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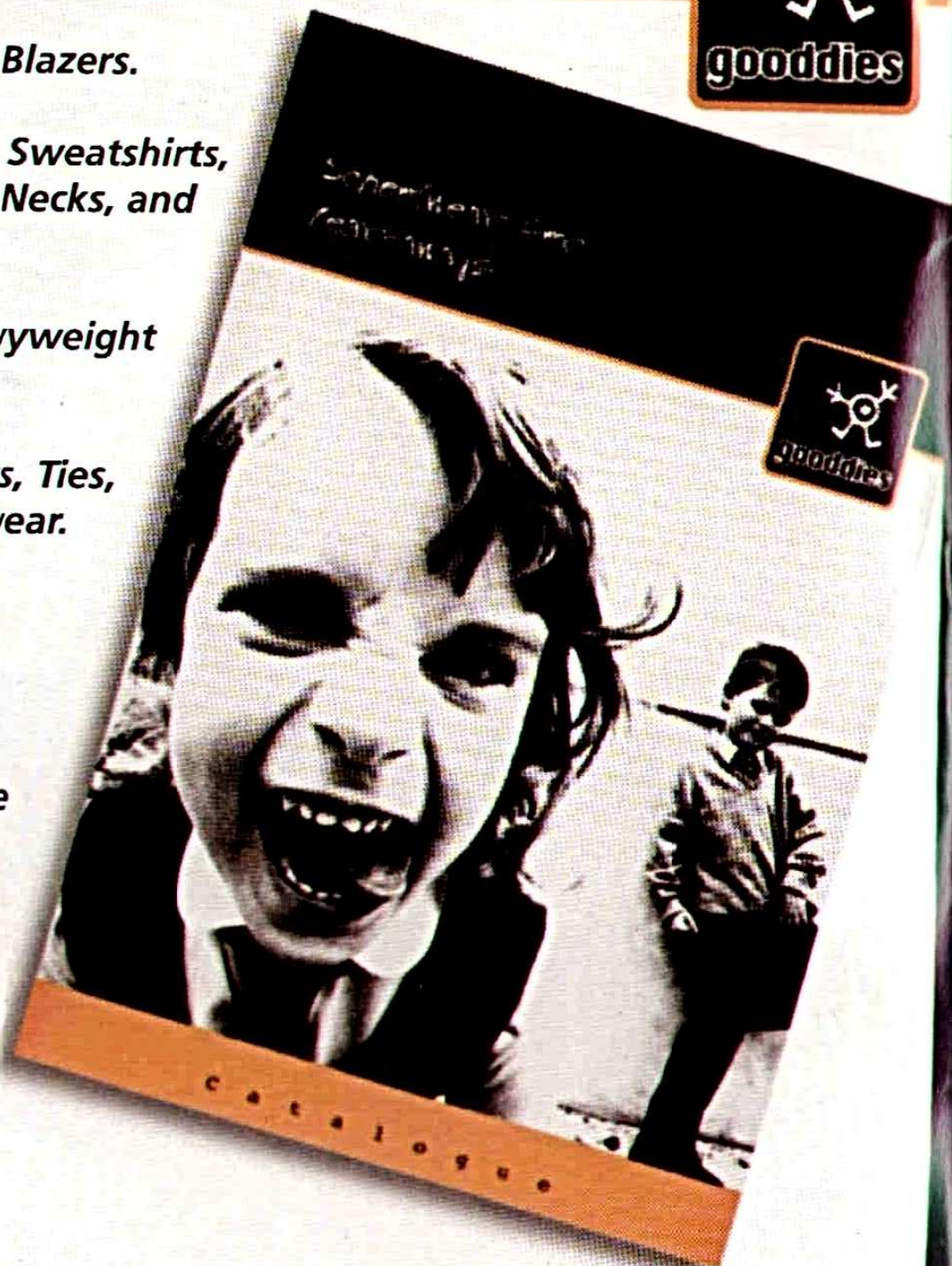
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The Opening Shot

BROTHERLY LOVE



There should be an interesting battle going on this evening between Latics Striker David Reeves and Swindon's Centre half, David's kid brother Alan. Alan was dismissed on Sunday in the West Country derby against Bristol City and will be looking to do better against David than he did last time the two brothers faced up against each other.

On that occasion, David scored the first for Chesterfield, getting the better of Alan and then helped Chesterfield beat the Robins 4-0 at Saltergate. David told us "We went out that night after the game and I kept bringing it up what had happened that afternoon, I realised by the end of the night to stop going on about it because it was really doing Alan's head in!".

Lets hope that Reevesie (David) can continue to do well against his brother this evening as long as they still remain best of friends...

SHEZ THE GREATEST?

John Sheridan, Latics' midfield maestro, has found his way into the Sheffield Wednesday history books after supporters of the Sheffield club voted him Wednesday's 'Player of the 90's', beating players like Des Walker, David Hurst and Chris Waddle.

Shez was as surprised as anyone to receive this accolade, having already received an award for 'Goal of the Century' from the Owls, (John's free-kick in the 1991 League Cup Final v Manchester United).



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My priority is to build

As we welcome Andy King, his players, staff and everybody connected with Swindon Town to Boundary Park, I have been reflecting on how quickly footballing fortunes can change.



We had a wonderful Christmas period when we gained three wins out of three, yet in the space of a week we suffered three disappointing defeats. It began with the FA Cup defeat at Cheltenham which I discussed in my notes for the Blackpool tie in the LDV Vans Trophy. We started well against the Seaside and the turning point in the match was undoubtedly the moment we lost Darren Sheridan, who was sent off for the second successive match.

As a consequence of that he now faces a lengthy suspension and to add to his woes he sustained a serious ankle injury at Chesterfield on Saturday.

Having got back to 2-2, shortly after half time against Blackpool, unfortunately our 10 men were unable to carry that momentum forward for the rest of the game. We were punished because of our need to go forward

in an effort to rescue the game.

Despite having lost two cup games all was not lost, however, because of our healthy position in the league.

So going into Saturday's game at Chesterfield, we felt we had a terrific opportunity to enhance our league position and keep up our good run, which had seen us climb up the table.

After going 2-0 up shortly after half time, all I can say is that the whole team relaxed and felt the game was won as I am sure our wonderful away supporters must also have felt.

But football often provides a sting in the tail and within 15 minutes of our second goal we found ourselves 3-2 down.

If you go 2-0 up in any game I always feel a team should be ruthless enough to kill off your opponents. In fairness since I have arrived we have previously always had a steely determination not

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for the future...

"If you go 2-0 up in any game I always feel a team should be ruthless enough to kill off your opponents."

to concede goals.

The players all came in for training on Sunday morning and we discussed the events from Saltergate at length.

I am sure the blips in our concentration will be eradicated and now we must buckle down and retain our standing in the league and pursue a higher position before the end of the season.

Barnsley's Matty Appleby has been training with us this week with a view to a loan or permanent transfer. I know Matty well and he played a huge part in a successful period at Barnsley helping them win promotion to the Premiership.

I look forward to monitoring Matty in training and perhaps there will be a further update later in the week.

Ben Futchter and Mark Hotte have both left the club and on behalf of everybody I would like to wish them well for the future.

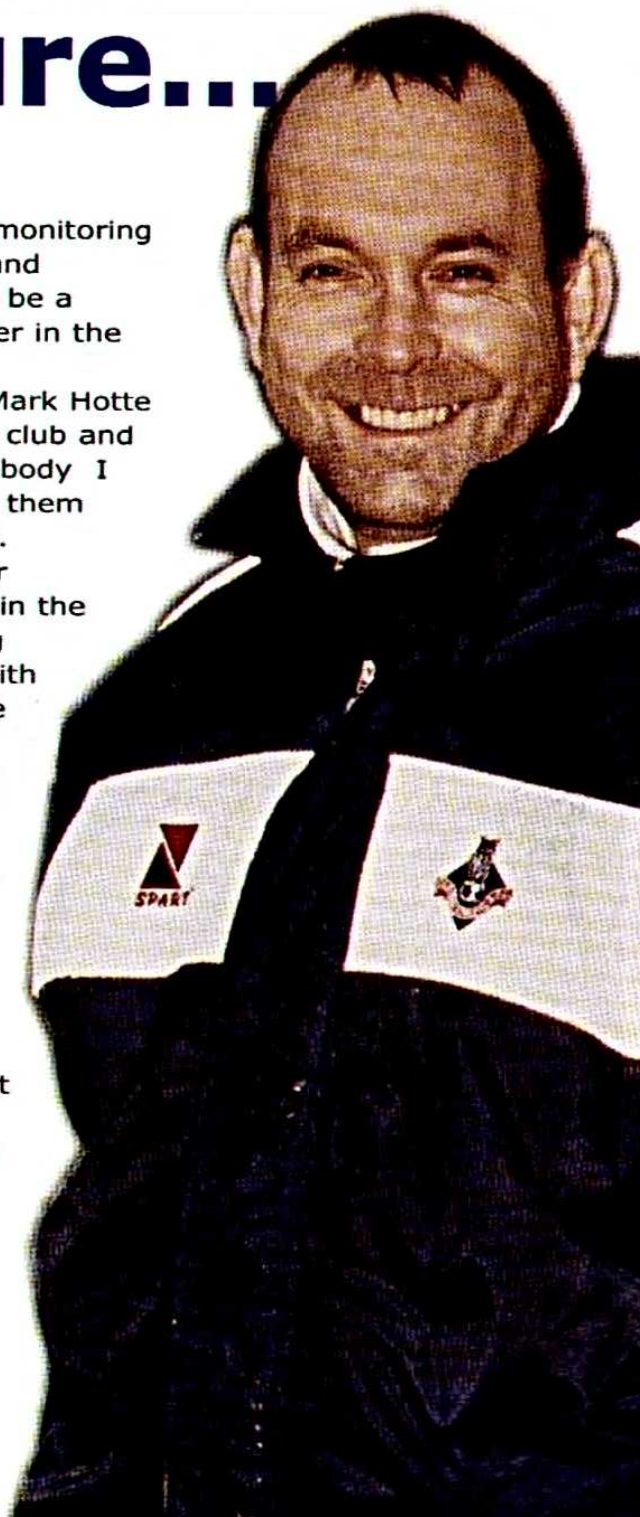
Ben has signed for Stalybridge Celtic in the Conference having had a loan spell with them earlier in the season.

Mark, meanwhile, has also joined a Conference club with Scarborough signing him.

A big thank you to all of you who made the trip to Chesterfield and gave us such great support.

Let's hope we can repay you with a win tonight.

Mick.



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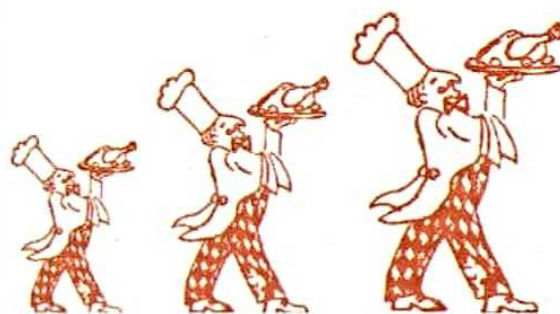
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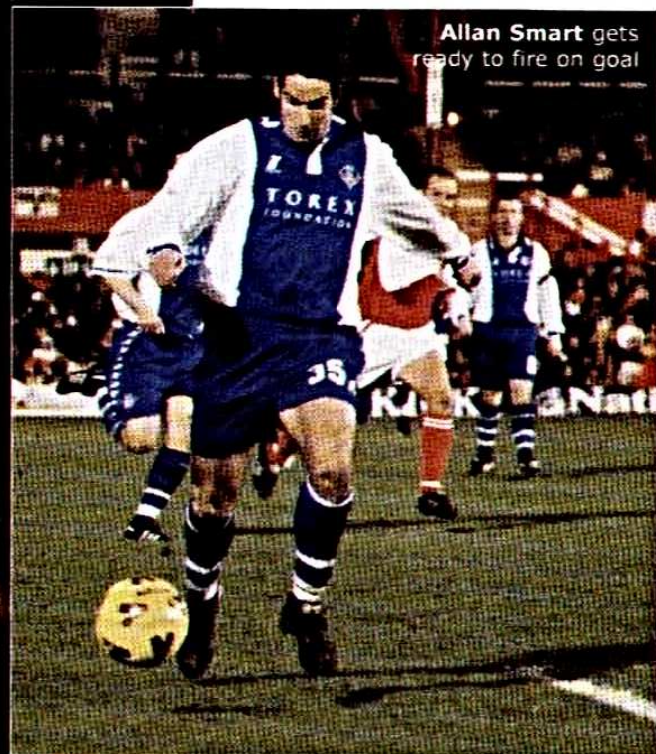
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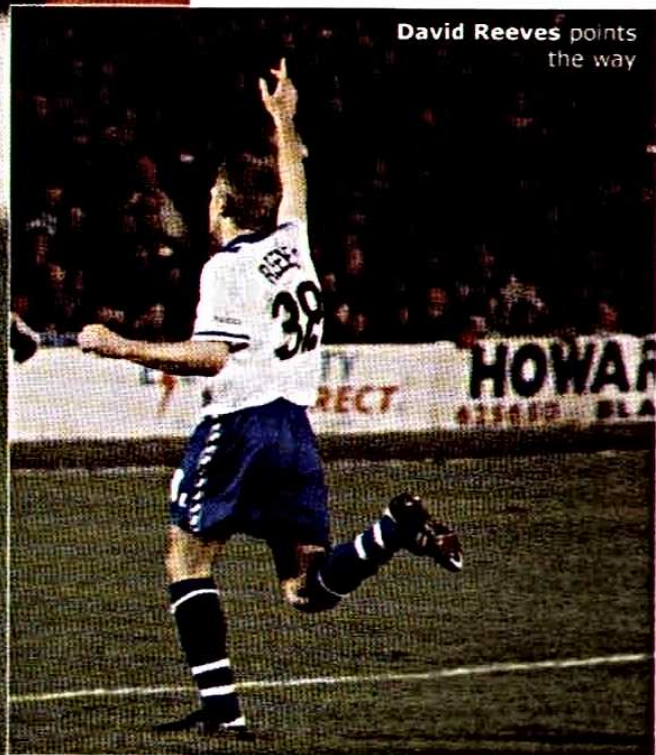
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Swindon's Star Player
GULIANO GRAZIOLI

Birthplace: Marylebone
DOB: 23/03/1975
Position: Attacker
Signed: 15/07/1999
Height: 5ft 11in
Weight: 11st 14lb

FORM THIS SEASON

Red Cards: 2
Yellow Cards: 5
Goals so far this season: 6

Despite his Italian name, striker Guliano Graziloi was born near the Lords cricket ground in Marylebone, London. The 26 year-old starred for non-League side Wembley FC before signing as a full-time professional with Peterborough United in 1995. He scored 17 goals in almost 50 senior outings for Posh before transferring to Swindon Town in July 1999 on a 'free.' Over the last two-and-a-half seasons with the Robins, Grazioli has suffered his fair share of injury problems (a torn stomach muscle being the worst). But when fit and in form, he can be sharp and incisive with an eye for goal, and has so far netted over a dozen goals in competitive matches for his current club.

In September 1998, playing for Peterborough against Barnet in the Third Division, Grazioli scored five goals - a club record.



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Swindon Town

This evening we give a warm Boundary Park welcome to Swindon Town, managed by Andy King who is now in his second spell in charge. Over the last few weeks the Robins have slowly but surely edged themselves back up the table - having lost their form before Christmas.

In fact, if you glance at the League table you will see that Swindon - a Football League club since 1920 - are not too far off the play-off zone...although they are still looking behind them as their points tally does tend to place them on the brink of those clubs trying to pull clear of the relegation zone.

Earlier this season the Robins were playing some excellent football. They caused a mini shock by beating Wolverhampton Wanderers in the Worthington Cup at Molineux - and then they took West Bromwich Albion to extra-time in the next round before losing 2-0. These performances clearly indicated at the time that the Robins would be no easy pickings as the season continued. And so it has proved. They are a competent bunch of players - some vastly experienced - and will give nothing less than 110 per-cent out on the park against the Latics, hoping to avenge last season's 1-0 reverse.

Last Season

Swindon Town, managed now by Andy King (who is in his second spell in charge incidentally) battled hard and long throughout last season and eventually scrambled to safety, finishing one place above the drops-zone with 52 points. In fact, they finally pulled clear with one game to play at the end of the season, beating Peterborough United 2-1 at home.

On their travels in 2000-01 the Robins won more games than they did at home (seven against six). They also drew five times and collected 26 points, exactly half of their overall tally.

Defensively they were solid enough, conceding only 30 goals in 23 away games - but they were poor scorers themselves, mustering only 17.

This disappointing strike record certainly made them into a struggling and indeed in late February they were actually anchored at the foot of the Division, struggling both at home and away to string together a decent run. Relegation was staring the Robins smack in the face!

But as the season progressed, results began to pick up and in the end Swindon just did enough to retain their Second Division status. But it was close, mighty close!

This Season

So far this season The Robins have played 25 League games (13 at home, 12 away). On the road they have lost 1-0 at Blackpool, drawn 0-

0 with Bournemouth, lost 3-1 at Bristol City, won 3-0 at Gigg Lane against Bury, crashed 4-0 at Chesterfield, shared the spoils at 1-1 with Northampton Town, slumped to another 3-1 defeat at Notts County, won 2-0 at Port Vale, got hammered 4-0 for the second time at QPR, beat Reading 3-1 (one of their best displays of the season), succumbed to a 1-0 defeat at Wigan and drew 1-1 at Adams Park with Wycombe Wanderers. Also they were beaten in a Worthington Cup replay at West Brom and slipped out in the 3rd round of the FA Cup, beaten 2-0 by high-flying Manchester City at Maine Road (after a gritty performance).

The Squad

The Swindon Town squad (formerly under the control of the ex-Liverpool manager Roy Evans who left before Christmas) is now under the strict supervision of the former Everton, QPR, Luton Town, WBA and Wolves midfielder Andy King.

Goalkeeper Bart Griemink (ex-Birmingham City and Peterborough United); Mark Robinson, who started his career with West

Bromwich Albion in the mid-1980s; Andy Gurney (once of Bristol Rovers, Torquay United and Reading); Matt Heywood (who was signed from Burnley two years ago); the vastly experienced figure of Neil 'Razor' Ruddock (who has been in the game for 16 years, having started out with Millwall and later serving with Tottenham Hotspur, Southampton, Liverpool, QPR, West Ham and Crystal Palace - and of course England); David Duke (ex-Sunderland), the aggressive and combative midfielder Bobby Howe; defenders Alan Reeves (who in the past has assisted Norwich City, Gillingham, Chester, Rochdale and Wimbledon); penalty-expert Keith O'Halloran, 25 year-old Matt Hewlett (ex-Bristol City); Cheltenham-born Sol Davis, Joe Osei-Kuffour; Steve Robinson (a former Spurs apprentice who has also been with Bournemouth and Preston); Paul Edwards; Paul McAreevey (from Belfast); the versatile Danny Invincible, Frenchman Eric Sabin (who is now fit again after a knee injury), Gareth Davies (a former Welsh Under-21 international), Berti Brayley (on loan from West Ham United) and striker Gulliano Grazioli.

STAR PLAYERS

Goalkeeper BART GRIEMINK (Pictured Left) who was born in Holland on 29 March 1972 - played for WK Emmen in the Netherlands before joining Birmingham City in 1995. From St Andrew's he switched to Peterborough United for £25,000 in 1996 (signed by his former manager at St Andrew's, Barry Fry) and after a loan spell with Swindon Town, he moved permanently to The County ground in July 2000 on a free transfer. Standing 6ft 4in tall and weighing well over 15 stones, Griemink is exceptionally agile, a safe handier and fine shot-stopper. He has now appeared in more than 150 senior games in English football.

Rugged defender NEIL 'Razor' RUDDOCK (Pictured top right) had two spells with Tottenham Hotspur (the first from April 1986 to June 1988 and the second from July 1992 to July 1993). He made a total of 59 first-class appearances for the White Hart Lane club, scoring four goals. Born in Wandsworth on 9 May 1968, he started out as a professional with Millwall, joined Spurs, first time round, for £50,000 and returned to The Den for £300,000 (good business). In February

1989 Ruddock, tough and rugged, switched his allegiance to Southampton, bought for £250,000 and it cost Spurs £750,000 to get him back! His next move took him to Liverpool for £2.5 million in July 1997 and after that he served with three London clubs, QPR, West Ham United (signed for £100,000) and Crystal Palace before joining Swindon



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■ NEIL RUDDOCK

Town last summer. When the 2000-01 season ended Ruddock, capped by England at full, 'B', Under-21 and Youth team levels and a League Cup winner with Liverpool in 1995, had accumulated in excess of 450 club and international appearances.

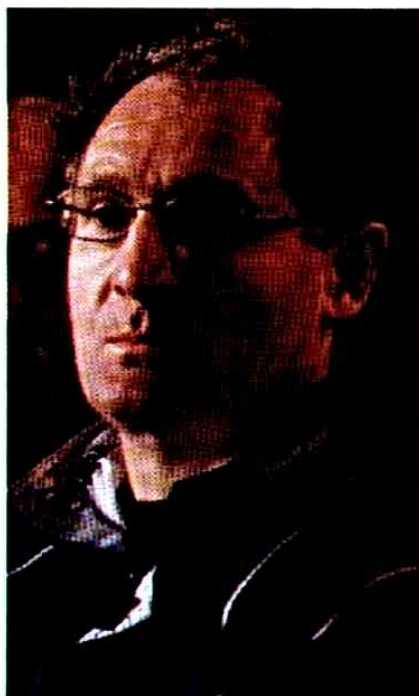
MANAGER

Midfielder Andy King has had an excellence career in League football - certainly and a player. Born in Luton on 14 August 1956, he represented Luton & Dunstable Schools, Bedfordshire Boys and Stopsley Youths and had unsuccessful trials with Tottenham Hotspur before signing apprentice forms for the Hatters as a 16 year-old, turning professional at Kenilworth Road in July 1974. He went on to appear in 33 League games for Luton before transferring to Everton for £35,000 in March 1976. During his four years at Goodison Park he amassed 151 First Division appearances and scored 38 goals, helping the Merseysiders get into the UEFA Cup for the 1978-79 season.

In September 1980, King moved to Queens Park Rangers for £425,000. Twelve months later he joined West Bromwich Albion for £400,000 and was a member of the Baggies' FA Cup semi-final side (v. QPR) in 1982 before returning to Goodison Park in July 1982 in an exchange deal involving former Wolves man Peter Eastoe, plus £250,000.

In August 1984 King went over to Holland to sign for S.C. Cambuur, returning to England to sign for Wolves in January 1985. He spent 11 months at Molineux (finishing up as top scorer in 1985-86 under Bill McGarry) having had a loan spell with Orebo FC (Sweden) (April/May 1985).

He rejoined his first 'love' Luton Town in December 1985 and later assisted Aldershot (August 1986), Aylesbury (1988), Waterford (as player-manager from August 1988), Cobh



■ ANDY KING

Ramblers (January 1989) and Southport (August 1989).

He then chose to return to Kenilworth Road as Commercial Manager and moved back into football management with Mansfield Town in November 1993, holding that position at Field Mill until September 1996 when he was replaced by another ex-West Brom player, Steve Parkin. He edged himself back into League management with Swindon Town in 2001 - after Colin Todd had left the struggling Wiltshire club - but was then replaced by Roy Evans, only to reclaim the position before Christmas.

In his playing career King amassed exactly 350 League appearances and scored almost 100 goals. He was capped twice by England at Under-21 level.

DID YOU KNOW?

- * Ernie Hunt was leading scorer for Swindon Town in four successive seasons: 1960-64 with 14, 18, 224 and 12 League goals respectively.
- * Swindon Town found themselves 2-0 down to Bournemouth in a Third Division (S) game in January 1926. They bounced back in style, winning 8-2 with Frank 'Swerver' Richardson scoring four times.
- * Swindon reached the FA Cup semi-finals twice in three years (1910 & 1912) and in 1969 they beat Arsenal 3-1 to win the League Cup Final at Wembley, claiming the Anglo-Italian Cup twelve months later.

LAST TIME HERE

Swindon's last League visit to Boundary Park ended in a 1-0 defeat in October 2000. Craig Dudley scored the only goal of the game after

72 minutes in front of 4,009 spectators. After this result the Latics moved up a place to 22nd in the Second Division while Swindon were 19th.

NEXT AT BOUNDARY PARK

WREXHAM are our next visitors to Boundary Park. The Welsh club travels down from their Racecourse Ground on Saturday for a 3.00pm kick-off and will be desperate for a result. They are currently struggling at the bottom end of the Second Division and their away form leaves a lot to be desired. Manager Denis Smith, a vastly experienced professional, having played over 400 games for Stoke City before becoming a soccer boss with Bristol City, Sunderland, Oxford United and West Bromwich Albion, has struggled to keep a settled side since taking charge last year (from Brian Flynn).

Dumped out of the FA Cup by non-League Hereford United, Wrexham have, in recent weeks, 'not been at the races' says Smith and he knows full well that points will have to start rolling in pretty quickly or relegation will be looming the Welsh club smack in the face. So far this season Wrexham have won just two league games on the road - 2-0 at Cambridge United and 3-2 at Wigan Athletic. Their heaviest defeats have been suffered at Huddersfield where they crashed 5-1 and Tranmere where they were demolished to the tune of 5-0.

They simply can't score goals - only 14 away from home so far (in 13 starts). They have been beaten 10 times in all and Smith is now depending on some of his veteran campaigners to help turn the tide.

The squad Smith has had available (of late) has comprised the following: goalkeepers Kristian Rogers (currently first choice) and Welsh Under-21 international David Walsh; defenders Brian Carey, Jim Whitley (on loan from Manchester City), David Warren, Peter Holmes and the versatile Steve Roberts, midfielders Paul Barrett, Steve Thomas, Wayne Phillips, Dennis Lawrence, Darren Ferguson (a former Old Trafford player and son of Manchester United's Sir Alex) and forwards Michael Blackwood, Hector Sam, Andy Morrell, Martyn Chalk (ex Derby County and Walsall) and Carlos Edwards. Another striker, Craig Faulconbridge (ankle) may still be sidelined through injury, likewise Lee Trundle (suspended) and Kevin Sharp (ankle), although the latter duo may be available, albeit only as substitutes (due to lack of match practice). But Keith Hill (hernia) will certainly be missing and so could Kevin 'Rooster' Russell who has not figured for quite awhile.

Whatever line-up Smith chooses to send out, you can be sure that the Wrexham players will be totally committed and eager to gain the right result, which could just be the firing pin to re-ignite their season. On the other hand the Latics will be keen to go one better than the 3-3 draw they earned at the Racecourse Ground on the opening day of the season. Another six-goal thriller wouldn't go amiss - especially if the Latics won 4-2 (or better).

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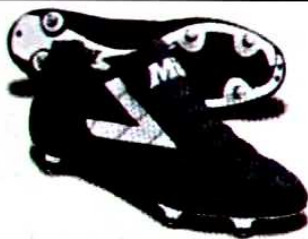
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Boundary Blues Committee wishes all our members a belated Happy New Year (we missed you all on New Years Day!) and welcome back to Boundary Park for the second half of the season. We're hoping that this will lead to a successful conclusion in May with promotion for the super Blues!

And there will be exclusive events organised for Boundary Blues members, including half time competitions on match days, fun-filled parties and trips to away matches, so look out for those newsletters landing on your doormats! And don't forget that the Boundary Blues Lounge is open on matchdays where you can compete against your friends on the Playstation games, have a game of table football and stock up on all your snacks & sweets for the game. Plus, see all the half time scores on the TV and get warm! We look forward to seeing you there!

TODAY'S NEW YEAR MASCOT

It's a particularly happy new year for our first mascot of 2002, DANE WILD. So as he leads out the team, read a few details about him:

School: Chadderton Hall Junior School

Hobbies: Football, Thai Boxing, WWF

Favourite Player: John Sheridan

Prediction for today's game: Latics to win 3-1

We'll be looking to you to lead us out to a good start to the year in the league, Dane



Enjoy your special day and celebrate in style!

PARTY PARTY!!

Thursday 13th December was a night of fun packed entertainment to get Christmas off to a great start for the Boundary Blues (& the Committee!). 200 BB members plus mums & dads joined in the excitement, which included games & competitions, a fancy dress parade, a special quiz, an autograph session with the players, Chaddy's madcap antics & the draw for the next 6 match mascots. Our tummies were also looked after with a delicious buffet!

Highlights of the evening included a question & answer session with the players, including the first chance to meet some of our new signings such as Allan Smart, David Beharall & first team coach Iain Dowie. It was also great to see Tony Carss getting back to full fitness. And well done to the Carss & Tipton dream team for winning the balloon race! Everyone joined in the fun with Chaddy's conga and a special version of the Hokey Cokey, Chaddy style. Plus the standard of fancy dress costumes was sensational – congratulations to the winner – the White Rabbit from Alice in Wonderland! Congratulations too to all the other winners of Boundary Blues & Latics goodies, including an autographed ball for the quiz winner.

Everyone was a winner, going home with a goodie bag to round off a memorable evening.

We all agreed it was a fantastic night – only 342 days until next Christmas!

BIRTHDAYS

January birthdays give us something to celebrate after all the excitement of Christmas is over, and some of our lucky members have the chance to do just that!

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Blue Of The Week David Eyres

Blue of the week this week has to go to David Eyres who has scored in every game despite the Latics losing three on the trot. His goal at Cheltenham got the side back into the game only for Tony Naylor to score the winner. He fired another equaliser against Blackpool on Wednesday but that was to no avail. His goal on Saturday was a sweet strike with his right foot, unusual to say the least, that was as good as it got though for the Latics.



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Latics Youth Insight

The Latics Youth Programme has nine teams operating at weekend with the U19's playing on Saturday mornings and the U9 - U16's playing on Sunday mornings. There has been a three-week break from fixtures over the Christmas period, but the older schoolboys (U15 and U16) attended six days of coaching with Bill Urmson and Andy Beaglehole.

At Latics, our coaching philosophy recognises that the journey to becoming a good professional is not solely based on physical and technical development. The majority of the demands on the modern day footballer are mental challenges. For example, players must be willing to take responsibility and be able to concentrate at all times. Our aim at Latics is to develop in

our young players a healthy lifestyle and a strong mental attitude in addition to improving their physical, technical and tactical abilities. Anwar Haq holds a MSc in Sports Psychology and assists our Centre of Excellence coaches in helping players to recognise the importance of the mental game namely:-

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Andy Beaglehole
Director of Youth Development

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BY COACH

Coaches will depart Boundary Park at 5pm and all seats will be priced at £7.00.

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Maurice Whittle was a player with dynamite in his boots such was the explosive shot he possessed.

Latics Legends

The Latics left-back is still revered for his spectacular long-range strikes, even though it will soon be 25 years since he left Boundary Park.

Whittle joined Latics on a free transfer in 1969 from Blackburn Rovers, for whom he made seven league appearances, they were at a low ebb.

But within the space of less than five years, Whittle had helped hoist Latics from near the foot of Division Four to the Second Division.

Whittle, converted by Jimmy Frizzell from wing half to left back, was a star performer in the Third Division title-winning campaign of 1974/74.

He scored nine league goals, though seven were penalties, still a significant contribution to only the second of three championships Latics have ever won.

Frizzell still remembers Whittle, who made 343 first-

team appearances for Latics between 1969/77 scoring 41 times, with great affection. He said: "Maurice came as a wing half but his early form was disappointing so I switched him to left back where he was an immediate success.

"Maurice lacked pace, but what a left peg he had and he would have been a first-class full back/wing back today.

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excellent and he won us many matches, and he was a great crosser of the ball. "Maurice was a great servant and modal professional and had he had more pace I am sure he would have gone a lot further."

Whittle, who now works for JJB Sports, is still actively involved in football.

He runs twice weekly evening coaching sessions for youngsters in home-town Wigan and an annual soccer school each summer. Whittle said: "I probably enjoy working with kids more than I did with players at semi-professional and league clubs.

"They are so keen and, if they learn something as well, that is the icing on the cake."

Whittle recalled how his career took off with Latics after being freed by Blackburn.

He said: "I was once a midfield player so you could say I worked my way back. "Jimmy Frizzell switched me to left back, though initially I couldn't get into the side because 1966 World Cup winner Ray Wilson and David Bright were the first choices.

"When they were both injured I got my chance and never looked back. And I was fortunate with injuries

and did not miss many matches.

"The Third Division championship season obviously stands out and I can remember being well adrift at Christmas.

"We strung together 10 straight wins and from what I can recall won the title by one point."

Whittle helped Latics establish themselves in the Second Division before embarking upon an adventure in the North American Soccer League. We spent three years with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, initially joining them on loan for the summer before it became a permanent move. The NASL was at the height of its success and Whittle could count former West German legend Gerd Muller and Peruvian star Veofilo Cubillas as team mates. Opponents included Gordon Banks, Frans Beckenbaur, George Best, Rodney Marsh, Georgie Chinaglia and Pele.

Whittle said: "It was a lot of fun and nice to play with and against players like those mentioned.

"In the first year we won our division which included the likes of New York Cosmos and Tampa Bay Rowdies who were the two fancied teams."

Whittle would return home

for the winter rejoining Latics and later having stints with Wigan Athletic, Southport and Barrow having several spells at the latter including one as manager.

He also had one season as player-manager of Finnish club OBS and he says it could not have offered a more stark contrast to America.

"It was quite a shock to the system going from Florida sunshine to the sub-zero temperatures of Finland. "Finland was an altogether different experience to America, but it was a chance to sample another country."



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NATIONWIDE BACKS UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

'The Unity In The Community - Give Children A Chance' initiative devised by Oldham Athletic, OMBC and Greater Manchester Police to promote cultural diversity in the town, received a massive boost when it joined forces with the Nationwide Building Society and the Football League to provide participating schools with 1500 free tickets to Latics' home games from the 19th January 2002 until the last game of the season on 20th April.

Children from approximately 50 schools will receive the free tickets as part of their efforts in creating 'Unity in the Community' and will be recognised as

'Nationwide's Supporters of Tomorrow'.

Commenting Sean Jarvis, Marketing and PR Manager at Oldham Athletic said: "The Nationwide Supporters of Tomorrow scheme has provided a fantastic lift to our community schools. Thanks to the Nationwide Building Society and the Football League many of the children will now get an opportunity to visit Boundary Park and see a game for the first time. The tickets will be rewarded to those children who have contributed to the 'Unity in the Community' initiative."

QUICK SUB MURRAY

Latics' new signing Paul Murray was named as substitute for the

visit of Wigan Athletic (15th December) but did not expect to be making his debut for Latics after only eight minutes!

The unfortunate John Eyre was carried from the field by physio Paul Caton and reserve team coach Dave Cross after badly damaging his ankle ligaments in the sixth minute to force Head Coach Mick Wadsworth into making one of the earliest substitutions of the 2001/2002 season.

Only three players have been substituted quicker this season to date, Grimsby Town's Alan Poulton (three minutes), Justin Walker of Lincoln City (four minutes) and Joe Dunne of Colchester United (five minutes).

£4,500 FOR HOSPICE

This afternoon will see Latics make yet another presentation to Royton based hospice Dr. Kershaw's when Tony Pascall (Latics' Fund Raising Brand Manager) will hand over a cheque to the value of £4,500 to Brian Hurst, Fund Raising Manager of Oldham Athletic's favourite local charity.

The money was raised by Latics' own Premier Starline draw who donate 50% of Starline member's £1 subscription to the fund. Other benefits of being a member of Latics' Premier Starline include discounts from retailers in the



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LOOKERS PICK CHRIS

Chris Armstrong, Latics' exciting young full back was the latest recipient of the Lookers Player of the Month award for November. The £100 prize was handed over to Chris by Lookers plc representative Graham Frost just prior to the kick off of the Lancashire derby with Wigan Athletic.

Oldham Athletic would like to thank Lookers plc for their continued support of the Player of the Month award which now stretches back 10 years.

£386 MAKES CHRISTMAS

Steve Kirkham of Moorside, Oldham had a great Christmas and New Year thanks to Latics' Strike it Lucky. Steve's winning ticket number 014301 was pulled from the drum by Chaddy the Owl and won Steve £386. The walk from the Lookers stand

was the happiest he had ever made remarked Steve ... You could be the next big money winner by purchasing your £1 ticket before kick off today.

DAZ'S SHIRT IS PLANE SAILING

Darren Sheridan presented a Latics 'away' shirt to his shirt sponsors David Worsley and his daughter Helen from Station Management Support at Manchester International Airport. Daves company supplies airport support services to airlines at the airport, which includes Czech Airlines.



OPEN TOMORROW

All departments of the football club will be open from 9am tomorrow as normal following the festive break.

Normal hours of business are:

9am - 5pm Monday to Friday in addition the ticket office is open 9.00am to 12.00 noon on Saturday and the Latics Shop is open 9.00am to 3.00pm on Saturdays.

MASCOT FIVE-A-SIDE

Chaddy would like to say a big thank-you to all the mascots who took part in the Mascot 5-a-Side game at half-time against Port Vale. Before the contest begun



all the mascots lined up for a photograph and Chaddy was delighted to pose with the other mascots, Burnley, Bradford, York, Manchester Airport, Manchester City and Manchester United all sent mascots. However, on our picture, Fred the Red is nowhere to be seen - what did you do to him Chaddy?

WELCOME BACK ROGER

It was fantastic to see Latics legend, Roger Palmer make a long awaited return to Boundary Park on the night of the Port Vale game. Roger helped out with the half-time draw and our picture shows him handing over the winning ticket to Franny Ward. It is now hoped that Roger will become more of a regular down here at Boundary Park in the near future.



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Community and Youth



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During the last year over 20 school classes have visited the ground and received complimentary match tickets for a forthcoming home fixture.

Pictured are children from Limeside school that enjoyed their day at the ground on Wednesday 12th December.



High Barn School, Railtrack Champions

Pictured are the children from High Barn school that recently won the Oldham Athletic stage of the National Railtrack "Play Safe" football six-a-side competition.

High Barn will represent Latics in the area final of the competition at Stockport on Tuesday 5th February 2002.

On behalf of the Oldham Athletic Community Department I would like to wish everyone all the best for the New Year, in particular to the Oldham Athletic management team and players all the best for the second half of the season.



Children from Limeside School

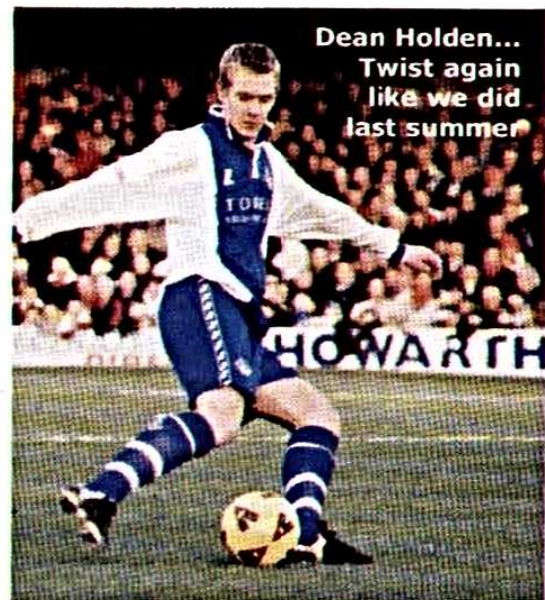
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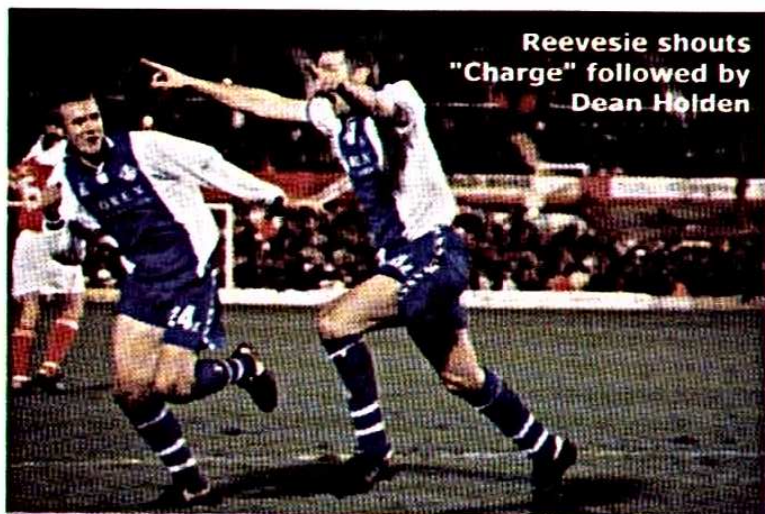
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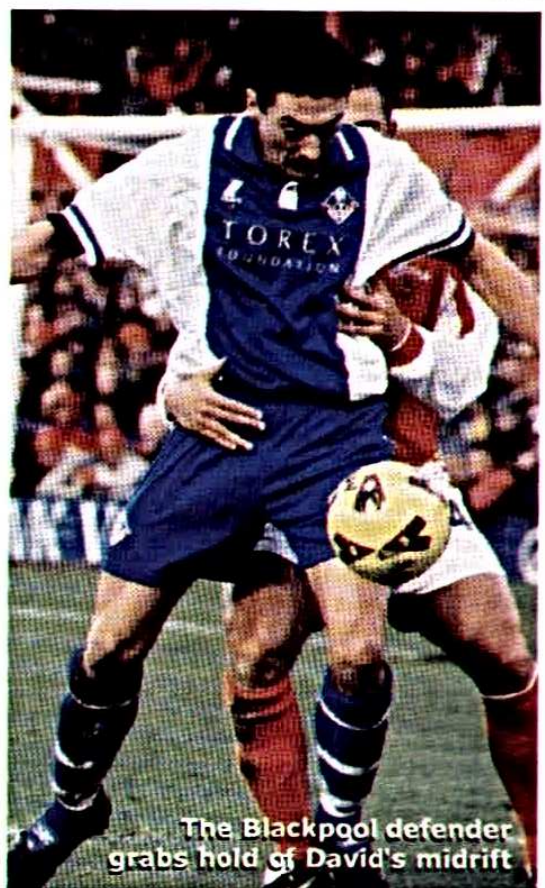
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A Smart Move For Allan



If Latics need a good-luck charm in their bid for promotion, they ought to look no further than new-signing Allan Smart.

The 27-year-old Scot signed from Watford for £225,000 can proudly boast that he has savoured the moment at every club he has been at. And it comprises quite a list - St Johnstone, Brechin, Inverness Caledonian, Preston, Carlisle and Watford. Throw in a couple of relegations with Carlisle and Watford and there hasn't been many mundane seasons in Smart's eventful career. Smart explained: "I have lost count but there has been six or

seven promotions.

"The only one missing is promotion from Division Two so hopefully I can put that right." And Smart added that the vibes he has received so far at Boundary Park have been encouraging.

He said: "When you have been involved in so many promotions, as well as a couple of relegations, you know when the manager is getting things right.

"And it certainly feels that way here. It is similar to Watford when, under Graham Taylor, we went up to the Premiership. Now, as then, there was a good spark and the training was lively." Smart believes Latics have a great chance saying their current form is that of champions.

He added that when he spoke to

head coach Mick Wadsworth and chairman Chris Moore he immediately realised the club was on the 'front foot.'

Incredibly Latics are Smart's fourth club of the season which has been eventful both on and off the field.

Smart enjoyed some special times at Watford which included scoring in the First Division play-off final against Bolton at Wembley.

He said: "The Wembley goal was a dream, but one which gave me a lot of satisfaction was my first in the Premiership in a 1-0 win against Chelsea.

"You wonder and ask yourself if you can do it at the top level."

It was injury which effectively ended his Vicarage Road days as when he returned following a lengthy lay off they had a settled side so he found opportunities limited.

He claimed Watford priced him out of a move late last season and when he remained in a state of limbo at the start of the current campaign jumped at the chance to go to Hibernian on a three month loan.

He viewed it as a great opportunity to put himself in the shop window. Sadly during his time there he made only two starts which baffled him and made him wonder why they took him in the first place.

"I scored on my debut and was dropped for the next game. It was more frustrating than had I stayed at Watford," he declared. And things did not improve when

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he then went on loan to Stoke where he did not make a start. The fact that Smart was desperately unhappy undoubtedly had a bearing on being sent off for thumping John Sheridan during Latics' match at the Britannia Stadium.

Smart said: "I knew before the game Oldham were interested and that made the sending off so disappointing.

"Fortunately the manager had faith in me, and I am desperate to repay him.

"When I signed for Oldham days later I said to my wife that I would have to walk into the dressing room and eat humble pie.

"The lads have been brilliant and luckily have taken it the right way. There was a pair of boxing gloves stuck up on my first day. I still get stick, but it is in good spirits."

That was not the last of Smart's troubles, however, as he landed himself in a spot of bother during the player's Christmas night out, something which cannot be discussed for legal reasons.

Smart said: "When you look at what has happened I must appear a lunatic to those on the outside. "But it is not a reflection of the person I am. I find it unbelievable what has happened. I have only been sent off twice in my entire career."

Smart has also had to uproot his family from Buckinghamshire. Wife Janette, who is nine months' pregnant, two-year-old son Kian and Smart are staying with his in-laws at Chorley.

They thought they had found a

new home but it fell through so the house hunting has begun again.

"It has been a strange, if not bizarre, season and one which I have lived almost entirely out of a suitcase.

"My in-laws have done us a great favour but moving is one of the perils of being a

professional footballer." Smart added that it was a wrench to leave Watford as his family was settled. He pointed out it would have been easy to sit out the 18 remaining months of his contract and pick up a good salary.

"Watford aren't far off the play offs and who knows they might be in the Premiership again next season.

"I need to be playing regularly which is why I decided to join Latics to try and kick start my career. And from initial impressions it has been a good move for me," he concluded.



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First of all, A Happy New Year to all our supporters and an apology from me. I'm sorry that there was no OASA page in the last programme.

Unfortunately the deadline changed at the last minute due to the Christmas workload at the printers and I was unfortunately not able to submit anything in time. Early December saw the eagerly awaited Weakest Link night in the sponsors' suite, and what a fun night it turned out to be. The best part of fifty people squeezed into the box to see Alan Hardy, Sean Jarvis, Gordon Lawton, Shaun Garnett, Lee Duxbury, Matthew Tipton, Stuart Balmer and Darren Sheridan, face our own Anne Robinson, Janine Bottomley. As the event got under way it soon became apparent that the contestants could expect no mercy from Janine and I'm sure some of them wished they were facing Anne herself. It was no surprise to anybody that Alan Hardy was voted off first with the Chief Executive convinced that a conspiracy had been hatched a long time before he entered the room. "Not at all" we were ensured, it was simply because he kept fining the players, particularly D Shez whose kids would now get nothing more than beans on toast for their Christmas dinner. Fair call, I'd say, "You were the weakest link, goodbye". Gordon Lawton and Sean Jarvis followed to leave the five

players to battle out the rest of the evening. It was difficult to tell if this was solidarity amongst the players or simply that they wished to show off their artistic tendencies with drawings of Sean and Gordon accompanying the names when their pads were lifted up.

Tippy was the next to go with 'Psycho' hardly living up to his nickname. Claiming that he would be glad to be rid of the lame Welsh/sheep jibes being banded in his direction from the question mistress, he stormed off without even giving a revenge speech. He trudged down the walk of shame with nothing but "baa" noises being heard from those left on stage. At this point it was fair to say that the charity event was perhaps not achieving it's aim as little money was being banked but all of a sudden the players were excelling themselves with two rounds resulting in the maximum £25 a round being banked. (What do you mean that was because all the right answers were being shouted out from the audience).

After being rewarded for their newly found success with a bonus round it was time for somebody else to go and Stuart Balmer was the unlucky individual. This, again allowed our stars to show off their artistic sides. Stuart is a tramp apparently. Darren Sheridan followed his colleague in the next round with a warning to the remaining two that they had better remember their shin pads at the following day's training. That's assuming that

the man who thought that Barcelona was in Southern Italy could find the following day's training.

So that left us with a Duxbury, Garnett final in which Shaun ended up as victor, showing that not everything you hear about Scousers is true. It was decided that the £136.50 that had been won would be donated to Dr Kershaw's hospice and Mr Eddie Winterbottom kindly offered to double the money so Shaun and our question mistress handed a cheque over to Mr Brian Hurst who was representing the hospice. The evening was rounded off with a raffle and buffet. In the raffle Darren Sheridan won a signed copy of the Weakest Link board game. Darren sportingly gave the prize back and I'm sure that after the redraw, the game will find it's way into somebody's Christmas stocking. The buffet, which had been carefully guarded following Gordon's early departure from the stage, was superb.

I think it would be fair to say that a fantastic night was had by all and the main question I kept hearing afterwards was whether the event will be repeated next year. We'll have to see about that.

I would like to thank everybody who took part in the night and give a special mentions to Dave McGeely and Radio Cavel who very kindly provided us with a second microphone for the evening and to Sean Jarvis without whom the event could never have taken place.

Marketing Mix with Sean Jarvis

First of all I would like to wish everyone at Boundary Park today a 'Happy New Year', particularly as I didn't get a chance on New Year's Day.

Since the beginning of this year many people have asked me what are my New Year's resolutions? Well apart from the usual get fit, lose weight etc., the Marketing and I and Commercial Team have made the resolution to continue to improve the off the field activities.

However, I want to take this opportunity to ask our supporters to take up a new resolution. I am urging all fans to promise, during this season, to persuade either new supporters or lapsed supporters to return to Boundary Park. As we all know one of our objectives is to increase the numbers at the Ground and I believe our existing supporters are one of the best ways to get new people in.



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informing all the current members about activities that are taking place but will also help in attracting new members. And at the time of going to press the Boundary Blues has secured its second sponsor in Goodies. Many of you may have noticed their advert on the inside front cover. If not please take a look. I am also delighted that Goodies have agreed to be sponsors as they will help us get the 'Latics message' into schools. It promises to be a great year for our junior supporters.

Unity In The Community

Our initiative to promote Unity in the Community continues to gather momentum and with your support and help the scheme will go from strength to strength. I am pleased to say that the 50 or so Schools participating in the scheme have started their football initiative. I look forward to seeing the teams compete against each other to be whittled down to eight that will play in a tournament at Boundary Park in March. We are also in talks with our local MEP, Arlene McCarthy over further initiatives to bring new faces to the Club



ITV Sport Channel Is Coming To Town

As many of you know the ITV Sport Channel has a programme dedicated to the second division and each week they focus on a team. Well, when we play Wrexham in a couple of days time it will be our turn. The programme has already started filming and

has discovered who is Latics's fastest player and who has the hardest shot. It would be great if we can get a bumper crowd at the game, so please tell your friends to come and show the rest of football what a good support we have. The programme goes on Sunday's (11 ish and is repeated on Monday's.

Footee.net

As this is early in the school term I also wanted to remind teachers, parents and grandparents of the Footee scheme. We have teamed up with the new online educational website footee.net to give children the chance to excel in the Classroom. Footee.net is part of the DfES initiative Playing for Success, which gives Oldham Children the chance to learn through out of school hours. Footee.net combines fun, football and education. It gives children, parents and teachers access to a full range of valuable and relevant educational tools, games and information based on Key stage 2. The Footee site is available on Latics' website. To get into it simply click on the button and away you go. As one of the leading educational sites in the World the site enables Children to build and manage their own virtual football team using players from around the world. By playing games and watching tutorial movies, they earn balls that they can use to buy players for their team. Having persuaded my nieces and nephews to have a go - it is well worth it.



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Gary Hoolickin

Of all Latics' home-grown players there can be few, if any, who can rival Gary Hoolickin for loyalty.

The versatile defender, instantly recognisable by his flame-coloured hair, was a one-club man spending 15 years at Boundary Park.

Gary followed in the footsteps of older brother Stephen, who made eight League appearances for Latics, when he became an apprentice in 1974.

In the early years Gary, who was handed his debut against Luton in the final match of 1976/77 season, had the unrewarding role of understudy to Ian Wood as the reliable right back clocked up his club record 525 League



appearances.

Gary eventually established himself as a valuable first-team player equally at home at right back or centre of defence. And but for being bedevilled by injury - a cruciate knee ligament ended his career - he would have made more than 244 first-team appearances for Latics, his one and only League club.

Gary's efforts were rewarded in 1986 with a testimonial against Manchester City, though it only earned him a modest sum to help him set out on a new life outside football.

After running a pub in Middleton for seven years, Gary now buys and sells property.

He explains that during the summer break during his playing days he worked in the building trade to learn the ropes as even then he had one eye on the future.

It was hardly surprising Gary became a professional footballer as Stephen had a long career in the game with Latics, Bury, Carlisle and Hull while Dave, another elder brother, had a spell at Manchester City.

Gary was spotted by Latics playing for the Middleton town team and Lancashire Boys and signed schoolboy forms. He added that only since the death of his father he realised how sought after he was as a youngster.

"We were having a clearout and I found letters from Leeds United, Manchester City and Crystal Palace who were all interested," he explained.

Gary has no regrets saying he enjoyed every minute of his time at Boundary Park.

He said: "I was fortunate to have such a long career and but for injury may be it may have been for a year or two more.

"You have to feel sorry for those players who have to finish

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Gary (circled) with the rest of the 1981/82 squad

so young. That is why I served on the testimonial committee for Wayne Harrison when he had to do so in his early twenties."

Gary signed for Latics as an apprentice at the end of the season in which they won the Third Division title.

And even in those long-gone days, Latics were producing their own players.

Steve Edwards came through at the same time as Gary while Graham Bell and Keith Hicks had just established themselves. Gary also remembers the likes of John Ryan, Paul Atkinson and Jim Steel and is full of praise for the work done by Bill Urmson.

He added it was hard establishing himself in the side as he was taking over from long-serving players like Ian Wood and Ronnie Blair.

"They were big names in that era having made a lot of appearances. And both were great servants to the club," he explained.

When Gary looks back to his own career he says he was privileged to play against some of the game's top names such as Kevin Keegan, Ian Rush, Kenny Dalglish and Peter Shilton.

"I have a lot of great memories. I always enjoyed playing on

the big grounds in front of big crowds," he enthused.

And it was fitting that Jimmy Frizzell, who signed him as an apprentice, should bring his Manchester City team to Boundary Park for his testimonial.

Gary followed Latics avidly during the glory days and was at Wembley to watch them in the final of the Littlewoods Cup. He also went to see many of the other big games during the 1989/90 "pinch me" season.

He said: "Nobody was more proud than me when Latics won promotion to the First Division which is now the Premiership and it was great to know that I had helped them along the way.

"And in recent years I have been gutted to see them slip down to what was the old Third Division."

Gary also followed Latics intently later when son Anthony was a trainee at the club.

Sadly he wasn't taken on as a professional and is now a decorator though he still plays Sunday football.

Gary said: "We had the extremes. I had such a long career while Anthony was released in his teens.

"He was borderline as to being kept on. But he was big enough to take the decision and to start his life afresh outside football."

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Goals Info:

Where

Close Range

9 Goals

Inside Area

27 Goals

Outside Area

7 Goals
How

 Shots.....21
 Headers.....6
 Volleys.....9
 Penalties.....3
 Free Kicks.....2
 O.G.s.....2

Top Scorers

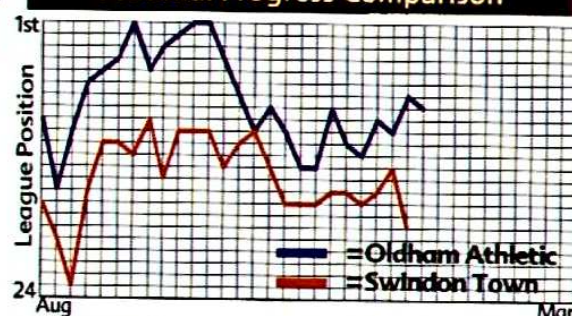
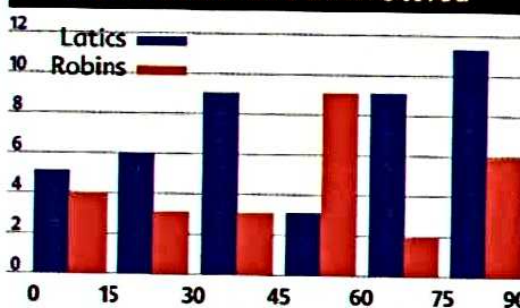
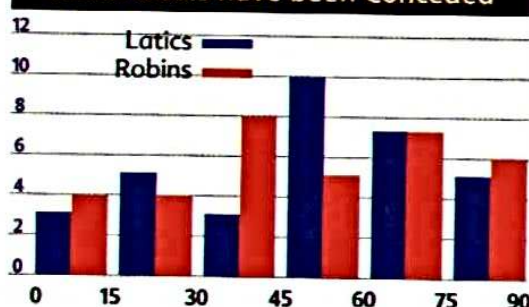
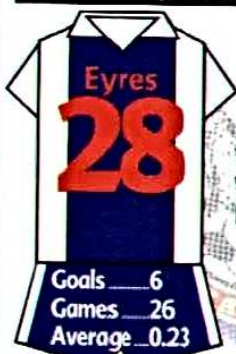
 Eyres.....6
 Tipton.....5
 Corazzini.....5
 Balmer.....4
 Allott.....4
 Duxbury.....3
 Eyre.....3
 Reeves.....3
 Sheridan D.....2
 Rickers.....2

2001-2002

 Highest Gate
 8,859
 vs Huddersfield
 Lowest Gate
 4,317
 vs Port Vale
 Average Gate
 5,852
 Players Used 32
 Clean Sheets 8
 Failed to Score
 4
 Consec. Wins
 3 games
 Consec. Defeats
 4 games

Latics' Last 10

Res	Opp	Ven	Opp Pos
L	Chesterfield	A	18th
W	Northampton	A	24th
W	Blackpool	A	13th
W	Port Vale	H	19th
D	Wigan	H	16th
L	Cardiff	A	10th
W	Wycombe	H	5th
D	Stoke	A	3rd
D	Cambridge	A	21st
D	Huddersfield	H	6th

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Seasonal Progress Comparison

When Goals have been Scored

When Goals have been Conceded

David Eyres (Oldham)

 6 games.....Total Games Scored In.....5 games
 6 games.....Games Scored 1 Goal.....4 games
 0 games.....Games Scored 2 Goals.....1 game
 0 games.....Hat-tricks.....0 games

 W->L.....0 (0pts) Season's Results and (loss of points) without the two goalscorers goals
 W->D.....1 (2pts)
 D->L.....1 (1pts)

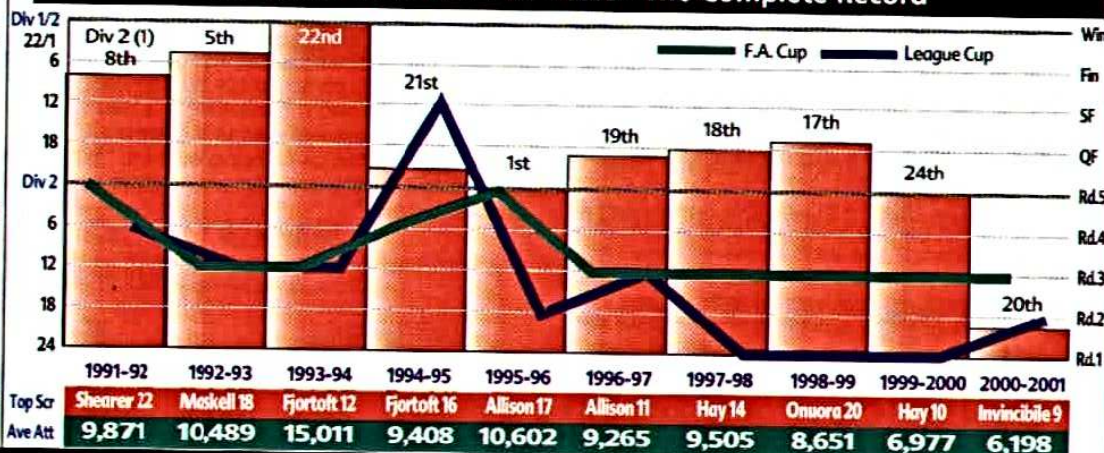
 Goals.....6
 Games.....26
 Average.....0.23

 Oldham Goals.....43
 Oldham Games.....26
 Oldham's Goal Ave.....1.65

Top Scorers Comparison
Guiliano Grazioli (Swindon)

 Goals.....6
 Games.....18
 Average.....0.33

 Swindon Goals.....27
 Swindon Games.....25
 Swindon's Goal Ave.....1.08

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Records

Highest Gate	19,329
Reading v QPR	
Lowest Gate	2,459
Bury v Wycombe	
Highest Agg Score	
Chesterfield...3	
Colchester...6	
Biggest Home Win	
Peterborough...6	
Bournemouth...0	
Biggest Away Win	
Northampton...0	
Bristol City...3	
Chesterfield...3	
Colchester...6	
Bury...0	
Swindon...3	
Swindon...0	
Cardiff...3	
Northampton...0	
Huddersfield...3	
Swindon...0	
Stoke...3	
Cambridge...0	
Bristol City...3	
Consec. Wins	
Brentford...7	
Games Unbeaten	
Brighton...12	
Consec. Defeats	
Bury...8	
Winless Run	
Notts County...13	
Total Games	314
Home Wins	14948%
Away Wins	8025%
Draws	8527%

Average Attendances

	3000	6000	9000	12000	15000
Bournemouth					4,265
Blackpool					5,125
Brentford					6,408
Brighton					6,644
Bristol City					11,332
Bury					3,477
Cambridge					3,675
Cardiff					12,310
Chesterfield					4,284
Colchester					3,773
Huddersfield					10,456
Northampton					4,954
Notts County					5,312
Oldham					5,852
Peterborough					5,929
Port Vale					5,228
QPR					11,625
Reading					12,442
Stoke					13,627
Swindon					6,566
Tranmere					8,969
Wigan					5,749
Wrexham					3,778
Wycombe					6,571

Goals - When Scored

	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
Bo	4	6	5	2	6	6
Bl	7	4	5	4	5	11
Bt	8	6	6	9	9	10
BHA	7	4	6	5	7	5
BC	4	7	10	12	6	6
Ba	4	3	5	3	3	8
CU	4	3	3	4	3	6
Ca	4	6	12	5	5	6
Ch	5	0	3	10	6	10
CU	10	11	7	3	4	9
HT	0	5	7	7	11	7
NT	4	0	4	3	5	8
NC	6	4	4	4	8	8
OA	5	6	9	3	9	11
PU	5	3	9	9	5	5
PV	1	3	6	9	8	5
QPR	5	6	3	8	13	6
Re	5	5	8	7	5	9
SC	3	6	5	9	5	12
ST	4	3	3	9	2	6
TR	4	2	11	8	8	12
WA	5	6	3	10	11	4
Wx	3	2	4	7	6	8
WW	7	7	8	2	9	5

Form Guide: Home & Away

Home Form	most recent result on left	Away Form
LLDWW	Bournemouth	LLDLL
WDLDD	Blackpool	LLDLL
WWDWW	Brentford	LLLLL
DDWWW	Brighton	LDDWD
DWWWL	Bristol City	WWLWW
DLDDW	Bury	LLDWW
LDWLL	Cambridge	LLLLL
LLDWW	Cardiff	DDDLW
WWLWW	Chesterfield	DWDL
WDWLL	Colchester	DLWDD
LDWWD	Huddersfield	DDDWL
DLLWL	Northampton	LLLLL
WDLDD	Notts County	WLLDL
WDWDL	Oldham	LWWLD
WLLWW	Peterborough	WDLDD
WWWWDD	Port Vale	LLLLL
WWDDW	QPR	LWWDW
WWDLW	Reading	WWDWW
WDWDW	Stoke	DDDWL
LWDWD	Swindon	LLLLL
DWDWW	Tranmere	WLWDL
WDDWW	Wigan	DDDWL
DLWLW	Wrexham	LLLLL
WWWWDD	Wycombe	DDDLL

Clubs' top scorer & the points their goals have won

see key below	Leading Scorer	GS	Sc1	Sc2	HT	Gms/Gls/Gm	Pts Run
QPR	Andy Thomson	18	9	3	1	25 0.72	22 3
Brighton	Bobby Zamora	15	13	1	0	25 0.60	20 8
Wycombe	Andy Rammell	10	6	2	0	20 0.50	11 2
Colchester	Scott McGleish	12	8	2	0	27 0.44	9 2
Wigan	Simon Haworth	10	6	2	0	22 0.45	9 3
Reading	Jamie Cureton	8	2	3	0	21 0.38	9 2
Brentford	Paul Evans	12	8	2	0	21 0.57	8 4
Peterborough	Leon McKenzie	8	6	1	0	14 0.57	8 2
Cambridge	Dave Kitson	7	7	0	0	21 0.33	8 2
Bristol City	Tony Thorpe	10	7	0	1	28 0.36	7 1
Huddersfield	Andy Booth	8	3	1	1	22 0.36	7 2
Port Vale	Stephen McPhee	7	5	1	0	26 0.27	7 1
Tranmere	Stuart Barlow	10	4	0	2	19 0.53	6 2
Bournemouth	James Hayter	6	6	0	0	25 0.24	6 2
Cardiff	Robert Earnshaw	9	7	1	0	21 0.43	5 2
Chesterfield	Jonathan Howard	5	5	0	0	13 0.38	5 4
Blackpool	Graham Fenton	4	4	0	0	10 0.40	5 1
Bury	Jon Newby	4	4	0	0	26 0.15	5 2
Wrexham	Craig Faulconbridge	7	7	0	0	22 0.32	4 2
Swindon	Guiliano Grazioli	6	4	1	0	18 0.33	4 3
Stoke	Chris Iwelumo	6	4	1	0	20 0.30	4 3
Notts County	Danny Allsopp	8	4	2	0	24 0.33	3 1
Northampton	Jamie Forrester	7	3	2	0	23 0.30	3 2
Oldham	David Eyres	6	6	0	0	26 0.23	3 2

Biggest Wins & Heaviest Defeats

Club	Win - vs.	Defeat - vs.
Bournemouth	3-0 Wrexham	0-6 Peterboro
Blackpool	4-2 Huddersfield	0-4 Brhtn, Tran
Brentford	5-1 Bury	3-5 Wycombe
Brighton	4-0 Blackpool	0-3 Wigan
Bristol City	3-0 vs 3 clubs	1-4 Peterboro
Bury	3-0 Cardiff	1-5 Brentford
Cambridge	3-1 Bury	1-6 Tranmere
Cardiff	3-0 Swindon	0-3 Bury
Chesterfield	4-0 Swindon	3-6 Colchester
Colchester	6-3 Chesterfield	1-4 Brentford
Huddersfield	5-1 Wrexham	2-4 Blackpool
Nrthampton	4-1 Tranmere	0-3 vs 3 clubs
Notts County	3-1 Swindon	1-4 Oldham
Oldham	4-0 Bury	0-3 Brighton
Peterboro	6-0 Bournemouth	1-4 Port Vale
Port Vale	5-0 Cambridge	1-4 QPR
QPR	4-0 Swindon	1-4 Peterboro
Reading	4-1 Tranmere	1-3 Swindon
Stoke	5-1 Wycombe	1-6 Wigan
Swindon	3-0 Bury	0-4 Chfld, QPR
Tranmere	6-1 Cambridge	0-4 Brentford
Wigan	6-1 Stoke	1-3 Blackpool
Wrexham	2-0 Cambridge	0-5 Tranmere
Wycombe	5-2 Wrexham	1-5 Stoke

Numbers

PU	CS	FS
25	7	12
28	4	7
25	9	4
24	10	5
26	9	6
28	3	9
31	2	12
31	5	3
28	6	7
22	3	6
23	6	6
24	4	11
28	7	6
32	8	4
26	8	7
30	5	11
33	8	8
26	13	5
27	13	4
27	8	10
26	8	4
32	7	4
25	4	9
25	8	5

Key: GS=Goals Scored; Sc1=Games Scored 1 Goal; Sc2=Games Scored 2 Goals; HT=Hat-Tricks; Each club's leading league scorer and avg. goals per games (Gls/Gm). Next column shows taking off their goals, how many Points (Pts) lost. Last figure show best scoring Run in consecutive games.

NUMBERS: PU = Players Used CS = Clean Sheets FS = Games Failed to Score

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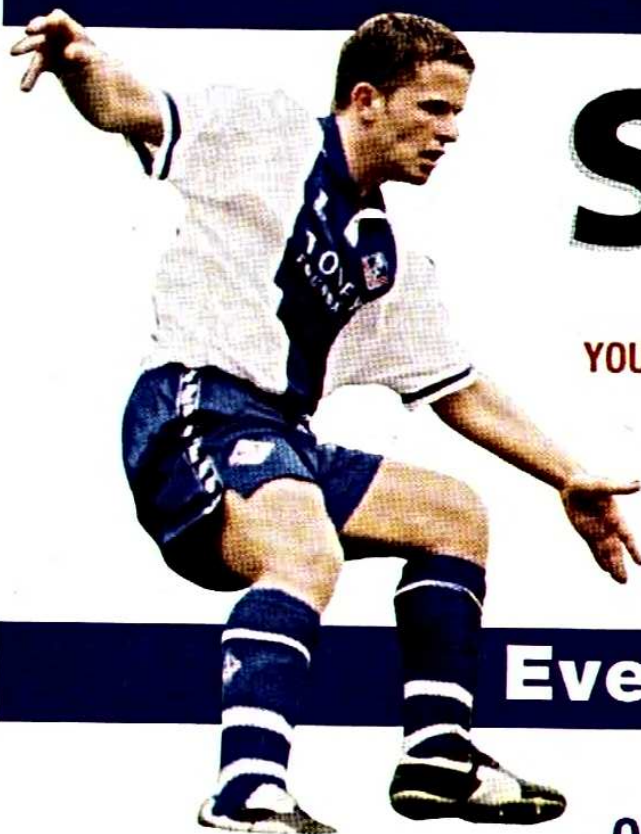


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5. Who scored Italy's first goal in the 1982 World Cup Final?

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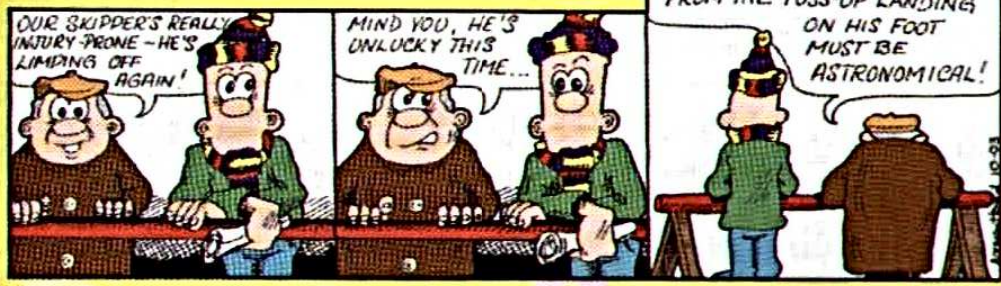
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4. Jimmy Hill, 5. Paolo Roversi, 6. Manchester United, 7. Bolton, 8. Northampton Town, 9. Tottenham, 10. Leeds United.
SOCCER DINGBATS: Brighton & Hove Albion.
WHO ARE WE? Gareth Barry.
WHAT THE BOSS? Gordon Strachan.
TRUE OR FALSE? True.
IF YOU WERE THE REF: The referee is required to caution the player and not request him to be sent to the dressing room.

An unwanted record

ATHLETIC'S relegation in 1996/97 meant they had tumbled from the Premiership to the second division in the space of just three years.

With their glory days so fresh in the memory, it was a sickening blow to everyone at Boundary Park.

Not since the early 1970s had Latics tasted life outside English football's top two divisions. But that was the fate which awaited them after a season of stress which began badly and failed to get much better.

CASHING IN

By the time the season was in full swing, Athletic's defence had been torn apart.

On July 26, local lad Chris Makin became the first-ever player to take advantage of the Bosman ruling by moving abroad as a free agent. The full-back, who now stars in the Premiership for Ipswich, joined French giants Marseilles when Latics hoped he would stay in England and pocket them a fee of around £500,000. Only five days later, another product of the Boundary Park youth system

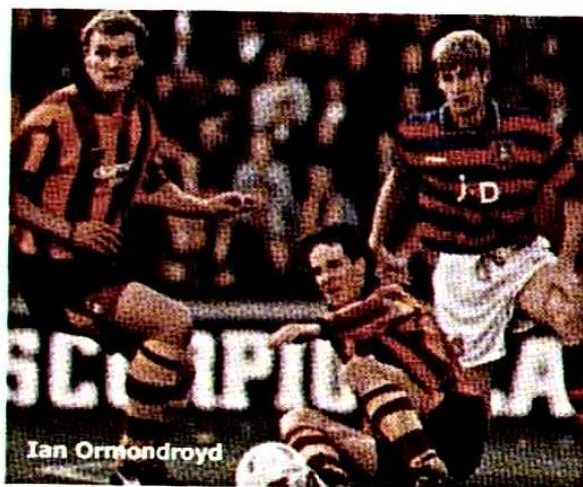
was on his way out. Goalkeeper Paul Gerrard was snapped up by Everton - though this time there was healthy consolation in the form of £1million. And that wasn't all. A third highly-rated player was wanted in the top flight and Athletic couldn't stand in his way. He was Norwegian international Gunnar Halle, who spent six years at the club before Leeds signed him for £400,000.

The gaps had to be plugged, of course, and manager Graeme Sharp found a new 'keeper for one per cent of the fee he received for Gerrard. Gary Kelly cost just £10,000 but, as he has since played over 200 games for the club, it was a wise investment.



Neil Warnock

Centre-back Shaun Garnett cost £150,000 from Swansea, while a new striker arrived - or rather returned - when Ian Ormondroyd signed. It wasn't looking good,



Ian Ormondroyd

though, as Athletic were in the process of setting an unwanted record.

BLUNTED

Sharp's team had an awful opening to 96/97, losing to Stoke, Crystal Palace and Swindon in their first three games.

There was a 3-3 draw against Ipswich, with Paul Rickers scoring after 15 seconds, but points stayed few and far between.

Latics travelled to Charlton in the knowledge that if they didn't win, it would be the worst start in the club's history.

They lost. And when a victory finally came in early October - Ormondroyd and Nicky Banger on target against Port Vale - it had taken 11 league games to

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Paul Gerrard

get there.

Inevitably, Athletic were bottom of division one and already playing catch-up with the teams above them. After beating Vale, they went another four games without winning and had a grand total of eight points from 15 matches.

Sharp, in his first managerial post, decided a lack of goals was the problem and set about finding new players. But Mark Bright turned down a loan move from Sheffield Wednesday, Tranmere's Graham Branch also decided to stay put ... and Athletic couldn't escape the drop zone.

THE HANDOVER

D-Day arrived on February 10 when rock-bottom Athletic parted company with their manager.

They had just slumped 3-0 at home to struggling Grimsby and Sharp's resignation - along with that of assistant Colin Harvey - came less than two and a half years after their appointment.

Athletic turned to experience, recruiting Neil Warnock in the hope he would trouble-shoot them to safety.

With an eye on the future, they also brought Andy Ritchie back from Scarborough, though Warnock later named his own right-hand man in Ron Reid.

Transfer activity stepped up as the new boss, well known for his wheeler-dealing, looked for a winning formula.

He kicked off with a home defeat to Bradford, but a strong debut by Aussie defender Doug Hodgson helped Latics beat QPR 1-0 and secure a seventh win of the season. By now, however, it was March and there was no time to waste in following up that precious victory. Athletic


couldn't do it, despite moving for Lee Duxbury (£350,000 from Bradford), Mark Foran (on loan from Peterborough), Paul Reid

(£150,000 from Huddersfield) and Matthew Rush (£165,000 from Norwich).

The deals were financed by selling Nick Henry and David Beresford, and results did show a slight improvement. Warnock was rewarded with a 12-month contract. But his efforts were to no avail and Athletic finished in 23rd place, unable to make up for that horrendous start.



Gary Kelly



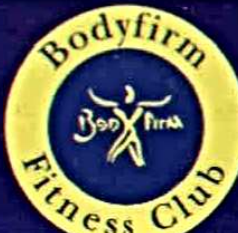
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Pic 2 Allan Smart

Smartie gets to grips with the Northampton defender

Pic 3 David Reeves

Reevesie gets ready to take on the Northampton back line

Pic 4 John Sheridan Shez looks up

Pic 5 Allan Smart

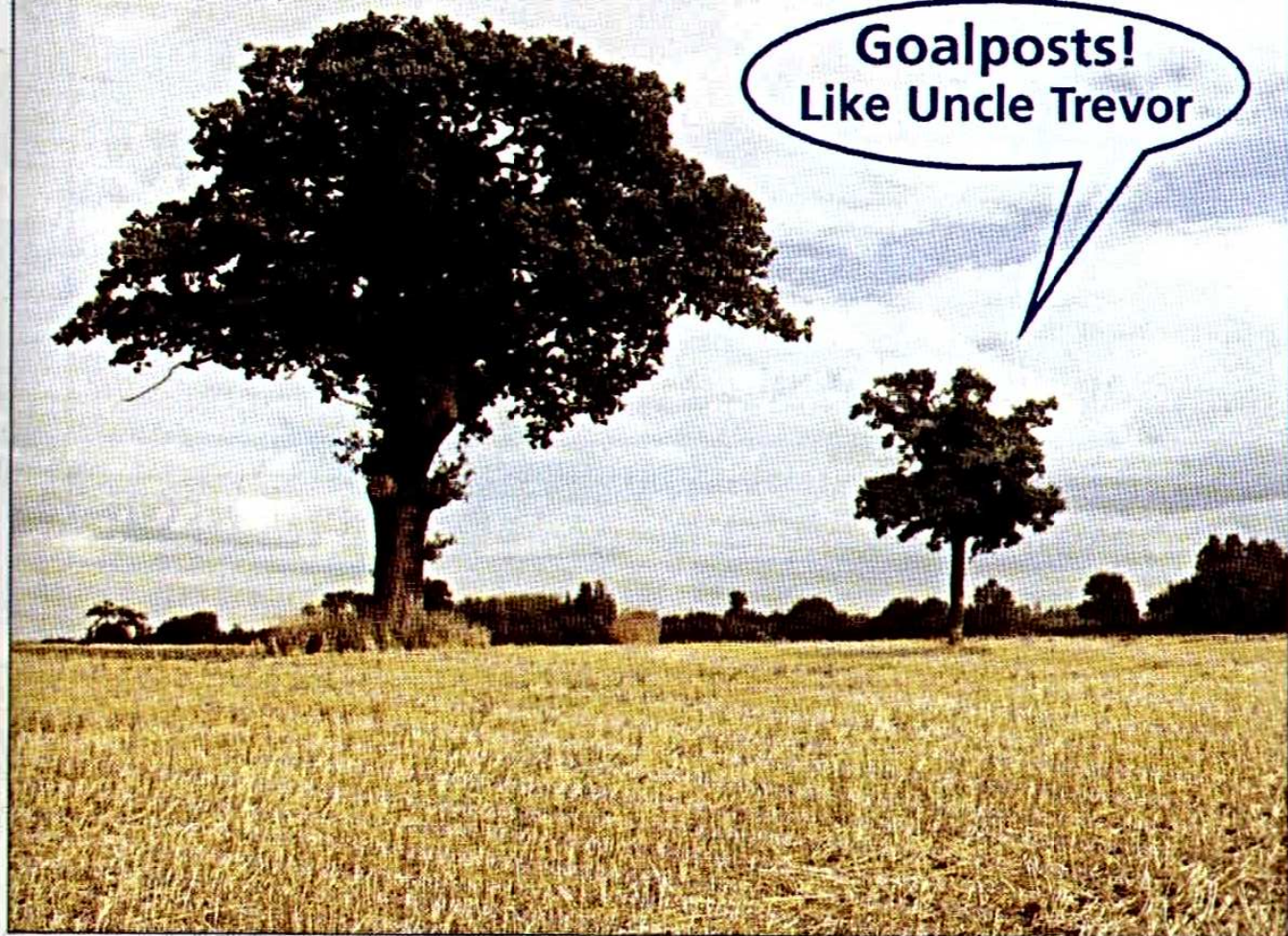
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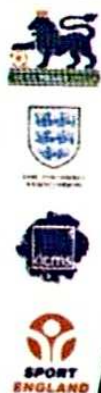
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WED 29th	TRANMERE ROVERS	HOME	1-2	
SEP				
TUES 4th	ROTHERHAM UNITED	AWAY	0-7	
TUES 11th	WOLVHAMPTON WDRS	HOME	0-1	
WED 19th	WEST BROM ALBION	HOME	0-3	
WED 26th	PORT VALE	AWAY	2-1	
OCT				
MON 1st	PRESTON NORTH END	AWAY	1-2	
WED 10th	BURNLEY	AWAY	0-5	
MON 15th	BIRMINGHAM CITY	HOME	2-2	
WED 31st	SHEFFIELD UNITED	HOME	4-2	
NOV				
WED 7th	BARNLEY	AWAY	1-0	
TUES 13th	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	HOME	0-1	
WED 28th	WREXHAM	AWAY	3-3	
DEC				
WED 12th	TRANMERE ROVERS	AWAY	1-2	
JAN				
TUES 8th	ROTHERHAM UNITED	HOME		
MON 14th	WOLVHAMPTON WDRS	AWAY		
WED 30th	BIRMINGHAM CITY	AWAY		
FEB				
TUES 12th	BURNLEY	HOME		
TUES 19th	PRESTON NORTH END	HOME		
MON 25th	WEST BROM ALBION	AWAY		
MAR				
WED 13th	SHEFFIELD UNITED	AWAY		
TUES 19th	BARNLEY	HOME		
MON 25th	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	AWAY		
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TUES 9th	PORT VALE	HOME		

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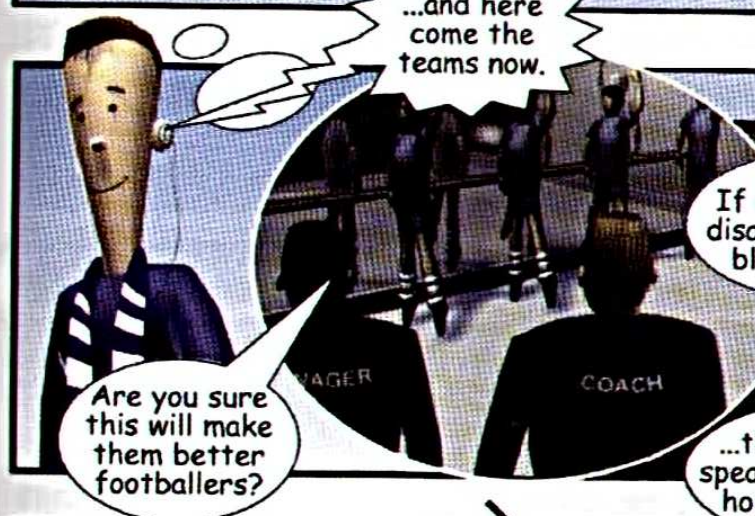
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BLACKBURN ROVERS	1,953
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BRENTFORD	482
BOURNEMOUTH	282
BRIGHTON & H A	344
QUEENS PARK R'ERS	556
CAMBRIDGE UTD	348
STOKE CITY	404
BARROW	516
CARDIFF CITY	199
NOTTS COUNTY (LDV)	101
HULL CITY (FAC2)	1,105
BLACKPOOL	1,040
NORTHAMPTON TOWN	636
CHELtenham	1,358
PORT VALE	
NOTTS COUNTY	
BRISTOL CITY	
PETERBOROUGH UTD	
BURY	
WIGAN ATHLETIC	
READING	
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	

VISITING SUPPORTERS AT BOUNDARY PARK

CHESTERFIELD	489
NORTHAMPTON TOWN	196
BLACKPOOL	1,448
PETERBOROUGH UTD	249
BURY	575
NOTTS COUNTY	471
BRISTOL CITY	783
READING	246
TRANMERE ROVERS(LDV)	426
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	3,390
BARROW F.C.	1,961
WYCOMBE WERS	270
WIGAN ATHLETIC	1,181
PORT VALE	259
WIGAN ATHLETIC	1232
BLACKPOOL	553
TRANMERE ROVERS	
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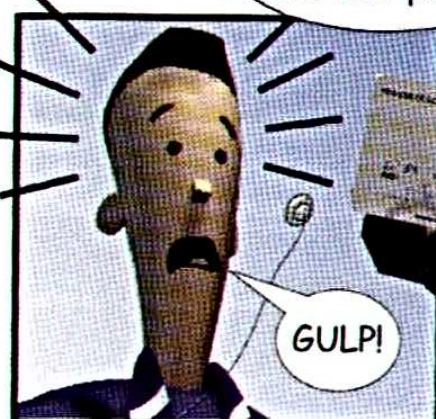
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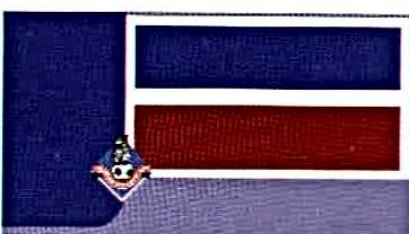
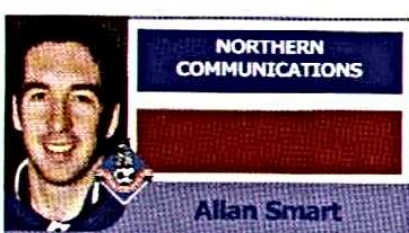
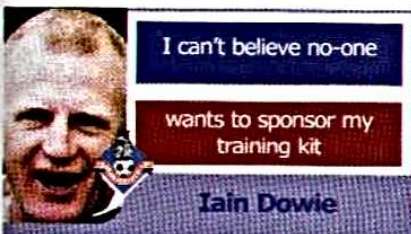
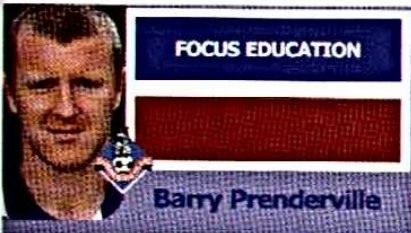
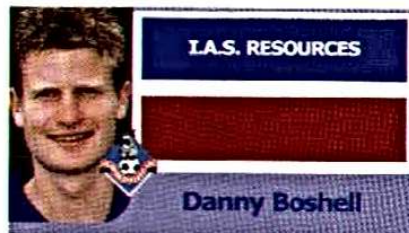


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1988-89	BRADFORD CITY	1	0
1989-90	BRADFORD CITY	12	1
1989-90	ROCHDALE	10	0
1990-91	BRADFORD CITY	45	5
1991-92	BRADFORD CITY	46	5
1992-93	BRADFORD CITY	42	5
1993-94	BRADFORD CITY	43	9
1994-95	BRADFORD CITY	20	0
1994-95	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	26	2
1995-96	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	3	0
1995-96	BRADFORD CITY	30	4
1996-97	BRADFORD CITY	33	3
1996-97	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	12	1
1997-98	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	38	5
1998-99	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	41	6
1999-2000	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	43	4
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A place in the Guinness Book of Records...

Wycombe Wanderers have earned a place in the Guinness Book of Records thanks to the incredible feat of scoring two goals in nine seconds.

The Chairboys have received official confirmation that the two goals scored earlier in the season against Peterborough will be entered in the history books. Jamie Bates scored with the last kick of the first half and his goal was followed by Jermaine McSparran finding the net eight seconds after the restart when Wycombe kicked off. In addition to the two goals now being officially recognised as the fastest double on record, both were scored without a member of the opposition touching the ball.



John Fashanu

John Fashanu's company Winners World Wide has made a bid to buy Northampton Town. The Cobblers, languishing in the bottom four, were put up for sale earlier in the season. Boardroom changes in the Second Division are close to matching those on the managerial front. Since the summer there have been takeovers at Latics and Swindon Town with Chesterfield,

Huddersfield and Port Vale set to follow. The Spireites have launched a share issue in a bid to finally come out of administration with £50,000 already raised. The Chesterfield Football Supporters' Society has pitched in with £60,000 and the club has had talks with the local council about a £250,000 loan. Huddersfield's millionaire chairman Barry Rubery, who has suffered abuse from fans at home matches, is expected to relinquish control to a consortium led by former director David Taylor. Rubery took control in 1999 in a £5million deal but his two years have been far from successful with The Terriers relegated to the Second Division in May. Bill Bell's 14-year reign as Port Vale chairman is under threat from a supporters'-led consortium which has launched a £1million buy-out bid. Valiants 2001, a 60-strong group led by former director Charles Machin has pledged to wipe out debts of £1.5million over the next three years and fund new signings.

Swindon Town are leading the opposition to plans for a new European transfer system. Chief Executive Peter Rowe believes the transfer window system could deprive smaller clubs of the chance to ensure their own survival.

If the new rules are enforced clubs would only be able to buy and sell players between the end of the season and August 31st and then between January 1 and 31. Cardiff striker Leon Jeanne has been handed a two-year suspended ban by the FA of Wales after testing positive for a Class A drug in a random test at the club's training ground.

Kind-hearted Jack Charlton has come to the aid of cash-strapped Chesterfield. He gave his services free of charge to speak at the sell-out sportsmen's dinner which raised £7,000 for their funds. Two of Charlton's uncles, George and Stanley Millburn were former Chesterfield players and he and brother Bobby used to often spend the summer holidays visiting them, hence his affection for the Spireites.

Congratulations go to Cardiff City for knocking out Premiership league leaders, Leeds United in the F.A. Cup. Leeds had taken the lead against the Bluebirds thanks to Mark Viduka but the Welshmen equalised thanks to a great strike from Graham Kavanagh. With Alan Smith dismissed for elbowing Andy Legg, Scott Young scored a late winner, which then brought mayhem to Ninian Park - next time Sam Hamman decides to go on a walkabout, someone should open the gates and let him walk right out of the ground.

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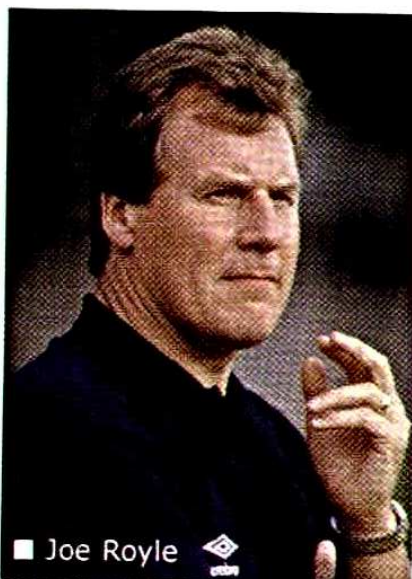
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1982 Re-visited

Joe Royle's appointment as Latics' manager in July 1982 proved one, if not the most defining moment in the club's recent history.

It was under Royle in the late eighties and early nineties that Latics enjoyed their most successful-ever period. Latics finish the 1981/82 campaign in a respectable 11th place in Division Two - today's First - and Jimmy Frizzell was already planning ahead when the board delivered a bombshell. Frizzell was sensationally sacked after 22 years as player and manager, and with two years remaining on his contract. He had hoisted them from the foot of the Fourth Division to the top half of Division Two.

"There is no particular reason for our decision, but we feel that the club needs a new challenge, and people coming through the



■ Joe Royle

turnstiles. We are hoping for a new impetus throughout the club," a club spokesman explained. Latics had 30 applicants for the managerial vacancy but despite what the club has long maintained, Royle was not the unanimous choice as they claimed. John Wile, the former West Brom centre half, accepted the job only to have an 11th hour change of heart.

So it was by fate, destiny or whatever that Royle was confirmed as manager on Wednesday, July 14, 1982. He was 33 years of age with his career having been ended by injury.

Boardroom politics saw Harry Wilde resign as Chairman in mid-September with Ian Stott, a board member since 1974, taking over at the helm.

He was immediately confronted by a financial crisis which was solved when brewers J W Lees, the club's major shareholder, bought the Boundary Club and sports hall complex (Clayton Arms), discharged the club's bank overdraft, loans and other debts and breathed an air of hope and optimism into the club.

Despite the financial cloud hanging over the club, Royle enjoyed a moderately successful first season with Latics finishing seventh and only nine points behind Leicester who occupied the third promotion place.

SPORTS STORIES

Italy were the surprise winners of the World Cup for a third time after stuttering into the second phase in Spain following draws in all three games in the opening phase. They then exploded to life beating holders Argentina, favourites Brazil, Poland, who were to finish third, and European Champions West Germany in the final.

England could not have made a better start as Bryan Robson after 27 seconds of their opening game against France in Bilbao.

Sadly England went out in the second phase, even though they were unbeaten in the whole tournament. How unlucky! Bobby Robson succeeded Don Greenwood as England manager after 13 successful years in charge at Ipswich Town. QPR became the first British club



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to play a league game on an artificial surface. Oldham, Luton and Preston followed, but in 1994 they were banned.

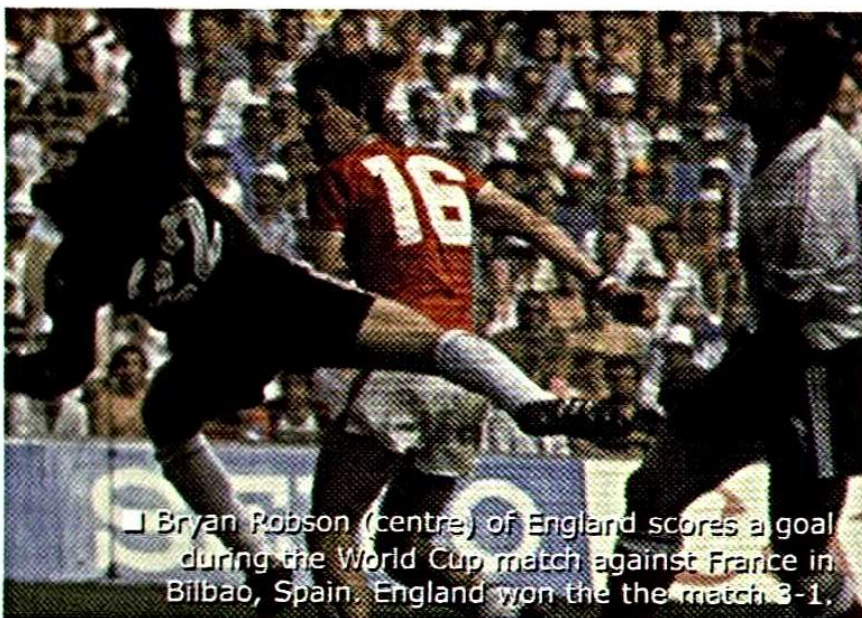
Liverpool were crowned League Champions for a 13th time while Tottenham retained the F.A. Cup, though the Falklands war hung over the final against Second Division QPR.

Twenty-four hours before the final the British task force landed in the Falklands making it impossible for Argentinian duo Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa to play.

Geoff Boycott became the most prolific run scorer in Test cricket then was one of the 'dirty dozen' to sign up for a rebel tour of South Africa. It earned them a three-year ban from Test cricket so ended the international careers of Boycott, Mike Hendrick, Alan Knott, Chris Old and Derek Underwood.

Gilles Villeneuve, the French Canadian Formula One driver, was killed in practice at the Belgian Grand Prix, and Colin Chapman, one of motor racing's great

■ Jimmy Connors raises the trophy after winning his second Wimbledon tennis championship



■ Bryan Robson (centre) of England scores a goal during the World Cup match against France in Bilbao, Spain. England won the the match 3-1.

innovators, died of a heart attack at the age of 54.

Jimmy Connors beat John McEnroe in an epic five-set men's final following one of the wettest Wimbledons on record. Tom Watson became the fifth golfer to win the Open and US Open in the same year joining Bobby Jones, Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan and Lee Trevino.

NEWS HEADLINES

The Falklands conflict was the major news story of the year as Britain went to war with Argentina over the islands in the South Atlantic.

It began when Argentina invaded the Falklands and neighbouring South Georgia in support of a long-standing claim over their

sovereignty.

Britain took swift action sending a task force to reclaim the territory which had been taken.

They succeeded but it was a war which cost the lives of 254 British servicemen along with 750 Argentinians.

The IRA carried out two of its worst atrocities attacking the Queen's Household Cavalry as they were making their way to Whitehall for ceremonial guard duty.

The second bomb went off under the bandstand in Regents Park where members of the Royal Green Jackets were giving a concert.

But on a more cheerful note the Prince and Princess of Wales celebrated the birth of their son William, a royal heir to the throne. And the Mary Rose, the flagship of Henry VIII's fleet, was raised from the seabed off Southsea in the English Channel

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DATE	FIXTURE	VENUE	RESULT	ATTENDANCE	LATICS SCORERS
AUGUST					
Sat 11th	Wrexham	Away	3-3	4,881	Allott, Eyres, Corazzin
Sat 18th	Chesterfield	Home	1-1	5,534	Allott
Wed 22nd	Stoke City (W Cup 1)	Away	0-0 (6-5)	5,636	Tipton, Duxbury, Balmer McNiven, Dudley, Kelly
Sat 25th	Swindon Town	Away	2-0	5,219	Sheridan J, Balmer
Tues 28th	Northampton Town	Home	4-2	4,941	Balmer, Rickers, Duxbury Tipton
SEPTEMBER					
Sat 1st	Tranmere Rovers	Away	2-2	8,716	Sheridan D, Eyre
Tues 4th	Manchester City (friendly)	Home	1-2	2,870	Innes
Sat 8th	Blackpool	Home	2-1	6,650	Sheridan D, Duxbury
Wed 12th	Blackburn Rovers (WC2)	Away	0-2	9,559	
Sat 15th	Peterborough Utd	Home	2-0	4,854	Corazzin, Tipton
Tues 18th	Colchester Utd	Away	1-2	2,994	Eyres
Sat 22nd	Brentford	Away	2-2	5,525	Rickers, Corazzin
Tues 25th	Bury	Home	4-0	5,605	Duxbury, Tipton, Corazzin, Allott
Sat 29th	Notts County	Home	4-1	6,893	O.G., Dudley, Eyre, Corazzin
OCTOBER					
Fri 5th	Bournemouth	Away	2-3	3,312	Tipton, Eyres
Sat 13th	Bristol City	Home	0-1	6,565	
Sat 20th	Brighton & Hove Albion	Away	0-3	6,793	
Tues 23rd	Reading	Home	0-1	4,901	
Sat 27th	Queens Park Rangers	Away	1-1	10,556	Balmer
Tues 30th	Tranmere Rovers (LDV2)	Home	2-0	2,940	Eyre, Richards
NOVEMBER					
Sat 3rd	Huddersfield Town	Home	1-1	8,859	Balmer
Sat 10th	Cambridge Utd	Away	1-1	3,378	Allott
Sat 17th	FA Cup (1) Barrow AFC	Home	1-1	5,795	Duxbury
Wed 21st	Stoke City	Away	0-0	11,031	
Sat 24th	Wycombe Wanderers	Home	2-0	4,721	Tipton, OG
Tue 27th	FA Cup (1R) Barrow AFC	Away	1-0	4,563	Eyres
DECEMBER					
Sat 1st	Cardiff City	Away	1-3	10,004	Eyre
Tue 4th	Notts County (LDV QF)	Away	1-0	1,047	Smart
Sat 8th	FA Cup (2) Hull City Prov.	Away	3-2	9,422	Sheridan J, Eyres, Duxbury
Sat 15th	Wigan Athletic	Home	1-1	6,407	Beharall
Fri 21st	Port Vale	Home	2-0	4,317	Eyres, Reeves
Wed 26th	Blackpool	Away	2-0	5,772	Reeves 2
Sat 29th	Northampton Town	Away	1-0	4,760	Eyres
JANUARY					
Tues 1st	Tranmere Rovers	Home	PP		
Sun 6th	Cheltenham Town	Away	1-2	5,801	Eyres
Wed 8th	Blackpool (LDV SF)	Home	2-5	3,349	Eyres, Duxbury
Sat 12th	Chesterfield	Away	2-4	4,716	Murray, Eyres
Wed 16th	Swindon Town	Home			
Sat 19th	Wrexham	Home			
Tues 22nd	Port Vale	Away			
Sat 26th	Bournemouth	Home			
FEBRUARY					
Sat 2nd	Notts County	Away			
Sat 9th	Brighton & Hove Albion	Home			
Sat 16th	Bristol City	Away			
Sat 23rd	Peterborough Utd	Away			
Sat 23rd	Saturday 24th				
Sat 23rd	W Cup Final				
Tues 26th	Brentford	Home			
MARCH					
Sat 2nd	Colchester Utd	Home			
Tues 5th	Bury	Away			
Sat 9th	Wigan Athletic	Away			
Sat 16th	Cardiff City	Home			
Sat 23rd	Reading	Away			
Sat 30th	Cambridge Utd	Home			
APRIL					
Mon 1st	Huddersfield Town	Away			
Sat 6th	Stoke City	Home			
Sat 13th	Wycombe Wanderers	Away			
Sun 14th	FA Cup semi final				
Sat 20th	Queens Park Rangers	Home			
MAY					
Sat 4th	FA Cup Final				

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5. ADAM WILLIS
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7. KEITH O'HALLORAN
8. BOBBY HOWE
10. GIULIANO GRAZIOLI
11. DAVID DUKE
12. JUAN COBIAN
14. ERIC SABIN
15. RICHARD MCKINNEY
16. NEIL RUDDOCK
17. DANIEL INVINCIBILE
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19. MATTHEW HAYWOOD
20. PAUL EDWARDS
21. GARETH DAVIES
22. ALAN REEVES
23. WAYNE CARLISLE
26. ALAN YOUNG
28. NATHAN EDWARDS
29. JAMES WILLIAMS
30. CHRIS COLLINS
31. KEVIN HALLIDAY

Appearances & Goalscorers

as at 14 January 2002

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTALS	
	P	G	P	G	P	G
ALLOTT	15	4	5	0	20	4
ARMSTRONG	12	0	6	0	18	0
BALMER	25	4	7	0	32	4
BEHARALL	8	1	3	0	11	1
BAUDET	5	0	3	0	8	0
BOSHELL	4	0	0	0	4	0
CARSS	7	0	1	0	8	0
CORAZZIN	14	5	4	0	18	5
DUDLEY	9	1	4	0	13	1
DUXBURY	26	3	8	3	34	6
EYRE J	17	3	6	1	23	4
EYRES D	26	6	3	32	9	10
GARNETT	8	0	1	0	9	0
GILL	3	0	0	0	3	0
HARDY	1	0	0	0	1	0
HAINING	2	0	0	0	2	0
HOLDEN	14	0	4	0	18	0
HOTTE	0	0	2	0	2	0
INNES	5	0	5	0	9	0
KELLY	19	0	7	0	26	0
MCNIVEN	20	0	7	0	27	0
MISKELLY	1	0	0	0	1	0
MURRAY	5	1	1	0	6	1
PRENDERVILLE	12	0	2	0	14	0
RACHUBKA	7	0	1	0	8	0
REEVES	4	3	0	0	4	3
RICHARDS	5	0	1	1	6	1
RICKERS	18	2	6	0	24	2
SHERIDAN D	22	2	8	0	30	2
SMART A.	4	0	2	1	6	1
SHERIDAN J	22	1	3	1	25	2
TIPTON	20	5	8	0	28	5

Nationwide Division 2

HOME AWAY

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Reading	27	8	2	4	21	13	8	2	3	18	11	15	52
Bristol City	28	8	3	2	22	11	7	3	5	23	17	17	51
Stoke	26	9	3	1	24	7	5	5	3	16	15	18	50
Brighton	25	8	2	1	20	8	4	8	2	14	14	12	46
Brentford	26	9	3	0	31	8	4	3	7	17	22	18	45
QPR	27	7	5	2	25	13	5	2	6	16	18	10	43
Tranmere	25	7	5	2	31	13	4	2	5	14	21	11	40
Oldham	26	7	3	2	23	9	3	6	5	20	24	10	39
Wycombe	25	8	4	0	25	10	2	5	6	13	22	6	39
Colchester	27	8	2	3	24	15	3	4	7	20	28	1	39
Huddersfield	25	7	4	3	22	14	3	4	4	15	14	9	38
Cardiff	26	5	6	3	22	19	4	5	3	16	13	6	38
Wigan	27	4	5	5	21	16	4	5	4	18	17	6	34
Peterborough	25	7	1	3	26	11	3	3	8	10	21	4	34
Blackpool	27	5	7	2	21	19	3	3	7	15	25	-8	34
Port Vale	28	7	3	4	23	15	2	3	9	9	25	-8	33
Chesterfield	25	6	1	6	24	22	2	6	4	10	13	-1	31
Swindon	25	5	4	4	15	15	3	3	6	12	19	-7	31
Bournemouth	26	6	2	4	17	13	1	5	8	12	25	-9	28
Notts County	26	3	5	4	15	16	3	3	8	19	27	-9	26
Bury	26	4	3	5	14	16	3	2	9	12	29	-19	26
Wrexham	28	4	4	7	16	23	2	1	10	14	36	-29	23
Cambridge	26	4	6	4	17	21	0	1	11	6	29	-27	19
Northampton	26	3	2	9	12	24	2	1	9	12	26	-26	18

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Next at Boundary Park



Wrexham make the trip across from North Wales this Saturday hoping to improve on recent results which has seen them fighting a relegation battle. The two sides

meet on the opening day of the season at the Racecourse Ground, when a last gasp goal by Carlo Corazzin salvaged the Latics a point in a 3-3 thriller.

Since then, both sides have a new manager and Wrexham are now managed by Denis Smith (the former Oxford Boss) but he has struggled to revive their fortunes. On Saturday they another promotion chasing side Brentford 2-1. The Welshman were dumped out of the F.A. Cup by non-league Hereford United in the first round. They picked up two wins in December beating relegation rivals, Northampton and Notts County at home, wins that may yet prove to be vital. Unless they can string some telling performances in the second half of the season, then they will certainly have a relegation battle on their hands.

Struggling both at home and away, they simply cannot score enough goals which was not helped by the injury to Craig Faulconbridge, a one time target of the Latics. Things can change so quickly in this game and Wrexham will be hoping for a far better 2002 than they have endured over the past twelve months.

Their team on Saturday afternoon will come from the following; Goalkeeper David Walsh, ex Manchester City star Jim Whitley, Steve Roberts, Matthew Hill, Richard Holmes, Steve Thomas, Kevin Sharp, Martyn Chalk, Sir Alex Ferguson's son - Darren Ferguson, Andy Morrell and Lee Trundle.

On the Road

Next Tuesday (January 22nd 2002), the Latics travel to the Potteries to take on Port Vale at Vale Park. The Latics started their Christmas winning streak against Brian Horton's men and will be looking to complete the double over the Valiants. A goal either side of the interval was enough to send everyone home delighted from Boundary Park that night.



However, Brian Horton's side has picked up in form since visiting Boundary Park and their home form is the reason why they are not fighting a relegation battle. They have enjoyed some of their best results at home this season, beating Cambridge 5-0, Peterborough 4-1 and Notts County 4-2. Over Christmas, they defeated high-flying Bristol City, 1-0 on Boxing Day and they easily saw off Colchester United 3-1 in their next game.

They picked up another away defeat at Reading (2-0) on New Year's day, when they probably wished for a postponement like everybody else that day. Let's hope that David Reeves continues his great form against them next Tuesday and the Latics can pick up another vital three points. Enjoy the game.

Brian Horton



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