50,000 deal, and despite protests from Derek Hales, they both were due to play against Cardiff last week. Bad weather caused the reunion to be postponed. Hales, who has scored more goals for Charlton than any other player threatened a walkout if Flanagan was signed. The two men obviously have personal differences and were sent off a couple of years back for fighting. Nothing unusual? Well they both happened to be playing for Charlton.

And finally. Spare a thought for Brighton full back Chris Ramsey the 21 year old defender is seeing specialists about knee injuries that could cause him to give up the game. Chris was injured in the 1983 F.A. Cup Final, a match that was the pinnacle of an all to short career. Sadly he could soon be looking for alternative employment.



Bob Latchford

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Saturday 14th January 1984)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Leading Scorers - League, Cups	League Best	Gates Average
Sheffield W.	24	10	2	1	33	12	5	4	2	14	9	51	Varadi 13, Bannister 11, Lyons, Shelton 5	41,134	21,521
Chelsea	26	7	3	2	29	12	6	6	2	24	17	48	Dixon 21, Speedie 8, Bumstead, Canoville 6	30,628	19,182
Manchester C.	24	8	3	1	27	10	6	2	4	15	15	47	Parlane 16, Tolmie 12, Baker 6, Kinsey 4	41,862	27,217
Newcastle Utd.	23	9	1	1	29	11	5	2	5	17	21	45	Keegan 16, Waddle 13, Beardsley 6	33,802	27,513
Grimsby	24	8	3	0	21	5	4	5	4	16	21	44	Drinkell 10, Wilkinson 9, Waters 6, Ford, Emson 4	16,197	7,241
Carlisle	24	6	5	1	14	5	5	4	3	14	11	42	Poskett 11, Shoulder 6, O'Riordan 5	14,756	6,469
Blackburn R.	24	5	7	0	21	12	6	2	4	12	17	42	Garner 16, Thompson 6, Miller 4, Patterson 3	9,556	6,421
Charlton	24	9	3	1	20	8	2	4	5	9	21	40	Hales, Smith 6, Moore 5, Robinson 3	14,393	6,554
Huddersfield	24	6	4	3	16	12	4	4	3	18	17	38	Lillis 12, Russell 8, Stanton 6, Stonehouse 5	23,497	10,394
Shrewsbury T.	24	6	3	3	20	14	2	5	5	10	17	32	Petts 7, MacLaren 6, Brown 5	9,471	4,847
Portsmouth	24	6	0	5	27	14	3	4	6	13	17	31	Hateley 16, Biley 11, Dillon, Morgan 7	18,852	14,136
Middlesbrough	24	5	4	3	17	12	3	3	6	11	15	31	Currie 12, Otto 6	19,648	9,688
Barnsley	24	5	4	4	25	14	3	2	6	14	23	30	Connor 11, Young A. 7, Ryan 6	20,874	12,706
Cardiff	22	6	1	3	18	11	2	1	9	16	21	29	Gray 8, Geddis, Glavin 6, Cunningham 4	18,236	11,634
Oldham	24	6	2	4	17	16	1	2	9	9	25	25	Owen 7, Baird 5	14,580	7,460
Leeds Utd.	22	5	2	3	17	12	1	4	7	12	23	24	Palmer 10, Cross 7, Ward 3	9,269	6,090
Fulham	24	4	3	5	17	17	1	5	6	10	19	23	McClusky 7, Ritchie 6, Wright 5, Gray F. 4	30,806	17,799
Crystal P.	23	4	2	5	9	12	2	3	7	6	23	23	Davies 12, Tempest 5, Lock 4	24,787	8,457
Derby County	24	4	3	6	16	21	2	2	7	6	23	23	Evans 6, Hilaire, Giles 4	13,781	8,597
Cambridge	24	2	6	5	14	20	0	1	10	4	24	13	Davison 8, Campbell, Plummer 4	18,691	13,347
Swansea City	24	3	2	8	9	16	0	2	9	11	32	13	Cooke 6, Sinton 4	5,204	4,029
													Latchford, Gale, Stevenson 3	10,900	7,849

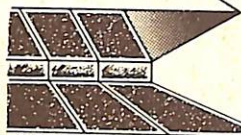
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Voted 'Player of the Year' two seasons in succession — 1980-81 and 1981-82. Has not missed a game this season.
- 2 **ANDY MOORE**
Made his debut against Wednesday on Boxing Day becoming the fifth Moore to play for Town.
- 3 **DEAN CROMBIE**
Made his 200th league appearance for Town earlier in the season. Born Lincoln.
- 4 **JOE WATERS**
Scored the goal that brought Town a point at Ayresome last September. Has scored six in all this season.
- 5 **CHRIS NICHOLL**
This afternoon making his 600th league appearance — Halifax 42 games, Luton 97 games, Aston Villa 210 games, Southampton 228 games and now Grimsby 23 games.
- 6 **KEVIN MOORE**
An ever present this season his eighth with the Mariners, since joining the club from Wintringham in 1976.
- 7 **TONY FORD**
Another Wintringham 'old boy'. Has scored five goals to date including a point saver at Cambridge.
- 8 **PAUL WILKINSON**
Scored the winner last Saturday at Shrewsbury. Former apprentice who signed pro last season.
- 9 **KEVIN DRINKELL**
His goal at Gay Meadow was the 67th of his league career. Voted 'Player of the Year' for 1982-83.
- 10 **PHIL BONNYMAN**
Made his 50th full league appearance for Town at Shrewsbury. Has additionally come on as sub twice.
- 11 **PAUL EMSON**
Close season recruit from Derby who has not missed a game for the Mariners. Scored the winner in the last home game against Cardiff.
- 12

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- 1 **KELHAM O'HANLON**
Back in the team after losing his place to Steve Pears who was on loan from Manchester United.
- 2 **DARREN WOOD**
Highly-rated youngster who is one of a crop of starlets at Ayresome Park.
- 3 **TONY MOWBRAY**
Saltburn-born defender who is a former Boro apprentice.
- 4 **HEINE OTTO**
Skilful Dutchman who scored here last season in Boro's 3-0 win.
- 5 **MICK BAXTER**
Ex-Preston defender who headed the FA Cup winner against Arsenal in the last round.
- 6 **IRVING NATTRASS**
Former Newcastle player who seems to have shaken off his injury prone tag.
- 7 **GARY HAMILTON**
Another young player who has come to the fore this season.
- 8 **MICK KENNEDY**
Tenacious former Halifax and Huddersfield player who supplies the bite in midfield.
- 9 **GARY MacDONALD**
Yet another young player who has been given his head by Malcolm Allison.
- 10 **PAUL SUGRUE**
Skilful former Manchester City striker whose goal put Boro on the victory path at Blundell Park last season.
- 11 **DAVID CURRIE**
Ayresome's leading scorer and new goalscoring hero. Born at Stockton.
- 12 **PAUL WARD**
Former Chelsea apprentice who was born in Sedgfield.

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