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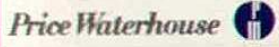
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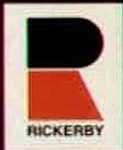
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It doesn't need me to tell you that Tuesday's defeat by Hull City the five goals conceded over the two ties, and the three at Chesterfield is not good enough.

Whether we now have to buy players or persevere with the squad we've got it's down to me and the staff to sort the problems.

I hope that we may in fact have strengthened the side in time for today's visit of Steve McMahon's Swindon Town. They currently lead the division, and will be in many ways the perfect opportunity for us to show we can compete at this level. We had an excellent spell in the second half against Hull. We created enough opportunity's throughout the match to have had the tie wrapped up. Patience is needed now. The players confidence needs building up and I was saddened by a minority of the crowd on Tuesday night who started having a go at them. They are the same group who won and achieved so much last season, and it's unfair to blame them so readily for the current problems.

The team have proved several times this season they can compete in the Second Division. We need to find consistency and there will have to be changes, but it's too early to be panicked into change for changes sake.

As I have said, we created enough chances in Tuesdays



match to have scored four or five. Our finishing wasn't good enough but when all is said and done one goal is enough to win a match if the defence doesn't concede.

We won promotion last season on the back of one of the best defences in the League and it's that backbone that needs sorting out. Confidence is a major factor and I hope you will get behind the players as you did in the second half on Tuesday when with a little luck we could have turned the tie around. Our finishing then was one factor that let us down and it's something we have worked on in training.

We obviously miss the experience of Derek Mountfield in the heart of the defence, and it may perhaps be as simple as that, or it may be a greater problem. Without doubt our defeats in recent weeks have hurt me and the staff as much as anybody, and I can promise you we are working hard to solve them.

Just a little patience now from all of us and I'm sure we will have a good and promising season.

David Reeves in action during our last home game.

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capital **view**

Down at Endsleigh League headquarters they are still talking with a certain amount of fervour about the Auto Windscreen Shield final. In fact their latest bulletin says: "The final between Birmingham City and Carlisle United confirmed what all respected officials, journalists and supporters of the game have known for a long time - that the competition is an integral and prestigious part of the domestic football calendar." It goes on to say how a live television audience witnessed a thrilling encounter with 76,000 fans adding passion and colour to the occasion which resulted in the game being settled by the new 'Golden Goal' formula in sudden death extra-time. Not that the Blue Army is likely to forget that in a hurry!

In this season's competition, the organisers have added a new feature which may give Martin Hudson and the Brunton commercial department some food for thought. Auto Windscreens will sponsor a select number of individual matches of clubs who devise the most innovative match-sponsorship package for their company. This extra funding is in addition to the £500,000 already being invested in the



Mick Mitchell is a Blue's fan working in London for BBC Television, Sky Sport and the CNN International Network.

competition so it'll be worth a bob or two to somebody.

A change to matters on the field has been confirmed by the Football Association. It concerns the use of stretchers on match days to enforce the new procedure relating to the treatment of injuries. It's like the system used in the World Cup really. If a player indicates that he wishes to receive treatment and cannot walk unaided to the touchline, the referee will signal for the stretcher to be brought on the field. Pete Hampton will be permitted to accompany the stretcher in order to supervise the safe removal from the pitch of the player, but he cannot treat

him on the field. If, after requesting treatment and having the stretcher brought on, a player refuses to leave the field, he will be given a yellow card. Written down it all sounds a bit complicated. I wonder what Colin Seel thinks of the idea.

I'm not a great one for statistics but it's interesting to note that Carlisle United are the club with the largest playing area in Division Two. The Brunton Park pitch measures 117x72 yards. Even Wembley is only 115x75. Today's visitors Swindon have the smallest pitch in the Division measuring in at 110x70.

Finally, it was interesting to see Tony Caig go upfield for a corner late on in the game with Bristol Rovers. Well Caigy can take heart from Hereford's Chris MacKenzie who became only the 10th goalkeeper since the war to score in a league match as the men from Edgar Street enjoyed an opening day 4-1 win over Barnet. Best of luck to the boys for today's match.

Mick Mitchell

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Warren Aspinall

SUMO ON FIRE!

Or is it a case of 'Sumo No More'? Warren's dramatic frame trimming over the summer has seen him hit great form at the start of this campaign and is currently the unlikely leader at the head of the club's goal scoring table. Those of us who made the trip to Hull were rewarded not only with a fine victory but a spectacular 'Sumo Special' to win the game. Sumo put in a lot of hard work over the summer to earn his contract and is already earning terrace legend

status among the Brunton faithful. But if his slimming plan continues anymore, the Brunton faithful will have to seriously think about a change in affectionate nickname for our midfield man!

INJURED PLAYER PROCEDURE

The Football Association has circulated all seventy-two Endsleigh League clubs new procedure measures for the treatment of injuries this season.

Under this new system, when a referee acknowledges that a player has been injured and play has been stopped, the referee will ask the player whether treatment is required. If a player indicates that he wishes to receive treatment and cannot walk unaided to the touchline, the referee will signal for the stretcher to be brought onto the field. The physiotherapist will be permitted to accompany the stretcher in order to supervise the safe removal from the field of the player, but he may not be treat on the field.

A player requesting attention must leave the field. If, after requesting treatment and having the stretcher brought on, a player refuses to leave the field, he will be cautioned for ungentlemanly conduct.

The temporary incapacity of a goalkeeper through injury is, however, one situation where referees are advised to exercise some discretion. A referee can, in exceptional cases, invite the physiotherapist onto the field of play immediately an injury occurs, before requesting a stretcher.

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nick barnes **comment**

The Premiership started ultimately in some style last weekend. No goals at Stamford Bridge, but Ruud Gullit looked very impressive on the ball, and after all the talk of the inflated fees of the summer some 90 million pounds being spent in the transfer market nobody can complain about the quality of the finishing of Stan Collymore. Not that I for one minute agree with the fee's changing hands. Newcastle have started steadily and undramatically which could be a strength in a season of hype and hyperbole, whilst Manchester United could suffer because of those same things. Beyond doubt, the thought of critics and pundits alike, that this is going to be the most open season for years, looks a certainty.

Leading on from that, for the first time since the inception of the Premiership it actually looks like a highly successfully marketed stratagem. The stadia look clean, full, and modern. Attendances seem to be on the increase again, and many of the opening day fixtures were sold out. The television presentation



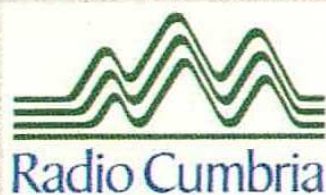
is slick, and interest in Premier League clubs seems to be increasing for all age groups. Conceivably over the next season the Premiership is going to consolidate it's position as one of the best leagues in the world. It's appeal is undoubted now, with foreign players on the whole showing a preference for England rather than Italy. The only fear still is English, and Scottish, clubs ability to perform in European competition. Whatever the success of the Premier League the face of football is going to change in Europe and the game in this country has to adapt to a level where it can once again compete on the European stage. Whilst foreign players continue to be attracted to England I believe it can only be good for the game in the long run. They attract

supporters; home grown players can only benefit from watching and playing with such talent and the supporter base for football remains firm. There are though potential dangers. An over reliance on foreign talent, but more worryingly a deepening chasm between the Premier League and the Football League.

Finally, from a personal point of view it's good to see Swindon Town's Shaun Taylor here at Brunton Park ... a few years back I remember him in the heart of the Exeter City defence when they were promoted to the then 3rd Division and after a flirtation in the Premier League here he is today a quote I saw in last Saturday's 'Guardian', amended slightly, seems apt "What is the Premier League anyway but a transport cafe on the soccer highway". Bar a handful, a fitting line for most players and managers.

Nick Barnes

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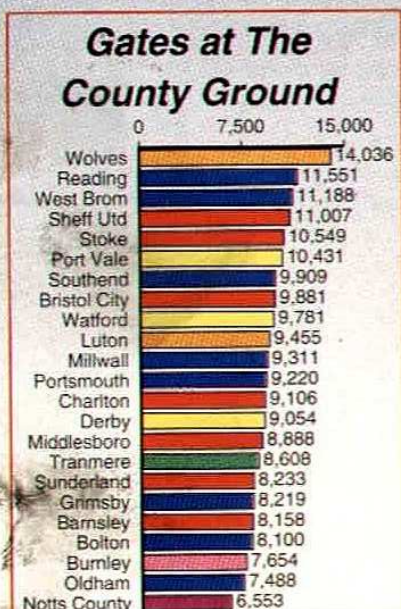
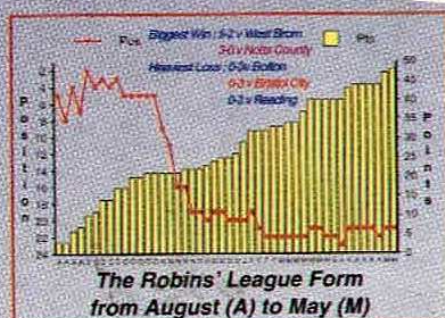
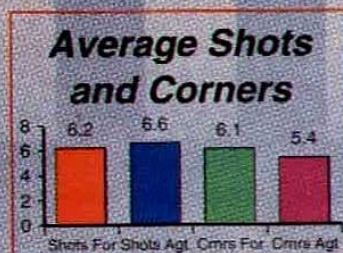
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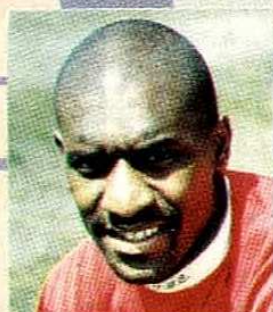
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today's visitors:



Swindon Town have had the galling experience of dropping from the Premiership to the Second Division of the Endleigh League in successive seasons but manager Steve McMahon believes he has the experience in his side to go for promotion this term.

During the summer he signed two new strikers, paying Bristol City £475,000 for Wayne Allison but signing Steve Finney from Manchester City on a free transfer.



Wayne Allison



Steve Finney

Mr McMahon had watched Finney in the reserves whilst he was a player at Maine Road. Steve had developed with Preston, making his League debut in 1991. He played only six League matches before being snapped up by Manchester City. He didn't get into City's senior side but marked his first game for Swindon by scoring their winning goal at Hull on the opening day of this season.

Allison first made his mark as a goalscorer with Halifax in

their League days. After finishing second-highest scorer with 20 goals in 1989/90, he was transferred to Watford for £250,000. He did not make much progress at Vicarage Road and moved on to Bristol City a year later. He became a consistent scorer at Ashton Gate, finishing top scorer on three occasions. Over the past two seasons Wayne registered 20 and 13 goals for City.



Peter Thorn

Peter Thorn, who scored nine times in 20 League outings following his arrival from Blackburn last season, is also pressing for a place in attack. He previously played on loan with Wigan.

Swindon opened the season with Mark Robinson, player-manager McMahon, Wayne O'Sullivan and Ty Gooden filling the midfield positions.



Mark Robinson

When the Robins signed Robinson from Newcastle in the summer of 1994, the £600,000 fee was a club record. Mark



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began as an apprentice with W.B.A. First-team opportunities were rare at The Hawthorns so he moved on to Barnsley in 1988. His performances for the Tykes attracted a £450,000 bid from Newcastle in March 1993 but, though he made 25 League appearances for the Magpies, he found himself squeezed out by the big names at St James Park.

O'Sullivan is a former trainee who grabbed his chance well when given his League debut on the opening day of last season.

Gooden was playing with Wycombe Wanderers in their non-League days. He joined Swindon in January 1994.

Luc Nijholt, Kevin Horlock, Joey Beauchamp and Martin Ling are among other contenders for places in midfield.

Nijholt is a former Holland under-21 international who played for Haarlem, AZ-67 and Utrecht before joining Old Boys of Switzerland. Motherwell signed him in 1990 and he moved on to Swindon three years later.

Horlock, a junior player with West Ham, joined Swindon in 1992 and won his place in the Northern Ireland team last season.

Beauchamp set out with Oxford and spent a loan period with Swansea before transferring to West Ham in the summer of 1994. He did not play a competitive game for the Hammers, though, moving on to Swindon before the start of last season.

Ling originally joined Swindon from Exeter in 1986 but soon moved on to Southend. He served Mansfield on loan before returning to Swindon in 1991.

Centre-back Mark Seagraves, signed from Bolton for £100,000 during the summer,

has slotted in alongside Shaun Taylor at the heart of Swindon's defence.

Seagraves grew up with Liverpool without getting into their League eleven. He made his League debut during a loan spell at Norwich and was fully transferred to Manchester City for £100,000 in 1987. Mark played some 50 senior games for City, then moved on to Bolton in 1990. He completed more than 150 senior games for the Wanderers.

Taylor kicked-off his League career with Exeter in 1986, holding a first-team place for more than four years before linking with Swindon in the summer of 1991.

Ian Culverhouse and Jason Drysdale have been filling the full-back positions.

Culverhouse made a couple of League appearances for Tottenham but really started to make headway after his transfer to Norwich in 1985. Ian made almost 300 League



Ian Culverhouse

appearances for the Canaries before joining Swindon, initially on loan, last December.

Drysdale had the misfortune to suffer an injury in his first game for Swindon, following his £340,000 transfer from Newcastle last March, and did not play again until the opening day of the current campaign. Jason was a graduate of the F.A. School of Excellence, spending his early days with Watford. He was transferred to Newcastle in the summer of 1994.

Paul Bodin is still very much in contention



BACK ROW (L-R) Wayne Allison, Paul Bodin, Shaun Taylor, Fraser Digby, Mark Seagraves, Andy Thomson, Peter Thorne.

MIDDLE ROW (L-R) Ian Culverhouse, Kevin Horlock, Jason Drysdale, Stephen Finney, Dean Hooper, Mark Robinson, *Luc Nijholt, Ty Gooden, Edwin Murray.

FRONT ROW (L-R) Martin Ling, Wayne O'Sullivan, Andy Rowland (First Team Coach), Steve McMahon (Player/Manager), Ross MacLaren (Reserve Team Coach), Jonathan Trigg (Physiotherapist), Jamie Pitman, Ben Worrall.

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for the left-back spot. He remained in the reserves with his first two clubs — Chelsea and Newport — and eventually got his League chance with Cardiff in 1982. He later went non-League with Bath City before returning to the League with Newport. Swindon signed him in 1988 but he moved on to Crystal Palace two years later. Paul, who has played for Wales on 23 occasions, later went on loan to Newcastle before returning to Swindon in 1992.

Goalkeeper Seamus Given, a Republic of Ireland under-21 international, was signed from Blackburn this summer. He was previously with Celtic and spent last season with Blackburn in the reserves.



Steve McMahon
Manager

Steve McMahon took over as Swindon's player-manager last November when the club was struggling to avoid its second successive relegation. Sadly, he did not have time to halt the slide but now he will be aiming to see the Robins regain their First Division status at the earliest opportunity.

"What I have been trying to do is to change the club's style of play," explained Mr McMahon. "We have had this 'nice guy'

image and it has not got us anywhere.

"I have demanded more aggression. I do not complain if my players pick up a few yellow cards. We want to be harder to beat. In the past Swindon have played some good football but earned a reputation for being a soft touch."

Mr McMahon's distinguished playing career embraced both Merseyside clubs and a run of 17 games in the England team.

He joined Everton whilst still at school, turning professional in 1979. Soon after making his senior debut, he was in the England under-21 side, winning six caps at that level.

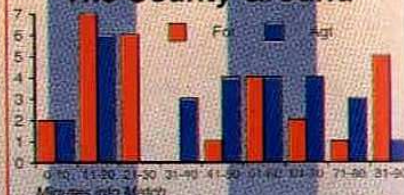
He enjoyed three full seasons in the Everton side before moving to Aston Villa, who signed him for £300,000 in 1983. He remained with them for just over two years before returning to Merseyside with Liverpool.

Whilst at Anfield, he won three League Championship medals, played in two F.A. Cup finals and one League Cup final. He also collected all of his England caps.

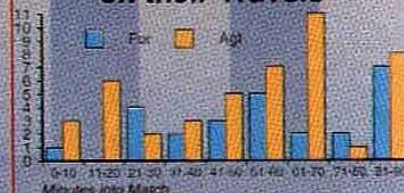
He moved on to Manchester City for #895,000 in December 1991, remaining with them until taking up his present post.

Throughout his career, Mr McMahon has been associated with attack-minded teams so he has naturally encouraged his Swindon players to continue with this pleasing style of play.

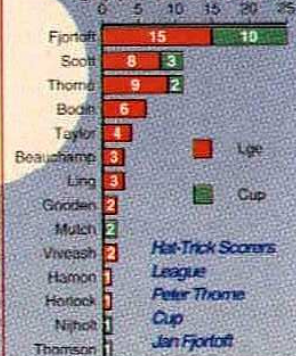
When Goals went in at The County Ground



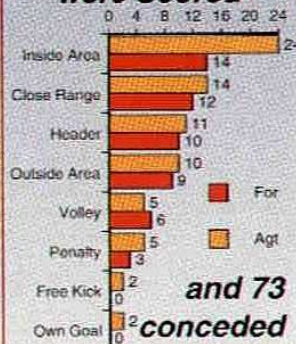
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view from **the dugout**

with Mervyn Day



Hello and welcome to this afternoon's fixture with Swindon.

Two years ago when Mick and I arrived at Carlisle United who would have thought that we would be playing in the same

league as Swindon who had then just started life in the Premier League? Such is football..... a fact that I would like everyone of us to remember. No one on the coaching and playing staff was under any illusion as to the enormous task facing us this season - a fact which current results bear out - but we are all confident that given the rub of the green we will be successful. So, the key-word to all of you loyal supporters is patience: as long as the players are giving everything they have

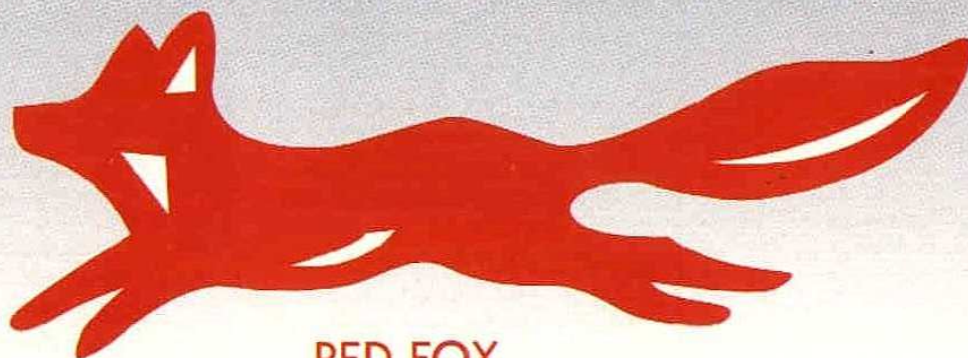
got to give then I am certain that results will start to turn our way.

On a personal note, I would like to wish the Swindon manager Steve McMahon, an old Aston Villa team-mate of mine, a warm welcome and all best wishes for the season - after today of course!!

Enjoy the game and a safe journey home.

Mervyn Day.

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As this page is being written literally as I travel to our away fixture at Bury, a report of that game will feature in the next home programme.

At the time of writing, we have a number of trialists visiting the club in an effort to find another "uncut gem". This is one of the good things about reserve team football in that you can play trialists alongside some of the more senior pro's and see how they can adapt. The downside is that, occasionally, it can disrupt

the smooth running of the Reserves which is essentially a link between the Youth and First Team. On that link, we have a number of players just out of the Youth side already knocking on the First Team door, with some having already played this season. Hopefully the production line will keep allowing us to blood young players and who knows, maybe one day have a Cumbrian First Team! An intriguing thought on which to leave you pondering.....


'BLUES BOW OUT OF COCA COLA CUP'

If there is any positive side to Carlisle's exit from the Coca Cola Cup in midweek, it is that we will be spared from having to suffer anymore back page headlines with painfully awful puns like 'Let's Get FIZZ-ical!' or 'PEP it up!!' Small mercies, perhaps, but the former League Cup is a competition that has never been a big United favourite over the years. All the same, it was disappointing to go out in the way we did - on a better day we could easily have scored six or seven. But that, as they say, is football.

Pleasingly, United were once again among the top crowd pullers in the early rounds. Northampton's game with West Bromwich Albion pulled

in a healthy 7,083, no doubt swelled by a large Black Country contingent, while Tuesday's wooden spoon went to poor old Peterborough could only muster a rather sorry looking 1,871. Honours of the day must go to Tuesday night's opponents Rotherham who managed to spectacularly turn around a 1-4 first leg deficit to Scunthorpe with a 5-0 victory. Congratulations must also go out to Bournemouth and Cardiff City in defeating higher league opposition in the shape of Luton Town and Portsmouth respectively. As for poor old Carlisle, well at least we can concentrate all our cup efforts to the REAL cup competitions, like the Auto Windscreens! Wembley two years running? Don't bet against it - as long as we don't draw Hull again, naturally...

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with Mervyn Day & David Wilkes

An encouraging first half performance paved the way for this well earned away victory on a bone hard Stockport pitch. The side passed and supported each other well and their determination was characterised in consistently beating the opposition to any loose balls in Midfield.

On 15 minutes Matt Jansen tested the goalkeeper from 20 yards with a left-foot drive but the real breakthrough came on 22 minutes. Jansen's inswinging corner was met by Kevin Sandwith at the far post. The Stockport goalkeeper was unable to claim the loose ball and after a frantic goalmouth scramble, the ball fell to Scott Dobie who slotted home from 5 yards.

The second half performance fell away and we were unable to match the first 45 minutes as Stockport made a real game of it as they made most of the running. However, some good saves from Gavin Armstrong kept the home side scoreless. A good performance and result that bodes well for the forthcoming Lancashire League season.

United were:

G Armstrong,
I Lancaster,
D Moore,
L Dixon,
L Taylor,
S Corrieri,
S Dobie,
M Mellon
(G Gill 68 mins),
M Hodgson,
M Jansen,
K Sandwith.

Sub not used: D Wilkes



DAVID WILKES

Youth Team Fixtures: Lancashire League.

August

19	Stockport County	1-0
23	Bury	0-0
26	Everton	H

September

2	Oldham Athletic	A
9	Burnley	H
11	Liverpool	A
16	Bury	H
23	Liverpool	H
30	Tranmere Rovers	A

October

7	Blackpool	A
14	Wigan Athletic	H
21	Chester City	H
28	Manchester City	A

November

4	Oldham Athletic	H
11	Bolton Wanderers	H
18	Preston North End	H
25	Rochdale	A

December

2	Manchester United	A
9	Marine Youth	H

January

6	Rochdale	H
13	Everton	A
20	Stockport County	H
27	Burnley	A

February

10	Blackburn Rovers	H
17	Preston North End	A
24	Blackpool	H

March

2	Wigan Athletic	A
9	Manchester United	H
16	Manchester City	H
23	Chester City	A
30	Crewe Alexandra	H

April

6	Bolton Wanderers	A
13	Marine Youth	A
20	Blackburn Rovers	A
27	Tranmere Rovers	H

May

4	Crewe Alexandra	A
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Brewsters Brunton Beat

It's the all singing all dancing, entertainment division. No, I don't mean the Premiership. I am referring to the dear old Endsleigh League Third Division which United only recently vacated for higher things.

It is already beginning to look as if Carlisle may have moved up in the football world, but they have left behind the division that is set to provide some of the season's most unexpected fun.

Tres amigos at Wigan, a Portuguese ball playing talent at Darlington and one wedding and no funeral at Leyton Orient. And that was only day one of the new campaign so what more exotic delights might we anticipate when the winter winds come to Scarborough and the sleet sweeps horizontally over Rochdale's Spottland?

Having spent the long hot summer lingering languorously over the new Second Division fixtures, working out how to watch Carlisle at Bournemouth and Wrexham in the space of four days in October and other such delightful exercises, I am already suffering from Third Division deprivation syndrome.

We couldn't wait to get out of that division could we? No more visits to Hartlepool on Boxing Day. No more remorseless, grindingly tortuous journeys down the motorways of Britain to Colchester, Gillingham and Exeter.

Onward and upward. As Carlisle pulled clear of the Third Division also-rans last term with the sureness of a Shergar winning the Derby, thoughts turned to more pleasing propositions. Brighton and Hove Albion, Bournemouth and Boscombe Athletic, attractive opposition like Swindon Town, Notts County and Brentford and, if you will pardon the expression, a handy pair of Bristols.

Suddenly the McCain mudpatch on the final footballing Saturday before Christmas seemed a distant, almost unreal memory. Did Carlisle really spend so many seasons in the football doldrums, fighting for their very existence? Was this the same United that ran away with the Third Division Championship and earned that treasured day out at Wembley? But it seems the Third Division is getting its act together in a way it



never seemed to produce when we were there. When I first read that Darlington had signed Paul from Benfica I had to check the date on the top of the newspaper to make sure it was not April 1st.

Then came Wigan Athletic's unlikely coup, snapping up three Spaniards on a free transfer technicality. Martinez and Diaz from Balaguer and under-21 international Jesus Seba from Real Zaragoza. As one journalist said, humble Wigan had gone overnight from a side of only marginal interest even to the local pie-eaters to a club with international flair and definite promotion intentions.

As Carlisle discovered with the arrival on the scene of Michael Knighton, circumstances can change rapidly even for sides accustomed to failure when there is either the motivation and/or the cash. Wigan have a millionaire chairman and their panache in signing a trio of Spanish stars may get the reward it deserves. Orient, who were up for sale last season and seemingly on an irreversible downwards spiral, actually had to cope with crowd congestion when they entertained Torquay - with all due respect not the leagues grandest crowd pullers - on opening Saturday.

O's chairman Barry Hearn freely admitted in a subsequent radio interview that he knows a great deal more about boxing and snooker than he does about football. But even he was waxing lyrical about a modest 1 - 0 victory, calling it one of the

greatest sporting days of his life. Hearn obviously intends to inject razzmatazz into the Brisbane Road club. Before the match there was a parade of celebrities, ranging from whirlwind Jimmy White to boxing Champion Eamon Loughran. But the high spot came at half time when Greta Avery and Tony Hartleian tied the marital knot on the pitch in front of the 8,224 spectators.

Former Orient winger Alan Comfort, now the reverend Comfort, conducted the service and the red carpet and Wedding March were rolled out for the new season's first scorers!

Did ex-United skipper Simon Davey have some inside information when he sacrificed the club's promotion glory run towards the end of last season to link up with Preston North End. Maybe it was the entertainment level of the Third Division more than the football that swung his decision.

On the pitch it remains to be seen whether this injection of Continental talent and trickery will survive the ravages of the long English winter. Perhaps nothing will change after all and the likes of Scarborough, Exeter, Gillingham and Hartlepool will continue to prop up the division while Hereford's propensity for 0 - 0 and 0 - 1 scorelines will remain as strong as ever.

But with all this music hall stuff coming from the basement division, maybe clubs in the higher leagues will have to get wise to providing extra entertainment value or look to their laurels.

Michael Knighton's ball juggling skills and Neil Dalton's gymnastic brilliance, as witnessed on the last day of the 1994-95 season, may have to become an inbuilt feature of United's pre-match entertainment. And it's probably only a matter of time before club chaplain Jim Rushton gets the call from a couple of United fanatics wishing to have their marriage solemnised at the Warwick Road End!

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NEXT AT BRUNTON PARK:

Swindon Town: Burnley: Saturday, 9th September, Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Relegated from the First Division last term, Burnley should, like Swindon, prove a stern test in what is our 'local' Derby game of the season. Manager Jimmy Mullen brings a quality side to Brunton Park, including ex Rangers man Chris Vinnicombe, former Everton midfielder Alan Harper and, intriguingly, David Reeves' former striking partner at Bolton, Tony Philliskirk. The blonde forward pairing were affectionately named 'Bros' by the Burnden faithful! Let's hope it will be Reevesy who will be making the music on the 9th! It should see one of the biggest crowds of the season, so come early!

Peterborough United: Tuesday, 12th September, Kick Off 7.45p.m.

Posh travel to Brunton Park for the first time since their promotion from the old Fourth in 91/92. Former Dagenham manager John Still brought in goalkeeper Jon Sheffield from Cambridge in the close season for £150,000. Another recent addition is former Gillingham defender Gary Breen who is reportedly attracting the attentions of Arsenal and Tottenham among others. One notable departure from London Road during the summer was former Maidstone striker Ken Charlery who joined Barry Fry's ever-increasing squad at Birmingham for £375,000, so the club have money in the bank. Should be tricky.

Reserves:

Lincoln City: Wednesday, 30th August, Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

Doncaster Rovers: Wednesday, September 27th, Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

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In general, tickets for the Grandstand may be booked on the Monday preceding a Home fixture. Phone the ticket office on 01228 26237 for details.

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FOLLOWING THE BLUES TO...

ROTHERHAM UNITED, Tuesday, 29th August, Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Ground: Millmoor Ground, Rotherham

Tel: 01709 562434

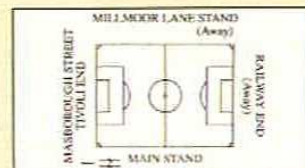
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SWANSEA CITY, Saturday, 2nd September, Kick-off 12.00 noon.

Ground: Vetch Field, Swansea

Tel: 01792 474114

Capacity: 16,499

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By Road: Take M6 / M5 / M50 / A40 / M4. Exit M4 at J42 and follow A483 / Swansea signs. After 4 miles follow signs for City Centre West. After 0.5 miles turn right opposite County Hall into West Way. Turn left at first set of lights into Glamorgan Street for Vetch Field.



news & views

CHANGING TIMES

As the club makes great strides on the field and in the development of the stadium, so the commercial side must develop and no doubt you will have seen a significant improvement in the quality of merchandise currently available from the club shop - and there's a lot more to follow! One aspect that has been overlooked in the past is the official club programme and we understand how important it is both for the club and the supporters to produce a programme that we can all feel justifiably proud of. This season has seen a dramatic improvement in the magazine's quality and we hope you like the new look. However, this is only the beginning and with a new editor on board, we hope to improve over the course of the season. For this reason, we would like to encourage any ideas or views you may have of what we do and, more importantly, what you would like to see in your programme. We have a number of new features that we will be including over the coming weeks that will hopefully give you an exciting and varied read from match to match. Any other views, we'd be delighted to hear. After all, it's YOUR magazine, so get in touch!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 7 Sep Closing date for the Junior Blues Name / logo Competition.
- 8 Sep WIGTON FORUM: Wigton Bowling Club, Wigton, 7.30 p.m.
- 18 Sep PENRITH FORUM: Penrith Cricket Club, 7.30 p.m.
- 2 Nov CARLISLE: JUNIOR BLUES U-16's DISCO, Sunset Suite, Brunton Park
- 7 Dec CARLISLE: THE ALEXANDER BROTHERS IN CONCERT: Pinegrove Hotel, London Road, Carlisle.

plus more events, details to be announced

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Player	League Apps	Goals	Cups Apps	Goals	Total Apps	Goals
Warren Aspinall	2	1	2	1	4	2
Tony Caig	2	-	2	-	4	-
Paul Conway	1	-	1+1	-	2+1	-
David Currie	2	-	2	-	4	-
Darren Edmondson	2	-	2	-	4	-
Tony Gallimore	2	-	2	-	4	-
Steve Hayward	2	-	2	-	4	-
Joe Joyce	-	-	1	-	1	-
Derek Mountfield	-	-	1	-	1	-
Paul Murray	0+2	-	2	-	2+2	-
Lee Peacock	0+2	-	0+1	-	0+3	-
Richard Prokas	1	-	-	-	1	-
David Reeves	2	-	2	2	4	2
Jamie Robinson	2	-	0+1	-	2+1	-
Rod Thomas	2	-	1+1	-	3+1	-
Dean Walling	2	-	2	1	4	1

Games to date: 4

DATE	V	OPPONENTS & EVENT	F-A
AUG			
12	H	Bristol Rovers	1-2
15	A	Hull City CCC1(1)	2-1
19	A	Chesterfield	0-3
22	H	Hull City CCC1(2)	2-4
26	H	Swindon Town	
29	A	Rotherham United	
SEP			
2	A	Swansea City	
9	H	Burnley	
12	H	Peterborough United	
16	A	Oxford United	
20		CCC2(1)	
23	H	Hull City	
30	A	Walsall	
OCT			
4		CCC2(2)	
7	H	Notts. County	
14	A	Crewe Alexandra	
21	H	Bradford City	
25		CCC3	
28	A	A.F.C. Bournemouth	
31	A	Wrexham	
NOV			
4	H	Brighton & Hove Albion	
11		FA Cup 1	
18	A	Bristol City	
25	H	Wycombe Wanderers	
29		CCC4	
DEC			
2		FA Cup 2	
9	A	Hull City	
16	H	Walsall	
22	H	York City	
26	A	Stockport County	
30	A	Shrewsbury Town	
JAN			
1	H	Blackpool	
6	A	Brentford (FA Cup 3)	
10		CCC5	
13	H	Chesterfield	
20	A	Bristol Rovers	
27	H	Rotherham United (FA Cup 4)	
FEB			
3	A	Swindon Town	
10	H	Brentford	
14		CCC Semi-Final(1)	
17	A	Peterborough United (FA Cup 5)	
20	H	Swansea City	
21		CCC Semi-Final(2)	
24	H	Oxford United	
27	A	Burnley	
MAR			
2	H	Stockport County	
9	A	York City (FA Cup 6)	
16	H	Shrewsbury Town	
23	A	Blackpool	
24		CCC Final	
30	A	Notts. County FA Cup Semi-Final	
APR			
2	H	Crewe Alexandra	
6	H	A.F.C. Bournemouth	
8	A	Bradford City	
13	H	Wrexham	
20	A	Brighton & Hove Albion	
27	A	Wycombe Wanderers	
MAY			
4	H	Bristol City	
11		FA Cup Final	

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Carlisle United have today recruited 22 year old Central Defender Neil Moore from Premier League club Everton on a one month's loan with a view to buy. Everton Manager Joe Royle, said "I rate Neil very highly - but with Dave Watson and Craig Short, Neil might be struggling to push through to the First team." The Player has made 10 Senior appearances for

Everton and has attracted interest from several top clubs.

Michael Knighton said "Mick Wadsworth and myself are always seeking to improve the quality of our Squad. We have taken Neil on a month's loan contract to see how he shapes up with a view to a permanent move if he has a successful run."

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CCC: Coca Cola Cup FAC: FA Cup AWS: Auto Windscreens Shield ■ Booked ■ Sent Off og: Own Goal
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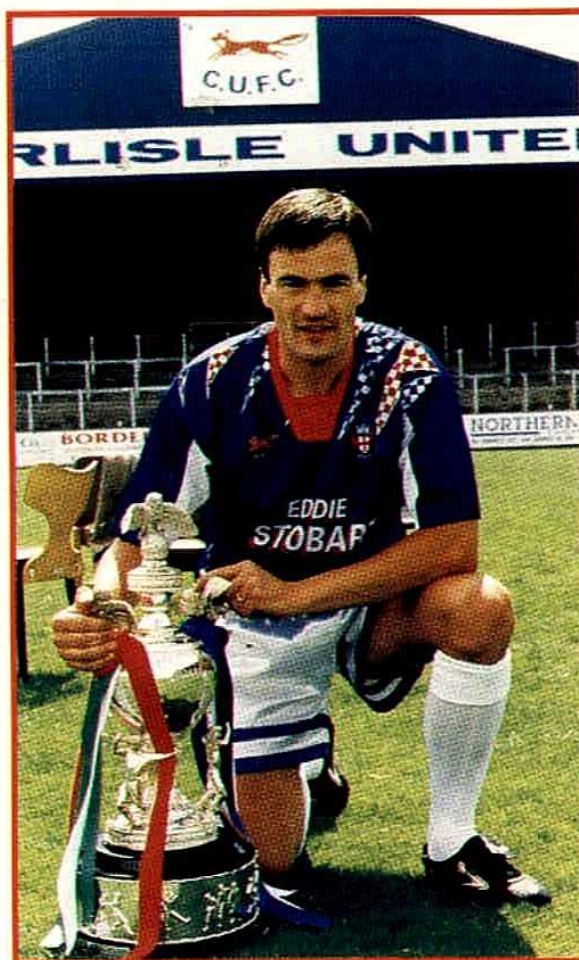
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tony smith's **view**

The Premier League kicked off last weekend with a great fanfare, new managers in the hot seats collecting hot salaries for the privilege, multi-million pound players everywhere including a new batch of foreign stars, television, radio, newspapers, the whole shooting match zoning in on 20 clubs who are members of an elite club.

And what about the poor relations of football, the Endsleigh League and its 72 clubs. They are just the cannon fodder for the Premiership who since its inception has become greedier and greedier as it attempts to consume the whole financial cake with just the odd crumb or two for the rest like the pathetic figure from Dickens with his begging bowl.

The talk now is of the Premier League being as good as the Italian Serie A, or even the best in the world with the likes of Bergkamp, Gullit, Ginola, Yeboah etc.

That is open to debate like the question of whether the foreign imports are good for the British game - an emphatic yes in my



opinion - and are Manchester United genuine title contenders. Wait until Cantona gets back and the Old Trafford chequebook starts flashing as it inevitably will. What about the future of the Premiership? There is already an elite group of clubs within the elite division and how many years before the Super League kicks off? Rangers and Celtic, Manchester United and Liverpool, Barcelona and Milan, a select dozen of the cream of Europe playing in the Sky Television European Super League.

British teams leaving on Friday to travel through the Channel Tunnel, a first class compartment filled with players costing no less than £5m each. Stadiums full of people paying £20 or £30 to stand, £50 to sit, £5 or £10 into the slot to watch on television. Fanciful stuff, futuristic nonsense? Wait and see what arrives in the year 2000.

Meanwhile, back to the present and football reality with the visit of Swindon Town. A couple of years ago they were in the Premiership, inside the citadel, now out in the cold. Six points from their two opening league games have made them the new title favourites with the bookmakers in place of United. It will be a tough one but the Blues have a habit of rising to the occasion.

Tony Smith is Football writer for the Cumbrian Newspaper Group.



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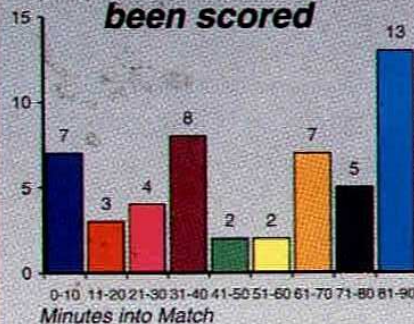
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Blackpool		12.9	16.12	30.3	24.2	20.1	31.10	26.12	23.3	14.10	23.9	3.2	9.3	26.10	29.8	8.4	20.2	9.9	30.12	20.4	27.4	2.0	6.1	18.11
Bournemouth	17.2		20.1	18.11	23.9	6.1	30.3	14.10	28.10	27.4	16.9	23.12	27.2	2.3	3.0	2.9	1.1	16.12	9.4	31.10	20.4	29.8	3.2	16.3
Bradford	30.9	1.0		27.4	13.1	16.9	14.10	28.10	8.4	20.4	1.1	18.11	27.1	23.12	9.12	16.3	26.8	10.2	30.3	17.2	31.10	27.2	2.9	2.3
Brentford	7.10	4.5	25.11		26.12	17.2	9.12	3.2	6.1	30.9	6.4	29.8	13.4	1.0	21.10	27.2	4.11	2.4	23.3	2.9	16.9	9.3	30.12	20.1
Brighton	16.9	9.12	0.0	2.3		27.2	28.10	9.4	20.4	22.12	17.2	16.3	2.9	6.1	20.1	30.3	30.9	1.1	31.10	14.10	18.11	3.2	29.8	27.4
Bristol City	1.1	10.2	24.2	12.9	9.9		30.12	9.3	16.11	31.10	13.1	14.10	9.12	20.4	20.2	27.4	27.1	26.8	26.12	30.3	28.10	23.3	30.9	8.4
Bristol Rovers	13.4	7.10	2.4	23.9	6.4	16.3		29.8	20.1	1.1	23.12	6.1	21.10	16.12	4.11	17.2	2.3	25.11	2.2	16.9	3.2	2.9	4.5	27.2
Burnley	2.3	2.4	6.4	26.8	21.10	23.12	27.1		27.2	9.12	10.2	16.9	4.11	1.1	13.4	2.1	4.5	13.1	30.9	16.3	2.9	25.11	7.10	17.2
Carlisle	1.1	6.4	21.10	10.2	4.11	4.5	1.2	9.9		13.1	2.4	23.9	7.10	24.2	12.9	27.1	16.3	2.3	20.2	26.8	16.12	13.4	25.11	22.12
Chesterfield	2.4	25.11	4.11	16.12	9.3	13.4	23.3	23.9	3.0		7.10	2.9	4.5	20.1	26.12	16.9	21.10	6.4	3.2	27.2	30.12	6.1	17.2	29.8
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When Goals have been scored



Campaign Records

Highest / Lowest gates
 10,478 Burnley v Rotherham 12/8/95
 3239 York v Brentford 12/8/95

Highest Aggregate Scores
 Peterborough 3-1 Brighton 12/8/95
 Swansea 3-1 Shrewsbury 12/8/95
 York 2-2 Brentford 12/8/95
 Bristol Rovers 2-2 Swansea 19/8/95

Biggest Home Win
 Bournemouth 3-0 Peterborough 19/8/95
 Chesterfield 3-0 Carlisle 19/8/95
 Swindon 3-0 York 19/8/95

Biggest Away Win
 Walsall 0-2 Stockport 12/8/95
 Shrewsbury 0-2 Walsall 19/8/95

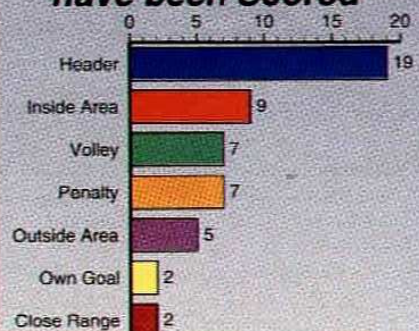
Consecutive Wins
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Games Unbeaten
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 Stockport, Burnley, Bradford 2

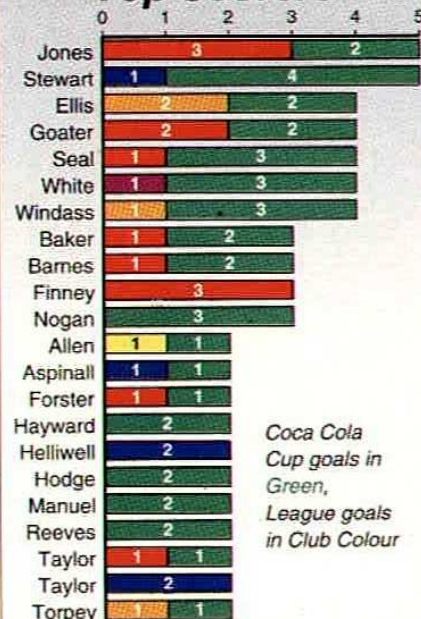
Consecutive Defeats
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Games without a win
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How all the Goals have been Scored

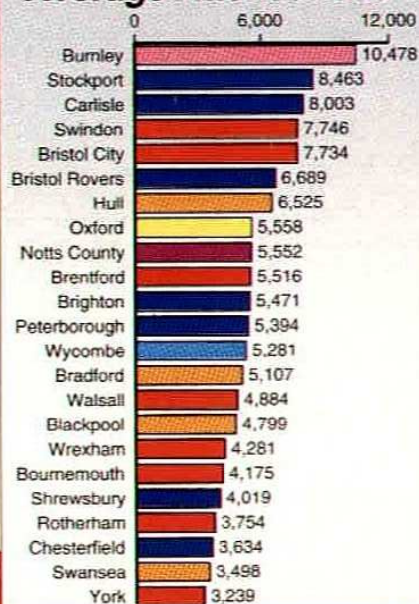


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news on **two**

with John Mitchell Lee

An early reunion for two of the promoted teams saw Chesterfield comfortably defeat Carlisle United 3-0. Teenager Kevin Davies inspired Chesterfield to their first league win. Davies created the first with a succinct pass, the second resulted from his long throw. Morris added a third. Swindon won again, sweeping York aside 3-0. New signing Steve Finney gave the Wiltshire side the lead within 50 seconds. Finney, a free transfer from Manchester City, scored a



Dean Windass

second after the break. Paul Bodin had netted in between. Rotherham and Hull drew 1-1. Dean Windass, the midweek scourge of United in the Coca Cola Cup, gave Hull the lead following a Neil Mann free kick. However, a last gasp penalty by Bermudian international Shaun Goater salvaged a

point for Rotherham. Mike Jeffrey, a £100,000 signing from Newcastle and a player who had been linked with United numerous times over the last 12 months, was fouled by Rob Dewhurst and Goater made no mistake with his penalty kick. Just before the penalty drama, The Millers had to bring on teenager goalkeeper Paul Pettinger for injured defender Mark Monnington, having already used both outfield substitutes.

Big spending Bradford City drew at Brighton in a goal-less match. Loan signing Gary Bull missed the game's best opportunity to win the match for the Seagulls. A brace of goals from former Preston man Tony Ellis sent Blackpool fans home happy. Wrexham's day of misery was compounded by the dismissal of Brian Hughes. Peterborough's seaside journey to Bournemouth ended in a 0-3 defeat in a game that saw former West Ham striker Steve Jones grab the division's only hat-trick of the day in the 3rd, 72nd and 81st minute. Elsewhere, United's fellow promotees Walsall scored twice in the last four minutes to leave Shrewsbury still yet to earn a single point from the season and keep them rooted along with ourselves at the foot of the table. Notts County defeated Wycombe whilst Bristol Rovers and United's opponents next week Swansea shared the points in a 2-2 draw.

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IAN McDONALD

Of the 600 plus footballers who have played League Football for Carlisle since 1928, Ian McDonald is believed to be the only one born in Germany. His father was stationed there in the army but before long the family returned home to Scotland, as Ian points out: "They also realised that the presence of a certain Beckenbauer would make it hard for me to get into the German football side!" Ian grew up in Elgin which was far from being a hotbed of soccer; "Down south the problem would be who to leave out of the side among all the kids who were available. In Elgin, there might only be 8-9 kids for a side in the first place so maybe we grew up not being so hungry for the game."

Nevertheless, Ian became Elgin City's first ever schoolboy signing and he played part time on leaving school while he began to train as a cost accountant with Baxter's Soups. In the summer of 1972, still aged 18, Willie Ormond recruited him for First Division St Johnstone for a £15,000 fee.

St Johnstone were a middling First Division side in the old two Division set up and Ian soon became a regular first teamer. Further evidence of his career progression came in 1974 when he made two appearances for the Scotland U23 side against the Auld Enemy. Playing alongside him in those Scotland sides were players such as Willie Miller, Graeme Souness and Andy Gray. But in 1975/76, Scottish football was reorganised. From being a middling First Division side, St

Johnstone dropped to bottom of the new Premier League. "The Chairman tried to persuade us that it would be the best thing for our careers if we went part time" Ian recalled. Instead he was put on the transfer list and Dick Young secured his services in a £60,000 deal in the summer of 1976.

Ian McDonald was ever present at centre half in his first season here and in five campaigns at Brunton Park missed only a handful of matches. As one whose entire footballing career was in defence, he was only an occasional goalscorer but gained his hour of glory by netting against Manchester United in the 1-1 draw in the FA Cup here in January 1978. By then, Carlisle were back in Division Three where they remained for the rest of Ian's stay here after the 1976/77 season had ended in relegation from the Second Division. Not that he regrets his time here:

"I had a terrific time at Carlisle. I remember the big occasions. We played at Highbury one year in the League Cup and then next year we drew Manchester United in the FA Cup. Phil Bonnyman is somebody I'm still in regular contact with from my Carlisle days. He was a very skilful player as was George McVitie. I usually played alongside Bobby Parker in central defence; he was very easy to play alongside and a very fine player, as was Alan Ross in goal."

After five years here, Ian McDonald returned to Scotland and to Dundee who had just been promoted to the Premier League. "At one time Celtic offered to buy me and they got

into trouble for making an illegal approach. Newcastle and Sunderland were also supposed to be interested and it was quite unsettling before I went to Dens Park." He spent three seasons there and was in the Dundee side defeated by city rivals United when the latter won the league title in 1983. In another game against Hibernian he broke a leg - the only serious injury in his career. But by 1984 he began to look to the future.

"I realised the days had passed when Barcelona might be wanting to sign me and I had to think about life outside the game. I knew several people who were involved in business and finance and after my early training in accountancy in Elgin, I did an HNC in business studies while I was in Carlisle." He had been considering retirement when a final move took him up the road to Abroath. "I only went there because I knew the manager and I was part of a deal that took Stewart Forsyth to Dundee. 'Welcome To The Titanic' was the dressing room response when I arrived there!"

He spent two seasons at Abroath before hanging up his boots and concentrating on his career in financial services. After several years at Abbey Life, he formed his own independent financial advice company 'Aitken McDonald' earlier this year and now employs eight staff. Ian has remained in Dundee with his wife Fay and daughters Laura (19), Katie (17) and Ruth (10). He still follows the football scene and does some occasional coaching though his principal recreations are squash and golf.

David Steele

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Lessons to be Learned

If any of us Carlisle followers were hoping for a repeat of last season's relatively easy passage to promotion, perhaps United's two opening league fixtures have brought us back down to earth with a hefty bump. Though last season's defeats of Crewe, Wrexham and Rotherham boded well for our chances this year, there is little doubt that a step up in divisions also means a big step up in class.

Bristol Rovers was a lesson in quality - there were few, if any, Third Division strikers who could punish us so clinically in the way Marcus Stewart took his side's winning effort on the opening day. There will no doubt be more to come, but at least it will show Deano and the lads that even the slightest mistakes will be punished at this level.

If Bristol Rovers was all about quality, then Chesterfield was a lesson in complacency. After all of last season's successes, it is perhaps too easy to forget that games are not won on reputations alone. Mick Wadsworth called it the worst performance since he came to the club. He could well be right, but if anything positive is to be learned from such a humbling experience, it is that any sign of complacency can be our own worst enemy. Chesterfield did not beat us last Saturday, we beat ourselves. The management know what went wrong. The players themselves know what went wrong. It is fortunate that the strength of conviction and team spirit among the players and backroom staff at Brunton Park is such that we can be pretty sure United will bounce strongly back from two harsh, yet ultimately enlightening lessons in Second Division football.

ROBINS GO BACK TO SCHOOL

Today's visitors Swindon have become the first club to kick off The Football League's 'School Year', with a special £1 admission initiative for all children under the age of sixteen who attended their Coca Cola Cup tie with Cambridge last Tuesday.

The Football League officially designated the 1995/96 season as 'School Year' last week.

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Nature Calls

An amusing story concerning former United centre half and star of this issue's Memory Lane, Ian McDonald surfaced courtesy of fellow ex United pro Gordon Staniforth in the Hull programme from our Coca Cola cup tie at Boothferry Park. Allegedly (!), amidst the heat of one particularly hard fought battle, Big Ian was so desperate to visit the little boys room that, having kicked the ball out of the ground with an almighty clearance, he immediately charged past the dugouts, down the tunnel and into the appropriate area to relieve himself.

In a fury, then manager Bob Stokoe - totally unaware of his defenders' dilemma - sent the physio to investigate. The spongeman returned with the news that the 'kingpin of the United defence' was sat on the throne, Woodbine in mouth, reading the match programme! Or so the story goes!



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with Carlisle United's "Football in the Community" Officer John Halpin

Good afternoon and welcome to this Endleigh Division Two League match against Swindon Town.

SOCCER SCHOOL

During the half term holiday, the Community project will be running a 3 Day Soccer School. All dates and times of this event will be published in future Community Notes, so keep a close eye over the coming weeks.

SATURDAY CLUB

During the 1995/96 Season, the Community Project will be running Saturday Soccer clinics before Carlisle United home games. The day will start at 11.30am with football and fun games followed by lunch at the club (bring your own packed lunch). After refreshments more football then on to watch Carlisle United's first team play. The day



finishes at 5pm.

The ages for these clinics are 10 - 14 years and all participants must have an application form signed by a parent or guardian.

SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

During the Autumn school term, the Community Project will be visiting schools in the area to work with children of all ages and abilities. Should you wish your school to take part, please call me at the Community office on (01228) 512266.

Good luck to United this afternoon. Keep cheering on the Blues.

For details on all school soccer courses contact John Halpin at the Carlisle United Community Office on 01228 512266.



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Today's Mascots



Daniel Boyle

Today's United mascot is six year old Daniel Boyle from Carlisle. Daniel was born with mild Arthrogryposis which affects both his legs and his hands. He has had a number of operations and has spent most of his six years in plaster. Despite this, Daniel lives an active life and his dream is to meet his favourite player Rod Thomas. His other great love is tractors and today Lloyd Tractors of Carlisle are very kindly presenting Daniel with his very own toy version! Today is a surprise for Daniel, so it is sure to be a day this brave little boy will never forget.



Alison Wheeler

Our second mascot today is 10 year old Alison Wheeler who attends Kingmoor Junior School in Carlisle. Alison is a keen Swindon fan and has been following The Robins for three years. Her favourite player is Shaun Taylor. Alison is a busy girl and enjoys a number of hobbies including swimming, dancing, tennis and football. With all that exercise, let's hope that she is not too tired to enjoy her big day! Have a fantastic afternoon Alison.

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