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The  News

Firstly, a very Merry Christmas welcome to everyone for our Boxing Day game against Swindon Town in what looks like a highly entertaining Nationwide League Division One fixture this afternoon.

While everyone else has been enjoying the seasonal festivities, the players and staff here at Fratton Park have been going about their work as normal - with so many games in such a short period our "Christmas" must come later.

There is a considerable strain on everyone within the game, with 5 games in 15 days and with the inevitable knocks and injuries that players will pick up it's essential that clubs have an "in depth" squad.

We are lucky that we have, I believe, a quality squad with players that I can utilise in several positions to cover almost every eventuality. There is no doubt that any team putting a run of results together over this period can move dramatically up the table and play an important part in the promotion stakes for the rest of the season.

We started off last



Manager
Terry Fenwick

Saturday with an away game at Reading. Although we came away with a point in a 0-0 draw, we had enough chances, especially in the first half to have settled the match. We had four one-on-one situations and didn't take any of them. On the positive side it's pleasing that we were creating the chances - if we weren't it would be very worrying, but we have to learn to be more ruthless and make our opportunities count.

Today we entertain the "Robins" from Swindon and we extend a welcome to their Manager Steve McMahon, their

players, officials and any travelling fans. Having been promoted as Second Division champions last season the men from the County Ground have started well in their first season back.

They are a well organised side and will be seeking to stop us recording our first double of the season this afternoon, after our win over them in September. Our games against them are normally very entertaining and hopefully today's game will be in the same vein.

We want to continue our home run to set us up for our two away games at Port Vale and Norwich and also for our important F.A. Cup tie at Wolves. I'm sure if we can pick up points on "the road" as well as continue our home form then that will set us up nicely for a promotion push in the New Year.

Enjoy the action, keep up those Pompey Chimes and a very Happy New Year to you all!

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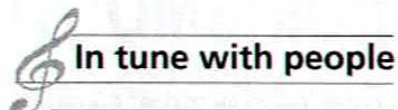


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Sullivan on the warpath

It seems that the Christmas spirit has left Birmingham owner David Sullivan this year. He's unhappy with Mike Newell because the player wants to leave after only joining the club in the summer.

Sullivan said: "This is a joke. Newell is a greedy young man who wants things all his own way. He is acting like a petulant young child".

Ouch! It doesn't look like Newell was at the top of his Christmas card list then. Sullivan didn't stop there though. After his summer acquisition has only made ten appearances and scored three goals, you may feel criticism is justified.

"If he and his wife can't settle down here in Birmingham then fair enough, but he has to be willing to make sacrifices to move.

"It's not exactly like Emerson, whose family live 6,000 miles away. We paid a lot of money for Newell and expect him to perform for us. Instead he's made it quite clear that he won't do his best".

I don't know, Blackburn is quite far from Birmingham. Anyway, Sullivan's outburst came after Newell had turned down a £500,000 move to Bolton due to a £2,000 cut in his wages.

Beagrie is back

He might as well be called Houdini as nobody has seen him on a football pitch for ages. Even his manager Phil Neal had forgotten about him. Now the man in question, Peter Beagrie, is back from injury and he is looking for his first game since October 1995.

Phil Neal joked: "I wondered if Peter had been working out with lord Lucan. It is so long since anything has been heard of him".

The 31-year-old joined Manchester City from Everton in 1994 for £1.1milion. Since then he has managed to play in only 42 games. He has now recovered from his serious knee injury.

Neal continued: "He is now jogging again, which is an important stage in his recuperation. If he comes through this without breaking down, he will be able to move on to the next stage".

Beagrie's return might prove vital for City, as their ailing fortunes in Division One show little sign of improving.

What's it Brawl about?

The 22 man brawl at Carrow Road certainly grabbed the headlines recently. If you forgot, there was a game of football between Norwich and Crystal Palace as well. Needless to say though, the fight and not the football was in the news.

At first, Palace manager Dave Bassett joked: "If it had been Wimbledon there would have been ambulances and they would all have been in the infirmary!" It all started after Kevin Muscat's challenge on Norwich's Darren Eadie and eventually the referee sent off Muscat and Ray Houghton.

Eadie explains: "I was clean though and Muscat blocked me, then Houghton grabbed me round the neck and that's when it all started. In the end it was chaos, with everyone getting involved. We weren't going to lie down and get rolled over. We had to stick up for ourselves".

As the post-match verbal battle seemed to be getting as bad as the on-the-pitch activities, the man of many words, Dave Bassett, spoke forth his mind to settle the issue.

"Don't get carried away by a few players pushing each other. There was no assault and battery out there. No smashed up people being carted off with fractured cheek bones and busted noses.

"I think managers should be held responsible for these incidents. If we're charged with the conduct of our players these things would soon be eradicated".

A bench at the Riverside or Barnsley

As you sit in your plastic blue seat this afternoon, it has cost you at least £10 for the privilege. Barnsley's John Hendrie also had the option of sitting on a bench for money this season but he would have been the one getting paid. The thing is though, he chose first team football in Yorkshire to sitting around at the Riverside stadium watching Middlesbrough play. In hindsight, his decision looks a pretty good one at the moment.

The 33-year-old striker said: "It was either a case of coming here or sitting on the bench at Riverside. You can earn quite a few bob just doing that. I was getting good bonuses just for doing nothing.

"My biggest consideration was playing again. I simply couldn't stand another wasted year. Moving to Barnsley was all about playing, not money".

As usual though (and everybody is doing it), the player thought he had better tag on a line about his team's promotion prospects. "Nobody expects us to go up, but if we keep believing in ourselves, we can do it". Funny how everyone else in Division One is saying the same thing.

Whelan toughing it out

Ronnie Whelan had the glory with Liverpool but now he seems to be getting the other side of the football coin as Southend United continue to struggle in Division One.

Many Pompey fans will have little sympathy for him after his lucky goal in the FA Cup semi final nearly five years ago now. Ronnie seems to be lacking confidence in his men at the moment and optimism doesn't seem to be a word used much at Roots Hall.

"We're up against the cheque book. It's a league within a league" replied Whelan after QPR thrashed Southend 4-0 recently. "How much did they pay for John Spencer? £2.5milion? You could have bought our whole squad for that. I'd be lucky to have £2.50 to spend".

"The other clubs can afford to mop up decent players but we'll have to rely on an awful lot of free transfers. The division is so tight that you can do well on the back of a few wins. But at the moment, I just can't see where the wins are going to come from".

Southend aren't the only side in trouble at the bottom. As the middle of the table gets even tighter, Grimsby, Bradford and Oldham all seem to be in similar positions at the foot of the table as the season moved into its Christmas programme of matches.

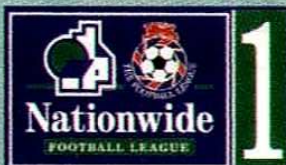
FA Cup freebie for Wolves fans

Here's an interesting fact. Did you know that it is now five years since we went all the way to the semi-final of the FA Cup? I'd say it's about time we repeated that amazing cup run, although we've got a tough start in the trip to Wolves.

Meanwhile at Molineux they are not happy chaps as they are going to have to let in around 16,000 fans for free (we're not that bad, are we?).

Due to the club raising season ticket prices this season, they offered fans free entry to two cup ties. The scheme has backfired though after Wolves' miserable failure in the Coca-Cola cup. Fans are still entitled to see one cup tie for free and it's the FA Cup Third Round tie against us they will see.

A gate of around 24,000 is expected for the game with Pompey but there will only be around 8,000 paying supporters on the day.



Sedgley is planning for the Premiership

Ipswich Town's Steve Sedgley is waiting for a move back to the Premiership - because he misses the crowds and the glamour.

"I'm desperate to play top level again. I didn't realise I would miss big crowds and the glamour games so much".

Steve continued: "I get envious when I watch the Premiership on the box. The whole atmosphere seems to add so much to the occasion".

After turning down a new contract, hard-up Ipswich will soon have to decide whether they can afford the £3,000 a week wages of Sedgley or let him leave on a free transfer at the end of the season. Steve is growing impatient though.

"All I keep hearing is that the club are skint. So I haven't a clue what they're going to do. They offered me an extra two years on my contract but on the same money. I turned it down and have heard nothing since. I want something sorted soon. I'm desperate to play at the top level again".

The Bosman ruling might play a part in Sedgley's future as well. He said: "I might move abroad as playing on the continent also appeals to me a great deal. I'd love to give it a try".

It's.. TRIVIA TIME

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TRUE or FALSE?

1. Bryan Robson scored after just 8 seconds against Yugoslavia in 1989.

2. Geoff Hurst scored 37 hat-tricks during his career.

3. Billy McNeill was appointed Celtic manager in 1978 and again in 1987.

4. Graeme Souness was sacked from Galatasary for allegedly planting a flag in the middle of the pitch in the Turkish Cup Final.

WHO'S TROPHY CABINET?

Which club has lifted the following trophies?

FA Cup: 1898, 1959

Anglo Scottish Cup: 1977

Division 1 Championship: 1977/78

Division 2 Championship: 1906/07, 1921/22

Division 3S Championship: 1950/51

League Cup:

1978, 1979, 1989, 1990

European Cup: 1979, 1980

Simod Cup: 1989

ZDS Cup: 1992

? QUICK QUIZ?

1. From which country do the clubs Lens, Martigues and Nice hail?
2. Who were the first runners-up of the League Cup?
3. In which City do Scottish side Caledonian Thistle play?
4. How many times have Leeds United won the FA Cup?
5. Which Chelsea defender was named in the England U-21 squad for this summer's Toulon Tournament?
6. Which club is nicknamed The Spirelites?

IN WHICH YEAR DID...?

Wolves win the League, Bolton win the FA Cup, Hearts win the Scottish League while Clyde won the Scottish Cup, the UEFA Cup begin (as the Inter Cities Fairs Cup) and Celtic beat Rangers 7-1 in the Scottish League Cup Final?

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SPOT THE GROUND

Was originally a test match cricket ground. Held the first ever recorded floodlit match in 1878, with a crowd four times larger than that year's FA Cup Final. Hosted cricket and football until 1973 when Yorkshire played their final County match there.

Unfortunately upon the completion of the new stand which was built on the former cricket pitch, the club found themselves in Division Four.

'Norm & Ec'

by Norman Hood



FAME AT LAST, NORM!
AS NUMBER ONE SUPPORTER,
THE CLUB HAVE PROMISED
TO NAME A STAND
AFTER ME !!



MATCH REPORT
SPORTS TRUMPET!



Answers

QUICK QUIZ: 1. France; 2. Rotherham United; 3. Inverness; 4. Once, in 1972; 5. Michael Duberry; 6. Chesterfield Town.
WHO'S TROPHY CABINET?: Nottingham Forest
TRUE OR FALSE?: 1. False, it was after 38 seconds; 2. True; 3. True; 4. True
IN WHICH YEAR: 1968.
SPOT THE GROUND: Bramall Lane, Sheffield United.

**Hi everyone,
Well, the momentum's
really going now sup-
porters have a name at
which to direct their
views ...**

I plan to use this page to provide a cross-section of the comments coming in thick and fast from Pompey fans.

First up is Malcolm Lawrence from Godalming in Surrey who came up with lots of welcome ideas to improve the club's profile and income and our relationship with the fans. He writes: 'The club must understand that the vast majority of fans offer their opinions because they care about PFC and are offering what they feel is constructive comment.'

Absolutely, Malcolm.

He adds: 'It would be good to know the sort of feedback that your initiative has generated. Maybe a quick note in the programme ...' Well that's easily answered - a regular slot to give fans just that.

Another bone of contention we've been able to address comes from local supporter David Betts from Copnor. He complained of a poor view in row A of the family section in the South Stand. He writes: 'This position gives you a superb view of



**Press & Public
Relations Manager**

Colleen Jordan

a wall and a cross-section of the Fratton turf.'

He suggests: 'If you sell tickets there, sell them at a reduced price or inform the buyer that the view will be restricted.'

We've decided not to issue tickets for row A for general matches and if a match is a sell-out, they will be sold as a last resort and at a cheaper price with a warning of the restricted view.

And finally, Locks Heath supporter Clark Davies suggests an improvement in availability and promotion of Pompey merchandise.

He writes:

'I would like the club to produce a proper catalogue

of all the merchandise on sale in the club shop with photos of what each item looks like.'

He also asks if the shop could open later on reserve match nights. Pompey's newly-appointed merchandising manager Dave Morton is happy to reply. 'I'm changing the range and will be producing a 24-page brochure for next season. Meanwhile I've just put together a flyer with pictures of players in the gear and a price list which will be available from the new year onwards.

'And the shop does open later on the nights the reserve team is playing - up to the kick-off at 7.00pm. 'I have lots of ideas and I am working towards offering supporters a better service and an improved product.'

These are just a few of your points and the action we're taking. Keep those letters rolling and here's wishing us all a Happy and Prosperous New Year and second half of the season ... Yours,

Colleen Jordan

Colleen Jordan
Press & Public Relations
Manager.

Pompey rolled out the red carpet for pensioner Fred Evans after hearing how he fell victim to two young thugs as he cycled home from Fratton Park.

The 71-year-old season ticket holder from Old Portsmouth enjoyed Christmas lunch in the VIP lounge, chatted with players and had a bird's eye view of his team's 3-1 victory over Huddersfield.

Fred, a retired engineer who cycles to every game, said: 'It was a wonderful day and really made up for what happened after the Stoke match.

'You could have old people queuing up to be mugged if this is how the club treats them afterwards...'



Youth Team Talk

South East Counties League. Pompey Youth 1 Chelsea Youth 3 Saturday 7th December 1996.

It was up and over the hill to a new home for Pompey's youngsters - HMS Dryad at Southwick, but Larry May's team never really recovered from conceding two early goals to a physically strong Chelsea side. Pompey fell behind after only five minutes as Clement got away down the left to square a pass to Sheron who made no mistake from 8 yards. Minutes later it was two as Sheron latched onto a pass in the Pompey area to be upended by Rees. The referee immediately awarded a penalty which Clement thumped past Neil Guile. Pompey came to life and were unlucky as Marc Burrows nipped through to be brought down from behind, but the referee ignored strong appeals for a penalty. Chelsea must have considered themselves fortunate as efforts from Pompey's Nicky Wyatt and Michael Nelson somehow missed the target. After Nelson had seen a shot come back into play from the Chelsea crossbar, Pompey deservedly were back in with a chance. A quickly taken free kick by Nathan Jukes from just outside the box fell to Rees who stabbed it past the advancing 'keeper. As the second half got under way, Pompey again were unlucky as Aaron Cook helped a ball to Wyatt, who, could only shoot

straight at the 'keeper. Pompey swarmed forward looking for the equaliser with Adam Williams and Wyatt going close, but Chelsea broke and Harley chased what appeared to be a lost cause before swirling in a cross beyond Guile to give Sheron the easiest of chances to slot home the killer goal. Pompey Youth: Guile Jukes Cook Wright Rees Porter Williams Wyatt Nelson Karimzadeh and Burrows. Subs: Sargent Goodban and Waterman.

South East Counties League. Fulham Youth 0 Pompey Youth 2 Saturday 14th December 1996.

Pompey, bottom of the league table, were entertained by the team from Craven Cottage, currently enjoying a midtable position. When league positions are so important, the spirit of giving at Christmas does not enter the equation, as Pompey took all the points with two fine goals from Nicky Wyatt and Marc Burrows. However, but for several fine saves by Pompey 'keeper Neil Guile the result could have been different. Fulham threatened from the start as Townsend got in behind the defence to drop a shot over Guile who somehow managed to touch the ball over for a corner. Pompey took the lead as the corner was hacked clear and away up the field, where Wyatt latched on to it and set off on a long run before touching the ball past the advancing 'keeper into the net. After Michael Nelson and Burrows had gone close to extending the lead, Fulham got their act together, but Guile twice saved bravely at the feet of Jennings. As the half came to a close, Pompey should have gone further ahead as Gavin Rees and Burrows engineered a move that got Matt Goodban in, but with the goal at his mercy, he shot wildly over. Pompey took control in the second half and with skipper Danny Porter, Aaron Cook and Nelson holding the defence well, and Nathan Jukes and David Wright probing away in mid-field, Fulham could find no way through. Burrows was giving his marker a torrid time along the line and eased past him again to set up Wyatt who shot over from 12 yards. Still Pompey came forward looking for the killer goal and a ferocious volley from Nelson was turned aside by the home 'keeper. Then Burrows wriggled free again to be upended on the edge of the box. Jukes clipped the free kick to the far post where Nelson turned a shot wide. Pompey's pressure finally paid off with a second goal just before the final whistle. Wright paid a major part, intercepting a ball in mid-field and sending an inch-perfect pass into the path of Burrows who shot beyond the 'keeper into the far corner of the net.

Pompey Youth: Guile Rees Cook Wright Nelson Porter Burrows Jukes Groves Wyatt and Goodban. Subs: Waterman McDonald and Sargent.



Marc Burrows

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Steve Sargent

South East Counties 1996/97 Season

Sat	Aug 17	Watford	H	1-4
Sat	Aug 24	QPR	A	1-0
Fri	Aug 28	Brentford	H	2-0
Sat	Aug 31	Millwall	A	3-1
Sat	Sep 7	Tottenham Hotspur	H	0-3
Sat	Sep 14	Swindon Town	A	3-0
Sat	Sep 21	Charlton Athletic	A	1-2
Sat	Sep 28	Arsenal	H	0-2
Sat	Oct 5	Southend United	A	2-0
Sat	Oct 12	Ipswich Town	A	3-6
Sat	Oct 19	Watford	A	2-3
Sat	Oct 26	Gillingham	A	1-1
Sat	Nov 2	West Ham Utd	H	0-2
Sat	Nov 9	Norwich City	A	2-3
Sat	Nov 16	Leyton Orient	H	2-2
Sat	Nov 23	Leyton Orient	A	1-1
Sat	Nov 30	Cambridge Utd	A	2-3
Sat	Dec 7	Chelsea	H	1-3
Sat	Dec 14	Fulham	A	2-0
Sat	Dec 21	Watford	A	1-2
Sat	Jan 4	Fulham	H	
Sat	Jan 11	Millwall	H	
Sat	Jan 18	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
Sat	Jan 25	Charlton Athletic	H	
Sat	Feb 1	QPR	H	
Sat	Feb 8	Arsenal	A	
Sat	Feb 15	Southend	H	
Sat	Feb 22	Ipswich Town	H	
Sat	Mar 1	Gillingham	H	
Sat	Mar 8	West Ham Utd	A	
Sat	Mar 15	Leyton Orient	A	
Sat	Mar 22	Norwich City	H	
Sat	Mar 5	Cambridge Utd	H	
Sat	Mar 12	Chelsea	A	

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY YOUTH LEAGUE.

It was cup duty on Sunday 9th December 1996 when the Pompey U'16 side were away at Locksheath and came away winners by four goals to nil. They went in at the interval with a one goal lead and must thank their 'keeper for making a superb point blank save just after the team had gone ahead. In the second half, Pompey got to grips with the game and wrapped it up with three good strikes following good team build ups. In the next round, Pompey entertain the Saints, a report of which will appear in the next home programme. Back to league action and the halfway stage was reached when the team were away at Clanfield. Leading by two goals to nil at the interval, Pompey rattled in a further six in the second half. Sadly, the game was marred with Clanfield having eight players booked for foul play, two of which were ordered off, including the 'keeper. Pompey kept their cool and did not retaliate and only one player was booked for foolishly kicking the ball away. So, of the twenty league games to play this season, Pompey have reached the halfway stage having won all their games. P10 - W10 - Pts - 30! Congratulations must be in order to the players and the training staff, not forgetting the Mums and Dads who come to the games and get behind the team.

**Avon Insurance Combination League.
Portsmouth Res 2 Ipswich Town Res 1
Wednesday 11th December 1996.**

Pompey are still in striking distance of the table leaders after winning comfortably, albeit by a single goal margin. The two Pompey goals were quality efforts, the first by Deon Burton after 22 minutes and then new striker Mathias Svensson, making his Fratton debut, headed in midway through the second half, with Ipswich pulling a goal back after 80 minutes through an Adam Tanner penalty. Pompey opened the game brightly as Alan McLoughlin dropped a free kick just over, which was followed by a good move between the two Danny's, Hinshelwood and Barker, ending with David Hillier letting go a shot from 25 yards that cleared the bar. After Burton had gone close with a long range effort, Pompey eased ahead. Burton picked the ball up just inside the visitors half, skipped past two desperate tackles and let fly from 30 yards and his shot whizzed into the net via a post and beyond the 'keeper. Svensson was next in the action with a cheeky back-heel pass getting in Hillier for a shot that the 'keeper saved with difficulty. Minutes later, Andy Awford limped out of the action to be replaced by Jon Hawley. Pompey's Adam Williams was causing a lot of trouble out wide on the left and a cross from the youngster was met at the far post by Barker who brought a fine save from the 'keeper. Ipswich were getting no change from a hard working Pompey defence and as the half ended, Svensson was unfortunate to see a shot booted off the line. As the second half got underway, Ipswich so nearly got level when a pass from Hawley was intercepted and Bell was away, but Knight was quickly out to smother his shot. Minutes later, Knight was in the action again, getting down to save a free kick that came at him through a tangle of legs. Ipswich took the upper hand and only two more fine saves from Knight maintained Pompey's lead. Back came Pompey and went further ahead as Hillier got away wide on the right to pull a low cross into the 6 yard area. Svensson met it at full length with his blond head to bury the ball into the back of the net before 'keeper Hollman could move. Svensson had clearly done enough and was then replaced by Scott Bundy after 75 minutes. Burton and Barker engineered a move that got McLoughlin in for a shot, but off balance, he shot over. Ipswich rallied briefly and were back in with a chance as Hawley was adjudged to have fouled Jean in the area. Tanner beat Knight from the resultant penalty to pull a goal back. Pompey so nearly found themselves pegged level but Knight just managed to block the path of Jean from stabbing an equaliser.



Deon Burton



Mathias Svensson

As the game came to a close, Bundy superbly turned his defender, but his shot on goal lacked pace. Then good play between substitute Mark Thompson and Burton released

Bundy into space in the Ipswich area, but he lost his footing and the chance was gone.

Pompey Res: Knight Hinshelwood Russell McLoughlin Awford Rees Barker Hillier Svensson Burton and Williams. Subs: Hawley Bundy and Thompson.

Match reports for the visit of the Reserves to Brighton & Hove Albion on 18th December and friendly match at Salisbury on 20th December 1996 will appear in the programme on 11th January 1997 when the first team meet Bolton Wanderers.

In the beginning - Season 1899/1900.

Pompey Reserves had a very easy Christmas in that very first season with just one game on 23rd December, losing to Ryde on the Isle of Wight 4-1 in the Hampshire League. The newspaper report of all those years ago show that Pompey played the whole game with just ten men. No reason can be found to explain this, perhaps the eleventh man missed the boat! On Christmas Day 1899, the first team played a Southern League match at Tottenham Hotspur and were beaten by three goals to nil. However, on Boxing Day, 8,000 fans were at Fratton Park to see Pompey beat Bedminster by two goals to nil. The match report speaks of the 'jovial crowd supporting the team in foul weather conditions when they could be at home in front of the coal fire'. It really does show that even in that very first season, Pompey came first to many folk. Seasonal greetings to you all before dashing home to your centrally heated homes and live football on Sky TV!



Wed Sep 4	Charlton Athletic	A	3-1
Wed Sep 11	Southampton (LC)	A	1-3
Wed Sep 18	Luton Town	H	0-2
Wed Oct 2	Oxford United	A	2-0
Wed Oct 9	Crystal Palace	H	2-0
Wed Oct 16	Wimbledon (LC)	A	1-1
Sat Oct 19	Tottenham Hotspur	H	0-3
Mon Oct 21	Swindon Town	A	0-2
Wed Nov 6	Swansea City	A	0-2
Wed Nov 13	Bristol Rovers	H	2-0
Wed Nov 27	Cardiff City	A	2-0
Wed Dec 11	Ipswich Town	H	2-1
Wed Dec 18	Brighton & Hove A.	A	2-2
Wed Jan 8	Arsenal	H	7.00
Wed Jan 15	AFC Bournemouth	A	7.30
Wed Jan 22	Southampton	H	7.00
Wed Jan 29	Brighton & Hove A. (LC)	A	2.00
Tue Feb 4	Watford	A	7.30
Wed Feb 12	Norwich City	H	7.00
Mon Feb 24	Chelsea	A	7.00
Wed Mar 5	Crystal Palace (LC)	H	7.00
Wed Mar 12	Millwall	H	7.00
Tue Mar 18	West Ham Utd	A	2.00
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Fact File

David Hillier

Full names: David Hillier.
Date of birth: 19th December 1969.
Birthplace: Woolwich.

Fiancee: Zoe.

Family: Amy, 15 months.

Nickname: "Hills".

Three most prized possessions: My daughter, my League Championship medal, my first-ever medal at age 6 in a London 5-a-side youth tournament.

Best moment in career:

Winning League Championship medal at Highbury.

Worst moment in career: Being injured and missing playing in European Cup-Winners Cup Final for Arsenal.

Most admired players:

Glen Hoddle, Bryan Robson (their talents combined make the complete player).

Favourite other teams:

Arsenal and Millwall.

Pet hates in football: Players who dive, players who feign injury, pre-season training.

Biggest career influences: Pat Rice and George Graham at Highbury, the late Eddie Heath, formerly youth development officer at Charlton, and my Dad.

Favourite holiday destination: Florida.

Boyhood hero:

Derek Hales for Charlton, who I supported as a boy.

Best friends in football:

Wayne Burnett (Huddersfield) my neighbour, Kevin Campbell and Ian Wright.

Who makes you laugh? Harry Enfield, Eddie Murphy, John Durnin.

Favourite music:

Swing-beat, any 80s music.

Alternative occupations: Golfer, or working in information technology.

Favourite food: Pasta, with anything except fish.

Favourite drink: Jack Daniels and Coke (special occasions), Mineral water (in training).



David Hillier

Autograph

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Swindon Town

THEIR PLAYERS

GOALKEEPER FRASER DIGBY

Born: Sheffield 23.04.67

Tall, elegant keeper with a safe pair of hands Fraser served his apprenticeship at Old Trafford but was not given a first team opportunity. In December 1986 the Robins paid £32,500 for him and he was so impressive that he gained England U21 honours to add to his schoolboy and youth caps. He has now made over 400 senior appearances for Town and has played twice at Wembley in the Play-off finals and this year celebrates his testimonial season.

DEFENDERS IAN CULVERHOUSE

Born: Bishops Cleeve 22.09.64.

A cultured defender who was a polished fullback with Norwich City and excels in the role of sweeper. Ian is a product of the Tottenham Hotspur youth policy. Played only one senior game for Spurs, at Notts County 21.2.84, before joining Norwich City for £50,000 in October 1985. Played some 369 games for the Canaries and was outstanding in their first European campaign. Norwich wanted £900,000 for his transfer at the end of December 1994 but a Football League tribunal set the fee at £250,000. He was included in the PFA Second Division representative team last season.

FREDERIC DARRAS

Born: Calais 19.08.66

Signed a three year contract on the 8th August 1996 from French Club, Bastia. Frederic spent 11 years with French double winners Auxerre before moving to Bastia. He represented France at Under 18 and 21 level and has made no fewer than 19 European Cup appearances, including a quarter final tie against Fiorentina.

KEVIN HORLOCK

Born: Plumstead 01.11.72

A current member of the Northern Ireland squad, Kevin has proved a great asset to the team since arriving from West Ham United on a free transfer, in the summer of 1992. Made his League bow in a 3-1 defeat at Portsmouth in 1992, when he replaced the injured Paul Bodin at fullback. Kevin joined the Hammers from school and scored 11 goals from left back for their Youth Team in 1990-91. A good tackler and striker of the ball he demonstrated his scoring ability at senior level last season by netting (16 goals, 12 in the

League), including his first League hat-trick at Bristol Rovers on September 16th 1995. Has always been a good passer of the ball and with his ball winning skills has slotted well into midfield.

MARK ROBINSON

Born: Rochdale 21.11.68.

Joined the apprentice ranks at West Bromwich Albion on leaving school in June 1985 and made his League debut against Sheffield Wednesday on April 22nd 1986. He was not offered a professional contract by the Throstles, but was however recruited by Barnsley. Was given his chance with an extended first team run in 1989 and such was his form that Newcastle United swooped in with a cheque for £450,000 in March 1993. Mark lost his place through injury and found himself in the shadow of some great names, so gladly moved to Wiltshire for then a Club record of £600,000 in July 1994 and made his Town debut vs Port Vale on 14th August 1994.

MARK SEAGRAVES

Born: Bootle 22.10.66

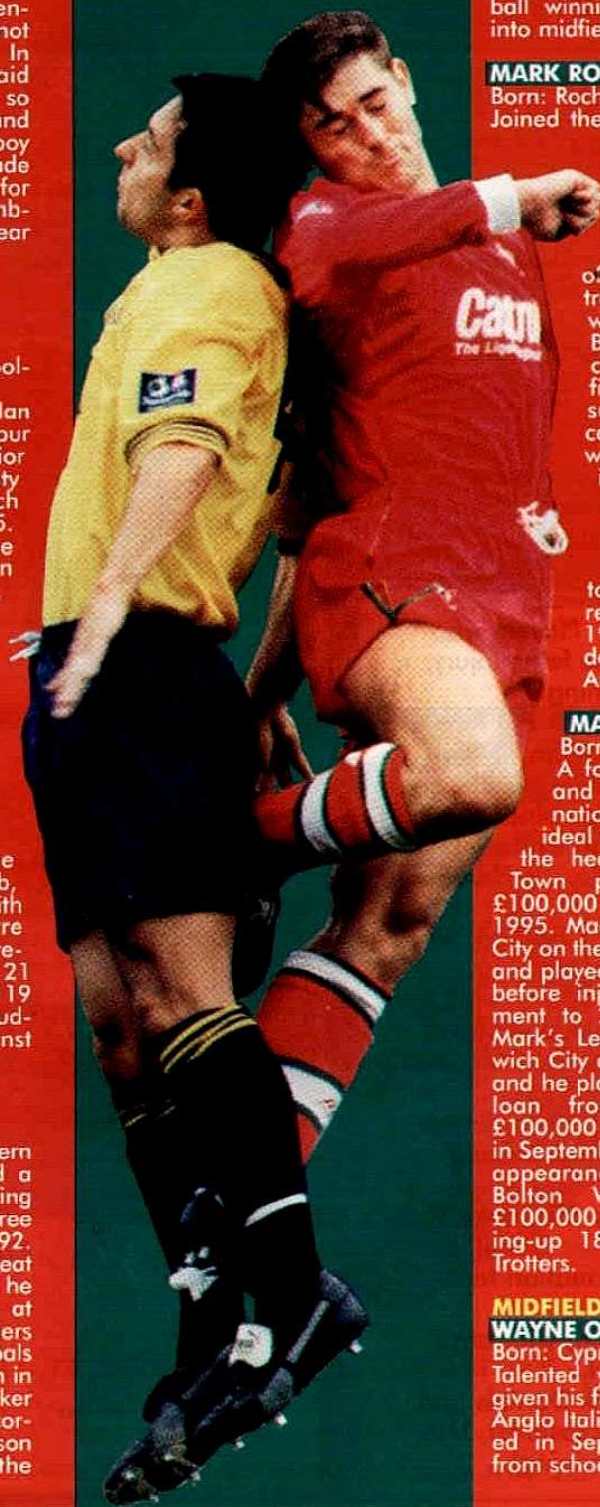
A former Liverpool apprentice and England Youth International, Mark was seen as the ideal partner for Shaun Taylor at the heart of the defence when Town paid Bolton Wanderers £100,000 for his registration in June 1995. Made his Town debut at Hull City on the opening day of the season and played in the opening 17 games before injury curtailed his involvement to 25 starts for the season. Mark's League debut was for Norwich City at Coventry City (22.11.86) and he played three games while on loan from Liverpool before a £100,000 transfer to Manchester City in September 1987. Made 42 League appearances for City and joined Bolton Wanderers for another £100,000 in September 1990 clocking-up 180 senior games for the Trotters.

MIDFIELDERS

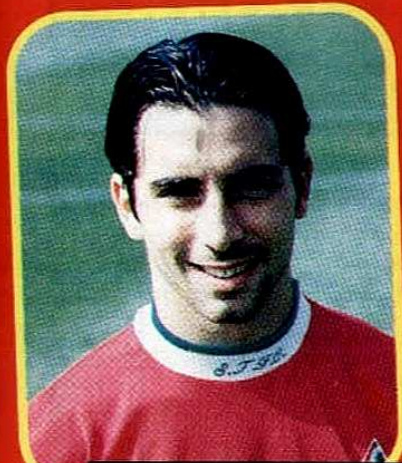
WAYNE O'SULLIVAN

Born: Cyprus 25.02.74.

Talented young full-back who was given his first senior opportunity in an Anglo Italian Cup tie at Oxford United in September 1992. Joined us from school as a trainee and made



The Division One match



Kevin Horlock

his League bow as a substitute in a 2-0 home win over Port Vale (14.8.94) and was in the starting line up for the first time against Watford a fortnight later. Has progressed well and last season not only established himself in the senior side, but was also a regular in the Republic of Ireland's Under 21 squad, being first selected for the game against Latvia in October 1995.

KEVIN WATSON

Born: Hackney 03.01.74
Kevin came through Tottenham's junior ranks and progressed to make 12 first team appearances under Terry Venables in 1994. Had loan spells at Bristol City and Barnet and was captain of Spurs reserves for the last two seasons before joining the Robins. The midfielder looks to have a bright future and is looking forward to playing first team football.

MARK WALTERS

Born: Birmingham 02.06.64
After starting his career at Aston Villa,

Mark has enjoyed successful spells at Glasgow Rangers, and Liverpool. Joined Swindon in the summer on a free transfer from Southampton and is looking forward to relaunching his career at The County Ground. Mark has one England Cap and three Championship Winners medals in his possession and is hoping to add to his collection at Swindon.

FORWARDS

WAYNE ALLISON

Born: Huddersfield 16.10.68.
Top shot in his first season with Town scoring 20 goals, 16 of them in the Second Division Championship. A very popular figure who makes the most of his height and weight to unsettle defenders. A Yorkshireman, he served his apprenticeship with Halifax Town and caught the attention of Watford who invested £250,000 in his transfer in July 1989. A year later he was on his way to Bristol City for £300,000 where he soon established himself as a local hero finishing top scorer for the third time in 1995 (13 League goals) but decided to move at the end of his contract. A League Tribunal ruled Town had to pay £475,000 for his registration.

STEVEN COWE

Born: Gloucester 29.09.74.
Could prove to be Steve McMahon's most astute signing if he realises his potential. Hails from Gloucester, but was with Aston Villa as an Associated Schoolboy graduating to professional status in the summer of 1993. Is 5'8" tall yet shields the ball well and has a natural instinct for being in the right place. Has two good feet and great awareness of players around him who he brings into play like a veteran. Steven was recruited on loan initially, as cover following the injury to Finney, but impressed the management so much that a permanent move was quickly arranged. Made his League bow as a substitute in the 2-0 defeat of Peterborough United (23.03.96) and registered his first League goal in a 3-1 win at Chesterfield (23.04.96).

STEPHEN FINNEY

Born: Hexham 31.10.73.
No relation to Tom Finney though he started his career with Preston North End who he signed for as a Schoolboy in Dec. 1987 and gained professional status with in 1991. Made his senior debut, as a sub in the Autoglass Trophy at home to Hull City and was introduced to League football from the bench, against Exeter City (18.01.92). Preston released him after six appearances and he was signed by Manchester City in February 1993 after a trial. It was at Maine Road that Steve McMahon came into contact with him and when City released Steve on a free, he quickly signed him in the summer of 1995 as cover. However, injury to Peter Thorne saw Steve make a scoring League debut at Hull on the opening day of

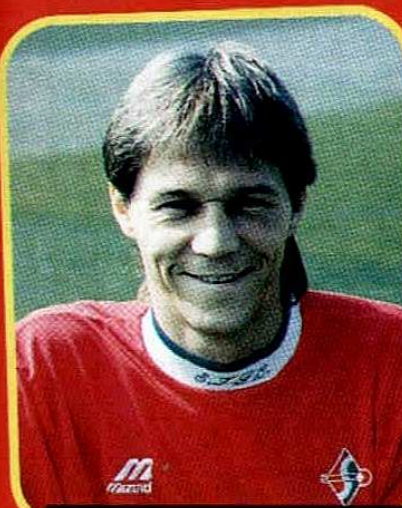


Steve Cowe

the season and he was joint top scorer with 16 goals when he suffered a broken ankle at Burnley on 16/3/96.

PETER THORNE

Born: Manchester 21.06.73.
Snatched from the shadow of Alan Shearer in January 1995 from Blackburn. Peter is a strong robust striker in the mould of the England hero. Joined Blackburn Rovers as a trainee in 1989 and made his only first team appearance for them at Wembley in the Charity Shield match. Transferred to Swindon he scored four goals in his first two games and netted all five goals against TP Seinajoki of Finland in the summer of '95'. Despite a catalogue of injuries he contributed 10 goals in 22 League starts to help win the Second Division title.



Frederick Darras

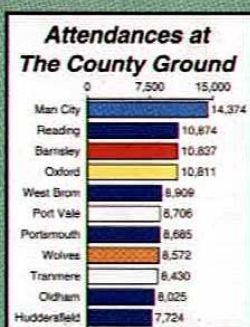
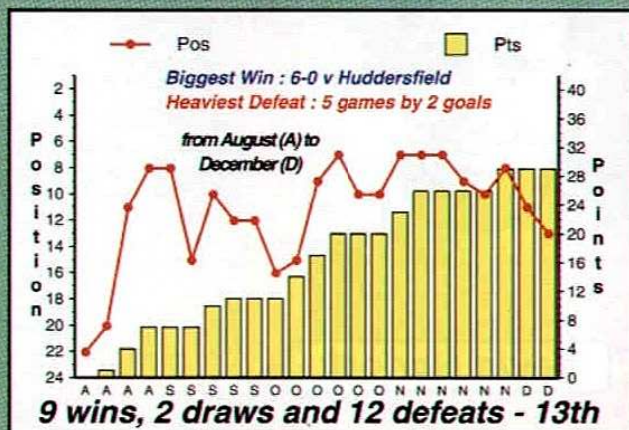
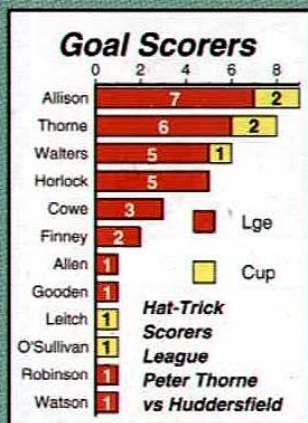


**Steve McMahon
Manager**

26th December 1996. Kick-Off 3.00pm

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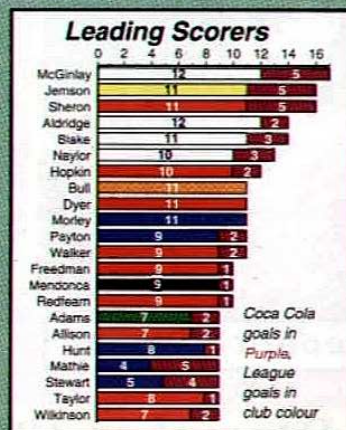
Swindon Town



Back Row (l to r):
Peter Thorne, Wayne Allison, Fraser Digby, Steve Mildenhall, Frank Talia, Shawn Taylor, Kevin Watson, Kevin Horlock.

Middle Row (l to r):
Jonathan Trigg (Physio), Lee Collins, Mark Robinson, Edwin Murray, Steve Finney, Mark Seagraves, Mark Walters, Ty Gooden, Frederick Darras, Dean Hooper, Steve Cowie, Ross McCloren (Reserve Team Coach).

Front Row (l to r):
Scott Leitch, Ian Culverhouse, Jason Drysdale, Andy Rowland (First Team Coach), Steve McMahon, (Team Manager), Paul Allen, Alex Smith, Wayne O'Sullivan.



So, you've survived the spending orgy that is Christmas, bought all your presents (from the extensive range at the Pompey shop, I hope. "All that you need for the fan in your life" blah blah blah!) and hopefully spent more wisely than a certain manager a few miles to the west of us, even as well-recommended as his festive 'bargain' supposedly was! (You shouldn't laugh...)

And now you've arrived at Fratton Park this Boxing Day, having managed to pull yourself away from the dubious lure of James Bond or the Italian Job - again, ready to share your Quality Street and play 'Spot the Christmas jumper'.

Why do we come to football over Christmas? Well, apart from escaping Toy-Story for the fourteenth time since yesterday, the in-laws visiting, the kids squabbling and the dog being sick, football has become a real Yuletide tradition. It is a comparatively recent phenomenon. In the dim and distant past, football was associated with Shrove Tuesday when, in the days before nylon shirts and long studs, whole villages got together to kick a pig's bladder for miles up hill and down dale in a three-hundred-a-side kick around (you remember - those days, represented by jousting knights and buxom wenches in Euro 96!). Christmas was solely for quaffing ale (quite right too!). Slowly, but surely, though, things changed.

However, it's not the same everywhere. A lot of the Northern Hemisphere has a mid-winter break (helpful for those European Cup games). John Harkes found our festive traditions a bit of a culture shock when he arrived in 1990.

"I thought I knew everything about English soccer. I imagined I'd be able to pop back and see my folks at Christmas. I had to tell them the bad news on the phone. They'd never heard of Boxing Day."

Yes, spare a thought for those poor footballers all over the country who had to train yesterday while we were tucking into the turkey. They may only work for two hours a day and ninety minutes on a Saturday afternoon and get paid more in a year than most of us do in a lifetime, but one of the hardships of professional football is the Boxing Day game.

With the vagaries of the fixture computer, alcohol bans and unseasonal training sessions, 'Goal' magazine this month asked several foot-

ballers to share their Yuletide nightmares, including two ex-Pompey favourites. Their stories make sad reading (especially the 'eloquent' Mick Quinn talking about his Oldham days - all quotes have been cleaned up here to protect sensitive ears!). To cut a long story short, dear old Micky's Christmas party turned into a bit of a bender and his much-famed John Travolta act proved his undoing...

"I slipped and tore my hamstring. Being a good pro, I managed to hobble to the bar, reach for the ice bucket and stuck some ice on it. To anaesthetise the pain I was forced to carry on drinking 'til three in the morning."

Good old Mick!

John Beresford's sad tale of woe painted a bleak picture of a West Country trip for Portsmouth a few years ago.

"You can't imagine how depressing it was," says John. What, playing for Portsmouth? "We're

upstairs, confined to our rooms while everyone else is downstairs enjoying the festivities. It made me feel about 12 years old. New Year's Eve was even worse though. Jim Smith was prowling around the rooms so there was no chance of sneaking out and having a few bevvies. I was rooming with Steve Wigley and at

midnight there's this huge cheer from downstairs. We're tucked up in our beds and I turned over, opened one eye and said to him, "Happy New Year, mate." He was fast asleep and just grunted something, then turned over and farted."

A touching scene! Still, poor John, I can't think of a much worse fate than waking up next to Steve Wigley!

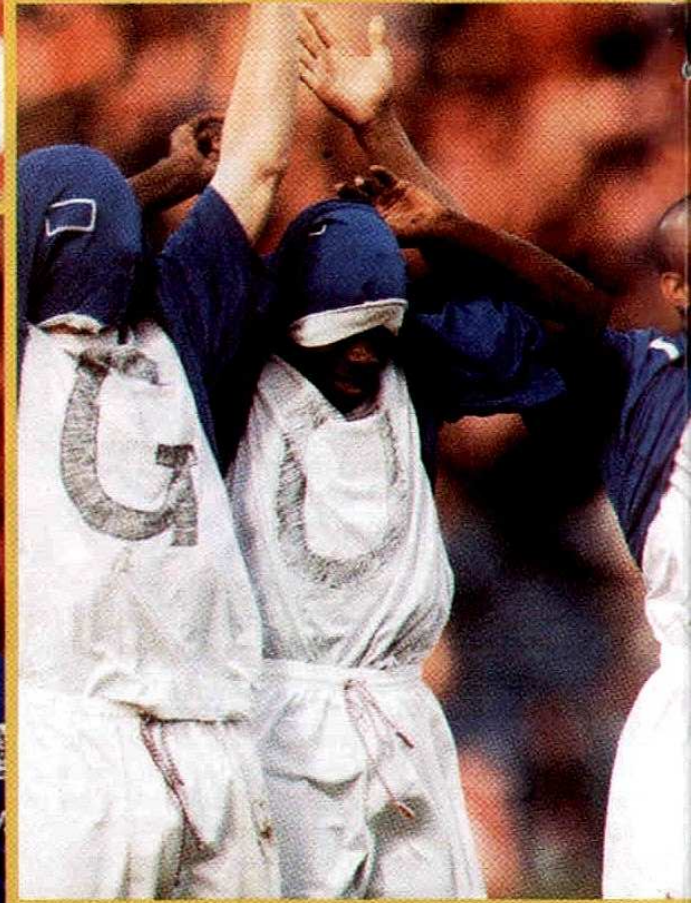
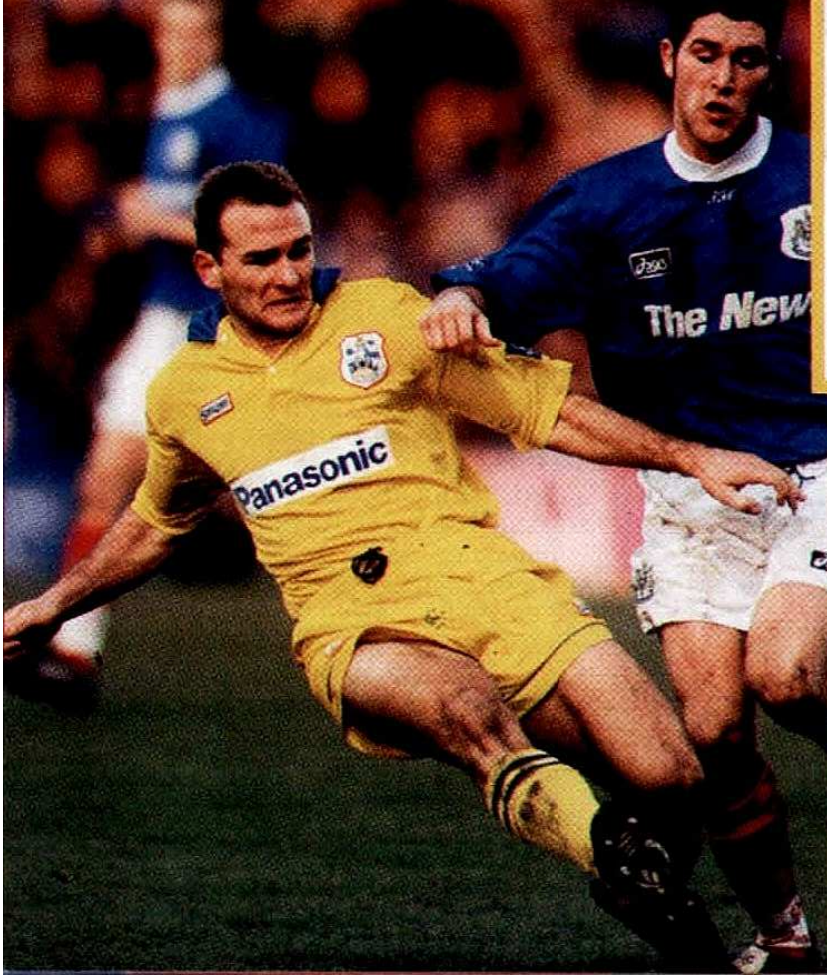
The most famous Christmas football story, however, must be the World War I game in No-Man's Land when the British and the Germans laid down their arms, realising they had more in common than divided them. Although it's almost a cliché now, much-loved in schmaltzy Christmas videos, football, 'the people's game', seems a suitably fitting metaphor for peace this Christmas. It contains all that is best about the season - getting together with friends and family, having a laugh and a drink, celebrating and sharing. I'll stop now before I get a tear in my eye and a lump in my throat that isn't left over turkey!

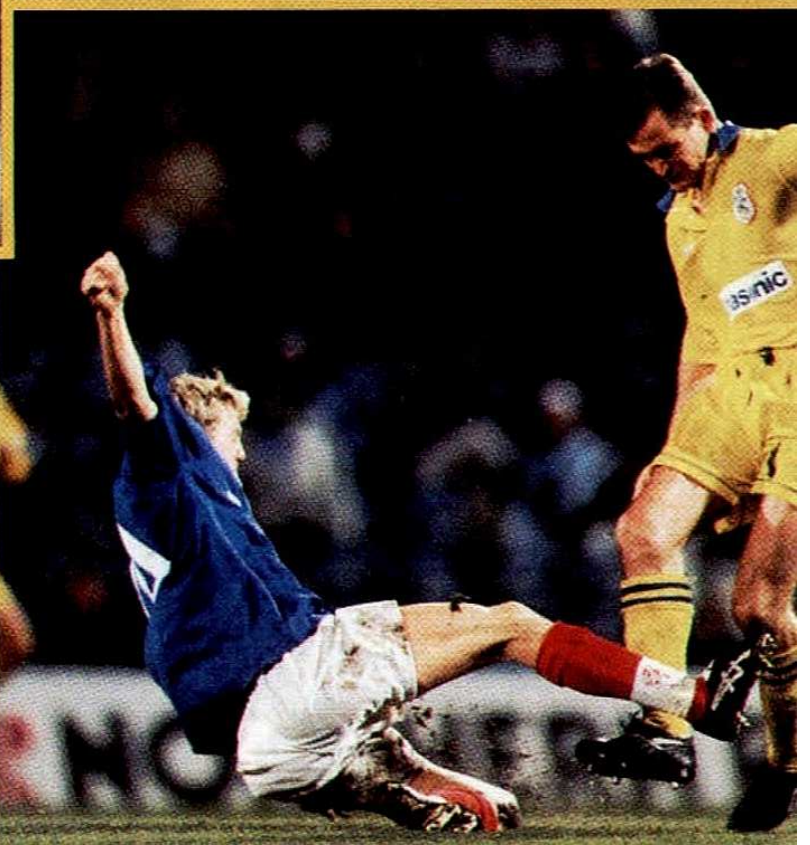
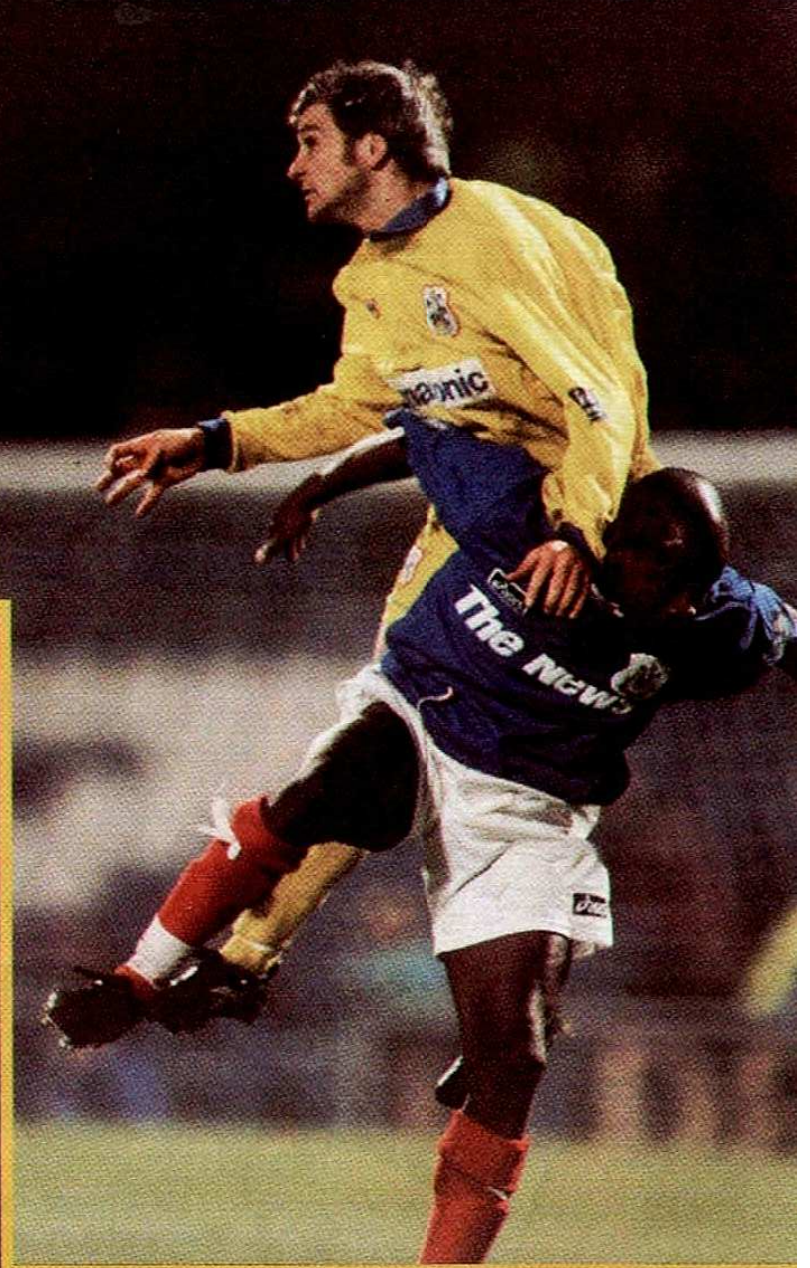
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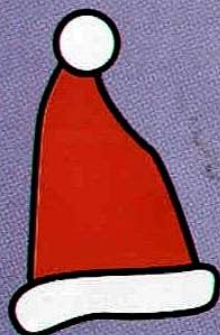
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Hednesford from the Vauxhall Conference will need all the income generated by their F.A. Cup exploits to meet the cost of tackling a colony of great crested newts who are hindering the plans to extend their ground. The newts were found in an adjacent pond and the ground scheme has to be amended at some expense to take account of the protected species.

The Loftus Road home of Q.P.R. is regularly visited by foxes at night and they have taken to burying the food which has been scavenged by them locally. It's reported that a sliding tackle during a recent league game uncovered a sausage from the rich turf which was part of their horde.

The National Lottery has hit the income of the Pools Companies and "Spot the Ball" and the outcome is that The Football Trust expects its allocation from those sources to be halved. That in turn will mean less money being available in grants from the Trust for future applications for assistance with ground improvements and development.



Artist James Hague had a commission from the National Portrait Gallery to produce a portrait of his choice. As a football fan James chose Eric Cantona to paint, but this was refused and now he's at work on Michael Caine as his second choice. It appears that Cantona is not deemed to be "a maker of British history".

When Austrian side Dorfsspielen were beaten 8-0 by Neiderfuss they were most unhappy with their goalkeeper's display. Even more so when they discovered that he was the twin brother of their regular keeper who had secretly got married and gone on honeymoon. The twin brother had been persuaded to double for the absent keeper, but his secret was out in the dressing-room.

The referee became confused about the rules in a recent Doc Martens Cup match between Clevedon and Witney. When the teams finished all square after 90 minutes of the second leg he ordered extra time to be played. When that was over the tie appeared to be settled with Witney as the winners on away goals when the referee realised that extra time should not have been played. Half an hour after the final whistle the teams were recalled from the showers and the bar for a penalty shoot-out which should have been held at the end of normal time. Justice was done and Witney still won through however.

UEFA have now approved a new arrangement on transfers which will protect a club's investment in developing a young player. On a domestic transfer under the EEC Bosman ruling if the player was on his first professional contract between the ages of 18 and 24 a fee would be payable to compensate the club with whom he had been discovered and brought up.

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EVENING COACHING PROGRAMME

The above programme will continue after the Christmas Holidays, commencing on Monday 6th January 1997. With special thanks to all the children, Schools, and Teams who have taken part in our Coaching Schemes throughout the year, we are looking forward to seeing you all again next year.

If you have any questions

or queries then please contact Dutchy or Phil on 01705 641644.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Coaching Staff and helpers a Very Merry Christmas and A Prosperous New Year.



Young Blues News...



Birthday Blues

26th - 31st December 1996

Elizabeth Flavell, Jay Grist, Ross Whelan, Rachel Higgins, Paul Hayden, Adam Masters, Daniel Errington, Robert Matthews, Alan McSwiggan.

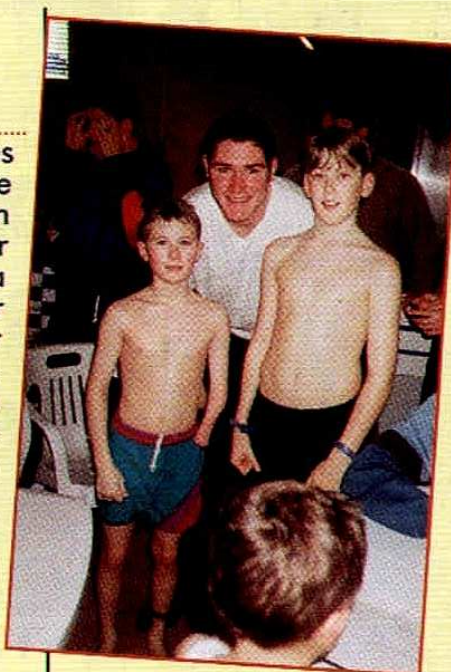
Pompey v Port Vale

Pompey Young Blues will be running a coach to the Pompey game on 28th December 1996. The cost of the day which includes a match ticket will be £16 for Young Blues members, £19 for adults accompanying children. Booking and payment at Young Blues office or telephone 737391

for further information .

Young Blues Christmas Party

The Young Blues Christmas Party was held at the Pyramids Centre on Sunday 8th December 1996 and was a tremendous success. Over 250 children with their parents attended, together with players from the club. We would like to thank the Pyramids Centre for looking after us all and a special thanks to Father Christmas for attending and giving out presents to all the children.



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PFC would like to extend a big thank-you to all the Young Blues, Staff and helpers who distributed the Mince Pies at the Huddersfield match. Without your efforts, the Huge Give-away would not have been the success it was



Julie Baker
Commercial Manager



The Winner of the Lloyds Bank Trophy for the Youth Team Player of The Year 1995/96 was Scott Bundy. Pictured receiving his trophies from Colin Fisher of Lloyds Bank and PFC Director, Vic Jenner



Sweet Little Sixteen!
Pompey fan Jodie Johnson celebrated her 16th Birthday in the Executive Lounge. She is pictured here being presented with a PFC Cake from Fred and Jimmy.



What a debut!
2 goals and a bottle of Champagne!!
Mathias Svensson is voted Sponsor's Man of the Match v Huddersfield



Pompey Mascot v Huddersfield was Adam Masters. Happy Birthday for the 28th December 1996 Adam!



Lucky Half-Time Cashpot winner v Huddersfield won £285.
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North Stand

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Port Vale v Portsmouth

Saturday 28th December 1996
Kick-Off 3.00pm

This match is not all-ticket, for Portsmouth fans and everyone can pay on the day. We have no tickets available from our ticket offices.

Prices: £12.00 Adult £8.00 Junior/OAP
Entrance: Countdown Stand
Nearest Station: Stoke Approx. 4 Miles from ground.

Travel Club
Members £14.00 Non-Members £16.00
Coach leaves Fratton Park 8.45am
Cosham P.O. 9.00am

Norwich City v Portsmouth

Wednesday 1st January 1997
Kick-Off 3.00pm

This match is not all-ticket, for Portsmouth fans and everyone can pay on the day. We have no tickets available from our ticket offices.

Prices: £10.00 Adult £5.00 Junior/OAP
Entrance: Turnstiles 1-3 South Stand
Nearest Station: Norwich Staube Station
Car Park: Near to ground.

Travel Club
Members £14.00 Non-Members £16.00
Coach Leaves Fratton Park 8.45am
Cosham P.O. 9.00am

Littlewoods Sponsored F. A. Cup Round 3 Wolverhampton Wanderers v Portsmouth



Saturday 4th January 1997 Kick-Off 3.00pm

This match is **strictly all ticket** and we advise anyone without a ticket not to travel. Portsmouth F.C. have an allocation of 2,700 tickets priced at £11.00 Adult, £7.50 Junior/OAP. These are presently on general sale from our ticket office. Supporters applying by post need to include S.A.E. and correct remittance. Postal applications must be received by 31/12/96. **Please Note:** In the event of this match being a draw the replay will be played at Fratton Park on Tuesday 14th January, Kick-off 7.45pm. This match will be strictly all ticket. Season ticket holders will be able to purchase their tickets from the Box Office from Sunday 05/01/97 when the office will be open from 10.00am - 2.00pm. Maximum 2 tickets per voucher. Season ticket holders applying by post need to enclose voucher F, correct remittance and an S.A.E. Postal application must be received by 09/01/97. Voucher holders from the Huddersfield match can obtain their tickets Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th January 1997 by Producing voucher F. Max 2 tickets per voucher. From Wednesday 8th January 1997 tickets will go on general sale.

Portsmouth v Bolton Wanderers

Saturday 11th January 1997 Kick-Off 3.00pm

This match is not all-ticket, However tickets are available from the ticket office.
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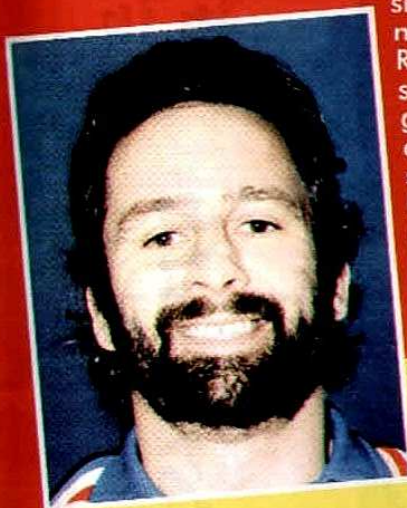
23 years ago Pompey & Swindon fans witnessed a 6 goal thriller at Fratton Park. Richard Owen remembers what happened. Pompey and Swindon are relatively modern adversaries having met on innumerable occasions during the 1970's and 1980's in League and Cup competition. Several games spring to mind which are memorable, but an F.A. Cup 3rd round tie during the black, bleak days of energy conservation under Ted Heath's government stands out.

A 2.00pm kick-off to save using floodlights drew a 16,682 crowd to Fratton to see two sides from the same Second Division; Pompey placed 10th in the table of their 75th Anniversary season, Swindon next-to-bottom and with only 4 wins in the league to their credit.

Pompey, under Manager John Mortimore, played in their unorthodox strip of white shirts with a double blue vertical line and even the match programme was unusual, a magazine A4 size copy; the largest in the entire Football League at that time.

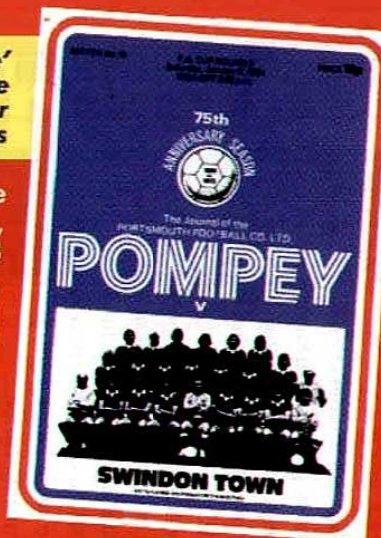
Tom Jenkins took an early 4 minute lead for Swindon which sprang the game into life, both

sides playing some neat Cup football. Ron Davies, leading scorer with ten goals, equalised after 20 minutes, slotting the ball home coolly after a build up of pressure, but it was the visitors who struck back



Bobby Kellard, who battled away in his second spell for Pompey.

Pompey's 'massive' match programme which cost 10p for 16 pages



twice, breaking free from deep positions, to take a shock 1-3 lead at half-time.

Dave Moss and long servant John Trollope were the Robins scorers. Brian Lewis replaced Norman Piper who had strained a hamstring and Pompey rallied

to a better second-half performance, helped by the large crowd who got behind the team with strong choruses of the Pompey Chimes.

In a scrambled goal-mouth of players, central defender Paul Went scored his first goal for Pompey since his £155,000 signing from Fulham stabbing the ball over the line with 12 minutes to go. Swindon's Joe Butler who had played up front for most of the game then chose the last minute of the game to clumsily bring down Pompey's Brian Lewis in the penalty area. Up stepped Pompey's pocket battleship, the bearded Bobby Kellard who wrong-footed 'keeper Jimmy Allan for a last-gasp F.A. Cup equaliser to make the score 3-3'

A controversial fourth round draw took place whilst fans were still filing out of Fratton Park and Orient had to wait 10 days for Swindon & Pompey to play the replay, which Pompey won 1-0, again with a Bobby Kellard goal on a Wednesday afternoon in Wiltshire. Pompey progressed after then beating the 'O's. to the 5th round losing controversially to a penalty at the City Ground, Nottingham to Forest.

Team Line-ups 5th January 1974

Pompey

1. John MILKINS
2. Phil ROBERTS
3. John COLLINS
4. Norman PIPER*
5. Paul WENT
6. Malcolm MANLEY
7. Peter MARINELLO
8. Bobby KELLARD
9. Ron DAVIES
10. Dick REYNOLDS
11. Micky MELLOWS
12. Brian LEWIS*

Swindon Town

- Jimmy ALLAN
Wilf DIXON
John TROLLOPE
Dave MUNKS
Frank BURROWS
Kenneth STROUD
Dave MOSS
Terry HUBBARD
Peter EASTOE
Joe BUTLER
Tom JENKINS
Dave SYRETT

Results of Previous Matches between Pompey and Swindon

Season	Home	Away	Division
1961-62	2-2	3-1	3
1963-64	1-4	0-2	2
1964-65	5-0	0-0	2
1969-70	3-1	1-3	2
1970-71	0-2	1-2	2
1971-72	1-2	1-3	2
1972-73	1-1	1-1	2
1973-74	3-1	2-1	2
1976-77	2-1	3-4	3
1977-78	1-2	1-3	3
1980-81	1-0	2-0	2
1981-82	3-0	0-2	2
1988-89	0-2	1-1	2
1989-90	1-1	2-2	2
1990-91	2-1	0-3	2
1991-92	1-1	3-2	2
1992-93	3-1	0-1	New 1
1994-95	4-3	2-0	New 1
1996-97		1-0	New 1

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Treatment Table

First from the treatment room, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and hope that not too many of you are nursing hangovers!

Thankfully, as I spent yesterday at "Christine's" (the in-laws) in Alverstone Road just around the corner, I didn't have too far to travel for training last night, unlike some of the lads.

The injuries are all beginning to come on now and since the Huddersfield game, the main long term problems, Martin Allen and Robert Simpson, have been progressing well. Both are increasing their stamina work by doing a long run each morning. Then both are doing a bit of ball work technique stuff in the main, then some sharper running drills. After about another 2 or 3 weeks building up with this sort of work they can gradually be re-introduced to normal training. I will be keeping my fingers crossed that both have a trouble free Christmas and New Year training period.

One of my even longer term treatment room inhabitants,

Woody, will be making a new years 'wish' that his luck changes and that 1997 is a much better one for him. The operation he had 3 weeks ago, at present, looks like a big success. I really hope, for his sake, that he can start stepping up his training and that we see him back in the blue, white and red before too long and relieve me of my permanent 'friend'.

One more patient of 1996 whom I haven't mentioned for a while is, of course, super-Walshy. 'Patient' is a word with two meanings in his case as he has had to be very patient in the last few weeks. He has had a few niggling pains around his troubled right knee joint lately, and he feels it is not quite right at present and that could be very worrying.

He has done really well to be as fit as he is now after his very serious cruciate injury. If we can iron out these last few niggles, we might even see him get his wish and also return to the fray to help the club towards it's ultimate goal of joining the elite up there in the Premiership.



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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnsley	23	7	3	2	25	12	5	5	1	17	14	44
Bolton	24	8	3	1	26	11	3	7	2	22	23	43
Sheffield Utd	24	6	4	2	21	11	6	2	4	19	14	42
Crystal Palace	24	6	3	3	24	11	4	6	2	24	13	39
Wolves	23	3	3	6	12	13	7	3	1	19	9	36
Oxford	24	7	3	2	22	7	2	4	6	12	18	34
QPR	24	4	3	5	15	14	5	4	3	16	15	34
Stoke	22	7	1	2	17	12	2	6	4	13	19	34
Port Vale	24	3	6	3	16	12	5	4	3	12	12	34
Norwich	23	4	6	2	14	9	5	0	6	16	24	33
Birmingham	23	6	4	1	14	5	2	5	5	10	17	33
Tranmere	24	6	2	4	23	17	3	3	6	8	14	32
Swindon	24	7	2	3	24	11	2	1	9	10	21	30
Ipswich	24	4	6	2	18	16	3	3	6	12	18	30
POMPEY	24	6	3	3	18	11	2	3	7	10	19	30
West Brom	23	2	6	4	19	20	4	5	2	17	17	29
Charlton	23	6	2	3	16	13	3	0	9	8	20	29
Huddersfield	24	6	3	3	16	10	1	4	7	9	23	28
Reading	24	6	4	2	15	11	1	3	8	10	22	28
Man City	23	6	1	4	16	14	2	1	9	11	23	26
Oldham	24	3	5	4	13	14	3	3	6	13	15	26
Southend	24	4	5	3	20	18	1	5	6	4	23	25
Bradford	24	4	4	4	13	19	1	4	7	9	19	23
Grimsby	23	3	3	6	13	22	2	4	5	12	20	22

League Table up to 23/12/1996

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES 1996-97

Appearances				Goals			
NL	CC	FAC	TOTAL	NL	CC	FAC	TOTAL
1			1				
20	4		24				
17+4	1+2		18+6	8			8
7+4	2		9+4		2		2
7	3		10				
21+1	4		25+1		1		1
+1			+1				
4	1		5				
12+5			12+5	3			3
23	4		27				
14+6	3+1		17+7	2			2
3			3				
10+12	2+1		12+13	1			1
1			1				
18+1	4		22+1	3			3
13+6	4		17+6				
15+1	2		17+1	1			1
1+2			1+2	1			1
16	4		20	2			2
21	4		25	3			3
2+1			2+1	2			2
7+4			7+4				
20	2+1		22+1	2			2

Statistics up to 23/12/1996

POMPEY'S COMPLETE LEAGUE RECORD 1920-

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	1492	757	388	347	2679	1663	2072
Away	1492	348	385	759	1735	2732	1170
Total	2984	1105	773	1106	4414	4394	3242

MATCHDAY MAGAZINE TEAM

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Fixtures

				Att	Score	Pos
Sat	17 Aug	Bradford City	A	10,007	1-3	19
Tue	20 Aug	Leyton Orient	H CC1(1st Leg)	3,102	2-0	-
Fri	23 Aug	Queens Park Rangers	H	7,501	1-2	24
Tue	27 Aug	Southend United	H	5,579	1-0	14
Sat	31 Aug	Grimsby Town	A	4,747	1-0	11
Wed	4 Sep	Leyton Orient	A CC1(2nd Leg)	3,177	0-1	-
Sat	7 Sep	Port Vale	H	6,448	1-1	11
Wed	11 Sep	Swindon Town	A	8,645	1-0	7
Sat	14 Sep	Bolton Wanderers	A	14,248	0-2	11
Wed	18 Sep	Wimbledon	A CC2(1st Leg)	3,811	0-1	-
Sat	21 Sep	Norwich City	H	7,511	0-1	16
Wed	25 Sep	Wimbledon	H CC2(2nd Leg)	4,006	1-1	-
Sat	28 Sep	Oxford United	A	7,626	0-2	17
Tue	1 Oct	Crystal Palace	H	7,212	2-2	16
Fri	4 Oct	Tranmere Rovers	A	5,001	3-4	16
Sat	12 Oct	Charlton Athletic	H	6,641	2-0	14
Tue	15 Oct	Wolverhampton W	H	7,411	0-2	16
Sat	19 Oct	Ipswich Town	A	10,514	1-1	19
Sat	26 Oct	Stoke City	A	10,259	1-3	20
Tue	29 Oct	Birmingham City	H	6,344	1-1	19
Sat	2 Nov	West Bromwich Albion	H	7,354	4-0	13
Sat	9 Nov	Oldham Athletic	A	7,639	0-0	14
Sat	16 Nov	Manchester City	H	12,841	2-1	13
Sat	23 Nov	Barnsley	A	7,449	2-3	16
Sat	30 Nov	Stoke City	H	7,749	1-0	11
Sat	7 Dec	Sheffield United	A	16,333	0-1	18
Sat	14 Dec	Huddersfield	H	6,954	3-1	15
Sat	21 Dec	Reading	A	8,520	0-0	
Thu	26 Dec	Swindon Town	H			
Sat	28 Dec	Port Vale	A			
Wed	1 Jan	Norwich City	A			
Sat	4 Jan	Wolverhampton W	A (F.A.Cup 3)			
Sat	11 Jan	Bolton Wanderers	H			
Sat	18 Jan	Crystal Palace	A			
Sat	25 Jan		(F.A.Cup 4)			
Tue	28 Jan	Oxford United	H 7.45pm			
Sat	1 Feb	Oldham Athletic	H			
Sat	8 Feb	Birmingham City	A			
Sat	15 Feb	Barnsley	H (F.A.Cup 5)			
Sat	22 Feb	West Bromwich Albion	A			
Sat	1 Mar	Sheffield United	H			
Wed	5 Mar	Manchester City	A 7.45pm			
Sat	8 Mar	Reading	H (F.A.Cup 6)			
Sat	15 Mar	Huddersfield Town	A			
Sat	22 Mar	Queens Park Rangers	A			
Sat	29 Mar	Bradford City	H			
Mon	31 Mar	Southend United	A 7.45pm			
Sat	5 Apr	Grimsby Town	H			
Sat	12 Apr	Tranmere Rovers	H (F.A.CupSF)			
Sat	19 Apr	Charlton Athletic	A			
Sat	26 Apr	Ipswich Town	H			
Sun	4 May	Wolverhampton W	A			
Sat	17 May	F.A. Cup Final				

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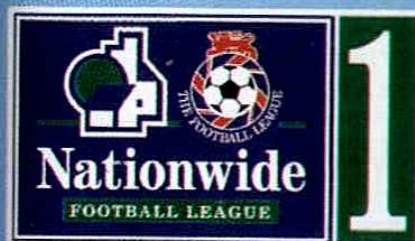
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	MILTON END	FRATTON END
POMPEY FIRST HALF	1	11
POMPEY SECOND HALF	2	4
	MILTON END	FRATTON END
VISITORS FIRST HALF	4	2
VISITORS SECOND HALF	2	3

PEARANCES AND GOALS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Flahavan	Pethick	Russell	McLoughlin	Butters	Awford	Carter**	Simpson	Burton*	Hall(1)	Igoe	Bradbury*	Rees**	Thomson***
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Knight	Pethick	Russell	Durnin	Butters	Rees (1)	Carter**	Simpson	Burton*	Hall	Igoe	Bradbury*	Waterman**	Dobson
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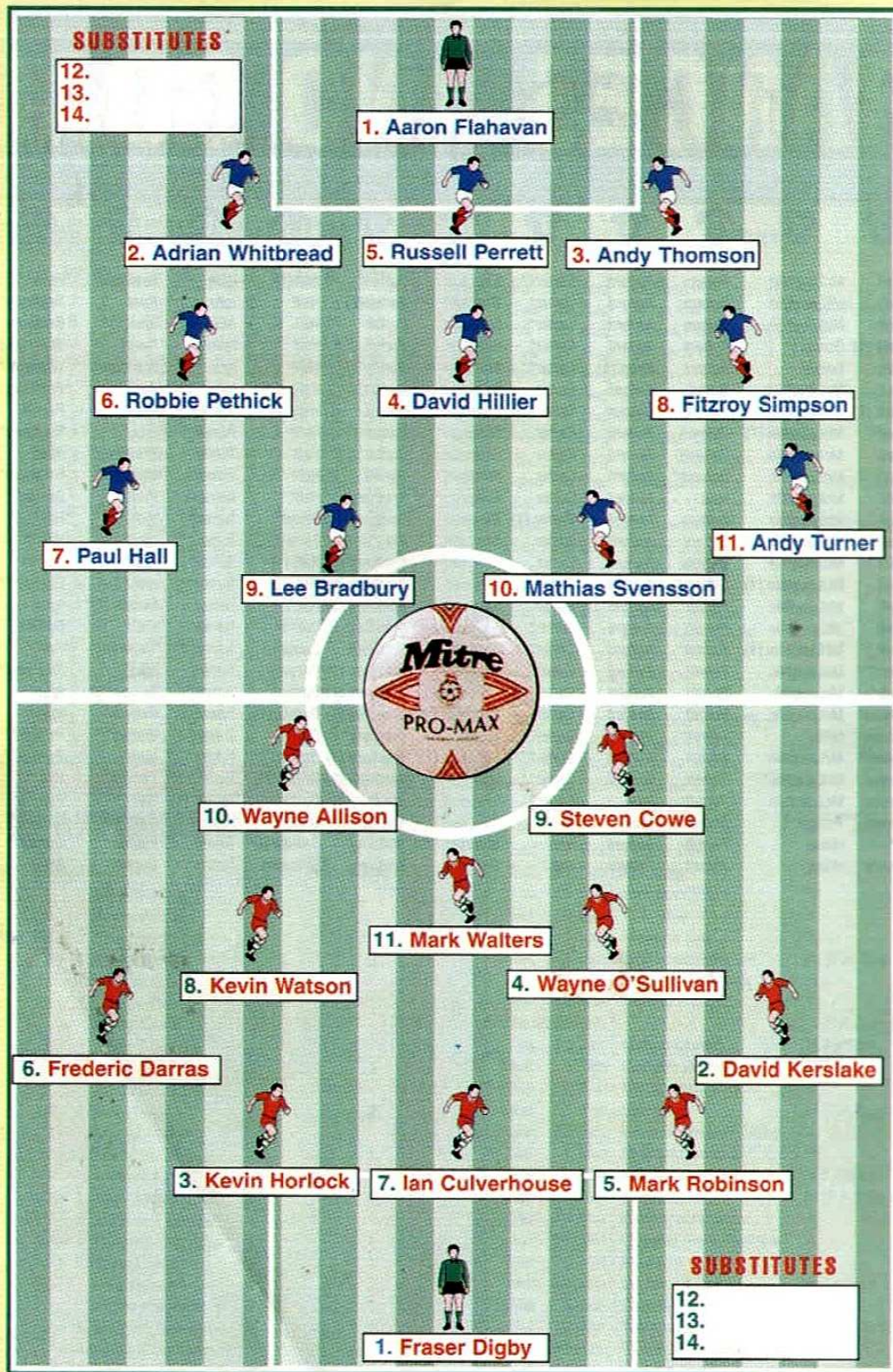
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