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A view from the top

with Manager Dave Bassett

I was delighted with our last home performance against Southend, even though we had a sloppy period after scoring an early goal. We got ourselves back towards the standard we are looking for from our players by scoring the second, which was a superb strike. From that moment we were in control of the game, although at half time we did have a few words with the players to point out that they were letting themselves down at times in their performance. When they got number three they went from strength to strength and followed on to knock in more goals. It was also good to see so many different players on the scoresheet which is obviously good for moral, as you do not really want to be relying on just one player to score the majority of your goals.

HARD TO SCORE

I have said before that I do not really take any notice of people who suggest that the team have a thing about playing at home, or a suggestion that they find it hard to score at Selhurst. I think that our games against Manchester City, Bury and Southend have exploded that myth. It is all about concentration, confidence, ability and thought. Get all those aspects of your make up right and you will score - anywhere! I do not believe in omens or ghosts, it is purely up to the team to go out and perform whether they be playing at home or away.

DIFFERENT GAME

Obviously at Portsmouth we saw a totally different game than we had witnessed against Southend at Selhurst. It was a hard match at Fratton, similar to one you can get in a local derby. Pompey started quite well before we got into our stride and edged ahead. When Carl Veart scored we were enjoying a good spell and it certainly was unfortunate that we had a relapse just before the half time interval. The goal that we then conceded was very disappointing, and I really felt that we ought to have been able to have defended that 'break down the wing and cross situation' in a far better manner.

BELOW OUR CAPABILITIES

I also felt that, despite our half time chat in the dressing room, the early part of the second period failed to see us passing the ball as well as we are capable of. We allowed Portsmouth to get the bit between their teeth and during that time we just did not get hold of the ball. We again started to pull ourselves together and scored a great goal with Bruce Dyer and Dougie Freedman combining well. From that moment we did start to get better and better. Having said that, we had a nervous last few minutes and again it was very disappointing to concede a goal so near the final whistle.

A GOOD RESULT

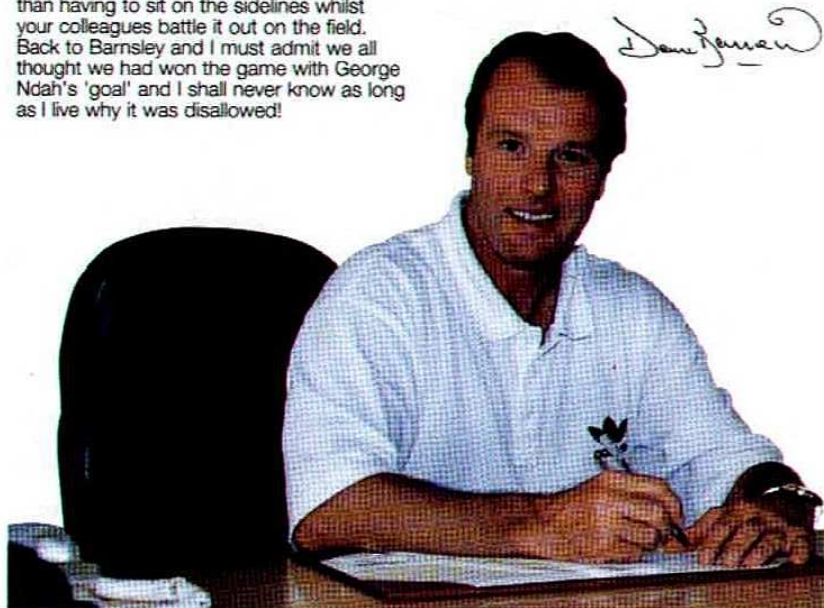
The match at Vale Park on Wednesday produced what I felt was a good result for us. We had previously drawn six games this season, including our last two at Portsmouth and Barnsley. This was obviously more draws than I would have liked to have seen, but on the other hand we have to date lost only one game which is to our credit. The victory was important inasmuch as it has kept us in contact with the top end of the table, despite the fact that the two front runners appear to be just a little further ahead of us than I would have liked. We started off at Vale Park excellently and dominated to the extent that we built up a good two goal lead. We could well have been more than two up at half time, but I must admit that we did fall away a little in the second period and I have made that view clear to the players.

HARD EARNED POINT

At Barnsley last Saturday we came through with a hard earned point and I will admit I was pleased with this. We went to Oakwell minus Andy Roberts, Ray Houghton and Bruce Dyer and for this reason we had to fully test our squad. I was satisfied with the players that represented us and they of course included Paul Trollope. I took Paul on a month's loan from Derby County the previous day as we were right down to the knuckle on numbers for the senior squad, and I am certain that he can do a job for us. As well as Dean Gordon, we are also of course without Danny Boxall and Darren Pitcher with long term injuries so it is easy to see why we have had somewhat of a problem. Incidentally, I would like to wish Danny and Darren a speedy recovery from their respective injuries as nothing is worse than having to sit on the sidelines whilst your colleagues battle it out on the field. Back to Barnsley and I must admit we all thought we had won the game with George Ndah's 'goal' and I shall never know as long as I live why it was disallowed!

EXPENSIVE

I must close these notes by yet again paying tribute to you Eagles' away supporters. At Portsmouth, Barnsley and Port Vale you were again magnificent. I myself, and I am sure all of the players, realise that your support is invaluable to us when we are on the field. We also realise that these days nothing is cheap and to see so many of you go to three consecutive away games the length and breadth of the country is very satisfying to us all. I, on behalf of the management and players, would like to thank you most sincerely for your support. I trust that you will enjoy today's game.





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NEW CONTRACTS FOR EMERGING STARS

Both Danny Boxall and Robert Quinn have recently signed new contracts with Crystal Palace. Danny has pledged his future to the club for another three years, whilst Robert has agreed a deal that will keep him at Selhurst Park until the year 2000.

Unfortunately Danny suffered a huge disappointment shortly after putting pen to paper, when he damaged a cruciate ligament during a training session at Mitcham which will keep him out of action for a considerable time.

This was certainly a big blow to the Croydon born defender, having broken into the regular first team squad and been named as a stand-by player for England's under 21 game against Poland earlier this month. Obviously we wish Danny well on his road to recovery.

The news that Robert Quinn is happy to remain at Palace is also very pleasing. Robert made his debut at the same time as Danny, against Norwich City in May of this year. He then went on to appear at Wembley in the play-off final with Leicester City in front of almost 80,000 spectators, which in no way overawed him. Dave Bassett has again relied on Robert for first team duties this season and has been impressed by the displays of the Sidcup born youngster. With a coolness and attitude reminiscent of ex-Palace star Gareth Southgate, Robert is tipped for stardom by many and it would be no surprise to see him make the full Republic of Ireland international side within a short period of time.



Robert Quinn



Danny is pictured signing his new contract along with his dad and club secretary Mike Hurst.

They said it on ClubCall...

"I have never stopped any of my managers talking to any club. In Man City's case, they have not bothered to phone us to ask whether they could speak to Dave Bassett or Steve Coppell. I find Manchester City's way of conducting business quite amazing."

Ron Noades after the departure of Steve Coppell to Maine Road.

"I wasn't expecting first team football quite so early in my career, but having said that I think I've done all right. I haven't spoken to many people back home in Clitheroe, but the one or two who have phoned me up have congratulated me."

Carlo's happy, the folks back home are happy - what a wonderful world this is for a new pro.

"Due to my speed I got in front of the Portsmouth physio who tripped me and I just went flying like Jurgen Klinsmann."

Physio Gary Sadler after the 'Fratton Park Incident'. Perhaps the only thing that overreacted was his ego!

"I thought with that ankle problem I was never going to get back and this was depressing. Therefore, after a lot of hard work, I was extremely pleased to come on at Fratton Park."

Simon Rodger following his first senior appearance of the season at Portsmouth.

"The season has gone quite well but I would still like to have seen us with one or two more points under our belts. We have played well enough to have got those points, especially away from home. We certainly deserved wins at Birmingham, Stoke and Huddersfield."

Dave Bassett failing to find those just rewards.



"The situation with international call-ups was getting ridiculous. Thankfully though the system has been changed and we should not again be faced with the problems that we could have had against Sheffield United."

Ray Lewington with the last word on the international call-up system. The new ruling now states that a club with at least three players called up for international duty, either full or under-21, can ask the Football League to have their game postponed.

"There were a lot of niggling incidents and the referee gave most of the decisions to Barnsley. Also, I still can't understand why George Ndah's goal was disallowed."

Carl Veart after the goalless draw at Oakwell.

"It was a very scrappy game littered with a lot of free-kicks. The players battled well, and I was pleased with their enthusiasm and commitment, but I felt we didn't look sharp mentally. The way Barnsley play is similar to us and I think we cancelled each other out."

Dave Bassett commenting on that same match.

FIXTURE FOCUS

Wednesday, 23rd October
Avon Insurance Combination
Reserves v Chelsea
Kick Off 2.00pm at Plough Lane

Saturday, 26th October
Nationwide League Division One
1st X1 v Grimsby Town
Kick Off 3.00pm at Selhurst Park

South East Counties League Div 2
Youth X1 v Oxford Utd
Kick Off 11.00am at Oxford

Tuesday, 29th October
Nationwide League Division One
1st X1 v Bradford City
Kick Off 7.45pm at The Pulse Stadium

Saturday, 2nd November
Nationwide League Division One
1st X1 v Tranmere Rovers
Kick Off 3.00pm at Prenton Park

South East Counties League Div 2
Youth X1 v Bristol City
Kick Off 11.00am at Mitcham

CLITHEROE ON THE MAP



Carlo Nash - already a favourite of the Palace supporters.

Carlo Nash is not the only famous person in Clitheroe any more. In fact, it could well be that he has passed some of his modelling tips on to a young lady from that little Lancashire backwater who, earlier last month, won the Miss Europe beauty competition in Moldova! The 'keeper from the north-west has certainly made an impression whilst standing in for Chris Day and, in doing so, has become a big favourite of the crowd. He has adapted well to the rigours of the full time game and looks set for a bright future. Coach Ray Lewington is extremely pleased with Carlo's progress but the blond giant himself is the first to admit that he has a lot to learn. The good thing from both his, and Chris Day's, point of view is that goalkeepers seldom peak until they are into their thirties, so that means Palace fans have got plenty of time to admire the skills of our two talented number ones.

JUST PUBLISHED: CRYSTAL PALACE FC - PLAYER BY PLAYER SINCE 1960

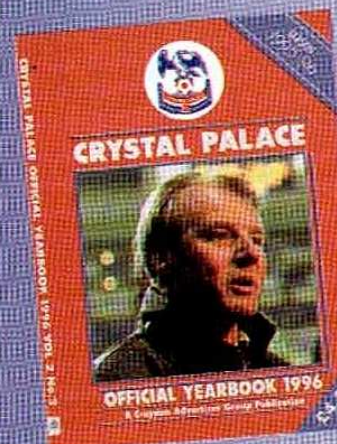
It's late - but at last it's here! The seventh book about Crystal Palace Football Club written by historian and honorary chaplain Rev Nigel Sands has just been published and is a 'player by player' gazetteer of every footballer to appear for the Palace between 1960 and 1996.

Absolutely no-one who has appeared for the first team in this period is omitted - even Stuart Shaw and Hugh Brophy whose Palace careers lasted just two minutes each are included! In contrast, full Palace career details and a description are offered for those men who made significant or interesting contributions. The book is lavishly illustrated and also contains biographies of each Palace manager since 1960.

The hard-backed volume of 185 pages retails at £17.95p and is available at the club shops or any other good bookshop (ISBN 0-86023-567X). Alternatively, you can obtain copies direct from the publisher Sporting & Leisure Press, The Book Barn, Whittlebury, Northants, NN12 8XS.



... AND AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK - THE 1996 YEARBOOK



The 1996 Crystal Palace FC Official Yearbook will be on sale early next week. Published in the popular style that is now welcomed and recognised by our fans, the new edition contains several unique features including full colour action coverage from the play-off final against Leicester, together with full club career records going right back to 1920 - the year when Palace entered the Football League. With a complete match by match analysis from last season, player profiles and pictures as well as a complete Palace diary, the new yearbook encapsulates every part of 1995/96 and all the necessary information for the current term. The yearbook extends to 136 pages and retails at £4.25p and will be available at the club shops, the Croydon Advertiser office in South Croydon and many other local outlets.

news desk

EAGLES

welcome

ROBINS!

Everyone at Crystal Palace extends a warm welcome to our old friends and rivals, Swindon Town, and congratulates the Robins upon their splendid achievement of winning the 2nd Division championship last term.



JUST CHAMPION, SWINDON!

It is virtually a truism in football that winning a championship, or even promotion, exhilarating and uplifting as that feat may be, is actually merely the first and easier part of a club's task. The tougher and very much more demanding feat is to maintain that progress either by retaining the hard won title or by ensuring that the

higher status is at least preserved or, if possible, built upon.

The Swindon Town of the late 1980's did that in magnificent style. The Robins soared from the old 4th Division to the top flight in remarkable manner, unknown among many modern day fans, even if this stunning achievement became ultimately denied them for technical

reasons.

However, by 1993 the Town HAD gained top flight status...and so greatly enjoyed the experience that everyone at The County Ground has their eyes firmly fixed upon a return to those heights. The first step was to get back into Division One – a feat they achieved with distinction last term –

and now they are girding themselves to tackle the higher reaches of this section. They may not be able to do so immediately, but the Town administration knows that a rise that is too rapid is pointless and are building safely for one that is sustainable.

PROVEN STARS

In order to ensure that this aim is ultimately achieved, manager Steve McMahon made substantial close season changes to his playing staff. Several old favourites moved on (including left-back Paul Bodin who spent part of the 1990-91 season here at Selhurst Park) while two proven stars were brought in, along with a highly rated young midfielder to augment the talent and options available to him. Motherwell born Scott Leitch had spent three seasons with Dunfermline before joining Hearts in 1993 and moved down from Tynecastle for a £15,000 fee, while 22 year old Kevin Watson joined Swindon from Spurs. Kevin hadn't gained a lot of experience at White Hart Lane, but had been out on loan

Meet the Player/Manager

STEVE MCMAHON

Steve McMahon's footballing career has been distinguished in every way both as an intelligent, hardworking midfield craftsman and more recently as a manager.

Steve was an apprentice with Everton, made his league debut on the opening day of 1980/81 and played precisely 100 games for the Toffees over three seasons, as well as gaining England under-21 honours before moving to Aston Villa for £350,000. He returned to his native Merseyside as Kenny Dalglish's first major signing for Liverpool in 1985 and became a regular member of the Reds' double winning side of 1985/86. He went on to win 'B' international and 17 full caps and made 204 league appearances for the Anfield outfit, starring in their galaxy of honours at this time.

There followed four years with Manchester City, for whom Steve played 87 league games, but he moved to Swindon Town on 1st December 1994 and became the Robins' player/manager. Although he was unable to prevent his new charges being relegated that season, 1995/96 turned out to be a huge triumph for him and the Town as Swindon roared back to the 1st Division as emphatic champions of Division Two.



at Brentford, Bristol City and Barnet.

The major summer move, however, was to bring England international winger Mark Walters to the Town from Southampton. Walters is vastly experienced and proven at all levels, north and south of the border. He's played over four hundred league games for six different clubs and could prove to be a major force for Swindon.

Another import is Frederic Darras, a defender from Bastia, who adds continental flair and style.

KEY ISSUE

The key to Swindon's overall performance in 1996/97 undoubtedly lies in the ability of their strikers to maintain their commendable goal ratio in the 1st Division. Wayne Allison led the way with 17 goals from his 44 appearances last term, while Stephen Finney notched 12 from 30 games. Eager Kevin Horlock also scored a dozen from midfield and the Northern Ireland international has gained

an interesting knack of scoring important goals for his side, although this is a new role for him and a very welcome one because his career began as a defender and until last season's bonanza Kevin had, quite understandably, only found the net twice in ninety league matches.

Allison demonstrated his capacity to make an impression upon 1st Division defences early in the term. He netted Town's first goal of the season against Wolves in a televised League Cup tie and then, with a glorious header, a week later provided the strike that defeated visiting Oldham and gave Swindon their first win in the higher section.

SWINDON TOWN'S LEAGUE RESULTS - SEASON 1996/97

Norwich City	A	L	0-2
Port Vale	H	D	1-1
Oldham Athletic	H	W	1-0
Southend United	A	W	3-1
Grimsby Town	A	L	1-2
Portsmouth	H	L	0-1
Tranmere	H	W	2-1
QPR	A	D	1-1
Wolves	H	L	1-2
Bradford	A	L	1-2
Oxford	H	W	1-0
Huddersfield	H	W	6-0

Star Player - MARK WALTERS



Skilful winger who is relaunching his career at The County Ground following a disappointing spell at Southampton last season. Steve McMahon swooped to sign his former Liverpool team-mate on a free transfer in the summer, in what could prove to be one of the most astute signings of recent times.

32 year old Mark began his career at Aston Villa and was a member of their successful under-18 side which won the FA Youth Cup in 1980. At this time, Mark also gained England youth recognition. He then signed professional forms with the club and played in the European Super Cup final at the age of 17, gaining invaluable experience. Born in Birmingham, Mark became a huge hit at Villa, and progressed into the under-21 side at international level.

He moved up north to Glasgow Rangers in a £500,000 deal in December 1987 under the new Graeme Souness regime, and went on to win a whole host of honours including championship medals on 3 occasions and the Scottish League Cup twice, before joining up again with Souness, who was now manager of Liverpool, in the summer of 1991.

Despite winning his one and only full England cap, against New Zealand in 1991, and an FA Cup winners' medal in 1992 as well as a League Cup winners' medal last year, Mark was never a fixture in the Liverpool side and indeed started just 58 league games for the club in 4 seasons. Loan spells at Stoke City and Wolves followed before Mark moved to Southampton in the early part of the last campaign.

However, he was unable to settle on the south coast and was grateful for the opportunity to resurrect his career at Swindon. The early signs are that he will do so; Mark winning rave reviews for a number of outstanding displays.

The last time we met at Selhurst Park...



Full Members' Cup - Area Semi-Final
Tuesday, 13th February 1990
CRYSTAL PALACE 1 (Gray 16)
SWINDON TOWN 0
Attendance: 6,027



PALACE: Martyn, Pemberton, Shaw, Gray, Hopkins, Thorn, Barber, Thomas, Bright, Salako, Pardew.

SWINDON: Digby, Kerslake, Bodin, McLoughlin, Calderwood, Gittens, Jones, Shearer, White, McLaren, Foley.

This fixture in the unsung Full Members' Cup gave Swindon an opportunity to avenge a semi-final play-off defeat at Selhurst Park nine months earlier and the game was a tense, closely fought contest. Managed now by Ossie Ardiles, their style was cultured and refined, and in contrast with Palace who still favoured and used most successfully the more direct route.

The Eagles too were stronger, having invested heavily to bring £1 million goalkeeper Nigel Martyn to Selhurst Park whilst the powerful Andy Gray, ultimately the match winner, was, currently at least, happily back in the Palace fold.



Andy Gray -
scored the
winning goal.

SWINDON TOWN



Back row: Peter Thorne, Wayne Allison, Fraser Digby, Steve Mildenhall, Frank Talia, Shaun Taylor, Kevin Watson, Kevin Horlock.
Middle row: Jonathan Trigg (Physio), Lee Collins, Mark Robinson, Edwin Murray, Steve Finney, Mark Seagraves, Mark Walters, Ty Gooden, Frederic Darras, Dean Hooper, Steve Cowe, Ross MacLaren (Reserve Team Coach).
Front row: Scott Leitch, Ian Culverhouse, Jason Drysdale, Andy Rowland (First Team Coach), Steve McMahon (Team Manager), Paul Allen, Alex Smith, Wayne O'Sullivan.

FRANK TALIA

(Goalkeeper)

- 24 year old who hails from Melbourne, Australia and was spotted playing for his country's under-21 side while under contract with Sunshine George Cross. He was invited to England and had trials with Chelsea and QPR amongst others, before joining Blackburn Rovers in August 1992. However, regular reserve outings were the order of the day at Ewood Park. A successful loan spell at Hartlepool stirred Swindon's interest and, following a brief spell on loan with the Robins, he moved to the County Ground on a permanent basis in November of last year. Frank has gone on to oust Fraser Digby as the club's number one.



IAN CULVERHOUSE

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(Defender)

- Experienced full-back who began his career with Tottenham Hotspur, but is best remembered for his lengthy service with Norwich City. Ian joined Spurs from school but made just two league appearances at White Hart Lane before moving to Carrow Road in a £50,000 deal in October 1985. He made high on 400 appearances in an outstanding career at Norwich, and was a star of their first European campaign in which they beat Bayern Munich before going out to Inter Milan. He joined Swindon at the end of 1994 for £250,000 - a fee set by a tribunal - and was included in the PFA Second Division representative side in his first season with the club.

FREDERIC DARRAS

(Defender)

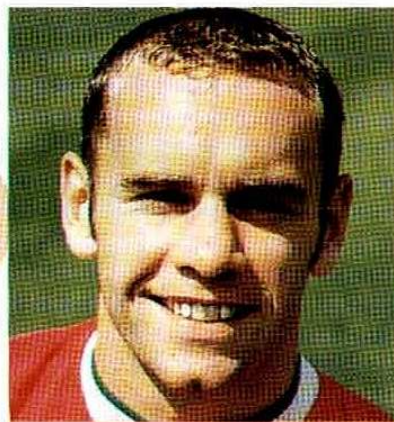
- French born defender who spent 11 years with double-winners Auxerre before joining Bastia. During his time at Auxerre, Frederic represented his country at under-18 and 21 level and made no fewer than 19 European Cup appearances for his club. 30 years of age, he signed a 3 year contract with Swindon in August but has yet to establish himself as a regular in the side.

WAYNE O'SULLIVAN

(Defender)

- 21 year old Cyprus born full-back who joined the club as a trainee and was given his first team chance in an Anglo-Italian Cup tie at Oxford United in 1992. However, he was unable to capitalise on this early introduction to the senior ranks and did not make his league bow for a

further two years. Wayne came of age last year and his progress was recognised in the shape of a regular place in the Republic of Ireland under-21 side. Full honours seem certain to follow.



WAYNE O'SULLIVAN

MARK ROBINSON

(Defender)

- Mark started out as an apprentice at West Bromwich Albion, and made his league debut as an 18 year old against Sheffield Wednesday in April 1986. Surprisingly, he was not offered a pro' contract at the Hawthorns and he moved to Barnsley, where he flourished in a fine 6 year spell with the club. His form attracted the attention of Newcastle United, and he joined the Geordies in a £450,000 deal in March 1993.

Mark lost his place in the side through injury and was therefore grateful of the opportunity to move to Swindon for £600,000 in July 1994, where he has since resurrected his career.

MARK SEAGRAVES

(Defender)

- A former England youth and schoolboy international, Mark began his career as an apprentice at Liverpool but made just 2 senior appearances in the successful Reds' side of the mid-eighties. He moved to Manchester City but was unable to establish himself in his three years at Maine Road, joining Bolton in September 1990. He clocked up close on 200 appearances for the Trotters before moving to Swindon in the summer of 1995. Injury cut short his first season with the club, but Mark has bounced back with determination to become a vital cog in Town's back four.

GARY ELKINS

(Defender) - Born in Wallingford, Gary joined Swindon Town from Wimbledon in September for a fee of £100,000. Since that time he has appeared in a Robins' shirt on six occasions and has already become a favourite of the fans at The County Ground with some promising performances. A tenacious midfielder, Gary played for England at youth level and signed professional terms with Fulham during the 1983/84 season. He went on to make over one hundred league appearances for the Cottagers before moving to Wimbledon six years later. He was a regular first team squad member for the Dons until moving to Wiltshire.

KEVIN HORLOCK

(Midfielder)

- Full Northern Ireland international who has slotted comfortably into Swindon's midfield, having joined the club from West Ham United in 1992 as a left-back. Bexley born, Kevin signed professional terms with the Hammers in July 1991 but failed to break into the first team picture in his brief spell with the club. A good tackler and striker of the ball, Kevin repaid his manager's faith in him by scoring a remarkable 16 goals (12 league and 4 cup) in last year's promotion campaign.

SCOTT LEITCH

(Midfielder)

- Scottish born midfielder who began his career with his hometown club, Motherwell, before gaining further experience with Dunfermline and Hearts. He impressed in a short loan spell with Town towards the end of last season, and was delighted when Steve McMahon made the move more permanent shelling out £15,000 for his services.

KEVIN WATSON

(Midfielder)

- Like Ian Culverhouse, Kevin came through the youth ranks at Tottenham Hotspur but was unable to establish himself in the senior side. It seemed that his career was about to explode under Terry Venables when he began to feature more prominently, but Kevin has spent the last two seasons captaining Spurs' reserve side. However, Steve McMahon stepped in to end his White Hart Lane misery by offering Kevin a better chance of first team football.

WAYNE ALLISON

(Forward)

- Prolific striker who has established himself as a firm favourite with the County Ground faithful since his £475,000 move from Bristol City last summer. Huddersfield born, Wayne began his career with Halifax Town before moving to Watford in July 1989. However, he struggled at Vicarage Road and opted for a transfer to City the following year. A powerful player who uses his height and weight well to unsettle defenders, Wayne was top scorer in three of his five seasons at Ashton Gate. He decided to move at the end of his contract and Steve McMahon swooped for his signature. Wayne repaid his manager by netting 20 goals in Swindon's promotion season, and finishing top scorer.

STEVE COWE

(Forward)

- 22 year old who is already being hailed as one of the stars of the future. Steve joined Aston Villa from school and signed professional terms with the club in 1993. He was unable to make the breakthrough at Villa and was initially signed by Steve McMahon last season as loan cover for Stephen Finney. However, he impressed in his short stay with the club and Town made the move permanent. A strong player who holds the ball up well, Steven has also been noted for having two good feet and great vision.

PETER THORNE

(Forward)

- Manchester born striker signed from Blackburn Rovers for £200,000 in January 1995. Peter was with the Ewood Park club for three and a half years but was unable to break into the first team in the face of world class competition from Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton. He has been an instant hit at Swindon, scoring 9 goals at the tail end of the 1994/95 season and adding 10 goals last year to help the club to the Second Division title. Peter is 23 years of age.

Twenty facts you may not know about

Swindon Town



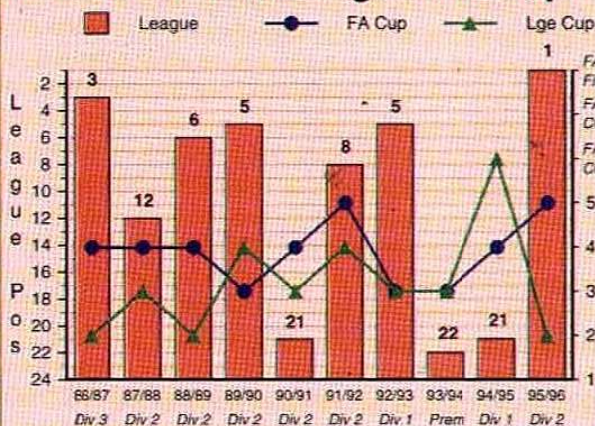
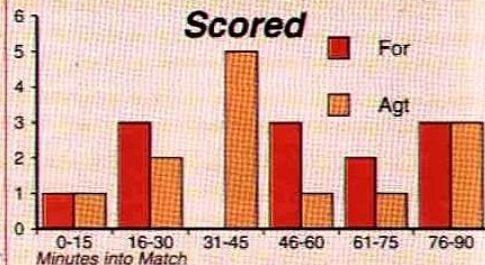
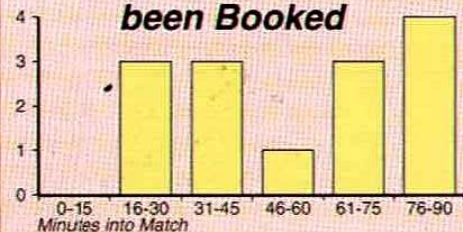
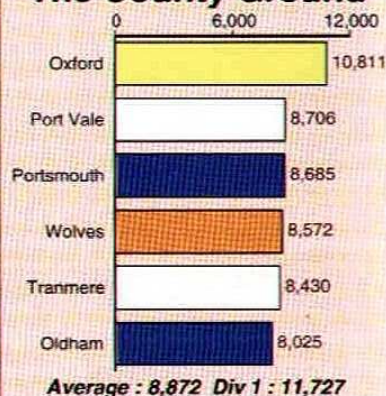
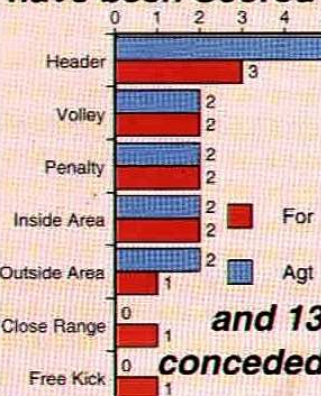
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1. Swindon's first Football League game was at home to Luton Town on 28th, August 1920 in Division Three. They had an impressive start - winning 9-1.
2. In fact, their win over Luton is also Swindon's record league victory.
3. Their record cup victory occurred in November 1925, as they beat Farnham U Breweries 10-1 away in an FA Cup first round replay.
4. Swindon's record defeat was against Manchester City. The Robins lost 1-10 in an FA Cup 4th round replay on 25th, January 1930.
5. The most capped Swindon player was Rod Thomas, who played 30 times for Wales during his time at The County Ground.
6. The player to make the most appearances was John Trollope, who played 770 games for Swindon between 1960-80.
7. Swindon's record transfer fee received was £1,300,000 when they sold Jan-Aage Fjortoft to Middlesbrough in March 1995.
8. Their record purchase was Joey Beauchamp from West Ham United, who cost £800,000 in August 1994.
9. Harry Morris holds the aggregate scoring record for the Robins, having netted 216 goals between 1926-33.
10. Morris also scored the most goals in a single season - 47 in 1926-27.
11. The most league points (three for a win) Swindon have gained is an amazing 102 in the 1985-86 season. In fact, this is a league record.
12. Prior to moving to The County Ground, Swindon have only played at one previous stadium - The Croft between 1881-96.
13. The current ground capacity at Swindon is 15,760.
14. Their record attendance was against Arsenal in the third round of the FA Cup in January 1972, when 32,000 supporters watched the game.
15. Swindon have never won the FA Cup. However, they have reached the semi-final stage on two occasions - in 1910 and 1912.
16. They have fared better in the League Cup, winning the competition in 1969.
17. The Robins also won the Anglo-Italian Cup a year later.
18. Swindon were champions of Division Four in 1985-86 and champions of Division Two in 1995-96.
19. The club turned professional in 1894, three years after they were formed.
20. Swindon have employed seven managers since 1980 - John Trollope, Ken Beamish, Lou Macari, Ossie Ardiles, Glenn Hoddle, John Gorman and Steve McMahon.

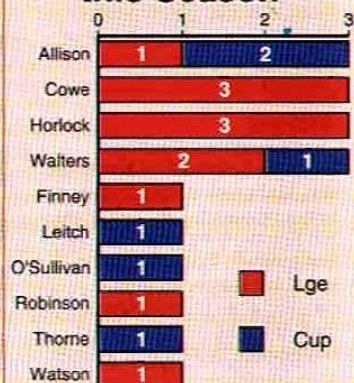
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Leitch			11		3	Hearts Dunfermline
6/10/69			4	1	1	
Talia			11			Blackburn Hartlepool (L)
20/7/72			4			
Seagraves			9(1)		1	Bolton Man City
22/10/66	<i>Eng Yth</i>		3(1)		1	Liverpool Norwich (L)
Cowe			9	3		Villa
29/9/74			3			
Culverhouse			9		3	Norwich Tottenham
22/9/64	<i>Eng Yth</i>		3			
Robinson			9	1		Newcastle Bamsley
21/11/68			3			West Brom
Darras			8(2)		2	Bastia Auxerre
age 29	<i>France U21</i>		3			
Walters			8(1)	2	2	Southampton Liverpool
2/6/64	<i>Eng</i>		3	1		Wolves (L) Stoke (L) Rangers Villa
Allison			7(2)	1		Bristol City Watford
16/10/68			3	2		Halifax
O'Sullivan			5(1)			
25/2/74			2	1		
Thorne			4(5)		1	Blackburn Wigan (L)
21/6/73			1(1)	1	1	
Watson			4(3)	1		Tottenham Brentford (L)
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4/5/66	<i>Eng Yth</i>		1		1	Exeter (L)
Allen			3(3)			Stoke Southampton
28/8/62	<i>Eng U21</i>		2			Luton (L) Tottenham West Ham
Finney			2(4)	1		Man City Preston
31/10/73			1			
Taylor			2			Exeter Bideford
28/2/63			1(1)			
Smith			1			Everton
15/2/76						
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u	89/90	Shearer	20	9,433
n	88/89	Shearer	14	8,692
d	87/88	Quinn	21	9,542
	86/87	White	16	7,454



Ray Houghton

In the whole of my career I have never played in two 6-1 league victories back to back as happened against Reading and Southend. It was indeed superb and certainly very weird how six different players netted in each match. Despite scores like that, I do not feel that we are playing as well as we can do. This is a good sign as it proves that we still have more to come with another gear or two to go up. I must admit that it was about time I got a goal, so I was quite relieved to find the net at Selhurst against Southend. Hopefully I have a few more to come this season!

DISAPPOINTMENT

I was disappointed to miss the game at Portsmouth through injury, but I think that the lads did well at Fratton in what was always going to be a difficult game. Portsmouth had just been beaten on the previous Saturday by Oxford, so it was obvious that we would meet them on the rebound with all guns blazing. The good thing was that we were still going forward and scoring goals and could in fact have had more on the night with both Carl Veart and Dougie Freedman hitting the bar.

GOOD FOR THE GAME

At Portsmouth they have just acquired the services of Terry Venables. I believe it is good for the game at club level when people with that sort of experience are becoming involved. Men such as Terry, who have done a lot for football, are just what teams are looking for to give them the impetus to progress. Portsmouth are indeed fortunate to have the guidance of the ex-England manager and this will no doubt begin to rub off in a more positive way in the near future.

FURTHER DISAPPOINTMENT

As I have said earlier, I was disappointed to miss the game at Fratton Park but that calf injury also cost me the chance of playing for the Republic of Ireland and in the following couple of league games. No player likes to miss games and I myself am no exception. At the time of writing, I am hoping to regain fitness for today's game against Swindon Town here at Selhurst, but I must admit that my current injury has proved a little difficult to shake off. If I don't make it there is always the Coca-Cola Cup tie on Tuesday at Ipswich where I really believe that we have a great chance of progressing.

WELCOME

As skipper I would like to welcome Paul Trollope to Selhurst Park, albeit on a month's loan arrangement. Paul is a fine midfielder player and has already shown his value to the club. He settled in extremely well despite 'living out of a suitcase' in a local hotel. Many people think that the luxury of hotel life is a bonus, but when you are stuck in a room far away from home it does tend to lose its appeal. Anyway Paul, welcome to Croydon, and I sincerely hope your stay is a happy one.

GREAT FIND

Kevin Muscat has certainly been the Palace 'find of the season' in my book. 'Musky' has done ever so well and been competent in every game in which he has played. He has now started to get himself into scoring positions and is finding the net on occasions which is just what we are looking for. Marc Edworthy also continues to progress and he too scored his first goal for Palace not long ago and hopefully there will be a few more from him during the course of the season. Marc is a good athlete and his game has developed well since he arrived from Plymouth.

YOUTH SUCCESS

Congratulations to the youth team who recently beat Coventry City to progress to the next round of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup. These

boys are certainly a credit to Peter Nicholas and Geoff Taylor, who put in a huge number of hours working with them and also all the other youngsters in our schools of excellence. Another great plus is that the junior sides here play to the same style as the first team, which means as the youngsters progress they will always know what is expected of them. This in itself should lead to even more of our 'nursery' players finally making it through to first team level.

I trust you will enjoy today's game.

Ray Houghton

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LITTLE WILLY'S HALF TIME QUIZ

By Stephen Williamson.

Good afternoon. Today it is back to the conventional format for this season, with fifteen questions, most of which can be attempted by both sets of supporters. See how you get on, good luck!

THREE ABOUT PALACE

1. Which club did Micky Droy join when he left Palace in 1986?
2. Who was the Palace manager between January and November 1981?
3. We last played Swindon in the League Cup in 1991/92. Which Palace number four scored the only goal of the game in the Eagles' 1-0 win at the County Ground?



Micky Droy - See question one

THREE ABOUT SWINDON TOWN

4. What have Spartans and St. Mark's Young Men's Friendly Society to do with Swindon's history?
5. Who is the only managerial connection between the two clubs, and which Swindon League Cup hero later joined Palace?
6. Who holds Swindon's appearance record, having played over 750 games for the club?

THREE ABOUT OTHER FOOTBALL

7. Which current Nationwide Division One side won the FA Cup in 1939 and retained it for seven years due to the competition being suspended by the war?

8. Which London club once considered having electric fences to keep spectators on the terraces?

9. How many times did Manchester United play at Old Trafford on their way to the 1990 FA Cup final meeting with Palace?

THREE ABOUT OTHER SPORT

10. In which sport do the rules state that competitors must be right-handed?
11. In which sport do the competitors move backwards, at speed, in clogs?
12. Name the famous show jumping brother of Liz Edgar.

AND FINALLY THREE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

13. Which international organisation has the motto "Through Blood & Fire"?
14. What name is given to the governing body of the Church of England?
15. Which comedian has never had a hit record in the British pop charts - Rowan Atkinson, Harry Enfield, Billy Connolly or Bob Monkhouse?

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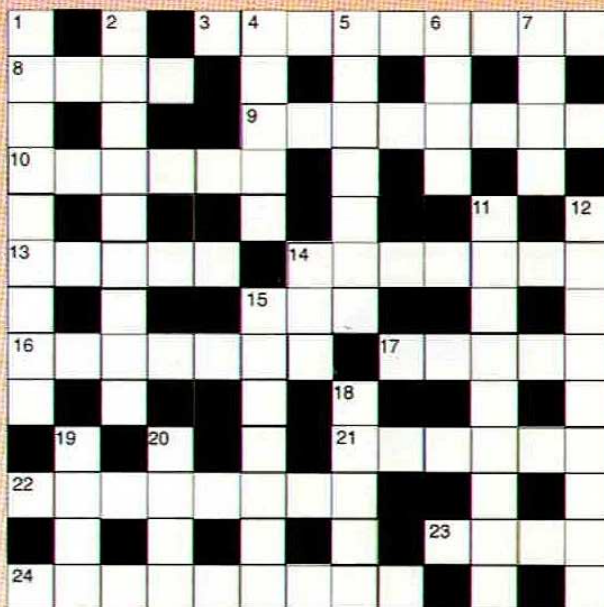
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Across

3. English FA Cup winners 1991 (9)
8. Get changed in the dressing....(4)
9. Home of Burnley FC (4) & (4)
10. John, Coventry City striker (6)
13. The nickname found at Celtic FC (5)
14. Type of sport soccer is (7)
15. Find a rodent in Fratton Park team (3)
16. Supporter of yesteryear who rattled (7)
17. Tournament preceding the UEFA Cup (5)
21. Where foreign players arrive from (6)
22. London club nicknamed "Addicks" (8)
23. Peter, Wimbledon defender (4)
24. Jimmy, 1970/80s Manchester United player (9)

Down

1. Parts of the woodwork (9)
2. Active soccer area (9)
4. Teams want to end up resting here (2) & (3)
5. Spectator attendance, maybe (4) & (3)
6. Title as seen on back of a soccer shirt (4)
7. English county found in N. Ireland League side Glenavon (4)
11. US player, who didn't quite make it at Coventry City (4) & (5)
12. Northern Ireland league side based in Carrickfergus (9)
14. Find a paddle when looking into a football board (3)
15. Game replayed (7)
18.the match is a player award (3) & (2)
19. Soccer poacher contains a famous US singer, apparently (4)
20.-kick (4)



Answers on page 55

holmesdale

Paul Romain

After the chaos surrounding the on-off-on-off etc. of the eventually ill-fated Sheffield United game, it's nice to be looking forward to a match that's fairly safe from postponement. In the end the right decision was made of course. Had the match been played as the league originally intended, the opposition would have had a huge advantage through the number of top quality players made unavailable to us. Ironically, not one of those players set foot on a football field that weekend and half of them were injured anyway! I wonder whether the Football League knew about the injuries and, if not, what the decision might have been otherwise? One thing concerns me. It seems that by prevaricating over the issue for so long the league managed to get us to commit to playing – and then brazenly tried to discriminate against us on that basis when they finally had changed the rules. In the end it



Dogie Freedman

seems only Dougie's call-up saved us. Had the match gone ahead I had toyed with the idea of watching it on the TV and sending my season ticket for the match to the league for a refund. Quite why we should be expected to pay for reserve games is beyond me! Still, now the rules are changed the problem remains of future fixture pile-ups. Some clubs are clearly suffering more than others – Birmingham have been as many as four games in arrears already. I would still advocate forcing clubs to play postponed matches on the first available date – this clearly doesn't happen at the moment as I've already seen rearranged dates being advertised as far in the future as January – why? Meanwhile, yet again the folly is exposed of driving a juggernaut through the domestic calendar to make way for the odd international (against the wishes of the vast majority of football fans). The latest evidence that it is pointless came at Wembley. Despite having had about ten days to prepare and work on their tactics, England still managed to look like complete strangers to each other. This compared to a much maligned Polish side who had barely had time to say hello at the airport (and who were in any case decimated by injuries and other



Glenn Hoddle

sob-stories). Glenn Hoddle had virtually a full squad to choose from and yet managed to take most of his ten days just deciding which of them to play. I would have thought it more helpful to decide that bit first, but then I'm no expert! Presumably as things didn't go so well, Glenn will now be pressing for another extra week's pre-paration before we play the next lot of part-timers (I'm not joking – I've already seen the idea touted around in some papers!). At this rate we'll soon be looking at the world's first twelve month football season, as we finally run out of weekends in which to fit in any cricket or pre-season training. The leagues will just keep going and going, with whoever's in front on Christmas Day winning a prize each year. Maybe Estonia had the right idea after all – international football just isn't worth it!

With apologies for going back in time I have a "bouquet" to hand

standpoint

out from the Portsmouth away game – it's so long since I've put pen to paper! For those of you who weren't able to go, I ought to just fill you in on what a combination of the Taylor Report, the local council and a flock of nesting geese (I think – or is that Southampton?) have managed to do to Fratton Park. This was always one of my favourite grounds – a traditional English affair that used to be a seething mass of terracing on four sides (and a no-go area outside but that's changed as well!). Sadly, these were the worst hit by Taylor and unless you can get a friendly council to free up some land for a new ground, then you're resigned to plonking some seats on the old terraces in as many places as you can afford and watch the takings, atmosphere and club itself start to erode. Look at Fratton Park now and one end is derelict. One side has seats going halfway up the banking and no further as does the old away terrace. The rest of the now empty terracing is reserved as a stewards' recreation zone. Getting into the ground was chaotic. The reduced capacity, combined with an evening kick-off and, I suspect, several hundred more Palace fans than they were expecting meant long queues. Inside, finding your seat was not easy. As is the usual case where seats have been hurriedly slung on to existing terracing

there was little or no room for manoeuvre. One person getting to a vacant space in mid-row involved a couple of dozen people performing all-in wrestling. Fifteen minutes into the game a number of people were still milling around in the sterile terrace behind the seats. And it was only by half-time that the stewards and police had managed to get everybody sat down. This being significant of course – for at half-time everybody immediately stood up again and went to mill around on the perfectly serviceable terracing again. The bouquet is for whoever the enlightened individual in authority was who took the only sensible, and therefore completely unexpected course of action – and let everybody who wanted to stand up for the second half do so. Compared with the usual "breathing is a criminal offence" attitude, this approach was certainly welcome where I was standing and it wouldn't go amiss if a few more people in control of grounds took notice of how people behave when treated like grown-ups. Not wanting to make any comparisons but one of the Sunday papers last week told of how the Hillsborough Band were refused entrance to a match with their instruments (who were good enough for Glenn Hoddle to hire their services incidentally). Now, even if

anybody were foolish enough to try to riot whilst playing the trombone, I would have thought they would be easy enough to keep an eye on during the game. Anybody remember who Sheffield Wednesday were playing?

And finally, my best wishes to Steve Coppell at Manchester City. I'll certainly have no objections to them finishing as runners-up to us (although I doubt that). I note that Steve has already publicly disassociated himself from the long ball game, therefore proving that it never was anything to do with the quality of the players at his disposal. Some other old habits die hard. Guess who was converted to sweeper for Steve's first match (and gave away the first goal!)? Eddie! Eddie! Eddie!

Oh, I nearly forgot – the flock of endangered geese were apparently nesting on the proposed site of the new ground – I think!



Steve Coppell



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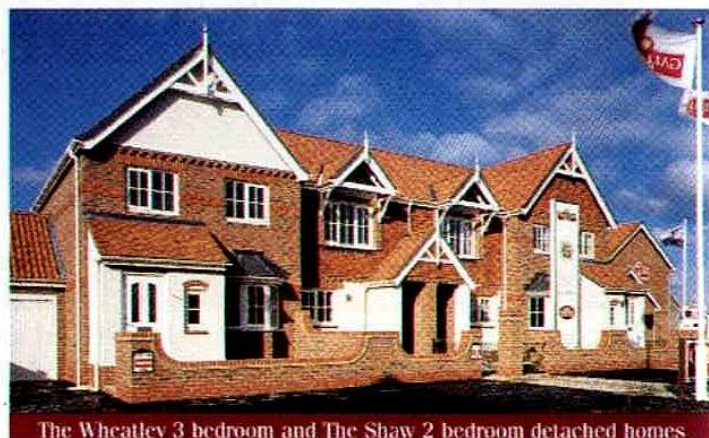


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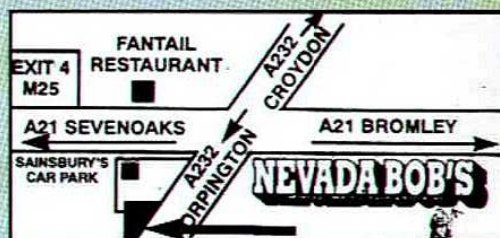
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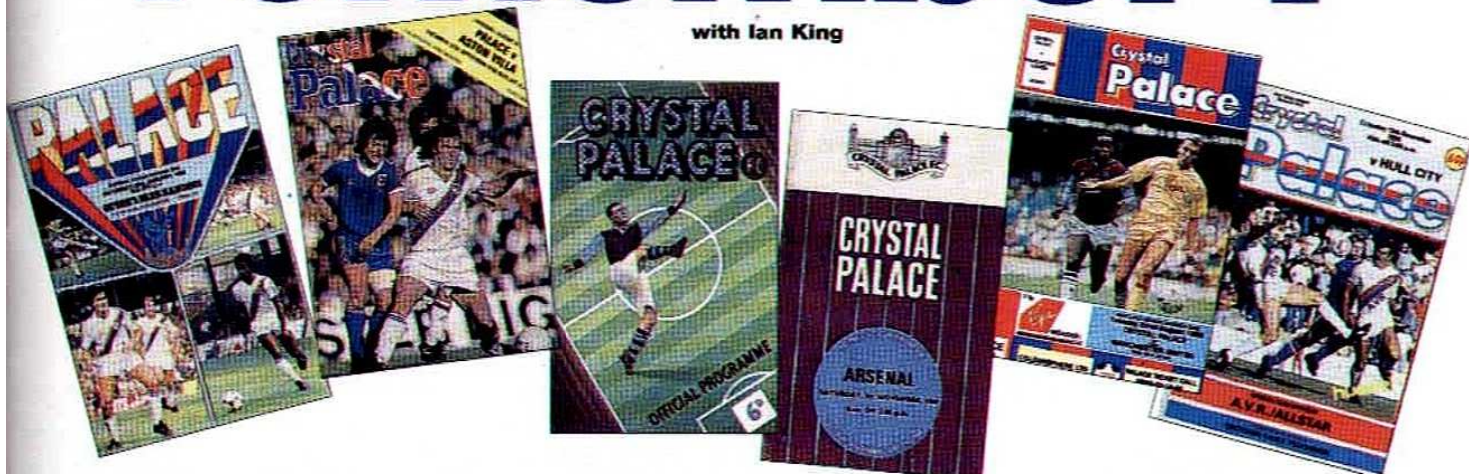
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With Palace's recent goalscoring record, I felt it quite natural to highlight this game in which the Eagles established another record of their own (I believe this record still stands). Palace and Swindon had been relegated together from Division Two and this early season encounter pitted us against them again at Selhurst Park. The match was as good as over after just half an hour, because by that time Palace had established a 5-0 lead where the goals were



scored in the space of an amazing eleven minutes. Roy Barry had already hit the bar shortly before his nineteenth minute cross caused a mix-up between two defenders, giving Stuart Jump the chance to shoot home. Sixty seconds later David Swindlehurst latched on to a through ball to hook it past the goalkeeper who grabbed it from behind himself, but the referee ruled that the ball had crossed the line. A further three minutes on Alan Whittle rode three tackles and with advantage being played by the official, he slipped the ball to Swindlehurst to drive in the third. It only took another one hundred and twenty seconds for Peter Taylor to show Trollope a clean pair of heels and there was Whittle to round off the move with a superb flick for number four. It must have seemed an age, all of five minutes, until the next goal and this time it came from the penalty spot when Whittle scored his second after a handball offence by Prophet. After this, the second half was definitely an anticlimax, with manager Malcolm Allison finding it

difficult to motivate his players. In fact, on goals scored, Swindon won it! They reduced the deficit on the hour with a shot that Eagles' keeper Paul Hammond could only parry to the waiting Peter Eastoe. However, this stung Palace back into goal action when a long-range drive from Nick Chatterton took a wicked deflection which wrong-footed Jim Barron in the Swindon goal. Ten minutes from time, Eastoe finished off the scoring in the game with his and the Robins' second, but it will be that quick-fire bout of goals in the first half that will be remembered and entered into the record books.

Palace: Hammond, Barry, Jump, J. Johnson, Jeffries, Blyth, Lindsay, Whittle, Swindlehurst, Chatterton, P. Taylor.
Swindon: Barron, McLoughlin, Trollope, Hubbard, Potter, Prophet, Moss, Syrett, Eastoe, Butler, McLean. Sub: Burrows for Syrett.

SPOTLIGHT ON ALAN WHITTLE

Alan's arrival at Crystal Palace in December 1972 from Everton, as part of manager Bert Head's spending spree, was surrounded in a little controversy with the fans, as his previous appearance at Selhurst Park with the Toffees a few weeks earlier had seen him cast as the villain of the piece in the sending off of Palace defender Mel Blyth. Any bad feeling towards him from either the player or the supporters was soon forgotten during his debut game in that 5-0 rout of Manchester United, in which he scored a goal with a piece of audacious skill. A midfield or forward player with blond curly hair, the slightly built Whittle always seemed to have the hang-dog look of one who'd had a bad night before each game, but his displays often dispelled this theory. A marked man by the opposition when the Eagles

suffered successive relegations, he did not always get the opportunity to show his full repertoire. However, ironically this came to the fore during his last few weeks with the club in our FA Cup run to the semi-finals as a Third Division club in 1976, in which he played a crucial part along with Peter Taylor. That summer he left Palace for Leyton Orient and during 1980 appeared in a few games for Bournemouth. I understand that he then played football in Australia before returning to this country where he has been involved with Football in the Community back at Everton, his first club.

Palace versus Swindon Town

First game:	13.10.1906	Southern League, home 3-2
Best home win:	7-0	19.4.1935, Div 3 South
Best away win:	6-3	1.11.1952 Div 3 South
Worst home defeat:	1-3	15.1.1910, FA Cup
Worst away defeat:	0-2	27.12.1955 Div 3 South
Best gate:	24,184	26.8.1961, home
Worst gate:	4,642	15.4.1933, away
Leading Palace scorer:	Peter Simpson 8	

Played for both clubs include:

Cecil Blakemore, Paul Bodin, Tony Evans,
Cliff Jackson, Leslie Roberts, Don Rogers,
Tony Taylor, Bobby Woodruff.

Debut makers include:

Harold May 25.12.1931, Jack Thomas 30.10.1948,
Johnny Byrne 13.10.1956, Vic Rouse 13.10.1956,
Brian Wood 23.12.1961, John Jackson 25.8.1964,
Mark Harris 25.4.1989.

Final bows include:

Hugh Gallagher 12.11.1927, Jimmy Hamilton
3.4.1931, Charles Brown 12.3.1934, Peter
Simpson 22.4.1935 (and he scored), Hubert
Surtees 4.3.1950, Billy Birch 25.8.1964.

action

Action from Palace's superb 6-1 victory against Southend United at Selhurst Park....

Photographs by Neil Everitt.



Kevin Muscat, who scored Palace's first goal with a rasping drive through a crowd of players, tussles with ex-Eagle Paul Williams.



**CRYSTAL PALACE 6
SOUTHEND UNITED 1**



Saturday, 28th September 1996

Attendance: 14,858

PALACE: Nash, Edworthy, Muscat, Roberts, Tuttle (Hopkin), Quinn, Andersen, Houghton (Ndah), Freedman (Harris), Dyer, Veart.

SOUTHEND: Royce, Lapper, Dublin, McNally, Harris, Gridelet, Marsh (Nielsen), Hails, Boere, Williams, Tilson.

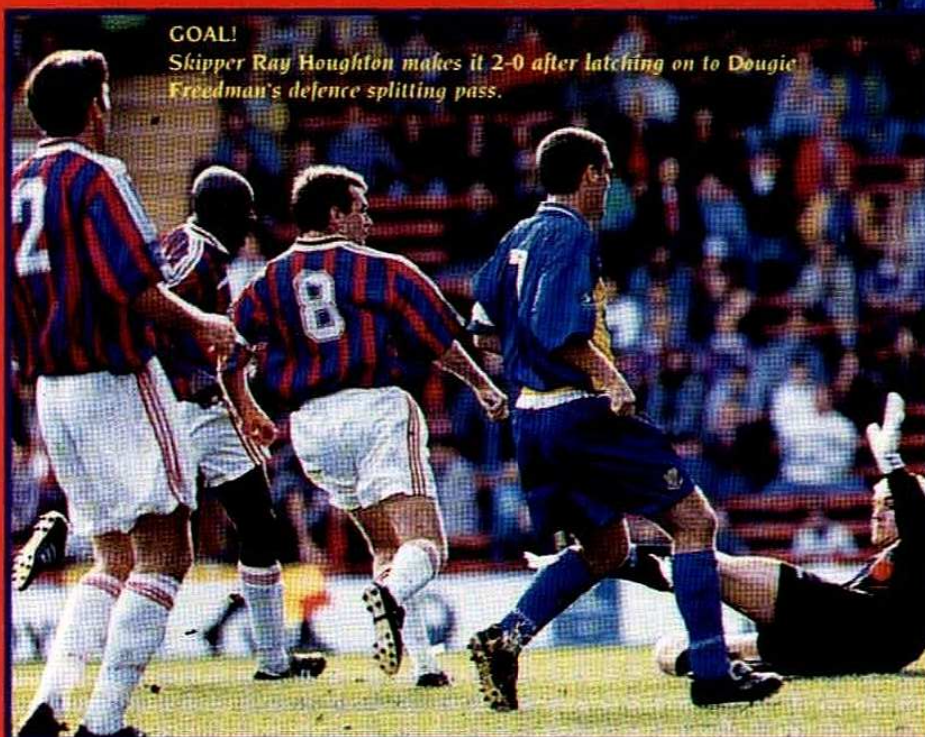
Match Facts:

Bookings: Palace - Veart, Southend - Gridelet. Shots on target: Palace - 10. Southend - 2. Free-kicks: Palace - 10. Southend - 11. Corners: Palace - 8. Southend - 5.



GOAL!

Skipper Ray Houghton makes it 2-0 after latching on to Dougie Freedman's defence splitting pass.

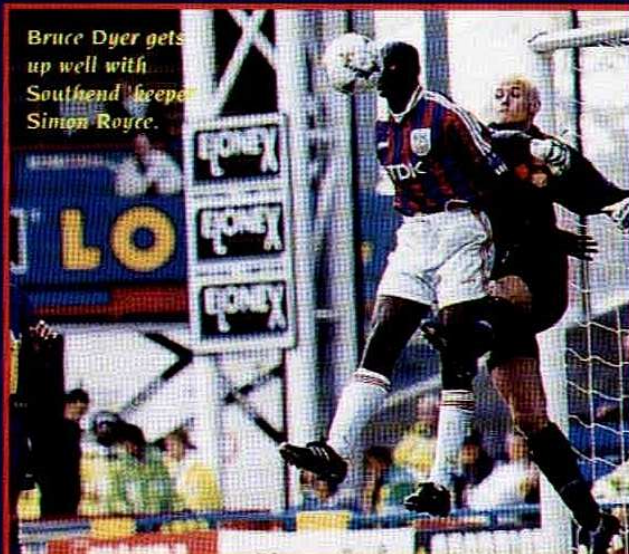


Dougie Freedman shows good close control as Southend's Mike Lapper looks on.

REPLAY



Bruce Dyer gets up well with Southend 'keeper Simon Royce.



GOAL! Carl Veart nets the 4th goal, tapping home Bruce Dyer's low cross.



GOAL! Dougie Freedman completes the rout with a fine shot, making it an astonishing 22 goals in just five games.



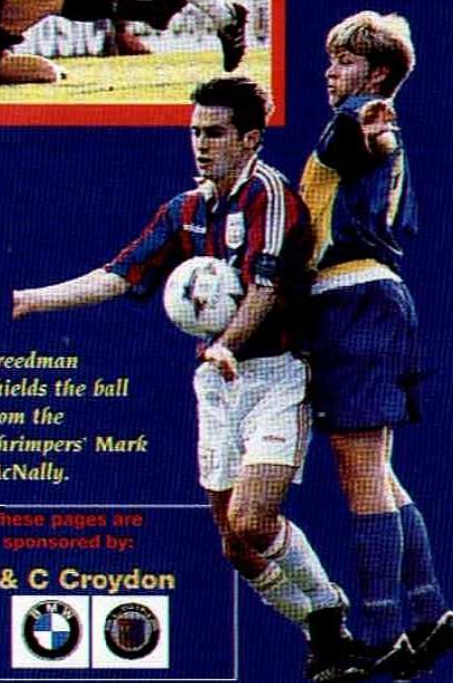
GOAL! The highly impressive Bruce Dyer is first to the ball to score Palace's fifth.



GOAL! David Hopkin, who replaced the injured David Tuttle in the first half, celebrates after scoring Palace's third goal of the afternoon.



Freedman shields the ball from the Shrimpers' Mark McNally.



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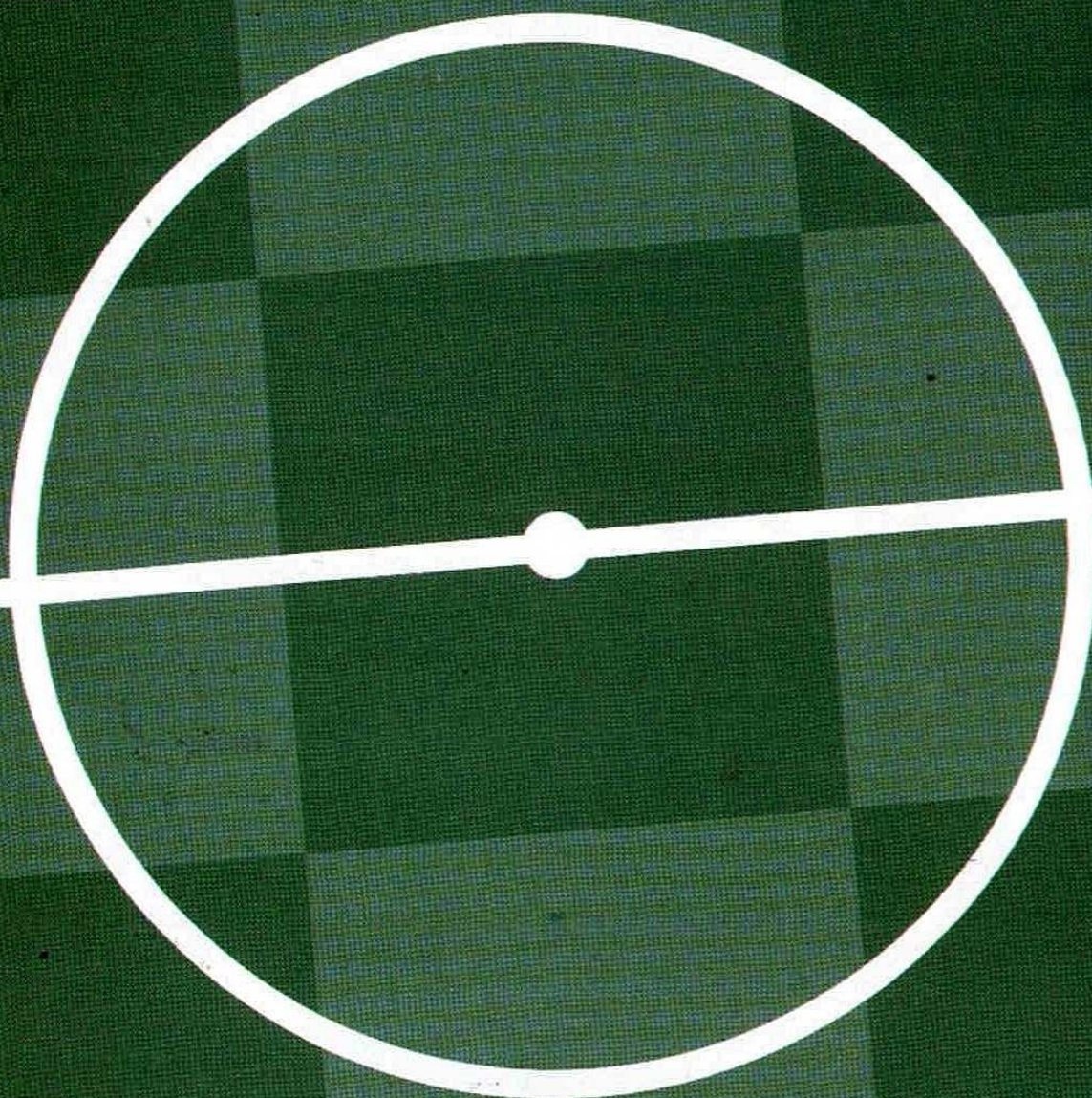
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EAGLES diary



SUN 22nd SEPT

Chris Day continues to receive treatment from physio Gary Sadler but thankfully there are no injury worries after the game at Reading. On a busy Sunday for sport, Stoke come from behind to beat Huddersfield and push Palace into sixth place in the First Division, whilst Spurs lose at home to Leicester in the Premiership and are booed off the pitch by their own supporters. In motor racing, Damon Hill is beaten into second place in the Portuguese Grand Prix by team-mate Jacques Villeneuve. However, there is better news at Wimbledon where Britain beat Egypt in the Davies Cup and, in doing so, make history by playing the last competitive tennis on court number one before it is demolished. Leicestershire win the County Cricket Championship with Derbyshire in second place followed by local counties Surrey and Kent.

MON 23rd SEPT

David Hopkin misses training through a viral infection and is omitted from the squad for tomorrow's home Coca-Cola Cup match against Bury. In a televised Premiership game from Selhurst Park, Wimbledon convincingly beat Southampton who, under Graeme Souness, have failed to win a game in seven outings. Away from football, Will Carling is recalled to the England rugby union squad after being left out of the last two training camps.



David Hopkin

TUES 24th SEPT

In the afternoon, a young Palace side go down 4-1 to Wimbledon at Plough Lane in the Avon Insurance Combination. The Palace goal comes from Simon Rodger but both he and Gareth Davies are later taken off as precautionary measures. Just 5,195 spectators turn up at Selhurst to see the Eagles progress to the third round of the Coca-Cola Cup,

as they beat Bury 4-0 on the night and 7-1 on aggregate. The Palace scorers are Robert Quinn with his first senior goal for the club, Australian pair Kevin Muscat and Carl Veart with one apiece and the fourth coming from 'man of the match' Dougie Freedman. Elsewhere in the League Cup, Manchester City go out to Lincoln City and York City go through at the expense of Everton. Further afield in the UEFA Cup in Sweden, Newcastle lose 2-1 against Halmstads but win 5-2 on aggregate, whilst Aston Villa lose to Helsingborgs by way of the away goal scored by the Scandinavians in the first leg at Villa Park.

WED 25th SEPT

Plenty of football action on what is a rest day for the Palace squad. Arsenal go out of the UEFA Cup at the hands of Borussia Monchengladbach, Manchester United beat Rapid Vienna at Old Trafford in the European Champions' League and in the Coca-Cola Cup Luton Town of Division Two put out Premiership Derby County. Also in the League Cup, Blackpool only just fail to overturn a Chelsea 3-1 first leg lead when, at Stamford Bridge, they go out by a narrow 5-4 on aggregate. Late in the evening, the draw for round three pairs Palace with Ipswich Town and Ray Lewington states on Clubcall that he feels the Eagles have a very good chance of winning the game.

THURS 26th SEPT

A league management committee, which includes Palace chairman Ron Noades, vote to include under-21 players' international call ups to count as grounds for postponement of league fixtures. Therefore, Palace immediately apply to have their forthcoming home game against Sheffield United postponed. The Eagles have Ray Houghton in the Republic of Ireland squad, Tony Scully in the same country's under-21 squad, Chris Day and Bruce Dyer named for England under-21's with Danny Boxall on stand-by. Dougie Freedman is also put on stand-by for the full Scottish squad for their forthcoming World Cup qualifiers. At Anfield, Liverpool restore a little British pride in Europe when they beat My Pa-47 from Finland by a convincing 3-1 margin, winning through the Cup Winners' Cup

tie by four goals to one on aggregate.

FRI 27th SEPT

Danny Boxall signs a new three year deal with Palace which will keep the



Danny Boxall signs a new contract

young defender at Selhurst Park until 1999. Chris Day is omitted from the Palace squad to face Southend United in the weekend game and David Hopkin is pronounced doubtful as he still struggles to

throw off a virus infection. In the Nationwide League Division One, Swindon go down to Wolves at Molineux, a victory which puts the midlands' club into a top four position in the table. Jockey Willie Carson comes out of intensive care to the relief of the racing world and sport's fans in general.

SAT 28th SEPT

In the morning, the youth team beat Brighton by 2-0 to go top of the South East Counties League. The goals in that one come from Clinton Morrison and Hayden Mullins. Later in the day, Palace fans celebrate as the first team win 6-1 for the second week in succession. This time the unfortunate victims are Southend United and the Palace scorers, again six different players are, Kevin Muscat, Ray Houghton, David Hopkin, Carl Veart, Bruce Dyer and Dougie Freedman. The scoreline now means that the Eagles have scored no less than twenty-two goals in their last five games. Elsewhere in Division One, Grimsby pull off a shock result winning 3-1 at Barnsley and managerless Manchester City are again beaten, this time at Sheffield United. Away from football, Frankie Dettori rides himself into the history books by bringing all seven of his rides at Ascot into the winners' enclosure. The odds for anybody lucky enough to have wagered an accumulator - a massive 25,000/1.

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An **A-Z** of Crystal Palace F.C.

5. Away wins

By Rev Nigel Sands.

Palace's best away victories were magnificent 6-0 successes at Exeter City in the 3rd Division South in January 1935, at Birmingham City in the old 2nd Division in September 1987, and the club's best ever away performance in over ninety years when, only eighteen months out of the Southern League, we beat 1st Division giants Everton in an FA Cup 1st round tie in January 1922.

The highest number of away wins achieved by any Palace side over a complete season is the 13 gained by Mr Arthur Rowe's promotion winning team of 1960-61 and it was Johnny Byrne, Roy Summersby and company who secured Palace's most away goals in a single season too by notching a splendid 46 in that same term.

CONSECUTIVE AWAY WINS

Palace's superb and comprehensive away victory at Portsmouth on New Year's day 1996 completed a remarkable trio of wins on opponents' grounds, coming as it did after earlier successes at Stoke and West Bromwich Albion. The feat of achieving three away wins on the run is a most unusual and distinguished one. Palace sides have done it perhaps a dozen times since we entered the Football League in 1920 but to do so in consecutive fixtures is extremely rare. After all, how often does the list of matches produce three such games, even with a little help from the weather? Thus, Palace's three consecutive away victories in December 1960 when our victims were York, Accrington, then Exeter on Boxing Day was unique until David Hopkin, Dougie Freedman and friends equalled it last winter.

It appears that the best run of consecutive away wins by Palace teams is four. In November and December 1975 Malcolm Allison's Eagles won at Halifax, Swindon, Wrexham and Bury and no Palace eleven could match that record until Dave Bassett inspired his recently acquired charges to do so in March and April 1996, when thousands of today's supporters will have cheered us on as we beat Grimsby, Millwall, Reading and Wolves. Regrettably, and perhaps surprisingly though, it must be admitted that in neither season could Palace ultimately achieve promotion, although in each case the matter wasn't resolved until the last match.

NOTE: This series is based upon Nigel Sands' book of the same title, published in 1990, but is updated, augmented and expanded.

PALACE TRAVEL THE ROAD TO VICTORY

The 6-1 win at Reading on September 21st did not only bring the Eagles three points, it also gave them the Yokohama Tyres 'Best Performance on the Road' award for September.

The judges for that award are Brian Moore of ITV sport, Jack Taylor OBE, David Seward of Yokohama and Steve Sutherland of the Nationwide Football League. A silver trophy will be presented before this afternoon's match and the Palace will also receive a set of football kit to present to a junior football team in the area.

FRED SCOOPS £25,000

Fred Chennell of Guildford has been purchasing the club's lottery tickets ever since an agent started calling upon him some four years ago. Over that period he has had £5 and £2 wins which he admits have kept him interested. However, he never expected to land the big £25,000 jackpot. Imagine his surprise when, after scratching his ticket a couple of weeks ago, he revealed a jackpot winning combination. He was so surprised in fact that he got both his son and the selling agent to check it before he would believe his good fortune. The following morning Fred and his brother were waiting on the lottery office doorstep at Selhurst Park when the staff arrived, as they just would not chance putting the ultra valuable card in the post!

Fred's car had been looking a little worse for wear for a while and one of the first things that he did was to 'get a new motor'. Also with five daughters and one son, he was able to give each of them a little slice of his winnings and all in all it really has been a time for family celebration.

Palace lottery manager Tony Shaw (right) went down to Guildford to present Fred with his cheque and the photograph on this page shows the big moment in Fred's very own back yard!

The agent called again on Fred a week after his big win and sold him yet another winning ticket, although this time he was not shouting quite so loudly - the prize was just one pound!



CARLO ON CLUBCALL

After each game Palace Clubcall gets right to the dressing room for after-match comment from members of the team or management, and recently of course there has been plenty to shout about! Ace Clubcall matchday commentator and interviewer Chris Raistrick is seen in our photograph having one of those after-match Clubcall chats with rising star 'keeper Carlo Nash. Clubcall of course operates every day of the year with a new programme and this even includes Christmas Day and, believe it or not, many people ring up to hear the manager's seasonal message. If you have not already tried the service, dial it up on **0891 400 333** and you can be sure of getting the latest news first. Don't forget though that calls to Clubcall cost 50p/minute peak rate and 45p/minute at all other times.



Chris Raistrick interviews Carlo Nash.

FA CUP 1ST ROUND DRAW

Although both Crystal Palace and Swindon Town do not enter this competition until the third round stage, supporters may still be interested to know that the draw for the 1st round of the FA Cup will be made live on BBC Television at approximately 5.10pm on Saturday, 26th October 1996.



MATCHDAY MAGAZINE MERIT MARK



Today our merit mark goes to young Robert Quinn. The ex-Palace youth team captain has eased almost effortlessly into the first team squad and, in something like a dozen appearances, has looked every inch a certainty for future stardom.

Congratulations also to Robert for scoring his first senior goal in the home leg of our last Coca-Cola Cup appearance against Bury.



CAPTION COMPETITION



Think of an amusing caption to this photograph of 'Pete the Eagle' and George Ndah and you could win a copy of the 1995/96 season review video. Please send your caption on a postcard or a sealed down envelope to: Caption Competition, Publications Department, Crystal Palace FC, Selhurst Park, London, SE25 6PU. The closing date for entries is 12 noon on Friday, 1st November. The winning entry will be announced in our programme against Queens Park Rangers.



REARRANGED FIXTURE

Following the postponement of Palace's Nationwide League Division One fixture at home to Sheffield United, it has now been confirmed that this game will take place on Tuesday, November 19th, 1996 with a 7.45 pm kick off.



FREE TV TICKETS

As an alternative to Bonfire Night, why not go and see a recording of 'The Paranormal World of Paul McKenna', which is being made at the LWT studios on the South Bank near Waterloo Station. The recording of the show is from 7.30pm to 10pm. If you are interested, please call in at the away travel portakabin in the main car park before or after today's game.

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Player on Dougie Freedman

Profile

By David Hills

Palace have never been a club content with stability, and this season has been as eccentric as ever. The team has swung from one extreme to the other - from being a side who couldn't score to one which simply can't miss. Two incredible 6-1 wins in a row, with 6 different scorers on each occasion, has signalled the start of another promotion drive - and it doesn't take a genius to see who has sparked this prolific form. Dougie Freedman has a talent unequalled by any other First Division player, and when he's in the mood, the whole team roars into life.

The 22 year old from Glasgow has already established a fearsome reputation in the Football League, and it shouldn't be long before he is given the opportunity to make his mark on the Premiership. Originally a trainee with Queens Park Rangers, he was denied the opportunity to break into Gerry Francis's first team, and eventually signed for Third Division Barnet in 1994. It took the youngster just one season with the Bees to show the football world what he could do. Signing for Palace at the start of last season was, according to Dougie, the best moment in his career, and he hasn't looked back since. Scoring a remarkable 20 goals in his first campaign with the club, despite the huge difference in quality between Divisions Three and One, he has established himself as Palace's number one striker, and the man to lead the club into the 21st century.

SLOW SUMMER

His immense importance to the Palace strike rate is underlined by the correlation between his personal dips in form, and those of the team. As the finest creative attacker in the division, when he has an off day, the Eagles' goals dry up all too easily. So just why did the flying Scotsman fade over the summer months at the start of this season, and at the end of the last? "I think I just ran out of steam a little

bit last year. It was probably the result of coming up from the Third Division, and with the extra pace and pressure at this level I began to feel a bit tired in the last six or so games, and my form fell away. And this year the shin injury I picked up kept me out of pre-season for two weeks - I think that's the reason why I started this season a bit like I finished last. But the injury's completely out of the way now though, and the goals have started coming. Just recently I've hit the sort of form I aim for, I'm feeling fit and I'm feeling good about this season."

SCOTTISH DREAMS COME TRUE

Recently, his performances have caught the eye of Scotland boss Craig Brown, and the young man earned a much deserved call-up to the full national squad. Many observers felt he should have been involved in the short-lived Scottish Euro 96 campaign, but the management plumped for experience instead, however sterile that experience was. Now, though, the tartan army are ready for something new, and with each strike for Palace, Dougie inches a step closer to lining up in the number 9 shirt of his country - a long standing dream which is fast becoming reality.

"It's been an ambition to play for Scotland since I was ten. When I was a kid I was a big Rangers' fan - the whole team were my idols, and Kenny Dalglish in particular. I was delighted to make the substitutes' bench for the match against Estonia recently, but unfortunately that game turned out to be quite a farce. Hopefully, though, I will be selected again for their next match and even make an appearance. Having had international experience with the under 21's, I now want to show what I can do for the full team."

That he has a skill rarely seen at

Selhurst Park is undeniable - and poor Bury certainly couldn't spot it when, in the recent Coca Cola Cup clash, he scored what was surely the most absurd goal of his career. But those who thought that his back heeled volley was a fluke, underestimate the ambition of the cocky Glaswegian.

"The ball came across and it was behind me, so I thought, 'why not give it a go'? I've practiced it a couple of times in training - and I was pretty happy when it worked!"

In Dougie, we have a striker capable of quantity, and quality. The last player we had who could boast both facets is now plying his trade in the Premiership. By May, Dougie and Palace, should be ready to join him.





DOUGIE FREEDMAN

FACT FILE

Date of birth: 21st May 1974

Place of birth: Glasgow

Signed from: Barnet on 8th September 1995

Transfer fee: £500,000 plus further payments linked to appearances

Total Palace career apps and goals:

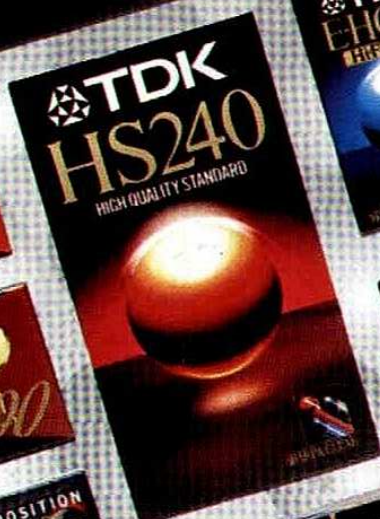
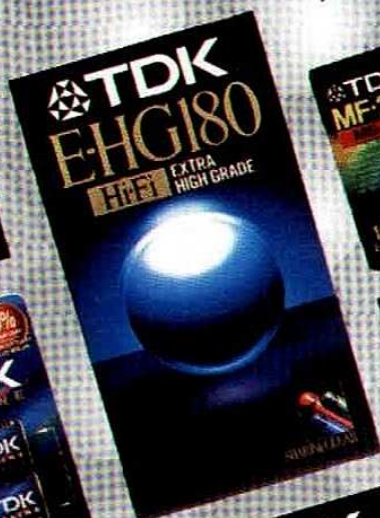
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WINNERS

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SQUAD CARD - OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

The launch of the new Crystal Palace Squad Card, which provides a host of benefits to youngsters in Bromley, recently took place at the Glades shopping centre. Both Andy Roberts and Marc Edworthy were present to give their support to the new venture, as well as to draw out the lucky ticket from a competition held on the day to win a signed Palace shirt. The recipient of the prize from over 200 entrants was Tony Wood who lives in Beckenham.

For more information on the Palace Squad Card and its benefits, please contact Nicky Johns on 0181 771 5886. However, listed below are the places where you can obtain discounts with your Squad Card:

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COMPETITION

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Against which club did Carlo Nash make his league debut?

Please send your answer to **Junior Eagles/Football Competition 2, Selhurst Park, London, SE25 6PU**, quoting your Junior Eagles' membership number.

The closing date for entries is 12 noon on Friday, 1st November 1996.

Good luck!

today's mascots



For this afternoon's game against Swindon Town, we are pleased to welcome **Shaun and David Cousins** as today's mascots.

Shaun is aged 11 and attends Shirley High School. In his spare time he enjoys football, cricket, athletics and travel. Shaun is looking forward to meeting Andy Roberts today, who he names as his favourite Palace player.

Shaun's younger brother, 6 year old David, goes to Applegarth Infants School and is another big fan of Andy Roberts as well as Simon Rodger. David's interests are similar to

those of Shaun, but he is also keen on cycling.

We sincerely hope that both boys enjoy their day at Selhurst Park and that they can bring the team luck in this afternoon's match.



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IPSWICH TOWN

Coca Cola Cup Third Round, Away
Tuesday 22nd October, 7.45pm
Form Guide (to October 15th): WDDL
Dangerman: Alex Mathie —

Despite suffering a slow start to the current season, Alex is still one of the better attacking players in this division. Fast and intelligent, it remains to be seen how he will adapt to the loss of his former partner, Ian Marshall, to Leicester.

If recent patterns are to be repeated then Palace are destined for the semi-finals of the Coca Cola Cup in 1997, having made them in '93 and '95. The second stage of the route there this time is a visit to Suffolk to face George Burley's inconsistent Ipswich team. Ipswich have attempted to try and become a more balanced side and earn a defensive record as good as their goalscoring one last year. However, this has resulted in them touching the opposite extreme in certain matches. The league game at Selhurst a couple of months ago was an example of this,

when they clearly came to get a point rather than all three. At

home Ipswich are a little more like their old cavalier selves and it's unlikely that Tuesday's tie will pass without a goal. The threat of Mathie is accompanied by the goalscoring potential of James Scowcroft, a recent England under-21 debutant. It's hard to know what to make of this fixture. It certainly offers more chance of progression than a glamour clash with one of the Premiership clubs, but equally it will be a difficult place to secure a win. Elsewhere in the draw, this round marks the entry of those clubs offered a second round bye because of European commitments. This supposed aid to the preparations of our clubs in Europe wasn't enough to spur either Aston Villa or Arsenal into victory, and without wishing to come over all Paul Romain like, I wonder how much longer the FA will keep implementing trivial, stop gap changes such as these and instead actually look at the root causes of our failure in these competitions. That is, taking a closer look at the way football is played at all levels in this country and switching the emphasis away from brute force and on to tactics and technique.



Leif Andersen tussles with Ipswich's Alex Mathie in the league match at Selhurst Park in September.

GRIMSBY TOWN

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Saturday 26th October, 3.00 pm
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Dangerman: Clive Mendonca —

Recently recovered from long term injury, Clive poses a similar threat to Alex Mathie, but unlike him has begun the season in prolific vein.

Palace's next league game takes place here next Saturday against Grimsby. In the climate of managers being sacked weekly, Brian Laws must consider himself in the firing line if he cannot steer the Mariners away from the lowly position they currently occupy in the league table. His C.V. is spoiled by the ugly affair last season which led to the departure of his most exciting player, Ivano Bonnetti. Laws, who spent much of his career studying first hand the Brian Clough approach to management, apparently lost his cool to such an extent at half-time against Luton that he

broke Bonnetti's jaw. The official explanation was that Laws had thrown chicken sandwiches at his star player, but if that is exactly what happened, that must have been one heavy chicken. Some fans called for Laws to leave immediately, but he remained firm and it was Bonnetti who was forced to find a new place to play. Laws does have Mendonca and Steve Livingstone to nick him goals, but in truth the remainder of the season looks like a struggle for a club which seems without much confidence. What may hinder Palace next Saturday is that they will be overwhelming favourites and Grimsby may well sit back and try to frustrate. Therefore, as Ruud Gullit always points out, patience will be a key asset, both on the part of players and supporters. Nevertheless, anything other than three points will be a disappointment.



Clive Mendonca - a good start to the season.



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Leeds v Aston Villa, 7.45 pm

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Barnsley v Bolton, 7.45 pm

Sunday, 27th October
Liverpool v Derby, 4 pm
Man. City v Wolves, 1 pm

Monday, 28th October
Nottingham Forest v Everton, 8 pm

Sunday, 3rd November
Newcastle v Middlesbrough, 4 pm
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By Ian King

step back IN TIME

1963

Palace suffered their second 3-1 away defeat in four days when they travelled to Boundary Park to face Oldham in a top of the table clash in Division Three. Peter Burridge had equalised the Latics' opening goal midway through the first half, but after the break Palace's troubles mounted when goalkeeper Bill Glazier had to leave the field to have stitches inserted in a cut forehead following a collision with an Oldham player. Scorer Burridge took over in goal and this disruption to the side, allied with the one man reduction, gave Oldham the impetus to score twice and take maximum points.

Palace: Glazier, Long, Townsend, Petchey, Wood, Howe, Werge, Holton, Dowsett, Burridge, Allen.

Swindon were enjoying life in Division Two following their promotion, and hammered Manchester City 5-0 in a home game at the County Ground.

TOP OF THE POPS

1963: Do You Love Me? - Brian Poole and The Tremeloes

1968

Following the notable midweek victory over Leeds United in the League Cup,

Bert Head's side had to put their minds to the Division Two programme at Selhurst Park. A typical Palace "after the Lord Mayor's Show" performance ensued as a workmanlike Bristol City team, which included former Eagles player Bobby Kellard, took the lead in the first half and held it until the last twenty minutes. John Sewell came on for



John Sewell

Mel Blyth and within a minute had put over a cross that ended with Bobby Woodruff scoring the equaliser. Six minutes later Mark Lazarus headed the winning goal to earn Palace the points, but not necessarily the fans' plaudits.

Palace: J. Jackson, Hoy, Loughlan, Bannister, McCormick, Blyth, Lazarus, Kember, C. Jackson, Woodruff, C. Taylor. **Swindon** defeated Torquay United 2-1 in a Division Three encounter which was one of eighteen home victories in the league that season on their way to promotion.

TOP OF THE POPS

1968: Those Were the Days - Mary Hopkin

1974

Palace returned to winning ways in Division Three against Walsall at Selhurst Park, following heavy defeats home and away. The Eagles were already missing two regulars in Roy Barry and Nick Chatterton when Terry Venables went off injured after thirty minutes. However, substitute David Swindlehurst lit up a dull encounter almost immediately, nearly scoring with a thirty yard lob. Both sides hit the woodwork, but it was not until four minutes from time that Alan Whittle scored the only goal, hammering a loose ball in at the far post following a glancing header from Derek Jeffries.

Palace: Burns, J. Johnson, Jump, Venables, Jeffries, I. Evans, M. Lindsay, Whittle, Ayres, Cannon, P. Taylor. Sub: Swindlehurst for Venables.

In the same division as Palace, **Swindon** again notched a 2-1 home win, this time over Wrexham, with goals from Joe Butler and David Moss. Butler also is credited with an own goal for Wrexham's score.

TOP OF THE POPS

1974: Sad Sweet Dreamer - Sweet Sensation

1991

Palace travelled to Highfield Road to face Coventry City in a Division One fixture and came away with all three points to maintain seventh place in the table. Following

John Salako's horrific injury, manager Steve Coppell brought in Paul Mortimer from Aston Villa and he made his debut in this game. One minute before half-time, Mark



Paul Mortimer

Bright raced onto a long kick from Nigel Martyn and lobbed the ball over the stranded Coventry keeper. Although the Sky Blues scored an equaliser from the penalty spot midway through the second period, it was Palace who won the match nine minutes from the end, as poor City defending allowed Marco Gabbiadini to find the net with a low header.

Palace: Martyn, Southgate, Sinnott, Gray, Young, Thorn, Mortimer, Thomas, Bright, Gabbiadini, McGoldrick. Sub: Shaw for Mortimer.

Swindon, who were playing in Division Two, beat Blackburn Rovers 2-1 at home, thanks to goals from Steve White and Colin Calderwood.

TOP OF THE POPS

1991: Everything I Do (I Do It For You) - Bryan Adams

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**Coca-Cola Cup
3rd Round
IPSWICH TOWN v
CRYSTAL PALACE**
Tuesday, 22nd October 1996
Kick Off 7.45pm



Ticket prices: Crystal Palace have been allocated approximately 1,400 tickets in two seating areas. In the centre block the price is £16 with no concessions. In the wing block, tickets are priced at £14 for adults, £7.50 for senior citizens and £6.00 for under 16's. Although this match is not all ticket, it is advisable to purchase your tickets from the Palace box office prior to the day of the game.

Coaches: Depart Holmesdale Road at 3.30pm and the fare: adults £12, senior citizens and under 16's £9 and guests of members £14.

Train: There is no special train to Ipswich. **Going by car:** Take the M25 to junction 28 where you join the A12. The A12 leads to a major roundabout (by Tesco's) on the Ipswich suburbs. Take the 2nd exit (signposted Ipswich West A1214) into London Road. Follow Ipswich A1214 signs for 2.4 miles, over a roundabout and lights, to junction/lights at the bottom of the hill. Go straight on (signposted Town Centre A1214), and after a few yards, at the next lights, turn right (signposted Cliff Quay, Football Ground) into West End Road. The away parking is on the right hand side after 0.6 miles. To get to the ground, continue to where all traffic turns left into Chancery Road, and the floodlights are directly ahead. At the T-Junction turn left into Princess Street and immediately left into Portman Road.

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**Nationwide League Division One
CRYSTAL PALACE v
GRIMSBY TOWN**
Saturday, 26th October 1996
Kick Off 3.00pm



and

**Nationwide League Division One
CRYSTAL PALACE v QPR**
Sunday, 10th November 1996
Kick Off 1.00pm



Ticket prices:
Main Stand - (Stanley Stephenson, Players and Glaziers Lounges) adults £17, senior citizens and under 16's £11. **Family Enclosure -** (blocks A & J) adults £9, senior citizens and under 16's £6. **Arthur Wait**

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**Nationwide League Division One
BRADFORD CITY v
CRYSTAL PALACE**
Tuesday, 29th October 1996
Kick Off 7.45pm



Ticket prices: Crystal Palace have been allocated approximately 1,800 tickets for this game, which are priced at £13 for adults and £8 for senior citizens and under 16's. Please note the concessionary tickets must be purchased from the Palace box office. **Coaches:** Depart Holmesdale Road at 12.30pm and the fare: adults £18, senior citizens and under 16's £15 and guests of members £20.

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**Nationwide League Division One
TRANMERE ROVERS v
CRYSTAL PALACE**
Saturday, 2nd November 1996
Kick Off 3.00pm



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Going by car: Details will be carried in our match programme against Grimsby Town.

**Nationwide League Division One
BOLTON WANDERERS v
CRYSTAL PALACE**
Saturday, 10th, November 1996
Kick Off 3.00pm



Ticket prices: Seat tickets are priced at £15 for adults and £9 for senior citizens and under 16's. These tickets, hopefully available from next Saturday, will be on sale to season ticket holders and Golden Eagle members only (1 ticket per member) and are only available from the Palace box office. For the terracing, it's a case of pay on the day and the prices are: adults £11 and senior citizens and under 16's £8.

We would like to thank Janet Williams and Mark Johnson, authors of the Football Fan's Guide, for their help in compiling the travel details on this page. Football Fan's Guide is a superb book for supporters travelling away and is priced just £8.99. Copies are available from the Palace club shops.

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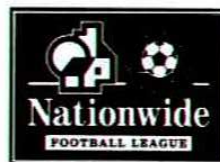
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Nationwide
League Division 1

Crystal Palace 6
Southend United 1

Saturday,
28th September,
1996



Dougie Freedman celebrates with Bruce Dyer in the win over Southend.

Like Frankie Dettori at Ascot, and on the very same afternoon, Palace pulled off the 'impossible' in their last home match when they won a second consecutive Nationwide League game by a 6-1 margin. Even more amazing was the fact that, for the second week in succession, the goals were scored by six different players.

DEFINITE HINT

There was a definite hint of things to come when Palace took the lead as early as the second minute through Aussie wing-back Kevin Muscat. However, the early goal lulled Palace into taking things a little bit too easily and Southend, who included ex-Eagles Paul Williams and Jeroen Boere in their line up, had a purple patch when they looked anything but the poor side that their league record had suggested. Urged on from the touchline by Ray Lewington, Palace came back with a vengeance seven minutes before the break when skipper Ray Houghton opened his account for the season to give the Eagles a two goal advantage.

TOTAL CONTROL

The second period was virtually all Palace and just two minutes into the half David Hopkin, who had replaced the injured David Tuttle earlier in the game, made it three nil. By now the Eagles were in total control and further goals followed from Carl Veart, Bruce Dyer and Dougie Freedman. The only blemish on the afternoon was when Paul Williams netted a consolation for the Shrimpers nine minutes from time.

Six-cess is sweet for Bassett

By HARRY PRATT
C Palace 6 Southend 1

DAVE BASSETT'S side maintained their prolific form of late, hammering struggling Southend for six.

Bassett enthused: "I'm delighted with this result and all the others over the last month - 22 goals in five games must be something of a record and obviously is a tremendous run."

"In the early season we were not scoring too many. But I kept faith in the players and now our forwards have hit a purple patch."

What a contrast for Roots Hall counterpart Ronnie Whelan who rightly slammed his sloppy outfit as they crashed to their fourth away defeat of the season.

Whelan raged: "At half-time I told the players that we still had a chance at only one goal but they clearly didn't get back into the game."

Dyer is beginning to live up to the expectations of a million paid to him in the manner he destroyed a part in four years ago.

He began the opening ton grabbed the break and just after half

his confidence soared, Veart joined in, who is contract a consolation against his former club.

GOAL-CRAZY Palace handed out another six of the best to make it an astonishing 22 GOALS in just FIVE games.

Dave Bassett's boys knocked six past Reading last week, and now move into fourth in Division One - leaving Southend struggling near the bottom.

Palace already look promotion material but boss Harry warned: "We're not the finished article yet, and we'll be lucky to keep this up every week."

But obviously I'm delighted with this incredible goal run. These are the sort of moments in football you have to enjoy.

I had a bit of a go at half-time because I thought we were sloppy, but the players responded superbly in the second half. But furious Southend boss Ronnie Whelan admitted: "It's bad news for us."

"We showed a lack of commitment, and we could have lost by 10 or 11."

"We've got a lot of ability but we lacked heart and collapsed - that's the most worrying aspect for me."

The goal glut started in the very first minute and set the tone for the rest of the game.

Australian defender Kevin Muscat kick-started the action when he smashed home his third goal in three games. Bruce Dyer's cross was cleared to the edge of the area

Palace go goal crazy

C PALACE.....6
SOUTHEND.....1

By Nick Callow

and Muscat drove home through a crowd of players.

Southend remained in contention until Ray Houghton scored Palace's second in the 38th minute, running on to Dougie Freedman's pass and slipping the ball past keeper Simon Royce.

Grabbed

And any chance of a revival ended second half David Hopkin, of the season, pushed out Dyer.

Carl Veart grabbed the 52nd minute, supplied the low pass across the Southend goal.

Southend lost Marsh soon after the injury which Whelan

an operation - although he hopes to complete the signing of French midfielder Abdu Bangoura tomorrow. Dyer slotted Palace's fifth in the 72nd minute, and Freedman made it six six minutes later.

Former Palace hitman Paul Williams, playing on a temporary deal, scored Southend's consolation in the 89th minute.

showing the form that has earned him an England Under-21 place.

He had a hand in five Palace goals and won a standing ovation from the fans when he was substituted near the end.

"He had his problems when he came to the club," said Bassett. "But people forget he is only 20 and I think they now realise he has the makings of a good player."

Aussie midfielder Veart was recruited by Bassett from the club Sheffield Wednesday.

The Sun

SIX ON THE BRAIN

Ray plays it cool as Palace romp

By TONY BANKS
Crystal Palace 6 Southend 1
RAY HOUGHTON has warned Palace's goal-crazy kids: "You ain't won nothing yet."

Dave Bassett's boys tore apart sorry Southend and chalked up their second six-goal blitz in successive Saturdays.

They have now scored 22 goals in their last five games and only conceded four. It has been a team effort too - those dozen goals have been banged in by seven different players.

Palace on their way to victory then he grabbed the second before limping off with a calf strain.

But he said: "I don't agree with that. I've started to take off. We're scoring goals, but we can play a lot better than this."

He stressed: "We can improve on our general play, I don't think it's up to scratch. If we mustn't get carried away. If we think we are going to beat everyone by those sort of scores we're going to get a shock."

Houghton admits he is excited in such a vibrant Premier League.

Yet the old head on the pitch warned: "There are some good players here. But they have got to learn about football and need to experience it against better players in the Premier League."

Then they will know how they feel. It is exciting.

but I'll reserve my judgement until we've played 20 games. Kevin Muscat began the rout with his third goal in as many games for Palace.

Then Houghton shot the second from Doug Freedman's reverse pass.

Bruce Dyer set up David Hopkin for the fourth before he Veart for the fourth himself.

Got on the scoreboard himself, smashing home Hopkin's cross. Freedman notched No.6, beating the ball gleefully home.

Williams grabbed from time goal nine minutes from the end.

SUN STAR MAN RAY HOUGHTON

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But agree - just in case Houghton's speech prompts

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Nationwide & beyond

A round up of events from the Premiership to non-league....

with Stephen Williamson

Good afternoon. The Mark Bosnich incident last Saturday made every back page, and a few front pages as well, and by the time you read this it is quite possible he will have been charged with bringing the game into disrepute. Whilst you can expect no normal man to go through life without showing fits of temper or frustration (or both) professional footballers at this level are on high salaries, and one of the prices that must be paid is to show reasonable self control. Whatever the provocation from the few idiots that are present in any crowd (not just football) sense should prevail - Eric Cantona had no right to do what he did at Selhurst a couple of years back and, although for obvious reasons I did not witness the Bosnich incident, I feel he was very, very silly to show his frustration at taunts in the way he did.

ULTRA HOT SEAT

The other footballing story of recent days as I write this piece was of course the Steve Coppell move to the ultra-hot seat at Maine Road. Steve served us proud for many years. Through no fault of his own (I personally still blame UEFA's decision not to allow Palace to take their earned European place at the end of 1990/91 season as the greatest single reason for the rot setting in) he lost his way a little towards the end of his managerial reign at Selhurst, but he proved his qualities time and time again. He will make no sudden and amazing impact at City, unless of course he adopts a completely different style to the one at Palace, but even if he doesn't make it this season, City will, I am sure, be back amongst the elite in a year or two - we all wish him well - except on January 11th next year!

RIVALRY

Assuming you have been a Palace supporter for more than three or four years, you will be aware of the 'rivalry' between Palace and Brighton. Whatever this rivalry means to any individual, I am sure almost every football fan must feel a little sad about the Seagulls' current plight which seems to have been brought about by ineptitude of directors and the local council. Brighton are currently rooted to the bottom of Division Three, show little signs of being able or willing to get out of the mess, and if they finish bottom and are groundless they can expect little sympathy from the Vauxhall Conference after the way their member clubs have been treated in recent seasons - quite simply Brighton could completely disappear or end up playing in the Sussex County League, and no true football fan would like to see any such demise - lest we forget it is only 13 years ago that Brighton got even closer than Palace did to beating the red menace at Wembley!

READY (AGAIN) EDDIE!

Back to Manchester City and it was interesting to note that, at the time of writing this article, Eddie McGoldrick was coming to the end of a loan period at Maine Road. Ex Eagle, and now Arsenal outcast, Eddie wants to remain at City and no doubt saw the Coppell arrival as a possible passport to that aim. After all, the two worked together at Selhurst Park from 1989 until 1993 when they left almost together. It will be interesting to see just whether Steve thinks enough of Eddie these days to make him a permanent fixture in Manchester.



SUSPECT PEDIGREE?

Another ex star is having trials with a Nationwide league club. Steve Hodge who starred for Tottenham, Notts Forest and England in the past is now having 'trials' with Second Division Bristol City. Trials at that level must be a strange experience for Steve at the age of thirty three, after all he has obtained twenty four England full caps and made around four hundred league appearances in a professional career which started way back in 1980. Could it possibly be that he is trying out Bristol City!!!

PICK OF THE BUNCH

The pick of this weekend's games takes place tomorrow when Manchester United, Newcastle, Liverpool and Everton parade their respective talents. Today the pick of Premiership games will probably be Villa against Leeds or Chelsea v Wimbledon. In our division the Norwich visit to Manchester City stands out, and one division down you can be certain that a big crowd will be out in force at Gillingham for the visit of Millwall. As for Brighton, it is a long and almost certainly fruitless trip to South Yorkshire and Doncaster, and in Scotland Rangers will be anxious to recover winning ways when they entertain Aberdeen at Ibrox.

AND FINALLY!

More Premiership shocks this week reveal that new Arsenal coach Arsene Wenger has stated that he may not buy a single new player until next year. When one thinks that an Arsenal boss was recently disposed of for apparently not bringing any new attractions to the marble halls, one begins to wonder just what is going on. Funny old game, isn't it!



Saturday, 19th October 1996

Arsenal v Coventry
Aston Villa v Leeds
Chelsea v Wimbledon
Middlesbrough v Tottenham
Nottingham Forest v Derby County
Sheffield Wednesday v Blackburn
Southampton v Sunderland
West Ham United v Leicester City

Sunday, October 20th

Liverpool v Everton
Newcastle v Manchester United



Saturday, 19th October 1996

Bradford v Barnsley
Charlton Athletic v Bolton Wanderers
Grimsby v West Bromwich Albion
Huddersfield Town v Southend United
Ipswich Town v Portsmouth
Manchester City v Norwich
Oldham Athletic v Reading
Stoke City v Sheffield United
Wolverhampton Wanderers v Port Vale

Sunday, October 20th

Tranmere Rovers v QPR



Saturday, 19th October 1996

Brentford v Walsall
Bristol Rovers v Blackpool
Burnley v Notts County
Bury v Watford
Chesterfield v Crewe
Gillingham v Millwall
Luton v Peterborough
Plymouth v Bristol City
Preston v Shrewsbury
Wrexham v Bournemouth
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York v Rotherham

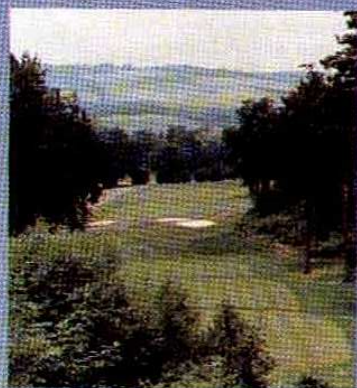


Saturday, 19th October 1996

Barnet v Hartlepool
Cambridge United v Rochdale
Carlisle v Cardiff
Chester v Exeter
Darlington v Mansfield Town
Doncaster Rovers v Brighton
Hereford v Leyton Orient
Hull v Fulham
Lincoln v Scarborough
Northampton v Colchester
Swansea v Scunthorpe
Wigan v Torquay



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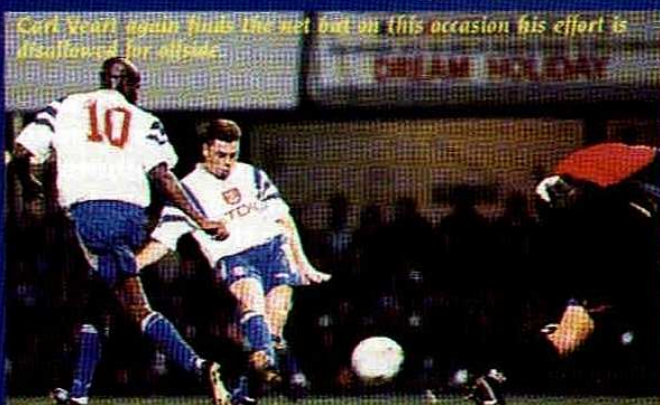
Attendance: 7,212

PORTSMOUTH: Flahavan, Perrett, Russell, McLoughlin, Butters, Awford, Carter, Simpson, Bradbury, Hall, Turner (Igoe).

PALACE: Nash, Edworthy, Muscat, Roberts, Tuttle (Rodger), Hopkin, Andersen, Quinn, Freedman, Dyer (Ndah), Veart.

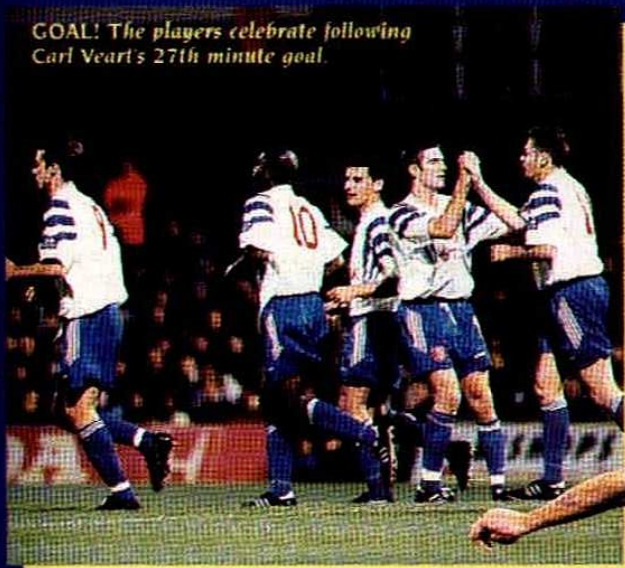
Match Facts:

Bookings: None. **Shots on target:** Portsmouth - 3, Palace - 6. **Free-kicks:** Portsmouth - 11, Palace - 12. **Corners:** Portsmouth - 3, Palace - 6.



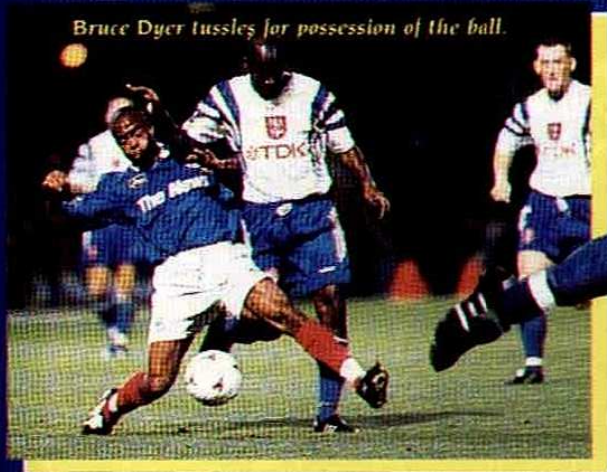
Carl Veart again finds the net but on this occasion his effort is disallowed for offside.

GOAL! The players celebrate following Carl Veart's 27th minute goal.

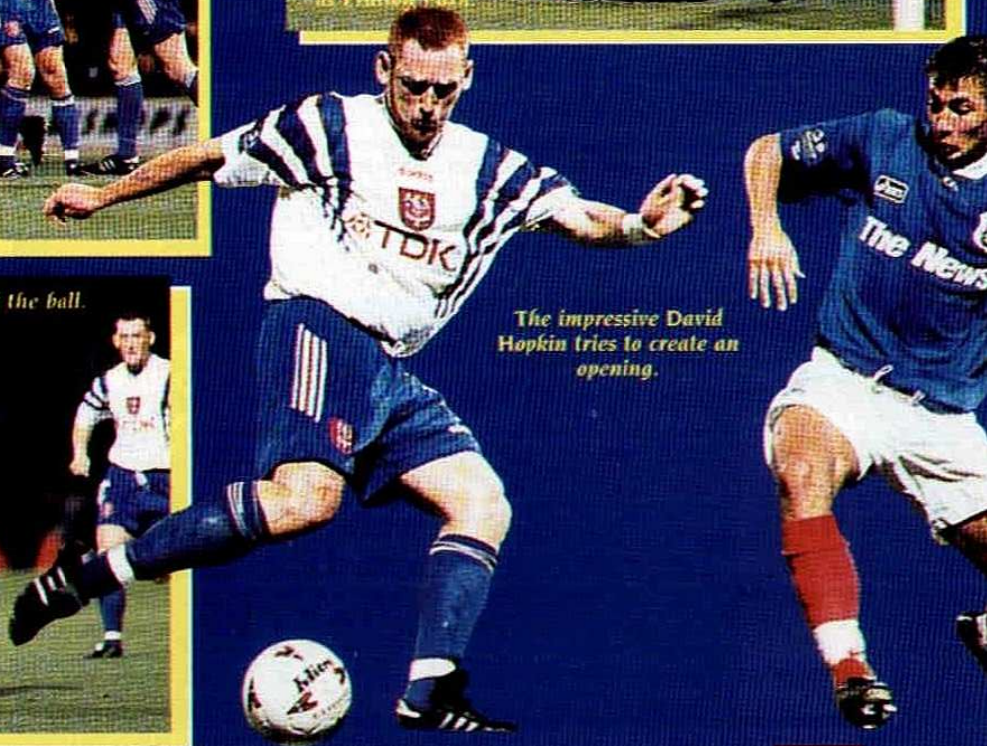


Dougie Freedman scores Palace's second goal in the draw as Fratton Rush.

Bruce Dyer tussles for possession of the ball.



The impressive David Hopkin tries to create an opening.



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Manga	4408	2022	
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2064	926	2870	
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Dear In the Post

What a good day out at Barnsley Football Club except for two things! Firstly that goal of George Ndah's which was a goal - well wasn't it? - I defy anybody to disagree with me and surely someone will at least show the ref a video of the incident so that he can become familiar with just what a good goal really looks like. It was also a pity for George because what he really needs now is a boost to his confidence and that goal could have been just that. As a member of the fairer sex, I was also amazed to see that Barnsley have still not rectified the situation of there only being one toilet available to us female away supporters. I am sure that in the fine new stand on the opposite side of the ground there are female facilities in abundance. Thankfully, as we shall be in the Premiership next season, we shall not have to queue for that little room at Oakwell in 1997/98, that is of course unless Barnsley also get promoted or draw us in the cup. If that happens, I will be sure to pop into the excellent Metro Centre just up the hill from the ground for an economical snack and use of their well appointed powder room just prior to kick off!

Mavis Logan
Erith
Kent

Editor's note: We shall send your letter to Barnsley F.C. and ask them to comment.

Dear In of the Post,

I refer to the official programme for Saturday, 24th August which I have just received from my son. I was most interested in the Palace Flashback Special. The photograph showing passengers en route to Reading included four people that I recognised. The woman third from the right was my sister, Jessie Hart, in front of her my nephew Peter Hart and kneeling on his right hand his father Don Hart. Coincidentally my sister's maiden name was Hart and therefore it didn't change on her marriage. The man second from left in the back row is I'm sure Tom Hutchinson, the coach driver, and therefore the coach would be on hire from Woodside Coaches. My nephew was born in 1941, therefore I believe the date to be about 1950 and not 1958. He lives these days in Hailsham. My sister died about three years ago. Members of my family have supported the 'Palace' from the 1940's and continue to do so. Many thanks for a nostalgic photograph.

Yours sincerely

HARRY J HART
WEST SUSSEX

The photograph we published in our programme against Oldham.



in off the post



Dear In off the Post,

I read that Dave Bassett reckoned scoring 22 goals in five games must be some sort of record. Well, you have to go back well over 60 years (to 1930) for our best five match run, which was 24. This was part of a run of 7 games in which we scored 33 goals (Peter Simpson netting 15 of them!). Later that same year we had a run of 22 in five games (another 15 for Simpson!). What IS a record though, is scoring 12 during two consecutive league games (home and away). We once scored 13 in two games (in 1935) but both were at home. Some interesting facts emerge when we look into these 'six or more' games. In league matches, we achieved it 15 times in the thirties, yet only once in the seventies and twice in the eighties (both against Birmingham!). Our two recent sixes are our first of the nineties and what is quite astonishing, they are the only two 6's in Palace's history where all six goals have been scored by different players. For the record, since joining the league in 1920/21, Palace have scored six or more 47 times, only six of which were in away games. The league/cup split has been 36/11. There have been thirty 6's, eleven 7's, four 8's, and we've had a couple of 9's. It's about time we got double figures!

John McBride
Wallington

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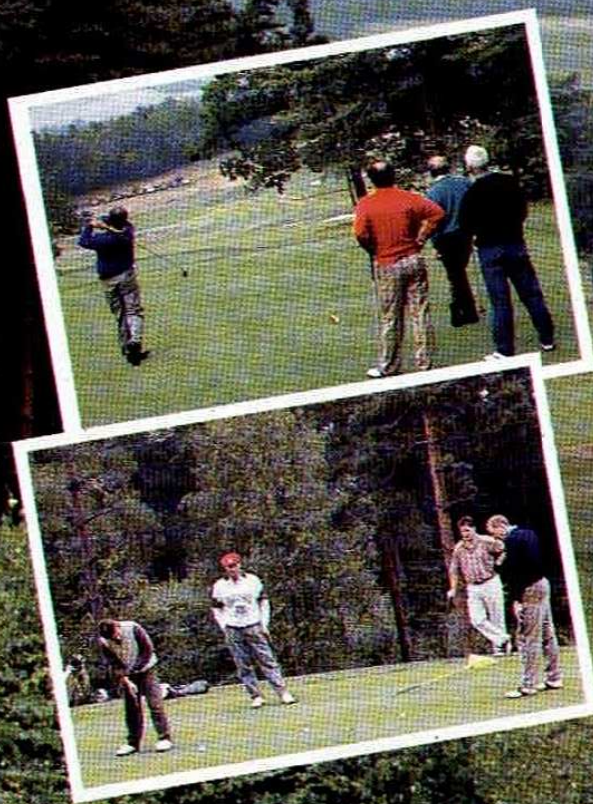
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EAGLES diary



SUN 29th SEPT

It is confirmed by Palace that David Tuttle cracked his nose in the game against Southend and is doubtful for the away match at Portsmouth on Tuesday. However, physio Gary Sadler reports no other new injuries apart from slight knocks and bruises. In the televised Nationwide League game, Port Vale and Bradford draw 1-1 in the Potteries. There are also two matches taking place in the Premiership, as Manchester United beat Tottenham at Old Trafford and West Ham lose 2-1 to leaders Liverpool at Upton Park. In Dublin, Per-Ulrik Johansson wins golf's Smurfit European Open.

MON 30th SEPT



Alan Smith

Further problems for Palace as skipper Ray Houghton pulls out of the squad for tomorrow's game at Portsmouth with a calf injury. David Tuttle is however included in the squad announced. Ex-Palace manager Alan Smith is relieved of his duties as manager of Wycombe Wanderers. Also out at Wycombe is another ex-Palace player and management team man, David Kemp. In the Premiership TV game, Newcastle United just manage to beat an Aston Villa side, reduced to ten men for a good part of the match, by four goals to three.

TUES 1st OCT

In the morning, it is announced that Palace have failed to get their weekend game against Sheffield United postponed, despite having three players involved at various levels of international matches. The first team include Robert Quinn in place of Ray Houghton in their line up for the game against Portsmouth at Fratton Park. After twice taking the lead, the match ends in a 2-2 draw with the goals coming from Carl Veart and

Dougie Freedman. After the match manager Dave Bassett criticises the Football League's decision to make Palace play that weekend game against Sheffield United.

WED 2nd OCT

The on-off situation with the home game against Sheffield United takes another twist, with Palace twice re-applying to the Football League to have the match called off. The first request is refused but the second is not answered today. On the field, Palace win 3-2 in the Avon Insurance Combination League Cup against Brighton and Hove Albion. Tony Scully makes his first appearance of the season, albeit from the substitutes' bench, and scores. The other two come from Jason Harris. Palace have a stand at the Croydon Business Show and report plenty of interest from the business community. Barry Williams is at Selhurst Park to finalise plans for the Golden Eagles Club A.G.M. to be held at the Fairfield Halls later in the month.

THURS 3rd OCT

Dougie Freedman is called into the Scottish full squad and Robert Quinn into the Republic of Ireland under-21's. Palace again appeal to the Football



Robert Quinn signs a 4-year contract

League to get the Sunday game against Sheffield United called off and this time the league agree. Robert Quinn is given a new four year contract at the club which will take him into the next millennium. The much heralded Faustino Asprilla complains about not being in the regular Newcastle side in an Italian radio interview, whilst another superstar ignored is Eric Cantona who is left out of the French squad once again by coach Aimé Jacquet.

FRI 4th OCT

The first team take a day off from training due to the postponement of Sunday's game against the Blades. Second year YTS trainee Gareth Graham is drafted in to the Northern Ireland under-18 squad, following some particularly impressive performances for Peter Nicholas' youth team. Tranmere and Portsmouth fight out a thrilling 4-3 game on Merseyside, with Italian Ivano Bonnetti scoring the winner for the home side seconds before the final whistle.

SAT 5th OCT

At Mitcham, coach Ray Lewington takes the first team training session in which he experiments with candidates for the sweeper's role, with Andy Roberts suspended for next weekend's game against Barnsley. Ray Houghton pulls out of the Republic of Ireland squad with a calf injury and hints that it may also keep him out of Palace action for a couple of games. In the Nationwide League Division One, the shock of the day is Reading winning against Wolves at Molineux. Grimsby beat Queens Park Rangers at Blundell Park as the problems pile up for the London club, whilst Oldham Athletic register their first victory of the season when they dispose of Port Vale 3-0. Away from football, an amazing scoreline is registered in Rugby League when Newcastle beat Rugby by 156 points to 5 in the Courage League Division Two.

SUN 6th OCT

Instead of hosting a Sky TV game, Selhurst Park is deserted and Palace fans who want to see some football have to make do with a Spanish match on satellite and cable. Steve Coppell spends his day in talks with both chairman Ron Noades and Manchester City, and at 4 pm he faxes Francis Lee to accept the position as manager at Maine Road. In France one of horse racing's biggest events, The Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe, is won by Helissio by five lengths, the biggest winning margin since 1965.

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Steve Kember comments on the Palace Reserve side...

For our home game against Wimbledon at Plough Lane we fielded a young side. Wimbledon were certainly more experienced and physically stronger than us but, in saying that, we did get off to a good start with a Simon Rodger goal after just four minutes, although it did come from a rather dubious free-kick. We then gave two bad goals away within the space of five minutes and that seemed to put Wimbledon in the driving seat. We were also unfortunate to lose both Gareth Davies and Simon Rodger in precautionary substitutions with both endeavouring to come back from injury. This really did not help the younger lads as it almost became men against boys. However, I do not regard this as an excuse as, if people are prepared to work hard, you do have half a chance. Unfortunately on this occasion some players were not willing to put in that work rate which disappointed me.

We won our first home League Cup game just over two weeks ago when we beat Brighton and Hove Albion by three goals to two. It was a slightly more encouraging performance and we fielded a few more players with experience. We included Australian trialist Jim Tsekini who made one or two

good runs in the first half and was a little unlucky not to have got himself amongst the scorers. The game also saw Tony Scully make his first appearance for me this season and it was he who scored our third. The first two had come from Jason Harris, but I honestly felt that both Jason and Leon McKenzie could easily have had more goals.

Despite the defeat at Portsmouth ten days ago, I have to say that I was well pleased with our performance. We showed commitment and worked hard creating a lot of good chances. If we had been three nil up at half time it would not have flattered us but we did unfortunately miss those opportunities. Regrettably Jason Harris was naive enough to get himself sent off in the first five minutes of the second half. I also had to take Simon Rodger off as he was needed for first team squad duties and these factors did make all the difference. Having said that, full marks to the lads for a fine show at Fratton.

We are certainly missing the type of players in midfield that I made use of last season such as Darren Pitcher and Damian Matthew. They did add a stability to the side that is perhaps lacking this season. However, as I write it is only the start of October and there are many matches and hopefully many good results to come.



Leon McKenzie - could have scored against Brighton.

reserve & Youth round-up



PETER NICHOLAS TAKES A LOOK AT THE PALACE YOUTH SCENE

The home league game against Brighton did present us with a few problems with the opposition made up almost entirely of second year boys. In the end I felt that we deserved to win with two good goals. The first was scored by Clinton Morrison who got on the end of a fine cross and then Hayden Mullins rounded two players and drilled the ball home from just inside the box to make it 2-0.

I have been very pleased with the progress of Hayden Mullins, apart from the game against Coventry at Plough Lane when he let himself down by being sent off. He has accepted the criticism and I am certain that he will now go on to become a very competent player.

Talking about Coventry, we went to Highfield Road for the replay of that Southern Junior Floodlit Cup game nearly three weeks ago and came away with a 3-1 victory, which now gives us a trip to Leyton Orient in the next round. Clinton Morrison got the opener at Coventry with an excellent strike. We conceded a sloppy goal early in the second half but Roscoe DSane again gave us the lead

with a well taken goal. We continued to battle tirelessly and it was totally deserved when Clinton Morrison got a third to finally kill off the Sky Blues. We had certainly been the better team over the two matches with City and it was indeed a great pity that the first encounter ended in such a fiasco, as we should have only needed the one opportunity to seal the tie.

Orient will be strong opposition in the next round but I am sure that we are capable of giving a good account of ourselves whenever the game is arranged.

In the subsequent South East Counties games against Tottenham and Brentford, we found the going a little tough. However, we did create our share of opportunities in both games but were unable to convert these chances into the goals that should really have followed. I am afraid that teams opposing us are now appearing to play with a nine man defence at times and this is just not easy to open up. Our lads have got to develop the technical skills to handle these situations if they are to again take the league title.



Hayden Mullins - making good progress.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES 1996/97

	Tot Pld	Home					Away					Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Crystal Palace	8	3	1	0	12	4	2	2	0	5	1	13
Luton Town	8	2	1	1	9	2	2	1	1	10	6	10
Swindon Town	8	2	1	1	14	6	2	1	1	6	5	10
Southampton	8	4	0	1	12	5	1	0	2	1	2	10
Oxford United	8	3	0	1	8	6	1	2	1	8	5	10
AFC Bournemouth	8	3	1	0	6	3	1	1	2	8	10	10
Wycombe Wanderers	8	3	0	2	10	9	1	1	1	2	2	9
Brighton	8	3	0	1	6	5	1	1	2	4	6	9
Tottenham Hotspur	8	2	1	1	5	2	1	1	2	2	4	8
Colchester United	8	2	2	0	10	5	1	0	3	3	8	8
Bristol City	8	0	3	1	4	5	1	1	2	4	5	6
Brentford	8	2	1	1	4	4	0	1	3	5	8	6
Bristol Rovers	8	2	0	2	8	11	1	0	3	5	11	6
Wimbledon	8	1	1	2	5	5	1	0	3	4	8	5
Reading	8	0	1	2	3	5	2	0	3	8	20	5
Barnet	8	1	0	2	2	3	0	1	4	5	17	3

Up to and including 18th October 1996

COMBINATION TABLE 1996/97

	Tot Pld	Home					Away					Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Ipswich	4	1	1	0	6	2	2	0	0	5	0	10
Tottenham Hotspur	3	2	0	0	8	1	1	0	0	3	1	9
Portsmouth	4	1	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	5	1	9
Swindon Town	4	2	0	1	4	4	1	0	0	4	1	9
Chelsea	4	1	1	0	4	2	1	1	0	3	2	8
Cardiff	4	1	1	0	3	2	1	1	0	2	1	8
Arsenal	3	2	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	1	1	7
Wimbledon	3	0	1	0	3	3	2	0	0	6	2	7
Millwall	4	1	0	1	7	4	1	0	1	4	4	6
Queens Park Rangers	4	2	0	0	7	0	0	0	2	1	6	6
Luton Town	4	1	0	1	3	3	1	0	1	2	1	6
Watford	4	2	0	0	6	4	0	0	2	1	8	6
Oxford United	4	1	0	1	4	2	0	1	1	4	7	4
West Ham United	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	3
Bristol City	4	1	0	1	5	3	0	0	2	1	4	3
Norwich	4	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	0	4	4	3
AFC Bournemouth	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	7	3
Brighton	4	0	2	0	6	6	0	0	2	3	6	2
Southampton	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	4	1
Swansea City	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	1
Crystal Palace	4	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	2	0	6	1
Bristol Rovers	4	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	2	0	10	1
Charlton	3	0	0	2	2	7	0	0	1	1	6	0

Up to and including 14th October 96

Youth IN Focus

Name: Andrew Martin
Position: Centre Forward
Date of Birth: 28/2/80
Place of Birth: Cardiff

Striker Andrew Martin is a Welsh youngster hoping to make it to the top in the English game. Citing the great Rui Costa and Alan Shearer as role models, the young forward bases his game on his height, his speed and consistency, and will hope to feature regularly on the youth team scoresheet this season.

Andrew attended Corpus Christi School, where he predictably excelled in PE. Spotted by Palace scout Peter Miles at the age of 13 while playing for Cardiff, he has since represented Wales at both Under 15 and Under 16 level. Like all his new team-mates, it is his ambition to stay in football and have a successful professional career – making this season the most important in his life.



A closet Newcastle fan, Andrew's current role is boot cleaner to Ray Houghton and Carl Veart – a humble beginning to what could be a long and lucrative career, hopefully in the stripes of Palace, rather than in those of the Magpies. Indeed, the Toon connection will have Palace fans hoping that the club have a new Paul Gascoigne on their books, an idea supported by the youngster citing his favourite TV programme as 'Men Behaving Badly', and his favourite food as curry. However, the image slips somewhat with the news that the young man's favourite drink is orange juice – something not generally associated with the Rangers star.

Youth team boss Peter Nicholas has high hopes for the youngster, and is looking forward to having him as a central part of the team. "I've been after a big centre forward for a long time and now I've got one". Whatever the future holds for young Andrew, he will be hoping for more success at Selhurst Park than the club's last tall Welsh striker.

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FIXTURE CHANGE

The home reserve game against Chelsea, scheduled for Tuesday 22nd October at Plough Lane, has been put back 24 hours and will now be played on Wednesday 23rd October, kick off 2.00pm.

Statistics



FIXTURES 1996/97

Wed 28 Aug	SOUTHAMPTON (L/C)	H
Mon 2 Sept	WEST HAM UNITED	H
Wed 11 Sept	A.F.C. B'mouth (L/C)	A
Mon 16 Sept	QPR	A
Tue 24 Sept	WIMBLEDON	H
Wed 2 Oct	BRIGHTON & HOVE (L/C)	H
Wed 9 Oct	Portsmouth	A
Wed 23 Oct	CHELSEA	H
Tue 5 Nov	BRISTOL CITY	H
Mon 11 Nov	Swindon Town	A
Tue 26 Nov	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H
Tue 3 Dec	WIMBLEDON (L/C)	H
Wed 11 Dec	Charlton Athletic	A
Tue 17 Dec	LUTON TOWN	H
Wed 8 Jan	Oxford United	A
Tue 21 Jan	SWANSEA CITY	H
Wed 5 Feb	Bristol Rovers	A
Tue 11 Feb	CARDIFF CITY	H
Wed 26 Feb	Ipswich Town	A
Wed 5 Mar	Portsmouth (L/C)	A
Tue 11 Mar	BRIGHTON & HOVE	H
Sat 15 Mar	Arsenal	A
Tue 25 Mar	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	H
Wed 9 Apr	Southampton	A
Tues 15 Apr	WATFORD	H
Wed 23 Apr	Norwich City	A
Tue 29 Apr	Millwall	A

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

FIXTURES 1996/97

Sat 17th Aug	Colchester	A
Sat 24th Aug	BARNET	H
Sat 31st Aug	Southampton	A
Sat 7th Sep	BOURNEMOUTH	H
Sat 14th Sep	Ipswich Town (L/C)	A
Tues 17th Sep	Coventry (SJFC1)	H
Sat 21st Sep	Luton Town	A
Sat 28th Sep	BRIGHTON	H
Mon 30th Sep	Coventry (SJFC1 rep)	A
Sat 5th Oct	Tottenham	A
Sat 12th Oct	BRENTFORD	H
Sat 26th Oct	Oxford United	A
Sat 2nd Nov	BRISTOL CITY	H
Tue 5th Nov	Leyton Orient (SJFC 2)	A
Sat 9th Nov	Swindon Town	A
Sat 16th Nov	BRISTOL ROVERS	H
Sat 30th Nov	Wimbledon	A
Sat 7th Dec	READING	H
Sat 14th Dec	WYCOMBE	H
Sat 21st Dec	COLCHESTER	H
Sat 4th Jan	Wycombe	A
Sat 11th Jan	SOUTHAMPTON	H
Sat 18th Jan	Bournemouth	A
Sat 25th Jan	LUTON TOWN	H
Sat 1st Feb	Barnet	A
Sat 8th Feb	Brighton & Hove A.	A
Sat 15th Feb	TOTTENHAM	H
Sat 22nd Feb	Brentford	A
Sat 1st Mar	OXFORD UNITED	H
Sat 8th Mar	Bristol City	A
Sat 15th Mar	Bristol Rovers	A
Sat 22nd Mar	SWINDON TOWN	H
Sat 5th Apr	WIMBLEDON	H
Sat 12th Apr	Reading	A

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Nash	Ginty	Cyrus	Davies	Mullins	Burton	Parry	Ndah	Lunsman	Rodger	McKenzie	Wales	Clarke	Harris
Nash	Wales	Cyrus	Davies	Thomson	Burton	Ginty	McKenzie	Lunsman	Rodger	Harris	Jones	Sears	Parry
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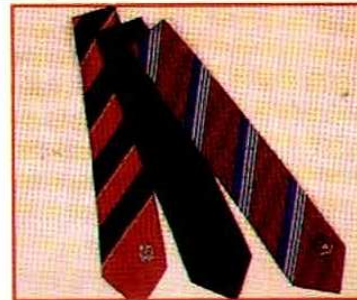
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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

A STATISTICAL REVIEW...



ATTENDANCES

ENGLISH LEAGUES -1996/97

Up to and including Thursday, October 17th

First Division	Played	Total	Average	Highest v	Lowest v	1995/96 Av
Barnsley	7	66,362	9,480	QPR 13,003	Oxf 6,337	8,118
Birmingham	6	112,856	18,809	Bra 25,157	Ips 15,664	18,097
Bolton	7	103,604	14,801	Mnc 18,257	Gri 12,448	18,822
Bradford	6	61,580	10,263	Bol 12,034	Swi 9,249	5,708
Charlton	4	41,148	10,287	Old 12,178	Sou 8,497	11,201
Crystal Palace	5	74,408	14,882	Mnc 18,205	Ips 12,978	15,248
Grimsby	6	31,604	5,267	Wol 7,910	Swi 4,089	5,865
Huddersfield	6	64,735	10,789	Cha 11,858	Tra 10,181	13,150
Ipswich	5	49,789	9,958	Hud 10,661	Bar 9,041	12,596
Manchester C	4	108,310	27,078	Ips 29,126	Cha 25,963	27,868
Norwich	7	103,120	14,731	Ips 20,256	Old 12,271	14,580
Oldham	6	39,591	6,599	Sto 8,021	Ips 5,339	6,626
Oxford	5	35,246	7,049	Pom 7,626	Bra 6,334	5,866
Port Vale	7	55,359	7,908	Sto 14,393	Cpl 4,522	8,217
Portsmouth	7	48,303	6,900	Nor 7,511	Sou 5,579	9,407
QPR	7	85,244	12,178	Mnc 16,265	Bra 7,776	15,682
Reading	6	55,649	9,275	Mnc 11,724	Gri 6,656	8,917
Sheffield Utd	6	93,190	15,532	Mnc 20,867	Bra 12,591	12,894
Southend	7	29,346	4,192	Wol 5,550	Gri 3,305	5,915
Stoke	4	55,721	13,930	Mnc 21,116	Hud 9,147	12,279
Swindon	7	61,133	8,733	Oxf 10,811	Hud 7,724	10,039
Tranmere	6	38,897	6,483	Bir 8,548	Oxf 4,577	7,861
West Bromwich	6	99,435	16,573	Wol 20,711	Rea 13,096	15,123
Wolverhampton	6	145,913	24,319	Bol 26,540	Cha 21,072	24,785
TOTALS First	143	1,660,543	11,612			11,881
				Highest Team Att	Lowest Team Att	
Premier	90	2,519,296	27,992	Mnu 55,128	Wim 8,572	27,550
Second	155	856,150	5,524	Bur 13,599	Shr 2,042	5,109
Third	154	474,878	3,084	Nor 6,171	Har 1,310	3,555
GRAND TOTALS	542	5,510,867	10,168			10,713

Note: Calculations are mostly based on attendances as first published.

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GOALS - Average per match

Division	Goals	Matches	Average	Av 1995/96
Premier	224	90	2.49	2.60
First	369	143	2.58	2.57
Second	383	155	2.47	2.56
Third	353	154	2.29	2.44
TOTAL	1329	542	2.45	2.54

(Up to and including 17th October 1996)



LEADING FIRST DIVISION SCORERS

League only

BLAKE	Bolton Wdrs	9
BULL S.	Wolves	8
SHERON	Stoke City	8
ALDRIDGE	Tranmere Rovers	7
HOPKIN D	Crystal Palace	6
MCGINLAY	Bolton Wdrs	6
MENDONCA	Grimsby Town	6
EADIE	Norwich City	5
FREEDMAN	Crystal Palace	5
HUNT	WBA	5
JEMSON	Oxford United	5
LIDDELL	Barnsley	5
MORLEY	Reading	5
STEWART	Huddersfield	5
WALKER	Sheffield United	5

Up to and including October 17th, 1996



Crystal Palace v Swindon Town

Previous meetings

League Games

Season	Home	Away	Division
1920-21	W 1-0	W 3-1	3
1925-26	W 1-0	L 1-3	3(S)
1926-27	W 5-0	L 1-6	3(S)
1927-28	W 1-0	D 3-3	3(S)
1928-29	W 6-1	L 2-3	3(S)
1929-30	W 1-0	L 1-3	3(S)
1930-31	W 3-1	D 4-4	3(S)
1931-32	D 0-0	L 2-3	3(S)
1932-33	W 4-3	L 0-1	3(S)
1933-34	D 0-0	L 2-3	3(S)
1934-35	W 7-0	D 1-1	3(S)
1935-36	W 5-1	W 2-0	3(S)
1936-37	W 2-0	L 0-4	3(S)
1937-38	L 0-1	L 0-4	3(S)
1938-39	D 1-1	D 2-2	3(S)
1946-47	W 4-1	L 0-1	3(S)
1947-48	D 1-1	D 0-0	3(S)
1948-49	D 1-1	L 0-1	3(S)
1949-50	D 2-2	L 2-4	3(S)
1950-51	W 2-0	L 0-2	3(S)
1951-52	L 0-1	W 2-0	3(S)
1952-53	W 3-0	W 6-3	3(S)
1953-54	W 3-2	D 1-1	3(S)
1954-55	D 0-0	D 0-0	3(S)
1955-56	L 0-2	D 0-0	3(S)
1956-57	D 0-0	L 1-3	3(S)
1957-58	W 4-1	D 0-0	3(S)
1961-62	W 3-1	L 0-5	3
1962-63	D 0-0	L 0-1	3
1964-65	W 3-1	L 0-2	2
1973-74	W 4-2	W 1-0	3
1974-75	W 6-2	D 1-1	3
1975-76	D 3-3	W 2-1	3
1976-77	W 5-0	D 1-1	3
1987-88	W 2-1	D 2-2	2
1988-89*	W 2-1	L 0-1	2

Summary

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	36	23	10	3	85	30
Away	36	6	12	18	43	70
Total	72	29	22	21	128	100

CUP GAMES

(Football Association, Football League, Full Members)

Season	Home	Away	Cup	Round
1909-10	L 1-3		FA	1
1923-24	L 1-2		FA	3
1927-28	L 1-2	D 0-0	FA	2
1954-55	W 2-0	W 2-0	FA	1
1988-89*	W 2-0	W 2-1	FL	2
1989-90	W 1-0		FM	SF(5th)
1991-92		W 1-0	FL	4

Summary

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	5	2	0	3	6	7
Away	4	3	1	0	5	1
Total	9	5	1	3	11	8

Overall Meetings

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	41	25	10	6	91	37
Away	40	9	13	16	48	71
Total	81	34	23	24	139	108

*In addition to the four games shown above, there were two more in the league play-offs. Palace lost away 0-1 and won at home 2-0.

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CLUBS

BARNLEY
BIRMINGHAM
BOLTON
BRADFORD
CHARLTON
CRYSTAL PALACE
GRIMSBY
HUDDERSFIELD
IPSWICH
MANCHESTER CITY
NORWICH CITY
OLDHAM
OXFORD
PORT VALE
PORTSMOUTH
QPR
READING
SHEFFIELD U.
SOUTHEND
STOKE
SWINDON
TRANMERE
WEST BROM
WOLVES

RESULT SEQUENCES

(Home results in bold type)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Barnley	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	L	D	D	D	D	D
Birmingham	W	D	L	D	W	L	D	L	W	W	W	W	W
Bolton	D	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	D	W	W	W	W
Bradford	W	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	D	W	D	L	L
Charlton	L	D	L	L	W	W	L	W	L	L	L	L	L
Crystal Palace	L	W	D	D	D	D	W	W	W	D	D	W	W
Grimsby	L	L	D	L	W	L	D	L	W	L	W	D	L
Huddersfield	W	L	D	W	L	W	L	W	W	D	L	L	L
Ipswich	L	W	D	D	L	D	W	W	D	D	L	L	L
Manchester City	W	L	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	D	L	L	L
Norwich City	W	L	W	W	D	D	D	W	D	W	W	W	W
Oldham	L	L	L	D	L	D	L	L	L	D	W	L	L
Oxford	L	W	L	L	L	D	W	W	D	L	D	L	D
Port Vale	D	D	L	W	D	L	D	D	D	W	L	D	L
Portsmouth	L	L	W	W	D	W	L	L	D	L	L	W	L
QPR	W	W	D	L	L	D	W	D	D	L	L	D	W
Reading	W	L	L	D	W	L	L	L	L	W	D	W	W
Sheffield U.	L	D	W	W	L	W	W	L	D	W	D	W	W
Southend	D	L	L	L	W	L	D	D	L	W	D	D	W
Stoke	W	W	W	D	L	L	W	D	D	W	D	W	W
Swindon	L	D	W	W	L	L	W	D	L	L	W	W	W
Tranmere	D	W	W	L	W	W	L	D	D	W	D	L	L
West Brom	L	D	D	W	W	L	W	D	D	D	L	L	L
Wolves	W	W	D	L	W	D	W	L	W	L	L	D	W

LEAGUE POSITIONS

	Sept	Oct
1	11	22
2	1	2
3	1	2
4	1	2
5	1	2
6	1	2
7	1	2
8	1	2
9	1	2
10	1	2
11	1	2
12	1	2
13	1	2

TOP SEQUENCES

Unbeaten 11x C. Palace
Wins 5 Barnsley
Defeats 4 Bradford, Reading
Draws 4 C. Palace
Without a win 10 Oldham
Without a draw 9 Man City
Clean Sheets 7 Norwich
Failed to Score 8 Bradford
Biggest home win
Swindon 6 Huddersfield 0
Crystal Palace 6 Southend 1
Bolton 6 Grimsby 1
Biggest away win
Reading 1 Crystal Palace 6
Highest Aggregate
Sheffield United 4 Birmingham 4

X CURRENT SEQUENCE

Plus:-
Clean Sheets 7 Norwich
Failed to Score 8 Bradford
Biggest home win
Swindon 6 Huddersfield 0
Crystal Palace 6 Southend 1
Bolton 6 Grimsby 1
Biggest away win
Reading 1 Crystal Palace 6
Highest Aggregate
Sheffield United 4 Birmingham 4

(Up to and including October 17th)

Goals SCORED (Best/worst per division) (17.10.96)

BEST				WORST		
Divn	Team	Gls	Pld	Team	Gls	Pld
Prem	Arsenal/Man Utd	19	9	Coventry	4	9
1st	Bolton	28	12	Charlton	7	10
2nd	Brentford	26	13	Chesterfield Notts Co.	10	13
3rd	Fulham/Scarboro	23	13	Mansfield	9	13

Goals CONCEDED (Best/worst per division) (17.10.96)

BEST				WORST		
Divn	Team	Gls	Pld	Team	Gls	Pld
Prem	Man Utd	6	9	Nottm. Forest	16	9
1st	Norwich	6	10	Grimsby	23	11
2nd	Chesterfield Bristol Rovers	10	13	Peterborough Rotherham	23	13
3rd	Leyton Orient	8	13	Swansea	24	13

The First Division at a glance 96/97

RESULTS and FIXTURE DATES



AWAY

	Barnley	Birmingham City	Bolton Wanderers	Bradford City	Charlton Athletic	CRYSTAL PALACE	Grimsby Town	Huddersfield Town	Ipswich Town	Manchester City	Norwich City	Oldham Athletic	Oxford United	Port Vale	Portsmouth	Queens Park Rangers	Reading	Sheffield United	Southend United	Stoke City	Swindon Town	Tranmere Rovers	West Bromwich Albion	Wolverhampton Wanderers
Barnley		0504	2510	2604	1204	0-0	1-3	3-1	1801	2812	0911	0101	0-0	0802	2311	1-3	3-0	1203	0712	3-0	0403	1412	2903	2202
Birmingham City	TBA		0911	3-0	3103	1-0	0712	1204	1-0	0101	2610	0-0	2610	2202	0802	0-0	1801	2203	0803	3-1	2311	2812	1412	0403
Bolton Wanderers	3011	0102		0-0	2604	1611	6-1	0211	1412	1-0	3-1	3-1	2903	2903	2-0	0504	2910	1502	2812	1-1	0803	1-0	0103	1801
Bradford City	1901	1904	2-4		1502	2910	0803	0102	1611	0803	0-2	0211	1101	2801	3-1	0405	1412	2612	0-0	3103	2-1	1-0	3011	2203
Charlton Athletic	TBA	TBA	1901	2311		0803	0911	2903	0101	0504	2202	1-0	2610	1412	1904	0403	1-0	0405	2-0	1801	0712	0802	1-1	2812
CRYSTAL PALACE	1904	2903	0403	0802	2112		2610	0504	0-0	3-1	1503	3-1	0712	0405	1811	1011	0101	TBA	6-1	2812	1910	2202	0-0	2311
Grimsby Town	2801	0103	2612	2112	0102	3011		1503	3103	1503	1-4	2910	0-2	1101	0-1	2-0	1904	0311	0405	1611	2-1	2203	1910	1-3
Huddersfield Town	2203	3-0	2202	0811	2-0	1-1	2311		2812	1801	0712	3-2	0403	2610	1503	2112	1-0	3103	1910	0101	0405	0-1	1904	0802
Ipswich Town	1-1	0405	1503	0403	2-1	2612	1-1	1-3		2903	1904	0504	2202	2311	1910	0802	5-2	1101	0911	2112	TBA	2610	2801	0712
Manchester City	1-2	1-0	3103	0712	2-1	1101	1412	1911	1-0		1910	0803	0911	2612	0503	1904	0405	2901	0802	2203	2202	2311	TBA	2710
Norwich City	0102	3011	2203	2812	0211	1412	1801	0103	3-1	2604		2-0	3103	0803	0101	1-1	1611	3010	0-0	1204	2-0	1-1	1502	1-0
Oldham Athletic	0-1	2612	1904	2202	2801	2203	0802	1101	3-3	2112	0405		2311	3-0	0911	0712	1910	0-2	2610	1-2	3103	0403	1-1	1503
Oxford United	0405	1801	TBA	2-0	3011	0103	0101	1611	0211	0102	0-1	1502		0504	2-0	2903	2812	1412	5-0	2910	1904	1801	0803	1-1
Port Vale	2910	0211	1-1	1-1	1503	0-2	1-1	3011	1502	0-2	2112	1204	2-0		2812	1801	0103	1611	0101	1-1	2203	3103	0102	2604
Portsmouth	1502	2910	1101	2903	2-0	2-2	0504	1412	2604	1611	0-1	0102	2801	1-1		1-2	0803	0103	1-0	3011	2612	1204	0211	0-2
Queens Park Rangers	1101	2901	1-2	1-0	1611	0102	1204	0803	3010	2-2	2612	0103	2-1	1-2	2203		1502	3011	1412	0211	1-1	2604	0-2	3103
Reading	3103	TBA	0802	1503	1101	1-6	1-1	2801	2203	2-0	0403	2604	2-0	0712	2112	2311		1-0	2202	2-2	2610	0911	2612	1204
Sheffield United	2112	4-4	2311	3-0	3-0	1204	2202	TBA	1-3	2-0	0802	2812	1503	0403	0712	2610	2903		1801	2604	0911	0-0	0504	0101
Southend United	0103	2112	5-2	1204	2612	2801	1-0	2604	0102	2910	1101	3011	2203	0-0	3103	1503	0211	3-2		1502	1-3	1-1	1611	1-1
Stoke City	2612	1101	2901	1-0	TBA	2-2	0503	3-2	0803	2-1	TBA	2903	0802	1904	2610	2202	0504	1910	2311		1412	0712	1412	0911
Swindon Town	1611	1502	2112	1811	0103	2604	2812	6-0	1204	0211	2903	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	0101	3011	0102	0504	1503		2-1	3010	1-2
Tranmere Rovers	1503	1-0	0405	0504	2910	0211	3-2	2612	3011	1502	2801	1611	0-0	2-0	4-3	2010	0102	1904	2903	0103	1101		2-3	2112
West Bromwich Albion	1-2	1503	0712	2610	2203	3103	2604	1-1	0-0	1204	2311	1801	2112	0911	2202	2812	3-2	TBA	0403	0-2	0802	0101		2-4
Wolverhampton Wanderers	0211	1611	1-2	1-0	1-0	1502	2903	3010	0103	3011	0504	1412	2612	1910	0405	1-1	0-1	1-2	1904	0102	2911	9803	1103	

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First Division Table 96/97

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bolton Wanderers	12	6	1	0	17	4	3	1	1	11	10	29
Norwich City	12	4	3	0	10	3	4	0	1	9	4	27
Crystal Palace	12	3	2	0	12	3	2	4	1	13	7	21
Wolverhampton Wanderers	13	2	1	3	5	6	4	2	1	13	7	21
Barnsley	11	3	2	2	11	7	3	1	0	6	3	21
Stoke City	11	3	1	0	8	5	2	3	2	9	11	19
Tranmere Rovers	13	4	1	1	12	8	1	3	3	4	6	19
Sheffield United	10	3	2	1	13	7	2	0	2	6	5	17
Swindon Town	12	4	1	2	12	5	1	1	3	6	8	17
Huddersfield Town	11	4	1	1	10	4	1	1	3	7	14	17
Queens Park Rangers	13	2	2	3	8	10	2	3	1	7	6	17
Oxford United	12	3	1	1	10	2	1	2	4	3	7	15
Birmingham City	10	4	2	0	8	1	0	1	3	4	9	15
Ipswich Town	12	2	2	1	10	8	1	3	3	7	9	14
West Bromwich Albion	11	1	2	3	7	11	2	3	0	7	4	14
Reading	12	3	2	1	9	9	1	0	5	5	13	14
Portsmouth	13	2	2	3	7	8	2	0	4	6	11	14
Southend United	13	3	3	1	12	9	0	2	4	1	14	14
Manchester City	11	3	0	1	5	3	1	1	5	6	12	13
Port Vale	13	1	4	2	6	8	1	3	2	4	8	13
Grimsby Town	13	2	0	4	6	11	1	3	3	9	14	12
Bradford City	13	3	1	2	8	8	0	1	6	1	12	11
Charlton Athletic	10	3	1	0	5	1	0	0	6	2	12	10
Oldham Athletic	13	1	2	3	8	9	0	1	6	4	13	6

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CRYSTAL PALACE APPEARANCES AND GOALS - SEASON 1996/97

Player	D.O.B.	Signed From	League Apps	Goals	Cup Apps	Goals	CP Career Apps	Goals
Lail Anderson	19.4.71	Moss FK 15.1.96	9 (3)	1	2	-	27	1
Danny Buxall	24.3.77	Tranmere 18.4.95	4 (2)	-	- (1)	-	8	0
Sagil Burton	25.11.77	Tranmere 25.1.96	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andrew Cynis	30.9.76	Tranmere 6.9.95	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garth Davies	11.12.73	Hereford 1.7.95	-	-	-	-	22	2
Chris Day	26.7.75	Tottenham 6.8.96	8	-	1	-	9	0
Bruce Dyer	13.4.75	Watford 9.3.94	-	10	4	1 (1)	87	20
Marc Edworthy	24.12.72	Plymouth 26.5.95	12	-	2	1	67	1
Bjorn Enqvist	12.10.77	Malmö 8.2.95	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tom Evans	31.12.76	Sheff Utd 14.6.96	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anthony Folan	18.9.78	Tranmere 22.8.95	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dougie Freedman	21.5.74	Barnet 8.9.95	12	5	1 (1)	1	58	26
Rory Ginty	23.1.77	Tranmere 14.11.94	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dean Gordon	10.2.73	Tranmere 1.7.91	-	-	-	-	163	18
Jason Harris	24.11.78	Tranmere 3.7.95	-	- (2)	-	- (1)	3	0
David Hopkins	21.8.70	Chelsea 18.7.95	10 (2)	6	1	2	61	20
Ray Houghton	9.1.82	A Villa 23.3.95	8 (1)	1	2	-	71	8
Leon McKenzie	17.5.78	Tranmere 6.10.95	1 (4)	-	-	-	22	1
Bobby Milnes	12.10.63	Non contract 28.8.96	1	-	-	-	1	0
Kevin Muscat	7.8.73	South Melbourne 15.6.96	12	2	2	1	14	3
Carlo Nash	13.9.73	Gillingham 31.5.96	3	1	1	-	4	0
George Ntsh	23.12.74	Tranmere 17.8.92	2 (8)	-	1 (1)	-	79	8
David Parry	12.3.78	Tranmere 28.3.95	-	-	-	-	-	-
Darren Pitcher	12.10.69	Charlton 1.7.94	-	3	-	-	83	2
Robert Quinn	8.11.76	Tranmere 13.3.95	7 (2)	-	2	1	15	1
Andy Roberts	20.3.74	Millwall 18.7.95	11	1	2	-	80	2
Simon Rodger	3.10.71	Tranmere 17.9.90	-	2 (1)	-	-	142	9
Anthony Scully	12.8.76	Tranmere 1.12.93	- (1)	-	-	-	3	0
Stephen Thompson	23.1.78	Tranmere 12.12.95	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paul Trapp	3.6.72	Loan 10.10.96	-	- (2)	-	-	2	-
David Tuttle	6.2.72	Sheff Utd 7.3.96	12	1	2	-	27	2
Carl Veart	21.5.70	Sheff Utd 7.3.96	11 (1)	3	2	1	29	5
Jamie Vincent	18.8.75	New Bournemouth	-	-	-	-	29	1
Danny Wales	17.11.77	Tranmere 5.4.96	-	-	-	-	-	-

Premier Division Table 96/97

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Newcastle United	9	3	0	1	9	6	4	0	1	6	4	21
Arsenal	9	3	1	0	11	4	3	1	1	8	4	20
Liverpool	9	3	1	0	9	2	3	1	1	9	5	20
Manchester United	9	3	2	0	11	5	2	2	0	8	1	19
Wimbledon	9	4	0	1	12	6	2	0	2	4	3	18
Chelsea	9	2	2	0	5	2	2	2	1	9	9	16
Sheffield Wednesday	9	2	1	1	4	4	2	0	3	7	11	13
Middlesbrough	9	2	1	1	11	6	1	2	2	5	9	12
Aston Villa	9	2	2	0	5	2	1	1	3	6	8	12
Everton	9	3	0	2	7	4	0	3	1	3	7	12
Tottenham Hotspur	9	1	2	2	4	6	2	0	2	3	3	11
Leicester City	9	2	0	3	4	9	1	2	1	3	3	11
Sunderland	9	1	3	1	4	4	1	1	2	4	4	10
Derby County	9	1	2	2	5	7	1	2	1	3	4	10
Leeds United	9	2	0	3	3	7	1	1	2	5	6	10
West Ham United	9	1	1	2	4	6	1	1	3	4	8	8
Nottingham Forest	9	0	2	2	2	7	1	2	2	7	9	7
Southampton	9	1	2	1	6	3	0	1	4	5	10	6
Coventry City	9	1	2	2	3	6	0	1	3	1	8	6
Blackburn Rovers	9	0	1	4	2	8	0	2	2	3	5	3

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statistics

Date	Opponents	FA
Sun 18 Aug	Birmingham City	L 0-1
Sat 24 Aug	Oldham Athletic	W 3-1
Tue 27 Aug	West Bromwich Albion	D 0-0
Sat 31 Aug	Huddersfield Town	D 1-1
Sat 7 Sept	Stoke City	D 2-2
Tue 10 Sept	Ipswich Town	D 0-0
Sat 14 Sept	Manchester City	W 3-1
Sat 21 Sept	Reading	W 6-1
Sat 28 Sept	Southend United	W 6-1
Tue 1 Oct	Portsmouth	D 2-2
Sat 12 Oct	Barnsley	D 0-0
Wed 16 Oct	Port Vale	W 2-0
Sat 19 Oct	Swindon Town	
Sat 26 Oct	Grimsby Town	
Tue 29 Oct	Bradford City	
Sat 2 Nov	Tranmere Rovers	
Sun 10 Nov	Queens Park Rangers	
Sat 16 Nov	Bolton Wanderers	
Tue 19 Nov	Sheffield United	
Sat 23 Nov	Wolverhampton Wanderers	
Sat 30 Nov	Grimsby Town	
Sat 7 Dec	Oxford United	
Sat 14 Dec	Norwich City	
Sat 21 Dec	Charlton Athletic	
Thu 26 Dec	Ipswich Town	
Sat 28 Dec	Stoke City	
Wed 1 Jan	Reading	
Sat 11 Jan	Manchester City	
Sat 18 Jan	Portsmouth	
Tue 28 Jan	Southend United	
Sat 1 Feb	Queens Park Rangers	
Sat 8 Feb	Bradford City	
Sat 15 Feb	Wolverhampton Wanderers	
Sat 22 Feb	Tranmere Rovers	
Sat 1 Mar	Oxford United	
Tue 4 Mar	Bolton Wanderers	
Sat 8 Mar	Charlton Athletic	
Sat 15 Mar	Norwich City	
Sat 22 Mar	Oldham Athletic	
Sat 29 Mar	Birmingham City	
Mon 31 Mar	West Bromwich Albion	
Sat 5 Apr	Huddersfield Town	
Sat 12 Apr	Sheffield United	
Sat 19 Apr	Barnsley	
Sat 26 Apr	Swindon Town	
Sun 4 May	Port Vale	

COCA COLA CUP

Tue 17 Sept	Bury (2nd rnd, 1st leg)	W 3-1
Tue 24 Sept	Bury (2nd rnd, 2nd leg)	W 4-0
Tue 22 Oct	Ipswich (3rd rnd)	(Home match)

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Crowd

18,765	Day	Boxall ▲	Muscat	Roberts	Tuttle	Edworthy	Quinn ●	Houghton	Freedman	Dyer	Veart ■	Andersen ▲	Hopkin ●	Ndah ■
13,675	Day	Edworthy	Muscat	Roberts	Tuttle	Hopkin ²	Pitcher ▲	Boxall	Freedman ●	Dyer ¹	Veart ■	Houghton ●	Quinn ▲	Ndah ■
14,328	Day	Edworthy	Muscat	Roberts	Tuttle	Hopkin	Pitcher	Quinn	Freedman	Dyer ■	Ndah ●	Veart ■	McKenzie ●	Boxall
11,166	Mimms	Edworthy	Muscat	Roberts	Tuttle	Hopkin	Pitcher ●	Quinn	Freedman ¹	McKenzie ■	Veart	Ndah ■	Boxall ●	Burton
13,540	Day	Edworthy	Muscat	Roberts	Tuttle	Hopkin ¹	Boxall ●	Houghton	Freedman ¹	Dyer	Veart	Ndah ■	Andersen ●	McKenzie
12,978	Day	Edworthy	Muscat	Roberts	Tuttle	Hopkin	Boxall ■	Houghton	Freedman	Dyer ▲	Veart ●	Ndah ●	Andersen ■	McKenzie ▲
18,205	Day	Edworthy ■	Muscat	Roberts	Tuttle	Hopkin ²	Andersen ¹	Houghton	Freedman	Dyer ●	Veart	Boxall ■	Ndah ●	Harris
9,675	Nash	Edworthy	Muscat ¹	Roberts ■	Tuttle ¹	Hopkin	Andersen	Houghton ■	Freedman ●	Dyer ▲	Veart ¹	Quinn ■	Harris ●	Ndah ▲ ¹
15,222	Nash	Edworthy	Muscat ¹	Roberts	Tuttle ●	Quinn	Andersen	Houghton ■	Freedman ¹	Dyer ▲	Veart ¹	Ndah ■	Hopkin ¹	Harris ▲
7,212	Nash	Edworthy	Muscat	Roberts	Tuttle ●	Hopkin	Andersen	Quinn	Freedman ¹	Dyer ■	Veart ¹	Ndah ■	Harris	Rodger ●
9,183	Day	Edworthy	Muscat	Quinn	Tuttle	Hopkin	Andersen ■	Rodger	Freedman ●	Ndah ▲	Veart	Trollope ■	Scully ●	McKenzie ▲
4,522	Day	Edworthy	Muscat	Roberts ¹	Tuttle	Hopkin	Quinn	Rodger ■	Freedman	Dyer ● ¹	Veart	Trollope ■	McKenzie ●	Andersen

KEY: ▲ = Corresponding symbols show player substituted and his replacement. ■ = Red figures denote goal and number of goals scored. * = denotes player sent off.

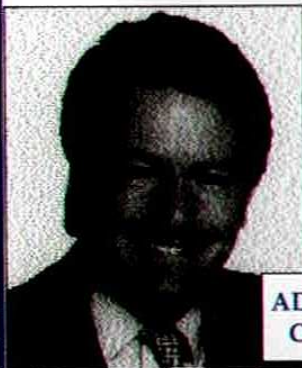
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3,317	Day	Edworthy ¹	Muscat	Roberts	Tuttle	Hopkin ²	Andersen	Houghton	Quinn	Dyer ●	Veart ■	Freedman ■	Boxall	Ndah ●
5,417	Nash	Edworthy	Muscat ¹	Roberts	Tuttle	Quinn ¹	Andersen ■	Houghton ●	Freedman ¹	Ndah	Veart ¹ ▲	Boxall ■	Harris ●	Dyer ▲

In bold type)

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. BRENTFORD, 2. DARIO GRADI, 3. ANDY GRAY, 4. THEY MERGED TO BECOME SPARTANS, WHO LATER BECAME SWINDON TOWN, 5. BERT HEAD/DON ROGERS, 6. JOHN TROLLOPE, 7. PORTSMOUTH, 8. CHELSEA, 9. THEY DIDN'T, 10. POLO, 11. ROWING (CLOGS ARE THE FOOT GRIPS), 12. DAVID BROOME, 13. SALVATION ARMY, 14. THE GENERAL SYNOD, 15. BOB MONKHOUSE.

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Andy Roberts	4	Scott Leitch
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David Hopkin	6	Ian Culverhouse
Robert Quinn	7	Mark Walters
Simon Rodger	8	Frederic Darras
Dougie Freedman	9	Peter Thorne
Bruce Dyer	10	Wayne Allison
Carl Veart	11	Kevin Horlock
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