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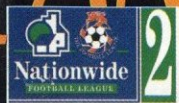
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# BOOK REVIEW

## Up for the Cup!

British Football Clubs in Europe since 1955 by Jon Ladd, Dial House £7.99  
What have football clubs Afan Lido, Aldrieonians, Cwmbran, Derry City, Glenavon, Inter Cardiff, Linfield, Portadown, Watford and Manchester United all got in common? The answer is that since 1955 they have all played in major European competitions from the old Inter-Cities Fairs Cup through to the modern European Champions League.

This excellent 144 page large size paperback book charts the history of every British team in Europe with a summary of its achievements and a complete record of all its results, and of the latter there are a few which are surprising. For instance, Manchester United might have had their problems with Galatasaray but West Bromwich Albion didn't when they met them in the UEFA Cup in 1978/79, winning both legs 3-1, with future Blackpool player Tony Cunningham scoring one of the goals. Plucky Dundee actually defeated the mighty AC Milan 1-0 in the second leg of the semi-final of the European Cup in 1962/63; what a pity Milan had won the first leg 5-1!

Sadly the Anglo-Italian competition is not included so Blackpool cannot enjoy the moment of their European glory through the book's pages. But ex and future Blackpool players have featured strongly in European competition throughout the past 41 years with goals being scored by no less than 13 players who have had connections with the Seasiders. Ernie Taylor who scored a penalty for Manchester United in the 1957/58 European Cup semi-final against AC Milan was the first such player to score and then scorers included Alan Skirton, Arsenal, Fred Pickering, Everton, Les Lea, Cardiff and even Emlyn Hughes, Liverpool, who scored in five separate ties for his club.

Alan Ball with three goals for Everton against Keflavik in the 1970/71 European Cup is the only player connected with Blackpool to score a hat-trick in Europe and one of the subjects of our questions is the only player to score for his club in a European Final.

Gerry Wolstenholme.

## COMPETITION - WIN A COPY OF UP FOR THE CUP!

To win a copy of this book which is worthy of adorning every football follower's bookshelf, you need only to answer the following two questions.

Firstly, name the forward who scored for Everton in the 1984/85 European Cup Winners Cup Final when they defeated Rapid Vienna 3-1; he later came to Blackpool and played 25 games in the 1993/94 season scoring just one League goal in a 3-2 win over Wrexham on 28 August 1993.

And secondly, name the current Blackpool goalkeeper who "flung himself at the last Anderlecht spot-kick and brilliantly managed to get a hand to it to ensure the happy conclusion of another great chapter in Spurs' history." This incident occurred in the 1983/84 UEFA Cup final when Tottenham Hotspur defeated Anderlecht in a penalty shoot-out.

The closing date for entries is Monday 20th January 1997 and entries can be posted or left in either of the club shops marked Up for the Cup Competition c/o Gerry Wolstenholme. The first 10 correct entries picked out of the bag will be sent a copy of Jon Ladd's book with the compliments of Dial House, which is an imprint of Ian Allan Ltd. Please mark your entries with an 'X' if you do not wish to receive further information about Dial House publications, which includes a number of great soccer books.

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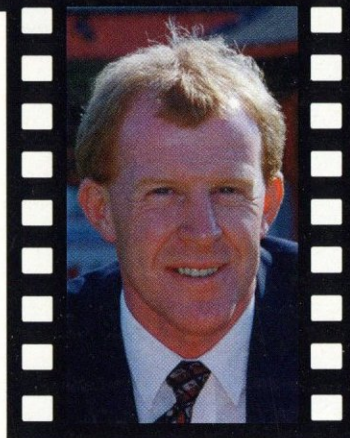
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# FROM THE TOP

But there is nothing we can do about it except try and maintain peak levels of fitness and hope for a return to normal service as soon as possible.

GARY MEGSON



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This long spell of freezing weather could not have come at a worse time for us. In our final game of 1996 and the first game of the new year the players showed what they are capable of. As a result we strung together impressive back-to-back victories scoring six goals while conceding only one.

Just before the big chill came we were suffering from a combination of some players out because of suspensions and others out because of injury, a situation which led us to have a YTS player on the bench at Deepdale. Now that we have nobody suspended and the squad is free of injuries we are unable to play due to the weather.


But there is nothing we can do about it except try and maintain peak levels of fitness and hope for a return to normal service as soon as possible. It is difficult for all clubs at our level under these circumstances. We have no facility for indoor football but are fortunate in that we at least have the beach to train on. Even that can be so hard that only running is possible

since injuries must be avoided at all costs. During this enforced break James Quinn has deservedly been selected for the Northern Ireland squad. James has been looking better and better lately. He is scoring goals and this selection is a feather in his cap and good for Blackpool Football Club.

We still have to play almost all the top teams in the division at home including today's visitors and must start turning home advantage into points. Too many of our games have ended in draws and these have not been games in which we have been coming from behind. Since we have more home than away games left it's important we change that situation starting today.

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GARY



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**THIRD ROW (left-right):** Cherry Newbery (Club Secretary), Clive Goodyear (Physio), Wayne Turner (First Team Coach), David Oldfield, Des Linton, Marvin Johnson, Nathan Abbey, Ian Feuer, Kelvin Davis, Mitchell Thomas, Aaron Skelton, Andrew Fotiadis, John Moore (Youth Team Coach), Trevor Peake (Reserve Team Coach), Les Shannon (Chief Scout)

**SEATED (left-right):** Julian James, Tony Thorpe, Steve Davis (Club Captain) Nigel Terry (Director), David Kohler (Chairman), Lenny Lawrence (Manager), Cliff Bassett (Director), Chris Green (Director), Gary Waddock (Team Captain), Dwight Marshall, Richard Harvey.

**FRONT (left - right):** Liam George, Gary Doherty, Jimmy Cox, Steve Augustine, Andrew Barr, Nick Webb, Russell Lawes, Terry Sweeney, Matthew Spring, Andre Scarlett, Andrew Smith, Ian Jones

Welcome to Luton Town for their first visit to Bloomfield Road for nearly 20 years. Last season they finished bottom of Division One but this season their fortunes have changed. With 4 straight wins in December they are in second spot hot on the heels of leaders Brentford with striker Tony Thorpe outstanding.

### Paul Showler (Midfield/Forward)

Born: Doncaster 10.10.66  
Signed in August 1996, from Bradford City where he played under current Luton boss Lennie Lawrence. Played non-league football for Altrincham and Barnet, with league appearances for the latter following their promotion from the Conference. Scored his first goal for the Hatters in the 3-1 win over Walsall in October 1996.

### Ian Feuer (Goalkeeper)

Born: Las Vegas 20.5.71  
Ian signed for the Hatters from West Ham in December 1995, for a fee which could rise to £580,000 depending on appearances. The 6ft 7ins American arrived at Luton in September, and spent three months on loan. Was Luton's Player of the Year for the 95/96 season.

At West Ham he was understudy to Ludek Miklosko, but never played a first team game, and due to restrictions on overseas players was kept off the bench by Les Sealey. His Luton debut wasn't his league debut though as he was on loan at

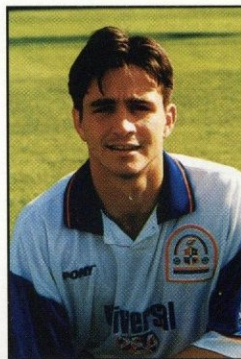
Peterborough in 1994/95, playing 16 games in Division Two. Spotted by West Ham playing in Belgium, although he actually signed from Los Angeles Salsa.

### Ceri Hughes (Midfield)

Born: Rhonda Valley 26.2.71  
Ceri was a regular in the Town midfield in the 1993/94 season, and his performances earned a call-up to the full Welsh side. He made his Luton debut at Aston Villa in 1990, and has also represented his country at youth and under 21 levels.

Scored seven goals in the 1993/94 season, but damaged knee ligaments against Grimsby in November 1994 and was ruled out for the rest of the campaign after just eight league starts. Made his comeback against Norwich on the opening day of the 95/96 season, but suspension and injury

plagued his 95/96 campaign. Played for Wales in Albania in November 1995. Had a trial period at Crystal Palace in summer 96, but they decided against a deal.



**Ceri Hughes**

### Julian James (Defender)

Born: Tring 22.3.70  
Julian joined Luton as a trainee, and was introduced to First Division football in 1988, but was sent off on his full debut in a Littlewoods Cup win at Leeds in November of that year.

A former England Under-21 international, he was a regular at left-back in the 1993/94 season, but made the right-back position his own in 1994/95 with a string of consistent displays which earned him the Player of the Year award from the Loyal Luton Supporters Club. Was in and out of the side at the start of the 95/96 campaign, before an extended run at right-back after Christmas. Granted a benefit match in 1996.

### Marvin Johnson (Defender)

Born: Wembley 29.10.68  
Marvin made his Football League debut against Wimbledon in 1988, and

quickly established himself as a versatile defender. Started the 1994/95 season as left-back, but then switched to the centre of defence to form a reliable partnership with Trevor

Peake. Marvin was one of only three players to play in every first team match in 94/95 season, and was awarded the Player Player of the Year trophy.

He was again a consistent performer in 95/96 at centre-back, alongside Steve Davis for the most part, and Darren Patterson.

### Graham Alexander (Defender/Midfield)

Born: Coventry 10.10.71  
Graham joined the Hatters in July 1995, and was Terry Westley's first signing after being confirmed as Luton's new manager.

The Town coaching staff had been watching him for two seasons before deciding to make their move, with the fee in the region of £100,000 with further payments depending on appearances.

### Steve Davis (Defender)

Born: Hexham 30.10.68  
Steve joined the Hatters in the summer of 1995 after making over 160 league appearances for Burnley, scoring 22 goals.

He joined the Turf Moor side in August 1991 for £60,000 from Southampton, after loan spells at Burnley and Notts County. He captained Burnley during their rise up the league into Division One, and played in both their victories over Luton in the 1994/95 season.

Was a commanding figure for the Hatters in 95/96, but again suffered the agony of relegation as Luton, like Burnley the previous season, dropped out of Division One.

### David Oldfield (Midfielder)

Born: Perth, Australia 30.5.68  
David returned to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1995, six years after leaving Luton Town.

He started his career with the Hatters, progressing through the junior ranks to a two-goal senior debut in a 2-1 Simod Cup win at Everton in February 1988. He also scored on his full league debut in a 2-1 home win over Watford in May 1988, and went on to make 29 league appearances for the Hatters, scoring four goals.

Australian-born Oldfield, who played for England Under 21's, joined Manchester City for £600,000 in March 1989, before moving on to Leicester City.

### Bontcho Guentchev (Forward)

Born: Bulgaria 7.7.64  
The Bulgarian international signed for the Hatters after being released by Ipswich. The 31 year old striker, who played in the 1994 World Cup Finals in the USA when Bulgaria reached the semi-finals, had been at Ipswich for three seasons playing 58 games in the Premier League.

He arrived on a free transfer after being released by the Portman Road club, but his wife's employment at the Bulgarian embassy now

means he is free to continue playing in the UK.

Scored vital goals for the Hatters in 95/96 and played for Bulgaria in the 1996 European Championships.

### Kim Grant (Forward)

Born: Ghana 25.9.72  
Signed from Charlton, where he had made his debut under Lennie Lawrence, for £250,000 in March 1996, and scored on his debut against Ipswich. Was selected for the Ghanaian national squad in the summer of 1996, playing against Egypt and Denmark. Also represented his country against South Africa in September, and is a regular member of their squad in the African Nations Cup and World Cup qualifying matches.

### Tony Thorpe (Midfield)

Born: Leicester 10.4.74  
Tony made an immediate

impact in the Town side when he scored for the Hatters on his full debut at Newcastle United, in the fourth round of the FA Cup in January 1994.

He joined the club at the start of the 1992/93 season, following a spell at Leicester. He was restricted to just five substitute appearances during the 1994/95 campaign.

Scored Luton's winning goal at Southend in August 1995 - the Hatters' first win of the season, and their first under Terry Westley.

### Dwight Marshall (Forward)

Born: Jamaica 3.10.65  
Dwight signed in the summer of 1994 from Plymouth for £150,000, after scoring 14 goals for Peter Shilton's side the previous season - his third campaign at Home Park after playing non-league football with Grays Athletic.

Started well for Luton, with two goals in the 5-1 win over Middlesbrough in October, and despite being troubled by a shin injury late in the season he finished as the Hatters' leading scorer with 13 goals in league and cup. Scored 13 goals in 95/96, but suffered a broken leg in February, ruling him out for the rest of the season.

### Gary Waddock (Midfield)

Born: Alpertown 17.3.62  
Gary completed a free transfer move from Bristol Rovers in December 1994, after a three-month loan spell at Kenilworth Road. Started his career with QPR making over 200 appearances, including an



**David Oldfield**



**Gary Waddock**

FA Cup Final against Spurs in 1982, and the subsequent replay.

That was followed by a spell in Belgium with Charleroi as Gary recovered from a serious knee injury, and he also had spells at Millwall, QPR again, and Swindon, before moving on to Bristol. Gary only missed one game, through suspension, after joining the Hatters in 1994/95, and scored his first goal for the club on the final day of the season. His consistent displays in 95/96 were rewarded with the Players' Player of the Year trophy.

### Trevor Peake (Defender)

Born: Nuneaton 10.2.57  
Trevor started his career at Lincoln City in 1979, before moving on to Coventry City in 1983.

He enjoyed eight full seasons at Highfield Road, winning an FA Cup winners' medal in 1987 as the Sky Blues beat David Pleat's Tottenham 3-2 at Wembley. Trevor joined Luton for £100,000 in August 1991, and signed a new one-year contract in the summer of 1994.

For the first time in his career he maintained an ever-present an ever-

present record throughout the season, being voted the Supporters' Club Player of the Year and signed a further one-year deal in the summer of 1995, and was appointed reserve team coach during the 95/96 season.

### Mitchell Thomas (Defender)

Born: Luton 2.10.64  
The former England Under-21 international made over 100 appearances for Luton before moving to Spurs, shortly after David Pleat, in 1986.

He played in the 1987 FA Cup Final, and later moved to West Ham. He was on loan at Luton in the 1993/94 season before a permanent free transfer

move, and after missing the start of the season through suspension was a regular at left-back in the 1994/95 campaign. Recalled by new manager Lennie Lawrence in December 1995, and responded with an ever-present record until the end of the season.

### Darren Patterson (Defender)

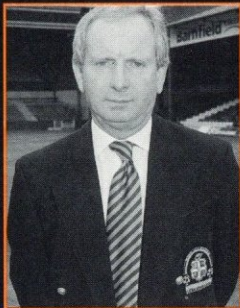
Born: Belfast 15.10.69  
Darren signed for the Hatters in August 1995 from Crystal Palace for £150,000, a fee which could rise to over £200,000 based on appearances. The Northern Ireland international started his league career with Wigan, and joined Palace for £250,000 in 1992.

An achilles injury ruled him out of the first two months of the season, and kept him out of Northern Ireland's final European Championship qualifying matches.

Made his first Luton appearance in the Anglo-Italian Cup defeat in Cesena in November, and returned to the Northern Ireland squad at the end of the season. Went on loan to Preston in October 1996.



# IN THE HOT SEAT



## LENNIE LAWRENCE - MANAGER

Lennie Lawrence was appointed manager of Luton Town in December 1995, following the departure of Terry Westley.

A player with non-league Croydon, Carshalton Athletic and Sutton United, Mr Lawrence was an assistant manager at Plymouth, where he was also caretaker manager, and at Lincoln, before becoming manager of Charlton Athletic in 1982, having initially joined the Addicks as reserve team coach.

Charlton finished as runners up in Division Two in 1985-86 earning promotion to the top flight after an absence of 29 years. In the following season they were involved in the first promotion/relegation play-offs, overcoming second division Leeds United in extra time

in a dramatic play-off final replay, but were relegated in 1990.

Mr Lawrence left Charlton in 1991, after nine years with the club which at the time made him the third longest serving manager in the country behind Nottingham Forest's Brian Clough and Oldham's Joe Royle.

He headed north to Middlesbrough, where he took the Teeside club into the FA Premier League in 1992 in his first season with them. They returned to Division One in 1993, and Mr Lawrence left in 1994, when Bryan Robson took over at Ayresome Park.

He then joined Bradford in May 1994, leaving Valley Parade in November of this year. He is the 21st manager in the history of Luton Town.

## PREVIOUS FOOTBALL LEAGUE MEETINGS

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| 1958/9  | Div 1 | 3-0 (H) | 1-1 (A) |
| 1959/60 | Div 1 | 0-0 (H) | 1-0 (A) |
| 1971/2  | Div 2 | 0-1 (H) | 4-1 (A) |
| 1972/3  | Div 2 | 1-1 (H) | 2-2 (A) |
| 1973/4  | Div 2 | 3-0 (H) | 0-3 (A) |
| 1975/6  | Div 2 | 3-2 (H) | 0-3 (A) |
| 1976/7  | Div 2 | 1-0 (H) | 0-0 (A) |
| 1977/8  | Div 2 | 2-1 (H) | 0-4 (A) |
| 1996/7  | Div 2 |         | 0-1 (A) |

## First Football League Meeting

at Blackpool 30h April 1898

## Last Football League Meeting

at Bloomfield Road

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Blackpool 2 v Luton T. 1 HT: 1-0 Att 12167

**Blackpool:** Ward, Gardner, Milligan, Hart,

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Hatton, Weston. Sub: Finnigan for Milligan

Scorers: Ronson, Ainslow

**Luton T:** Aleksic, Price, Buckley, West,

Faulkner, Futch (P), Husbaud, Hill,

Futch (R), Fuccillo, Doersma.

**Scorer:** Husbaud

**Referee:** Mr T. Mills (Barnsley)

# WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

**“Given the choice between romping in yoghurt with the Spice Girls or leafing through a concise history of football in Devon, Mr Spiller would have his reading glasses on before the Spice Girls had time to unpack.”**

Ability is not the only basis for selecting an international side.

Some of you may have suspected this already given

Teddy Sherringham's consistent appearance in the England line-up.

But they do things differently in Saudi Arabia.

Before they beat United Arab Emirates in the Asian Cup

Final the Saudi coach was asked if he was fielding his

strongest team. "No", he replied, "it has been picked on

a morality basis. Only the best behaved players have been

chosen."

Thanks to Martin Thorpe of **The Guardian** for this story

and for his wry observation of "No Glenn, you could not afford

to try it."

And where could you have watched four (yes four)

Blackpool players representing their country on Xmas Day?

Well, in Hungary actually. The **Telegraph's** Brian Oliver

reports that the B.B.C. made a goodwill gesture by sending the

Hungarian state television network a tape of the famous

1953 match at Wembley which the visitors won 6-3. They had

been waiting 43 years for the chance of seeing Matthews,

Mortenson, Taylor, and Johnston playing for England.

Well, okay, perhaps it was to see Puskas playing for

Hungary!

Regular Radio 5 Live listeners will have enjoyed last week's

programme **Vital Statistics** about football statistician Ray

Spiller. Used as a source by the F.A., The Football League,

Coca-Cola, and Carling. Ray is obsessed with statistics. In fact

there is no room for his car in either of his two garages

because they are jammed to the rafters with newspapers,

magazines, books and ledgers. Anything he doesn't actually

know about football can be found out from his voluminous

files almost instantly. When was the last time QPR played

Bury? QPR v Bury, 1937, 3rd round F.A. Cup. Bury 1 QPR 0

came the answer in seconds. Such devotion struck **The**

**Observer's** Sue Arnold as bizarre.

"Given the choice between romping in yoghurt

with the Spice Girls or leafing through a concise history of

football in Devon, Mr Spiller would have his reading glasses

on before the Spice Girls had time to unpack." Well, wouldn't

we all (no, I don't really want your answers to that one!)

Leeds United manager George Graham has upset one or two

people with his sarcastic remarks about Chelsea about

their foreign legion. After Leeds had beaten the Blues at Elland

Road last month Graham said he had been surprised that

Chelsea had turned up on such a cold day. This, needless to

say, was to do with combining so many delicate foreigners with

southern softies. At the same time he suggested limiting the

number of foreign players in English sides to three.

"It was round about then," writes Giles Smith in the

**Telegraph**, "that I began to hope, more fervently than

usual, that Leeds go down."

Smith wonders how anyone can so completely misunderstand

the effect foreign players are having on the Premiership.

Most importantly, he argues, homegrown players who were at

the club before the arrival of Gullit, Vialli, Di Matteo, and

Zola, have come alive,

particularly Mark Hughes. And more tellingly, six members of

the sides which recently beat West Ham, Aston Villa and

Liverpool, were graduates of Chelsea's youth scheme. How

can they fail to benefit from playing alongside internationals

of such stature.

Perhaps George Graham's real problem, as Smith suggests, is

that he himself didn't inherit very many top-class foreign

players when he took over at Leeds. A case of jealousy and

sour grapes in other words. Enjoy the game.

**ROGER COOKE**

# PET EXPRESS



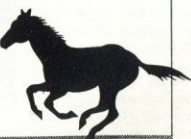
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# AT A GLANCE

**Blackpool Res 0 v  
Coventry City Res 0  
18 December 1996**

In the last Reserve game of the year Blackpool drew 0-0 at home to Coventry City despite dominating most of the game and creating numerous openings. With goalkeeper problems Blackpool had to borrow Simon Miotto from local side Blackpool Rovers and also included Tony Butler and James Quinn free from suspension, both played the first half. During the first period Quinn, Butler, Scott Dorton, Paul Simons all came close to giving Blackpool a deserved lead, Blackpool still had more of the play in the second half but the visitors put on some pressure towards the end and only a great save by Simon Miotto stopped them winning the game in the final minute.

**Blackpool 'A' 0 v  
Crewe Alex A 1  
4 January 1997**

This game at Squires Gate beat the freeze but Blackpool 'A' lost to a first half goal despite dominating play but could not find that vital finishing touch in front of goal.

## Lancashire League Division Two 1997

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| Burnley 'B'         | 14 | 8  | 2 | 4  | 24 | 19 | 26  |
| Oldham Ath. 'B'     | 16 | 7  | 4 | 5  | 26 | 21 | 25  |
| Everton 'B'         | 16 | 7  | 3 | 6  | 34 | 30 | 24  |
| Blackpool 'A'       | 17 | 5  | 5 | 7  | 24 | 21 | 20  |
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| Wigan Athletic 'A'  | 15 | 4  | 5 | 6  | 22 | 26 | 17  |
| Stockport C. 'A'    | 16 | 5  | 2 | 9  | 20 | 34 | 17  |
| Blackburn R. 'B'    | 15 | 4  | 4 | 7  | 19 | 18 | 16  |
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# SUPPORTERS VIEW

BY BARRY JONES

What a brilliant welcome to the New Year at Shrewsbury, if that's a foretaste for 1997 there is going to be plenty of 'Come on you Pool' from rejoicing Blackpool fans in the months ahead. If the white carpet was a motivator for such a convincing display, we were really up for it, can we carry it about with us along with the second match ball which was a dazzling Tangerine colour. We should be very thankful not only for the hard-working efforts of the Shrewsbury groundstaff, but mainly referee Bob Harris' judgement in passing the surface suitable for such a good match to take place, many officials would have denied us our entertainment. 'Pool adapted to the conditions very quickly which Andy Preece capitalised on skating

in from the left and he fired his shot across keeper Edwards into the far corner of the net. The second goal even was better after superb combination between the golfing twins Ellis and Preece. Andy's face lit up a Winter's day even before he smashed the ball past a helpless keeper such was the accuracy of the Ellis cross. The first half display, best away performance for many a day, good passing with full commitment and a real pleasure to watch. We went to sleep for a while second half which led us to conceding a goal from an unnecessary free kick. Our response was good and never gave the home side another sniff, (good quote on a cold day) Preecey nearly clinched his hat-trick while James Quinn went awfully close to

adding a fourth goal. It was an imposing team display, but two goal Andy Preece and Tony Ellis earned their plaudits, while the call of 'good header' from 'Pool' fans, it became monotonous such was the dominance of Tony Butler and David Linighan at the heart of our defence. What a difference we are now in mid table above North End and looking for a play off place. More confidence can be gained from the knowledge that we have played all the top nine sides away, plus the fact we have not lost at home since the first game of the season against recent bogey team Chesterfield. Points gained from the away battles with top sides have been few, just one victory with nine men at Bristol City

and good draws at Brentford and Watford respectively which leaves us with 6 defeats. How on earth did we lose at Stockport? very unlucky at Crewe and blatantly robbed at Millwall by the referee. Making a realistic appraisal of overall situation, today's visitors Luton Town and Brentford look strong favourites for the automatic places. Luton had a poor start four defeats in the first seven games, their turn in fortunes starting with our defeat at Kenilworth Road, they look a good bet for a quick return to Division One. There neighbours Brentford have recovered from last season's hang-over, losing in previous play-offs, the Bee's have the best away record in the league, and will present formidable opponents when they visit us. Both teams have shrewd experienced bosses. Lennie Lawrence is well accustomed to handling

promotion seeking outfits while it's a surprise no Premier team has not tried to lure David Webb away from Griffin Park. What of the rest, Watford have drawn more games than ourselves, damaging their prospects despite only losing three games. Gary Megson is convinced that Burnley have the best team swayed perhaps by our convincing defeat in Claret territory, but their away form is nothing to shout about, hopefully take advantage of this when Adrian Heath brings his lot to Bloomfield Road. Crewe also travel badly, plenty of renewed acquaintances next week, ex-loan man Jason Kearton has ousted Mark Gayle to take over the keeper's jersey, while another loan man from last season Phil Charnock is now a regular in the Gresty side's midfield. Perhaps Millwall have started another slump similar to last campaign which plunged them from the

top into the relegation trapdoor. Stockport have had their cup exploits but we know we are a better side than them. Bristol City must be contenders having the gentle! Joe Jordan in charge and Shaun Goater in attack makes then a force to be wary of. Bury are doing better than expected, have Stan Ternent in charge, he was manager of 'Pool' for a short period and was sacrificed to lure Alan Ball to the North West, the least said of Bally's reign the better. What of the others, we still haven't lost to Wrexham. Chesterfield might present a problem, Barry Fry is starting to get his Peterborough lot moving, perhaps it will be third arrangement lucky when we go to Walsall. Suddenly its looking better Megger and Mike, M and M have us on the Road upwards and THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT THE FUTURE IS TANGERINE Barry Jones.

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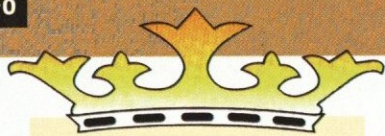
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# IN THIS WEEK... 1988

■ Blackpool started the new year in goal-happy mood with a 5-1 win over Bury. Manager Sam Ellis took much credit for the victory with his astute team selection and substitutions.

■ "Chester Charles Blow It" was the headline when Blackpool could only draw 1-1 at Chester. Craig Madden put Blackpool in front with his 13th goal of the season but Chester came back to earn the draw.

■ After the dismal display at Chester, Sam Ellis was combing the transfer market to strengthen his back line; he was even considering moving Steve Morgan and Tony Cunningham into defensive roles! After seeing his side once again unable to hold on to a 1-0 lead, an upset Ellis said "The time has come for tough action."

■ Blackpool Reserves drew with Manchester United Reserves 1-1 as Mike Walsh and Mike Lester served up the kind of performance that Sam Ellis was looking for and John Deary was impressive in a midfield role.

■ Trialists Ian Gore from Huddersfield and Dave Lancaster, a winger from Morecambe also strengthened the squad. ■ Richard Sendall, put in the shop window after being given a free transfer, scored Blackpool's goal against United. Sendall was released by Blackpool midway through the previous season to gain experience in New Zealand. He scored 50 goals 'down under' but could not reproduce such form at home and Sam Ellis thought he would benefit by a change of club.

■ Blackpool trained on the all-weather pitch at Stanley Park in preparation for their cup tie at Scunthorpe, where Emlyn Hughes had tipped the home side to win.

Ellis considered Stanley Park to be ideal when the Squires Gate training ground was very heavy.

■ The Cup tie ended in a 0-0 draw but man-of-the-match Barry Siddall thought that Blackpool were going to lose it with only seven minutes to go. "I just saw four Scunthorpe players converging on the ball and resigned myself to hearing the roar and whistle to signal the goal. There was nothing I could do. I didn't see Daws shoot against the post, I just heard the groans from the crowd and figured he's missed" said the goalkeeper.

■ Reports that Blackpool had a £45,000 bid for a Sheffield Wednesday defender turned down were not true. Sam Ellis admitted that he had asked for the player on loan at the start of the season but said emphatically "No offer was made at all."

Gerry Wolstenholme.

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## Managers of the Month

The Nationwide Division Two manager of the month award for December went to David Jones of Stockport County for leading his side successfully in not only the League but in the three cup competitions in which it was involved. Surprisingly, Stockport is the only professional club still chasing glory in four domestic competitions this season. Lou Macari of Stoke City, who were unbeaten during the month picking up 13 of 15 points, won the Division One and Mervyn Day of Carlisle won the Division Three award.

## Ipswich Road Success

The Yokohama Best Performance on the Road for December went to Ipswich Town following their 2-1 success at high-flying Bolton Wanderers on 14 December. James Scowcroft scored the two goals which inflicted the Trotters' first defeat at Burnden Park in any competition this season.

## Wycombe's Christmas Cracker

The children's ward at a nearby hospital has benefited very nicely since John Gregory took over as manager at Wycombe Wanderers. Gregory has implemented fines for his playing staff when, for instance, they arrive late for the team coach, they wander round the dressing room in bare feet or turn up late for training. Each offence costs the player £5 and in the two months he has been in charge the total raised has reached £200 and this has been matched by a local toy shop enabling £400 worth of toys to be distributed to the sick children. Well done

Wycombe!

## Who said Tykes are tight?

Nationwide Division One leaders Barnsley proved that this saying just is not true when on New Year's Day the club arranged for adult supporters to get into the game for just £5.00, a saving of up to £7.50. Sadly the game was one of many that fell foul to the weather but Barnsley have confirmed that the scheme will be in place when the re-arranged game takes place. The Football for a Fiver initiative is mainly designed to thank fans for their backing throughout the year but also to try and encourage others to go along and give their support. The later category probably will do so, particularly if Barnsley make it to the Premiership.

## Chesterfield's Christmas Cheer

Chesterfield realised that their home supporters had to dig deep for three consecutive home allowed all children under the age of 16 in free to their game with Bournemouth. Chesterfield secretary Nicola Bellamy said "Our Chairman decided to introduce this offer as a gesture of goodwill at Christmas to all our loyal young supporters at Saltergate and because he realised that there would be a significant burden on the family finances at this time of the year with three straight home games." And she added after the event, "Although hundreds of junior Chesterfield supporters took up this initiative, we hope that they will return on a regular basis after feeling the family atmosphere we are trying to create."

Gerry Wolstenholme.

# NATIONWIDE NEWS



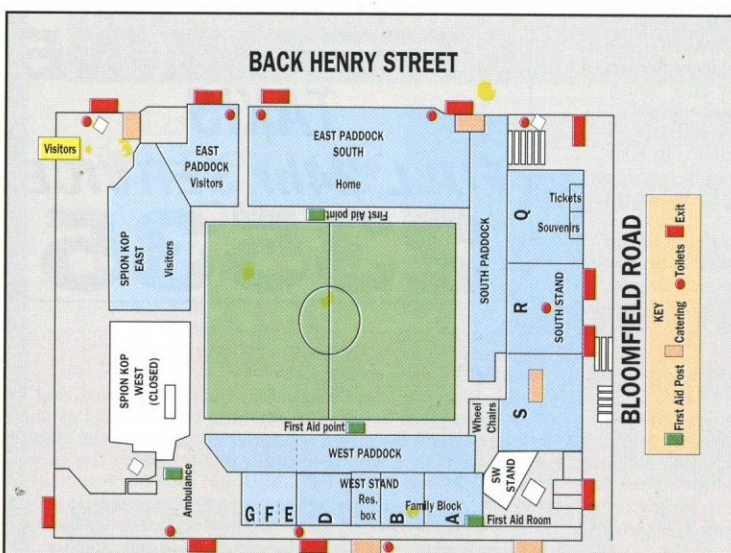
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# TALKING FOOTBALL

So what chance Blackpool for the play-offs? This may seem like a somewhat outrageous claim to be making on the back of two wins, but a look at the facts makes the eternal optimist in me to cancel booking my summer holidays for the end of May. Two wins hardly constitutes a run as Gary Megson correctly points out, but it puts Blackpool only nine points off sixth position. This gap is hardly insurmountable as Newcastle fans will testify. A further look at the division 2 table shows that Blackpool have played all the top nine teams away from home already, indicating a somewhat easier second half of the season. Many of the teams that Blackpool need to catch

have to come to Bloomfield Road, when you consider it is unlikely that we will have five or six regular first teamers absent at the same time as happened in December the above theory is perhaps not as far fetched as some would believe. I also base this theory on history. As any long term Blackpool supporter will verify this club do not do things by halves. Failure or success is usually spectacular with Blackpool. Nothing is done in a mundane or predictable fashion, the main reason why Blackpool fans are nervous wrecks by Easter most years. Whether it be the 1953 Cup final when we came from 1-3 down to win, or the disastrous slide to relegation in 1977-78, the unpredictable nature of this

club is based on historical fact. One final point to note is this, if you look at the league table this time last season you will notice two things. The first is a team riding high and looking a good bet for promotion and the second is a team stuck in twelfth position without a single away win to their name. The two teams in order were Blackpool and Oxford. If you haven't thrown this programme down in disbelief by now, I hope I've convinced you of what is still possible this season. This could of course depend on whether you are reading this before our after today's match. In any case - keep the faith.

Tim Windle



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**How many can you  
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**Answers on Page 38**

# FLASHBACK QUIZ





# COMMERCIAL COMMENT

WITH GEOFF WARBURTON

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Geoff Warburton

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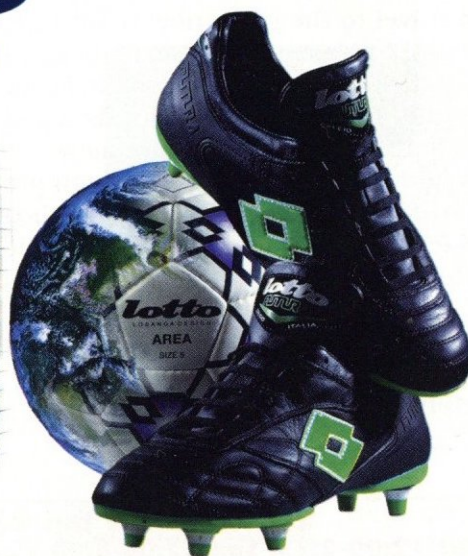
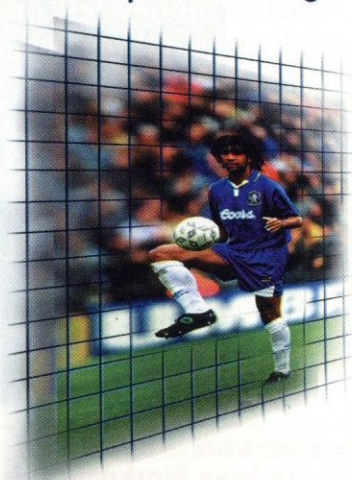
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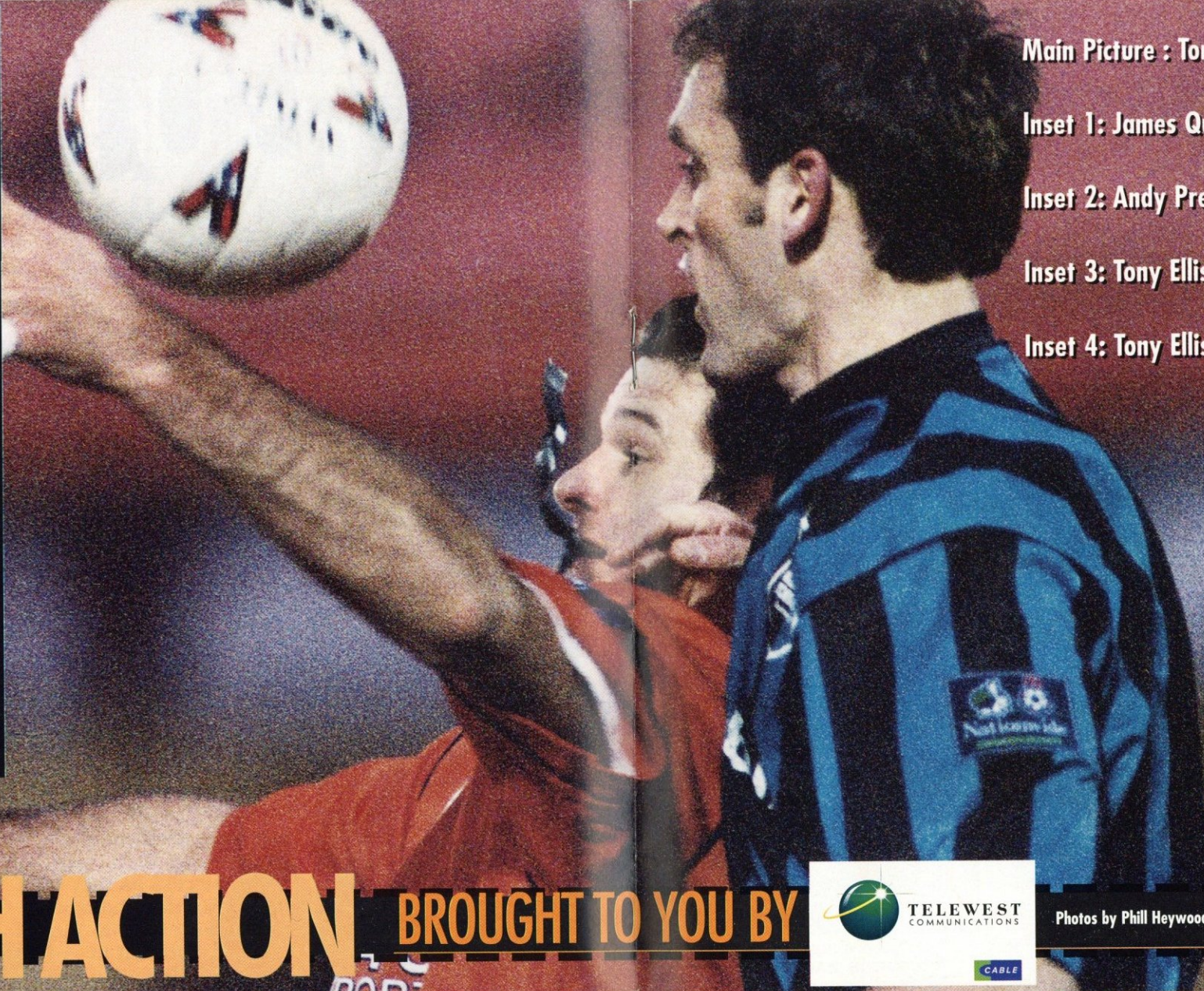
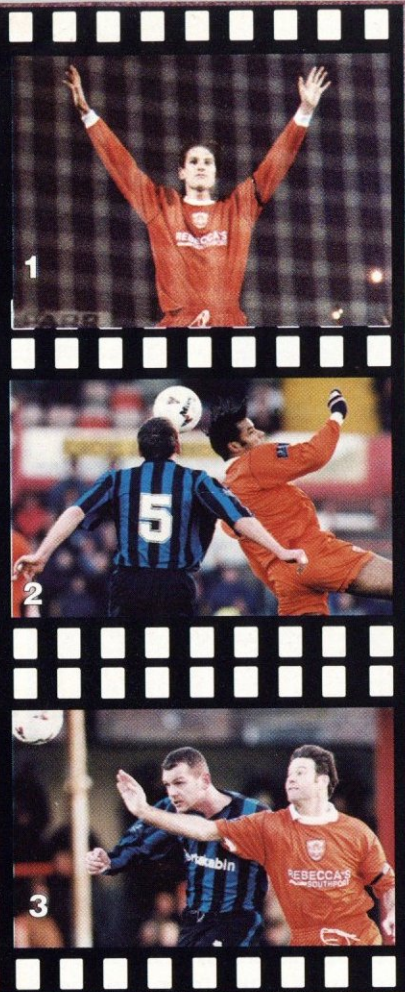
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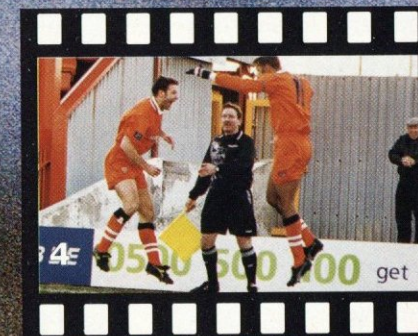
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Inset 1: James Quinn salutes the crowd after scoring

Inset 2: Andy Preece challenges for a ball

Inset 3: Tony Ellis attacks

Inset 4: Tony Ellis and Andy Preece celebrate a goal



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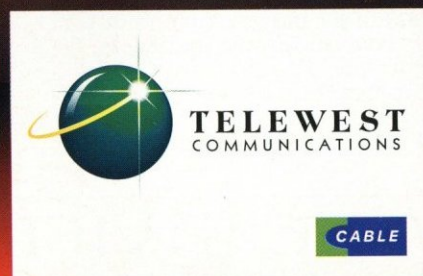
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BY DAVE THOMPSON

## Looking at the fortunes of Pool over the last 12 months . . .

1996 will undoubtedly go down in history as one of the most disappointing years in recent memory. Both on and off the field, everyone connected with the club can be forgiven for giving thanks that the year has passed and hope for better fortunes in 1997.

The year started with a 2-1 away victory at Brunton Park, Carlisle. A last minute Dave Linighan header providing a rare success in what may loosely be termed a derby, and lifting us to third in the Division Two table.

One defeat in the first three months did not prepare anyone for the heartache that was to follow. Four losses and two draws in April caused the automatic promotion slot that had seemed destined for Pool to be denied.

The play-off heartache against Bradford City proved what many fans had feared, that we had blown our promotion chances during that poor run of form in April.

In the second half of the year the disappointing league form continued with the current position in the table giving cause for concern as 1997 approaches.

In all, our league statistics for 1996 were as follows: Played 49, Won 19, Drawn 17, Lost 13.

With regards to personnel, a total of 31 players turned out for Pool under two managers, in league, FA and Coca Cola Cup ties. Some such as Bryan, Barlow, Linighan, Mellon, Bonner, Quinn, and

Ellis have been regular names on the team sheet. Others such as Pascoe, Orié and Charnock may test the memory of even our most committed supporters. Notable departures over the last 12 months include Andy Morrison, Phil Brown, Andy Watson, Andy Gouck and Chris Beech. Whilst new recruits including Tony Butler, Gary Brabin and Chris Malkin will take time to settle into their new surroundings. Of the field the well documented problems for our chairman and his family have dominated matters. 1996 will also be remembered for the plans to move away from Bloomfield Road after nearly one hundred years of football there.

There have been some moments to savour. The award of the Manager of the Month to Sam Allardyce in both February and March was particularly noteworthy. In addition the Coca Cola tie against Chelsea and specifically our 3-1 victory at Stamford Bridge will be long remembered. In the FA Cup we were knocked out twice in 1996,

firstly heroically by Huddersfield Town and then ignominiously by Hednesford Town.

One positive aspect may be seen in the possible ending of our recent hoodoo with York City. Two victories over the Minstermen, in May at Bootham Crescent on the final Saturday of the season and last month at home in what proved to be our final game of 1996, were most welcome after results in previous years.

On this first home game of the year, let us hope that the form and scoreline of that last game against York can carry us up the table and allow 1997 to be a better 12 months than its predecessor.

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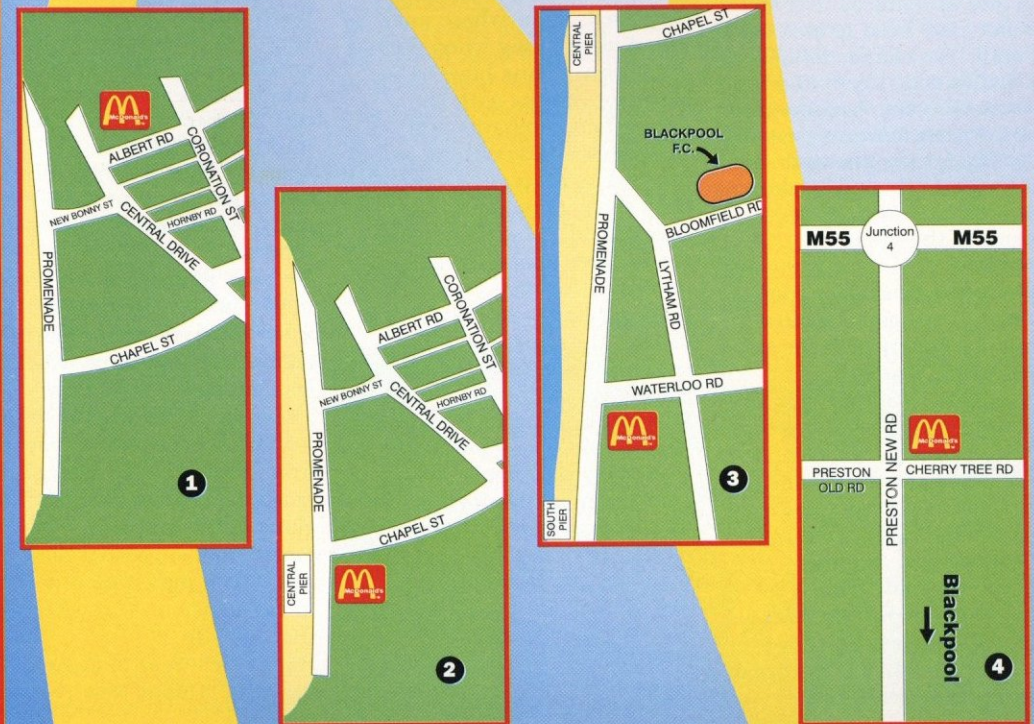
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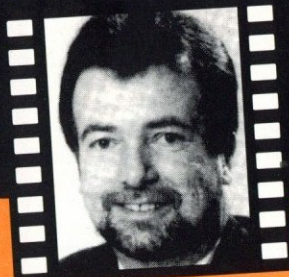


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*"In the final game before Christmas and the first game of the new year the Tangerines suggested they could be a match for any team in our division. But you knew that already."*

Noon, Tuesday 7th January. The match referee takes one look at the Bloomfield Road pitch and announces that he does not even need to kick a ball on it. No chance tonight. Our match is off again and the frustration level is beginning to climb. By ten minutes past twelve the telephones in the club shop are ringing off the hook with fans asking the outcome of the pitch inspection.

Programme material for the now postponed game against Lincoln is already with the printer. The Burnley programme has been ready for a fortnight but may now see the light of day (or should I say night) on Tuesday February 18th. This, however, is subject to the weather again, naturally, and also to the two clubs Autowindcreens Shield commitments, whatever they might be. You should be reading these lines on Saturday January 11th but if it's Tuesday March 4th or even Tuesday April 8th out there don't blame me. Do I not like

Winter! The players and manager will be more frustrated than anybody. Every scheduled match must be approached with the assumption that it will in fact be played. Somewhere must be found for training when pitches are frozen. Plans have to be made for dealing with the oppositions strengths and weaknesses. Everything has to proceed as normally as possible until the very moment a game is called off. And then, when the referees shake his head and says, "no way," the manager has to figure out how to keep the players sharp, ready for when the green light comes on again.

This, of course, is true for all teams. But whereas some clubs may welcome a short enforced break because it provides time for players to recover from injury or because they had struck a bad patch and needed time to re-group, the Seasiders will have been extremely unhappy about Winter's sudden intervention in proceedings. Blackpool finished 1996 with their biggest and most convincing home league win of the season with a

3-0 demolition of former bogey team York City. And they began the new year where they left off, with a resounding 3-1 victory at Shrewsbury for their best away win of the season.

So in the midst of this unwelcome interruption to the schedule our players, manager, and staff are chomping at the bit. Momentum can be an important ingredient in sporting success and clubs are naturally reluctant to let it slip away lest it prove difficult to regain.

We have already played the top nine clubs in our division away from home. There are no easy games left, just some which are less difficult than others.

There are 63 points left to play for, 36 at home and 27 away from home. In the final game before Christmas and the first game of the new year the Tangerines suggested they could be a match for any team in our division. But you knew that already.

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**The Christmas and New Year campaign brought us maximum points for once! Admittedly we only played two games, but one was against York and taking any points from the Minstermen is an achievement in itself.**

Welcome to 1997 and hopefully an improved second half of the season. And what better way to start the year than a home game against one of the division's top sides, Luton Town. The Hatters appear to be finding some decent form following their relegation last season and perhaps this afternoon will provide us with the best test yet as to how we're developing after two morale boosting wins.

Looking at Pool's 1996 performance one can only apply the term: "Must do better." Throwing away that automatic promotion place clearly ranked alongside Newcastle's appalling slide at the top of the Premiership. And just to highlight the fact rumours are rife on Tyneside that Keegan wasn't allowed a dog for Christmas because he can't hold onto a lead!

Pool's performance before this game reads P25 W7 D10 L8 F28 A28 PTS31. The problem clearly lies in the number of draws not turned into wins, because at close inspection so many teams in the top ten have only lost two less than the Seasiders this season. We've not been thrashed by anyone under Gary Megson - because whatever any PNE fan may say 3-0 did not reflect the performance that Friday night. Let's hope that any future Sky TV appearances are

devoid of the jinx they seem to carry when we appear on the box.

So here we go into 1997 and the club's new year resolutions must include killing off teams at home gaining points away from Bloomfield Road and further progress towards a new stadium - although it was worrying to read in the Gazette the other night about plans for a multi screen cinema complex at Peel Corner to compete against one at the new stadium - it smacked of deja vu on the town centre site?

The club must be seen to be

moving forward in 1997 but as any football club marketing manager will tell you despite all their hard work the only way to succeed really is for the players to produce on the pitch - so here's hoping 1997 will be more joyous than 1996. Don't forget to give Red Rose Sport a call after today's game to get your chance to win a crate of Carling Black Label in the thirty second sporting challenge. Phone after 5 on 01772 561000.

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# DID YOU KNOW?

Stan Mortensen's 23 goals in 25 games puts him 11th in the all time list of England leading goalscorers. His strike rate of 0.92 places him sixth behind the leader George Camsell who scored 18 goals in nine games.

Alan Ball played in goal for Blackpool, but not the World Cup hero Alan Ball. North East born Allan Ball was an amateur who was drafted into the Reserve side on 4 October 1963 at Bury after Bryan Harvey made a sudden move to Northampton Town. He only played three Central League games before joining George Farm's Queen of the South and eventually taking over from the former Blackpool goalkeeper in late 1963.

In their first season in League football Blackpool completed the double over only one side, Darwen but they did take three points from both Grimsby Town and Burton Swifts.

Jack Parkinson, who played centre forward and centre half for Blackpool up to 1910, was a lifeboatman and attended the wreck of the Rosaleen of St Annes just a few weeks before he was tragically killed in an accident at the Cocker Street swimming baths.

John Burridge came to Blackpool for a three match trial period when Neil Ramsbottom broke a bone in his arm at Easter 1971. But after three games in which he conceded only two goals and Blackpool were undefeated he was signed for £10,000.

After Jimmy Armfield made his final appearance for Blackpool against Manchester United, Blackburn Rovers, then newly relegated

to the Third Division said that they would match any offer made to the player so that he could play for them the next season.

When Billy Parr made his amateur international debut for England, he was the fourth Blackpool amateur to have represented his country. He followed in the steps of S J Hoad, Harold Hardman and Walter Grundy, the last two named making their international debut after they had left the club.

When Tony Waiters made his international debut in a 3-1 win over Eire on 24 May 1964, Blackpool became the first club since the war to provide a player for all eleven positions in the England side.

Bob Wittingham made one England appearance in a 'Victory' international in 1919, 10 years after the free-scoring centre forward had left Blackpool.

Stan Mortensen had his first taste of international football for Wales. On 25 September 1943 Welsh left half Ivor Powell of QPR was injured in the game against England at Wembley and Mortensen, the England reserve, was allowed to come on for Wales for the remainder of the game. He played inside left with Ron Burgess of Spurs reverting to wing half, England were winning 4-1 when the substitution took place and although Wales pulled back to 4-3, England added four more to win convincingly 8-3. Mortensen did not score for Wales.

Gerry Wolstenholme

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# glimpses from the past

BY GERRY WOLSTENHOLME

By the time Blackpool came to take on Luton Town on 22 December 1973, the club had scored only 28 goals in 21 League games that season and the cry from the local press was **Front Three Must Score Goals**. Five of the 28 goals had come in a November rout of Portsmouth and five had come in the previous two games, a 3-2 win at Carlisle and a 2-2 draw at Oxford which left Blackpool in sixth place in the Division Two table. In contrast, Luton were sitting second and had scored 33 goals in 20 games. In support of the call for more goals from the forwards was the fact that 16 of Blackpool's goals had come from defenders and midfield players with the front three from the most recent games only managing eight goals between them; Micky Burns led the way with five goals in 20 appearances, Keith Dyson had one in eight and Micky Walsh had two in 13. Midfielder Terry Alcock was the leading scorer with eight goals in 20 games and in three games he had proved to be the matchwinner. In the long term it was no use relying on goals from midfield and defence and the forwards just had to start scoring but Micky Burns was being given little room for manoeuvre. Keith Dyson was playing well in place of the suspended Wyn Davies but not finding the net and Alan Suddick was having difficulty in moving off the 99 League goal mark. It was, therefore, no wonder that the Blackpool management were concerned. Blackpool made one change to the

side that drew at Oxford with Alan Ainscow returning from a cartilage operation making his first appearance of the season and Micky Walsh dropping down to substitute; Luton, having spent a considerable amount of money in team-building, named their strongest side. A crowd of only 7,796 turned up at Bloomfield Road to see the top-of-the-table clash and they saw a most disappointing opening 45 minutes. Blackpool rarely got their shooting boots on but Luton, although concentrating on defence, did manage to look dangerous on the break. Blackpool did have the ball in the net in the 16th minute when Dyson slipped the ball past the advancing Horn but the linesman's flag was already up for off-side; other Blackpool efforts came from defenders Dave Hatton, Bill Bentley and John Curtis. On the other hand Luton had plenty of opportunities with West, Jim Ryan, Husband and particularly Butlin with a header which only needed a touch from the onrushing forwards to have put the visitors in front. John Burridge and his defence, with captain Glyn James outstanding, somehow managed to cope and the goalkeeper regularly plucked the many inswinging corners from Ryan and Aston safely out of the air. The second half opened explosively and within 39 seconds Blackpool were in front. Bentley put a long clearance in the path of Micky Burns and the little winger raced into the area and, despite being tripped, managed to poke

the ball into the corner of the net past a stranded Horn. Luton replied strongly and Butlin forced a double reflex save from Burridge before in the 55th minute Blackpool went two goals in front. Glyn James took the ball forward, found Burns on the left and the winger cut inside past two defenders and unleashed a splendid shot into the top corner of the net. Burns was now rampant; Ainscow found him with a great pass down the right, Burns moved outside Faulkner and put in a cross which Shanks was grateful to put behind for a corner. And in the 71st minute he completed his hat-trick. There seemed little danger when he received the ball just inside the penalty area with all the Luton defenders between him and the goal but he wormed himself free and placed a shot well out of Horn's reach into the top corner and it was 3-0. Luton were finished and they played out the remaining 19 minutes with resignation. Blackpool's win moved them up to fourth place in the table whilst Luton remained second as other results went their way. Micky Burns' hat-trick was the first by a Blackpool player for just over a year and he finished the season as Blackpool's leading scorer with 14 goals from his ever-present 42 game season. Midfielder Terry Alcock with 12 was the only other Blackpool player to reach double figures so, despite one Saturday hat-trick, it continued to be a case of *Front Three Must Score Goals* throughout the season!



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## BLACKPOOL 1996-97

### APPEARANCES AND GOALS

|            | LEAGUE | GOALS | COCA COLA | GOALS | FA CUP | GOALS | AUTO WINDSCREENS | GOALS | TO DATE | GOALS |
|------------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|--------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-------|
|            | APPS   |       | APPS      |       | APPS   |       | APPS             |       | APPS    |       |
| BANKS      | 25     | -     | 4         | -     | 2      | -     | 1                | -     | 64      | -     |
| BARLOW     | 22(3)  | -     | 2(2)      | -     | 2      | -     | 1                | -     | 68(5)   | 1     |
| BONNER     | 16(2)  | -     | 4         | -     | 2      | -     | 1                | -     | 144(26) | 12    |
| BRABIN     | 20(1)  | 2     | 3         | -     | 1      | -     | -                | -     | 24(1)   | 2     |
| BRADSHAW   | 3(2)   | -     | -         | -     | 1      | -     | -                | -     | 66(2)   | 1     |
| BRIGHTWELL | 1(1)   | -     | -         | -     | -      | -     | -                | -     | 1(1)    | -     |
| BRYAN      | 15     | -     | 4         | -     | 1      | -     | -                | -     | 73(4)   | 1     |
| BUTLER     | 23(1)  | -     | 3         | -     | 1      | -     | -                | -     | 27(1)   | -     |
| CARDEN     | 0(1)   | -     | -         | -     | 0(1)   | -     | 1                | -     | 1(2)    | -     |
| DARTON     | 0(1)   | -     | -         | -     | 1      | -     | -                | -     | 24(6)   | -     |
| DIXON      | 3(8)   | -     | 2         | -     | 1      | -     | 1                | -     | 7(8)    | -     |
| ELLIS      | 21(4)  | 4     | 4         | 3     | 1      | -     | -                | -     | 121(6)  | 43    |
| HADDOW     | -      | -     | -         | -     | -      | -     | 1                | -     | 1       | -     |
| LINIGHAN   | 21     | -     | 3         | -     | 1      | -     | -                | -     | 58      | 4     |
| LYDIATE    | 13(1)  | -     | 2(1)      | -     | -      | -     | -                | -     | 65(4)   | 2     |
| MALKIN     | 8(1)   | 3     | -         | -     | 2      | -     | -                | -     | 10(1)   | 3     |
| MELLON     | 22     | 3     | 4         | -     | 1      | -     | -                | -     | 109     | 15    |
| ONWERE     | 5(4)   | -     | 1         | -     | 1      | -     | -                | -     | 7(4)    | -     |
| ORIE       | -      | -     | 1         | -     | -      | -     | -                | -     | 1       | -     |
| PARKS      | -      | -     | -         | -     | -      | -     | -                | -     | -       | -     |
| PHILPOT    | 16(3)  | 3     | 2         | 1     | 2      | -     | -                | -     | 24(9)   | 4     |
| PREECE     | 14(6)  | 5     | 2(2)      | -     | 0(1)   | -     | 1                | 1     | 63(15)  | 21    |
| QUINN      | 22     | 8     | 3         | 3     | 1      | 1     | -                | -     | 119(27) | 38    |
| SYMONS     | -      | -     | -         | -     | -      | -     | 1                | -     | 1(1)    | -     |
| THORPE     | 2(6)   | -     | 0(1)      | -     | 1      | -     | 1                | -     | 4(10)   | -     |
| WOODS      | 3      | -     | -         | -     | -      | -     | -                | -     | 3       | -     |
| OWN GOAL   | -      | -     | -         | -     | -      | -     | -                | -     | -       | -     |

## NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 2 1996/97

|                | P  | W  | D | L | F  | A  | W | D | L | F  | A  | PTS | TOP SCORER    | Ave.H.Alt |
|----------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|---------------|-----------|
| BRENTFORD      | 25 | 6  | 6 | 0 | 23 | 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 12 | 47  | ASABA-14      | 5463      |
| LUTON T        | 24 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 25 | 6  | 4 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 20 | 46  | THORPE-16     | 5261      |
| BURY           | 24 | 8  | 4 | 0 | 21 | 5  | 3 | 5 | 4 | 15 | 18 | 42  | CARTER-10     | 4484      |
| MILLWALL       | 25 | 8  | 2 | 3 | 18 | 12 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 14 | 41  | CRAWFORD-8    | 7888      |
| STOCKPORT C    | 25 | 6  | 4 | 2 | 12 | 7  | 5 | 4 | 4 | 20 | 20 | 41  | ANGELL-11     | 5416      |
| BRISTOL C      | 25 | 8  | 3 | 2 | 29 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 18 | 40  | GOATER-11     | 9973      |
| BURNLEY        | 25 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 28 | 14 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 40  | BARNES-12     | 9877      |
| CREWE A        | 24 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 28 | 7  | 2 | 1 | 8 | 6  | 20 | 40  | ADEBOLA-9     | 3814      |
| WATFORD        | 24 | 4  | 7 | 2 | 11 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 9  | 39  | MOONEY-7      | 9191      |
| WREXHAM        | 23 | 7  | 3 | 1 | 20 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 14 | 38  | CONNOLLY-6    | 4216      |
| CHESTERFIELD   | 23 | 6  | 3 | 2 | 13 | 9  | 5 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 9  | 38  | LORMOR-6      | 4000      |
| SHREWSBURY T   | 27 | 5  | 4 | 5 | 16 | 19 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 19 | 24 | 32  | STEVENS-15    | 2959      |
| BLACKPOOL      | 25 | 4  | 6 | 1 | 16 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 18 | 31  | QUINN-8       | 4396      |
| WALSALL        | 24 | 6  | 4 | 2 | 16 | 8  | 2 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 20 | 30  | LIGHTBOURNE-7 | 3520      |
| BOURNEMOUTH    | 26 | 5  | 2 | 6 | 13 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 16 | 30  | FLETCHER-5    | 4228      |
| BRISTOL R      | 25 | 6  | 3 | 3 | 19 | 14 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 7  | 15 | 29  | BEADLE-8      | 5323      |
| PRESTON NE     | 25 | 7  | 3 | 3 | 18 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 6  | 16 | 29  | ASHCROFT-5    | 9656      |
| YORK C         | 24 | 5  | 3 | 3 | 14 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 23 | 29  | PEPPER-8      | 3489      |
| PETERBOROUGH U | 25 | 3  | 5 | 4 | 26 | 23 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 20 | 27  | HOUGHTON-7    | 5417      |
| PLYMOUTH A     | 25 | 3  | 7 | 3 | 13 | 16 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 16 | 22 | 27  | EVANS-9       | 7258      |
| GILLINGHAM     | 26 | 5  | 3 | 5 | 18 | 17 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 7  | 19 | 27  | OWUORA-10     | 6096      |
| WYCOMBE W      | 25 | 5  | 2 | 6 | 10 | 12 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 26 | 23  | McGAVIN-4     | 4774      |
| NOTTS C        | 24 | 3  | 4 | 4 | 11 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 4  | 16 | 22  | AGANA-3       | 4435      |
| ROTHERHAM U    | 24 | 3  | 5 | 5 | 10 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 25 | 17  | DRUCK-4       | 2966      |

## PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1996/97

|                 | PL | W | D | L | F  | A  | PTS |
|-----------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| SUNDERLAND      | 13 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 31 | 22 | 23  |
| LEICESTER C     | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 24 | 17 | 23  |
| ASTON VILLA     | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 29 | 14 | 22  |
| MIDDLESBROUGH   | 13 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 29 | 23 | 22  |
| PRESTON         | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 8  | 21  |
| HUDDERSFIELD T  | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 17 | 19 | 18  |
| WOLVERHAMPTON W | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 22 | 19 | 16  |
| WEST BROMWICH A | 14 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 13 | 19 | 16  |
| NOTTS CO.       | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 20 | 15  |
| PORT VALE       | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 19 | 23 | 14  |
| SHEFFIELD U     | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 24 | 11  |
| COVENTRY C      | 13 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 7  | 13 | 10  |
| BLACKPOOL       | 13 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 8  | 25 | 6   |

### SCORERS

RESERVES - SYMONS 3, THORPE 3, CARLISLE 1, HADDOW 1 = 8  
A TEAM CARDEN 6, CARLISLE 4, HALL 4, LONGWORTH 3, TALBOT 2, ASHCROFT 1, BEST 1, CROSS 1, GREER 1, HADDOW 1 = 24



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|-----------|--------------------------|-----|------|-------|------|-------|---------|--------|--------|---------|----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------|--------|--------|---------|
| Aug 7th   | CHESTERFIELD             | 0-1 | 6014 | 1139  |      | Banks | Bryan M | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Thorne   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn B | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Dixon  | Lydiat  |
| Aug 20th  | Scunthorpe Utd (CCC 1/1) | 1-2 | 1880 | 245   |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Orie     | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn S | Ellis B | Philpott | Preece | Lydiat | Heighon |
| Aug 24th  | Bristol City             | A   | 1-0  | 9387  | 369  | Banks | Bryan B | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin B | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn S | Ellis S | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Aug 27th  | Rotherham United         | A   | 2-1  | 2914  | 617  | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Aug 31st  | WYCOMBE WANDERERS        | H   | 0-0  | 4856  | 386  | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Sept 3rd  | SCUNTHORPE UTD (CCC 1/2) | H   | 2-0  | 2560  | 143  | Banks | Bryan M | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Sept 7th  | WALSALL                  | H   | 2-1  | 5172  | 1182 | Banks | Bryan B | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Sept 10th | Burnley                  | A   | 0-2  | 13599 | 2236 | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Sept 14th | Brentford                | A   | 1-1  | 5908  | 565  | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Sept 18th | CHELSEA (CCC 2/1)        | H   | 1-4  | 9666  | 877  | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Sept 21st | SHREWSBURY TOWN          | H   | 1-1  | 4452  | 522  | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Sept 25th | Sheff Wed (CCC 2/2)      | A   | 3-1  | 11732 | 549  | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Sept 28th | Luton Town               | A   | 0-1  | 5303  | 603  | Banks | Bryan B | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Oct 1st   | Crewe Alexandra          | A   | 2-3  | 4314  | 790  | Banks | Lydiat  | Dixon  | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Oct 5th   | Bury                     | A   | 0-1  | 5317  | 1383 | Banks | Onwere  | Dixon  | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Oct 12th  | Gillingham               | A   | 1-4  | 9666  | 877  | Banks | Lydiat  | Dixon  | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Oct 15th  | WREXHAM                  | H   | 2-0  | 4320  | 667  | Banks | Lydiat  | Dixon  | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Oct 19th  | Bristol Rovers           | H   | 3-3  | 4014  | 511  | Banks | Lydiat  | Dixon  | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Oct 26th  | WATFORD                  | A   | 0-0  | 5823  | 249  | Banks | Lydiat  | Dixon  | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Oct 30th  | Millwall                 | H   | 1-1  | 6072  | 1284 | Banks | Lydiat  | Dixon  | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Nov 2nd   | Peterborough United      | A   | 1-2  | 7179  | 362  | Banks | Lydiat  | Dixon  | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Nov 9th   | AFC BOURNEMOUTH          | H   | 0-0  | 7011  | 386  | Banks | Lydiat  | Dixon  | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Nov 16th  | WIGAN ATHLETIC FAC 1     | H   | 1-1  | 3744  | 127  | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Nov 23rd  | Stockport County         | H   | 1-0  | 5465  | 2043 | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Nov 30th  | NOTTS COUNTY             | A   | 0-1  | 4572  | 577  | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Dec 3rd   | WATFORD                  | A   | 2-2  | 12017 | 561  | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Dec 10th  | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE          | H   | 0-1  | 4583  | 1499 | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Dec 17th  | HEDNESFORD FAC 2         | H   | 1-0  | 1143  | 101  | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Dec 21st  | Rotherham Utd (AWS)      | A   | 0-3  | 14626 | 2801 | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Dec 28th  | Preston North End        | A   | 3-0  | 3432  | 284  | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Jan 1st   | YORK CITY                | H   | 3-1  | 2787  | 430  | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Jan 11th  | Shrewsbury Town          | H   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Jan 14th  | LUTON TOWN               | H   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Jan 18th  | LINCOLN CITY (AWS 2)     | H   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Jan 25th  | CREWE ALEXANDRA          | H   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Feb 1st   | MILLWALL                 | A   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Feb 4th   | Bournemouth              | A   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Feb 8th   | Walsall                  | A   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Feb 15th  | PETERBOROUGH UNITED      | H   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Feb 22nd  | Notts County             | A   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Mar 1st   | STOCKPORT COUNTY         | A   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Mar 8th   | Plymouth Argyle          | A   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Mar 15th  | York City                | H   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Mar 22nd  | PRESTON NORTH END        | H   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Mar 29th  | BRISTOL CITY             | A   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Apr 5th   | Chesterfield             | H   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Apr 12th  | ROTHERHAM UNITED         | A   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Apr 19th  | Wycombe Wanderers        | A   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| Apr 26th  | BURY                     | H   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| May 3rd   | Gillingham               | A   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| May 10th  | BRISTOL ROVERS           | H   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| May 17th  | Wrexham                  | A   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| May 24th  | TO REARRANGE BRENTFORD   | A   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |
| May 31st  | TO REARRANGE BURNLEY     | A   |      |       |      | Banks | Bryan   | Barlow | Butler | Linghan | Brabin   | Bonner | Mellon | Quinn   | Ellis   | Philpott | Preece | Thorne | Dixon   |

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|------------------|-------------------------|-------|-----|---------|----------|--------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Aug 21           | MIDDLESBROUGH           | H     | 0-2 | Heighon | Lydiat   | Howard | Darton   | Dixon     | Brabin     | Hooks B  | Gardner  | Thorne     | Preece    | Symons     | Best        | Hall     | Greer     |
| Aug 28           | Leicester City          | A     | 0-1 | Heighon | Thorne B | Dixon  | Hooks    | Howard B  | Lydiat     | Best     | Allardye | Longworth  | Symons    | Darton     | Ashcroft    | Haddow   | Davies    |
| Sept 11          | WEST BROMWICH ALBION    | H     | 1-2 | Parks   | Hall     | Dixon  | Bonner   | Allardye  | Linghan    | Malone   | Onwere   | Symons     | Thorne    | Darton     | HADDOW'S    | Hooks    | Howard    |
| Sept 26          | HUDDERSFIELD            | H     | 1-0 | Parks   | Ashcroft | Barlow | Haddow   | Allardye  | Carlisle   | Carden B | Jarrett  | THORPE S   | Preece    | Philpott   | Hooks       | Symons   | Howard    |
| Oct 2            | SUNDERLAND              | H     | 2-4 | Parks   | Ashcroft | Barlow | Haddow   | Allardye  | CARLISIE H | Carden   | Jarrett  | THORPE S   | Greer     | Philpott   | Hooks       | Symons   | Howard    |
| Oct 9            | Wolverhampton Wanderers | A     | 0-6 | Parks   | Hayton   | Dixon  | Ashcroft | Cross     | Howard     | Pepper   | Talbot   | Symons     | Longworth | Hooks      | BShockledge | Mairs    | Greer     |
| Oct 16           | Coventry City           | A     | 1-2 | Parks   | Hall     | Dixon  | Haddow   | Bradshaw  | Carlisle   | Carden   | Onwere   | THORPE SHB | Symons    | Darton     | Ashcroft    | Greer    | Cross     |
| Nov 6            | Notts County            | A     | 2-2 | Parks   | Bryan    | Dixon  | Bradshaw | Howard    | Bonner B   | Woods    | Onwere   | THORPE SHB | Symons    | Darton     | Greer       | Mairs    | Best      |
| Nov 13           | PORT VALE               | H     | 0-3 | Parks   | Bryan    | Dixon  | Bonner   | BBradshaw | Allardye   | Talbot   | Onwere   | THORPE     | Symons    | Darton     | Howard      | Mairs    | Carden    |
| Nov 20           | Preston North End       | A     | 0-1 | Parks   | Hall     | Dixon  | Onwere   | Lydiat    | Bradshaw   | Haddow   | Darton   | THORPE     | Ellis B   | Preece     | Allardye    | Carden   | Symons    |
| Nov 27           | ASTON VILLA             | H     | 1-2 | Parks B | Ashcroft | Dixon  | Haddow   | Bradshaw  | Lydiat     | Symons   | Onwere   | THORPE     | Darton    | Preece     | Carden      | Cross    | Longworth |
| Dec 11           | West Bromwich Albion    | A     | 0-0 | Parks   | Pepper   | Hall   | Ashcroft | Carlisle  | B Cross    | Owen     | Jarrett  | Longworth  | Talbot    | Shockledge | Davies      | Skeoch   | Seaton    |
| Dec 18           | COVENTRY CITY           | H     | 0-0 | Miotto  | Ashcroft | Cross  | Haddow   | Butler    | Dixon      | Carden   | Onwere   | Quinn      | Symons    | Darton     | Hall        | Carlisle | Talbot    |
| Jan 8            | Huddersfield Town       | A     |     |         |          |        |          |           |            |          |          |            |           |            |             |          |           |
| Jan 22           | SHEFFIELD UNITED        | H     |     |         |          |        |          |           |            |          |          |            |           |            |             |          |           |
| Feb 19           | NOTTS COUNTY            | H     |     |         |          |        |          |           |            |          |          |            |           |            |             |          |           |
| Feb 26           | Port Vale               | A     |     |         |          |        |          |           |            |          |          |            |           |            |             |          |           |
| Mar 5            | PRESTON NORTH END       | H     |     |         |          |        |          |           |            |          |          |            |           |            |             |          |           |
| Mar 19           | Aston Villa             | A     |     |         |          |        |          |           |            |          |          |            |           |            |             |          |           |
| Mar 26           | Middlesbrough           | A     |     |         |          |        |          |           |            |          |          |            |           |            |             |          |           |
| Apr 2            | LEICESTER CITY          | H     |     |         |          |        |          |           |            |          |          |            |           |            |             |          |           |
| Apr 16           | WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS | H     |     |         |          |        |          |           |            |          |          |            |           |            |             |          |           |
| Apr 30           | Sunderland              | A     |     |         |          |        |          |           |            |          |          |            |           |            |             |          |           |
| (TO BE ARRANGED) | Sheffield United        | A     |     |         |          |        |          |           |            |          |          |            |           |            |             |          |           |

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|         |                      |   |     |
|---------|----------------------|---|-----|
| Aug 17  | Everton 'B'          | H | 1-1 |
| Aug 24  | Crewe Alex. 'A'      | A | 0-3 |
| Aug 31  | Wigan Ath. 'A'       | H | 2-2 |
| Sept 7  | Manchester C. 'A'    | A | 1-2 |
| Sept 14 | Stockport County 'A' | A | 3-1 |
| Sept 21 | Bury 'B'             | H | 4-0 |
| Sept 28 | Oldham Ath. 'B'      | A | 1-1 |
| Oct 5   | Blackburn Rovers 'B' | H | 2-1 |
| Oct 12  | Tranmere Rovers 'B'  | A | 0-2 |
| Oct 19  | Manchester Utd. 'B'  | H | 4-0 |
| Oct 26  | Rochdale 'A'         | A | 2-0 |
| Nov 2   | Oldham Ath. 'B'      | H | 1-2 |
| Nov 9   | Liverpool 'B'        | A | 1-2 |
| Nov 30  | Wigan Ath. 'A'       | A | 1-2 |
| Dec 7   | Liverpool 'B'        | H | 0-0 |
| Dec 14  | Carlisle Utd. 'A'    | A | 1-1 |
| Jan 4   | Crewe A. 'A'         | H | 0-1 |
| Jan 11  | Manchester Utd. 'B'  | A |     |
| Jan 18  | Stockport County 'A' | H |     |
| Jan 25  | Marine Youth         | A |     |
| Feb 1   | Carlisle Utd. 'A'    | H |     |
| Feb 8   | Tranmere Rovers 'B'  | H |     |
| Feb 15  | Chester City 'A'     | A |     |
| Feb 22  | Manchester City 'A'  | H |     |
| Mar 1   | Rochdale 'A'         | H |     |
| Mar 8   | Burnley 'B'          | A |     |
| Mar 15  | Blackburn Rovers 'B' | A |     |
| Mar 22  | Burnley 'B'          | H |     |
| Mar 29  | Everton 'B'          | A |     |
| Apr 12  | Chester City 'A'     | H |     |



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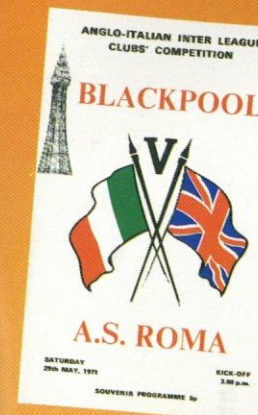
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Blackpool lost at home to Roma 1-3 but won the game in Rome 2-1. In the games versus Verona Blackpool drew at home 3-3 and won away 4-1. These results were enough for Pool to finish top of their group and so went on to meet the team who finished top of the Italian group, Bologna, in the final on Saturday 12th June 1971.

I have illustrated the programme covers from the

2 home games v Roma and Verona. I am not aware of any programmes being produced for the away games, if anybody can confirm whether programmes exist or not then I would be delighted to hear from them. I do know that no programme was produced for the Anglo Italian Cup Final of 1972, a game that saw Roma defeat Blackpool 3-1.

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## H Ellis Tomlinson (1915-1996)

It was with a great deal of sadness that we learnt of the death on 19 December of H Ellis Tomlinson. He had been watching Blackpool as long as any supporter and probably longer than most. Born in Cheshire, Ellis moved to Blackpool in 1928 and he started watching the 'Pool immediately, this was to continue until his final game at Bloomfield Road, the FA Cup tie against Hednesford Town a span of 68 years.

On arrival in the Fylde, Ellis attended Baines Grammar School and later taught there with much success. It was his teaching that brought about, much later, my first contact with 'Toss' as he was affectionately known. When he was asking for recitations of French verbs we youngsters were afraid of him with his chair spindle carefully secreted in the sleeve of his gown and with which he would give you a quick cuff if you failed to get as far as *ils sont* in conjugating the French verb to be or if you were unable to quickly run through *amo, amas, amat!*

But he was a superb teacher and in between times he was one of the most friendly of men. He was a top

heraldic expert and always when it came to school holidays he would regale the class with tales of his designing of the football badges of the home countries and with stories of Blackpool FC long ago, in particular the great Jimmy Hampson. They were always moments to savour.

He took the school team for football and his shout of boot that ball could regularly be heard on school touchlines around the Fylde. He built the Baines football team into one feared throughout schools' football and devoted many hours to training, refereeing and watching his proteges. In his spare time, he followed Blackpool all over the country and it was no surprise when, in 1987, he was asked to write the Centenary History of the club entitled *Seaside's: The First 100 Years*. At a centenary exhibition at the Grundy Art Gallery he signed copies of his book in his unmistakable purple ink and mixed equally well with players and supporters alike, always with a kindly word. He passed away peacefully at Blackpool's Victoria Hospital and everyone will miss him greatly. Happy Memories Ellis, Rest in Peace or should I say, *Requiescat in Pace*, your teaching has not been forgotten!

Gerry Wolstenholme

## FLASHBACK QUIZ

Answers from quiz on page 15

Back (L to R)

Dave Hatton, John Craven, Tommy Hutchison, Neil Ramsbottom, Alan Taylor, Peter Suddady, Billy Deasley.

Middle (L to R) Terry Alcock, Tony Coleman, Jimmy Armfield, Paul Kemp, Glyn James, Henry Mowdray.

Front (L to R) Micky Burns, Johnny Johnson, Tony Green.

*Marc Antony*

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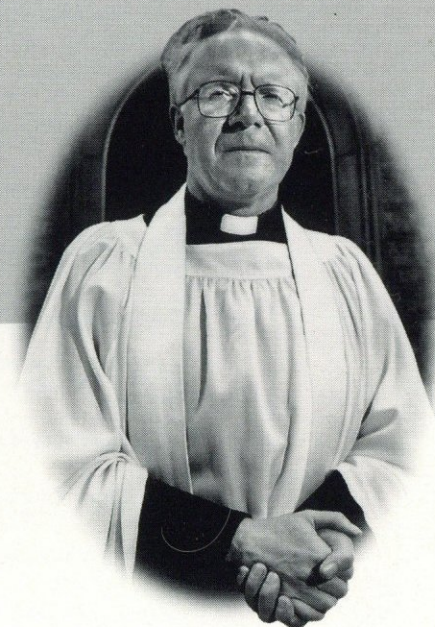
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# THE MATCH LINE-UP

## BLACKPOOL

TANGERINE SHIRTS  
AND SHORTS

WHITE SHIRTS BLUE SHORTS

## LUTON TOWN

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <b>STEVE BANKS</b>      | Having an outstanding season                                     |
| <b>MARVIN BRYAN</b>     | Now recovered from injury and keen to push forward               |
| <b>ANDY BARLOW</b>      | Teams up well with Lee Philpott down left flank                  |
| <b>TONY BUTLER</b>      | Has looked solid in the middle of the defence                    |
| <b>DAVID LINGHAN</b>    | Strong in the air - club captain                                 |
| <b>LEE PHILPOTT</b>     | Doing well down the left side unlucky not to score at Shrewsbury |
| <b>MARK BONNER</b>      | Looking to get forward and score                                 |
| <b>MICKY MELLON</b>     | Scored important 3rd goal at Shrewsbury just before the break    |
| <b>JAMES QUINN</b>      | Top scorer with 12 league and cup goals                          |
| <b>TONY ELLIS</b>       | Made both goals for Andy Preece on New Year's Day                |
| <b>ANDY PREECE</b>      | Scored two goals at Shrewsbury on New Year's Day                 |
| <b>GARY BRABIN</b>      | Came on as sub at Shrewsbury after his suspension                |
| <b>LEE THORPE</b>       | Young striker with potential                                     |
| <b>DAVID BRIGHTWELL</b> | On loan from Bradford City                                       |

- 1 Born in Las Vegas cost £580,000 from West Ham in Dec 1995
- 2 Experienced defender former England U21
- 3 Started at Luton - returned in 1993 after spells at Spurs and West Ham
- 4 Experienced midfielder played at QPR, Millwall and Bristol R
- 5 Former Burnley star cost Luton £750,000
- 6 Been with the club over 10 years
- 7 One club man - capped by Wales
- 8 £100,000 capture from Scunthorpe in July 1995
- 9 Signed from Bradford City in August 1996
- 10 Top scorer in the division with 18 goals
- 11 Cost £150,000 from Plymouth in July 1994
- 12 Born in Australia - second spell with club
- 13 Bulgaria who came on a Free from Ipswich in Aug 1995
- 14 Cost £250,000 from Charlton Ath. in March 1996

|                          |
|--------------------------|
| <b>IAN FEUER</b>         |
| <b>JULIAN JAMES</b>      |
| <b>MITCHELL THOMAS</b>   |
| <b>GARY WADDOCK</b>      |
| <b>STEVE DAVIS</b>       |
| <b>MARVIN JOHNSON</b>    |
| <b>CERI HUGHES</b>       |
| <b>GRAHAM ALEXANDER</b>  |
| <b>PAUL SHOWLER</b>      |
| <b>TONY THORPE</b>       |
| <b>DWIGHT MARSHALL</b>   |
| <b>DAVID OLDFIELD</b>    |
| <b>BONTCHO GUENTCHEV</b> |
| <b>KIM GRANT</b>         |



### MASCOT JOHNNIE HODGES

Johnnie aged 8 attends Our Lady's R.C. Primary School, St. Ann's. His favourite hobby is football and he recently attended a Blackpool F.C. coaching course at school. Johnnie's family are all keen on football. His grandfather was a professional referee and his uncle Andrew is a lifelong Blackpool supporter. Johnnie's favourite Blackpool players are James Quinn and Micky Mellon.

### Referee

#### Mr A. Bates (Stoke-on-Trent)

Today we welcome Tony Bates to Bloomfield Road, his first visit as a Football League Referee. He started refereeing in 1986 and progressed through the West Midlands League to the Football League Line in 1993. This is his first season as a League Referee. His hobbies are watching speedway, playing cricket, fishing and travelling

### ASSISTANT REFEREES

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## TODAY'S TEAMS

### BLACKPOOL

|    |                 |
|----|-----------------|
| 1  | STEVE BANKS     |
| 2  | MARVIN BRYAN    |
| 3  | ANDY BARLOW     |
| 4  | DARREN BRADSHAW |
| 5  | DAVID LINIGHAN  |
| 6  | PHIL CLARKSON   |
| 7  | MARK BONNER     |
| 8  | MICKY MELLON    |
| 9  | SCOTT DARTON    |
| 10 | TONY ELLIS      |
| 11 | ANDY PREECE     |
| 12 | GARY BRABIN     |
| 13 | BRETT ORMEROD   |
| 14 | KEITH RUSSELL   |

### LUTON TOWN

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| 1  | IAN FEUER        |
| 2  | JULIAN JAMES     |
| 3  | MITCHELL THOMAS  |
| 4  | GARY WADDOCK     |
| 5  | STEVE DAVIS      |
| 6  | MARVIN JOHNSON   |
| 7  | GERI HUGHES      |
| 8  | GRAHAM ALEXANDER |
| 9  | DAVID OLDFIELD   |
| 10 | TONY THORPE      |
| 11 | PAUL MCLAREN     |
| 12 | KIM GRANT        |
| 13 | DWIGHT MARSHALL  |
| 14 | DARREN PATTERSON |

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# From the Editor...

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## ON THE BALL

The moment Lord Gyllene passed the winning post at Aintree last Monday it was more than just about the winning of a horse race. The integrity of the Grand National and British sport had been preserved. Despite the attempts of others to destroy a great sporting tradition one of the UK's premier sporting events had taken place and thrown two fingers in the general direction of Ireland.

Of course the perpetrators of bomb scare at the course many feel they've come out on top by destroying Saturday's racing, but the Grand National has always been about the race itself and whether it's run on a Saturday, Tuesday, Thursday or a Monday it doesn't really matter so long as it takes place.

Admittedly a faulty starting tape may bring one of the world's greatest contests to its knees, but a bunch of people fighting for a cause which shouldn't even touch a horse track will not.

Incidentally you may be interested to know I didn't win the office sweep.

Last Saturday I wrote about Channel 5's new sports presenters, in particular their choice of Trish Adudu. As I said at the time I'm not against the idea of woman presenting sport, but what I do object to is overly "girlie" presentation. If that's how you want to present then get back to kids tv I say. But per-

haps the most important aspect of the discussion is can women pull it off (so to speak)?

Now you could put it down to perfect timing, fate or divine providence, but from last Monday Red Rose Sport got a new midweek presenter in the form of Laura Penn. Changes on Red Rose 999 mean our traditional voice of sport John Gillmore is now co-presenting the all new breakfast show with Geoff Carter and obviously it would be a little cruel to expect John to do the breakfast show and match nights on the station! So the question was who could step into his shoes, the answer was simple: our resident Liverpool supporter and football fan Laura. It would be fair to say that both the sports production team and Laura herself approached the first day with nervously baited breath, after all we're not used to such changes in the Red Rose sports team! John Gillmore, Keith Macklin, Tom Parker and Nigel Reed have all clocked up well over 40 years between them!

But the first day passed off well and by the end of the night we were asking John who? As we'd expected Laura did a professional job and as a sports fan she understood what she was reading and saying which is my biggest beef about any some sports presenters. So Laura long may it continue and we hope you enjoy working with the sports team. Incidentally if you want to catch all the kicks that count during the week then listen to Laura weekday nights between 7-10.

Finally it's great to see Craig Neild hit the national headlines this week in the newly re-launched Match of the Day magazine. Many of us know Craig from his participation in several football phone-ins and the chance he got to manage the 'Pool for a day. The article covers the day and Craig's conclusion: that management's a lot harder than he's ever imagined. Tell Gary Megson something he didn't already know! Enjoy the game

Gary Flintoff RED ROSE 999

## BOOK REVIEW AND COMPETITION

As the competition within tonight's programme has already been run and the lucky prizewinners have received their books, we are able, due to the generosity of **Ian Allan Publishing**, to run an additional competition. This time the prizes on offer are five copies of the excellent book *The Great Derby Matches: Manchester United versus Manchester City* by Michael Heatley and Ian Welch, published by Dial House at £16.99.

Newton Heath versus Ardwick does not have the same ring to it as a derby game between the two Manchester clubs does, but that is how the sides were named when they first met in the League on 3 October 1891. Manchester United, in the guise of Newton Heath, won 5-1 and they have kept their noses in front ever since.

This well researched, fully illustrated history gives teams and scorers for every game and reviews many dramatic games in detail. There is also a history of the grounds where both clubs have played, a curiosity corner - for instance Frank Knowles played his only two games for City against his former club United in 1919/20 - memories from past players plus useful and exhaustive statistics.

And talking of statistics, five lucky readers can win a copy of the book by telling us which member of the current Blackpool management team made three derby appearances for Manchester United between 1989 and 1994. Answer please to Gerry Wolstenholme c/o BFC at 10 Edward Street by 30th April 1997. Gerry Wolstenholme.

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