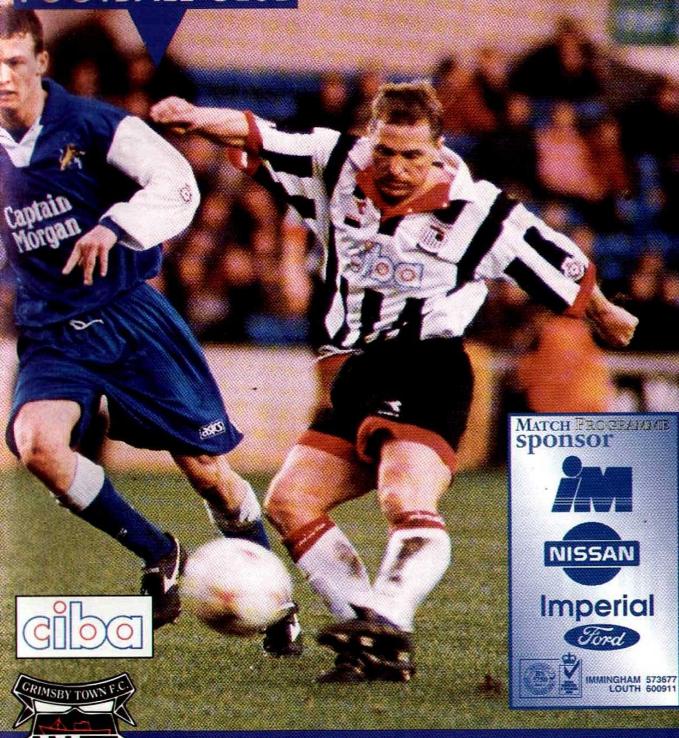
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# with BRIAN LAWS

Good afternoon everyone. I would ike to start by welcoming the Directors, Management, Supporters and Players of Swindon Town. Although at present I am sure their League position will disappoint them, they have performed heroics in the Coca Cola Cup and - as I write these notes - they lead Bolton Wanderers 2-1 from the first leg of the semi-final. However, as far as the League goes I hope we do not allow them the three points they are looking for to pull away from the relegation zone.

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Our last game here at Blundell Park against Stoke City was frustrating for the players and supporters alike. They came here to make it difficult for us by getting men behind the ball at all times when we had possession. However, we battled right to the very last second for the goal that would get us three points, but it was not to be. We did keep a clean sheet and it kept our unbeaten run going but I know it must have been disappointing for you, our fans.

Unfortunately we came unstuck down at Portsmouth. I must say how much myself and the players appreciated the support at Fratton Park: I am only sorry that we all had such a miserable drive home after losing out in the last minute. I felt we dominated the game for long spells which made defeat even harder to take.

We are now entering a critical stage of the season and we need the six points from today's game and the Tuesday night fixture against derby County to keep in the chase for a play-off place. I will ensure that all the players will be giving 100% and hope that you can get behind us as you have been doing.

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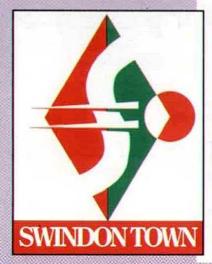
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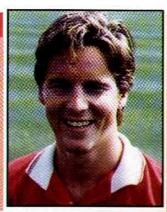
# THE MANAGER

# ONE TO WATCH



# STEVE McMAHON

Scouser STEVE MCMAHON was appointed player-manager of Swindon just before Christmas. Aged 33 he started as an apprentice at Everton in 1977, and has also been with Everpool and Aston Villa. Has now made over 500 appearances as a pro. Capped 17 times by England, He also won U/21 & B recognition for his country, and medals galore at Antield.



# JAN AAGE FJORTOF

A prolific scorer signed in 1993 for £500,000 from Rapid Vienna having earlier played for FC Lillestrom. Aged 27, he's won over 50 caps for Norway, for whom he scored to end England's hopes of getting to the 1994 World Cup finals. He netted 13 goals in 27 League and Cup games for Swindon last season and he is again the club's leading marksmen this

time round

# DID YOU KNOW?

\* Despite being relegated at the end of last season, Swindon were the first Premiership side to score 4 goals against the champions Manchester United in League matches during 1993-94. They lost 4-2 at Old Trafford and drew 2-2 at The County ground.

\* Swindon played their first-ever Football League game almost 75 years ago - in August 1920 - when they destroyed Luton Town by nine goals to one at home in a Third Division match. Fleming scored four times that day.

# an introduction

Swindon Town, under their new player-manager Steve McMahon are still deep in trouble at the wrong end of the First Division.

But following some good results in recent weeks (including a very good performance against Bolton in the semi-final of the Coca-Cola Cup) the Robins are still hopeful of surviving the dreaded drop, having come down from the top flight at the end of last term.

Most people in football thought that Swindon would be among the front runners chasing promotion but unfortunately that's not been the case and now McMahon has to conjure up all his experience, both on and off the field, from now until mid-May in an effort to keep Swindon afloat in Divsion One:

The squad at The County Ground is a useful one with plenty of experienced players in the fold, some of them quality internationals, but McMahon is still seeking to strengthen it in some quarters, although he has admitted that he's been very pleased with the attitude shown by his players so far.

It's certainly going to be a tough run-in for Swindon Town and with four teams going down this season they will certainly have to pick up points both at home and away on a regular basis from now on in to stand any chance of avoiding the trap-door leading downwards.

# The ROBINS

Fraser Digby (goalkeeper) joined Manchester United from school, and after loan spells with Oldham & Swindon signed permanently for the latter. Has now played in over 350 senior games as a pro.

Nicky Hammond (goalkeeper) ex-Arsenal apprentice; joined Swindon in 1987. Also with Aberdeen, Peterborough & Bristol Rovers.

lan Culverhouse (defender) came from Norwich last year after close on 400 games for the Canaries whom he joined from Spurs.

Paul Bodin (left back) Welsh international who is in his second spell with Swindon. Also served Newport Co. and Crystal Palace.

Luc Nijholt (Dutch defender) signed from Motherwell for £175,000 in 1993. Earlier with Old Boys Berne (Switzerland). FC Haarlem, AZ 67 Alkmaar and FC Utrecht.

Shaun Taylor (defender) £200,000 buy from Exeter in 1991. Left Bideford for Exeter. making 233 appearances for them.

**Kevin Horlock** (defender) a Northern Ireland U/21 cap signed from West Ham United in 1992.

Andy Thomson (utility) who has risen through the ranks at Swindon making his debut on the final day of last term v. Leeds.

Mark Robinson (right-back) ex-W.B.A. & Barnsley, secured by Swindon from Newcastle for a record fee of £600,000 last year.

Martin Ling (midfielder) in his second spell with club. Started with Exeter, and has also been with Southend and Mansfield Town.

Joey Beauchamp (midfield) signed from W.H.U. eight months ago. Had 150 games for Oxford before that he was also with Swansea on loan

Jan Aage Fjortoft (striker) see facing page.

Andy Mutch (striker) ex-Wolves and Southport, scored over 100 goals at Molineux. England 'B' international.

Peter Thorne (striker) signed from Blackburn scored twice for Town in last month's CCC semi-final v. Bolton. A promising youngster with a lot of talent.

Edwin Murray (defender) aged 21 who made his senior debut last season as a substitute.

Wayne O'Sullivan (midfield) born in Cyprus, debutant this term.

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# NEWSDEWSDEWSDEWS

#### ALL CHANGE AT THE TOP

Last weekend it was all change at the head of the Endsleigh Insurance League Division One with Tranmere Rovers taking over top spot, ahead of Middlesbrough, Botton, Sheffield United and Wolves.

Tranmere won 4-1 at home against struggling Bumley and now have a three-point lead over Bryan Robson's Ayresome Park side.

There were almost 10,000 fans at Prenton Park - one of the best of the season so far - to see champion marksman Ian Muir (2). Pat Nevin and a fit-again John Aldridge score for Rovers while another Tranmere player, Shaun Garnett netted for the visitors with the last kick of the game.

#### BORO IN THE LIONS' DEN

Middlesbrough had to battle every inche of the way at The New Den on Sunday afternoon to earn a paint from a 0-0 draw with inconsistent Millwall and only two excellent saves from keeper Alan Miller kept Boro in the game.

# **BOLTON TUMBLE FROM TOP**

In another Sunday afternoon clash, Derby overcame Botton 2-1 at The Baseball ground, on-loan striker Lee Mills from Wolves grabbing the winner with five minutes remaining of a fiercely contested match. Batton had taken the lead in the first minute through Jason McAteer and new buy Dean Yates equalised on 82 minutes to set up a frantic finale. Coleman, the Bolton defencer, broke his leg in a clash with Marco Gabbiadini.

### **VALIANTS' DEFEAT**

Dutch international John De Wolf-scored a hat-trick for Wolves who won 4-2 at boggy Vale Park. In front of Part Vale's biggest gate of the season - 13.676-Graham Taylors team looked purposeful and strong and they won well with Steve Bull netting their other goal. Tony Naylor and Kevin Kent were on target for battling Vale who slipped back into relegation trouble with this defeat.

#### **GOAL BONANZA**

Oldham Athletic and Sheffield United were involved in a six-goal bonanza at Boundary Park, the final scoreline being 3-3. Four goals came in the first 23 minutes with United's Poul Rogers and Nathan Blake having strikes cancelled out by Nicky Banger and veteran Andy Ritchie. Banger then put the Latics ahead again but Jostein flo grabbed a point for the Blades with an 82nd minute equalier.

#### TEAMS SLIP

Reading slipped out of the top five after losing to bottom club Notts County while The Manners are seventh after losing 2-1 at Portsmouth.

## ELSEWHERE ...

Elsewhere in the Division.....Bristol City were held to a 2-2 draw at Ashton Gate by in-and-out Luton Town for whom Scott Oakes scored twice; Sunderland won 1-0 at Southend United who sacked their manager Peter Taylor recently after a run of poor results. The Shrimpers are now deep in trouble and struggling. The same can be said of West Bromwich Albion who have recorded just one win in their last six games. They crashed 3-1 at home to Staffs neighbours Stoke City for whom Canadian Paul Peschisolido netted twice before a near 17,000 Hawthorns crowd. the best in the Division over the weekend.

Steve McMahon's Swindon Town are third from bottom after a 0-0 home draw with Barnsley. The Robins play in the second leg of the Coca Cola Cup semifinal v. Bolton next Wednesday.

### TRANSFER UP-DATE

Recent transfers involving First Division clubs: Paul Agnew - Grimsby Town to W.B.A. for £65,000, Steve Thompson - Leicester City to Burnley, Mickey Forsyth - Derby County to Norts Caunty, Kurt Nogan - Brighton & Hove Albion to Burnley, Kevin Russell - AFC Bournemouth to Norts Caunty, Jahn Burnored - Knypersley to Port Vale and Lee Mills - Walves to Derby County on loan.

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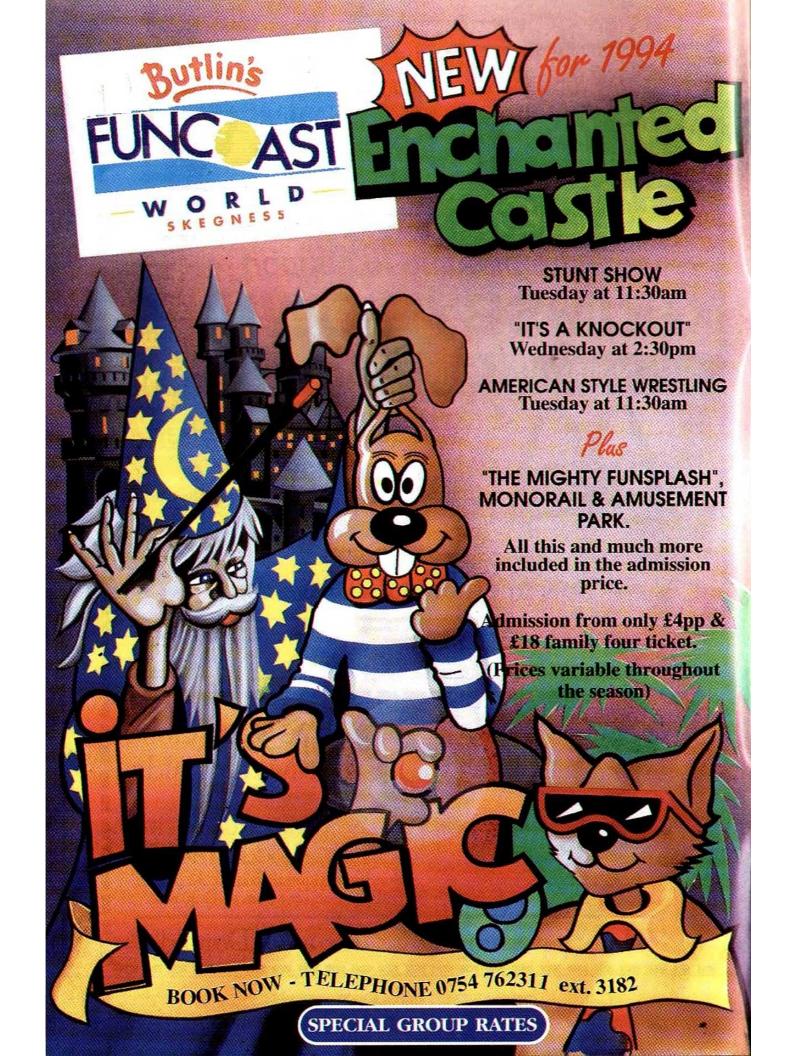
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# **FOOTBALL ODDITIES**

#### NOT SO UNLUCKY FOR LEN

Len Shackleton has 13 letters in his name. He played for England schoolboys at the age of 13; made his first senior international appearance for his country on 13th April 1946 and was transferred from Bradford Park Avenue to Newcastle United on 1st October 1946 for £13,000. And four days after signing, on his debut for Newcastle, he scored six goals (one in the 13th minute of the second half) in a 13-0 win over Newport County.

#### TWIN BREAKS!

Dutch international twins Rene and Willy Van de Kerkhof both played club football for PSV Eindhoven, they were both married in the same month, had children of the same age, lived in the same house in Holland which was divided into two, and both appeared in over 200 senior games during their respective careers. In a League match in 1976 Rene suffered a broken leg after just eight minutes of the first-half and Willy followed him with a similar injury eight minutes after the interval.

#### HARD HIT LEADERS

In four successive home League games in 1982-83 Fourth Division leaders Bury had a player stretchered off injured. Those involved were Steve Kenworthy (v. Colchester United), Paul Cruickshank (v. Torquay United), Franny Firth (against Aldershot) and Paul Hilton (v. Bristol City).

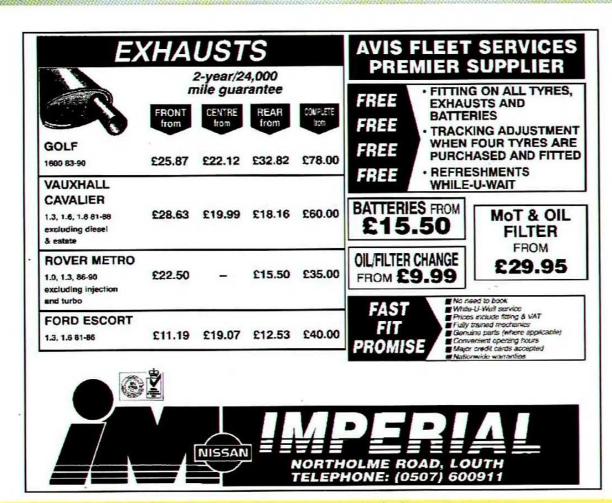
#### ON OPPOSITE SIDES

Barry Dyson (Tranmere Rovers) and Kevin Hector (Bradford Park Avenue) lined up against each other in a Fourth Division League game on 6th September 1970. After the match both players were subsequently transferred and later in the same season opposed each other again for different clubs - Dyson with Crystal Palace and Hector with Derby County.

# FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS!

Seven days before he made his Football League debut for Tottenham Hotspur against Stoke City in 1970-71, winger Jimmy Neighbour had played in the No.11 shirt in a London Combination game for Spurs against Fulham whose No.11 was Barry Friend!

TO BE CONTINUED ...



# NEWS FROM BLUNDELL PARK

# **FIVE ALIVE**

After nearly 11 years at Blundell Park, Grimsby full-back Paul Agnew rejained former manager Alan Buckley at W.B.A. last week in a transfer deal worth £65,000. Paul, who made 219+ 23 sub League appearances (3 goals) joined the Mariners from Cliftonville in 1984, representing Northern Ireland at Under-21 level as an overage player. His departure now leaves fellow defender John McDermott as the club's longest-serving professional.

# TELEVISED MATCH

Grimsby's home fixture against Sunderland has now been put back 24 hours to Sunday 19th March with the game due to be shown live on Yorkshire and Tyne Tees TV. This will be Town's first 'live TV' appearance since the infamous "six-minute abandonment" in December 1993, when (ironically) the visitors that day were also Sunderland.

# SALE CONTINUES

The Club shop sale an replica shirts continues - while stocks last - with children's sizes retailing at 59,99 and adults: at £14,99. Why not get yours and show your support for the Mariners in the season run-in? Shirts are available at both the Blundell Park Shop and at the ASDA Club Shop, Grimsby

# MIND YOUR LANGUAGE!

One of the changing aspects of football occurred last Saturday at Portsmouth when Wendy Toms - the Football League's first female lines man (or should it be linesperson?) - officiated at Town's away fixture. Let's hope the language didn't get too out of hand, especially after that last-minute Pompey winner...

# BIRTHDAY DEDICATION

Birthday greetings to Rowan Gurney from Sheffield who celebrates his first birthday today. Dad Craig is a Swindon supporter while mum Jacqueline follows Sheffield Wednesday. Rowan and his parents are watching today's game from the Osmond Stand.

# AWAY PROGRAMMES

Burnley v. Grimsby, £1.50, 48 pages. An informative issue from the same printers as Town's programme. Two unusual articles stand out: a column devoted to asking the manager questions while visitors information takes the form of an A-Z listing. Good coverage also of ex-Clarets man Brian Laws-just a pity about the run of adverts and commercial news towards the end.

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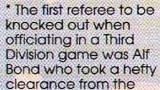
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# It's A Fact

- \* In November 1925 Swindon Town beat Farnham United Brewerles 10-1 in an F.A. Cuptie. Five years later (in January 1930) they lost 10-1, also in the F.A. Cup, to Manchester City.
- \* Peter Eastoe was top marksman for Swindon Town two seasons running in the mid 1970s; notching 8 goals in 1973-74 and then trebling his total to 26 the following term.
- \* Harry Morris netted 216 goals in just seven seasons with Swindon (1926-33) and in doing so became the first player to net over 200 Third Division goals for any one club.
- \* At the end of the 1932-33 season Swindon were forced to apply for re-election to the Football League Division Three South for the first time. They topped the poll with 45 votes to Newport County's 26 and held on to their League status.
- \* For three seasons running: 1954/55, 1955/56 and 1956/57 Swindon Town were never out of the bottom four in Division Three South, finishing 21st, 24th and then 23rd in that order.

# with Tony Matthews

\* In season 1909-10 and again in 1911-12 Swindon Town reached the semi-final stage of the F.A. Cup. They lost to Newcastle United and Barnsley respectively.





HARRY MORRIS 216 goals in 7 seasons

Swindon Town defender George Hudson smack in the face when in charge of the match v. Newport County in September 1958.

- \* Harold Fleming was the first player to score 4 goals in a Third Division game helping Swindon beat Luton Town 9-1 in August 1920.
- \* Swindon Town won the Football League Cup in 1969 (beating Arsenal 3-1 at Wembley) and a year later they lifted the Anglo-Italian Cup, beating Napoli in Italy.

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\* The last League game between the clubs here at Blundell Park was played in January 1993 and it ended in a 2-1 win for the Mariners before a 5,207 crowd.

Tony Rees (now with West Brom) opened the scoring on 25 minutes, and after Welsh international left-back Paul Bodin had equalised for Swindon, another Paul - Groves grabbed the winner on 64 minutes to move the Mariners up

into 8th place in the First Division table. Swindon remained in seventh spot....they eventually finished

5th and won promotion into the Premiership.

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\* Earlier this season at The County Ground, Swindon won 3-2 - so revenge is the name of the game today.

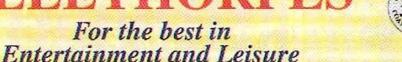


**Paul Groves** 

- Almost 20 years ago in October 1975 a crowd of 5,873 saw Swindon win 3-0 with Peter Eastoe scoring twice. The season before the Mariners were beaten 3-2 and in 1979-80 goals by soccer nomad Ray McHale (who played with 10 different clubs over a period of 18 years: 1970-88), former Bolton winger Mike Carter and another roamer Alan Mayes, earned the Robins another comfortable 3-0 victory.
- Swindon entered the Football League in 1920 and their first clash in the competition against Grimsby Town was played at Blundell Park on 9th April 1921. That day a crowd of 7,000 saw the Mariners win 3-0 with goals from Clark and Smith (2). The return fixture, played the following week, resulted in a goalless draw, watched by 5,000 fans.
- \* Surprisingly there were no more encounters between the two teams for quite some time - until 1959-60 when both the Mariners and the Robins were based in the Third Division. On the 9th September 1959, the Mariners were beaten 3-2 at Swindon but quickly gained revenge with a 3-0 home victory seven days later when Hunt and Scott (2, one penalty) were the scorers. Over 11,600 fans saw this game at Blundell Park, while 22,678 attended the clash at Swindon.
- A seven-goal thriller at Grimsby in April 1967 ended in a 4-3 win for Swindon while in February 1968 the Robins raced to a convincing 5-0 home win when the gates were closed on 13,000.



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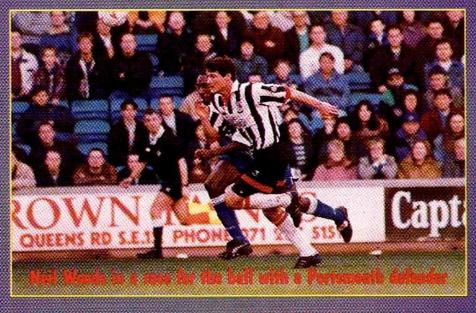
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# RESERVES AND YOUTHS



RESERVE TEAM COACH

We returned home last Wednesday evening empty handed following a 3-0 drubbing by Newcastle United at the Gateshead Stadium.

The first half saw us holding on gallantly to stem the flow of attacks on our goal. Newcastle fielded their strongest reserve side of the season so far - obviously intent on winning this League.

Both teams struck the woodwork in the first-half, but it was the speed and quality of the Magpies which posed the biggest threat. Steve Livingstone came off just after half-time with slight concussion. However, Craig Shakespeare was able to push himself through his first 90 minutes of football following his hernia operation four weeks ago.

Martin Allen converted a very dubious penalty following an innocuous challenge by Petchey and he went on to complete his hat-trick ten minutes from time. Jason Pearcey was busy throughout most of the second-half and did well to deny the opposition further success. Our youngsters Neil, Lester, Petchey and substitutes Lambert and Brookes failed to maintain the form they showed in previous games.

With the Port Vale fixture once again being postponed, we now face a week free of competitive football - that's unless a rearranged League game can be fitted in. Watch the local press for details!

KENNY SWAIN



JOHN COCKERILL YOUTH TEAM COACH

After taking on the Youth Team Coach's job in December, one of the things that I wasn't

really looking forward to was telling boys at U/16 whether they were being offered a Y.T. or not.

The Football League state that all associate schoolboys and those attending the School of Excellence at U/16 level have to be told by March 1st.

On Tuesday I told the lads who were being offered a Y.T. place for next season and obviously the news for them was very pleasing.

The hardest thing was telling those lads who were not being offered a Y.T. place. The disappointment on their faces is there to see and it wasn't an enjoyable experience for me.

Hopefully these lads will keep a good attitude and maybe prove us wrong and make it as professional footballers (something I did). Only time will tell.

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- In the event of a match being postponed or abandoned, any refund of the admission charge will be at the sole discretion of the Club's Management. This is subject to a time limitation, the details of which are obtainable from the Club Ticket Office. Persons entering the Ground are advised to retain their ticket stub, as this may be required to be produced at a later date.
- The Club Management reserves the right to refuse admission to the Ground to, or eject from the Ground, any person who refuses to be searched by any servant or agent of the Club or any Police Officer.
- Fireworks, flares, smoke canisters, knives, bottles, glasses, cans, poles and any articles that might be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety are not permitted within the Ground.
- The following offences under the Football (Offences) Acr 1991 are strictly forbidden:-
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  - unauthorised entry on the Field of Play or the surrounding track except in an emergency.
- The moving from one area of the Ground to another without the permission of a Steward, Police or other authorised agent of the Club is strictly forbidden.
- The obstruction of gangways, access ways, exits and entrances, stairways and like places at all times and the standing in scated areas whilst play is in progress is strictly forbidden. Any person who persistently contravenes this Regulation will be ejected from the Ground.
- 10 The climbing of floodlight pylons, stands, or any other structures within the Ground is strictly forbidden.
- 11 Unnecessary noise such as that from the use of radio sets and behaviour likely to cause confusion or annoyance to any person is not permitted in any part of the Ground.
- The consumption of intoxicating liquors is permitted only in places authorised in accordance with the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol) Act 1985.
- 13 Any person attempting to gain admission to, or being found within, a section of the Ground designated for members only without the appropriate authorisation may be ejected from the Ground.

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# POSTPONED OR **ABANDONED** MATCHES

The Club has decided to make the following policy recommendations regarding postponed/abandoned matches following receipt of a decision from from the Football League.

- If a match is postponed after spectators have been admitted to the Ground but before the match has kicked-off, ticketholders and any spectators having entered the Ground should be offered free admission to the rearranged game.
- 2) If a match kicks-off but is abandoned before the commencement of the second half, spectators in attendance at the abandoned match should be offered admission to the rearranged game for 50% of the admission price they paid to attend the original fixture.

EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS

It is much quoted that "clubs like Grimsby Town need a good youth policy." When you see the likes of Gary Croft, Peter Handyside and Jack Lester competing at first team level, it is a case of Grimsby Town do have a good youth policy.

Just past his 21st birthday, Gary Croft has already made over 100 appearances in a Mariner's shirt having joined the club as an apprentice. He came up though the ranks of the junior side and reserves before making the first team debut as a substitute against Wigan Athletic in January 1991, a month before his 17th birthday (Grimsby Town's youngest ever player was Tony Ford who appeared as a substitute versus Walsall in October 1975 aged 16 years and 143 days).

Wigan will hold a special place in Gary's memory as not only did he make his debut against them but also scored his first goal against the Lancashire side. It came in the Third Round F.A. Cup Tie at Blundell Park when Wigan (then managed by Kenny Swain) looked to have done enough to earn a replay when up popped the Town left back of the day to score a goal in the 88th minute and take the Mariners through to face Aston Villa in Round Four. His first League goal was soon to follow ten games later when - this time having come on as a substitute - another late strike was enough for the team to secure three points against Birmingham City.

In total 5ff 9inches, Croff made 31 League appearances plus five as a substitute and his fine performances continued into this season did not go unnoticed. Gary was recently named in the Endsleigh League Under 21 Squad to play against their Italian counterparts in Andria. Disappointingly for Gary, a suspension ruled him out of the side but the initial selection by squad manager and Luton Town boss David Pleat was a fine compliment.

Gary will be the first to acknowledge the part played in his development by former boss Alan Buckley who rated 'Crofty' very highly. Brian Laws has similar thoughts. "Obviously missing out on the Italian trip was a huge disappointment for him, but he'll get over it and he certainly has a very bright future in the game," says the current Town boss.

Equally at home at right or left back this season, Gary also played on the left-hand side of midfield as a replacement for the injured Dave Gilbert at Portsmouth last week. Other than his two-match suspension (Luton and Barnsley) he has been ever present and he scored a classic left-foot strike during the superb second half performance against Southend back in January.

That strike was bettered when Crofty sent a superb volley crashing into the Portsmouth net last week only for a linesman's flag to rule out the goal. In view of the happening later in the match, Gary's disappointment would no doubt have doubled!

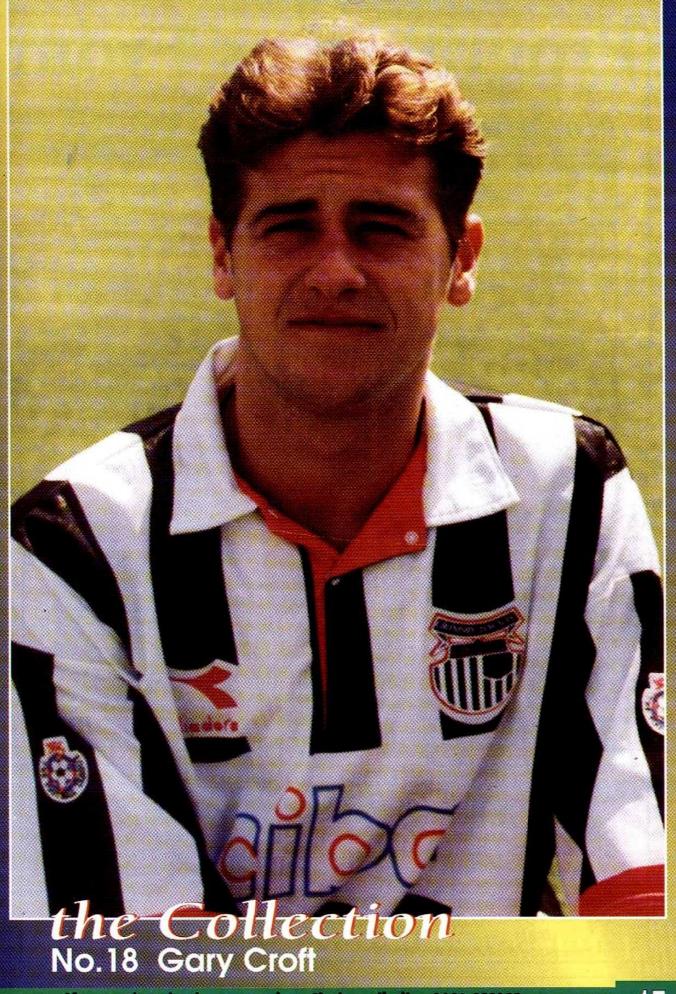
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Not the F.A. Cup...



Modern football is littered with short-lived competitions - the Watney Cup, the Full Members Cup, and the Zenith Data Systems Trophy to name but a few - whilst others, longer lasting, have progressed to earn Wembley Finals. However, their addition to an already crowded fixture list has seen the fans vote with their feet, and most of these secondrate attractions have been largely ignored.

And yet, one of these competitions - the Group Cup - proved successful for the Mariners during the 1981/2 season. A total of 32 teams initially took part, and after topping their group, Grimsby overcame both Newport and Shrewsbury to earn a Final place against Wimbledon at Blundell Park. After taking an early lead, the visitors eventually fought back, but in the end, Joe Waters lifted the Cup following a 3-2.

The programme for the Final in April 1982 was basically a normal issue, being 24 pages for 30p. These early eighties programmes, printed

by Maybank Press, are arguably amongst town's finest, with a good balance between club and national articles. The front cover portrays a long-running photo of Kevin Drinkell and Cambridge forward George Reilly, whilst page 2 introduces the visiting Football League Committee members. Opposite, Dave Booth's notes reflect on the occasion, with a wish that Town's Cup form could show itself in Second Division games, Grimsby then being bottom of the table.

The Dons account for the next two pages with 'Looking Back' and 'Noticeboard' preceding the start of general football news and views. There is plenty to read here: from and interview with England defender Dave Watson to a focus on Sheffield Wednesday. Later a checklist of Group Cup results thus far is given, with John Stone being the 'Mariner In View.' Two pages of statistics complete the content and on the back it is interesting to note one-time Mariner Dave Beasant lining up as Wimbledon goalkeeper.

Our second item under review is from a couple of years earlier, being Town's sole entry in the Anglo-Scottish Cup. August 1980 saw the visit of Chesterfield to Cleethorpes for a group match, and for only 10p, a commendable six page programme, consisting of a twice-folded sheet was available. Page 2 gives details of all the competing clubs, with perhaps the biggest name being that of Glasgow Rangers. Underneath, a half-page advert is shown for Town's new-look 'Mariner Matchday Magazine' that was soon to be an sale, described as being "colourful" and "exciting".

Another page is devoted to the four games between the clubs the previous season,

# The Past

with "Dangerman" Geoff Salmons then following in profile. 'In Tawn Today' offers summaries of the visiting players, with one Phil Bonnyman, newly-signed from Carlisle for £180,000, earning special mention. With low gates at Chesterfield, "it must have been an agonising decision for the board", but as the editorial concludes, "Arthur Cox.. may well have a bargain."

Team lines account for the back of this black and white programme, and like Town later. Chesterfield recovered from an exciting 3-3 draw to become ASC winners, beating Notts. County in the Final. While neither programme featured is difficult to obtain, Town's earlier Group Cup games v. Chesterfield (again!) and Sheffield United, being single sheets, are rare. Finally, with the Group Cup renamed the Football League Trophy after just one season. Grimsby are technically still, the holders!

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# MARINERS NEWS

next year's results. The U15's also lost 1-0 to Rotherham.

The U18's lost to a strong
Derby side at the weekend,
the game being played at
Cheapside. Most of the
Grimsby U18's are first year
YTS so the experience gained
this year will hopefully show in
next year's results. The U15's

Is Daryl Clare going to be our next home-town success? He is presently a first year YT and 16 years of age who is going to be of a similar build to Clive Mendonca and - like Clive - Daryl is a centre forward. As you will remember our last successful local player was Paul Wilkinson who was transferred first to Everton where he had a very successful period, then to Nottingham Forest under Brian Clough where he also achieved great results. He is now at Middlesbrough under Brian Robson where he is

Youth Development Association

spear-heading their attack for a place in the Premier League next season. So all you keen supporters follow the progress of Daryl and let's hope he could be one for the future.

# John Teanby

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Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game against Swindon Town F.C.

Today we will have all those boys who attended my two-day soccer course at CIBA enjoying the game free of charge. The wind conditions for the course were not very conducive for good football. However, all 91 children taking part did extremely well and I was very impressed by the overall standard which they achieved. Keep up the good work, boys!

There has been good interest shown for my other two courses later this month. On March 9th a soccer course for the unemployed will be held at Bradley Pitches from 10am-3p., Application

forms are available from Club Shops (Ground and ASDA) or at Bridge House, Grimsby. The second course for girls will be at Humberston School on March 11th from

10.30am to 1.30pm.

Application forms are again available from the ground and ASDA Club Shops.

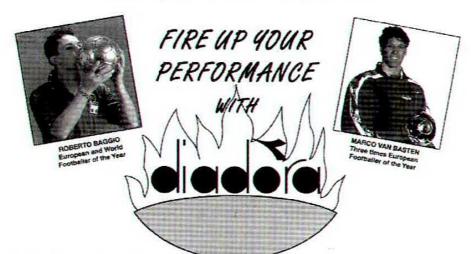
The next holiday course will be at Easter and further details will be published nearer the date. "Up The Mariners"

Yours in sport,

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# Quiz Time

Today's quiz is a mixed bag: score 3 points for every correct answer

- Q1) Which 'international' tournament did Chesterfield win in 1980-81?
- Q2) Which actor kept goal for the Allied team against the Germans in the 'football' film Escape to Victory?
- Q3) Which British club's ground is closest to the seq?
- Q4) Who was the first British player transferred for £500,000?
- Q5) Who was the first British footballer transferred between two English clubs for £500,000?
- Q6) Who wore the No.5-shirt-for Manchester United against Benfica in the 1968 European Cup Final at Wembley?
- Q7/8) Name the two wingers (wearing 7 and 11) who lined up for England v. Hungary at Wembley in 1953 (when we lost 6-3!)?





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# DERBY COUNTY **Endsleigh Division One** March 7th, 1995

Derby's position as the Division's top spenders now seems to be over. After spending around £10m on players over the last couple of years, the current season has seen a dramatic reverse with stars like Paul Kitson, Gary Charles and Tommy Johnson replenishing the coffers through big-money transfers. This change in policy has obviously affected form, and at best the Rams will be hard pressed to repeat last year's Play-Off Final appearance at Wembley,

That 1-2 defeat v. Leicester last May raised serious questions over Roy McFarland's role as manager and since then rumours of other applicants for the post have been rife. To his credit, McFarland has handled the situation well and occasionally there

have been some fine performances. A Third Round F.A. Cup defeat against improving Everton was due only to a single goal, while in the League wins have occurred versus Oldham (2-1), Stoke (3-0) And Charlton (4-3). Too many drawn games, however, have been County's downfall due mainly to a lack of firepower from the front line.

Despite the turnover in personnel, there are still several well-known players to be found in the Ram's squad. Goalkeeper Steve Sutton - currently replacing broken-leg victim Martin Taylor - is best known for service with Nottingham Forest. Defender Craig Short (rated one of the best outsider the Premiership) cost £2.3m from Notts. County two years ago while forward Marco Gabbiadini can be one of the most feared attackers on his day. Likely to partner him up front is Lee Mills, a £400,000 buy last week from Wolves, who made his debut and scored in Sunday's televised 2-1 win over Bolton Wanderers.





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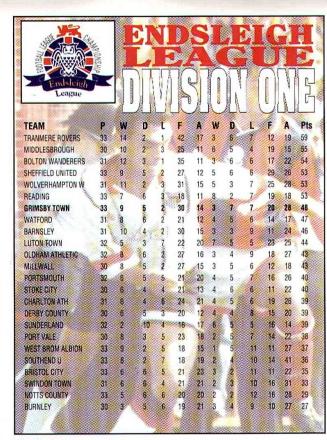
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Quiz Answers - 1) Anglo-Scottish Cup; 2) Sylvester Stallone; 3) Arbroath (approx. 250 yards); 4) Kevin Keegan (Liverpool to HSV Hamburg 1977), 5) David Mills (Middlesbrough to W.B.A. in 1979); 6) Billy Foulkes; 7/8) Stan Matthews and George Robb.

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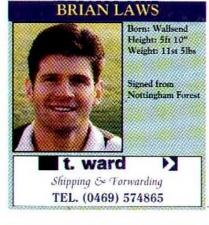
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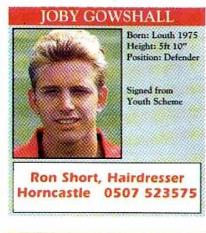
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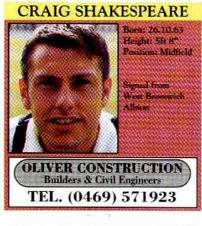
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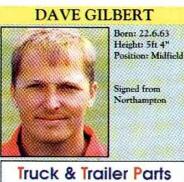
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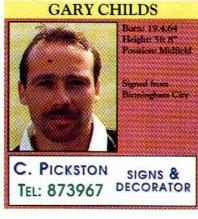


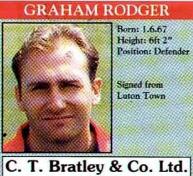


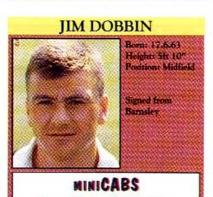




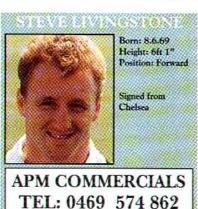






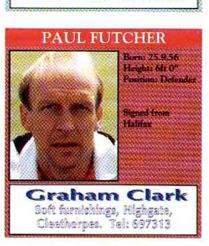


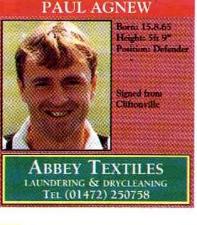
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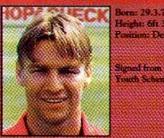


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# 1020 Down The Years

# 40 YEARS AGO 5th March 1955

The Mariners, playing in the Third Division North, beat Accrington Stanley 2-1 at home before a 6,672 crowd. This was sweet revenge after Stanley had won the match at Peel Park earlier in the season by 3-0.

On target for Town in the return fixture were Harrison and Stokes. And, in fact, it was only the Mariners' fourth league win in 13 starts as they struggled to pull away from the bottom of the table.

They never succeeded, finishing 23rd, meaning that they had to apply (successfully I might add) for re-election.

Swindon Town, in the Southern section of the Third Division, were held to a 2-2 draw at home by Walsall. The crowd at the County ground was just over 5,000 and Don Dorman, who also played for Coventry City and Birmingham City, scored both goals for the Saddlers.

# 30 YEARS AGO 6th March 1965

The Mariners played out their fifth League draw on the trot when they shared the points in Division Three with Reading at Blundell Park in front of almost 5,000 supporters.

The scoreline finished all square at 1-1 and Keith Allen, signed from Portsmouth, was on target for Town.

At this stage in the season the Mariners were completely out of form. They had won just once in fourteen matches and were slowly slipping down the table having earlier in the campaign looked good for promotion!

Swindon Town, meanwhile, were in the Second Division, and back in 1965 they drew 0-0 away to Ipswich Town.

At this juncture the Robins were battling for every point available. They were in trouble at the wrong end of the table and in May, they were relegated, along with Swansea Town, who the previous year had reached the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup!



Tony Ford

# 20 YEARS AGO 4th March 1975

Hereford United travelled north to Blundell Park for a Third Division match and they returned home with a point after holding the Mariners to a goalless draw before 5,445 spectators.

Grimsby weren't playing too well at the time. They had won just one of their previous ten League matches and were slipping agonisingly down the table. They picked up late on and eventually finished 16th.

Swindon Town, on the other hand, were going for promotion to Division Two. But this weekend 20 years ago they slipped up, losing 2-0 away at Layer Road to Colchester United. In the end they unfortunately missed promotion by just two points, taking fourth place behind Blackburn Rovers, Plymouth Argyle and Charition Athletic, who finished first, second and third respectively.

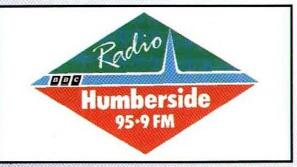
# 10 YEARS AGO 5th March 1985

The Mariners met Wolverhampton Wanderers at Molineux in the Second Division, and at the time Wolves were in dire straits, slipping slowly down the League structure (they eventually ended up at rock bottom in Division 4). On this day a decade ago Tony Ford scored the only goal of the game to give the Mariners a 1-0 win before a disappointing crowd of 6,127. Elsewhere, down in Wiltshire, Swindon Town, occupying a lowly place in the Fourth Division, met Exeter City at home needing every point going as they battled to pull clear of the lower regions. In front of a meagre audience of 2,696 they did the business, pulling out all the stops to record an important and much-needed 2-0 victory with 22 year-old striker Colin Gordon, who was playing in his first season of League Football having been signed from Oldbury United in the West Midlands, scoring both goals, one a real beauty!

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