

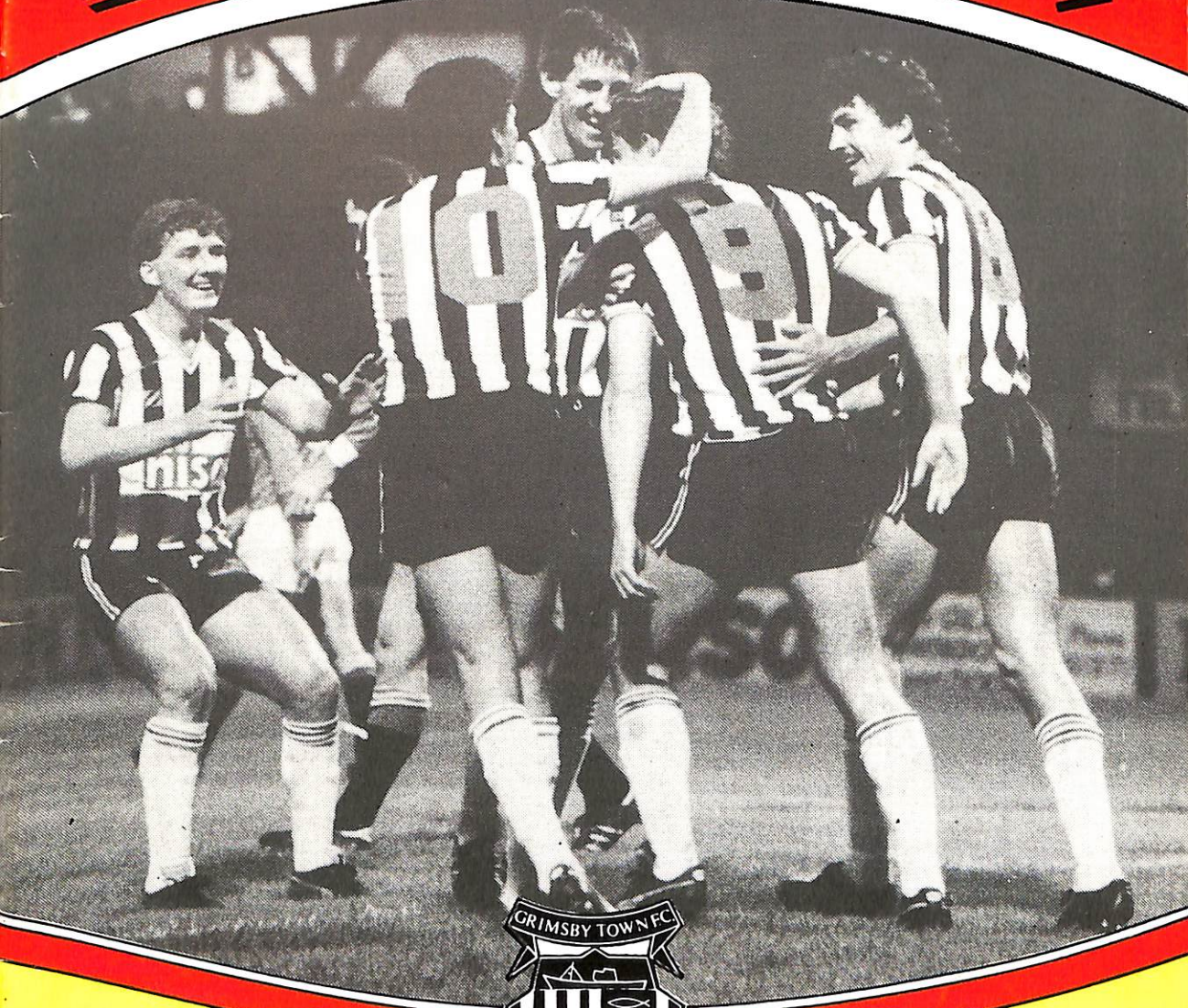
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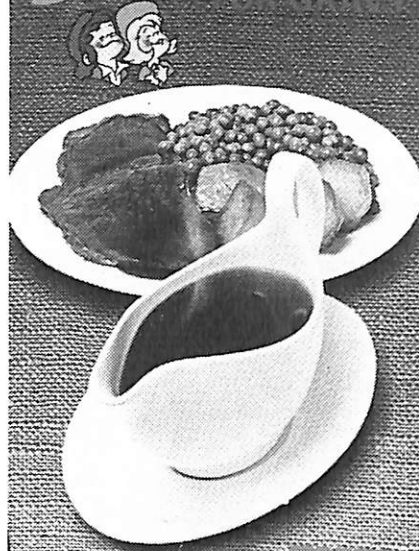
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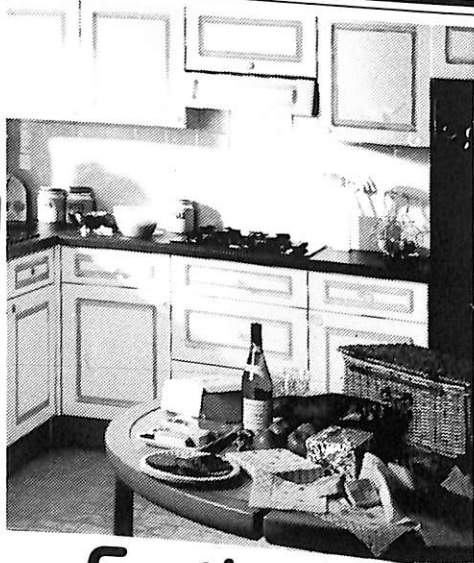
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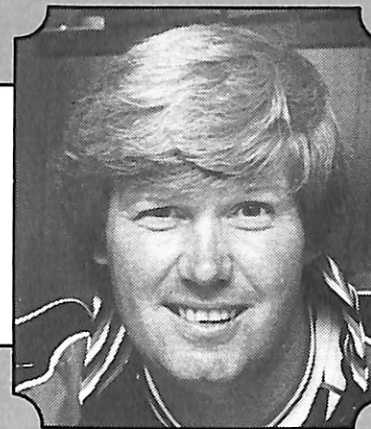
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Last Saturday was an off day. No excuses, not even the fact that I had to miss two days preparation because of illness. It was a below par performance by all concerned, and Crystal Palace fully deserved the three points.

I can assure you that it gives me no pleasure admitting to being outplayed. Thankfully it has not happened all that often in recent months, and I am determined not to let it become a habit.

It is also a cause for concern that we have now lost four games at Blundell Park. There was a time when Grimsby Town were virtually a home banker, but already we have conceded more home points than our quota for the season.

But there are lessons to be learnt in defeat. Signs of complacency have become apparent. Truth to tell they were probably there in the match at Brighton. At the Goldstone Ground we were comfortably in control for virtually all the game. So much so that the advantage was not really pressed home, and instead of three points, we settled for one. So, lesson number one, guard against complacency.

That takes us on to another couple of points, against Palace the game ran away from us. After the first half we were desperate to get on terms. We had not started the game in positive fashion, and consequently let the Londoners get a grip on the match. Lesson number two, start as we mean to finish.

Lesson number three is not to become over anxious. We are I believe as good a team as any in the Second Division. Our attacking style is our strength and we must not panic into changing the approach.

Today we have the chance to put things right and start the Christmas programme in winning fashion. Middlesbrough though are a better

team than their League position suggests, and have modified their system of play since our win at Ayresome Park. I am pleased to see Mike Saxby still in the Second Division. He did a good job for us during his loan spell two years ago, and has overcome the problem of a bad knee injury to bounce back.

As you would have read in the press, the Board of Directors, have given an undertaking regarding financial backing, if the point needed proving, then surely supporters, and indeed everyone living in the area, should now be crystal clear about the ambition of Grimsby Town. We are in our 5th season in Division Two, and the aim of everyone at Blundell Park is to get promotion, and what is more retain First Division status.

So with that thought in mind, can I close by wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

COVERPIC: The Mariners celebrate a goal! Let's hope there are many more such scenes in 1985.



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Back Row: David Mills, Darren Wood (now Chelsea), David Currie, Heine Otto, Tony Mowbray, Kelham O'Hanlon, Gary Gill, Paul Ward, Geoff Scott.
Front Row: Gary Hamilton, Stephen Bell, Paul Sugrue (now Portsmouth), Steve Smelt (Physiotherapist), Willie Maddren (Manager), Irving Natrass (Captain), Mick Buckley, Alan Roberts.

Middlesbrough



THE BOSS WILLIE MADDREN

Willie is a self styled 'Boro fanatic. In his programme notes for the opening game of the season he said it was a pleasure and a privilege to be manager of Middlesbrough Football Club.

Now with almost half the season gone he still retains that fresh infectious enthusiasm, and is determined to resurrect the fortunes of a once great club. It has to be said it will not be easy. 'Boro are in dire financial straits, but at least the man at the helm is steeped in the club.

Starting his playing career at Ayresome Park in July 1968, Willie in the next decade made 295 League appearances for the club, before injury cut short his career a decade later. He was an ever present in the side that romped away with the Second Division Championship in 1973-74, forming an effective centre back partnership with Stuart Boam. Willie received five England Under 23 caps and was on the fringe of the full international team, until fate took a hand at the early age of 27.

Going in to the sports outfitters business at nearby Stockton, he was for a time coach at Hartlepool. Ironically the man who brought him back to Ayresome was Malcolm Allison — the man he eventually succeeded as manager. Predictably the man who recommended him for the job was his former mentor Jackie Charlton who acted as caretaker during the closing months of last season.

For the third successive season 'Boro find themselves in the lower reaches of Division Two. The remaining months of the season hold out hope of little more than struggle — both against the dreaded drop to the Third Division, and the prospect of bankruptcy, a cloud hanging over the club for the last four years.

Even the F.A. Cup draw brought little solace. A home draw against near neighbours Darlington is a game 'Boro are expected to win. But the Quakers, currently on the crest of a wave, may well have a larger following at Ayresome Park than the homesters. The Teesiders will get no prizes for victory, while defeat — well perish the thought.

Ayresome Park is an eerie place these days. A ground, used in the 1966 World Cup, that once accommodated a 53,000 gathering, is now visited by under 5,000. So much so that one end is closed off, it being uneconomic to open it up on match days.

Understandably the lack of atmosphere — pre match music seems to echo — has its effect, and one of the most difficult tasks facing Willie Maddren is that of motivation.

Mounting debts caused the club to sell many of its stars, and the latest to leave was Darren Wood, a versatile player who could play in all departments. Linked with Sheffield Wednesday last season he moved to Chelsea in October commanding a £100,000 fee. Another recent departure was Paul Sugrue released by the club, and now on the Portsmouth pay roll.

Three straight defeats, including that 5-1 victory by Town heralded the start of the current campaign. Indeed 'Boro did not taste victory until match number seven against Cardiff, and they also suffered a first round Milk Cup dismissal at the hands of Bradford City. Since then their form has improved. Three successive wins — 3-0 at Bramall Lane and home victories over Charlton (1-0) and Man. City (2-1) relieved the

gloom. But since then 'Boro have managed just one maximum, 2-1 at Brighton.

Those wins at the Goldstone and Sheffield United are 'Boro's only away successes. Seven games have been lost, at Portsmouth (0-1), Notts County (2-3), Fulham (1-2), Oldham (0-2), Leeds (0-2), Huddersfield (1-3), and Birmingham (2-3).

With little money to spend 'Boro have a small squad. None-the-less manager Maddren has recruited in the last two months a couple of rugged battlers, well known for their combative qualities. **Tony McAndrew** rejoined the club from Chelsea after eighteen months with the Londoners. A fierce competitor, this Glaswegian was an Ayresome Park apprentice who went on to skipper the team in Division One.

The other recruit **Mike Saxby**, will be remembered by Town fans for his ten game loan spell at Blundell Park in the spring of 1983. Then, the six footer was bolstering a side fighting to maintain their Second Division status. Now the Mansfield born pivot looks to be doing a repeat performance.

David Mills, 33 earlier this month is enjoying an Indian Summer in his second spell at Ayresome Park. He too was involved in 'Boro's glory days, moved to WBA for £482,000 in 1979, and lost his footballing way. Now back in his own backyard David is leading scorer with twelve strikes and doubles up as coach.

His partner up front, Stockton born **David Currie**, was leading marksman last season, and is clearly benefiting from the presence of Mills who takes some of the responsibilities from his young shoulders.

Having an inconsistent season is flank player **Stephen Bell**. On his day a potential matchwinner, fast and direct, much, perhaps too much was expected of the youngster who played First Division soccer as a 16-year-old. Stephen has struggled this term, and indeed was listed at his own request.

The Teesiders midfield contains a wealth of experience in **Heine Otto** and **Mick Buckley**. Heine, in his fourth campaign at Ayresome Park, is a Dutch international with a flair for goals. One of 'Boro's most consistent performers, he is a big favourite with the crowd.

Buckley, a Mancunian, was capped by England at Under 23 level while with Everton, and joined Middlesbrough just after the start of the present season from Carlisle.

Young, **Alan Roberts**, a right sided player has been pushing his first team claim in recent weeks, as has **Gary Gill** who can compete both in midfield and defence.

Partnering Saxby at the heart of the defence is **Tony Mowbray**, a local lad who played rugby at school. A former apprentice he made the big breakthrough last season.

Club captain **Irving Natrass** after being plagued by injuries for a number of years, was an ever present in 1983-84. A Tynesider he joined 'Boro from Newcastle in 1979, the fee of £475,000 demonstrating the deflatory nature of the current transfer market.

Currently holding down the right back position is **Gary Hamilton**, strong in the tackle, and a player who likes to make forward runs. Also in contention is **Peter Beagrie**, a local youngster, sub in recent weeks, and **Paul Ward**, who though beginning his career as a

defence has now settled in to midfield or defence.

Goalkeeper **Kelham O'Hanlon** has had to withstand the competition of loan players spending the odd month at Ayresome Park. Last year it was Stephen Rears of Man. United, this season Newcastle's Martin Thomas had a spell between the sticks. Indeed at one stage it looked as though the Thomas move was to be made permanent. Kelham however has won his place on merit, and is now playing as well as ever.

Times are still hard at Ayresome Park. A year ago Malcolm Allison looked to be getting results, and his partnership with chairman Mick McCullough seemed to be paying dividends. Now Allison is gone, the club were involved in a Tribunal over unfair dismissal, and Willie Maddren is left with building up some credibility in a town, that some would say has turned its back on the football club.

Stability and a sense of purpose are needed for Middlesbrough to again reach the top. One senses the foundations are being laid.

'BORO ROLL CALL

Player	Position	Age	League apps. to May '84	Previous Clubs
Peter Beagrie	Defender	19	—	—
Stephen Bell	Forward	19	68	—
Mick Buckley	Midfield	31	281	Everton, Sunderland, Hartlepool, Carlisle
Colin Cooper	Forward	17	—	—
Steve Corden	Midfield	17	—	—
David Currie	Forward	22	48	—
Gary Gill	Midfield	20	7	—
Gary Hamilton	Midfield	19	40	—
Tony McAndrew	Midfield	28	267	Chelsea
Tony Mowbray	Defender	21	61	—
David Mills	Forward	33	405	WBA, Newcastle, Sheffield Wed., Newcastle
Irving Natrass	Defender	32	390	—
Kelham O'Hanlon	Goalkeeper	20	49	—
Heine Otto	Midfield	30	124	—
Alan Roberts	Midfield	20	8	—
Mike Saxby	Defender	27	181	Mansfield, Luton, Grimsby, Lincoln
Geoff Scott	Defender	29	138	Stoke, Leicester, Birmingham, Charlton
Paul Ward	Defender	20	8	—

'BORO'S FIVE YEAR RECORD

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Top League Scorers	Average Gate	Cups	
												M.C.	F.A.
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
1983-84	2	42	12	13	17	41	47	49	17	Currie 15	8,474	1	5

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Last Time

Saturday 21st January 1984. Division Two
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Grimsby Town: *Batch, Cumming, Crombie, Waters, Nicholl, Moore K., Ford, Wilkinson, Drinkell, Bonnyman, Emson, Sub. Shearer.*

Middlesbrough: *Pears, Wood, Mowbray, Otto, Baxter, Natrass, Hamilton (sub Ward 90), Kennedy, MacDonald, Sugrue, Bell.*

Attendance: 7,342

On a frostbound pitch Malcolm Allison's Teesiders became the first visiting team to stop the Mariners from scoring in a Second Division match at Blundell Park. Indeed referee Allan Banks was in two minds about playing the game, and while his decision could not be seriously criticised, there is no doubt the state of the ground had a large bearing on the final outcome.

Both teams played somewhat tentatively. Had the surface been a little softer then hesitancy might not have been so evident.

Town commanded the game territorially and both full backs took every opportunity to join in the attack and deliver crosses in to the 'Boro box. Bob Cumming back in the side after injury showed all his usual aggression, while Dean Crombie's measured centres caused problems for the visitors defence.

But it was Paul Emson and Chris Nicholl who came closest to breaking the deadlock. Paul had a clear shooting chance from a low Joe Waters cross, and Chris almost opened his goalscoring account for the Mariners with a header.

Middlesbrough failed to cut a dash up front. Paul Sugrue was strangely out of touch, and the usually pacy Stephen Bell never received sufficient supply of ball to make real headway. Stephen Pears, on loan from Man. United in the 'Boro goal, kept alert throughout the match, while Mick Baxter kept so close to Kevin Drinkell that Town's leading marksman never got a single clear cut chance.

One goal would have done the trick, but on a day when the Tea Bars did a roaring trade in hot drinks, Town had to settle for extending their unbeaten sequence to twelve games.



Kevin Drinkell challenging against Middlesbrough last season.

50 years ago

Plenty of goalmouth action on the last Saturday before Christmas 1934 when Town entertained Sheffield Wednesday in a First Division match. The Mariners won 3-1, their first victory in four games, but the result was always in doubt with Town's rearguard having to be on its mettle. First half goals from Craven and Byson gave Grimsby the advantage but the Owls pulled one back on the hour, and home supporters were relieved when Pat Glover restored the two goal advantage. George Tweedy and Alec Hall were outstanding in a Town team that read — **Tweedy, Kelly, Wright, Hall, Betmead, Buck, Dyson, Bestall, Glover, Craven, Burley.**

Middlesbrough, also operating in the top grade went down 1-2 at Chelsea, with former Mariner Tim Coleman netting their consolation goal.

Sunderland led the First Division while Brentford by virtue of a 2-1 win at Sheffield United took over the leadership of Division Two.

10 years ago

Frank Barton earned Town a badly needed home point when Charlton were visitors to Blundell Park for a Third Division fixture. The Londoners, in the promotion frame, took an early lead through Goldthorpe. However Town fought back with Steve Govier a £16,000 midweek buy from Brighton making his debut in defence. Town fielded — **Freeman, Beardsley, Booth, Coyle, Govier, Czuczman, Barton, Hubbard, Lewis, Boylen, Lunnby.**

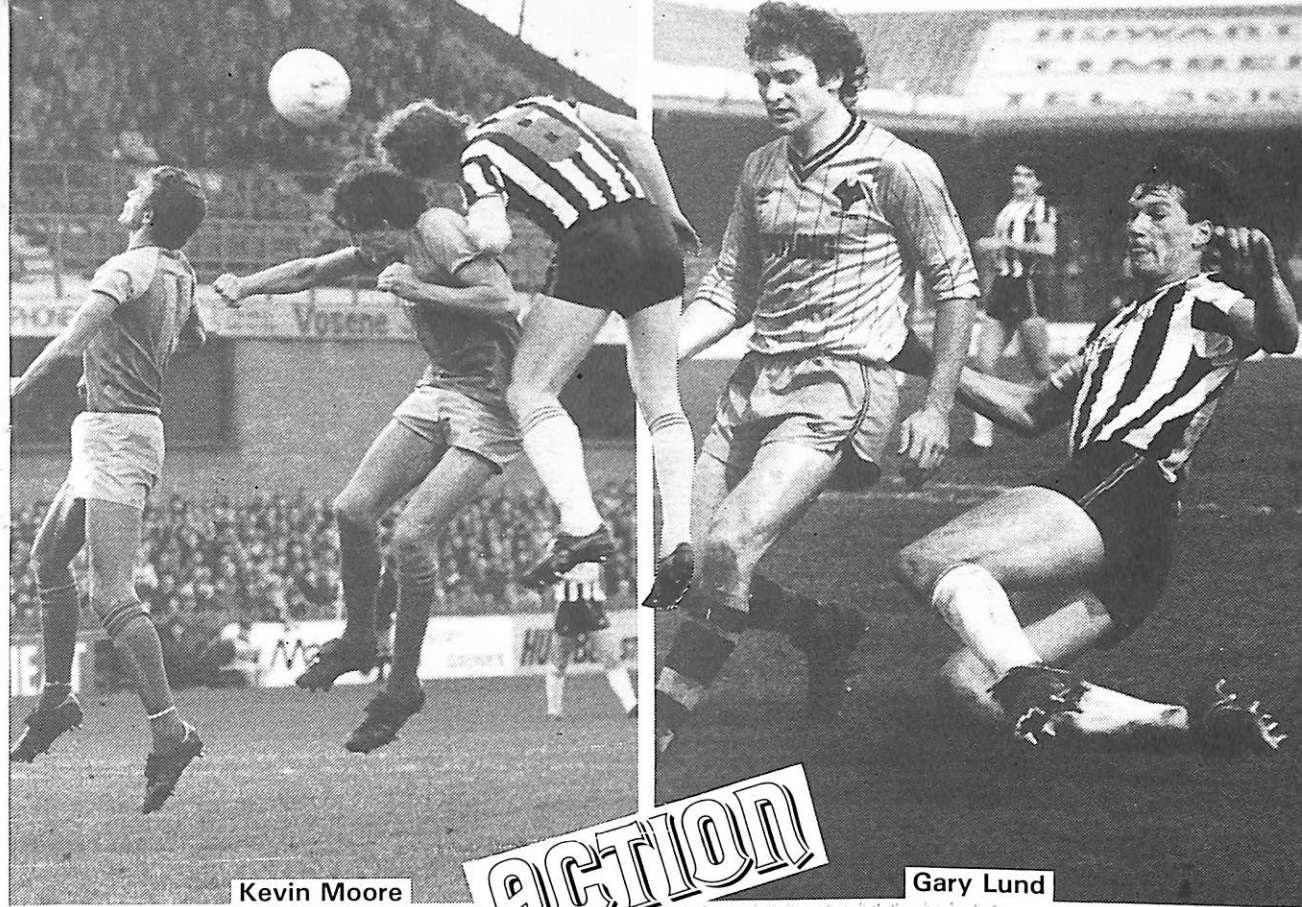
'Boro sixth in Division One, also drew 1-1 at Burnley with David Armstrong now at Southampton scoring. Ayresome Park gates were then averaging 22,000 and the Teesiders were then fielded players like Graeme Souness. Also in their line up that afternoon were current boss Willie Maddren, and present top scorer David Mills.

5 years ago

On a bitterly cold Friday night the Mariners recorded a vital victory, 2-0, at Carlisle. Those points put Town sixth in Division Three. Kevin Kilmore and Kevin Moore netted the goals, while manager George Kerr watched part of the second half with some of the travelling fans. Phil Bonnyman, then with the Cumbrians missed the match, with Grimsby lining out — **Batch, Stone, Moore K., Waters, Wigginton, Crombie, Brolly, Kilmore, Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.**

Down at Ayresome Park on the same evening 'Boro were beating Bolton 3-1 in Division One. Armstrong, Craggs, and Cochrane getting the goals.

Almost the entire League programme was played on that evening, rather than the following afternoon. Attendance wise the move was a flop with gates well below the normal Saturday average.



Kevin Moore

Steve Foley

Gary Lund

Paul Emson

ACTION



Gone and Forgotten

No. 10 — Middlesbrough Ironopolis

Just one season 1893-94 was spent in the League by this strange sounding combination. Formed in 1888 following a split in the ranks of the old Middlesbrough club over the question of turning professional, the 'Washers' as they were known, played at the Paradise Ground, only a few minutes walk from the present Ayresome Park.

The original Middlesbrough had enjoyed a fair measure of success in Amateur circles, but some members wanted the professional code and left to form the new club, which as its name implies had many metal and shipyard workers among its members and supporters.

Ironically following the split, Middlesbrough almost immediately adopted professionalism, and for a while both teams competed side by side in the Northern League. A move for the clubs to amalgamate in 1892 with the intention of applying for Division Two on their own account.

From a playing point of view the season was moderately successful, the 'Nops' finishing 11th out of the 15 clubs. However financially it was a disaster, and the club disbanded. At Teeside until 1899.

Grimsby completed the double over Ironopolis in their only League season. On Teeside Tommy McCairne scored twice in a 6-2 victory with Fletcher, Ackroyd, Jones and an own goal completing the scoreline. The home win, 2-1, was less convincing.

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THE EUROPEAN THREAT

BRITISH football faces the distinct possibility of losing many of its best players to foreign countries now that the EEC have insisted that the game gets into line with the rest of industry and allows freedom of movement between member nations.

A UEFA delegation met the European Commission in Brussels to try and stave off the pending implementation of the laws but were unsuccessful, managing only to gain a postponement of the deadline for submitting their proposals which now have to be filed by July.

Now the rest of the countries in the Community fear that their domestic game will be pilaged by the lire laden Italians and the richer Spanish clubs — after they joined the EEC in 1986 — with all the best players likely to be persuaded to drift to where the fortunes can be made.

In theory our footballers should have had the right to play in any country in the Common Market from the moment we entered and likewise British clubs had the right to sign any players from the EEC block, but the games governing bodies managed to maintain some control because football did not want freedom of labour.

Under the Treaty of Rome in 1978, they finally agreed to allow foreign imports, with a maximum of two per club, and Spurs started the ball rolling in England by signing Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa from Argentina.

The European Commission at that time allowed this restriction on the premise that football would gradually phase it out and come into line with the proper EEC laws. . . . Now some six years later the authorities have pointed out that no further progress has been made and Ivor Richard, the European Commissioner, insists. "Change can be gradual — but change there must be."

DANGERS

It is obviously a two way thing but on balance there is no doubt that League football would suffer more than most because even Manchester United and Liverpool cannot compete with the wages paid by top Italian clubs who attract gates of 60-80,000 regularly.

Of course we shall be able to sign players from West Germany, Belgium and Holland but there is always the danger that clubs might abuse the system to get very ordinary players on the cheap.

We have already experienced this pattern before. Strangely when the English authorities agreed that clubs could field two foreign players in 1978, the ban here was lifted not only on EEC players but on foreign players from anywhere.

The result was that we were flooded with players from places like Yugoslavia — which was not in the Community — and that is when the Department of Employment stepped in and blocked the signing of players from outside the EEC unless they were of international standing. That rule of course still applies and will stop a real flood of players coming into League football from countries outside the Common Market.

The dangers are still there though. The brightest and best talents will be enticed abroad and that will mean English clubs replacing them with cheaper foreign players.

This will surely dilute what is widely claimed to be the strongest league in the world and on the broader front diminish League clubs chances of being successful in the three major European competitions; the European Cup, the European Cup Winners Cup and UEFA Cup.

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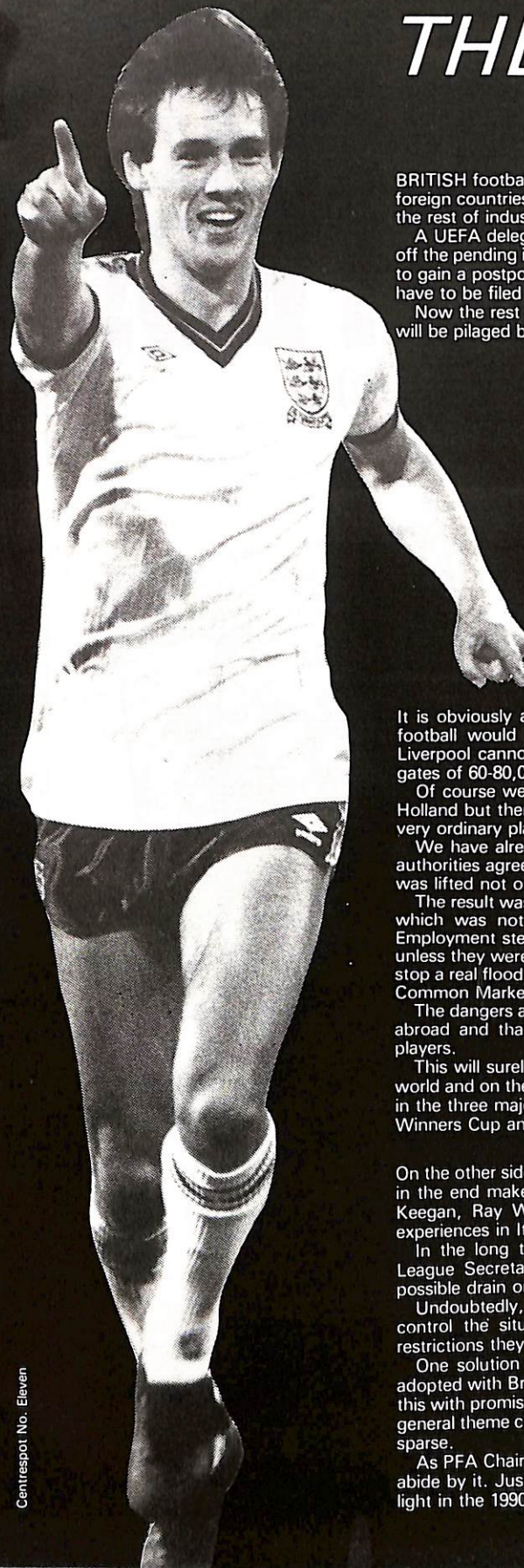
On the other side of the coin the broader horizons offered to our top players could in the end make them better players. That was very much the case with Kevin Keegan, Ray Wilkins and Mark Hateley also seem to be profiting from their experiences in Italy, and thus have become better players for England.

In the long term however the ruling cannot favour our game and Football League Secretary Graham Kelly is obviously worried by the implications of a possible drain on our best talent.

Undoubtedly, UEFA and leagues within the Common Market will be anxious to control the situation the best they can, although it is difficult to see what restrictions they could impose.

One solution no doubt would be to follow the line Manchester United have adopted with Bryan Robson and give players very long contracts, but when doing this with promising young players you are taking a gamble, and such a policy on a general theme could prove crippling to an industry whose finances are already very sparse.

As PFA Chairman Gordon Taylor concedes: "The law is the law," and we must abide by it. Just how devastating it will prove to our national game will come to light in the 1990s when the full effect will be there for all to see.



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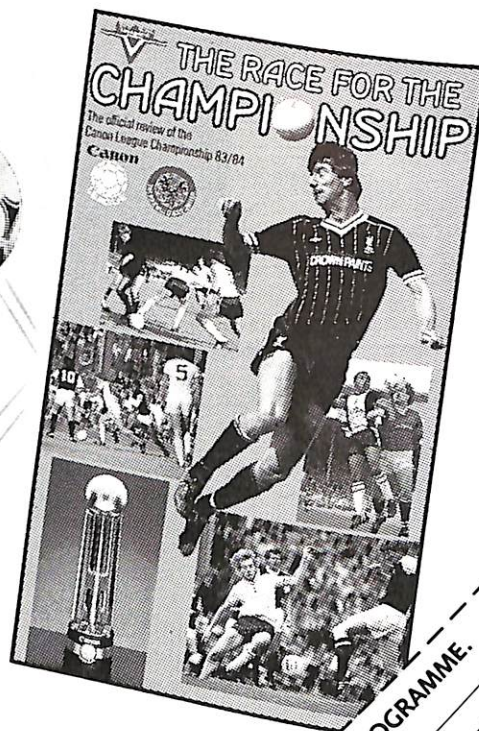
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They say publicity, even bad publicity, is better than none, but I wonder if that is truly the case, particularly with regard to some big name stars in the football world.

I doubt for instance whether the sort of headlines that have all too readily lead the back pages of the national press this season have done the game's image much good. Heated clashes at the Dell, undercurrents of dissent at Loftus Road and personality clashes at Villa Park, have all provided the tabloids with the sort of copy that sells papers, but does it sell football?

The reporters are only doing their jobs of course and it is natural that the media should make the most of any human story, so on reflection it is the people in the game itself that are damaging the sport's image.

But there are cases where the media men overstep the mark and go beyond the call of duty and most certainly that applies to the publicity that has surrounded Arsenal's Charlie Nicholas this season.

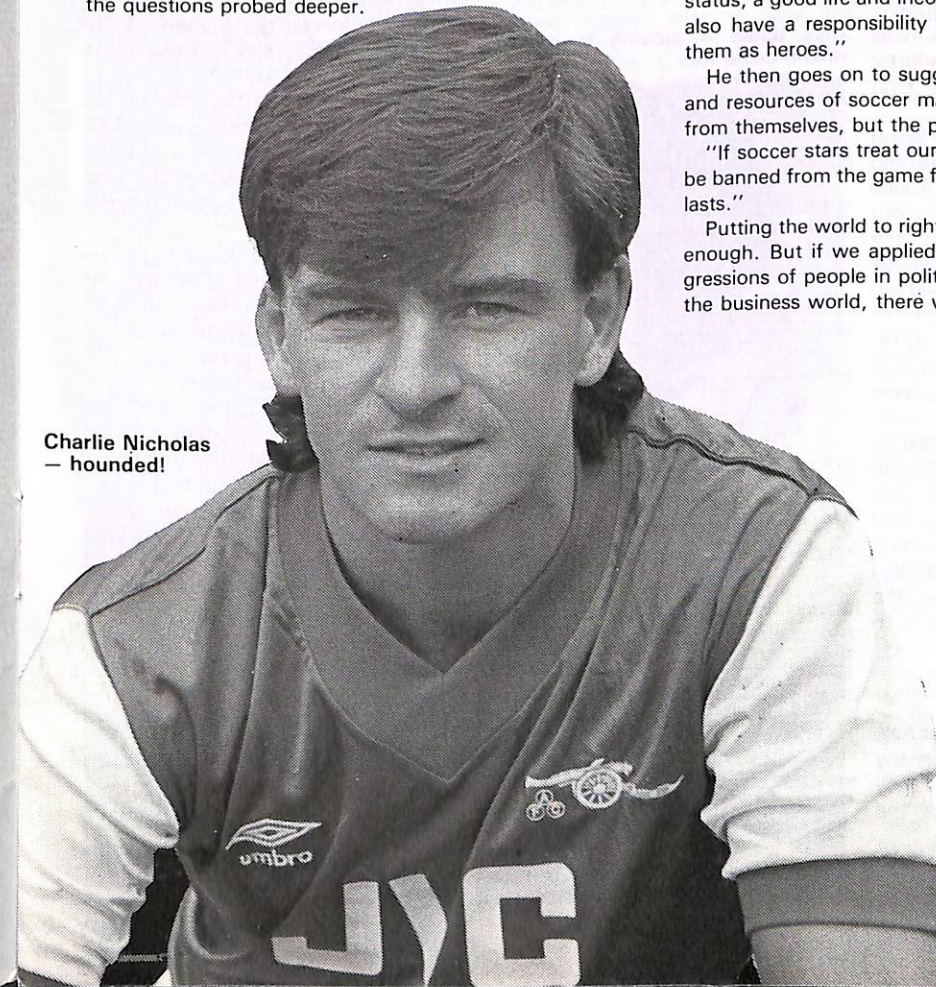
I'm not suggesting the Arsenal star is beyond reproach, indeed his off-field activities have set him up as a sitting target, but the way the lad has been hounded by some quarters of the press is beyond acceptable boundaries.

I was with him in the marble hall of Highbury as he stood up to a ferocious verbal assault from the media men. While Charlie wanted to talk football all they were interested in was stoking up a clash between the player and his manager Don Howe . . . Charlie would have none of it however snapping back curtly:

"The manager runs the club and what Don Howe says I have always agreed with and always will."

That sort of quote does not make a lead story however and the questions probed deeper.

Charlie Nicholas — hounded!



HOUNDED

By Colin Benson

"I can take people saying I'm not playing well but when they interfere with my life off the field I get annoyed," explained the young Scot.

"The pressures are created by people asking those sort of questions not by a loss of form on the field.

"If I don't play well on the field then people have just got to accept that I'm not playing well. It is nothing to do with my private activities off the field."

The scribes gave up, there was no big scoop that evening, but like vultures hovering over a wounded beast they will be back to peck at the pieces should Charlie fail to recapture the magic they were all drooling over last September.

Newspapers are of course embroiled in a very competitive market but it is surely wrong that sensationalism should overcome propriety in the chase for greater circulation figures.

And it is not only the sports writers who jump on the bandwagon. The Daily Express motoring correspondent David Benson also put in his two-pennyworth in his "On The Road" column.

Making reference to two footballers convicted on drinking and driving offences he suggested: "SOCCER stars enjoy status, a good life and income in return for their talent. They also have a responsibility to their young fans who regard them as heroes."

He then goes on to suggest that it is not beyond the wit and resources of soccer managers to protect young players from themselves, but the punchline then suggests:

"If soccer stars treat our laws with contempt they should be banned from the game for as long as their disqualification lasts."

Putting the world to right from behind a typewriter is easy enough. But if we applied Mr Benson's logic to the transgressions of people in politics, the law, church, police, and the business world, there would be a considerable increase

in the Dole figures, that's for sure, and a few empty chairs in Fleet Street no doubt.

To suggest that a man should forfeit his job because he was over the limit would cause as big an outcry as Sir Keith Joseph faced from the Tory backbenchers over his plans to cut student grants, were it applied in general.

Footballers in general are young men. Some are thrown under the public microscope cruelly, others find the pressures of life at the top hard to handle. In general though there are very few who transgress from the straight and narrow and when compared with other industries football's record is second to none.

GAY MEADOW seems a million miles away from the traditional hustle of big time soccer. The small compact ground nestling snugly beside the river Severn, is more accustomed to housing gates of three to five thousand fans than the tens of thousands associated with First Division football. But there is no still water around Shrewsbury Town and their objective is clearly to join Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester United in the top bracket.

Player manager Chic Bates, a spritely 35-year old, who first stepped into League football at Gay Meadow, on August 17th, 1974, in a 1-1 draw with Rochdale, took charge of the playing affairs in the summer following the departure of

They crashed four goals past Crystal Palace at the beginning of September, hit Huddersfield Town for five — on their own ground — and notched another four against Notts County, to keep the West Midlands flag flying.

The attacking policy is the hallmark of Chic's management. He says: "Graham Turner was a defender and thought along defensive lines. I am an attacker and always think in terms of attacking moves and that is how we play it now. We have scored a few goals and let a few in but few people who

have seen us this season have been disappointed with our football."

This is strictly a family club with the majority of the players evolving through the club's own youth scheme. "We have been very well organised over the past 10-years. We have never paid wages we can not afford and have built up our team on home-grown players so we have never been in financial trouble," he explains.

Carlisle United and Northampton Town before, have both shown that soccer's minnows can climb the mountain and play in the top division. Their reigns were short lived but at least they have been there and that is the path Shrewsbury Town would love to follow.

THE SHREWSBURY

DREAM

Graham Turner to Aston Villa, and he has no reservations about his priority.

"I felt we should have gone up last season," he reflects quietly. "Had we continued the season as we had started it in the first quarter then we would be playing First Division football today."

Bates sees this campaign as being more open than usual with the big guns of Newcastle United, Chelsea and Sheffield Wednesday safely out of the way but in the shadow of the old medieval town and castle his resources are strictly spartan when compared with those of Portsmouth, Birmingham City, Leeds United, Manchester City and Wolverhampton, who also have visions of promotion.

His playing staff of 18, features no big names, indeed none have even had First Division experience, but after finishing eighth in the Second Division table last season — their highest ever placing in the Football League — they now have the incentive to go on and achieve even greater things.

DONE BEFORE

Already this season, unfashionable Shrewsbury have surprised many pundits, not only because they started so well, but through the quality of their football.

Mr Bates has insisted on an adventurous progressive policy.



Chic Bates — striving to make a dream come true.

AMBITION

Of course there is a danger of over-reaching their potential and with the rules now changed so that visiting teams no longer get a share of the gate life at the top is even more difficult to maintain.

It is a question that Chic Bates has considered but he remains objective: "Yes there is a danger we could find it difficult but if we were in the First Division I'm sure we would make a profit.

"There is no question of us altering our financial structure, we would not go out to sign top class players to strengthen the side. We would maintain our present policy of paying what we can afford.

"You have got to have ambition otherwise there is no point in being in this game. You can't sit midway in the Second Division and feel happy you have got to strive for better things and for us that means First Division football."

It's Percy Thrower country this where they are used to cultivating new strains. Chic Bates and his colleagues have a dream, a dream that they can "weld" Shrewsbury Town into a First Division side. Not through a massive injection of hard capital, but by sheer work, determination and organisation.

If they achieve their goal it will be a smack in the eye for a lot of soccer's big spenders. Certainly Gay Meadow will never seem the same.

Great names from the past

JOE MERCER



THERE is no sport like football for throwing up larger than life characters who grab the game by the throat and leave their own indelible impression on it.

Each and every club has its own immortal hero, the legend from the past whose performances live on for ever. The great clubs are littered with such memories, the ghosts of triumphs past, and Arsenal has perhaps as many great names as any to reflect on but there is one outstanding character, who until recent years has made a profound and colourful contribution to the game.

Joe Mercer is the name, arguably the greatest captain ever to lead the Gunners.

When Arsenal manager Tom Whittaker talked Joe out of retiring in 1946 and persuaded him to abandon his plans to put all his energies into his grocery business in Cheshire, the shrewd Highbury chief knew what he was doing.

Joe was beyond his 30th birthday at the time and troubled by a persistent knee injury, so his transfer from Everton raised more than a few eyebrows.

On his arrival at Highbury Joe was told by Whittaker that he was to abandon his attacking game and become a defensive wing-half, charged with putting "bite" and stability into the defence.

50-YEARS

It was a totally foreign role for the England international, whose spindly frame was more accustomed to weaving away from tackles than making them but being the true professional he was he soon adapted.

Always a good talker, Joe soon stamped his authority on the newly assembled Arsenal team, his enthusiasm was contagious as he led the Gunners to two Football League Championships — 1948 and 1953 — and two FA Cup Finals, in 1950 and 1952.

The true measure of the man though was reflected by the Football Writers' Association, who voted Joe as "Footballer of the Year" at the end of 1949-50 season . . . It was no more than he deserved.

His career was sadly shattered by a broken leg at Highbury in April 1954. As

he was being carried-off the great man lifted himself on the stretcher, and bravely waved his farewell to the fans.

It was not the end of his involvement in football however and following a managerial career that embraced Sheffield United, Aston Villa, Manchester City and England as a caretaker boss he celebrated 50 years in League Football in April 1980, while serving as a director of Coventry City.

HUMOUR

It's a long time ago since young Joe kicked a ball around the streets of Ellesmere Port and then played his first proper game for Everton reserves in 1930. Dixie Dean, that most famous Everton striker recalled this memory of his first meeting with young Joe.

"When he first arrived at Everton in the early thirties he came into the dressing room, and appeared a little overawed by the occasion. He was a skinny lad who had come from junior football. I looked him up and down and thought blimey, his legs wouldn't last him one day on a postman's round! But, my what a footballer he turned out to be. A great brain and tremendous courage . . . Mind you he needed it with that physique!"

Humour has always played a big part in Joe's outlook. Talking about his own skills he says: "I was quick and could tackle and dribble and head it a little bit, but I wasn't a good long passer of the ball. In fact if they wanted me to play a long diagonal ball out to the winger it would take me three kicks to get it there.

"Mind you the balls were heavy in those days, we didn't have plastic covered balls. I remember when I was at Highbury there was no such thing as playing League matches under floodlights so when it began to get dark they used to throw on a white ball so the spectators could see it. I was about 38 then and I wanted a nice little light ball to play with so as soon as it got to half-time we would all have a go at the ref, 'get the white ball on ref.'"

Mercer was hailed as the best left-half in the country when he was at Everton and won 36 England caps between 1938-1946 to prove it, yet he recalls: "I had a great time at Arsenal. I learned a little bit about the tactical side of the game and captaincy there.

"The game was more black and white in those days of course. If their inside right scored four goals it was a question of 'where were you? You're the left-half you are supposed to be marking him.'"

Arsenal had few occasions to pose such a question to Joe however, who was 41 and still going strong when that broken leg finished his brilliant playing career.

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THE hobby of programme collecting is becoming ever more popular around the world although it still remains a very British institution.

The reason for this is that it is not the common practice in most countries to publish regular programmes and where they are sold the productions do not usually measure up to the high quality, glossy magazine look that has now become commonplace in the Football League.

Because they are rarer, continental publications are much harder to obtain yet surprisingly for the British collector they are available at very reasonable prices . . . The fact is that not many collectors in the U.K. are interested in foreign programmes unless they cover games involving our own clubs.

Thus, for the collector starting an interest in programme collecting there is a wonderful opportunity to start a collection which is a little different from the usual.

Tracking down programmes from foreign sources can be a very fascinating exercise and you can come upon some very interesting publications.

Programmes are quite unusual in Israel for instance, yet they issue them for special prestige matches such as the internationals against Scotland and Northern Ireland. Did you know however that they read from right to left and therefore the programme is read from back to front!

Or, how about the programmes issued in Sweden. For the finals of the 1958 World Cup Series there was a programme for every game. They were all the same except for the centre pages and the teams and dates on the front cover. Copies are still available now, 26 years later, and can usually be picked up for £2 a copy, although the issues covering England's games are a little more expensive.

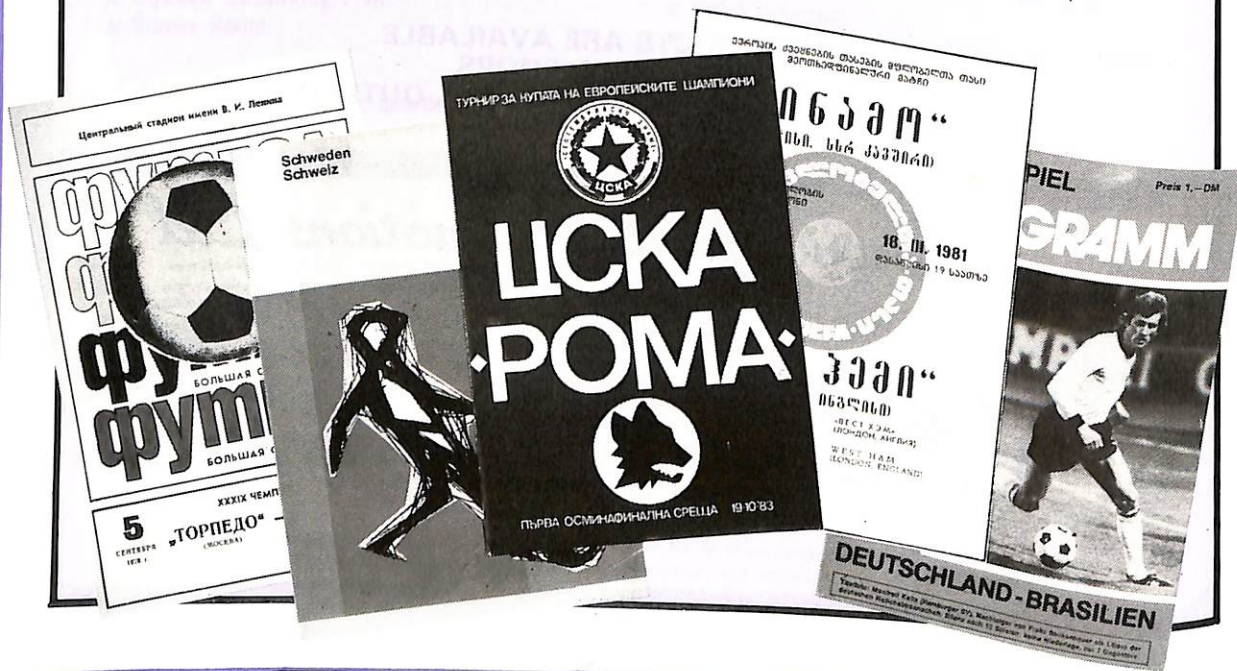
And if you are interested in League programmes from abroad then West Germany, Holland and the Scandinavian countries are the ones you should focus on.

Programmes are an accepted feature of big-time football in these countries and although collecting is not as wide-spread as it is here it is practised and so programmes are readily available. As indeed they are from Eastern Europe, although by far the more popular hobby in that part of the world is the collection of lapel badges.

In comparison to our own publications those issued in Russia are very modest, the most popular format being a single sheet folded into four. League programmes from behind the iron curtain are fairly easy to obtain nonetheless, and can cost as little as 30p each.

On the whole though foreign programmes seem to have little appeal to U.K. collectors and because of this the prices remain low and therefore offer a good opening for someone contemplating starting a collection. Even something as interesting as West Germany v Italy in the early 1960's can be obtained for 50 or 60p and programmes from Belgian Internationals are even cheaper.

If you are thinking of starting a collection you might start on these lines and if you need some help then contact the experts. If you are in the London area on Sunday January 6th for instance there is an ideal opportunity to browse over a good selection of continental programmes together with all the British editions at the New Year Programme Fair, at the Gt. Western Royal Hotel at Paddington station. All the top dealers goalkeepers jerseys, football trophies and medals . . . It starts at 10.30 a.m. and goes on until 4.00 p.m. and is well worth a visit.



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Manning levels will be worked out, rotas organised, and duties allocated, so that when the stewards start arriving at noon each man can go to his area of the ground with the minimum amount of fuss. The ground opens at 1.15 p.m. and I normally do a 'tour' to ensure the four head stewards, each responsible for a section of the ground are clear about any special requirements for that game. They will then instruct their staff accordingly.

Gatemen responsible for turnstiles have

to be in position with sufficient supplies of change, and at 3.15 I need to be back in the Offices to deal with the incoming cash. I have overall responsibility for counting the takings and ensuring these are reconciled with the turnstile returns. I am assisted in this area of work by Tony Harradine who supervises the cashiers employed for the purpose. The 'late gates' close about 3.35 and then I will have another trip around the ground to make sure everything is operating smoothly.

Thankfully problems are few and far between, a testimony I believe to the care taken in overall stewarding and ground security.

After the game I have the pleasant task of paying out the wages, and then it is a

question of tidying up all the paperwork that always seems to mount up.

Of course all my work is done in close consultation with Secretary Bernard Fleming, and this requires regular meetings during the week. A major factor in the work is the excellent working relationship that exists with the Police, and the close co-operation has borne fruit, particularly when big gates occur.

I do not see much of the game — just snatches as I walk round, but get to as many away matches as possible. ”

MARINER MAN



JIM PROBERT
HEAD STEWARD
TALKING

Vital Information

Born: Monmouth, and lived for a while in Abergavenny — though I don't think you would detect a Welsh accent.

Occupation: Self employed lorry driver.

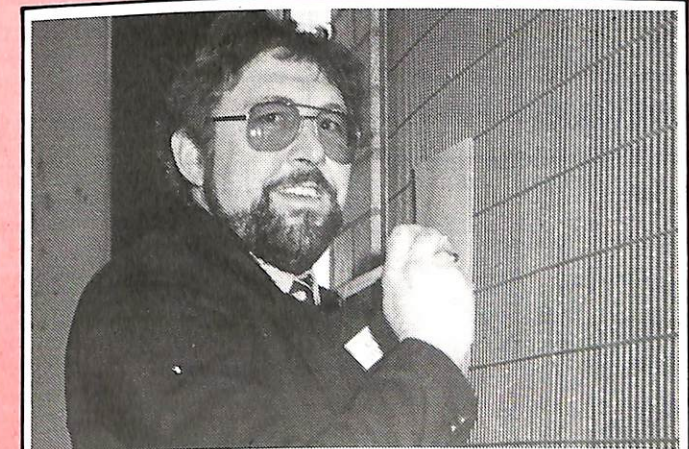
Joined Town: Initially started as a Steward and was appointed to my present job nearly four years ago.

Highspots: First and foremost, just simply working for Grimsby Town. I get a great kick of being so involved with the club, having been a supporter for the last twenty years since moving to the area. The success of recent years has been tremendous, and what a night at Everton.

Lowspots: None really. There is such a great atmosphere at Blundell Park.

Laughs: Looking back, I suppose the time I was 'arrested'. Imagine nearly 18,000 in the ground, and I, the Chief Steward, was the only one apprehended!

Family: Married to Kath, a very understanding lady. Two children, Nicky 15, who is progressing on the football field with Grimsby Boys, Humberside Boys and Town Colts, and Jane, 12, a disco dancing fanatic.



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Aug. 25	Barnsley	6,190	1-0	3	1	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Lund+	Wilkinson	Bonnyman	Emson	Drinkell
Aug. 27	Manchester City	2,137	0-3	3	6	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Segraves
Sept. 1	Middlesbrough	5,179	5-1	6	3	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Sept. 4	Charlton Athletic	5,582	0-2	6	7	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Sept. 8	Leeds United	3,280	1-3	6	8	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Sept. 15	Blackburn Rovers	5,203	1-3	6	9	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Sept. 22	Oxford United	2,463	1-2	6	10	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Sept. 29	Sheffield United	2,463	3-2	12	9	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Oct. 6	Oldham Athletic	2,072	4-1	15	10	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Oct. 13	Portsmouth	3,684	2-3	12	10	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Oct. 20	Cardiff City	3,684	1-0	18	8	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Oct. 27	Notts County	3,684	4-2	21	8	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Nov. 3	Wolverhampton W.	5,750	1-1	18	8	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Nov. 10	Wimbledon	7,227	1-1	21	8	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Nov. 17	Fulham	5,750	2-4	25	9	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Nov. 24	Wolverhampton W.	6,787	2-4	25	9	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Dec. 1	Shrewsbury Town	3,211	*5-1	26	7	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Dec. 8	Brighton & Hove Albion	6,146	1-1	26	7	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Dec. 15	Crystal Palace	9,347	0-0	29	8	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Dec. 22	Middlesbrough	6,787	2-4	25	9	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Dec. 29	Birmingham City	3,211	1-1	26	7	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Jan. 5	Charlton Athletic	6,146	2-1	29	8	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Jan. 12	Huddersfield Town	9,347	0-0	30	8	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Jan. 19	Blackburn Rovers	5,814	1-3	30	9	Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Jan. 26	Barnsley					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Feb. 2	Sheffield United					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Feb. 9	Leeds United					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Feb. 16	Wolverhampton W.					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Mar. 6	Notts County					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Mar. 13	Cardiff City					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Mar. 20	Carlisle United					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Mar. 27	Paris Saint Germain					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Apr. 3	Oldham Athletic					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Apr. 10	Oxford United					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Apr. 17	Birmingham City					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Apr. 24	Huddersfield Town					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Apr. 30	Manchester City					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
May 7	Fulham					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
May 14	Wimbledon					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
May 21	Shrewsbury Town					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
May 28	Brighton & H.A.					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Jun. 4	Crystal Palace					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Jun. 11	Notts County (FAC 3)					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw
Jun. 18	FA Cup Final					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Henshaw



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Date	Opponents	Att.	Res.	Pts.	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sept. 25	Barnsley MC2 (1L)	3,577	3-0			Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Matthews
Sept. 25	Barnsley MC2 (1L)	3,577	1-1			Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Matthews
Oct. 9	Rotherham Utd MC3	8,413	0-0			Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Matthews
Oct. 30	Rotherham Utd MC3 R	7,649	6-1			Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Matthews
Nov. 6	Everton MC4	26,298	1-0			Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Matthews
Jan. 5	Notts County (FAC 3)					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Matthews
Jan. 16	Norwich City MC5					Batch	Seagraves	Crombie	Foley	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Matthews

CUP FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Sept. 25	Barnsley MC2 (1L)	3-0
Sept. 25	Barnsley MC2 (2L)	1-1
Oct. 9	Rotherham Utd MC3	0-0
Oct. 30	Rotherham Utd MC3 R	6-1
Nov. 6	Everton MC4	1-0
Jan. 5	Notts County (FAC 3)	
Jan. 16	Norwich City MC5	

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CENTRAL LEAGUE

F-A

Aug. 28	Middlesbrough	1-3
Sept. 5	Doncaster Rovers	0-2
11	Rotherham United	6-1
18	Leeds United	0-7
27	Wigan Athletic	1-1
Oct. 4	Oldham Athletic	1-4
9	Preston N.E.	2-0
17	Bolton Wanderers	3-4
23	Burnley	1-0
31	Port Vale	3-0
Nov. 7	Scunthorpe United	0-2
13	Hull City	0-2
20	Blackpool	1-1
28	York City	1-1
Dec. 4	Wolverhampton W.	1-1
12	Sunderland	1-0
17	Leicester City	
Jan. 8	Middlesbrough	
15	Doncaster Rovers	
22	Rotherham United	
29	Leeds United	
Feb. 5	Oldham Athletic	
13	Wigan Athletic	
20	Hull City	
26	Scunthorpe United	
Mar. 6	Port Vale	
12	Burnley	
19	Bolton Wanderers	
26	Preston N.E.	
Apr. 2	Blackpool	
10	York City	
15	Wolverhampton W.	
22	Leicester City	
30	Sunderland	

CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Saturday, 1st December)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester City	14	13	1	0	30	6	40
Oldham Athletic	14	8	6	0	29	17	30
Leeds United	12	8	1	3	31	12	25
Hull City	14	7	3	4	29	15	24
Wolves	14	8	0	6	26	26	24
Doncaster R.	13	7	2	4	21	19	23
Wigan Athletic	14	7	1	6	21	18	22
Sunderland	14	6	2	6	31	21	20
Preston N.E.	13	5	3	5	18	19	18
Middlesbrough	12	5	2	5	21	18	17
Bolton W.	14	5	2	7	23	24	17
Blackpool	14	5	2	7	25	40	17
Scunthorpe U.	13	4	3	6	21	25	15
Port Vale	14	5	0	9	16	21	15
Grimsby Town	14	4	3	7	20	28	15
York City	13	3	3	7	20	23	12
Rotherham Utd.	14	2	2	10	17	41	8
Burnley	14	2	0	12	17	43	6

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday, 17th November)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds United	11	9	0	2	38	20	18
Bradford City	9	5	2	2	21	16	12
Hartlepool Utd.	9	5	1	3	20	15	11
Middlesbrough	10	5	1	4	19	16	11
Barnsley	8	5	1	2	18	15	11
Sunderland	9	5	0	4	24	19	10
Sheffield Wed.	8	4	2	2	22	18	10
Newcastle Utd.	8	3	3	2	18	8	9
Doncaster R.	9	3	3	3	18	11	9
Sheffield Utd.	8	4	1	3	9	11	9
Huddersfield T.	7	3	2	2	10	7	8
Grimsby Town	10	3	1	6	17	23	7
York City	9	2	2	5	9	23	6
Rotherham Utd.	6	0	1	5	8	18	1
Lincoln City	11	0	0	11	5	36	0</



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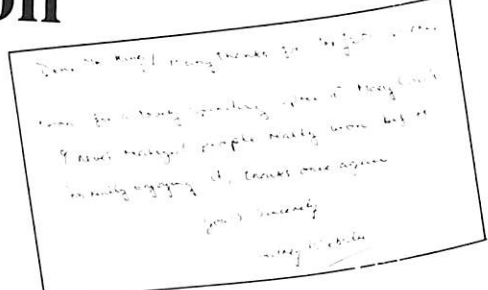
"I believe that this guy can only go one way - and that's up !

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Grimsby steal late winner at Everton

LONDON Wec (AP) SECOND division Grimsby Town caused one of the major upsets of the English soccer season Tuesday, beating first division leader Everton 1-0 away from home in the fourth round of the Milk Cup competition. An 89th minute header by striker Paul Wilkson sank Everton, favourite to win the trophy and last year's beaten finalist. The shock result ended the first division teams' 10 match winning streak stretching back several weeks. Everton pounded the Grimsby defence for much of the match but was unable to find a way through. When the ball eventually beat visiting goalkeeper Nigel Batch, Grimsby defenders three times cleared off the line.

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SECOND OPINION

Inevitably the two managerial changes in the Division since the start of the season have involved clubs fighting against relegation. Cardiff sacked Jimmy Goodfellow to make way for Alan Durban while Notts County have brought in Ritchie Barker as a replacement for luckless Larry Lloyd.

Crisis always produces change, yet continuity often can be the basis for success. Blackburn, where Bobby Saxton has been in charge for nearly five years are fast emerging as leading contenders for promotion. And all on a financial shoestring. The stability is also evident on the field of play. Eight of Rovers team have passed the century mark in appearances for the club, with Derek Fazackerley leading the way on 525. Goalkeeper Terry Gennoe, defender Jim Branagan, Glen Keeley and Mick Rathbone, forwards Ian Miller, Simon Garner, John Lowey and Noel Brotherton are all seasoned campaigners.

In contrast Portsmouth always seem to be wheeling and dealing. Latest recruits to Fratton Park are Middlesbrough striker Paul Sugrue, and David Bamber a £20,000 buy from Third Division Walsall. They join Vince Hilaire signed a fortnight ago from Luton.

Oxford United have been named the soccer club of the year. The Second Division leaders topped the performance awards organised by the League Executive Staffs Association in conjunction with Fiat. Everton, the FA Cup winners were runners up while Liverpool who won the League, European Cup, and Milk Cup could only manage third spot.

The England manager Bobby Robson announcing the verdict said, "Oxford have gone from strength to strength since being saved from bankruptcy by Robert Maxwell. Their public image is excellent. So much has been achieved by a small staff with limited facilities. Let's hope they get the new ground they want - Oxford will need it if this proves to be another promotion year."

Hot trick heroes
David Geddis, Barnsley 3 v Wolves

Derek Hales	Charlton	3 v Cardiff
Leroy Rosenior	Fulham	3 v Grimsby
Andy Ritchie	Leeds	3 v Oldham
Andy Ritchie	Leeds	3 v Wimbledon
Rachid Harkouk	Notts Co	3 v Bolton (Milk Cup)
John Aldridge	Oxford	3 v Leeds
Billy Hamilton	Oxford	3 v Hereford (Milk Cup)
Billy Hamilton	Oxford	3 v Blackburn (Milk Cup)
Gary Stevens	Shrewsbury	3 v Huddersfield
Gary Stevens	Shrewsbury	3 v Notts Co
Gary Lund	Grimsby	3 v Sheffield United

Birmingham City are interested in signing burly Sunderland striker Alan West. Last week his name was being linked with the St Andrews club in connection with a player exchange that would have taken Mick Harford to Roker. Instead, Harford, ironically born in Sunderland was transferred to Luton for £250,000. Now Brum, with money in the bank could come back with a revised bid.

Sunderland players seem to be in vogue at the moment. Rodger Wylde recently left the north east for Barnsley, and Gordon Chisholm, scorer of that Milk Cup winning goal at Tottenham could be soon departing for Man. City. Manager Billy McNeill has declared his hand, and it will not go unnoticed that despite that crucial goal at White Hart Lane, Chisholm is by no means a first team regular at Roker Park.

Carlisle have been unable to agree a transfer fee with Roker boss, Len Ashurst for the Wearsiders striker John Cooke. He has just completed a months loan at Brunton Park but has now been recalled.

Were that deal finalised then the Cumbrians striker Malcolm Poskett might be moving to Hartlepool one of his former clubs.

Last weekend former Bolton centre half Paul Jones made his 500th League appearance. Currently playing for Huddersfield Jones has proved himself a model professional.

Today's visitors Middlesbrough failed in a bid to sign Derek Johnstone on loan from Chelsea. The Stamford Bridge team made it clear any move involving the transfer listed striker should be permanent with an asking price of £25,000.



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This weekend in Division Two

- Cardiff v Sheffield United
- Carlisle v Blackburn
- Fulham v Manchester City
- Grimsby v Middlesbrough
- Huddersfield v Brighton
- Notts County v Charlton
- Oldham v Barnsley
- Portsmouth v Oxford
- Wimbledon v Birmingham
- Wolves v Leeds

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Sunday 16th December 1984)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Leading Scorers	League Gates
Blackburn R.	19	8	1	0	23	5	4	3	3	18	12	40	Thompson 12, Garner 9, Quinn 4	9,219 6,602
Oxford United	17	8	1	0	30	9	3	3	2	10	7	37	Aldridge 15, Hamilton 5, Hebbard 4	12,192 9,989
Portsmouth	19	6	3	1	18	10	4	3	2	13	12	36	Webb 8, Biley 6	16,284 13,224
Birmingham C.	19	4	3	2	10	7	3	4	3	11	8	35	Clarke 8, Hopkins 4, Morley 3	20,416 12,462
Manchester C.	19	7	1	1	16	7	3	4	3	13	7	33	Smith 6, Kinsey 4, Parlane 4	25,369 22,265
Barnsley	18	7	0	2	15	6	2	6	1	14	17	32	Geddis 10, Wright 8, Lorimar 5	16,199 7,780
Leeds United	19	6	2	2	21	8	4	0	5	14	17	32	Tempest 8, Cooper 4, Lillis 3	25,547 15,937
Huddersfield T.	19	5	2	2	14	14	4	2	4	12	10	30	Wilkinson 10, Lund 6, Drinkell 5	13,290 6,650
Grimsby Town	19	6	0	4	19	15	3	3	3	17	20	28	Coney 6, Davies 5, Wilson 5	8,834 5,576
Fulham	19	6	0	3	18	13	3	1	6	14	20	26	Connor 6, Penney 3	15,044 12,279
Brighton & H.A.	19	4	3	2	8	4	3	2	5	10	10	26	Stevens 14, Robinson 7, Cross 4	8,563 4,971
Shrewsbury T.	20	4	3	2	20	13	2	4	5	14	19	25	Cork 9, Evans 8, Ketteridge 4	8,365 5,585
Wimbledon	19	4	3	2	18	16	3	1	6	18	25	25	Halsall 3, Poskett 3	6,461 4,089
Carlisle United	19	5	2	2	11	5	2	2	6	12	24	21	Buckland 5, Evans 4, Langley 4	14,908 9,546
Wolves	19	4	2	4	15	15	2	1	6	8	15	20	Hales 8, Flanagan 4, Lee 4	9,251 5,517
Charlton Athletic	19	3	4	3	17	16	2	1	6	12	17	19	Aylott 4, Mahoney 4	9,460 6,271
Crystal Palace	19	2	5	2	13	11	2	2	6	12	17	19	Mills 12, Currie 8	7,737 4,907
Middlesbrough	19	3	4	3	13	17	2	0	7	11	17	19	Quinn 6, Palmer 5, Parker 4	14,026 4,953
Oldham Athletic	19	4	2	4	13	14	1	2	6	7	24	19	Edwards 7, Arnoit 3, Morris 3	16,605 11,957
Sheffield United	19	3	3	4	13	13	0	5	4	12	20	17	Harkouk 7, Goodwin 3	12,196 6,173
Notts County	19	3	1	6	10	18	1	0	8	9	23	11	Vaughan 8, Eley 4	6,893 4,691
Cardiff City	19	2	1	7	13	25	1	1	7	10	18	11		

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 Career, appearance record for Town: League 14 + 1, Milk Cup 5, FA Cup 0.
- 3 **DEAN CROMBIE**
 Career, appearance record for Town: League 244 + 3, Milk Cup 22, FA Cup 13.
- 4 **STEVE FOLEY**
 Career, appearance record for Town: League 20, Milk Cup 5, FA Cup 0.
- 5 **CHRIS NICHOLL**
 Career, appearance record for Town: League 58, Milk Cup 8, FA Cup 1.
- 6 **KEVIN MOORE**
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- 7 **TONY FORD**
 Career, appearance record for Town: League 267 + 31, Milk Cup 27 + 3, FA Cup 11 + 4.
- 8 **PAUL WILKINSON**
 Career, appearance record for Town: League 59 + 2, Milk Cup 9, FA Cup 1 + 2.
- 9 **KEVIN DRINKELL**
 Career, appearance record for Town: League 223 + 28, Milk Cup 20 + 4, FA Cup 12 + 3.
- 10 **PHIL BONNYMAN**
 Career, appearance record for Town: League 88 + 2, Milk Cup 10, FA Cup 3.
- 11 **PAUL EMSON**
 Career, appearance record for Town: League 58, Milk Cup 9, FA Cup 1.
- 12 **GARY LUND**
 Career, appearance record for Town: League 12 + 5, Milk Cup 5, FA Cup 0.

MIDDLESBROUGH

Red Shirts, White Shorts



- 1 **KELHAM O'HANLON**
 Goalkeeper with the Irish-sounding name who hails from Teeside.
- 2 **GARY GILL**
 Middlesbrough-born full back who had a loan spell with Hull.
- 3 **GARY HAMILTON**
 Born in Glasgow and came through the apprentice ranks.
- 4 **MIKE BUCKLEY**
 Manchester-born midfielder, joined Boro in the summer from Carlisle.
- 5 **TONY MOWBRAY**
 Born in Saltburn and another player to come through the ranks at Ayresome.
- 6 **IRVING NATTRASS**
 Transferred from Newcastle in 1979 and despite injuries has been a fixture in the Boro line-up since joining them.
- 7 **ALAN ROBERTS**
 Yet another homespun player who comes from Tyneside. Turned 20 on December 8.
- 8 **DAVID MILLS**
 Once Britain's costliest player when West Brom signed him from Boro for £516,000. Also played for Newcastle and Sheffield Wednesday.
- 9 **HEINE OTTO**
 Tall Dutchman who scored the final goal in Boro's 3-0 win here two seasons ago. Came from Twente in 1981.
- 10 **DAVID CURRIE**
 Born in Stockton, this 22-year-old striker has regularly finished as Boro's top scorer.
- 11 **TONY McANDREW**
 Now back at Ayresome after a spell with his old boss John Neal at Chelsea. Tough-tackling midfielder.
- 12 **STEPHEN BELL**
 Highly-rated young striker whom many clubs have kept a check upon.

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