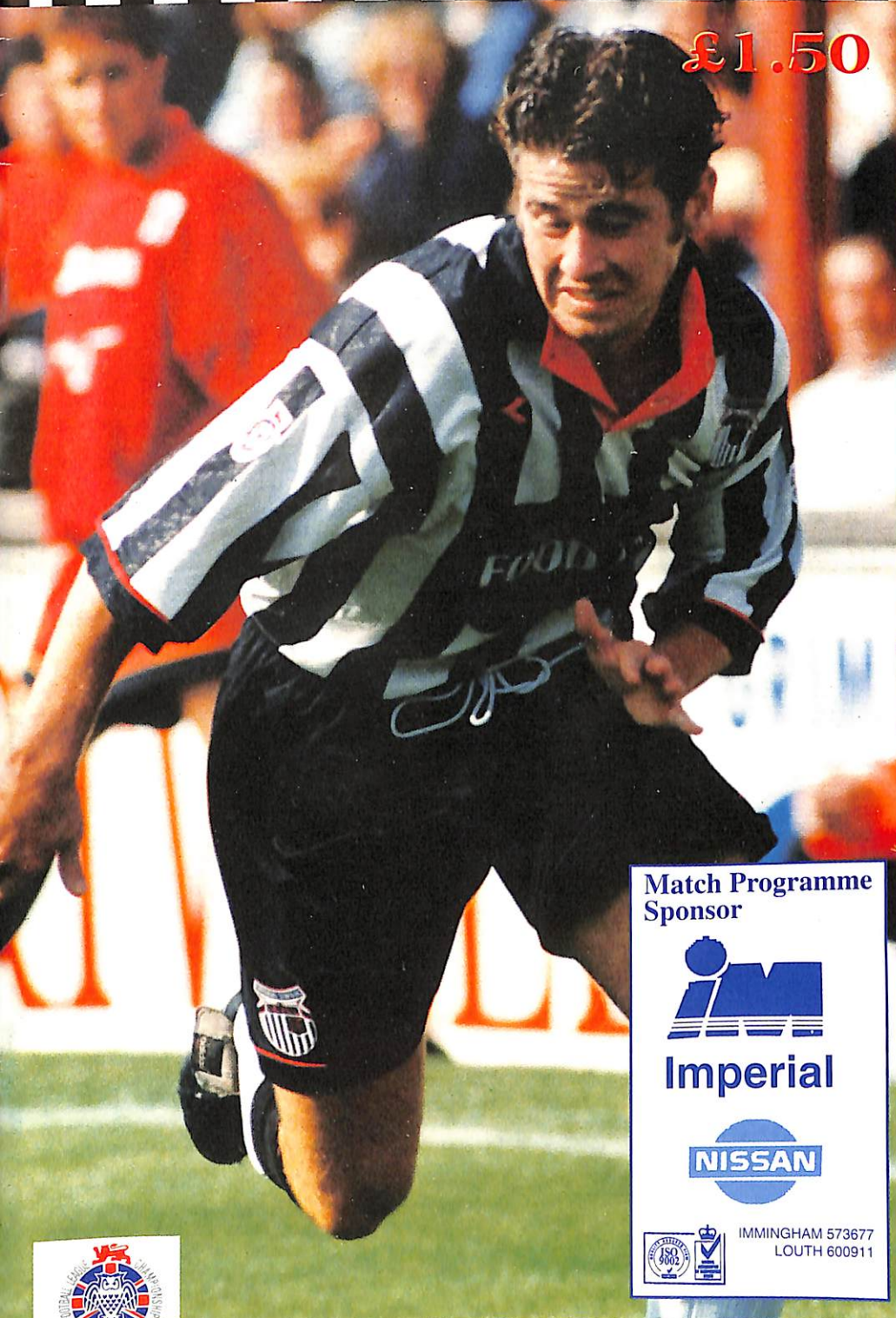


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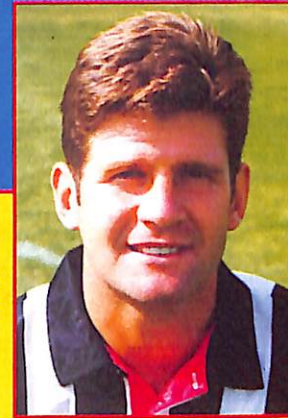
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The Manager's Notes
with
BRIAN LAWS



Good afternoon and welcome to Blundell Park to Port Vale for what should be an entertaining game. Certainly both sides like to play attractive football, and, after a great win in mid-week at Reading, today I'm looking forward to most of the entertainment taking place in Vale's half of the pitch and not ours.

Since my last notes, we have played three games. The first was a disappointing 0-0 draw at home to Watford. Although I feel our opponents 'shut up shop', we had the chances and still could have won, but weren't clinical enough when the chances arose.

Clinical finishing was the main difference between the sides in our next game - the 4-1 defeat at Wolves. Not many teams will create the amount of chances we did at Molineux and despite the scoreline, I was pleased with our performance.

When we went 2-1 down, we started to chase the game. A quality I'm trying to instill into the players is patience, and this paid off in our next match at Reading.

At Elm Park on Tuesday night we played our best 90 minutes of football of the season so far.

Our passing and movement was excellent and after a long trek down south, the performance was very pleasing. But for their 'keeper, it could have been three, four and even five nil - and I'd like to thank the 230 'Mariners' fans for their excellent support on the night.

Finally, a few words about two of our defenders - Richard Smith and John McDermott. Richard has been terrific since his move on loan from Leicester City and I'm sure all Mariners' fans will give him a warm welcome on his home debut this afternoon. John has just recovered from a long term hamstring injury and although he was substituted against Reading late on, this was only a precaution.

Everyone at the club is pleased with his progress. Enjoy the game today - get behind the lads as usual - and let's hope we can register another win.

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Brian Laws

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Today's Visitors

The valiants



The Team (Back Row, L to R): Martin Foyle, Allen Tankard, Stewart Talbot, Jermaine Holwyn, Paul Musselwhite, Gareth Griffiths, Arjan van Huesden, Lee Mills, Neil Aspin (Captain), Dean Glover, Steve Guppy
Middle Row: Mark Grew (Youth Team Coach), Stan Nicholls (Kit Manager), John Jeffers, Ray Walker, Wayne Corden, Kevin Kent, Richard Eyre, Bradley Sandeman, Jim Cooper (Community Officer), Rick Carter (Physiotherapist)
Front Row: John Rudge (manager), Ian Bogle, Craig Lawton, John McCarthy, Tony Naylor, Andy Porter, Dean Stokes, Dean Cennigam, Bill Dearden (First Team Coach).

Introducing...

Port Vale, our welcome visitors to Blundell Park this afternoon, have had a mixed start to this season, but they have beaten their arch rivals Stoke City in the Potteries derby.

It's early days yet, and Vale boss, John Rudge, who's been in office since 1983, still believes his squad is good enough to challenge for promotion. Vale finished 17th in the Division last season with 58 points, 10 clear of relegated Swindon (21st) - yet at one stage they were in trouble and only some vital results late on saw them pull clear of the relegation zone.

In the summer Rudge dabbled in the transfer market and brought in Dutchman Jermaine Holwyn, winger Jon McCarthy and striker Lee Mills, while at the same time he sold Robin Van Der Laan (to Derby), striker Joe Allon and defender Peter Billing. And recently he recruited defender Andy Hill from Manchester City.

Vale's 1995 squad is full of experience and there are a number of promising youngsters coming through the ranks.

Here's a list of Vale's stars who'll be hoping to play tonight: goalkeeper Paul Musslewhite and reserve 'keeper Arjan Van Heusden; full-backs Andy Hill and Allen Tankard

Central defenders Gareth Griffiths and Dean Glover; midfielders Andy Porter, Ray Walker, Ian Bogle and playing wide on the right, Jon McCarthy; and up front there is Lee Mills, Martin Foyle, winger Steve Guppy, Tony Naylor and Lee Glover, the latter once of Nottingham Forest.

Vale have already proved they will be difficult opponents and the Mariners will certainly have to be in good form to get the right result this afternoon.

The Manager

Vale boss John Rudge, who will be 51 next month, has been in charge of the Potteries' club since March 1983 and he has twice taken his team to Wembley, once when they won the Autoglass Trophy and then when they were beaten by West Brom in the 1993 Second Division play-off final. In 1986 he guided the Valiants to promotion from Division 4 and then to promotion from the new Division Two (1994).

A Wolverhampton man, he played as a professional for a number of lower Division clubs including Huddersfield Town, Carlisle United, Bristol Rovers and AFC Bournemouth.



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1957-62 Norman Low
1962-65 Freddie Steele
1965-67 Jackie Mudie
1967-68 Sir Stanley Matthews
1968-74 Gordon Lee
1974-77 Roy Sproson
1977 Colin Harper
1977-78 Bobby Smith
1978-79 Dennis Butler
1979 Alan Bloor
1979-83 John McGrath
1983-95 John Rudge

PAST MEETINGS

Here is the Mariners' League record
against the Valiants:

Home	35	21	8	6	83	38
Away	35	10	5	20	41	71
Totals	70	31	13	26	124	109

Last season the Mariners did the
double over the Vale, winning 4-1 at
home and 2-1 in the Potteries.

Player	Position	Born	Previous Clubs
Paul Musselwhite	Goal	22.12.68	Scunthorpe United
Arjan Van Huesden	Goal	11.12.72	Noordwyk FC.
Neil Aspin	Defender	12.4.65	Leeds United
Gareth Griffiths	Defender	10.4.70	Rhyl
Dean Glover	Defender	29.12.63	Middlesbrough
Andy Hill	Defender	20.1.65	Manchester City
Dean Stokes	Defender	23.5.70	Halesowen Town
Bradley Sandeman	Full-back	24.2.70	Maidstone United
Jermaine Holwyn	Defender	16.4.73	Ajax
Allen Tankard	Full-back	21.5.69	Wigan Athletic
Ian Bogie	Midfield	6.12.67	Leyton Orient
Kevin Kent	Midfield	19.3.65	Mansfield Town
Ray Walker	Midfield	28.9.63	Middlesbrough
Richard Eyre	Midfield	15.9.76	Y.T.S.
Jon McCarthy	Winger	18.8.70	York City
Craig Lawton	Midfield	5.1.72	Manchester Utd.
Andy Porter	Midfield	17.9.68	Manchester City
John Jeffers	Midfield	5.10.68	Liverpool
Wayne Corden	Midfield	1.11.75	Y.T.S.
Stuart Talbot	Midfield	14.6.73	Moor Green
Dean Cunningham	Forward	28.5.77	Y.T.S.
Martin Foyle	Striker	2.5.63	Oxford United
Steve Guppy	Forward	29.3.69	Newcastle United
Lee Glover	Striker	24.4.70	Nottingham Forest
Lee Mills	Striker	10.7.70	Derby County
Tony Naylor	Striker	29.3.67	Crewe Alexandra

PORT VALE

FIVE YEAR LEAGUE RECORD

Season	Div.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
1990-91	2	46	15	12	19	56	48	57	15th
1991-92	2	46	10	15	21	42	59	45	24th
1992-93	2	46	26	11	9	79	44	89	3rd
1993-94	2	46	26	10	10	79	46	88	2nd*
1994-95	1	46	15	13	18	58	64	58	17th

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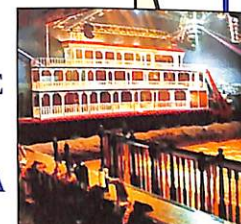
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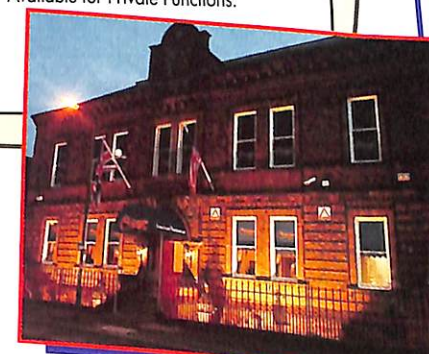
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Blundell Park NEWS

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

... and best wishes go to the family and friends of Darren Brown - one of the Mariners' best known fans and a member of the handicapped supporters club. Brian Laws delayed training on Thursday September 7th so that he and a number of players could attend Darren's funeral at St. Peter's Church in Cleethorpes.

CLIVE MENDONCA - UPDATE

A specialist who has treated stars such as Ruud Gullit and Paul Gascoigne may be the saviour of Clive's career. Clive - who has a frustrating time trying to pinpoint the reason for his hamstring problems - was flown to Belgium to see the specialist, regarded as the top man in his field in the world. Physio Gerry Delahunt has done some excellent work getting him back towards full fitness but Clive still felt some background pain.

Manager Brian Laws is optimistic that the new treatment which can be carried out locally "should be able to clear it". If all goes well, Clive should be back in a couple of weeks.

MACCA'S BACK

One player who has made a promising recovery from a long term injury is John McDermott who has featured in Town's last two league

starting line-ups and set up Neil Woods goal against Reading in mid-week with a pin-point cross from the right.

RICHARD SMITH - A NEW FACE AT BLUNDELL PARK

Leicester City centre back Richard Smith joined the Mariners for a month's loan just in time to make a 'baptism of fire' style debut against Wolves last week. Richard has played over 100 games for the Foxes including ten Premiership games.

A NEW SPIRIT AT BLUNDELL PARK?

Scottish midfielder Johnnie Walker has been offered a contract until the end of the season. Walker (21) who was once with Rangers has impressed Brian Laws and fans in several reserve team outings. He has now returned north of the border to consider matters as a number of Scottish clubs have expressed an interest.

MARK BURKE - UPDATE

Mark Burke - the former Wolves and Port Vale midfielder who played for the Mariners reserves recently will not be joining us. Mark never achieved full fitness during his loan spell and has now gone to Holland with a view to playing in the Dutch League.



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- 1 Which overseas player was voted English 'Footballer of the Year' in 1981?
- 2 Which Singapore-born player won 77 caps for England?
- 3 Who captained Manchester United during Bryan Robson's absence in 1990-91?
- 4 From which club did Andy Townsend join Aston Villa?
- 5 Who scored 7 goals for Q.P.R. in the UEFA Cup in 1976-77 - Stan Bowles, Don Givens or Gerry Francis?

Soccer oddity



When Brighton & Hove Albion chose to wear matching striped shirts and shorts in 1991, one critic likened them to a 'bunch of crazed Andy Pandys'

The referee who cautioned the St. Johnstone defender Don McVicar in 1987 was no other than Don McVicar!

Jef Jurion was capped 49 times by his country, Belgium, and in every international he played in, he wore a pair of spectacles.

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- Sunday Mirror
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The Daily Mirror praise Neil for his part in our win at Reading
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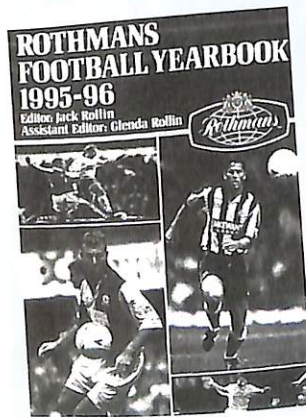
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Culture Corner



This season's Rothmans Football Yearbook is now on sale, price: £16.99 (softback). Edited by Jack Rollin with assistant editor, Glenda Rollin, it is as usual packed full of statistics with 960 pages to cast your eyes over.

All the Premiership and Endsleigh Insurance League clubs, as well as the Scottish Premier and League sides are all covered in depth, giving last season's results, scorers, line-ups etc. as in the past.

There are a few new additions, this season's one being a full detailed list, in A-Z order, of career details of each and every English league players, starting with Greg Abbott of Hull City and finishing with Soner Zumutrel of Arsenal.

Another extra is a Did You Know? section and there are some very interesting facts including those about Super Stiffs, Bobby's Dazzler and Brave Bob! All the respective club managers are covered in depth and there is a full comprehensive record of all the players who have won international honours over the years. It's a must for the ardent football fan, who is statistically minded. And remember, Rothmans have issued their yearbook every year since 1969 and to a certain degree it's lost none of its appeal, as indicated by the selling figures - over 10,000 copies sold every season.

Answers: Who am I? - Paul Peschisolido
Badge - Watford; Quiz Time 1 - Frans
Thijssen (Ipswich Town); 2 - Terry Butcher; 3 - Neil Webb; 4 - Norwich City; 5 - Givens.

BLUNT BLADES SHARPEN UP!

Sheffield United started the season off by suffering five successive defeats (two at home, three away) before winning their sixth and seventh matches, 2-1 at home to Norwich City, who had 'keeper Bryan Gunn sent-off at half-time, and 2-0 v. Charlton.

United chief, Dave Bassett, the former Wimbledon boss stated: "Every manager goes through the kind of situation we suffered at the start of the season when the vultures gather. "I didn't feel I was under any pressure. I was concerned, but had no worries. I wasn't going to panic nor was I going to lose any sleep. I simply got on with the job in hand and hoped that things would get better. Now I think they are beginning to look up."

HOT SHOT MATHIE

Ipswich Town striker, Alex Mathie, scored a hat-trick ten days ago in his side's convincing 3-0 home win over Sunderland. The Scottish-born striker, who in the past has served with Greenock Morton, Newcastle United and Port Vale, was brought in to partner veteran marksman Lee Chapman and he's doing a fine job says his manager, George Burley, who added: "I watched Alex a couple of times last season before signing him. I was impressed with his work-rate, his attitude and indeed his marksmanship. I think he'll have a fine season - I'm hoping so anyway!"

ALL CHANGE AT STOKE?

Prior to Stoke City's last home game against Oldham Athletic, it was rumoured that boss Lou Macari was contemplating stepping down (to become Football Advisor) and putting one of his coaches in charge of the first team. Macari recently recruited former Stoke City player, Mike Pejic (to replace Asa Hartford as his assistant) and it was he who was placed 'in charge' against the Latics, a game which Stoke lost 1-0 in front of their lowest crowd for four years - just 8,663. Last Saturday Stoke crashed 3-0 at Watford and on Tuesday night they drew 1-1 at Birmingham where Potters' striker Paul Peschisolido was watched by his wife, Karren Brady, Managing Director at St. Andrews!

PREECE STARS AGAINST HIS OLD MATES

Derby County registered their first away win of the season when beating Luton 2-1 at the start of the month - and the star of the show was the former Kenilworth Road midfielder, David Preece. Both County's goals came from striker Dean Sturridge after Luton had taken a 30-second lead through Dwight Marshall. The 'Rams' though, lost their next game, 1-0 at home to high-flying Leicester who are looking good at the top of the Division.

BACK HOME

Robert Fleck has rejoined his old club, Norwich City, on a month's loan from Premiership club Chelsea. In his first game back at Carrow Road, he scored in Norwich's 2-1 win over Port Vale and the gate rose by 3,000 from the Canaries' previous home match.

TWO OFF

Barnsley had two players sent-off - goalkeeper David Watson and defender Charlie Bishop - in their recent 5-0 home thrashing at the hands of Birmingham City. Amazingly, in their next League game the 'Tykes' won 1-0 at League leaders Millwall, Neil Redfearn scoring the day's fastest goal - just 77 seconds from the start - and then the Yorkshire club crashed 3-0 at Huddersfield.

TRANSFER TALK

Here is a list of some recent transfer deals involving First Division clubs: Paul Walsh - Manchester City to Portsmouth; Gerry Creaney - Portsmouth to Manchester City; Juergen Sommer - Luton to Queen's Park Rangers; Borislav Mikhailov - Botev Plodiv to Reading; Tony Gale - Blackburn Rovers to Crystal Palace; Michael Johnston - Notts County to Birmingham City; Mike Marsh - Galatasaray to Southend United; Eric Young - Crystal Palace to Wolverhampton Wanderers (on trial); Dougie Freedman - Barnet to Crystal Palace; Rick Holden - Oldham Athletic to Blackpool; Rob Matthews - Luton Town to York City; Iain Dowie - Crystal Palace to West Ham United; Jerone Boere - West Ham United to Crystal Palace.



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Andrew - ten yesterday - comes from Waverley in Grimsby. He attends Tetney County Primary School and enjoys football, cricket, model railways and train spotting. His favourite players are Gary Croft and Paul Groves

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Nicky Southall takes on the Watford defence

RESERVE ROUND-UP

with **Kenny Swain**

(or "Swain's World")



Last week saw Burnley Visit us at Blundell Park fielding some household names in bid to take some points back to Lancashire. We ourselves put out an experienced side with both Childs and Southall on the wings to improve our play in those areas.

Nicky responded with two goals, one from a penalty, while Gary played little more than half the game after being dismissed following an instinctive hand ball offence to prevent a goal. 1st half goals from Jack Lester and another clinical free kick from Jim Dobbin sent us in at the break with a 2-1 margin.

Leading 4-2 early in the second half we managed to let Burnley back into the game with two sloppy goals.

Manchester City visited Blundell Park on Wednesday. Like Burnley, they fielded a strong side including Andy Dibble, Steve Lomas, Michael Vonk, and Nick Summerbee.

In front of another bumper crowd (1017), we had a promising first half, which we could not sustain for the second 45 minutes, eventually losing 2-0 Summerbee and Lomas struck City's second half goals.

Our side for this game was:- Pearcey, Laws, Neil, Fickling, Gowshall, Dobbin, Watson, Buckley (Clare), Lester, Jewell, Brooks. Subs (not used) Fraser, Petchey.

N.B. Because of the 1st team's cup tie against Birmingham our game at York City has been postponed, with a new date to be decided.

Kenny Swain

95/96 FIXTURES

AUGUST 1995			
Wed 16	Bradford		3-0
Wed 23	Mansfield Town		4-1
SEPTEMBER 1995			
Tue 5	Burnley		4-4
Wed 13	Manchester City		0-2
Wed 20	York City		P-P
Tue 26	Middlesbrough		
OCTOBER 1995			
Tue 3	Port Vale		
Tue 10	Rotherham United		
Tue 17	Huddersfield Town		
Wed 25	Barnsley		
NOVEMBER 1995			
Tue 7	Hull City		
Tue 14	Blackpool		
Wed 22	Preston North End		
Tue 28	Coventry City		
DECEMBER 1995			
Tue 5	York City		
Wed 13	Middlesbrough		
Wed 20	Aston Villa		
JANUARY 1996			
Tue 2	Leicester City		
Tue 9	Sunderland		
Mon 15	Mansfield Town		
Tue 23	Bradford City		
Wed 31	Burnley		
FEBRUARY 1996			
Tue 6	Manchester City		
Wed 14	Sunderland		
Wed 21	Blackpool		
MARCH 1996			
Tue 5	Hull City		
Mon 11	Leicester City		
Tue 19	Aston Villa		
Tue 26	Port Vale		
APRIL 1996			
Tue 9	Rotherham United		
Tue 16	Barnsley		
Wed 24	Huddersfield Town		
Tue 30	Coventry City		
MAY 1996			
Mon 6	Preston North End		

NEXT MATCH

Middlesbrough
Tuesday, September 26th
K.O. 7.00pm

Youth Up Date



with **John Cockerill**

On Saturday September 2nd, we once again travelled to the West Midlands this time to face Birmingham City.

On this occasion the lads did not live up to the high standards we have set for ourselves so far this season and we lost 3-2. Our two goals came from a good shot from Daryl Clare from outside the box on 65 minutes and - on 85 minutes - a Paul Jarvis tap-in.

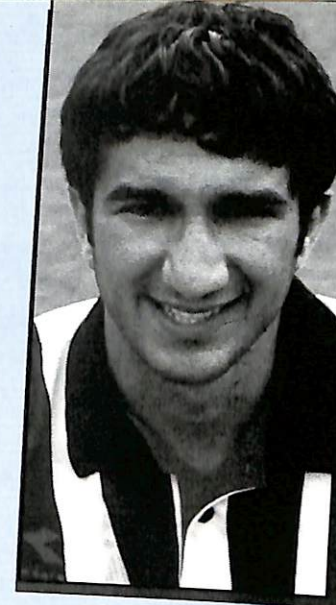
Our side for this game was:- Andrew Love, Danny Louth, Steve Adams, Steve Fraser, Andrew Mundell, John Oster, Daryl Clare, Andrew Burdon, Lee Stephenson, Paul Harsley, Pietro Carinci. Subs: John Hamnett, Matthew Oswin, Paul Jarvis (none used).

Back at Cheapside on September 9th, we played much better and deserved more than the 1-1 draw we got against Coventry City.

Paul Jarvis, this time in the starting line-up scored again. Paul stuck away a half-chance from 12 yards very well for us to take the lead. I felt it was against the run of play when Coventry equalised. Our side for this game was: Love, Adams, Carinci, Bloomer, Hamnett, Oster, Jarvis, Clare, Harsley, Burdon. Subs were Stephenson, Brown and Matthew Oswin - an under 16 player

John Cockerill

PLAYER PROFILE



Pietro Carinci

PIETRO CARINCI

DATE OF BIRTH

18/9/77

BIRTHPLACE

Scunthorpe

POSITION

Left sided midfielder

Pietro joined the Mariners as a YT in July 1994 from Scunthorpe schoolboys. His favourite player is Roberto Baggio and he supports AC Milan.

His favourite goal is Marco van Basten's brilliant volley against Russia in the European championships ("I thought he was trying to cross it..." - Ed).

NEXT MATCH
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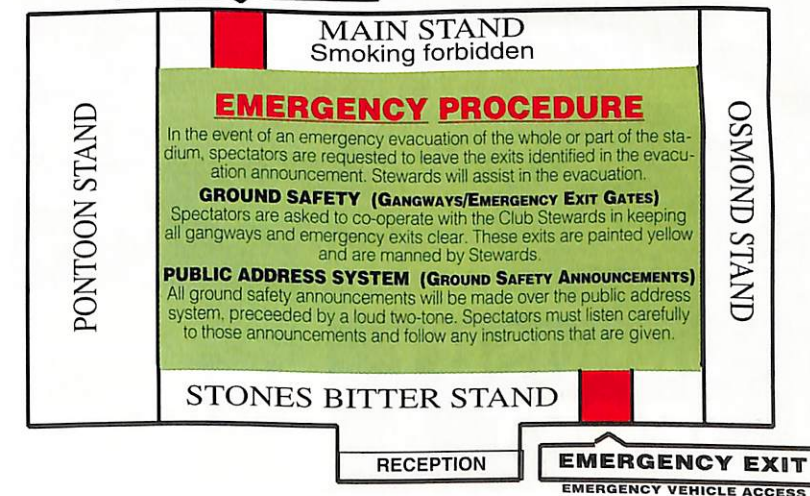


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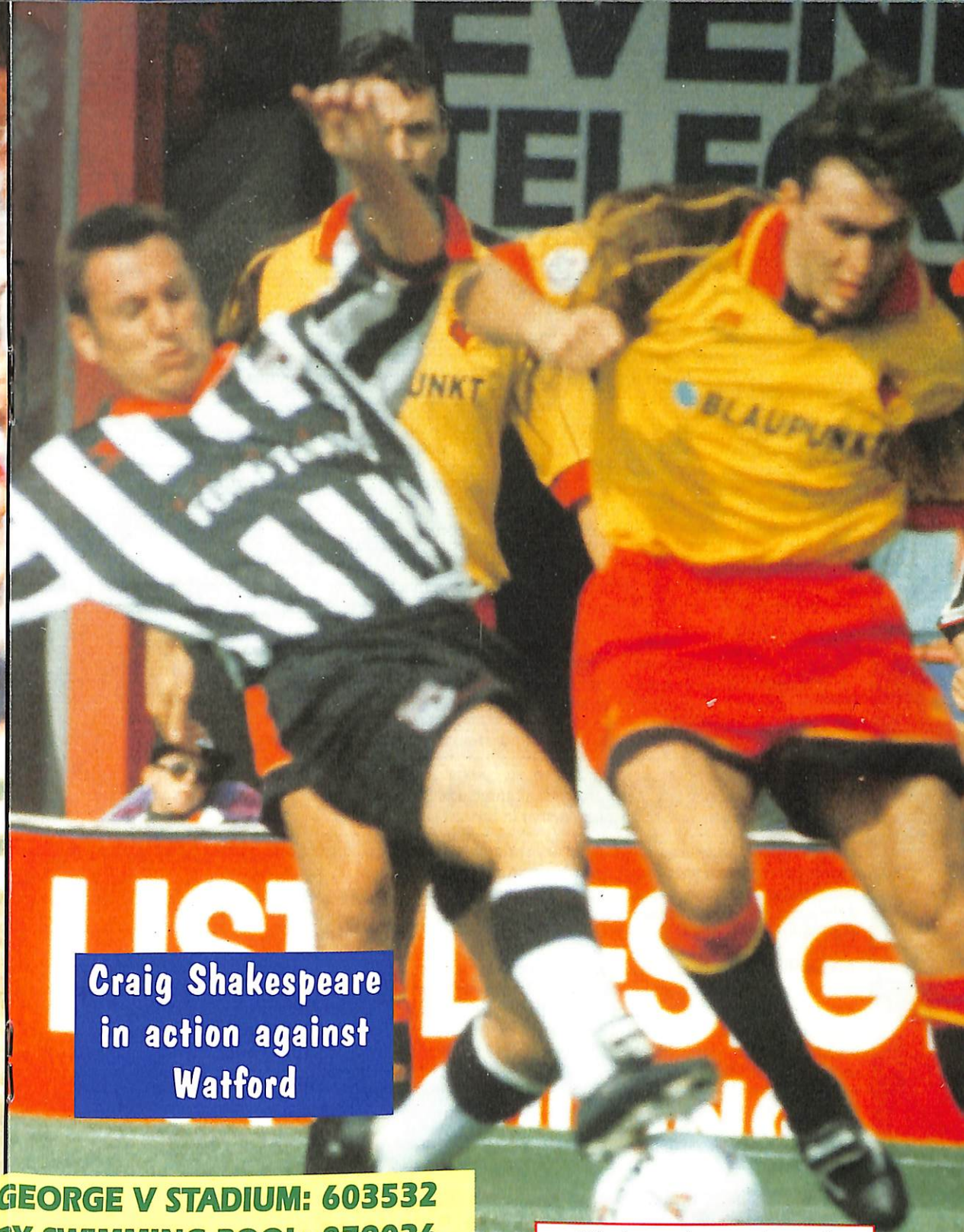
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Mariners' magical moments

by Tim Harvey

Today we review something we all hope to see at Blundell Park and various other grounds around the country - a Clive Mendonca goal! This particular strike came on February 18th, 1995 during a good away win for the Mariners against Burnley.

With confidence sky-high after the 5-0 thumping of Luton Town at Blundell Park seven days earlier, Brian Laws took his side back to the place where he had started his footballing career - Turf Moor, Burnley. He made just one change from the Luton game with Graham Rodger in for the injured Mark Lever and therefore Laws took his place on the bench in his dual capacity of substitute and manager, receiving a fine welcome from the Burnley supporters.

Lying in eighth place, the Mariners had the play-offs in their sights whilst Burnley were staring relegation in the face. A 10,000 plus crowd included some five hundred Town fans and they saw their side set off at quite a pace.

The Mariners might easily have been four up inside quarter of an hour: Watson (twice) and Gilbert the culprits whilst Groves hit the post. The break-through came on twenty five minutes - Woods rose unattended eight yards out to head home. Burnley's main threat of the half came from the on-loan Paul Stewart who brought a finger tip save out of Paul Crichton just before the break.

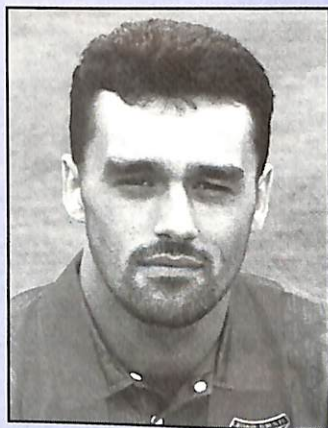
After the restart, the Mariners faced an on-slaught as Burnley (fighting for their Division One lives) created several chances but the Grimsby goal had a charmed life with Paul Crichton pulling off one brilliant stop from Ayres before play switched to the other end and Winstanley cleared off the line to deny Woods. The goal to seal it came within the five minutes remaining and we look at it in detail below.

So Brian Laws came to his old club and took three points back for his new club to leave them with just one defeat in the last seven games.

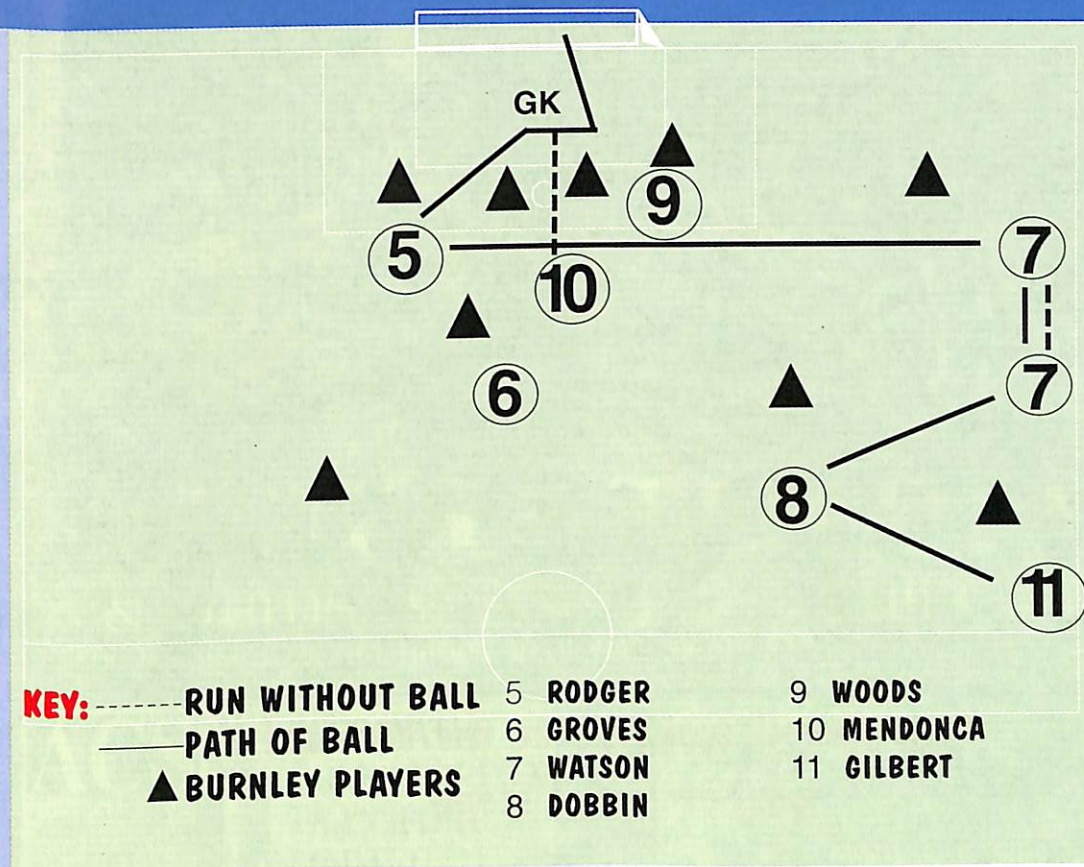
The goal that made the game safe had a fortuitous look about it: 99 times out of 100, you can be sure that Burnley goal keeper Marlon Beresford would not drop the ball at the feet of an incoming forward from what was a routine save, but it also owed much to Mendonca's sharpness and anticipation. The Burnley defence had cleared a Gilbert corner, hence the reason "Diddy" had popped up on the Town right, playing a simple pass inside to Dobbin.

Taking the ball on, the Scot then released Watson in space having held his wide position. He too carried the ball on before delivering a low cross and - although behind the incoming Woods, the ball found its way through to Graham Rodger in a far post position. Rodger reacted well, sending a right foot shot towards the corner of the goal. The Burnley keeper, though, was well placed to take the ball slightly to his left at a comfortable height and indeed Rodger had already wheeled away to head back to defend his own goal. Mendonca, on the other hand, was as lively as ever and ready to pounce: just what a goalkeeper does not need when he "spills one". One touch to round the prone custodian and the simplest of finishes.

Mendonca's second goal, Beresford's worst nightmare and Grimsby's three points. Perhaps Clive knew that Beresford had saved the previous 99 similar shots..?



Clive Mendonca



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Paul Jewell looks on as the Watford goal is under siege

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Talk of the Town



Do you remember the Mariners taking the lead against Wolves and losing by three goals in front of more than 20,000 fans? Pontoon season ticket holder Peter Lane does! He remembers January 1955 when 25,000 were at Blundell Park and Billy Wright starred in Wolves' championship-winning side.

Recalled Peter: "I first attended a game at Blundell Park in November 1954 and have been a frequent visitor ever since. Wolves' 5-2 win over the Mariners in the 3rd round of the F.A. Cup in 1955 was the only time I watched a game from the 'Boys Pen' in the Barrett Stand. The Barrett Stand was named after some local big-wig and the Boys Pen enabled unaccompanied children to watch the match for a princely shilling (5p) without their views being impeded.

"Leaving the ghosts of 1955 behind, as football mad children my friends and I would regularly attend all types of matches at the Park and would drift round the ground trying the best vantage points.

"We usually settled on the open corner for the League games and the Pontoon Stand for reserve matches. With my dad in close attendance, we watched the Town reserves thrash Frickley Colliery and Denaby United and get beaten 4-0 by Peterborough United before they entered the Football League hierarchy.

"In 1960 there was a 'new' Pontoon Stand built. And with the stations from this stand blocking our view from the open corner, with some regret we said goodbye to many of our footballing friends.

"In 1962 we watched the mighty mariners lift the Third Division championship. After the last game, we spilled onto the pitch to salute our heroes as they appeared to us in the Directors' Box which was set in the main stand.

"When elements of trouble started to appear at Blundell Park

Ode to the Barretts Stand with Peter Lane

in the late 1960s, it was time to leave the Pontoon Stand, searching out safer havens. Eventually my friends and I settled back in the Barrett Stand which had a ramshackle appearance, yet survived until 1980.

"The atmosphere created in this stand was absolutely tremendous. It's low roof and wooden floor seemed to hold in the noise and even when only a small crowd attended, we could always let our team know that we were right behind them.

"When the crowds were over 20,000 there was never an incident of any kind to put supporters in the Barrett Stand in danger. This perhaps points to people at being the main cause of accidents, rather than equipment and facilities.

"From a vantage point on the halfway line, I watched us gain the Fourth Division championship in 1972, Everton destroyed by two Mick Brolly goals and the late Bobby Moore lead his West Ham team to a highly debated draw in the League Cup.

"Sadly for me, this stand was demolished in the early '80s to be replaced by the Findus (Stones) Stand.

"My many fond memories include visiting the ground on weekdays just to watch the players train or merely soak up the atmosphere of the place. An empty football ground can sometimes have a cathedral-type feel to it. Where else could so many people come together to express themselves as one?

"So, although my beloved Barrett Stand has gone, please make your support heard for the Mariners this afternoon."



Mariners in the Community

with Ian Knight - 01472 291776

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game

During the half time period today there will be a 5-A-side game played between Immingham Pilgrims U '13's and Great Coates Juniors U '13's. Also today we have 1st Keelby Beavers enjoying a free visit to Blundell Park thanks to the sponsorship of the community scheme.

In total almost 100 people will be enjoying today's game free of charge. If you would like to take part in any of the activities offered by the community scheme please contact me on the office number above.

Now that the children have began the new school year, if there are any schools which would like a

free visit from myself, to coach the children then please contact me at your earliest convenience.

As a self-financing organisation the Football in the Community Scheme is very grateful for any kind of donation or sponsorship.

If you feel that you could help the scheme to carry on its tremendous work within the local community, encouraging the children to learn and take part in activities arranged by and held at a professional club please contact myself at Blundell Park in return for any such sponsorship, there are many ways in which your involvement and association with the scheme can be advertised and publicised both locally and nationally

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SATURDAY
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After a reasonably low key start to the season the '95/96 home campaign for the Mariners should burst into life with the visit of Norwich in a week's time.

Following the departure of John Deehan - coinciding with the Canaries surprising dip in form and relegation last season, Norwich will be looking to

bounce straight back. The duo who guided Wycombe Wanderers from non-league obscurity to the second division, (Martin O'Neil and his assistant Paul Franklyn) have yet to spend big since starting at Carrow Road.

However with Robert Fleck returning on loan to the scene of his greatest triumphs and goal machine Ashley Ward up-front Norwich are one of this season's favourites for promotion. Other names to watch out for are John Newsome the ex-Leeds star and club captain and utility forward Darren Eadie - one of the promising young star at O'Neil's disposal.

On Saturday the Canaries side will be quite similar to the one that visited Blundell Park in the FA Cup last season. This time we will be hoping for a better result.

Once again City's goalkeeper Bryan Gunn (sent-off recently) will be replaced by Andy Marshall and Canaries' new signing from West Ham United, Matthew Rush, is still nursing a knee injury. Since the close season, there have been no departures from Carrow Road. '95/96 started well for Norwich, with a 3-1 win at Luton.

Other victories have been 2-1 home triumphs against Oldham and our opponents today Port Vale. It is away from home where the Canaries have been less successful, losing 3-1 at Birmingham and 2-1 at Sheffield, United's first points of the season although Norwich did defeat Wolves 2-0 at Molineux in midweek.

Certainly there was no lack of fire against Sheffield United - Bryan Gunn was dismissed and a bitter war of words erupted between rival bosses Martin O'Neil and Dave Bassett. In the game v. Wolves, home striker Steve Bull was also sent-off.

We played well at Molineux and lost; Norwich performed reasonably well and won. However, the only fair way to make comparisons between these two sides after the games v. Wolves will be to visit Blundell Park in a weeks time! See you here.



BIRMINGHAM

Coca-Cola Cup,
2nd. round, 1st leg
Wednesday, 20th September 1995
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WEDNESDAY
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SEPTEMBER

On Wednesday evening we take on Barry Fry's Birmingham City in the second round, 1st leg of the Coca-Cola Cup - and a good sized crowd is expected to be at the newly-designed all-seater St. Andrew's stadium (capacity 28,000).

The Blues have started this current season off pretty well and in their last away game they whipped Barnsley 5-0 at Oakwell, this after having crashed 4-1 at Huddersfield just 72 hours earlier!

Manager Fry has a massive squad to choose from - 45 signed-up professionals - and his latest recruit, defender Michael Johnson from Notts County, made an impressive debut in that win at Barnsley.

It's in defence where Blues have struggled. Admittedly they've scored themselves at the other end, but occasionally their back division looks vulnerable (they were well and truly exposed by Huddersfield and earlier in the season by Charlton).

But Fry insists that he will get the right balance, sooner or later, and he will also continue to ask his players to play football, pass the ball to feet, and only use the long ball when it is absolutely necessary.

The players who are likely to be in line to play against the Mariners include goalkeeper Ian Bennett, ex Peterborough United; full-backs Gary Poole, once of Plymouth and veteran Chris Whyte, who won a League Division championship medal with Leeds United; centre-halves Andy Edwards, formerly of Southend United and recent signing Johnson; midfielders Gary Cooper, Mark Ward, who has performed in the top flight with Everton and Manchester City, penalty expert Jonathan Hunt, a hat-trick in a recent 3-1 win over Norwich City and wide-man Jason Bowen, signed from Swansea City; and strikers Steve Claridge and Ken Charlery, with Louie Donowa, Ricky Otto, Neil Doherty and Richard Forsyth, a Kidderminster harriers player last term, also in contention.

Blues will be difficult opponents, and we do have the second leg to look forward to if we fail to get the right result at St. Andrew's.

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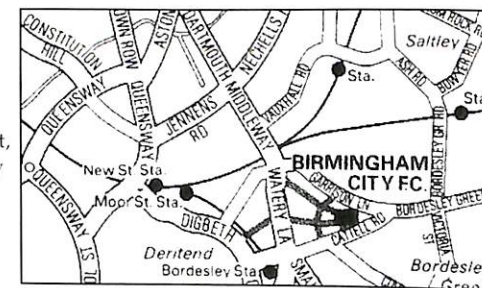
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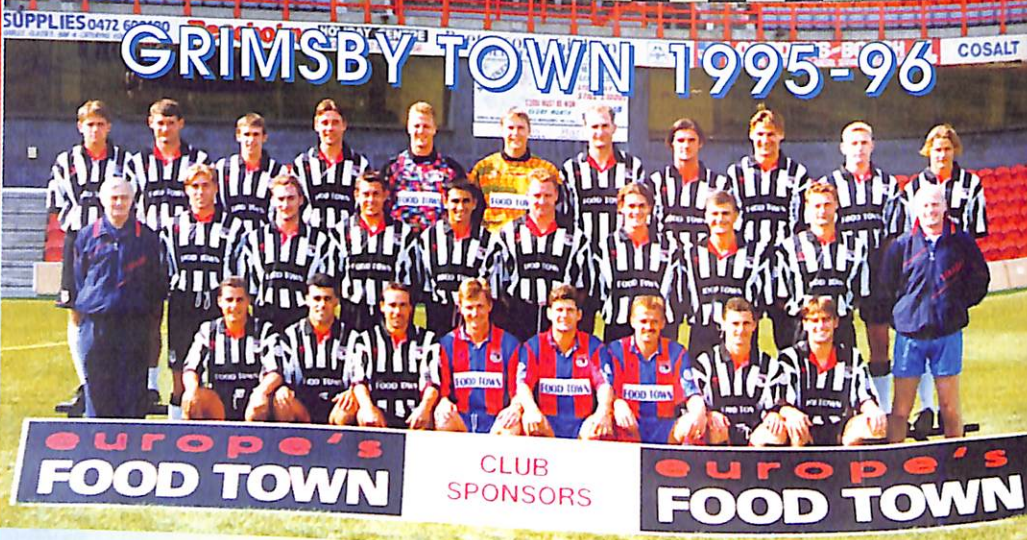
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 Born Leamington Spa, 23/7/71. 6'1". An agile goalkeeper, Jason became Brian Laws' first signing when joining the club from Mansfield Town in December 1994 for a nominal fee. Made 74 appearances for the Stags over a six-year spell without ever commanding a regular first-team place, although he ended last term as Grimsby's number one, making an excellent debut in the 0-0 draw with Wolves. 1994-95: 3 appearances

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1911

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1922

Town maintain their unbeaten start to the 1922-23 season with a single goal victory over Durham City. Scotsman Jim Millar - later a Manchester United player - gets the only goal in this Third Division North fixture.

1944

A crowd of 2,000 see Fred Kurz strike twice to beat Doncaster Rover 2-1. This win gave Grimsby the 'double' over the Yorkshire side in the wartime Football League North.

1953

Goalkeeper Harry Nicholson makes his Grimsby debut at Accington Stanley. Despite a 1-3 defeat, Harry made 17 appearances that season, later transferring to Nottingham Forest

1958

Brighton & Hove Albion make only their second trip to Cleethorpes, gaining a point despite a goal from ace Grimsby marksman Tommy Briggs. Earlier in the month Brighton had lost 9-0 to Middlesbrough.

1967

Another local derby fixture brings Scunthorpe United to the East Coast. Doug Collins and Gary Moore are on target in a 2-1 win before 7,825 fans.

1972

Two players in their final season with Grimsby - Matt Tees and Alan Gauden - both score in the 2-0 defeat of Bolton Wanderers. Despite the result, Bolton finish the season as Third Division Champions.



Tommy Briggs

1989

Maidstone United, newly promoted from the GMVC to the Football League, record their first-ever away win, beating Grimsby 3-2 at Blundell Park. Dave Gilbert (2) gets on the score sheet for Town.

ELSEWHERE IN THE NEWS...

1939

Russia invades Poland under the terms of its "Non-Aggression" Pact with Germany.

1953

Cinemascope is demonstrated for the first time when "The Robe" starring Richard Burton is shown in New York.

1977

Singer Maria Callas dies, aged 53.

1986

177 miners die in a goldmine fire in South Africa.

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Grimsby Town

Paul Crichton	1	1
John McDermott	2	2
Gary Croft	3	3
Peter Handyside	4	4
Richard Smith	5	5
Paul Groves	6	6
Gary Childs	7	7
Craig Shakespeare	8	8
Neil Woods	9	9
Steve Livingstone	10	10
Nicky Southall	11	11
Brian Laws	12	12
Jim Dobbin	13	13
Paul Jewell	14	14

Port Vale

Paul Musselwhite	1
Andy Hill	2
Allen Tankard	3
Ian Bogie	4
Gareth Griffiths	5
Dean Glover	6
Jon McCarthy	7
Andy Porter	8
Lee Mills	9
Lee Glover	10
Steve Guppy	11
Ray Walker	12
Arjan van Heusden (gk)	13
Tony Naylor	14

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- Barnsley v Sheffield United
- Charlton Athletic v Oldham Athletic
- Crystal Palace v Huddersfield Town
- Ipswich Town v Watford
- Leicester City v Reading
- Luton Town v Sunderland
- Norwich City v Millwall
- Portsmouth v Derby County
- Southend United v Wolverhampton Wanderers
- Stoke City v Tranmere Rovers



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