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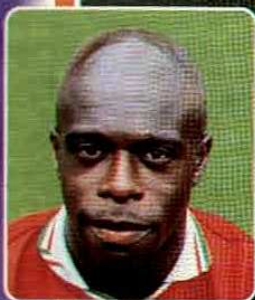
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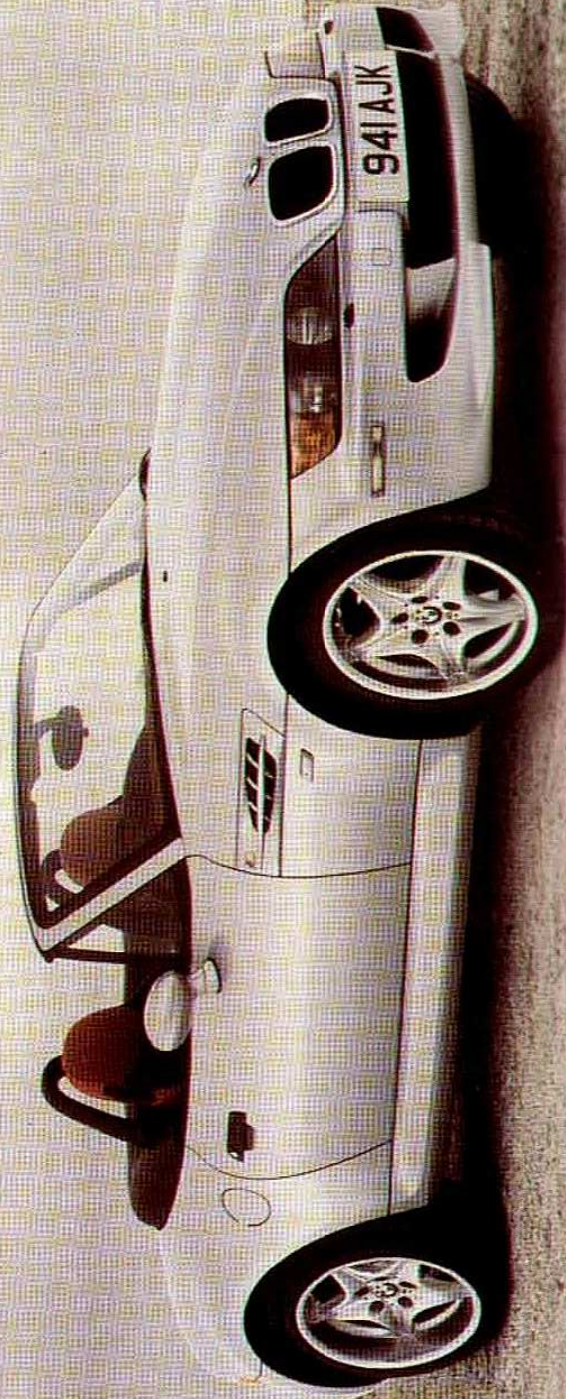
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The win at Norwich a fortnight ago was a fantastic result in trying circumstances. On the morning of the game Gordan Petric - who would have played - came to see me and said that there had been bombing 200 metres from his home in Belgrade. He was not in the right mental condition to play and we were forced to chop and change, and bring in three debutants. Considering the changes we had to make it was a magnificent performance. The first half was superb. This team had not played together before, and although we try to mix things up in training, I would guess that the team that lined up against Norwich had rarely even trained together. It was very pleasing to see how well everyone seemed to gel together.

GREAT PROFESSIONAL

Dean Austin put us ahead and we always looked likely to get something from the game even though in the second half we were under a lot of pressure. I was

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see so many fans travel, and support the team so passionately proved there is still a very loyal hardcore of support at the club, even in these difficult times. The

players could see the three banks of Palace fans as they ran out on to the pitch, and I am sure that it helped the young players making their debuts.

I was not as pleased with the way we played against Sunderland. I thought we were okay for the first 45 minutes, but in general, the performance was not as good as the Norwich game. Obviously we were playing

against better quality opposition, but I thought that we failed to do very much in the second half, and the passing was not of a high enough standard.

TREMENDOUS SAVES

But, in the credit department, the instinct for survival was impressive and the players really dug in and ground out a result. We do have to thank Kevin Miller for making two tremendous saves to protect the point. I think it just goes to

Saturday's match against Wolves would be a difficult test because they have strong personality players, but we came through it really well. We looked reasonably solid throughout the side, and everyone worked hard to preserve the unbeaten run. Kevin Miller was in fine form again, and made one crucial save just before half-time.

UNBELIEVABLE ACHIEVEMENT

Looking at the bigger picture, our recent run has been incredible, and I have had no serious complaints since I took the side over again. We had six games where we did not record a win, but the players were showing tremendous commitment, and the run we have put together since then has been an unbelievable achievement. I am disappointed that our results have not been more widely recognised. If the First Division was a handicap competition, we have given ourselves the biggest handicap and yet we continue to pick up points.

The latest handicap was the enforced sale of Craig Moore. I was disappointed to see such a good player leave, but it was not a question of 'if' he was going, it was 'when'. It was fairly well known that he was a high wage earner and we just cannot accommodate that kind of wage at the moment. Once we were safe from relegation it was probably best for the financial future of the club to let him go.

A LOT OF RESPECT

Today we face Swindon, who are one of those clubs that tend to move up and down the divisions fairly rapidly. I have got a lot of respect for Jimmy Quinn. I have spoken to him briefly on the football circuit and I know he is a man of integrity. I expect his team to be very hard-working and they will be going flat out for the points. We welcome back George Ndah, who I personally have been keeping a very careful eye on. He has always had huge potential and I am sure it is only a matter of time before that potential is fulfilled.

Steve Coppell

COPPELL'S COMMENT

delighted that Dean got the goal because he is a great professional. I know he started off on the wrong foot with a lot of the supporters, but since joining he has been as committed as anybody at this club. He probably has the most reason not to be committed but day in, day out he trains as hard as anyone here. He does not make any snide comments, he just gets on with his job, and in terms of professionalism he is one of the best footballers I have ever seen. I thought all three of the players making their debuts against Norwich were excellent. Andrew Frampton came from nowhere, but adapted to the situation very well, as did Andrew Martin, and James Hibbert did well when he came on. There is no reason why all of these players cannot have big futures at the club.

LOYAL SUPPORTERS

I must mention the quality of the support we received against Norwich. Whilst we still hold out faint hopes of making the play-offs via the back door, this was essentially a game with little at stake. To

prove what spirit there is amongst the players. Gordan Petric returned to the side and I was pleased with the way he coped with Niall Quinn. Quinn is one of the hardest people to play against - he is a real old stager and he knows exactly how to use his big, lanky body - but I think Gordan probably came out of the confrontation on top, and that was one of the reasons why we got a point. It was Gordan's first game for three weeks, so it was to his credit that he did so well. I always believed that last



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FANS' FORUM

It has been announced that the club will be holding a fans' forum at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon, on Monday 19th April, when Chairman Mark Goldberg will be in attendance to answer supporters' questions. This all ticket event will commence at 7.30pm.

Tickets will cost £5.00 and are available now at the Palace box office. Telephone bookings will also be accepted on 0181 771 8841. Any profits from the evening will be donated to the Mayday Hospital Maternity Unit, the club's appointed charity. This is sure to be a popular event, so purchase your tickets today.



TDK END SPONSORSHIP DEAL

Following six very successful seasons as Official Club Sponsor to Crystal Palace Football Club, it is with sincere regret that TDK have confirmed they will not be renewing their sponsorship contract at the end of the current 1998/99 season.

TDK first became involved with the club in the 1993/94 campaign, when Crystal Palace were in Division One, and it was during that season when the Eagles finished champions of the Division, gaining 90 league points, and were promoted into the Premiership.

The following four seasons saw Crystal Palace reach the FA Cup semi-final in 1995, return to Division One in the 95/96 season, reach the Wembley play-offs in 1996 against Leicester, and re-gain entry into the Premiership following a great Wembley play-off win over Sheffield Utd in 1997.

SIX GREAT SEASONS

Ron Matier (pictured right), Managing Director of TDK UK said: "Within TDK, we have enjoyed six great seasons as Official Club Sponsor to Crystal Palace and I very much regret that we shall not be continuing our involvement in this capacity. This is certainly not a decision we have taken lightly. Both our business and the markets within which we operate are changing rapidly as a result of extensive technology advancements. Over the next few years, we will be part of a huge transitional period as the general category of 'home entertainment' evolves into a new digital era. For TDK to remain dominant market leader, it is necessary to concentrate our total support directly and exclusively on our product development



programme and therefore, our decision to vacate the current 'CPFC Official Club Sponsor' position has been a purely strategic one."

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"During these past six seasons, which I believe represent one of the longest club sponsorship associations in the Football League, we have shared the delights of promotion, the disappointments of relegation, and the excitements of play-offs and FA Cup runs - and we have enjoyed every minute of it. Additionally of course, there is no doubt that this association has been very successful and of immense importance to TDK as part of our overall marketing activities and it is our intention to remain involved with the club, albeit in a lesser capacity.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the directors, staff, and all the Crystal Palace fans for making us so welcome in the club, and on behalf of all of us in TDK, I wish the Eagles every possible success for the future seasons. Managing Director of Crystal Palace, Phil Alexander (pictured left), adds: "TDK have been with us for six years and we have built up an excellent relationship over that period. Clearly their business is changing and this decision is a reflection of that change, but I am delighted that they will still be part of our sponsorship family. We are already in discussions with a couple of interested parties with regard to shirt sponsorship and we will be reviewing all options over the next few months. Our thanks goes to Ron Matier, Donna Meayers and all the team at TDK for their continued support."



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The Football League has confirmed that the entire programme of matches for clubs in Division One of the Nationwide Football League on Sunday 9th May - the final weekend of the season - will kick-off at



1.30pm. Therefore, Crystal Palace's match away to Queens Park Rangers has been scheduled for this revised time.

HILLSBOROUGH DISASTER - TENTH ANNIVERSARY

As a mark of respect to those who lost their lives in this tragedy, there will be a minute's silence prior to today's game. All Football League clubs, together with all Premier League clubs, will be observing the anniversary of this sad occasion.

SELHURST SUPER DRAW



Tony Haylor of Bromley, a Palace fan for over 40 years and a match day lottery ticket seller for many years, is pictured making the draw at half-time during our last home game against Sunderland. The prize of

£950 was one of the highest this season and the winning number was 1858. The lucky recipient was Steve Curtis, a season ticket holder in the Stanley Stephenson Lounge of the main stand. Lucky winners can collect their cheque at half-time, during the second half, or after the final whistle from the Super Draw office, which is situated above the programme shop, next to the Players' Lounge entrance. Don't forget to purchase your ticket, priced at just £1.00, from one of our many sellers around the ground to be in with a chance of winning a bumper prize.

SVENSSON RETURNS



Striker Matt Svensson returned to the first team squad at Wolves last weekend after a four month absence. Matt was rushed to hospital on the return journey following the match at Bristol City and was diagnosed as having suffered a ruptured spleen. Steve Coppell named him on the bench for the goalless draw at Molineux and is pleased to once again have the hitman available. "We hope he is now fully recovered from the spleen injury, but he has also had an ankle

problem. I am just very careful about looking after him and will not rush him back into action."

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

We would like to remind supporters that voting for this season's supporters' Player of the Year is taking place outside Sainsbury's before today's game. Last year Marc Edworthy took the honours, this is your chance to determine this year's winner.

YOUTH ACADEMY TRIP TO NANTES

On the 1st April Derek Broadley and Murray Jones took a team of youth players to France to take part in a national tournament.

The youth team came up against sides such as Nantes, Ajax, Lens and Ranz. The results of the games are set out below:-

Nantes 1 Crystal Palace 3

Stephen Kabba (2) and David Hunt (1)

Ajax 2 Crystal Palace 1

Ryan Williams (1)

Lens 1 Crystal Palace 1

Sean Hankin (1)

Ranz 1 Crystal Palace 0

The final game was between Crystal Palace and Athletic Bilbao from Spain ending in 2-1 to Athletic Bilbao with our goal being scored by David Hunt.

For a full story of how the players got on in France, see your May issue of the Palace News.

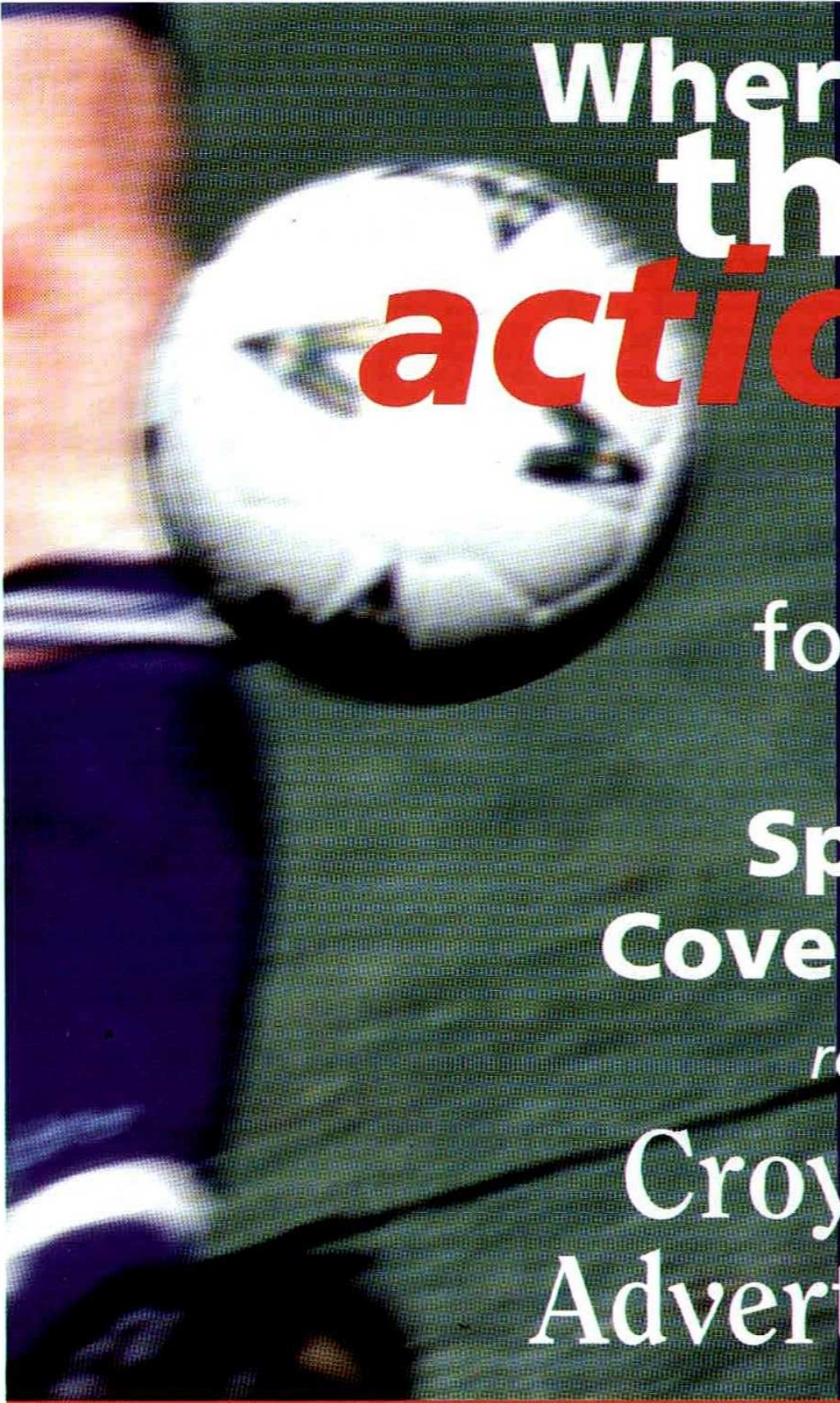


SUSPENDED

Defender David Woolley, who recently made his first team debut against Bradford City, is unfortunately suspended for today's game against Swindon Town. Also missing this afternoon will be Chinese international Fan Zhiyi (who is featured on the centre pages of today's match programme). Both players are serving one match suspensions and will be available for selection again for next week's Nationwide League Division One clash against Watford at Vicarage Road.



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WOZZLEY AND MARTIN FULFIL THEIR AMBITIONS

After all the misery Palace fans have been put through, the last few weeks have come as a refreshing change. A break from the old routine, so to speak. Travelling back from Burslem, having just lost one-nil to a weak Port Vale side, it seemed the club would have to contend with a relegation battle alongside the financial disasters. Not so. Steve Coppell has turned things around, but he has done it, perhaps against the odds, with youth.

For David Wozzley and Andrew Martin, the chances handed to them since the crisis deepened have been the culmination of years spent learning their trade in the junior sides. Playing for Palace fulfilled their ambitions and they wear the shirt with pride.

"Because of the financial situation at the club, it has given some of the youngsters a chance and I have taken mine," reflected centre-back Wozzley last week. "Hopefully I can stay in the side for the rest of the season."

BRADFORD DEBUT

There seems no reason to doubt he might not.

Wozzley has visibly grown with each game he has played, starting with a home debut against high-flying Bradford. He has hardly put a foot wrong since, starting at Carrow Road and Molineux, and snuffing out Sunderland's rampant attack at Selhurst Park.

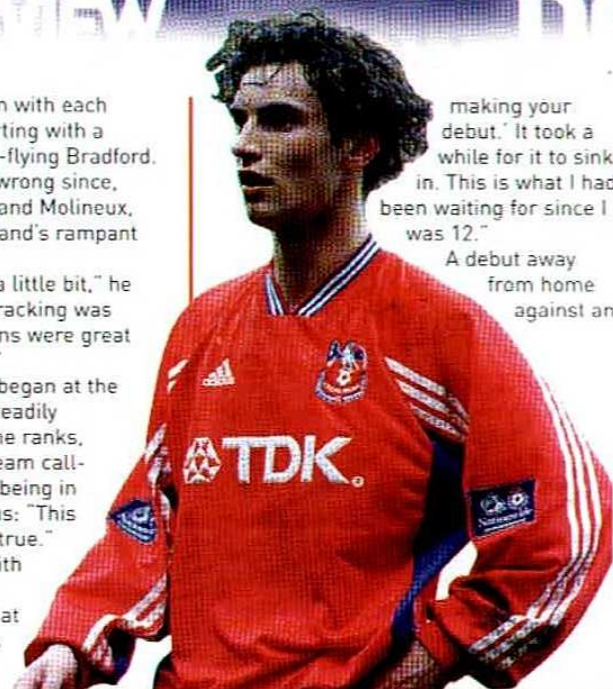
"The nerves have eased a little bit," he said. "The most nerve-wracking was Norwich away, but the fans were great up there and it went OK."

Wozzley's Palace career began at the age of nine and he has steadily progressed up through the ranks, fully deserving his first team call-up. The pride he feels at being in the senior team is obvious: "This is a bit of a dream come true."

It is a similar situation with striker Andrew Martin. Spotted playing in Wales at the age of twelve, he was snapped up and has

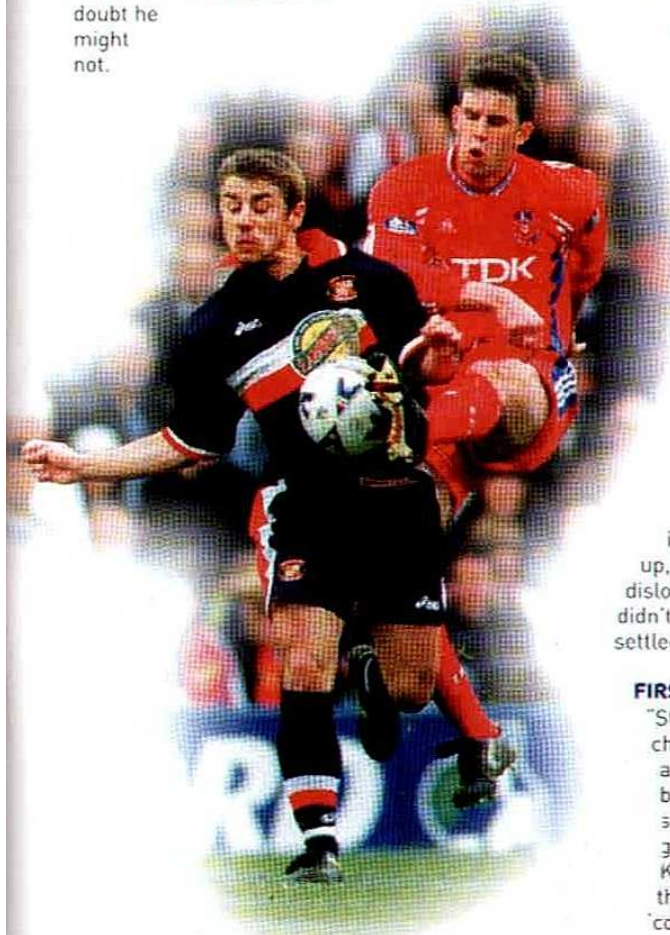
making your debut." It took a while for it to sink in. This is what I had been waiting for since I was 12."

A debut away from home against an



DAVID WOZZLEY & ANDREW MARTIN

DOUBLEVIEW



made his mark in the junior sides. Since joining Palace, he has been an integral member of the teams which won the Junior Floodlit Cup and were runners-up in the South East Counties League and the FA Youth Cup. Last season he was player of the tournament in a junior festival in France, scoring goals for fun.

"I had problems at first this season and was not involved in the reserve set-up," he recollected. "I dislocated my shoulder which didn't help, but I never really settled under the old regime."

FIRST CHANCE

"Steve Coppell gave me my chance. I was on the bench against Bradford the week before the Norwich match so I had the feeling I might get involved. Then Steve Kember came up to me on the Friday morning and said 'congratulations, you're

experienced Norwich City side was never going to be easy, but Martin was impressive. He battled well and, when given his chance, was only denied by the woodwork when he deserved to double Palace's lead.

"We didn't get to Carrow Road until about ten to two so there was not that much time to get nervous," he said. "Before we knew it, the game was upon us."

GREAT GOAL

"I thought we played really well in the first half. Dean Austin scored a great goal and we could have scored more. We held on in the second half, but we defended brilliantly and Hayden Mullins was outstanding."

"The presence of so many fellow youngsters in the side has helped cement team spirit. It makes you feel more at home when you see familiar faces around you," confirmed Martin. "In seasons gone by I used to look at the first team in awe with the big-name players we had. But now we all know each other and that's why we are on such a good run."

Both players have similar objectives for the immediate future: to stay in the senior squad and become a regular next term. There is no reason to think they might not succeed. Perhaps we have found our silver lining after all.

By Dominic Fifield



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REID CELEBRATIONS PUT ON ICE

The travelling fans arrived in their droves in South London, hoping to celebrate another three points on their unstoppable march back to the Premiership. But the Mackems did not get it all their own way at Selhurst Park on Easter Monday.



simply couldn't be beaten that afternoon. Such optimism appeared foolhardy with the visitors already twelve points clear at the top, but the manner in which Steve Coppell, Peter Nicholas and Steve Kember have turned around the Eagles' form boded well. Even when the old chinks

QUALITY SAVES

"He's been our best player over the last few months. He saved two one-on-ones up at Sunderland earlier in the season and in numerous games he's made quality saves. He's kept up his confidence and played really well. "We expected a second half barrage. They're a Premiership side now. They were always going to give us a run for our money. They've been playing together for two years, whereas we've just been thrown together. It was always going to be difficult. But a measure of the stature of our side is that we were disappointed not to have won. That's how far we've come."

DOUBLE VIEW

GORDAN PETRIC

CRAIG FOSTER

Palace are a side re-born. The wonderful win at Norwich, which extended the unbeaten run to eight, was still fresh in the mind as Steve Coppell's side took to the field against the runaway leaders. They started where they had left off at Carrow Road.

"In the first half we were exceptional," grinned skipper Craig Foster, talking immediately after the one-all draw with Sunderland. "We carried on where we'd left off in the last two matches. They came here as the best side in the division and we showed we could play against them."

"I think we did the club proud. It was harder in the second half - they came out and were firing on all cylinders. But we held them and we showed them that there's fight in this Palace team regardless of the circumstances."

DESERVED POINT

Just as in East Anglia, the Eagle's battled their way through the ninety minutes, riding their luck at times, but emerging with credit and a deserved point.

There was a strange feeling that Steve Coppell's side

momentarily reappeared, there seemed ample opportunity to mount a riposte. Kevin Phillips dived in to head home a Johnston corner, against the run of play, and the Mackems thought they had opened the floodgates.

"That goal was a throwback to earlier in the season," said Foster. "It was soft and Phillips had a free header. It was unfortunate. We had run our socks off and to concede a goal like that was disappointing, but we showed we could come back from anything."

TREMENDOUS WORK-LOAD

Sure enough, back came the Eagles and a scuffed shot from Leon McKenzie was parried by Tomas Sorenson for the predatory Clinton Morrison to stab the loose ball home. "Clinton's brilliant. He's a champion," enthused the Aussie. "He's prepared to do the work, even if he's not getting the service. He's not just a box man either and is prepared to run wide. Both he and Leon McKenzie got through a tremendous work load out there and, under the circumstances, that's exactly what we needed."

The second half saw the champions-elect lay siege to Kevin Miller's goal. All to no avail. The former Watford man was outstanding, pulling off one incredible save from Johnston and continually thwarting

Sunderland's incessant attacks. "One in particular was a world class save," added Foster.

"Sunderland will no doubt go away feeling a little bit aggrieved that they did not win the game, but that's Kevin Miller, isn't it."

While all members of the Eagles defence were

superb, special praise should go out to Gordan Petric. While his homeland was coming under Nato fire, and with his family in Belgrade, the Yugoslav defender returned to the side and performed capably up against Niall Quinn. To keep his thoughts on the game in hand was admirable.

PHYSICAL GAME

As for Quinn, Petric relished the challenge. "He's a big lad. They played a physical game and every ball went into him. It's not easy, but I tried to do my job and I hope I did well enough. Sunderland are a very good team, but we did a very good job to pick up a point."

"It has been difficult with what is going on in my country," he added. "Players all over Europe decided not to play, but this week we were ready to play football and not cry."

His efforts were appreciated by all the coaching staff. Steve Kember, who has himself returned to the touchline in recent weeks, said: "I think in the last twenty minutes he was struggling. He's not match fit, but I think he did a very good job for us. We needed someone with his presence at the back and he showed his experience when it was needed most."

But the final word must be on the man who has masterminded this renaissance. Craig Foster took up the argument: "You have to give credit to the gaffer Steve Coppell. His attitude is tremendous. The overriding thing is that he has a great feeling for the club. Players respect that."

By Dominic Fifield

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EAGLES Nine



It certainly has been a surreal atmosphere surrounding Palace for the last few weeks. Strange as it may seem I'm almost enjoying it! There's a perverse sort of satisfaction to be gained from sticking the proverbial two fingers up at the crisis - especially as the lads carry on doing their bit on the pitch, and enable us to all keep our heads up whilst our Chelsea supporting friends and the others all try to wind us up! There has been a fair bit of comment amongst fans that I talk to about the way we have reacted to the crisis, i.e. with a determination to get behind the team like never before, and a seeming lack of enthusiasm for any sort of protest about the way things have been handled.

I'd hazard a guess that at many clubs there would have been some pretty lively scenes after games by now, as has happened in the past at other clubs who have gone through similar bad times. We seem to be a unique breed though. We can't seem to agree on whose fault it is. We don't seem to be able to agree on what we could do about it, if anything, and even if we could we don't seem to be able to agree on who ought to organise it. The one thing everybody

seems to have agreed upon is that ninety minutes of manic support is required at every game. This act of mass defiance seems to have started at Norwich, which was the first game played under the new administration and, sadly, the first played as a "leaner, meaner organisation". The performance and demonstration of support for the players and staff that remain that day will have been scant consolation for the people whose jobs were sacrificed in honour of that particularly over-used euphemism. However, being suddenly confronted

with some of the harsher realities and consequences of the situation certainly seems to have shaken the support up a bit. The trip to Carrow Road will stay in my memory as one of the all time great Palace away trips - and that for what in reality was a fairly meaningless fixture! A huge travelling Palace army turned up and proceeded to create a non-stop wall of noise for the whole afternoon, without pausing for breath it seemed! Yet another excellent result against all the odds was duly achieved by the players, especially the numerous debutants, were carried along on what was presumably a tidal wave of adrenaline. Quite how else they could have done that amount of running in ninety minutes is beyond me. As for the fans in the stand, well it felt like I'd done as much running myself. Obviously, being used to certain setbacks as a Palace fan, you also have the added tension of watching the clock ticking inexorably round towards the ninety minute mark. Then when the whistle goes and the opposition haven't scored with the last kick of the game for a change, you realise you've been



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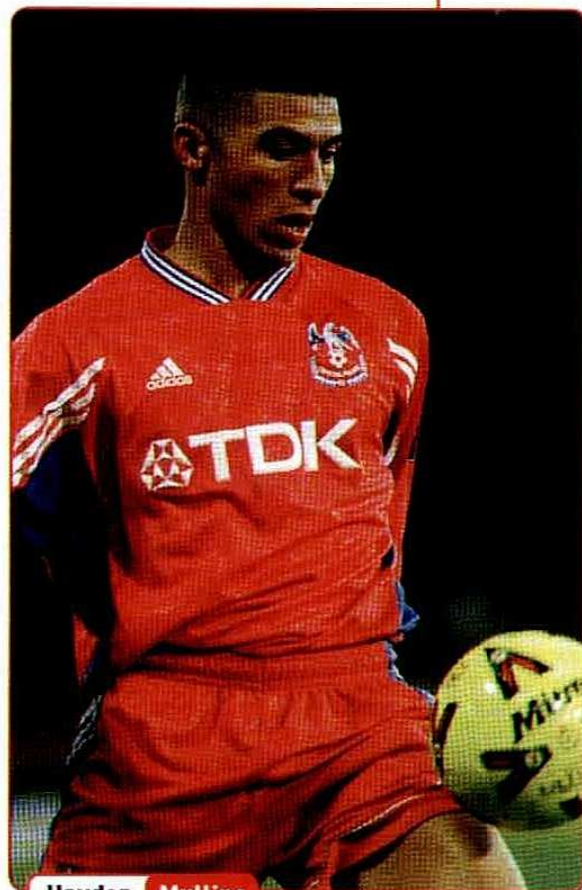
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holding your breath since half-time! As for the after match celebrations you would have thought we had just won the cup! I shall certainly not be complaining about the players not coming over to acknowledge the travelling supporters for a while either. On this occasion they didn't just acknowledge us - half of them seemed to be trying to climb in with us! (Mind you - they might just have been after a lift home, I'm not sure if we've still got the team coach!). Fan Zhiyi exited the stage minus his Palace shirt, which no doubt will appear as a deduction on his next wage slip. And the youth team players that have found themselves thrown unexpectedly in at the deep end had to be virtually ordered down the tunnel in the end by some of the stewards who were clearly beginning to worry about the overtime. All in all an exhausting day, but really one that sums up why I've always loved Palace and always will. There's certainly never a dull moment!

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Talking about the trip to Norwich leads me on to talk about two

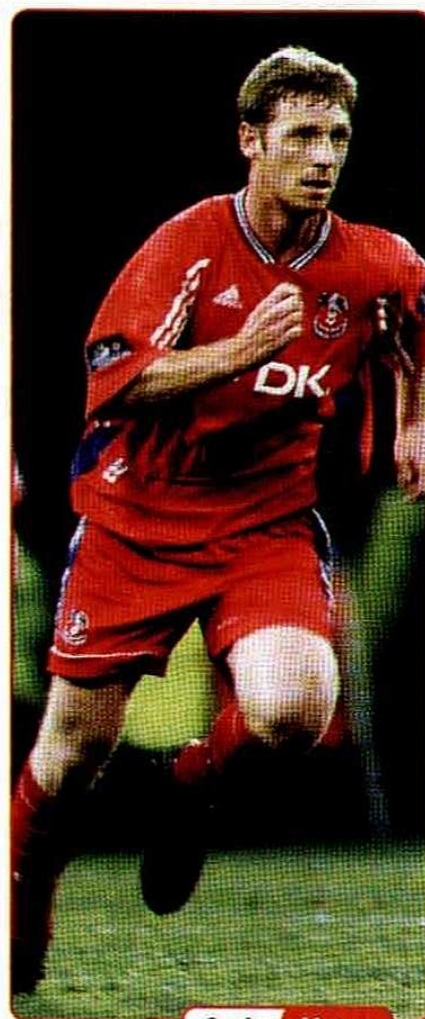


Hayden Mullins

players who have played a big part on the pitch this season. Sadly, one has fallen victim to the enforced cost-cutting and won't be seen in a Palace shirt again. Easter Saturday was the first time we had had to cope without the inspirational Craig Moore, and it fell to Hayden Mullins to fill the sizeable gap. Hayden don't forget, hadn't played a first team match before this season, and yet has been virtually ever present. Capped at England under-21 level already, I suspect it won't be long before he is making more regular appearances. Since moving into defence as a replacement for Craig his performances have been a revelation, and there's little doubt in my mind that he has found his best position. The under 21's seem exceptionally strong in midfield at the moment, so it may well be that a positional change opens the door at international level as well. On to the player who has been the best defender I have seen in a Palace

shirt for many a year. I can't remember Craig putting a foot wrong in his relatively short spell at the club. Good in the air, a superb tackler, excellent with the ball at his feet for a defender and never seemed to waste possession. He even chipped in regularly at the other end. It would be a break with tradition and accepted practice, but Craig Moore would be my clear nomination as Player of the Year. I know it is usual for the award to go to a player who has been at the club all season, but to be perfectly honest we really don't seem to have too many who qualify! Craig has been easily the classiest player on show and, with it not being his fault he's not around any more, thoroughly deserves recognition

STANDPOINT



Craig Moore

for that fact.

When the time comes round for voting, I'd urge anyone who agrees with me not to exclude players who we have forced to sell. I see no reason why we couldn't invite someone back to accept a trophy with our thanks.

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And finally, for those of you who didn't, for whatever reason, make it to Carrow Road please try and get along to Watford and QPR. I could get quite addicted to that sort of atmosphere! Neither are difficult places to get to, with room for thousands of Palace fans, and we really do need to keep showing the outside world that we care what happens to this club.

Paul Romain



Eleven

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A REVIEW OF OUR RECENT SPORTING DINNER HELD AT SELHURST PARK

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Guests of LMQ Roofing, who sponsored the sporting dinner, line up for a photo with Frank Bruno, Steve Coppell and Mark Goldberg.



All smiles for the camera.



Barry Williams welcomes Steve Coppell to the top table.



You know what I mean Harry - Barry!



The AXA table enjoys the joke.

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Tomorrow sees over 32,000 runners pounding the streets of London in the 1999 Flora London Marathon.

Representing Crystal Palace FC in this year's 'Football Challenge' will be our marketing manager, Mike Sullivan. Mike, who will be running in his 15th London Marathon, will be wearing the white away strip and is running for the charity 'Get kids going'. A charity involving raising funds for disabled children in sport. If you would like to sponsor Mike on the 26.2 mile run, please make your cheques payable to 'Get kids going' and send it to Mike here at the club. Even better, should you see Mike on the course please bring plenty of additional supplies of oxygen, chocolate and plasters!

TDK TROPHY

The TDK Trophy six-a-side tournament will be taking place at Selhurst Park on Sunday, 9th May 1999. For full details, see page 32 of today's match programme.

HALF-TIME CHALLENGE

Please note: Could those of you participating in the Mitsubishi half-time challenge, please make sure you are in position at the corner of the pitch at the tunnel end by 3.30pm.



LATEST NEWS FROM THE BOX OFFICE

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Watford v Crystal Palace
Saturday, 24th April 1999

Kick Off 3.00pm

Ticket prices: Adults £14 and under-16's and senior citizens £10. Tickets are available from the Palace box office or you can pay on the day.

Coaches: Depart Holmesdale Road at 11.45am and the fare is £9.

Train: Departs East Croydon at 12.53pm and arrives at Watford at 1.29pm. The return train leaves at 5.52pm and gets back to Croydon at 6.36pm. The fare is £5 in advance only from the away travel portakabin.



Ticket prices: See panel right. Tickets are now on general sale.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Queens Park Rangers v Crystal Palace

Sunday, 9th May 1999

Kick Off 1.30pm

Ticket prices: This match is strictly ALL TICKET. Tickets are priced at £18 for adults and £9 for senior citizens and under-16's.

Coaches: Depart Holmesdale Road at 11.30am and the fare is £6.



TRAVEL INFORMATION

WATFORD V CRYSTAL PALACE

Coaches depart Holmesdale Road at 11.45 and the fare is £9.

Going by car: Proceed to Staples Corner and follow the signs to join M1 (signposted The North). At junction 5 leave the motorway following the signs to Watford Town Centre (A4008). In two miles at Waterfields roundabout take the second exit (A4110 signposted Town Centre and then, at the junction with the A4178, turn left (one way) and keep right then left for Watford Football Club.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Crystal Palace v Huddersfield Town

Saturday, 1st May 1999

Kick Off 3.00pm



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MATCHDAY PRICES

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Stanley Stephenson/Players/Glaziers Lounge £25
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Senior Citizen/U16 £12

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Adult £16
Senior Citizen/U16 £9

HOLMESDALE STAND

Upper Tier (gallery) (no concessions) £21
Upper Tier £19
Lower Tier £16
Senior Citizen/U16 £9

FAMILY AREA

MAIN STAND (BLOCKS A & J)
Palace Club Member £16
Senior Citizen Member £9

(Club members and Junior Eagles who purchase tickets prior to the day of the game will receive a £2 discount on matchday prices. Please note, these reduced prices do not apply for cup games.)

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These vouchers are exclusively available to Golden Eagle Members only. You can purchase an unlimited amount of discount vouchers through us here at the club. There is a minimum purchase of £25 per voucher group, and we require 48 hours' notice before the vouchers can be collected.

WEEKLY DRAW WINNERS

WEEK No 32

| La | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
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| Manga | 4935 | 266 | 1236 |
| | | 1129 | 3144 |
| £1500 | 361 | 3322 | 987 |
| | | 1132 | 3553 |
| Holiday | 477 | 371 | 135 |
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| £750 | 1667 | 2987 | 43 |
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WEEK No 33

| La | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
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| Manga | 1503 | 3000 | 1736 |
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| £1500 | 3829 | 2913 | 1364 |
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| Holiday | 4175 | 2993 | 2812 |
| | | 2472 | 625 |
| 1412 | 1889 | 2738 | 1049 |
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| £750 | 3078 | 1857 | 1172 |
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| Furniture Village | 10% | Sainsburys Savacentre | 5% | (Flights, Hols, Hotels) | 5% |
| BHS | 8% | Sainsburys Homebase | 5% | Do-It-All | 4% |
| Mothercare | 8% | Thresher Wine Stores | 5% | Allied Carpets | |
| Children's World | 8% | Allders of Croydon | 5% | (Subject to | |
| Comet | 7.5% | David Lloyd Leisure | 5% | amount ordered) | |
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Fourteen **EAGLES**

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SPIRITED DISPLAY DEFIES LEAGUE LEADERS

Sunderland's assault on the First Division title has been as impressive as it was inevitable. Last season's play-off final heartbreak, which saw them lose out to our South London rivals Charlton Athletic on penalties, was, if anything, the perfect spur for Peter Reid's men to make sure the next time round - and they have. When the Mackems arrived at Selhurst Park last Monday they were sitting pretty on top of the league table, a whopping twelve points clear of nearest rivals Ipswich Town. Few would have given a full-strength Palace team a chance, let alone one depleted by the rash of transfer deadline day departures which resulted in six players leaving for pastures new. But this new Palace outfit is quickly establishing itself as one of the hardest to beat in the First Division and, with the longest unbeaten home run in English football as proof of this, there was quiet optimism amongst the crowd as the Eagles prepared to tackle the team from the Stadium of Light. "They are the best team in the league by a mile," said Palace goalkeeper Kevin Miller in an interview at Streete Court last week. "But our home form has been good this season and we were fairly confident of getting at least a draw

against them, if not all three points."

ADMIRABLE FIGHTBACK

Such optimism seemed to be justified as it was the home side who made all the running in the game's opening stages. With Hayden Mullins imperious at the back, the Chinese working industriously in midfield and Clinton Morrison providing an enthusiastic and willing outlet up front, it came as something of a shock when Sunderland took the lead with their first attack of the game. Allan Johnston swung in a

corner from the right hand side and Kevin Phillips was left totally unmarked to head in a routine goal at the near post for his eighteenth of the season. "It would have been easy for us to crumble after they scored fairly early in the game," admitted Miller, "but the way we came back was



[who commendably played despite the continuing air strikes on his home city of Belgrade], Dean Austin and David Woosley to a constant stream of aerial balls aimed at the big Irish centre forward Niall Quinn. When the line was breached, however, the Mackems found Miller in fantastic

PLAYER FEATURE

KEVIN MILLER GOALKEEPER

admirable. We never let our heads drop and kept on fighting." Almost immediately after the re-start, Fan Zhiyi brought the crowd to its feet when he smacked

a swerving thirty yard shot goalwards, only to see the impressive Thomas Sorensen dive to his right and save. An equaliser was in the offing, and it duly arrived when Leon McKenzie's shot was only parried by Sorensen and the effervescent Morrison slid the ball home gleefully from all of two yards.

Selhurst erupted and the 8,000 travelling Sunderland fans in the Arthur Wait Stand suddenly fell rather quiet.

UNDER THE COSH

The second period, however, showed exactly why the Wearsiders have topped the league for so much of the campaign. Sunderland encamped in the Palace half and subjected the Eagles' back-line of Sun Jihai,

Gordan Petric

form: the ex-Watford No. 1 made excellent saves from Johnston, Nicky Summerbee and Quinn to produce one of his best performances of the season and keep the Eagles in the match. Miller, however, remains modest about the extent of his contribution: "With one of the saves, I just took a gamble. The ball came in from the right and I guessed which way the shot was likely to come in. Luckily, I was right, but if I had looked the other way it would have gone in and we might not have picked up a point." To have emerged from the match with nothing to show for their efforts would have been tough on Steve Coppell's men, however, and when the final whistle blew the players were given a standing ovation by Palace's biggest crowd of the season. There was not the jubilation that sparked such euphoric scenes at Carrow Road just two days before, but it was yet another performance of which to be proud. Miller was keen to point out the contribution made by the younger players who, as they had at Norwich, "shone throughout: "We have brought kids through and they have done absolutely brilliantly. Norwich and Sunderland are two difficult games and we have taken four points from them which is really worthy of the highest praise. Everyone has played their part, but it is the likes of David Woosley, Stephen Thomson and Hayden Mullins, who I thought was superb, who deserve the real credit."

The present may be traumatic, but the footballing future is definitely bright at Selhurst Park.

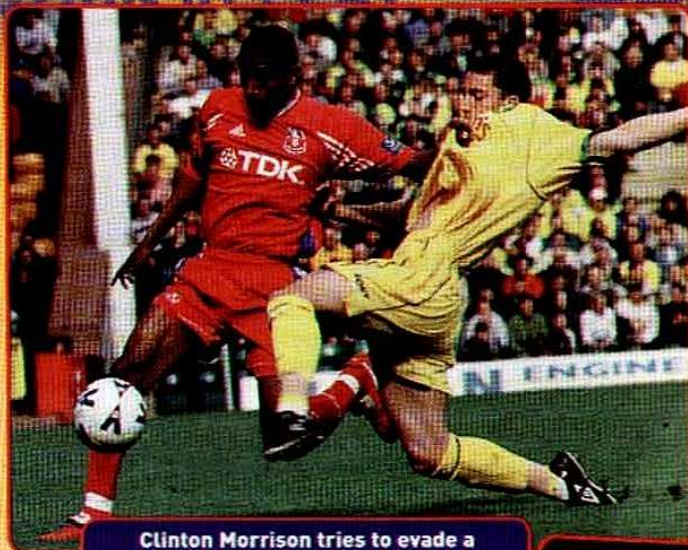
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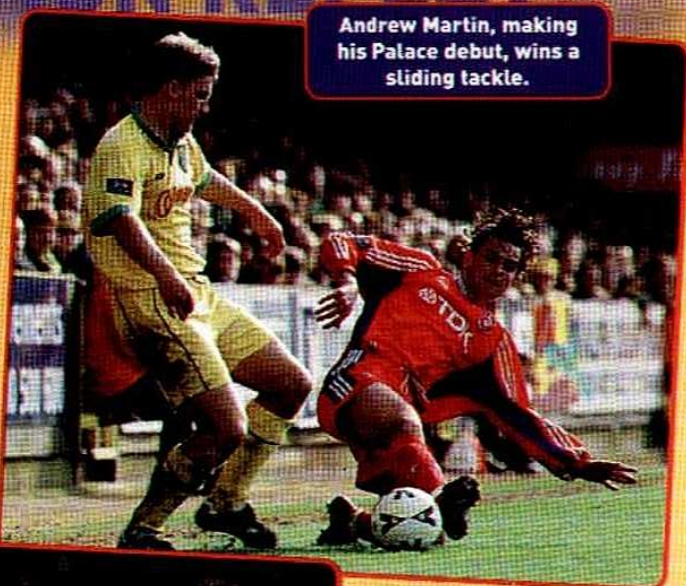
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Fifteen



Clinton Morrison tries to evade a challenge from Norwich's Che Wilson.



Andrew Martin, making his Palace debut, wins a sliding tackle.



ACTION REPLAY

Nationwide League Division One
Saturday, 3rd April 1999

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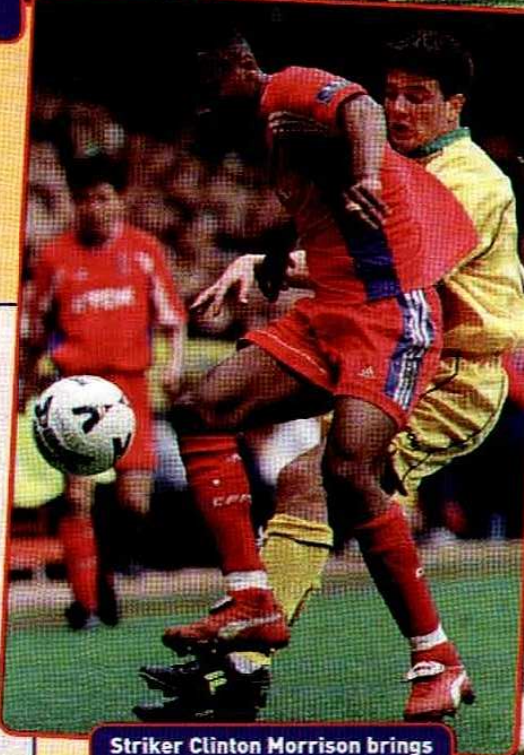
Crystal Palace 1 (Austin 12)

Attendance: 16,754

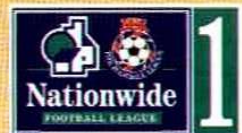
Norwich: A. Marshall, Sutch, Wilson, Russell, Mackay, Jackson, L. Marshall (Forbes), Bellamy, Roberts, Hughes (Dalglish), Llewellyn (Mulryne)

Palace: Miller, Frampton (Hibburt), Jihai, Austin, Woosley, Thomson, Foster, Zhiyi, Martin, Morrison (Carlisle), Mullins.

Booked: Palace - Zhiyi.



Striker Clinton Morrison brings the ball under control.



Left-back Andrew Frampton, a former Palace trainee, was one of three youngsters playing at first team level for the first time at Carrow Road.



Wayne Carlisle, James Hibburt and Andrew Frampton celebrate Palace's 1-0 victory over the Canaries.

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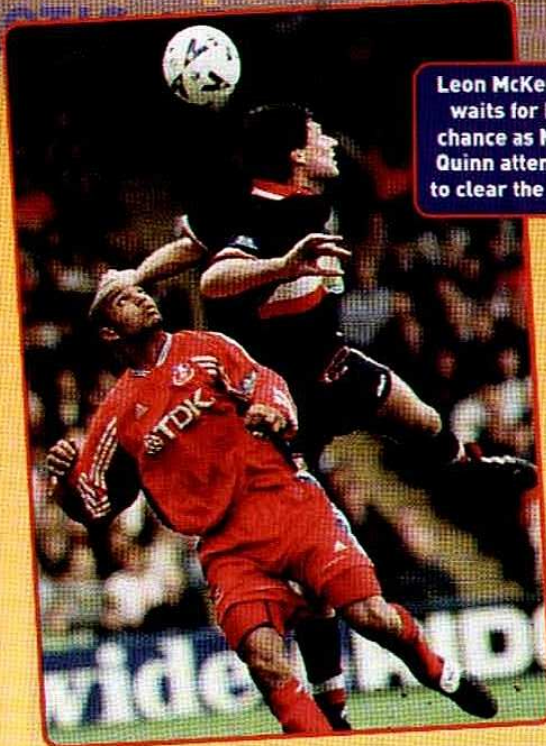
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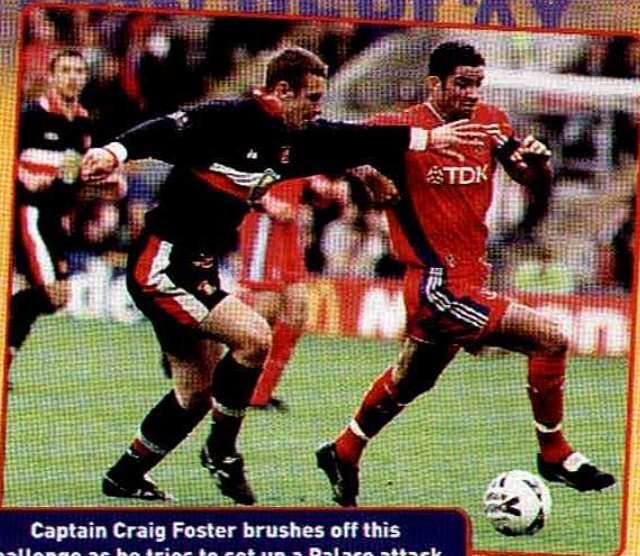
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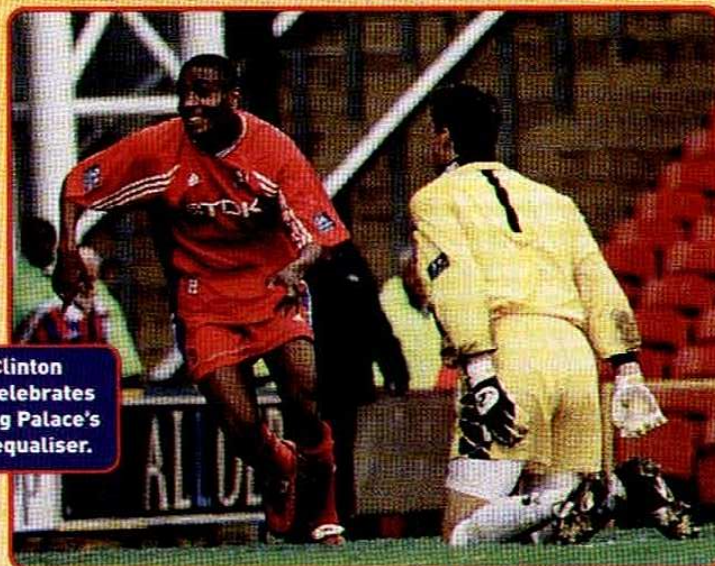


Leon McKenzie waits for his chance as Niall Quinn attempts to clear the ball.

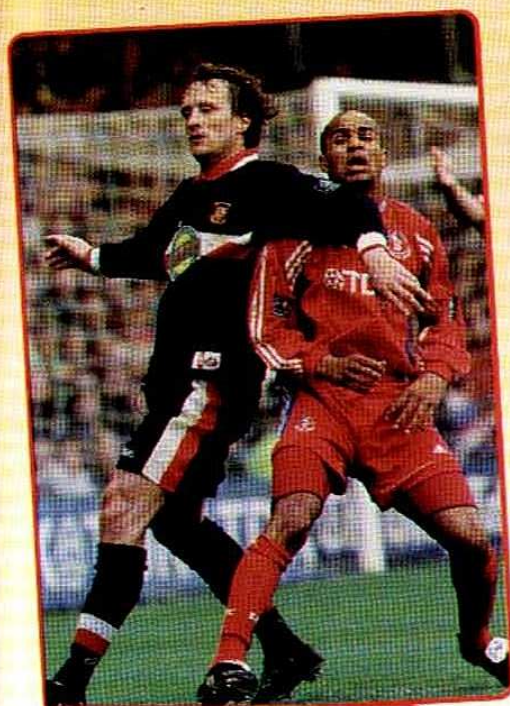


Captain Craig Foster brushes off this challenge as he tries to set up a Palace attack.

Action from Palace's Easter weekend matches against Norwich City and Sunderland



GOAL! Clinton Morrison celebrates after netting Palace's deserved equaliser.



Leon McKenzie is held back by Sunderland's Nicky Summerbee.



ACTION REPLAY

Nationwide League Division One
Monday, 5th April 1999

Crystal Palace 1 (Morrison 34)

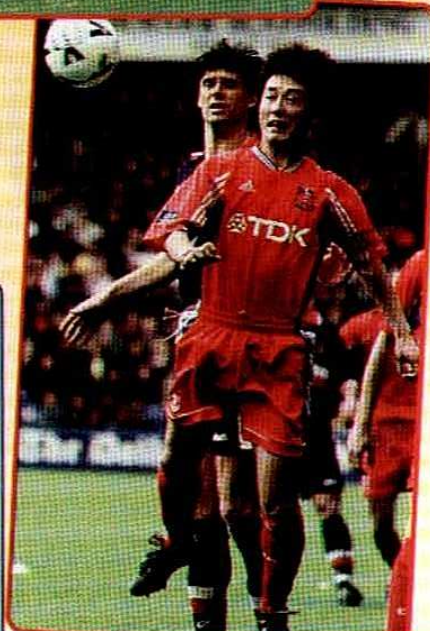
Sunderland 1 (Phillips 23)

Attendance: 22,096

Palace: Miller, Jihai, Petric, Austin, Woosley, Thomson, Foster, Zhiyi, McKenzie, Morrison, Mullins.

Sunderland: Sorensen, Makin (Holloway), Gray, Ball, Melville, Butler, Summerbee, Clark, Quinn, Phillips, Johnston..

Booked: Palace - Petric, Jihai.
Sunderland - Phillips, Quinn.



Sun Jihai, who had another fine game, is put under pressure by the giant Niall Quinn.

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JUNIOR EAGLES

With Louise Kaye

Hello to all Junior Eagles and a special welcome to Swindon Town's Junior Robins.

For me, this will be the most interesting game of the season as Swindon, being my old club, come to Selhurst Park. However, rest assured, my family and friends at the match will see me shouting for the Eagles! When we visited the County Ground back in November, Palace were defeated by the Robins 2-0, so here's hoping we steal back those three points this afternoon. Hope you enjoy the entertainment at today's Family Fun Day and make the most of the carnival atmosphere. Watch out at half-time for a penalty shoot out between the Junior Eagles and the Junior Robins. Please also give a big cheer to the goalkeepers in this game, Swindon's Funky Fledgling and our very own, Pete the Eagle.



TOBLERONE ZONE

I thought that you all would have eaten enough chocolate over Easter to see you through the year, but obviously not. Thank you to everyone who entered the latest competition to win a giant Toblerone by answering the following question: Q: Which First Division Team name can be found in the word Toblerone?

(clue: you only need the first word of a two worded team)

The answer is of course BOLTON.

Congratulations to ten year old Joanne Calver, of Old Coulsdon, who is our winner. You can see Joanne collect her prize before kick-off today.

STAR JUNIOR EAGLE

Name: Holly Bowden

Age: 9

Lives: Milton Regis, Kent

School: Borden Primary

Hobbies: Tap dancing, disco dancing and art

How long have you supported

Palace? 3 years

Favourite players: Jamie Smith and

Lee Bradbury

Job when older: Actress

Favourite music: Britney Spears and Steps

Favourite TV programme: Sabrina the Teenage Witch

Has you or your family had a funny or strange Palace experience? Yes, because I have a season ticket and I have missed a few games, but every time I have been there they have won, and I have never seen them lose.

• We hope you are here watching the game today Holly!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To Siven Sawmy, who is having his birthday party at Selhurst Park this afternoon. We hope Siven and his friends are having a great day and that three points will be the icing on the cake!

TODAY'S MASCOTS



Daniel Holleran

Daniel Holleran is 9 years old today, so many happy returns from everyone at Crystal Palace. Daniel, from Warrington, Surrey goes to Royal Russell School in Shirley and he likes football, cricket and tennis.

Simon Gleave recently celebrated his 10th birthday and he attends

Halstow Primary School in Greenwich. Simon's hobbies are playing football, rugby, tennis and the guitar. His favourite player is Simon Rodger.

Glenn Wilders from Dartford, Kent is 10 years old and attends New Ash Green Primary School. He likes computers and loves football. Glenn plays for Darenth Rangers and his favourite player is Fan Zhiyi.

We hope all three boys enjoy their afternoon here at Selhurst Park.



Simon Gleave

BRADFORD MASCOTS

Pictured are the Crystal Palace mascots who led the team out for our recent home game against high flying Bradford City. The Palace mascots pictured are Joseph Marchbank, Sam Stockdale and Dominic Burrell.



COMPETITION TIME!

You could win a signed Palace football if you correctly answer the three questions below:

1. Andrew Martin was one of three players to make their first team debuts at Norwich City. Name the two other debutants?

2. From which Chinese club did Palace sign Fan Zhiyi?

3. Which club did Jamie Fullarton join on loan on transfer deadline day?

Send your answers to: Louise Kaye, Junior Eagles Competition 19, Crystal Palace FC, Selhurst Park, London, SE25 6PU, to reach me no later than Wednesday 28th April 1999. Remember to enclose those all important details; name, address, and membership number. All correct entries will be put into a draw from which the winner will be pulled out.



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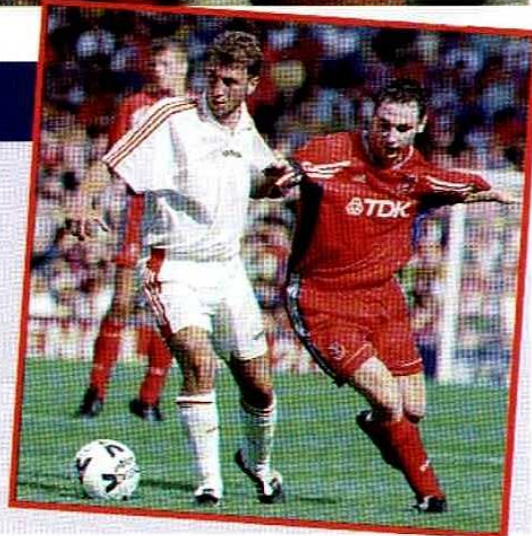


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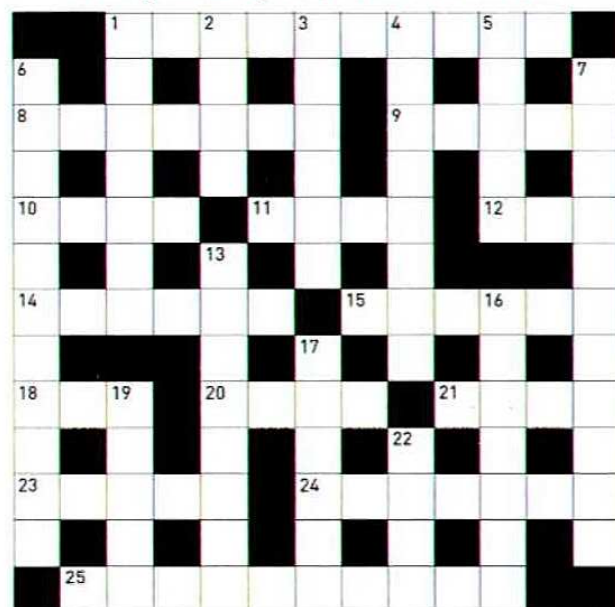
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PALACE CROSSWORD

Compiled by Thomas Trickett



ACROSS

1. 'The Grecians' (6,4)
8. 1946: FA Cup Final score Charlton? Derby? (3,4)
9. FA Cup winners on seven occasions (5)
10. Draped over both goals (4)
11. Port Vale player Neil Aspin does a twist, apparently (5)
12. Situation bottom of the table teams find themselves in (3)
14. Former Palace midfielder now at AFC Bournemouth (3,3)
15.Albiston, made his FA Cup debut in cup final (6)
18. Limb could be first or second (3)
20. Alter a deer to show (1970/80s) Brazilian player (anag) (4)
21. Jaap, Manchester United central defender (4)
23. Footballers Dean and David Holdsworth are (5)
24. Place ball on here for penalty kick (3,4)
25. Soccer player (11)

DOWN

1. FA Cup winners 1995 (7)
2. Non-league team, Windsor &FC (4)
3. Destination for top Premiership sides (6)
4. FA Cup winners 1987 (8)
5. Martin, football commentator (5)
6. Coventry City manager 1987/90 (4,7)
7. Everton manager (6,5)
13. FA Cup giant-killers Yeovil Town hail from this county (6)
16. TottenhamFC (7)
17. Shirt number that has big girl's name hidden apparently (6)
19.Buchwald, (1990s) German defender (5)
22. Thehome of Southampton FC (4)

Answers on page 59

QUICK QUIZ

Questions about current and past Palace players.

1. Against which club did Nicky Rizzo make his Palace debut?
2. Name Palace's goalscorers in the 8-0 League Cup victory over Southend in 1990/91?
3. From which club did Palace sign Glyn Hodges in June 1990?
4. With which club did Tony Scully play on loan for in 1994/95?
5. Who was Palace's top league goalscorer with 20 goals in 1995/96?

FIVE BY THREE

A quiz by Stephen Williamson of Swift Enterprises

Good afternoon. Only about two months ago many people would have expected this fixture to be a 'six pointer' relegation battle. Although that is now not the case, a tough game is still in prospect. Today's quiz follows the normal pattern, and hopefully it will test you. Good luck and enjoy the match.

Three About Palace

1. Not including former juniors, who was the first new signing to score for Palace this season?
2. In 1975/76 Palace reached the FA Cup semi-final stage for the first time. Can you name the clubs (which included one non-league side) who we overcame to achieve this feat?
3. In 1971/72, who rejoined Palace as part of the deal that took Alan Birchenall to Leicester?

Three About Swindon

4. Who in 1996 scored for Swindon reserves and the first team on the same day?
5. Jimmy Quinn is now in charge of Swindon, but since 1983 the Robins have had six other managers. Can you name them?
6. In which year did Swindon win the League Cup?



Three About Other Football

7. Name the two Surrey based teams in this season's Conference?
8. Name the two Kent based teams in this season's Conference?
9. Name the current four Conference teams that Palace have played in the Football League?

Three On Other Sports

10. Can you name the first four horses to complete last Saturday's Grand National at Aintree?
11. Who were the very first home team on 'Match of the Day'? (worth a guess!)
12. How many people in total compete in the University Boat Race each year?

Three General Knowledge Questions

13. Which US record company took its name from its home city's main industry?
14. What name is given to a young owl?
15. For how many years during World War 2 was bread rationed?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 59





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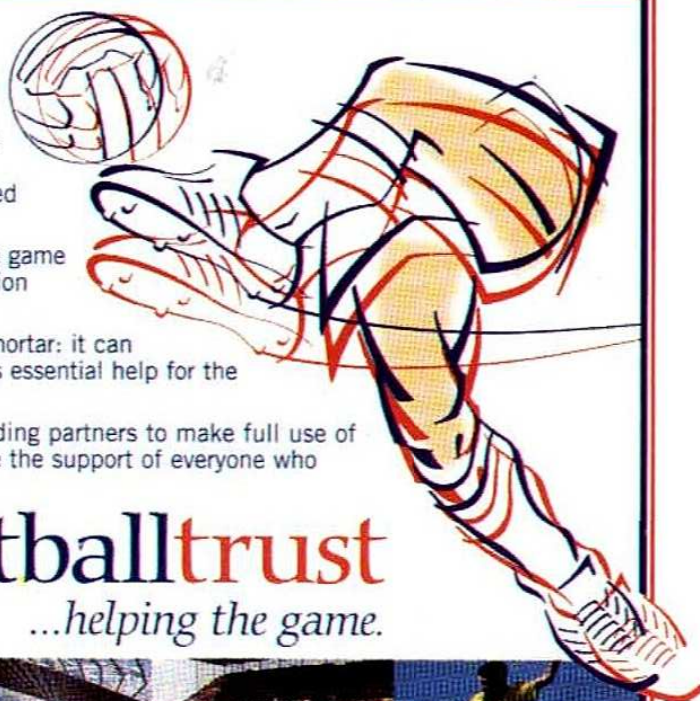
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AUSTIN POWERS HIS WAY BACK

"It was against Grimsby, away, for Southend United. February 1992?" Dean Austin is trying to remember the last time he scored a league goal and it is taking a little while. Having eventually settled for that fateful day at Blundell Park seven years ago, a wry grin spreads across his face: "You could say that I was due one." Certainly one of the Palace players that Norwich could have been worrying about least from an attacking point of view was the 29-year old defender, who made his name at Tottenham Hotspur before leaving White Hart Lane for Selhurst Park last summer. But it was Austin who soared above a static Norwich defence at Carrow Road on Easter Saturday to head firmly and gloriously past Andy Marshall in the City goal to give Palace a lead they were never to relinquish. Austin, despite his less than impressive goalscoring exploits in recent seasons, maintains that he is confident when Palace have dead ball situations around the penalty area: "The gaffer always tells me to get forward when we get corners and free-kicks near the box and, if the delivery is good, I fancy my chances. Fozzy [Craig Foster] sent over a great ball, I read it and stuck it away."

TERRIFIC PERFORMANCE

The game against the Canaries two weeks ago epitomised the spirit and resolve that has been forged amongst Palace's young group of players. Despite the off-the-field problems that have dogged the club in recent months, Steve Coppell and the remaining coaching staff have performed minor miracles: Norwich represented an eighth game unbeaten and, with superb draws against Sunderland and Wolves following soon after, that run has been extended to ten. Backed by a vociferous away following in City's

cramped, ageing South Stand (a stark contrast to the modern splendour of the other three sides to Carrow Road), Palace rose above themselves to record a third away win and, without doubt, their best result of the season - yes, even better than the 5-1 demolition job performed on the



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PLAYER FEATURE

DEAN AUSTIN

Canaries at Selhurst Park in October. Whereas that result was achieved with the likes of Lombardo, Jansen, Curcic, Moore and Rizzo, the triumph in East Anglia relied on the services of Woolley, Frampton, Martin and Graham - all talented and hugely promising players without question, but also lads many thought would fold on the big occasion. Not a bit of it. Every ball was chased and every fifty-fifty won in a performance that made even the most cynical and hardened Palace supporter burst with pride. For Austin, too, it was a case of proving people wrong. Much harangued and pilloried since his arrival from Spurs, Deano turned in a consummately professional

performance that silenced the critics and delighted the defender: "It was good to get out on the pitch and play for ninety minutes. That is something that hasn't been happening very often at first team level for me this season and I was pleased with my performance. Obviously to

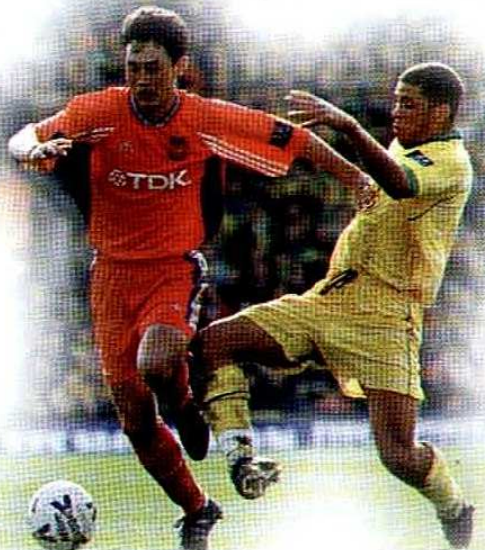
get the goal after so long was a bonus, but the real star was the team as a whole. It was a terrific display."

last ten minutes when a lead is

usually surrendered, and Austin is generous in his praise: "Once again, they were brilliant. We always felt confident that we could get something at Norwich because they were going through a rocky patch and to get that level of support just spurs you on even more. They deserve all the credit for sticking with the club throughout this difficult period." As do the players, who played at Carrow Road under the threat of strike action if a deal could not be made regarding their wages for March. Austin, who has reportedly waived his performance bonuses in an effort to save the club some money, was well aware of the difficulties in preparing for the match against Bruce Rioch's team: "It was hard. We had to travel up on the day of the game instead of the night before which was a little strange because footballers, like most people, have a set routine that they use for matches and that they like to stick to. On the other hand, it might have helped some of the younger players to be more relaxed about the match." It obviously seemed to work! And what of those youngsters?

Austin, at 29, constituted one of Palace's most experienced players at Carrow Road and significantly pushed up the average age of the side, which still only reached 22. "They deserve huge praise," Austin commented. They are a good bunch of lads and have a lot of talent. It is asking a lot of them to come into the team and work miracles, but they are fighters and will give everything for the club. That is the sort of attitude we need right now." Dean Austin: defender, fans' favourite, mentor and goalscorer supreme.

Andrew Fifield





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With their busy calendar, it is somewhat surprising to learn that today is the first time that they have played in a football ground since April 20th 1921 - 78 years ago, almost to the day. In 1921 they were at Stamford Bridge, where they played for the then Prince of Wales, who later became King Edward VIII.

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Dear Supporter

I would firstly like to thank you for all the support you have given me since I have taken charge of First Team affairs. The recent results have been fantastic and you have certainly played a very important part. It does make a difference to the players when the stadium is full of Palace fans cheering them on and there is no doubt in my mind that this has been a significant factor in our superb home form this season.

This has been a difficult campaign but I am already planning for next year and it really excites me to think of the new crop of young players steering us towards the Premiership. However, the players and I need your support more than ever to ensure success. The best way you can show that support is to become a Crystal Palace Season Ticket Holder for 1999/2000.

We had a total of 10,100 season ticket holders for 1998/99 which was a fabulous response, but I am convinced that we can beat that number for next season showing the true commitment and resolve of Palace fans.

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For those of you concerned about the current administration period, all revenue from Season Tickets will be held in a separate account and used only for next season's campaign, it will not be used to pay off existing creditors.

You will be receiving your Season Ticket application forms in the post very shortly.

I hope we can show the true spirit of Palace fans by beating the 1998/99 figure and showing publicly how we can pull together in the face of adversity. Discounts apply up to 30th June 1999 and existing seats will be held until the same date. I will be on ClubCall each week from now with an update on how we are doing. Why not encourage a friend who hasn't been a Season Ticket Holder before to join you? Every effort counts and is really appreciated by me.

Thank you once again for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at Selhurst Park next season for what promises to be a fantastic year and a start of a new era in the history of Crystal Palace Football Club.

Yours sincerely

Steve Coppell

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Striker Martin Pringle preferred the fast and furious appeal of ice hockey to the fervour of football as a youngster, but he is now leading Charlton's Premiership survival attempts - and impressing along the way.

"I wasn't particularly interested in football when I was growing up and just played it for fun," said Pringle. "Ice hockey was my big game before I got into football at 18."

VITAL ADDITION

Charlton fans will certainly be glad that Pringle, who arrived as a New Year's present when signing for £800,000 from Portuguese outfit Benfica three months ago, finally decided to pursue his football career. His goals and passion for the game have been a vital addition to their ranks.

In the modern day mould, Pringle is a forward who not only strives to provide the goals that are expected from him, but also works relentlessly for his side.

It was a team ethic the 28-year-old exemplified perfectly during Charlton's 1-0 win against London rivals West Ham last week when he ran himself ragged pestering the opposition defence.

He said: "This team are not worth getting relegated. They have ability and work too hard. We have not been beaten big-time by anyone and the lads put in a lot of effort."

CRUCIAL GOALS

No striker or team can survive without goals, however, and although Pringle has not set the world alight with his scoring strike rate, his goals, for a side where they have been a rarity this season, have been crucial.

A week after making his debut as a substitute against Southampton, he opened his account for the club against Newcastle with a dramatic last minute equaliser.

The tension of a relegation battle may now await Pringle for the rest of the season, but he says it is still better than his time at Benfica, who he joined from Swedish side Helsingborg.

He explained: "I came to Charlton to play first team football which I wasn't getting at Benfica. I started the season for them, but after five or six games

something happened as I didn't play from there on.

"That was disappointing as I had been playing quite well and enjoying my football, but had been pushed aside. I started wondering what I had done wrong.



the standard of play in the Premiership and, surprisingly, he has a word of warning for those ready to criticise English referees at any opportunity.

He concluded: "The standard in the Premiership is very good. The referees are the

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MARTIN PRINGLE FORWARD

"IT IS A SMALL CLUB, BUT IT IS LIKE A FAMILY AT CHARLTON. EVERYONE IS FRIENDLY AND THAT'S WHAT I LIKE. YOU FEEL AT HOME."

"I had two-and-a-half years at Benfica and there were not too many good times. It is a great club as long as you are winning. As soon as you lose you start getting hammered, no matter who you are."

He continued: "I saw Charlton play a couple of times as I had Sky in Portugal and I also had a talk with Scott Minto, who was at Benfica and used to play for them.

Then I made the decision which wasn't too hard.

"It is a small club, but it is like a family at Charlton. Everyone is friendly and that's what I like. You feel at home."

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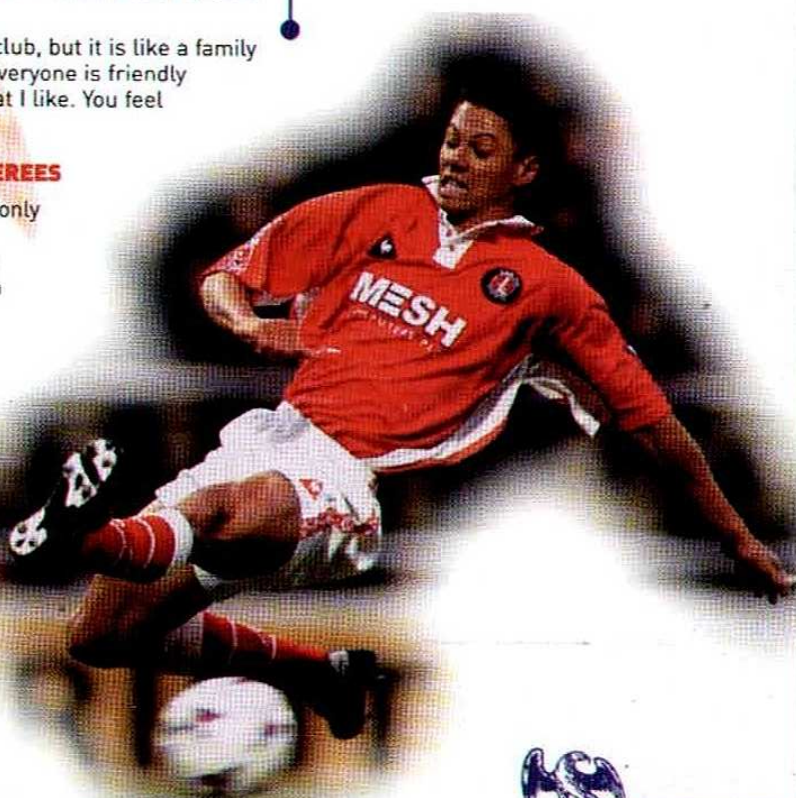
Pringle is not only enjoying the opportunity to play first team football, but also

big difference for me. They are far better here. They get criticised in England, but you should take a look in Portugal.

"Just ask Brian Deane who is at Middlesbrough now and used to play in Portugal. He is a big and strong striker and every time he pushed a central defender over a free-kick would be given against him and he got a lot of yellow cards.

"In the Premiership it is give and take which is what football should be about. It is a physical game."

By Mandeep Sanghera
Collings Sport



Chinese domestic football can be a bit of a struggle. Low on resources, the country's top teams have few facilities, face long, arduous train journeys to away games, and operate on tight budgets. So Fan Zhiyi and Sun Jihai have adjusted rather well to the new, streamlined Palace.

"Football at home is extremely popular, but very new. The western game is the model on which we are building, but at the moment many aspects are still basic. So yes, I suppose we are both used to hardship! It is very sad that the club is having such difficulty. We are both very keen to stay and help the recovery next season. Our football has been very good recently, so if the club's troubles off the field can be solved, we look forward to a strong challenge for promotion next season. Crystal Palace has many, many fans in China now, and I hope everything will soon be sorted out."

MASS OF PUBLICITY

Having arrived amid a mass of publicity last year, Fan and Sun seemed to represent everything that looked good about the new Terry Venables regime - forward looking, adventurous and ambitious. They settled in quickly, and, disciplinary problems aside, impressed everyone right from the off. But now that the Venables era is over, the pair have come to represent arguably the only two enduring successes of a spell from which the club faces a massive struggle to recover.

"We are both very sad, but it remains a privilege just to have the chance to play English football. It is something that I have always wanted. Before the World Cup our national team came here to train, and that was when the possibility of us signing for Crystal Palace was first investigated. We also played at Arsenal and Chelsea, but Crystal Palace was the most enthusiastic club. It is still very exciting to be here."

FAST AND PHYSICAL

The ease with which the adjustment has been made continues to impress - and when the voting for 'Player of the Year' begins, both Fan and Sun could well be in with a shout.

"English football is fast and physical, Chinese is slow and technique-based. The combination has benefited us both - when we go home to play nationally, we are both fitter, quicker thinking and more agile. It is a great advantage to football in our country to have these new influences - it will not be too many

years before China as a footballing nation becomes very strong." But on a smaller scale, there remains one question for which it's still difficult to find an answer. While Sun has made the left-wing back position his own, Fan, in the eight months he has been here, continues to float through a variety of roles. So which is his favourite? "Oh everyone asks me that, but I will not tell them. I will do my very best



PLAYER FEATURE

wherever Mr Coppell needs me to play. I have played in defence, midfield and attack, and soon maybe I will play in goal! I am happy as long as I play, and as long as I am effective for the team. That is vital for a footballer."

Fan hails from a strong sporting family - his father was a footballer, now a coach in Shanghai, and his mother was an athlete. That he, an only child, would become a sportsman was, he thinks, inevitable.

VERY COMMITTED

"My father was always very concerned that I should be exposed to football, and I quickly came to love it. He is now very proud of me, and very committed to helping my career. Both my parents travelled to England to see me play for Palace at the end of last year, and they follow all our games on the television. "I live here now in Croydon with my wife, and she also enjoys the football. But at the moment we are without our baby daughter Si Jing who is in

Shanghai with my parents. When we went back home for the Asian games, we were told she was too small to travel back again. That is very difficult for both of us, as I am sure you can imagine. But she was born in this country, and when I come back for the start of next season, we will bring her back to her homeland!"

Life in Croydon is still proving something of a challenge - but it's not without its culinary perks...

"There is not a major problem with my language during training or in the matches, as the game speaks for itself. But there is a problem in day to day life. Shopping, banking, all sorts of things can be very problematic. We are becoming used to it though, and are making efforts to learn the language and to fit in. My wife cooks wonderful



Chinese food, which reminds us both of home, but I do like English potatoes, and I love, I very much love, fish and chips. Fish and chips is not healthy, but it is a very good thing, and I have noticed Croydon has many excellent fish and chip shops."

SETTLING IN

In fact, the family are settling into life in England really rather well - and, without being badgered by the millions of fans who follow his every move back in China, Fan has had plenty of time for sight-seeing.

"I have been all around London now - we have been to see Big Ben, Trafalgar Square, Soho and China Town, and it is a beautiful city, especially in the sunshine. We have also been on a day trip to Brighton - although I was told not to tell that to Crystal Palace supporters. But it is all a very lovely country, and people have been very nice to us here. I hope to work here for a long time."

David Hills





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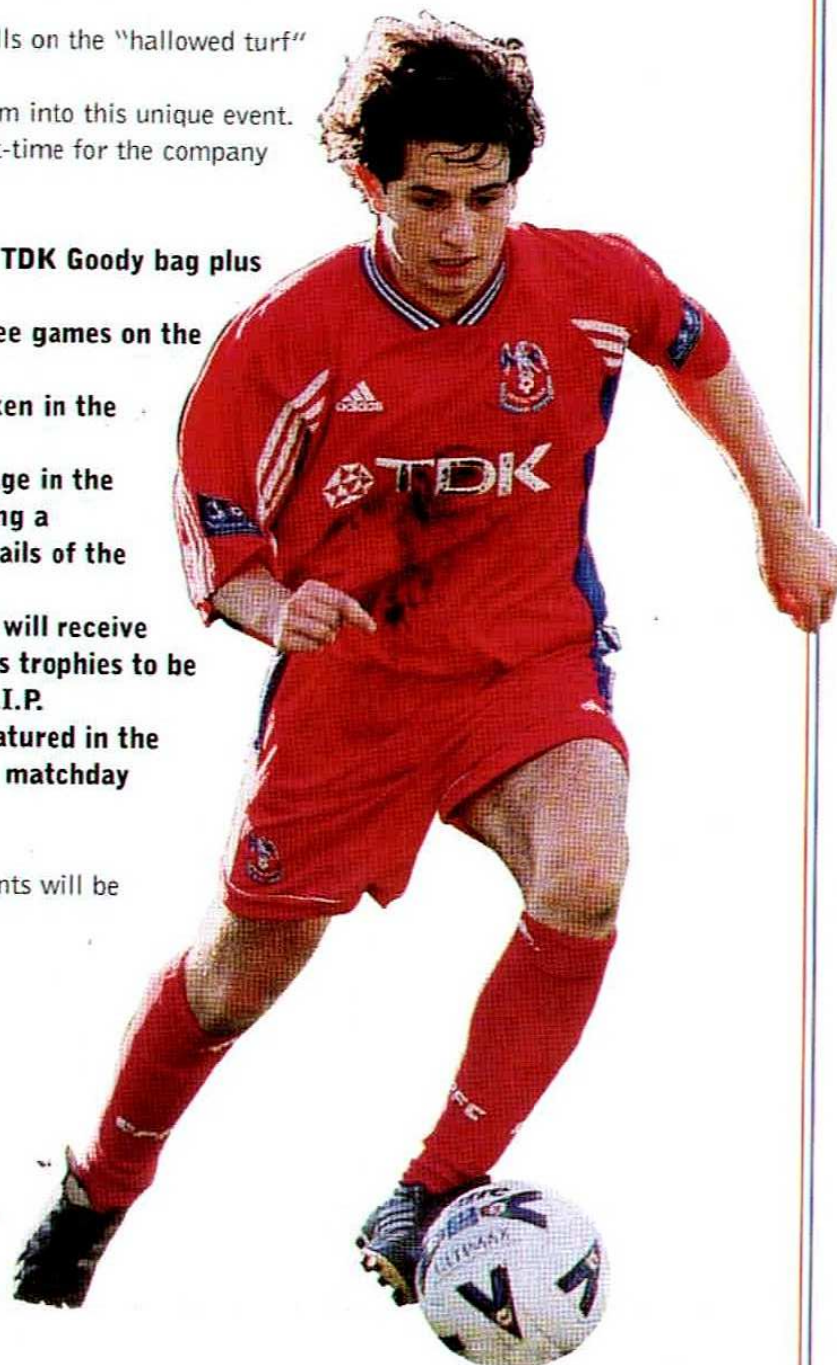
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Dear In Off The Post,

I don't know who or how the 'Manager of the Month' award winner is decided, but for March in the First Division I think it should have gone to our own Steve Coppell. Under very difficult circumstances and tremendous pressure on and off the pitch he has raised the team's spirit and got the players working together. The results are evidence of his character. He doesn't moan or whinge and comes across as an understanding and likeable person who has the respect of all the people around him. So I ask the question - "Why did Peter Reid get the award?" Well done Steve, keep up the good work - we are all behind you.

Lynda Vass, Purley



Dear In Off The Post,

I must write to compliment Steve and the players for their tremendous attitude and spirit over the last few difficult weeks. The relief of the Barnsley win lifted everybody, and the performances against Ipswich and Grimsby were outstanding in the circumstances. Steve has instilled a real 'togetherness' in the squad which was not there previously. With the talented youngsters coming through - Mullins, Morrison, Thomson, Evans etc - there is surely a chink of light at the end of the dark financial tunnel.

Nick Bowden, Sittingbourne

P.S. I am now going to write to FIFA to request a rule change - all league games to be shortened to 88 minutes. That should ensure at least another 10 points every season!

Dear In Off The Post,

We would like to wish our son, Matthew Clark, a very happy birthday which he celebrated two days ago. We hope you had a great day. With all our love Mummy, Daddy, Rebecca and Tyson.



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Dear In Off The Post,

We were shocked and saddened to hear of the recent departure of Pete King from the Palace staff. He was one of the most highly visible and respected staff members at Palace through his work with the excellent Matchday Programme, Palace News, Selhurst Six, Palace Radio and Cable 17. We are really struggling to understand how the decision was made to release someone whose ebullient personality is so integral to Palace's public profile. Whilst fanzines and club publications are not traditionally the best of friends, we have always found Pete to be fair and accomodating in all of our dealings with him, even if he didn't always agree with what we've said. We would, through this letter, like to thank him for all he has done to promote Palace and send our best wishes to him for the future. At least there is a glimmer of hope in the chairman's statement on radio, that the club is looking to re-employ as many people as possible when finances permit. We would urge the chairman to do everything in his power to ensure that, in Pete's case, this is not just another empty promise - Palace need the likes of Pete King onboard.

Neil & Laurie
Palace Echo Fanzine

Ed's reply: Thanks for your kind comments. I can assure you that the high standard of the department's work will not be adversely affected by Pete's regrettable departure.

Dear In Off The Post

I would like to wish my daughter Angela Dunnion a very happy 12th birthday for today (17th April). She is a Junior Eagle and season ticket holder in the lower tier of the Holmesdale Road Stand. Her favourite player is Leon McKenzie.

Tony Dunnion

Ed's note: Everyone at Crystal Palace would also like to wish young Angela a very happy birthday and hope that she can celebrate her day with a Palace victory.

Dear In Off The Post,

I am writing to say how much we all enjoyed the marvellous afternoon we had at the Crystal Palace v Sunderland match and also to thank the Palace official for obtaining the tickets. It was particularly useful for me to see the layout of Selhurst Park and to witness the events before the kick-off and at half-time which are all part of the day's entertainment. The match itself was played in the best spirit of the game and supporters of both teams enjoyed a hard fought encounter. It was a marvellous sight to see the stand opposite us full of the red and white shirts of the Sunderland enthusiasts who had travelled over 300 miles to see the game. What impressed and really moved me though was a marvellous gesture after the teams had left the field at the end of the match. As the Sunderland supporters filed out of the stadium, the Palace faithful in the adjacent stand stood up and applauded them - a sight I have never witnessed in over 50 years of attending football matches. If all fixtures were played under such sporting conditions the game would be so much better.

Air Commodore C H Reineck OBE
The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, London

Dear In Off Post

I would like to say how pleased I am that the club have once again made a special ticket offer for the Swindon game. I will be bringing my son to his first match which, I hope, will be the first of many.

N. Smith, Caterham

GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

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ON THE UP



A continuing account of the previous seasons ten, twenty and thirty years ago that Crystal Palace gained promotion to top flight football.

1969

Saturday 12th April was the day that Palace virtually claimed the second promotion place to Division One after gaining a point at Preston in a goalless draw. With Charlton also drawing away at Huddersfield and Middlesbrough surprisingly losing at home for the first time to relegated Bury, only a 7-0 home defeat by Fulham a week later could deny us and, even then, the club still had a fixture in hand over the others. The Palace fans were already celebrating before the kick-off at Deepdale as David Payne was offered a swig of champagne just before the start, while some was sprinkled over the match ball. One can only imagine the celebrations on the train journey home. This was nothing compared to the scenes at Selhurst Park following the game against London rivals Fulham. The Cottagers were already on their way down but, in front of a crowd of over 36,000, they established a two goal lead. However, a minute after the break Steve Kember swept in a rebound and then, on the hour, Colin Taylor played a wonderful ball into the path of Mark Lazarus who fired home the equaliser. Three minutes later leading scorer Cliff Jackson gave Palace the lead, followed by his gladiatorial salute, and at the final whistle the fans ran onto the pitch to celebrate a journey into the unknown - Palace had never before been in the top division of the Football League. Words cannot do justice to the feelings felt by everybody, but abiding memories are of the players stripping off in the directors' box with every available piece of kit being thrown to the masses below, while later in a radio interview Mark Lazarus summed it up by saying "We're all goin' potty down 'ere!"



Ian Wright

1979

The Eagles got back to winning ways during the two fixtures over the Easter period, but the situation was so tight at the top of Division Two that only two points separated the top four clubs. On Saturday 14th April Palace travelled to the former home of Bristol Rovers at Eastville and, despite having most of the play in the second half, it seemed that a victory would not be forthcoming. However, two minutes from time Ian Walsh latched onto a ball from the left, turned very quickly and fired in a low shot into the right hand corner of the net. In front of 30,000 spectators the following Tuesday evening, it took a goal from Jerry Murphy to give Palace maximum points against local rivals Charlton. The win took the Eagles into third place above Sunderland and only one point behind Stoke and Brighton. It was still just as tight after the following weekend when Palace travelled to Leicester for an unusual Friday evening fixture. This time the hero was Paul Hinshelwood with an equalising goal in injury time, after the Foxes had taken an eleventh minute lead. Billy Gilbert lobbed the ball into the box, Jerry Murphy hit the post and, in the melee, 'Doris' scrambled the ball home. Other results meant that Palace dropped back to fourth with Sunderland taking top place.

1989

The games were falling thick and fast as the Eagles completed eight fixtures during April. Successive victories over Leeds and Oldham meant five wins in the previous six games and this momentum carried the club into the play-off positions. Two tricky away matches at Hull and Plymouth, sandwiched by a home encounter against Portsmouth, brought maximum points without a goal being conceded. Ian Wright topped his tally for the previous campaign as he scored the only goal at Hull seconds before half-time on 11th April. On the

following Saturday afternoon goals from Wright and Bright silenced the Pompey chimes, while at Home Park a week later Mark Bright netted in each half for the 2-0 winning scoreline. Thoughts of automatic promotion were virtually snuffed out at play-off rivals Swindon. Postponed from the start of the season, the game eventually took place on 25th April. The only goal came in the 36th minute when Steve White netted from close range.

By Ian King

During this week

1746

The Jacobite Scots were defeated at the Battle of Culloden, near Inverness, by English forces led by the Duke of Cumberland. 'Bonnie' Prince Charlie escaped from this last battle to take place on British soil.

1960

American rock stars Eddie Cochran and Gene Vincent were involved in a major car crash while touring England. Cochran was killed and Vincent seriously injured.

1970

The first hand-held electronic pocket calculator was announced by the Canon company in Japan

1984

W.P.C. Yvonne Fletcher was shot dead during an anti-Libya demonstration in London.

Top of the Pops

1969

I Heard It Through The Grapevine - Marvin Gaye

1979

Bright Eyes - Art Garfunkel

1989

Like A Prayer - Madonna



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RESERVES

Steve Kember comments on the Palace reserve side...

Ten days ago we faced Arsenal in the Avon Insurance Combination at Highbury. Arsenal fielded a very strong side while we were forced, due to first team commitments, to put out an under-19 side, apart from Sagi Burton and goalkeeper Matthew Gregg. Obviously, for this reason, we were going to be in for a hard game. From a manager's point of view, with Arsenal fielding quality players such as Steve Bould, Matthew Upson, Gilles Grimandi, Luis Boa Morte and Stephen Hughes, it was not difficult to motivate our players. To be honest, in the first half, I thought we did quite well, but the quality of their finishing saw us 2-0 down at the break. Unfortunately, in the second half, they virtually over ran us and netted a further three times. However, our team battled really hard and I certainly couldn't fault them for effort over the ninety minutes. I explained to my players after the match that if they want to progress in this game they need to attain that sort of standard. Not only that, the workrate and the way some of their senior players closed us down was of the highest quality. Overall I

was not too disappointed with our performance when you take into account the difference in experience between both sides.

I would just like to comment on some of the youngsters who have progressed into Steve Coppell's team recently such as David Woosley, Andrew Martin, Andrew Frampton and Wayne Carlisle. One of the most pleasing aspects for me is when these players make the step up and acquit themselves well in the first team. However, as I have said before in the match programme, it can be frustrating when you don't have a settled side at reserve level. The under-19 Academy side, managed by Peter Nicholas, have done extremely well this season and also, when some of the players have played for me, they have performed really well. Finally, with all the off field problems we have had of late, I must say how delighted I am the way in which results have improved. The players have gone



Sagi Burton

about their jobs in a totally professional manner and have not let the situation affect them. Some of the youngsters who, at the beginning of the season, would not have thought they were in with a chance of first team football, have now been able to prove themselves at this level. It is those players who are the future of Crystal Palace and, so far, have certainly given everyone connected with the club

a reason to look forward.

Don't forget that our next match at reserve level is on Monday when we face Chelsea at Kingsmeadow, Kingstonian. The game kicks off at 7.00pm.

Avon Insurance Combination

Wednesday, 7th April 1999

Arsenal 5

Crystal Palace 0

Line-up: Gregg, Boardman (Wright), Frampton (Cook), Graham, Burton, Hankin, Carlisle, Hibbert (Osane), Martin, Kabba, Evans.

FIXTURES 1998/99



All CPFC Home Reserve matches will be 7.30pm kick-off at Crawley Town FC, unless otherwise announced.

Please confirm venues and kick off times with the club

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|-------|--------|------------------------|---|-------|
| Wed | Aug 19 | Southampton | A | L 2-6 |
| Wed | Aug 26 | Wimbledon | H | W 4-1 |
| Wed | Sep 2 | AFC Bournemouth | H | L 2-3 |
| Wed | Sep 9 | Peterborough United | A | W 4-1 |
| Wed | Sep 16 | Fulham | A | D 1-1 |
| Wed | Sep 23 | Barnet | H | L 2-3 |
| Mon | Sep 28 | Reading | A | D 1-1 |
| Tues | Oct 6 | Queens Park Rangers | A | L 2-3 |
| Wed | Oct 14 | Wycombe Wanderers | A | W 4-0 |
| Thurs | Oct 29 | Watford | H | L 2-5 |
| Wed | Nov 4 | Luton Town* | A | W 3-1 |
| Wed | Nov 25 | Oxford | A | D 0-0 |
| Wed | Dec 2 | Cambridge United | H | L 0-1 |
| Thurs | Dec 10 | Portsmouth | H | D 1-1 |
| Thurs | Jan 21 | Gillingham | H | W 2-0 |
| Wed | Feb 10 | Brentford | A | D 1-1 |
| Mon | Feb 15 | Northampton Town | H | W 1-0 |
| Thurs | Feb 18 | Swindon Town | H | W 3-0 |
| Thurs | Feb 25 | Ipswich Town | H | L 0-3 |
| Thurs | Mar 4 | Norwich City | A | W 2-1 |
| Tues | Mar 16 | Colchester United | H | L 1-2 |
| Tues | Mar 23 | West Ham United | A | D 2-2 |
| Wed | Apr 7 | Arsenal | A | L 0-5 |
| Mon | Apr 19 | Chelsea | A | |
| Mon | Apr 26 | Brighton & Hove Albion | A | |
| Thu | Apr 29 | Tottenham Hotspur | H | |
| Tues | May 4 | Millwall | A | |
| TBA | | Charlton Athletic | H | |

* Played at Strete Court at the request of Luton.

TABLE 1998/99



| Team | Home | | | | | Away | | | | | PTS |
|-------------------|------|----|---|---|-------|------|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| | P | W | D | L | F A | P | W | D | L | F A | |
| Charlton | 23 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 26 14 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 7 | 48 |
| Watford | 23 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 20 6 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 26 | 13 | 47 |
| Tottenham Hotspur | 24 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 29 6 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 13 | 15 | 47 |
| Peterborough | 25 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 22 13 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 24 | 15 | 45 |
| Southampton | 25 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 27 16 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 21 | 18 | 45 |
| Ipswich | 22 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 14 10 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 28 | 16 | 42 |
| Chelsea | 23 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 16 6 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 14 | 42 |
| Colchester | 27 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 35 17 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 11 | 26 | 42 |
| Fulham | 24 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 20 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 34 | 22 | 41 |
| Northampton | 24 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 23 14 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 16 | 37 |
| Arsenal | 24 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 26 11 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 13 | 17 | 36 |
| West Ham Utd | 23 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 33 12 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 13 | 19 | 35 |
| AFC Bournemouth | 26 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 24 17 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 19 | 20 | 35 |
| Norwich | 26 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 15 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 20 | 18 | 35 |
| Portsmouth | 25 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 18 19 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 13 | 35 |
| Q.P.R. | 26 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 20 18 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 19 | 15 | 34 |
| Luton Town | 25 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 25 16 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 14 | 24 | 33 |
| Wimbledon | 25 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 13 11 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 14 | 18 | 32 |
| Barnet | 24 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 15 25 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 16 | 24 | 32 |
| Oxford United | 23 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 16 12 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 14 | 29 | 31 |
| Crystal Palace | 23 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 20 17 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 20 | 24 | 30 |
| Brighton | 24 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 11 14 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 16 | 30 |
| Swindon Town | 24 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 9 22 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 15 | 24 | 24 |
| Cambridge Utd | 23 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 20 26 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 30 | 21 |
| Millwall | 22 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 16 21 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 20 | 20 |
| Brentford | 21 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 15 17 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 19 | 19 |
| Reading | 22 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 16 15 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 7 | 23 | 18 |
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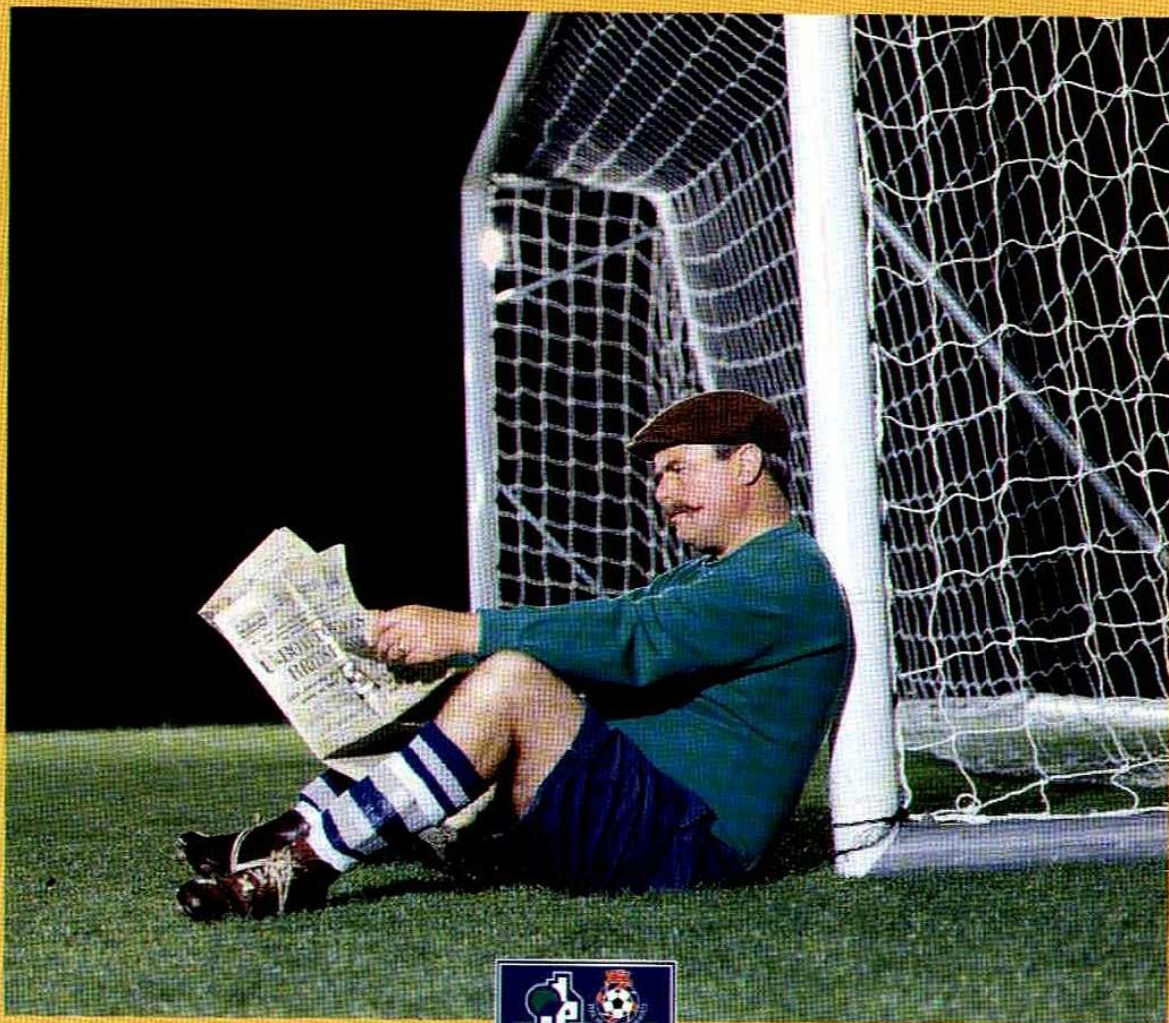
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PETER NICHOLAS TAKES A LOOK AT THE PALACE ACADEMY SCENE

Three weeks ago we played Arsenal at home at under-17 level. We lost 2-0 but, to be fair, I felt we played quite well. We fielded a very young side because we wanted to take a final look at some of the boys we are taking on next season. It was a good exercise for us and we have decided to recruit seven players, which is a good intake. I am excited by that fact and I am sure we will have another good season next year. The boys will be signing scholarship forms which has replaced the old YTS system.

At under-19 level, on 30th March, we faced Charlton at home and won the match 2-1 with goals from Andrew Martin and Wayne Carlisle. We have had a bit of a poor run in the under-19s recently, but this is understandable because a number of the players have been drafted in at first team level. Therefore, it has made us a little weak at times. We were able to put out a stronger team against Charlton and it was a very good victory. The following day we travelled to Arsenal for another under-19 game. Due to the first team's fixtures over the Easter period, Steve Coppell took several players from the side that faced Charlton. This meant that again we used an under strength team and it was not too surprising that we lost the game 6-1. However, I would like to mention Sean Hankin, who played very

well during the match, and Christian Diamond, who played his first game for the under-19's. You will no doubt have noticed that I have been working with the first team on matchdays and I must say that I was delighted with the inclusion of a number of youngsters. James Hibbert, David Woosley and Andrew Frampton have done extremely well to get their chances. I have been pushing David for a long time, as he is a player of immense potential, and has performed creditably at the heart of the defence. Also, both Andrew Martin and Wayne Carlisle (pictured) are doing very well and certainly have not let the club down when they have been called upon. All of these players have worked very hard to get where they are and I am sure that, if they are patient, they will be important members of the senior squad for a long time to come. Finally, last Saturday we faced Middlesbrough at Streete Court in the

Academy under-19 play-offs. After finishing second in our league it paired us with a team from a northern league. Unfortunately, we lost the game 2-1, and I will write about this match, together with the under-17's play-off game against Leicester, which took place yesterday, in our final programme of the season.

Academy Under 17 League

Saturday 27th March 1999
Crystal Palace 0 Arsenal 2
Palace: Jones, Locke, Hunt, Williams, Gooding, Diamond, Surrey, Smith, Walsh, Amoako, Price.

Academy Under 19 League

Tuesday 30th March 1999
Crystal Palace 2
Charlton 1

Scorers: Carlisle, Martin
Palace: Jones, Gooding, Harris, Boardman,

Frampton, Carlisle, Dusane, Hankin, Martin, Sharpling, Williams.

Wednesday 31st March 1999

Arsenal 6 Crystal Palace 1

Scorer: Wilde (sub)

Palace: Jones, Boardman, Gooding, Hankin, Cooke, Sharpling, Diamond, Williams, Dusane, Smith, Carlisle.



YOUTH ACADEMY CRYSTAL PALACE F.C. U/17 FIXTURES 1998/99

| Date | Home fixtures in BOLD | | |
|------|-------------------------|---|-----|
| Aug | 26 Middlesbrough | D | 1-1 |
| Sept | 13 Peterborough | W | 2-1 |
| | 19 Newcastle | D | 1-1 |
| | 26 Peterborough | W | 3-1 |
| Oct | 3 Aston Villa | W | 1-0 |
| | 17 Coventry | L | 0-3 |
| | 31 CHARLTON | W | 3-2 |
| Nov | 7 Southampton | W | 3-2 |
| | 14 QPR | L | 0-4 |
| | 21 Fulham | W | 6-3 |
| | 28 Wimbledon | D | 0-0 |
| Dec | 12 Millwall | L | 0-2 |
| | 19 Bristol City | L | 1-4 |
| Jan | 30 Southampton | W | 2-0 |
| Feb | 6 QPR | D | 1-1 |
| | 20 Fulham | D | 0-0 |
| Mar | 6 Man Utd | L | 0-3 |
| | 15 Everton | L | 0-2 |
| | 24 Wimbledon | D | 0-0 |
| | 27 Arsenal | L | 0-2 |
| Apr | 16 Leicester (play-off) | | |

YOUTH ACADEMY CRYSTAL PALACE F.C. U/19 FIXTURES 1998/99

| Date | Home fixtures in BOLD | | |
|------|-----------------------------|---|-----|
| Sept | 5 Middlesbrough | L | 1-2 |
| | 12 Peterborough | W | 5-1 |
| | 19 Newcastle | D | 2-2 |
| | 25 Bolton | W | 2-0 |
| Oct | 3 Aston Villa | L | 3-4 |
| | 17 Chelsea | W | 5-2 |
| | 24 Bristol City | W | 3-1 |
| | 31 Charlton | D | 1-1 |
| Nov | 7 Southampton | W | 5-1 |
| | 14 QPR | W | 4-1 |
| | 21 Fulham | L | 0-1 |
| | 28 Wimbledon | W | 1-0 |
| Dec | 12 Chelsea | W | 2-1 |
| | 19 Bristol City | W | 1-0 |
| Jan | 30 Southampton | W | 2-0 |
| Feb | 13 QPR | W | 3-2 |
| | 20 Fulham | L | 0-1 |
| Mar | 6 Man Utd | L | 0-1 |
| | 20 Everton | L | 2-5 |
| | 25 Wimbledon | L | 1-2 |
| | 30 Charlton | W | 2-1 |
| | 31 Arsenal | L | 1-6 |
| Apr | 10 Middlesbrough (play-off) | L | 1-2 |

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28TH MARCH



David Woodley

Crystal Palace's home game against high-flying Bradford City results in another good victory for Steve Coppell's side, courtesy of Fan Zhiyi's long range goal in the first half. Following the

transfer deadline day departures of five key players, young defender David Woodley is handed a first team debut and performs creditably alongside Craig Moore. In the crowd to witness the Eagles' win, which extends the club's unbeaten run to eighteen games, are ex-Palace stars Carlo Nash and Matthew Jansen.

30TH MARCH

The only game of the night in Division One sees Wolves easily beat Crewe Alexandra at home 3-0, which consolidates their play-off place. It is reported in the national press that England's friendly against Hungary, scheduled for later next month, is almost certain to be called off because of the Balkan crisis. Earlier in the day, the Palace under-19 side beat Charlton 2-1.

31ST MARCH

New club Administrators, Moore Stephens, confirm that the High Court has granted an Administration Order. Mark Goldberg said: "Today's court order marks a new beginning for Crystal Palace Football Club. We are delighted to be working with Moore Stephens Booth White, one of the UK's leading corporate recovery firms." The under-19's are in action again, but unfortunately lose 6-1 away to Arsenal.

1ST APRIL

Central defender Craig Moore rejoins Glasgow Rangers after having spent just six months with the Eagles. Reports state that the deal, valued at £1.2 million, has wiped off the debt Palace owed Rangers for Moore and Gordon Petric. It is a sad day at



Craig Moore

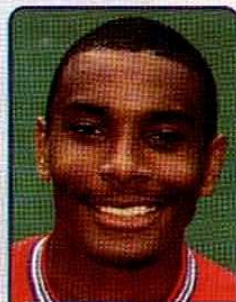
the club as the Administrators start to implement their cost cutting plans, but they do preserve seventy-seven jobs.

3RD APRIL

Dean Austin's first goal for seven years in the league sees Palace register a 'double' over Norwich City. Following the departure of Craig Moore and Sagi Burton's suspension, Steve Coppell gives full debuts to both Andrew Frampton and Andrew Martin, while James Hibbert makes his first appearance from the substitutes' bench. In the day's biggest victory, Ipswich Town thrash Swindon 6-0 at The County Ground. In the Premiership, tenants Wimbledon draw 1-1 with Manchester United, while the teams who competed in the recent Worthington Cup Final meet at White Hart Lane. On this occasion, however, Leicester defeat Tottenham by two goals to nil. In the 145th Boat Race, Cambridge record their 7th consecutive victory over Oxford.

5TH APRIL

At Selhurst Park Clinton Morrison's eleventh goal of the season secures a point for Palace against runaway leaders Sunderland in front of the Eagles' biggest crowd of the season. Defender Gordon Petric plays in his first match since 13th March after being absent due to humanitarian reasons.



Clinton Morrison

Around the division lowly Crewe surprisingly beat West Brom 5-1 away, while second placed Ipswich beat QPR and Bradford win away at Bury. In the Premiership, ex-Eagle Dougie Freedman scores for Nottingham Forest in their 2-2 draw with Liverpool, while Charlton move out of the bottom three after defeating West Ham 1-0.

7TH APRIL

Steve Kember takes his reserve side to Highbury to face an experienced Arsenal team which includes Steve Bould and Luis Boa Morte. The Gunners run out convincing 5-0 winners. At Old Trafford a late goal from Ryan Giggs salvages a draw for Manchester United in the Champions' League semi-final first leg against Juventus.

8TH APRIL

Chelsea draw 1-1 with Real Mallorca in the first leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final at Stamford Bridge. Mallorca's Dani, a reported target for Arsenal, nets the opening goal, but the giant Tore Andre Flo equalises for the Blues in the second half. There is controversy during the match as Dennis Wise allegedly bites the shoulder of defender Elena Marcelino.

9TH APRIL

The Government blocks BSkyB's £623 million takeover bid of Manchester United, while Liverpool striker Robbie Fowler receives a six match ban and is fined £32,000 by the FA following his controversial goal 'celebration' and for his recent clash with Graeme Le Saux. Le Saux, meanwhile, is fined £5,000 and given a one match ban.

10TH APRIL

Palace's good form of late continues as they secure a point at Molineux in a goalless draw. The result sees Palace move into 9th place. At the top of the table Sunderland beat Huddersfield 2-0, which means they need just one more victory to gain promotion to the top flight. In the Premiership, struggling clubs Southampton, Nottingham Forest and Charlton all lose away from home. The Martel Grand National at Aintree is won by Bobbyjo at a price of 10-1. In 2nd place is Blue Charm (25-1), in 3rd Call It A Day (7-1) and 4th is Addington Boy (10-1). The favourite, Fiddling the Facts, falls at the 22nd fence.

11TH APRIL

The Brazilian Grand Prix is won by Finland's Mika Hakkinen, while British drivers Damon Hill and David Coulthard fail to finish. In the FA Cup semi-finals Manchester United draw 0-0 with Arsenal after extra-time at Villa Park and, therefore, go to a replay, while at Old Trafford Newcastle reach their second consecutive final after defeating Tottenham 2-0. Both goals come from England forward Alan Shearer, the first from the penalty spot and the second two minutes from time with a stunning strike. In rugby union Scotland win the Five Nations Championship after England lose by just one point in their match with Wales.



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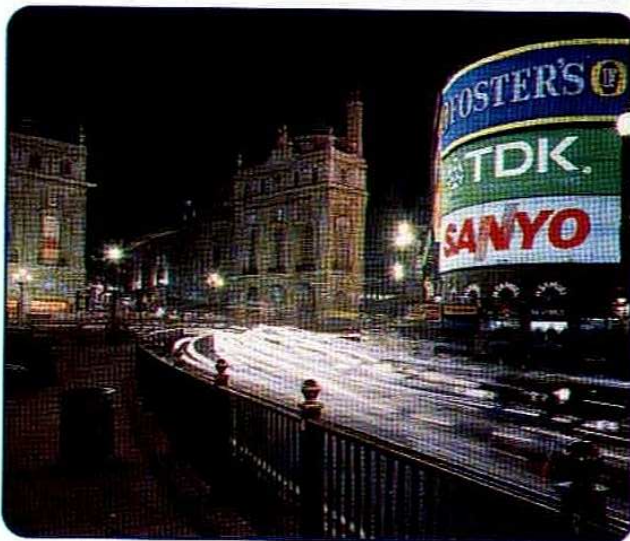
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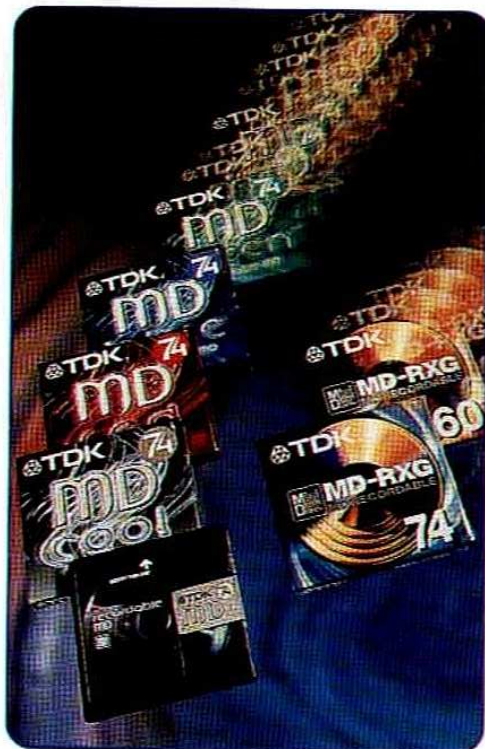
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UNBEATEN RUN EXTENDED TO TEN

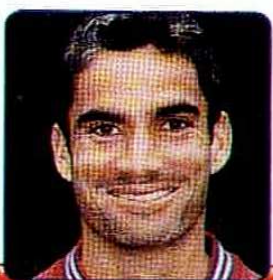
It says a lot about the progress made since Steve Coppell took over the reins of Crystal Palace that a goalless draw at Wolverhampton Wanderers is greeted with something akin to disappointment from the players.

"It's a good result, but it would have been lovely to have got a win, wouldn't it?" said Craig Foster, Palace's Australian midfielder and captain after the departure of Craig Moore. "We're only a few points off the play-offs and it would have set up a tremendous last few weeks of the season had we won against Wolves." Whilst that is true, the determined, gritty nature of the defensive display against the Midlands club was still heartening for Palace supporters.

When Coppell was placed in command of what appeared to be a rapidly sinking ship in January, Palace had not kept a clean sheet for three months. Indeed, that run had been extended to six months when Barnsley visited Selhurst Park at the end of February. However, a 1-0 win was recorded over the Tykes and the Eagles have not looked back since: just six goals have been conceded in the last ten games and not a single defeat suffered. Heady days indeed for a side that was being tipped by the media experts for a struggle against relegation come May.

IMPRESSIVE

The affair at Molineux last Saturday was a tepid one, with very few chances created by either side. Wolves, whose recent record against Palace is poor, particularly in the Black Country, were placed in fifth position at the start of the game and had every incentive for victory with the play-offs once again beckoning. However, Palace did a

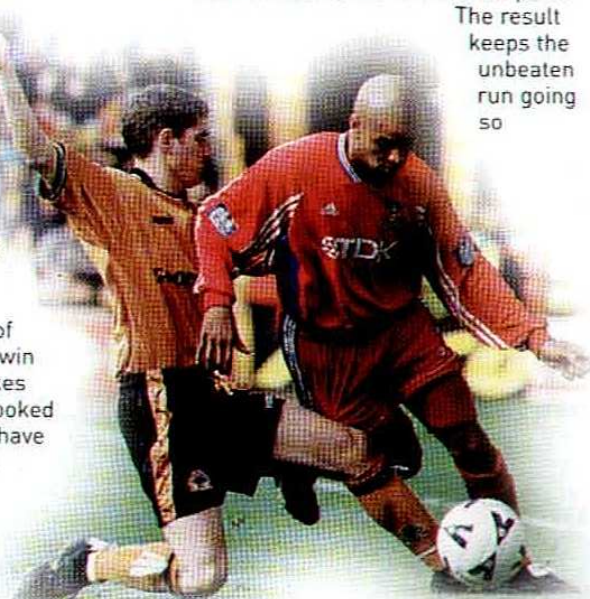


PLAYER FEATURE

CRAIG FOSTER

Molineux roar was rendered a puny whimper as it became obvious that a goal was not going to be recorded. Foster was satisfied with the professional nature of the performance: "It was a good, fighting performance from the players. They had a few chances, but our defence was superb, particularly in the second half, and we've won a valuable point.

The result keeps the unbeaten run going so



confidence should be high for the rest of the campaign."

MASTERFUL MULLINS

Once again, an excellent team performance was peppered with impressive individual displays. Hayden Mullins, playing in the sweeper role he clearly relishes, was magnificent, tidying up on the rare occasions that the well-marshalled back-line of Gordan Petric, Dean Austin, Sun Jihai

and David Woodley were breached and showing an accomplished assurance beyond his years. "Hayden was outstanding," agreed Foster, "but he has been ever since he was moved back to the sweeper position. In the second half, they brought on a young lad who was very quick, but Hayden soon had the measure of him. He is very cool under pressure," added the 30-year old, who celebrated his birthday just two days ago. Foster also recognises the importance of establishing this remarkable run of form that has seen Palace leap from eighteenth (after the 1-0 defeat at Port Vale) to ninth: "It is excellent because if you have a group of young players in the team and get on a good run, they play with a lot of confidence and the run can continue. If we had got into a relegation battle, there would have been problems because the youngsters would have been playing under real pressure. At the moment, though, the pressure is off and we can just enjoy our football."

Certainly the feel-good factor has returned to Palace's play and the unearthing of gems such as David Woodley, who looks like he has been playing as the Eagles centre-half for years, and Stephen Thomson, who dominated the midfield against Wolves, promises great things in the future.

CREDIT COPPELL

The chants of the fans at the end of the game told the real story behind Palace's run of recent results: We want Coppell was the mantra issuing forth from the towering Jack Harris Stand and the Eagles boss delighted his fans by punching the air and applauding the efforts of the supporters who had made the journey north. For a man not renowned for overt displays of emotion, it was a powerful gesture and indicative of the spirit formed at Selhurst Park since the financial troubles surfaced. "I guess you could say that it's been him that has held this club together over the last few months," commented Foster "and he deserved the ovation from the fans. "He has shown a lot of dignity and the players have rallied behind him." It would be a wonderful tribute to both Coppell and his playing staff if they could remain undefeated until the end of the season, starting with today's game against struggling Swindon at Selhurst.

Andrew Fifield



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OVER NINETY YEARS AGO

It was against Swindon Town reserves that Crystal Palace claimed their first ever victory after the club had been elected to Division Two of the Southern League. The match took place at Swindon on 16th September 1905 as goals from skipper Ted Birnie and Dick Harker secured the 2-1 scoreline. With only an opening day defeat and four more



away since the previous March. This did not appear to be changing when the Town took an early lead and, although Johnny Rainford had equalised, Palace were 2-1 down by half-time. However, within five minutes of the restart Palace were level with a goal from Cam Burgess, who then set up Rainford again to put us in front for the first time. Laurie Scott's side then lost the lead almost

the same player netted the third and shortly after came the goal of the match. Alan Whittle combined brilliantly with Peter Taylor to produce a tap-in goal for himself and then, on the half-hour, Whittle scored from the penalty spot following a hand ball offence. The team earned a standing ovation for the 5-0 half-time scoreline, but inevitably the second period would be an anti-climax. Peter Eastoe scored twice for Swindon to jangle a couple of nerves, but these were settled twenty-five minutes from time when a shot from Nicky Chatterton was deflected for the Eagles' sixth goal. Certainly a club record and, I believe, the five goals in eleven minutes stood as a league record for a time.

By Ian King

BETWEEN OURSELVES

dropped points, Palace went on to romp away with the title in a twenty-four match campaign. Now promoted to Division One, Palace faced a much sterner test in a thirty-eight game programme against clubs that are now established league outfits. This time we came up against Swindon's first team and, in the encounter played at The Crystal Palace on 13th October 1906, Charles Wallace scored the first league hat-trick by a Palace player as the visitors were defeated 3-2.



SWINDON
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ROUSE AND BYRNE DEBUT TOGETHER

When Cyril Spiers took the Palace manager's seat in October 1954, one of his early jobs was to place an emphasis on the club producing its own young talent. One result of this were the debuts of 20 year old goalkeeper Vic Rouse and 17 year old forward Johnny Byrne against Swindon at Selhurst Park on 13th October 1956, both of whom would be instrumental in the initial rise of Palace to Division One by 1969. Rouse went on to become Division Four's first international cap when he represented Wales in April 1959, while Byrne also would gain international recognition from a lower division. Both players formed a vital cog as the club climbed out of Division Four in 1961, but their initial baptism ended in a goalless draw.



Alan Whittle

FIVE GOALS IN ELEVEN MINUTES - A RECORD

Palace and Swindon were relegated together from Division Two in April 1974 and were soon facing each other again in a league game at Selhurst Park on 7th September. Palace manager Malcolm Allison had most of the players from the previous campaign and the match meandered along for the opening nineteen minutes until it exploded into life. First Stuart Jump capitalised on a defensive mix-up to give the Eagles the lead and then, straight from the kick-off, David Swindhurst ran onto a high through ball to lob number two. Three minutes later

PALACE v SWINDON

FIRST GAME
13.10.1906 3-2 Home S. League

BEST HOME WIN
19.4.1935 7-0 Div. 3 (S)

BEST AWAY WIN
1.11.1952 6-3 Div. 3 (S)

WORST HOME DEFEAT
31.12.1910 2-5 S. League

WORST AWAY DEFEAT
4.12.1926 1-6 Div. 3 (S)
23.12.1961 0-5 Div. 3

BEST GATE
24,184 26.8.1961 Home
Div. 3

WORST GATE
4,642 15.4.1933 Away
Div. 3 (S)

LEADING PALACE SCORER
Peter Simpson 8

PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS INCLUDE
Cecil Blakemore, Paul Bodin, Gareth Davies, Fraser Digby, Tony Evans, Cliff Jackson, Morris Jones, Don Rogers, Tony Taylor, Bobby Woodruff and George Ndash.

DEBUT MAKERS INCLUDE
Dick Harker (2nd time) 16.9.1911
Harold May 25.12.1931
Johnny Byrne 12.11.1956
Vic Rouse 13.10.1956
Brian Wood 23.12.1961
John Jackson 25.8.1964
Mark Lindsay 1.12.1973
Jason Crowe 21.11.1998

FINAL BOWS INCLUDE
Edward Collins 16.4.1910
Hugh Gallagher 12.11.1927
Harold Thoms 2.2.1929
John Duthie 30.11.1929
Jimmy Hamilton 3.4.1931
Peter Simpson 22.4.1935

LEAGUE HEAD TO HEAD

| | P | W | D | L |
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| OVERALL | 75 | 30 | 22 | 23 |
| AT HOME | 37 | 23 | 10 | 40 |

SIMPSON'S LAST GAME

Scotsman Peter Simpson, born in Edinburgh in 1906, gave such an impressive performance when he played for Kettering against Palace in a cup tie that the club signed him up. Simpson easily ranks as one of the best centre forwards in the history of the club, even scoring a hat-trick on his debut against Norwich in September 1929. Simpson created several records at Palace; he scored six goals in one game; he was our leading goalscorer for each of his first five seasons; he scored no less than 54 league and cup goals in one campaign and overall netted a prodigious 165 times in 195 first team appearances. In the 1934/35 season a knee injury caused him to lose some of his sparkle and his last appearance in a Palace shirt was in the away game at Swindon Town on Easter Monday 22nd April 1935. Needless to say he scored Palace's goal in the 1-1 draw and, in the summer, joined West Ham. He later played for Reading and, after retiring from the game, ran a newsagents shop in West Croydon. Peter passed away in 1974 aged 69.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

When Palace travelled to Swindon to fulfil a Division Three South fixture on 1st November 1952, the club had not won



Cystal Palace extend a warm welcome to this afternoon's visitors from the West Country, Swindon Town, as our clubs meet once more in the Football League.

EARLY YEARS

Swindon Town, formed in 1881, became original members of Division Three in 1920. Since that time, the Robins have played in all the divisions of the league, including a season in the Premiership in 93/94. In the cup competitions, Swindon won the League Cup in 1969, the Anglo-Italian Cup a year later and have reached the semi-finals of the FA Cup on two occasions - 1910 and 1912. Last season Swindon finished in 18th place in Division One, having gained 52 points, and were hoping for better things this time around. However, the 1998-99 campaign has proved to be a rather disappointing and turbulent one for both Crystal Palace and Swindon Town. Following useful looking close season signings, both the Robins and the Eagles had appeared to dispassionate observers as well as to avid fans, to possess realistic hopes of at least challenging for an involvement in the First Division play-offs. However, while Palace's good run of form has come too late, Swindon are still close to the drop zone and will be looking to complete the 'double' over the Eagles to ease their relegation worries. With Palace having one of the best home records in the country, it will certainly be an intriguing encounter. During this season both clubs have seen the departure of the big name, high profile managers, under whose control their clubs started this term, while their replacements have been men whose value to their respective clubs has already been proven, namely Steve Coppell and Jimmy Quinn.

EX-EAGLES AID CAUSE

Two ex-Eagles are likely to be playing in this afternoon's game and we would like to welcome both George Ndah and Gareth Davies back to Sethurst Park. George has taken splendidly to life in Wiltshire and has made a huge impression upon

Swindon fans. His exuberant skills have opened up a host of chances for his colleague, Iffy Onuora, while he has also netted eleven league goals himself, making him the Robins' second top scorer. His presence was particularly and emphatically brought to the attention of Palace fans when he scored what must

be his own personal favourite goal of the season with a fine header, which put the Town ahead and on the way to a deserved victory over the Eagles last November. Gareth Davies, meanwhile, a Welsh under-21 international central defender, signed for the Town early last month on a free transfer from Reading. The articulate, flame haired Davies was widely acknowledged as the best signing made at Elm Park by former Royals boss, Terry Bullivant, and the ex-Hereford man was admired at his previous clubs for his consistency, commitment and endeavour, although his appearances for Reading this season were restricted by a persistent back injury.

ONUORA - TOWN'S TOP SCORER

Perhaps, though, the man whom Palace fans and players alike will have to watch most closely is striker Iffy Onuora, who is Town's leading scorer and proving to be a really splendid acquisition since his arrival from

Gillingham for just £100,000 some thirteen months ago. Formerly with Huddersfield and Mansfield, Iffy netted

the winner for Swindon on his debut for them against QPR and has installed himself as a firm favourite with Swindon fans. He is a constant threat to opposing defences, is strong in the air and on the ground and can finish powerfully with both feet. Watch too for the manner in which he holds up play upon gaining possession, relieving pressure on his own defence, bringing team-mates into the game and beginning creative moves for his side.

TOUGH TACKLING SCOTT

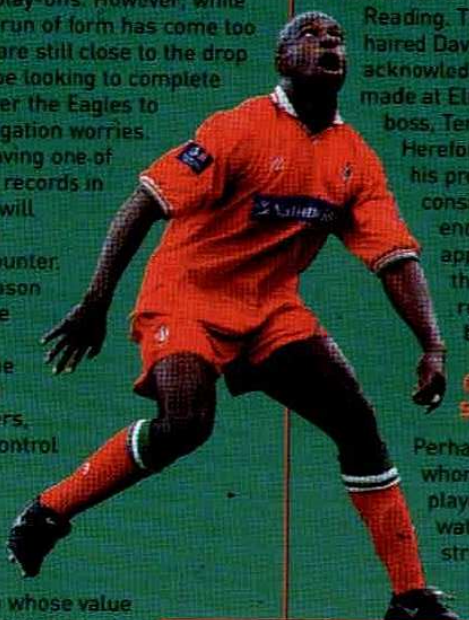
Meanwhile, in defensive midfield, former Hearts star, strong tackling Scott Leitch (pictured above) will provide a worthy contest for Palace's creative men. Scott joined Town in 1996 after a successful loan spell for a bargain fee of £15,000 and, although hampered to some degree this term by a shin problem, has featured regularly despite the changes around him at the County Ground. Scott is not a prolific goalscorer, but his ball winning, play developing skills are much appreciated by Swindon fans and make him a crucial member of the team.

SWINDON'S LATEST SEQUENCE

Early last month Swindon contested a match with promotion contenders Bolton Wanderers. They held the Trotters to a 3-3 draw at the County Ground, forcing their illustrious visitors to come from two goals down to gain any reward. Following defeats against Stockport and Crewe, Swindon then travelled to Loftus Road four weeks ago. Despite a fine goalkeeping performance from ex-Palace man Jimmy Glass on his first senior appearance since September, Swindon slumped to a heavy 4-0 defeat, and the spectre of a relegation struggle to end the season appeared to loom again. Their next match saw them suffer their heaviest of the season - 6-0 away to Ipswich Town. However, they bounced back with a 2-1 win at Huddersfield thanks to goals from Bobby Howe and Chris Hay. Last Saturday, Jimmy Quinn's side faced Birmingham City at the County Ground and lost to Gary Rowett's 83rd minute goal. Finally, four days ago, George Ndah's superb strike earned the Robins a share of the points in a 1-1 draw with West Brom.



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Iffy Onuora Striker



JIMMY QUINN

One more win is what Jimmy Quinn believes will keep Swindon Town up in the First Division for yet another season.

The perennial strugglers, who have avoided relegation by a whisker in the past two campaigns, are again faced with a dramatic climax in their attempts to retain parity with their more wealthy Division One counterparts.

"We've beaten Huddersfield and drew at West Bromwich Albion in recent matches and I think we need another win," Quinn insists. "I know there's only a four-point cushion, but it's hard to win and get the points to stay up. There's tremendous pressure on the bottom three and I'm confident with the games we've got left that we can do enough to stay up."

GREAT SUCCESS

After two seasons as player-manager of Reading in partnership with Mick Gooding, Quinn returned to a sole playing career last season with great success under the influence of Barry Fry at Peterborough.

The 39-year-old's wealth of experience and know-how in front of goal reaped rich dividends in an ambitious Peterborough side attempting to win promotion from Division Three. Quinn notched more than 20 goals before Christmas in a prolific partnership with Martin Carruthers as Posh soared to the head of the division before injury ruined the remainder of his campaign.

"I got injured with a hip injury around Christmas and, if I hadn't got that, I'd have scored 30-odd goals. It was a great time for me and Barry was absolutely brilliant. I became assistant manager at the club, but when the job came up at Swindon, I had to take it."

BEST JOB

When Quinn moved to the County Ground earlier this season as a replacement for Steve McMahon, who had tried in vain to take the Robins onto another level, he knew it would be a struggle, but the Belfast-born striker is enjoying life back in the managerial hotseat.

"I had three years at Reading and I'm still learning all the time. It's the best job in the world and I love doing it. It's

even better

if you can get good results, but when you lose you've got to remain confident even though you're down in the dumps.

"I do miss playing, and sometimes I'll watch a game and think 'I could still do a job here' and it's frustrating watching it. I'd rather be out there playing, but sooner or later you have to pack it in. I still train and get involved, so I'm not completely out of it yet!"

Quinn has seen his side flatter to deceive this season, as like in previous years, Swindon have failed to capitalise on their pre-Christmas form. But despite their lowly position, he believes that the Robins have acquitted themselves well against the First Division 'big boys'.

"We're one of the smaller clubs in the league and haven't spent much money so when you look at it like that, we've done pretty well. We were third to bottom when I took over and hopefully we can do better next year."



Jimmy Quinn

GOOD SPIRIT

"It's very difficult when you take over a club because you inherit someone else's players."

But the response I've had from the lads has been great and the spirit is certainly there. We've got some good players at this club and I don't think at times that they believe how good they really are. Sometimes it's hard to get through to the lads that they are better players than they actually think. I feel that has been a big problem this season."

Managing a club like

Swindon is great experience for Quinn, who apart from turning around the fortunes of the Wiltshire club, has set his sights on a long and successful career in the stressful hotbed of football management.

"I'm part of a new breed of young managers, involved in the coaching side of things. When I first came into the game the manager used to just kick the ball about, but you can't be like that now."

"I want to be successful like everybody else. I don't want to go through my managerial career being known as a manager that

does a good job at

clubs with no money. I want to join the big boys and I'm certain that if I had a lot of money to spend I could build a good side."

"I'm still very young with a lot to learn. I didn't have much money at Reading and there's none here for the foreseeable future so I've got to get on with the job and do the best I can. It must be nice to be able to spend millions like the big clubs do. Hopefully I'll get that chance one day."

Quinn is clearly blessed with ambition, and after winning 46 caps for Northern Ireland, another post is also on his agenda.

"I think that anyone who plays international football would want to manage the national side, and I'm no different. I'm not looking that far ahead, but if they asked me to do it at some stage, I'd certainly give it a go."

Mandeep Sanghera

LEAGUE RESULTS 1998/99

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| Sheff Utd | A | L | 1-2 | Onuora |
| Sunderland | H | D | 1-1 | Onuora |
| Wolves | A | L | 0-1 | |
| Port Vale | H | D | 1-1 | Hall |
| Bury | A | L | 0-3 | |
| Bristol City | H | W | 3-2 | Walters, Ndah, Onuora |
| Oxford Utd | H | W | 4-1 | Ndah 2, Onuora 2 |
| Portsmouth | A | L | 2-5 | Ndah, Onuora |
| Watford | H | L | 1-4 | Ndah |
| Tranmere | A | D | 0-0 | |
| Bolton | A | L | 1-2 | Onuora |
| Stockport | H | L | 2-3 | Walters, Onuora |
| Huddersfield | H | W | 3-0 | Walters, Onuora, Butlock |
| Ipswich | A | L | 0-1 | |
| Birmingham | A | D | 1-1 | Gooden |
| W.B.A | H | D | 2-2 | Hall, Walters |
| Q.P.R | H | W | 3-1 | Walters 2, Onuora |
| Crews | A | W | 2-0 | Onuora 2 |
| Bradford City | A | L | 0-3 | |
| Crystal Palace | H | W | 2-0 | Walters, Ndah |
| Grimsby | A | L | 0-1 | |
| Norwich | H | D | 1-1 | Walters |
| Bradford City | H | L | 1-4 | Onuora |
| Barnsley | A | W | 3-1 | Hay, Onuora 2 |
| Wolves | H | W | 1-0 | Onuora |
| Bristol City | A | L | 1-3 | Ndah |
| Sheff Utd | H | D | 2-2 | Ndah, Onuora |
| Port Vale | A | W | 1-0 | Ndah |
| Bury | H | D | 1-1 | Own Goal |
| Sunderland | A | L | 0-2 | |
| Oxford Utd | A | L | 0-2 | |
| Portsmouth | H | D | 3-3 | Onuora, Hay 2 |
| Watford | A | W | 1-0 | Howe |
| Tranmere | H | L | 2-3 | Reeves, Ndah |
| Bolton | H | D | 3-3 | Howe, Walters, Hay |
| Stockport | A | L | 1-2 | Walters |
| Crews | H | L | 1-2 | Hay |
| Q.P.R | A | L | 0-4 | |
| Ipswich | H | L | 0-6 | |
| Huddersfield | A | W | 2-1 | Howe, Hay |
| Birmingham | H | L | 0-1 | |
| West Brom | A | D | 1-1 | Ndah |



FACING US TODAY

This has been a pretty desperate season at the County Ground. Until their surprise victory at Huddersfield a fortnight ago, Swindon Town were in real danger of being sucked into the relegation battle. A depressing run, culminating in a six-nil drubbing at the hands of Ipswich Town when they could have conceded more, had exposed the soft underbelly of Jimmy Quinn's squad.

Thankfully, those fears have since been eased a little. It all contrasts vividly with the meeting of these two sides last November. Then, with Quinn recently installed at the helm, there had been genuine optimism in Wiltshire that Town could climb into the upper reaches of the division. Their comfortable victory over Terry Venables' side that afternoon did nothing to dispel such thoughts. How quickly the worm has turned.

Yet the Robins' recent indifferent form could make Palace's task this afternoon all the harder. The threat of the drop still hangs in the air, and Quinn's squad will be keen to put a bit more distance between themselves and the drop-zone by winning here this afternoon. That squad has yet to really be moulded into shape by the new management team of Quinn and Mike Walsh. Many of the players at the club were brought in by former manager Steve McMahon, who resigned amidst supporters' protests late last year. This summer could be an interesting one, with some players facing an anxious future.



Craig Taylor

One may be ex-Eagle youngster Jimmy Glass, who only joined the Robins last summer from Bournemouth. Glass has had an unfortunate time recently - the Ipswich defeat produced the predictable headlines of Glass Shattered etc. - but he is a hugely talented goalkeeper who should recover fully from the experience. Although he never wrested the number one jersey from Nigel Martyn whilst at Selhurst, Glass

enjoyed a spell on loan at Portsmouth before heading to the south coast with the Cherries, where he was a member of the side beaten by Grimsby in last season's Auto Windscreens Shield final. Australian stopper Frank Talia replaced Glass at the McAlpine Stadium and has been a regular in the side since Fraser Digby moved to Selhurst. Talia was originally spotted by Blackburn Rovers playing for Australia's under-21 side, but failed to make the grade at Ewood Park.

At Swindon he has done well and proved himself a fine shot stopper. Waiting in the wings is youth team product Steve Mildenhall, a former YTS player who came off the bench last season to play as an outfield player.

The Town defence has taken a battering at times this season, yet, on paper at least, the rearguard looks experienced and talented enough to flourish at this level. Croydon born

Gareth Hall starred at Chelsea and Sunderland before moving south and has been employed across the back-line whilst at the County Ground. The Welsh international was a regular in the Premiership with Sunderland and must

wonder what might have been as his former team-mates march back to the Promised Land.

Alan Reeves is no stranger to Selhurst Park having excelled with Wimbledon in the past. The 30-year-old was a £300,000 signing from Rochdale in 1995, bought to replace John Scales, but moved to Town in search of first team football. Adam Willis was snapped up from another Premiership club, Coventry City, after impressing in trial matches last season, while Mark Robinson was Swindon's record signing at £600,000 from Newcastle United. The abrasive full-back was previously with Barnsley and has been a consistent performer in Division One over the years. Now recovered from injury, he may provide the bite needed to push the Robins back up the table. Ex-Luton and Peterborough full-back Des Linton joined on transfer deadline day and will be looking to reassert his credentials at the higher levels having spent the last two years in the bottom division with Barry Fry's outfit. Gareth Davies is featured opposite, while Craig Taylor is the younger brother of former Town favourite Shaun and signed from non-league Dorchester Town in 1997 for £25,000. His debut was marked by a 35-yard wonder goal against Port Vale which suggested he may be about to start where his brother had left off. Brian

Borrows has top flight experience with Everton, Bolton and Coventry, for whom he made well over 400 appearances. His experience is crucial, as is that of Northern Ireland international

Alan McDonald. The former QPR captain moved to the



Bobby Howe



Swindon Town 1998/99 Team

BACK ROW (left to right) George Ndah, Scott Leitch, Jimmy Glass, Steve Mildenhall, Frank Talia, Alan Reeves, Craig Taylor.
THIRD ROW (left to right) Phil Cannon (Youth Team Development Officer), Peter Holcroft, Chris Hay, Adam Willis, Mark Robinson, Kevin Watson, Ify Onuora, Gareth Hall, Philippe Cuervo, Tom Jones (Youth Team Manager).
SECOND ROW (left to right) Lee Collins, Ty Gooden, Bobby Howe, Darren Bullock, Steve Cowe, Robin Hulbert, Phil King.
FRONT ROW (left to right) Richard Mackey (Physiotherapist), Sol Davis, Brian Borrows, Mike Walsh (First Team Coach), Jim Quinn (First Team Manager), Mark Walters, David Kerslake, Dave Moore (Physiotherapist).



Frank Talia

County Ground on a free transfer in the summer of 1997 and will be looking to end his career on something of a high.



David Kerslake is enjoying his third spell with Swindon, having also featured for Leeds United and Tottenham Hotspur over the years. He re-joined the Robins from Ipswich Town in March 1998 and has re-

established himself as a fine right-back. **Sol Davis**, meanwhile, is a former trainee who was thrown into the cauldron of a Swindon-Oxford derby on his full debut - a situation he handled admirably. The left-sided wing-back is one to watch for the future.

In midfield, **Ty Gooden** has regained full fitness after long-term injury to prove his quality at the higher level. A regular in the side which won the Second Division championship, he was hindered by injuries throughout 1996/97. The former Wycombe man is thoroughly committed and, at 26, still has his best years ahead of him. **Scott Leitch** joined from Hearts for a bargain £15,000 in the summer of 1996 - a shrewd piece of business by ex-manager Steve McMahon. Ex-Liverpool, Aston Villa, Glasgow Rangers and Southampton winger **Mark Walters** continues to flourish at this level, although nowadays often from the bench. He was sent off on his last visit to Selhurst Park, but gained some belated revenge with Town's

recently. He made twelve first team appearances for Terry Venables at White Hart Lane, prompting talk of a move to Selhurst earlier this year, but since then his priorities have been to try and break into Jimmy Quinn's side.

Robin Hulbert has been a success story. Gifted and a fine prospect, he linked up with the Newcastle United squad to gain experience last season, training alongside the team which reached the FA Cup Final.

Now back in Wiltshire, that spell in the north-east is beginning to pay dividends.

Lee Collins is a ball-winner who moved to Swindon from Albion Rovers for £15,000 in 1995, while Frenchman **Philippe Cuervo** was a free transfer signing from Sochaux last summer. As

his former team-mates slide disconcertingly down the divisions across the Channel, he will be anxious not to follow suit.

Bobby Howe has lit up the current campaign with some stunning strikes, most notably at Vicarage Road in a surprise one-nil success. Signed from Nottingham Forest, he marshalled the midfield brilliantly at the McAlpine and looks a fine player.

Up front, another former Palace man leads the way. **George Ndah** moved west last season in a £500,000 deal, a transfer manager Steve Coppell later regretted as Palace's strikers dropped like flies before Christmas. Ndah made his point with a goal against the Eagles in November, although he was perhaps lucky not to be sent off earlier in the game, and will be keen to make his mark on the return fixture back at Selhurst Park. A former favourite, he should be welcomed back to south London.

Chris Hay looked a superb player in the early stages of last season, when Swindon carried all before them in the division. He scored 13 goals in 20 appearances, but when they dried up, so did Town's point tally. Now often on the bench, he did score the winner at Huddersfield recently and still poses a considerable threat.

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Charlie Griffen was prolific for Chippenham Town in the Screwfix League. League goals have been harder to come by. **Shane Bradley** has done well recently, showing considerable presence in the box and could be a thorn in Palace's side this afternoon.

Amazingly, 31-year-old target man **Iffy Onuora** was being touted as the answer to Craig Brown's scoring problems with Scotland recently. The rugged centre-forward joined for £100,000 from Gillingham in March 1998 and has weighed in with some important goals since, but making the grade at the highest level? We wait with baited breath.

By Dominic Fifield

STAR MAN



We welcome a number of former Palace players back to Selhurst Park this afternoon, but one in particular may be spurred on that bit more. When Ray Lewington

bought Gareth Davies from Hereford United for £120,000 in the summer of 1995, he purchased a hugely talented, flame-haired Welshman who wore his heart on his sleeve. He instantly became something of a favourite.

At times, Davies looked a class act. He was committed, intelligent and had an eye for goal. When Dave Bassett took over, Davies was a mainstay of the side. But it all went wrong in a meaningless game against Norwich City at Selhurst at the end of the 1995/96 campaign. Davies was dismissed and, as a result, was suspended from the play-off final. Bassett was reportedly livid. The Welshman found opportunities limited the next year, but earned a recall when Coppell returned to steer the Eagles to promotion, although he again missed out on Wembley. That was that. One appearance, at Filbert Street, was all Davies mustered last term as his temperament again raised eyebrows, perhaps unfairly. Regardless, a move to Reading was thrashed out and the Welshman was expected to flourish at Elm Park.

Once again, though, things became tense. One gets the impression that Davies' face does not fit in certain situations, which seems grossly unfair as he is a fine player. Despite Reading being defensively frail, Davies was handed a free transfer and moved down the road to Swindon.

A fired up Davies could be a handful this afternoon.



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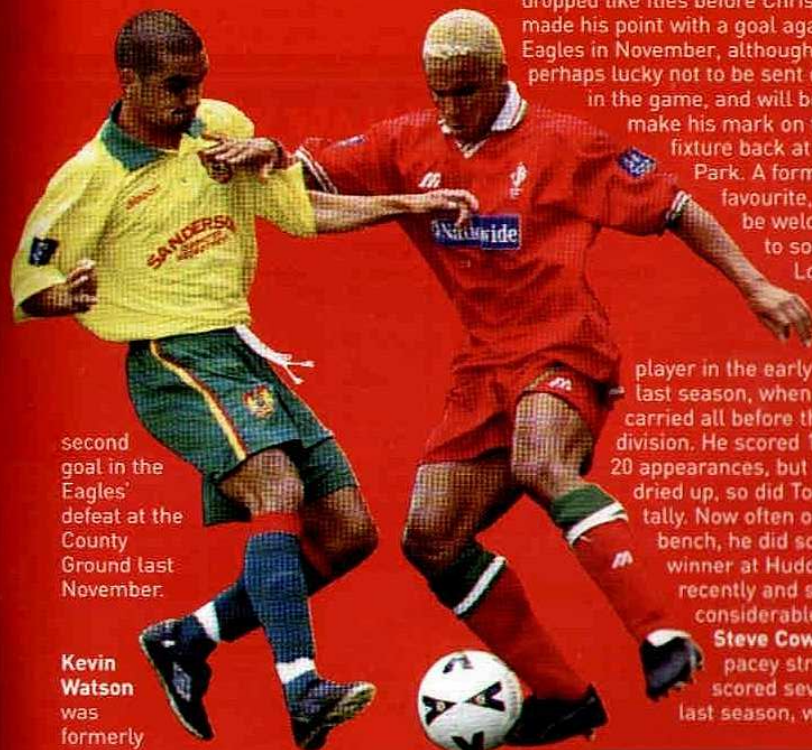
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second goal in the Eagles' defeat at the County Ground last November.

Kevin Watson was formerly with Spurs, but has found his opportunities somewhat limited

PREVIOUS MEETING



The clubs' last meeting at
Selhurst Park
Saturday 19th October
1996
Football League, Division
One



Crystal Palace 1

[Dyer pen 23]

Swindon Town 2

[Allison 33, Thorne
48]

Attendance: 15,088

Palace: Day,

Edworthy, Muscat,
Roberts, Tuttle,

Hopkin, Quinn [sub Andersen 63], Rodger
[sub McKenzie 63], Freedman, Dyer, Veart
[sub Trollope 82].

Swindon: Talia, Robinson, Elkins, Leitch
[sub O'Sullivan 84], Seagraves,
Culverhouse, Walters, Darras, Thorne,
Allison, Hortlock.



Paul Trollope

Palace
suffered their
first home
defeat of the
season as 2nd
Division
champions
Swindon
gained their
sixth win of
the term to
move up to
seventh place.
Bruce Dyer
converted a
penalty midway

through the first half, but Swindon were
aggrieved at the decision and tempers
frayed soon afterwards so that two brawls
marred the remainder of the first half
which was lit up by Wayne Allinson's
splendidly headed equaliser for Town
following a free-kick.

Swindon won the match with a powerful
far post header early in the second half
from Peter Thorne and by holding off the
inevitable Palace onslaught as we
attacked our favoured Holmesdale Road
end. Making his home debut for the
Eagles as a late substitute was Paul
Trollope whose career had begun at the
County Ground and who is son of
Swindon's all-time great John Trollope.



Fifty EAGLES

SWINDON TOWN

OFF-BEAT WITH THE OPPOSITION

• Swindon Town joined the Football League with Crystal Palace in 1920 but, whereas Palace lost their first match under the new auspices at Merthyr Town, the Robins notched a fabulous and record making victory. They crushed Luton Town 9-1, which remains their best league success to this day.

• Town became only the second club from Division Three to win the League Cup at Wembley when they beat Arsenal at the national stadium in 1969. Don Rogers, who later came to play for the Palace, was their inspiration in a 3-1 victory.

• Swindon were also the first winners of the Anglo-Italian Cup. They won that trophy in the year of its inception in 1970 and retained it the following year.

• John Trollope of Swindon Town holds the all-time record number of appearances for a league club. John played 770 Football League games for the Town between 1960 and 1980 to beat Roy

Sproson's figure of 761 for Port Vale between 1950 and 1972.

• The most points Swindon have gained in a season (3 points for a win) was achieved in the 1985/86 season when they won the Fourth Division championship. This total also stands as a league record.

• Swindon played at a ground called The Croft before moving to the County Ground in 1896.

ROLL CALL

SEASON 1998/99 (LEAGUE GAMES ONLY)

| | PREVIOUS CLUB | APPS | GLS |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------|-----|
| Brian Borrows | Coventry | 36 | - |
| Shane Bradley | - | 3 | - |
| Lee Collins | Albion Rovers | 2(2) | - |
| Steve Cowe | Aston Villa | 2(2) | - |
| Phillipe Cuervo | Sochaux | 2(4) | - |
| Sol Davis | - | 21(1) | - |
| Gareth Davies | Reading | 4 | - |
| Jimmy Glass | Bournemouth | 3 | - |
| Ty Gooden | Wycombe | 33(2) | 1 |
| Charlie Griffin | Chippenham Town | - (4) | - |
| Gareth Hall | Sunderland | 35(2) | 2 |
| Chris Hay | Celtic | 14(9) | 6 |
| Bobby Howe | Nottm Forest | 15(2) | 3 |
| Robin Hulbert | - | 6(9) | - |
| David Kerslake | Ipswich | 12(2) | - |
| Scott Leitch | Hearts | 23(1) | - |
| Des Linton | Peterborough | 3 | - |
| George Ndah | C Palace | 34(1) | 10 |
| Ifem Onuora | Gillingham | 36(3) | 17 |
| Alan Reeves | Wimbledon | 24 | 1 |
| Mark Robinson | Newcastle | 23(3) | - |
| Frank Talia | Blackburn | 36 | - |
| Craig Taylor | Dorchester Town | 15(2) | - |
| Mark Walters | Southampton | 31(4) | 10 |
| Kevin Watson | Tottenham | 8(6) | - |
| Adam Willis | Coventry | 9 | - |

(Up to and including 10th April 1999)



CRYSTAL PALACE V SWINDON TOWN PREVIOUS MEETINGS



LEAGUE GAMES

| Season | Home | Away | Div. | Season | Home | Away | Div. |
|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|
| 1920-21 | W 1-0 | W 2-1 | 3 | 1950-51 | W 2-0 | L 0-2 | Third(S) |
| 1925-26 | W 1-0 | L 1-3 | Third(S) | 1951-52 | L 0-1 | W 2-0 | Third(S) |
| 1926-27 | W 5-0 | L 1-6 | Third(S) | 1952-53 | W 3-0 | W 6-3 | Third(S) |
| 1927-28 | W 1-0 | D 3-3 | Third(S) | 1953-54 | W 3-2 | D 1-1 | Third(S) |
| 1928-29 | W 4-1 | L 2-3 | Third(S) | 1954-55 | D 0-0 | D 0-0 | Third(S) |
| 1929-30 | W 1-0 | L 1-3 | Third(S) | 1955-56 | L 0-2 | D 0-0 | Third(S) |
| 1930-31 | W 3-1 | D 4-4 | Third(S) | 1956-57 | D 0-0 | L 1-3 | Third(S) |
| 1931-32 | D 0-0 | L 2-3 | Third(S) | 1957-58 | W 4-1 | D 0-0 | Third(S) |
| 1932-33 | W 4-3 | L 0-1 | Third(S) | 1961-62 | W 3-1 | L 0-5 | 3 |
| 1933-34 | D 0-0 | L 2-3 | Third(S) | 1962-63 | D 0-0 | L 0-1 | 2 |
| 1934-35 | W 7-0 | D 1-1 | Third(S) | 1964-65 | W 3-1 | L 0-2 | 2 |
| 1935-36 | W 5-1 | W 2-0 | Third(S) | 1973-74 | W 4-2 | W 1-0 | 3 |
| 1936-37 | W 2-0 | L 0-4 | Third(S) | 1974-75 | W 6-2 | D 1-1 | 3 |
| 1937-38 | L 0-1 | L 0-4 | Third(S) | 1975-76 | D 3-3 | W 2-1 | 3 |
| 1938-39 | D 1-1 | D 2-2 | Third(S) | 1976-77 | W 5-0 | D 1-1 | 3 |
| 1946-47 | W 4-1 | L 0-1 | Third(S) | 1987-88 | W 2-1 | D 2-2 | 2 |
| 1947-48 | D 1-1 | D 0-0 | Third(S) | 1988-89 | W 2-1 | L 0-1 | 2 |
| 1948-49 | D 1-1 | L 0-1 | Third(S) | 1996-97 | L 1-2 | W 2-0 | 1 |
| 1949-50 | D 2-2 | L 2-4 | Third(S) | 1998-99 | | L 0-2 | 1 |

OVERALL MEETINGS (INC CUP GAMES)

| | P | W | D | L | For | Agst |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Home | 42 | 25 | 18 | 7 | 92 | 39 |
| Away | 42 | 10 | 13 | 19 | 56 | 73 |
| TOTALS | 84 | 35 | 23 | 26 | 142 | 112 |

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Famous for his step-over and little shimmy before darting past an opponent, Walters admits his exploits this term have seen him reach two out of the three 'aspirations' he set himself at the beginning of the present campaign.

"We were given envelopes at the start of the campaign in which we were asked to write our aspirations for the season," recalls Walters. "Mine were that I wanted to play in 30-plus games, to get into double figures with goals scored and help the team into the play-offs."

"Unfortunately it is not possible to reach the last one, but if I look back, I have achieved two of those and I can't really grumble."

"My scoring rate throughout my career has been one every three or four games. At Liverpool I wasn't a regular and so this went down but, invariably, I do score quite regularly."

OPTIMISTIC AND HOPEFUL

Far from being in the play-off frame, Swindon are instead precariously placed above the relegation battle going on beneath them. Walters is optimistic, and hopeful, that the team will avoid the drop but believes that Swindon are too good to be in the position they occupy.

He explains: "We have had a management change, but the team cannot be pleased at where they are now. In my opinion we have the players and the talent to be in the top 10."

"Admittedly, the play-offs might be a bit optimistic as we have such a small squad, but we have good players and should be higher. Although we have had a few changes we have not had the rub of the green either. But someone said the league doesn't lie and it is hard to argue."

"With the games we have left our goal has to be to avoid



OPPOSING VIEW

MARK WALTERS STRIKER

relegation. It is in our hands now and if we don't do it we only have ourselves to blame. The team spirit here is exceptional and we have a good set of lads which helps."

Walters began his career at Midlands club Aston Villa before moving on to Glasgow Rangers where he helped the club to three Scottish Premier Division titles and two Scottish League Cup wins.

His form and skills prompted Liverpool to pay £1.25 million for him, but he enjoyed mixed fortunes at the Anfield club as he failed to gain a

regular first team berth.

VERY GRATEFUL

In addition he has one international cap to his name, but adds: "I am never satisfied and believe I could have achieved a little bit more in my career."

"But football is all about opinions, and yes I would have liked to have played more internationals, but that is what you would call greedy. I am grateful for what I have achieved and won in the game."

Walters moved on to spells at Stoke, Wolves and Southampton before his free transfer to Swindon in July 1996.

Since then the 34-year-old admits he has had opportunities to move abroad, but would rather concentrate his efforts to aid Swindon's cause.

"At the end of the day I had chances to play abroad, but I didn't want to move at this stage of my career and Swindon is a great little club to be at."

Mark Walters' admiration of Crystal Palace boss Steve Coppell is also clear to see.

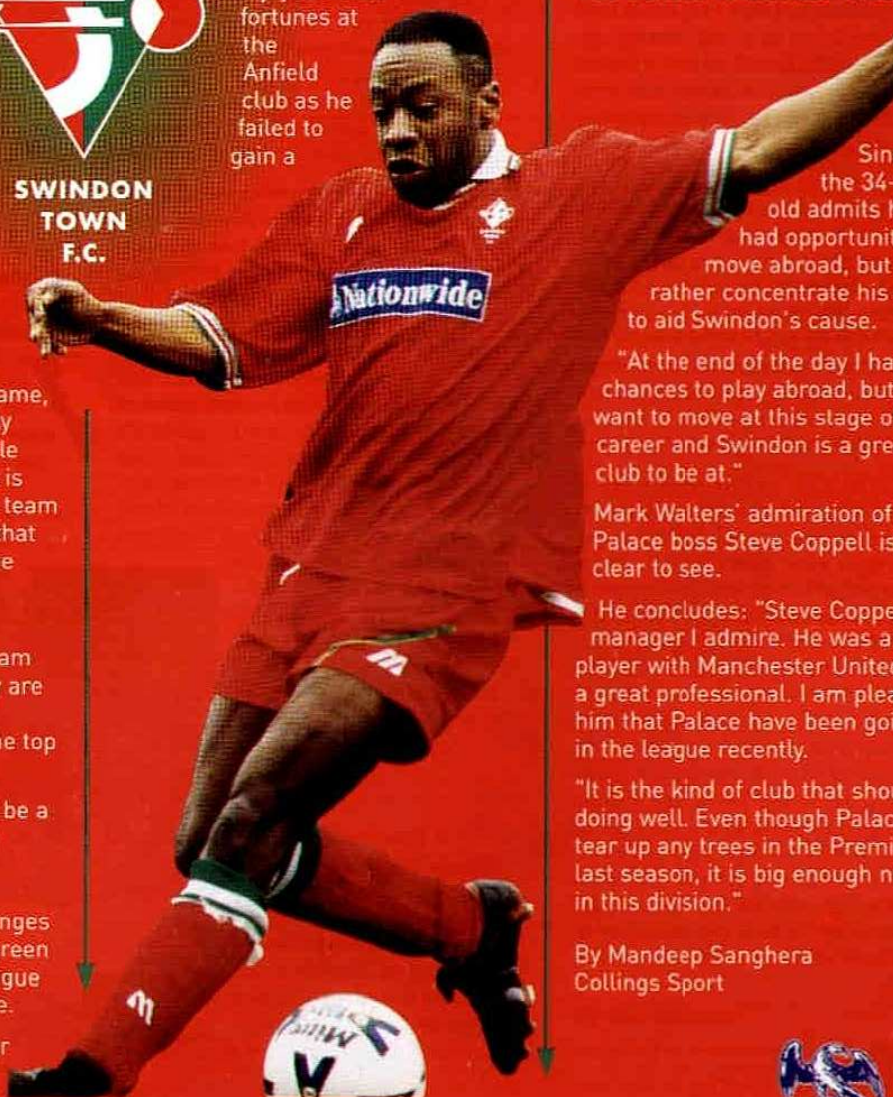
He concludes: "Steve Coppell is a manager I admire. He was a great player with Manchester United and is a great professional. I am pleased for him that Palace have been going well in the league recently."

"It is the kind of club that should be doing well. Even though Palace didn't tear up any trees in the Premiership last season, it is big enough not to be in this division."

By Mandeep Sanghera
Collings Sport



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Fifty One

PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS

Marco Gabbiadini's unsuccessful attempt to fill the boots of former Palace hero, Ian Wright, only served to compound the misery that Eagles' fans felt upon Wright's departure to Arsenal. Not only did the transfer of the freescoring striker seem to indicate a lack of ambition on the part of the Palace board, but a replacement looked increasingly unlikely to be found. David Whyte, briefly, fanned the flames and looked set to try and fill his boots but, after a bright start, he tailed off miserably and soon found himself at Charlton.

The search continued and, for a while, it appeared that George Ndah would emerge as the new crowd favourite at Selhurst. George boasted many similar assets to that of Wright; speed, trickery, a willingness to run with the ball, take defenders on and attempt the outrageous. He was also immensely popular with the supporters. That George failed to build a great career for himself at the club and is now, in fact, plying his trade for today's opponents must surely be a big regret of the current management team.

TEENAGE TALENT

Born locally in Camberwell, George grew up playing football in the well-known Shirley & District Junior League for Melwood and Selsdon Juniors. He was a constant scourge to opposing defenders with his pace and great ball skill and it was a huge surprise that it was not until he was 16 years of age that he was finally spotted by Palace and asked to train on weeknights. "I was playing for South London and a guy Tony Bowen spotted me and I went to the club really late on. In fact the year that I went along was the time that they were deciding who to take on as a YTS, so I didn't have long to impress.

"Fortunately, I did enough and Dave Garland and Stuart Scott took me on. Dave was a big help to me because I'd played for him at Selsdon before I came to Palace, so he knew what I could do anyway."

The decision to sign George paid instant dividends as he made an immediate impression in the Palace youth side which reached their first FA Youth Cup final since their double triumph in the late seventies. While Ryan Giggs - who was already a United first-teamer - led the Red Devils to the final our own left winger was also becoming something of



GEORGE NDAH STRIKER



of the competition that year and started his first senior game in a 1-1 draw at Liverpool in the 4th round. That tie was won in a replay and in the following match against Chelsea, George scored his first goal for the club on a barnstorming night.

"The game shouldn't even have gone ahead because of the conditions - they were awful. There were huge puddles all over the pitch. We just had so much youth and enthusiasm in the team and that was enough to carry us through. I remember the goal really well. The ball looked like it was going to go out of play, but Andy

a prodigy and it was his influence, more than any other, which saw the club through. "It was unbelievable for me to play at United because that was the first time that I'd had the opportunity to play at a really big ground. To play against the likes of Giggs and Beckham - although only Giggs was in the first-team then - was so overwhelming and such an enjoyable experience."

PRO' DEBUT

The club were not disgraced in losing 6-3 to United on aggregate and a measure of the difference between the two sides is that white United boasted players of the calibre of Giggs, Beckham, Scholes, Neville, Butt and Savage, only George and Jimmy Glass are still playing senior football from the Eagles' side that played that night. Indeed, George was to make his debut just a few months after that final in a League Cup second round tie at home to Lincoln, which Palace won 3-1.

"Everybody's debut goes so quickly and it was really hard to take in, but I remember Steve Coppell telling me to enjoy it, which I did, and to go out and do what I knew I could do. Everything had happened so quickly and to play in the first-team at 17 I wouldn't have cared if we had lost. I was just so happy to be on the pitch."

George was to play an important role in helping the club to reach the semi-finals

Thorn managed to hook it back and I was there to tap it in. My mate Grant Watts scored as well so it was a great night for both of us, and for the club."

George's celebration run was plastered all over the back pages of the national press as Steve Coppell was quoted as saying, "...It was one of our best performances. The youngsters have surpassed themselves again..."



SWINDON TOWN

FALSE DAWN

The victory, and the hopes of a brighter future, proved to be a false dawn as the club were comprehensively outplayed by Arsenal, and Ian Wright, in the semi-finals. Come the end of the season and Arsenal were to have the final say in whether Palace would be able to stay in Premier League and, with Oldham winning their last three matches, a 3-0 defeat at Highbury condemned the Eagles to life in the 1st Division. Relegation was too much for Steve Coppell and he resigned, to be replaced by Alan Smith.

"I really don't know why we got relegated with the team we had. It shouldn't have happened, but it just goes to show how hard the Premier League is. To be honest I think that the main team was good enough, but we didn't have enough depth as a squad and, if anyone was injured, then the players that were coming in weren't of the same quality. Personally, I only





started a few games and I didn't think I was ready to play a whole season in the Premier League."

MANY INJURIES

Alan Smith succeeded in reuniting the team and won instant promotion, but for George the season turned into a non-event as a serious knee injury restricted him to just one league appearance.

"I had mixed emotions. Obviously, I was happy that we went up, but disappointed not to be involved because my knee was so sore. Even the year before I'd been playing through pain so the club decided that I should have an operation. I had tendonitis which came about through overuse so they had to open up my knee and take out the build up of scar tissue. I look back on those years with some regret. It was so difficult for me because I'd already played first-team football

and wanted more of it. Due to the fact that I was quite young, I lost a bit of confidence as a result of the injuries and my form suffered."

Palace's return to the top flight was shortlived as they were instantly relegated again, and although George managed 12 league appearances and a goal in a 2-0 win over Leicester, he was not a prominent figure in Alan Smith's plans. The following season a loan move to Bournemouth signalled an upturn in fortunes for the speedy forward.

RETURN TO FORM

At Bournemouth, George became an instant favourite scoring twice in twelve appearances. The South Coast club made no secret of their desire to keep hold of him, however, his form for the Cherries made Palace's new manager, Dave Bassett, sit up and take notice.

"It took to Bournemouth and they did to me and I made a lot of friends in the place. I learnt a lot, football wise as well, and at the time I needed to play week in week out and they gave me that. I was frustrated at Palace because I never got a consistent run in the team, but when I returned I had so much confidence and carried my form on."

When George returned he gave the team fresh impetus in their battle to reach the play-offs and, having come into the side for the 3-2 win at Tranmere in February, he was a fixture right up to the final defeat at Wembley against Leicester. "My best and worst moments at Palace both came in that game. My best moment was actually playing at Wembley - it was my first game there and I really enjoyed it. I promised myself that I wouldn't let it pass me by and I like to think that I played well myself that day. I could have scored, but Kevin

Poole pulled off a great save. My worst moment was the way that we lost. It was unbelievable. We worked so hard and played so well and to lose the way we did was horrible - the goal came off Steve Claridge's shin."

MOVING ON

Having played such a prominent part in Palace's promotion push, George was expected to feature in the following campaign, but he found himself on the substitutes' bench more often than not. "I had quite a

bad season that year and I thought that I was going to move on then anyway. I'd had a lack of opportunities mixed in with a lot of bad luck and I lost my grandad that year, so mentally I wasn't really with it anyway. Nothing was happening for me at Palace, the team was flying and I couldn't see myself getting back into the squad. The move though came totally out of the blue. I was meant to play in a reserve game on the Wednesday and Steve Coppell called me the night before and told me that Swindon had come in for me, although he told me that he didn't actually want me to go. I wasn't getting many opportunities and couldn't see myself getting chances in the long run either, so I went to Swindon. It was hard for me to leave because I was at Palace for so long."

A goal on George's debut - one of the best he has ever scored - helped him to settle in, as did Steve McMahon.

"Steve McMahon, for me, is one of the best managers that I've worked with. He was a really fair man and if you work hard for him he'll look after you. He's a very nice guy as well and it was unfortunate that he left the club."

PALACE GOAL

Earlier in the season George had his first chance to play against his old club. "The gaffer didn't think that I was 100% fit so he put me on the bench, but I was dying to get on and our left midfielder got injured after about 15 minutes and I came on. All of a sudden we had a free-kick out wide that I headed in. I couldn't believe it, although I had mixed emotions scoring against Palace."

Today's game will be the first time that he has been back to Selhurst and it is a prospect that George admits he will find tricky. "I don't really want to call it, but the game will be tight. Playing against Palace at our place was strange enough but playing against them at Selhurst will be really strange. I must admit that Swindon's my home now. The boys are a great bunch and I love the club. They've also got some financial difficulties, but that's a common thing in football these days. If you're not one of the glamour clubs then you're always going to struggle. We're having a bit of a hard time, but we only need a few more points and we'll be safe. All I want to do is help keep the club in the First Division and then build for next season."

By Tom Maslona



With the season drawing to an exciting conclusion in the First Division, both promotion and relegation issues will go one step nearer to being settled after today's set of matches.

A crucial game takes place at St. Andrews, where Birmingham City meet Wolves in the West Midlands derby. The match, a 29,000 sell-out, has much more than just local pride at stake, as it is vital to both teams' hopes of reaching the play-offs. Wolves were frustrated by Palace at Molineux last Saturday and it looked as if Swindon were going to do the same to City at the County Ground. However, Gary Rowett (he of spectacular last-minute own goal fame) popped up with a winner five minutes from time to give City a foothold in the top four. A similarly



Gary Rowett

towards a play-off spot. The Hornets picked up a crucial win against Bolton at Vicarage Road last Saturday and, in the words of their manager, "We are going to battle for a play-off place all the way to the end."

Although not the most enticing of matches, Grimsby against Bury at Blundell Park will have a large bearing on the fate of clubs struggling to avoid the drop. The Shakers won a proverbial six-pointer at Oxford United last Saturday - incredibly, their first away win of the season - that meant they lifted themselves out of the relegation zone. Grimsby, meanwhile, are tailing away at the end of what has been a very creditable first season back in Division One.

Benny Lennartsson's men have won their last three matches, against Port Vale, Portsmouth and Grimsby, to lift themselves off the bottom of the table, perhaps inspired by the loan signing of Southampton's David Howells, whom the Saints purchased from Tottenham in the close season. Whatever the reason for the revival, City will hope to fare better than Sheffield United at Stockport this afternoon. Finally, West Brom will try and provide some consolation for their fans after a calamitous week with a victory over Portsmouth. Pompey, unlike Bristol City, have hit a bad run of form at just the wrong time, with a run of three straight defeats and no win in six. Those infamous Pompey chimes could yet be Second Division death knolls for Alan Ball's men.

Andrew Fifield

DIVISION ONE ROUND UP

pivotal match comes at the Reebok Stadium, home of Bolton Wanderers, where the Whites tackle automatic promotion hopefuls Ipswich Town. Colin Todd's men have hit a wretched run of form just lately, with a defeat at home to Stockport County being followed up by another reversal away at Watford last Saturday. Todd still believes his team can end the term in the top six, but is calling upon his seasoned campaigners to steer the youngsters through their remaining games: "It is down to our experienced professionals to show the character that will help us through our run-in." Yet another promotion candidate, Bradford City, will fancy their chances of moving a step closer to the Premiership with a home game against Yorkshire rivals Huddersfield Town. The Terriers are abject on their travels, having collected just three wins away from home all season, whereas City have won fifteen times at their own patch - a record only bettered by Sunderland. At Gresty Road, Crewe meet Watford in a match that has potential repercussions for both sides, but for very different reasons. The Railwaymen are on the brink of slipping out of the First Division (although their magnificent 5-1 demolition of West Brom at the Hawthorns did ease those fears), as they sit bottom of the pile, and Graham Taylor's Watford are edging

They succumbed 4-1 at Bristol City last weekend and look like finishing in mid-table. Another team doing just that are Norwich City, whose disastrous run of form from Christmas to last Monday's win over Grimsby fatally wounded their promotion ambitions. Today, Carrow Road will witness one of the day's more meaningless matches as Bruce Rioch tries to mastermind the defeat of Tranmere Rovers, who earned a reasonable point at Barnsley last Saturday. Oxford, who know that they can barely afford slip-ups like last Saturday's at home to Bury, will hope to remedy that defeat by winning at fellow strugglers Port Vale. The Valiants were held to a goalless draw at Crewe last Saturday, in a game of little entertainment and few chances. Both Crewe and Port Vale will be keeping one ear on proceedings at Bramall Lane, where Sheffield United clash with QPR. Rangers secured an important win at home to beleaguered West Bromwich Albion last Saturday courtesy of an 87th minute goal from midfielder Gavin Peacock. The Blades, however, did themselves no favours at all by losing to Stockport County at Edgeley Park and that, coupled with throwing away two points at home to Wolves the previous Monday, has virtually ended their promotion aspirations for another season. At the bottom, Bristol City are running into form at just the right time.

TODAY'S OTHER FIXTURES

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP
CHARLTON V LEEDS
COVENTRY V MIDDLESBROUGH
LIVERPOOL V ASTON VILLA
MAN UTD V SHEFF WED
NEWCASTLE V EVERTON
NOTTM FOREST V TOTTENHAM
SOUTHAMPTON V BLACKBURN
WEST HAM V DERBY

DIVISION ONE

BIRMINGHAM V WOLVES
BOLTON V IPSWICH
BRADFORD V HUDDERSFIELD
CREWE V WATFORD
GRIMSBY V BURY
NORWICH V TRANMERE
PORT VALE V OXFORD
SHEFF UTD V QPR
STOCKPORT V BRISTOL CITY
WEST BROM V PORTSMOUTH

DIVISION TWO

BURNLEY V BOURNEMOUTH
CHESTERFIELD V FULHAM
GILLINGHAM V MAN CITY
LUTON V LINCOLN CITY
PRESTON V BLACKPOOL
READING V NORTHAMPTON
WALSALL V MACCLESFIELD
WREXHAM V OLDHAM
YORK V STOKE

DIVISION THREE

BARNET V MANSFIELD
BRENTFORD V LEYTON ORIENT
DARLINGTON V CAMBRIDGE
HALIFAX V BRIGHTON
HARTLEPOOL V SCARBOROUGH
HULL V SCUNTHORPE
PETERBOROUGH V TORQUAY
PLYMOUTH V SOUTHEND
ROCHDALE V CHESTER
ROTHERHAM V CARLISLE
SHREWSBURY V EXETER



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DIVISION ONE

with John McBride (Association of Football Statisticians)
 (All statistics are up to and including Sunday 11th April)

a statistical review

ATTENDANCES ENGLISH LEAGUES 1998/99

| DIVISION ONE | PLD | AVGE | HIGHEST | LOWEST | AV.97/98 |
|----------------|-----|--------|---------|--------|----------|
| BARNLEY | 21 | 16,176 | 18,114 | 14,733 | 18,449 |
| BIRMINGHAM | 20 | 20,078 | 29,060 | 15,935 | 18,708 |
| BOLTON | 20 | 18,198 | 24,625 | 13,324 | 24,352 |
| BRADFORD CITY | 21 | 14,223 | 15,887 | 12,595 | 15,564 |
| BRISTOL CITY | 21 | 12,767 | 16,257 | 9,810 | 11,846 |
| BURY | 20 | 5,100 | 8,000 | 3,436 | 6,177 |
| CREWE | 20 | 5,220 | 5,759 | 4,489 | 5,243 |
| CRYSTAL PALACE | 21 | 17,042 | 22,096 | 12,919 | 21,983 |
| GRIMSBY | 18 | 7,006 | 9,528 | 5,024 | 5,601 |
| HUDDERSFIELD | 21 | 12,765 | 20,741 | 9,717 | 12,145 |
| IPSWICH | 20 | 16,528 | 22,162 | 11,596 | 14,973 |
| NORWICH | 20 | 15,966 | 19,511 | 12,024 | 14,444 |
| OXFORD | 21 | 7,036 | 9,434 | 5,587 | 7,512 |
| PORT VALE | 19 | 6,812 | 10,465 | 4,980 | 8,432 |
| PORTSMOUTH | 21 | 11,798 | 17,022 | 8,180 | 11,149 |
| QPR | 21 | 11,481 | 17,444 | 8,070 | 13,083 |
| SHEFF UTD | 21 | 16,299 | 25,612 | 12,293 | 17,942 |
| STOCKPORT | 21 | 7,786 | 10,263 | 6,048 | 8,322 |
| SUNDERLAND | 21 | 38,491 | 41,505 | 33,870 | 33,492 |
| SWINDON | 21 | 8,742 | 11,718 | 5,675 | 10,298 |
| TRANMERE | 21 | 6,718 | 14,248 | 4,937 | 7,999 |
| WATFORD | 21 | 11,239 | 20,188 | 8,682 | 11,532 |
| WEST BROM | 20 | 15,006 | 22,682 | 11,604 | 16,662 |
| WOLVES | 21 | 22,173 | 26,816 | 18,480 | 23,281 |

| TOTALS | | | | | |
|--------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| PREMIER | 320 | 30,439 | 55,265 | 11,717 | 29,213 |
| FIRST | 492 | 13,591 | 41,505 | 3,436 | 15,091 |
| SECOND | 476 | 7,543 | 32,134 | 1,868 | 6,306 |
| THIRD | 480 | 3,760 | 13,949 | 1,056 | 3,205 |
| GRAND TOTALS | 1,768 | 12,343 | | | 12,121 |

NOTE: Calculations are mostly based on final published attendances

GOAL STATISTICS - All Divisions 98/99

GOALS - AVERAGE PER MATCH

| Div | Gls | Matches | Avg | 97/98 Avg |
|---------|-------|---------|------|-----------|
| Premier | 797 | 320 | 2.49 | 2.68 |
| First | 1,302 | 492 | 2.65 | 2.55 |
| Second | 1,160 | 476 | 2.44 | 2.42 |
| Third | 1,212 | 480 | 2.53 | 2.59 |
| TOTAL | 4,471 | 1,768 | 2.53 | 2.55 |

GOAL DIFFERENCE

| Div | Best | | Worst | |
|---------|------------|-----|---------------|-----|
| Premier | Man Utd | +37 | Nottm. Forest | -35 |
| First | Sunderland | +56 | Port Vale | -31 |
| Second | Fulham | +40 | Lincoln | -32 |
| Third | Cambridge | +31 | Scarborough | -23 |

GOALS SCORED

| Div | Best | | Worst | |
|---------|------------|----|---------------------|----|
| Premier | Man Utd | 69 | Everton/Southampton | 28 |
| First | Sunderland | 80 | Bury | 30 |
| Second | Preston | 71 | Northampton | 32 |
| Third | Cambridge | 72 | Rochdale | 36 |

GOALS CONCEDED

| Div | Best | | Worst | |
|---------|------------|----|---------------|----|
| Premier | Arsenal | 13 | Nottm. Forest | 65 |
| First | Sunderland | 24 | Crewe/Swindon | 75 |
| Second | Fulham | 26 | Burnley/York | 70 |
| Third | Cardiff | 35 | Scarborough | 65 |

RESULTS and FIXTURE DATES



AWAY

| | BARNLEY | BIRMINGHAM CITY | BOLTON WANDERERS | BRADFORD CITY | BRISTOL CITY | BURY | CREWE ALEXANDRA | CRYSTAL PALACE | GRIMSBY TOWN | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN | IPSWICH TOWN | NORWICH CITY | OXFORD UNITED | PORT VALE | PORTSMOUTH | QUEENS PARK RANGERS | SHEFFIELD UNITED | STOCKPORT COUNTY | SUNDERLAND | SWINDON TOWN | TRANMERE ROVERS | WATFORD | WEST BROM ALBION | WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|---------|------------------|-------------------------|
| BARNLEY | 0-0 | 2-2 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 4-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 7-1 | 0-1 | 1-3 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 1704 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 0105 | 2-2 | 2-3 |
| BIRMINGHAM CITY | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 4-2 | 1-0 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0105 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 4-1 | 2004 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 4-0 | 1704 | |
| BOLTON WANDERERS | 3-3 | 3-1 | 0-0 | 1304 | 4-0 | 1-3 | 3-0 | 2-0 | 3-0 | 1704 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 0105 | |
| BRADFORD CITY | 2-1 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 5-0 | 3-0 | 4-1 | 2-1 | 3-0 | 1704 | 0-0 | 4-2 | 0105 | 4-0 | 2-1 | 0-3 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 3-0 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 | |
| BRISTOL CITY | 1-1 | 2404 | 2-1 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 5-2 | 1-1 | 4-1 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0905 | 2-2 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 1-4 | 1-3 | 1-6 | |
| BURY | 0-0 | 2-4 | 2404 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 3-3 | 1-1 | 1304 | 3-0 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 2-0 | 0-0 | |
| CREWE ALEXANDRA | 3-1 | 0-0 | 4-4 | 2-1 | 2704 | 3-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0-3 | 3-2 | 3-1 | 0-0 | 0105 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 0-2 | 1-4 | 0-2 | 1-4 | 1704 | 1-1 | 0-0 | |
| CRYSTAL PALACE | 1-0 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 4-2 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 0105 | 3-2 | 5-1 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 4-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 1704 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 3-2 | |
| GRIMSBY TOWN | 1-2 | 0-3 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 1704 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 1304 | 2004 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 0105 | 2-1 | 5-1 | 0405 | |
| HUDDERSFIELD TOWN | 2404 | 1-1 | 3-2 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 0905 | 4-0 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 3-3 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 3-0 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 0-3 | 2-1 | | |
| IPSWICH TOWN | 0-2 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 3-0 | 3-1 | 0-0 | 2404 | 3-0 | 0-1 | 3-0 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 3-0 | 3-1 | 0905 | 2004 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 3-2 | 2-0 | 2-0 | |
| NORWICH CITY | 0-0 | 2-0 | 2004 | 2-2 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 3-1 | 4-1 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 3-4 | 0-0 | 4-2 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 2-2 | 0105 | 1704 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | |
| OXFORD UNITED | 1-0 | 1-7 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 3-3 | 2404 | 2-1 | 3-0 | 4-1 | 0-2 | 0905 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 3-0 | 0-0 | |
| PORT VALE | 1-0 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 1304 | 3-2 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-3 | 1-0 | 1704 | 0-2 | 0105 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 2004 | 0-3 | 2-1 | | |
| PORTSMOUTH | 1-3 | 0-1 | 0905 | 2-4 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 4-0 | 3-0 | 1-0 | 2404 | 1-1 | 5-2 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 1-0 | |
| QUEENS PARK RANGERS | 2-1 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 2404 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0905 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 3-2 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 4-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 0-1 | |
| SHEFFIELD UNITED | 1-1 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 0105 | 3-1 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 3-2 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 2-1 | 1704 | 1-1 | 0-4 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 3-0 | 3-0 | 1-1 | |
| STOCKPORT COUNTY | 0-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 1704 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 2-0 | 4-2 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0105 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 1-1 | |
| SUNDERLAND | 2-3 | 0905 | 3-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 3-1 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 7-0 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 2404 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 5-0 | 4-1 | 3-0 | 2-1 | |
| SWINDON TOWN | 0905 | 0-1 | 3-3 | 1-4 | 3-2 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 2404 | 3-0 | 0-6 | 1-1 | 4-1 | 1-1 | 3-3 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 2-3 | 1-4 | 2-2 | 1-0 | |
| TRANMERE ROVERS | 3-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 4-0 | 3-0 | 3-1 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 0-2 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 2404 | 1-1 | 3-2 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 3-2 | 0905 | 1-2 | |
| WATFORD | 0-0 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 4-2 | 2404 | 0905 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 4-2 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 0-2 | |
| WEST BROM ALBION | 2-0 | 1-3 | 2-3 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 0105 | 1-5 | 3-2 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 2-0 | 3-2 | 1704 | 2-0 | 4-1 | 3-1 | 2-3 | 1304 | 0-2 | 4-1 | 2-0 | |
| WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS | 1-1 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 0905 | 3-0 | 1-0 | 3-0 | 0-0 | 2-0 | 2-2 | 1-0 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 2404 | |

These dates are, of course, provisionally scheduled prior to the start of the season. Due to television coverage, cups/replays, bad weather, internationals etc. they are often amended. "TBA" is entered until revised dates are known.

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WATFORD
Away
Saturday 24th April,
3pm
Form Guide: DDWWW

Key player: Micah Hyde

One of the few players at Vicarage Road who could hold his own should Watford secure an unlikely promotion to the Premiership. An intelligent midfielder, Hyde is hitting form at the right time, and he scored in last weekend's crucial win over fellow play-off hopefuls Bolton.

When Watford surprisingly took their place amongst the early season leaders in the First Division, most people agreed it could not last. Even



HUDDERSFIELD TOWN
Home
Saturday 1st May,
3pm
Form Guide: DDDLL

Key player: Jamie Vincent

Huddersfield manager Peter Jackson has been granted money to spend by the club's new owner, Barry Rubery. The first £500,000 went on Vincent, a product of the Palace youth system. Not given an extended run during his time here, and built his reputation at Bournemouth. Described by Jackson on signing as "by far the best left-back outside the top two divisions."

Palace's seasonal average at Selhurst is superior to Wimbledon's despite the fact that the vast majority of people who go to their games are away fans. If you are not convinced yet, you would not be reading this.

By Joe Hare



FORWARD VIEW

their manager Graham Taylor argued that his side were performing above themselves. Sure enough, Spring came, and Watford faltered. But just as they were set to slide out of contention for sixth place, Taylor's side suddenly rediscovered the all-action approach which had brought them success in the Autumn. They have won their last three games - two of them against sides higher in the table - and they are poised like a 1500 meter-runner on the shoulder of the weary pace-setters.

As Micah Hyde said: "I believe it is better to be chasing at this stage than be in the position of Bolton or Wolves." Hyde's clear-sighted determination is shared by Taylor, who said: "I have told the players what an opportunity this is, and that they should not be frightened of it. We might not be in this position again and you have to take it while it is there." Taylor will see Palace's visit to Vicarage Road next weekend as a must-win game for his side, as they try to overhaul Wolves or Bolton. Interestingly, Wolves are the only team in play-off contention who have not beaten Palace at home this season. If Watford can overcome Steve Coppell's well-organised back five, the two points gained over Wolves may prove decisive.

**LIVE COMMENTARY FROM
VICARAGE ROAD ON
PALACE CLUBCALL**

It's very rare for Palace to enter the concluding weeks of the season with nothing to play for. This is only the second year in seven that the club has not been either promoted or relegated, and in the only other 'stable' year, 1995-96, there was the minor excitement of losing the play-off final at Wembley.

So it is a long time since Palace fans have had a chance to experience something most other fans expect from games in May - the meaningless end-of-season match. Huddersfield come to Selhurst in a fortnight for a bona fide pointless game of football.

There now follows an attempt to make the game seem interesting:

It is the last chance for home fans to see Palace this season. Two months ago, this might have been the cause for extravagant celebration, but given the way Steve Coppell and his "babies" have restored the club's credibility, they deserve some appreciation. Huddersfield are abysmal away from home, and assuming things go to plan this afternoon, Palace should maintain the longest unbeaten home run in English football.

Marcus Stewart (pictured) is the First Division's second-most prolific striker, with 24 goals. He used to play alongside Gareth Taylor at Bristol Rovers, causing many Palace fans to have reflected 'we bought the wrong one.'

A bumper crowd should ensure that



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CHELSEA V LEICESTER 2.00PM

AUTO WINDSCREEN FINAL
MILLWALL V WIGAN 2.05PM

MONDAY, 19TH APRIL
ARSENAL V WIMBLEDON 8.00PM

FRIDAY, 23RD APRIL
BURY V BOLTON 7.45PM

SUNDAY, 25TH APRIL
LEEDS V MAN UTD 11.30AM
SHEFF WED V CHELSEA 4.00PM



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TEAM CHECK



**Crystal
Palace**

Manager: Steve Coppell
Colours: Red Shirts
& Shorts with
Blue trim, Red Socks



Swindon Town

Manager: Jimmy Quinn
Colours: Black and Blue
Shirts, Blue Shorts,
Blue Socks



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| Gordan Petric | 3 | Gareth Davies |
| Dean Austin | 4 | Craig Taylor |
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| Stephen Thomson | 6 | Kevin Watson |
| Craig Foster | 7 | Bobby Howe |
| Fan Zhiyi | 8 | George Ndah |
| Leon McKenzie | 9 | Ifem Onuora |
| Clinton Morrison | 10 | Shane Bradley |
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Referee: Mr M.L. Dean

Assistant Referees: Mr C. Francis (Yellow Flag)

Mr K.R. Torrance (Red Trim)

Reserve Official: Mr S. Rubery

TODAY'S REFEREE



Michael Dean commenced refereeing in 1987 in the local leagues. He then progressed via the West Cheshire and Unibond Leagues before becoming a Football League assistant referee in the 1995/96 season. Two years later Michael was promoted to the national list of referees. Notable achievements so far have seen him referee the Sunday Cup semi-final in 1997 and run the line at the play-off final between Brentford and Crewe in the same year. Married with two children, Michael enjoys running, cycling, golf and going to the cinema and theatre.

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Division One
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Saturday, 1st May 1999
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