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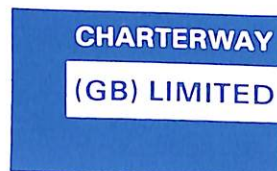


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Good Evening Ladies & Gentlemen,

Welcome to tonight's Littlewoods Cup game against Rotherham; our first "serious" public game at Blundell Park this season.

Obviously you don't need me to tell you of the changes that have been made at the club throughout the summer.

Grimsby Town Football Club find themselves in the Fourth Division; ours is a club with super facilities - of a much higher standard than is the norm at many other 4th, 3rd and Second division clubs, and the players and I are only too aware that it is performances **on** the field which can enable us to get back where we feel we belong.

However, no club has a devine right to anything; and it is only through sheer hard work that we can become successful.

When I took over, I "inherited" 11 senior players of whom 3 were out of contract and half of those were aged only 20 or 21. Add to that a couple who were unhappy at the club and it soon became apparent that I had to strengthen the squad very quickly. It was important also to begin working with the players already here.

There is no magic wand - at the time of writing I am still finding out about the players (and vice-versa) and where best they can be accommodated within the way I want the team to play. It is so important to have a squad of quality players — players who **want** to play for the club and be successful.

Things can't happen or change overnight — no one wants or needs success any more than myself and I will work to the best of my ability, along with the players to provide winning, entertaining football to Grimsby.

Another two newcomers whom I must mention are Arthur Mann and Mark Geeson — Arthur in charge of the reserves and youth and Mark becoming the new Physio. Both are ambitious people whose aims are the same as mine — to make Grimsby Town successful — something which we all want and of course you the supporters can also help with immensely.

Enjoy the game.



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In February 1988 Grimsby Town F.C. hit an all time low. The Club at the basement of Division 3 was in serious financial trouble, and the very existence of the Club severely threatened. Club officials discussed the issue in depth and realising that something had to be done, Town Director Bill Duffield created Action Group 88.

Mr. Duffield met with Immingham businessmen Fred Clyburn and Terry Gavin and all three realised that in order for Grimsby Town to at least survive the season the local business community had to become involved. A package was created whereby companies invested a minimum of £1,000 which was either immediately turned into shares or became a straight forward loan to the Club. Members receive a Season Ticket in the Findus Stand free of charge for the next five years. By the end of March some £10,000 had been raised and the new members met the Town Directors with a view to nominating their own representative to the Board as Commercial Director.

Events gathered momentum and by the time Brian Glover, a local businessman had been appointed in this capacity a further £10,000 had been raised.

Liassing between the Club and Action Group 88 he instigated a highly successful plan of action to raise further sums of money, which would ensure the Club survived through the close season and had a limited amount of money to spend on new players for the new season.

Decisions had to be made on how to make a better commercial use of existing facilities at Blundell Park to enhance the finances of the Club and to encourage businesses both large and small to buy the advertising and promotional facilities available.

The public and the business community in the area have rallied round with fantastic support which makes the future of the Club more financially secure. However, there is still some way to go, and should you the supporter have any new ideas or wish to join Action Group 88 please contact Viv Thomas on Immingham (92) 76411.

Not only has Action Group 88 become a successful platform for raising money for Grimsby Town F.C., but the fellowship created in the once a fortnight meetings makes the involvement very pleasurable. Long may it continue.



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If you could do this we would be most grateful.

(F.S.A. National Secretary)



Talk of the Town by Pontoon Pete

HERE we go - Here we go, Here we go! There was no other way I could really begin my first article of the season.

I must say that the town is buzzing with anticipation for the coming season, and think the general

consensus of opinion is that the Mariners are looking well prepared for a strong title challenge, I know that is always a rash statement to make before a ball is even kicked, but so what, Pontoon Pete is prepared to stick his neck out!

Having been a stalwart fan of the Mariners for quite a few seasons now, I feel that I can relate to quite a few of the past problems encountered by the fans and hope that under the new management team of Alan Buckley and Arthur Mann these will be few and far between.

Speaking of our new manager, I should like to convey I'm sure, the best wishes of all Grimsby Town fans, throughout the country for a successful campaign. If hard work, enthusiasm and honesty are to be his guide lines, then we have well and truly got a foot on the first rung of the promotion ladder. (There I go again!)

It must also be said that the supporters of the Mariners have been equally impressed by the tremendous efforts of Action '88 for the manner in which they too have generated much needed revenue for the club, to the tune of approximately £250,000, and to top it all how many First or Second Division clubs can boast an "Electronic Scoreboard" let alone a Fourth Division club. (not many!)

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First impressions count a lot and when Alan Buckley breezed into Blundell Park to meet the press he created quite a stir among the hard-bitten newsmen.

He pulled no punches, made no rash forecasts and generally came over well. The feeling was that here was somebody who we could work with and who meant business.

Mansfield-born Alan comes over as rather brash and arrogant to strangers and that is something his wife Amanda tells him off about.

A rather old-looking 37, he was plunged into soccer management at Walsall at 29 and took them to promotion in his first season. The stay in the Fourth Division was only a short one - let us hope that is an omen.

A £175,000 move to Birmingham gave him the opportunity to perfect the habits picked up at Forest where he



served his soccer apprenticeship.

It was at the City Ground that the young Buckley started scoring the

goals for which he became known up and down the league grounds. His final tally was 220 in the League and various cups in a career that took in over 500 games.

Generally a manager tends to mould his team to his playing ideals and Buckley wants to see Grimsby Town playing entertaining and winning football.

Certainly after the way Blundell Park regulars have suffered over the past two years it will make a refreshing change to see the Mariners trying to play with a dash of flair.

There is no doubting Alan Buckley's enthusiasm. He had done very well at Kettering, taking them to third place in the GM Vauxhall Conference last season, but he knew there was a sleeping giant at Blundell Park and the challenge appealed to him.

He knew they were a Second Division outfit with the facilities to match who had fallen on hard times.

"I was never in any doubt about the football side of the job. My only reservation was having to uproot my wife and family again so soon," said Buckley who, until moving to Kettering, had spent most of his working life in the Birmingham area.

So he left wife Amanda to tie up the various loose bits at the Kettering end while starting to do something about sorting things out at Blundell Park.

He quickly signed six players and the task was started.

Alan Buckley - he's 'boss' to his players - and his right-hand man Arthur Mann are the perfect foil for each other. Alan makes no secret of the fact that when he has his wife and two boys safely installed up here he will be a lot happier.

To have a Town manager living locally will be something the fans will appreciate. They will then feel that Alan Buckley is one of them.

Supporters Club News

Good evening everyone, and a very warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Rotherham United, whom we meet four times in a month, so I'm sure we'll get to know each other well.

Also as this is the first home programme of the season, I'm sure all our supporters would like to wish everyone at Blundell Park all the best for the coming season.

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— John Field

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3. To which club did Grimsby sell their famous striking partnership of Rod Green and Matt Tees?
4. Of all Towns managers, 5 have played for the club, name three.
5. Grimsby's lowest league gate was 1,833 in May 1969, who were Towns opponents?
6. Which Town player has scored the most league goals in a season?

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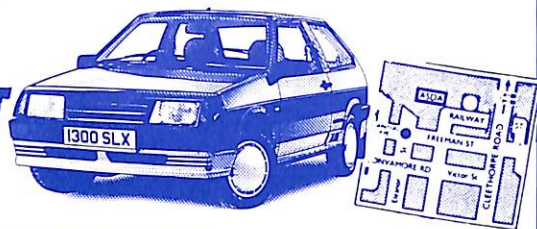
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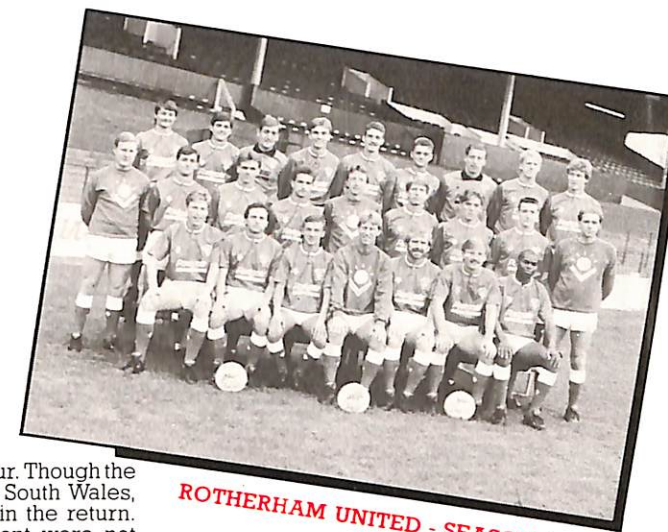
By Patrick Conway

The Divisions Three/Four play offs finally sentenced Rotherham to basement soccer for the first time since 1975. For most of the 1987/88 campaign, United had been in the relegation zone, but by securing 21st spot in the table earned the chance of a reprieve.

Their play off opponents were Swansea, ranked sixth in Division Four. Though the Millers lost the first leg 0-1 down in South Wales, hopes were high of a good result in the return. Swansea, though their noses in front were not prepared to concede, and the Millmoor match ended all square at 1-1. Nigel Johnson scored for the Yorkshiremen.

So new manager Bill McEwan faces an uphill fight to regain Third Division status. He is the third Millmoor supremo in less than a year, with Dave Cusack lasting barely six months, after he had replaced Norman Hunter just before Christmas. McEwan has wasted no time in bringing in some fresh faces. Pride of place must go to Des Hazell, a £45,000 buy from Sheffield Wednesday. He is fortunate in having midfield players like Tony Grealish and Pat Heard around. The latter, another summer signing, is an excellent passer of the ball, and many football pundits were surprised the compact midfielder dropped two divisions when his contract at Hull finished. Grealish of course, is no stranger to Blundell Park, and his darting runs can cause havoc.

For a long time last season United struggled to find the net. However, Paul Haycock emerged as a bright prospect, and much will depend on how he



ROTHERHAM UNITED - SEASON 1988-89

and former West Brom striker Bobby Williamson succeed as a duo.

The United defence looks strong. The likely centre back partnership of Green and Crosby has a wealth of experience, while keeper O'Hanlon must surely be one of the best in Division Four.

Last season Rotherham only lost to Everton by the odd goal in five in this competition, and the year before reached the last eight. Runners up in the first year of the tournament, a good run this time around would rekindle interest at the Millmoor Ground.

The Boss - Billy McEwan

After a couple of years in charge at Bramall Lane, Scot, Billy McEwan took his second managerial appointment in the summer when accepting the Millmoor challenge.

Born in June 1951, Billy the player started his career with Hibernian. An industrious midfielder he came South in 1973 to Blackpool, and then served Brighton, Chesterfield, Mansfield and Peterborough. He finally hung up his boots in 1984 after 362 league appearances at Rotherham. So he does at least know the Millmoor surroundings.

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1986/87	Three	46	15	12	19	48 - 57	57	14	Evans 9	2,983	2 1
1987/88	Three	46	12	16	18	50 - 66	52	21	Haycock 13	2,531	2 2

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THE MEN FROM MILLMOOR

John Buckley (Forward)

Signed from Leeds United last Christmas. A Scot from East Kilbride who is a provider rather than getter of goals. Began his career with Partick (45 games) before joining Doncaster. Made 83 appearances for Rovers, but had just 9 league outings at Elland Road.

Ian Clarke (Midfield)

Youngster in his first season as a professional. Played principally in the Northern Intermediate team last season.

Phil Crosby (Defender)

Sole survivor of the Mariners contingent that moved to Millmoor in the early 1980's. Was an apprentice at Blundell Park, and won England Youth caps. Made 39 league appearances for Town before joining Rotherham in 1983. Is close to recording his 150th match for the Millers.

Shaun Goodwin (Midfield)

Another product of the Millmoor junior ranks, keen to make his first team mark.

Tony Grealish (Midfield)

Gutsy competitive London born Irishman, now aged 32. A varied career that began with Orient, and has taken in periods with Luton, Brighton, West Brom. and Manchester City. Joined Rotherham last season, and has over 450 league outings under his belt, in addition to 44 Republic of Ireland caps.

John Green (Defender)

A powerful centre back in his second spell at Rotherham. Local born he was a stalwart of the side that played Second Division football five years ago. John left Millmoor for Scunthorpe (100 games) and Darlington (45 games) before returning home. Has now completed 300 league outings in his two spells at Rotherham.

Paul Haycock (Forward)

Topped the Millers goal scoring charts in his first full season at Rotherham. Signed from Burton Albion in the summer of 1986, and this 26 year old is a man to watch.

Des Hazel (Forward)

Town fans will recall his all too brief loan spell at Blundell Park in the Second Division relegation season. Des made 9 league appearances for the Mariners but Sheffield Wednesday would not agree to a permanent move. Rotherham invested £45,000 for his signature in the close season.

Pat Heard (Midfield)

Released by Hull City in the summer. An apprentice at Everton, Pat took in spells at Aston Villa, Sheffield Wednesday, Newcastle and Middlesborough before moving to Boothferry Park in his home town. Never really settled at any club, perhaps things will change at Millmoor.

Nigel Johnson (Defender)

Like his colleague John Green, back at his home town club after a brief sojourn away. In Nigel's case it was a brief four game stint at Maine Road.

Kelham O'Hanlon (Goalkeeper)

Beginning his third season at Millmoor. Born in Saltburn, Kelham of Irish decent played 87 matches for Middlesborough and has now passed the 100 mark for Rotherham. Cannot be far away from the Eire Squad.

Billy Russel (Defender)

Close season signing from Scunthorpe. A Glaswegian who was on the books of both Everton and Celtic without making the league side. His baptism came after joining Doncaster. Made 245 appearances for Rovers and over 100 at the Old Showground.

Martin Scott (Defender)

Out of action through injury. Another product of the youth set up, who can also operate in midfield.

Ray Warburton (Defender)

A 21 year old who made his league bow in 86/87. Will be working for a regular spot this season.

Andy Williams (Midfield)

Joined Rotherham in a player exchange that took Dean Emerson to Coventry. Originally played for Solihull Borough and was a Millers stalwart last term.

Bobby Williamson (Forward)

Recruited from West Brom. during the summer. Born in Glasgow and started his career with Clydebank for whom he made 70 appearances. Before moving south to the Midlands took in a 41 game stint at Glasgow Rangers.

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Rotherham — In retrospect

Four Mariners old boys had a dismal evening the last time Rotherham visited Blundell Park. Andy O'Dell, Kevin Kilmore, Phil Crosby and Bobby Mitchell had all accompanied ex. Town manager George Kerr to Millmoor, and their homecoming was far from sweet. Match details are provided in the panel, but cold facts do not do justice to the style in which Town romped to victory. Two goals up in eleven minutes thanks to Tony Ford and Steve Foley, Grimsby were supreme in all departments. Goalkeeper Bobby Mimms, now with Spurs was cruelly exposed time and time again as Foley and Bonnyman controlled the centre of the park. After that early goalscoring flourish Town settled to play composed football, and fans had to wait until after their half time tea for the goal glut. It could have been eight but Gary Lund was twice denied by the woodwork. The victory earned Town a trip to Goodison and a famous win in the closing stages when Wilky nodded home a Phil Bonnyman free kick.

LAST TIME

That last encounter followed a scoreless draw at Millmoor, and prior to 1984 one has to go back to season 63/64 for the only other match in this competition between the clubs. It was a second round tie at Blundell Park, and those long in the tooth may remember that season saw the commencement of the Thompson/Taylor full back partnership, which served Grimsby well for five years.

Town took an early lead through Dick Young but Blain, Tiler and Butler gave Rotherham victory in front of a 6,628 gate. No two leg affairs in those days, so Grimsby's disastrous baptism in the League Cup competition continued. They had not won a match in the first four seasons of the competition. For the second, Town's team that night in September 1963 was Charlie Wright, Ian Thompson, Graham Taylor, Don Donovan, Keith Jobling, Ron Cockerill, Jim Pennington, Ron Foster,

Dick Young, Matt Tees and Cliff Portwood.

Rotherham have the distinction of being beaten finalists in the first season 1960/61 of the League Cup competition. The brainchild of Alan Hardaker, then secretary of the Football League, many were sceptical of the new tournament. Indeed Arsenal, Sheffield Wednesday, Wolves, West Brom. and Tottenham declined to enter. Given a bye in round one, United, then a Second Division team visited Filbert Street at the second stage. Goals from Keith Kettleborough and Goerge Darwin earned them a home tie with Bristol Rovers, who were easily beaten 2-0. Bolton, at Burnden Park were the opposition in Round Four, and another 2 goal win put them into the quarter finals. Portsmouth visited Millmoor, only to be beaten 3-0, Millers goals coming from Don Weston (2) and Ken Houghton. Shrewsbury provided the semi final opposition and a 4-3 aggregate win over two legs took the Yorkshiremen into their first even Final.

Aston Villa who had accounted for Burnley in the other semi were the opposition. No trips to Wembley in those days and Millers fans were confident of the trophy when Barry Webster and Alan Kirkman secured a 2-0 win in the Millmoor first leg. In the return United held their advantage until half time, but late goals from Alan O'Neil and Harry Burrows sent the match into extra time. Peter McParland, Northern Ireland winger scored the winner for Villa and so the Millers were runners up.

Tuesday 6th November 1984 League Cup Third Round Replay
Grimsby Town 6 (Drinkell, Foley, Lund, Wilkinson, Bonnyman, Emson)
Rotherham United 1 (Birch)

Mariners: Batch, Seagraves, Crombie, Foley, Mitchell, Moore K, Ford, Wilkinson (sub Drinkell), Lund, Bonnyman, Emson.

Millers: Mimms, Forrest, Mitchell, Trusson, Crosby, O'Dell, Birch, Gooding, Dungworth, Simmons (sub Eley), Kilmore.

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LITTLEWOODS CUP PREVIEW

SIX OF THE BEST

by John Kirkby

A repeat of the scoreline the last time the Mariners met the Millers in this competition would go down rather nicely - at Blundell Park if not Millmoor

It was back in 1984-85 in the third round when Town, managed by Dave Booth, were paired with Rotherham who had ex-Town boss George Kerr in the hot seat.

A dour game at Millmoor ended goalless so the teams tried again at Blundell Park the following Tuesday. It was one of those nights when Second Division Town sparkled and had six goals in the Millers' net before the visitors replied three minutes from time.

There were six different scorers - Tony Ford, Steve Foley, Gary Lund, Paul Wilkinson, Phil Bonnyman and Paul Emson. The crowd was 7,649. Only Paul Agnew remains from that Town line-up.

The reward for thrashing Rotherham was a visit to mighty Everton in the fourth round. What a night that was at Goodison where Town stunned the league champions-to-be that season by snatching victory in the last minute with a goal from Wilkie.

That put them in the quarter-finals but Norwich City proved too good for them, winning 1-0 at Blundell Park and going on to take the cup at Wembley.

Going back to Rotherham, the only

previous occasion their paths had crossed with Town was in 1963-64 when of course it was the plain and simple League Cup. In the second round at Blundell Park, Rotherham were worthy 3-1 winners on September 25th.

Despite a ninth-minute goal from Young, Rotherham were already leading through Blain and Tiler (44 mins) plus Butler (61 mins) wrapped up the win.

The sides lining up that evening will recall a few memories

Grimsby:

Wright, Thompson, Taylor, Donovan, Jobling, Cockerill, Pennington, Foster, Young, Tees, Portwood.

Rotherham:

Ironside, Haselden, Morgan, Lambert, Madden, Jackson, Blain, Bennett, Tiler, Houghton, Butler. Attendance: 6,628

Last season Grimsby will want to forget their Littlewoods Cup matches. After beating Fourth Division Darlington 3-2 at home in the first round they went out on the away goals after losing 2-1 after extra time at Feethams. You have to go back to 85-86 for the last time they actually won through to the next round - defeating York City 4-3 on aggregate - before losing 2-0 at home to First Division Ipswich.



Action from last season's encounter, in which Town won 2-1, with goals from Cunningham and North.

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John Cockerill

THE BLUNDELL PARK SCENE



On entering Blundell Park today you will no doubt have realised that many changes have been made both from an aesthetic point of view around the ground, to the team's playing strip, and the match day programme.

The new sponsorship deal over a period of four years with Scoreline has allowed us to update both our home and away strip.

The programme has taken a massive upturn for the better. A lot more features have been added, several competitions will be included over the coming weeks and generally the programme is more colourful. I hope you agree that at 50p it represents excellent value for money. All the advertising in the programme has been sold for the season and raised for the club some £20,000

The bars around the ground will be selling Whitbread beers as a sponsorship agreement between the Club and Whitbread this has resulted in the Club benefiting to the tune of £30,000

You will notice that all the perimeter advertising boards have been sold around the ground bringing in almost £60,000 in revenue.

All the Executive boxes except one have been sold, and that will be available on a match by match basis. Some £20,000 has been raised through this source. Last year 16 Vice-Presidents watched the match from the Inn on the Park. This year 34 supporters have become Vice-Presidents creating revenue of approximately £12,000

With interest from the supporters in close season signings some £40,000 has been raised from season ticket sales. In view of the fact that the Club has been relegated twice in successive seasons, this is indeed an encouraging sign.

All the match ball sponsorships have been sold for the next year and 11 major match sponsorships may have been taken. When all the match sponsorships have been sold a further £30,000 revenue will have been generated.

You will see on the preceding pages that we have changed the Player sponsorship to include all aspects of kit costs. **There are still some areas of sponsorship available** and if you would like to have your companies name, your own name, or that of your child in the

programme for a full season, please ring the Club for details. This form of sponsorship is a wonderful way of helping the Club at relatively low cost.

Other than the ground looking clean and fresh from the new coat of paint the most significant difference at Blundell Park is the installation of the electronic scoreboard. At a cost of almost £30,000, which has been raised through sponsorship, the scoreboard is one of the finest in the country. Not only will it be available for match and team information, but anniversaries can also be screened. Of course advertising will be the main source of revenue from the scoreboard.

It is possible to advertise on a week by week basis, and anything can be screened from the sale of a house to a trip to see Michael Jackson. Each advertisement will run for 20 seconds. Seasonal advertising around £350 for a 20 second per match showing, and should you have any interest in the advertising please contact the Club.

Finally back to the shirts, you will notice a new sponsor's name on the shirt, 'Europe's Food Town'. In view of the fact that Great Grimsby Borough Council wished to help the town, and that Grimsby needed the help of local industry, a sponsorship package was formed to bring the Club, the Borough Council, the food industry and food related companies together.

This package resulted in some £90,000 being raised over a period of 3 years and the football club particularly wish to thank the companies mentioned on the inside front cover for their involvement and investment. In return Grimsby Town F.C. will depict the words 'Europe's Food Town' on both home and away kit at every match played by the first team, reserve team and junior team. Spreading the message far and wide.

Well! I think that keeps you in the picture. It has been a very busy close season, and given a reasonable run, football seems assured at Blundell Park for many seasons to come.

Many thanks to all, Company or Individual for your support.

Keep helping the Club.

Brian G. Glover
Commercial Director



Mann on . . .

The Reserves and Juniors



reserve teams.

I have been involved in professional football in some capacity for 21 years and I hope some of my experience will help the youngsters become better players and secure a long term future for Grimsby Town F.C.

We have been training now for 6 weeks and the lads have worked tremendously

Let me start by saying what a warm welcome I have been given by the natives of Cleethorpes and Grimsby and how much I am looking forward to the challenge of the new season, training and coaching the youth and

hard to achieve the necessary high standard of fitness required of them to allow them to compete to the best of their ability.

Our pre-season build hope has gone fairly well and the big test came in our opening N.I.F.L. game at Bradford City F.C. A much improved second-half display enabled us to earn a creditable 2-2 result with goals from Mark Lever and Dave Gamble.

When possible, youth team games will be played on Blundell Park unless the first team are on duty.

The reserve league kicks off at Oldham Athletic on Wednesday 31st August and we hope you will come along and support us as often as you can.

Have an enjoyable season.

All the best -

Grimsby Town Youth Development Association '87

A warm welcome to what we all hope will be a brand-new era at Blundell Park under manager Alan Buckley and his 'right arm', Arthur Mann.

We in the YDA have already had the pleasure of their company at a recent meeting and it is clear from the lively discussion that took place that we have a manager with strong views about the importance of youth in the Mariners' set-up.

Arthur, a vastly experienced footballer, is the ideal person to bring along the promising youngsters at Blundell Park. The Colts will once again be in the capable hands of Phil Hardy and Ray Gooch and more than ever before they now feel part of the Grimsby Town 'family' - which is very important.

It may have been the close season but the YDA has been holding regular meetings and formulating policy for this season. We did have a pleasant social occasion at vice-chairman Ray Drury's house when commemorative tankards were presented to the departed Don O'Riordan and Dave Moore. They were thanked for the hard work put in - especially with the School of Excellence.

Our biggest occasion of the summer was taking part in the annual Cleethorpes Carnival on a lovely August evening. The club was well represented by the Handicapped Supporters Club and the Community Soccer Programme - as well as ourselves.

The YDA flag was well and truly flown with some surprise signings taking the eye. On closer inspection they turned out to be YDA membership secretary Moira Tabois and Pat Dixon - mother of Town's Andy. Other committee members walked the route rattling the collecting tins ably supported by a good turnout of YTS lads and Colts.

It is good to see chairman Philip Allport back in better health and well enough to take over from his 'vice' Ray who has done a splendid job in sitting in.

There promises to be plenty happening at the club this season and the YDA will be heavily involved in supporting the cause of youth. We firmly believe that is the ONLY way forward for the Mariners - particularly that they are now back in Division Four.

We'll keep you posted - so watch this space.

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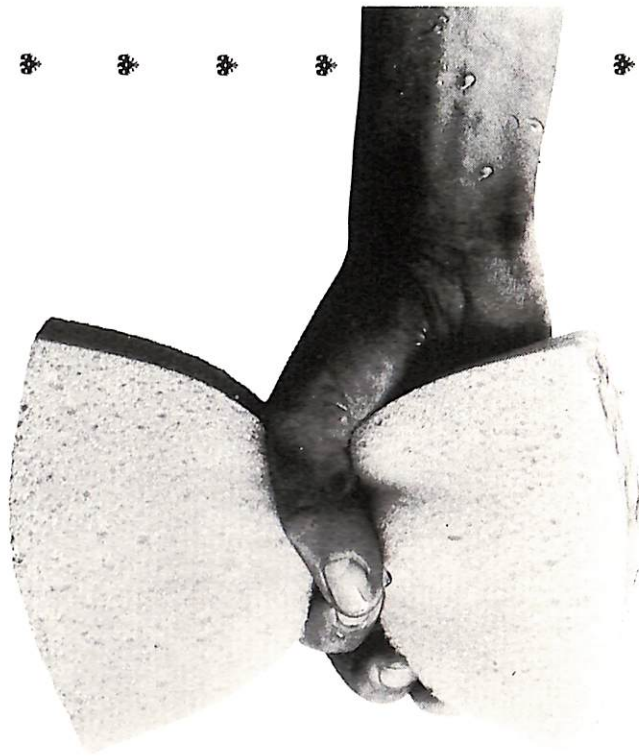


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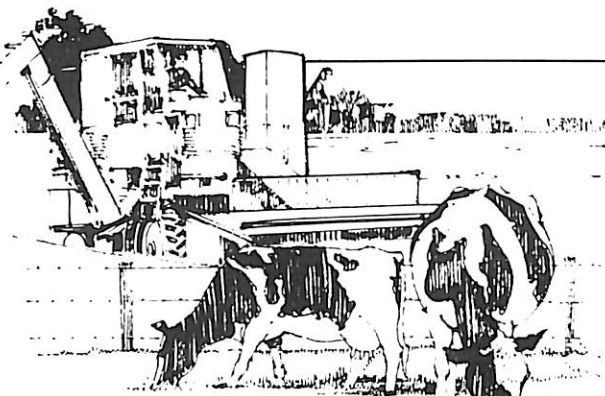
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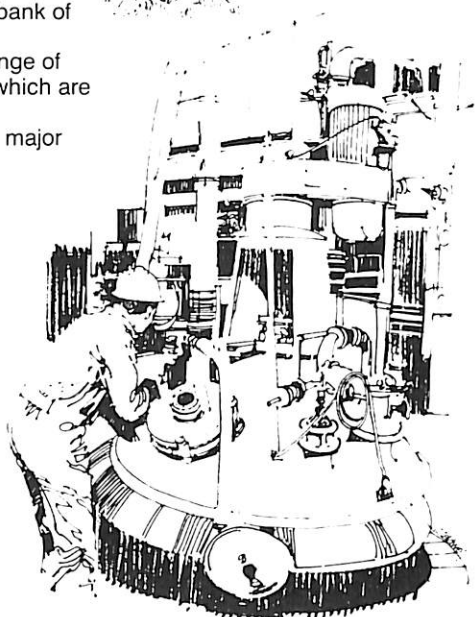


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