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G FORCE NLEISURE



Today sees the start of a new campaign and one in which we hope we can carry on the progression that we have made over the last two seasons. If we can achieve this come next May, then we should be in the play-offs at the worst.

e couldn't have faced a more difficult opening to our League programme this afternoon as only two years ago, our visitors Swindon Town were in the Premier League. Today they find themselves in Division Two and I am sure that they will want to get back into the top flight as soon as possible. Their squad has cost a lot of money and they have got some very good players with Premier League experience which just indicates how difficult today's game is going to be. Nevertheless, we won't be frightened of the situation as everyone wants to get off to a good start.



This is the time of year when every club is full of optimism and I am sure that the changes off the field have certainly brought renewed interest amongst our supporters. With the season ticket sales higher than they have ever been before, a smart new kit and a change in fortune on the injury front over the past seven days, everything looks set for the start of the campaign. Things were looking decidedly worse ten days

ago as at one stage we had twelve players on the injury list and the season seemed a long way off as far as we were concerned. Gradually, those players have recovered and I would hope by this weekend we will have most of them available for selection.

As well as the newcomers to the club -Andy Mason, Michael Quigley and Andy Williams, we have also added Paul Fewings to the professional ranks. Paul is a local boy who we feel has got a great deal of potential and a good future ahead of him and the fact that we have given him a three year contract shows the faith that we have in him.

The run of injuries we've had in pre-season has hampered our preparation somewhat, particularly with us having to call the game off against Barnsley which left the Grimsby match as our only game against League opposition. Last Saturday's performance against the Mariners was very encouraging, but today it's all for real as we embark on nine months of hard work.

Enjoy the game, see you all back at Boothferry Park next Tuesday for the Coca Cola Cup tie against Carlisle.

Terry Dolan

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Meet the Newcommers

ALMOST THERE.

Seven years later than originally scheduled, Andy Williams has finally arrived at Boothferry Park.

In the autumn of 1988, the Solihull-born midfielder was targeted by City boss Eddie Gray but, although the two met from talks, Andy chose to move to Gray's old club, Leeds United. The \$175,000 switch from Rotherham United made him Howard Wilkinson's first major signing at Elland Road.

Via Notts County, Williams returned to Rotherham in 1993 and it came as quite a surprise - especially to Andy - when he was released at the end of last season. Not only out to prove his previous employers wrong, the 32-year-old is now determined to make up for lost time with the Tigers.

FREE MASON.

Andy Mason could now have been contemplating a future in the Premiership with Bolton Wanderers but the Bolton-born striker couldn't be happier with his move across the Pennines.

aving spent nearly half of his 20 yearold life in some way associated with the Burnden Park club, Andy was released at the end of last term and jumped at the chance to turn from Trotter to Tiger.

Although he has no first team experience, Andy has become a proven goalscorer at reserves level (20 goals in 30 games last year) and must have benefited from working alongside recent Bolton international forwards - John McGinlay, Andy Walker and Mbw Paatleinenen.

Who would deny that messrs Dolan and Lee could well have discovered yet another gem.

OUIGS IN.

One man who knows plenty about Michael Quigley, our new capture from Manchester City, is Swindon Town's player/manager Steve McMahon.

Although Quigs played alongside Macca in only three of his dozen Blues appearances, the combative midfielders got to know each other pretty well in the former England maestro's three years at Maine Road before he took over at Swindon last year.

While McMahon settles into his first management role, Michael has now taken up the challenge of a new beginning to establish a place in first-team football with the Tigers. So it could be said he was the main sufferer of our pre-season injury crisis as, following an impressive scoring debut at Harrogate Town, progress has been

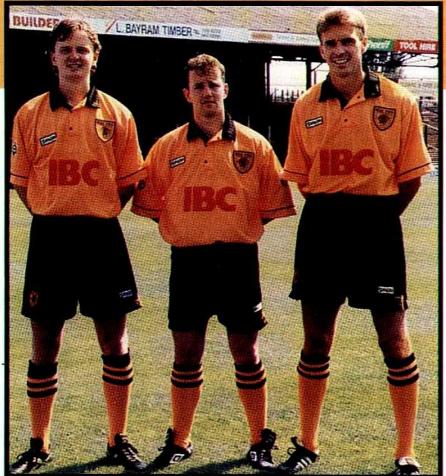
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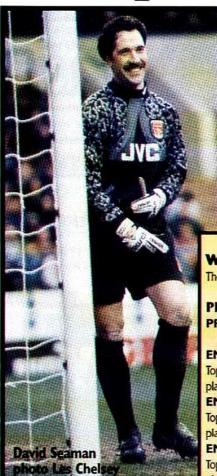
This afternoon the curtain goes up on Boothferry Park's 50th season and to mark this very special campaign we will be publishing a remarkable series of photographs which, as well as educating the kiddies, are sure to bring back happy memories for our more senior supporters.

They are all courtesy of revered Innes Photographers in Hessle Square who we thank for their generous assistance, Please turn to page 34 for the first installment and, should you require a print, I'm sure they'll be only too pleased to help (ring 649271).



Pictured L to R Andy Mason, Michael Quigley, Andy Williams photo Innes Photography

Keeping the same



The Football League's major rule change for this season once again effects the friendly society of goalkeepers.

A s from today, clubs can still name and use three substitutes although there is no stipulation that a goalie has to be one of those nominated.

Managers must decide whether to play safe with a sub keeper on the bench or risk three outfield players.

for his part, Terry Dolan has very definite

views on the sub scenario: "99% of the time, there'll be no changes as far as we're concerned. We'll continue to select the extra keeper and the only time we won't would be, if say, two of our keepers were injured. I think you'll find most people will just keep it the way it is."

Other minor changes mean that goalkeepers no longer have to wear the same coloured shorts and socks as their team-mates while, after two years of squad numbers, all clubs in the Endsleigh League will revert back to shirt numbers of 1 to 14 this season - and about time too!

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT.

The structure of this season's ups and downs is, as follows:-

PROMOTION. PREMIERSHIP.

RELEGATION.

Bottom three.

ENDSLEIGH DIV 1.

Top two and Bottom three. play-off winners.

ENDSLEIGH DIV 2.

Top two and Bottom four. play-off winners.

ENDSLEIGH DIV 3.

Top three and play-off winners.

Bottom club will be relegated to the Conference if their champion club meets stipulated criteria.

READ ON.

Much of the Tigers close season news has centred on Alan Fettis' future. Whatever that may hold, you can be sure that our genial 'keeper is now forever part of City folklore following his goalscoring exploits last season (a winner with the last kick of the season, for heaven's sakel).

urprisingly, Alan is one of 28 custodians who've scored in League games since the war. Thirteen were playing out of goal but, as most had sustained injuries and unable

to carry on between the sticks in the pre-sub days, only four could be said to be genuine outfield players.

Fets feat of two goals in a hundred 'outfield' minutes certainly takes some beating. The bad news is though that, in terms of quantity, the big man still has a long way to go.

Some of you may recall an old Luton Town keeper called Tony Read. Signed - as a goalie - from Peterborough United in 1965, Tony was unable to break into the first team so, some how, it was at inside-right that he later made his Luton debut. In 27 1965/66 Fourth Division appearances, Tony scored a remarkable total of 12 goals including a hat-trick against Notts County.

He had a further five outfield outings in the next two seasons but, by then, had become the regular Town keeper.

I'd like to take credit for this exhaustive research and I would but for the fact that I didn't do it. I sincerely thank Alf Beagley of Wokingham in Berkshire for his diligent efforts in unearthing this rich seam (and there was much more). Alf is a member of the Association of Football Statisticians and, if you are of a like mind and would like to join the

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May I extend a warm welcome to you all at the beginning of another season, with a special welcome to all new supporters, including the youngsters who have taken advantage of the new season pass arrangements.

also welcome our new signings to the club, namely Andy Williams, Andy Mason and Michael Quigley and hope that they have a long and successful stay with us.

After two seasons when we have nearly achieved the promotion that we all earnestly desire, let us hope that this season



delighted that I have been able to secure the services of Terry Dolan and John Cooper, despite pressures from other sources to lure them away from the club. In my opinion, it is vital to keep the services of excellent management staff, as this helps the club to progress forward.

I welcome our new sponsors IBC to the club and hope that they will enjoy a successful period with us. The fact that this is a two year deal will help to keep stability with regards to the shirts and kit and allow the club to plan more into the future. I am sure that loe Staton, his colleagues and staff will prove to be of great assistance to myself and the club in the months ahead.

Finally, a word of warning concerning bad language. With families and young children present in greater numbers this season, I hope all responsible supporters will bear this in mind and remember that bad language is a breech of ground regulations and if stewards are informed, can lead to ejection from the ground and an ultimate barring from attendance at future home games. Let us get behind the team and support them without the need to resort to such action.

Thank you for your support. Let's make this a season to remember.

> Martin Fish Chairman.

will be 'third time lucky'. The spirit and confidence within the club is extremely encouraging and I know that everyone will be trying to achieve this.

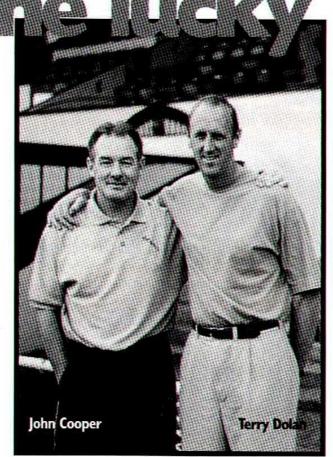
Once again, the close season has been another hectic one, in that a turnstile counting mechanism has been installed which now means that the club has conformed with all the major

requirements of the Taylor Report and there only remains the 'all hope to announce proposals in the near future. In addition, you will notice that a good deal of the ground has been re-painted by volunteers and my gratitude is work in this regard.

seater' requirement, about which I extended to them all for their hard On a personal note, I am

Today's Referee

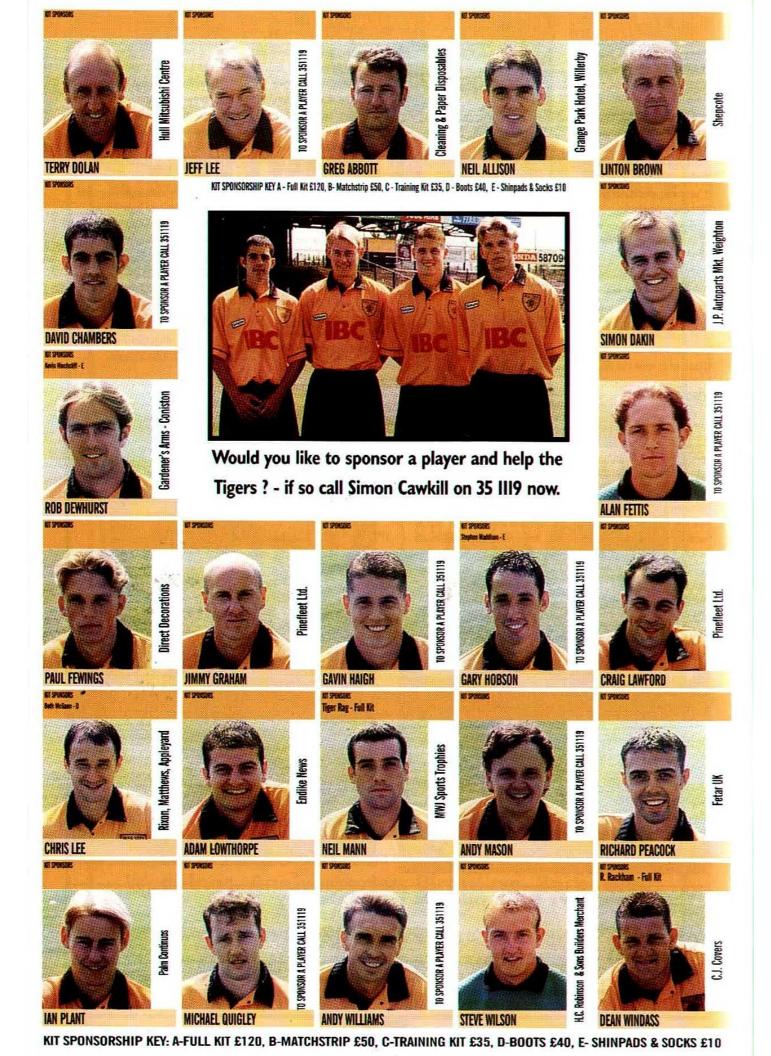
Today's referee is Mr. Eddie Lomas, who commenced refereeing in 1974 in the Eccles and District Football League. He gained his Class One in 1978 and was promoted to the Cheshire League Linesmans' List in 1979 and then the Cheshire League Referee's List a year later. He was appointed to the Football League Linesmans' List in 1984 and promoted to the Referees' List in 1989 and has since been appointed to the National Referees' List in 1993. Mr. Lomas is the Chairman of the Eccles and District Referees' Association and a committee member of the Association of Premier League and Football League Referees and Linesmen (North West/North West Section).



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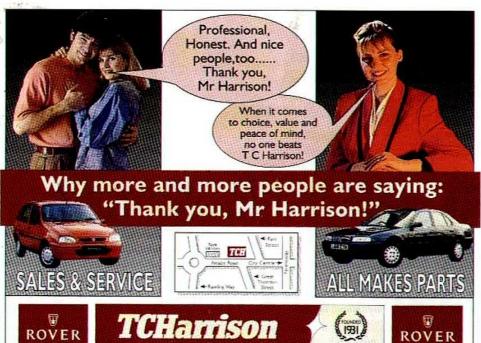
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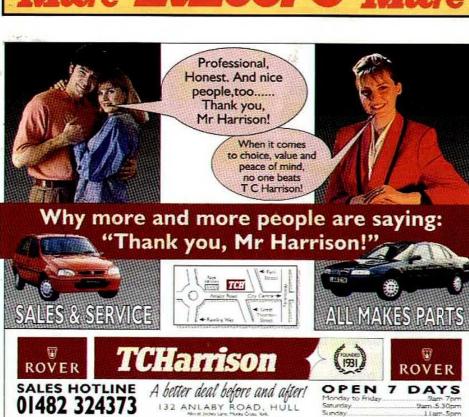
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Today, just as they had done 25 years ago, the Tigers opened their League campaign against Swindon Town.

n this occasion they found the going every bit as hard as they had expected as both player manager Terry Neill and fellow debutant Roger deVries got a tough Second Division baptism at the County Ground.

It was a promising first half with chances falling to both sides. A quick free kick from Rogers out to Smith looked dangerous, but the Tigers' defence held firm and they replied with a move involving Chris Simpkin who flicked a clever pass to Lord whose resulting centre had Swindon in such a panic that they were forced to concede a corner. At the other end, McKechnie



and only good work from Wilkinson forced the striker to shoot over after a lengthy chase down the pitch. The Town defence were in trouble again on 21 minutes when a long centre from City's left flank bounced awkwardly in front of goal forcing Downsborough to tip the ball over the bar. Simpkin went close again minutes later when his goal bound shot struck Lord who was lying on the ground, but it was Town who eventually took the lead on 30 minutes. Harland popped up on the right wing from his customary deep position and linked

well with Smith whose

chip into City's penalty

area was floated into the

and scrappy after the interval, largely due to the over zealous way in which referee Jones controlled the game as he awarded free kick after free kick. some of which were difficult to understand. The Tigers, who now had the wind behind them. went close when a sweeping move out to the right and back again created a good position for Ian Butler, but the incoming Smith shouted "leave it" and from the resulting free kick, the ball was pulled back to Simpkin whose drive flashed past the

Amazingly, a crashing late tackle by Burrows on Lord went unpunished shortly before the Tigers replaced the injured Simpkin with Alan Jarvis on 73 minutes, but City plugged away and eventually got their reward on 78 minutes when they again exposed Swindon's weakness at the back. The home side had

Butler goal gives City fine send off at Swindon

Saturday, 15th August, 1970 • Football League Division Two • Swindon Town | Hull City |

Swindon Town:

Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, J. Butler, Burrows, Harland, Smith, Smart, Horsfield, Noble, Rogers. Sub: Jones.

Hull City:

McKechnie, Beardsley, deVries, Wilkinson, Neill, Simpkin (Jarvis), Lord, Houghton, Pearson, Wagstaff, I. Butler.

Scorers: Town: Noble City: Ian Butler

Referee: Mr. A. W. S. Jones (Ormskirk) Attendance: 16,227 plucked a dangerous through ball from Rogers off the feet of Smart, but back came the Tigers and twice in succession they exposed the home side's defence who looked rather suspect in certain areas. Firstly Houghton threw himself in for a diving header from a Lord free kick that went only just wide of Downsboroughs' post before Wagstaff went close with a header from Butlers' free kick. Meanwhile, the headed flicks of Noble were causing the Tigers' defence all sorts of problems

path of Noble. The inside left dived forward to meet it with a fierce downward header and although McKechnie managed to get a hand to the ball, he was unable to prevent it from crossing the line.

A spate of free kicks followed in the spell before half time with neither side able to make much of an impression in front of goal and although the Tigers had made quite a good start to the game, their attractive midfield play lacked the final penetration.

The football became ragged

looked slow to cover on a number of occasions when the ball dropped into their penalty area and when Wagstaff curled in a cross from the right, Ian Butler darted in as the Town defence hesitated and nodded the ball over Downsborough's head. Swindon threw everything into the fight as the game drew to a close with both Trollope and Burrows shooting wide, but the Tigers held firm to gain a valuable opening day point.

RAY TUPLING

It happened on this day (12th August)

1851 saw the Hundred Guinea Cup offered by the Royal Yacht Squadron for a race round the Isle of White. It was won by the US yacht America which beat the British Aurora and the trophy became known as the America's Cup.

Thomas Edison made the first sound recording when in 1887 he recited 'Mary had a little Lamb', lan Flemming, author and creator of James Bond died in 1964. It is the birthday of Peter West, Michael Brunson and Mark Knopfler.

it could be

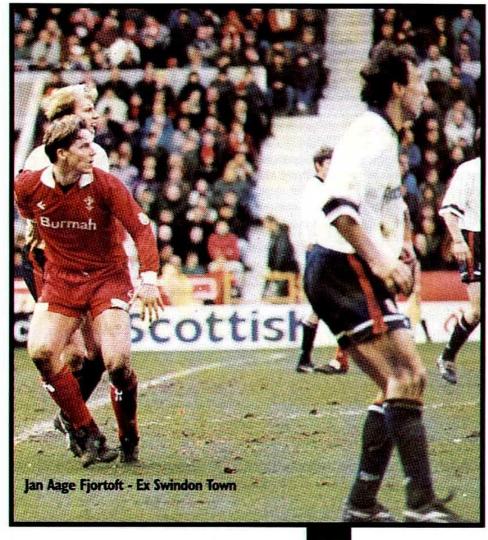
Premiership managers have been spending cash this summer like Lottery winners with a shopping addiction.

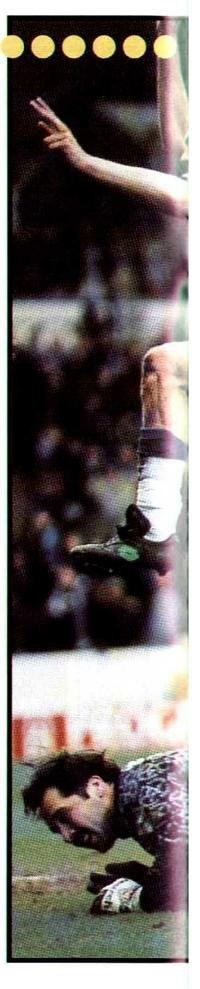
Stan Collymore went to Liverpool for eight and a half million pounds, Arsenal splashed the cash on Dennis Bergkamp and David Platt and Newcastle and Aston Villa haven't been reluctant to throw vast sums of money about. What this all means is that managers who are already under a great deal of

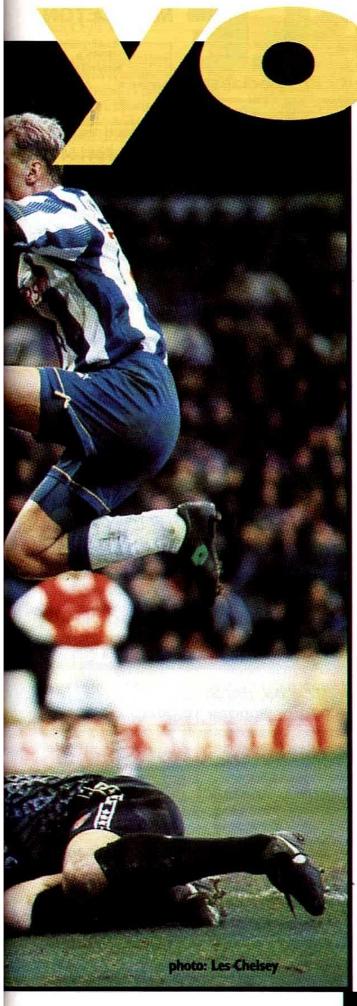
pressure in the Premiership are going to face even more stress as they look to make an early impact this season. Liverpool, Everton. Aston Villa, Chelsea. Newcastle and Middlesbrough have all spent the sort of money that requires early results and Manchester United and Blackburn fans will become pretty restless unless their favourites are well up with the leaders by the end of September.

I don't know what it is

about football that makes some chairman forget all they know about business sense. If you appoint a manager you do so in the knowledge that it will take some time for them to implement the changes they said they wanted to make at their interview. Clubs that are successful do not sack a manager after only half of a season. If Liverpool, Manchester United or Newcastle had a trigger happy approach to appointing managers then







we may not have seen Bob Paisley, Alex Ferguson or Kevin Keegan enjoy the success they have. Paisley won nothing in his first season as Liverpool manager, Manchester United struggled in the lower half of the table early in Alex Ferguson's reign and Newcastle United were almost relegated to the old third division in Kevin Keegan's first season. Despite the proof that employing a large number of managers in a short space of time is damaging, I fully expect panic sackings to happen before the clocks go back.

The summer spending spree hasn't been good news for lower division clubs either. While figures of six, seven and eight million pounds have been spent on players already in the Premiership or brought in from abroad, the most money spent on a player from the second or third division is the Four hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds Port Vale paid for York City's Jon McCarthy. Another worry is that sides who've been relegated from the Premiership have been

quick to lose players back to the top flight. Mark Draper's gone from Leicester and John Salako, Gareth Southgate and Chris Armstrong were quick to jump ship from Crystal Palace who still have a number of players who've made it clear they don't fancy a prolonged stay at Selhurst Park.

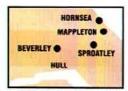
The only good thing to come out of this mad summer is that league football in England is now attractive to some of the world's top players.Jurgen Klinsmann graced these shores last season and he's been followed by a number of superb players including Ruud Gullitt, Dennis Bergkamp and David Ginola. Even Wigan Athletic have been shopping on the continent and should be congratulated for signing three Spanish Under 21 internationals on loan. Whether they look quite as good at Darlinton in February is a different matter, but at least Wigan have shown some imagination in looking away from a British transfer market where players are overvalued.

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Hull City's award winning Stadium Manager John Cooper has signed a unique deal with sports pitch contractors SportsMac.

The deal, which was put together two months ago will benefit both the club and the York based company. Cooper will provide his knowledge and expertise in all aspects of maintenance



Lto R Richard MacGregor, Martin Fish, John Cooper

at Boothferry Park." Today's visitors Swindon Town became aware of Cooper's success in 1994 and ex Chairman Reg Hardman approached him to advise the Witshire club on the necessary work needed to improve their own playing surface. Cooper in turn advised them on the companies

SportsMac and myself have

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developed a system that can be

adapted to suit all the clients needs.

SportsMac and Rigby Taylor can use

the advertising as it will enhance

their companies and we in turn will

glean off from that products for use

work needed to improve their own playing surface. Cooper in turn advised them on the companies that Hull City had used and why city's turf accountant John Cooper is sponsored by R. Clare Catering

consultancy and in return will generate funds for the sole use of the club's end of season pitch renovations.

During the past fourteen months, Cooper had already turned down several approaches from other clubs and organisations, including an earlier offer from SportsMac. He felt that at some time in the future an offer would come in that would benefit both himself and the club, the idea being to provide a base for the club to cut it's expenses down on the pitch maintenance.

He has been working closely with SportsMac's Managing Director Richard MacGregor on the Boothferry Park pitch for the last five years. MacGregor was formerly with Associated Sports Surfaces who undertook the original pitch renovation five years ago, but after they folded two years ago, he set up his own company who have continued to work on the pitch since 1994.

The ex-Hull University head groundsman turned down the offer to join MacGregor at SportsMac on a full time basis expressing his wish to remain at Boothferry Park and finish off the job that had been started back in 1991, although he makes no secret that at some time in his career he would like to go into the consultancy field full time. He

sees the new deal as an ideal package to do both.

Cooper's first aim is to provide a watering system that will be adequate for the Boothferry Park pitch, otherwise it can not be maintained in the way that it needs to be.

"Five years ago the idea was to produce a pitch that could cope with professional football when fixtures dictated," he explains. "As a club, we simply can not afford cancellations."

He looked at the job logically, starting with the drainage, then the soils and the grass.

Everything else was seen as being well in the distance, but of course after five years, those goals are now being reached and he realises that without a watering system, the pitch will suffer. Cooper hopes to be able to fund all, if not the majority of the £17,000 needed to install a pop up sprinkler system in the 1996 close season.

With so much interest expressed in what City has achieved with the pitch, Cooper and MacGregor put together a package last year that was sent out to every League club suggesting ways in which they could a improve their own playing surfaces. Cooper needed the companies involved with the work on the Boothferry Park pitch such as SportsMac and turf specialists Rigby

Taylor to provide the materials for him to produce a product that they could in turn sell.

This initially started with a deal between Cooper and Rigby Taylor to provide all the materials that he felt necessary for the pitch such as fertilisers and weed killers down to the nets and other sundries. The deal involved a small amount of advertising, but more importantly Rigby Taylor were able to use Coopers services at certain times to promote their company.

"Everything we used at Hull was new on the market. We tested things and took risks on a lot of them. Big risks. 90% of them worked, some little things didn't, but I believe that the actual product we use is still the best natural growing product for grass on professional football pitches and is as close as you can get to a synthetic surface. We've learned a lot of things from it."

Of his new venture, Cooper points out that the company will be providing a complete range within their maintenance package. "It's not just about what we've done here, because we might be going into sports grounds or sports complexes. It's not just about professional football clubs. There are different growing conditions to take into account and they won't be the same as ours. At the end of the day,

they had used them, but states that the original interest was solely on the back of the Boothferry Park pitch's success.

"The whole job was right for City. It provided work and advertising for SportsMac and advertising for the club. Swindon have just had done what we had done in 1991. In fact what we did in three years, they have done it in one, including a pop up sprinkler system".

Unlike Hardman, Swindon Town manager Steve McMahon is obviously not aware that the Boothferry Park pitch can stand up to the rigours of regular first team football during the winter months. Quoted on a recent Swindon Town Clubcall interview about his teams early season trips up north, he says, "It's good really because the pitches will be nice, like at Carlisle and Hull. It's better to get them now while the weather is nice and the pitches are nice. It could have been worse. We could have been going there around Christmas time when the pitches are not too good and we've got a slog on our hands. You've got to play them sometime so it'll be nice to get them out of the way."

At least someone is in for a pleasant surprise this afternoon.

SIADBE World Service Sports Unit Tim Maitland - BBC World Service Sports Unit By the Hand

Nine years and twenty five days is a long time to wait for justice. But for those of you who still bear the scars from 22nd June 1986 - when, in the middle of the Azteca Stadium in Mexico, the Hand of God emerged from the body of Diego Armando Maradona to knock England out of the World Cup - justice has been done.

ust as in Mexico it
happened in the quarter
finals of a major
competition - the Copa
America, the South American
Championship. Argentina were
10 minutes away from beating
their arch rivals, the world
Champions Brazil. Despite
playing against ten men for the
entire second half the Brazilians
had shown few ideas on how
to make up a 2-1 deficit. Then

a ball was crossed in from the right, Tulio, looking suspiciously offside, tried to control it with his chest but ended up quite blatantly using his upper arm before sliding it past Carlos Bossio who made a half-hearted attempt to narrow the angle. Taffarel, who'd dropped a couple of clangers for the Argentine goals, did the business in the shoot-out.

The reaction was hysterical.

Several
Argentine
newspapers
referred to "The
Hand Of The
Devil." While
the Argentine
President Carlos
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added authority
to the
proceedings. "It

monumental robbery," he told reporters. 'Something strange is going on. Have a look at the video. Not only was the goal offside, the Brazilian striker also controlled it with his arm and then scored. Neither the referee nor the Bolivian linesman saw it." Where was Maggie Thatcher when we needed her in '86?

Tulio initially claimed he controlled the ball on his chest before telling the South American press that the goal was converted "thanks to God." Which, to be frank, lacks the style of Maradona. The Brazil captain Dunga was slightly more forthcoming. "Did anyone complain when Maradona scored that goal in the World Cup?" Actually yes,



Diego Maradona's 'Hand of God' goal against England at the Azteca Stadium in Mexico in 1986. (Photo courtesy of EMPICS)

but carry on. "Brazil played to win," said Dunga. "I have one thing to say. The winners celebrate, the losers look for excuses."

But it was a Brazilian columnist Verissimo who captured the moment in the Jornal Do Brasil. "Tulio's goal was an illegal goal of top pedigree," he declared. "I would let Tulio's goal marry my sister." Personally I wouldn't wish my sister on Maradona's goal, let alone Tulio's. But that's not really the point.



of God



The 'little fella is back in business next month. Maradona will make his comeback from his fifteen month suspension after testing positive for a cocktail of stimulants at the 1994 World Cup. (Incidentally my doctor prescribed me pseudo-ephedrine recently. It was brilliant. It cleared my nose AND I ran 100 meters in 10.03 seconds!)

It seems our Argentine hero is still in denial about his positive dope test. Diego, who had liposuction on his jowels this summer, told an Italian newspaper that it was a result of a "misunderstanding" or "a trap". "I swear to you, as I have sworn on the heads of my daughters, that I wasn't doped," he told La Stampa. "It must have been a misunderstanding. Or if not a





misunderstanding, a trap," he added. Maradona, who has rejoined Boca luniors after an unsuccessful stint in management, said that both the American Authorities and FIFA had reasons to frame him. "It's true my sympathles for Castro irritated the Americans, And then FIFA as a whole was supporting Brazil." A couple of weeks ago Diego swore that he would never again set

genuine

foot in the United States, and therefore his daughters would miss meeting Mickey Mouse on a trip to Disneyworld, after he was only given an eight day visa instead of one of the ten vear visas his Boca team mates received. *They refused to grant me a proper visa because I admire and like Fidel Castro and believe that Che Guevara is the greatest person of all time," he declared. Strangely, considering Maradona was once banned for using Cocaine, it seems the US officials were interested in his habits. "They asked me the most extraordinary questions, * he complained. "Such as did I still take or sell drugs. I don't think the Americans for example are that pure and clean."

Pontin's League Div 2 Table 1994/95 (Final Table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle United	34	22	4	8	68	38	70
Birmingham City	34	21	5	8	74	39	68
Sheffield Wednesday	34	20	6	8	74	40	66
Oldham Athletic	34	20	6	8	73	51	66
Leicester City	34	20	4	10	72	42	64
Middlesbrough	34	17	7	10	84	48	58
Barnsley	34	17	7	10	68	45	58
Manchester City	34	17	5	12	52	40	56
Burnley	34	15	6	13	67	68	51
Port Vale	34	12	11	11	58	52	47
Preston North End	34	10	12	12	51	57	42
Grimsby Town	34	10	7	17	47	62	37
York City	34	10	7	17	39	53	37
Blackpool	34	10	3	21	41	59	33
Mansfield Town	34	8	5	21	42	87	29
Huddersfield Town	34	7	7	20	38	67	28
Hull City	34	7	5	Marine Marin	26	1 X X 1	26
Bradford City	34	6	7	21	PAGE 1	78	

Pontin's Central League Fixtures 1995/96 (Home kick off 7.00pm unless stated otherwise)

Date	Team	H/A	F-A	Scorers/Info
Wed 16/8/95	Barnsley	H	- Sector	Scorers, mile
Wed 23/8/95	Huddersfield Town	H		
Thu 31/8/95	Port Vale	Н		
Wed 6/9/95	Middlesbrough	A		
Wed 20/9/95	Manchester City	H		
Wed 27/9/95	Burnley	A		
Wed 4/10/95	York City	A	Name of the last	
Wed 11/10/95	Sunderland	H		
Mon 16/10/95	Mansfield Town	A		
Wed 25/10/95	Bradford City	H	100	
Tue 7/11/95	Grimsby Town	A		
Wed 15/11/95	Leicester City	H		
Wed 22/11/95	Blackpool	A		
Wed 29/11/95	Aston Villa	H		
Tue 5/12/95	Manchester City	A		
Wed 13/12/95	Burnley	H		
Wed 20/12/95	Coventry City	Н		
Tue 2/1/96	Preston North End	A		
Tue 9/1/96	Rotherham United	A		
Wed 17/1/96	Huddersfield Town	H		
Wed 24/1/96	Barnsley A	A		
Wed 31/1/96	Middlesbrough	H	t die	
Wed 7/2/96	Port Vale	A		
Wed 14/2/96	Rotherham United	H		
Mon 19/2/96	Leicester City	A		
Tue 5/3/96	Grimsby Town	Н		
Wed 13/3/96	Preston North End	H	10000	
Tue 19/3/96	Coventry City	A		
Wed 27/3/96	York City	H		
Wed 10/4/96	Sunderland	A		
Tue 16/4/96	Bradford City	A		
Wed 24/4/96	Mansfield Town	H		
Wed 1/5/96	Aston Villa	A		
Wed 8/5/96	Blackpool	H		
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Appearances & Scorers 1994/95

(Final Table)

Abbott 8(1), Allison 24(1), Armstrong 13, Atkinson 4, Booth 2, Brown 1(1), Burton 2, Butterfield 2, Cairns 5, Carroll 4, Cass 23(4 sub)(1), Chambers 14(2 sub)(1), Dakin 15(1), Dewhurst 3(1), Dolan 2(1 sub), Drury 3, Edeson 28(2 sub)(3), Evans 2, Fettis 6, Fewings 4(3 sub)(2), Garside 1(1 sub), Gilmore 2, Graham 2, Grice 2(3 sub), Haigh 15(1 sub)(1), Hargreaves 15(3), Hill 5, Hobson 4, Hughes 7, Kirk (1 sub), Lawford 9, Lee C. 4, Lee J. 1(1 sub), Lowthorpe 14, Mail 16(1 sub), Mann 10, Montero 4, Moran 3, Ogle 3(1 sub), Peacock 11, Plant 12(3 sub), Pridmore 9(1 sub), Proctor J (1 sub), Pullen 2, Ross 1, Saxton (2 sub), Skewis (3 sub), Taylor 3, Waddley 1, Watson 13(3 sub), Wilkinson 16(6 sub)(3), Williams 4(5 sub), Wilson 18, Windass 4(4).

Sheffield United Juniors 2 v Hull City Juniors 2

Saturday, 5th August, 1995

The juniors kicked off their season last Saturday with a useful 2-2 draw at Sheffield United.

fter a relatively even opening 20 minutes, the youngsters took a grip of the game and began to look dangerous from wide positions from where front runners David Chambers and Gavin Gordon received plenty of service to cause the home defence all sorts of problems.

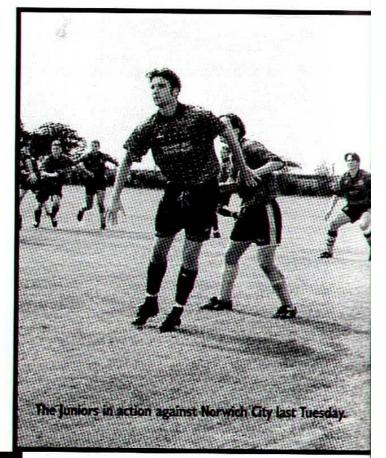
City took the lead on the half an hour mark when Gordon pulled a quality cross back from the bye-line into the path of Chambers who timed his run perfectly to crash the ball past the United keeper.

Within 5 minutes, the Tigers were two nil up when Chambers stepped up to convert from the penalty spot after being fouled in the area.

City continued to dominate for the remainder of the half and should have increased their lead through Ian Wilkinson, but the tall defender put his header wide from three yards out following a good cross from Ian Plant.

Sheffield opened the second half with a strong spell of pressure as City suffered their worse period of the match. The home side pulled a goal back after 55 minutes following a long ball into the area from the left wing that was headed home after the Tigers defence failed to clear the danger. United were level 3 minutes later after a further piece of slack defending, this time from a corner from the left. Grice mis-timed his header on the front post and when the ball was helped on across the face of the goal, a United player was on hand to slot it home.

The Tigers settled down after this and gradually worked their way back into the game, but missed two further chances in the last 15





minutes of the game which would have clinched the three points. Firstly, Kevin Gordon was unable to finish off a good move after getting the better of the United keeper, and then Wilkinson again headed over with a free header, this time from 7 yards.

Youth team coach Bernard Ellison was relatively pleased with his sides performance. "You would take a draw on the opening day of the season, away from home and against a club from a higher division as being a satisfactory result, but looking at the chances we missed, I feel that it was two points lost. We weren't really pushed to our limits, we just made two silly mistakes which coast us the win. In fairness to our defence though, we should still have converted our chances at the other end and had we gone in at half time 3-0 ahead, I feel that the game would have been almost out of reach. However there were pleasing performances from virtually the whole of the team and the side played reasonably well. We have got to keep going forward from here."

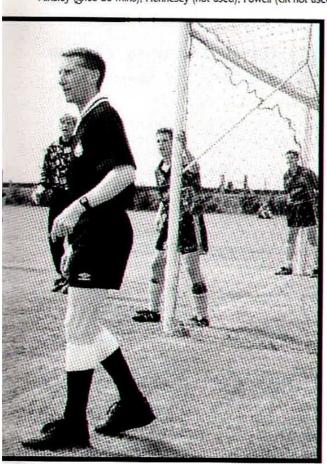
Three days later, the Juniors took on Norwich City in a friendly at Swanland Playing Field. Against a very strong and physical side that included at least one Youth International, the Tigers put up a great performance to hold their visitors to a 0-0 draw. Ellison was again pleased with his sides committment and it is fair to say his young team more than deserved the draw. "We didn't just draw with Norwich through shear determination, we played the better football and enjoyed more of the play. I was particularly pleased with the first year lads who came into the side due to injuries to several of our more experienced players and if they keep that up, then their looks like being some really good competition for places this season. That can only be healthy."

Line-up

Carroll, Hurst, Pridmore, Plant, Wilkinson, Waddley, Grice, Haigh, Gordon, Chambers (2), Ogle

Subs

Ainsley (grice 80 mins), Hennesey (not used), Powell (GK not used).



Nth. Intermediate League Table 1994/95 (Final Table) P W D L F A Pts Newsorth Heister 22 21 2 0 0 7 51 (1994)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle United	32	21	3	8	87	51	66
York City	32	20	6	6	62	29	66
Leeds United	32	19	8	5	84	47	65
Barnsley	32	20	4	8	73	42	64
Sunderland	32	20	4	8	66	37	64
Middlesbrough	32	18	7	7	68	50	61
Sheffield Weds.	32	15	7	10	50	36	52
Hull City	32	13	5	14	54	47	44
Huddersfield Town	32	9	12	11	53	43	39
Scunthorpe United	32	10	8	14	43	47	38
Sheffield United	32	11	5	16	54	68	38
Doncaster Rovers	32	11	3	18	56	71	36
Rotherham United	32	8	11	13	39	55	35
Bradford City	32	9	6	17	38	61	33
Hartlepool United	32	6	8	18	28	68	26
Darlington	32	5	5	22	36	81	20
Chesterfield	32	3	6		28	85	15

Northern Intermediate League Fixtures 1995/96 (Home kick off 11.00am unless stated otherwise)

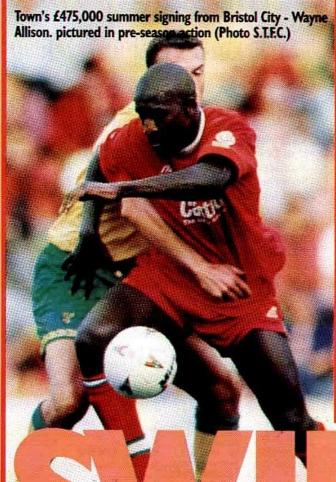
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Sat 5/8/95	Sheffield Utd	A	2-2	Chambers (2)
Sat 12/8/95	Chesterfield	H		
Sat 19/8/95	York City	A		
Sat 26/8/95	Darlington	H		
Sat 2/9/95	Newcastle Utd (NIL	I)A		12.00 noon
Sat 9/9/95	Barnsley	H		
Sat 16/9/95	Newcastle Utd	A		12.00 noon
Sat 23/9/95	Middlesbrough	Н		
Sat 30/9/95	Rotherham Utd	A		
Sat 14/10/95	Hartlepool Utd	A	-	12.00 noon
Sat 21/10/95	Huddersfield Town	н		
Sat 28/10/95	Doncaster Rovers	A		
Sat 4/11/95	Sunderland	H		
Sat 11/11/95	Sheffield Wed	A	U.S.	
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Sat 25/11/95	Chesterfield	A		
Sat 2/12/95	York City	H		
Sat 9/12.95	Darlington	A		12 00 noon
Sat 16/12/95	Bradford City	H		
Sat 23/12/95	Barnsley	A	T ES	
Sat 30/12/95	Newcastle Utd	H		
Sat 6/1/96	Middlesbrough	A		12.00 noon
Sat 13/1/96	Rotherham Utd	Н		
Sat 20/1/96	Leeds United	A		
Sat 27/1/96	Hartlepool Utd	H		
Sat 3/2/96	Huddersfield Town	- A		
Sat 10/2/96	Doncaster Rovers	Н		
Sat 17/2/96	Sunderland	A		12.00 noon
Sat 24/2/96	Sheffield Wed	H		
Sat 2/3/96	Bradford City	A		
Sat 9/3/96	Leeds United	H		
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Hull City Juniors play their home games at Swanland Playing Field, West Leys Road, Swanland. Refreshments available

Appearances & Scorers 1995/96 (up to & inc. 5/8/95)

Name	Apps	Gls	Name	Apps	Gls
AINSLEY Stuart	(1)		HUNTER Glenn		
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CAPUANO Julian			NORTON Daniel	120	-
CARROLL Roy	1	-	PLANT lan	- 1	-
CHAMBERS David	1	2	PRIDMORE Lee	1	
DOUGHTY Paul	Nev.	=	O'BRIEN Kieron	1	
FEWINGS Paul		. SV	OGLE Gareth	- 1	
GARSIDE Liam		4	PRIDMORE Lee	-	-
GORDON Kenyatt	a I		STOCK Nicholas	110-	-
GRICE Paul	1	-	SYKES Simon	-	
HAIGH Gavin	- 1	-	WADLEY Kevin	- 1	0_1
HENNESSY Simon	1	-1	WILKINSON Ian	1	



This time two years ago, Swindon Town were contemplating their first entry into top flight football. Two successive relegations later, they now face a season which not inconceivably could threaten their very existence.



This time next year

Even though its only halfway through, the 90s is set to be the most incredible decade in the Wiltshire club's history. Upto five years ago, the highlights of their modest achievements was, certainly, the Football League Cup triumph of 1969 (Don Rogers and all that) and, maybe, the Angioltalian Cup win in 1970. Since then, not only did they reach the Premiership but also established a deserved reputation of being one of the best 'footballing' teams in the country.

Long before 'bung' and such words became commonplace in the football vocabulary, 1990 dawned with the club facing allegations from the FA, football League and Inland Revenue for an array of financial irregularities.

Osvaldo Ardiles had been the surprise choice as successor to disgraced boss Lou Macari in the summer of 1989. The Argentinian's impact was as immediate as it was impressive. Town's new cultured style swept them to a Wembley Play-Off victory over Sunderland.

Joy turned to despair, as the heroes of '90 paid the price for earlier misdemeanours. Compared to subsequent penalties, the punishment still seems harsh-relegated two divisions.

As this was reduced to one division on appeal, Town ended back up were they started although they came close to redeeming the original decision as they missed demotion in 1990/91 by just two points. Furthermore, Ardiles defected to Newcastle

United in April to be replaced by another rookie manager - Glenn Hoddle.

Portrayed as a polite born-again Christian, the other former Spurs star soon displayed a calculated ruthless streak. Hoddle certainly had the knack of getting the football decisions right. Modelled in his own skillful image, Town established a place in the top half of the table whilst delighting the purists.

Three years after being denied their place in the promised land, Glenn Hoddle - the man who made the long-ball an art form-finally guided the Robins into the Premiership in 1993 and in doing so proved, once and for all, that you can succeed with style.

Again the Play-Offs were

needed and this time a final meeting with Leicester City produced one of Wembley's most exciting encounters.

And again in their hour of greatest success, the West Country club was struck by an expected devastating blow. In confirming a very public rumour, within days of their elevation, Hoddle accepted the manager's job at Chelsea.

The task of guiding the Robins through the previously unchartered territory of the top League was handed to John Gorman, Hoddle's trusty right-hand man.

Their motto soon became it's better to have played and lost than to have never played at all.

Gorman refused to compromise the principles installed by Ardiles and Hoddle but, although his

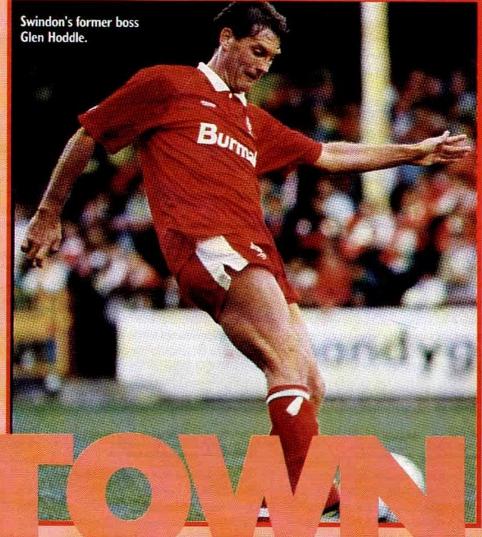
charges won many friends, they didn't win too many matches.

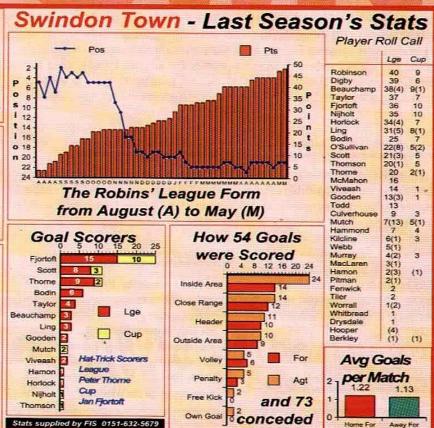
Infact Town bagged a meagre total of only five wins in their 42 Premier outings. A goals against tally of 100 and a season long place on the elite's bottom rung tells its own story even if they did manage to go down in a blaze of glory.

The consolation for the popular Scot was that, despite relegation, the directors showed their faith in him. All started well enough on their return to the first as the Robins found a place among the early leaders.

But the division was so close that a couple of wins could elevate a mid-table team towards the top of the pile while a couple of defeats In the space of six weeks, Swindon slipped from fifth from top to fifth from bottom. At the end of November a tearful Gorman departed the County Ground scene.

Within days he was replaced by the former Everton, Aston Villa and Liverpool star Steve McNahon. The ex-England midfielder soon summed up the Continued overleaf





Robins' plight: "Swindon collected admirers for the quality of their football in the Premiership last season. But they were naive and were relegated. Now they are in a rut in the First Division."

Despite adding predictable steel and a competitive edge, McMahon was unable to extract his new charges from the downward spiral and demotion was suffered for the second successive campaign.

So why has it all gone so horribly wrong? Many locals trace the problem back to before their Premier debut. Mainstays of the promotion campaign - such as Hoddle, Colin Calderwood and Dave Mitchell - didn't even make it to the starting line yet suitable replacements weren't found.

Other leading lights such as Mickey Hazard, Craig Maskell, Nicky Summerbee and Jan Aage Fjortoft have departed with the loss of the latter causing most fan frustration.

The Norweigan marksman was allowed to leave for Middlesborough on transfer deadline day for a cut price fee of £1.3million. Personal differences with the new manager are cited for his release and, it would appear, that McMahon's forthright style has yet to gain widespread favour.

Fortunately, Steve McMahon is

a born-again winner and he has now laid his plans to prove the Robins' critics wrong. Wayne Allison (\$475,000 from Bristol City), Mark Seagraves (\$100,000 from Bolton Wanderers) and Steve Finney (free from Manchester City) are the summer captures to spark a successful campaign. Failure though could cost a fearsome price.

Wayne Allison - Forward

Wayne Joined Swindon in July for a Tribunal fixed fee of \$475,000 from local rivals Bristol City where he finished top scorer last season. He began his career as an apprentice at Halifax Town before moving to Watford for \$250,000 in 1989. A \$300,000 deal took him to Ashton Gate the following year where he became a firm favourite with the fans.

Paul Bodin - Defender

This Welsh International is currently in his second spell at The County Ground having initially signed from the now defunct Newport County in March 1988 for a fee of \$25,000. He made close on 100 appearances for Town before transferring to Crystal Palace in a \$550,000 deal in 1991, but he was unable to command a place at Selhurst Park and rejoined Swindon just ten months later for \$225,000 following a short spell on loan at Newcastle United.

Ian Culverhouse - Defender

Ian joined Town for a Tribunal fixed fee of £250,000 last December from Norwich City after the Wiltshire club had turned down the Canaries original request of £900,000. A former apprentice at Tottenham Hotspur, he made just 1 full appearance for the White Hart Lane club before signing for Norwich in 1985 for £50,000. He featured in The Canaries UEFA Cup success last season, but was unable to agree new terms at Carrow Road.

Fraser Digby - Goalkeeper

Fraser signed professional forms with Manchester United in 1985 after joining them straight from school in 1983. He failed to break into the first team at Old Trafford and joined Swindon Town in September 1986 following a short trial spell at The County Ground. He has now made over 350 first team appearances for the Wiltshire club although he did return to Manchester United on loan during the 1992/93 season. A doubtful starter today after sustaining concussion in a recent pre season friendly.

Jason Drysdale - Defender

This former England Youth International joined Town from Newcastle United for £340,000 on transfer deadline day last March. Jason signed professional forms for Watford in 1988 and was a member of their FA Youth Cup winning side. He went on to make 160 appearances for the Hornets before a fee of £425,000 took him to St. James' Park in August 1994. He joined Swindon seven months later after being unable to command a first team place.

Shay Given - Goalkeeper

Currently on loan from Blackburn Rovers. Shay has been involved in Swindon's league build up due to Fraser Digby's injury problems.

Ty Gooden - Midfield

Ty was released by Wycombe Wanderers in May 1993 upon their election to the football League and joined Swindon the following December following a successful trial period at The County Ground. He made his Premiership debut against West Ham in March 1994 and has now made over 20 appearances for the Wiltshire club.

Steve McMahon - Player/Manager

Stevewas appointed Player/Manager at the end of November 1994 following John Gorman's departure. He began his career as an Associated Schoolboy with Everton and after suffering the disappointment of being overlooked when the apprenticeships were handed out, he battled back and impressed enough to make his League debut at Sunderland in 1980. He made 100 League appearances for Everton and had became a seasoned England U21 International by the time of his \$300,000 transfer to Aston Villa in 1983. Steve proved to be a midfield general of the highest quality, but his career in the Midlands was short lived as Kenny Dalglish splashed out £375,000 to land him in his first major deal for Liverpool in September 1985. He went on to share in Anfield's phenomenal success over the next six seasons and was capped 17 times for England. On Christmas Eve in 1991, Manchester City paid £900,000 for his registration and until his move to Swindon, McMahon has continued to demonstrate his agility at the highest level.

Luc Nijholt Defender

Signed from Motherwell for a fee of £175,000 in June 1993 having spent three years in Scotland following his transfer from Old Boys in Basle in Switzerland. Luc started his career in Holland with FC Haarlem before moving to AZ 67 Alkmaar and FC Utrecht.

Wayne O'Sullivan - Defender

Wayne made his Swindon Town debut in the Anglo Italian Cup tie against Oxford United in September 1992. A former trainee with the club, he made his League debut when he came on as sub in the first game of last season against Port Vale and wet on to become a valuable member of the side.

Mark Robinson - Defender

Mark began his apprenticeship with West Brom in 1985 and made his League debut against Sheffield United the following year. Suprisingly he was not offered a contract at the end of his apprenticeship and was picked up by Barnsley, but he had to wait until 1989 before earning an extended run in the first team. In March 1993 he was transferred to Newcastle United for \$450,000, but injury and the sheer side of the squad at St. James' prevented him from gaining a regular place and he moved to Wiltshire for a then Swindon Town club record fee of \$600,000.

Mark Seagraves - Defender

This big, strong central defender signed from Bolton Wanderers in the close season for £100,000 and looks set to partner Shaun Taylor. A former Liverpool apprentice, Mark had a loan spell with Norwich City prior to his £100,000 transfer to Manchester City in 1986. Four years later he moved to Burnden Park, but was unable to command a regular place in last season's side who gained promotion to the Premiership.

Shaun Taylor - Defender

An almost ever present in the first team last season, Shaun was signed from Exeter City in 1991 for \$200,000. He came into professional football late, signing for The Grecians from Western League side Bideford Town at the age of 23. He played

233 first team games for Exeter before he joined Swindon and has since signed a contract which will keep him at The County Ground until 1997.

Peter Thorne · Forward

This young striker signed from Blackburn Rovers for an undisclosed fee last January. He was signed on as a trainee at Ewood Park in July 1989 before progressing to the professional ranks in 1991. First team opportunities were limited due to the form of the likes of Alan Shearer, Chris Sutton and Mike Newell. His only first team appearance for Blackburn was when he came on as substitute in the Charity Shield at Wembley against Manchester United. He made an impressive start to his career at Swindon Town scoring 4 goals in 2 games.

Tigers' Ticket & Travel news

Hull City v Carlisle United 15/8/95 (Coca Cola cup 1st Rd 1st leg)

No tickets are on sale for this game - pay at the turnstiles.

Normal matchday prices apply.

16 page programme on sale - priced £1.00

Rotherham United v Hull City - 19/8/95

Seating (Millimoor Lane) £9.00 adults, £6.00 child/OAP Standing £7.00 adults, £4.50 child/OAP Prog - £1.40 Carparking - Side of ground

Carlisle United v Hull City 22/8/95 (Coca Cola Cup Rd1 2nd leg)

Seating £9.50 (no reductions)
Standing - £7.50 adults, £4.50 child/OAP
Prog - £1.40 Carparking - Signposted outside the ground

Tigers Travel Club

Rotherham United 19/8/95

Depart Beverley Railway Station 12.00 noon, Hull YEB 12.20pm fare \$4.00.

Bookings are being taken before and after today's game at 268 North Road.

Hull City Supporters Club

Congratulations to Rob Dewhurst - 1994/95 Player of the Year, Jimmy Graham - 1994/95 Away Match Player of the Year, Gavin Haigh - 1994/95 Young Player of the Year and the hard working Holmes family who were awarded the Ann Dewick Trophy for Supporters of the Year for all their help with the Young Tigers.

Don't forget, membership fees for the new season are now due in and remain the same price as last season - \$1.50 adults, 75p juniors. Away match travel - tel: 446878/352527 Rotherham United 19/8/95

Depart Hull 12.30pm, fare \$4.50

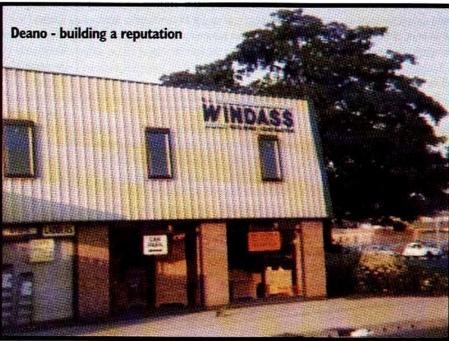
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Rotherham 19/8/95
Depart Hull Baker Street 1Z.30pm, fare \$4.50
Carlisle Utd 22/8/95 (Coca Cola Cup)
Depart Hull Baker Street 3.00pm, fare \$8.00

Apologies to Beryl Marshall who I inadvertently missed from the list of people who attended every Hull City match last season - Simon.



In our last programme of the 1994/95 season we asked you to keep your eyes peeled and your pocket instamatics poised during the summer break. The idea was to spot a familiar name in unusual circumstances and for the best entry the club recklessly, with no thought for the financial implications. offered a new style Tigers shirt. As an example, our diligent photographer observed Terry Dolan taking on the punters at York Races with a little help from the horses mouth.



turn the gaze of their camera from the bronzed flesh on the beach for long enough to make at least one

need to be honest with the paying public and, for the vast majority, giving it a thought was about as far as it got. Or to put it another way, the club's of use on this one.

We have had the odd entry though, odd being the operative word. I am somewhat suspicious, however, as the

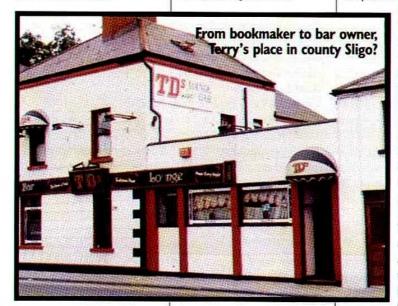
> handwriting on nearly all the envelopes looks remarkably similar. If it wasn't for the fact that the quality of the photos is not up to his usual high standards, I would be pointing an accusing finger at a certain photographer of 'lofty' proportions. The usual competition rules apply, namely that the decision of the Editor Robert Smith is final and absolute.

This precludes any insider dealing, since the prize is reserved for one of the genuine entrants. I would like to personally thank those people who took the time and effort to

programme contributor happy. Admittedly, it doesn't take much. Thanks anyway and enjoy watching those new look shirts in action.

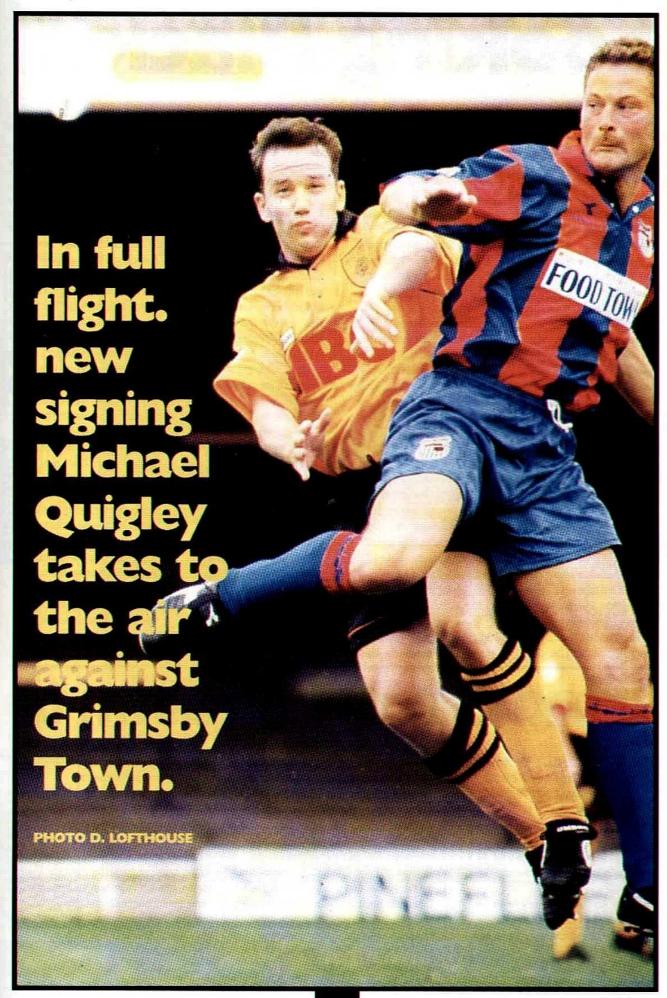
In the Blackpool programme I will be starting a new series of articles focusing on the various activities which go on at Boothferry Park on matchdays. Hopefully these will provide an insight into the work that goes on behind the scenes both during the build up to and aftermath of a big game. With a full season ahead. I intend to cover all the elements which fit together, jigsaw like, to make it possible to stage League football at Boothferry. Basically, a matchday in the life of. From fans to stewards, from players to referees, from first aiders to caterers, from pressmen to chairman, from sponsors to mascots, from here to eternity please stay tuned.

STEVE SANDS.



n interesting idea for a competition you may have thought. You may even have thought of popping an entry in the post. I am, however, a great believer in the

postman was never in danger of giving himself an hemia lugging large sacks of mail to Boothferry Park. More accurately, the Boothferry Park letterbox has actually healed up through lack



Looking Back...

The close season may seem to get shorter every year - it was only eleven weeks between Alan Fettis' last minute winner at Blackpool and the pre-season game at Harrogate.

ven during this time it is hard to keep football out of the news and it was only a few days after the season ended that Simon Dakin managed to get Hull City into the national newspapers by falling 60 feet down a lift shaft whilst on holiday in Tenerife. Although suffering fractured ribs and a damaged lung, the injuries were not as bad as they may have been and Dakin has returned to the Tigers squad. However, as you leave today's game you may well see Dakin walking home alone. Apparently his team mates are reluctant to share a lift with him.

On the day the fixtures came out for the new season it greatly annoyed me to see the Yorkshire Evening Post advertised in Beverley town centre with the billboard heading "Leeds United fixtures". How many people in

Beverley bought the paper that day because of Leeds fixtures? However, it was amusing to read in the papers the latest player rumoured to be on the verge of signing for Leeds, but who never actually does. This list this summer includes Reuben Sasa, Faustino Asprilla, Mark Hughes, Paul Ince, Paul Gascoigne, Alan Fettis, Lord Lucan, Princess Diana and Shergar. Sorry, I may have got slightly carried away there: I don't think Leeds were ever interested in Paul Ince.

During the summer, the Tigers have made three signings and it will come as no surprise that all three were signed on free transfers. The first was Andy Mason, a striker from Bolton Wanderers. Much has been made in recent seasons about goalscorers doing stupid dances or silly walks as part of their celebrations. Well, watch out for some strange signals and dodgy handshakes on Boothferry Park this season. After all, the Tigers have signed a Free Mason!

The second signing was Michael Quigley, a midfield player from Manchester City. I

was very pleased to hear that Terry Dolan had signed Quigley because I cannot recall ever having seen a City player whose surname began with the letter Q. I now only require I, U, V, X and Z to complete a full house. I doubt City will sign Johnny Xylophone or Freddie Zebra, but I can recommend Goran Ivanesevic to Terry Dolan. He may not be much good at football, but he would certainly be an asset for the club bar. Apparently he serves at more than 100 miles per hour!

The third signing was experienced midfielder Andy Williams who had been freed by Rotherham. The Tigers have a real bargain here because Williams never has a bad game -he's always on song! He is also a photographer in his spare time and I'm told that he's done quite a few albums.

With the current financial situation of the club, Chairman Martin Fish has said he will carefully consider any takeover bids. During the summer, Hull based businessmen Richard and John Hart came forward with a bid which was subsequently rejected by Mr. Fish. The Board

of Directors at Hull City have been subjected to some stiff criticism in recent years about how much money they put into the club. This whole episode leaves Hull City with a Board of Directors who can only be described as "Hart-less"!

Many football clubs with financial problems are said to be looking for a "lack Walker" - the man who has invested millions in his home town club Blackburn Rovers. Maybe, in a few years time, clubs will say that they are looking for a Terry Benson. Mr. Benson is the Hull man who won \$20 million on the National Lottery. When I first heard that a Hull family had won the jackpot I was hoping that they would be Tigers fans. So will the Benson family wipe out City's debts and give Terry Dolan millions to spend on new players? Well, apparently the Benson family are cricket fans so no luck there. They are reported to be going to buy a racehorse - so no luck there either. Mr. Benson said he now planned to travel the world and visit places he'd never been to before. Perhaps, Boothferry Park falls into that category.

... and Clariber on down to

Hull City v Carlisle United -Coca Colla Cup 1sr Round 1st Leg - Tuesday, 15th August, 1995 - 7.30pm.

o you remember the last side to be beaten by the Tigers in the 1st Round of the Coca Cola Cup or it's preceding competitions? Answer in a moment.

In order to reach the heady heights of Round Two and a lucrative tie against Manchester United, Liverpool, Leeds or Barnsley, the Tigers first must overcome Carlisle United. This will be no easy task as Carlisle were runaway champions of Division Three last season and are favourites for the Second Division title this season. However, it is about time the Tigers put together a decent cup run not only for the fans, but for the club's coffers as well. Now back to that little poser. The last time the Tigers won a first round tie was in fact back in the days of the Rumbelows Cup in August, 1991. The Tigers beat Blackburn Rovers 2-1 on aggregate with stunning goals from Andy Payton and Leigh Jenkinson. How things have changed since then. One side has gone on to put together a world beating squad,

whilst the other is just about to attempt to defend the Premier League title.

Currently available is Issue 7 of Tiger Ragthe Hull City fanzine. This issue includes profiles on Rob Dewhurst and Simon Dakin, an interview with Martin Fish, Roy North's dream team, a look back at last season and Mystic Rag's predictions for the forthcoming season, plus lots more besides. In particular - look out for one of Simon Dakin's holiday snaps on the front cover and also exclusive news from 'The Dug Out' on why Alan Fettis may be leaving the club.



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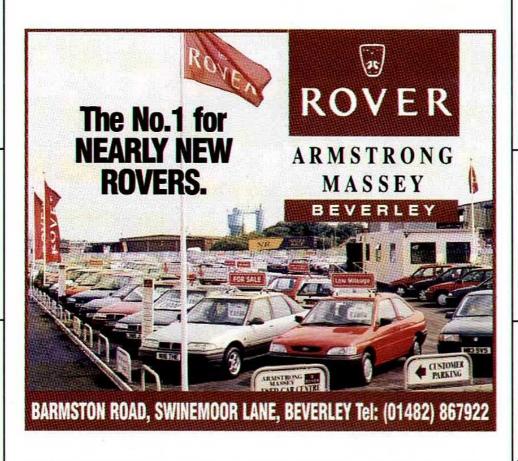
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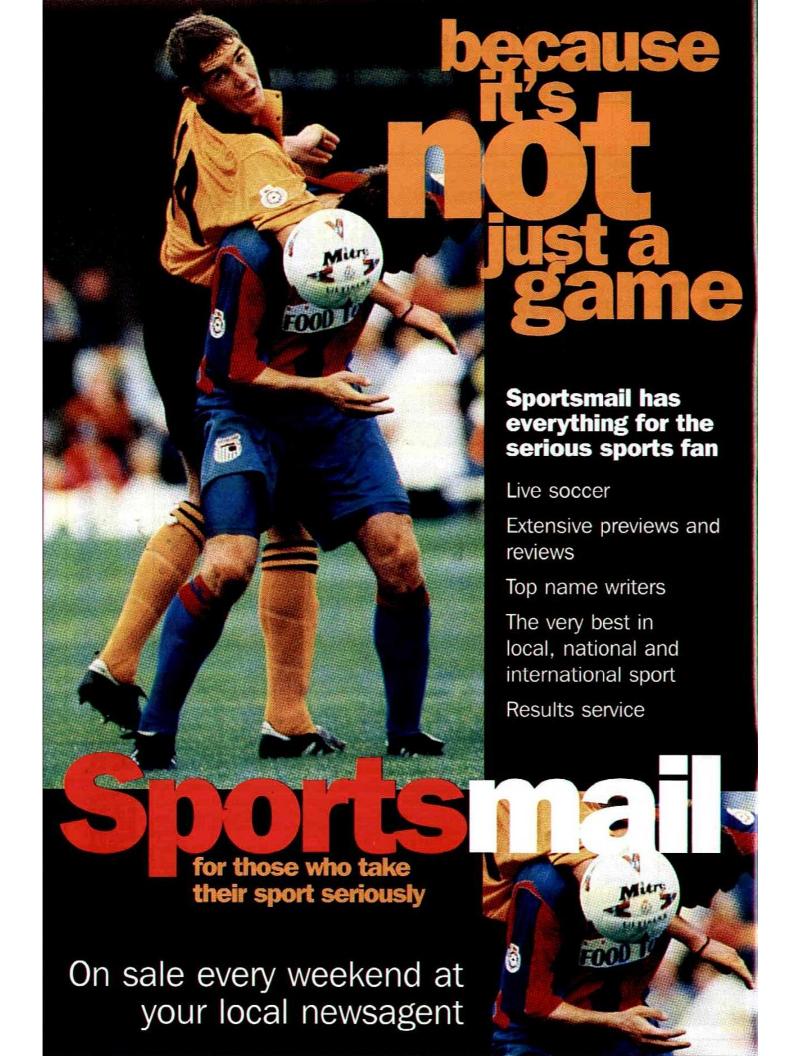
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Since I took over the soccer writing job at the Mail, my friends have taken a fleeting interest in the fortunes of Hull City.

one of the finest afternoons recorded in football history.

I highly recommend and afternoon in Scotland if you want to see real football. mickey-take. They enjoyed Stockport away last year.

We've had a bet City will finish higher than York this season and I reckon my fiver's pretty Certainly prior to arriving at Boothferry Park, I hadn't heard of the likes of Alan Fettis, Dean Windass and Linton Brown.

Those three are at the

A more than healthy interest

hether it be watching Grandstand on Saturday evening, listening to Radio five Live in the car or looking bleary eyed at their Sunday morning paper, they'll listen or look out for City's result.

There's always some excuse to pour over the footie results when you pick up a Sunday paper at some stage of your hangover.

I wonder how many City fans who were at Bradford last week might try to find Eccleshill's result in future weeks of this season.

The best bit is the lower Scottish divisions, particularly an entertaining glance at those hopeless attendances.

Most of the people I know have one Scottish club or another. For us it's Forfar Athletic.

Two years ago we travelled to Glasgow for a stag night and spent the Saturday afternoon with 30 Forfar supporters at Hamilton.

We saw them lose to the Nomadic Clyde, who were using the Accies' ground while their own was being built, and had



Most of my friends are York City supporters they regard me as a turncoat - so some results invariably result in a safe.

They're not alone in writing the Tigers off yet again, but then they're not educated like you and I.

nucleus of a very talented young squad who I'm sure will continue to defy the bookies - who have all set City's odds at 25-I this season - and the critics.

They'll do so because they want to and because they undoubtedly have the ambition and the players to do so. They need fear no one.

Swindon included, in the second division.

This is a big season for the whole squad, but for some more than others.

Neil Mann, Richard Peacock and Adam Lowthorpe have all shown they have the potential to become very talented young players.

In this their second full season much will be expected of them again, only this time the fundamental truth is that City cannot afford for them to fail.

The additions of Michael Quigley, Andy Williams and Andy Mason will strengthen the squad still further, although another couple of players would not go amiss.

It's only three months since we were all last here, but at last the season's back.

WEEKLY DRAW

The Gold Draw has been restructured over the summer months. As well as the £300 weekly prize, we have introduced a fantastic £1000 cash prize that can be won every frist friday of every month. Just imagine what you could do with all that money and all for only £1 a weekl

The Draw forms a vital part of the club's finances, but along with the many discounts available to our members, I am sure you will agree that it's a great deal. If all our members could get one new member each to join the Draw, it would give us a tremendous boost.

We are delighted to welcome one of the City's leading department stores, Allders of Hull on to the discount scheme and pleased to announce that North Sea Ferries have been kind enough to support the Draw for another season. I have spoken to last season's winners who tell me that their Luxury Weekend Breaks are brilliant.

Finally, a big thank you to Shaun Kamis at Jordans for supplying me with a lovely new flat Punto. Take one for a test drive, you won't be disappointed.

LINDA HODGSON

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Young Tigers

Can I remind all Young Tigers that you should have renewed your memberships by now. If you haven't, please contact Jan Holmes on 564881. We will be running our first trip of the season on Saturday, 19th August for the game at Rotherham - cost \$7.00 adults, \$6 children. The coach will leave the Quick Save car park at 9.15am. For further details, please call the office on 568088 or Sue Smith on 665389.



Children at the Beverley Soccer School receiving their certificates.

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Today's Mascot

For those of you who were present at North Ferriby two weeks ago, you might already have witnessed the half time footballing skills of today's mascot. He is of course non other than Joshua Windass. the son of Tigers favourite Dean Windass. Although he is just 20 months old. Josh already looks set to follow in his fathers footsteps.

His favourite player is Linton Brown!



BALL BOYS: HALCYON F.C.

Life Saving Course Launched with Footballer's Support

Using money generously donated by the Hillsborough Charitable Trust, the Charity, St. John Ambulance has developed a new First Aid course called Lifesaver First Aid. Alan Hansen of Match of the Day, Pat Nevin of the Professional Footballers Association and the football Supporters Association have also given their full support to this course.

The launch of St. John
Ambulance's Lifesaver First
Aid course is timed to
coincide with the start of the
football season to link in with the
courses strong connections with

tootball. The course gives trainees the skills and the ability to handle a crisis situation but has been specifically developed to give trainees the confidence to cope in an emergency. The course concentrates on practise and uses realistically staged accidents on video to bring trainees face-to-face with emergency situations.

Mike Reddington, the Trust Fund Manager of the Hillsborough Disaster Appeal is very enthusiastic about the project. "The Hillsborough Charitable Trust has been trying to improve safety in sport. As well as helping people cope when an accident happens, First Aid training also encourages safety awareness.

"In addition to helping to fund this new Rist Ald course, the Hillsborough Trust in association with the Football Association is also encouraging all 48,000 registered football teams to have at least one First Aider. So far the scheme has helped train 15,000 footballers."

Professor Brian Livesley,
Director General of St. John
Ambulance, tells us, "St. John
Ambulance is committed to
encouraging as many people as
possible to learn vital emergency
life saving skills. The disress
suffered by bystanders, usually
friends and family, if they don't
know how to help, can be

unbearable, and the consequences can be even worse."

As well as being the UK's leading supplier of First Aid courses, St. John Ambulance is one of football's leading supporters. providing first Aid cover at over 90% of the Premier Division's and Endsleigh League's matches. Its members are all volunteers and many football matches could not take place without their support. St. John Ambulance provide one trained first aider per thousand fans in compliance with the Taylor Report. The Taylor Report consists of the safety recommendations made as a result of the inquiry into the Hillsborough Disaster.

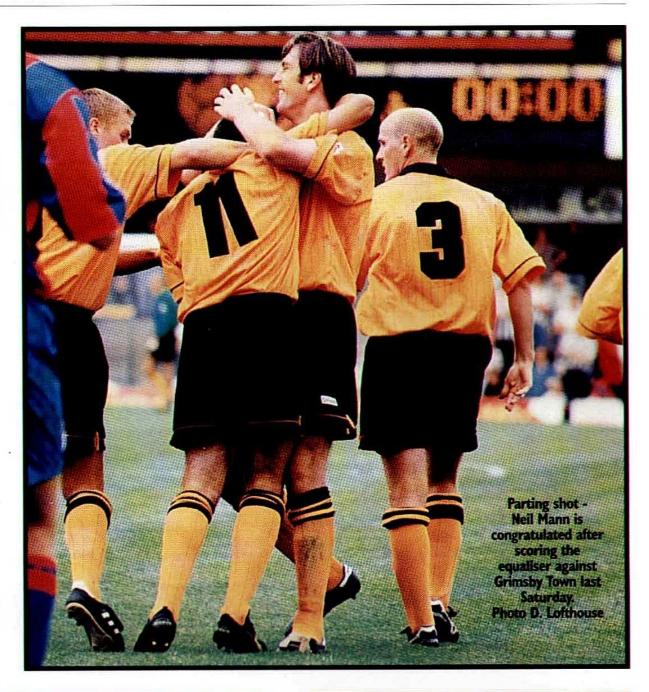
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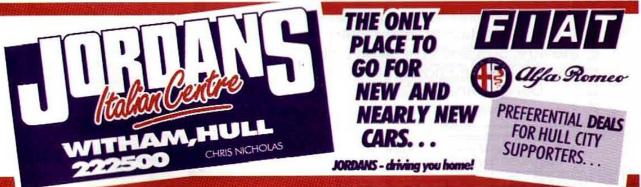
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Another historic photograph from the Heritage Collection



Part of the 55,019 crowd in the North Stand on 26th February, 1949 prior to the 6th Round FA Cup tie between Hull City and Manchester United at Boothferry Park.

The view gives an idea of the atmosphere in the ground and also shows a background depicting the car park, cycle park and railway embankment.

It was a boom time for football and the Tigers were attempting to reach the semi-finals of the competition for the second time in their history, only to be denied by a Pearson goal.

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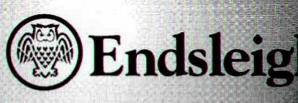
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