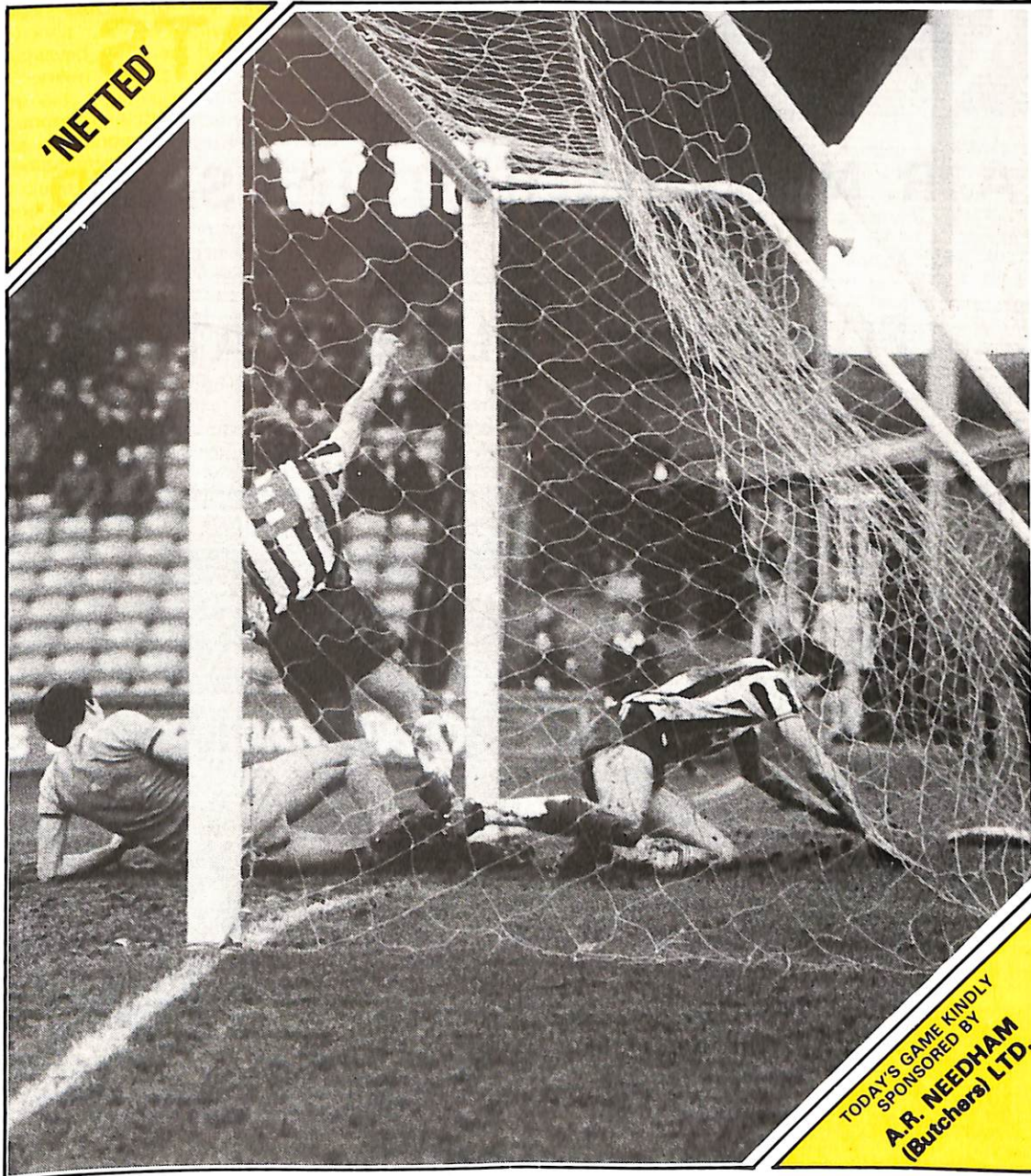


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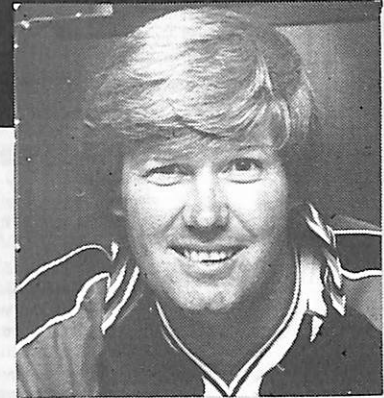
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Breaking in to the top three was a hard job, but as difficult as that task proved, the real work now begins — the matter of staying there.

Throughout the season we have been striving to give ourselves a chance that objective has been achieved, but so far that is all. Fourteen weeks of the season remain, a period in which everyone connected with Grimsby Town will be examined as regards character, temperament and personality. I include you the supporters in that, and want to emphasise again how vital your vocal encouragement is to the team on the field. On away grounds the travelling fans have always made themselves heard, be it in the 28,000 at Newcastle, or the 6,000 at Crystal Palace. It is a pleasure to play in front of that support and I hope that it is repeated here at Blundell Park.

Our win at Selhurst Park, probably should have been by a larger margin. We were in control, played bright football and created

several chances. The manner of the victory was just desert for our preparation. Every player knew what was required and delivered the goods. I keep repeating it, and I make no excuses — our game is based on discipline and organisation. We cannot afford to lose these qualities.

There are no easy games in the Division and this afternoon's proves the point. We need no reminding that Portsmouth have beaten us twice already. We were comprehensively beaten last November and though our game improved in the F.A. Cup tie we still finished second best.

Last July I said Portsmouth were one of the best half dozen sides in the Second Division. I still stand by that verdict. Their present ranking does not do them justice and probably serves to prove the point that the margin between winning and losing can be very slim indeed. A well organised club, they have experienced players and enjoy good

support. They also can afford to buy a player when required. In stature they have the potential to become one of the leading clubs in the country.

So we have a point to prove today. Spirit could not be better though it has been a minor miracle to keep an unchanged team in the last three games. Knocks have been suffered and as we look to the final fourteen games it may be necessary to further strengthen the squad. Obviously we have a good crop of youngsters all capable of doing a job, but the transfer situation is being kept under close scrutiny as are possible loan deals.

Our run of good results has inevitably attracted considerable coverage from Press, Radio, and T.V. It is another test of character for club and supporter. One could get carried away by the ballyhoo, and that would be a hindrance to the real job of collecting points. Again we have to take it as it comes, not let it get in the way and above all not let it go to our heads.

So there we are. The position is still really the same as when we played Derby. We have worked hard to give ourselves a chance. Now we must keep getting the results.



Kevin Drinkell, partly hidden by Derby defender John Barton, heads home the Mariners' winner.

Coverpic: One way of making sure is to finish up in the net yourself with the ball as demonstrated by twin strike force of Wilkinson and Drinkell.



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PORTSMOUTH

Last Saturday's victory at Cambridge was Pompey's first league win since Boxing Day. A depressing eight match sequence that yielded just three points caused Portsmouth to slip from the pack challenging for promotion.

On their day Pompey can be devastating. Fast, fluent football. In Hateley and Biley, a goalscoring duo as good as any in the Division. But like Greta Garbo, Portsmouth remain an enigma. A vulnerable back four has caused First Division aspirations to be postponed for at least twelve months.

That Fratton Park will again stage top flight soccer, must be a near certainty in the not too distant future. Tremendous support, a well organised club, a sound financial base, above all a footballing pedigree. But for too long Portsmouth have been haunted by the ghosts of yesteryear. Any T.V. visit to the south coast is invariably accompanied by black and white clips of the late forties as Froggatt, Dickinson, and Harris took Pompey to successive League Championships.

But poltergeists are of little assistance in 1984, and Portsmouth like so many clubs in recent times have found traditions a positive milestone.

Happily a resurgence in fortune has now taken place at Fratton, and new personalities are the folk heroes of the naval town.

Certainly Portsmouth fans have plenty of players to choose from. They have one of the largest squads in the Division, and recently recruited Gary Stanley from Swansea to

further strengthen the pool. More than £500,000 has changed hands as the former Chelsea apprentice moved between Stamford Bridge, Goodison Park, the Vetch, and now Fratton. This gritty midfielder has over 200 league games under his belt and brings more competition for places in the centre of the park.

Last March, Bobby Campbell made two vital signings to maintain the promotion push from Division Three. Kevin Dillon cost £200,000 from Birmingham, provides vision and flair, is an England Under 21 cap, and has arguably been the side's most consistent performer this season. The other man recruited before the transfer deadline was Nicky Morgan for £80,000 from West Ham. Supporters felt the money was well spent when he scored the promotion clinching goal at Brentford. Nicky too, delivered the knock out blow that ended our interest in the F.A. Cup last January.

Neil Webb, an England Youth cap, signed from Reading for £87,500 in the summer of 1982, missed just one game as the Third Division title was secured. His attendance record has been as regular this term, and Neil can always chip in a goal when required.

No place at present for Bobby Doyle, in his third season with Pompey. But there is little doubt the former Blackpool, Barnsley, and Peterborough player will bounce back.

Goalkeeper Alan Knight has been first choice for the last two years. He collected two England Under 21 games last season, and

made his league debut as a 16 year old. There is no doubt Alan was unhappy with some recent performances, notably the Newcastle fixture, which by his own high standards was below par. Waiting in the wings is Andy Gosney, at 6'4" the tallest player on the Pompey staff.

Two former Swindon players make up half the back four. Stocky Steve Aizlewood and full back Mick McLaughlin arrived at Fratton within a year of each other. Aizlewood, elder brother of Charlton's Mark, cost £45,000 in July 1979 and was formerly with Newport. McLaughlin, a Londoner, started his career at Colchester, and came to Portsmouth from Swindon under freedom of contract. The two between them have the experience of over 900 league games.

Cornishman Colin Sullivan is also no slouch in the appearance stakes. The former England Under 23 cap has clocked up almost 550 games in a career that started with Plymouth and took in spells at Norwich, Cardiff, and Hereford before joining Pompey.

Mick Tait was a £100,000 signing three years ago from Hull. A striker in his early days with Oxford and Carlisle, Mick is now playing in the centre of the defence, and is rightly regarded as one of the most dependable and versatile members of the squad.

Full back Peter Ellis has had few first team opportunities this season, but he is the longest serving player at Fratton, having been at the club since 1971. Consequently he has witnessed a fair number of ups and downs.



Back Row: Mick Tait, Mark Hateley, Ernie Howe, Kevin Dillon.
Middle Row: Peter Ellis, Bobby Doyle, Steve Aizlewood, Alan Knight, Andy Gosney, Neil Webb, Nicky Morgan, Alan Ball (Youth team coach).
Front Row: Bobby Campbell (Manager), Colin Sullivan, John McLaughlin, Alan Biley, Alan Rogers, Dave Thomas, Gordon Neave (Physio).

PRESENT...

Also in contention for a defensive position is Ernie Howe whose 1982-83 season ended prematurely with injury. The big centre half arrived at Portsmouth by way of Crystal Palace, Fulham, and Queens Park Rangers.

The No. 11 shirt has proved somewhat of a problem. Young Paul Wood is currently in possession, but four different players have had possession including former England International Dave Thomas, he of the rolled down socks. Dave spent most of his career in the First Division with Burnley, QPR, Wolves and Everton, and gained eight caps in 1975-76. Alan Rogers a former Plymouth flank player started the season in the shirt, after having it for 40 games in the championship campaign.

With 48 league goals to their name, Pompey are one of the hotshots of Division Two. They went nap against Cambridge and hit fours v Charlton, Shrewsbury and most painfully the Mariners. The duo of Hateley and Biley account for 26 of that total and both were on target last Saturday. Tall and angular, Mark, son of a goalscoring father is carving out his own reputation using his height to full advantage.

Alan Biley was last at Blundell Park with Derby in September 1980, and the flaxen haired striker has enjoyed a new lease of life since the arrival of Hateley, benefiting greatly from the ex Coventry man's aerial power.

While Pompey's line up exudes experience; there are several promising youngsters knocking on the first team door. Prominent among these are midfielders Paul Wimbleton and Steve Berry the latter signed from Southern Leaguers Gosport Borough.

Brilliant if erratic, Pompey have a quality squad. Greater consistency would mean a higher league ranking. Scoring four one week, conceding the same number the next and sacrificing two and three goal leads may be entertaining but will ultimately lead to a mid table ranking.

As well as the three points collected at Cambridge, Pompey have also won at Fulham, Brighton, and Swansea. Draws have been recorded at Cardiff, Carlisle, Chelsea, and Middlesbrough.

The Boss

Bobby Campbell

Bobby made less than 100 league appearances as a player, but has certainly made his mark as manager of Portsmouth. He took over from Frank Burrows in March 1982 when Pompey seemed destined to return to Division Four after promising so much the previous campaign.

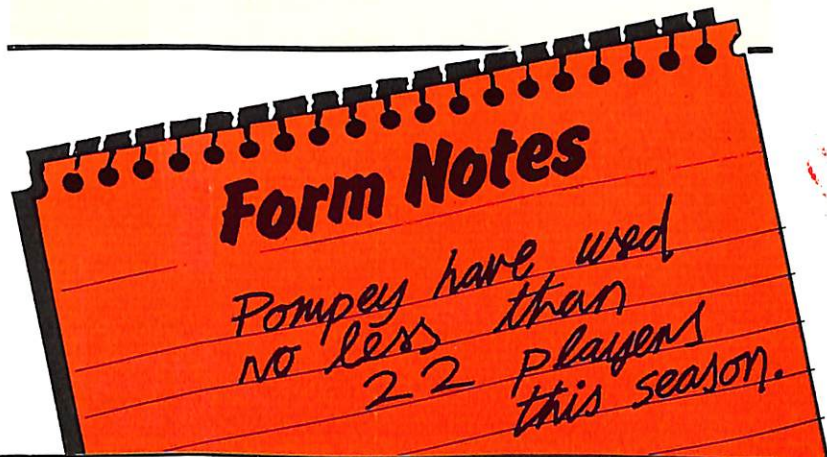
After straightening the club out, Bobby really got the famous Pompey chimes going last season, as the sea-faring town enjoyed a promotion campaign in style.

Portsmouth and Bobby seemed destined for each other. It was at Fratton that the Merseysider made the bulk of his league appearances between 1961 and 1965. Prior to assuming full managerial responsibility he had acted as Assistant to Frank Burrows.

Winning England Youth caps in 1954 as a constructive wing half, Bobby joined Liverpool, signing professional in November of that year. A glittering career seemed in prospect, but he had to wait five years to make his Anfield debut, and he soon departed for Wigan Athletic, then operating in the Lancashire Combination, after just 14 games for the Reds. Portsmouth gave him the chance to restart his league career in late 1961, and he ended his playing days with Aldershot in 1966, forced to retire through injury.

Always a keen tactician, Bobby was successively coach at QPR, Arsenal, and Fulham before taking the 'hot seat' at Craven Cottage in December 1976. He succeeded Alec Stock and after four years was dismissed to make way for Malcolm Macdonald, as the Cottagers dropped down to Division Three.

Ironically it was in the Third that Bobby proved his managerial metal, and now he has built one of the most attractive attacking sides in the country.



POMPEY'S FIVE YEAR RECORD

Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Top League Scorers	Average Gate	Cup	
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1978-79	4	46	20	12	14	62	48	52	7	Garwood 15	10,123	1	2
1979-80	4	46	24	12	10	91	49	60	4	Garwood 17	15,850	1	3
1980-81	3	46	22	9	15	55	47	53	6	Gregory 13	13,514	4	1
1981-82	3	46	14	19	13	56	51	61	13	Rafferty 17	8,543	2	1
1982-83	3	46	27	10	9	74	41	91	1	Biley 22	14,057	1	2

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THIS AND THAT

When Pompey last visited Cleethorpes their Manager was Jimmy Dickinson, the peerless wing half who created the Portsmouth club record for appearances. On the Friday evening he renewed acquaintances with an old adversary — Tommy Briggs. Indeed the two players were in opposition on the last occasion Grimsby Town won a First Division game. Pompey were the visitors to Blundell Park on 10th April 1948 and lost to a Tommy Briggs special in front of 10,000 fans. Mariners who lined out for that game were *Tweedy, Moody, Fisher, Whitfield, Galley, Blenkinsopp, Pearson, Clifton, Briggs, McGowan, Wardle*.

Grimsby and Portsmouth have met in all four Divisions, and the southerners share with Lincoln the distinction of being the club Town have met most in the F.A. Cup.

The Mariners have recorded three doubles in the 34 league game series. Two helped us to gain promotion, the other, in 1976-77 could not avert relegation. Back in 1961-62 Ron Rafferty scored two of his 34 goal haul that season against Pompey. One was enough to secure the points at Blundell Park, and in the return he and Cliff Portwood gave Grimsby vital points. Incidentally current Assistant Commercial Manager, John Waite wore the No 7 shirt for Grimsby in that game at Fratton Park before 19,285.

Town again took maximum points in 1978-79 with the south coast encounter being featured on Match of the Day.

Biggest post war gate for a match between the clubs was 34,588 for the F.A. Cup match at Fratton Park in January 1956.

COMPLETE CUP CONTESTS

1901-02 F.A. Cup Round 1 Blundell Park Draw, 1-1
 Replay Fratton Park Pompey won 2-0
 1932-33 F.A. Cup Round 3 Blundell Park Town won 3-2
 1933-34 F.A. Cup Round 4 Fratton Park Pompey won 2-0
 1949-50 F.A. Cup Round 4 Fratton Park Pompey won 5-0
 1955-56 F.A. Cup Round 3 Fratton Park Pompey won 3-1
 1965-66 F.A. Cup Round 3 Blundell Park Draw, 0-0
 Replay Fratton Park Town won 3-1

TWO CLUB MEN

Both Ron Rafferty and Cliff Portwood who scored vital goals for the Mariners against Pompey in 1961-62 played at one time or another for both sides.

Newcastle born Rafferty, started his career at Fratton Park, joining Portsmouth from Wycombe Wanderers in July 1954. Opportunities were limited and Ron made just 23 appearances before joining Town in December 1956. He proved to be a quicksilver forward netting 145 goals for the Mariners until joining Hull for £10,000 in the summer of 1963. He later finished his career with Aldershot.

Cliff Portwood was initially on the books of Preston, but it was with Port Vale, whom he joined in August 1959 that he made his League bow. An old fashioned goal scoring inside forward, Cliff scored 32 goals in 61 games for Vale, before Tim Ward paid £6,000 for his services in July 1961. He and 'Raff' formed a formidable goal scoring duo in the 1961-62 promotion team, hitting 48 goals between them. Portwood was Grimsby's leading scorer in 1963-64 and achieved the same distinction with Portsmouth where he spent four seasons.

Another Portsmouth connection in that 1961-62 Mariners side was goalkeeper Alan Barnett who made 25 appearances for Pompey before joining Town in December 1958.

Other post war players to have worn the colours of both clubs are Keith Allen, Colin Blant, Roy Player and the answer to Clever Dick No. 5.

THE FULL LEAGUE RECORD 1920-21 TO 1978-79

Season	Divison	Home	Away	Final Town	Position Pompey
1920-21	Three	0-3	1-2	13T	12
1926-27	Two	0-0	2-5	17	2P
1929-30	One	1-1	1-1	18	13
1930-31	One	0-3	3-4	13	4
1931-32	One	3-1	0-2	21R	8
1934-35	One	3-0	0-1	5	14
1935-36	One	1-2	2-3	17	10
1936-37	One	1-0	1-2	12	9
1937-38	One	1-0	0-3	20	19
1938-39	One	2-1	1-2	10	17
1946-47	One	3-2	1-4	16	12
1947-48	One	1-0	0-4	22R	8
1961-62	Three	1-0	2-0	2P	1P
1962-63	Two	1-1	1-2	19	16
1963-64	Two	0-3	2-2	21R	9
1976-77	Three	1-0	2-1	23R	20
1978-79	Four	1-0	3-1	2P	7

P — Promoted, R — Relegated, T — Transferred to Div. Three North.

CLEVER DICK

1. Which club has used their present ground for the longest period?
2. This T.V. pundit had a spell in the managerial hot seat at Portsmouth.
3. Pompey's second highest scorer last season has not played this term. Ten years ago Town were interested in his signature. Name please.
4. What unique F.A. Cup record do Pompey hold?
5. I was born in Portsmouth and played for nine clubs between 1952 and my untimely death in 1964. I was top scorer for Grimsby in 1959-60 and started my career at Fratton Park. Who am I?
6. Which player holds the Division Two goalscoring record for Grimsby Town.
7. Paul Agnew is the second full back in the last 15 years to have arrived at Blundell Park from Northern Ireland. Name the other.
8. Who scored Town's goals when we won 3-1 at Portsmouth in 1978-79.
9. Paul Wilkinson scored on his league debut. Who against?
10. Details please of the present Third Division side which has supplied three England captains in the last ten years.

Answers on P14 underneath 'Read all about it'.

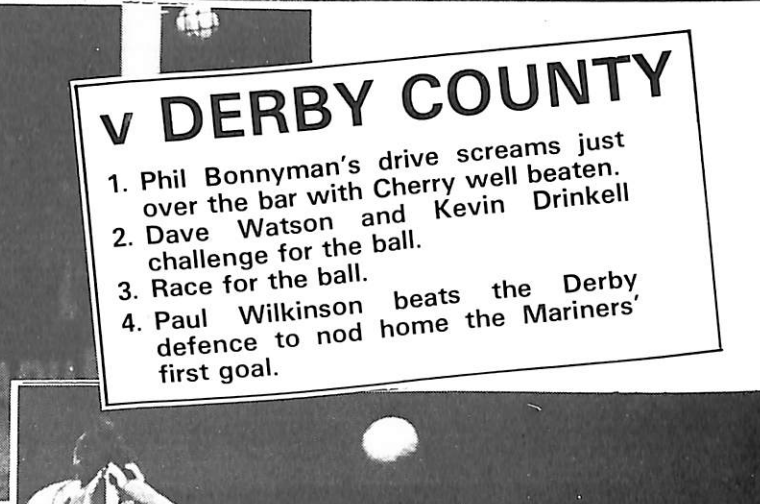
TOWN v POMPEY — LEAGUE SUMMARY

Division	Home					Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	P	W	D	L	F		
Division One	10	7	1	2	16	10	10	0	1	9	9	26
Division Two	3	0	2	1	1	4	3	0	1	2	5	9
Division Three	3	2	0	1	2	3	3	2	0	1	5	3
Division Four	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	1
Totals	17	10	3	4	20	17	17	3	2	12	22	39

POMPEY'S LAST LEAGUE VISIT

Saturday 14th October 1978 Division Four
 Town 1 (Moore K.) Portsmouth 0
 Grimsby: Batch, Mawer, Moore K., Waters, Barker, Crombie, Ford, Partridge (sub Young) Liddell, Drinkell, Broly.
 Portsmouth: Mellor, Ellis, Viney, Denyer, Foster, Piper, Hemmerman, Lathan, Davey, McIlwraith, Pullar.
 Attendance: 5,141

ACTION



v DERBY COUNTY

1. Phil Bonnyman's drive screams just over the bar with Cherry well beaten.
2. Dave Watson and Kevin Drinkell challenge for the ball.
3. Race for the ball.
4. Paul Wilkinson beats the Derby defence to nod home the Mariners' first goal.

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No. 17. Mariners Leading Leaguers

Time Served

Jim Maddison
1950-1959



For a decade Jim hugged the left wing touchline. A neat tidy player, compact, perfect balance. He supplied a steady stream of far post crosses, initially for Tommy Briggs and Billy Cairns and latterly Bob Crosbie and Ron Rafferty.

Unobtrusive, Jim was a players player, a fine servant to the club at a difficult time. Even in those days when beer was a tanner a pint, and you could gain admission to Blundell Park for the equivalent of 7½p, the Mariners bought the bargain of the century when Jim was signed from Darlington for £500.

The man responsible for bringing Jim to the east coast was George Tweedy then Assistant Manager, and to secure the deal Town's former international goalkeeper beat a fellow England custodian, Harry Hibbs in the race for Maddison.

Hibbs was manager at Walsall, and felt the deal was wrapped up after a phone call to Jim's club Darlington. Instead Tweedy stepped in and brought the winger to Blundell Park.

Born in 1924 in South Shields, Jim went to Middlesbrough during the war. After just one First Division outing, he was released, and

signed for Gateshead, then in the Northern Section. That was in July 1947 but he never played league soccer for the South Tyne club and later moved to his home town team who operated in the North Eastern League.

His form attracted league scouts and Darlington paid £1,000 for his services in August 1949. A year later he came to Blundell Park, staying for the bulk of his career before a swansong at Chesterfield.

Undoubtedly Jim's best season was 1955-56 when Grimsby carried off the Northern Section Championship. His close control, measured passing and penetrative centres were a vital part of the Mariners armoury. He only made spasmodic appearances in the last two seasons at Blundell Park — a new left winger, Jimmy Shields making his name, and the South League football.

Considering Jim Maddison was 26 before his league career really started his total league appearances of 412 says much for dedication.

Season	JIM'S LEAGUE LOG	Apps	Goals
1950-51	Division Two	25	2

1951-52	Three North	36	9
1952-53	Three North	44	4
1953-54	Three North	46	5
1954-55	Three North	39	4
1955-56	Three North	44	7
1956-57	Two	33	8
1957-58	Two	3	—
1958-59	Two	2	—
Totals		272	39

With Middlesbrough			
1946-47	One	1	—
With Darlington			
1949-50	Three North	41	7
With Chesterfield			
1958-59	Three	10	3
1959-60	Three	42	9
1960-61	Three	46	3

I was talking to TV producer Fred Viner the other night — he is the Fred who John Motson made internationally famous when he kept talking to him on what he thought was a dead mike during his commentary on the FA Cup game between Liverpool and Newcastle United.

Well, "are you there Fred" is very pleased with the way the new agreement with the football authorities has gone, for his programmes of live football, which

SOCCER ON THE CHEAP

by COLIN BENSON

have included the games between Manchester United and Spurs and Queens Park Rangers and Manchester United have proved a tremendous success.

There is no argument that quality football as live entertainment on the small screen is excellent and has no doubt boosted the Beeb's Friday evening viewing figures.

The viewers are obviously getting good value but is football? That is the question.

If you read the report submitted by the Broadcasting Research Unit you will see that the television companies are getting our major sport very much on the cheap.

In fact sport is at the bottom end of the scale when it comes to production costs, with only studio based current affairs programmes done cheaper, and that is only a marginal difference.

SENSITIVE

The average hourly cost of sporting programmes on ITV is a mere £60,000 whereas studio current affairs programmes are budgeted at £58,900 an hour.

But you compare that with the figures relating to other programmes and you will soon see how the media is fleecing our major sport.

The IBA stations spend an average of £450,000 an hour on producing single ITV plays and for those on tape the figure is reduced to between £250,000 and £275,000 an hour. And for a situation comedy the bill is £235,000 an hour.

If you think that is exorbitant then take note of this. A live variety programme put out by ITV from a West End theatre can cost £350,000 an hour with the star performer picking up anything between £50,000 to £100,000.

I bet the likes of Bryan Robson, Glenn Hoddle and the other talented stars of our game cringe when they read this. They can be on the same field providing top class entertainment for the small screen and what do they get? Peanuts.

The independent network are very sensitive about their level of costs and programme budgets, but the

report does cite a panel game costing £64,000 an hour to produce, in which the celebrities appearing received on average £6,500 each time.

"DERISORY"

Corresponding hourly programme costs are not as high at the BBC it must be admitted. They can produce an hour of drama at just £170,000 and an hour's light entertainment for £72,000. And sport? Well that is churned out for £20,000 an hour.

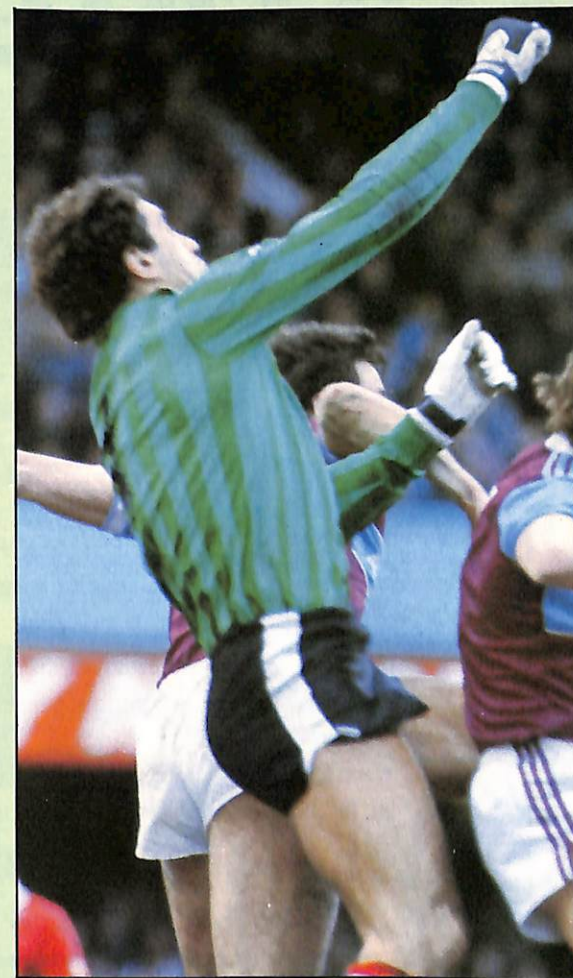
The considerable differences between the production costs of the BBC and those of the independent networks poses another question. Why is it only for football that the two sides join hands to negotiate their agreements?

The TV moguls insist it is because football wants it that way, the football authorities are not so convinced.

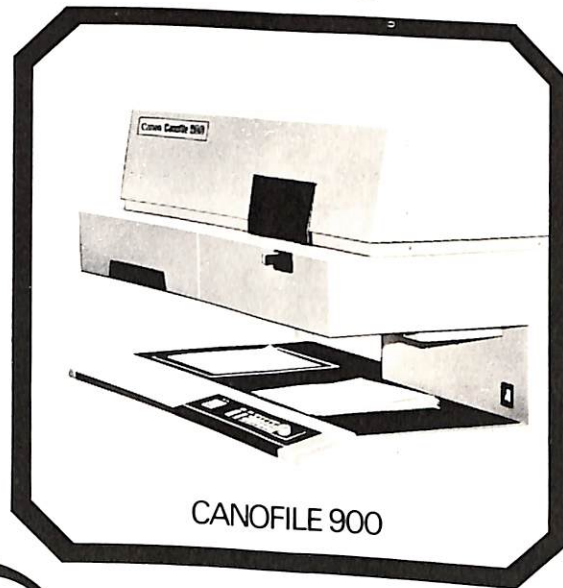
The truth of the matter is that football has let the telly con it again. The £5.4 million offered by the TV bosses for a two-year contract was originally described by Football League President Jack Dunnett as "derisory" and in the light of the economics of programme production, he was dead right.

At the moment TV is in the driving seat but new technological developments in communications and the inevitable introduction of cable TV means that they will not always hold the monopoly.

When that does happen then maybe football's administrators will negotiate on much more realistic terms and stop selling the game short.



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The star-gazing soccer scribes looking into their crystal balls are feverishly looking around for potential fresh faces this year. I wish them luck, because there are very few twinkling stars on the horizon.

But I hasten to offer a few that might, just possibly, make the big time and join the elite princes of prosperity in 1984.

My first choice might surprise you, but comes highly recommended. He is a former electrician who might just electrify a few unconvinced critics this season.

His name is Stuart Pearce and he was playing non-league soccer less than three months ago with Wealdstone before stepping on to the First Division stage.

Coventry, a team dedicated to producing magic out of illusion, scooped him up for a bargain £25,000 fee after dithering London clubs had decided that discretion was the better part of valour. They just didn't want to put their money where their mouth was. But Cockney pride runs deep.

One renowned scout revealed: "He is not bad at that level, but he doesn't compete." Another: "The boy's got a good

left foot, but he only stands on the right." So much for articulate expertise. Sinatra always had to have Nelson Riddle backing.

Bobby Gould, an ex-plumber with more lead in his head, was more down to earth when it came to plugging into an electrician.

He watched Pearce for 20 minutes in a match at Yeovil and exclaimed: "That's the boy for me and signed him while Q.P.R. boss Terry Venables was trying to get through to his chairman.

Pearce was plunged into League action, ironically against Rangers, and has never looked back. He has a sweet left foot, is a good crosser of the ball and can also tackle — a quality that seems surplus to equipment among most First Division full-backs. He took the giant leap from Alliance League football to Division 1 in his elegant stride.

Says Pearce: "I played with Gary Waddock as a schoolboy and it was a thrill to play against Rangers who had rejected me as a junior.

"Rangers had me on trial at the start of the season but Wealdstone turned them down and when the chance came to join Coventry I jumped at it."

Newcastle striker Chris Waddle is another unlikely lad who could make it big this year. He was working in a sausage factory before being plucked from non-league soccer three years ago to join a traditional star-obsessed club and now rivals Kevin Keegan as king of Tyneside.

Waddle has a distinctive style that would curb the ardour of any self-respecting scout. He runs like a crab, but his contradictory concoction of skills is a surprise cocktail that has left opposing defences dizzy.

Yet there is a discernible buzz on the terraces every time he touches the ball because he can turn a moment of torment into delight with an unexpected goal.

It is a talent very few forwards are blessed with and he fears no comparison with Geordie greats such as Jackie Milburn and Malcolm Macdonald — two centre-forwards who blended pace with scoring power.

Says the self-effacing Waddle with typical modesty: "I am not a Macdonald or a Milburn and I have never claimed to be. No coach would even consider me as a natural striker.

"But I'm learning all the time from Kevin Keegan and I know he IS a good player."

A former electrician and a sausage seasoner seem an unlikely bet for success in a highly competitive industry. But I wish them every success.

Another young man catching the eye is coloured winger Louie Donowa. He is only 18 and was in Norwich City's F.A. Youth Cup winning side last season, but he is a natural winger with plenty of pace . . . the sort of player who gets the crowd buzzing.

As Arthur Rowe, a revered manager at Tottenham said when asked to explain the talents of George Best: "Don't ask me what he did for a living before he took up soccer. Just tell me if he has any younger brothers and I'll sign them up. In this game you don't look for answers — just results."



LOUIE DONOWA — a young Canary who gets the fans chirping.

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ENGLAND are going backwards not forwards according to the latest European rankings issued by that influential and highly respected magazine *France Football*.

Bobby Robson's side have slumped from third place to 13th in their annual table of achievements, after 12 months in which we have been eliminated from the European Championship.

Defeat by Denmark at Wembley, where earlier we could only manage a goalless draw with Greece as well as undistinguished draws in Australia and Belfast, all added up to a year of disappointment and frustration for the England team boss and the supporters.

Perhaps our failure to beat Denmark has been softened a little by the fact that the Danes have rocketed from 23rd place last year to poll position this, a remarkable advance for Sepp Piontek's team.

They won six of their seven games last year and added a win in Greece — that was the victory which clinched them a place in next summer's European Championship finals at our expense — plus an impressive 3-1 triumph over France in Copenhagen.

Johan Cruyff, the former Dutch master, was full of praise for the Danes who he makes favourites to win the Championship, which will be played in France in June.

"They have one of the best young footballers in the world in Jesper Olsen," he says "and the rest of the team is extremely talented."

With Scotland also falling from grace — out of the European Championships as well — and dropping ten places like England, from 10th to 20th, it has been left to little Northern Ireland to fly the British flag.

Billy Bingham's side, who surprised everyone with that fine victory in West Germany over the European champions, have moved up two places on last season's table

to 10th place.

England's and Scotland's demise is somewhat overshadowed however by the incredible decline of the world champions Italy.

Ranked as the top team in Europe at the end of 1982 after their somewhat unexpected triumph over West Germany in Madrid, the Italians now find themselves bracketed with Turkey — who are in England's World Cup qualifying group for the 1986 competition — in 25th place.

Yes down 24 places, and that follows a year in which the Italian national team recorded only two victories, over Cyprus and Greece.

The form book was also turned upsidedown for Poland, beaten semi-finalists in that last World Cup competition and accordingly rated the second best team in Europe last year.

They were beaten out of sight in this current European Championship, in a group which included Portugal — the winners — Russia and Finland, and have slumped to just one place above Italy.

They join the Republic of Ireland in 21st place, an improvement of two positions for the Irish, who perhaps expected to do better with the team they have available, which includes the likes of Liam Brady, Frank Stapleton, David O'Leary, Tony Grealish, Mark Lawrenson and John Devine.

Apart from those mentioned, the only other national team to make a dramatic dive down the ladder is Switzerland. You might remember the Swiss gave England a bit of bother in the last World Cup qualifying tournament and by the end of last year had established themselves as the eighth most successful side in Europe.

In the last year they have not managed to maintain that form and have been relegated to 17th position alongside Hungary, who incidentally have shown no change in status.

The complete rankings are as follows with last season's positions in brackets:

- 1 Denmark (23)
- 2 Russia (6)
- 3 Spain (13)
- 4 Belgium (6), France (3)
- 6 Holland (20)
- 7 West Germany (3), Rumania (17), Sweden (22)
- 10 Northern Ireland (12), Czechoslovakia (10), Yugoslavia (17)
- 13 England (3), Portugal (14)
- 15 Wales (14), East Germany (14)
- 17 Hungary (17), Switzerland (8)
- 19 Bulgaria (25)
- 20 Scotland (10)
- 21 Rep. Ireland (24), Poland (2)
- 23 Austria (8), Greece (27)
- 25 Italy (1), Turkey (31)
- 27 Norway (20)
- 28 Finland (26), Iceland (28)
- 30 Albania (30), Cyprus (29)
- 32 Malta (31), Luxembourg (33)



Northern Ireland boss Billy Bingham has masterminded two victories over West Germany.

CALL FOR THE CAPTAIN

In the recent past there has been a call to give the game back to the players when it has been believed that administrators, occasionally referees and more often Managers have stolen the limelight from the men who perform out on the pitches. The problems are however that players are becoming more stereotyped, have less obvious flair than in the past and are perhaps not allowed to express themselves in a way that the public might wish to see. A few are "marketed" by agents and some have "superstar" written all over them but in the main a number appear to be interchangeable. Nowhere is this more evident than in the field of captaincy, where in modern football much of the planning is done by Managers and coaches and the player designated as captain merely calls heads or tails at the toss-up in the centre-circle. Frequently one reads in the paper that a side has changed its captain midway through the season and sometimes that team may have as many as three or four captains in one year. It was rumoured at one time that three International players turned down the opportunity to Captain England which must be the pinnacle in any player's career.

Originally the Captain was the man for all seasons in that he held a position akin to a Captain in cricket. There were no Managers or coaches and only a team Secretary who often was a player himself. As football began to evolve professionally the set-up obviously changed, but most Managers felt it was necessary to have a strong-minded and often strong physical player who commanded both the respect of his own team and also that of the opposition.

Perhaps the golden days of the Captain began in the 1930's and ran for a period into the 1960's. During the 1930's many star names appeared to spin the coin for their Clubs and their Countries and with Arsenal arguably the strongest Club side of that decade one of their players emerged as an outstanding skipper. He was Eddie Hapgood who first Captained England in the "Battle of Highbury" against Italy in November 1934, and went on to Captain England in a further 33 games. Other players who bestrode those years as Captain included Stan Cullis of Wolves, Joe Mercer at Everton, Matt Busby at Manchester City and Bill Shankly at Preston.

Obviously the Second World War interrupted the lives and careers of most players but when the games resumed, a new young breed of player and Captain came to the fore. Although Mercer may have continued, this time at Arsenal, it was another Wolves man who with his fair hair became the golden boy of both his Club and England and the youthful Billy Wright went on to create a World record by captaining England in 90 Internationals between 1948 and 1959. Ronnie Burgess of Spurs, George Hardwick at Middlesbrough and Johnny Carey at Manchester United spanned the period from the 1940's into the 1950's and Carey an Irishman was one of several Captains of English Clubs to Captain their Countries. In fact so popular was the position of Captain that a series of biographical books were published entitled "Captain of England" by Billy Wright; "Captain of Wales" by the much

lamented Walley Barnes and even "Captain of Scotland" by the excellent gentle giant George Young of Rangers. Later in the 1950's Roger Byrne, Jimmy Armfield, Don Howe and Johnny Haynes all became impressive Captains while in the 1960's with a great era coming to an end in many senses, the Captain's position was filled with enormous prowess skill and power by such men as Danny Blanchflower and Dave MacKay at Spurs, Bobby Moore at West Ham and Ronnie Clayton at Blackburn. Blanchflower will go down as one of the best and sometimes one of the most controversial of all Skippers for his Club and his Country. Under him Ireland had a marvellous revival and the Spurs double-winning side was one of the finest teams ever to lace up boots. The combination of Captain Blanchflower and Manager Bill Nicholson was a true example of what can be achieved off the field and especially on it. However Blanchflower had once relinquished the Captaincy at Spurs over a controversy which saw him swap his inside forward for his central defender, during a Cup semi-final in a desperate gamble to try to save the game. Had the gamble come off he would have received the plaudits, but as it did not, he was the one to receive the brickbats. Would there be more captains around today that would either take that chance or even be given the opportunity, from off the pitch, to take the chance.

Of course it would be bigoted and ignorant to say that there have been no good Captains since the 1960's because that would be patently unrealistic. Men such as Frank McLintock who as skipper played a major part in Arsenal's double-winning side, Emyln Hughes who gave his all for the so successful Liverpool and for England, and the current crop of older players such as Steve Perryman at Spurs, Billy Bonds at West Ham and John Hollins at Chelsea were or still are outstanding. However the position of skipper demands, passion, pride and personality and it is a hard job to measure up to well, with perhaps Grahame Souness at Liverpool and Butch Wilkins at Manchester United fitting the bill and the new United and England Captain Bryan Robson coming into the "frame" now in this respect. In Robson we have the brightest hope and possibly one-day his namesake Stewart Robson at Arsenal may display the same qualities but for the most

part it is often extremely difficult to remember the names of Captains of League Clubs when tested on the question, unless you are a supporter of the Club in question.

The need for leadership on the field of play has perhaps never been greater and the sooner we can see players who do more than "call the coin" at the start of the match, the better will our game be served.

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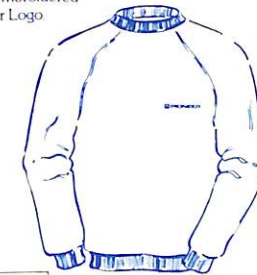
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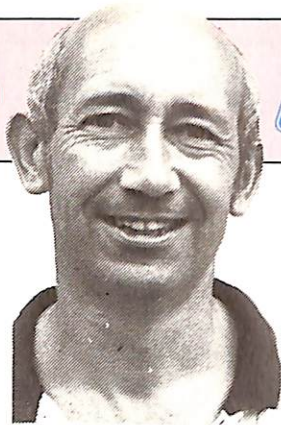
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SOUTH AMERICAN WARM UP
England have decided to fill in the vacant summer caused by their elimination from the European Championship finals by accepting an invitation to go to Brazil to participate in a six-nation tournament.

The teams competing will be Brazil, England, Argentina and Uruguay, all former winners of the World Cup, plus Holland, finalists in 1974 and 1978, and Mexico who stage the 1986 finals.

The tournament is to mark the 70th anniversary of the Brazilian Football Confederation and the opening match will be played on June 9th, with the final in Rio ten days later.

It is anticipated that England and Argentina will be kept apart in the initial stages when the competitors will be split into two groups of three.

GETTING SHIRTY

I see the Football Association have decided to ban shirt advertising for the FA Cup Final. Although sponsored shirts are allowed to be worn in the previous rounds, the official line is that they wish to protect the dignity of the final.

What a load of snobbish bunkum, and typical of the type of woolly thinking that has generally resulted in the association making decisions years after they should have been implemented.

The irony of this one is that it came practically on the eve of the FA announcing a 'Major New Sponsorship' themselves.

The implications of this ridiculous piece of legislation are that clubs could lose millions of pounds in sponsorship when they re-negotiate contracts with major companies. The possible exposure for 90 minutes in an FA Cup Final which is beamed live around the world is an obvious carrot for the major clubs to dangle before a prospective sponsor.

And talking of dignity the temporary advertising boards which huddle round the goalmouths at Wembley for all FA matches don't seem to fall into that type of thinking.

It is about time that the ageing council members got to grips with reality. Soccer needs all the

financial help it can get, and they should be conscious of this.

PAID DIRECTORS

It looks like the days of fully professional Boards of Directors are not far away. The FA Council have agreed to recommend to the AGM next May, that Football League Clubs and Full and Associate Member Clubs of the FA should be allowed to pay remuneration to any Director acting in the capacity of full-time employee of the club concerned.

UNLICENSED TO PLAY

Players from three Asian and four South American teams have got themselves into trouble with FIFA because of their involvement with a team called All Stars America. The team consisting of players from Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay toured South East Asia without receiving approval from FIFA.

Article 9 of the statutes prohibits scratch teams playing without FIFA blessing and the world governing body warned Hong Kong, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and the Philippines after the first match and then discovered that two more games against Malaysia and Thailand had been played. They now face penalties or sanctions for their involvement.

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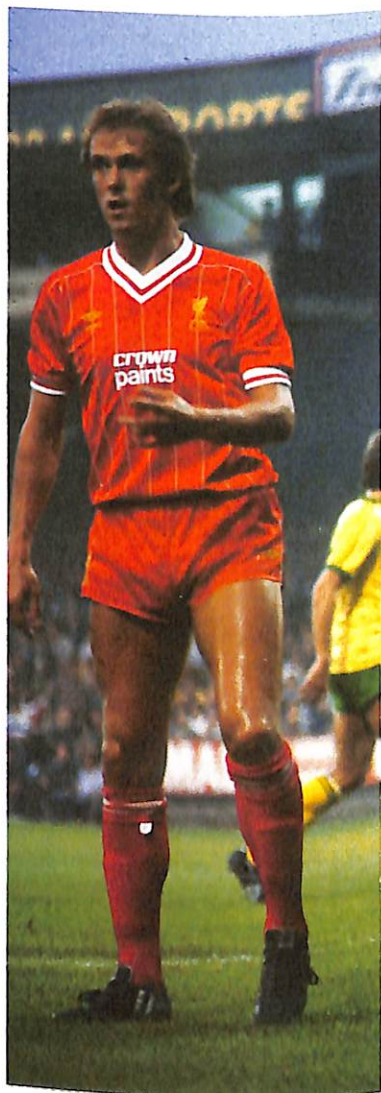
The Albanian FA, who face Poland, Belgium and Greece in Group I of the World Cup qualifying tournament next season have been fined 3,000 Swiss Francs, by UEFA for the violent conduct of their players during the European championship match against West Germany, in Saarbrücken last November.

Tomori, who was sent off for fouling Voller, was banned from three matches in UEFA competitions. There were also

fireworks off the pitch, the real kind, and the West German FA were fined 500 Francs for the behaviour of their spectators, who were no doubt relieved at seeing their team scrape into the finals at Northern Ireland's expense.

TESTIMONIAL

Phil Neal, Liverpool's England international full back has been granted a testimonial match by his club. Neal, who has made over 500 appearances for Liverpool as well as another 200 plus appearances for his previous club Northampton Town recently signed a new two-year contract.



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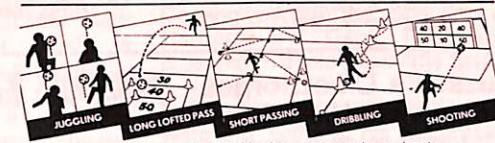
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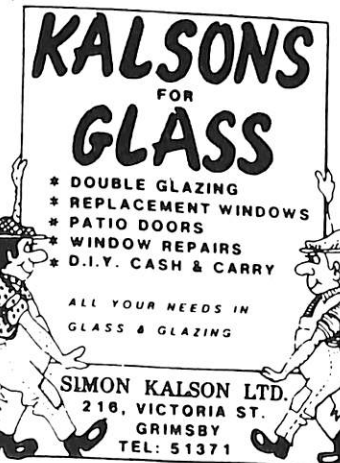
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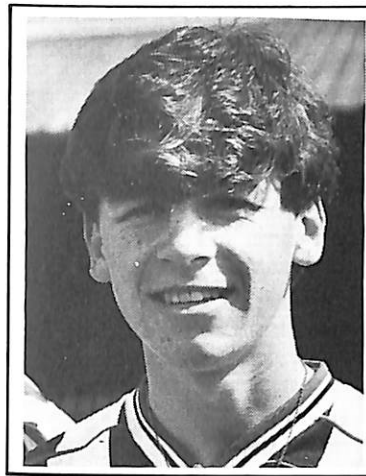
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Yet six years ago Gary admits to barely having heard of Grimsby, let alone contemplating a career with the Mariners. Born in Leeds, a follower needless to say of United, a career at Elland Road was obviously a boyhood dream. As a youngster he played for Leeds Boys but the call never came. Instead Gary played for Yorkshire Amateurs in a team that won several trophies. Six of the squad went on to professional clubs, including the young Henshaw who arrived at Blundell Park in July 1981, "cleaning out Fraz's treatment room is a thing of the past, now that was a chore".

There is a fair chance Gary will be 'mucking out' at 5.30 this evening. As Town fans put their feet up with a cup of tea and listen to Sports' Report, Town's young midfielder could be collecting dirty kit, washing out the bath and swabbing down the dressing room floors.

But acting as dressing room orderly is a small price to pay for being in the first team panel, and part of the push for a promotion place. "It really is a great life for a lad

Sooner rather than later Gary Henshaw will be a regular first teamer. Until then he does his share of 'mucking out' and every so often satisfies the ticket needs of his old headmaster who declared that the young Henshaw would never make a professional footballer.

An appendix operation restricted early progress but by Christmas 1982 Gary was a regular in the Northern Intermediate side, with his development being closely monitored. His midfield skills quickly came to the fore, and a year after arriving at Blundell Park, Gary took the field for the first team in County Cup games.

During 1982-83 progress was rapid, Gary earned a professional contract, and was in contention for the first team pool. He was named sub, but in retrospect the decision not to make Gary a debutant in a struggling side was a wise one.

Now he is there or thereabouts. Competition though for midfield places is tough, and even the No. 12 shirt has been in the almost permanent possession of Mick Speight or Phil Bonnyman. So Gary is still learning. Playing a vital role in the Juniors challenge for the Northern Intermediate League Championship, and gaining valuable experience in the Central League.

"I prefer to play on the right side of midfield, and while I am becoming more consistent, there are certain things that need improving.

One is my heading, and another the number of goals I score."

Acutely aware of the need to develop his skills, Gary has benefited from the keener standard of football offered in the Central League. Coming across the likes of Asa Hartford and Gerry Daley in a crowded midfield does little harm to a youngster.

The first thing one notices when watching Gary is his accuracy of passing and then his positional awareness. Hardly surprising when one considers his boyhood hero was Tony Currie — not a bad choice of player on which to model your style.

Just shows that teachers do not always know best.

Vital Info

Born: Leeds

Birthdate: 2nd June 1965

Height: 5'9½"

Weight: 9st 10lbs

Career Highlights: Needless to say the first team debut v Coventry in the Milk Cup.

Career Lowspots: Missing the first three months of the apprenticeship with acute appendicitis.

Influence on Career: "Has to be Dave Booth and Alan Woodward for working on me in the last two years."

Career after playing: "Hopefully not for a while yet, but I could always team up with my dad in the electrical trade."

Town debut: v Coventry, Milk Cup Round Two, 3rd October 1983.



Gary Henshaw in action during the early part of the season

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Date	Opponents	Att.	Res.	Pts.	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 27	Shrewsbury Town	5,177	1-1	1	17	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Sept. 3	Cardiff City	5,135	1-3	1	12	Batch	Cooper	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
6	Leeds United	7,723	2-0	4	14	Batch	Cooper	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
10	Middlesbrough	9,000	1-1	5	14	Batch	Cooper	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
17	Leeds United	10,239	1-1	6	10	Batch	Cooper	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
24	Fulham	5,769	2-1	9	10	Batch	Cooper	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Oct. 27	Barnsley	10,966	1-3	9	10	Batch	Cooper	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
8	Huddersfield Town	25,080	0-0	9	15	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
15	Brighton & H.A.	8,887	0-0	13	8	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
22	Crystal Palace	5,469	0-0	16	8	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Nov. 29	Derby County	6,075	2-0	19	8	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
5	Portsmouth	11,531	0-4	19	8	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
12	Charlton Athletic	5,584	2-1	22	8	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
19	Swansea City	5,665	1-0	25	6	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Dec. 26	Blackburn Rovers	6,409	1-1	26	6	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
31	Oldham Athletic	4,625	3-0	30	6	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Jan. 7	Sheffield Wednesday	13,151	3-2	33	6	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
14	Chelsea	16,197	1-0	36	6	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
21	Cambridge United	4,319	1-0	37	6	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Feb. 4	Cardiff City	7,164	1-0	40	6	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
11	Fulham	7,351	1-1	41	6	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
18	Shrewsbury Town	5,343	2-1	44	6	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Feb. 21	Middlesbrough	7,342	0-0	44	6	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
28	Manchester City	11,986	1-1	45	6	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Mar. 7	Newcastle United	28,523	1-0	49	4	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
14	Derby County	6,580	2-1	52	4	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
21	Crystal Palace	5,956	1-0	55	3	Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
May 12	Charlton Athletic					Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
19	FA Cup Final					Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark

Home matches and scorers in heavy type. * Own Goal. † Player withdrawn. ‡ after extra time.

Opponents	Att.	Res.	Pts.	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 30 York City MC1 (1L)	3,505	1-2			Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Sept. 13 York City MC1 (2L)	3,580	0-0			Batch	Cooper	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Oct. 4 Coventry City MC2 (1L)	8,088	2-0			Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
25 Coventry City MC2 (2L)	8,705	1-2			Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark
Jan. 7 Portsmouth FAC3	12,707	1-2			Batch	Cumming	Crombie	Waters	Nicholl	Moore K.	Ford	Wilkinson	Drinkell	Bonnyman	Emson	Whymark

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WOODY in reserve

At this moment in time the Juniors are in second place in the Northern Intermediate League. Certainly from my point of view this is a most satisfactory state of affairs. However, I feel that it is important to stress once again that my job is to help produce quality youngsters with first team potential rather than to win trophies. It is no coincidence that at Leeds United the outstanding early season performances of their Youth side have suffered since three or four of their teenagers have progressed into the first team. As a Youth Coach that is the priority.

I have gone on record previously to state that the only result at Grimsby Town which matters is the one obtained by the first team.

Virtually every Saturday of the season G.T.F.C. field three teams. The first team, the Juniors and the Colts. In the eighteen months I have been associated with the club as coach it has been extremely rare for all three sides to win. It happened a couple of weeks ago and then again on Saturday. It is extremely satisfying to see schoolboys play good football and win. Winning has always been an important part in my life, but as Youth team Coach occasionally it is just as enjoyable to see young players playing very well and losing. The performance must always be more important than the result.

ALAN WOODWARD

CENTRAL LEAGUE

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

To be arranged:
Middlesbrough
Oldham Athletic
Middlesbrough
Wigan Athletic

CENTRAL LEAGUE APPS GOALS

Name	APPS	GOALS
P. Grotier	13	
M. Burrell	3	
D. Topliss	3	
G. Henshaw	15	3
A. Moore	10	
N. Cooper	7	1
M. Hine	15	2
G. Lund	14	6
T. Whymark	5	3
M. Speight	6	1
K. Topliss	11	
D. Hannay	2	
M. Andreuszewski	4	
A. Foster	11	
A. Gale	4	
P. Wilkinson	1	1
R. Cumming	2	1
N. Mathews	13	
R. Greenough	12	3
J. McMahon	1	
P. Bonnyman	8	2
S. Holgeth	8	
D. Shearer	9	5
M. Davidson	1	
K. Storr	1	
P. Agnew	3	
N. Crane	2	1
J. Cutbush	1	
D. Mitchell	1	

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CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Saturday 11th February 1984)

Opponents	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester City	19	10	3	6	40	25	33
Coventry City	16	9	3	4	30	12	30
Port Vale	16	9	1	6	23	21	28
Wolves	16	8	2	6	23	19	26
Barnsley	15	7	5	6	31	35	26
Bradford City	15	7	4	4	29	25	25
Huddersfield T.	17	8	1	8	29	25	25
Notts. County	15	8	0	7	33	20	24
Chesterfield	16	6	5	5	25	19	23
Grimsby Town	17	7	2	8	29	27	23
Oldham Athletic	16	7	2	7	25	27	23
Blackpool	17	7	1	9	30	40	22
Middlesbrough	16	6	3	7	30	33	21
Preston N.E.	15	5	2	8	12	36	17
Wigan Athletic	15	5	0	10	25	28	15
Rotherham Utd.	12	2	0	10	13	40	6

NORTHERN INT. LEAGUE

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

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

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Name	APPS	GOALS
D. Hannay	18	
S. Holgeth	16	
A. Foster	16	1
T. Gale	11	3
M. Davidson	12	1
A. Moore	9	1
A. Woods	14	3
R. Dunderdale	16	2
K. Storr	12	7
N. Mathews	18	6
K. Topliss	17	4
D. Topliss	16	1
A. Dixon	16	
G. Lund	11	10
G. Henshaw	10	4
A. Duckworth	8	
R. Walker	8	
G. Green	2	
L. Thompson	3	
Cressey	1	
Kilkenny	1	
P. Agnew	2	

Substitution appearances included.

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

(Up to and including Tuesday, 14th February, 1984)

Opponents	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnsley	19	12	2	5	45	25	26
Grimsby Town	18	11	2	5	42	22	24
Newcastle United	18	10	1	7	28	23	21
Huddersfield Town	16	9	2	5	29	19	20
Leeds United	11	9	1	1	22	6	19
Middlesbrough	16	9	1	6	29	23	19
Sunderland	16	7	5	4	4	35	18
Bradford City	17	7	4	6	35	38	18
Sheffield United	16	6	3	7	20	26	15
York City	14	6	2	6	20	17	14
Rotherham United	17	6	2	9	25	35	14
Sheffield Wednesday	17	5	3	9	36	42	13
Halifax Town	13						

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MAIL ON SUNDAY

**Nicholl leads
by example**

Crystal Palace 0 Grimsby 1
By BRIAN ALEXANDER

CHRIS NICHOLL, the former Southampton stalwart, took Grimsby another step nearer promotion yesterday with an inspired performance.

The 37-year-old player-coach used all his experience in the last 20 minutes when Palace finally threatened to steal an equaliser.

But while Grimsby showed skill and strength in attack all afternoon, the injury-hit Londoners were kept alarmingly quiet most of the time. Grimsby, undefeated in 15 games and unbeaten away from home in their last seven trips, were well worth the points.

Their only reward for a spirited display came five minutes before half-time. A fine, flowing move started with Paul Emson and when Paul Wilkinson worked the ball to winger Tony Ford, he comfortably beat Palace 'keeper George Wood.

SUNDAY EXPRESS

**Grimsby
can make it
—Allison**

UNFASHIONABLE Grimsby strengthened their promotion bid with another hard-earned victory—and were then tipped for the First Division by a former manager of their latest victims.

Malcolm Allison, now boss of Middlesbrough, said last night of the Second Division's leading clubs: "Newcastle and Manchester City don't impress me—they are both very inconsistent. Grimsby, Blackburn and Carlisle have all been more consistent recently and they still have as good a

chance as anybody."

Grimsby, in particular, because they just don't concede goals and they have had a terrific run.

The Mariners' success at Palace takes their points total to 35, three behind the top two, Sheffield Wednesday and Chelsea. Newcastle are fourth, a point behind Grimsby, but with a game in hand.

by JOHN ETHERIDGE
Crystal Palace 0,
Grimsby 1

SPORTS TELEGRAPH

**Town's jewel
at the Palace**

CRYSTAL PALACE 0, GRIMSBY TOWN 1
Attendance: 5,956

TONY Ford's sixth goal of the season produced away win No. 6 for Grimsby Town at Selhurst Park this afternoon and kept them in third place.

The well-taken goal came four minutes before half-time and then Town resisted Palace's second-half efforts and could have added further goals. This was Palace's first home defeat since Boxing Day.

The Mariners showed all the confidence of a side in a

good run and there was an almost inevitability about Ford's goal which was his sixth of the season.

It came during a spell when they had switched their wingers, and Emson, on the right, provided a perfect pass for Ford to

VERDICT by John Kirkby

sweep in and beat Wood with a fine, low shot.

SPORTS TELEGRAPH

Gritty Juniors win 2-1

GRIMSBY Town Juniors stayed in second place in the Northern Intermediate League after beating Bradford City Juniors 2-1 at King George Stadium today.

With Andy Moore, Lund and Henshaw away with the first-team squad and several players out through injury, the young Town side had a struggle on their hands against an uncompromising Bradford.

Neil Matthews latched on to a long through ball to put Town ahead a minute before half-time, but Bradford equalised after about 70 minutes and looked in control.

But Town showed plenty of character to get back into the game and when he was brought down in the area Matthews added his second from the penalty spot to give the young Mariners the points.

**Second
OPINION**

One defeat in the last ten games has hoisted Fulham clear of the relegation zone. Last Saturday they beat Shrewsbury 3-0 at Craven Cottage, despite defender Cliff Carr missing two penalties. The Londoners return to form has coincided with the introduction of young Leroy Rosenior to the attack. The striker who topped the Reserves goalscoring charts has netted six times in the ten match unbeaten sequence.

Though out of the promotion hunt themselves, Fulham will have a big say in who eventually goes up. This afternoon they entertain Newcastle and then Man. City, Carlisle, and Chelsea all face the rejuvenated Cottagers before the end of March.

Leeds who have also been enjoying a change of fortune — seven games without a loss, came unstuck at home to Barnsley. The usually reliable David Harvey was to blame for Ronnie Glavin's equalizer, and the Oakwell side went on to win 2-1.

The victory was welcome for Bobby Collins, caretaker boss at Barnsley, and halts a slide down the table by the Tykes. They had not won since Boxing Day and the Elland Road success warranted a dressing room visit after the game by some directors. Commented Barnsley skipper Phil Chambers, "They must have been pleased because it's very unusual to see them there."

Kerry Dixon top scorer in the Division, was barracked by a section of the Stamford Bridge crowd as Chelsea failed to score against a stubborn Carlisle rearguard.

"Everyone is entitled to an off day" said the former Reading player. With 23 goals to his name this season the comment is justified, though the Chelsea fans' thoughts were concentrated on the seven reasonable chances squandered against the Cumbrians.

For Bob Stokoe the 0-0 scoreline vindicated his side's defensive approach, and extended the remarkable sequence that has witnessed Carlisle lose just one game in the last twenty. Not a bad record considering there is a 15 man squad



at Brunton Park, and the Reserves turn out in the Carlisle and District League.

Andy Dibble had little opportunity to celebrate his call up to the Welsh international squad for the game against Scotland. The Cardiff goalkeeper picked the ball out of his net on three occasions in the game at Newcastle, a defeat that cost the Welshmen a slap up meal in a Geordie hotel, promises by Chairman Jack Leonard if City had beaten the Magpies. Still, the youthful Dibble has made a big impact this season, and a move to a First Division outfit is on the cards. Watford are watching with interest, as his contract expires in June.

Mighty midget Stan Cummins, the Crystal Palace forward who has been out for four months with a pelvic injury, expects to return within the next fortnight. The former Middlesbrough and Sunderland player has been involved in only a handful of games for Palace since his transfer.

Oldham, longest surviving club in the Division are likely to resign their old striker Rodger Wyld in the summer. Latics boss Joe Royle reluctantly let Wyld go to Sporting Lisbon in the close season, but the move has turned sour on the player. Despite scoring regularly for the Reserves, he has never been used at Senior level, and Sporting are likely to unload when the season ends.

By now Stephen Pears could be a Middlesbrough player for keeps, and the Man. United 'keeper who has spent much of the season on loan at Ayresome, may set a trend in transfer deals, according to 'Boro manager Malcolm Allison.

The Teeside club are asking 60 local businessmen to put up £500 each, and guarantee another £500 to secure the young goalkeeper's signature. Should he be subsequently sold for a big fee, then any profit would go to the businessmen and not the football club.

A more predictable deal in these recession ridden days was the loan transfer of Steve Mardenborough from Wolves to struggling Cambridge. The 21 year old who hit the headlines a month ago by netting the winner at Anfield, could not inspire the East Anglians last week. Their home defeat by Portsmouth means it is 21 games since victory was tasted.

The three bottom clubs are beginning to lose touch, and F.A. Cup Quarter Finalists Derby could rue the two points given away to Huddersfield in a 1-1 draw. Though the Rams were fortunate to take the lead with a thrice taken penalty by John Robertson, an injury time goal from Brian Stanton levelled matters. Apparently a defensive mickick was to blame. Lining up for Derby was Leeds pivot Kenny Burns, having a second spell on loan at the Baseball Ground.



1. Chesterfield have played at the Recreation Ground, Saltergate since 1866. 2. Ian St. John. 3. Billy Rafferty. 4. They held the trophy for seven years after winning in 1939. 5. Ralph Hurt. 6. Pat Glover 42, in 1933-34. 7. Alan Campbell signed from Coleraine. 8. Tony Ford (2) and Mike Brolly. 9. Charlton. 10. Scunthorpe U. — Kevin Keegan, Ray Clemence . . . and Ian Botham!!!

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CANON LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Saturday 25th February 1984)

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Leading-Scorers	League Cups	Best Average
Sheffield Wed.	28	12	2	1	39	14	5	5	3	16	12	58	Bannister, Varadi 16, Lyons, Megson, Shelton 5		41,134 21,327
Chelsea	30	9	4	2	35	15	7	6	2	25	17	58	Dixon 23, Speedie 9, Nevin, Canoville, Bumstead 6		35,147 19,986
Grimsby T.	29	9	5	0	24	7	6	5	4	18	21	55	Drinkell 12, Wilkinson 11, Ford, Waters 6, Emson 5		16,197 7,672
Newcastle Utd.	28	10	1	2	32	13	7	2	6	24	26	54	Keegan 21, Waddle 13, Beardsley 11		33,802 25,648
Manchester C.	29	9	3	2	30	13	6	4	5	17	18	52	Parlane 17, Tolmie 14, Baker 6, Kinsey 5		41,862 27,965
Carlisle United	29	8	5	2	19	8	5	6	3	14	11	50	Poskett 13, Shoulder 8, O'Riordan 5		14,756 6,140
Blackburn R.	28	6	8	0	23	13	6	4	4	13	18	46	Garner 17, Thompson 6, Miller, Keeley 4		18,199 7,958
Charlton Ath.	29	11	3	1	27	10	2	4	8	11	28	46	Hales, Moore 8, Smith K. 6, Robinson 5		14,393 6,526
Huddersfield T.	28	6	4	4	16	13	4	6	4	22	23	39	Lillis 13, Russell 8, Stanton 7, Stonehouse 6		23,497 10,235
Leeds Utd.	28	8	2	4	23	14	3	4	7	16	25	39	McClusky, Wright 8, Ritchie, Watson 7		30,806 16,372
Middlesbrough	28	6	5	3	19	13	3	4	7	17	20	35	Currie 14, Sugrue, Otto 5		19,648 9,504
Portsmouth	29	6	1	7	31	22	4	4	8	17	28	34	Hateley 19, Biley 12, Dillon 8, Morgan 7		18,852 14,288
Brighton	28	5	5	4	26	15	4	2	8	17	24	33	Connor 13, Ryan, Young A. 7, Wilson 6		20,874 12,654
Barnsley	28	5	5	3	21	16	4	1	10	19	20	33	Gray S., Glavin, Geddis 8, Cunningham 4		18,236 10,871
Fulham	29	5	4	5	21	16	4	1	7	17	20	33	Davies 15, Rosenior 6, Tempest 5		24,787 8,631
Shrewsbury T.	27	6	4	3	20	14	2	5	7	10	23	33	Pets 7, MacLaren 6, Brown, Robinson, Hackett 5		9,471 4,739
Oldham Ath.	29	7	4	4	20	16	2	2	10	10	31	33	Palmer 10, Cross 7, Ward 4		9,269 5,876
Cardiff City	28	7	1	5	20	17	3	1	11	14	28	32	Owen 9, Baird 6, Vaughan 4		14,580 7,218
Crystal Palace	28	6	2	6	13	14	2	5	7	16	22	31	Evans 6, Hilaire, Giles, McCulloch 4		13,781 8,201
Derby County	29	4	5	6	18	23	2	2	10	8	30	25	Davison 12, Plummer, Campbell 4		18,691 14,432
Swansea City	29	4	3	9	12	21	0	3	10	12	34	18	Walsh, Gale 4, Latchford, Stevenson 3		10,900 7,472
Cambridge Utd.	28	2	6	7	15	24	0	2	11	6	29	14	Cooke 7, Sinton 5, Christie 3		10,602 3,952

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- 1 **NIGEL BATCH**
Born Huddersfield. Kept his 14th clean sheet of the season last week at Crystal Palace.
- 2 **BOB CUMMING**
Made his Town debut back in August 1974 against Blackburn.
- 3 **DEAN CROMBIE**
Has shrugged off knocks in recent games to keep his place. Born Lincoln.
- 4 **JOE WATERS**
Including one substitute appearance is today playing in his 350th league game for the Mariners. Thanks Joe.
- 5 **CHRIS NICHOLL**
Has missed two games this season. Cheshire born but a Northern Ireland international.
- 6 **KEVIN MOORE**
Scored the only goal of the game when Portsmouth last visited Blundell Park.
- 7 **TONY FORD**
The 44th League goal of his career was enough to take the points last Saturday.
- 8 **PAUL WILKINSON**
Eleven goals this season for the youngster who made his debut in January 1983.
- 9 **KEVIN DRINKELL**
A well steered header claimed a win against Derby. Made his 200th full league appearance for Town last Saturday.
- 10 **PHIL BONNYMAN**
Came to Grimsby from Chesterfield. As a youngster supported Partick in his native Glasgow.
- 11 **PAUL EMSON**
An ever present this season. Former Wintingham Schoolboy who first made his name at Derby.
- 12 **MICK SPEIGHT**
Has made 14+1 appearances this season for Town. Cost £25,500 from Blackburn in August 1982.

PORTSMOUTH

Blue Shirts, White Shorts



- 1 **ALAN KNIGHT**
England Under-21 keeper for whom a big future is tipped.
- 2 **JOHN McLAUGHLIN**
Experienced full-back who has made the No. 2 shirt his own.
- 3 **COLIN SULLIVAN**
A former England Under-23 international.
- 4 **GARY STANLEY**
Signed recently from Swansea. Formerly with Everton.
- 5 **MICK TAIT**
Headed fourth goal against Town back on November 5.
- 6 **STEVE AIZLEWOOD**
Tall central defender who seems to have been around a long time.
- 7 **NEIL WEBB**
Ex-Reading and England youth international
- 8 **KEVIN DILLON**
Costly signing from Birmingham who adds class to the midfield.
- 9 **MARK HATELEY**
Scourge of Town this season. Capped by England Under-21s on Tuesday against France and scored 4 goals.
- 10 **ALAN BILEY**
Returned to the side and scored at Cambridge last week.
- 11 **NICKY MORGAN**
His goal ended Town's FA Cup interest in January.
- 12 **PETER ELLIS**
This former England Under-23 defender returned to the 12 at Cambridge for the first time this year.

Men in Black

REFEREE: J. B. WORRALL (WARRINGTON)
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