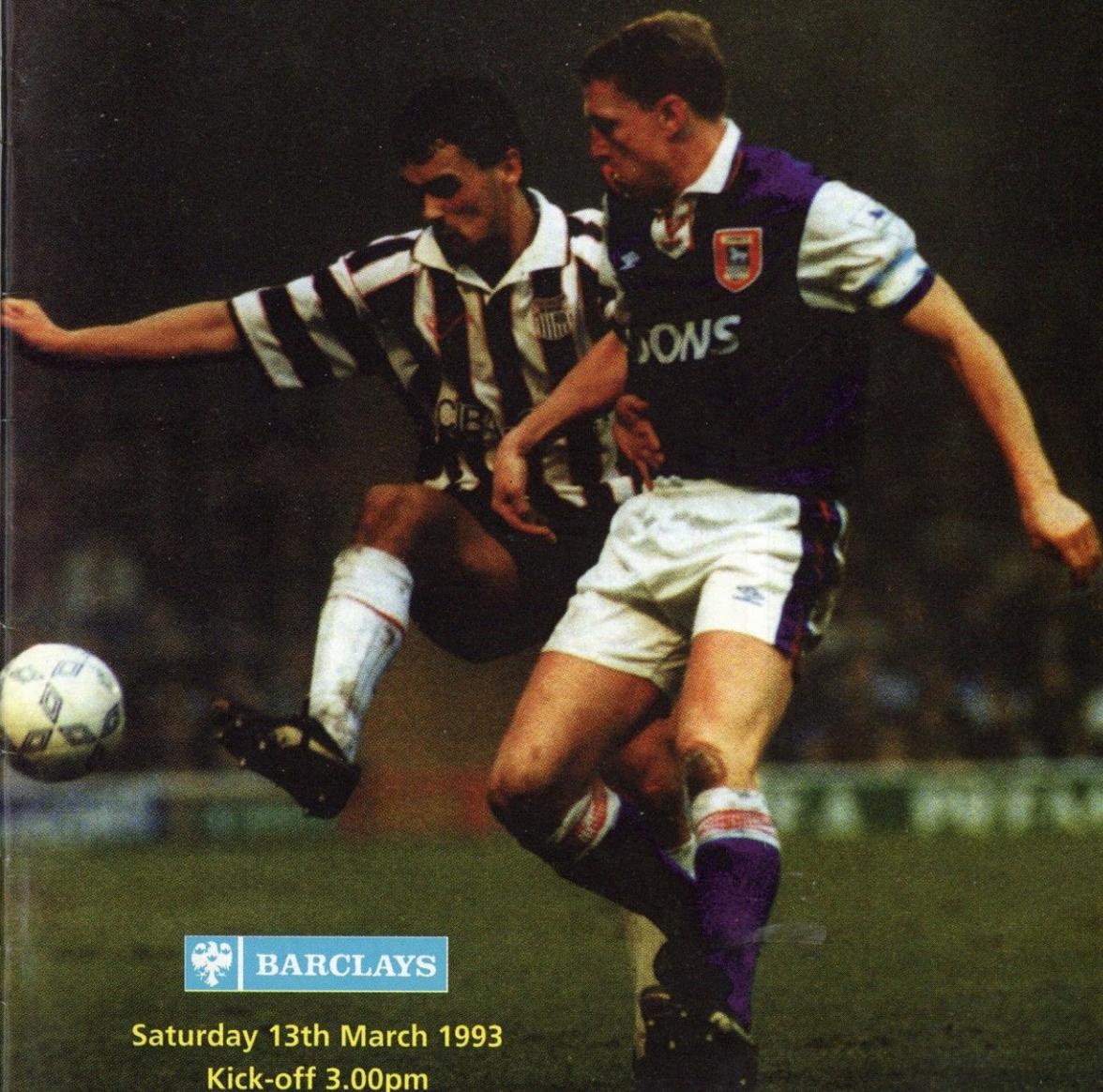


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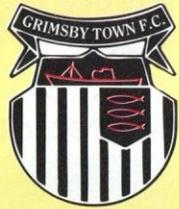
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THE MANAGER "Speaks"



Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen:

Welcome to todays game against Luton Town. Any club managed by David Pleat will play a passing game and of late Luton have had much improved results. When I left Walsall in 1986 David was one of the few managers to keep in touch. Indeed, when I moved from Walsall to Birmingham City David had apparently offered the same fee only to be kept waiting for a phone call that never came. Had I known of such matters maybe I could have studied the way he works very closely.

Our last two or three results have been disappointing. We didnt start well against Notts County and went a goal

down. After 15 minutes, dominated the first half only to fall behind 3-1. From then on the players showed tremendous character-to draw level, courtesy of a Paul Groves hat-trick.

The overall performance at Peterborough was poor, however, we enjoyed enough possession to have got something from the game, letting ourselves down in the final third of the pitch.

The first twenty minutes at West Ham were a disaster! we conceded two early goals and were chasing shadows as they threatened to outplay us we came into the game by half time only to miss a penalty.

The second half was a totally different story. Our passing, movement and understanding throughout the team was exceptional - Paul Groves scored a magnificent goal and we deserved a point. The players did themselves proud.

We had been to West Ham, played them at their own (passing) game and looked better, on the night. The after match comments from Billy Bonds and Harry Redknapp were most complimentary about the way we try to play the game. Although compliments come easily when you've won, from a club with West Ham's footballing tradition, they were most welcome.

We now go into the first of two consecutive home games and we have "slipped" of late - now is an opportunity to try and recover lost ground.

Enjoy the game.

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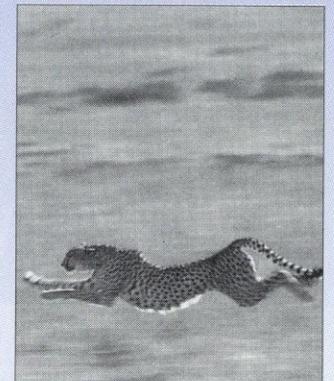
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| Brentford | 34 | 10 | 7 | 17 | 40 | 52 | 37 |
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| Bristol City | 33 | 8 | 9 | 16 | 36 | 59 | 33 |
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| Bristol Rovers | 34 | 8 | 6 | 20 | 39 | 69 | 30 |

Other First Division Matches today:-

Birmingham City v Bristol City
Bristol Rovers v Wolves
Cambridge United v Portsmouth
Charlton v Brentford
Grimsby v Luton
Millwall v Derby

Notts County v West Ham
Oxford Utd v Southend
Sunderland v Peterbro
Swindon v Newcastle
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BACK ROW (L to R) Darren Salton, Jamie Campbell, Des Linton, Alec Chamberlain, Marvin Johnson, Juergen Sommer, David Greene, John Dreyer, Chris Kamara.
MIDDLE ROW : John Moore (Coach), Julian James, Paul Telfer, Tim Allpress, Kurt Nogan
(No longer with the club), Richard Harvey, Trevor Peake, Brian Owen (Physio).

FRONT ROW : Steve Claridge, David Preece, Phil Gray, David Pleat (Manager), Ceri Hughes, Jason Rees, Scott Oakes.

LUTON TOWN, our welcome visitors today, are battling for the lives at the bottom-end of the First Division table, and of late there have been signs that the 'Hatters' will pull clear of the relegation zone. A strengthening up in defence has been the crucial factor, and manager David Pleat knows full well that if your back division is sound enough then you won't lose too many games, even drop all that many points. And this has certainly been the case since the turn of the year. In their first 20 League games of 1992-93 Luton conceded 41 goals. Since then they have given away just nine in their last 13 matches, and have moved

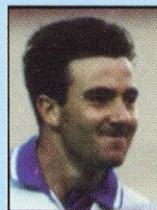
away from danger. Among their recent wins was a competent 2-0 victory at high-flying Grimsby Town, a performance described by manager Pleat as "...one of the best he's seen by a Luton team for years." Last season the 'Hatters' were relegated in 20th place, missing out by two points.....and it was their horrid away form which let them down. They failed to win a single game on opponents' soil and indeed collected just five points out of a possible 66. That sort of return upset Pleat and he's certainly worked on that department since then. Consequently, nowadays Luton Town are a useful, hard-working team, totally committed to the cause, that of playing

THE BOSS MAN



DAVID PLEAT made a name for himself in twice at Luton - first as a player and then as manager. Capped by England at schoolboy and youth levels he started his career at Nottingham Forest, but had only a dozen games at The City Ground before joining Luton in 1964. Spent three years with the 'Hatters' (70 League appearances) and in 1967 moved to Shrewsbury, later serving with Exeter & Peterborough, retiring in 1971. In 1974 he returned to Luton as reserve team coach and within three years was promoted to first team duties, becoming manager in 1978, guiding the 'Hatters' into the First Division before Tottenham took him on as boss. In 1987 he led the Londoners to the F.A. Cup Final (beaten by Coventry) and seven months later he became manager of Leicester, holding office at Filbert Street until January, 1991, duly returning to Luton for a third spell in the summer of '91.

DANGERMAN



Leading scorer PHIL GRAY is having a great season. Aged 24, a native of Belfast, he developed with Spurs, had a loan spell with Barnsley (1989-90), and eventually joined Luton Town for £275,000 in the summer of 1991 after failing to establish himself in the senior side at White Hart Lane, where he made just three League appearances. Premier League club managers and scouts have already passed comment on Gray's ability and you can be sure he'll be looking for goals this afternoon.

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attractive football, both at home and away, and they will certainly give a good account of themselves here at Blundell Park this afternoon when they aim to avenge that heavy defeat inflicted upon them by the 'Mariners' earlier in the season. These players will be available for selection today:

Goalkeeper ALEC CHAMBERLAIN was signed from Everton for £150,000 in July 1988 having started his career with Ipswich Town before moving to Colchester United. He has made over 300 appearances as a professional. Right-back JOHN DREYER came through with Oxford United and played on loan for Torquay United and Fulham (in 1985-86) before transferring to Luton for £140,000 in 1988. England U/21 defender JULIAN JAMES, 22, has come through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and made 28 First Division appearances last term having made his debut for Luton back in 1987-88. Left-back MARVIN JOHNSON like James, has risen through the ranks to become a fine, cultured footballer. Aged 24, from Wembley, he made his league debut six years ago. Experienced centre-back TREVOR PEAKE gained an F.A. Cup winners medal with Coventry before joining Luton for £100,000 in August 1991. He

started off with Nuneaton Borough, then had a spell with Lincoln prior to joining the 'Sky Blues' in 1983. Defender CERI HUGHES had injury problems in 1990-91 but is now back to full fitness, and he's in tip-top form. He joined Luton in 179 and has represented Wales at youth, U/21 and senior levels. Midfielder PAUL TELFER, 21, is another product of the club's nursery set-up. He made his debut in 1990-91 and is now a vital member of the senior squad. SCOTT OAKES was secured from Leicester City and can play in defence or midfield, being attack-minded. He made his debut for Luton at Norwich in October 1990.

A fee of £150,000 brought midfield schemer DAVID PREECE to Luton from Walsall in 1984. He has been in the game for 12 years and has topped 500 appearances as a professional, playing for Luton in two Littlewoods Cup Finals. He has also been capped by England 'B'. KERRY DIXON, the former England striker, is on a month's loan from Southampton. Vastly experienced, he started his career with Reading in 1980, after being released as a youngster by Spurs. Capped eight times at full international level and for the U/21's, he went to Chelsea in 1983 and onto Southampton last year after scoring over 200 goals for the Londoners.

Welsh midfielder JASON REES, aged 23 from Aberdare, made his League bow for Luton in 1989-90 and has gained U/21 recognition for his country. Forward MARTIN WILLIAMS, 20, was signed from Leicester City last season when he made one 'sub' appearance for the 'Hatters.' Experienced striker/midfielder IAN BENJAMIN, who joined Luton last year, is now with his eleventh League club, following on from Nottingham Forest (apprentice), Sheffield United, W.B.A., Notts County, Peterborough United, Northampton, Cambridge United, Chester, Exeter and Southend United. Aged 31, he has scored over 100 goals in more than 400 senior games since 1978.

PAST ENCOUNTERS

Earlier this season a superb hat-trick by Paul Groves helped the 'Mariners' to a 4-1 win at Luton. Almost 7,000 saw the goals as follows: 18 mins. 0-1 - a Groves tap in from point blank range; 23 mins. 0-2 - Tony Rees lobbed over Chamberlain; 27 mins. 0-3 - Groves again, this time netting from a Dave Gilbert cross; 1-3 - Phil Gray headed in Jason Rees' cross; and 82 mins. 1-4 - Groves' third, a low shot from Gilbert's corner-kick.

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FIRST Review

* Last Saturday over 54,600 fans watched the top two First Division teams in action. There were 30,006 at St. James's Park where runaway leaders Newcastle United hammered struggling Brentford 5-1 with Lee Clark scoring twice and 24,679 supporters went along to Upton Park to witness West Ham's 3-1 win over out of sorts Wolves for whom Steve Bull netted the game's opening goal - his 11th in the League this season.

* Leicester City twice came from behind to beat Barnsley at Oakwell by 3-2.

Andy Rammell scored twice for the 'Tykes' while right-back Gary Coatsworth, signed by manager Brian Little from his former club Darlington, scored twice for City who are now in sight of a play-off spot.

* Birmingham City, with their new owners present in the 11,104 St. Andrews crowd, scraped only their second League win in 11 games beating Oxford United 1-0. Canadian international Paul Peschisolido grabbed the all-important goal on 29 minutes.

* Tranmere Rovers, minus John Aldridge, who in fact might now miss the rest of the season, bounced back after a series of indifferent results to win 3-1 at Bristol City. John Malkin netted twice for Rovers with wee Scot Pat Nevin grabbing the other. Two players were sent-off in this game - Aizlewood (City) and Brannan (Rovers).

* Ace marksman Guy Whittingham bagged his 30th League goal of the season to help Pompey beat Luton 2-1 at Fratton Park, while veteran striker Steve White

weighed in with a splendid hat-trick as Swindon overpowered Watford 4-0 at Vicarage Road to hold on to third place in the table.

* Millwall lost ground by drawing 0-0 at home with Sunderland whereas Charlton improved their position with a good 2-0 victory at Southend.

In the bottom of the table clash at Meadow Lane, Notts County beat struggling Bristol Rovers 3-0, a defeat which didn't please 'Pirates' manager Malcolm Allison, who said: "We were utterly rubbish!"

* Recent transfer activity involving players from First Division clubs has seen Steve Agnew moved from Blackburn to Leicester City for £250,000; Nicos Papavassilou has been taken on by Newcastle United for £130,000 from OFL Greece; Robbie Turner is now with Plymouth (from Notts County) and midfielder Micky Mellon has joined West Brom from Bristol City for £75,000.

* Paul Stephenson leaves Millwall for Brentford in a £50,000 deal; striker Mark Sale has joined Torquay United on loan from Birmingham City for a month; Wolves' Colin Taylor has gone on loan to Doncaster Rovers; Mark Smith, after a spell with Port Vale has signed for Huddersfield on loan from Notts County; winger Steve Slawson is with Burnley, also on loan from Meadow Lane and Chris Kamara, wanted by Stoke City, has decided to go loan to Middlesbrough from Luton Town.

Centenary 100 Years of League Football

In November 1954, Grimsby Town created history by appointing the first foreign trainer-coach in the Football League. A former Hungarian International, Emilio Berkessy had a good reputation for soccer tactics and training on the Continent, yet despite his credentials, other facts were to determine that his stay at Blundell Park was short.



Emilid Berkessy

Berkessy had fled his native country in 1948 to resume coaching in Spain but when the vacancy at Grimsby were advertised, it rekindled his ambition to do the same job in England. At his interview before the board of directors on November 11th, Berkessy explained his methods through an interpreter (he spoke no English), supported by letters of reference from all across Europe, and the men he had given help to - amongst them Koscis and Hideguti, the brilliant Hungarians who had tormented England at Wembley only twelve months previously.

Manager Billy Walsh also gave Berkessy his backing, stating that 'His methods are novel but practical . . . here is the one man who will help me reinstate Grimsby in a higher sphere of football'. In training, the Hungarian's methods were greeted with both surprise and interest, but overall they were like a breath of fresh air, as the struggling Mariners then embarked on a run of encouraging results. A point at Southport (2-2) was followed by FA Cup success over Halifax (2-1) before the league fixture at The Shay a week later went to the Yorkshiremen (2-3), with defeat due more to refereeing decisions rather than poor form.

With optimism for the future once again present throughout the club, political considerations arose to eventually force Berkessy's departure. With his residential permit due to expire on December 15th, it was thought there would be no problems in applying for a work permit, but it came as a great shock to learn that the authorities were not to allow the coach to take up employment in this country. Local outrage at the decision became intense, and by December 11th the story had spread south gaining attention in the Sunday papers, most notably in the 'Sunday Despatch'.

As Christmas approached the Mariners took the matter a stage further. Along with Louth MP Cyril Osbourne, Town Chairman F.A. Would and Vice-Chairman L.R. Osmond presented their case before Minister of Labour Harold Watkinson in London, but despite a positive hearing, the Minister said he must refer the matter to the F.A. After further consultation, Mr Watkinson said he could not find his way to allow a work permit, the reason put forward being that 'he could not see what advantage an Hungarian coach had over an English one'.

Before his return to Barcelona, the Chairman, Manager and players paid tribute to Berkessy, describing him as 'a remarkable, likeable, and charming man'. If he had been allowed to stay, there is little doubt that the Mariners would have escaped re-election at the season's end, and many even have gone on to promotion the next term instead of under the management of Allenby Chilton. Even today, the then government's decision seems very harsh, especially when other nationals like Danny Bergara (Uruguay) and Osvaldo Ardiles (Argentina) have since gone on to manage league clubs.

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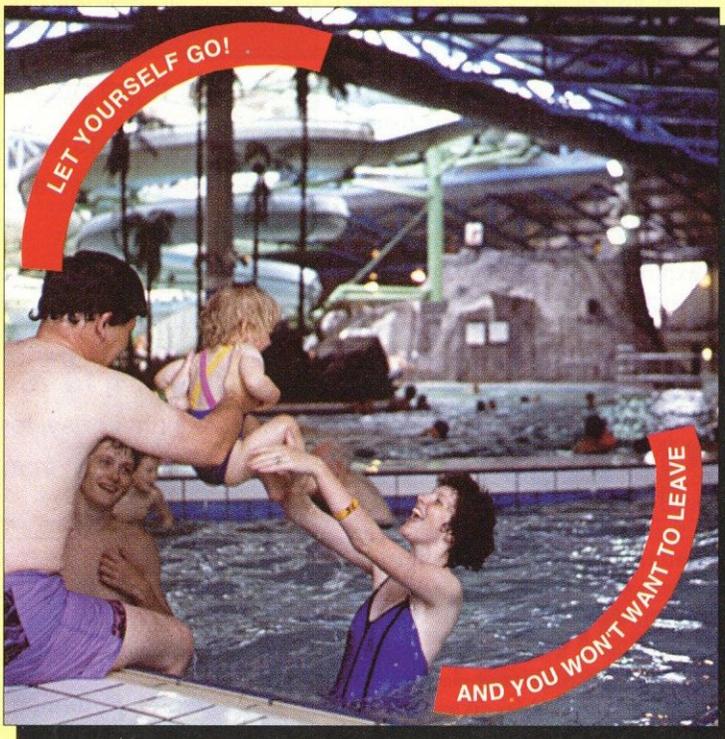
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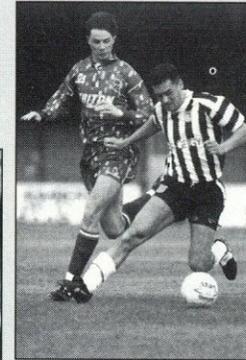
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SET FOR GLORY

With the end of the 1992-93 season barely seven weeks away, the race for honours (and survival) is now hotting up.

* In the Premier League it's now a straight fight between the favourites Manchester United who haven't won the main prize in English football since 1967, and Aston Villa, whose last triumph was back in 1981.

* In the First Division Newcastle United look set to clinch promotion pretty soon, while West Ham United seem the best bet to join them in the top flight next term, although you can't really write-off Swindon Town or Millwall just yet.

As for the play-offs, then any four from seven clubs, including the Mariners' can make them, given the breaks.

* Stoke City are destined to take the Second Division prize, but who goes up automatically with them as runners-up? It looks a toss-up at the minute between Port Vale, Stockport, West Brom and Leyton Orient, but Bolton plus a couple of others can't be ruled out yet.

* Stan Flashman's Barnet look set to take the Third Division trophy, with perhaps Cardiff City and Wrexham going up with them. York City might have a say in matters though, along with Shrewsbury Town and Lincoln City.

Always as a season draws to an end, a team comes from nowhere to steal glory at the death. I wonder who that team will be this year? How's about Crewe Alexandra surging through in Division Three or perhaps Leicester City in Division One. We shall see.

By Tony Matthews



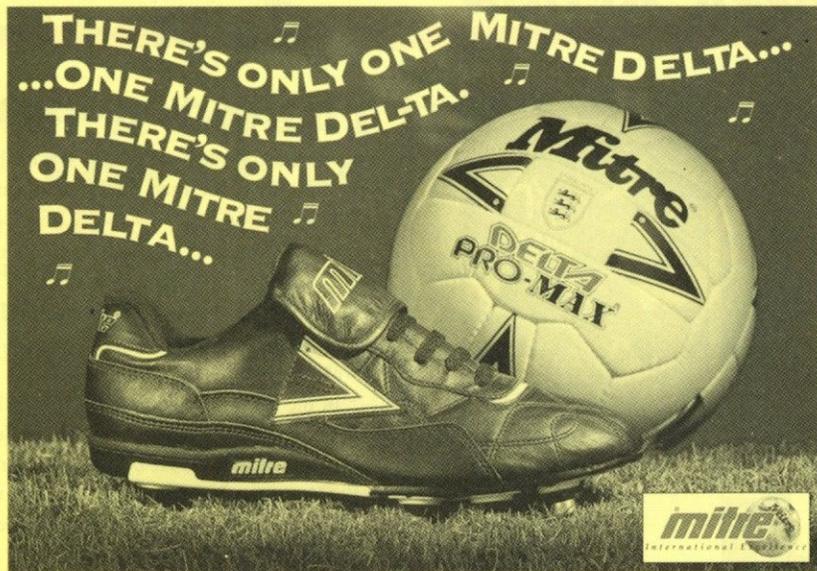
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MEETINGS Of the past

GRIMSBY TOWN v LUTON TOWN

There have been 23 previous Football League meetings between the 'Mariners' and the 'Hatters' and at the minute this is our full record against the team from Kenilworth Road:

| | P | W | D | L | F | A |
|--------|----|---|---|---|----|----|
| Home | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 22 | 14 |
| Away | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 27 |
| Totals | 23 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 38 | 41 |

So it is Luton who have a slight advantage at the moment with that one extra win under their belts, but if we can repeat that excellent performance we put on at Kenilworth Road in November then we shall bring the record books straight this afternoon.

* The very first two League encounters took place back in season 1897-98 (Division 2). And it was Luton who took the honours, winning 6-0 at home on 27th December in front of 3,000 fans and then doubling up with a 3-1 victory on Grimsby soil on 22nd January when the crowd topped 5,000.

* In that first game McInnes, Ekins, Donaldson 2, Coupar and Davies were on target for the 'Hatters' while Donaldson, McInnes and Coupar did the damage in the second clash, when Gray scored for the 'Mariners.'

* Our first win over Luton arrived in style - 5-0 at home on 1st April 1899 - when Ratcliffe 2, Richards, Cockshutt and Bell found the net watched by a crowd of around 5,000.

* Ten goals came in the two fixtures played in season 1899-1900. In fact, Grimsby's first-ever match at Blundell Park was against Luton Town, in the Second Division, on 2nd September 1899, when the scores finished level at 3-3 before an audience of 4,000, Cockshutt, Nidd and Ratcliffe scoring for the 'Mariners.' Grimsby then won 4-0 at Luton on the last day of 1899, when inside-right Richards claimed a smart hat-trick.

* From the early 1900's right through to the late 1940's there was hardly any association between the two clubs, but in December 1949 we gained our best victory over Luton, winning 6-1 at home in a Second Division match which attracted a crowd of almost 17,000. A great hat-trick by Tommy Briggs that day saw the 'Hatters' completely blown away!

* Luton gained some revenge the following season, winning 4-0 at Kenilworth Road and 2-0 here, while thirty years ago we won 3-1 at home (in April 1963) following a 2-2 draw at Luton earlier in the season.

DID YOU Know?

☆ 100 years ago Luton Town players were paid half-a-crown (13p) a week with sixpence (3p) extra for away games.

☆ The their earliest days Luton's players wore blue and pink caps. Unfortunately this didn't help when heading the ball - for it never went in the right direction!

☆ Luton Town are proud of their nickname 'The Hatters'. In fact, ash trays designed as miniature straw hats were made for use in the club's boardroom.

☆ The 1959 F.A. Cup Final was unique in that both teams - Luton Town and Nottingham Forest - had been unchanged throughout the competition.

Luton fielded: Baynam; McNally, Hawkes; Groves, Owen, Pacey; Bingham, Brown, Morton, Cummins, Gregory. For the record, Forest won the Cup 2-1.

☆ Luton's Joe Payne, normally a wing-half, was asked to play 'up front' as centre-forward for the very first time in the Easter fixture against Bristol Rovers in a Third Division South match on 13th April 1936. Payne revelled in his new role, scoring a record 10 goals as Luton smashed Rovers 12-0.

☆ The following season Payne went on to set a new record (which still stands) of scoring 58 goals in League and Cup games for Luton (55 in the League).

☆ Gordon Turner made 406 appearances and scored a record 265 goals for Luton Town between 1950 and 1964. The club's record appearance-maker is wing-half Bob

Morton who passed Turner's total in season 1959-60 and went on to accumulate a grand total of 550 including 495 in the Football League.

☆ In October 1948, at the age of 39 years 11 days, Dally Duncan became the oldest player ever to don a Luton Town jersey. At the time he was team manager at Kenilworth Road, and came out of semi-retirement, having taken over the 'hot seat' from George Martin the previous season.

☆ Luton Town failed to win a single League game between 26th November 1898 and 28th April 1900....total matches played: 32.

☆ Luton Town's Kenilworth Road ground once housed a record 30,069 spectators for an F.A. Cup-tie against Blackpool in 1959. The 1993 capacity of the same ground is set at 13,410 (9,060 seats).

☆ Northern Ireland international Mal Donaghy, now with Chelsea, won a record 56 full caps for his country while he was a Luton Town player (1980-87). Those internationals resulted in 18 wins, 19 draws and 19 defeats.

☆ The late, great, Eric Morecambe was a Director of Luton Town Football Club before he sadly died.

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CONGRATULATIONS : to **MR QUICKFALL** of Grimsby who guessed spot-on v Notts County and won £200.

FIXTURE CHANGES

Two of the Mariners' forthcoming fixtures have been rearranged. Firstly the final home game of the season v Newcastle United has been put back from May Day to Tuesday May 4th, kick off 8.00 pm. Also changed is the away match at Bristol City later this month, now scheduled for 'live TV' screening on Sunday March 28th, although unfortunately the game will not be shown in this region. All complaints to Yorkshire Television, not the club...

LOAN SPELL FOR CHRIS

Grimsby Town forward **CHRIS HARGREAVES** has joined Third Division Scarborough on a month's loan. Explaining the move in a week when all the regular forwards have recovered from injury, manager **ALAN BUCKLEY** said, "He needs to play regular league football. The move will be of tremendous benefit to him".

CLUB SHOP SALE

As detailed elsewhere in the programme, the Club Shop sale on selected items is now on. Whilst stocks last there are big savings on replica shirts, T-shirts and training tops - visit today and be sure to pick up a bargain!

TRANSFER DEADLINE

The deadline for Football League clubs to register new players for the current campaign is **5.00 pm** on **Thursday March 25th**.

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THE 1992/3 SUNDAY EXPRESS PIPER-HEIDSIECK HOTSHOT LEAGUE

FACSIMILE

To: Tom Lindley
Grimsby Town Football Club
0472 693645 4 March 1993

From: Su-Lin Ong
On behalf of The Sunday Express
Piper-Heidsieck Hotshot League page

SUNDAY EXPRESS PIPER-HEIDSIECK CHAMPAGNE PRESENTATION TO PAUL GROVES

Dear Mr Lindley

Thank you for agreeing for our on-air presentation to Paul Groves on Saturday 13 March to go ahead.

Our Hotshot League Director in the area, Bob Riggall, will again do the presentation, and we would be grateful for you to accommodate two of them to watch the match. He will present the complimentary magnum of Piper to Paul and present a bottle to the Club for its favoured charity.

He will arrive at about 2.20pm for the presentation at 2.45 as the players come out. We suggest the following words for your PA announcement:

As part of The Sunday Express Newspaper / Piper-Heidsieck champagne 'Hotshot' League Paul Groves is being presented with a magnificent magnum of Piper-Heidsieck champagne. This is his well-deserved reward for his second hat-trick, scored against Notts County on 27 February. Hotshot League Director Bob Riggall is making the presentation.

Thank you.

Su-Lin Ong
Su-Lin Ong
Public Relations Manager



26th February, 1993

Miss M. Corley,
c/o Grimsby Town Football Club plc,
Blundell Park,
Cleethorpe,
South Humberside.
DN35 7PT

Dear Michelle,

What a wonderful surprise - thank you very much. We will be in contact soon because we have lots of ideas as to how we can perhaps link in with the Club.

We all appreciate your support - please pass on our best wishes to your friends and colleagues who helped make the competition successful.

Yours sincerely,

Katie Collett
Katie Collett
Appeal Director

BRENTFORD v GRIMSBY VIDEOS

Due to a special arrangement with Brentford

FC, the Club Shop has

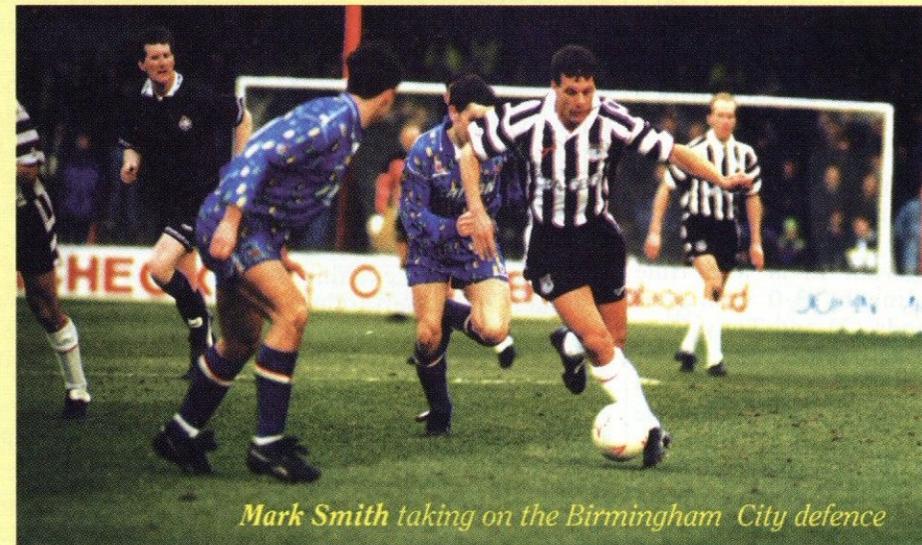
acquired a limited number of Brentford v Grimsby videos (both league and FA Cup matches), now on sale at only **£9.99** each. Hurry - first come, first served!

BOBBY MOORE REMEMBERED

The recent death of England captain **BOBBY MOORE** rekindled memories of his only appearance in action at Blundell Park. Playing for West Ham in a League Cup Quarter-Final v Grimsby in November 1965, Bobby's excellent display in the centre of defence contributed to an exciting 2-2 draw. Later, referee Mr Rhodes was quoted as saying, "It was the best game I've seen in years. I would have paid to referee it"...



An aerial battle between Paul Groves and the Birmingham City defence



Mark Smith taking on the Birmingham City defence

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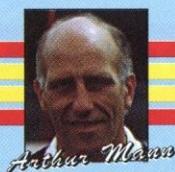
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Good afternoon and welcome to you all, for our game against David Pleats improving Luton Town FC.

On Tuesday evening, the first team were at Upton Park to take on the Hammers, and although the boys lost by 2-1, they put up a great display and were a credit to the club. A magnificently taken goal by Paul Groves was one to be enjoyed, especially from quite a number of noisy "Town" fans. 24 years ago, I made my debut for Manchester City at Upton Park we lost 2-0. Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters scored. At the back, the 'great' Bobby Moore controlled everything with style and great vision. What a player! What a sad loss.

The reserves had another convincing victory, this time at home to Huddersfield Town and by a 5-0 margin. We went in at half time leading by 3-0 with Neil Woods (2) and Tony Rees scoring. Probably the goal of the night (maybe the season) was created a minute into the second half. A good pass by Tony Ford saw Tony Rees about 30 yards out and at an angle. There was no hesitation from the Welshman. One touch and a right foot volley

into the top corner - a screamer. Chris Hargreaves stooped low to head in at the far post to bring his goals tally to 13 in 18 games.

Enjoy the game.

A MANNS YDA NOTES

Good Afternoon,

Throughout the season my colleagues on the YDA committee have regularly written in the programme, what the YDA does. Who the YDA are, in an effort to advertise ourselves. In order to raise money to bring on the youth of Grimsby area. Which we have successfully done for the past five years. Now I would like to let you know how you can help us raise more funds for the future.

We have an excellent Golf Tournament arranged on 11th May. This pleasurable day is followed by an evening of dinner and entertainment. Anyone wishing to take part please contact Ms P. I. Allport on Grimsby 878876.

The YDA Annual General Meeting will be held on the 25th March at the Findus Club at 7.30 prompt.

Enjoy the game

GRAHAM RUTHERFORD

Good Afternoon welcome to the game.

It will be nice to see David Preece and old friend of mine in one Luton line up, who like me started at Walsall.

When I first signed for the club he was a YT and a right cheeky lad always taking the mickey out of my lack of hair. Just look at him to see how life goes in circles.

Without wishing to go on about the same old things, last Saturday's youth game was again a very good performance, especially the first half when good passing and movement created 3 good chances which we failed to take. We lost the game to a penalty which was a bit dubious to say the least. There were some very good individual performances by Kevin Harrist and schoolboy Jason Cox in an overall good team effort.

Thanks for your support.

R. O'Kelly

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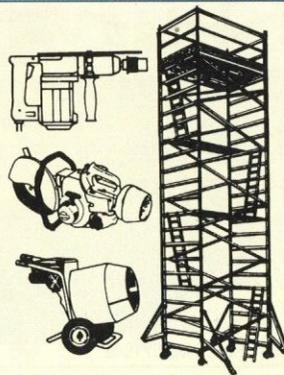
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WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

GROVES IN THE GROOVE

Sunday Mirror 28/2/93

PAUL Groves scored his second hat-trick of the season - but it was only enough to scrape a draw with struggling County.

Grimsby had looked a banker before the match, but manager Alan Buckley said he was ultimately satisfied with a point.

"I'd have settled for one point when we were one down and especially when we were 3-1 down," he said.

"But at the end we were fighting for a winner. We showed great character in difficult conditions."

And he paid tribute to Groves for his goals. "Paul is a midfielder with a striker's touch," he said.

In astonishing weather conditions of sleet, snow, bitter cold and a strong wind, the near-6,000 crowd were given a six-goal thriller.

Grimsby 3 Notts Co 3

By PAUL SMITH

County were fast out of the blocks and Dean Thomas and Tony Agana both went close.

And County broke the deadlock after 15 minutes when Agana's shot was only partially cleared and dropped for Paul Devlin to volley into the net from just inside the box.

That stung Town into action and they levelled two minutes later with Groves driving in Dave Gilbert's free kick.

But battling County came back to score just before the interval with a superb 25-yard free kick from Mark Draper.

County looked to have wrapped up the points when Chris Short's cross was netted with a flying header from Gary Lund after 69 minutes.

But Groves had different ideas.

He netted his second after Jim Dobbins had gone in on the keeper, and six minutes later got his third, heading into an empty net after Dobbins's shot had rebounded off the bar.

MAN OF THE MATCH

GROVES - Sherwood; Crox, Agana, Fletcher, Roder, Hobbin, Childs, Gilbert, Groves, Meadows, M. Smith, Sals, Jobling, Rees.

NOTTS CO. - Cherry, Short, Johnson, Thomas, Cox, Palmer, Lund, Draper, Agana, Devlin, D. Smith, Sals, Bartlett, Williams.

GRIMSBY TOWN

FIRST DIVISION GROUND: Blundell Park CAPACITY: 17,500

SEE any article or match report on Grimsby Town, and you will certainly see reference to fish, docks and trawlers.

No other team in the country is stereotyped as much as the Mariners.

It's a shame really, as the town and the club itself have so much more to commend them than tired old references to the area's main trade.

Having said this, the club doesn't shy away from mentioning its roots.

The town fanzine is called "Sing When We're Fishing", which is a reaction against opposition taunts, and the match programme often has articles headed "On Deck", "Captain's Log", etc.

Inspiration

With football looking to America for inspiration: fireworks, cheer-leaders, and all-seater grounds, Blundell Park is hopefully one stadium that will be forever England, little steel, but plenty of wood.

Despite this, the ground is considered one of the safest in the country, which surely begs the question: if it ain't broke, then why fix it?

The all-seater ruling may mean the demolition of three of Blundell Park's four stands, as they are timber-based and would be unable to carry seats safely.

The ground as it stands is a basic stand, is dominated by the Findus family stand, a large structure with a small terraced area in front and executive boxes added.

The main stand is directly opposite, and to the left of the Findus, the Pontoon stand.

However, to view football from inside the Pontoon is to marvel at the joy that the sport can be.

Though Town fans have the occasional gripes with board and management, it is on the whole a happy club.

The team play delightful football and are well placed to sneak into the play-offs ahead of a number of other clubs who hog the headlines.

MARKS (OUT OF FIVE)

CROWD:

COMFORT:

CATERING:

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News of the World 7/3/93

News & Echo 28/2/93

Gilbert boosts Grimsby

Oxford 0 Grimsby 1

DAVID GILBERT struck a superb 66th minute winner to boost Grimsby's hopes of reaching the play-offs.

Gilbert took an excellent pass from Gary Childs, burst into the area, cut inside full-back Garry Smart and shot into the roof of the net.

It lit up a disappointing match of few chances and little excitement.

And it came from the Mariners' first shot on target - though Jim Dobbins almost scored a second with a low shot in injury time which Oxford keeper Paul Reece stopped with his legs.

Daily Express 24/2/93

Grimsby get into 'double' trouble

Peterborough 1 Grimsby 0

GRIMSBY'S push for a place in the play-offs came off the rails against their bogey side for this season.

The Mariners' six-match unbeaten run came to an end as Peterborough became the first side to achieve a First Division "double" against them.

Post did well to react just after the loss of Tony Philliskirk with a 14th minute facial injury.

Andy Bennett let-in Mark Smith, only for the woodwork to deprive the striker of a goal that would have ended his 16-month scoring famine.

Andy Curtis paved the way to the goal that broke the stale-mate as he picked out John McGlashan with a dangerous cross from the left after 35 minutes.

The big Scotman steered the ball into the path of Tony Adcock, who gave Sherwood no chance from 12 yards.

Clive Mendonca squandered Grimsby's best chance of an equaliser when he sent a second half header inches over.

SUNDAY BEST: Adcock, Mendonca, Bennett, Bradshaw, Spearman, Cooper, Tait, Walsh, Bennett, McGlashan, Adcock, Philliskirk, Curtis, Sals, Lund.

GRIMSBY: Crox, Agana, Fletcher, Roder, Hobbin, Childs, Gilbert, Groves, Meadows, Smith, Sals, Rees, Croft.

News of the World 7/3/93

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DIARY
★ 1987-88 ★

1987-88 RELEGATION TO DIVISION FOUR

Along with the 1969 re-election season - when 91st place in the league was achieved - 1987-88 ranks as one of the most forgettable in the Mariners' history. Occurring immediately after relegation to Division Three, it was made even worse by a sudden lack of interest in the club by sponsors and supporters alike, resulting in a near-financial crisis later in the season.

During the summer, Bobby Roberts had replaced Mike Lyons as manager, and, for the opening fixture at Doncaster on August 15th, fielded four new signings - goalkeeper Steve Sherwood, trialist Steve Saunders, and loanees Marc North and Trevor Slack. A 0-1 defeat didn't bode well for the future, but for the first home match v Gillingham seven days later, two Ian Walsh goals earned victory at a rainswept Blundell Park. A further point was then

gained at Notts County who included Garry Birtles in defence, although Grimsby had several chances to claim maximum points.

When Brentford visited Cleethorpes on Bank Holiday Monday, it marked the beginning of Town's troubles on the pitch. Despite the Bees' playing with ten men for 50 minutes, Ian Walsh's missed penalty ensured defeat, and the start of a run that would bring only one point from the next seven home games. Even now, some of those performances are best left forgotten - particularly those against Southend and Bristol City - which had management and media alike talking of 'soccer suicide'. As the Mariners began to descent the table, two significant events occurred off the field. Firstly, shareholders voted to increase capital to £600,000, just before Chairman Ron Ramsden tendered his resignation.

With Peter Furneaux being unanimously elected as Chairman, Town looked for the same stability and confidence in the league following the arrival of forward Terry Curran. Despite his experience, Curran's career at his 12th League club began with an unexpected 0-5 victory over York on November 21st, when both Marc North (now signed permanently) and Neil Robinson scored twice. Another heavy defeat at Bristol Rovers heralded the start of December, and a FA Cup replay exit at

Halifax Town. Predictably, attendances fell, and when 2.196 saw Wigan win 2-0 at Blundell Park, it was the lowest home gate since January 1971; yet only a week before, over 3,000 had turned up to watch Liverpool Reserves!

Despite Marc North's hat-trick against Port Vale on December 28th, it was clear that new players were needed. After two further wins v Chester and Bury in January, Roberts' dealings in the transfer market saw Phil Turner depart for Leicester, with Kevin Jobling making the return journey alongwith Wrexham midfielder Shaun

R.J.S. PROGRAMMES.

AUGUST 1987 - The Hungerford Massacre; Michael Ryan shoots 14 people dead.

OCTOBER 1987 - 'Black Monday' - £50bn is wiped off the value of shares as the stock market collapses.

FEBRUARY 1988 - MP's vote to allow televising of the House of Commons.

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| Brighton | 46 | 23 | 15 | 8 | 69 | 47 | 84 |
| Walsall | 46 | 23 | 13 | 10 | 68 | 50 | 82 |
| Notts County | 46 | 23 | 12 | 11 | 82 | 49 | 81 |
| Bristol City | 46 | 21 | 12 | 13 | 77 | 62 | 75 |
| Northampton | 46 | 18 | 19 | 9 | 70 | 51 | 73 |
| Wigan Ath. | 46 | 20 | 12 | 14 | 70 | 61 | 72 |
| Bristol Rovers | 46 | 18 | 12 | 16 | 68 | 56 | 66 |
| Fulham | 46 | 19 | 9 | 18 | 69 | 60 | 66 |
| Blackpool | 46 | 17 | 14 | 15 | 71 | 62 | 65 |
| Port Vale | 46 | 18 | 11 | 17 | 58 | 56 | 65 |
| Brentford | 46 | 16 | 14 | 16 | 53 | 59 | 62 |
| Gillingham | 46 | 14 | 17 | 15 | 77 | 61 | 59 |
| Bury | 46 | 15 | 14 | 17 | 58 | 57 | 59 |
| Chester | 46 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 51 | 62 | 58 |
| Preston | 46 | 15 | 13 | 18 | 48 | 59 | 58 |
| Southend | 46 | 14 | 13 | 19 | 65 | 83 | 55 |
| Chesterfield | 46 | 15 | 10 | 21 | 41 | 70 | 55 |
| Mansfield Town | 46 | 14 | 12 | 20 | 48 | 59 | 54 |
| Aldershot | 46 | 15 | 8 | 23 | 64 | 74 | 53 |
| Rotherham | 46 | 12 | 16 | 18 | 50 | 66 | 52 |
| Grimsby | 46 | 12 | 14 | 20 | 48 | 58 | 50 |
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MARINERS RESULTS

1987-88

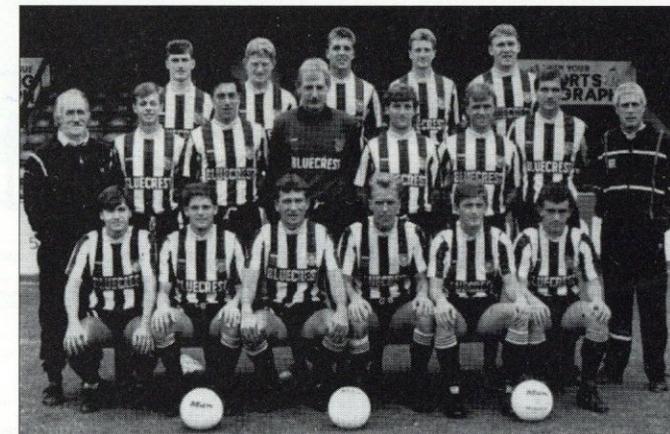
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| Bristol City | 1-4 | 1-1 |
| Bristol Rovers | 0-0 | 2-4 |
| Bury | 2-0 | 2-0 |
| Chester | 2-1 | 0-1 |
| Chesterfield | 1-1 | 3-0 |
| Doncaster | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| Fulham | 0-0 | 0-5 |
| Gillingham | 2-0 | 1-1 |
| Mansfield Town | 2-0 | 0-1 |
| Notts County | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Northampton | 2-2 | 1-2 |
| Port Vale | 3-1 | 0-2 |
| Preston | 0-1 | 3-1 |
| Rotherham | 2-1 | 0-0 |
| Southend | 1-3 | 0-0 |
| Sunderland | 0-1 | 1-1 |
| Walsall | 0-2 | 2-3 |
| Wigan Athletic | 0-2 | 1-0 |
| York | 5-1 | 2-0 |

Cunnington in a combined £170,000 deal. Jobling was soon on the scoresheet in the 2-0 success at Brentford, though around this time other events were making the headlines. A £30,000 tax and insurance bill threatened to send the club into liquidation, but thankfully two appeal funds - one by local businessmen, and the other by ex-players - were set up to give welcome support to the Mariners.

At last, Grimsby began to find some form. Further boosted by the promising Billy Stubbs, signed on loan from Nottingham Forest, the team managed eight unbeaten games, but unfortunately six of those were drawn. The Easter match with Champions-elect Sunderland then brought the first defeat since January, remembered also for Gary Bennett's crunching tackle on Marc North, which left the forward with an ankle injury. Two more reverses to Fulham and Blackpool put Grimsby back in the relegation mire, and with two games left, were placed third from bottom. In the penultimate match at Wigan, a spectacular penalty save by Steve Sherwood helped earn a 1-0 win, leaving Town's fate to be decided against Aldershot in the last home game.

Tommy Langley's early goal though looked to have ended Grimsby's hopes, but Marc North was to prove both hero and villain. After he had equalised on thirteen minutes, an unusual front line of North, McDermott and Saunders were determined to score, when, in the second half, the latter was fouled in the area. North's penalty kick however was easily saved, condemning Grimsby to Division Four, and costing Bobby Roberts his job. Considering the club's achievements since then, the 1987-88 season seems a long time ago, and hopefully those dark days of struggle at Blundell Park will never be repeated.

Back to the summer of '88. In a press release, the board of directors stated that they were 'determined to find a manager who is a winner'. Enter Alan Buckley...



BACK ROW (L to R): J. McDermott, Steve Saunders, Andy Dixon, Neil Robinson, Dave Moore
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May I take this opportunity of congratulating Grimsby Town on a superb season. I very much hope that we can get a very good win this afternoon against Luton Town and ensure our rightful place in the "Play-off" competition.

I wish the players good luck for this afternoon's match and I hope that the spectators will be well rewarded as well.

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| AUG. 15 | Charlton Athletic | 4,823 | 1-3 | - | - |
| 19 | Barnsley (Coca Cola Cup Round 1) | 3,927 | 1-1 | 3 | 15 |
| 22 | Wattford | 4,772 | 3-2 | 3 | 3 |
| 30 | Barnsley (Coca Cola Cup Round 1: 2) | 4,636 | 1-1 | 3 | 17 |
| Sept. 5 | Birmingham City | 6,807 | 1-2 | 0-4 | 17 |
| 12 | Leicester City (Anglo Italian Cup) | 4,112 | 0-4 | 1-1 | 17 |
| 19 | Oxford United | 4,546 | 1-1 | 5 | 18 |
| 26 | Tranmere | 5,330 | 1-1 | 5 | 18 |
| 30 | Newcastle United (Anglo Italian Cup) | 2,159 | 2-2 | 8 | 14 |
| Oct. 3 | Bristol Rovers | 5,320 | 3-0 | 8 | 14 |
| 10 | Q.P.R. (Coca Cola Cup Round 2: 1) | 7,275 | 1-2 | 9 | 12 |
| 17 | Cambridge | 4,848 | 1-1 | 9 | 12 |
| 24 | Swindon Town | 5,208 | 0-1 | 9 | 13 |
| 31 | Peterborough United | 5,708 | 1-3 | 9 | 13 |
| Nov. 7 | O.P.R. (Coca Cola Cup Round 2: 2) | 8,443 | 2-1 | 9 | 19 |
| 14 | Notts County | 6,442 | 0-1 | 9 | 17 |
| 21 | Southend United | 4,117 | 1-0 | 12 | 17 |
| 28 | Newcastle United | 30,088 | 1-0 | 15 | 15 |
| Dec. 5 | Portsmouth | 5,708 | 3-0 | 18 | 12 |
| 12 | West Ham United | 9,119 | 1-1 | 19 | 13 |
| 19 | Luton Town | 6,928 | 4-1 | 22 | 12 |
| 26 | Bristol City | 5,651 | 2-1 | 25 | 9 |
| 30 | Brentford | 7,439 | 3-1 | 28 | 8 |
| Jan. 6 | Wolverhampton Wanderers | 14,240 | 1-2 | 28 | 8 |
| 13 | Leicester City | 7,408 | 1-3 | 28 | 12 |
| 20 | Millwall | 6,900 | 1-2 | 28 | 12 |
| 27 | Derby County | 6,475 | 0-2 | 28 | 13 |
| Feb. 3 | Barnsley | 8,242 | 0-2 | 31 | 12 |
| 10 | Sunderland | 20,771 | 0-2 | 31 | 12 |
| 17 | Brentford (F.A. Cup 3) | 6,880 | 2-0 | 34 | 10 |
| 24 | Bristol Rovers | 4,922 | 2-0 | 34 | 8 |
| 31 | Cambridge | 4,137 | 0-2 | 34 | 8 |
| Mar. 7 | Swindon | 6,613 | 2-1 | 37 | 8 |
| 14 | Watford | 5,207 | 3-2 | 40 | 9 |
| 21 | Wolverhampton Wanderers | 8,307 | 0-0 | 43 | 7 |
| 28 | Swansea City (F.A. Cup 4) | 5,403 | 1-0 | 43 | 7 |
| Apr. 4 | Charlton Athletic | 8,452 | 2-0 | 44 | 7 |
| 11 | Swansea City (F.A. Cup 4 - replay) | 17,894 | 0-1 | 44 | 7 |
| 18 | Ipswich Town (F.A. Cup - Rd 5) | 5,237 | 0-1 | 44 | 7 |
| 25 | Birmingham City | 4,944 | 0-1 | 47 | 7 |
| 2 | Oxford United | 5,871 | 3-3 | 48 | 8 |
| 9 | Notts County | 5,871 | 3-3 | 48 | 8 |
| 16 | Peterborough United | 6,657 | 0-1 | 48 | 8 |
| 23 | West Ham United | 13,170 | 1-2 | 48 | 8 |
| 30 | Luton Town | | | | |
| May 6 | Leicester City | | | | |
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| May 7 | Newcastle United | | | | |

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Certainly, until January 26th elevation to the Premier League looked a distinct possibility. On that Tuesday evening Notts County shocked Rovers with a 1-5 defeat to make a mockery of their top three placing, and since then little has gone right for Johnny King's side. When Luton became the first team to leave Prenton Park with maximum points last month (2-0), leaders Newcastle United quickly followed with a 3-0 success, leaving Tranmere level on points in the table with Grimsby. And for such an attacking side, Rovers have surprisingly only a moderate

away record, tasting victory just three times on their travels - at Oxford (2-1), Leicester (1-0) and Derby (2-1).

Undoubtedly Tranmere have suffered of late from the absence through injury and suspension of John Aldridge, although the former Liverpool man is still as deadly as ever, as his total of 19 league goals testifies. This season's big-money signing - Pat Nevin from Everton - has again proved his class averaging a goal every other game, whilst the evergreen Neil McNab (ex-Manchester City) continues to shine in midfield. Rovers also have a flourishing 'home-grown' policy as shown by one-time YT defenders Steve Vickers and Ged Brannan now established in the first team, providing Tranmere with the classic blend of youth and experience.

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He had a terrific career in the game, playing in over 700 competitive club matches for - Stoke City and Blackpool - and in 54 full internationals for England. He helped Stoke win the Second Division twice - in 1933 and 1963 - and was an F.A. Cup winner with Blackpool in 1953, having previously collected two runners-up medals at Wembley with the 'Seasiders' ('48 & '51).

He was voted 'Footballer of the Year' in 1948 and again in 1963.....and he was the first 'European Footballer of the Year' taking this accolade in 1956.

Born in the Potteries (Stoke-on-Trent) Stan gained England honours as a schoolboy and made his first of 355 appearances for Stoke City in March 1932 (v. Bury at Gigg Lane in a Second Division fixture).

He established himself on the right-wing for the 'Potters' in 1932-33 and had his best scoring season ever in 1933-34, when he netted 15 goals in 33 outings, as Stoke bedded down in the First Division following promotion the previous term.

His first full cap came against Wales in September 1934 when he scored in a 4-0 win and his last appearance in an England shirt arrived almost 23 years later (v. Denmark in May 1957 (won 4-1)). In all Stan netted 11 goals for his country including a hat-trick in a 5-4 victory over Czechoslovakia in December 1937.

He left Stoke - first time round - in May 1947, moving to Bloomfield Road for £11,500 - and he did wonders for the 'Seasiders' being part of a cracking forward-line which included his right-hand man, Stan Mortensen for whom he made so many goals with his pin-point crosses.

Stan was undoubtedly the star of Blackpool's thrilling 4-3 F.A. Cup Final win over Bolton 40 years ago when his skill out on the right-wing caused havoc in the Wanderers' defence, and it was fitting that Stan should set up the winning goal for Bill Perry, his opposite winger.

His Blackpool career continued until October 1961 when Stoke boss Tony Waddington lured him back to The Victoria Ground for a mere £2,500.

It was the transfer of the year and almost 36,000 fans packed in to see his return game for Stoke.

Stan was instrumental in helping the 'Potters' regain their First Division status in 1963 and it was his goal (v. Luton) on the last day of that season which clinched promotion amidst great joy.

In 1965 Stan was knighted, having been awarded the C.B.E back in 1956.

After retiring Stan continued to travel extensively around the world - just as he had done when playing football for England, becoming a superb ambassador.

In 1967 he was appointed manager of Port Vale (in succession to his former Blackpool colleague Jackie Mudie) but held the post for just over a year before going to live in Malta where he took charge of Hibernian (Malta) F.C.



Thereafter he coached various clubs in many different countries, including the Far East and South Africa, and he then chose to settle in Canada and delighted many of his friends by playing in Charity matches up to the age of 70.

Finally, in 1989, he made a triumphant return to England and to the joy of Stoke City supporters everywhere he became the Club President, having a Suite named after him at The Victoria Ground.

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