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Notes from the Desk.....

Some people may look back on this season as one of disappointment but I don't necessarily share that view.

We have established ourselves in the Second Division despite being tipped as relegation favourites and as a club we have continued to make progress.

Had the last two seasons been in reverse I believe we would have been looked at in a different light. However, having exceeded expectations last term by finishing 11th hopes were high of an even better return this time.

However Swindon are proof enough that football trends do not continue to order. Having been denied First Division football last year few would have imagined that they would have spent this term at the wrong end of the table.

One always wants to improve but there are times when you may have to take two steps back to take one step forward.

The most disappointing aspect of our season has been our form here at Vale Park where the majority of our fans watch us play. This has been the biggest difference in our tally of points yet, if we win today we will finish only four points short of last year when we were applauded for doing so well.

There have, in my view, been a number of factors affecting why we have not done so well even though it is still an achievement to be hosting Second Division football again after spending 30 years or more in lower divisions.

The number of penalties conceded in the early days of the campaign cost us a number of points, then there was a problem with player's contracts which did not make for a settled environment.

All clubs have injuries but we always seem to specialise in long term varieties. The absence of Darren Hughes, Robbie Earle, Nicky Cross and, latterly, John Jeffers has obviously been felt, so all credit to the lads who have come in to see us through difficult times.

Nevertheless, on our day we have proved a match for the best, as was seen again this week against Sheffield Wednesday. The problem has been lack of consistency.

It is this quality that wins games and titles and hopefully we will benefit from the lessons and experiences of this season.

I would like to thank my own coaching staff of Mike Pejic and Steve Hunt along with Physiotherapist Jim Joyce for all their hard work and to thank the fans for their support. A reminder that we would like to see you all at the Player of the Season awards next Tuesday at the Valiants club.

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Here you see **Mr. BRIAN SIMPSON** (V.V. No. 578) pictured with his son **Richard**, receiving the monthly cash prize from Vale Chairman, Mr. Bill Bell.



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'CHARIOTS OF FIRE'

In last Monday's programme we introduced Vale Supporter **MARK WEATHERALL**, a wheelchair bound athlete, who will be competing in the 'Chariots of Fire' fund raising event in the Potteries Marathon on **Sunday 16th June**.

Mark's participation and time for the event are being used in a sponsored competition and forms were duly handed out at last Monday's game. Three excellent prizes are being awarded to the sponsors giving the nearest estimated time for Mark to complete the course. The funds raised will go towards a new Red Cross Centre at Vale Park and the closing date for entries is **Saturday, 15th June, 1991**, and not this Saturday as was stated in the Sheffield Wednesday programme, for which we apologise and hope that during the next five weeks or so you will submit your entries ten fold. (Entries received after 15th June will be null and void.)

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Vale Park



PADDY STARKEY

We're saddened to learn of the death of long-time Vale supporter, Paddy Starkey, who was aged 56. Paddy was a devout Vale fan for some 35 years and he will be missed by his many friends in the Railway Paddock and particularly Albert Cross.

BIGGEST LEAGUE GATE OF SEASON

The attendance at last Monday's game v. Sheffield Wednesday - 13,317 - was the best for a League game here at Vale Park this season, beating the 12,349 which assembled for our first home match of the campaign v. Wolves back in August.

NEW MEMBERSHIP AREAS: 1991-92

Supporters using the Railway Paddock regularly are asked to note that this area will be restricted to members ONLY.

Applications will be accepted from the 13th May onwards - £5.00 for the season - and therefore only holders of membership cards and season ticket holders will be allowed into the Railway Paddock next season.

The only other members' Only area at Vale Park will be Lorne Street (Bycars) terrace.

On Page 26 of your programme you will see prices of Season Tickets for season 1991-92. Applications will be accepted from 9.00am, Monday, 13th May, 1991.

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VALE PARK COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the last game of 1990-91. We have a lot of visitors present today, and firstly I would like to welcome Ferndale U/14's from Swindon who have travelled up this morning to play a Port Vale Community Programme team. We hope they enjoy the day.

At half-time we will be holding the finals of the Hanley Junior Crime Prevention Netball and Football Competitions, organised by Norman Drew.

There will be seven lads taking penalties and these are: (from Birches Head High) Nicholas Rowley, Scott Green, Alan Shaw and Raphael Baker; (and from Mitchell High) Martin Jones, Jeen Warbaton and Michael Griffiths.

And the five girls in the netball 'shoot-out' are (from Birches Head High) Patricia Murpin, Maria Kidwell and Julie Fox; (and from Mitchell High) Justine Shorman and Linda Edwards. So give them all a big cheer!

The Hooligan Hotline-information system built up by the National Football Intelligence Unit prior to the 1990 World Cup proved so successful that it has been carried on into the English League season. If you have information on known or potential trouble-makers, you can utilise the Hooligan Hotline - all calls are treated in **STRICT CONFIDENCE**. Just pick up the phone and dial the National Football Intelligence Unit's Hotline on:

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Third Award Helps Local YMCA Club

We are delighted to entertain again today 12 young men from a local boys club together with two of their leaders. The members of the Stoke-on-Trent YMCA club are here to receive a Barclays Performance of the Week Award. It was, of course, our 2-1 win in the Second Division match at Millwall last month which caught the eye of England's manager Graham Taylor and his fellow selectors and thus brought us this prestigious Award for the third time.

F.A. Cup victories over Tottenham in 1988 and Derby County two years later earned the Vale previous Awards when the Wye Road Sports Club and the Vale Boys Club became beneficiaries. In addition to watching what we hope will be another entertaining Barclays League match, the lads, recommended to us by the national Association of Boys Clubs, will receive a new set of strip, which they wear today, and a cheque for £300.

Half of the cash element of the Award must be spent on a project beneficial to the local community. All the projects are assessed at the end of the season and the outstanding three win further awards from Barclays Bank totalling £1,500.

Today's presentation before the kick-off will be made by Mr. Mike Craighill, manager of the Bank's Business Centre in Town Road, Hanley. He will also give our directors a silver trophy as a momento of the award.

RUMBELOWS LEAGUE CUP: 1991-92

Clubs finishing in the bottom nine of the Second Division this season (i.e. 16th and below) will compete in the first round of next season's Rumbelows League Cup. Those finishing 13th, 14th and 15th will be exempt until the second round but will be seeded in the same half as the First Round survivors. Teams in the top 12 will be seeded in the Second Round in the same half as the First Division clubs.

BUMPER COLLECTION

The children from New House Special School, Bucknall, would like to say a special big **Thank You** to everyone who supported their appeal to raise funds for equipment at their school. The two collections which took place at the Open Market and here at Vale Park raised a magnificent total of £1,037.90, of which £904.60p was collected at our home game with Sheffield Wednesday last Monday evening.

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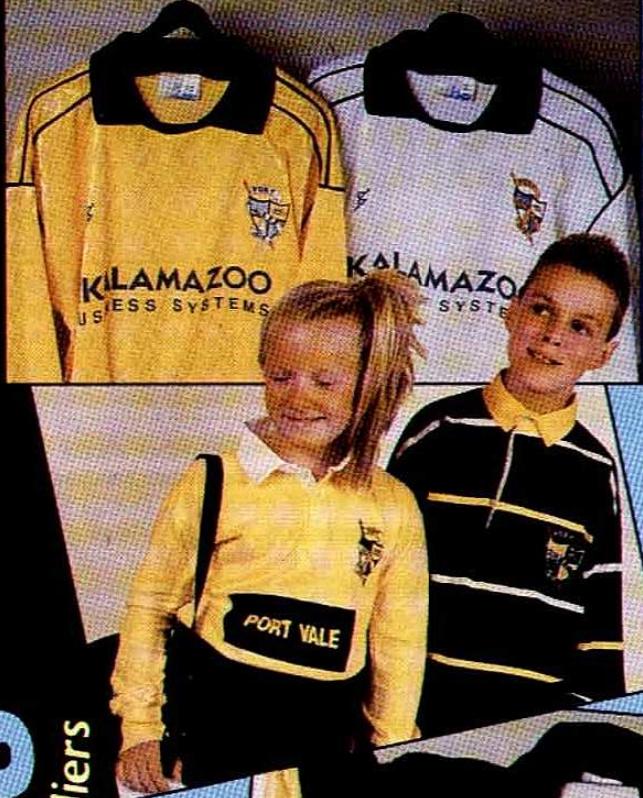
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Did YOU Know ?

Some interesting facts about our visitors today, Swindon Town, compiled by statistician Tony Matthews

- * Swindon Town had to apply for re-election to the Football League for the first time at the end of the 1932-33 season, but they were backed all the away and polled 45 votes to retain their status. Newport County came 'second' with 26 votes.
- * Swindon ran up two supreme victories in season 1925-26. They whipped Fareham Town 10-1 in an F.A. Cup tie in the November to establish their best-ever victory at competitive level, and in a Third Division ((S) match in January they destroyed Bournemouth 8-2 at home, after having been 0-2 down after only ten minutes play. Richardson, with 4 goals, led the charge after that disastrous opening - and this win is Swindon's second best of all-time in the League. Some five years earlier - in August 1921 - they defeated Luton Town 9-1 at home in their first-ever game as a League club playing in the Third Division (S). In that game Harry Fleming netted four times for Swindon, thus becoming the first player to score that number of goals in one Third Division game. Hawley even missed a penalty for Swindon, whose other goals came from Batty 2, Jefferson, Davies and Mathieson (og).
- * Swindon won their first-ever F.A. Cup tie by 4-2 against Bristol St. Georges in October 1894 - and in their first tie in the League Cup, they were held to a draw at home by Shrewsbury Town (October 1960).
- * The first referee to be k'o'd in a Third Division match was the one-armed Alf Bond. A full-blooded clearance by Swindon's hefty centre-half George Hudson pole-axed him in a game v. Newport County in September 1958 but after lengthy treatment the official carried on his duties.
- * In 1945-46 Swindon Town were knocked out of the F.A. Cup by Bristol Rovers whom they beat 1-0 in the said competition that same season!

This, in fact, was the season when each round of the F.A. Cup was played over two legs up to the semi-final stage. In Round One Swindon were paired with Rovers and they won their home leg 1-0 only to lose the return game at Eastville by 4-1 to go out of the competition 4-2 on aggregate.

- * Swindon finished bottom of the Third Division (S) table in 1932-33, winning only nine of their 42 matches. They mustered just 29 points (out of 84) and conceded over 100 goals. They actually came last because of an inferior goal-average, as there were two other teams - Leyton Orient and Newport County - also locked with them on 29 points. Orient's average was 59-63, County's 61-105 and Swindon's 60-105.

- * Full-back John Trollope played in a record total of 767+3 League games for Swindon Town between 1960 and 1981 (21 goals scored)...and no other player has appeared in more games in the said competition for ONE CLUB. Jimmy Dickinson made 764 for Portsmouth, Roy Sproson 762 for the Vale and Terry Paine 713 for Southampton.

- * Swindon Town have twice reached the semi-final stage of the F.A. Cup - in 1909-10 and 1911-12, and both occasions they were beaten by the eventual winners of the coveted trophy! In the former season they lost to Newcastle United 2-0 and in 1912 they were ousted by Barnsley 1-0 (after a 0-0 draw).

- * Swindon's greatest triumph to date in terms of Cup success, came at Wembley in 1969 when they beat high-flying Arsenal 3-1 in the Final of the League Cup when they were a Third Division side, and the Gunners were big boys in the First Division. Star of the Robins' that day was Don Rogers who scored two goals as the game went into extra-time on a strength-sapping pitch.

- * Hot-shot Harry Morris scored a record 230 League and Cup goals for Swindon Town in the space of seven seasons: 1926 to 1933. In 1926-27 he claimed 48 and followed up with 44 in the next campaign.

He rapped home five goals in a game on two separate occasions - versus Q.P.R. in December 1927 and Norwich in April 1930.



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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1990

USA 1, ENGLAND 0.

WORLD CUP FINALS 1950

WEST GERMANY 1 ALGERIA 2

WORLD CUP FINALS 1982

Arbroath 36, Bon Accord 0.

SCOTTISH CUP 1885

ARGENTINA...0 CAMEROON...1

WORLD CUP FINALS 1990

BANGOR 2 - NAPOLI 0

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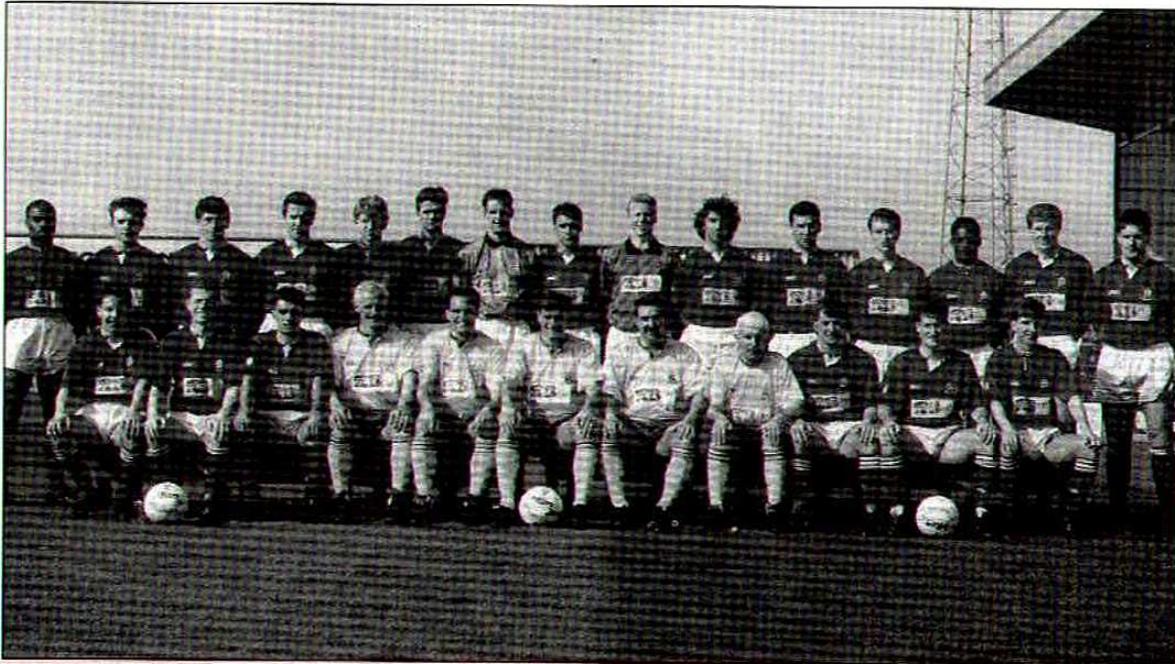
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WELCOME OUR VISITORS SWINDON TOWN



Back row (left to right): Fitzroy Simpson, Lee Spalding, Tom Jones, Steve White, Paul Trollope, Adrian Viveash, Fraser Digby, Paul Rideout, Nicky Hammond, Nestor Lorenzo, Colin Calderwood, Nicky Summerbee, Tony Finnigan, Duncan Shearer & Ross McLaren.

Front row: Paul Hart, Micky Hazard, Shaun Close, John Trollope (youth team coach), Andy Rowland (reserve team coach), Glenn Hoddle (manager), John Gorman (assistant manager), Kevin Morris (physio), Steve Foley, David Kerslake and Martin Ling.

A little over twelve months ago Swindon Town were rejoicing at Wembley having beaten Sunderland in the promotion play-off Final to gain a place in the First Division. But then it all went sour for the Wiltshire Club! An inquiry subsequently relegated them down two Divisions - into the Third - but on appeal Swindon were then re-instated back in the Second, and now they've just managed to avoid relegation after having had a rather disappointing 1990-91 campaign when, at the offset, they were confident of making the play-offs for the second season running.

It was, on reflection, a sad time all round for the 'Robins' when they were denied a place in the top flight for the first time - but that is now history - and under their new manager, the former England midfielder Glenn Hoddle, who took over the mantle from his old playing colleague at White Hart Lane, Ossie Ardiles (now boss of Newcastle United) they will be aiming to do a lot better next time round to make up for this last twelve months when all sorts of things have gone wrong for the club.

The Swindon Town squad for this last game of the season comprises of the following.....

FRASER DIGBY was first-choice goalkeeper until getting injured recently. A native of Sheffield and former England U/21 international, he has missed only a couple of games during the past two seasons, and was a youngster on Manchester United's books before making his debut for the Robins in 1988. He has now topped 200 appearances for the club.

Deputy 'keeper **NICKY HAMMOND**, from Hornchurch, Essex, made his first senior appearance for Swindon v. Darlington in a League Cup game in 1988, and has suffered two broken legs since then. A former Arsenal apprentice he joined the Robins four years ago.

DAVID KERSLAKE wears No.2. A Londoner (from Stepney) he cost £110,000 from Q.P.R. in November 1989 and is a big favourite with the Town fans. He has played for England at schoolboy, youth and Under 21 levels and actually made his debut for Rangers in the UEFA Cup in 1984.

Young defender **ADRIAN VIVEASH**, a local lad, made his debut earlier this season having acquitted himself well in Swindon's friendly with Everton in Dublin last summer. He has done very well in a relatively short period of time and certainly has a bright future ahead of him.



Our Visitors

SWINDON TOWN

The experienced MICKY HAZARD mans midfield. Born in Sunderland, he was secured from Portsmouth for £130,000 last September having previously served with Spurs (eight years) and Chelsea. Aged 31 he won both F.A. Cup and UEFA Cup winners' medals whilst at White Hart Lane and has now topped 250 senior appearances as a professional. He's a hot-shot with penalty kicks!

The Argentinian World Cup star, NESTOR LORENZO, 24, plays at the back. He arrived at The County Ground from the Italian club, Bari for a reported club record fee of £400,000 last year having started the season on loan awaiting clearance papers to sign full-time for the Robins. Capped 25 times by his country he began his career with Argentinos Juniors.

Skipper COLIN CALDERWOOD, a Scot from Glasgow, was an ever-present last season and has been a permanent fixture in the back division for Town this time round as well. Signed from Mansfield Town in 1985 he is the sole survivor from Swindon's record-breaking 4th Division championship winning side, and has now clocked up in excess of 350 first-team appearances for the Robins.



Colin Calderwood

TOM JONES assists Hazard in centre-field. Born in Aldershot, he made a speedy recovery from a cartilage operation in 1989 and since then has been instrumental in the Swindon side. Previously with Farnborough Town, Weymouth and Aberdeen, and an apprentice with Chelsea, he can also fill in at full-back and has amassed over 130 appearances for Town.

ROSS MacLAREN is another versatile player who can turn out in defence or midfield. A Scot from Edinburgh he was an ever-present last season having been recruited from Derby County. He was earlier a player with both Shrewsbury and Glasgow Rangers and has now accumulated more than 400 League and Cup appearances as a professional.

STEVE FOLEY also grafts away in midfield - and he can score goals as well. A Liverpudlian, formerly at Anfield, Fulham (on loan), Grimsby Town and Sheffield United, he cost Swindon £35,000 four years ago and has piled up a fine record as a 'pro' of more than 250 appearances and 40 goals.

Chasing goals all season have been DUNCAN SHEARER (see 'Visitor to watch out for' - below), PAUL RIDEOUT and STEVE WHITE.

Between them these three 'strikers' have already accumulated a fair number of goals in their respective careers. RIDEOUT rejoined Swindon on a temporary transfer from Southampton earlier this year. Born in Bournemouth Paul originally signed for the Robins as a lad in 1981, making his debut at the age of 16. He hit 41 goals in 101 games for Swindon before transferring to Aston Villa in 1983. He then spent three years in Italy with Bari prior to a £430,000 transfer to Southampton in July 1988. He has been capped by England at both youth and under 21 levels.

WHITE, 32, is probably the 'best' free transfer signing ever made by Swindon. He and Shearer grabbed 54 goals between them last season and he's found the net several times this term. Previously with Bristol Rovers (twice), Lincoln (on loan), Luton and Charlton he is now approaching the milestone of 500 senior games as a professional and he's also knocked in around 160 goals.

FITZROY SIMPSON has been on the bench of late. A midfielder he was sent-off twice last season but has now overcome his disciplinary problems.

Born at Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, he made his debut for Swindon in December 1988, when he came on for the last 30 seconds of the game v. Shrewsbury.

- SHAUN CLOSE is the reserve striker who cost £70,000 from AFC Bournemouth in September 1989. Prior to joining the 'Cherries' he had been with Ardiles and Hoddle at Spurs.



VISITOR TO WATCH OUT FOR :-

DUNCAN SHEARER

Duncan Shearer has been in terrific scoring form for Swindon this season. The Scottish-born striker from Fort William, who will be 29 in August, started playing 'serious' football with Inverness Clachnacuddin in 1980 and in November 1983 he was signed as a full-time professional by Chelsea.

He stayed at Stamford Bridge until March 1986, having just two League games and scoring one goal. He then transferred, on a free, to Huddersfield Town (March 1986) and his form at Leeds Road really took off. In the next two and a bit seasons he cracked in 47 goals in a total of 96 competitive games, including 38 in the League alone, 21 coming in '86-87 when the Terriers were in Division Two. This sort of form prompted Swindon manager Lou Macari into action and he was recruited to The County Ground for a fee of £250,000 in June 1988 - and immediately set to work by scoring a hatful of goals as the Robins went for promotion to the First Division.

Duncan hit 14 goals in that 1988-89 campaign and then followed up with another 20 (in 42 games) last term when, of course, technically, Swindon won a place in the top flight but were then demoted after irregularities etc.



VISITORS FACTS.....



Past Encounters

Today's encounter is the 44th between the Vale and Swindon in the Football League, and this is our record against the Robins as it stands now:

P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	21	14	5	2	47
Away	22	5	5	12	18
					32

Earlier this season goals by Gary Ford and Darren Beckford gave the Vale a 2-1 win at Swindon where the attendance was 7,714.

Last season honours were shared. The Vale won 2-1 at home in November when Beckford and Nicky Cross found the net in front of a 7,393 turnout and then in the return fixture in March, 8,314 saw Swindon triumph 3-0, skipper Colin Calderwood, Duncan Shearer and Steve White their scorers.

A little over 31 years ago - on 30th April 1960 - the Vale recorded their best-ever League win over Swindon - beating them 6-1 at home in a Third Division contest.

In contrast Swindon's best victory over the Vale was achieved the following season - on 1st October 1960 - when they ran up a 6-0 scoreline, also in Division Three.

The very first League tussles both took place in season 1946-47 (Div.3 South). Here in the Potteries the result of a tightly fought game was 1-1 while down in Swindon, the Vale lost 2-1.

The two teams have yet to meet in either an F.A. Cup or League Cup tie.

Visiting Manager

GLENN HODDLE was appointed manager of Swindon Town earlier this year following Ossie Ardiles' move north to Newcastle United.

As a player Hoddle, at times, was supreme in midfield, one of the most gifted footballers of his generation, and there is no doubt that many punters up and down the country believed he should have been an automatic choice in England's midfield engine-room. But he did not always fit in with plans and consequently had to settle for a total of 49 caps before he transferred from Tottenham to AS Monaco in July 1987.

Born at Hayes, Middlesex, in October 1957, Glenn joined Spurs as a youngster and turned professional at White Hart Lane in April 1975.

He became at first team regular in season 1976-77 and went on to appear in 491 games for the London club (110 goals scored) before choosing to try his luck in France.

He helped Spurs win the F.A. Cup in successive seasons of 1981 and 1982 (netting the winning penalty v. Q.P.R. in the latter Final which went to a replay), but injury prevented him from playing in their UEFA Cup triumph of 1984. He also appeared in two losing Finals (the League Cup of '82 & the F.A. Cup of '87) and as well as his full international games, he also represented his country at Youth and Under 21 levels, winning 12 caps in the latter category.

Injury problems forced Glenn into an early retirement and he jumped at the chance of becoming manager of Swindon Town when his former playing partner at Tottenham, Ardiles, took the vacant managerial post at St. James's Park.



Played for both clubs

Inside-forward W. Morris Jones played for five different League clubs during the period 1946 to 1953 - Port Vale, Swindon Town, Crystal Palace, Watford and Leyton Orient.

He scored a total of 84 goals in those seven seasons although he failed to break into Orient's first XI during his brief stay at Brisbane Road.

Born in Liverpool on 30th November 1919, he played for South Liverpool before and during World War Two and teamed up with the Vale in June 1946.

He claimed 23 goals in his first League season with the Valiants and added just three more to that tally at the start of the next campaign before he was transferred to Swindon in November 1947.

For the Robins he notched a further 48 goals in almost 100 League games in two and a half seasons at The County Ground and he was then perhaps surprisingly sold to Palace in May 1950. At Selhurst Park he netted another three times in 17 League outings prior to switching to Watford in March 1951 - and then twelve months later, almost to the day, he was off again, this time back down to London when he joined Orient after striking seven more goals in 27 League calls for the Hornets.

He retired out of competitive football in June 1952 and returned to Merseyside.

Opponents' Fact File

- Formed 110 years ago; turned pro in 1894.
- Reached F.A. Cup Semi-finals in 1910 & 1912.
- Played in Southern League until 1920.
- Remained in Football League Div.3 S till 1958
- Transferred to Division Three for season '58-59
- Climbed into Division 2 for first time in 1963
- Won FL.Cup in 1969 and Anglo/Italian Cup in '70
- Played in Div.3 1965-69 and 1974-87
- Members of Division 4 from 1982 to 1986
- Played in Third in 1986-87 and in 2nd since then
- Simod Cup Semi-finalists 1988 (beaten by Luton)
- Record gate at County Ground: 32,000 (1972)
- Best win 10-1 (1925); heaviest defeat 1-10 (1930)
- Oldest player: John Trollope 37 yrs. 119 days (1980)
- Youngest player: Paul Rideout, 16 yrs. 107 days (1980)
- Most League appearances: 770 - John Trollope
- Most goals (Lge & Cup): Harry Morris - 230 (1927-33)
- Managers since war: 12 different appointments
- Among those in charge include Dave Mackay, Les Allen, John Trollope, Ken Beamish (ex Vale) and Lou Macari.
- Scored exactly 100 League goals in 1926-27 season.

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Reserves & Youths

Midland Purity Youth League

20th April 1991

Port Vale 1 Northampton Town 1

A poor game, played on a bumpy pitch, but nevertheless we took the lead with a good goal. Ian Banks, recently awarded a professional contract for next season, beat three men in a run through the middle as Northampton tried to play offside, and slid the ball past the advancing 'keeping. The second-half was a bit stale and Northampton grabbed an equaliser with just five minutes left on the watch.

Vale team: Lovatt; Blake, Shea; Royall, Gillard, Bedson; Burbridge, Dyas, Berks, Banks, Rushton. Sub: Craig (for Blake).

22nd April 1991

Port Vale 0 Peterborough United 2

We didn't take our chances in this game, missing four clear cut openings on goal whereas Peterborough proved more adept at scoring!

Team: Lovatt; Blake, Bedson; Royall, Gillard, Herron; Rushton, Berks, Dyas, Banks, Shea. Subs: Craig (for Dyas) & Burbridge (for Herron).

27th April 1991

Stoke City 2 Port Vale 1

We played quite well in this, our final League game of the season, and were fortunate to lose to our neighbours in the end. Stoke took a first-half lead through Gee but then we equalised after the interval with a Matt Beeby header from a corner kick. We then went on to dominate the second period yet missed four good chances to take the lead. With only a few minutes remaining the Potters grabbed the winner through Jennings - against the run of play!

Vale team: Brown; Bennett, Bedson; Royall, Beeby, Gillard; Burbridge, Blake, Rushton, Banks, Shea. Sub: Craig (for Berks).

M.Y.P.L. APPEARANCES '90-91:

32 - Gillard; 25 - Rushton, 24 - Royall, Bedson, Bennett, Beeby, 22 - Craig, Harrison, 19 - Banks, 18 - Mitchell, 16 - Blake, Dyas, Boswell, S. Brown, Lovatt, 12 - Burbridge, 11 - Shea, 6 - Berks, 2 - M. Johnston, 1 - Travis, Ratcliffe, Carvell, Palmer, Herron, Mountford and C. Brown.

Scorers: 10 - Mitchell, 8 - Boswell, Beeby, 7 - Harrison, 4 - Dyas (3 pens), 3 - Rushton, Banks, 2 - Shea, Craig, 1 - Bedson, Burbridge, Berks, Gillard & opponent og.

Pontins League Division Two

1st May, 1991

Port Vale 6 York City 0

The Vale romped to their biggest ever Pontins League victory in totally dominating this game and they could have scored many more. Matt Booth had a good shot tipped over before Paul Millar opened the scoring with a curling left-foot shot after being set up by Alan Webb. Two minutes later Ian Banks was brought down in the penalty area and Millar scored his second from the spot.

There was no further scoring before half-time but soon after

the restart Brian Mills netted the goal of the game when he beat three men before firing the ball home in style past the City 'keeper. It was all Vale now and Mills scored again after fastening on to a loose ball. Millar duly completed his hat-trick with a superb shot from the edge of the box after Brian Mills had knocked the ball down to him, and finally Matt Booth got in on the act with a fierce shot from 15 yards to secure goal number six.

Vale team: Grew; P. West, Webb; Beeby, Kidd, Glover; Rushton, Booth, Millar, B. Mills, Banks. Subs: Royall (for Beeby) and Dyas (for Glover).

Attendance: 147

*Our final Pontins League game of the season takes place this coming Monday (13th May) when our visitors to Vale Park will be Scunthorpe United (kick-off 7.00pm).

PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W.B.A.	31	22	6	3	73	25	72
Barnsley	31	22	6	3	80	35	72
Bradford C.	31	18	3	10	68	45	57
Hull City	33	17	5	11	59	49	56
Bolton Wds.	30	15	8	7	64	38	53
Middlesbro'	31	14	7	10	55	46	49
Port Vale	32	14	4	14	60	68	46
Oldham Ath.	33	12	7	14	78	74	43
Notts Co.	30	12	6	12	45	43	42
Burnley	30	10	11	9	44	44	41
Stoke City	33	12	5	16	51	65	41
Scunthorpe	31	10	8	13	42	56	38
Mansfield T.	30	8	8	14	36	44	32
York City	29	9	5	15	46	62	32
Blackpool	33	9	5	19	61	83	32
Grimsby Town	30	9	3	18	23	53	30
Preston NE.	32	6	8	18	59	76	26
Wigan Ath.	30	7	3	20	46	84	24

* The top 4 clubs will be promoted at the end of the season.

MIDLAND PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts County	29	21	5	3	71	15	68
Leicester City	29	18	8	3	62	26	62
Derby County	30	12	12	6	47	34	48
W.B.A.	28	14	6	8	46	35	48
Birmingham City	27	13	8	6	51	36	47
Nottn. Forest	29	14	5	10	47	36	47
Stoke City	30	13	6	11	45	41	45
Aston Villa	28	13	6	9	46	47	45
Port Vale	32	12	4	16	52	55	40
Coventry City	30	11	7	12	53	56	40
Mansfield Town	31	11	5	15	41	57	38
Peterborough U.	27	11	4	12	41	48	37
Walsall	31	9	8	14	40	58	35
Wolves	31	9	5	17	36	53	32
Northampton T.	31	5	8	18	44	64	23
Chesterfield	29	5	7	17	32	65	22
Shrewsbury Town	30	4	9	17	32	60	21

* The 1990-91 Midland Youth Cup Final will be between Aston Villa and either Birmingham City or Nottingham Forest



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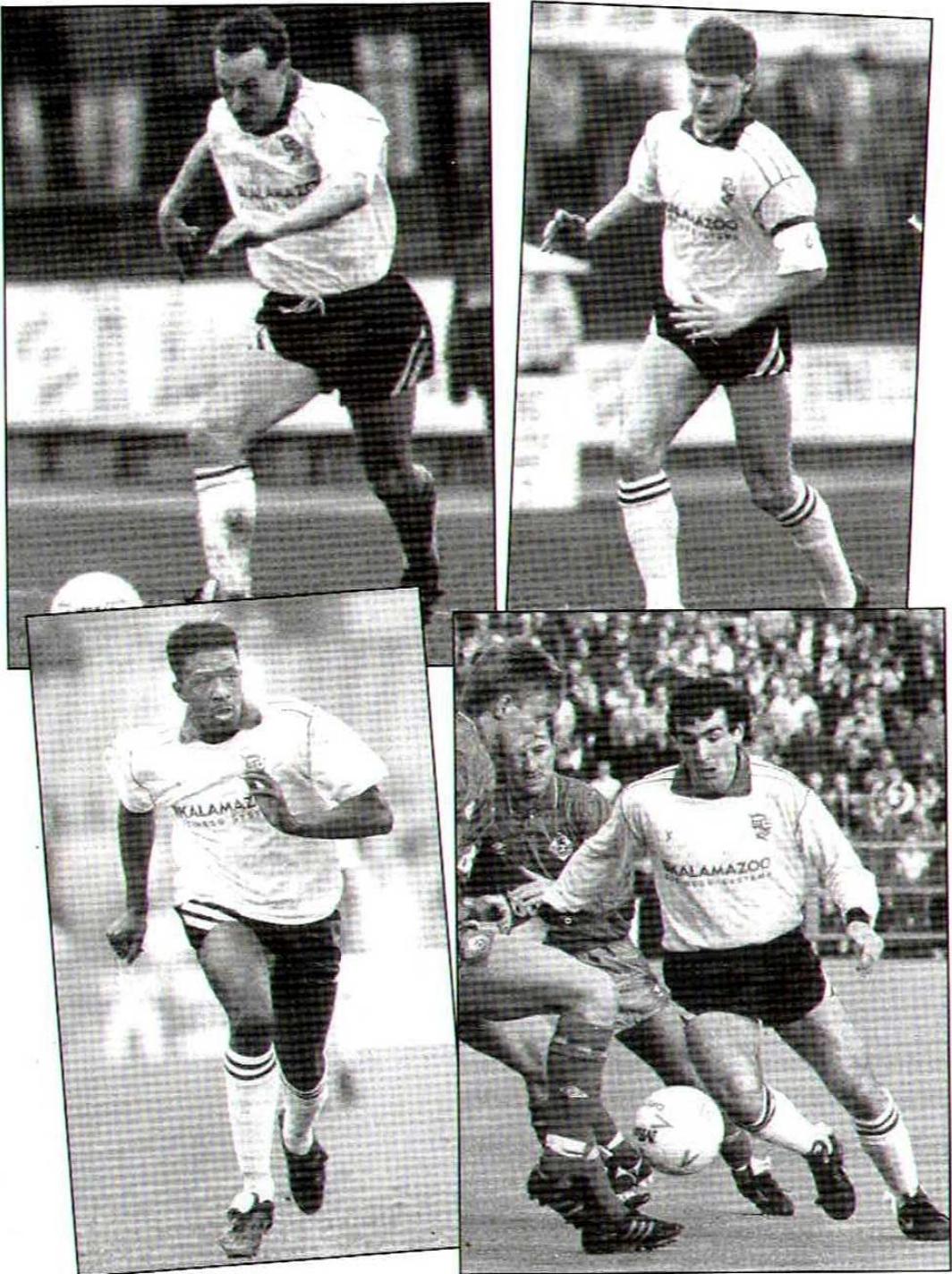
Darren Beckford, our top marksman this season (and last), who is now fast approaching the milestone of 100 goals for the Vale, is seen here in action against West Bromwich Albion at The Hawthorns a fortnight ago when we shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw.

Picture courtesy of Staffordshire Sentinel Newspapers

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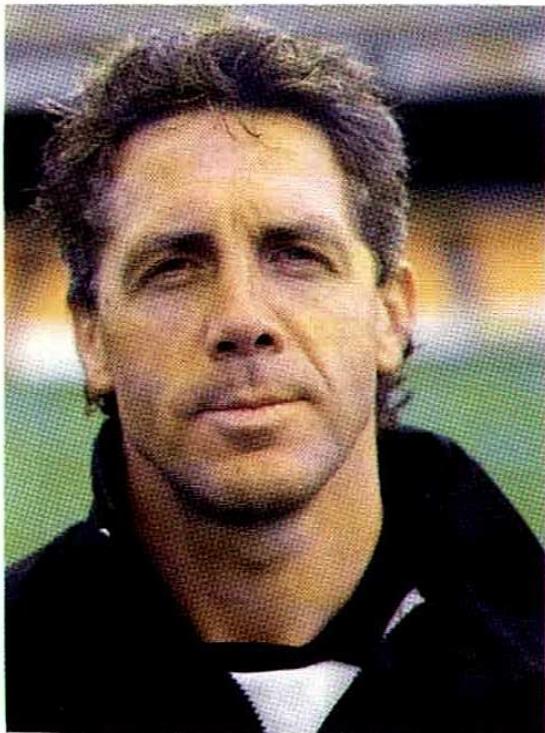


All the players, management and staff of Port Vale Football Club would like to say 'thank you' to you dedicated and loyal fans for your tremendous support throughout this last season. It is very much appreciated.



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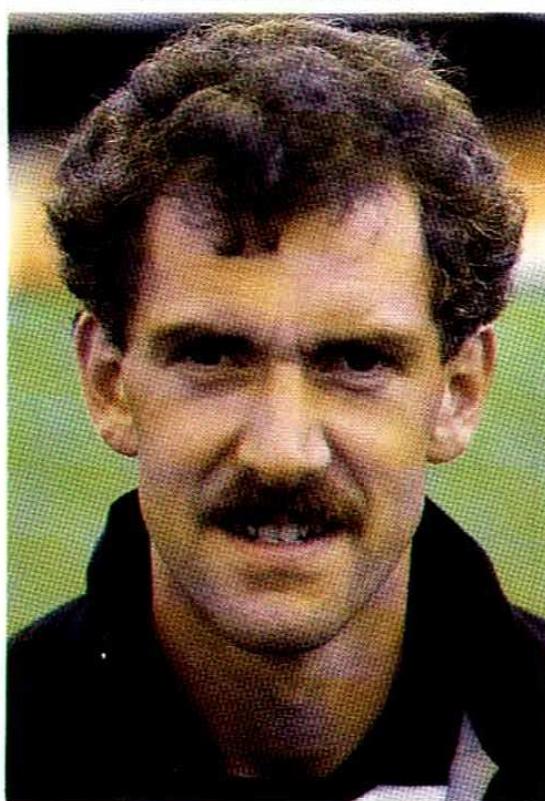
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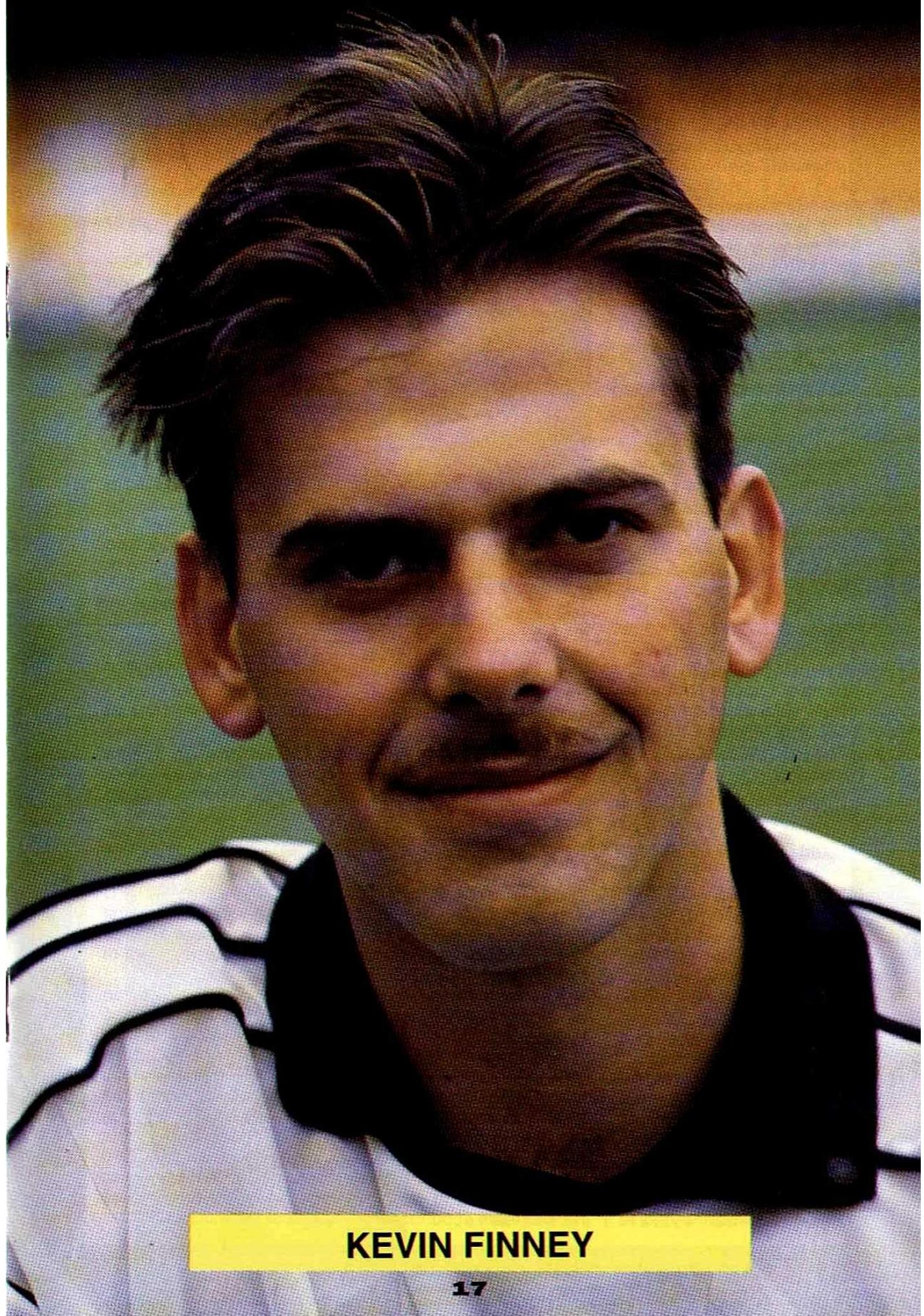


Community Officer: Richard O'Kelly



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Here are four men who have worked tremendously hard behind the scenes at Vale Park this season and thoroughly deserve a pat on the back for their efforts.



KEVIN FINNEY

Valiant's Star

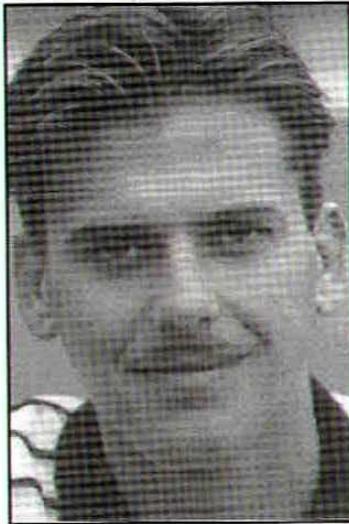
By Phil Sherwin

KEVIN FINNEY

A skilful midfield player who, despite being only 21 years of age, is one of the longest serving players at the club. Born locally in Newcastle-Under-Lyme, he first appeared for us in the opening round of the F.A. Youth Cup v. Wrexham in November 1985 whilst still at school. Vale won that game by 4-1 and in the second round replay against Northampton Town, Kevin really shone with a hat-trick in our convincing 7-1 victory. The Vale reached the last 16 before losing at Sheffield United and then Kevin graduated to the Central League line-up in April 1986 making his bow at this level against Wolves. He scored twice in a 5-0 win over Crewe Alexandra Youths in the Sentinel Shield Final and upon leaving school was taken on as a YTS trainee.

TOP-SCORER FOR THE RESERVES

Kevin continued to learn his trade in the reserves and he finished up as top-scorer in 1986-87 albeit with only five goals and then turned professional in July 1987, a year earlier than most youngsters, a guide to his highly rated potential. He made the first team squad virtually straightaway, coming on as a substitute in only the third League game at Bristol City but he had to



wait until October 1987 for his full debut, which came in a Freight Rover Trophy defeat at Newport County. He did well enough though to hold down a first-team place for a dozen games and then shot to fame in an F.A. Cup Third Round tie against Macclesfield Town.

MATCH-WINNING HEADER

The Vale were struggling and just five minutes remained when Kevin produced a diving header to decide the proceedings and set up a Fourth Round clash with Tottenham Hotspur.

It is history now that the Vale won that tie and have hardly looked back since! Kevin's best position is in the centre of midfield which is dominated by Ray Walker and Robbie Earle, so he has had to wait for his first team opportunities,

such as early in the 1988-89 promotion campaign when Walker was injured and he had to come into the side during an important game at Wolves. He had a superb game at Molineux as the Vale forced a 3-3 draw, but appearances were spasmodic and at the end of that season he had a couple of games as an experimental striker. He took to it quite well and scored in the final game of that campaign when the Vale won 2-1 at Fulham.

ON THE BENCH FOR THE PLAY-OFFS

Kevin was then made substitute in all four of those vital play-off games that saw the Vale climb into the Second Division, but last season once again he had to bide his time in the reserves. He netted three times in 26 appearances and after one game - at AFC Bournemouth - for the first team he appeared in three of the last four matches of that season.

This term his only flirtation with the senior squad was in the Rumbelows League Cup-tie against Oxford United, which took his total number of appearances for the Vale up to 28 plus 21 as 'sub' and he is currently suspended following a sending-off in the recent reserve game against neighbours Stoke.

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- (1) Who played 756 League games for Manchester United between 1956 and '73?
- (2) Which defender amassed a record number of 654 senior appearances for Aston Villa between 1961 and 1976?
- (3) Who is this former England goalkeeper of the 1950's (left)?



- (4) Which player netted a record 202 goals (in League & Cup) for Chelsea between 1960 and 1969?
- (5) Who has won most full international caps whilst playing for Swindon Town (total 30)?
- (6) Can you identify this pre-war England star (below top) who served with Arsenal and Sunderland?
- (7) Who is this 'diving' goalkeeper who played 628 League and F.A.Cup games for his club between 1934 and 1956?



- (8) Who was manager of Port Vale from 1965 to 1967?
- (9) Who did West Ham United beat in the European Cup Winners Cup Final of 1965?
- (10) Name this former West Bromwich Albion winger (right) from the 1940's?

GOOD PROGRAMME GUIDE - 1990-91



Here is an unbiased look at the Second Division programmes for this last season, compiled by The Valiant Critic himself.....

BARNSLEY (32 pages: £1.00)

Although not being full colour throughout, the 'Oakwell Review' certainly gives the impression that it is by the use of excellent spot colour on every page. Although smaller in size than most Second Division programmes, it remains a well designed chatty read.

+ Star Feature: 'Oakwell Heroes' - an informative 'Who's Who' of Barnsley Footballers between 1945 and 1989. Our Rating: ***

BLACKBURN ROVERS (32 pages: £1.00)

Basic design and content, nevertheless well produced and written. Quite a high level of advertising.

+ Star Feature: 'Who Is It?' - various clues to find a former Rovers player. Our Rating: **

BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION (32 pages: £1.00)

Although reduced in size from last season, the 'Seagull Review' remains a very pleasing programme. Full colour is to be found on every other page.

+ Star Feature: 'Record Breakers' as with Oldham, a feature tracing records achieved by the Seagulls. Our Rating: ***

BRISTOL CITY (24 pages: £1.00)

Page-wise this is the smallest programme in the Division with just 24 pages. However, this is compensated by very little advertising and some super colour photographs.

+ Star Feature: 'Captain's Log' - interesting views from the City skipper, Rob Newman. Our rating: **

BRISTOL ROVERS (48 pages: £1.00)

Where do they get the content from to fill 48 pages? Although size-wise this programme is smaller than most, the bumper 48 pages more than make up for that. A striking front cover, some excellent features, a very, very good read. One minor complaint: more colour photos please!

+ Star Feature: 'The Pirate theme throughout the programme'. Captain's Log, On Board Today, Buried Treasure etc. etc. Our rating: ***

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (32 pages: £1.00)

A programme that maintains a First Division pedigree with excellent graphic design and outstanding features and photographs.

+ Star Feature: 'Connections' - tracing the connections between Charlton Athletic and their matchday opponents (in Vale's case it was Jimmy Oakes). Our rating: ***

HULL CITY (32 pages: 80p)

An unusual production, lacking the colour photographs and sophistication of some Second Division programmes, yet nevertheless excellent value at 80p.

+ Star Feature: 'Where Are They Now?' - an old favourite, but always popular and entertaining. Our rating: **

IPSWICH TOWN (32 pages: 80p)

Absolutely superb value for 80p. Full colour on every page, minimal advertising and some features guaranteed to occupy the interest. The issue for the Vale game included a Town team group from 1985-86 featuring a very young Mark Grew and Kevin Steggles.

+ Star Feature: 'Player facts' twenty things you didn't know about a Town player, presented in very great detail. Our Rating: ***

LEICESTER CITY (32 pages: £1.00)

Full colour on every page and the distinction of having the best advert in the Division with 'Mitty of the City'. Excellent full double-page action colour shots and portraits are interspersed by chatty, informative articles.

+ Star Feature: 'Fan Focus' a feature on any club's most important asset - their supporters. Our Rating: ***

MIDDLESBROUGH (32 pages: £1.00)

As always an excellent production, with full colour on each and every page. Superb features and 'Boro's excellent support means that they can run a letters page each issue.

+ Star Feature: 'Top Ten Goal Chart' - a 'Boro player recalls his ten best goals. Our rating: ***

MILLWALL (36 pages: £1.20)

Another programme with a First Division pedigree and maintaining a high standard this season. Full colour throughout, the programme is, however, the most expensive in the 2nd Division at £1.20. + Star Feature: 'A Day by Day Diary' an in depth look at a day-by-day account of the day's visitors (The Vale) during the last 12 months. Our rating: ***

NEWCASTLE UNITED (40 pages: £1.00)

A real heavyweight in more ways than one. 40 big pages each one packed with full colour and excellent articles. Devastating design and absolutely amazing value for £1.00. Unbeatable!

+ Star Feature: 'It's Mick Quinn' - dressing room secrets etc. from United's star striker. Our Rating: ***

NOTTS COUNTY (36 pages: £1.00)

Well designed, graphically pleasing production. Quite a high number of adverts but some well written and interesting articles.

+ Star Feature: 'Inside Write' - the best title for a page in the Division! Our rating: ***

OLDHAM ATHLETIC (36 pages: £1.00)

Well designed programme with many worthwhile features. The design of the visitors' page in the middle of the programme is particularly attractive. + Star Feature: 'The Record Breakers' featuring various records achieved by the Latics and their players. Our rating: ***

OXFORD UNITED (32 pages: £1.00)

Plenty of 'meaty' content, perhaps a little let down by having no colour action photographs. Basic design and style.

+ Star Feature: 'Traveller of the Week' - all-time Oxford favourites, reviewed by a travelling supporter. Our Rating: ***

PLYMOUTH ARGYLL (32 pages: £1.00)

The double-spread colour action photographs are excellent in a basically pleasing programme. The statistics pages are cleverly superimposed on a picture of cheering fans. However, the only problem is we suspect fans are from the Wolves!

+ Star Feature: 'The Tony Pullein Column' always interesting views from the editor of Football Monthly. Our rating: ***

PORTSMOUTH (32 pages: £1.00)

Beautifully printed and well produced, an admirable production. Some very interesting features, backed up by some excellent colour photographs.

+ Star Feature: 'Pompey Profile' - a profile on a Portsmouth player, which asks unusual questions,

not the run of the mill favourite food, drink, TV programme etc. Our rating: ***

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (32 pages: £1.00)

A magazine in every sense of the word; very professional in every area, especially the photography, which is superb throughout in both colour and black and white. Very worthy production.

+ Star Feature: 'Now and Then' - a feature on yesterday's Hillsborough Heroes. Our Rating: ***

SWINDON TOWN (32 pages: £1.00)

Well produced programme with our only criticism being the high level of advertising.

+ Star Feature: 'Season by Season' - an excellent historical feature by Paul Prowman, looking back at Swindon Town through the years. Our Rating: ***

WATFORD (32 pages: £1.00)

A striking cover heralds an excellent production. Magnificent design, full colour on every page, some superb articles, this programme is one of the best. The opposition pages were particularly different.

+ Star Feature: 'Centre Stage' - a player interview with a difference. Our rating: ***

WEST BROMWICH ALBION (32 pages: £1.00)

For many years 'Albion News' has been one of the finest programmes in the League, and it remains very highly thought of. Superbly designed in a magazine style layout with interest creating features and excellent photography. Full colour on every other page.

+ Star Feature: 'Thanks For The Memory' - a review of the career of a former Baggies star. Our Rating: ***

WEST HAM UNITED (32 pages: £1.00)

Although West Ham United are now back in the First Division, their programme has never left that league! Superb as always, a credit to the club.

+ Star Feature: 'Superb use of colour throughout. Our Rating: ***

WOLVES (32 pages: £1.00)

Graphically well designed, the Wolves programme is, as always, a very fine read. Full colour is present on every other page and it is a pity that the remaining pages do not contain some spot colour. However, the features and photographs are excellent.

+ Star Feature: 'I Remember When' - and excellent interview with a former Wolves player. Our rating: ***

Our Rating Chart - Poor: ** Average: *** Good: **** Excellent: ***** Out of this World!

Regarding our own programme, this is what was said in the Football Programme Monthly (Issue No.118)....

PORT VALE (32 pages: £1.00)

At last a programme from Vale Park to match the increasing assurance of the club. In the past, the Valiants have been hampered by their black and white colours, and their attempts to inject colour into their programme have failed dismally. This season they have made a far better attempt, albeit copying the tried and trusted format of other clubs. Nevertheless a good effort. Star rating: ***



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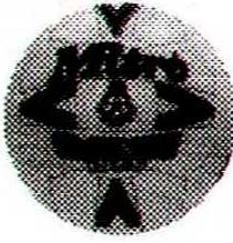
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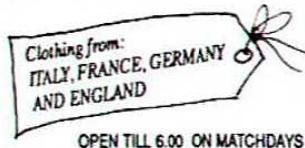
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But this was never a friendly game of football! Far from it. It turned out to be a rough house, and has since been dubbed the 'Battle of Highbury.'

England fielded no fewer than SEVEN players from Arsenal. Five were originally selected but another two were introduced to replace those forced to cry off through injury.

The England team was (in full) : Moss; Male and Hapgood (all of Arsenal); Britton (Everton), Barker (Derby County), Copping (Arsenal); Matthews (Stoke City), Bowden, Drake and Bastin (Arsenal) and Brock (Manchester City).

Italy were the reigning World Cup holders at the time and with additional inducements from Mussolini, who was reported to have promised each of the Italian players a brand new car and a substantial cash bonus if they beat England. Consequently

the Italians kicked everything that moved - even the ball (occasionally!).

The loss of their influential centre-half, Monti, who fractured a small bone in his right foot, enraged the Italians early in the game - and they blamed Arsenal ace Ted Drake for the injury though he was, in all fairness, perfectly innocent, having gone in with Monti for a 50-50 ball.

England played quite brilliantly during the opening period and despite Eric Brook missing a penalty after just 55 seconds, they went three goals up inside the first quarter of an hour through Brook, Cliff Britton and Drake.

But before England's third strike, skipper Eddie Hapgood had to leave the field with a broken nose following a clash with an Italian elbow!! He soon returned, however, and went on to play a vital part in the proceedings as England 'battled' it out to the bitter end.

The Italians pulled two goals back in the second-half - after they had decided to play a bit of football - Meazza on target with both. But in the last twenty minutes of this really crunching encounter, seven more England players had to receive treatment on the field and the game finally came to an end after 101 minutes had ticked by on the watch!

The second 'sensation' was when Stan Cullis was sacked as manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1964!

Cullis had joined the Molineux club as a young up-and-coming defender in 1934. He progressed through the ranks and gained a regular place in the Wolves side in the late 1930's, leading the Midlands club to the 1939 F.A. Cup Final v. Portsmouth.

He played for England before and during World War Two and retired as a player in 1947, when he became assistant to manager Ted Vizard at Molineux. Twelve months later Cullis was upgraded to boss and he set off on a great run of success, steering the Wolves to three First Division Championships, F.A. Cup glory once, the Charity Shield and into Europe in the space of 12 seasons. He then had perhaps four lean years but quite amazingly he was sacked after 30 years service with the Wanderers - and even today certain supporters have never forgiven the Wolves Board for making that outrageous decision. In 1965 Wolves went down to Division Two, while Cullis, who had taken over at Birmingham City, led the Blues to both the F.A. Cup and League Cup semi-finals in successive years....and he assembled a side which went on to regain its First Division status in 1972, soon after he left St. Andrews.



George Male, the England full back in that 'Battle of Highbury' in 1934.

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Who's Who

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DODD, ALAN 1986-87

Spent over ten years at stoke City and also had a spell at Wolves (for whom he scored at Vale Park in a Milk Cup-tie) before trying life abroad in Sweden with Elfsborg. It was whilst with them that he joined the Vale on loan during their winter break in November 1986. He made his debut at centre-half in a 2-1 home win over Chester, but after a further two appearances, including one in the Freight Rover Trophy, he returned to Sweden, and later served with GAIS Gothenberg. Alan then came back to this area a couple of years ago and recently had a good spell with non-League Rochester. During an excellent career Alan amassed a total of 462 League appearances for his three major clubs.

Vale League record: Apps. 2 goals nil

DODDS, WILLIAM 1906-07

An inside-forward, signed from Southwick FC, near Sunderland, in June, 1906. He made a great start, with a goal on his debut for the Vale against Leicester Fosse, even though he ended up a loser (1-2). He remained a regular in the side and indeed was an ever-present in the 1906-07 season - his only one with the club. He had a particularly good spell just before Christmas with six goals in seven games and eventually he finished the campaign as second highest scorer with 10 goals under his belt. Unfortunately financial difficulties forced the Vale to resign from the Second Division at the end of that term and most of the players, including Billy, left the club. Billy himself joining Oldham Athletic in August 1907. He netted three goals in 13 games for the Latics - his initial goals being the first recorded by Oldham in the Football League.

He was sold to Linfield in July 1908 and whilst in Ireland Billy gained representative honours, appearing twice for the Irish League XI.

He pulled out of competitive football in 1915 through injury aged 30.

Vale League record: Apps. 38, Goals 10

DONALD, ALEX 1965-68

During Stanley Matthews' reign as manager in the mid-1960's, Vale attracted a lot of Scottish youngsters and winger Alex Donald arrived at the club at the age of 16 from Edinburgh in July 1965. He made his League debut in a 2-0 defeat at Bradford City in January 1966 - the game which saw the Vale field an all teenage strike-force, he managed a further ten appearances that term but the following two campaigns saw Alex have

spells in and out of the team, before he was finally released in the summer of 1968.

Vale League record: Apps. 41+2 Goals nil.

DONALDSON, FRED 1954-60

A local born full-back who turned professional in July 1954 as the Vale returned to the Second Division. He made his debut in the final game of that 1954-55 season, a 1-0 win at Lincoln, when he lined up in the unusual position of inside-left. But by the time his next appearance came round - in August 1957 against Aldershot - he had been converted into a right-back. He played 27 times during that 1957-58 season but only made a handful of appearances after that.

Midway through the '59-60 campaign Fred was tried at centre-forward as an experiment and netted four goals in three games, but it was only a short term measure and he was eventually sold to Exeter City for £2,000 in August 1960. He later finished his career with Chester and currently plays bowls for Etruria.

Vale League record: Apps. 48 Goals 4

DONE, CYRIL 1954-57

Experienced striker who joined the Vale for a four figure fee at the age of 34 in December 1954 from Tranmere Rovers. He made his debut in a 1-0 win over Bristol Rovers and scored his first goal v. Doncaster a month later, but the highlight came over the Easter period of 1955, when he scored all our goals (two of them penalties) in a cracking 4-3 win over Liverpool - his first League club - and this after the Vale had been 3-1 down with barely 30 minutes left on the watch.

He registered another penalty in the return fixture at Anfield three days later and ended the season as our top scorer with 13 goals, having also remained at the top of Tranmere's scoring list as well! Cyril missed most of the 1955-56 season with a cracked knee-cap but he still managed 12 goals in his 18 outings and he did likewise during the club's relegation campaign of 1956-57, topping the charts with nine goals despite being hampered by injury. He was surprisingly given a free transfer at the end of that season and did not return to the Football League afterwards.

Vale League record: Apps. 52, Goals 34

DONOGHUE, PERCY A. 1922-23

A right-winger signed from Millwall in July 1922 and who made his debut on the opening day of that season - in a 1-0

home defeat by Fulham. A poor start to that campaign led to Percy being dropped after only three games and he never regained his place in the senior side, being released at the end of the season.

Vale League record: Apps. 3 goals nil

DORRELL, ARTHUR REGINALD, 1931-32



Experienced left-winger signed by the Vale from Aston Villa in July 1931 after having spent 12 years at Villa Park during which time he played in two F.A. Cup Final, collecting a winners' medal in 1920 and a loser's prize in 1924. He also won 4 caps for England, represented the Football League and netted 65 goals in 390 appearances for the claret and blues. He impressed on his Vale debut on the opening day of that 1931-32 season in a 3-1 win at Plymouth, and soon held down a regular place in the side, scoring his first goal in his fourth game: a 3-2 success at Swansea. He lost his place towards the end of the season as changes were made following a struggle against relegation, and in the summer he was released, later taking over as licensee of the Pelham Arms, in Alum Rock, Birmingham.

Born in Birmingham in 1898 Arthur attended Belper Road school (Leicester), and played his early football with Carey Hall FC, before joining Villa in 1919 after Army Service. He died in September 1942.

Vale League record: Apps. 33, Goals 4.

DOWNIE, JACK 1895-96

Right-winger signed from Blackburn Rovers in October 1895 although he made his debut for the Vale on the opposite flank and fared rather badly in an 8-2 defeat at Darwen. He switched to the right for the next game and was much more at home, scoring in a 5-4 win over Liverpool. He duly held his place in the side for the next ten matches but at the end of the season when the vale failed to win re-election Jack was released.

Vale League record: Apps. 12, goals one.



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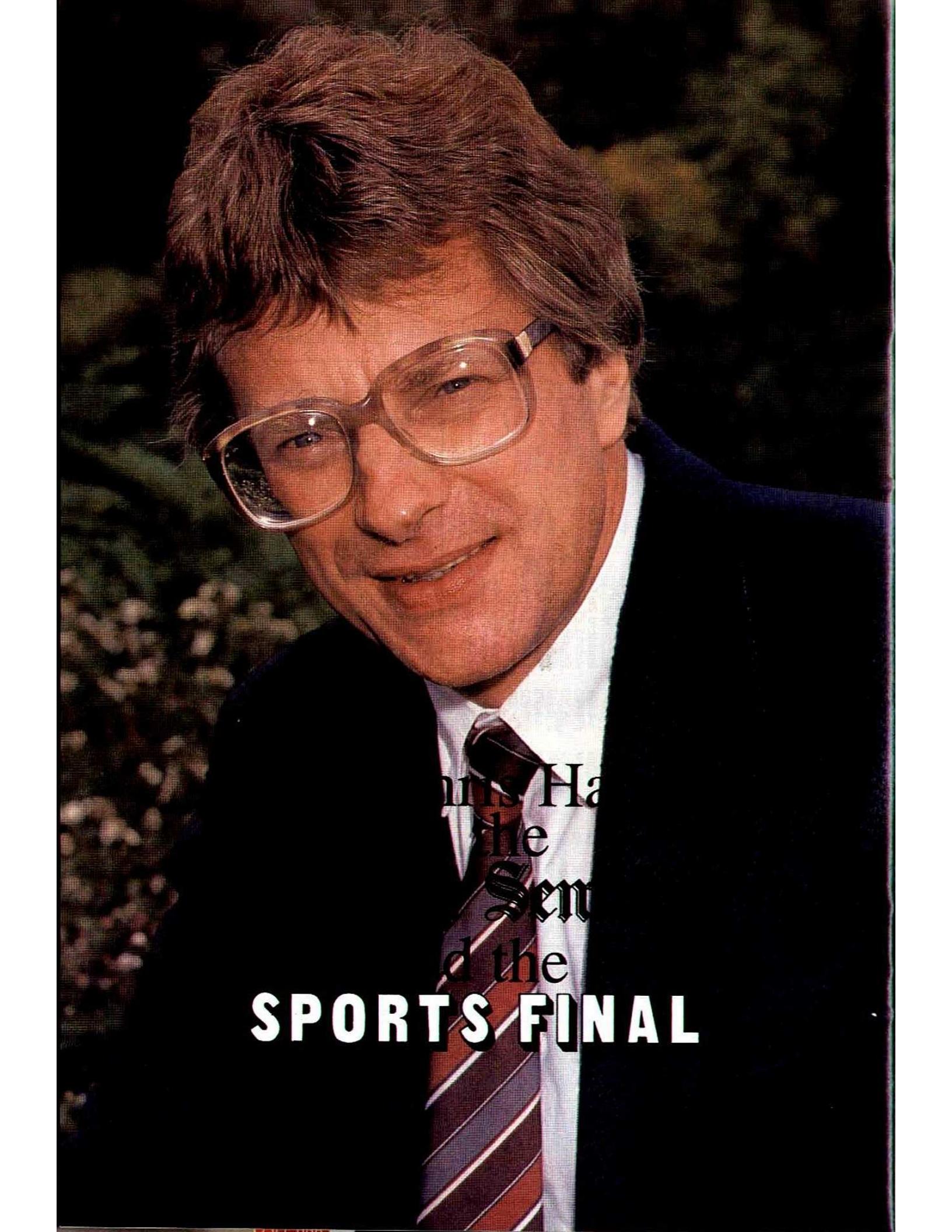
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DATE	OPPONENT	ATT	RES	PTS	POS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Aug. 25	Oxford U.	away	4,838	2-5	0	Grew	Mills	Hughes	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Ford	Earle 1	Cross	Beckford	Jeffers 1	Porter (7s)	Millar (9s)
28	Wolves	home	12,349	1-2	0	24	Wood	Hughes	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Ford	Earle 1	Cross	Beckford 1p	Jeffers	Porter (14s)	Millar (2s)
Sept. 1	Leicester C.	home	8,837	3-0	3	12	Wood	Mills	Hughes	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Ford	Cross 1	Beckford 1	Jeffers	Porter (7s)	Jepson (9s)
8	Portsmouth	away	8,835	4-2	6	9	Wood	Mills	Parkin	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Potter	Cross 1	Beckford 2	Jeffers	Ford	Jepson
15	Newcastle	home	10,025	0-1	6	15	Wood	Mills	Jeffers	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Potter	Cross	Beckford	Ford	Parkin	Jepson (11s)
17	Middlesb'.	home	7,880	3-1	9	8	Wood	Mills	Jeffers	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Potter	Cross	Beckford 2	Ford	Parkin	Jepson
22	Barnsley	away	8,533	1-1	10	10	Wood	Mills	Jeffers	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Potter	Cross	Beckford 1	Ford	Parkin	Jepson
24	Oxford U. (RC)	home	5,265	0-2	-	-	Wood	Mills	Jeffers	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Potter	Cross	Beckford	Ford	Parkin	Jepson (8s)
29	Hull City	away	5,185	2-3	10	13	Wood	Mills	Gibson 1	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Potter	Cross 1	Beckford	Jeffers	Parkin	Jepson
Oct. 1	Notts Co.	home	7,723	0-1	10	13	Wood	Mills	Gibson	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Potter	Cross	Beckford	Jeffers	Ford (3s)	Jepson
6	Charlton A.	home	6,706	1-1	11	14	Wood	Mills	Gibson	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Potter	Cross	Beckford 1	Jeffers	Ford (3s)	Jepson
10	Oxford U. (RC)	away	2,303	0-0	-	-	Wood	Mills	Hughes	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Ford	Cross 1	Beckford	Jeffers	Cross (10s)	Parkin
13	Ipswich T.	away	10,369	0-3	11	14	Wood	Mills	Hughes	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Ford	Cross	Beckford	Ford	Cross (9s)	Gibson (11s)
20	Sheff. Wed.	away	24,527	1-1	12	15	Wood	Mills	Hughes	Walker	Aspin	Parkin	Ford	Cross	Beckford 1	Jeffers	Ford	Jepson
22	Wals. Brom.	home	8,824	1-2	12	19	Wood	Mills	Hughes	Walker 1p	Aspin	Parkin	Ford	Cross	Beckford	Jeffers	Ford	Jepson
27	Bristol City	home	7,451	3-2	15	19	Wood	Mills	Hughes	Walker 2,1p	Aspin	Parkin	Glover	Cross 1	Beckford 1	Jeffers	Cross (3s)	Ford
Nov. 3	Swindon T.	away	7,714	2-1	16	15	Wood	Mills	Hughes	Walker	Aspin	Parkin	Glover	Cross	Ford 1	Jeffers	Cross (4s)	Jepson (10s)
10	Bristol Rov.	away	5,661	0-2	16	18	Wood	Mills	Hughes	Walker	Aspin	Parkin	Glover	Cross	Ford	Jeffers	Cross (8s)	Millar
17	Oldham A.	home	11,384	1-0	21	18	Wood	Mills	Hughes	Walker	Aspin	Parkin	Glover	Cross 1	Beckford	Jeffers	Ford (3s)	Millar
20	Notts County (ZDS)	away	2,320	0-1	-	-	Wood	Mills	Jeffers	Walker	Aspin	Parkin	Glover	Cross	Gibson 1	Jeffers	Ford	Webb (8s)
23	Blackburn R.	away	8,061	1-1	22	14	Wood	Mills	Agboola	Walker 1p	Aspin	Parkin	Glover	Cross	Beckford	Jeffers	Beckford	Jepson
Dec. 1	Plymouth A.	home	6,717	5-1	25	11	Wood	Mills	Agboola	Walker 1	Aspin	Parkin	Glover	Cross	Ford 1	Jeffers	Ford	Millar
15	Oxford U.	home	5,953	1-0	28	8	Wood	Mills	Agboola	Walker	Aspin	Parkin	Glover	Cross	Ford	Jeffers	Ford	Millar
22	Brighton	home	6,750	0-1	28	10	Wood	Mills	Agboola	Walker	Aspin	Parkin	Glover	Cross	Ford	Jeffers	Potter	Earle (2s)
26	Watford	away	8,084	1-2	28	12	Wood	Mills	Agboola	Walker	Parkin	Glover	Potter	Cross	Beckford	Jeffers	Ford	Gross (10s)
29	West Ham	away	23,603	0-0	29	11	Wood	Mills	Agboola	Walker	Parkin	Glover	Potter	Cross	Beckford	Jeffers	Ford	Webb
Jan. 1	Millwall	home	8,418	0-2	29	12	Wood	Mills	Agboola	Walker	Parkin	Glover	Potter	Cross	Beckford	Jeffers	Ford (7s)	Millar (9sd)
5	Peterboro' FA Cup 3	home	7,490	2-1	-	-	Wood	Mills	Webb	Walker 1p	Parkin	Glover	Ford	Cross	Beckford 1	Jeffers	Potter	Millar
12	Leicester	away	9,307	1-1	30	15	Wood	Mills	Agboola	Walker	Parkin	Glover	Potter	Cross 1	Beckford	Jeffers	Mills (10s)	Ford
19	Plymouth	home	6,314	3-2	33	14	Wood	Mills	Aspin 1	Agboola	Walker	Parkin	Glover 1	Cross	Beckford 1	Jeffers	Mills (9s)	Potter
26	Man. City FA Cup 4	home	19,132	1-2	-	-	Wood	Mills	Aspin	Platnauer	Walker	Parkin	Glover	Cross	Beckford 1	Jeffers	Potter	Beckford
Feb. 2	Newcastle	away	14,602	0-2	33	15	Wood	Mills	Platnauer	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Potter	Cross	Ford 1	Jeffers	Millar	Webb
16	Oldham Ath.	away	12,630	0-2	33	15	Wood	Mills	Platnauer	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Potter	Cross	Ford	Jeffers	Millar	Webb
23	Bristol Rov.	home	7,166	3-2	36	15	Grew	Aspin	Platnauer	Walker 1p	Parkin	Glover	Ford	Cross	Beckford 1	Jeffers	Mills (10s)	Earle (2s)
26	Wolves	away	15,919	1-3	36	15	Grew	Aspin	Platnauer	Walker	Parkin	Glover	Ford	Cross	Beckford 1	Jeffers	Mills (9s)	Webb
Mar. 2	Plymouth A.	away	5,145	0-2	36	15	Grew	Mills	Platnauer	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Potter	Cross	Beckford	Jeffers	Ford (7s)	v. d. Laan (9s)
9	Blackburn R.	home	7,004	3-0	39	18	Grew	Mills	Platnauer	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Potter	Cross	Beckford 3	Ford	Parkin	v. d. Laan (11s)
12	Notts Co.	away	6,305	1-1	40	18	Grew	Mills	Webb	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Potter	Cross	Beckford 1	Ford	Parkin	v. d. Laan (11s)
16	Hull City	home	6,105	0-0	41	15	Grew	Mills	Platnauer	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Potter	Cross	Van Der Laan	Ford	Parkin	B. Mills (10s)
18	Ipswich T.	home	5,820	1-2	41	15	Grew	Mills	Platnauer	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Potter	Cross	Van Der Laan	Ford	Parkin	v. d. Laan (11s)
23	Charlton Ath.	away	5,222	1-0	44	18	Grew	Mills	Platnauer	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Kent	Cross	Beckford	Porter	Parkin	v. d. Laan (11s)
30	Watford	home	6,661	0-0	45	15	Grew	Mills	Platnauer	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Kent	Cross	Van Der Laan	Beckford	Porter	Millar (4s)
Apr. 3	Brighton	away	9,733	2-1	48	15	Grew	Mills	Platnauer	Walker	Parkin	Glover	Kent	Cross	Beckford 1	Porter	Webb	B. Mills
6	West Ham	home	9,658	0-1	48	15	Grew	Mills	Platnauer	Walker	Parkin	Glover	Kent	Cross	Beckford 3	Porter	Webb	Aspin (11s)
9	Middlesb'	away	15,053	0-4	48	15	Grew	Mills	Platnauer	Walker	Parkin	Glover	Kent	Cross	Beckford 1	Porter	Aspin (6s)	Millar (7s)
13	Millwall	away	10,860	2-1	51	18	Grew	Mills	Platnauer	Walker	Parkin	Glover	Kent	Cross	Van Der Laan	Porter	Aspin (6s)	Hughes (3s)
15	Barnsley	home	6,939	2-1	51	18	Wood	Mills	Platnauer	Walker	Parkin	Glover	Kent	Cross	Beckford 1	Porter	Millar	Glover (3s)
27	West Brom.	away	13,650	1-2	52	19	Wood	Mills	Platnauer	Walker	Parkin	Glover	Kent	Cross	Van Der Laan	Porter	Millar	Glover
May 4	Bristol C.	away	11,555	1-1	53	18	Wood	Mills	Hughes	Walker	Parkin	Glover	Kent	Cross	Van Der Laan 1	Beckford 1	Porter	Webb
6	Sheff. Wed.	home	13,317	1-1	54	19	Wood	Mills	Hughes	Walker	Aspin	Glover	Kent	Cross	Van Der Laan 1	Beckford 1	Porter	Webb
11	Swindon T.	home													Van Der Laan	Beckford	Porter	B. Mills

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION 2 FACTS & FIGURES

Up to and including 8th May 1991

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Aggregate	Average	Leading League scorers
West Ham	45	15	6	140	16	9	9	5	19	16	87	485,179	22,054	Morley 12, MacAvennie 10.	
Oldham Athletic	45	16	5	152	19	8	7	28	32	85	285,565	12,980	Marshall 16, Ritchie 15.		
Sheffield Wed.	45	12	10	143	23	10	6	6	35	25	82	611,396	26,582	Hirst 23, Williams 15.	
Notts County	45	14	4	5	45	28	8	7	7	29	26	186,972	8,129	Johnson 16, Regis 14.	
Millwall	45	10	6	6	41	27	9	7	7	27	23	70	239,082	10,867	Sheringham 32, Rae 9, Allen 7.
Middlesbrough	45	12	4	7	36	17	8	5	9	30	28	69	392,388	17,169	Slaven 16, Baird 13.
Brighton & H.A.	45	11	4	7	35	30	9	3	11	26	38	67	180,606	8,209	Small 14, Codner 9.
Barnsley	45	12	7	33	16	6	5	12	24	32	66	190,998	8,682	Rammell 12, Saville 12.	
Bristol City	45	14	5	4	44	28	8	5	2	21	41	64	310,787	12,898	Morgan 12, Taylor 11.
Oxford United	45	10	9	4	41	29	4	10	8	28	36	61	132,665	5,703	Simpson 17, Foyl 10.
Newcastle Utd	45	8	10	4	23	20	6	7	10	25	34	59	364,232	16,556	Quinn 17, Peacock 6.
Bristol Rovers	45	11	6	5	28	19	4	6	13	27	39	57	128,931	5,861	Saunders 15, White 11, Mehew 8.
Ipswich Town	45	9	8	6	32	28	4	10	8	27	38	57	271,632	11,824	Kiowomya 9, Milton 6.
Charlton Athletic	45	8	7	8	27	25	5	10	7	30	34	56	149,248	6,177	Lee 13, Dyer 7.
Wolves	45	10	6	6	42	34	2	13	8	18	28	55	352,621	16,028	Bull 26, Mutch 9.
Port Vale	45	9	4	9	29	23	5	8	10	24	40	54	178,004	8,091	Beckford 21, Earle 10, Walker 6.
Portsmouth	45	10	6	7	34	27	4	5	13	23	40	53	222,887	9,685	Kuhl 13, Clarke 12, Whittingham 12.
Blackburn Rovers	45	8	6	9	26	27	6	4	12	24	37	52	186,160	8,063	Stapleton 10, Livingstone 9.
Watford	45	5	8	9	22	29	7	7	9	21	27	51	207,163	9,417	Wilkinson 16, Penrice 5.
Swindon Town	45	8	6	9	31	30	4	8	10	33	40	50	215,698	9,378	Shearer 22, White 9.
Plymouth Argyle	45	9	10	3	34	20	2	7	14	18	48	50	150,733	6,852	Turner 13, Thomas 6.
West Brom.	45	7	11	5	26	21	3	6	13	25	39	47	271,994	11,826	Bannister 13.
Leicester City	45	11	4	7	40	33	2	4	17	19	50	47	246,545	11,207	Kelly 14, Oldfield 7, Russell 7.
Hull City	45	6	10	7	35	32	3	5	14	20	52	42	141,765	5,994	Payton 24, Swan 12, Palin 6.

A close-up portrait of a man with light brown hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit and a striped tie. He is smiling and looking slightly to the right. Behind him is a dark, out-of-focus background with a floral wreath on the left.

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"SHACKS" HITS SIX ON DEBUT

This afternoon Tony Matthews looks back some 45 years - to the first season of League competition following World War Two, when Newcastle United slammed Welsh club Newport County 13-0 in a Second Division match.

He also takes a closer look at one man who scored a double-hat-trick in that same fixture.

Yes, Newcastle's annihilation of poor old Newport at St. James's Park, on 5th October, 1946, will be remembered by those who saw the action, as the 'Len Shackleton Show.'

The legendary England inside-forward was making his debut for the Geordies after his £13,000 transfer from Bradford Park Avenue.

Roy Bentley, the future Chelsea and England player, who lined up alongside Shackleton in that game, said: "Len did everything that day. He had bedraggled Newport running all over the place. He even played a one-two with the ball off a corner flag; sold umpteen dummies; took practically all the free-kicks inside the Newport half of the field - and to crown it all he scored six superb goals."

The other seven goals were claimed by three players.

Bentley got one himself; Charlie Wayman, who was later to play for Southampton and Preston North End, netted four and the late, great Jackie Milburn weighed in with a

couple, one a quite stunning right-foot drive from 25 yards which almost tore a gaping hole in the County net, as Newcastle, led superbly from the back by Joe Harvey, savaged an outclassed Newport side which managed just two efforts on goal all afternoon.

Bentley went on: "Shacks was a genius - a terrific dribbler, an artist who could make the ball talk, I sure of that!

He was in brilliant form against luckless Newport - and reports indicate that he also had a big say in four of the other seven goals secured that day in 1946.

Yet Shackleton usually made more goals than he scored, but on that cold October day 45 years ago he was simply magic inside the penalty area - and indeed, he might well have knocked in another two or three. He once bent the crossbar with a snorter from 20 yards and a neat header scraped a post.

From this day on he could do no wrong in the eyes of the avid Newcastle supporters.

He became God to them after this magnificent performance and reports indicate that when he left St. James's Park - for nearby Sunderland for a meagre £20,050 in February 1948, there was almost a Civil War in the North-East between rival fans!

Shackleton, born in Bradford 69 years ago this last week, had trials with

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Arsenal as a youngster but was rejected by Highbury officials who said: "...he lacked height and ability."

But he buckled down to do what he enjoyed most of all, playing football, and he became a great star, keeping his strength up by drinking plenty of milk.

'Shacks' - affectionately known as the 'Clown Prince of Soccer' - scored four goals in seven League games for Park Avenue and added 26 in 57 outings for Newcastle before making that move to Roker Park.

He went from strength to strength after that - and gained five full England caps, one a 'B' team level and also represented the Football League as well as scoring 98 goals in 320 games for Sunderland.

After retiring from the game he went into journalism, first with the Daily Express and later with the People.

He was a great character - both on and off the field - and in his autobiography he dedicated one page (purposefully left blank) to the Director, clearly indicating that this is what the basic football director knows about the game!

As for Len himself, he knew and learned an awful lot - a superb player, marvellous entertainer, a sportsman and a genius, who was perhaps a shade unlucky to have to battle it out with so many other talented inside-forwards for a place in the England team on a regular basis during the late 1940's and 50's.



TODAY'S

Team Check

Port Vale

White shirts, black shorts.

TREVOR WOOD - Made one quite brilliant save on Monday

SIMON MILLS - Now past the 170 appearance mark for Vale

DARREN HUGHES - Is now back to full fitness - and in form

RAY WALKER - The skipper has had an outstanding season

NEIL ASPIN - Did very well on Monday against hot-shot Hirst

DEAN GLOVER - Now back to his best in the No.6 shirt

KEVIN KENT - Can he end the season with a goal?

ROBBIE EARLE - On target in each of the last three games.

ROBIN van der LAAN - He's due for another 'home' goal

DARREN BECKFORD Vale's top marksman yet again

ANDY PORTER - Played his 100th full game for Vale at Bristol

TIM PARKIN - Ever reliable defender and oldest player at the Vale

BRIAN MILLS - Keen to get another outing under his belt

Referee:- Mr. R. L. Bigger (Forest Dale, Croydon)

Reserve Mr. A.G. Wiley

Official:- (Chase Terrace, Walsall).



Swindon Town

Red shirts, white shorts

1 NICKY HAMMOND - Former apprentice with Arsenal.

2 DAVID KERSLAKE - Cost Town £110,000 from Q.P.R. in 1989.

3 ADRIAN VIVEASH - Made his debut for Town last October

4 MICKEY HAZARD - Eager-beaver play-maker in midfield.

5 NESTOR LORENZO - Argentinian international.

6 COLIN CALDERWOOD - Swindon's popular skipper.

7 TOM JONES - Can make the ball 'sing' in midfield.

8 DUNCAN SHEARER - Swindon's hot-shot striker in tip-top form.

9 PAUL RIDEOUT - Spent three years in Italy with Bari.

10 ROSS MacLAREN - Tireless midfield graftier, ex Derby player.

11 STEVE FOLEY - Spent four years at Anfield without making 1st XI.

12 STEVE WHITE - Evergreen striker with a cracking goals tally.

14 FITZROY SIMPSON - Former trainee, debut lasted 30 seconds.

Match Officials

Linesmen:-



Mr. R. Ingham



Mr. M. Singh

This afternoon's mascots are Matthew Porritt (left) aged 9 and his brother David, aged 13, from Heaton Terrace, Porthill. Matthew attends Ellison Primary school, Wolstanton; his favourite players are Porter, Earle and Millar and he likes cross country running and football. David goes to Wolstanton High School; his favourites are Aspin, Earle and Glover and he likes swimming, darts and football. Both lads are season ticket holders at Vale Park.



Half Time Scoreboard

1 - Barnsley v. Middlesbrough	12 - Arsenal v. Coventry C.
2 - Brighton v. Ipswich Town	13 - Aston Villa v. Chelsea
3 - Bristol Rovers v. W.B.A.	14 - C. Palace v. Manch. Utd.
4 - Leicester C. v. Oxford Utd.	15 - Liverpool v. Tottenham
5 - Millwall v. Blackburn Rov.	16 - Luton Town v. Derby Co.
6 - Newcastle v. Hull City	17 - Manch. City v. Sunderland
7 - Oldham Ath. v. Sheff.Wed.	18 - Nott. Forest v. Leeds Utd.
8 - Plymouth A. v. Charlton A.	19 - Q.P.R. v. Everton
9 - Watford v. Bristol City	20 - Sheff. Utd. v. Norwich City
10 - West Ham v. Notts County	21 - Southampton v. Wimbledon
11 - Wolves v. Portsmouth	22 - Reading v. Stoke City

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