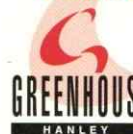


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MESSAGE

from the chairman

Good afternoon and a Potteries welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Luton Town. It is over 20 years since the Hatters last visited Burslem and in those days their flag bearer

was the late Eric Morecambe of Morecambe and Wise fame, who was a club director.

Today's contest promises to be an exhibition of the way the game should be played. The respective managers are disciples of the passing game and David Pleat's youngsters certainly caught the eye during their FA Cup run to the semi-finals last season.

It is, perhaps, unfortunate that we find ourselves staging our second home game in five days during the last week of the Potters holidays which is bound to have an effect on the gate.

Nevertheless there is much to look forward to for after an absence of a fortnight while fixtures are tackled at Portsmouth and Grimsby we have a 'bumper bundle' to savour. Bryan Robson's Middlesbrough, his former club Manchester United and then Sheffield United all visit Vale Park in what will be one of the most hectic weeks of the season.

GRIPE

Supporters planning to make the next two trips will be interested in ticket arrangements.

For the game at Fratton Park next Saturday seats are available in section D of the South Stand at £13 adult (£9 concessions). A view from the terracing behind the Milton End will cost £8 (no concessions).

At Grimsby the following Tuesday (September 13th), seats cost £11 and a place on the terrace £8. Both are behind the goal at the Osman Stand end and there are no concessions.

Admission prices for away supporters can be a bone of contention and it was interesting to hear on Radio 5's excellent 606 show on Saturday nights (6-7.30) the gripe of a Darlington fan who had been to Barnsley for their Coca Cola Cup tie.

The visitors apparently, were charged £12 to sit in the old wooden stand at Oakwell whereas home fans could enjoy the facilities of the new structure for £10 and £8.

On lodging his complaint the Darlington supporter was, more or less, told "tough" which prompted him to urge fans from first division clubs to boycott trips to Barnsley. To make matters worse, Darlington lost on the away goals rule after putting up a spirited performance to draw 0-0!

Barnsley, presumably, are backing the Endsleigh Football League campaign to make 1994-95 the 'Season of the family'!

Today is the first of two national family days, the second is on March 25th when we travel to Middlesbrough and clubs have been asked to participate by offering concessions to family supporters and organise activities for parents and their children to take part in.

We at Port Vale are happy to support this family day for, as you will surely be aware, we are extremely conscious of the need to encourage families to football.

FREE

We already admit the under eights to games free of charge and are always looking to improve the family facilities here at Vale Park. Once again our community officer Jim Cooper has arranged half time entertainment and your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Whilst the underlying objective of the 'Season of the Family' is to maximise local support for League football, it is recognised that to be successful the initiative will have to provide added value for supporters.

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Golden Goal ticket sellers are required by the club on match days and anyone interested should contact the club secretary on 814134.

When the reformed Port Vale supporters club (1972) took shape the sale of golden goal tickets, then priced 6p, was their first venture and formed the basis of their success.

Much fund raising was done through a variety of events for the benefit of the club but that loyal and hardy band of workers of that era has been hard to replace.

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- Problem 5** ➤ Club Safety Certificate could be withdrawn. Home games would then be played without spectators.

RUDGE *report*



RESULTS BUY TIME

It could be said that I have transfer money burning a hole in my pocket, but good results help to buy time. The search and inquiries continue in the quest to strengthen the squad for we will not get carried away with what has been a

decent start.

It is early days and the encouraging signs ease the pressure on the need to spend. At the moment, questions that beg an answer are being done so in a positive manner. Gareth Griffiths continues to make progress and his performance this week here against Barnsley earned him the match sponsors' 'Man of the Match' award. Bradley Sandeman too, is playing exceptionally well; both lads have responded to the opportunity to stake their claim created largely by the enforced absence of Neil Aspin. News of Neil is good. He has been given the all-clear to step up his training following surgery to shave a cartilage and could even figure in next week's reserve game if all goes well.

Dean Stokes could also soon be adding to the competition for places. He has had a troublesome ankle cleared of 'floating bodies' and we will await the results of a further scan.

IMPETUS

It was nice to follow up a solid if goalless performance at Bristol City with Tuesday's victory against Barnsley. You can often quickly lose the impetus gained from one game by failing in the next, but the lads dug in to extract the three points.

In a game of contrasting halves, I felt we were comfortable enough up to the interval against a system that could have caused us problems.

To have a quality front man scoring goals is to have the best of both worlds and Lee Glover demonstrated his class with his third strike in five outings to nose us in front.

In the second half Barnsley took a gamble by marking us three on three at the back but they also took the initiative. I thought our front three might have caused them more problems if we had provided them with a service, but it was Barnsley who were in the ascendancy. The balance swung their way and an equaliser looked likely.

It looked as though the spoils would be shared until Mark Burke showed his quality and class on the ball with a tremendous finish to pull the game out of the fire. In the end, they were a great three points for us plus further education in our system and the way we are trying to play.

We incurred further bookings in the referees' crackdown but at least we again managed to keep eleven players on the field which, in itself, is something of a victory these days! We certainly cannot afford to have people sent-off. Our visitors today, Luton, are a team who, like ourselves, always want to play. Under manager David Pleat they are neat and entertaining and are prepared to take chances. As a result they concede goals as well as score so I think it is fair to say we should be in for an interesting afternoon's football.

MISSIONS

Two familiar faces have returned to the Vale camp with different missions. Goalkeeper Mark Grew, who gained his full F.A. coaching badge while with us as a player, is looking to add some experience to that qualification by joining us on a weekly voluntary basis to help our keepers. Darren Hughes, who twice ruptured a thigh muscle with us, is being given every opportunity to resurrect his playing career by playing in the reserves for the next few weeks. Darren's challenge is to meet the rigours of the daily training routines instead of needing periods of rest in between matches.

One newcomer in the ranks is midfielder Chris Burns who did well for Portsmouth in stepping up from the non-League game with Cheltenham.

Chris is out of contract with Portsmouth, having failed to agree terms, and joins us in exchange for Paul Kerr who is in a similar boat here.

Paul, who comes from Portsmouth, has gone to Fratton Park on a two-game trial arrangement with a view to a possible transaction. Unfortunately, we have been denied the opportunity to assess Chris Burns in action as he is serving a suspension, having been sent off in a reserve game for Pompey.

John Rudge
Manager



WEAR THE BOOTS WORN BY THE BEST.

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NEW BOY

New recruit Mark Burke signed on a free transfer from Wolves, and scorer of the late winner against Barnsley this week



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FROM THE BOARDROOM

with Ian McPherson



TRAVELLING to Swindon recently, brought back memories of another visit to the County Ground, during the 1990-91 season. At that time Swindon were somewhat in the doldrums following their failure to gain promotion to what was then the first division, but they were nonetheless still a formidable side.

The story begins on the previous Wednesday, when John Rudge and I took the opportunity to watch Swindon in a League Cup game against Sheffield Wednesday (the eventual cup winners) at Hillsborough. What we saw terrified us. Swindon were absolutely irresistible and desperately unfortunate not to win the game. They did, however gain a 0-0 draw and a replay at the County ground.

John and I walked back to his car on the Hillsborough car park with John pondering on what he had seen. He then spoke the words that froze me with fear:-

"Would you mind driving back? I want to have a good think about this one on the way home."

Now it is confession time. Present an automatic car in front of me and I will drive for miles quite happily. Face me with a manual car and I don't want to know, it's years since I drove one and I just can't get back into the habit.

APPREHENSIVE

You've guessed it, John's Rover car at that time was a manual. Excuses flew through my head but it was to no avail. Duty called here, it really was imperative that John had a good think about the forthcoming game, and I decided to be brave, be British be a Valeite! I would drive and blow the consequences, if it meant a result for the Vale I would do anything!

John first looked a little apprehensive when I crunched the car into first gear on starting the engine. His anxiety heightened as we bounced kangaroo style out of the Hillsborough car park. With amazed Wednesday fans gaping open mouthed the sight of the Port Vale manager being shaken like a cocktail.

"Are you sure you want to drive?" asked John, tension mounting in his voice. "No problem," replied the brave Captain McPherson, "You sit back and think about the game."

I then hit a purple patch, due mainly to the excessive traffic around the ground, and managed to drive the vehicle on a somewhat even keel.

John began to visibly relax and took to the task in hand. He took his cap off, scratched his head and muttered about diamond formations, how he would counteract it by playing just Beckford up front with Ray

Walker slightly behind him. I replied in encouraging terms, while John continued to make notes and draw diagrams and unveil to me the master plan.

All went well until we reached the M1 I glided on and roared up to an impressive 70 mph. I thought all was going well and could not understand why John kept glancing over at me anxiously.

Ok, I'll concede the car was screaming a little but I put this down to the road surface. John continued to glance nervously until he could take no more. He threw down his cap in desperation.

"For God's sake, Ian, put it into fifth gear!"

I must admit, I didn't even know that cars had a fifth gear, let alone when to use it. In the good old days when I learned to drive cars only had four gears so where has this mysterious fifth emerged from?

I duly by the grace of God, managed to find the elusive fifth and John calmed down, returning contentedly to diamond formations and how to break them down.

NO AVAIL

We eventually limped back into Stoke-on-Trent the car spluttering, black smoke bellowing from the exhaust, but safely back home, John had it all worked out, and it was all credit to my driving prowess.

The game finally arrived on the Saturday and John's strategy worked like a dream in a 2-1 Vale victory, with goals by Darren Beckford and Gary Ford. I sat in the stand, smugly smiling to myself and taking full responsibility for the three points.

On the touchline Ossie Ardiles stood frantically attempting to reorganise his troops but it was to no avail, thanks to my driving, he had been outwitted!

As a postscript it is interesting to note that some two seasons later, John outwitted Ossie again tactically in a 1-0 victory against West Brom at the Hawthorns. It is also interesting to note that in the week prior to that game, John did not ask me to accompany him to a West Brom game, I wonder why?



Back row (L - R):

Middle row (L - R):

Front row (L - R):

TONY ADCOCK • DES LINTON • MITCHELL THOMAS • JUERGEN SOMMER • MARVIN JOHNSON •
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DIXON • AARON SKELTON • SCOTT OAKES • DWIGHT MARSHALL • JOHN MOORE (Coach)
CERI HUGHES • SCOTT HOUGHTON • DAVID PREECE • DAVID PLEAT (Manager) • TREVOR PEAKE •
TONY THORPE • PAUL TELFER

Phil Sherwin WELCOME *Luton Town*



FOLLOWING last season's exciting run to the semi-finals of the FA Cup, great things were expected from Luton's youngsters, but prior to Tuesday's visit to Tranmere they had drawn all five of their games.

In the League they drew 1-1 against West Brom and 2-2 v Southend at Kenilworth Road whilst gaining a point from a goalless draw at Derby County. Both Coca Cola Cup first round ties against Fulham ended 1-1 but in this day and age replays are no more and it was Fulham who won 4-3 on penalties.

On the transfer front they bolstered their attack during the summer by paying £20,000 to Peterborough for the experienced Tony Adcock and £150,000 to Plymouth for the fleet-footed Dwight Marshall, who scored on his last appearance at Vale Park for the Pilgrims in February.

Goalkeeper Fred Barker, a former resident of North Staffordshire, also joined them for £15,000 from Peterborough whilst players leaving included John Dreyer (Stoke), Jason Rees (Portsmouth) Alan Harper (Burnley) and Andy Petterson, who yielded £35,000 from Charlton with the promise of a further £50,000 if all goes well.

Much publicised trouble at an FA Cup tie against Millwall in 1985 led to the club being the first to totally ban all away supporters.

This led to Luton being disqualified from the Littlewoods Cup for one season and gates suffered through the all ticket situation, with the result that eventually the system was abandoned.

MEET THE MANAGER - DAVID PLEAT

One of the most respected managers in the division, David became manager of Luton Town for the second time in July 1991.

Though relegated from the Premier League in his first season, he has now groomed many promising youngsters into an entertaining team that reached the FA Cup semi-finals last season.

His first spell at Kenilworth Road lasted between 1978 and 1986 during which time the club established itself in the old First Division before he left for Tottenham Hotspur. He took Spurs to third in the League and the FA Cup final before moving on to Leicester City for four years (1987-91).

As a player he began his career with his home town team, Nottm. Forest and also appeared for Luton, Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough also winning England Schoolboy and Youth honours.

LUTON TOWN THROUGH THE YEARS

- 1885 - Club formed
- 1897 - Elected to Division Two of the Football League
- 1900 - Failed re-election
- 1905 - Moved to Kenilworth Road
- 1920 - Founder member of Division Three (South)
- 1936 - Defeated Bristol Rovers 12-0 in a League game in which Joe Payne scored 10 (both Divisional records)
- 1937 - Champions of Division Three (South)
- 1955 - Finished runners-up in Division Two and gained promotion
- 1959 - Reached the FA Cup Final, losing 2-1 to Nottm. Forest set ground attendance record of 30,069 v Blackpool in an FA Cup 6th Round replay
- 1960 - Relegated to Division Two
- 1963 - Relegated to Division Three
- 1965 - Relegated to Division Four along with the Vale
- 1967 - Finished 17th in Division Four, a club record low
- 1968 - Champions of Division Four
- 1970 - Finished runners-up in Division Three
- 1974 - Promoted to Division One after finishing in second place
- 1975 - Relegated to Division Two
- 1982 - Champions of Division Two
- 1987 - Finished 7th in Division One, a club record. Disqualified from that seasons Littlewoods Cup through refusing to admit away supporters
- 1988 - Won the Littlewoods Cup, defeating Arsenal 3-2. Lost in the Simod Cup final v Reading
- 1989 - Lost in the Littlewoods Cup Final v Nottm. Forest
- 1992 - Relegated to Division One
- 1994 - Reached the FA Cup semi-finals

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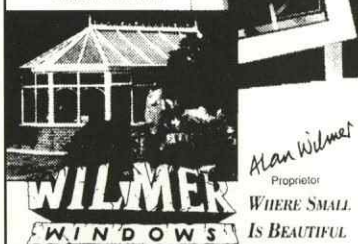
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AWAY From Home

JUERGEN SOMMER (Goalkeeper-b New York 27.2.69)

Juergen joined the town in August 1991, but had to wait two years to make his debut, v Watford, at the start of last season. He went on to establish himself as the number one keeper at Kenilworth Road, and capped the season off with a call-up to the United States World Cup squad.

FRED BARBER (Goalkeeper-b Ferryhill 28.8.63)

Seasoned keeper who joined Luton this season for modest fee from Peterborough having previously served Darlington, Everton, Walsall, Chester and Blackpool in a varied and colourful career.

DAVID GREENE - (Defender-b Luton 26.10.73)

David joined the Hatters from school in August 1991 and made his first-team debut at Grimsby Town in March 1993. A Republic of Ireland Under-21 international, he proved a fine replacement for the injured Trevor Peake towards the end of last season.

JULIAN JAMES (Defender-b Tring 22.3.70)

Julian joined Luton as a trainee and was introduced to First Division football five seasons ago. A former England Under-21 international, he was a regular left-back last season after recovering from a broken hand.

MARVIN JOHNSON (Defender-b Wembley 29.10.68)

Marvin made his Football League debut against Wimbledon in 1988 and quickly established himself as a versatile defender. He suffered with a hamstring injury last season.

TREVOR PEAKE (Defender-b Nuneaton 6.7.57)

Club captain, Trevor started his career at Lincoln City in 1979 before moving onto Coventry City in 1983. He enjoyed eight full seasons at Highfield Road, winning an F.A. Cup winners' medal in 1987. He joined Luton for £100,000 in August 1991.

MITCHELL THOMAS (Defender-b Luton 2.10.64)

The England Under-21 international made over one hundred appearances for Luton before moving to Spurs shortly after David Pleat in 1986. He played in the 1987 F.A. Cup Final, and later moved to West Ham. He was on loan at Luton last season, before a permanent free transfer move.

CERI HUGHES - (Midfield-b Rhonda Valley 26.2.71)

Ceri was a regular in the Town midfield last season and his performances earned him a recall to the full Wales side. He made his Town debut at Aston Villa in 1990, and has also represented his country at youth and Under-

21 level. Scored seven goals last season.

DAVID PREECE - (Midfield-b Bridgnorth 28.5.63)

David made his League debut for Walsall in 1981, before Luton invested £150,000 in his signature in 1984. He has played in two League Cup finals for the Hatters, and has been capped three times at England B level.

PAUL TELFER - (Midfield-b Edinburgh 21.10.71)

Paul is a former Luton trainee who made his debut at Everton towards the end of the 1990-91 season. He has been a regular on the right-hand side of the Town midfield for the past two seasons and has represented Scotland at Under-21 and B levels. Scored eight goals last season.

JOHN HARTSON - (Forward-b Swansea 5.4.75)

A prolific scorer in both the youth and reserve teams at Kenilworth Road, John's form continued in the first-team when he scored on his full debut against Nottingham Forest last season. He has represented Wales at youth and Under-21 level. Scored seven goals for the Town in total last season.

SCOTT OAKES - (Forward-b Leicester 5.8.72)

Scott joined Luton in October 1991, along with Des Linton, and made his debut for the Hatters at Norwich later that month. Scott's performances in last season's F. A. Cup attracted much interest from Premiership clubs, but he has since signed a new contract for the Hatters. The England Under-21 international was Luton's leading scorer last season with thirteen goals, including a hat-trick in the F. A. Cup sixth round win over West Ham.

KERRY DIXON - (Forward-b Luton 24.7.61)

Kerry joined Luton in October 1993 after a five-month loan spell from Southampton, and bagged ten goals for the Town last term. He started his career with Reading, before joining Chelsea in 1983 where he enjoyed the most prolific spell of his career, winning eight full England caps. He joined Southampton for £575,000 in July 1992.

DWIGHT MARSHALL (Forward-b Jamaica 3.10.65)

Signed in the close season from Plymouth for £150,000. The 28-year-old scored fourteen goals for Peter Shilton's side last season, his third campaign at Home Park.

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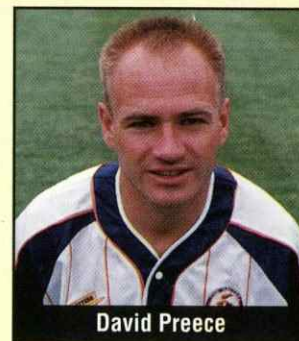
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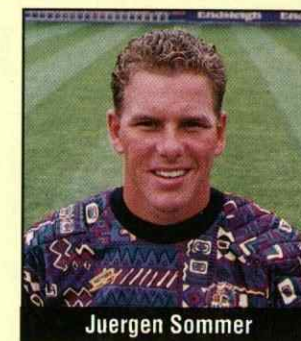
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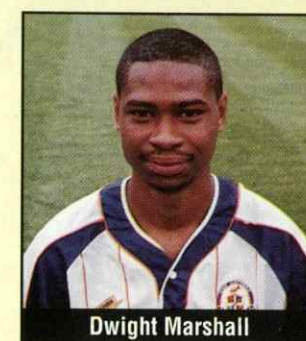
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David Preece



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Dwight Marshall

PREVIOUS *encounters*

THIS afternoon marks Luton Town's first visit to Vale Park for over twenty years - January 1974 to be exact for an F.A. Cup third round tie.

Vale were in the bottom half of the Third Division at the time whilst Luton were third in Division Two but it was Vale who took the lead through Dave Harris.

Luton equalised six minutes from time to the delight of the late Eric Morecambe, a Luton director at the time, to force a replay which took place on a Wednesday afternoon. This was because of a national power crisis at the time, and the use of floodlights was banned.

Bob Mountford and Ray Williams helped Vale to a 2-1 lead in the replay but they first conceded an equaliser and then two more in the final four minutes to lose 4-2. It was Andy Carr's only senior appearance for the Vale.

their team that had played a League game two days previously.

Despite that, Luton won 1-0 and a member of their squad was a seventeen year old youngster called Bruce Rioch, who is nowadays the manager of Bolton Wanderers.

Five of Vale's six wins over Luton are 1-0, the exception being a 4-1 victory back in March 1899 when McDonald notched a hat-trick.

Vale have never won at Kenilworth Road, five of their seven visits ending in defeat, with their one success on Luton territory occurring at Dunstable Road in November 1898. Evans was the lone goalscorer.

Our total record against Luton is as follows:

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1991-92	1	42	10	12	20	38	71	42	29 R	HARFORD	12
1992-93	2/1	46	10	21	15	37	48	51	20	GRAY	19
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home to Bristol City, as did Charlton Athletic with Sheffield United. Port Vale meanwhile chalked up another victory against Barnsley Lee Glover and Mark Burke scoring in a 2-1 success.



•Lee Glover fires home the winner in the 2-1 victory over Barnsley

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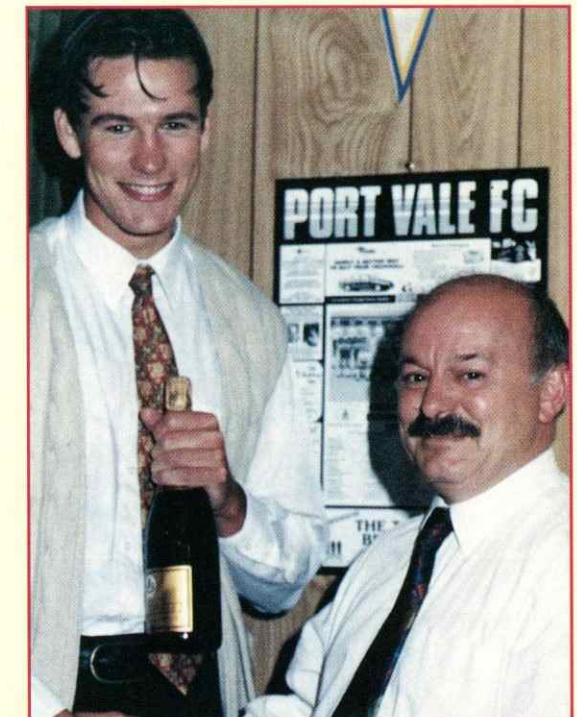
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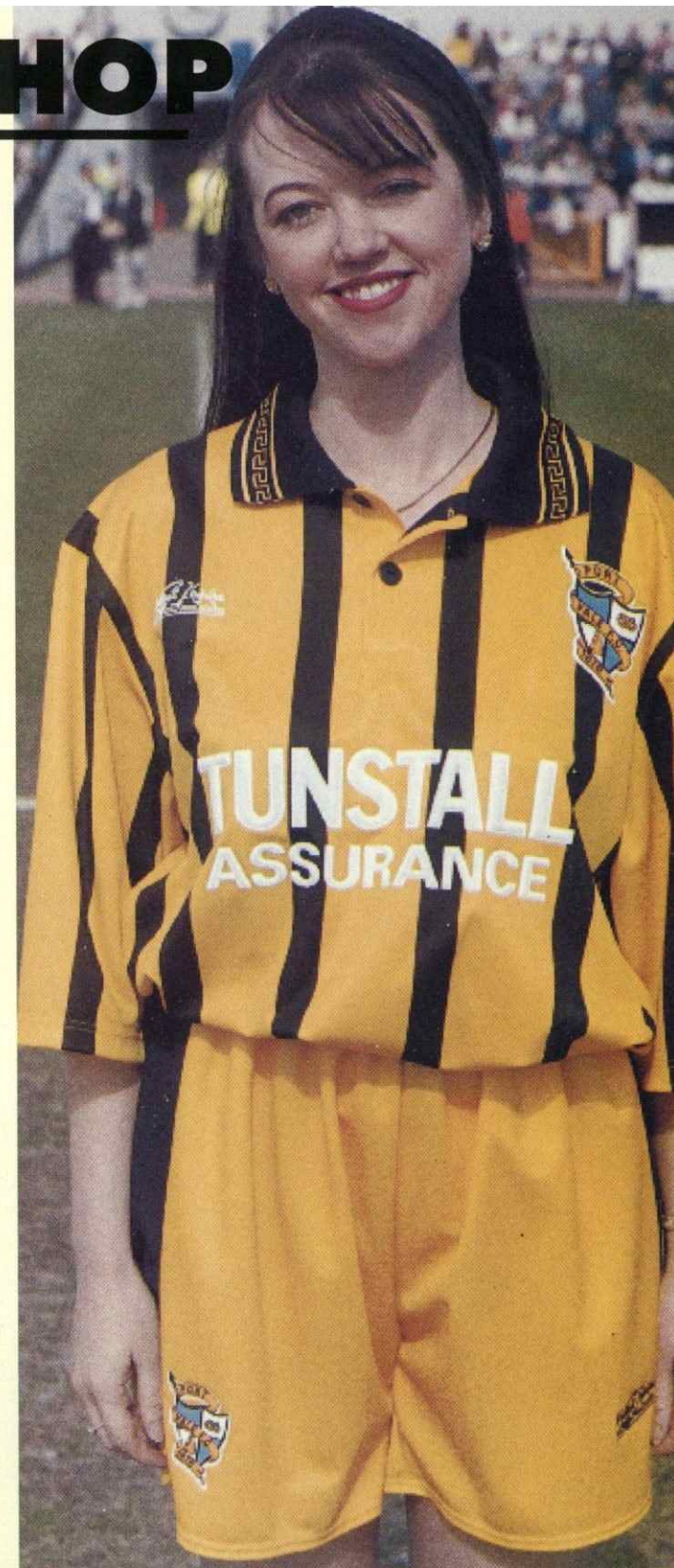
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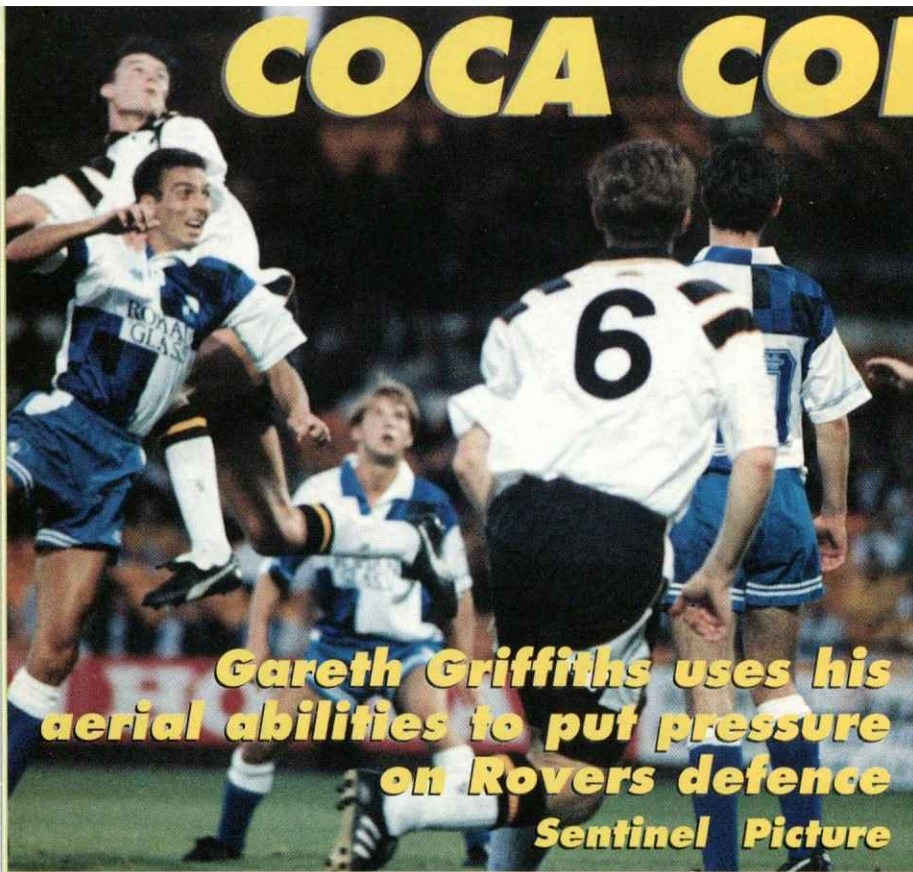
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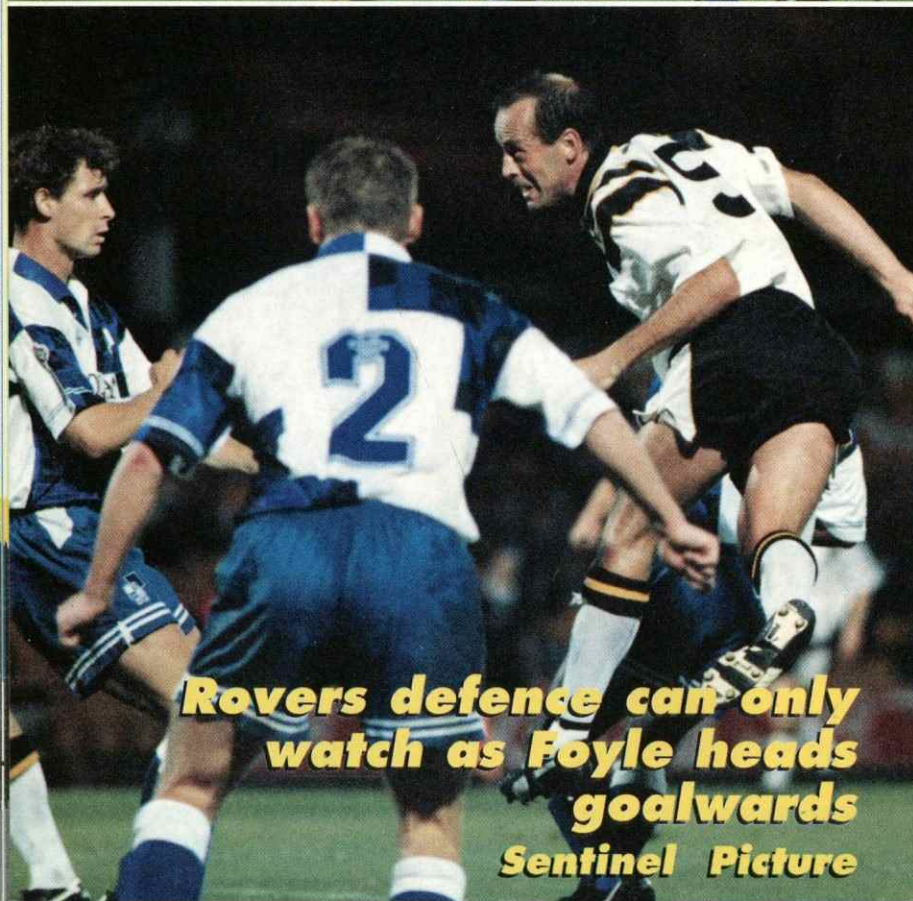


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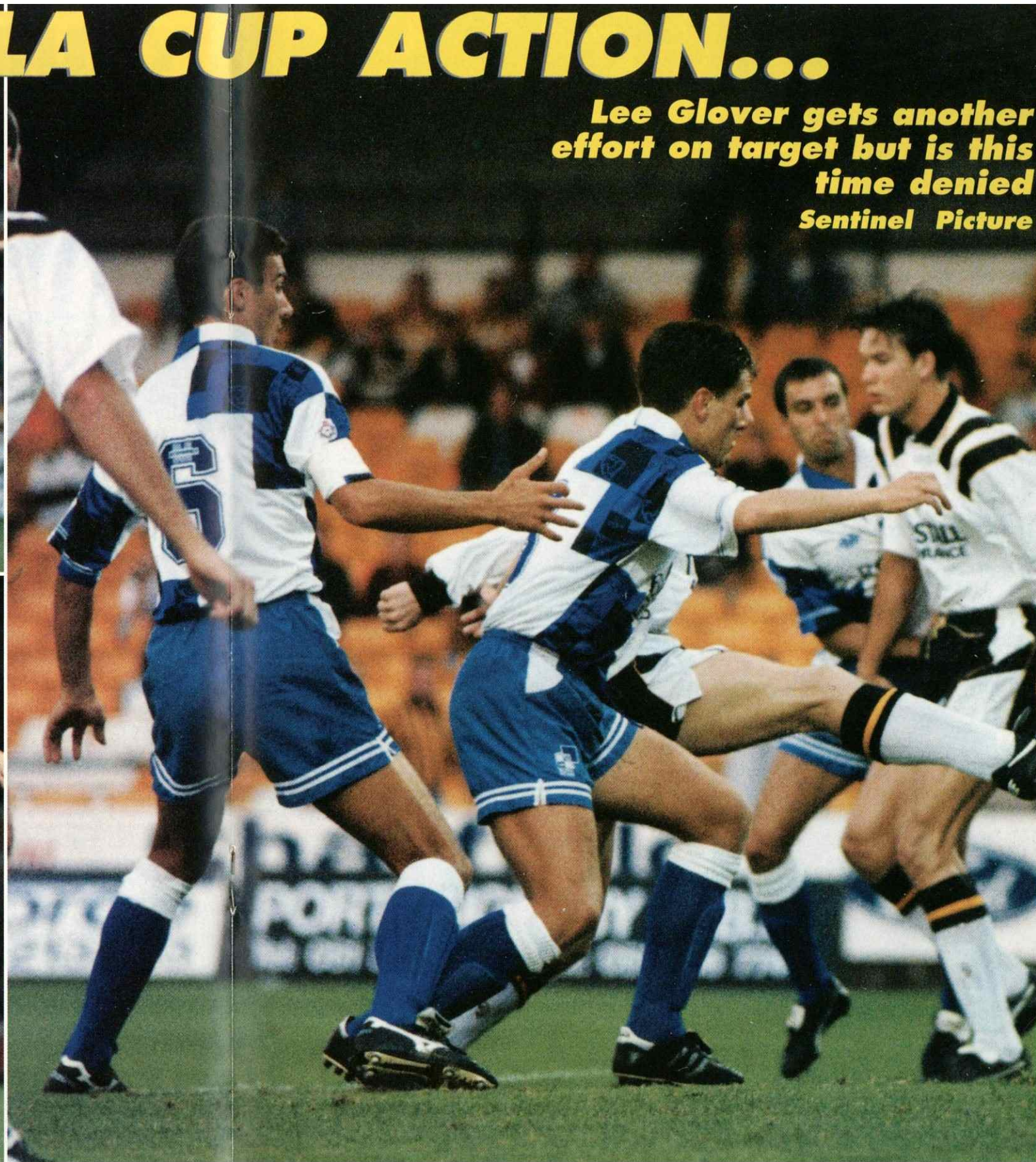
Lee Glover gets another effort on target but is this time denied
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Gareth Griffiths uses his aerial abilities to put pressure on Rovers defence
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Rovers defence can only watch as Foyle heads goalwards
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BACKTRACK

Tuesday 23rd August
Coca-Cola cup 1st Round 2nd Leg
Port Vale 1 Bristol Rovers 1
(Vale win 4-2 on aggregate)

LEADING 3-1 from the first leg, Vale attempted to increase their lead straight away and in the first minute a Van der Laan header was well saved by Rovers keeper Parkin, a former Crewe custodian.

After just six minutes though, Vale did take the lead when Porter side footed the ball to Lee Glover in the box and he turned and fired the ball into the far corner of the net.

Van der Laan went close on a couple of occasions and Foyle was denied his fiftieth goal in a Vale shirt by a clearance off the line by Tillson in the twenty-ninth minute.

Lee Glover brought another good save out of Parkin just before the break as Vale continued to dominate.

The second half went off the boil as Vale didn't need to extend themselves with a 4-1 lead and Rovers took the opportunity to press forward.

Musselwhite produced a good save to deny Stewart but with only five minutes to go the same player did break through to level matters on the night and salvage Rovers a bit of pride. Mark Burke made his first appearance as sub.

Overall, Vale were comfortable winners of the tie and have been suitably rewarded in the second round.

Vale:- Musselwhite 6, Sandeman 6, Tankard 7, Porter 6, Griffiths 7, D. Glover 5, Kent 6, Van der Laan 6, Foyle 7, L. Glover 7, Naylor 6.

Subs:- Burke (for Naylor), Walker (for Porter).

Att: 4,728

Saturday 27th August Division One
Bristol City 0 Port Vale 0

VALE battled hard against sometimes robust opponents and were happy enough in taking home a point.

In the first half Bristol had more of the chances with Junior Bent wasting the best of them, one being when he was clean through only to miss the target as Musselwhite narrowed the angle.



Substitute Ray Walker on for Andy Porter in the Coca Cola Cup.

Foyle shot wide from a good position as Vale countered and then Lee Glover was flagged marginally offside when he took the ball on and scored what he thought was the opening goal.

Vale had more of the play in the second half and in

the fifty-eighth minute Tony Naylor missed a great chance when, with only the keeper to beat, he dragged his shot inches wide.

Bristol City took both of their strikers off in the sixty-second minute (Allison and Baird), a feather in the caps of Gareth Griffiths and Dean Glover, and never really threatened after that.

Two minutes from time sub Mark Burke fed Lee Glover on the edge of the box but his miscued shot flew into the crowd as Vale almost took the three points.

Vale team:- Musselwhite 7, Sandeman 6, Tankard 7, Porter 6, Griffiths 7, D. Glover 7, Kent 6, Van der Laan 6, Foyle 6, L. Glover 7, Naylor 6.

Subs:- Burke (for Naylor), Walker.

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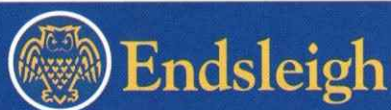
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Tales of the Unexpected

On my travels I see some strange things at times and quite recently your Community Programme team were leaving the ground and heading up Hamil Road when we spotted something that looked as though it was from

the film set of the Invisible Man.

A Mini Metro was travelling down and diagonally across Hamil Road with apparently no driver so I slapped the brakes on quickly and three of us leapt from the Turbo Charged Community van and legged it down the road. At this moment an elderly gentleman appeared from a shop doorway and in a blind panic also sped after the car. When we finally caught up with it there was just two inches separating the car and the wall of the church house so, job done, we went onto our next mission.

Port Vale Ladies

Port Vale Ladies begin their quest for the league title tomorrow with a 2pm kick off at Trubshaw Cross. Their opponents are Newsham p.h.

Talent Spotting

The recent soccer school we held at Buxton yielded two

players for the School of Excellence which was an added bonus for us.

North Midland Amputee Support Group

This group was formed recently and is made up of people who have lost a limb of some sort and their spouses/friends who accompany them. They meet monthly and judging by the attendances so far this will be a very successful venture. Former Vale trainer Ken Fish is a member and at the next meeting I will be swapping coaching ideas. I am sure we will both be learning something.

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Garth Butler

GARTH BUTLER is a name which conjures up misty-eyed nostalgia from the more senior Port Vale supporters, as a valued member of the Vale side of the late forties. Garth was one of the players who laid the foundations of the all conquering team of the 1953-54 era and if injury had not cruelly cut short his career, he would have surely been a member of that side.

Garth is a retired power station engineer now living in Ilfracombe. He has a son and a daughter who are both married, and four grandchildren.

Garth joined Port Vale in July 1946 on a free transfer from Derby County. "The manager at the time, recalls Garth, was Billy Frith (ex-Coventry City) but he was soon succeeded by Gordon Hodgson, an absolute gentleman who was very well respected and a manager for whom we all gave our best.."

A goalless draw against Brighton on a sunny August afternoon on the first day of the 1946-47 season marked Garth's Port Vale debut and Garth admits that he remembers nothing about the game!

There were many characters at the club during Garth's time at Vale Park and he recalls with relish the likes of chairman Alderman Holdcroft, director Tom Flint, first team trainer Ken Fish, reserve team trainer Tom Holdford, groundsman Len Paston and the legendary Bill Cope, who took over from Tom Holdford..

Garth's favourite game while wearing the black and white of Port Vale came in the fourth round of the FA Cup in a 2-1 defeat against Burnley at Turf Moor.

"The match was deemed all-ticket," recalls Garth, "and the tickets were snapped up as soon as they went on sale. The attendance that day was 47,801."

Legends

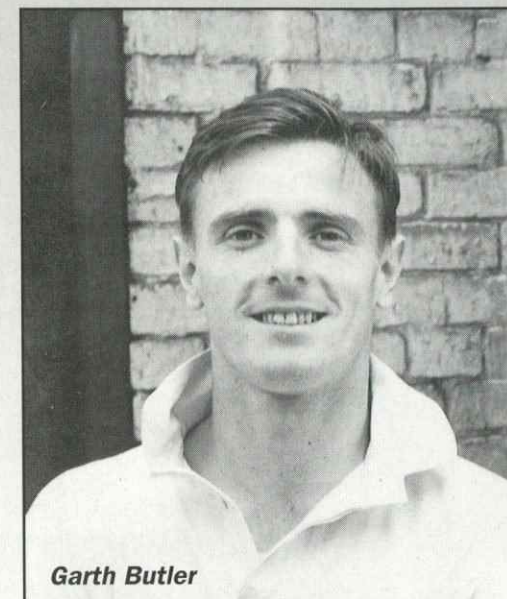
Garth was privileged to have played alongside some Port Vale legends. He said: "Ronnie Allen or Bill McGarry being the best Vale players I played alongside. However, there were some brilliant players at the club who performed well as a team and, if there was one criticism of us, it was that we didn't like close marking or strong tackling!"

Frank Broome, the former England and Notts County star, takes Garth's vote as the toughest opponent he ever faced and Meadow Lane, home of Notts County, earns Garth's plaudit as his favourite away ground. "Always a local derby with a good atmosphere." The Recreation Ground at Aldershot remains Garth's least favourite ground.

A goal against Lincoln City on December 13th 1947, provided an early Christmas present for Garth as it was his solitary Port Vale goal and the Evening Sentinel reporter of the day described how:-

"Butler scored the winning goal with a long-range shot which the 'keeper misjudged."

(Those who were there, Garth, knew that no goalkeeper in the



Garth Butler

world would have been able to get near that shot!!)

Tragically, Garth sustained a serious knee injury in the opening game of the 1950/51 season at Carrow Road against Norwich City, and finally left the Vale in September 1952 after a brave battle against injury.

Garth played no further football for another eight years, until he started playing for Drakelow Power Station at the age of 36, a role he continued until the age of 48.

Garth looks back fondly on his time at Vale Park. He said "It was a great club from the directors, manager, trainers and supporters. I had five very happy years at Port Vale and consequently, still hold them in great affection and pay particular attention to their results.

I have always watched them when they have played at Exeter City and feel that the current Port Vale side are a well balanced, competitive team who thoroughly deserved their promotion last season. I really hope they continue to do well."

Garth rates Alan Shearer, of Blackburn, as the best player in the country today, while he feels that the modern game "has too much emphasis on the Premier League producing overpaid players who partake in too much negative play."

Garth has one regret from his playing career, that it didn't last longer.

"I would have enjoyed another five years at Port Vale instead of finishing at the age of 28," he lamented.

Vale supporters of that era no doubt wish they could have watched him in action for another five years too.

By Dave Cooper



LEE Glover

Born in Kettering on 24th April, 1970 of Scottish parents Lee joined Forest from school, making his debut as a 16 year old in November 1986 when coming on as sub at Bradford City in a Littlewoods Cup tie. Forest won 5-0.

He turned pro in May 1987 and made his league bow three months later, scoring in a 2-1 win at Charlton. He did well enough to be chosen for the Scottish Under 21's coming on as sub against Belgium but only played around half of Forest's games that season.

September 1988 brought another U21 appearance in Norway but he injured his knee ligaments in Norway and his only game for Forest that season was as sub in the replayed FA Cup semi-final against Liverpool at Old Trafford.

Lee went on loan to Leicester City in September 1989 and one of his sub appearances for them was here at Vale Park when Vale won 2-1. After returning to Forest (and making his third and final U21 appearance for Scotland) he again went out on loan to Barnsley in

January 1990. Twelve games produced no goals and his last game for them was ironically again at Vale Park, Vale winning 2-1.

Lee didn't return to the Forest side until the final 11 games of the 1990-91 campaign, but they were exciting times as he appeared in an FAC semi final victory over West Ham and also the final against Spurs, when they lost in extra-time to a Des Walker own goal.

The highlights of the 1991-92 season after a short loan at Luton were a goal in the semi final of the Rumbelows Cup at Spurs and being a non playing sub in the Zenith Data and Rumbelows Cup finals at Wembley against Southampton and Man Utd respectively.

Relegation for Forest was disappointing in 1993 but they bounced straight back last season with Lee contributing 6 goals. He enjoyed his stay at the City Ground and says "There was always something happening at Forest but I felt it was time to move on. I'm pleased to have joined the Vale."

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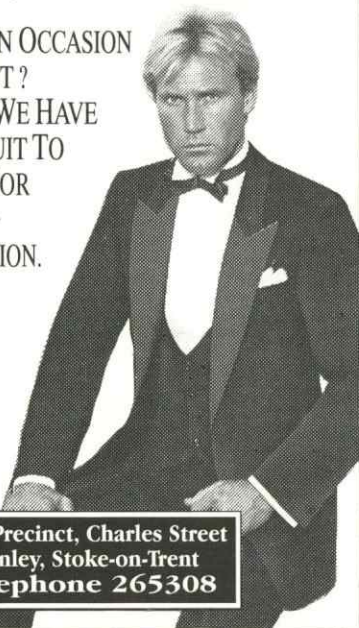
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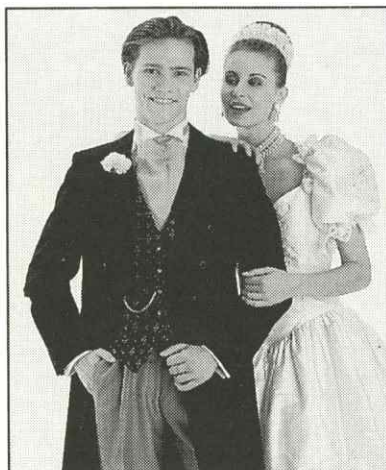
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TALKING *point*

A special hello goes to those of you on the Lorne Street and Hamil Road terraces today. Did you realise what a rare species you are?

There will not be many occasions this season when we see fans **standing** at Division One grounds to watch the match. Only the promoted clubs, Vale, Reading and Burnley have been allowed to keep their terracing along with a few clubs like Sunderland and Middlesbrough who are planning to move to new stadiums.

Did you also realise what a dangerous and hazardous activity you were involved in today? Lord Justice Taylor stated in paragraph 61 of his much vaunted report "There is no panacea which will achieve total safety and cure all problems But I am satisfied that seating does more to achieve those objectives than any other single measure." So standing is dangerous and sitting down is safe.

Thus sayeth the Lord Justice Taylor.

Now let me state at this point that, if I can possibly avoid it, I never stand up at grounds. The last time I stood on a terrace a drunken oaf deposited his lunch very close to my feet. Also, being vertically challenged, standing has few attractions for me as regards actually seeing the match.

I do, however, feel that there are valid reasons why people should be allowed to stand if they want to. Firstly, standing is much cheaper than sitting. To stand on the half way line at Vale costs an adult £7.50 - to sit there cost £10.00 and that is the cheapest "best" seat in the division. At

some of the London clubs buying a seat ticket requires taking out a personal loan.

The high cost of seating makes it more difficult for a father to bring his kids. Secondly, if you stand up, you can choose who your friends are!

If you end up with a seat season ticket next to the bloke with the biggest gob in Burslem you're stuck with it for a season - on the terraces you can move around to suit yourself.

Thirdly, standing isn't dangerous. Anyone with the slightest common sense knows that the Hillsborough disaster was caused not by the existence of a standing terrace but by the fences at the front of that terrace.

There is no reason why anyone should be more at risk standing on a controlled terrace than sitting in a seat - in the event of an accident, what can be evacuated quicker, seats or terracing?

I once watched an FA Cup tie at Liverpool from the all seater Anfield Road end amidst a crowd of drunken Geordies who were all standing on (and falling off) the seats - not a very safe experience at all.

I know the argument has been going on for five years now but I still fail to see why a small part of each ground cannot be reserved for those fans who want the privilege of watching their football cheaply, standing up.

The sort of inferior seating we are getting stuck on terracing at some grounds (eg Wembley) will just mean people will stand up anyway.

Name The Player

(From Page 15)

Answer: John Jeffers

Vale At War

Part 4

A Look At Port Vale's activities during the dark days of World War Two

The 1941-42 season saw Port Vale once again staging junior football at the old Recreation Ground. As with the previous season the Clubs directors, finding war time restrictions and financial worries too great to burden entered an 'A' team in the North Staffordshire League. It was to be hoped that the club would have some talented youngsters on their books when peace time football resumed. Even in adversity the club was looking ahead. The 'A' team fared very well in the North Staffordshire League, ending the campaign as champions. Once again the Sentinel Cup was retained, thus the youngsters enjoyed a highly productive season.

It may be of interest to note that neighbours Crewe Alexandra dropped out of first class football during this season. The Midlands suffered more than any other areas as far as their teams missing out on first class competition is concerned the reasons for this are varied ranging from safety to financial. Wolves were back in action however and finished the season as wartime League Cup winners defeating Sunderland 6-3 on aggregate.

As far as the Vale were concerned the clubs directors decided to carry on in a junior capacity in the immediate future, but better days were just around the corner.

Fifteen years ago

1 September 1981: The home Fourth Division match against Peterborough United was Alan Bloor's first game in charge as caretaker manager. The manager may have changed but Vale's fortunes had not as they went down 1-0 in front of 2,794. Their record now read played 4 lost 4. Things looked bleak. Luton, meanwhile, were winning 3-1 away at Leicester City in Division Two at the start of a season which was to see them finish sixth after looking a good bet for promotion. On the national scene, Nottingham Forest shot to the top of Division One after Gary Birtles hat-trick in a 5-1 win at West Brom.

Ten years ago

8 September 1984: A second half goal from Phil Sproson gave Vale a 1-1 draw against a struggling Hartlepool side. The crowd of 3,232 was already 10 per cent down on the opening day attendance at Vale Park. Luton were in Division One and making heavy weather of their opening games. An opening day victory over Stoke was the only time they won before October. On this particular day they drew 1-1 at home to Southampton. Arsenal went top of Division One with a controversial 3-1 win over Liverpool at Highbury.

Five years ago

2 September 1989: Vale's encouraging start to their Second Division campaign came off the rails at Brighton where they suffered a deserved 2-0 defeat in front of 7,218. This was the start of a disturbing run of seven games without a victory. Luton as a Division One side, had a free Saturday due to cancellation of the programme before a World Cup qualifier. Their results were rather worrying at the start of the season with only six goals coming in their first nine matches. They had, however, managed 0-0 draws at home to Liverpool and away to QPR.

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LOOKING *back* season 1973-74

IN a difficult season, Port Vale did well to survive the departure of manager Gordon Lee to Blackburn and the loss of centre-half Billy Summerscales to injury. Though they finished fifth from bottom the Valiants were comfortably clear of the relegation zone.

The summer of '73 had been notable for the transfer of want-away Irish international Sammy Morgan to Aston Villa for a down payment of around £25,000.

Defender Roy Cross had recovered from a prolonged knee injury but the line-up wore a familiar look as Vale kicked-off with an encouraging 3-0 home win against Shrewsbury in front of 3,717 supporters.

They made their customary early exit from the League Cup - going out at Stockport - but continued winning ways in the League to be top of Division Three after four games.

It was too good to last. Vale suffered their first League defeat at York and their only win in a run of ten games was at home to Wrexham that hit the headlines for its ugly brawl as the players left the pitch.

Vale held leaders Bristol Rovers 1-1 at Eastville but had slumped to midtable. Local boy David Harris made his debut in the back four in a 3-1 home win against Rochdale but hit another lean spell and were eighth off bottom by the time they went to Stockport again, this time in the FA Cup.

Summerscales scored the only goal of the game to edge Vale through and there was a burst of transfer activity as Lee signed beefy striker Keith Leonard, on loan from Aston Villa and spent the proceeds of the supporters' buy-a-player fund (£2,000) on Neil Griffiths of Chester; Tony Loska went in the opposite direction.

John Woodward netted a late winner against non-League Scarborough in the FA Cup and Vale finally won their first away game of the season at Southport on Boxing Day.

BLEAK

They thumped Oldham 3-0 on New Year's Day at Vale Park, then held Luton Town 1-1 in the FA Cup, giving visiting director Eric Morecambe little to laugh about.

Local boy Andy Carr was called up for the replay but missed chances cost Vale dear as they bowed out 2-4.

The weekend of January 12th, 1974 was particularly bleak as Summerscales fractured a neck bone in a 2-2 home draw with York - to be followed by Lee's shock resignation after 5 1/2 years at Vale Park. By joining Blackburn, Lee increased his salary to £8,000 a year and he said: "I am ready for a new challenge."

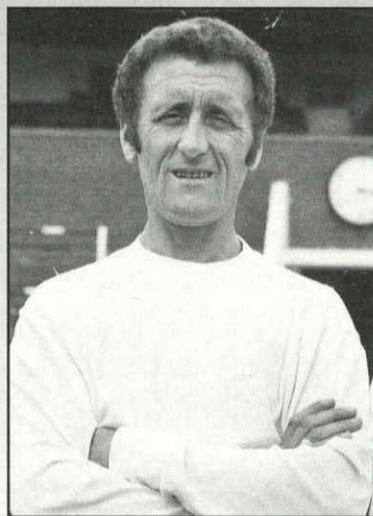
Vale looked no further than loyal servant Roy Sproson to take over in a caretaker capacity - and he celebrated with a 1-0 win at Shrewsbury in his first game.

Vale also defeated Tranmere and Brighton, both at home, and excelled themselves when the experiment of Sunday soccer against leaders Bristol Rovers produced a 3-1 victory and a gate of 8,505. Rovers' scorer was a certain John Rudge.

Vale announced a profit of £14,662 on the financial year while on the pitch another local boy in John Ridley made his debut in a 2-1 home win against Southport in March.

There was high drama on the Sabbath when visitors Plymouth had three players sent-off in losing 2-1 as Vale won three out of four, which was just as well. They then went eleven games without a win but had the satisfaction of holding Lee's Blackburn to a 1-1 draw at Ewood Park.

Other events in the closing stages of the campaign included the death of ex-Vale Chairman Graham Bourne from a heart attack at the age of



Loyal servant Roy Sproson moved into the managerial hot seat.

forty-three; the return of Reg Berks as Vale coach and the debut of Keith Chadwick, yet another local lad to be given his chance.

Roy Sproson was confirmed as manager and released Alan Boswell and Bobby Gough. David Harris's progress was reflected in winning the vote of supporters as 'Player of the Year'.

Southend	0-0	0-1
Southport	2-1	1-0
Tranmere	1-0	0-3
Walsall	1-1	0-0
Watford	1-2	1-2
Wrexham	1-0	0-0
York	2-2	1-3

Results

	Home	Away	
Aldershot	0-1	0-0	League Cup: Stockport (a) 0-2
Blackburn	1-2	1-1	FA Cup: Stockport (a) 1-0; Scarborough (h) 2-1; Luton (h) 1-1; Luton (a) 2-4.
Bournemouth	0-0	2-2	
Brighton	2-1	1-2	League appearances; 45 Brodie; 43 Lacey, Woodward; 42 Boswell; 41 Horton, McLaren; Tartt; 37 Williams; 33 Mountford; 32 Harris; 24 Griffiths; 22 Summerscales; 17 Gough; 12 Leonard; 11 Cross; 8 Loska; 7 Ridley; 4 Edwards; 3 Chadwick.
Bristol Rovers	3-1	1-1	
Cambridge	2-1	2-4	
Charlton	3-1	0-2	Scorers (League and Cup): 18 Woodward; 9 Williams; 5 Mountford, Harris; 4 McLaren, Horton; 3 Lacey; 2 Gough; 1 Brodie, Leonard, Ridley, Summerscales.
Chesterfield	0-1	1-2	
Grimsby	1-1	0-2	
Halifax	1-1	0-1	
Hereford	1-3	1-2	
Huddersfield	4-2	0-3	
Oldham	3-0	1-1	
Plymouth	2-1	0-2	
Rochdale	3-1	1-1	Average League gate: 4,108.
Shrewsbury	3-0	1-0	



The Valiants in their pre-season V-shaped line up with Roy Sproson, Gordon Lee and Lol Hamlett in the background. From Left to Right: John Ridley, Colin Tartt, Ray Williams, Brian Horton, Alan Boswell, Tommy McLaren, John Brodie, Tony Loska, Bill Summerscales (skipper), Bobby Gough, Tony Lacey, Andy Carr, Reg Edwards, Roy Cross, Bob Mountford, David Harris, John Woodward.

Vale Statistics & Match Facts 94/95

Date	Opponents	FA	Att	Pts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	GK	
Aug 14	Swindon	A	0-2	10,431	-	Musselwhite	Sandeman	Tankard	Porter	Griffiths	D Glover	Kent	Van Der Laan	Foyle	L Glover	Jeffers	Billing	Walker	Van Heusden
18	Bristol Rovers (LC1)	A	3-1	3,307	-	Musselwhite	Sandeman	Tankard	Porter	Griffiths	D Glover	Kent	Van Der Laan	Foyle	L Glover	Naylor	Walker	Jeffers	Van Heusden
20	Oldham	H	3-1	10,051	3	Musselwhite	Sandeman	Tankard	Porter	Griffiths	D Glover	Kent	Van Der Laan	Foyle	L Glover	Naylor	Burke	Walker	Van Heusden
23	Bristol Rovers (LC1)	H	1-1	4,728	-	Musselwhite	Sandeman	Tankard	Porter	Griffiths	D Glover	Kent	Van Der Laan	Foyle	L Glover	Naylor	Burke (11)	Walker(4)	Van Heusden
27	Bristol City	A	0-0	8,588	4	Musselwhite	Sandeman	Tankard	Porter	Griffiths	D Glover	Kent	Van Der Laan	Foyle	L Glover	Naylor	Burke (11)	Walker	Van Heusden
30	Barnsley	H	2-1	7,228	7	Musselwhite	Sandeman	Tankard	Porter	Griffiths	D Glover	Kent	Van Der Laan	Foyle	L Glover	Naylor	Burke (11)	Walker	Van Heusden
Sep 3	Luton	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Portsmouth	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Grimsby	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Middlesbrough	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Man Utd (LC2)	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Sheffield United	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct 1	Wolves	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Man Utd (LC2)	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Notts County	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Charlton	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Bolton	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Tranmere	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov 2	West Brom	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Southend	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	FA Cup (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Derby County	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	Millwall	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Sunderland	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec 3	Bolton (FA Cup 2)	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Oldham	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Swindon	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	Burnley	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Reading	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Watford	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan 2	Stoke City	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	FA Cup (3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Tranmere	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Southend	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	FA Cup (4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb 4	Sunderland	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	West Brom	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Millwall (FAC 5)	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Derby County	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Wolves	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar 4	Sheffield United	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Luton	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Bristol City (FAC 6)	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Barnsley	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Portsmouth	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Middlesbrough	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apl 1	Grimsby	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Watford	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Reading	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Burnley	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Stoke City	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Charlton	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May 6	Notts County	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

STATISTICS

Today's other fixtures

Bolton	v	Stoke City
Burnley	v	Barnsley
Charlton	v	Bristol City
Derby	v	Grimsby
Notts Co	v	Swindon
Reading	v	Millwall
Southend	v	Oldham
Sunderland	v	Wolves
Tranmere	v	Sheffield Utd
Watford	v	Middlesbrough

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oldham	4	3	0	1	12	6	9
Middlesbrough	3	3	0	0	5	0	9
Portsmouth	4	2	2	0	5	3	8
Millwall	4	2	1	1	8	4	7
Reading	4	2	1	1	6	1	7
Wolverhampton	4	2	1	1	5	3	7
PORT VALE	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
Grimsby	4	1	3	0	8	6	6
Tranmere	4	2	0	2	8	8	6
Swindon	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Sunderland	4	1	3	0	4	3	6
Bristol City	4	1	3	0	3	1	6
Notts County	4	1	1	2	6	7	4
Sheff Utd	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
Barnsley	4	1	1	2	5	7	4
Bolton	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
Watford	4	1	1	2	2	5	4
Stoke	4	1	1	2	2	6	4
Charlton	4	0	3	1	6	9	3
LUTON	4	0	3	1	5	7	3
Burnley	4	0	2	2	2	7	2
Southend	4	0	1	3	4	9	1
Derby	3	0	1	2	2	6	1
West Brom	2	0	1	1	1	3	1

APPS

GOALS

J. Allon	-	-
N. Aspin	-	-
P. Billing	-	-
M. Burke	- (3)	-
W. Corden	-	-
M. Foyle	6	2
D. Glover	6	-
L. Glover	6	3
G. Griffiths	6	-
O. Heald	-	-
J. Jeffers	1	-
K. Kent	6	-
P. Kerr	-	-
C. Lawton	-	-
J. Morris	-	-
P. Musselwhite	6	-
T. Naylor	5	2
A. Porter	6	-
B. Sandeman	6	-
D. Stokes	-	-
A. Tankard	6	-
S. Talbot	-	-
A. Van Heusden	-	-
R. Van Der Laan	-	-
R. Walker	-2	-
Own Goals	-	1

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in **RESERVE**

Newcomer Mark Burke was the star turn as Vale cruised to a 3-1 home win against Grimsby.

The ex-Wolves midfielder scored with an exquisite chip and twice hit the woodwork as Vale largely dominated indifferent opposition.

Craig Lawton opened the Vale scoring on 24 minutes and Joe Allon (74) also found the net before the Mariners replied.

Vale Team:- Van Heusden, Young, Hughes, Walker, Billing, Morris, Lorden, Lawton, Allon, Heald, Burke.

PONTIN'S CENTRAL LEAGUE (Division 2)

August				
18	Blackpool	A	2-0	Burke, Heald
24	Grimsby	H	3-1	Lawton, Burke, Allon
31	Hull	A	2-0	Heald, Jeffers
September				
7	Barnsley	H		
14	Newcastle	A		
21	Huddersfield	A		
28	Leicester	H		
October				
5	Hull	H		
12	Middlesbro	A		
17	Preston	A		
26	Birmingham AM	H		
November				
8	Sheffield Wed	A		
16	Burnley	H		
22	Bradford City	A		
30	Preston	H		
December				
7	Blackpool	H		
13	Grimsby	A		
21	Mansfield	H		
January				
3	Oldham	A		
10	Manchester City	A		
18	York	H		
15	Birmingham	A		
February				
1	Sheffield Wednesday	H		
8	Burnley	A		
15	Bradford City	H		
March				
1	Huddersfield	H		
13	Leicester	A		
22	Newcastle	H		
29	Barnsley	A		
April				
3	Mansfield	A		
12	Oldham	H		
19	Manchester City	H		
26	Middlesbrough	H		
May				
10	York	A		

the 'A' **TEAM**

Vale surrendered an early two goal lead and had to settle for a point against Northampton at Alsager.

First year trainees Neil Davies and Matthew Worth struck for Vale but the young Cobblers were level by the interval.

Vale exerted most of the pressure on the resumption but were frequently foiled by the visitors keeper. "We should have won the game and that goes for all those we have played," said coach Ian Miller.

Vale Team:- Boswell, Coyne, Barton, Skelding (Brown), Bloor, Shaw, Worth, Jackson, Christopher, Davies, Cunningham.

MIDLAND PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE

August				
12	Lincoln	H	2-2	Jackson, Christopher
20	Mansfield	A	6-7	Cunningham, Bloor, Worth, Eyre, Christopher, (og)
26	Northampton	H	2-2	Davies, Worth
31	Marine (F.A.Y)	H	3-1	Burton, Worth, Cunningham
September				
3	Notts County	A		
10	Notts Forest	H		
17	Peterborough	A		
24	Leicester (OC)	A		
October				
1	Shrewsbury	H		
8	Stoke City	H		
15	Walsall	H		
22	League Cup			
29	Aston Villa	H		
November				
5	Notts Forest	A		
12	Birmingham	A		
19	Coventry	H		
26	League Cup			
December				
3	Grimsby	H		
10	West Bromich	A		
17	Leicester	A		
January				
7	Leicester	H		
14	Lincoln	A		
21	Mansfield	H		
28	League Cup			
February				
4	Northampton	A		
11	Notts County	H		
18	Peterborough	H		
25	Wolves	H		
March				
4	Shrewsbury	A		
11	Stoke City	A		
18	Derby	A		
25	Walsall	A		
April				
1	West Bromwich	H		
8	Aston Villa	A		
15	Birmingham City	H		
22	Coventry	A		
29	Derby	H		
May				
6	Grimsby	A		

team check

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Dean Glover
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Favourite player - Paul Musselwhite
School - Burnwood Primary, Chell Heath
Hobbies - Gymnastics, swimming
Likes Take That especially Robbie Williams

Jonathan Beech - age 8

Favourite player - Andy Porter
School - Burnwood Primary, Chell Heath
Hobbies - Karate, football



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