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# Graeme Sharp

Well, what a cracking Christmas period it has been for the club. Two wins and seven goals must make it the best Christmas for Latics for quite a while.

Obviously both Colin and myself were delighted with both performances and pleased that the fans who supported us so well over the two games were rewarded with some good goals.

If we continue to play like this over the rest of the season I will be more than happy as both games were potentially difficult ones to encounter, with Wolves coming to Boundary Park in second spot in the league.

But Andy Ritchie proved his worth to the team with yet another fine hat-trick.

On paper the game at Grimsby was going to be extremely tough. Our away record has not been too impressive to say the least and Grimsby had only suffered defeat at home in the league on one previous occasion.

But the attitude of the lads was first class as they were all eager to get out onto the pitch, even though one or two were carrying slight knocks from the Wolves game.


*"Make no mistake about it, we intend to have a say in the promotion battle"*

One of the highlights of the game was the goal from Nick Henry who was the subject of some good humoured ribbing from the lads after a couple of misses in the Wolves game. Nick's delight at scoring such a super goal, and that of the rest of the team, was there to be seen as he disappeared under a mountain of blue shirts.

I had decided to take the team away for the night after the Boxing Day game, a decision which was justified with the performance and result.

If I was to be critical about anything over the two games it must be the way we conceded two goals. But don't get me wrong, I have been more than happy with the overall performance of the defence, particularly Richard Graham who has had to cover for the injured Richard Jobson.

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I did make attempts to sign a defender on loan to cover the hectic Christmas and New Year period but was not successful, but my concern was unwarranted with two fine performances from young Richard who looks a natural in the central defensive position.

These two wins improved our league placing quite remarkably as we are now in eighth spot, just two points away from a play-off position. Make no mistake about it, we intend to have a say in the promotion battle.

But today's game will not be a foregone conclusion just because Swindon find themselves at the wrong end of the table.

My old friend from my Goodison days, Steve McMahon, now in charge at Swindon, will be sure to have his troops fired up after suffering a 3-1 defeat at home to Sheffield United on Tuesday night, so we need to approach the game in the right frame of mind, as we did with Wolves and Grimsby.

I had one or two battles with Steve when he made the move from Goodison to Anfield and I know all about his commitment and fighting qualities, but we will be trying to make it three wins on the trot.

With Nicky Banger suffering a slight stomach strain it has seen the reappearance of Darren Beckford on the substitutes bench for his first appearances of the season. But we are still faced with a fairly long injury list when you add Richard Jobson, Craig Fleming, Paul Bernard, Andy Barlow and Ian Olney.

I have already complimented you, the fans, for your support over the Christmas games, the lads are really grateful for it, so let's hear you again today helping us climb the league table.

**A Happy New Year to you all.**

Graeme

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► **R**oy Butterworth rarely makes the news in his role as Latics' press steward.

Behind the scenes at Boundary Park, though, Roy lays claim to being the longest serving member of the backroom team.

Roy, the managing director of a local printing firm, signed up in 1962 making this his 33rd season as press steward.

The demands of liaising with the media have increased markedly in recent years with the club's new-found success.



In the early days, when Latics were in the Fourth Division, it was simply a case of handing out programmes to a handful of scribes.

Nowadays there can be upwards of 50 journalists at Boundary Park for big matches, although last season's relegation from the Premiership has had an effect on press box attendances.

Ray recalled his most hectic night in 1992 when Leeds United were the visitors and Eric Cantona was making his debut for the Yorkshire side.

He said: "The record number of journalists was 66 for that match, including ten from France.

"There were 40 photographers at the ground that night as well as the television cameras.

"As for entirely English press the highest number was 62 for our F.A. Cup replay against Everton in 1990."

It was a far cry to 1962 when Roy arrived at Boundary Park in unusual circumstances.

Roy, a lifelong supporter, wrote to chairman Harry Massey asking why Latics could not put out a pre-match radio programme similar to the one he had heard at Coventry City.

He takes up the story: "The Chairman invited me down to the ground and promptly told me to sort out a programme for Latics.

"And out of my letter was born Radio Latics in 1962 when I did a programme in the hour preceding the match featuring pre-recorded interviews.

"There has been plenty said about the launch of Radio Latics this season, but I was doing a similar thing over 30 years ago, the only difference was that my programme was not broadcast outside the ground."

Roy operated Radio Latics from the press box which is how he was enlisted to the job of press steward. Initially he was asked to place programmes on seats, but as the numbers of journalists grew new chairman Harry Wild invited him to become the club's official press steward.

Roy, whose grandfather bought him a season ticket at the age of seven in 1947, has been supporting the club since his childhood.

One of his earliest recollections was a 7-2 defeat against Newcastle, and he remembers being heartbroken that afternoon.

Roy has happy memories of his days with Radio Latics which was broadcast at first team and reserve fixtures.

He said: "Reserve team matches were played on Saturday afternoons at the same time as the first team.

"In those days radio and television didn't relay up to the minute score flashes and reports.

"Jim Williams covered Latics for the Chronicle and he used to ring up from away matches with reports which I would relay to those at Boundary Park."

Roy had his work cut out during the unforgettable 1989-90 campaign when Latics were not geared for the influx of media to chart the club's memorable successes.

He explained: "I had 19 seats in the press box with up to 62 journalists to accommodate. There were reporters dotted throughout the stand and, quite frankly, it was chaotic."

"The three years in the Premiership were easy in comparison as the Club provided extra seating at the back of the main stand. The facilities have improved and the hospitality is amongst the best in the league."

Roy has to allocate seating to correspond with individual needs. Journalists who need to telephone during the match have to be located near a point.

After the match Roy, who has served under nine Latics managers, arranges press conferences with the rival managers and any player who may have impressed.

And when things become really hectic Roy calls upon his daughter Jane to lend a hand. She is a friend of Blackburn Rovers manager Kenny Dalglish whom she met on a ski-ing holiday.

Roy began his working life as an apprentice printer in Shaw 40 years ago, but for the last 23 has had his own company, Burnage Press.

Roy, who is married to Edith, is also connected with Royton and Crompton Rotary Club of which he is a former president.

He also used to be heavily involved in equestrianism and was once a director of Rochdale Riding Club.

Football, however, remains Roy's passion and even now he finds it hard to believe that the club, which once had to apply for re-election to the league, spent three seasons in the top flight rubbing shoulders with the likes of Manchester United Liverpool and Arsenal every week.

He said: "I never imagined it possible for the club to have success as it has done over the last six years."

"Quite a lot of the new fans we acquired have begun to drift away, but they ought to have been following the club in the fourth division when times were really hard."



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## BORO BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

Middlesbrough manager Bryan Robson was joined recently by Ayresome Park legends Wilf Mannion, George Hardwick, and Harold Shepherdson for the official earth-cutting ceremony to mark the commencement of work at the site of the First Division club's new super stadium.

The main contractors for the building of what will become the biggest new ground in the country, Taylor Woodrow Construction, have been working on the site for some weeks and the outline of the pitch is now clearly visible from the air. Initially set to seat 30,000 supporters, the design of Boro's new home allows for a potential capacity increase to 34,400. The new stadium, which is set to open for the start of the 1995-96 season, is situated alongside Middlesbrough Dock and the River Tees. The ground is being built with the requirements of the disabled supporter very much in mind - over 200 excellent viewing positions, together with first class access points, toilets and turnstiles will be provided.

Commenting on the new development, Middlesbrough Chairman Steve Gibson said: "The biggest selling point to Bryan Robson when we asked him to start his managerial career at Middlesbrough was a model and artist's impression of our new stadium. I told him, 'If you join us, I will deliver that to you'".

## LEAGUE TO PUBLISH NEW SAFETY GUIDE

One of the most comprehensive guides on stadium safety management and the training of club stewards will be published by The Football League in the New Year.

The new guide builds on the success of the original training document issued by The League three years ago, which set the standards expected throughout the football industry in the United Kingdom. The 1991 publication also received

widespread praise across the continent and was actually translated into Dutch for distribution to professional clubs in Holland.

The latest publication contains detailed guidance on the safety policy and management structure that should be operating at all clubs, taking into account the relevant legislation now in place and experience gained over the past three years.

The sections on the appointment and training of matchday stewards have been structured in such a way as to be fully compatible with the standards set out on the National Vocational Qualification available in Spectator Control.

Football League Security Advisor Jack Crawford said: "Our objective is clearly to assist professional clubs discharge their responsibilities with regard to the safe management of their grounds and the maintenance of an approved stewarding system. Considerable improvements have been made since 1991 in the structure and stewarding of grounds and this publication brings together the best practice already in being at many clubs. The intention is that the guide be an aid to the professional judgement of those concerned and not a substitute for tried and tested practices that are already fully complying with the requirements of the legislation".

The guide has been produced as a joint venture with the Football Association and Premier League after close consultation with both the Football Licensing Authority and Football Safety Officers' Association.

## REDS ARE RED HOT COCA-COLA CUP FAVOURITES

Following Liverpool's 3-1 victory over Blackburn Rovers in the last round of Coca-Cola Cup, Roy Evans' Anfield side have been installed as the new 5/2 favourites to lift the famous three-handled trophy at Wembley Stadium on Sunday 2nd April.

Millwall, conquerors of Premiership side Nottingham Forest, are seen as 20/1 shots. Bolton, who also overcame Premiership opposition in West Ham United, are quoted at 9/1.

Full odds supplied by William Hill for the clubs remaining in the Coca-Cola Cup are as follows: Liverpool 5/2; Newcastle United 7/2; Arsenal 9/2; Norwich C 7/1; Bolton Wdrs, Crystal Palace 9/1; Swindon Tn 14/1; Man City 16/1; Millwall 20/1.

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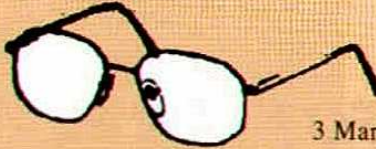
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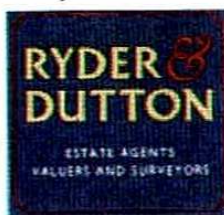
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Well looking back over the last twelve months is all a bit disappointing for Latics fans and players alike.

But as always, like it or not, once again we've seen plenty of changes.

Relegation was a massive blow to everyone, as was the semi-final defeat by Manchester United. Many would agree that last minute equaliser at Wembley was a blow which we never really seemed to recover from.

None the less in true style we battled away right until the end of the season - to the very final day in fact before succumbing to the ultimate disappointment of relegation.

*"We started the season in rip roaring fashion - then faded away somewhat"*

It's always frustrating to look back on disappointments, so many things could perhaps have changed things for us. Once again we proved capable of beating the best, but overall the playing staff must accept the reality of the situation, we weren't quite good enough.

Everyone has their own views as to why and it's so easy to be critical or wise after the event, but whatever, it seemed like every single person at Boundary Park did their utmost to stay in the Premiership - and we will be doubling our efforts to get back as soon as possible.

The best moments for us were probably in the F.A. Cup, once again a semi-final appearance, and the

opportunity to play at Wembley another big thrill.

Player wise once again plenty of movement, and as we've seen so often in the past the emergence of the younger players making the breakthrough into the first team. That alone is important for a club like ours.

Personally I was sorry to see my midfield partner leave, Mike Milligan eventually deciding his future would lie elsewhere, and for a while there was some speculation about myself. But now I'm settled after agreeing a new contract.

We started the season in rip roaring fashion - then faded away somewhat, appeared to be getting things together before another surprise - Joe Royle's departure to Everton.

And so began a new era at Boundary Park. A new manager and coach determined to continue the recent spell of success. It is of course, impossible to see into the future, but one thing we can be certain of in the next twelve months, there's bound to be plenty to talk about.

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*Jack Dearden in conversation with Nick Henry prior to the Wolves game.*

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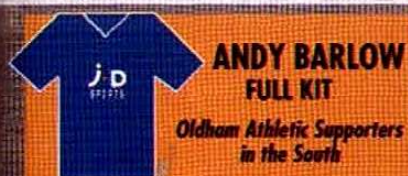
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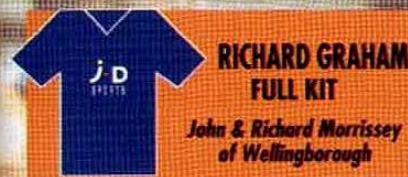
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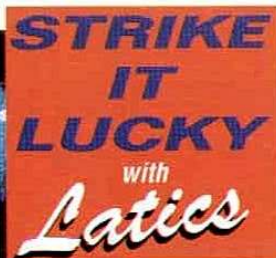


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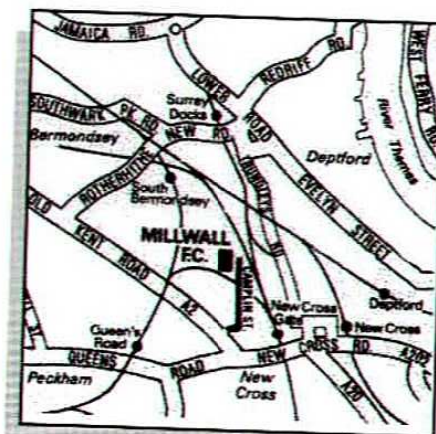
There are 1900 seats available in the North Stand Upper Tier (Behind Goal). Price £12 adults £6 Juniors. Pay on the day.

### TRAVELLING BY COACH

Executive coaches depart Boundary Park 2pm. Return fare: £14  
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M62 towards Leeds until reaching the junction with the M1. Continue with M1 to Junction 2 then A1 towards City following signs for Shoreditch and Whitechapel. Follow signs Ring Road, Dover, cross over Tower Bridge, take 1st exit at roundabout (1 mile) onto A2. From Elephant and Castle take A2 (New Kent Road) into Old Kent Road and turn left (after 4 miles) at Canterbury Arms Pub into Ilderton Road, then follow Surrey Canal road to new ground in Zampa Road.

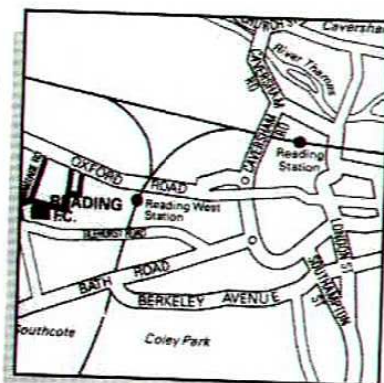


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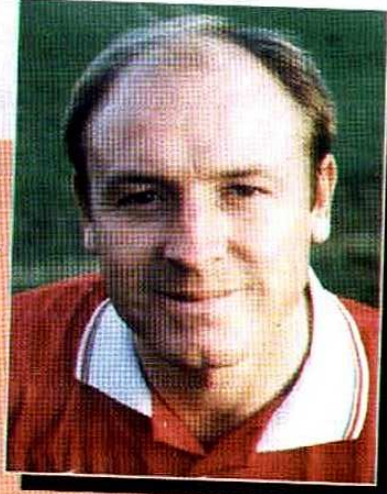
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## Management

**S**teve McMahon was appointed player-manager of Swindon at the end of last month, succeeding John Gorman at The County Ground.

The 33 year-old Liverpoolian, who started his career as an apprentice at Goodison Park in 1977, has made over 500 League and Cup appearances all told and has been capped 17 times by England at full international level - all in the '80s - and he also gained U/21 and 'B' team recognition, all his honours coming whilst a Liverpool player, having joined the Anfield club in 1985 after spending two years with Aston Villa whom he signed for in 1983 for a fee of £175,000. A tough-tackling midfielder, McMahon won League championship and F.A. Cup winners' medals with Liverpool and he would dearly love to celebrate his first season as a manager by winning something with the Robins. (We shall see).



**S**windon Town, under their new player-manager Steve McMahon (who is likely to miss today's game through suspension) are not having a good season, and if you check the League table you will note that they're far too near the relegation-zone for comfort.

But McMahon, a very experienced professional, aims to turn things round at The County Ground - and indeed, he and his players (along with the fans) are looking forward (we trust) to a 'Happy 1995.'

Last season Swindon were relegated (along with ourselves) from the Premiership after spending just one season in the top flight (in fact their only one to date) and

most people in football thought that they would be among the front runners chasing for promotion this time round.

Unfortunately that's not been the case (so far) and for McMahon's sake, the important thing right now is to pull clear of danger.

The squad at Swindon is a useful one with plenty of experienced players in the fold, some of them quality internationals, but McMahon has already looked around, seeking new faces to strengthen his ranks in some quarters, although he has admitted that he will give each player the opportunity to show his worth to him personally before anything drastic is done.

The squad currently under McMahon's control (from which fourteen will be kitted out to take on the Latics today) is as follows:

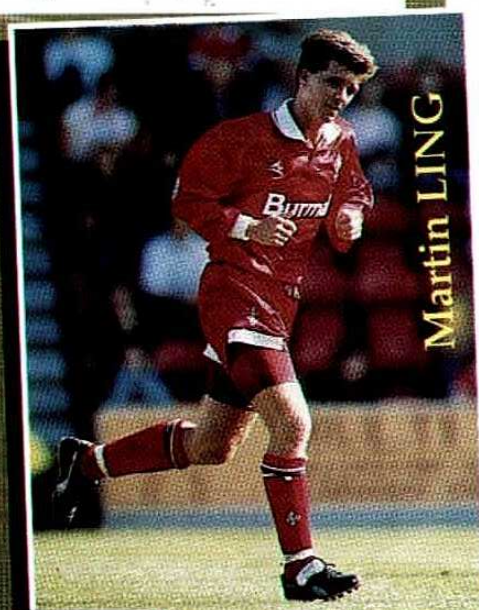
Goalkeeper **Fraser Digby**, born in Sheffield in 1967, joined Manchester United from school, but failed to make the first team at Old Trafford, having loan spells with both Athletic and Swindon before moving permanently to The County Ground in 1986. He's now made over 350 senior appearances for the Robins.

Reserve 'keeper is **Nicky Hammond**, aged 24 from Hornchurch, who was an apprentice at Arsenal before joining Swindon in 1987. He has also had spells with Aberdeen, Peterborough United and Bristol Rovers.

**Ian Culverhouse** has recently joined Swindon from Norwich City. An adaptable player who can fill in at right-back or as a sweeper, he made over 300 League appearances for the Canaries whom he joined from Tottenham Hotspur.

Welsh international left-back **Paul Bodin**, Cardiff-born, is now 30 and cost Swindon just £25,000 from Newport County in 1988. Three years later he transferred to Crystal Palace for £550,000, but returned to The County Ground ten months later after failing to settle at Selhurst Park. He is Swindon's penalty expert.

**Luc Nijholt**, aged 33, from Zaadam, Netherlands, was signed from Motherwell for £175,000 in June 1993 having spent three years with the Scottish club following his transfer from Old Boys Berne (Switzerland). He started his career in Holland with FC Haarlem before moving to AZ 67 Alkmaar and then FC Utrecht. A strong, forceful defender, good in the air and in the tackle.



Martin LING

# Swindon Town

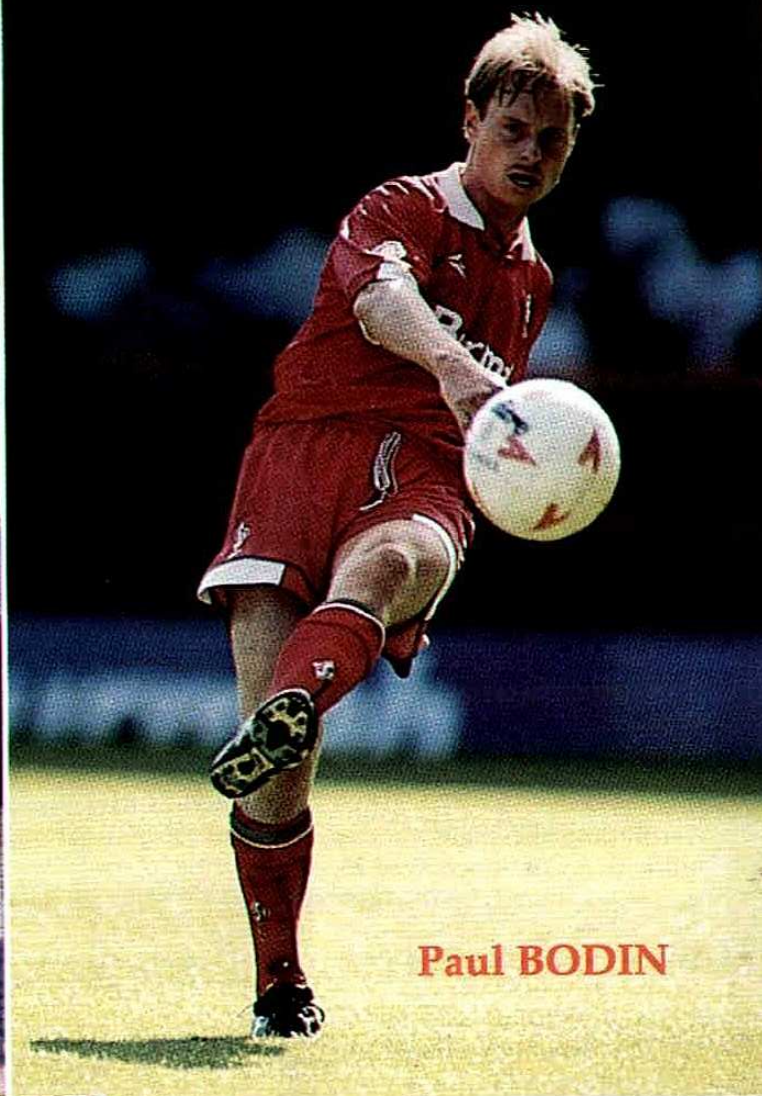
Partnering Nijholt in defence is Plymouth-born **Shaun Taylor**, aged 31, who was signed from Exeter City for £200,000 in July 1991. He entered professional football late, switching from Bideford Town to the Grecians at the age of 23. He made 233 appearances whilst at Exeter and recently signed a new contract with Swindon. Watch this fellow at set pieces!

**Kevin Horlock**, a 22 year-old defender from Plumstead, is a Northern Ireland U/21 international who was signed from West Ham in June 1992. He deputised for Bodin last season but can also play in the middle of the back-four.

**Andrew Thomson**, aged 20, from Swindon, is a capable defender who has risen through the ranks at The County Ground, making his Premiership debut on the final day of last season (v. Leeds).

Seven years ago centre-half **Brian Kilcline** collected the F.A. Cup as skipper of Coventry City. He joined Swindon from Newcastle United for £90,000 last January having previously served with Notts County, the Sky Blues and Oldham Athletic. An England U/21 international, he is a big, powerful defender, brave and scrupulously fair, who has now amassed over 400 appearances as a professional.

**Mark Robinson**, ex-West Bromwich Albion and Barnsley, was secured by Swindon from Newcastle United for a club record fee of £600,000 last July having been



**Paul BODIN**

## For The Record

- *Club formed 1881, joined Football League in 1920-21*
- *Honours:* Division Four champions 1985-86 (with 102 points); League Cup winners (v. Arsenal) in 1969; Italian Cup winners 1970. Swindon played in FA Cup semi-finals of 1910 & 1912.
- *Record win:*  
10-1 v. Farnham United Breweries (a) F.A. Cup 1925
- *Heaviest defeat:*  
1-10 v. Manchester City (a) F.A. Cup, 1930
- *Most League appearances:*  
770 by John Trollope (1960-80)
- *Most League goals for club:*  
216 by Harry Morris (1926-33)
- *Most capped player with club:*  
30 Welsh caps - Rod Thomas
- *Record attendance:* 32,000 v. Arsenal, F.A. Cup, 1972. Current ground capacity (on completion): 19,000.

## Did You Know?

- Despite being relegated at the end of last season, Swindon became the first Premiership side to score four goals against the champions Manchester United in League matches during the 1993-94 campaign. They lost 4-2 at Old Trafford and then drew 2-2 in the return fixture at The County Ground.
- Swindon played their first-ever League game 74 years ago - in August 1920 - when they destroyed Luton Town 9-1 at home in a Third Division match. Fleming scored four of their goals that day.

# Star Robin - Jan Aage Fjortoft

**A** prolific scorer who joined Swindon in July 1993 for £500,000 from Rapid Vienna having moved there in 1989 from Lillestrom.

Aged 27, he's now made over 50 appearances for Norway, one against England when he scored to end our hopes of getting to the World Cup finals of 1994. In his first season in English football, Fjortoft, born in Aalesund in January 1967, scored 13 goals in 27 games for Swindon and he's again the club's top marksman this time round (and looking for more). He's recently signed a new contract, which ties him down to The County Ground until 1999.

transferred to St. James's Park from Oakwell for £450,000. He made his debut for West Brom in 1986 as a winger, but is now a capable, hard-working right-back.

**Ross MacLaren**, from Edinburgh, is a midfield grafter. Aged 32, he now combines his playing duties with the role of reserve team manager. Signed from Derby County for £140,000 in 1988, he has now made some 200 League and Cup appearances for the Robins.

**Martin Ling** also mans midfield. A Londoner, aged 28, from West Ham, he started off with Exeter City and is, in fact, in his second spell at Swindon. He initially joined the club for £25,000 in 1986 but then joined Southend United after just three months. After a loan spell with Mansfield Town he returned to Swindon in July 1991 for £15,000. He is dangerous in the box, often

coming late from deep positions.

Another engine-room manipulator is **Joey Beauchamp** who joined Swindon just after the start of this season after a disastrous move in July 1994 from Oxford United to West Ham which lasted less than a month! Beauchamp started his career as an apprentice at The Manor Ground and appeared in more than 150 games for the 'U's' scoring 27 goals. In 1991 he went on loan to Swansea City. An inspirational player, good on the ball, he loves to run at defenders.

**Marcus Phillips** is a 21 year-old attacking midfielder from Bradford-on-Avon who made his debut (as sub) two years

ago. He has yet to claim a regular first team place but is highly rated at The County Ground.

**Keith Scott**, a 27 year-old Londoner, was signed from Wycombe Wanderers for £300,000 a little over a year ago having started off with Lincoln City. He netted over 80 goals whilst with Wycombe (in 135 games) including 15 in 23 outings in the club's first League season. He made an impressive start to his career with Swindon and will have to be watched at all times around goal. He forms a fine partnership 'up front' with the Norwegian **Jan Aage Fjortoft** who is the star player featured above.

Other squad members include former England 'B' striker **Andy Mutch** who joined the club from Wolves for £250,000 in August 1993; forward **Chris Hamon**, a native of Jersey who signed a two-year contract with the Robins in 1993; defenders **Adrian Viveash**, a defender, who has come up through the youth and intermediate sides, **Wayne Sullivan** (aged 20) who made his debut in the Anglo-Italian Cup two years ago, and **Lee Middleton** from Nuneaton Borough who enjoys a midfield role. He joined the Robins after being released by Coventry City two years ago.

## SWINDON'S 10 YEAR LEAGUE RECORD

Season	Div.	Post.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1984-85	4	8th	46	21	9	16	62	58	72
1985-86	4	1st	46	32	6	8	82	43	102
1986-87	3	3rd	46	25	12	9	77	47	87
1987-88	2	12th	44	16	11	17	73	58	59
1988-89	2	6th	46	20	16	10	68	53	76
1989-90	2	4th	46	20	14	12	79	59	74
1990-91	2	21st	46	12	14	20	65	73	50
1991-92	2	8th	46	18	15	13	69	55	69
1992-93	1	5th	46	21	13	12	74	59	76
1993-94	PL	22nd	42	5	15	22	47	100	30

# Past Encounters

There have so far been 18 previous League meetings between the two clubs and at the moment this is our full record in the competition against the Robins:

Venue	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	9	4	3	2	17	16
Away	9	2	3	4	12	20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>

So right now it's all square in terms of wins, draws and losses.

Last season's corresponding game here ended in a 2-1 win for The Latics, Rick Holden and Steve Redmond scoring our goals (one in each half) before a December crowd of 9,771.

The last five tussles have, in fact, produced a total of 23 goals, with the best of the bunch being that seven-goal thriller in March 1988, when just over 5,000 fans saw the Latics win 4-3 here at Boundary Park, Andy Ritchie scoring twice (one a penalty).

Swindon haven't won on Latics' soil for 26 years - their last victory here was back in October 1968 when they won a Third Division match by 3-2.

# Past Master



**JOHN TROLLOPE**, M.B.E., holds the record for most appearances for Swindon Town - over 800 - including 756 in the Football League alone. John was a dominating full-back who spent 23 years as a player with the Robins (1959-81 inclusive).

In fact, he served the club for more than 30 years all told, for after retiring he was team manager (to 1983 although he had been appointed into this position whilst still a player) and thereafter acted as coach to both the reserves and youth sides. Known affectionately as 'Mr Loyalty' John suffered many 'ups and downs' with Swindon - among his 'ups' being promotion (in 1963 and 1969) and a League Cup win at Wembley over Arsenal, also in 1969. He was awarded the M.B.E. 'for services to football' in 1978. A truly great servant to Swindon Town Football Club.

# Played for both

**TOMMY DEVLIN** is one of only a handful of players who have served with both clubs. A Scot, born in Bellshill, Lanarkshire in 1904, Tommy made just two League appearances for the Latics in 1934, against two London clubs, Fulham and West Ham.

An inside-forward, he started his major career with Third Lanark in 1922 and thereafter, assisted the following in turn: Birmingham (1924), Preston (1926), Liverpool (1927), Swindon (signed in 1928 for £200), Brooklyn Wanderers in America (1929), Aberdeen (1931), Walsall (1932), FC Zurich in Switzerland and Fleetwood (each in 1933) and finally the Latics, being released from Boundary Park in April 1935. For the record, Tommy's brother, William, served with 13 different clubs.

## SWINDONS' MANAGERS 1945-94

1945-53	Louis Page
1953-55	Maurice Lindley
1956-65	Bert Head
1965-69	Danny Williams
1969-71	Fred Ford
1971-72	Dave Mackay
1972-74	Les Allen
1974-78	Danny Williams
1978-80	Bobby Smith
1980-83	John Trollope
1983-84	Ken Beamish
1984-89	Lou Macari
1989-91	Ossie Ardiles

1991-93	Glenn Hoddle
1993-94	John Gorman
1994	Steve McMahon



LOU MACARI

# IN OPPOSITION

BY TONY BUGBY

*"Steve is a hard player to play against, and one who is also very determined"*



**G**raeme Sharp and Steve McMahon, once team-mates at Everton, are amongst the latest to join the managerial ranks.

Indeed Graeme will be the managerial veteran going into today's first division clash with eight matches under his belt as opposed to McMahon's five.

Graeme says his Swindon counterpart will not need any advice from him on management.

He said: "Steve has had a very successful career so knows exactly what is expected for a team to be challenging for honours.

"He has played under some top class managers at Everton, Aston Villa, Liverpool and Manchester City. He will have picked up plenty of tips, although I am sure he will have his own ideas."

Graeme believes McMahon (33) still has much to offer on the playing front, even though

he was sent off on his Swindon debut at Southend.

He said: "Steve is still a steely midfielder and fully committed as was shown with his sending off in his first match for Swindon.

## GRAEME SHARP

*talks about*

## STEVE McMAHON

"I have taken a back step playing wise, but Steve went straight into the side."

"We had a couple of years together at Everton and since we went our separate ways we have had many battles.

"Steve is a hard player to play against, and one who is also very determined. I am sure that style will show forth in his approach to management."

Graeme and McMahon both enjoyed tremendous success as players, and will be hoping to repeat that in management.

The Latics boss won two league championship, F.A. Cup and European Cup-Winners Cup medals at Everton to go along with 12 Scotland caps.

McMahon achieved even more honours with three First Division titles and two F.A. Cup winners' medals together with 16 international appearances.

The highlight of his career was landing the league and cup double in 1986, with Liverpool one of only four clubs to achieve the feat this century.

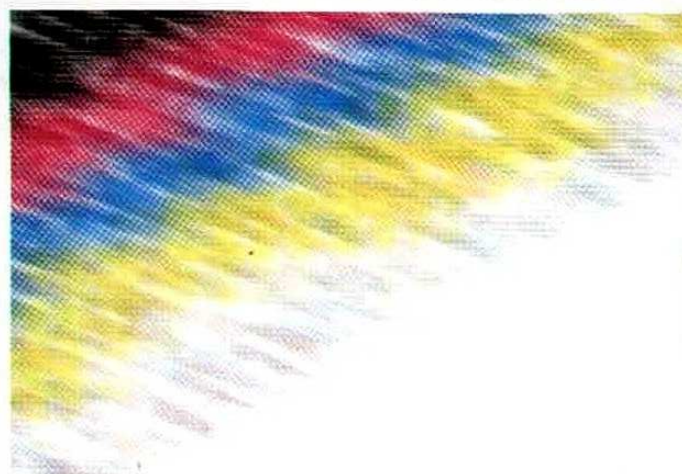
Graeme is looking forward to renewing rivalries with his former team-mate as he explained: "We have had a few battles, but now we are managers we can look forward to them in a different light."

*Sean  
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There are a few seat tickets available at the ticket office price £9 adults £4 concessionary. Standing is by payment at the turnstiles £7.50, (no concessions).

Executive coaches leave Boundary Park at 9.30am price £12.50, bookings should be made at Latique. Should the game end in a draw then the replay will take place at Boundary Park on **WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY**, kick off 7.45pm

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*The Directors, Players, Management and Staff wish all supporters a Happy and Prosperous New Year.*

## WHAT'S OPEN & WHEN

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## OBITUARY

JOSEPH W. BALLARD

Dedicated Latics' fan Joe Ballard died in November aged 79.

Joe - who was the last Town Clerk of Crompton UDC before Local Government re-organisation, had watched Latics for well over 60 years.

As a boy he sat on the side of the pitch when the club had its record crowd of 47,651 against Sheffield Wednesday in 1930. Since the 1950's he was member, first in the Main Stand and for the past ten years as a Vice President. Due to illness, he had been unable to watch any games this year, however he was able to travel to Wembley in 1990 for the Littlewoods Cup Final against Nottingham Forest.

His son Robert, who is currently working in Saudi Arabia, says that his father would ring up every Saturday night with a match report. In fact, his last telephone call was to tell him that Joe Royle had resigned as Latics manager.

Our condolences go to Mr. Ballard's family.

## HAS IT HAPPENED BEFORE?

**T**he two fine wins secured over the Christmas period had us looking through the record books to see when we last had such a good Christmas.

In fact looking back, Christmas over the years has not been too successful as far as wins go, but we find that in the 1977/78 season a 1-0 away win at Hull City on Boxing Day and a 2-0 home win over Burnley the following day was the last time we recorded two wins.

Vic Halom scored both goals against Burnley while it was an own goal that secured the points at Hull.

That season the New Year period also proved to be extremely successful as Latics secured two more wins. Fulham (a) 2-0 on 30th December and Blackpool (h) 2-1 on 2nd January. It was one of Latics' best runs as they recorded seven wins on the trot from 17th December to 21st January.

It was interesting to see the attendances at the two home games over the holiday period. The Burnley game was watched by 15,170 and the Blackpool game drew a crowd of 15,308.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

As these are the last community notes of 1994, we thought it would be of interest to look back on some of the activities undertaken by the Community

Department during the year.

We have visited 26 schools and spent one afternoon a week at each for six weeks doing basic football coaching and games. Where possible the school also visited the club for a tour and player visits into the school were arranged.

The "Learning Through Football" day continues to be successful. 26 school classes have spent the day at the ground doing group activities revolving around football as the theme. All children received complimentary match tickets for a first team game. We have also enjoyed visiting special schools, and centres for adults with learning difficulties. These have included Hardman Fold, Hill Top, Marland Fold, Rock Street and Greaves Street Centres. Sporting activities or question and answer sessions were held.

Ten soccer schools were held during the year. Each course took place between 10am and 3pm. Five-four day courses, four three-day courses and one two-day course was held. Each child received various gifts including match tickets, t-shirts, and footballs courtesy of OAFC and sponsors JD Sports.

Twelve senior citizen Tea Dances were held, with our Christmas Tea Dance proving very popular in the Clayton Arms on Wednesday the 14th December.

We also took six groups of Senior Citizens on day trips during the summer holidays using the Latics mini-bus for transport.

Four Emergency First Aid Courses were held in the Junior Latics lounge, enabling over 50 people to become qualified in basic first aid knowledge. 90 birthday parties were held in the Junior Latics lounge, after school sessions at 11 Junior schools, and the Refuge Schools 6-a-side soccer competition has also taken place.

The Community Department have undertaken a reasonably wide variety of community activities during the year.

In finishing we would like to wish the management, players, staff and everyone a Happy New Year.

**For further information on any community activities contact John Platt on 678 8464**



# Offside - understanding the new guidelines

**T**he new guidelines circulated by FIFA to all National Associations and Referees have certainly resulted in more goals being scored this season.

Spectators have generally been swift to welcome fewer 0-0 drawn matches and been pleased to be able to applaud goals being scored through skillful play arising from players being more able to hold and dribble the ball more safely. This season, players have been protected more securely from foul, violent tackles from behind and, also not been needlessly denied exciting goals scored, even when teammates have been standing in off-side positions but, more importantly, when those teammates have not been committing an off-side offence.

In the past there was always a perceived tendency to find in favour of the defence when a marginal off-side decision was being made. The old philosophy of "Rather a doubtful off-side punishment than allow a doubtful goal" has been replaced with a new emphasis on moving any fine balance slightly in favour of the attacking player.

The mood to encourage attacking play actually started in 1991 when Law XI (Off-side) was amended marginally, so that a player level with the second last defender (the goalkeeper normally being the last defender) became **NOT** off-side. Prior to 1991, "level" was off-side!

The recent World Cup and now in our domestic season, Referees and Linesmen have been instructed to recognise more strictly that a player commits an off-side offence only if seeking to gain an advantage by being in his location or by interfering with play or with an opponent, in relation to the area of the field in which there is "active play".

An existing International FA Board decision relating to Off-side Law has always made clear to Players and Referees alike the "off-side shall not be judged at the moment the player in question receives the ball, but at the moment when **the ball is passed to him** by one of his own side".

An indication of the region of "active play" is clearly helpfully given by thinking of the area on the field **into which** "the ball is passed to him". As a result, Players and Spectators can be assured that if a player on the left hand side of the field is (only) in an off-side **position** and the ball is passed to a teammate in an on-side position on the right hand side of the field, no Linesman should raise his flag merely to indicate that, on the left, a Player is situated in an off-side position. Play should proceed and the attack, down the right, should continue uninhibited.

Of course, as any off-side judgement is made solely in terms of the relative positions of players "at the **moment** the ball is played", a player who is not in an offside position when one of his colleagues passes the ball to him, also does not, therefore, become off-side if he goes forward into an off-side position during the flight of the ball.

However, in order to know accurately the direction, trajectory and speed of the ball **after** it has been played (in order to determine the area of "active play") a linesman must certainly delay his judgement of off-side (or not) for a couple of seconds and spectators should not misunderstand any minor delay in this adjudicating and perhaps consider it to be a sign of indecision. The slight pause before waving the flag (or deciding not to wave) is more likely to ensure a correct off-side judgement.

The FIFA guideline is very clear in terms of that fine balance, mentioned earlier, which has now been moved towards attacking play. It spells out, quite specifically, that "if a linesman is in any doubt as to whether a player is off-side (active area position) or not, he should decide in favour of the attacker, in other words, he shall **refrain** from signalling off-side".

These observations should assist readers in understanding a little more the new guidelines and the philosophy of encouraging more attacking play, more excitement and (hopefully) more goals.

Enjoy the play and understand the linesman's position! a slight delay in signalling is a positive contribution to ensuring a more accurate decision.

**Ken Ridden**

(The Football Association)

## PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Thursday 15th December 1994

OLDHAM ATHLETIC 2  
BIRMINGHAM CITY 4

**L**atics Reserves suffered another disappointing defeat made all the worse by an ex Latics player driving the nail into the Athletic coffin.

Birmingham City will find themselves being fined for a late arrival, the game kicking off 13 minutes late and 40 minutes into the game they wished they had stayed on the bus when the Blues were hit with a double salvo as Graeme Sharp and Ricky Evans combined with neat passing play to slot in Darren Beckford who powered his shot home via the crossbar.

Two minutes later Latics went 2-0 up from a David Beresford corner kick, the curling cross was powerfully headed home by the unmarked Paul Rickers.

Latics holding a 2-0 lead at half time should have just shut-up shop and coasted to victory but three minutes into the second period Birmingham were level, Andy Saville netting twice in 60 seconds and worse was to follow. Athletic old boy Paul Moulden stunned Latics as he darted clear of a static defence to nutmeg the advancing Jon Hallworth, and then the 5'7" attacker out jumped everyone to head home City's fourth goal in the last minute.

Birmingham City deserved this victory over the 90 minute period which was sweet revenge for a 4-1 home defeat six weeks ago at the hands of Athletic.

**TEAM:** HALLWORTH, HILTON, QUINN, BOOTH, LONERGAN, KENNY, BERESFORD, RICKERS, SHARP, BECKFORD, EVANS, **SUBS:** ALLOTT, WOODS.



Mark Allott

### Lancashire League Fixtures

Division One 1994-95

				FA
20th Aug	Everton 'A'	Away	1-5	
27th Aug	Burnley 'A'	Home	1-2	
2nd Sept	Liverpool 'A'	Away	3-1	
10th Sept	Morcombe Res	Home	3-0	
17th Sept	Blackburn Rov 'A'	Away	2-1	
24th Sept	Marine	Home	3-1	
30th Sept	Morecombe Res	Away	2-0	
8th Oct	Liverpool 'A'	Home	3-1	
22nd Oct	Bury Res	Home	1-2	
29th Oct	Bury Res	Away	1-1	
5th Nov	Blackburn Rov 'A'	Home	1-4	
12th Nov	Blackpool 'A'	Home	P-P	
19th Nov	Manchester Utd 'A'	Away	1-1	
26th Nov	Everton 'A'	Home	P-P	
3rd Dec	Crewe Alex Res	Home	0-1	
10th Dec	Manchester Utd 'A'	Home	1-1	
17th Dec	Crewe Alex Res	Away	0-4	
7th Jan	Tranmere Rov 'A'	Home		
13th Jan	Tranmere Rov 'A'	Away		
28th Jan	Marine Res	Away		
11th Feb	Blackpool 'A'	Home		
25th Feb	Burnley 'A'	Away		
	Liverpool	TBA		

### OLDHAM ATHLETIC RESERVES 1994/95 AS AT 22.12.94

NAME	94-95 APPS	GOALS
A WOODS	12	0
A HUGHES	7	0
D QUINN	5	0
M BOOTH	4	0
J WOOD	4	0
S KAY	1	0
R HILTON	6 (1)	0
R GRAHAM	2	0
D McNIVEN	7 (1)	3
R EVANS	11	2
H SMITH	1	1
G RAMSDEN	4 (1)	0
L STOTT	2 (1)	0
I GRAY	1	0
D LONERGAN	6	0
B HART	9	0
P RICKERS	1	0
J EYRE	2	1
D BERESFORD	4	0
S McNIVEN	7 (1)	1
M ALLOTT	6 (2)	7
M PEMBERTON	5	0
C SERRANT	1	0
L RICHARDSON	4 (1)	1
B KENNY	2	0
MULHOLLAND	1	0
M THORP	0 (1)	0
A LEVANDIS	4 (1)	0
A BARLOW	1	0
A HOLT	4	0
P BERNARD	2	0
N POINTON	1	0
S SANDBACH	3 (1)	0
L RANDALL	2	0
A MORRISON	3	1
A RITCHIE	1	1
M INNES	1	0
S CARROLL	1	0
D BECKFORD	2	1
G SHARP	1	0
D GORMAN	2	0
(OWN GOAL)		1

### OLDHAM ATHLETIC 'A' TEAM SEASON 1994/95 AS AT 19.12.94

NAME	APPS	GOALS
A WOODS	12	0
A HUGHES	7	0
D QUINN	5	0
M BOOTH	4	0
J WOOD	4	0
S KAY	1	0
R HILTON	6 (1)	0
R GRAHAM	2	0
D McNIVEN	7 (1)	3
R EVANS	11	2
H SMITH	1	1
G RAMSDEN	4 (1)	0
L STOTT	2 (1)	0
I GRAY	1	0
D LONERGAN	6	0
B HART	9	0
P RICKERS	1	0
J EYRE	2	1
D BERESFORD	4	0
S McNIVEN	7 (1)	1
M ALLOTT	6 (2)	7
M PEMBERTON	5	0
C SERRANT	1	0
L RICHARDSON	4 (1)	1
B KENNY	2	0
MULHOLLAND	1	0
M THORP	0 (1)	0
A LEVANDIS	4 (1)	0
A BARLOW	1	0
A HOLT	4	0
P BERNARD	2	0
N POINTON	1	0
S SANDBACH	3 (1)	0
L RANDALL	2	0
A MORRISON	3	1
A RITCHIE	1	1
M INNES	1	0
S CARROLL	1	0
D BECKFORD	2	1
G SHARP	1	0
D GORMAN	2	0
(OWN GOAL)		1

# Youths

## PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Tuesday 20th December 1994

**GRIMSBY TOWN RES 0  
OLDHAM ATHLETIC RES 2**

A terrific performance from Lee Richardson was the key to this good win at Blundell Park from Latics Reserves, a win which puts them right back in contention in the title race.

The game got off to a bright start with both teams running at the opposing defences and Jon Hallworth, who it should be said was a pillar of strength all night long, pulled off an early save from Jimmy Neal.

Twelve minutes into the game Latics were in front when Mariners goalkeeper Pearcy, under pressure from the lively Nicky Banger, miscued his clearance kick and Darren Beckford cleverly chipped the ball back over the 'keepers head from at least 30 yards out.

From that point Athletic took charge with Paul Rickers and Richardson setting up some delightful moves.

The second half saw a spirited recovery from Grimsby who pushed the Latics defence hard, but Darren Lonergan and Matt Booth stood firm with no little help from Hallworth who made a number of fine saves, and Rickers did well to clear off the line a good effort from Lester.

Having rode their luck Latics then delivered the killer punch in the dying seconds of the game, Richardson fed out a great pass to Nicky Banger who left his marker for dead before crossing to the back post for Rickers to volley home.

**TEAM: HALLWORTH, McNIVEN S., QUINN, LONERGAN, BOOTH, RICKERS, HILTON, RICHARDSON, BECKFORD, BANGER, EVANS. SUBS ALLOTT, HUGHES.**

**SCORERS: BECKFORD, RICKERS.**

### PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION 2 TABLE AS AT 25.12.94

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
LEICESTER CITY	15	11	1	3	41	17	34
NEWCASTLE UNITED	16	10	3	3	30	22	33
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	18	10	2	6	40	35	32
BIRMINGHAM CITY	15	9	3	3	38	18	30
BARNLEY	19	9	3	7	39	26	30
BURNLEY	14	9	0	5	33	23	27
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	15	8	3	4	31	24	27
MIDDLESBROUGH	16	7	5	4	35	34	26
MANCHESTER CITY	16	8	2	6	28	27	26
PORT VALE	18	6	7	5	33	29	25
BLACKPOOL	16	5	2	9	21	24	17
YORK CITY	15	5	2	8	19	30	17
PRESTON NORTH END	16	3	6	7	15	21	15
MANSFIELD TOWN	14	4	3	7	19	28	15
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	16	4	3	9	20	31	15
GRIMSBY TOWN	15	4	2	9	21	25	14
BRADFORD CITY	16	3	3	10	16	46	12
HULL CITY	16	3	0	13	30	39	9

### Pontins Central League Division 2- Fixtures 1994-95

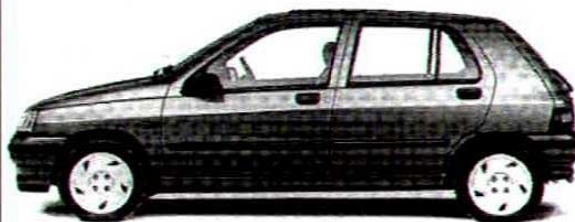
Tue	Aug 16	Sheffield Wednesday	1-2
Mon	Aug 22	Preston North End	2-1
Mon	Sep 5	Mansfield Town	2-0
Thu	Sep 15	Bradford City	6-1
Tue	Sep 20	York City	2-0
Tue	Sep 27	Manchester City	3-2
Thu	Oct 6	Barnley	2-0
Wed	Oct 12	Hull City	1-2
Mon	Oct 17	Birmingham City	4-1
Thu	Oct 27	Burnley	4-2
Wed	Nov 2	Barnley	0-6
Mon	Nov 7	Leicester City	1-8
Thu	Nov 17	Middlesbrough	3-3
Wed	Nov 23	Huddersfield Town	3-0
Tue	Dec 6	Sheffield Wednesday	1-2
Mon	Dec 12	Preston North End	1-1
Thu	Dec 15	Birmingham City	2-4
Tue	Dec 20	Grimsby Town	2-0
Tue	Jan 4	Port Vale	H
Tue	Jan 10	Blackpool	H
Wed	Jan 18	Newcastle United	A
Wed	Jan 25	Burnley	A
Tue	Jan 31	Leicester City	H
Wed	Feb 8	Middlesbrough	A
Tue	Feb 14	Huddersfield Town	H
Wed	Mar 1	York City	A
Tue	Mar 14	Manchester City	H
Thu	Mar 23	Bradford City	A
Tue	Mar 28	Mansfield Town	H
Tue	Apr 4	Grimsby Town	H
Wed	Apr 12	Port Vale	A
Wed	Apr 19	Blackpool	A
Tue	Apr 25	Hull City	H
Tue	May 9	Newcastle United	H



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# Oldham Athletic Fixtures a

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Daily Star	Daily Star	City Electrical Factors	G. Barlow & Sons	Sat Aug 13	Charlton Athletic	H 5-2	8,924
Lookers	Royal Mail	Tanatex Chemicals	Garforth Glass	Sat 20	Port Vale	A 1-3	10,05
				Sat 27	Burnley	H 3-0	11,31
				Tue 30	Notts. County	A 3-1	6,400
Sunley Turriff	Prescotts Transport / H. Long Ltd	Caldmate Management Ltd	Oldham Fruit Bowl	Sat Sept 3	Southend United	A 0-1	4,433
Ken Rosebury		Eversheds / Alex Tatham	Latique Travel	Sat 10	Reading	H 1-3	8,411
				Tue 13	Watford	H 0-2	7,043
				Sat 17	Derby County	A 1-2	13,74
				Tue 20	Oxford Utd. (CCC2R 1L)	A 1-1	5,070
	Wimpole Garage	Park Cake Bakeries	Kenyon Paints	Sat 24	Barnsley	H 1-0	7,941
		Jenkinson & Company	Latique Travel	Sat Oct 1	Sheffield United	A 0-2	14,22
		Fletcher Broadbent	John Battye	Tue 4	Oxford Utd. (CCC2R 2L)	H 1-0	4,525
				Sat 8	Portsmouth	H 3-2	7,683
Dannimac	TSB	Park Cake Bakeries	OASIS	Sun 16	Bolton Wanderers	A 2-2	11,10
Ellen Garage		Charterplan	Latique Travel	Sat 22	Stoke City	H 0-0	8,954
				Wed 26	Arsenal (CC Cup 3rd Rd)	H 0-0	9,364
				Sat 29	Sunderland	A 0-0	17,25
Invincible D.G.	TSB	E&S Dental Lab	Boundary Park Trophy Centre	Tue Nov 1	Middlesbrough	A 1-2	15,42
				Sun 6	Tranmere Rovers	H 0-0	6,475
	Rol-Lite Blinds	F.M. Vending	Radio Latics	Wed 9	Arsenal (CCC3RR)	A 0-2	22,74
				Sat 12	Luton Town	H 0-0	7,937
Bensons Bed Centres	Boddington Pub Co.	Patterson & Rothwell	Junior Latics Club	Sat 19	West Bromwich Albion	A 1-3	14,610
Matchmates	Matchmates	Taylor's Video Centre	Boundary Park Trophy Centre	Sat 26	Bristol City	H 2-0	7,277
				Sun Dec 4	Stoke City (F.A. Cup 2)	A 1-0	12,55
Roche Supplies / Lancs. Fork	Truck Services / West Pennine Trucks	A.G.S. Electrical	Lees Newsome	Sat 10	Port Vale	H 3-2	7,712
		F.M. Vending	Arkol Insurance	Sat 17	Charlton Athletic	A 0-2	8,970
				Mon 26	Wolverhampton W. - 1pm	H 4-1	11,460
				Tue 27	Grimsby Town	A 3-1	6,938
				Sat 31	Swindon Town	H	
				Tue Jan 3	Millwall	A	
Bardsley Building		Periquito Hotel	Park Cake	Sat 7	Reading (FAC3)	A	
				Sat 14	Sunderland	H	
				Sat 21	Tranmere Rovers	A	
				Sat 28	(F.A. Cup 4)		
Dannimac	Moorside Metal Prod.	Barclays Bank	Periquito Hotel	Sat Feb 4	Luton Town	A	
				Sat 11	Middlesbrough	H	
Braymont	Madge & Hoyle	John Clegg Optician	Columbia Tri-Star	Sat 18	Bristol City (F.A. Cup 5)	A	
Wistech plc	Touche Ross / Eversheds Tatham	Oldham Nissan	Richard Steven	Tue 21	West Bromwich Albion	H	
		Astra Electrical Services		Sat 25	Sheffield United	H	
				Sat Mar 4	Barnsley	A	
				Tue 7	Southend United	H	
				Sat 11	Burnley (F.A. Cup 6)	A	
Ken Rosebury	Thermo King	News International		Sat 18	Notts County	H	
	Cameron Middleton & Lees	Periquito Hotel	Park Cake Bakeries	Tue 21	Reading	A	
				Sat 25	Derby County	H	
				Sat Apr 1	Watford	A	
				Sun 2	Coca-Cola Cup Final		
The Fat Boys, Carpet	Showcase & Madge & Hoyle	Kenyon Paints		Sat 8	Swindon Town (F.A. Cup S.F.)	A	
Mr. C. McCall	Nynex Cable Television	Swan Inn-Dobcross	Marwoods Babywear	Sat 15	Grimsby Town	H	
Paramount Sourcing	Caldmate Management	McNeeney & Co.	Park Cake Bakeries	Mon 17	Wolverhampton W	A	
				Sat 22	Millwall	H	
				Sat 29	Bolton Wanderers	H	
				Sat May 6	Portsmouth	A	
				Sat 20	(F.A. Cup Final)		

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**Saturday 14th January 1995**  
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# nd Statistics Season 1994/95

Home matches and scorers in heavy type. ▲ own goal. P penalty. ■ player withdrawn. ● sub used. B booked. S sent off.

Pos	G.K.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	Sub GK
1	Hallworth	Makin	Barlow	Kenny	Jobson	Fleming	Halle	RICHARDSON 2	SHARP 1	MCCARTHY 2	Holden	Ritchie	Brennan	Gerrard
3	Hallworth	Makin	Barlow B	Kenny B	Jobson	Fleming B	Halle	Richardson B	SHARP 1 B	McCarthy	Holden	Ritchie ●	Henry ●	Gerrard
6	4	Gerrard	Halle	Makin	Henry ■	Jobson	Fleming	Richardson B	Brennan B	Sharp	MCCARTHY 2 B	Holden	RITCHIE 1 ●	Redmond
9	1	Gerrard	Halle	Makin	Redmond	Jobson	Fleming	Richardson	Brennan	Sharp	MCCARTHY 3	Holden	Ritchie	Kenny
9	3	Gerrard S	Halle	Makin	Redmond ■	Jobson B	Fleming	Richardson	Brennan B	Sharp	McCarthy	Holden B	Ritchie ●	Kenny
9	6	Gerrard	Halle	Makin	Kenny ■	Jobson	Redmond	RICHARDSON 1	Brennan	Sharp	McCarthy	Holden B	Ritchie ●	Graham
9	8	Gerrard S	Halle B	Makin	Kenny ■	Graham	Redmond	Richardson	Brennan	Sharp	McCarthy B	Holden B	Ritchie ●	Barlow
9	14	Hallworth	Halle	Makin	Henry	Jobson	Redmond	Richardson	Brennan	Graham	MCCARTHY P	Ritchie	Holden ●	Eyre
-	Gerrard	Halle	Makin	Henry	Jobson	Redmond	Richardson	Brennan	Graham	McCarthy	RITCHIE 1	Holden	Eyre ●	Gray
12	10	Gerrard	HALL 1	Makin	Henry B	Jobson	Redmond	Richardson	Brennan	Graham	McCarthy B	Ritchie ■	Sharp ●	Holden ●
12	15	Hallworth	Halle	Makin	Henry	Jobson	Redmond	Graham	Brennan ■	Sharp ■	McCarthy	Ritchie	Holden ●	Richardson ●
-	Hallworth	Halle	Makin	Henry	Jobson	Redmond	RICHARDSON 1	Brennan ■	Graham	McCarthy	Ritchie ■	Sharp ●	Holden ■	Gray
15	8	Gerrard	Halle	Makin	Henry ■	Jobson	Redmond	Richardson B	Banger	GRAHAM 1	McCarthy ■	HOLDEN 2P	Sharp ● B	Brennan ●
16	9	Gerrard	Halle B	Pointon	Henry	Jobson	Redmond	Richardson	Banger B	Graham	MCCARTHY 1	Holden	Sharp	BERNARD 1 ●
17	13	Gerrard	Halle	Pointon	Henry	Jobson	Redmond	Rickers	Banger	Graham	McCarthy B	Holden	Sharp	Brennan
-	Gerrard	Halle	Pointon B	Henry	Jobson	Redmond	Bernard	Banger	Graham	McCarthy	Holden	Eyre	Brennan	Hallworth
18	14	Gerrard B	Halle	Pointon	Henry B	Jobson	Redmond	Bernard	Banger ■	Graham	McCarthy	Holden	Eyre ●	Brennan
18	15	Gerrard	Halle B	Pointon	Henry	Jobson	Redmond	Bernard	Ritchie ■	GRAHAM 1	McCarthy ■	Holden	Eyre ●	Brennan ●
19	19	Gerrard	Halle	Makin	Henry	Jobson	Redmond	Bernard	Banger	Graham	McCarthy	Holden	Ritchie	Brennan
-	Gerrard	Halle	Makin B	Henry B	Jobson	Redmond B	Bernard B	Banger	Graham	McCarthy ■	Brennan ■	Ritchie ●	Holden ● B	Hallworth
20	15	Gerrard	Makin	Pointon	Henry	Jobson	Redmond B	Halle S	Banger	Graham	Ritchie	Holden	Brennan	Beckford
20	17	Gerrard	Makin	Pointon	Henry	Jobson	Redmond B	HALL 1	Graham B	McCarthy	Ritchie ■ B	Brennan	Banger ●	Kickers
23	17	Gerrard	Makin	Pointon	Henry	Jobson	Redmond B	RICHARDSON 1	Ritchie	McCarthy 1 ■	Graham	Holden ■	Banger ●	Brennan
24	14	Gerrard	Makin	Pointon	Henry B	Jobson	Redmond	Richardson	Ritchie ■	MCCARTHY 1	Graham	Holden ■ B	Banger ●	Brennan ●
29	12	Gerrard	Makin	Pointon ■	Henry	Jobson	Redmond	Richardson	RITCHIE 3	McCarthy ■	Graham	Holden	Banger ●	Brennan ●
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## By Tony Bugby Matches of

► It was an eventful afternoon when Swindon Town visited Boundary Park on October 2nd, 1990.

There was panic even before a ball was kicked in anger when Richard Jobson and David Currie were caught up in one of those infamous traffic jams on the M62.

The pair arrived in the nick of time for Jobson to take to the field and for Currie, also Yorkshire-based, to be one of the two substitutes.

Latics recorded a 3-2 victory to maintain their unbeaten start to the season which would end with them being crowned Second-Division champions.

This was the ninth league match of what turned out to be a record-breaking start to the season.

Latics went 16 league matches without defeat which easily beat the previous record of 13 set in 1953-54.

They had already equalled their best-ever start of five straight wins which had only been done once before in 1930.

The clash, between two teams who would win promotion seven months later, produced football at its best.

Two teams who thrived on passing the ball to feet

conjured a feast of skills, thrills and goals to delight another bumper Boundary Park crowd.

Bob Young wrote in the Chronicle that there had been many memorable games at Boundary Park in 1990, but few, if any, as well balanced and open as this.

It was only by the skin of their teeth that Latics prevailed in an enthralling battle which was settled by Neil Redfearn's 73rd minute penalty.

Swindon had gone ahead midway through the opening half through a drive from £130,000 signing Micky Hazard.

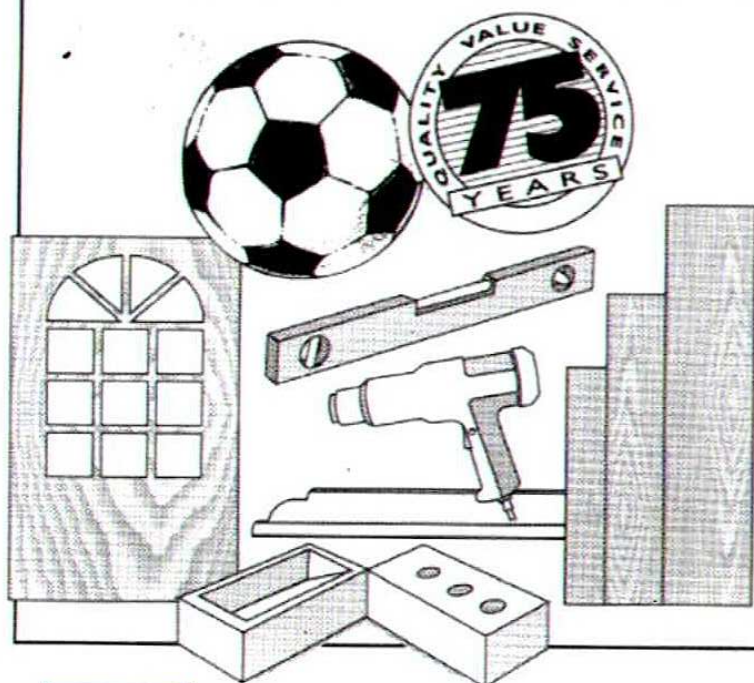
Latics only took two minutes to draw level through Paul Moulden, who reacted sharpest to stab home Rick Holden's centre.

It was Moulden's first goal for the club since his £225,000 signing in March - and a just reward for another all-action performance.

There was no shortage of thrills at either end, but it was Latics who struck again three minutes after the restart when Holden was lurking at the far post to head home Redfearn's deep corner.

Roger Palmer was denied by the woodwork, and it looked a costly miss as Swindon drew level after 68

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minutes when Hazard released full-back Paul Bodin to dart in to beat Jon Hallworth with a crisp, low shot.

There was further drama when David Kerslake handled on the line to keep out Palmer's goalbound header.

Referee Colin Trussell signalled a goal, but after Swindon protests that 'keeper Fraser Digby had been impeded, the official consulted a linesman and the outcome of it all was a penalty award for hand-ball.

Redfearn was the calmest man amid the furore as he stepped forward to score the match-winning goal.

*Team:* Hallworth, Warhurst, (Donachie 73), Barlow, Henry, Barrett, Jobson, Palmer, Ritchie (Currie 45) Moulden, Redfearn, R. Holden.



David Currie



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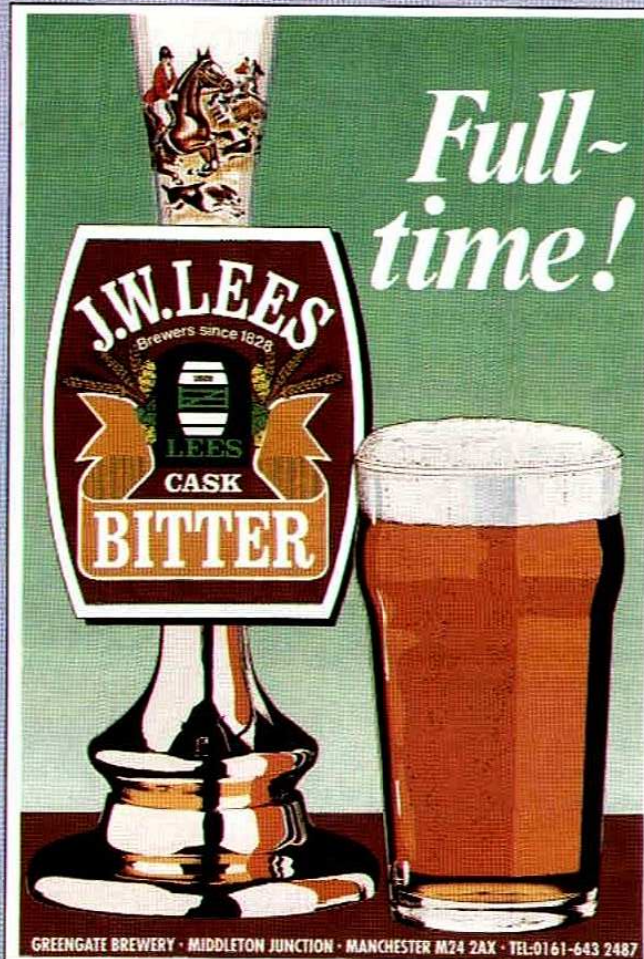
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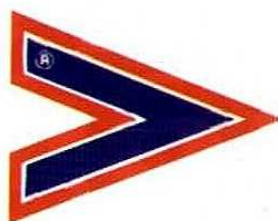
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# Next at Boundary Park



## ► SUNDERLAND - *The Rokerites*

**S**underland are our next scheduled visitors to Boundary Park. They travel down from Wearside for an Endsleigh Insurance League Division One game on Saturday 14th January (kick-off 3.00pm) and there is no doubt they will be difficult opponents, despite having sold one of their star strikers, Don Goodman, to Wolves for £1.1 million.



*Phil Gray*

Manager Mick Buxton, formerly in charge of Huddersfield Town, has just celebrated his first year in office at Roker Park - and overall he hasn't done a bad job, although he has admitted: "Things could have been a lot better out on the pitch."

Sunderland are a famous old club and when they are doing well, the support is there, on par with Newcastle's at least - and when the results improve (or hold their line) then Sunderland will certainly draw crowds in excess of 20,000.

The playing staff currently at Roker Park comprises a fair sprinkling of youth and experience.



*Kevin Ball*

Goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain has been in good form, along with defenders Dariusz Kubicki, the Polish international, signed from Aston Villa, long-serving Richard Ord, skipper Kevin Ball and Welsh star Andrew Melville.

The midfield engine-room has functioned

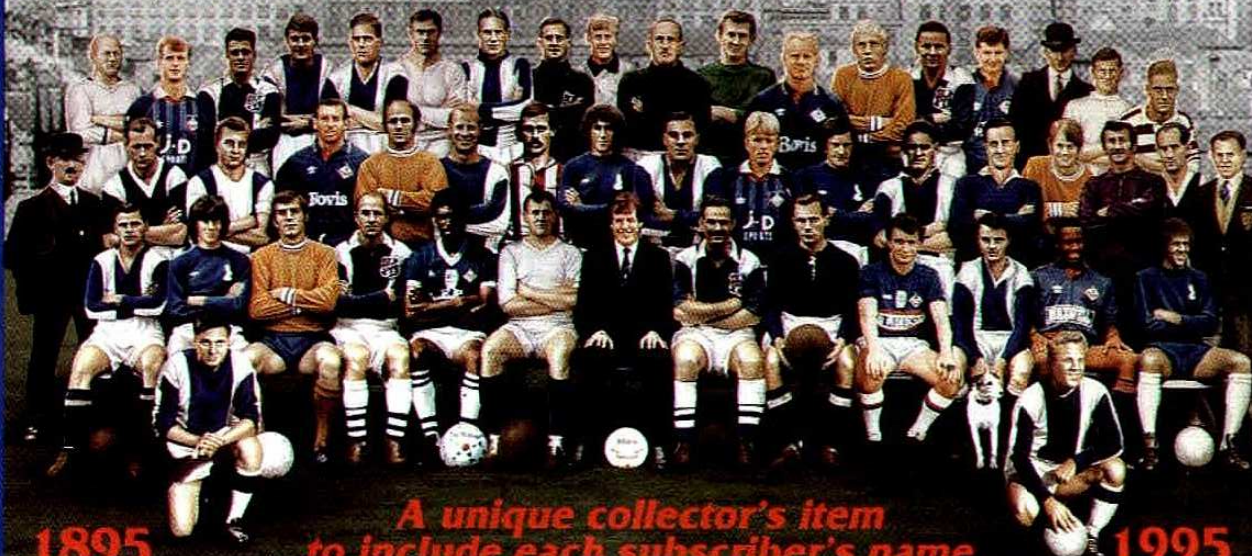
reasonably well with Gary Owers pulling the strings along with Brian Atkinson, Martin Gray and Gordon Armstrong, while Phil Gray, Craig Russell and Lee Howey have done the business up front.

So far this term Sunderland's away form has been far better than their home performances, and that's why they will certainly give a good account of themselves when they come down to Boundary Park. For what will be our first home game in 1995.

Let's hope it ends in a victory for the Latics - and that we can go on and upwards in the New Year.

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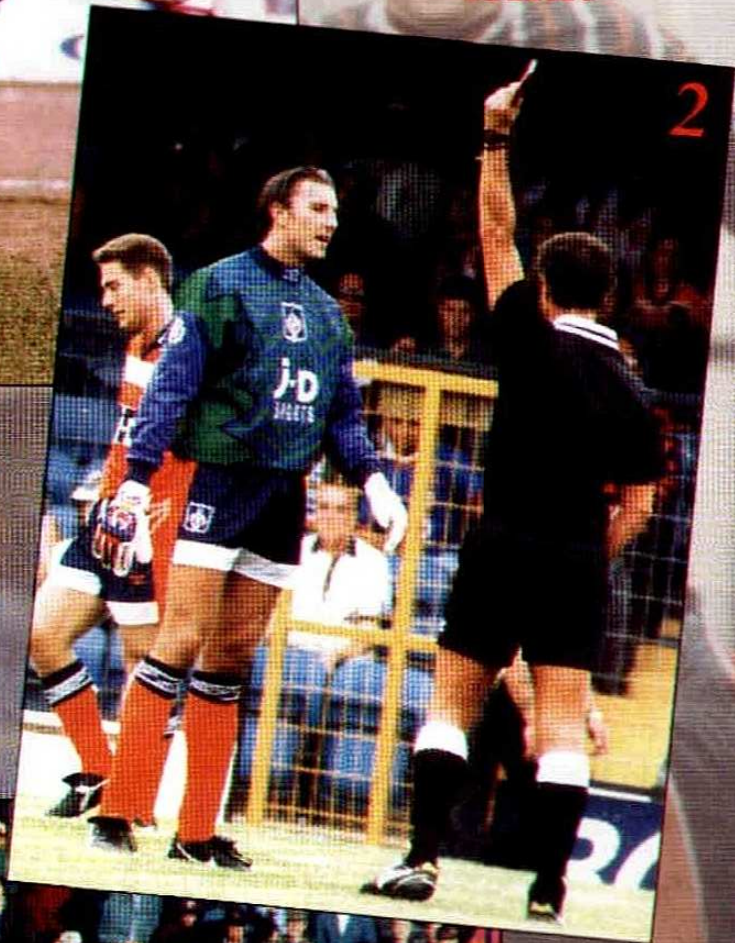
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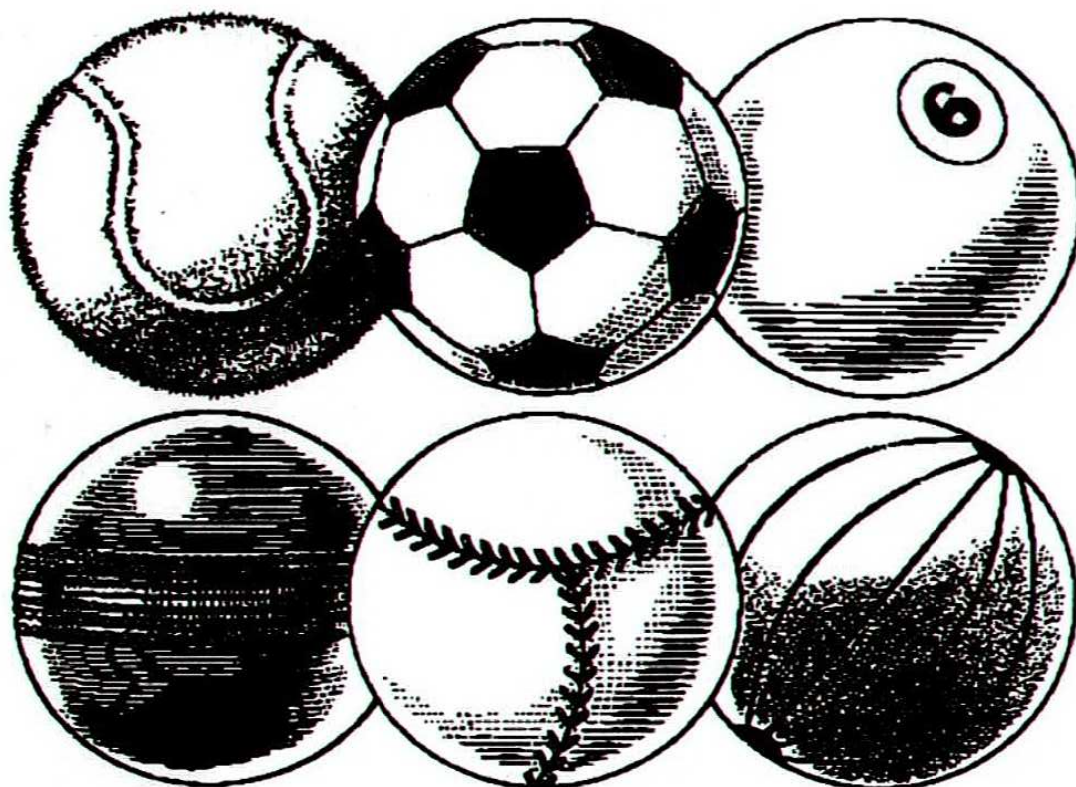
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- 8 Andy RITCHIE
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- 11 Rick HOLDEN
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