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Famous Names Attend Ceremony

FAMOUS Boro players from the past and present attended a special sod-cutting ceremony at the site of the club's new stadium yesterday.

Wilf Mannion and George Hardwick, two of the greatest players of the past, joined Jamie Pollock and Alan Moore, two big hopes for the future, in the ceremony to officially launch construction work on the site.

Other VIPs at the event included Club Chairman Steve Gibson, Director George Cooke, manager Bryan Robson, and Mike Laycock, Chairman of new stadium contractors, Taylor Woodrow Construction Northern.

More details about the ceremony will appear in Tuesday's matchday magazine.

Go for it, Miller urges Collett

YOUNG Boro goalkeeper Andy Collett has received words of encouragement from fellow shot-stopper Alan Miller.

The 22-year-old made his debut on loan to Bristol Rovers last Saturday, and Miller remarked: "I'd urge Andy to really go for it during his time there.



"During my Arsenal days, I had three loan spells, with Plymouth, Birmingham and WBA, and enjoyed every one of them," he added. "It's a great chance to gain a bit of experience and see different tactics."

Boro boss Bryan Robson circulated Collett's name for a loan spell to give him first team experience as his chances were limited at Ayresome Park where he faced challenges from Miller, Steve Pears and Ben Roberts.

What the Papers Said

...about Boro's cup defeat at Aston Villa:
"The football that Robson has coached into Middlesbrough in his few months in charge at times outplayed Premiership Villa..."

- Daily Express.

"There was much to admire in Boro's early movement, with John Hendrie forcing the home defence on the back foot..." - Northern Echo.

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Robbo!

TODAY'S match is the first of two important league games at Ayresome Park from which I will be looking for Boro to pick up a maximum six points.

I fully expect both today's opposition, Swindon, and Tuesday night's visitors, Oldham, to be up there in the promotion pack at the end of the season, but it is important that we get back on the winning trail after a few disappointing results.

I know some people will already be saying "Here we go again - another good start coming to nothing," but I hope the majority of fans will not have that attitude. The fact remains that we have been unlucky both with injuries to key players and with the chances we have had in front of goal.

There is no way I could fault our performances against Tranmere and Portsmouth and yet we came away with just one point out of six. But we created a string of chances in both games and could easily have won both by three or four-nil.

The law of averages tells you that, so long as we keep creating chances, sooner or later the goals will start going in. However, I'm fully aware that we can't blame luck every time and the lads are ready to knuckle down for a win today.

Swindon are a good side with some very good players, with their Norwegian striker Jan-Aage Fjortoft the man




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“ If we keep creating the chances the goals will start to come... ”



who stands out. He did well in the Premiership last season and has made a good start this time around so Steve Vickers and Derek Whyte will need to keep an eye on him.

On paper, the game is potentially a high-scoring affair, but then we also said that of last week's match at Portsmouth but that one finished goalless!

THE midweek Coca-Cola Cup defeat at Aston Villa had both positive and disappointing aspects to it. Until Andy Townsend scored what proved to be the match-winner, I felt we looked the better side.

It was only disappointing that we lost the game through the referee's failure to spot the foul on Alan Miller immediately before Villa scored. I have watched the incident on video and Alan was definitely fouled.

In retrospect, we played some very good football and I was pleased with our overall performance. I certainly think we deserved to bring them back to Ayresome Park for a replay, but we now know that we are close to being good enough for the Premiership. We simply have a few aspects of our game to work on.

A BIG doubt for today's game is John Hendrie, who picked up a thigh strain in the Villa match. Also out is Jaime Moreno, who has joined Nigel Pearson, Robbie Mustoe, Chris Morris and myself on the injury list.

More positively, Steve Pears has regained fitness after missing the Villa and Portsmouth games and will be on the substitutes bench today.

Bryan Robson



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BRYAN ROBSON *Speaks out!*

LOCAL HERO



Middlesbrough's Peter Gilchrist received a great ovation from over 18,000 Boro fans after winning the World Professional Billiards Championship. The 26-year-old is pictured with his trophy during the half-time interval of Boro's game against Tranmere. *Picture: Brian Spencer.*

FOOTBALL FANTASY

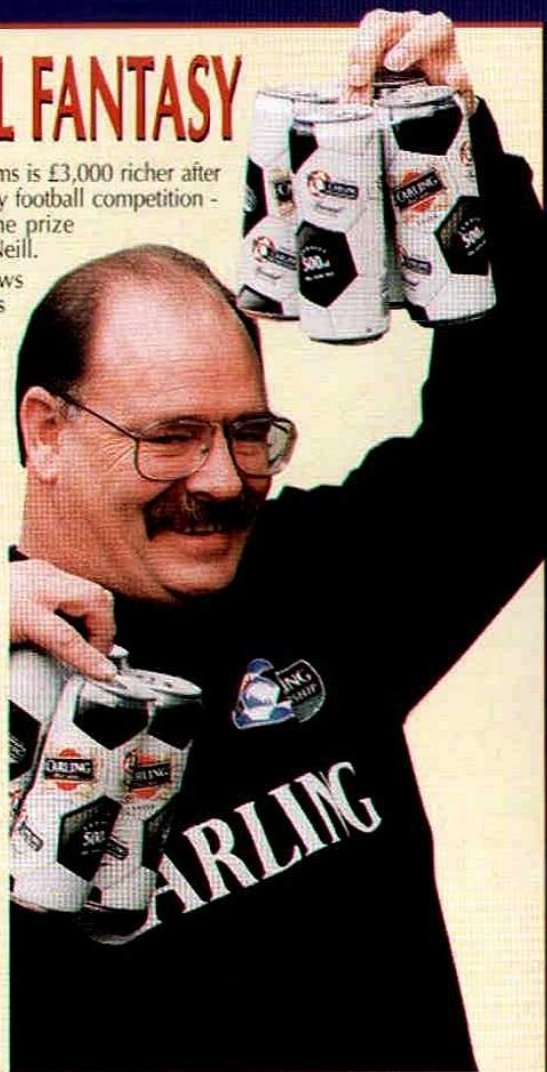
BORO fan Eric Williams is £3,000 richer after winning a top fantasy football competition - and he is sharing the prize with best pal Michael O'Neill.

The win is great news for Eric and Michael as both have been forced to give up work after serious accidents.

Having shared the bad times together, the pair thought it only right to share the good. "Michael and I have been friends for about 20 years and we agreed to share the money if either of us won," explained Eric.

They entered the Carling/News of the World 'Match Winners' competition with gamecards issued in their local with every pint of Carling Black Label lager. Eric's winning team included the likes of Matthew Le Tissier, John Scales, Phil Babb and Les Ferdinand.

Eric, who lives in Normanby, is spending his share of the prize money on a new central heating system.



● **CHEERS!** Boro fan Eric Williams toasts his fantasy football success.

JAMIE Pollock's stirring performances at the heart of Boro's midfield have inspired Boro fan Paul Davies to name his newly born son after the young midfielder.

Nuneaton-based Paul said of little Jamie: "You can rest assured that as soon as he is big enough he will be wearing the Boro colours and feeling as proud as his dad!"

Explaining his decision, he added: "As a life-long Boro supporter, I have watched Jamie come into the team and work his way up. I have always admired talent and he has plenty of it."

Delighted Jamie senior said: "It's the first time a fan has done anything like this. I am really chuffed!"

PAUL Wilkinson has added his voice to the ever louder calls to give his strike partner John Hendrie his first Scotland cap.

Even at 31, Hendrie would fully deserve a belated international call-up but Scotland boss Craig Brown prefers to stick with the likes of Portsmouth's Gerry Creaney and Aberdeen's Scott Booth.

The winger-turned-striker finds it all a bit bemusing, but friend and fellow goal-getter Wilko insists: "John should be in the Scotland team. It's incredible that he hasn't been called up but I think there's still a chance."

YOUNG Boro supporters became radio commentators for the day when goalkeeper Stephen Pears held a Family Fun Day recently as part of his testimonial celebrations.

Radio Cleveland duo Alistair Brownlee and Gordon Cox gave the youngsters a chance to commentate on Boro action.

Another attraction was an autograph signing session by Boro stars like Jaime Moreno, Jamie Pollock and John Hendrie. Many fans also had their photographs taken with their heroes.

Next event to be held as part of Pears' testimonial season will be a sportsmen's dinner at the Ladle Hotel on Sunday November 20, reception 7pm for 7.30pm.

Former Manchester United manager Wilf McGuinness will be guest speaker, supported by Lancashire comedian Mike King.

Bryan Robson says: "Wilf McGuinness, in my opinion is one of the best speakers in the country, while Mike King is a class act. I am sure Boro fans would enjoy them."

Tickets, at £25, are available from Andrew Gunn, c/o Teesside Insurance Consultants, 329 Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough, TS5 6AA. Tel. 820820.

The testimonial committee for Pears is organising a big game at the end of the season though the opposition is yet to be arranged.



A FAMOUS face in the Ayresome Park crowd at Boro's unlucky home defeat to Tranmere was Blackburn boss Kenny Dalglish. The former Liverpool and Scotland star took in the Boro match before travelling up to Newcastle for Blackburn's clash against Kevin Keegan's boys the following day.

THEY SAID IT ON BORO LIVEWIRE

"Middlesbrough are a high profile club now and we're doing well. If I'm doing well enough at left-back I'm sure Jack Charlton would select me..." - **Curtis Fleming on his chances of an Ireland call-up.**

"We went in after the game and thought 'How did we lose that one', but like any job you think to yourself 'it was just one of those days...' - **John Hendrie on Boro's shock home defeat to Tranmere.**

"It was a bit disappointing not to be in the team at the start of the season, but I knew I'd get the chance. Now I'm really enjoying it..." - **Robbie Mustoe.**



LION around: Roary is pictured with his good friend, The Lion King, at Teesside Leisure Park's Showcase Cinema.

The friendly feline was the star attraction for many young Boro fans who took the chance to meet and chat with him before watching the hit movie, The Lion King.

Roary, who is sponsored by the Evening Gazette, Bells Stores and the Sunday Sun, will be visiting places throughout Teesside in the near future.

YOU BORO

FORMER Boro star Bobby Thomson, a £170,000 buy from Scottish club Morton in the early 1980s, was nicknamed 'Desperate Dan' after a character in the 'Beano' comic.

The midfielder was so rugged and mean looking that one opponent remarked: "It wouldn't surprise me if, like Desperate Dan, he shaved with a blow torch!"

BELIEVE IT!

EXILED Boro fans who live in the Midlands have the chance to start up their own branch of the Middlesbrough fan club.

Tamworth-based Brian Putson foresees a situation where organised travel can be arranged while the group may also have regular meetings.

Anyone interested can write to: Brian Putson, 114 Summerfield Road, Bolehall, Tamworth, Staffordshire. B77 3PG.

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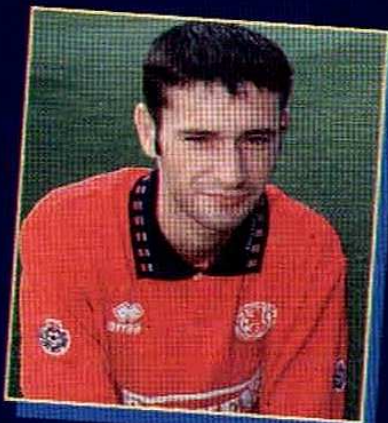


Boro Roll Call

Player/birthplace/ Birthdate	Previous Clubs	1994-1995		Boro		Career	
		Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
VIV ANDERSON Nottingham 29.8.56	Notts Forest, Arsenal, Man Utd, Sheff. Wed, Barnsley	-	-	-	-	592	37
MICHAEL BARRON Chester-le-street 22-12-74		2	-	6	-	2	19
CLAYTON BLACKMORE Neath 23-9-64	Manchester United	11	2	11	2	197	21
NEIL COX Scunthorpe 8-10-71	Scunthorpe, Aston Villa	13	-	13	-	66	6
CURTIS FLEMING Manchester 08-10-68	St. Patricks	4	-	21	-	72	4
JOHN HENDRIE Lennoxtown 24-10-63	Coventry, Hereford (loan), Bradford, Newcastle, Leeds	13	6	152	35	21	1
CRAIG HIGNEY Whiston 12-01-70	Liverpool, Crewe Alexandra	8	1	58	10	179	52
IAN JOHNSON Sunderland 1-9-75		-	-	2	-	56	21
GRAHAM KAVANAGH Dublin 02-12-73	Darlington (loan)	1	-	19	2	2	-
CRAIG LIDDLE Chester-le-Street 21.10.71		2	-	12	1	12	1
ALAN MOORE Dublin 25-11-74		1	-	1	-	1	-
JAIME MORENO Bolivia 19.1.74	FC Blooming	9	1	52	12	52	12
CHRIS MORRIS Newquay 24-12-63	Sheffield Wed Celtic	2	1	11	2	11	2
ROBBIE MUSTOE Oxford 28-08-68	Oxford United	3	-	3	-	3	-
PAUL NORTON 15.10.75		3	1	3	1	3	1
NIGEL PEARSON Nottingham 21-8-63	Heanor, Shrewsbury, Sheffield Wed	-	-	39	1	276	10
JAMIE POLLOCK Stockton 16-2-74		3	-	11	-	80	2
BRYAN ROBSON Witton Gilbert 11-1-57	WBA, Manchester United	7	1	140	10	231	20
PHILIP STAMP Middlesbrough 12-12-75		3	-	42	7	59	9
MARK TAYLOR Saltburn 8-11-74		-	-	1	-	1	-
ANDY TODD Derby 21-9-74		7	1	7	1	340	20
STEVE VICKERS Bp Auckland 13-10-67	Spennymoor, Tranmere	-	-	7	-	76	7
DEREK WHYTE Glasgow 31-08-68	Celtic	13	1	95	12	95	12
PAUL WILKINSON Louth 30-10-64	Grimsby, Everton, Notts Forest, Watford	4	1	26	1	26	1
TOMMY WRIGHT Fife 10-01-66	Leeds, Oldham, Leicester	7	-	7	-	549	113
		5	-	7	-	157	32

Key to information: top-line - League games; bottom line cup and play off games. Figures refer to English and Scottish Leagues only

Player/birthplace/ Birthdate	Previous Clubs	1994-1995		Boro		Career	
		Apps	Goals conceded	Apps	Goals conceded	Apps	Goals conceded
ANDY COLLETT Middlesbrough 04-07-72	Bristol Rovers (loan)	1	-	2	5	3	5
ALAN MILLER Epping 29.3.70	Arsenal, Plymouth (loan), WBA (loan), Birmingham (loan)	9	5	3	6	3	6
STEPHEN PEARS Brandon 22-01-62	Manchester United	2	-	9	5	48	51
BEN ROBERTS Bishop Auckland 22-6-75		3	3	2	-	4	5
		5	8	339	363	343	366
		3	3	88	92	89	93
		-	-	-	-	-	-



● Alan Moore: made midweek comeback at Villa



● Andy Todd: first league game of the season at Portsmouth



● John Hendrie: 500th league and cup appearance today.

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JUNIOR news

YOUNG Boro fans are queuing up to be one of the first to join Roary in his new official club.

Already, Roary has received over 100 letters from Boro supporters throughout the North-East and beyond who are keen to join the Roary set.

Bryan Robson will be the Honorary President of the Roary Club which will have two sections - the Roary Cubs for the under-fives and the Roary Kids for those aged between six and 16.

All members of the new club will receive a regular newsletter with all the inside information on Boro and exclusive competitions to meet your favourite player.

Members will also qualify for discounts from the Club Shop, a certificate signed personally by Robbo, a gift from the club and an exclusive metal Roary badge.

Roary will be announcing details of his new club very soon, but if you want to make sure of your membership please write to: Diane Angus, Roary Club Secretary, Middlesbrough Football Club, Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough, TS1 4PB.

Please remember to state your name, age and address.



● ROARY the lion is pictured with his helpers at Ayresome Park. Now young Boro fans can join the friendly feline in his own club.

WIN BORO TICKETS

BORO fans have another great chance to win two free tickets for a forthcoming game at Ayresome Park.

Simply answer these three simple questions, and send your answers to The Programme Editor, Middlesbrough Football Club, Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough, TS1 4PB, stating your name, address and telephone number. Entries must reach us by November 11 1994.

1. Which Scottish team did Boro beat 3-1 in a pre-season friendly at Ayresome Park.
2. What is the name of Boro's new official magazine?
3. What is the number of Boro Livewire, the club's official news service?

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WINNER of the last Boro quiz was young Ayresome regular Andrew Mitchell, whose name was first out of the hat after correctly answering three Boro questions. His prize was two tickets for Boro's game against Oldham.

The correct answers were: 1. Boro sold Alan Foggon to MANCHESTER UNITED, 2. Boro manager before Lennie Lawrence was COLIN TODD, 3. Boro's new mascot is ROARY.



ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	For	Agn
1	WOLVES	13	6	1	0	17	5	2	2	2	8	8	27	25	13
2	READING	13	4	2	1	8	2	3	1	2	9	6	24	17	8
3	BORO	13	4	1	1	10	4	3	2	2	7	8	24	17	12
4	TRANMERE	13	6	0	0	16	7	1	2	4	4	10	23	20	17
5	SWINDON	13	5	3	0	13	7	1	0	4	7	10	21	20	17
6	CHARLTON	13	3	2	2	12	9	2	2	2	11	12	19	23	21
7	LUTON	13	1	2	3	8	9	4	2	1	12	8	19	20	17
8	SUNDERLAND	13	1	4	1	6	5	3	3	1	8	4	19	14	9
9	STOKE CITY	13	4	0	2	13	7	1	3	3	4	13	18	17	20
10	SOUTHEND	13	4	0	2	7	6	1	3	3	7	16	18	14	22
11	GRIMSBY	13	4	2	1	13	6	0	3	3	7	10	17	20	16
12	BOLTON	13	3	2	1	9	5	1	3	3	11	12	17	20	17
13	OLDHAM	13	4	1	2	13	9	1	1	4	7	11	17	20	20
14	PORTSMOUTH	13	2	3	2	9	10	2	2	2	7	7	17	16	17
15	WATFORD	13	3	3	1	12	9	1	2	3	3	8	17	15	17
16	BARNSELY	13	3	3	1	7	5	1	2	3	4	7	17	11	12
17	SHEFF LTD	13	3	2	2	10	7	1	2	3	4	5	16	14	12
18	DERBY COUNTY	13	3	2	1	8	4	1	2	4	5	9	16	13	13
19	PORT VALE	13	3	1	3	8	9	1	2	3	6	10	15	14	19
20	BRISTOL CITY	13	2	2	2	3	4	2	1	4	7	8	15	10	12
21	BURNLEY	13	0	4	2	5	7	3	1	3	6	9	14	11	16
22	MILLWALL	12	2	3	1	12	8	0	3	4	5	12	12	17	20
23	WEST BROM	13	2	1	2	4	6	0	3	5	6	16	10	10	22
24	NOTTS COUNTY	13	0	4	3	7	12	1	1	4	7	11	8	14	23

Up to and including Sunday October 23rd.

RELEGATION-threatened West Bromwich Albion moved swiftly to replace the axed Keith Burkinshaw (pictured) by appointing Grimsby boss Alan Buckley as their new manager.

After six successful years with Grimsby, 43-year-old Buckley signed a three-and-a-half year deal with the Hawthorns club - during which time he vows to bring back back the good times.



"If people are prepared to work hard, a club of this stature should be challenging for a promotion place," said the former Walsall and Birmingham striker, whose club held bottom position on his arrival.

He has taken Grimsby assistant Arthur Mann and youth coach Richard O'Kelly with him to WBA, but his former club are claiming £500,000 compensation.

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OUTSIDE Ayresome

ABAPTISM of fire greeted Nicky Mohan to Premiership newcomers Leicester City after his big money move from Ayresome Park.

Alan Shearer, Andy Cole, Stan Collymore and Les Ferdinand were the strikers the speedy centre-back faced in his first four Premiership games for City.

But after a tricky start, the £330,000 signing is settling in well at the heart of a quickly improving Filbert Street defence.

"I'd much rather be playing against those sort of players than coming up against less high quality strikers in lower divisions," he insists.

"It shows that you're competing against the best and pushing yourself to your limit. It was an incredible start to the season with so many top class strikers.

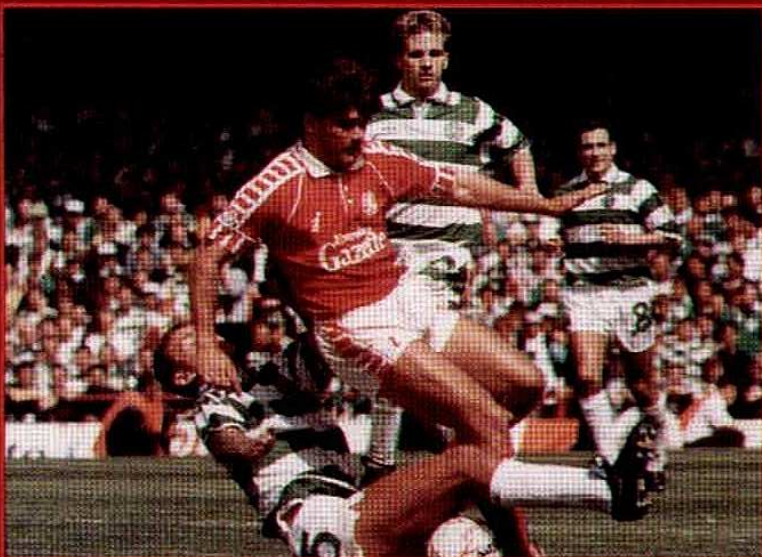
"The common factor among them all is that you can't give them even half a chance or they'll make you pay," he adds.

As if facing four of England's top shots wasn't enough, the Middlesbrough-born 24-year-old has had one or two other problems to contend with.

Mohan made a far from perfect start to his Leicester career when he scored an own goal in the first minute of his home debut against Rapid Bucharest - and was then sent off for only the second time in his career in his third league game for his new club against Nottingham Forest!



● **SOMETHING to Mohan about:** ex-Boro star Nicky.



● **CHANGING places:** Andy Payton is tackled by Tony Mowbray in Mogga's testimonial match between Boro and Celtic in 1992. Closing in is Celtic's Chris Morris, who was involved in an exchange deal with Payton shortly after the game.

DEADLY striker Andy Payton is banking on Barnsley to climb away from the First Division relegation zone.

The ex-Boro striker is keen to avoid a return to the lower division football he left behind with a £750,000 move from Hull City to Ayresome Park in November 1991.

But just three wins in their opening 10 League games left the Yorkshire club hovering perilously close to the bottom three - and with Payton struggling to find his form of old.

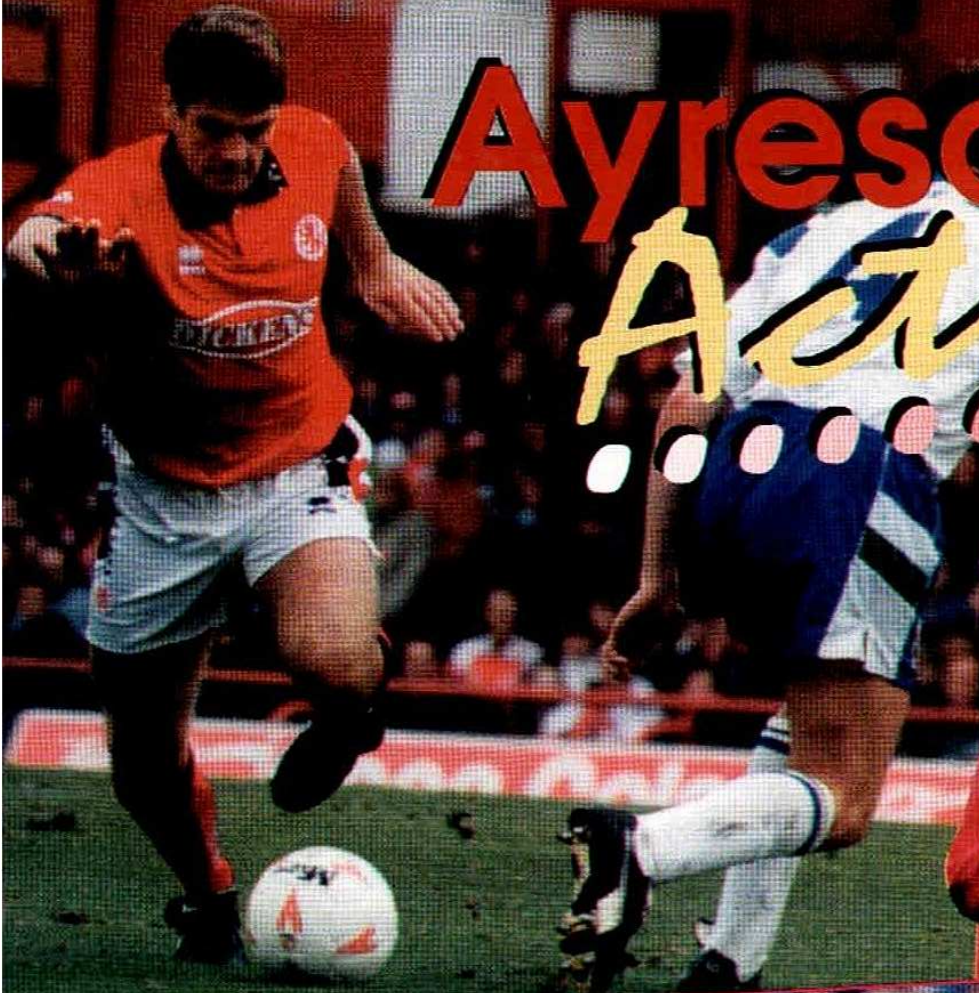
Just two League goals - strangely, both headers - represents one of the 28-year-old's worst starts to a season. All

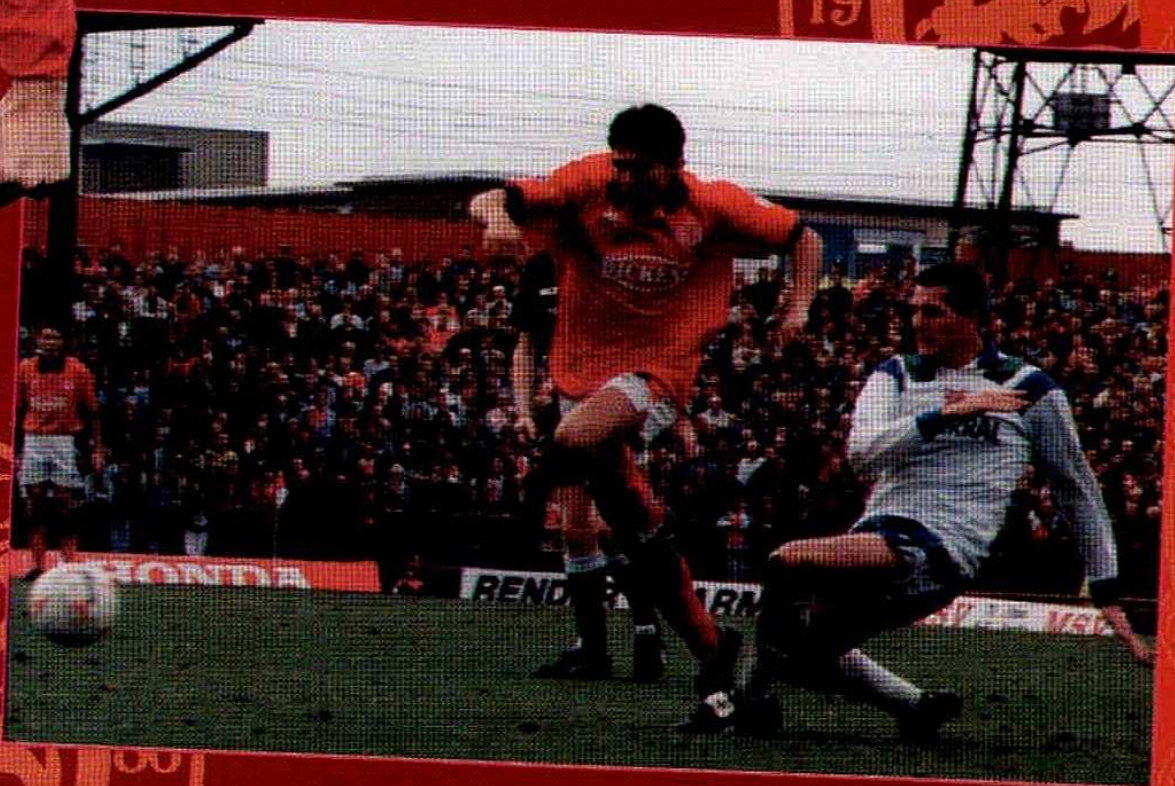
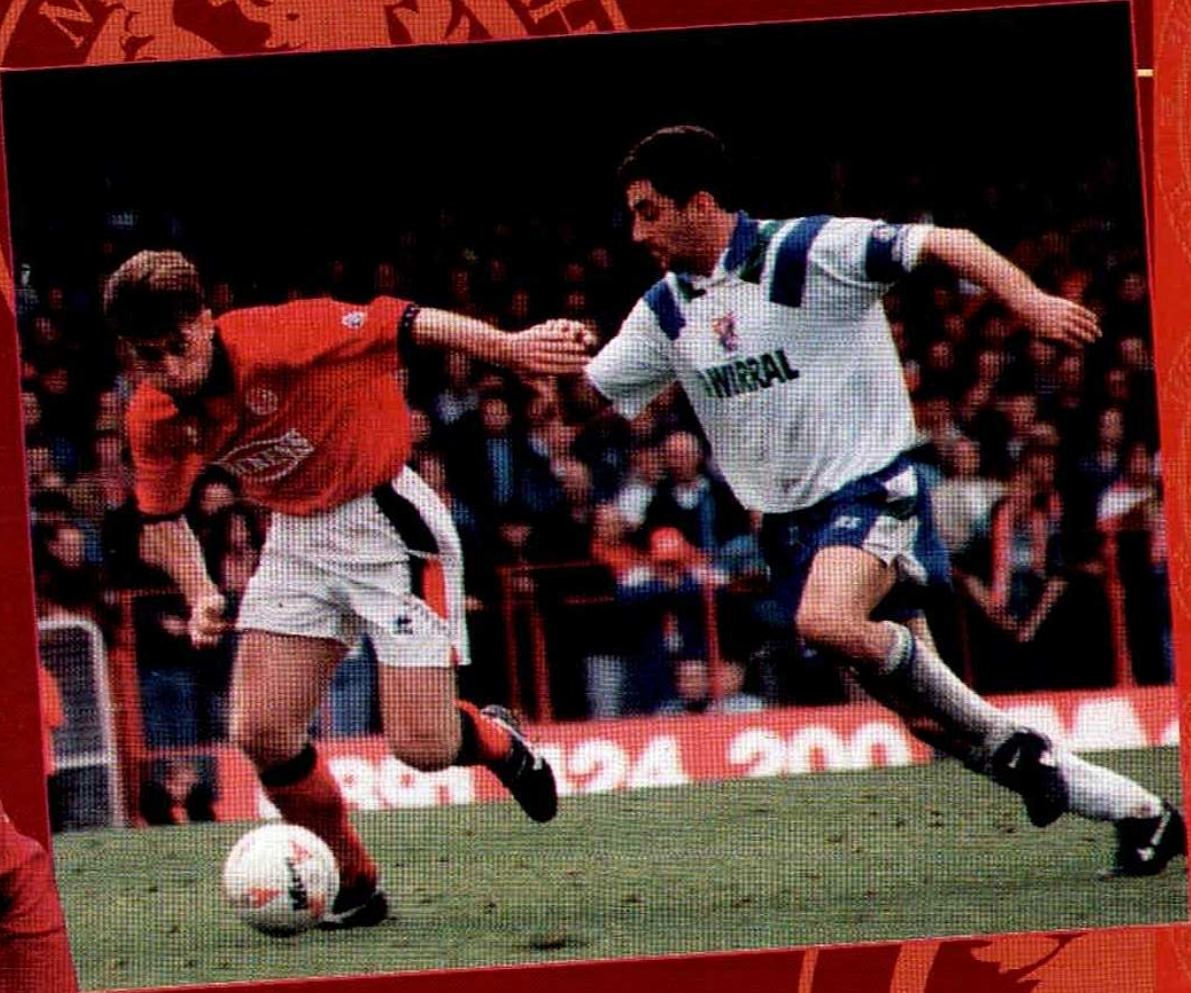
rather worrying for Barnsley boss Danny Wilson, who replaced Viv Anderson last summer.

Payton averaged a goal-a-game for Barnsley last season after leaving Celtic in a cut-price £300,000 deal due to family problems. He left Boro for Celtic during the summer of 1992 in exchange for Chris Morris.



Ayresome Action





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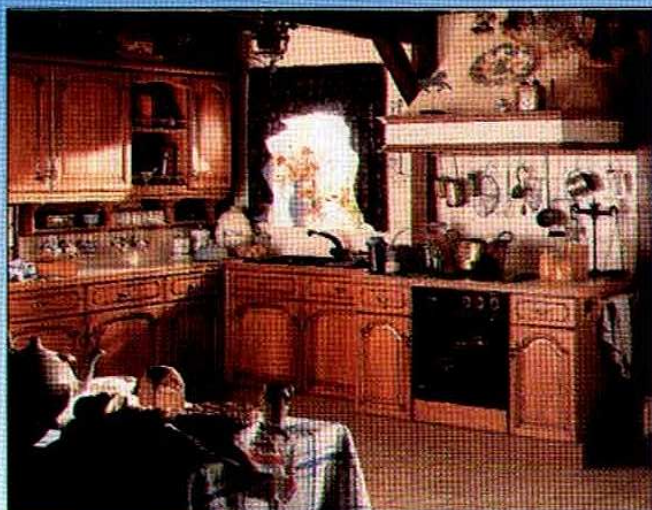
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MEL NURSE

YESTERDAY'S HEROES

- **SIGNED** by Bob Dennison in 1962, Mel Nurse become one of a number of fine centre-halves who have appeared in a Middlesbrough shirt in the past thirty years.
- **Despite playing his football outside the First Division, Nurse won many admirers during his time with Swansea, Boro and Swindon Town, collecting 12 Wales caps along the way.**
- **ADRIAN BEVINGTON** caught up with the former international, now a successful businessman back in his native Swansea...

Mel, while at Swansea you received rave reviews which put a host of top clubs on your trail, including Manchester United. Why did you move to Middlesbrough?

I'd been at Swansea for seven years, during which time I captained the Welsh under-23 side. I felt I needed to progress into the First Division. There was paper talk of different clubs tracking me, then suddenly Swansea told me I was moving to Middlesbrough, which was strange considering they were in the same division.

What of your time at Ayresome Park?

They were four fantastic years. Middlesbrough are a big club, with a big attitude, and they could not wish for a better public to follow them. In my time there, any footballer was worshipped by the fans. The North-East people are gutsy people.

So why did you move to Swindon?

Pwely for business reasons. I loved Middlesbrough and never wanted to leave, but I had a number of properties in Swansea, which were being looked after by my mother. The number was growing and I needed to be closer to them. Unfortunately, Swansea couldn't afford to buy me back, but Swindon offered the asking price. I looked at the map and decided that I could commute to Swindon while developing my business in Swansea.

You had a long international career but picked up only 12 caps. Why was that?

Unfortunately, I played in the same era as the great John Charles. Every time John was available to play, I was made 12th man - and, of course, in those days there were no substitutes.

Who was your most difficult opponent?

That has to be Brian Clough. He always had the ability to lose you. He could be quiet all match but had a knack of just popping up and notching a goal.

What was your greatest international memory?

Playing against England at Ninian Park, Cardiff, in the home international championships. I was making my full debut, while Cloughie was playing his first England game on British soil, and we were up against each other. I remember being very determined before kick-off to stop Brian scoring - and, fortunately for me, I did so. Unfortunately, Brian was never capped again.

What was the best ground you played on?

It has to be Ayresome Park. I don't know what it's like now, but in those days it had something special about its atmosphere. The pitch was absolutely fantastic, second to none in Britain.

You left Swindon and ended your league career back with Swansea. How did that happen?

Again, down to business. I found the travelling too much, so I just walked out. Swindon tried to persuade me to stay but, in the end, allowed me to sign for Swansea.

Do you have any interest in football now?

I still go down to the Vetch Field to see Swansea. In fact, I had a spell as a director. I watch games on TV and always look for Boro's result first. It's nice to see them doing so well at the moment. I hope they get promoted.



● **MEL Nurse: played for Boro and Swindon**

Do you you ever return to the North-East?

My wife and I never holiday - but we've always said that if we did, the first place we would visit is Middlesbrough.

What are you doing now?

I'm running a country hotel, while I'm also still involved in the property business.

NURSE'S BORO RECORD

Season	League		Cup	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
1962-63	32	-	3	-
1963-64	37	1	3	-
1964-65	41	6	5	1
1965-66	3	1	-	-
Total	113	8	11	1

Born: Swansea, 11.10.37. Other league career: Swansea 158 apps (9 goals), Swindon 123 apps (10 goals), Swansea 98 apps (3 goals).

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Clever Trevor's party trick



I'VE heard about some unusual drinking tricks in my time, but the one allegedly perfected by former Boro midfielder Trevor Putney is one of the most unlikely yet.

Apparently, he used to drop a pint glass but with tremendous skill and the deftest of touches, catch it delicately on his foot.

My informant neglected to tell me if the glass would be full at the time. Or whether Clever Trevor could perform the same trick with a football, for that matter...

with Mike McGeary

● MARSKE schoolteacher Gordon Douglas is concerned that tradition may have been sacrificed in the name of progress this season.

A Holgate-ender for many years, Gordon says successive Boro captains have chosen to attack that end in the second half if they won the toss.

He adds that either Boro have abandoned the policy or become very unlucky at tossing coins as, apparently, we've kicked towards the East End in the second half of every league game this season.

If that's the case, I make that seven Boro goals scored into the East End against only three towards the Holgate.

I must admit, I didn't know such a tradition existed, though I do remember Tony Mowbray saying something on the telly about the Holgate collectively sucking the ball into the net.

Well, maybe it's about time the long-suffering East Enders got a few goals anyway...



● **CLASS with a glass: Trevor Putney**

● WHILE enjoying a quiet drink at a popular Linthorpe pub one evening recently, a tall, dark-haired fellow caught my eye.

I couldn't see his face, but the mannerisms were unmistakably familiar. It couldn't be! It wasn't. Or was it? Wilko? I couldn't decide, and asked for a second opinion.

"Is it heck," said my mate completely convinced. "That's the fella who sold me my bed, and now it's broken and he's gone out of business!"

The outburst was so bizarre I had to take his word for it.

Until Paul Wilkinson came to the bar to order a pint. I've suggested my friend should take a course in refereeing...

The Dirty Dozen

Test your knowledge on Robbo's boys with this Boro quiz...

1. Who is youngest: Jamie Pollock, Alan Moore or Graham Kavanagh?
2. With which club did Tony McAndrew play football in between his two spells with Boro?
3. Terry Cochrane was a record Boro signing in 1978. How much did the club pay for him?
4. Who was Boro boss before Raich Carter?
5. Which member of the Boro squad had a spell on loan to Darlington last season?
6. Against which club did Jaime Moreno score his first goal for Boro's first team?
7. Which former Boro player is currently player-manager of Torquay United?
8. Who was Boro's top scorer in every league season from 1937 to 1949?
9. What is the number of the club's official telephone information service, Boro Livewire?
10. How many former Boro players took part in Bolton's recent 2-2 draw against Oldham?
11. Which Boro player scored on his debut for England's under-23 side against Scotland in March 1974?
12. How many goals has Derek Whyte scored for Boro?

Answers on page 29.

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AYRESOME stars of yesteryear: David Mills (back-row second left) with Boro team-mates during the 1970s.



END of an era

AWESOME

To launch a new series to commemorate Boro's last season at Ayresome Park, DAVID MILLS tells us what the stadium means to him and recalls some of his greatest memories...

Ayresome

WHEN they finally close the gates at Ayresome Park, there will be a tear in my eye.

That's inevitable really because, in terms of developing as a professional footballer, it was where I "grew up".

It is easy to remember the big games played against quality opposition like Manchester United, boasting legendary players like Bobby Charlton, George Best and my boyhood hero Denis Law.

Then there were the two games when I probably surprised a few of the supporters by scoring hat-tricks, namely a 4-1 FA Cup success over Arsenal and a 3-2 Boxing Day win over Aston Villa. I never looked on myself as an out-and-out goalscorer so scoring a hat-trick was always the icing on the cake for me.

On the other side of the coin, I'll never forget the verbal abuse delivered by supporters in "the Chicken Run" - the nickname given to the South Stand terracing area. Often, I would almost immediately be transformed into a "hero" in the eyes of the supporters in the Holgate End.

There were many humorous occasions. One I will never forget was the time when, before a big game against Liverpool, coach Jimmy Greenhalgh entered the dressing room to tell the players: "I don't want you to feel worried, lads, but I've just seen Tommy Smith

shaving in the tunnel - with a blow lamp!"

But it is the games "round the back" which remain just as vivid. These were games played by the apprentices and young pros on a concrete area situated in the north west corner of the ground, close to the Holgate End.

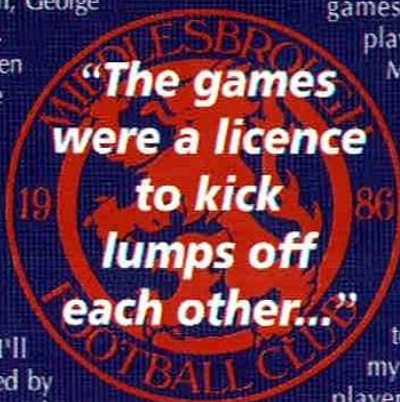
There was no referee and very few rules - in effect, a licence to "kick lumps" off each other. But those games certainly toughened you up - as players like Peter Brine, Pat Cuff, Alan Murray and Joe Laidlaw will vouch.

In more recent years, I've continued to return to Ayresome - no longer as a player but as a journalist. While I enjoy the work, my biggest challenge was in coming to terms with no longer being a footballer.

Another reason for my frequent visits to my 'second home' is as a father to my son, Andrew, one of the club's youth players. Perhaps, Andrew will be one of Boro's future stars in our new 'super stadium'.

Over the past 25 years, I've seen Ayresome Park from all angles - as a supporter on the terraces, as an apprentice, forking the pitch during the summer to earn an extra few quid, as a professional player in two spells, and from the pressbox.

The Ayresome stands will soon become vacant, but the memories will always remain.





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AFTER seven years in the shadows of big name shot-stoppers at Arsenal, it would be understandable if Alan Miller didn't fancy another fight for the goalkeeper's jersey at Ayresome Park.

But it is typical of the positive attitude running throughout the Boro squad that the Summer signing prefers to highlight the benefits to the team that comes with such competition for places.

In seven years at Highbury, Miller made a name for himself as one of the country's best young 'keepers, winning international recognition with England's under-21 side. First team appearances, however, were harder to come by, with the form of first John Lukic and then David Seaman severely restricting the opportunities for the Epping-born number one.

Impossible

Indeed, competition was such that Miller had won all four of his England under-21 caps before making his bow in the Arsenal first team. Not until he was 22 did he make his long-awaited breakthrough into first team football at Highbury, but he found dislodging England 'keeper Seaman a near impossible task.

"I rate David as the best goalkeeper in the country," says Miller. "I learnt a lot from him and I loved Arsenal. After so long with a big club like that it's hard to leave but it had got to the point where I felt if I didn't leave I would end up staying there forever.

Impressed

"My chances at Arsenal were few and far between so I'd made the decision to leave when Middlesbrough came in for me. There had been a few bits and pieces in the newspapers about other clubs supposedly being interested in me, but I was impressed by what I saw at Ayresome Park and made up my mind to join Boro very quickly."

A transfer tribunal ruling means Miller will cost Boro £425,000 once he has made 50 appearances for the club, but Bryan Robson believes he has got a bargain. "I believe Alan has the potential to go on to play for England," says the Boro boss confidently.



That's some prediction for a goalkeeper who has made just eight Premiership appearances. But Miller brought with him to Ayresome the experience of another 30 games outside the top flight, picked up during successful loan spells with Plymouth, Birmingham and WBA.

He looks back on his sojourns into the lower divisions with fondness. "I enjoyed all of my loan spells. Playing first team football, no matter what the division, bears no comparison with the reserves. The loans were great learning experiences where I got the chance to get used to the pressure of playing in front of larger crowds."

Now he is keen to win his fight with Stephen Pears for the 'keepers jersey at Ayresome Park. Fit again after a frustrating thigh strain that kept him on the sidelines for seven games, Miller says: "I knew Steve was a quality goalkeeper when I signed for Boro. Clearly, we both want to be first choice but the competition can only be a good thing for the team as a whole.

"I came here because I wanted to play first team football but the competition will keep us both on our toes. We both train together daily

Miller's Career Record

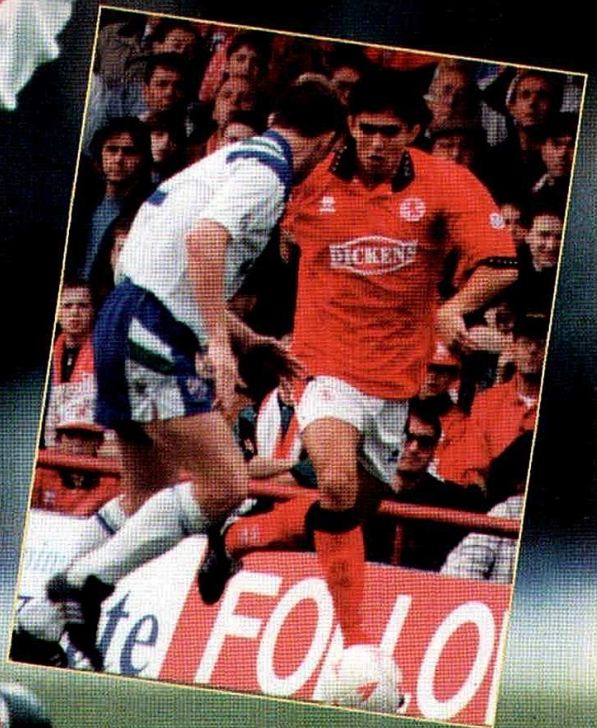
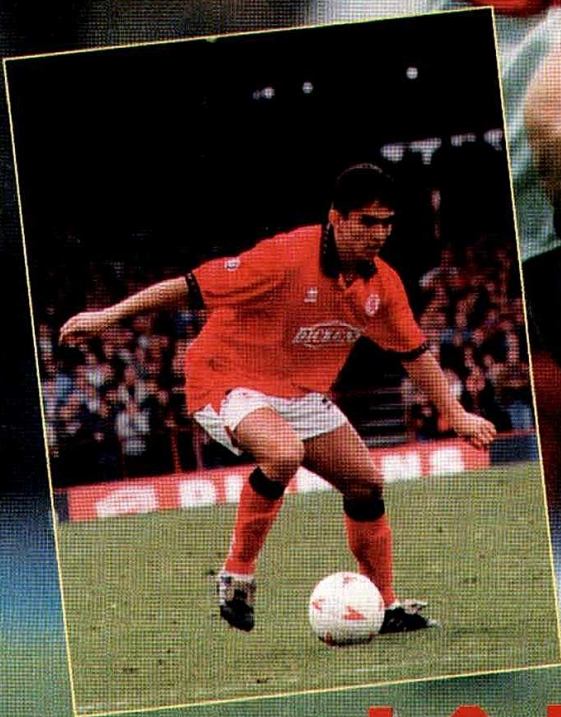
Season	Club	Lea apps	goals conceded	Cup apps	goals conceded
1988-89	Arsenal	-	-	-	-
1988-89	Plymouth (loan)	13	-	-	-
1989-90	Arsenal	-	15	2	5
1990-91	Arsenal	-	-	-	-
1991-92	Arsenal	-	-	-	-
1991-92	Birmingham (loan)	15	-	-	-
1991-92	WBA (loan)	3	17	-	-
1992-93	Arsenal	4	4	-	-
1993-94	Arsenal	4	6	-	-
1994-95	Boro	8	4	-	-
Total*		47	50	2	5

*Upto and including 28/10/94.

and get on well, so there's certainly no hard feelings between us - whoever is chosen. I'm sure it will be an interesting battle."

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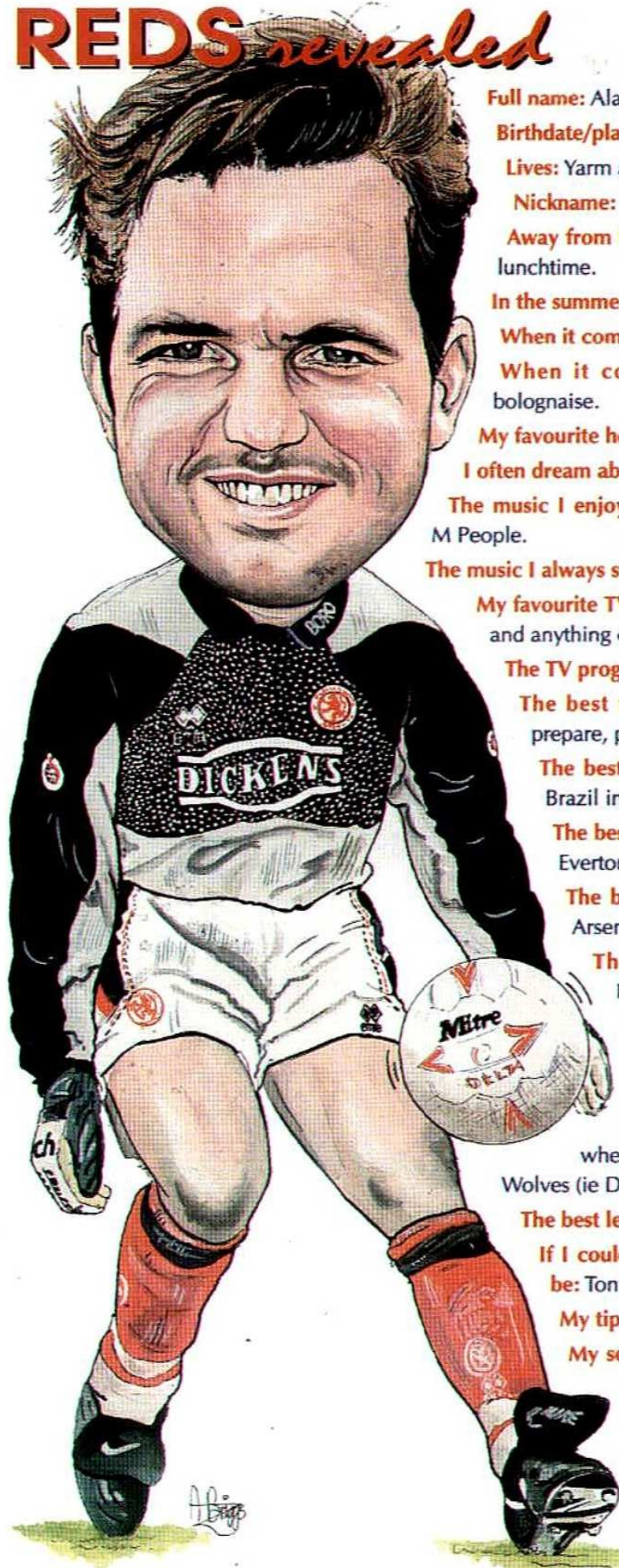
Pride OF THE NORTH



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REDS revealed



Full name: Alan John Miller

Birthdate/place: March 29 1970/Epping.

Lives: Yarm and London.

Nickname: Maxi and Me Ol' China.

Away from football I enjoy: cricket, horse racing and Sunday lunchtime.

In the summer I enjoy: cricket, relaxing and socializing.

When it comes to housework: I find it very therapeutic!

When it comes to cooking, I'm a wizz at: spaghetti bolognaise.

My favourite holiday spot is: Florida.

I often dream about: Pamela Anderson from Baywatch.

The music I enjoy listening to is: Frank Sinatra, Dina Carroll and M People.

The music I always switch off is: rap music.

My favourite TV programmes are: Coronation Street, Dad's Army and anything on Tommy Cooper.

The TV programme I always switch off is: The Young Doctors.

The best football advice I was ever given was: fail to prepare, prepare to fail.

The best game of football I have seen was: Italy versus Brazil in the 1986 World Cup.

The best game I ever played in was: for Plymouth against Everton in the FA Cup in 1988.

The best goal I've seen was: Paul Gascoigne's against Arsenal in the FA Cup semi-final.

The best save I ever made was: on loan with Plymouth against Everton in the 1988 FA Cup.

Before a match I am: hoping for a clean sheet.

I would describe my playing style as: very much my own.

My most embarrassing moment in football was: when I fell through the bar talking to David Kelly from Wolves (ie Del Boy).

The best league player in my position is: David Seaman.

If I could pick a player to build a team around it would be: Tony Adams.

My tip as a star of the future is: Viv Anderson.

My select team of the players I have played alongside is: David Seaman (Arsenal), Neil Cox (Boro), Nigel Winterburn, Tony Adams, Steve Bould (all Arsenal), Paul Gascoigne (England u-21), Bryan Robson (Boro), Ian Wright (Arsenal), David Platt, Alan Shearer, Andy Cole (all England u-21).

TOMORROW'S Heroes. That's what Boro's high-flying youth team players are if the title of a four-page feature in the next issue of a national magazine proves accurate.

The talented youngsters are the focus of a colour picture feature in the top-selling 'Mizz' magazine, which attracts a fortnightly readership of almost 200,000 teenage girls.

'Mizz' photographer Tom Howard took shots of the Boro boys in training, before taking posed shots in the Ayresome Park stands and on the pitch.

Senior features writer Julie Burniston also interviewed Anthony Cosgrove, Paul Harrison and Paul Riggall about life as a would-be football star.

Middlesbrough-born Julie, now based in London, made a nostalgic return to her hometown for the feature. "There's an ever increasing interest in sport from our readers," said Julie, originally from Eston. "And I was keen to show some of my colleagues that there's life above the Watford Gap!"

"The lads were very boisterous before being interviewed but went very quiet on me once I started firing a few questions at them," she added. "I



● **MAGAZINE star: youth team 'keeper Lee Payne in one of the shots for 'Mizz'.**

guess they need a bit more experience at this media lark!"

But she added: "It was an excellent day and has made for a great feature. Thanks to David Geddis and all the players for being so helpful."

Tomorrow's Heroes appears in the next issue of Mizz, which is out on November 9, priced 80p. Copies of this issue are available from the Club Shop at Ayresome Park.



They Played for both Clubs

Arthur Horsfield. Tynesider and England youth international who is probably the best known player to have played for both Middlesbrough and Swindon. Born in Newcastle in July 1946 and signed for Middlesbrough as an apprentice in July 1963 when Raich Carter was manager. In the club's promotion winning season of 1966-67 he finished runner-up, on 23 League and Cup goals, to leading scorer John O'Rourke. His ambition to play First Division football forced manager Stan Anderson to sell him to Newcastle for a modest £17,500 fee in January 1969 but Arthur failed to hit the big time and stayed only five months before moving to Swindon. At the County Ground Arthur's career received fresh impetus and by the time of his transfer to Charlton in June 1972 he had scored another half century of goals. Hit 54 goals in 139 games at the Valley before ending career at Vicarage Road with Walford in September 1975. Boro League apps 111 (51 goals); Swindon League apps 108 (42 goals).

Chris Kamara. In early 1990 much-travelled Middlesbrough-born Chris Kamara had the opportunity to join Boro but chose First Division Leeds United instead. The tough midfielder has played for Swindon Town twice in his career. He joined them, from Portsmouth, in August 1977 scoring 21 League goals in his four seasons at the County Ground, before rejoining Portsmouth in August 1981. Boro manager Lennie Lawrence brought him on loan to Ayresome Park in mid-February 1993 from Luton Town but Chris only featured in three games for us. His other clubs have included Brentford and Stoke, while he is now playing for Lawrence at Bradford City. Now aged 36, Kamara has a younger brother, Alan, who played for Darlington. Boro League apps 3; Swindon League apps 234 (27 goals).



CHRIS Kamara (left) takes on Lee Sharpe during his loan spell with Boro

John Walker. Scot who was a factory worker before joining Scottish Second Division side Raith Rovers from Burnbank Athletic. After falling out with Raith, he had a brief spell with Rangers and then Cowdenbeath before crossing South of the border to play in the Southern League with Swindon. Town won the coveted Southern League championship in 1906 and he won a solitary Scotland cap against England in 1911. Swindon could not resist the lure of selling John to Middlesbrough for £1,100 in September 1913. The First World War interrupted John's career but he did play for us when normal football resumed in 1919 before a transfer to Reading in 1921. Boro League apps 106.

Mel Nurse. Tee-totaller Melvyn Tudor George Nurse was born in Swansea on October 11, 1937, joining his home town club Swansea as a junior after winning Welsh schoolboy international honours. Won nine full caps before his £25,000 transfer to Middlesbrough in September 1962. Won a further three caps at Ayresome Park but Boro manager Raich Carter reluctantly agreed to grant Mel a transfer to Swindon in August 1965. Returned to Swansea in 1968 where he ended his League career. Boro League apps 113 (8 goals); Swindon League apps 123 (10 goals).

NOT so long ago, Swindon won the sympathy of many football supporters when an illegal payments scandal denied them the place in the top flight their players had earned.

Now, after conceding more than 100 goals in their single Premiership season, the name of the West Country club is more likely to be greeted with pity.

But Town have refused to lie down and die, despite losing star winger Nicky Summerbee, a Boro target in the summer, to Manchester City.

Manager John Gorman dished out £500,000 to sign former Barnsley full-back Mark Robinson from Newcastle, and also secured the services of West Ham misfit Joey Beauchamp, who was unable to settle after moving from Oxford United.

THE MAN

Name: John Gorman

Born: Winchburgh, 16/8/49

Playing career: Glasgow Celtic apprentice (1967-70); Carlisle United (1970-76), Tottenham (1976-78).

Managerial career: Swindon Town coach, Swindon Town manager (1993-present).



The reputation for flowing football gained by Ossie Ardiles and developed by Glenn Hoddle has continued to flourish under Gorman. Unfortunately for Robins' fans, the success the previous managers enjoyed deserted them, temporarily at least, last season.

As things went from bad to worse the team won the admiration of the pundits for their refusal to resort to the hit and run tactics that may have got them out of trouble.

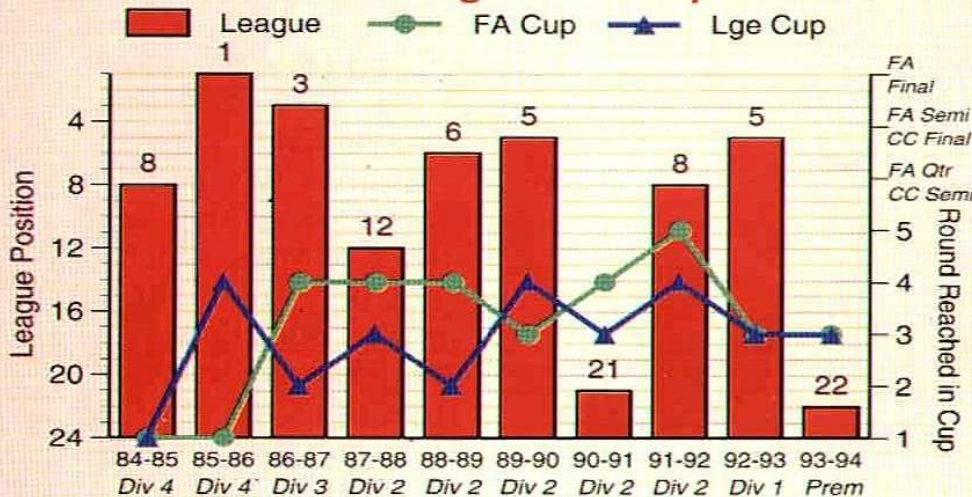
IN CHARGE

Swindon became the first club last year to score four goals against champions Manchester United - as they lost 4-2 at Old Trafford and drew 2-2 at the County Ground.

Boro have won exactly half the 26 meetings between the two clubs, drawing five and losing eight. But this season the Robins are neatly poised behind the leaders and could fancy themselves to pick up a result.

The club was founded by Rev William Pitt in 1881 as the result of an amalgamation of an offshoot from a cricket club, the Spartans, and St Mark's Young Men's Friendly Society.

Swindon's 10 Year League and Cup Record



Top League Scorer and Average Gate

Round Reached in Cup	Player	Goals	Average Gate
FA Final	93/94 Fjortoft	12	15,011
FA Semi	92/93 Maskell	18	10,489
CC Final	91/92 Shearer	22	9,871
FA Qtr	90/91 Shearer	22	9,507
CC Semi	89/90 Shearer	20	9,433
5	88/89 Shearer	14	8,692
4	87/88 Quinn	21	9,542
3	86/87 White	16	7,454
2	85/86 Henry	18	6,457
1	84/85 Gordon	17	3,020

Today's Visitors SWINDON



● **BEAUCHAMP:**
controversial move to
West ham

From such humble beginnings the Robins went on to enjoy an almost equally humble first century - last year was their highest league placing ever (22nd in the Premiership).

However, they've still managed to get further than Boro in both major cup competitions, winning the League Cup in 1969 and reaching the FA Cup final in 1910.

And Boro's most prolific scorer against the club in recent years will not be here today to help send them back to the West Country pointless. Bernie Slaven scored six goals in his nine appearances against Swindon between 1986 and 1992.

If John Hendrie and Paul Wilkinson are to emulate Bernie's success they will have to by-pass the dominant Shaun Taylor at the heart of the Town defence.

Alongside him is likely to be Dutch defender Luc Nijholt, formerly with FC Haarlem, AZ67 Alkmaar, FC Utrecht, Old Boys Basle and Motherwell. Former QPR, Spurs and England stopper Terry Fenwick has also appeared at the back this season, though injury has restricted games for £500,000 Adrian Whitbread, signed last year from Leyton Orient.

Norwegian striker Jan-Aage Fjortoft, a £500,000 capture from Austria Vienna, scored the goals that spared Swindon's total humiliation last season. The 6'3" centre-forward rifled in 12 goals in 26 starts - including a run of 10 in nine games - and is a constant threat, both on the ground and in the air.



● **FJORTOFT:**
played in World Cup
for Norway.

Former Wolves forward Andy Mutch, Steve Bull's strike-partner during his most prolific years, notched a further six league goals. This season Mutch has been overtaken by Keith Scott.

A sensational 10 goals in 15 games at the start of Wycombe's first football league season persuaded Swindon to snap him up last November in an attempt to rescue their own season. Scott found the going tough at the top, and only managed four goals in 27 appearances.

The front-runners could be supplied by the former England midfielder Neil Webb, who is close to the end of a month-long loan spell at the County Ground. Capped 26 times at full international level, he is partnered in midfield by the talented Beauchamp. But Fjortoft, in double figures already this season, is undoubtedly the main threat from a Swindon side who feel they have a point to prove.

SWINDON ROLL CALL

Player (age) Former clubs	1994-95		Career	
	Lea. apps	Cls	Lea. apps	Cls
Joey Beauchamp (23) Oxford, Swansea (loan), West Ham	11	1	140	23
Austin Berkley (21) Gillingham	1	-	4	-
Paul Bodin (30) Newport, Swindon, C Palace	12	4	271	37
Fraser Digby (27) Man. United, Oldham (ln) Swindon (loan)	13	-	297	-
Terry Fenwick (34) C Palace, QPR, Tottenham, Leicester (loan)	2	-	455	42
Jan Aage Fjortoft (27) Lillestrom, Rapid Vienna	13	9	49	21
Ty Gooden (22) Wycombe Wanderers	-	-	4	-
Chris Hamon (24) St Peter (Channel Islands)	-	-	3	-
Nicky Hammond (27) Arsenal, Bristol R (loan), Peterboro (ln), Aberdeen (ln)	-	-	63	-
Kevin Horlock (22) West Ham	11	-	63	1
Brian Kilcline (32) Notts Co, Coventry, Oldham, Newcastle	3	-	384	37
Martin Ling (28) Exeter, Swindon, Southend, Mansfield (loan)	13	1	370	53
Ross MacLaren (32) Rangers, Shrewsbury, Derby	-	-	477	31
Lee Middleton (24) Coventry	-	-	2	-
Andy Mutch (30) Wolves	9	-	328	103
Wayne O'Sullivan (20)	8	-	8	-
Luc Nijholt (33) FC Haarlem, AZ67 Alkmaar, FC Utrecht, Old Boys Basle, Motherwell	13	-	109	5
Marcus Phillips (21)	-	-	-	-
Mark Robison (25) WBA, Barnsley, Newcastle	13	-	177	6
Keith Scott (27) Leicester Utd, Lincoln, Wycombe	13	4	71	20
Shaun Taylor (31) Bideford, Exeter	13	1	343	36
Andrew Thomson (20)	10	-	11	-
Adrian Viveash (25) Reading (loan)	-	-	45	1
Neil Webb (31) Reading, Portsmouth, Notts F, Man United	3	-	449	114
Adrian Whitbread (23)	1	-	161	3

Figures include English and Scottish leagues only.

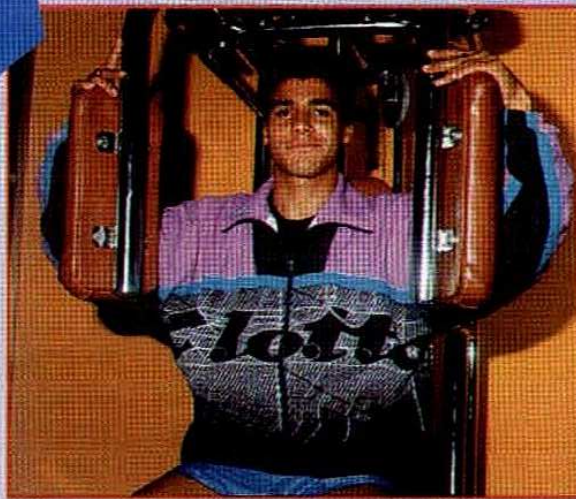
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● *On the transfer list: midfielder Mark Burke was set for a move five years ago*



Burke fails to make Mark

THE enigmatic Mark Burke was put on the transfer list after Boro boss Bruce Rioch accepted the midfielder's third request for a move.

Frustrated at failing to win a regular place in a struggling Boro side, 20-year-old Burke said: "I get the feeling that when I play I have got to go out and have an unbelievably good game to stay in the side. I think that's a bit unfair."

He added: "Other players seem to get another chance but I don't. I would love to stay and play for Middlesbrough, but I am finding it really frustrating kicking my heels when I am on the sidelines."

Burke was not in the Boro side that took on First Division Wimbledon at Ayresome Park. Boro scoring legend Bernie Slaven's late equalising goal cancelled out the Dons' early strike, giving Boro some hope for the Third Round replay.

Brian Talbot's West Bromwich Albion, the visitors to Ayresome Park three days later, made a quick return to the North-

Big John boosts Boro Ram-raiders

SIX stitches inserted in a head injury sustained in a car crash the previous night ruled out Derby County player-manager Dave Mackay from the Rams side that played Middlesbrough at the Baseball Ground on October 26, 1974.

An unchanged Boro side took only ten minutes to take the lead when John Hickton swept the ball into the Rams' net from a John Craggs cross. And 25 minutes later Hickton himself was the provider as Alan Foggon increased Boro's lead.

A minute later, Rams' player Francis Lee cut in from the right and Kevin Hector cut Boro's lead down to one

East following a superb 1-0 League Cup win over Newcastle United in mid-week.

Boro's newest acquisition, Simon Coleman, who had been cup-tied against First Division Wimbledon, was left out, with Rioch switching Alan Kernaghan from centre-forward to centre-half and giving the number nine shirt to Stuart Ripley. Burke and Nicky Mohan were named as substitutes.

Poor finishing denied any hopes Boro had of winning the game before a crowd of 14,076. Mark Brennan picked up the only caution of the goalless game from referee Roger Dilkes when he fouled Baggies' player-manager Brian Talbot on 69 minutes.

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goal, but our two goals lead was restored three minutes into the second half when David Mills capitalised on a superb through ball from Foggon.

Following a bad tackle on a Boro player, Bruce Rioch was substituted by Alan Hinton and it was Hinton who scored for Derby four minutes into injury time but Boro held on to end the Rams' unbeaten home record.

The match, a week after a thrilling 4-4 home draw with Coventry City, was shown on ATV but back in the North-East Tyne-Tees Television viewers saw Leicester City win 1-0 at St. James' Park.



Kelham out in the cold

BORO goalkeeper Kelham O'Hanlon lost his place to loan signing Martin Thomas, a Welsh under-23 international with Jack Charlton's Newcastle, for the tough away clash at Leeds United on October 27 1984.

Regular 'keeper O'Hanlon was not injured but Maddren had brought Thomas into the reckoning hoping to sharpen Kelham's competitive edge after he had conceded 21 goals in the opening 11 League games.

Having won their last three matches, Boro were in confident mood but before a thin derby crowd of only 14,824, United took the lead with a controversial penalty, awarded against Tony McAndrew.

Scottish international hot shot Peter Lorimer sent Thomas diving the wrong way. United went further ahead on the hour when Andy Ritchie headed the ball over Thomas' head.

But the 'keeper had a superb debut and, but for

him, the final score would have been much higher. Referee Ray Guy sent off Tony Mowbray for two bookable offences and Mick Saxby picked up his fifth booking of the season.

More bad news for Boro was that Gary Hamilton injured his right knee and was replaced by Paul Sugrue.



● *EARLY bath: Tony Mowbray was sent off against Leeds United.*

HUGH McIlmoyle was in a class of his own at heading a ball. The Scot had a priceless gift, the ability to hang in the air before making contact with the ball. A precious second or two gave him a better chance to size up the situation and beat the goalkeeper.

Middlesbrough have had a number of brilliant centre forwards in my time. Without question, McIlmoyle was the best header.

Middlesbrough signed the much-travelled McIlmoyle from Carlisle United in the early weeks of the 1969-70 season. Stan Anderson splashed out £55,000, a record club fee at the time, and took a big gamble to boost a promotion drive.

McIlmoyle, a player of rich talent, had a reputation of only playing his best football for Carlisle United. He was a different player away from the homely surroundings of Brunton Park.

Hugh had no teenage ambitions to be a professional footballer. He never thought he would make it. With reluctance, he signed for Leicester City at 19.

Yet after only a handful of first-team appearances he led the Leicester attack against Spurs in the 1961 FA Cup Final.

McIlmoyle played for Rotherham United, Wolves, Bristol City and Carlisle - twice - before he joined Middlesbrough. Anderson had to agree to McIlmoyle commuting from Carlisle before the player accepted the deal.

Carlisle manager, Bob Stokoe,

SPORTSWRITER Ray Robertson covered the Boro beat for The Northern Echo for more than 30 years. For our last season at Ayresome Park, he continues his regular series on Ayresome personalities from the past.

admitted: "It was too good an offer to turn down. I did not want to lose the best centre forward in the Second Division. But it's a question of simple economics. The transfer fee is a fortune to us."

McIlmoyle made his Boro debut against Blackpool in September, 1969. Before an appreciative home crowd, he showed his class and looked set to justify Anderson's gamble. He then broke his nose - and was detained overnight in North Riding Infirmary.

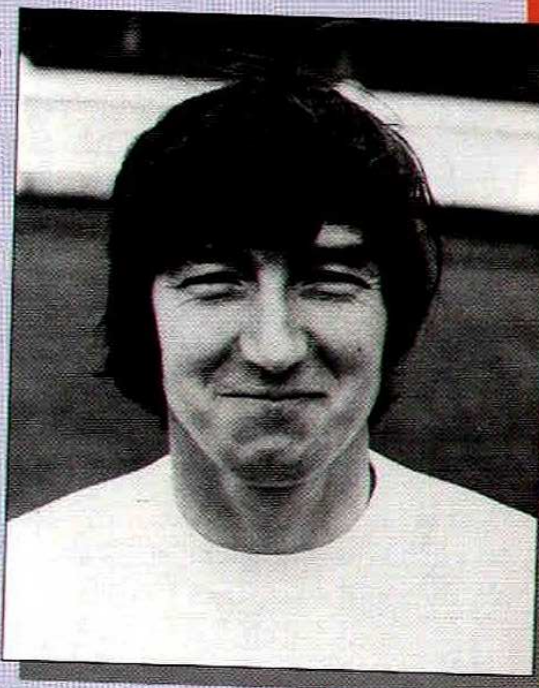
To rub salt into the wound, Boro lost 2-0.

McIlmoyle put an unhappy debut day behind him to form a lethal strike force with John Hickton. McIlmoyle provided rapier touches - and danger in the air - while Hickton supplied fierce shooting power.

One game will stand out in the memory of Boro fans who were privileged to be at Ayresome Park on 26th September 1970.

Middlesbrough beat QPR 6-2 after being two goals down in the opening five minutes. Hickton claimed a hat-trick, yet "Mighty Mac" was the star of the show.

McIlmoyle gave his best performance in a Boro shirt and figured in all six goals.



● Hugh McIlmoyle: broken nose on Boro debut

A QPR player lost his cool as the goals piled up. He tapped McIlmoyle on the shoulder and, without warning, gave the star of the show a bloody nose.

The referee missed the incident but QPR manager Les Allen did not. He pulled off the guilty man.

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McIlmoyle joined Preston North End after he refused a "train at Middlesbrough" ultimatum after two seasons at Ayresome Park.

The football wanderer put Middlesbrough top of his list at looking after players. "I honestly wish my stay at the club had worked out. Stan Anderson was a good manager and a good man.

"Any fault of our parting was mine," he said.

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Supporters Club News

THE Supporters Club guest speaker at our October meeting was Boro Chairman Steve Gibson and it proved to be a most informative and entertaining evening. Many thanks to Steve for giving up a couple of hours of his time to come along.

If anyone was still doubting the long-term ambitions of the club, then they certainly shouldn't be after hearing Steve's views that evening. Our next meeting, next Wednesday November 2, we hope to have another club guest for the evening. The meeting starts at 7.15pm in the 100 Club at Ayresome Park.

I'm always telling friends who support other teams - particularly those based in the South - what brilliant supporters Boro have. Our recent game at Luton was a perfect example of why we are simply the best, even if the team on the day most certainly were not!

At 5-0 down, fans of most clubs would be leaving in droves and hurling abuse at the players. Not so Boro. Most fans stayed until the end and continued the chanting and singing - none better than shortly after Derek Whyte had pulled it back to 5-1. "We want two, we want two!" was the cry in answer to Luton's request: "We want six!"

It's almost as if the fans were saying that the team may be terrible on the day but the supporters are still a class above. Do you remember Sunderland or Newcastle fans singing and chanting in support during any of the thrashings we've handed out to them during the last few years? No, me neither!

Best fans in the North-East? Well, it's certainly not the Mags nor the Mackems. Boro fans do the club proud and I, for one, feel proud to be a Boro supporter among fans like that.

Come on you five-a-side players! The entries for our Supporters Club five-a-side football tournament has been fairly abysmal so we need more teams to enter. The Ayresome Park gym has been booked for any Supporters Club members to use for practice on Friday evenings. If you want to use it, contact me at the Supporters Club.

Simon Bolton
Supporters Club Secretary

Middlesbrough's Mascot



Daniel Wilkinson, aged 11, attends Nunthorpe Comprehensive School. Daniel, who enjoys football, tennis and junior dog handling, is a big fan of Bryan Robson and John Hendrie.

Swindon's Mascot



Jamie Johnson, aged five, enjoys football, swimming and taekwon do. His favourite Swindon players are Shaun Taylor and Fraser Digby.

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First Boro match: "I
can't remember the
first, but I've fol-

lowed the Boro for 32 years."

Best Boro match: "The 2-1 win over
Aston Villa in the ZDS Cup northern
final."

Best moment as a fan: "The Wolves
promotion game in 1992."

Worst moment as a fan: "Getting re-
legated from the Premier League and
losing to Chelsea in the ZDS Cup
final."

Favourite players: "Willie Maddren is
my all-time favourite. He should have
played regularly for England. Of the
current players, I rate Neil Cox - a
fantastic player and a snip at £1 mil-
lion."

All-time Boro select: "Pears, Craggs,
Cox, Maddren, Mowbray, Murdoch,
Hendrie, Hickton, Clough, Johnston,
Cochrane. Subs: Souness, Jankovic,
Platt."

Daftest thing done as Boro fan: "I
signed myself out of hospital to go to a
Boro game - and we lost!"

Most treasured Boro souvenir: "An
autographed Boro football with the sig-
natures of Pallister and Ripley on it."

Opinion on the new stadium: "It looks
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Predictions for the season: "The only
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Their party of major clients from the Teesside area will be hosted by Mr Graham Ridler. Graham is an ardent Boro fan who travels from his Leeds home to support the team and is in fact a Holgate End season ticket holder. We at MFC are delighted to welcome Simpson and Curtis and hope they enjoy their day with us.

Our other Match Sponsor, D & J Contracts are regulars here at Ayresome. They entertain clients at each home game and give support to the Club in many other ways. Today staff, family and friends have joined together to make the boss's day by sponsoring the game to celebrate his birthday. He is obviously very popular, or everyone feels that he spends that much time at the Boro he may as well spend his birthday with us. Happy Birthday Dave from all at MFC and every effort will be made to give you something to celebrate.

Man of the Match Sponsors Apex Insurance (Commercial), based in North Road Darlington, are also no strangers to our hospitality facilities. Their party today will be hosted by Paul Stalker. Let's hope we can give Paul and his guests a problem picking today's Man of the Match from a host of goal scorers.

Our Matchball Sponsors are once more Nuclear Electric who are sponsoring every game in this, our last season at Ayresome Park.

May I thank all today's Sponsors for their support and hope everybody has a day to remember.

Graham Fordy
Commercial Manager

Commercial mascot on behalf of Cowie for today's game is six-year-old Dale Smith (pictured), who attends Skelton Infants School. His favourite players are Derek Whyte and John Hendrie.



● Pictured here receiving one of our Limited Edition Prints is Mr Albert Humphries and Carlsberg-Tetley who were our Match Sponsors for our home match with Tranmere.

BORO TRAVEL CLUB

Our next away trip is to Grimsby next Saturday November 5.

The price for the trip is £9.50 for adults and £8 for children under-14. Membership for the travel club for season ticket holders and Cashline members is free and £1 for all others.

Membership forms and bookings for all away trips are taken at the club shop. Anyone wishing to join should bring two passport size photographs.

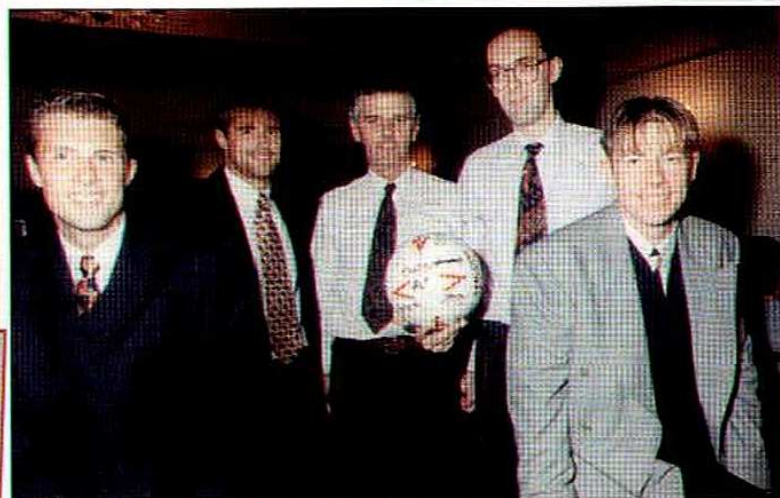
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BORO boss Bryan Robson receives the keys to his new BMW 730i from Norma Miller, Sales Manager of Cowie BMW, Stockton.

RED REPLY

SUPPORTERS' Letters

Red Reply is a chance for all supporters to air their views on all things Boro. If you have any comments, queries or concerns, write to us and we'll do our best to answer your questions on these pages. Write to: The Programme Editor, Middlesbrough F.C., Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, TS1 4PB. Alternatively, phone Boro Livewire on 0891 42 42 00 and record your views on our Feedback line.

Give Curtis a Chance

WHAT does Curtis Fleming have to do to win a call-up to Jack Charlton's Republic of Ireland squad?

Since his switch to left-back, Curtis has come on in leaps and bounds and now looks to be one of Boro's greatest ever bargains at only £50,000.

I know Big Jack has a number of quality full-backs but surely the fact that Curtis can play either side gives him a distinct advantage over some of the others.

Already Curtis looks a good candidate for the club's player of the season award. Perhaps he might even score his first Boro goal this season!

Come on, Jack! Give Curtis a well-deserved chance. I'm sure he won't let you down.

J Stevens
Normanby
Middlesbrough

RED REPLY: We couldn't agree more! Curtis is enjoying an outstanding season and we're sure a full cap will soon be added to his under-21 and B team caps.

John's African Fan

I AM a big supporter of Middlesbrough Football Club from Zimbabwe and a fan especially of John Hendrie.

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RED REPLY: If you would like Boro pen-pals, write to RED REPLY at the address at the top of this page.

Appeal for Help

I'm hoping fellow Boro fans can help me to complete a full set of Middlesbrough home and away programmes for the 1983-84 season.

I have tried desperately to get hold of these elusive programmes and now appeal



● **CURTIS Fleming** joins Boro team-mates to sign autographs in the players' tunnel at Ayresome Park. But should he be in Jack Charlton's next Irish squad?

to Boro supporters to see if they can help get hold of perfect or near-perfect copies.

The programmes I still require are: Charlton v Middlesbrough (3.12.83) and Sheffield Wednesday v Middlesbrough (27.12.83).

I'd also like to say I'm most impressed with this season's Boro programme. I did, however, notice that in the Scarborough edition there was no information on 'Pride of the North' subject Curtis Fleming - just his picture in the centre pages.

That was a tad disappointing, as I do enjoy reading up on current Boro players, especially finding out that none of them seem to know what housework is!

Daryl Collis
22 Maulden Gardens
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RED REPLY: We aim to feature every first team player in the matchday magazine, so look out for a player profile on Curtis in the near future. Any Boro fan who can help Daryl complete his collection can write to him direct. Other fans who would like to make similar appeals for old programmes should write to RED REPLY.

The Missing 6,000

WHAT is it about Boro fans? Over

23,000 turned up for that opening day win over Burnley. But for our game against Millwall, having lost only once in 13 league and cup games, we attracted only 17,000.

Where have those 6,000 people gone? Why are they staying away, with Boro chasing for promotion and on the brink of a new successful era?

After past disappointments, Boro fans now have a team to be proud of, a team that is going places. It is a team that deserves our support.

I'd urge all of those stay-away fans to get behind the Club. Boro are doing all they can to bring success - now the supporters should show how much they want a successful side by shouting them on on a Saturday afternoon.

Martin Hart
Redcar

Red Reply: The Club was as disappointed as you were, Martin, at the crowd against Millwall. It is mystifying that 6,000 fans have drifted away since that opening game. To win them back, the team need to keep doing well and ultimately win promotion. But Ayresome regulars can do their bit by issuing a rallying call, urging their friends to come along and get behind Robbo's army.

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ANOTHER two home points slipped from the grasp of Boro's reserves line-up in a goalless home draw with Blackpool, but they still boast one of the second team's best starts in many years.

Gordon McQueen's boys maintained the pressure on the league leaders in their previous match, a well deserved 3-1 home success over Port Vale.

That first home win of the season had coach McQueen singing the praises of his team for their flowing football and first class finishing.

With Alan Miller on the comeback trail, Boro always looked tight at the back, while the experience of Chris Morris and Tommy Wright was invaluable for the club's younger players.

On-song Philip Stamp opened the scoring when he burst through Vale's defence before slotting the ball past the 'keeper. The visitors, with former Boro player Mark Burke lining up alongside ex-Newcastle striker Joe Allon, had no answer to Boro's attractive football.

Graham Kavanagh, again outstanding alongside fellow attacker Jaime Moreno, made it 2-0 before half-time when Vale's defence failed to cut out a Craig Liddle cross and Kav fired home with a fine left-foot shot.

The visitors reduced the deficit early in the second half with a well-worked goal which gave Miller no chance. Boro, however, were still the better side and when Moreno was brought down in the box, Paul Norton slotted home the resulting penalty to clinch a 3-1 win.

The following game against Blackpool was a great chance to move into the league's top four but several players failed to perform in a drab goalless draw.

Said McQueen: "From a positive point of view, that was only our second clean sheet of the season. Credit for that belongs to our back four of Mark Taylor, Craig Liddle, Michael Barron and Alan White."

All but White had taken part in the first team's goalless draw in Udinese two nights earlier but showed no signs of any weariness in an excellent defensive show.

"Unfortunately, the rest of the side turned in their most disappointing performance of the season," added McQueen. "We simply didn't play the sort of football we're capable of. In fact, Blackpool were quite clearly the better side on the night.

"Overall, I've been delighted with our performances this season, despite one or two frustrating results.

Without continuity, it's always difficult and I've had to make a few changes given all the injuries and midweek games."

● Details on the reserves' game at Manchester City on Thursday night will appear in the Matchday Magazine against Oldham.

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Date	Venue	Opposition	Score	Scorers
Aug 17	H	Bradford City	1-2	Kavanagh
Aug 24	A	Burnley	2-0	Kavanagh (2)
Sep 7	A	Huddersfield Town	3-1	Stamp (2), Hignett
Sep 15	H	Preston	2-2	Norton, OG.
Sept 22	H	Sheffield Wednesday	2-2	Norton, Kavanagh
Sept 26	A	Newcastle United	0-3	
Oct 4	A	Grimsby Town	2-1	OG, O'Halloran
Oct 12	H	Port Vale	3-1	Stamp, Kavanagh, Norton (pen)
Oct 19	H	Blackpool	0-0	
Oct 25	A	Manchester City		
Nov 9	H	Barnsley		
Nov 15	A	Oldham Athletic		
Nov 23	H	York City		
Nov 30	A	Blackpool		
Dec 6	A	Bradford City*		
Dec 14	H	Burnley		
Dec 21	H	Hull City		
Jan 3	A	Mansfield Town		
Jan 9	A	Leicester City		
Jan 18	H	Birmingham City		
Jan 26	H	Manchester City		
Feb 1	A	Barnsley		
Feb 8	H	Oldham Athletic		
Feb 15	A	York City		
Mar 1	A	Sheffield Wednesday		
Mar 15	H	Newcastle United		
Mar 20	A	Preston		
Mar 29	H	Huddersfield Town		
Apr 5	A	Hull City		
Apr 12	H	Mansfield Town		
Apr 19	H	Leicester City		
Apr 26	A	Port Vale		
May 3	A	Grimsby Town		
May 8	A	Birmingham City		



● **ON the attack: Chris Morris takes on a Port Vale defender in the reserves' 3-1 win.**

GORDON McQueen believes new Boro signing Craig Liddle can become a major asset to Bryan Robson.

Released by Aston Villa as a youngster, the former Blyth Spartans player has won a two-year contract with the club after a string of excellent displays in the reserves.

"Craig has impressed a lot of people with his willingness and his overall performances," said McQueen. "At 23, he's come into the game late and probably thought the chance to become a professional footballer had passed him by, but I think he's got a future at the club."

The versatile signing has already played in central midfield, central defence and at full-back, but it is the right-back position that McQueen believes will prove his strength.

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BORO'S talented youngsters have bounced back from their first defeat of the season with two excellent performances that keep them up with the leaders in the Northern Intermediate League.

A shock 3-1 reverse at lowly Chesterfield was followed with a battling 2-2 draw against table-topping Leeds United and a well-deserved 3-1 success at Hull City.

The Chesterfield defeat served as a timely reminder to the players that no game is a formality and coach David Geddis believes they will all have benefited from the experience.

"I was aware that Chesterfield hadn't won many games and knew it would be a test of character for the lads," explained Geddis, who replaced George Shipley in the role during the summer. "Unfortunately, on the day we were outfought and outplayed in too many areas."



● Richardson: eight goals in eight games.

He added: "The players learnt a lesson in complacency. At the end of the day, every game is 11 against 11 and if several players don't perform the team will always struggle, no matter what the opposition."

Boro grabbed their chance to put that defeat behind them against fellow front-runners Leeds United. The Avresome aces took the lead against the run of play when McGargle struck from a swift break.

That goal settled Boro down and though they lost Andrew Mills with a spin injury they still held the lead at half-time. Leeds hit back well in the second period and fully deserved to take the lead with two quick goals.

However, Boro refused to accept defeat and on-form striker Richardson struck with a late header from Brumpton's cross to grab a vital league point.

A first win in four games came with a 3-1 success at Hull when a young Boro side, mainly comprising first-year youth trainees, broke down a stubborn five-man defence with skilful and determined football.

After falling behind early on, a commanding performance was rewarded with a first-half equaliser from 'Charlie' Agiadis.

The second half was one-way traffic, with Mick Cummins and Ross Skingsley outstanding, and reward for prolonged pressure came with two goals in the final 10 minutes.

Boro's YOUTH of today

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE RESULTS AND FIXTURES 1994-95

1994					
Aug 13	A	Rotherham United	2-2	Beddard (2)	
Aug 20	H	Scunthorpe	1-0	Skingsley	
Aug 27	A	Hartlepool Utd	2-0	Mills, Norton	
Sep 3	H	Sheffield Wednesday (Cup)	5-4	Richardson(2), Norton(2 pens), O'Halloran	
Sep 10	A	Doncaster	3-1	Mills, Agiadis, Richardson	
Sep 17	H	Sunderland	2-1	Richardson, Bagayoko	
Sep 24	A	Sheffield Wednesday	4-3	Bagayoko, Richardson, Ward, McKinlay	
Oct 1	A	Newcastle Utd (Cup)	1-1	Skingsley	
Oct 8	A	Chesterfield	1-3	Richardson	
Oct 15	H	Leeds United	2-2	Richardson, McGargle	
Oct 22	A	Hull City	3-1	Cummins, Richardson, Agiadis	
Oct 29	H	Newcastle (NIL Cup)	KO	11am	
Nov 5	A	Bradford City	KO	11am	
Nov 12	H	Barnsley	KO	12 noon	
Nov 19	A	Newcastle United	KO	11am	
Nov 26	H	Sheffield United	KO	11.30am	
Dec 3	A	Rotherham United	KO	12 noon	
Dec 10	H	York City	KO	11am	
Dec 17	A	Scunthorpe United	KO	12 noon	
Dec 24	H	Hartlepool United	KO	11am	
Dec 31	A	Huddersfield Town	KO	11am	
1995					
Jan 7	H	Doncaster Rovers	KO	11am	
Jan 14	A	Sunderland	KO	11am	
Jan 21	H	Sheffield Wednesday	KO	11.30am	
Feb 4	H	Chesterfield	KO	11am	
Feb 11	A	Leeds United	KO	11am	
Feb 18	H	Hull City	KO	11am	
Feb 25	A	Darlington	KO	11am	
Mar 4	H	Bradford City	KO	11am	
Mar 11	A	Barnsley	KO	12 noon	
Mar 18	H	Newcastle United	KO	11am	
Mar 25	A	Sheffield United	KO	11.30am	
Apr 1	H	Huddersfield Town	KO	11am	

Reserves Roll Call

Name	League		Cup	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
'Charlie' Agiadis	5	2	1	-
Salif Bagayoko	6	2	2	-
Elliott Beddard	3	2	-	-
David Brumpton	6	-	1	-
Wesley Byrne	5	-	1	-
Anthony Cosgrove	2	-	-	-
Mick Cummins	4	1	1	-
C Harrison	4	-	1	-
Paul Harrison	2	-	-	-
Steph McGargle	4	1	1	-
David McKinlay	6	1	1	-
Andrew Mills	8	2	2	-
Darren Mowbray	2	-	-	-
Paul Norton	3	1	1	2
Keith O'Halloran	5	-	2	1
Lee Payne	4	-	-	-
Paul Richardson	9	6	2	2
Ross Skingsley	4	1	1	1
Mark Summerbell	9	-	2	-
Richard Ward	5	1	1	-
Alan White	8	-	2	-
Stuart Whittaker	5	-	2	-

First, Brumpton and Richardson linked up to set up Cummins for a well-taken volley, then Bagayoko and Skingsley enabled Richardson to net his eighth goal in as many games.

● A report on this morning's cup replay against Newcastle at Tollesby Road will appear in the Oldham issue of the matchday magazine.



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BORO V OLDHAM ATHLETIC
ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9, KICK-OFF 7.45pm

Tickets are now on sale for all parts of the ground for this game between two of the First Division's top sides. Fans are asked to note that the East End is strictly a Family Enclosure, priced £6 for adults and £3 for juniors and OAPs if purchased before matchday, or £8 for adults and £5 for juniors and OAPs if purchased on matchday.

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ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
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A Boro supporters' guide to travelling to away games...

Directions to Blundell Park for our game against Grimsby Town next Saturday, November 5:

Take M180 to A180, following signs to Grimsby/Cleethorpes. A180 ends at third roundabout after crossing docks. Take second exit from roundabout over railway flyover into Cleethorpes Road (A1098) and continue into Grimsby Road. After second stretch of dual carriageway, the ground is on your left after another half a mile.



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First Team Fixtures

Date	V	Opposition	FA	PL	Att	Pos
Aug 18	H	Barnley	2-0	2-0	23,343	4
Aug 20	A	Southend United	2-0	1-0	6,722	1
Aug 24	H	Placenza (AIC)	0-0	0-0	5,348	1
Aug 27	H	Bolton Wanderers	1-0	1-0	19,570	1
Aug 31	A	Derby County	1-0	1-0	14,669	1
Sept 3	A	Watford	1-1	1-0	9,476	1
Sept 11	H	Sunderland	2-2	0-1	19,576	1
Sept 14	H	West Bromwich Albion	2-1	1-1	14,878	1
Sept 17	A	Port Vale	1-2	1-0	10,313	2
Sept 20	A	Scarborough (CCCR2)	4-1	4-1	4,751	2
Sept 24	A	Bristol City	1-0	0-0	8,642	2
Sept 27	H	Scarborough (CCCR2)	4-1	1-1	7,739	2
Oct 1	H	Millwall	3-0*	0-0	17,229	2
Oct 5	H	Cesena (AIC)	1-1	0-0	3,273	2
Oct 8	H	Tranmere Rovers	0-1	0-0	18,497	2
Oct 15	A	Luton Town	1-5	0-3	8,412	4
Oct 18	A	Udinese (AIC)	0-0	0-0	300	4
Oct 23	A	Portsmouth	0-0	0-0	7,281	3
Oct 26	A	Aston Villa (CCC)	0-1	0-1	19,254	3
Oct 29	H	Swindon Town				
Nov 1	H	Oldham Athletic				
Nov 5	A	Grimsby Town				
Nov 12	A	Reading				
Nov 15	A	Ancona (AIC)				
Nov 20	H	Wolverhampton Wanderers				
Nov 26	A	Charlton Athletic				
Dec 3	H	Portsmouth				
Dec 10	H	Southend United				
Dec 17	A	Burnley				
Dec 26	A	Sheffield United				
Dec 28	H	Notts County				
Dec 31	A	Stoke City				
Jan 2	H	Barnley				
Jan 14	A	Swindon Town				
Jan 21	H	Grimsby Town				
Feb 4	H	Reading				
Feb 11	A	Oldham Athletic				
Feb 18	H	Charlton Athletic				
Feb 21	A	Wolverhampton Wanderers				
Feb 25	A	Millwall				
Mar 4	H	Bristol City				
Mar 7	H	Watford				
Mar 11	A	Bolton Wanderers				
Mar 18	H	Derby County				
Mar 23	A	Sunderland				
Mar 25	H	Port Vale				
Apr 1	A	West Bromwich Albion				
Apr 8	H	Stoke City				
Apr 15	A	Notts County				
Apr 17	H	Sheffield United				
Apr 22	A	Barnley				
Apr 29	H	Luton Town				
May 6	A	Tranmere Rovers				

Home Fixtures in **Bold** */** Indicates player substituted

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Miller	Cox	Fleming	Vickers	Pearson	Blackmore	Robson	Pollock	Wilkinson	Hendrie 2	Moore	Whyte/Hignett/Roberts
Miller	Cox	Fleming	Vickers	Pearson	Blackmore	Robson	Pollock	Wilkinson	Hendrie 2	Moore	Mustoe/Hignett/Roberts
Miller	Morris	Taylor	Vickers	Todd	Whyte	Stamp	Pollock	Hignett	Mustoe	Wright	Cox/Wilkinson
Miller	Cox	Fleming	Vickers	Pearson	Blackmore	Robson	Pollock*	Wilkinson 1	Hendrie	Moore	Mustoe/Hignett/Roberts
Miller	Cox	Fleming	Whyte	Pearson	Blackmore 1*	Robson	Pollock	Wilkinson	Hendrie	Moore	Mustoe/Hignett/Roberts
Miller	Cox	Fleming	Vickers	Pearson 1	Blackmore*	Robson	Pollock	Wilkinson	Hendrie	Moore 1	Mustoe/Hignett/Roberts
Miller	Cox	Fleming	Vickers	Pearson**	Hignett 1	Robson*	Pollock	Wilkinson	Hendrie	Moore	Mustoe/Blackmore*/Roberts
Pears	Cox	Fleming	Vickers	Whyte	Hignett	Mustoe	Pollock 1	Wilkinson	Hendrie	Moore	Morris/Wright/Roberts
Pears	Cox	Fleming	Vickers	Whyte	Hignett	Mustoe 1	Pollock 1	Wilkinson	Hendrie 1	Moore 1*	Morris/Wright/Roberts
Pears	Cox	Fleming	Vickers	Whyte	Hignett	Mustoe	Pollock	Wilkinson	Hendrie 1	Moore	Morris/Wright/Roberts
Pears	Morris	Fleming	Vickers*	Whyte	Hignett 1	Mustoe	Pollock	Wilkinson 3	Moreno	Wright	Cox/Hendrie/Roberts
Pears	Cox	Fleming	Vickers	Whyte	Blackmore	Mustoe	Pollock	Wilkinson 1	Hendrie 1	Hignett*	Wright/Moreno*/Roberts
Pears	Morris	Taylor	Barron	Whyte	Todd	Stamp	Kavanagh	Moreno 1	Blackmore	Wright	Wright/Moreno*/Roberts
Pears	Cox	Fleming	Vickers	Whyte	Blackmore*	Mustoe	Pollock	Wilkinson	Hendrie	Hignett	Wright/Moreno*/Roberts
Pears	Cox	Fleming	Vickers	Whyte 1	Blackmore	Hignett	Pollock	Wilkinson	Hendrie	Wright*	Moreno/Kavanagh*/Miller
Miller	Fleming	Taylor	Cox*	Vickers	Liddle	Stamp	Kavanagh	Moreno	Todd	Wright	Barron*
Miller	Cox	Fleming	Vickers	Whyte	Blackmore	Todd	Pollock	Wilkinson	Hendrie	Moreno*	Hignett*/Kavanagh/Roberts
Miller	Cox	Fleming	Vickers	Whyte	Blackmore	Todd*	Pollock	Wilkinson	Hendrie	Moore	Hignett*/Wright/Roberts

MATCH FACTS

BORO 0 TRANMERE 1 ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Boro: Pears, Cox, Fleming, Vickers, Whyte, Blackmore (Moreno), Mustoe, Pollock, Wilkinson, Hendrie, Hignett.
Subs not used: Wright, Roberts.
Tranmere: Nixon, Stevens, Mungall, McGreal, Garnett, O'Brien, Morrissey, Aldridge, Malkin, Brannan, Nevin.
Subs not used: Edwards, Kenworthy, Coyne.
Tranmere goal: Aldridge (83 mins).

LUTON 5 BORO 1 ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Luton: Sommer, James, Johnson, Waddock, Thomas, Peake, Telfer, Hughes, Hartson, Preece (Oakes 78 mins), Marshall.
Subs not used: Dixon, Barber.
Boro: Pears, Cox, Fleming, Vickers, Whyte, Blackmore, Hignett, Pollock, Wilkinson, Hendrie, Wright (Kavanagh 45 mins). **Subs not used:** Moreno, Miller.
Luton goals: Wilkinson OG (21 mins), Marshall (35,58), Preece (40), Hartson (63).
Boro goal: Whyte (83).

UDINESE 0 BORO 0 ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP

Udinese: Caniato, Pellegrini, Bertotto, Ametrano (Ripa 76 mins), Calori, Piernini, Lasalandra, Helveg (Compagnon 67

mins), Poggi, Pizzi, Marino.

Boro: Miller, Fleming, Taylor, Cox (Barron 46 mins), Vickers, Liddle, Stamp, Kavanagh, Moreno, Todd, Wright.
Subs not used: Blackmore, Whyte, Hignett, Pears.
Sent off: Pellegrini (second bookable offence, 84 mins); Ametrano (foul, 87 mins), Todd (retaliation, 87 mins).

PORTSMOUTH 0 BORO 0 ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Portsmouth: Knight, Gittens, Stimson, McLoughlin, Symons, McGrath, Pethick, Precki, Powell, Creaney, Hall.
Subs not used: Kristensen, Rees, Flahavan.
Boro: Miller, Cox, Fleming, Vickers, Whyte, Blackmore, Todd, Pollock, Wilkinson, Hendrie, Moreno (Hignett 64 mins). **Subs not used:** Kavanagh, Roberts.

ASTON VILLA 1 BORO 0 COCA COLA CUP

Villa: Bosnich, Barrett, Staunton, McGrath, Ehiogu, Houghton, Parker, Townsend, Yorke, Whittingham (Lamptey 82 mins), Saunders.
Subs not used: Richardson, Spink.
Boro: Miller, Cox, Fleming, Vickers, Whyte, Blackmore, Todd (Hignett 79 mins), Pollock, Wilkinson, Hendrie, Moore. **Subs not used:** Wright, Roberts.
Villa goal: Townsend (30 mins).

Scorer's name in **Bold** (Figure indicates number of goals) * Own goal scored

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TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Tonight's referee is Richard Poulain of Huddersfield, a traffic officer in the transport business. Mr Poulain was promoted to the Football League linesmen's list in 1986, progressing to the referees list in 1991.

Linesmen for tonight's game are Mr D E Binsley (Ryhope) and D A Morrall (Sheffield).



BORO V SWINDON



OTHER TOP GAMES TONIGHT

DIVISION ONE

Bolton v Swindon
Bristol C v Wolves
Burnley v Watford
Luton v Grimsby
Southend v Notts Co
Sunderland v Charlton
Tranmere v Barnsley

DIVISION THREE

Gillingham v Darlington
Scunthorpe v Hartlepool

THE LAST TIME WE MET SWINDON TOWN

Saturday, December 7, 1991 (Division Two)

MIDDLESBROUGH 2 SWINDON TOWN 2

Attendance -> 13,300 H-T 1-0

Referee -> Ray Shepherd (Leeds)

BORO - Steve Pears, Curtis Fleming, Jimmy Phillips, Alan Kernaghan (capt), Nicky Mohan, Robbie Mustoe, Bernie Slaven, Mark Proctor, Paul Wilkinson, Stuart Ripley, Jamie Pollock (Andy Peake 68)

Subs - Brian Marwood

Scorers - Wilkinson 39, Slaven 50,

Manager - Zennie Lawrence

SWINDON - Nicky Hammond, Dave Kerslake, Nicky Summerbee, Steve Foley, Colin Calderwood, Adrian Viveash, Micky Hazard, Duncan Shearer, Fitzroy Simpson, Ross MacLaren, Steve White

Subs - Tommy Jones, David Mitchell

Scorers - Simpson 60, Shearer 66

Manager - Glenn Hoddle

OUR LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST SWINDON TOWN

	P	W	D	L	F-A
Home	13	7	3	3	23-12
Away	13	6	2	5	13-14
	26	13	5	8	36-26 (35 points)

Highest Win

Home	Away
4-0	3-0
(15 Oct 1966)	(14 Apr 1970)

Heaviest Defeat

Home	Away
0-2	1-4
(25 Nov 1972)	(14 Mar 1967)
(11 Nov 1989)	

Boro's leading League scorers against Swindon:
Bernie Slaven (6), John O'Rourke (4).

Alan Miller

Neil Cox

Curtis Fleming

Steve Vickers

Derek Whyte

Clayton Blackmore

Andy Todd

Jamie Pollock

Paul Wilkinson

John Hendrie

Alan Moore

Craig Hignett

Tommy Wright

Graham Kavanagh

Ben Roberts

Jaime Moreno

Philip Stamp

Fraser Digby

Mark Robinson

Paul Bodin

Luc Nijholt

Kevin Horlock

Shaun Taylor

Neil Webb

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