

BLACKPOOL F.C.

THE OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME FOR BLACKPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB 1997-98



Club Sponsor



Italian Sports Design

Kit Sponsor



Associate Sponsor
**Barker, Booth &
Eastwood**
Solicitors
Matchball Sponsor
Estates & Law

Saturday 9th August 1997
Kick off 3.00pm
Versus
LUTON TOWN

Tangerine Scene

Nationwide Football League Division Two PRICE £1.70



Notice Board



PEN PALS WANTED

Wanted a Pen Pal for Gareth Hudson, 16 years old whose favourite player is James Quinn followed by Micky Mellon.

Reply to:- Gareth Hudson, 27 Stonyfield, Sefton, Liverpool L30 0QS.

Also a pen pal for Samantha who wants to keep up to date with news about Blackpool.

Reply to:- Samantha, Flat 4D Rudds Court, Whitehaven, Cumbria CA28 7BE.

PROGRAMME SALE

Packs of programmes for season 1995/96 and 1996/97 are now on sale at Edwards Street at bargain prices. Call in the shop when you are in town and browse around.

PROGRAMME SUBSCRIPTION

We are again offering a programme subscription service for the 1997/98 season.

The cost is £60 for all home or away programmes.

There would be an extra charge for Airmail.

Any requests for individual match programmes would be gladly accepted.

For more information or requests to
Roger Harrison
BFC Commercial Dept
10 Edward Street
Blackpool
FY1 IBA.

BLACKPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB ROLL CALL

Bloomfield Road, Blackpool, FY1 6JJ
Tel: 01253 404331
(Ticket Line for Credit Bookings)
Tel: 01253 405331
(Shop/General Enquiries)
Fax: 01253 405011
Web site address:
<http://www.cyberscape.co.uk/users/bfc/default.htm>
E Mail address: bfc@cyberscape.net

CHAIRMAN: Vicki Oyston
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Ken Chadwick
MANAGING DIRECTOR: Gill Bridge
COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR: Geoff Warburton
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AFFAIRS: Jim Wilde MBE
DIRECTORS: Michael Joyce, Chris Muir OBE, Robin Oakley, Owen J Oyston
MANAGER: Nigel Worthington
ASSISTANT MANAGER: Mick Hennigan
CHIEF SCOUT: Jack Chapman
YOUTH MANAGER: Alan Crawford
YOUTH LIAISON OFFICER: Fred O' Donoghue
PHYSIO: Paul Kelly
COMMUNITY OFFICER:
COMPANY SECRETARY: Robin Oakley
CLUB SECRETARY: Carol Banks
MARKETING MANAGER: Sharon Chapman
STADIUM MANAGER: John Turner
HEAD GROUNDSMAN: Keith Wadeson
GROUND SAFETY OFFICER: Brian McVittie
HON VICE PRESIDENTS: J Armfield, W Beaumont, K Chadwick, RP Gibrail, Sir Stanley Matthews

HONOURS

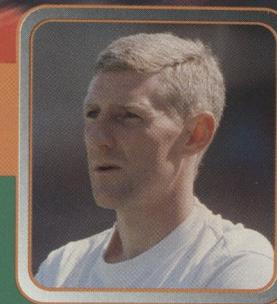
F.A. Cup Winners: 1952-53
F.A. Cup Finalists: 1947-48, 1950-51
First Division Runners-Up: 1955-56
Second Division Champions: 1929-30
Second Division Runners-Up: 1936-37, 1969-70
Fourth Division Runners-Up: 1984-85
Fourth Division Play-Off Winners: 1991-92
Anglo-Italian Winners: 1970-71
Anglo-Italian Cup Runners-Up: 1971-72
Central League Champions: 1919-20, 1949-50
Lancs F.A. Youth Cup Winners: 1985-86
Marsden Lancs Cup Winners: 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96
Lancs Cup Winners: 1935-36, 1936-37, 1953-54
Jt Programme Editors: Roger Harrison, Geoff Warburton

WORTHY WORDS

Nigel Worthington



SPONSORED BY *Squirrell Glass*



"The three major qualities which distinguished him as a manager were discipline, professionalism, and organisation. If I can instill those qualities into Blackpool Football Club then we will be some way towards becoming successful."

Today is the day we've all been looking forward to for weeks. A lot of hard work has been done and the players have all given me 100%. As long as they continue to do that I'll be happy.

Howard Wilkinson, who signed me twice (at Sheffield Wednesday and Leeds) was a manager that I rated highly. The three major qualities which distinguished him as a manager were discipline, professionalism, and organisation. If I can instill those qualities into Blackpool Football Club then we will be some way towards becoming successful. The Northern Ireland tour was good for the players, myself and the staff. During that seven days we became a close-knit family working together, eating together, and playing together. As a result we learned a lot about each other. The training facilities were top class and the opposition provided three difficult games for us. The

results were okay but I was more pleased with the performances which revealed continuing improvement. We could not have asked for a tougher start to the season with a visit from one of the firm favourites for promotion. A big welcome to Lenny Lawrence, whose teams are always difficult to beat, and the directors, staff and fans of Luton Town. And to our own fans, the Tangerine Army, please be patient. I guarantee you that everyone of us will give you 100%. Please do your part by getting behind the team right from the first whistle.

Nigel

PHOENIX GOLF DRIVING RANGE

Par 3, 9 Hole Course
Open to the Public 9am Daily
Tel: 854846
Fleetwood Rd, Norbreck, B/Pool



BLACKPOOL SPORTS CENTRE

West Park Drive, Blackpool FY2 9HQ

OPENING TIMES:
9.30a.m. TO 10.30p.m.
7 DAYS A WEEK
Call in OR ring for details
on: (01253) 699900

- Aerobics & Popmobility
- Circuit Training
- Climbing Room
- Gymnastics
- Football
- Junior Aerobics
- Junior Athletics
- Junior Coaching Baseball
- Junior Jazz Dance
- Martial Arts
- Nifty Fifties
- Recreation Morning
- Tumble Time
- Yoga Fitness



At Bloomfield Road Today



BACK ROW: L to R: Stuart Douglas, Jamie Woodsford, Sean Evers, Kim Grant, Paul McLaren, Darren Patterson, Gary Simpson, John Taylor, Ben Chenery, Bontcho Guentchev, Graham Alexander, Matthew Upson, Robert Kean, Chris Willmott
 THIRD ROW: 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: Julian James, Tony Thorpe, Steve Davis (club captain) Nigel Terry (director) David Kohler (chairman) Lennie Lawrence (manager) Cliff Bassett (director) Chris Green (director) Gary Waddock (team captain) Dwight Marshall, Richard Harvey
 FRONT: Liam George, Gary Doherty, Jimmy Cox, Steve Augustine, Andrew Barr, Nick Webb, Russell Lawes, Terry Sweeney, Matthew Spring, Andre Scarlett, Andrew Smith, Ian Jones

For today's opening Nationwide Football League game of the season we welcome Luton Town to Bloomfield Road. Last season Luton finished in 3rd place but lost to eventually promoted club Crewe Alexandra in the semi-final (4-3 on agg). Top scorer was Tony Thorpe with 28 league goals. Last season was Luton's first back in Division 2 after being relegated and it was so nearly straight back up at the first time of asking. In the two games between Blackpool and Luton last season there was only one goal scored and that was at Kenilworth Road by Kim Grant. League meetings over the year have been even - of the 28 previous encounters there are 11 wins each with 6 draws. The first meeting was in the last century in season 1897/8. Of the last 6 meetings here 4 have ended as wins for Blackpool and 2 draws.

LUTON TOWN PENPIX 1997/98

(Appearance and goal figures as at the start of the 97/98 season)

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 to the Conference. Scored his first goal for the Hatters on the 3-1 win over Walsall in October 1996.
KELVIN DAVIS - Goalkeeper
 Born: Bedford 29.9.76
 Kelvin is a highly-rated keeper who made his league debut for the Hatters on the final day of the 1993/94 season in a 2-2 draw at Stoke.

He spent a month on loan at Torquay in September/October 1994, before winning a place in the Luton starting line-up in March. With Juergen Sommer on international duty, Kelvin made his home debut in the televised 'derby' with Watford, saving a penalty in the 1-1 draw. He kept his place until the end of the season, and also won two England youth caps.

Kelvin was selected for the England Under-21 squad for the Toulon Tournament in June 1995. Signed new four-year contract in June 1995, and was again in England Under-21 squads throughout the 95/96 season.

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.

SIMON DAVIES - Midfielder
 Born: Middlewich 23.4.74

Joined the Hatters from Manchester United in the summer of 1997, after only rare appearances in the Old Trafford first-team. Made 11 league appearances for the Reds, and also played six matches during a loan spell at Exeter.

Scored for United in a European Cup match v Galatasaray in December 1994, when they won 4-0, and also played in the 3-1 defeat in Gothenburg.

RICHARD HARVEY - Defender
 Born: Letchworth 17.4.69

Richard resurrected his Town career in 1994/95 after two years plagued by injury. The former England youth international missed the entire 1993/94 season after a cruciate knee ligament operation, and made

Sponsored by **FOULDS METAL**
 Cash Buyers of all scrap Metals

Open 6 days a week, est 1940, LCC & WBC Licensed
 Siding Rd, Fleetwood **TEL: 874642**

LUTON TOWN

his first appearance of the following campaign at Barnsley in January. His appearance at home to Watford in March 1995 was his first at Kenilworth Road for three years. A regular on the left side of defence/midfield for the first half of the 95/96 season, he lost his place to Mitchell Thomas after the arrival of Lennie Lawrence as manager. Suffered with another knee ligament injury in the 96/97 pre-season campaign. Was given free transfer at the end of last season, but remains on month-to-month contract.

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. Regular at right-back during 96/97.

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 at 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 Players' 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. Similarly in 96/97.

PAUL McLAREN - Midfielder
 Born: High Wycombe 17.11.76

Paul made his debut in the Town first-team on the final day of the 1993/94 season, coming on as a substitute at Stoke City. He joined the Hatters from school, and is an England youth international.

Started as a centre-half, but spent much of the 1994/95 season in the reserves in centre

midfield.

Made his full debut at Tranmere in October 1995, and then played in the Anglo-Italian Cup game in Genoa. Was an able deputy for Gary Waddock and/or Ceri Hughes in 96/97, and is set to be a regular this term.

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. Was regular left-back during the 96/97 campaign.

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 1995. Went on loan to Preston in October 1996 and won his place back in the Northern Ireland squad at the end of 96/97.

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 Ghanian 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.

Struggled to win a regular place in the Luton side last season.

GRAHAM ALEXANDER -

Defender/Midfielder

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.

A regular on the right-hand side of midfield, he played in all but one of Luton's league and cup matches in the 96/97 season.

TREVOR PEAKE - Defender
 Born: Nuneaton 10.2.57

Trevor started his league 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 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.

SEAN EVERS - Midfielder
 Born: Hitchin 10.10.77

Sean made his first-team debut in the Anglo-Italian Cup match against Perugia in September, making his league debut in the final home match of the season. Made one league appearance in 96/97.

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 at the Hatters' leading scorer with 13 goals in league and cup.

Scored 13 goals in 95/96, but suffered a broken leg in February 1996, ruling him out for the rest of the season. Returned in November 1996.

DAVID OLDFIELD - Midfielder/Forward
 Born: Perth, Australia 30.5.68

David returned to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1995, six years after leaving Luton Town.

BUILDERS SUPPLIES (West Coast) Limited
 Dorset Ave. Cleveleys
 Tel: (01253) 827711

Kilbane St. Fleetwood.
 Tel: (01253) 776600

GO KARTING... 365 days a year,, £1 off normal price with this programme
 Waterloo Road, Blackpool, Telephone 404 386

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-21s, joined Manchester City for £600,000 in March 1989, before moving on to Leicester City.

TONY THORPE - Forward.
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. Signed a new contract in the summer of 1996, and went on to enjoy a record-breaking season, becoming the first Luton player since Malcolm MacDonald in 1970/71 to reach 30 goals.

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 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 to Bristol.

Gary missed only 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. Team captain in 96/97.

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. Regular in the centre of defence last season.

ANDREW FOTIADIS - Forward
Born: Hitchin 6.9.77

Andrew joined the Hatters on a full-time basis in the summer of 1996, aged 18, after staying on at school to complete his A levels.

He had been a regular member of the youth and reserve sides in the preceding two seasons, and won England Schoolboy caps at Under 15 and Under 18 levels.

Made a good impression in early league games, signing an extension to

his contract in October 1996, and celebrated with his first goal for Luton in the 3-1 win over Walsall.

STUART DOUGLAS - Striker
Born: London 9.4.78

After an impressive scoring record in youth and reserve team football, Stuart made his first-team debut, as a second year trainee, against Oldham in November 1995, and scored after 41 minutes.

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.

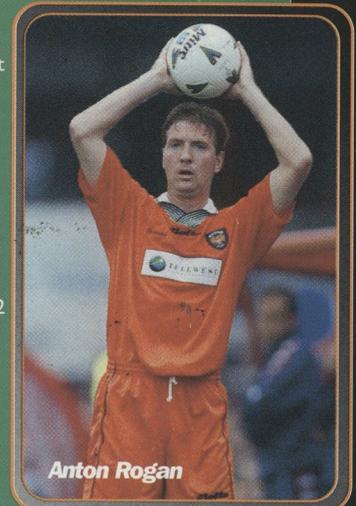
He headed north to Middlesbrough, where he took the Teeside club into the FA Premier League in 1992 in his first season with them. They returned to Division One in 1993, and Mr Lawrence left in 1994, when Bryan Robson took over at Ayresome Park. He then joined Bradford in May 1994, leaving Valley Parade in November of this year. He is the 21st manager in the history of Luton Town.

NEW FACES

Welcome to Bloomfield Road to our 3 summer signings and below we introduce them to you the supporters. I am sure that you all wish them a successful time in Blackpool colours.

Anton Rogan

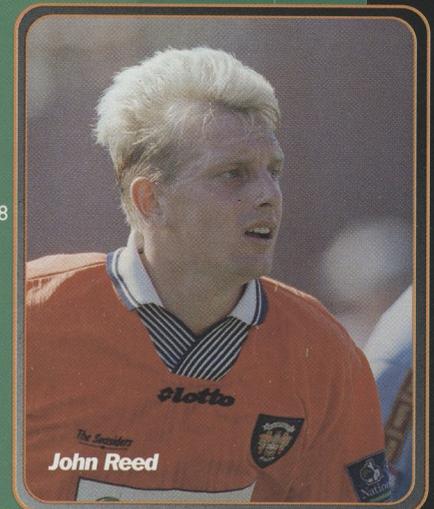
Experienced defender who has played left back in the pre-season friendlies. He is an Irish international who has signed a 2 year contract after being released by Millwall. Born in Belfast he started at Distillery before going to Glasgow Celtic where he spent 5 years. In October 1991 he cost Sunderland £350,000 then 2 years later went to Oxford United then Millwall.



Anton Rogan

John Reed

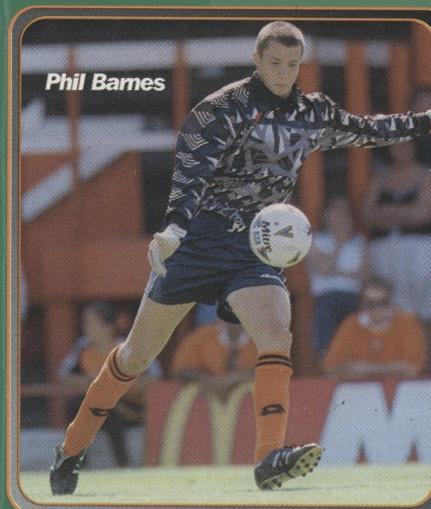
Midfielder who has signed a 1 year contract after being released by Sheffield United. Born in Rotherham he came through the junior ranks to sign as a professional for Sheffield United. His senior appearances have been limited through injury. Has had loan spells at Scarborough, Darlington and Mansfield Town.



John Reed

Phil Bames

Young goalkeeper who cost in the region of £100,000 from Rotherham United and has signed a 3 year contract. This 18 year old served a 2 year YTS contract at Rotherham and played in the senior team towards the end of last season.



Phil Bames

PREVIOUS FOOTBALL LEAGUE MEETINGS

1897/8	Div 2	1-0 (H)	1-3 (A)
1898/9	Div 2	2-3 (H)	2-3 (A)
1955/6	Div 1	3-2 (H)	1-3 (A)
1956/7	Div 1	4-0 (H)	2-0 (A)
1957/8	Div 1	1-2 (H)	0-2 (A)
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	0-0 (H)	0-1 (A)

BLACKPOOL TOTAL RECORD

P 28 W 11 D 6 L 11 F 38 A 38

AT BLACKPOOL

P 14 W 8 D 3 L 3 F 24 A 12

AT LUTON

P 14 W 3 D 3 L 8 F 14 A 26

First Football League meeting at Blackpool
30th April 1898
Last Football League meeting at Bloomfield Road
Tuesday 15 April 1997 - Division 2
Blackpool 0 v Luton Town 0 Att - 4382

BLACKPOOL

Banks, Bryan, Barlow, Lydiate, Linighan, Bradin, Clarkson, Mellon, Bonner, Ellis, Preece. Subs Barton (not used), Ormrod for Preece.

LUTON T.

Fever, James, Thomas, Waddock, Davis, Johnson, McLaren, Fotiadis, Oldfield, Thorpe, Kiwomya. Subs Patterson, Guentchev, Marshall.

Referee - Mr A Bates (Stoke on Trent)

MATTHEW HOLLYOAK
DENTAL SURGEON
Official Dentist to Blackpoll F.C.
Tel: 01253 731 800

PET EXPRESS



OPEN 7 DAYS

FOR ALL YOUR PET FOOD AND EQUESTRIAN NEEDS



13 Lidun Park, Boundary Road, Lytham.
Tel: (01253) 795353

ULTRA HORSE FEEDS



BLACKPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB SUPPORTS THE 'KICK RACISM OUT OF FOOTBALL CAMPAIGN' AND WILL NOT TOLERATE RACIAL CHANTING AT THE STADIUM DIRECTED AT PLAYERS OFFICIALS OR OTHER SUPPORTERS

JAMES JACKSON MOTOR ENGINEERS STATION ROAD, POULTON-LE-FYLDE TEL: 896 038
FULL MOT SPECIALISTS





MY GREATEST GAME

By John Burridge

I cannot separate my two favourite games. But the one moment from a game which sticks in my mind is the penalty save in the play-off semi-final for Newcastle United against Sunderland in 1990.

There was hardly any time left and Mark Stimson brought down Marco Gabbiadini with the score level.

I went up to the ref and asked how long to go and he told me that there were 13 seconds left. I thought, Oh hell.

I go to as many matches as I can and had seen Paul Hardyman take a penalty against Torquay earlier in the season when he put it in the corner. So I tried to visualise it and chose the same side when he stepped up against me.

I thought if I stop this, I go down as an all-time hero. I saved it. But if it had taken my head off into the Fulwell End I wouldn't have cared, as long as I stopped it. Paul ran up shouting and kicked me and I didn't care because I'd saved it. He was sent off.

Mark McGhee said to me as I took the free-kick 'Come on

Budgie, we can still get one here'. I said if you want to head this ball Mark, go and stand on top of that clock! So I booted it towards the clock stand and the referee blew the whistle.

The other choice for my favourite game is my debut for Blackpool in the old First Division against the reigning champions Everton at Goodison Park on April 24, 1971.

I was up against players like Joe Royale, Alan Ball and Howard Kendall. I was 17 and a half years old and I didn't even know where Everton was, I didn't have a clue it was in Liverpool. We had Tony Green, Jimmy Armfield and Tommy Hutchinson playing for us at the time.

These were the lads I only had contact with through Charlie Buchan's Football Monthly. There was no telly in those days, in fact I didn't have one until 1974!

They were reigning champions and we were bottom of the league. It was three games from the end of the season and I had an absolute blinder!

Joe Royale knocked a ball back and Alan Ball, with his little white boots, fired a volley from six

yards. I dived full-length and it stuck to me where it hurts! This was my first match for the Tangerines after coming straight out of the First Division and I had to go to the game with a shirt and tie on, but I was from a very poor family and turned up in a pair of bover boots, Ben Sherman shirt and a borrowed tie.

It was the only decent clothing I had and the other players were slagging me off all the way to Liverpool. I just didn't want to play, I thought Forget it, I'm going home, four year contract or no four year contract!

But that abuse I got actually helped kill the nerves I might have had. I was full of hatred for my fellow players instead. So I didn't care whether we won or lost because I was on my way back home after the game! In those days there was no going out and practising at 2.30pm, it was out of the dressing rooms at five to three and you played.

Our manager Bob Stokoe came up to me afterwards and said You did the best job I have ever seen in my life!

What The papers Say

"Am I alone in worrying that this is the thin end of the wedge, a stepping stone to the French situation where top teams reserve sides play in the third division?"

Two weeks ago the 72 Football League clubs approved a change whose significance seems to have been lost on most of the media. Given the passion which fans feel about their clubs remaining independent it is surprising that more has not been made of the changes to rules affecting loan players.

It was *The Guardian* which broke the story. "The Football League yesterday ushered in the age of the nursery club. It was a quiet revolution, not many hurt, but it heralded a fundamental shift in the relationship between football's rich and poor."

So what earth-shattering change was this? Well, under the old system each league club was entitled to five loans per season for a maximum of three months each. The new formula agreed at the League meeting allows for two under-23 players from Premiership clubs to come on loan for a year. Once on loan these players cannot be recalled or transferred. The

matter of who pays their wages will be by mutual agreement between the clubs.

According to *The Guardian* this will not only expand the poorer clubs transfer options but recognises "a new reality in facing up to the ever-widening financial divide between them and the Premiership fat cats." The Lincoln City chairman, John Reames told the paper that there would now be much closer relationships between Premiership and lower division clubs. "We know these relationships exist. This change will legitimise it all, stop it from going underground even further and it will be good for the English game." If Lincoln City can get better players than their fans benefit and the players concerned benefit from first team experience, he argues.

While the year long loans will be restricted to two players for the time being, Reames sees it going up to four eventually. More than that he thinks would be "unhealthy" and he opposes the idea of nursery clubs "if that means being the reserve club for bigger clubs." Having said that he is honest about his club's prospects. "I equally know that we're not going to get into the Premiership and my job is to entertain my supporters as well as I

can given the financial realities of life." Commendable sentiments, perhaps, but not all clubs in the Football League have abandoned hope of getting into the Premiership and we are one of them. Am I alone in worrying that this is the thin end of the wedge, a stepping stone to the French situation where top teams' reserve sides play in the third division? As *The Guardian* suggests, the whole idea of feeder clubs raises issues of player loyalty and club independence.

Like most fans, I would find it unacceptable for my club to be a feeder side for any of the Premiership outfits. It would defeat the whole logic of why we turn up to watch every week. On the other hand.....once the 'Pool are up there in the top flight I could be persuaded of the advantages to be gained from turning Preston into our reserve side. Only 17 miles down the road it would be an ideal place to send a couple of up and coming youngsters, not to mention those players who had seen better days.

They'd have to play in tangerine, of course. Enjoy the game.

ROGER COOKE

PREMIER CAR SALES

KEEPING BLACKPOOL FC IN TOP GEAR

Dickonson Road,
Blackpool

Tel: 20390 or 22736

H
OF
B

PLASTERING CONTRACTORS DRY LINE SPECIALISTS
HANSONS OF BLACKPOOL

Offering a highly professional first class quality service to domestic & commercial clients

- METAL STUD PARTITIONS • SOUND-PROOFING •
- FIRE-RATED CEILINGS • EXTERNAL FINISHES • FLOOR SCREEDS •

Using our vast experience we are able to accomplish complex & creative interior designs
DESIGN SERVICE FOR HOTELS, CINEMAS, OFFICES & NIGHT CLUBS

BLACKPOOL (01253) 792911

110 COMMON EDGE ROAD, BLACKPOOL, FY4 5AZ





Seasiders Net Busters

Help us to reach our £20,000 fundraising target for the Blackpool F.C. School of Excellence in 1997/8.

Dear Supporter,

This coming season, following on from the excellent support of the Nationwide Building Society, we are trying to raise a further £20,000 to help run the Blackpool F.C. 'School of Excellence' which will hopefully bring through the young players of the future from schoolboy level, through Y.T.S. into our Reserves and ultimately to our First Team providing the next Trevor Sinclair Alan Wright etc. The cost of running the 'School of Excellence'

risers every year and is now well in excess of £20,000 for training pitch hire, travel costs, F.A. Coaches fees, balls, kits, etc. Those of you who were at the Bristol Rovers game at the end of the '96/97 season saw the 'Play the Game' Lottery become one of the first supporters of the 'School of Excellence' when it handed over a £1,000 cheque and a further £1,800 was raised at a very successful and enjoyable Sportsman's Evening on April 28th. However we are looking at ways that you, the clubs regular supporters, season ticket holders, etc. can get more involved in the future of the club by helping to raise this money. This has prompted us to launch 'NET BUSTERS'. 'NET BUSTERS' offers you the chance to help the youngsters of the future whilst cheering every goal the 'First Team' score in competitive matches in the 1997/8 season. We are asking supporters to pledge a minimum of 25p per 'First Team' goal. In recognition you will receive your name in the matchday programme every home game, a certificate signed by the manager and players at the end of the season and if you pledge £1.25 or more per goal then a small photo of you will appear alongside your pledge in the programme. You will be asked to pay your pledge money in three stages. At the end of November, February and then the final installment at the end of the season.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.
Yours in Sport,

Geoff Warburton.
Commercial
Director.



Antonia List

'SEASIDERS' NET BUSTERS PLEDGES ALREADY RECEIVED

PLEDGES AT 25P

PER FIRST TEAM GOAL

David & Doreen Hacking, Rossendale.
Rachel & Rebecca Hems, South Shore.
Lee Sanderson, North Shore.
Erin Ogden, Royton.
Julie & Chelsea, St Annes.
Chris Lydon, Cleveleys.
Mike Kneale, South Shore.
Miles Cassam, Leyland.
John & Liz Rowan, Bispham.
Mark Hinton, Newcastle-u-Lyme.
Jake Peeters, St Annes
Paul & Lorraine, Marton.

PLEDGES AT 30P

PER FIRST TEAM GOAL

Gary Coleman, South Shore.
PLEDGES AT 35P
PER FIRST TEAM GOAL
John, Ken & Ross MacDonald,
Chorley

PLEDGES AT 50P

PER FIRST TEAM GOAL

Claridge Family, Ormskirk.
Derek & Scott Greer, Dumfries.
Mark Blackburn, The No. 4.
Ian Costain, Bristol.
Pete Costain, Tamworth.
Ian Richardson, Newburgh.

PLEDGES AT £1

PER FIRST TEAM GOAL

Marc Lowther, Eccles, Manchester.
Bob & Nick, Lancaster.

PLEDGES AT £1.25

PER FIRST TEAM GOAL.

Antonia List, Warton
Total 'Net Busting' pledges per First Team Goal currently stands at £9.90. Please help us to swell this figure to help the School of Excellence. Complete a form available in the club shop or call us on 752222.

Talking Football

No player or manager stays forever...the simple fact is that it is only the supporters that remain".

This was something that I wrote on the opening day last season in reference to the departures of Sam Allardyce and Andy Morrison the preceding summer, little knowing we would be facing a similar situation twelve months on.

The departure of Gary Megson was as surprising as it was disappointing. To those of us who publicly backed him during the dark days of Hednesford and Deepdale there was almost a sense of betrayal. All the hard work that he and Mike Phelan had put in seemed to vanish in an instant. But when you put these things into perspective, should we really be surprised?

Football is full of managers and players who are ambitious/mercenary (delete whichever is appropriate), and are prepared to jump ship at any opportunity. For some reason we all tend to think that our own club is somehow immune from all this. When Adrian Heath left Burnley to go to Everton we could see the reasoning behind this, but when Gary Megson left for Stockport for similar reasons we found ourselves affronted by it. For those Blackpool supporters wishing anything from relegation to a plague of locusts to descend on Edgeley Park - don't waste your energy. Blackpool is, and always has been, the only club that matter. When these events do occur, its not pretty, its not romantic, but this is football in the 1990's. Let's be a bit more streetwise and not pretend we're immune to the big bad world out there.

But what of Nigel Worthington? The fact that the Board of Directors made a beeline for him shows clearly the impression he made on them, and for Nigels' part his undoubted sense of humour will help in his dealings with the said Directors. Some may bemoan the fact that his wasn't the most glamorous appointment, but I recall the last "big name" appointment was a certain Alan Ball. Enough said?

The only negative aspect of Nigels' appointment was that it provided our erstwhile Director of Football one last opportunity to snipe at Gary Megson. Mr Bingham stated that giving Nigel Worthington the job "should have happened a year ago." This was a petty and unnecessary remark, and many Blackpool supporters believe Mr Bingham's departure should have been more than a year ago.

It is to be hoped, of course that everyone will be backing Worthy from the start, and remember it can sometimes take months

before a new manager will stamp his authority on the team and set them playing to his style. As the first four games are tough ones and we have some notable absentees ie Ellis and Mellon, it may be worth repeating that last sentence to yourselves several times over the next few weeks!

Seriously though we do have a talented squad and a manager with Premiership and international experience. The number of current and ex-pros who lined up to commend Worthington to us on his appointment shows we have every reason to be optimistic for the coming season.

Good Luck Nigel

KOP THAT

To those of you who missed the Bradford and Rochdale friendlies...well done....this will probably be your first visit to Bloomfield Road this season, and you may have noticed something different. It is of course the removal of the fences on the away kop. I'm all for progressive policies in respect of football grounds but fell in this case the club has made a mistake.

There is a train of thought that says if you cage football supporters like animals they will behave like animals. I have a slightly less benevolent view of this. To my mind there are two main reasons for football violence. One is the acceptance of the perpetrators. The second is a shedful of beer. Combine these two with the gladiatorial atmosphere of a football match and the potential for trouble is there. With the likes of Man City, PNE, Burnley and Wigan visiting Bloomfield Road this season I hope the club don't end up regretting their move.

P.T. Windle

AWAY TRAVEL

Saturday 16th August 1997

Nationwide Football

League Division Two

V BRISTOL CITY

Kick-off 3.00pm

Coaches leave at 9.30am Fare £14

Prices (Seats) Adults £11 Senior

Citizens/Students £8 Juniors £6

(Family Enclosure) Adults £12 Senior

Citizens/Students £10 Juniors £3

Disabled Free - Helper Normal Price

Bookings to:

0117 966 6666

Programmes - £1.80

Car Parking - Restricted to streets

Directions - M55 - M6 - M5 (J18) -

A4 - A370 to ground App 220 miles

BOLD STREET NEWS

(HAPPY SHOPPER)

- convenience store
- national lottery outlet
- off license

**EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE PRICES
ON ALL BEERS AND SPIRITS**
57 / 59 BOLD STREET -
FLEETWOOD TEL: 874558

STREAMLINE TAXIS
FULL 24hr SERVICE
23535

A cut above the Rest
BURROWS
W (GM) Ltd

**Suppliers of the
Finest Grass
Machinery**

Sales - Service Spares

Wish Blackpool F.C.
every success for the
1997-98 season

Wigan Road, Leyland Tel: 01772 421778

Get
your
 kicks on
Cable

**Telewest
 Communications
 are proud sponsors
 of Blackpool F.C.**

Enjoy exclusive live coverage of the Nationwide League
 and The F.A. Carling Premiership with Telewest Communications.

Don't miss a kick: FREEPHONE for more information

0500 500 100

Lines open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 9am-6pm Saturday



**TELEWEST
 COMMUNICATIONS**



....Gary Flintoff, Red Rose Radio

On The Ball

TANGERINE TALK 0891 121648 Calls charged at 50p per minute at all times

With Red Rose 999's Gary Flintoff on how the new football season continues to creep ever nearer to a July start.

I write this with the sun beating down on my back. Looking at the thermometer it shows 25 degrees, yet here I am writing about football!

I was born on August 14th some number of years ago now, but one thing that date has always symbolised for me was the fact the new football season was just round the corner - wrong!

Now it seems it merely points out the new season starts ridiculously early. OK we all know those weeks between the end of May and the new season are barren, full of the dreaded Saturday shopping trips and visits to the zoo, fun fairs, gardens etc, etc, but surely August 9th is too early to start playing football? Yet even on the short space of time since the end of last season we've managed to lose a manager, an assistant manager, a physiotherapist and a community officer! Perhaps it's just as well the new season is starting early before the entire club's administration staff are poached by Stockport! Although County would probably struggle to match Geoff Warburton's drinking allowance!

So we start 1997-98 with Nigel Worthington at the helm, let's hope he brings with him the luck of the Irish!

One thing's for certain however, it's pretty sure to be an interesting season, after all looking back only one of the past five seasons has petered out into nothingness come April and May.

So what can we expect for the new campaign? Well once again against my better judgement I'm going to make one or two outlandish predictions.

The first of these is that James Quinn will not be a 'Pool player come May next year, Tony Ellis will continue to refuse to speak to the media (really Tony we won't hurt you), Marv Bryan will parade another outrageous hair style on the pitch and we will finish higher than Preston North End!

Finally I predict the "Beast of Blackpool", that's Mr Brabin, Sir to you or I will experience at least one FA ban this season.

However to save myself from a couple of broken legs I hope and believe he will fulfil the fans perception of him as a player who will give everything for the Tangerine cause and carry off the player of the season award. Mindless ramblings or possible truths? We'll see come May. Enjoy the game.



Nigel Worthington

RADIO: I listen to Radio One because I like the national sound and enjoy the national news you get on the station.

TV: The usual really. Only Fools and Horses is one of my favourites along with any footy programmes and Athletics. I've been catching bits of World Championships recently.

NEWSPAPERS: I read the Daily Mail for the money section, I like The Telegraph for its excellent sports coverage and I've also taken to the Daily Star.

MAGAZINES: Basically any football magazines really, Shoot etc.

BOOKS: I don't read as much as I should, but I do enjoy all the managers books. I'm sure as the job goes on I'll be able to relate to them more and more!

MULTI-MEDIA: I like to keep things simple so I keep away from it, I leave it all to the kids to sort out!

**CRIME
 STOPPERS**

0800 555 111

phone free 24 hours a day



PROFESSIONAL PRINTERS FOR 66 YEARS

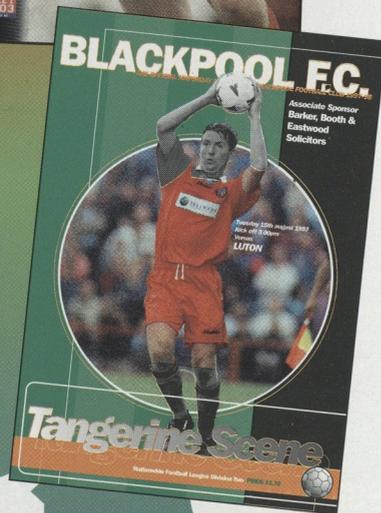
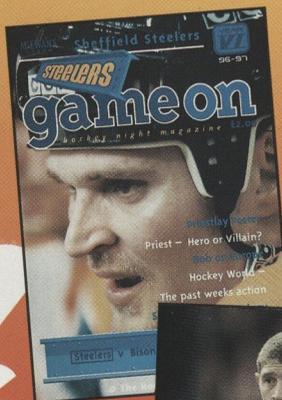
MOULTON

TEL. & FAX: BLACKPOOL 342992

132 HIGHFIELD ROAD BLACKPOOL LANCY FY4 2HH

PRINTING

Better by design!



Colourplan
design & print

Colourplan Design & Print
11 Waterside Court,
St.Helens Technology Campus,
St.Helens, Merseyside, WA9 1UA.

Telephone:
Design/Accounts: (01744) 23868
Print: (01744) 612636
Modem: (01744) 756722
e-mail: 106421,2247 @compuserve.com
ISDN: (01744) 752956
Fax: (01744) 753316 / 753029

Designers & Printers of this programme

Division Two Review

Today's visitors Luton Town, probably one of the teams well fancied for at least a play-off spot at the end of the season, finished last season as the divisional winners of the FA Fair Play Awards. Luton finished 18 points clear at the top with a credit balance of 152 points; this came from 38 home goals at two points each, 33 away goals at four points each giving 208 points less 48 cautions, worth a minus figure of one point each and four sendings off worth a minus of two points each, a total of 56 points to be deducted. Burnley came second with a credit of 134 points, Bristol City third, 127, Stockport County fourth, 124 and Brentford fifth, 120. An encouraging statistic from

last season was that the Nationwide Second Division attendances increased by 12.3% on the previous season. The 552 games were watched by 3,195,223 spectators, an average of 5,788 per game. The percentage increase in the Second Division outshone those of the other two divisions where the figures were +5.6%, First Division, and -5.8%, Third Division. Pre-season friendlies do not mean an awful lot in terms of League performance but it was encouraging for Blackpool to see that Burnley went down 3-0 at home to Manchester City last Saturday, having held the Maine Road outfit to a 1-1 draw at Bloomfield Road. In addition Division Two rivals Watford,

who could be expected to put in a challenge for honours, were defeated 3-1 at home by Wimbledon, Brentford surprisingly lost 3-0 at non-League Hayes, Bristol Rovers could only draw with Third Division Lincoln City 2-2, Gillingham lost 3-1 at Ipswich Town and newcomers Wigan Athletic suffered an embarrassing defeat at Caernarfon Town. Such results as these put Blackpool's efforts in avoiding defeat in their gruelling schedule in all but one of the pre-season friendlies at least augers well for the new season and the challenge that the Seasiders will be mounting to go out of the Division next May as champions. Gerry Wolstenholme.

Tango Junior Seasiders

Hi there Kids!
Welcome back to Bloomfield Road for the 97/98 season. The members of Tango's Junior Seasiders would also like to say a very warm welcome to the new BFC manager - Nigel Worthington. A couple of weeks ago we had our annual 5-a-side competition at Stanley Park. Lots of kids turned up to join in the fun afternoon. Congratulations to the winning team of Paul Rawcliffe, Mark Halstead, Chris Nay, Ryan Smith, Carl Hughes, Chris Walker & Lucy Harwood. A big thank you also to the apprentices who came along to referee for us - Steven Longworth, Jamie

Skeech & Simon Seaton.
Next Friday (15th) it's our annual Sports Day at Stanley Park starting at 1.00pm. If you haven't already sent in your form then please do so straight away.
Next Saturday (16th) we're off on our first Tango trip of the season to Bristol City. The coach will leave from Bloomfield Road at 9.00am and the cost including your match ticket is only £6 for kids and £13 for adults. If you want to book please ring Pam on 693502 as soon as possible as there are only a few places left.
Come on you Pool
Tango





Commercial Comment

Good afternoon and welcome to the new season. Despite the fact I still play the odd game of cricket during the close season I am sure, like me, you are all ready and fired up for the challenge of the new football season.

NEW MAIN SPONSOR TELEWEST COMMUNICATIONS

I would like to welcome our new main sponsor Telewest Communications and I trust that their association with us will be a very fruitful one for both parties. For those of you living in the Blackpool area you will be well aware that Telewest's Cable TV and telephone systems are growing week on week, I am sure as with all our past sponsors you will give them your fullest support as this of course leads them to further supporting Blackpool F.C.

KIT SUPPLIER - LOTTO

You will all of course have realised that we now have a new kit supplier in the guise of Lotto the Italian sports giant. Home kits have been promised for the first home game with away kits following up in approximately one weeks time so as these notes were written a week before the game I trust these will be on sale by the time you read these notes.

NET BUSTERS

On page 10 of this programme you will be able to read and hopefully join in our new fundraising scheme to help the stars of the future - the 'School of Excellence' provide the finance needed to create the kind of facilities for these youngsters to develop fully. Whilst you are supporting the first team home and away and cheering as each goal goes in you can help the youngsters by sponsoring first team goals from as little as 25p each. For this or any amount over this you choose to sponsor us for you will have your name in every match programme.

Please complete the form given to you at the turnstile today or call into the club shop for a form.



VICKERS NORTHERN LTD.

SELF DRIVE & CONTRACT HIRE
01524 69149

FOR LONG TERM & CONTRACT HIRE OF NEW AND
PRE-OWNED CARS & COMMERCIALS

VICKERS SELF DRIVE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS AND HAS GROWN STEADILY TO BECOME ONE OF THE LARGEST INDEPENDANT SELF DRIVE FLEETS IN THE NORTH LANCS / SOUTH CUMBRIA AREA WITH IT'S TWO OFFICES IN MORCOMBE AND KENDAL. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR REPUTATION FOR FRIENDLY AND EFFICIENT SERVICE AND RELIABILITY AND ARE PLEASED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH BLACKPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB. WE WISH THEM EVERY SUCCESS IN THE 97 / 98 SEASON.



Vickers industrial estate, Mellishaw Lane, Morecombe, LA3 3EN

With GEOFF WARBURTON

GOLD BOND

During the summer months the Gold Bond has increased prize money yet again and continues to be one of the major income sources for the club. Pictured are several presentations of various winners over the summer months.

You could be one of the next winners if you are a member. Better still become an agent - you get 15% commission, 10% bonus on any major winner sold, 10% discount in the club shop and on away travel plus a FREE season ticket if you can collect £60 or more per week.



Agent Roy Douglas and Les Taylor present Meriside resident Gladys Barton with a £2000 Jackpot on GoldBond



Many of you will recognise Travel Steward Bob Cranshaw who is also a GoldBond agent presenting St. Annes resident Mrs. Loydd with her £2000 prize



Lottery Manager Les Taylor presents Phil Southern of St. Annes with his £2000 prize cheque. Phil is also the agent so picked up a £200 bonus

PLAY THE GAME LOTTERY

As with Gold Bond we have again had a series of major winners over the summer.

GOLDEN GAMBLE

Don't forget your £1 Golden Gamble ticket today - not only can you win one of 3 cash prizes but we also have a bonus prize of a season ticket for the new season. Look out for our sellers outside and inside the ground before todays game.



Mr & Mrs Doyle were holidaying in Blackpool when they bought a ticket and it turned out to be £2000. Mark Searle is seen presenting this.



Mr & Mrs Phillip Dunkerley of Cleveleys bought their £1000 Jackpot winner from agent Alwynne Farrand (right) on his door to door rounng. Les Taylor is helping him hand over the cheque

TODAYS SPONSORS

Welcome to todays matchday sponsors SOLICITORS BARKER, BOOTH AND EASTWOOD OF LYTHAM ROAD, BLACKPOOL. Our Mitre Matchball Sponsor today is ESTATES AND LAW CREATIVE ADVERTISING LIMITED OF CHAPEL STREET, POULTON LE FYLDE. We welcome you all and your guests to the game and hope you all go home having seen us collect 3 points. I would especially like to also welcome two parties. Firstly Ralph Maloney and his family from Raunds Town Football Club in Northamptonshire and also Tim Fielding, Nick Mills and their guests. Tim and Nick are celebrating their 30th birthdays. Both Tim and Nick are keen followers of Blackpool F.C. and we all hope that they and their party enjoy their day - and hopefully they will have a double celebration by 4.50.

Enjoy the game
Yours in Sport Geoff Warburton.

ESTATES & LAW ADVERTISING

We are pleased to be associated with
Blackpool Football Club
1a Chapel St. Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancs FY6 7BQ
Telephone 01253 892111 Fax: 01253 895005

Publishers to the Legal Profession

Match Ball Sponsor

It Happened this Week ... 1995

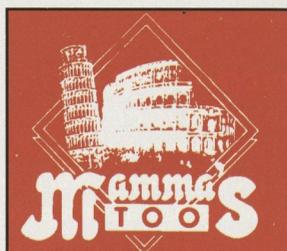
Blackpool moved for highly rated young goalkeeper Steve Banks from Gillingham. Banks, Gillingham's player of the season, was not likely to come cheap and £100,000 was a figure talked about. Banks had spent a few days at Blackpool and manager Sam Allardyce said "We haven't been able to strike a bargain with Gillingham and it could end up at a tribunal, but there are so many transfers going to a tribunal these days that we don't know when it will be." Former Blackburn Rovers, Stockport and Sheffield Wednesday defender Richard Brown was given a pre-season trial and made his debut in the Marsden Cup win at Rochdale. "I have alot to offer and I want to save my career" said Brown whilst Sam Allardyce's comment was "...he has to show that he is worthy of a contract."

Blackpool refused permission for contract rebel Andy Watson to play in a reserve team match for Bradford City; "no way can we let this happen because of risk of injury" said Sam Allardyce. Blackpool stayed at Keele University as part of the pre-season build-up but met with injury problems when Mark Bonner and Jimmy Quinn, thigh strains, Chris Beech, knee problem, and Craig Allardyce, infected toe, were forced to miss the friendly against Newcastle Town. Lee Charles, Chertsey Town's

scoring sensation, was watched in a friendly at Brighton and in a behind-closed-doors friendly at Bloomfield Road. Sam Allardyce agreed to do a sponsored bungee jump at Blackpool's open day of which Gill Bridge remarked "It will be a complete day out for the whole family." Marvin Bryan was a £20,000 capture from Queens Park Rangers who he joined as a trainee. He was a regular reserve team player at the club and had scored 70 goals for them and the junior sides. "We didn't purposely go to see him in a match but he just stood out from the rest. He is a tremendous athlete, with great pace and has two good feet. He can play anywhere on the right, as a winger, or right back and gives us lots of options" said Allardyce. Midfielder Brian Croft quit the club after only a few weeks. Formerly of QPR he was signed on a three month contract after being released from Loftus Road. He made one brief appearance for Blackpool when he went on as a second half substitute against Preston in the Marsden Cup. Allardyce commented "he told us he could not settle in the north west and wanted to move back south after living in London for four years" and then he added "I find it all very surprising." Blackpool looked like heading on a collision course with Gillingham over the signing of Steve Banks; they offered

£20,000 whereas Gillingham wanted £200,000. Gillingham manager Tony Pullis scoffed at Blackpool's offer as being "absolutely derisory". Banks, explaining his position, said "I was supposed to spend a full week at Manchester City but I cut it short because I soon realised I would be at best third choice at Maine Road. The prospect of playing regular first team football at Bloomfield Road was very appealing." Youth team coach Neil Bailey joined Manchester United and said "The offer came completely out of the blue... it was one I could not realistically turn down."

Gerry Wolstenholme



37/39
St. Andrews Road South, St. Annes.
Tel: (01253) 712233/780194

40 Topping Street, Blackpool.
Tel: (01253) 22345/751285

**Mamma's
Ristorante**

Community Notes

All the best to Craig Madden in his new post and his replacement will be announced shortly. In the meantime there are two courses coming up to improve your soccer skills for Boys and Girls 6-14 years old, both at Fickers Field Blackpool.

- 1) 12/13/14 August at a cost of £25
 - 2) 19/20 August at a cost of £20
- All courses are fully insured. Forms are available from either Club Shop or ring the Community Office on 403268. Football in the Community is again sponsored by Wagon

Wheels and we thank them for their continued support of the scheme. Ex-Blackpool player Tommy Hutchison has left the Merthyr Tydfil scheme to become Football Development Officer with the Vale of Glamorgan Local Authority.

The B.I.S.A. Column

THE VOICE OF THE FANS BY BLACKPOOL INDEPENDENTSUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

If you haven't heard of B.I.S.A. by now, where have you been? Since formation in December 1996 we have now developed into a 400 strong organisation and we are still growing. The reason why we started was plain and simple - there was no organisation which represented fans views both at the club and in the media. That has now been achieved and we have generated excellent relations with both. Gill Bridge in particular now meets B.I.S.A.'s committee on a monthly basis so that our members points of view can be delivered at the top level. The intention of B.I.S.A. is to:-

- 1) Improve communication between BFC and it's supporters by seeking to arrange regular meetings between members of B.I.S.A. and club representatives.
- 2) Generate enthusiasm for the team and encourage greater support for the club by bringing together the various supporter's groups and individual supporters.
- 3) To represent the interests of individual supporters who are subject to unjust treatment at matches.
- 4) To publicise the B.I.S.A. Organisation and its aims and

objectives through the local media. Progress has been made on all accounts and we have some great ideas for the new campaign for our members such as a **FREE** newspaper, a web site launch, competitions/prizes and the continuation of our social nights with the players and staff of Blackpool FC - we're bringing everyone together! Earlier today (12:30pm) we have held our first 1997/98 meeting at the No 1 Club, our new venue. Our first social night of the season is due to be held in early September - see our Gazette column in Tuesday night's Gazette for details. We as an organisation have mixed feelings about this season's challenge ahead but we will of course back the new manager, Nigel Worthington, and give him time to find his feet. Just don't take too long Nigel!! Blackpool fans have been starved of success for far too long, we have come so near but are yet so far. As a club, one which we would think is a progressive one, we could easily be in danger of getting swept up with the rest. In our opinion,

we must move forward at a stronger pace and that means showing more ambition both on and off the field. The Oyston family have backed this club all the way and without them we would be struggling to survive, but we must continue to show everyone, the fans and the Blackpool public, that this club is going places and this could just be the season. The new stadium which in time will become a key driver in our future - we need to be updated on progress over the coming weeks. Let's all hope for a successful season!

*** If you want to join B.I.S.A. send a SAE and a cheque for £1, made payable to B.I.S.A. to the Membership Secretary, B.I.S.A., c/o 15 Lightbown Ave, Blackpool, FY3 9JN.

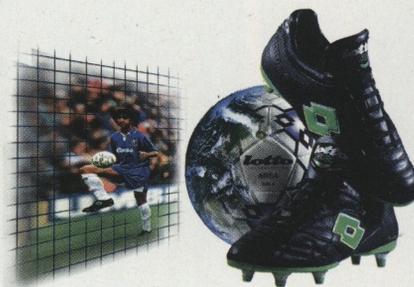
*** BISTO, B.I.S.A.'s Travel Operator is running an executive coach to Bristol City. If you want a good day out contact Malcolm Mason on 01253 768268.

*** Balloon Sponsorship is also carrying on to kick off the "Carnival" again. Cost for this is £35 for 1,000 balloons. Contact Martin Booker on 01253 765551.





lotto
Italian Sports Design



...official supplier to your club

PLAYER PROFILE

DAVE LINIGHAN

Experienced defender who is club captain and cost £80,000 from Ipswich Town in January 1996 after spending over 2 months on loan. Born in Hartlepool he started league football for his home town club before going to Derby County, and Shrewsbury Town. He cost Ipswich £300,000 when they bought him in 1988 and he spent over 7 years at the East Anglian club. Commanding in the air, he has the knack of scoring important goals.

STATS RECORD

	APPS (LEAGUE/CUP)	GOALS
HARTLEPOOL UTD	93 + 7 sub	6
SHREWSBURY T	74	1
IPSWICH T	325 + 2 sub	13
BLACKPOOL	81	5
TOTAL	573+ 9sub	25

HEALTH & FITNESS CLUB

The Club offers a wide variety of facilities for both fitness and relaxation. A heated Swimming Pool where you can swim a few lengths or simply relax and drift around at your own pace, the pool is a focal point for all the family. A fully equipped Gymnasium with a range of cycles, power jogger, weights, rowing and exercise machines. A sauna where you can unwind and relax - separate facilities are available for men and women. How about a healthy all year round sun tan, then try the solarium. Try the American style Spa pool with its warm

invigorating bubbles. Fitness for industry trained staff are always on hand to give expert advice and design a fitness programme to match your individual requirements.

This coupon entitles you to a 10% discount off all memberships

THE IMPERIAL HOTEL
Telephone 23971 (Ext 457)
North Promenade, Blackpool.

Xmas Party night only

£16.50- Sunday to Thursday
£21.50- Friday & Saturday

Prices are per person and include a 4 course meal plus coffee and mince pies.

Followed by music and dancing to our resident

D.J.



Player Profile

Autograph


ARMY
BE THE BEST

JOIN THE SQUAD!

Sign up today.

We offer good pay, excellent training (NVQ, BTEC and City and Guilds), good promotion prospects and free medical cover with a good pension at the end of it. Altogether a very attractive transfer package. For a chat about joining our team contact your local Armed Forces Careers Office at:

162 Church Street, Blackpool
Tel: 01253 20634


ARMY
BE THE BEST



Glimpses From the Past

By GERRY WOLSTENHOLME

Blackpool's first home game of the 1978/79 season against Oxford United was a sad occasion; it was the first game the club had played in the Third Division. Blackpool had to make one change to the side which had drawn 2-2 with Carlisle United in a League Cup encounter a week earlier with Max Thompson, who had returned from a summer spell in the United States with Dallas, replacing Larry Milligan who had injured an ankle in mid-week. The only other

change was a late one when Blackpool reverted to their all white strip to avoid a colour clash with the all red of Oxford.

Brilliant sunshine welcomed the teams onto the field and Blackpool very quickly got into the attacking mode with a splendid move down the left wing; Spence started the move which was carried on by Davidson and finally only broken up when Holden had the ball smartly whipped off his toe just inside the penalty area. Wagstaffe then almost beat full back Doyle who recovered to give away a corner from which Oxford's right half Briggs was spoken to by the referee, Mr Challinor for a crude challenge on Spence, who needed lengthy treatment before he could continue.

It was all Blackpool and Holden headed just wide from a Wagstaffe cross before Oxford mounted their first attack which ended with McGrogan shooting weakly at Ward from 20 yards out. Spence was then in the wars again and had to leave the field after a clash of heads and he was tested for double vision by both physio Alan Smith and manager Bob Stokoe before he was allowed to continue. But he did not remain on the field long as, with only 20 minutes gone, he had to come off to be replaced by substitute David Hockaday.

Wagstaffe went past three defenders before being felled in the box but penalty appeals were waved away, Suddaby hooked a bouncing ball over the bar following yet another corner and Holden bought the crowd to it's feet with some fine football. McEwan's pass found Wagstaffe on the left wing and he controlled it before cutting inside and feeding a chest high ball to Holden who was just inside the box; Holden controlled the ball on his chest and then volleyed it towards the top corner where it seemed destined to go into the net. But goalkeeper Burton threw himself across and managed to make a desperate save at the expense of a corner.

Blackpool completely dominated

the first half and from another Wagstaffe cross, knocked on by Holden Dave Tong swept a shot narrowly over the bar. From a Paul Gardner cross Holden headed wide and was again close when he knocked another Wagstaffe cross just over the bar. But it was Oxford who could have snatched an undeserved half-time lead as, almost on the whistle, the Blackpool defence was caught napping and Taylor nipped in to hammer the ball goalwards but fortunately for the Seasiders the combination of Wilson and Suddaby diverted it for a corner. Blackpool attacked the Kop end in the second half and continued to pressurise the Oxford defence with Wagstaffe once again the dominant figure. He put Davidson through only for Burton to rush out and foil him and from once of his short corners knocked back by Hockaday, Wilson volleyed inches over the bar. But Blackpool were not to be denied and after 57 minutes they took the lead. Wagstaffe took another short corner, laid the ball off to Tong whose cross to the far post was well knocked back by Thompson for Davidson to nip in and tuck the ball away.

It was almost 2-0 shortly after that as Tong let fly from 30 yards only for Burton, who almost alone was standing between Blackpool and a goal route, to make another magnificent save. Oxford did try to press for an equaliser but, although they took command of the final quarter of an hour, they had only one late chance when goal poacher Hugh Curran had a shot deflected for a corner with Ward beaten and three Oxford men waiting anxiously for the loose ball. That was their final shot of the game which drifted to its conclusion with Blackpool sweating on their 1-0 lead and running out of ideas how to double their advantage.

The experienced Davie Wagstaffe was undoubtedly the star of a sometimes weak looking Blackpool attack and at the final whistle Blackpool were grateful to hang on for two hard earned points in their first taste of Third Division action.

Drink a toast to
B.F.C. with cool
refreshing

NCP

For regular deliveries of
Soft Drinks - Snacks - Crisps
Call or Phone

**NORTHERN CITRUS
PRODUCTS**

Poulton Industrial Estate
01253 891980

The Old Bridge PUB & CABARET BAR

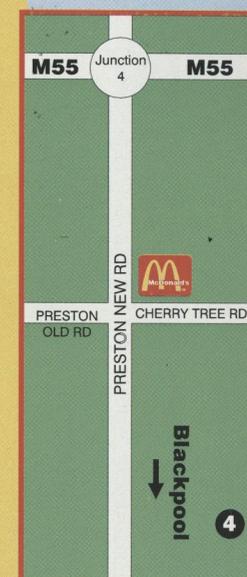
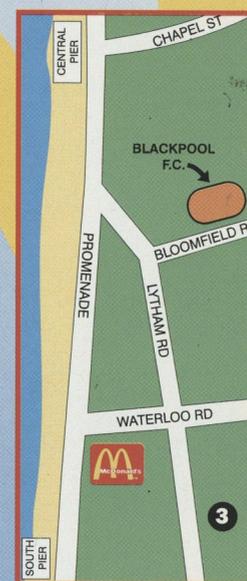
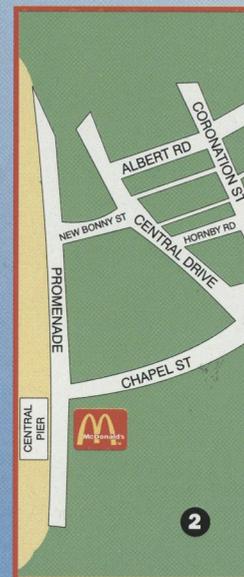
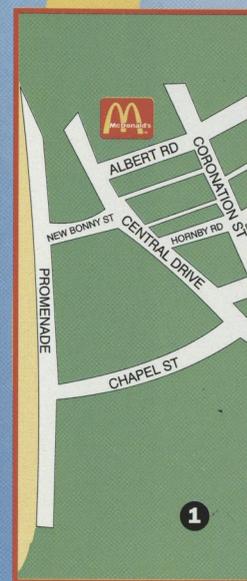
Lytham Road, Blackpool. Tel. 403354
Open 7 days a week for Good Beers
& Nightly Entertainment

The Old Bridge welcomes B.F.C. Supporters for
pre & post match drinking at every home game.

FUNCTION ROOM AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
NOVEMBER - JUNE
CONTACT DENISE FOR DETAILS.



SPONSORS OF THE FAMILY STAND



- 1 84 Bank Hey Street, Blackpool.
- 2 The Boardwalk, 111 The Promenade, Blackpool.
- 3 449-451 The Promenade, Blackpool.
- 4 Cherry Tree Road North, Blackpool. **Drive-Thru**

"There's nothing quite like a McDonald's"

ASSOCIATE

Match Sponsor



BARKER, BOOTH & EASTWOOD SOLICITORS

A SPECIALIST SERVICE OFFERING PERSONAL HELP AND ADVICE ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS

- Commercial Matters including Business Purchase/Sales
- Accident and Personal Injury Claims*
- Professional Negligence
- Criminal and Child Care
- Debt and Welfare Benefit Advice*
- Residential House Purchase/Sales
- Family Domestic Violence and Children Matters
- Wills and Probate
- Landlord Tenant

*Services are offered with the first 30 minutes advice free.

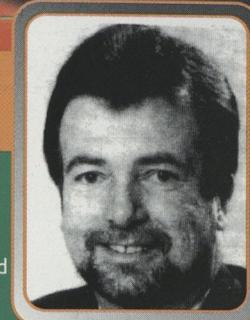
We hold a Legal Aid franchise, ensuring an efficient and quality service in all areas.

Contact us on **01253 362500**

or call at our offices @

346 Lytham Road Blackpool Lancashire FY4 1DW

The Cooke Report



“Unlike the previous campaign, which declined into something in between farce and disaster, we had ended on a high note and drifted out into the warm May sunshine wishing it would all start again next week. Well, it all starts again this afternoon and Gary Megson is history unless we are fortunate enough to draw Stockport in a cup competition.”

No one who was in the midst of that hugely raucous Tangerine Army at Wrexham on May 3rd could have foreseen the events which would unfold eight weeks later. In many ways it was an extraordinary afternoon. Consider the circumstances. We arrived at the Racecourse ground with a shot of making the playoffs. After taking an early lead we lost the game 2-1 and had Tony Ellis sent off in the process, an incident that would lead to a four game suspension. In any case Crewe had drawn at York making our result in Wales academic. The dream was gone for another year. And yet, when the final whistle went the manager joined his players in saluting the travelling Seasider fans massed behind the goal. The ovation was loud, genuine and prolonged. A few months earlier, back in the dark days of December such a reception for Gary Megson seemed about as likely as one of our scheduled Boxing Day games actually taking place. An indifferent start to the season saw the club in 15th place

when Vauxhall Conference club Hednesford came to Bloomfield Road on December 7th for the second round of the F.A. Cup and inflicted a last minute defeat. Six days later fan morale hit rock bottom. A 3-0 defeat at the hands of the Baxis was bad enough but this one happened to be live on Sky Television. Megson was close to throwing the towel in, something quite against his nature. Somehow he was persuaded to stay (all credit to the chairman, the board, and the managing director) and four days before Xmas a remarkable turnaround began.

In the second half of the season the Seasiders were easily the best side in the division striking a rich vein of form. In the three weeks preceding that end of season game at Wrexham the 'Pool had swatted aside Bristol Rovers, spotted Gillingham a tow goal lead before coming back to win, and dealt contemptuously with table-topping Bury. The fans mood had changed. It was all coming together and boded well for the next season. Unlike the previous campaign, which had declined into something between farce and disaster, we had ended on a high note and drifted out into the warm May sunshine wishing it would all start again next week. Well, it all starts again this afternoon and Gary Megson is history unless we are fortunate enough to draw Stockport in a cup competition. He has chosen to move to what will always be a smaller club than Blackpool and if I wish him luck it is because he will need it. Our board had at least had some recent experience

in conducting a managerial search and moved with commendable speed to appoint Nigel Worthington, a man with vast experience of football at the highest levels of the domestic and international game. We have already seen the quality of his contracts with the arrival of Lou Macari, temporary though that might be. A few new faces have arrived already. There will undoubtedly be more before long. The players who took the division by storm after Xmas are still here. And we are still here, dreams dusted off and resurrected as they always will be at this time of year. Let the band begin playing. Saturday has come.

ROGER COOKE



STOP PRESS

Hodde Signs for Mitre.

The official ball supplier to:



Mitre >



AUTO INDEMNITY NORTHERN LIMITED

HAD AN ACCIDENT, NOT YOUR FAULT?

**THE PROFESSIONALS AT AUTO INDEMNITY WILL ARRANGE
A REPLACEMENT VEHICLE WHILST YOURS IS OFF THE ROAD
FOR YOUR VEHICLE TO BE REPAIRED AT A LOCAL REPAIRER
FOR ANY OTHER LOSSES THAT YOU HAVE SUFFERED TO BE PURSUED
FREEPHONE: 0800 374 023 NOW**

AUTO INDEMNITY LTD CONTINENTAL HOUSE 292 - 302 CHURCH STREET BLACKPOOL FY1 3QA 01253 292266 FAX: 01253 291041

SITUATIONS IN LIFE ARE RARELY BLACK & WHITE

Easthams combine modern technology with a thorough understanding of our subject to provide efficient solutions covering the whole spectrum of specialist legal services. This ranges from the requirements of the private individual through to those of the commercial and business wolds including:

- Business start ups
- conveyancing
- Partnership advice
- Employment Law
- Insolvency
- Debt collection

Easthams are here to make difficult situations that bit easier for our clients to overcome. We believe our individual approach is a breath of fresh air to the legal world which you will really appreciate as an Easthams client.



YOU'S ISN'T JUST ANY PROBLEM, SO WHY GO TO JUST ANY LAW FIRM

TEL: 01253 299 222 FAX: 01253 292 471

CONTINENTAL HOUSE 292 - 302 CHURCH STREET BLACKPOOL FY1 3QA

Virgo

VIRGO SHEETMETAL LTD.
Metal Storage Units Built, Assembled and Delivered,
Tel.896988 unit Z3, Beacon Rd. Poulton

Virgo

Jonathon Lee Writes

ALTERNATIVE ULSTER

Three goals and two draws in three games might not seem the stuff to have you running up your Tangerine flags in celebration, but Pool's three match tour of Northern Ireland was always going to be more about bonding than booty. Time will tell. But when it comes to team spirit, a week away together in a luxurious hotel, will surely set the side in good stead for the season ahead. And ironically on a trip which was a legacy of previous boss Gary Megson, it was the perfect chance for Pool's players to get to know the new "gaffer". Hopefully that will mean there won't be such a lengthy getting to know you period on the pitch which proved so costly the last time around. A new experience for several of the Seasiders, the whole tour proved an eye-opener. Not least for myself. With Worthington, Mick Hennigan, and all the players in welcoming mood, the tour provided a unique insight into life on the road. And perhaps most encouraging of all to the cynics was the atmosphere at one of Pool's training sessions. With gale force winds and driving rain, you'd have thought Pool would have

been happy to cancel their work-out. But Worthington was having none of it. And instead, the Seasiders sought out an indoor arena at a nearby army camp. Again, with two games already under their belts, you'd have questioned whether Pool were up for it. But no sooner had Hennigan blown the start whistle on the six-a-side sessions, than you were left in no doubt about the team's commitment. Challenges were flying in. Anton Rogan and Brett Ormerod were involved in one of the most heated exchanges. And there was genuine self disgust when players missed their goal opportunities. Perhaps even more important, senior pros like Tony Ellis, who perhaps you would normally associate as being an individual talent rather than a team player, made a point of encouraging younger team mates like teenage keeper Phil Barnes. And if you measure hard work in sweat - there were bucketfuls of it about in Ulster. Players were constantly having to raid the water machine, and ring out their dripping shirts! There were the usual moans about Hennigan ordering extra sprint training when the players thought

they were done. But they got on with it. And on the whole the camaraderie among the players must stand them in good stead when the real work begins today. The games themselves were a bit of a disappointment. And it depends which match you take, as to how to gauge the team's chance this season. At Glenavon, the first half performance in particular, gave cause for great hopes. But the two goalless draws at Portadown and Glentoran were dour affairs. The only positive, that they were part of a five-match sequence of consecutive clean sheets. Goals again look like being the main worry. But ringing around the Division Two scene, it's amazing how many clubs have the same problem. One club that doesn't today's visitors and favourites Luton Town, who have a certain Tony Thorpe (Division Two's top scorer last season with 31 league and cup goals) leading the line. A severe early test for Pool. And an immediate chance for their Ulster tour to start paying dividends where it counts - on the pitch. All the best for the coming season.

Jonathan Lee

THE EVENING The Gazette

Follow the Pool

- Match report
- Tangerine Talkback
- Action pictures
- Player poster
- Young Seasiders



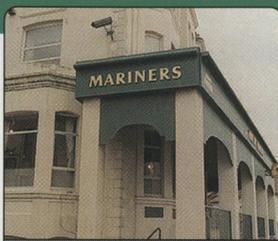
Your Local Supporting the Seasiders...



Palatine Buildings
Central Promenade Blackpool.
2,900 people can't be wrong!



Chapel St - B'pool
Karaoke Fri & Sat evenings & Sunday lunchtimes. Cabaret nightly Free Admission. Exclusive refurbishment due shortly



Norbreck Road -
B'pool Open Mon-Sat Noon-11pm Sunday cabaret, 2 bars open on matchdays. Bookings Entertainment 5/6 nights a week. Always plenty of promotions at the right prices



Bloomfield Rd -
B'pool Open Thur/Fri/Sat until 2.00am Live cabaret, 2 bars open on matchdays. Bookings now being taken of all private functions inc Xmas parties. Buffets or Dinner Dances catered for.



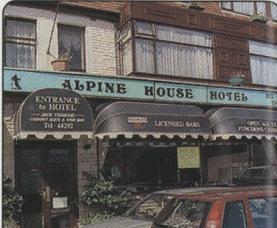
Greenhalgh, Nr Kirtham
Food served daily Restaurant open all day Outdoor childrens play area & patio Families very welcome Disabled facilities 28 bedroom lodge due to open in Sept.



Preston New Rd - B'pool
Food served daily Open all day - 7 days Quiz nigh - Friday Guest bees Friendly atmosphere Families welcome



Singleton Rd - Weeton
Food served daily Open 7 days a week Family dining area Quiz night - Thursday Beer garden & children play area Lovely atmosphere



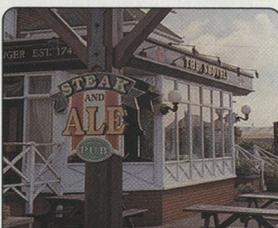
148 Waterloo Rd - B'pool
Weekend entertainment Sunday evening quiz night, Very friendly atmosphere Friday evening - Hot & Cold Buffet Saturday evening - Candlelit Gala dinner with floor show



Lytham Rd - B'pool
Nightly entertainment All 'Pool' supporters very welcome. Function room available for hire Great atmosphere



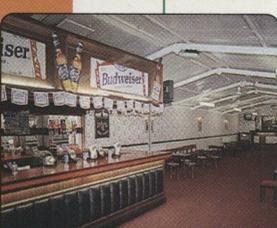
Lytham Rd - B'pool
Food served daily 12-7.00pm Pre-match meal recommended. Disco Fri & Sat evenings, Legendary Captain Vinyl Sunday evenings, Quiz night - Monday (large prizes)



Commen Edge Rd - B'pool
Quiz night - Thursday Guaranteed £100 Jackpot Food served 12-9.30pm 7 days, Extensive & varied menu Must be viewed. Very friendly atmosphere. Good selection of ales & guest beers



Talbot Rd - B'pool
Large screen TV for all sporting events. Live groups Fri/Sat/Sun evenings Pool & Snooker Superb friendly atmosphere



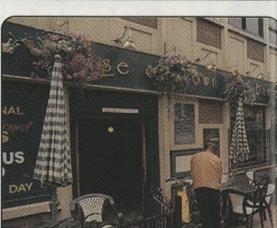
Open throughout the season on matchdays
Call in and enjoy a pint anytime from 1.00 pm Sat or 6pm on night games TV screens with Sky, situated within the West Paddock



King St - B'pool
Award winners for Boddingtons cask ale Live soccer on big screen Pool table Lively, friendly atmosphere



194 Talbot Rd - B'pool
Camra award winning pub Theakstons Old Peculiar Special Award Winners Every Town has one - a local on the corner Sponsors of Owen Oystens Hall



Corporation St - B'pool
Food served daily 11am until 7pm, Vegetarian & children menus, Selection of Continental & Premium beers, bottled largers Great value 3 course Sunday Lunch

Miller's Kitchen

Scottish & Newcastle

Book Review

The Complete Who's Who of Irish International Football 1945-96 by Stephen McGarrigle
Mainstream Publishing - ISBN 1 85158 894 9

Blackpool have always maintained a strong Irish connection; Sam Jones and Jimmy Todd were on the books in the immediate post-war period and this has continued through to the present day with Jimmy Quinn and now new manager Nigel Worthington. But the Southern Ireland connection has been far less with only three players since the War playing for Blackpool having represented the Eire side.

And none of the players concerned was born in the Emerald Isle; Mickey Walsh hailed from Chorley, Eamonn O'Keefe from Manchester and Kevin Sheedy from Buihth Wells, Powys. Walsh made his Irish debut against Norway in March 1976 when he was at the peak of his powers with Blackpool and had "established himself as a first team regular at Bloomfield Road".

As author Stephen McGarrigle writes "He possessed a penchant for doing the unexpected, conjuring up classic goals from unlikely situations" and he went on to play 21 internationals, scoring three times including one on his debut in a 3-0 win. Walsh later went to Everton, QPR and then had much success in Portugal.

O'Keefe played his fifth and final international in the month that he joined Blackpool for a £10,000 fee in March 1985 from Port Vale. His first international was against Wales in February 1981 after FIFA had ruled him ineligible to play for Ireland because he had turned out for England's semi-professional side against Scotland and Holland in 1979.

O'Keefe fought the ruling, eventually won his case and scored one goal in his five appearances. O'Keefe started his professional career with Plymouth Argyle who picked him up from Stalybridge Celtic but "he failed to impress" and returned to the

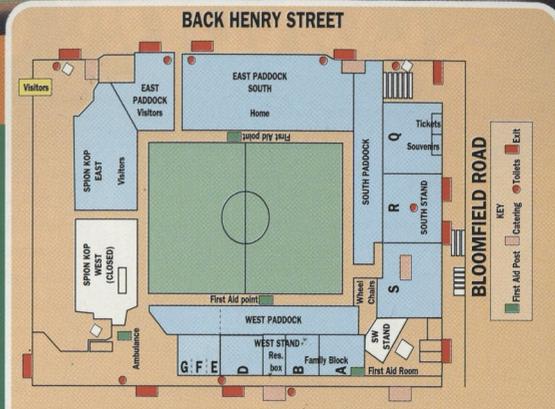
non-League ranks without having played a first team game. After spells with Hyde United, in Saudia Arabia and with Mossley O'Keefe was suddenly signed by Everton for £22,500 in July 1979.

Although "a sharp nippy player", he spent most of his three seasons at Everton in the Central League side with his 40 League games bringing him just six goals. From there he moved to Wigan Athletic in January 1982 and his goals at Springfield Park helped shoot Wigan into Division Three for the first time in the club's history. Twenty five goals came from 58 outings before he moved to Port Vale for £10,000 in July 1983.

Eventually at Blackpool, "he surpassed himself" and in 1985/86, despite a long lay-off for a knee injury, he was leading scorer with 17 goals from 22 appearances. He was forced to retire through injury in September 1986 but did try a comeback with Cork City and then Chester before he finally had to quit the game.

Sheedy was the most capped of the three with 45 caps, ironically his final one in February 1993 coming against Wales. As the author states, "arguably one of the best left-sided midfielders of the 1980s" Sheedy played his first game for Eire against Holland in 1983 and his nine-goal international career was over by the time he joined Blackpool for the 1993/94 season. By then he had played for Hereford, Liverpool, Everton, where he accepted a pay cut, Newcastle United and briefly Cardiff City before completing his playing career at Bloomfield Road.

Walsh, O'Keefe and Sheedy are given full coverage in an excellent book



EVACUATION PROCEDURE

In the event of any emergency at Blackpool Football Club would spectators please remain in their positions and listen carefully to the loud speaker announcements that will be made. This announcement will be preceded by a loud chime. The announcements may direct spectators in a specified area of the ground, to evacuation points which may be exit gates or emergency exits leading to the pitch. Stewards, officials and police officers will direct spectators to the relevant points. If spectators are requested to vacate a specified area, they are asked to do

so calmly and quickly, to assist with a safe evacuation.

Blackpool Police request that spectators visiting the football ground arriving by car do not park in Field Street or in the area defined as an emergency corridor at the north end of the ground behind the Spion Kop or in front of any entrance or exit gates. This is to ensure safe passage into and away from the ground and to assist emergency services in the event of any major incident at the ground.

GUIDE to facilities at Bloomfield Road

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

which gives ample detail of the over 250 players who have represented Ireland since the War. They include one other player with local connections, Michael Robinson who played Fylde junior football, and such as Liam Munro who played just once in a 4-0 win over Luxembourg in October 1953 but was then consigned to the one-cap wonders pile which was well spotted by the Irish Press who reported after his first game "Liam Munroe's lack of height will deprive him of a second cap even though he tried very hard against Wagner, the best defender of the Luxembourg team."

Gerry Wolstenholme

HOOLOGAN HOTLINE

If you have any information about any person involved in football hooliganism, please call the National Criminal Intelligence Service, Football Unit on freephone 0800 515495. Your call will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Marc Antony Carpet & Hardflooring
Unit 3, Station Road, Poulton
Tel: 882282



LONDON CALLING

By Mark Hillary



Basil held its AGM on 24th July and with 1997/98 membership still not officially open, 50 renewals are in from last years 200 plus membership. Main talking point on the Agenda was the design for the new Basil logo and T shirt. Basil Director of Design Dave Black has produced some marvellous work and hard decisions have now got to be made for the beginning of the season. Basil merchandising has been privatised by the formation of the "Basil 53 Club" where Members are invited to put in £53 for a handsome return on their money, plus a profit for Basil, if all the T shirts are sold. Of course if we sell none you get an expensive £53 T shirt! Perhaps here in the South East we've got more money than sense but so far people are parting with their dosh like they were buying Premiership players. Not enough money in the kitty just yet to supplant that other privateer Richard Branson but so far we're very pleased with the way he is running our link home. It has always been a nightmare trying to get to Blackpool for games. Set out to drive and you're probably still in Staffordshire at kick off time but turn up at Euston and you're in for a very long day and even us rich cockneys couldn't afford the kind of money BR wanted. Mr Branson has cut prices and we have heard that one day the electrical link could even be carried on those last 17 miles to the Pool. The direct train was taken off a few years ago but even then the engine had to be changed and you had a 10 minute wait at Preston Station. Amazing how much some people could drink in the buffet in what became the famous "Preston run". There was a competition on the way home to be the last

one out of the bar with, as this was the last train to London, a dire penalty for anyone who miscalculated the worth of another pint of Boddingtons against a winter sleep on the platform! We all look forward to the Branson Blackpool Bullet train taking just 2 hours to reach the new Whydyke Farm Station and, after Liverpool or Inter have been humiliated, catching the train back to the Smoke in time for Dinner at Eight at the Cafe Royale, as usual. Enough Tangerine dreaming right now I'd settle, as always, for a drubbing of Preston and home to Hackney in time for a pint in my local.

Some Basil Members of course have much further than London to travel home as "Basil World-Wide" now stretches across Europe, the USA and Australia. More on how they keep in touch next time. Membership of the Blackpool Association of Supporters in London (BASIL) is open to those in London, the South or further afield for just £2 a season. Details from the Membership Secretary, 33 Colman Way, Redhill, Surrey RH1 2BB. or, <http://www.blackpool.co.uk/basil/>

Mark Hillary

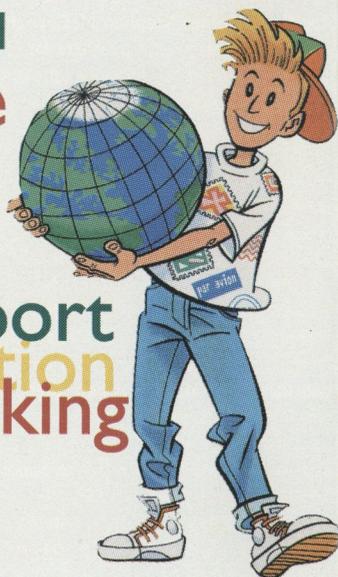
services

bureau de change

travel insurance

passport application checking

EIII forms



You'd be all over the place without us

THE PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

STEVE BANK'S ALL THE AWARDS IN THE 1996/97 - yes Steve picks up all the 1996/7 player of the year awards



A group of B.I.S.A. members present Steve with the Graham Berry Shield.



REBECCA'S SOUTHPORT The FY8 Club present their award



Cliff Muspratt of BAC Supporters Group present Steve with their trophy



Chorley & Leyland Supporters Club present their trophy



Vera Lewis presents Steve with the main player of the year award. The Alan Lewis Trophy was given in memory of Alan who was a great supporter until his untimely death several years ago

WELL DONE STEVE - NOW LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN MAKE IT A CLEAN SWEEP IN THE NEW SEASON!

MIKE SWIFT

THE ELECTRICAL DISCOUNT PEOPLE, Wide Range of Showers, Lights, Switches and Electrical Accessories TEL. 341551, 92 Highfield Road, South Shore.



First Team

Seasiders Factfinder on Two 1997-98



Date	Versus	Sc	Att.	Aw.Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Aug 9	LUTON TOWN	H																		
Aug 12	MANCHESTER CITY (CCC/I/1)	H																		
Aug 16	Bristol City	A																		
Aug 23	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H																		
Aug 27	Manchester City (CCC/I/2)	A																		
Aug 30	Bournemouth	A																		
Sept 2	Wrexham	A																		
Sept 6	CARLISLE UNITED	H																		
Sept 13	Wigan Athletic	A																		
Sept 20	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H																		
Sept 27	SOUTHEND UNITED	H																		
Oct 4	Millwall	A																		
Oct 11	Fulham	A																		
Oct 18	GRIMSBY TOWN	H																		
Oct 21	CHESTERFIELD	H																		
Oct 25	Bristol Rovers	A																		
Nov 1	Watford	A																		
Nov 4	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H																		
Nov 8	BURNLEY	H																		
Nov 15	FA Cup 1	A																		
Nov 18	Gillingham	A																		
Nov 22	YORK CITY	H																		
Nov 29	Walsall	A																		
Dec 2	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H																		
Dec 6	FA Cup 2	A																		
Dec 13	Brentford	A																		
Dec 20	PRESTON NORTH END	H																		
Dec 26	Carlisle United	A																		
Dec 28	WREXHAM	H																		
Jan 3	BRISTOL CITY	H																		
Jan 10	Luton Town	A																		
Jan 17	BOURNEMOUTH	H																		
Jan 24	Wycombe Wanderers	A																		
Jan 31	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H																		
Feb 7	Oldham Athletic	A																		
Feb 16	MILLWALL	H																		
Feb 21	Southend United	A																		
Feb 24	Grimsey Town	A																		
Feb 28	FULHAM	H																		
Mar 3	Burnley	A																		
Mar 7	WATFORD	H																		
Mar 14	Northampton Town	A																		
Mar 21	GILLINGHAM	H																		
Mar 28	York City	A																		
Apr 4	WALSALL	H																		
Apr 11	Plymouth Argyle	A																		
Apr 13	BRENTFORD	H																		
Apr 18	Preston North End	A																		
Apr 25	BRISTOL ROVERS	H																		
May 2	Chesterfield	A																		

Reserves



Seasiders Factfinder

Date	Versus	Sc	Att.	Aw.Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Aug 13	BURNLEY	H																		
Aug 20	Wrexham	A																		
Aug 23	LINCOLN CITY	H																		
Sept 10	Carlisle United	A																		
Sept 16	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H																		
Sept 24	Rochdale	A																		
Oct 8	SHREWSBURY	H																		
Oct 14	Bradford City	A																		
Oct 29	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H																		
Nov 12	Stockport County	A																		
Nov 19	YORK CITY	H																		
Nov 24	Barnsley	A																		
Dec 10	WREXHAM	H																		
Dec 17	Burnley	A																		
Jan 5	Lincoln City	A																		
Jan 21	CARLISLE UNITED	H																		
Feb 10	Sheffield United	A																		
Mar 4	ROCHDALE	H																		
Mar 11	BARNSLEY	H																		
Mar 25	York City	A																		
Mar 31	Rotherham United	A																		
Apr 8	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H																		
Apr 22	Shrewsbury Town	A																		
Apr 29	BRADFORD CITY	H																		

NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 2 1996/7

Club	Home			Away			Pts	Top Scorer	A'Age
	P	W	D	L	F	A			
Bury	46	18	5	10	39	7	84	Carter (12)	4500
Stockport C	46	15	5	15	31	14	82	Angell (15)	6423
Luton T	46	13	7	3	38	14	78	Thorpe (28)	6293
Brentford	46	8	11	4	26	22	74	Asaba (23)	5824
Bristol C	46	14	4	5	43	18	73	Goater (23)	10790
Crewe A	46	15	4	4	38	15	73	Adeboia (16)	3978
Blackpool	46	13	7	3	41	21	69	Ellis (15)	4987
Wrexham	46	11	9	6	37	28	69	Connolly (14)	4119
Burnley	46	14	3	6	48	27	68	Barnes (24)	10041
Chesterfield	46	10	9	4	25	18	68	Howard (10)	4638
Gillingham	46	13	3	7	27	25	67	Onuora (21)	6032
Walsall	46	12	8	3	25	21	67	Lightbourne (20)	3891
Watford	46	10	8	5	24	14	67	Mooney (13)	8893
Millwall	46	12	4	7	27	22	61	Crawford (11)	7717
Preston NE	46	14	5	4	33	19	61	Reeves (11)	9411
Bournemouth	46	8	9	4	24	20	60	Cox (8)	4603
Bristol R	46	13	4	6	34	22	56	Dradle (12)	5611
Wycombe W	46	13	4	6	31	14	55	Caproli (9)	6494
Plymouth A	46	7	11	5	19	18	54	Evans (12)	6494
York C	46	8	6	9	27	31	52	Tolson (12)	3358
Peterborough U	46	7	6	9	38	34	47	Houghton (8)	5297
Shrewsbury T	46	8	7	7	27	32	46	Sevens (17)	3178
Rotherham U	46	4	7	12	17	29	41	Judejain (6)	2843
Notts C	46	4	9	10	20	25	34	Martindale (6)	4257

PONTINS LEAGUE SEASON 1996/97

Club	Home			Away			Pts	Top Scorer	A'Age
	P	W	D	L	F	A			
Preston North End	24	16	6	12	42	14	84	Carter (12)	4500
Aston Villa	24	16	4	4	62	25	82	Angell (15)	6423
Notts County	24	12	5	7	38	35	78	Thorpe (28)	6293
Middlesbrough	24	10	8	6	42	36	74	Asaba (23)	5824
Wolverhampton Wdrs	24	11	5	8	37	32	73	Goater (23)	10790
Leicester City	24	11	3	10	37	42	73	Adeboia (16)	3978
Sunderland	24	9	8	7	47	37	69	Ellis (15)	4987
Huddersfield Town	24	8	5	11	32	39	69	Connolly (14)	4119
Port Vale	24	7	6	11	30	37	68	Barnes (24)	10041
Coventry City	24	6	8	10	22	25	67	Howard (10)	4638
West Bromwich Albion	24	6	6	12	21	36	67	Onuora (21)	6032
Sheffield United	24	7	3	14	26	44	67	Lightbourne (20)	3891
Blackpool	24	1	5	18	12	46	67	Mooney (13)	8893



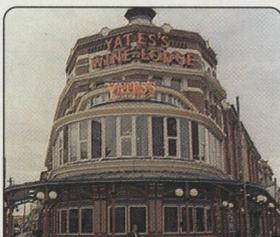
Stats Corner

BLACKPOOL 1997-98 APPEARANCES AND GOALS

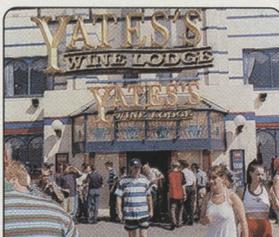
	League Apps Goals		Coca Cola Apps Goals		FA Cup Apps Goals		AWS Apps Goals		To Date Apps Goals	
Banks									87	-
Barnes									-	-
Bonner									153 (28)	13
Brabin									36 (2)	2
Bradshaw									67 (6)	1
Bryan									94 (4)	2
Butler									47 (1)	1
Carden									1 (2)	-
Clarkson									17	5
Cross									-	-
Dixon									8 (8)	-
Ellis									143 (6)	56
Haddow									-	-
Heighton									-	-
Linighan									81	5
Lydiate									70 (6)	2
Malkin									10 (9)	3
Mellon									131	17
Ormerod									0 (4)	-
Philpott									28 (12)	4
Preece									86 (15)	26
Quinn									136 (28)	43
Reed									-	-
Rogan									-	-
Russell									0 (1)	-



JAGGY THISTLE
Open 10.30am to 2.00am 6 days a week
Karaoke & Live entertainment nightly
Weekend lunches Exotic Dancers. Guest Beers
York Street, BLACKPOOL



YATES WINE LODGE
Live bands Wed/Thurs evening
DJ's 7 nights a week Food served daily
All round good fun night out
Talbot Road, BLACKPOOL



YATES WINE LODGE
Food served 7 days a week Open till 2.00am
Fri/Sat eve's & midnight weekdays Live
entertainment Karaoke Tues eve. Play Your
Cards Right Wed eve. DJ every night Sout
Promenade, BLACKPOOL



JAY D'S BISTRO
Bistro Food provided on the American Theme.
Extensive menu, large portions Friendly
atmosphere Within the New England Inn
314 Clifton Drive North, ST ANNES



THE COVE
Karaoke Wed evening Selected cheap drinks
Wed/Thur/Sun Top night guaranteed Fri/Sat
Sports bar and Big Screen TV Function room
available Dock Street, FLEETWOOD



ADDISONS NIGHTCLUB
Open Wed to Sat Wed-Fri 10.00pm - 2.00am
Saturday 9.00pm - 2.00am Club available for
private functions. Discounted tickets on various
nights Clifton St., BLACKPOOL



THE VICTORY
Quiz night Friday. Happy hours 3pm - 7pm
Mon-Fri Noon - 5pm at Weekends Function
room available for parties at NO cost
Great atmosphere Cauce St, BLACKPOOL



NEVER ON A SUNDAY
"Premier Club in a Pub" Food served daily
DJ's and various promotions 7 nights a week
Clifton Street, BLACKPOOL

Round Up

PONTINS LEAGUE CUP

Blackpool have entered the Pontins League Cup for the 1997/8 season. The format is initially a mini league basis to provide eight quarter finalists for the knock-out stages. In the league 3 points are awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw. At the knock-out stages if the scores are level after 90 minutes an extra 30 minutes shall be played. If the scores are still level after extra time the winner shall be determined by the taking of penalty kicks.

In our group are Rotherham United, Scarborough and Tranmere Rovers all played home and away to provide 6 games. The dates of these to be announced later.

PRE SEASON GAMES

Below is a summary of the pre-season games played by all Blackpool teams. Many of you will have seen some of the games and we thank you for your support, long may it continue.

1st team

July 16	v	Manchester City	1-1	Home	Clarkson
July 19	v	Bradford City	1-5	Home	Ellis
July 23	v	Rochdale	2-0	Home	Clarkson, Quinn
July 26	v	Portadown	0-0	Away	
July 28	v	Glenavon	3-0	Away	Quinn 2 (1p), Ormerod
July 30	v	Glentoran	0-0	Away	
Aug 2	v	Scarborough	0-0	Away	

Reserves

July 22	v	Leigh R.M.I.	2-1	Away	Preece (1p), Reed
July 26	v	Nelson	4-1	Away	Longworth, Sugden, Lazenby 2
July 30	v	Accrington S	1-2	Away	Carden

Youth Team

July 14	v	Bolton W	2-2	Home	Carlisle 2
July 18	v	Burnley	2-1	Away	Longworth 2
July 24	v	Squires Gate	3-1	Away	Nowland 3
July 28	v	Fulwood Amateurs	2-1	Away	Longworth, Nowland
Aug 2	v	Lancs Constabulary	5-0	Away	Talbot, Nowland 3, Jugden
Aug 5	v	Nottingham	0-2	Home	

'A' TEAM FIXTURES

Lancashire League Division Two
'A' Team

Aug 16	Morecambe 'A'	A
Aug 23	ROCHDALE 'A'	H
w/c Aug 25	BURNLEY 'B'	H
Aug 30	WREXHAM 'B'	H
Sept 6	Everton 'B'	A
Sept 13	MANCHESTER CITY 'B'	H
Sept 20	Blackburn Rovers 'B'	A
Sept 27	TRANMERE ROVERS 'B'	H
w/c Sept 29	OLDHAM ATHLETIC 'B'	H
Oct 4	LIVERPOOL 'B'	H
Oct 11	Wrexham 'B'	A
Oct 18	Carlisle United 'B'	A
Nov 1	MARINE YOUTH	H
Nov 8	Manchester City 'B'	A
Nov 15	EVERTON 'B'	H
Nov 22	CARLISLE UNITED 'B'	H
Nov 29	Wigan Athletic 'A'	A
Dec 6	CREWE ALEXANDRA 'A'	H
Dec 13	Liverpool 'B'	A
Dec 20	CHESTER CITY 'A'	H
Jan 10	Rochdale 'A'	A
Jan 17	STOCKPORT COUNTY 'A'	A
Jan 24	Bury 'B'	H
Jan 31	Crewe Alexandra 'A'	A
Feb 7	WIGAN ATHLETIC 'A'	H
Feb 14	Chester City 'A'	A
Feb 21	Oldham Athletic 'B'	A
Feb 28	BLACKBURN ROVERS 'B'	H
Mar 7	Burnley 'B'	A
Mar 14	MANCHESTER UNITED 'B'	H
Mar 28	Tranmere Rovers 'B'	A
Apr 4	Manchester United 'B'	A
Apr 11	BURY 'B'	H
Apr 18	Stockport County 'A'	A
Apr 25	MORECAMBE 'A'	H
May 2	Marine Youth	A

Trust us to help the game

The Football Trust has been providing support for the game at every level throughout the UK for over 22 years. Its present priority task is to help League clubs to complete the implementation of the Taylor Report recommendations.

Thanks to the Government and to the Football Association, the FA Premier League and the English Sports Council, a major new funding package to secure the future of the Trust has been put in place.

These funds will be in addition to income derived from the football pools companies Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters, and will enable the Trust to complete its Taylor task, carry on its essential safety work and continue to grant aid football at every level. The Government's commitment to the Trust has the support of everyone who cares about our national game.



THE FOOTBALL TRUST
Helping the game

THE FOOTBALL TRUST, WALKDEN HOUSE, 10 MELTON STREET, LONDON NW1 2EB





Memorabilia

Welcome back to the new football season - I hope that Nigel Worthington can bring us the success that we all crave for!! I intend to feature a selection of Blackpool F.C. memorabilia in each of this seasons programmes and would like to remind readers that if they want any particular item of memorabilia featuring in a future issue then don't hesitate to contact me and

I'll see what I can do. I thought I would start the new football season off by announcing that Blackpool came runners up in the Football Badge of the Year Award run by the Association of Football Badge Collectors Club (AFBC). All the badges produced during last season were eligible for this award and a short list of 15

were selected. The AFBC membership (currently standing at 289) placed their votes and the results were as follows:

- 1st Place - Wealdstone F.C. - ICIS Division 3 Champs
- 2nd Place - BLACKPOOL F.C. - Club Crest (Progress)
- 3rd Place - Sunderland F.C. - London Branch

The AFBC produces a monthly newsletter giving details of all current badges along with pages and pages of members adverts (FREE OF CHARGE!) where members state their particular "Wants" or buy and exchange with fellow collectors.

I have picked up quite a few of my B'Pool badges as a result of being a member of the AFBC and can command it to all serious badge collectors. If anybody is interested in joining then drop me a line and I'll send you further details.

Happy Collecting!
John D. Cross

KATHLEENS
ESTABLISHED 1937

At Kathleens of Annerflora we will be happy to help you with your last minute orders. We can deliver you flowers, cuddley toys and balloons locally and nationwide. Same day delivery is never a problem. We also provide bridal bouquets for that special day.

GARDYBUI DINGS, LYTHAM ROAD,
BLACKPOOL, FY4 1EW

TEL: (01253) 341697
FAX: (01253) 401709

£1 Discount for orders on production of this advertisement

FOR THE VERY BEST IN LUXURY EXECUTIVE TRAVEL

REDLINE TRAVEL

TEL: 01772 751700/422669
LUXURY COACHES:
20, 24, 33 & 50 SEATERS
MODERN UP-TO-DATE
VEHICLES EXECUTIVE TV,
TOILET, COFFEE, TEA
SCHOOLS & WORK
CONTRACTS

Player and Kit Sponsors 1997-98

STEVE BANKS Ralph's Gym Burn Naze Boxing club 863884	PHIL BARNES B.T.S.A.	MARK BONNER	GARY BRABIN Kirsty Edge	DARREN BRADSHAW
MARVIN BRYAN John Allen	TONY BUTLER	PAUL GARDEN John Woodman	PHIL CLARKSON B.T.S.A.	JAMIE CROSS
BEN DIXON R&J Bradshaw Joinery & Building Contractor 882756	TONY ELLIS	PAUL HADDOW	HENRY HEIGHTON	DAVE LINIGHAN Councillor DAVID OWEN your solicitor 294406
JASON LYDIATE Tom Lawson	CHRIS MALKIN Marianne Lawson	MICKY MELLON	BRETT ORMEROD John Woodman	LEE PHILPOTT
ANDY PREECE	JAMES QUINN	JOHN REED Express Cutting & Welding 01772 234072	ANTON ROGAN Shaun Bradford	KEITH RUSSELL

J. Smith & Sons Ltd.

Smith



electrical group



BLACKPOOL • KIRKHAM • MELTON

01772 471111

DESIGN WITH

DT

Signs

No. 1

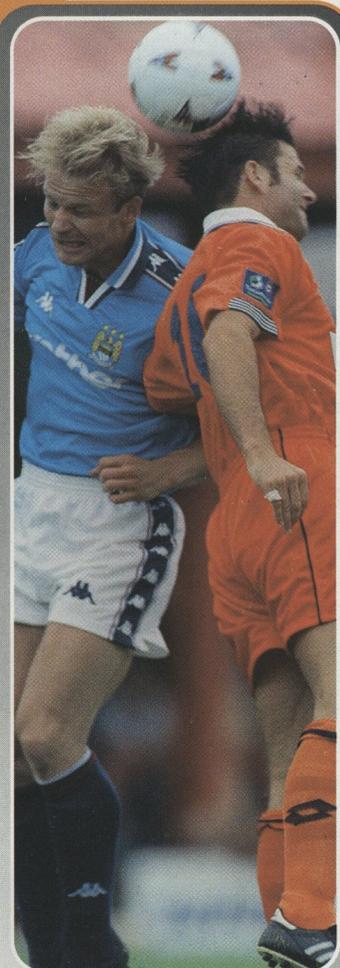
in the
North

01253 892410

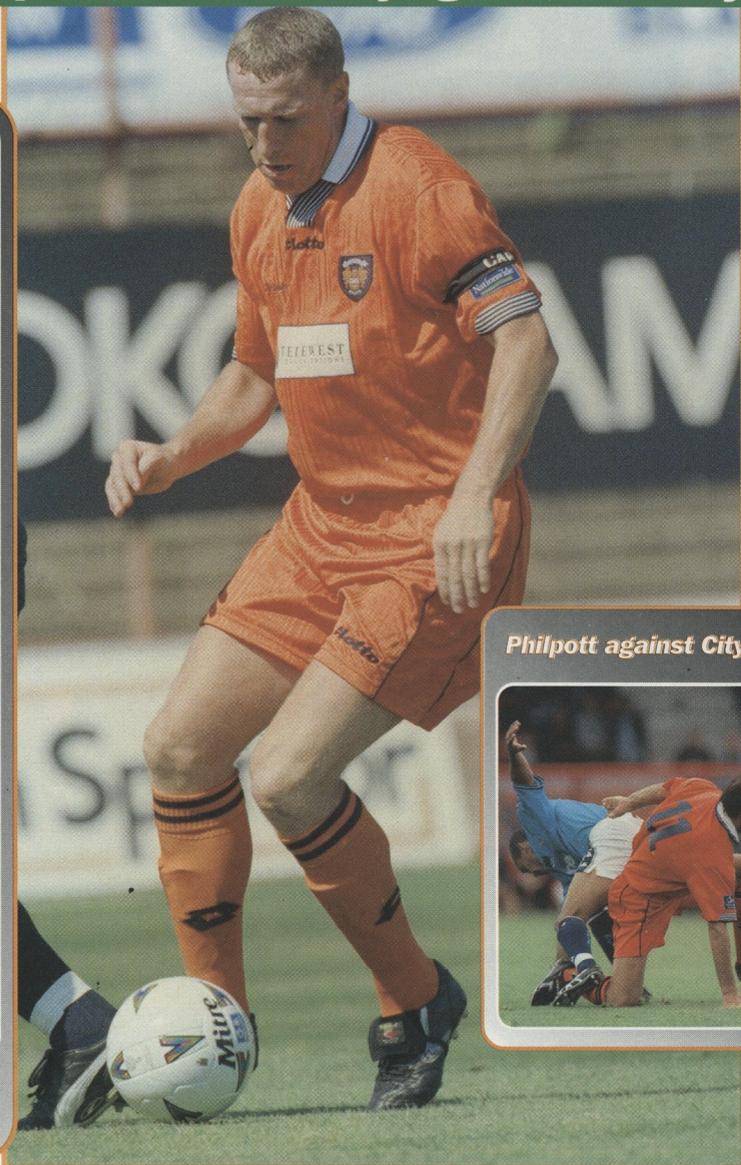


Seasiders in Action

from our pre-season friendly against Man City



Ellis jumps for it



Philpott against City

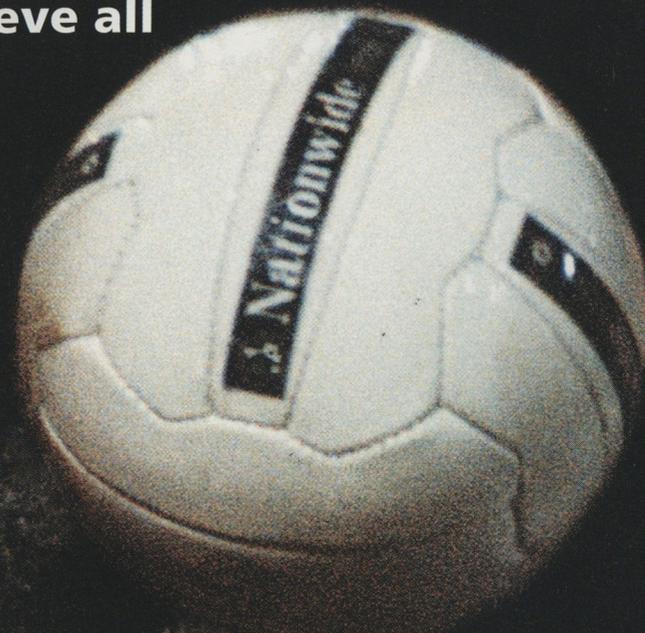


ALL THE ENERGY OF A TRUE SPORTS SUPPORTER



BRITISH NUCLEAR FUELS

Helping you achieve all your financial GOALS



Contact your local Nationwide Building Society branch at 9 Clifton Street, Blackpool, Lancs FY1 1JG. Tel: 01253 610000

Nationwide Building Society, Nationwide Life Limited and Nationwide Unit Trust Managers Limited represent only the Nationwide Marketing Group, which is regulated by the Personal Investment Authority for life assurance, pensions and unit trust products. Nationwide Unit Trust Managers Limited is also regulated by IMRO.



The Match Line-up

Blackpool

Luton Town

- Steve Banks** Last seasons player of the year
- Marvin Bryan** Full back who likes to push forward
- Anton Rogan** Summer signing from Millwall, Irish International
- Tony Butler** Defender strong in the air
- Dave Linighan** CAPTAIN: Solid, dependable defender
- Phil Clarkson** Signed from Scunthorpe earlier this year made a good impression with goals
- Chris Malkin** Record signing last season, now fully fit
- Mark Bonner** Midfielder who likes to make forward runs
- James Quinn** Irish International who scored 17 goals last season
- Andy Preece** Striker with 11 goals to his credit last season
- Lee Philpott** Plays down the left flank, did well in pre-season games
- Ben Dixon** Came from Lincoln City a year ago
- Darren Bradshaw** Can be used in midfield or defence
- Keith Russell** Arrived on transfer deadline date last season

- 1** Tall keeper who was born in Las Vegas
- 2** On loan from Arsenal
- 3** Started at Luton in 1982 via Ayrers and West Ham
- 4** Experienced midfielder who came from Bristol Rovers in Dec 1994
- 5** Defender who cost £750,000 2 years ago
- 6** Signed in 1986, his only league club
- 7** Been with club since 1994
- 8** Cost £100,000 in July 1995 from Scunthorpe Utd.
- 9** Born in Australia - second spell at the club
- 10** Top scorer last season with 32 goals
- 11** Recent signing from Manchester Utd.
- 12** Scored 3 goals last season
- 13** Scored against Blackpool at Luton last season
- 14** Irish international who started at Wigan

- Ian Feuer**
- Gavin McGowan**
- Mitchell Thomas**
- Gary Waddock**
- Steve Davis**
- Marvin Johnson**
- Paul McLaren**
- Graham Alexander**
- David Oldfield**
- Tony Thorpe**
- Simon Davies**
- Andrew Potiadis**
- Kim Grant**
- Darren Patterson**



MASCOT: JAMES LAW
Today's mascot is 7 year old James Law who goes to Layton School. He plays football for Coulton Youth as a defender. His hobbies are football and squash. His favourite Blackpool player is Steve Banks and his ambition is to play for Blackpool. We hope James has a memorable day.

REFEREE
MR S W MATHIESON (STOCKPORT)
For our opening league game we welcome Scott Mathieson to Bloomfield Road, he has already been here this season having been in charge of the Rochdale friendly. He is a joiner in the building trade and is married with 2 children. He started refereeing in his local leagues and eventually reached the football league list in 1994. He enjoys competing at tennis, golf and 5-a-side football.

Assistant Referee's

Mr R.M. Pollock (● Red Trim)
Mr G.T. Stott (● Yellow Trim)
4th Official: Mr R.J. Marsden
Ball Boys Provided by **TANGO**

CONNECTIONS

8-16 Seats
Mini Bus hire
Tel: 01253 876915
Mobile 0860 808432

Next Home Games at Bloomfield Road

Tuesday 12th August 1997 (Coca Cola Cup 1st Round 1st Leg)
v **MANCHESTER CITY** Kick Off 7.30pm
Wednesday 13th August 1997 (Pontins League Division Two)
v **BURNLEY** Kick Off 7.00pm

Buy your

GOLDEN GAMBLE
Tickets only **£1** from
sellers around the
ground



WEAR THE KIT WORN BY THE BEST
OFFICIAL KIT SUPPLIERS TO BLACKPOOL FC

