



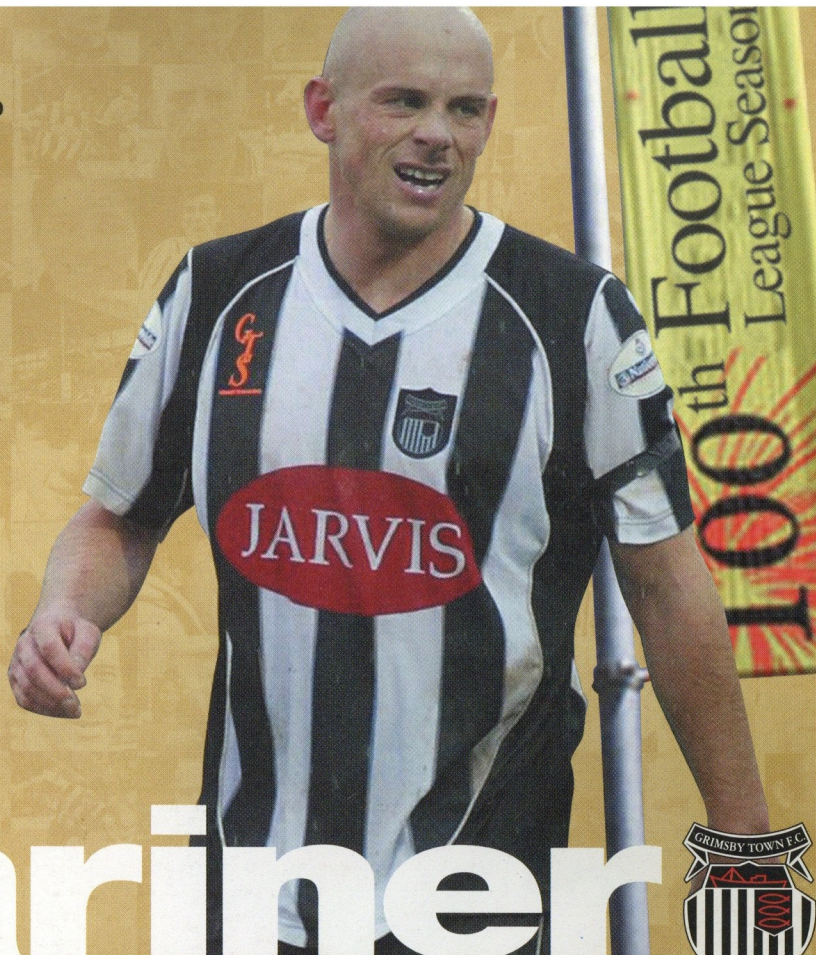
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# Graham Rodger

**GOOD EVENING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND WELCOME TO BLUNDELL PARK. TONIGHT WE FACE LUTON TOWN IN A REARRANGED FIXTURE THAT WAS DUE TO BE PLAYED LAST MONTH.**

May I pass on our best wishes to all the players, directors, staff and supporters of Luton this evening.

The Hatters are an ex-club of mine and Mike Newell has done a good job in guiding them into the play-off places this season. They come to us tonight on the back of a 4-1 home win against Brentford. We know that we face a tough game tonight as they will be full of confidence following Saturday's result.

Going back to the Bristol City game, I was bitterly disappointed not to take something from the match. I thought we were very unlucky to concede a second goal so late in the game. Firstly I'm not sure if the free-kick that led to the goal should have been

given. From my position in the dug-out Des Hamilton clearly played the ball. Then there was the attempted over-head kick that looked rather dangerous but went unpunished. It was upsetting to concede two goals from set-plays, although you must give Bristol some credit as I felt their set-play delivery was of a very high standard.

It was a sickener to lose in the last few minutes especially after we had just hit the post at the other end. After the game the players were absolutely gutted that they didn't get a result. Bristol went top of the league that night but overall I didn't think there was a lot between the two sides on the evening. We had a 'stonewall' penalty in the first half that wasn't

given and, after our penalty was awarded mid-way through the first period, we didn't get the rub of the green with subsequent refereeing decisions.

When you look at the Colchester game, it was very tight affair with nothing between the two teams. Another decision has gone against us that has had a massive impact on the result of the game. We were awarded a free-kick that Darren Barnard took quickly and put in the net. Unfortunately, Darren was unaware that Des had asked the referee for the wall to be sent back the full 10 yards. This meant that the free-kick couldn't be taken quickly and we not only lost a goal but Darren gets booked as well. This seems unfair as Darren hadn't heard the referee

asking whether the wall was to be moved back or not. After that, there was great piece of play involving Jevo that led to him being one-on-one with their keeper. This time it was the pitch that intervened and the ball took a bad bounce and Phil put his shot wide. 'Barney' also had another great effort turned onto the bar. For their two goals we should have done better in dealing with the crosses that came into the box. There was nothing in the game and it really hurts that we didn't at least get a point. Many thanks once again for your continued support. Keep getting behind the lads.

Best Wishes  
Graham

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OPPONENTS	RES	POS	PTS	ATT	DAVISON	CAS	BARNARD	FORD	CRANE	HAMILTON(79)	CAMPBELL	CROWE	ANDERSON	TEN HEUVEL(57)	BOULDING(87)	MANSARAM(57)	GROVES(79)	ROWAN(87)	EDWARDS	PETTINGER	REFEREE
<b>AUGUST</b>																					
SAT 9 PLYMOUTH	D2-2	11	1	9,590	DAVISON	CAS	BARNARD	FORD	CRANE	HAMILTON(79)	CAMPBELL	CROWE	ANDERSON	TEN HEUVEL(57)	BOULDING(87)	MANSARAM(57)	GROVES(79)	ROWAN(87)	EDWARDS	PETTINGER	L CABLE
TUE 12 DONCASTER ROVERS	L2-3	-	C	6,057	DAVISON	CAS	BARNARD	FORD	CRANE	HAMILTON	CAMPBELL	CROWE	ANDERSON-P	TEN HEUVEL(65)	BOULDING(80)	MANSARAM(80)	GROVES(65)	ROWAN	EDWARDS	PETTINGER	C BOYESON
SAT 16 PORT VALE	L1-2	18	1	4,816	DAVISON	CAS	BARNARD	FORD	CRANE	HAMILTON	CAMPBELL	CROWE(80)	ANDERSON	TEN HEUVEL(45)	BOULDING(71)	GROVES(45)	MANSARAM(71)	ROWAN(80)	EDWARDS	PETTINGER	P PROSSER
SAT 23 LUTON TOWN	W2-1	16	4	5,827	DAVISON	CAS(82)	BARNARD	FORD	CRANE	HAMILTON	CAMPBELL	CROWE	ANDERSON(90)	TEN HEUVEL(65)	BOULDING	ROWAN(65)	GROVES(82)	MANSARAM(90)	EDWARDS	PETTINGER	G CAIN
MON 25 WYCOMBE	W3-1	8	7	4,512	DAVISON	CROWE	BARNARD(80)	FORD	CRANE	HAMILTON	CAMPBELL	CAS(80)	GROVES	ROWAN	BOULDING	MANSARAM(80)	PARKER(80)	TEN HEUVEL	EDWARDS	BOLDER	C WEBSTER
SAT 30 BRISTOL CITY	L1-0	10	7	10,033	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT(71)	BARNARD	FORD	CRANE	BOLDER(90)	CAMPBELL	GROVES	CROWE	ROWAN	BOULDING	PARKER(71)	TEN HEUVEL(90)	EDWARDS	HOCKLESS	PETTINGER	P ARMSTRONG
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																					
SAT 6 PETERBOROUGH	D1-1	13	8	4,710	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	EDWARDS	FORD	CRANE	CAS	GROVES	BOLDER(60)	CAMPBELL	ROWAN(86)	BOULDING	HOCKLESS(60)	SOAMES(86)	PARKER	YOUNG	PETTINGER	P DANSON
FRI 12 HARTLEPOOL	L8-1	16	8	5,528	DAVISON	CROWE	BARNARD	FORD	CRANE	CAS	GROVES	CAMPBELL	HOCKLESS	ROWAN	BOULDING	NIMMO(60)	SOAMES(76)	EDWARDS	MCDERMOTT	BOLDER	S MATHIESON
TUE 16 SWINDON TOWN	L1-2	17	8	3,535	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	BARNARD	FORD	CRANE	CAS	BOLDER(88)	CAMPBELL	HOCKLESS(72)	ROWAN(34)	BOULDING	NIMMO(34)	SOAMES(72)	CROWE(88)	EDWARDS	YOUNG	E ILLERTON
SAT 20 CHESTERFIELD	W4-0	15	11	4,141	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	BARNARD	FORD(45)	CRANE	CAS	DAWS	CAMPBELL	HOCKLESS(80)	ONUORA	BOULDING(85)	EDWARDS(45)	CROWE(80)	MANSARAM(85)	NIMMO	BOLDER	G SALISBURY
SAT 27 SHEFFIELD WED	D0-0	18	12	21,918	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	BARNARD	EDWARDS	CRANE	CAS(32)	DAWS	CAMPBELL	HAMILTON(32)	ONUORA	BOULDING	HOCKLESS(32)	JEVONS	CROWE	YOUNG	MANSARAM	M RYAN
TUE 30 BLACKPOOL	W1-0	13	15	5,491	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	BARNARD	EDWARDS	CRANE	CROWE	DAWS	CAMPBELL	HAMILTON	ONUORA	BOULDING	YOUNG(45)	MANSARAM(89)	HOCKLESS	JEVONS	BOLDER	M CLATTENBURG
<b>OCTOBER</b>																					
SAT 4 QPR	L1-0	15	15	5,447	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	BARNARD	EDWARDS	CRANE	CROWE(72)	DAWS	CAMPBELL	HAMILTON	ONUORA	BOULDING	ANDERSON(72)	HOCKLESS	YOUNG	JEVONS	SOAMES	A KAYE
SAT 11 BRIGHTON	L3-0	16	15	6,286	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	CROWE	EDWARDS	CRANE(58)	ANDERSON(73)	DAWS	CAMPBELL	HAMILTON	ONUORA	BOULDING(81)	YOUNG(58)	SOAMES(73)	HOCKLESS	BOLDER	JEVONS	K HILL
WED 15 SHEFFIELD WED (LDV)	L5-4pens (1-1)	-	-	7,323	DAVISON	CROWE	BARNARD	FORD(76)	EDWARDS	CAS(76)	HAMILTON	DAWS	ANDERSON	ONUORA	MANSARAM(85)	BOULDING(65)	YOUNG(76)	CAMPBELL(76)	SOAMES	PETTINGER	M PIKE
SAT 18 COLCHESTER	W2-0	17	18	5,021	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	BARNARD	EDWARDS(28)	CRANE	ANDERSON(69)	HAMILTON	DAWS	CAMPBELL	ONUORA	BOULDING	FORD(28/43)	CROWE(43)	CAS(69)	MANSARAM	JEVONS	P JOSLIN
TUE 21 NOTTS COUNTY	W2-0	14	21	4,274	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	BARNARD	EDWARDS	CRANE	ANDERSON(81)	HAMILTON	DAWS	CAMPBELL	ONUORA(89)	BOULDING 2	CAS(81)	MANSARAM(89)	JEVONS	YOUNG	PETTINGER	L MASON
SAT 25 BARNSLEY	D0-0	13	22	10,092	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	BARNARD	EDWARDS	CRANE	ANDERSON	HAMILTON	CAS(77)	CAMPBELL	ONUORA	BOULDING	CROWE(77)	MANSARAM	YOUNG	JEVONS	GROVES	A WILEY
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																					
SAT 1 RUSHDEN & D	L3-1	17	22	4,185	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	CROWE	EDWARDS	YOUNG	ANDERSON(76)	HAMILTON	CAS	CAMPBELL	ONUORA	BOULDING	JEVONS(76)	GROVES	SOAMES	WHEELER	PETTINGER	R OLIVIER
SAT 8 QPR (FA CUP)	W1-0	-	-	4,144	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	BARNARD	EDWARDS	CRANE	ANDERSON(72)	HAMILTON	CROWE	CAMPBELL	ONUORA	BOULDING	CAS(72)	GROVES	MANSARAM	JEVONS	PETTINGER	P DANSON
SAT 15 STOCKPORT	D1-1	17	23	4,014	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	YOUNG	EDWARDS	CRANE	ANDERSON(90)	HAMILTON	CROWE	CAMPBELL(66)	ONUORA(63)	BOULDING	MANSARAM(63)	CAS(66)	JEVONS(90)	GROVES	PARKER	M ATKINSON
SAT 22 BRENTFORD	W3-1	15	26	4,685	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT(77)	BARNARD	EDWARDS	CRANE	ANDERSON(76)	HAMILTON	CROWE	CAMPBELL	ONUORA	BOULDING 2	CAS(76)	GROVES(77)	MANSARAM	JEVONS	YOUNG	P TAYLOR
SAT 29 TRANMERE	L0-1	16	26	4,406	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	BARNARD	EDWARDS	CRANE	CROWE	CAMPBELL	HAMILTON(79)	ANDERSON	ONUORA(84)	BOULDING	JEVONS(73)	CAS(79)	MANSARAM(84)	GROVES	YOUNG	K FRIEND
<b>DECEMBER</b>																					
SAT 6 PETERBOROUGH UTD (FA CUP 2)	L2-3	-	-	4,836	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	BARNARD(87)	EDWARDS	CRANE	CROWE	CAMPBELL	HAMILTON	ANDERSON(60)	ONUORA(70)	JEVONS	CAS(60)	MANSARAM(70)	YOUNG(87)	GROVES	HUGHES	K HILL
SAT 13 BOURNEMOUTH	D0-0	15	27	5,837	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	BARNARD	EDWARDS	CRANE	CROWE	CAMPBELL	POUTON(71)	JEVONS	ONUORA(80)	BOULDING	HAMILTON(71)	MANSARAM(80)	ANDERSON	GROVES	FORD	T KETTLE
FRI 26 OLDHAM	D3-3	16	28	6,172	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	BARNARD	EDWARDS	CRANE	CAMPBELL	HAMILTON(75)	POUTON	JEVONS 2	ONUORA(18)	BOULDING(68)	FORD(18)	MANSARAM(68)	CAS(75)	GROVES	ANDERSON	G SALISBURY
SUN 28 PETERBOROUGH	D0-0	16	29	5,245	DAVISON	CAS	YOUNG(74)	EDWARDS	CRANE	CAMPBELL	HAMILTON	POUTON	JEVONS	ONUORA(18)	BOULDING(68)	FORD(74)	MANSARAM(82)	MCDERMOTT	GROVES	ANDERSON	A PENN
<b>JANUARY</b>																					
SAT 3 WYCOMBE	L1-4	17	29	4,519	DAVISON	CAS	MCDERMOTT	EDWARDS	CRANE	CAMPBELL(53)	HAMILTON	POUTON	JEVONS	ONUORA(62)	BOULDING	YOUNG(53)	MANSARAM(62)	FORD	GROVES	ANDERSON	M COOPER
SAT 10 PLYMOUTH	D0-0	17	30	5,007	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	BARNARD(66)	EDWARDS	FORD	ANDERSON(75)	GROVES	POUTON	JEVONS	MANSARAM(81)	BOULDING	YOUNG(66)	CAS(75)	ONUORA(81)	ROWAN	HAMILTON	E EVANS
SAT 17 PORT VALE	L5-1	18	30	5,133	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	BARNARD	EDWARDS	FORD	ANDERSON	GROVES(85)	DAWS(70)	JEVONS	MANSARAM	ONUORA(84)	YOUNG(70)	ROWAN(84)	HAMILTON(85)	HOCKLESS	SOAMES	A KAYE
TUE 20 WREXHAM	L1-3	18	30	3,572	DAVISON	MCDERMOTT	YOUNG	EDWARDS	FORD	ANDERSON(59)	CROWE	DAWS	JEVONS	ONUORA(59)	BOULDING	HAMILTON(59)	MANSARAM(59)	GROVES	HOCKLESS	ROWAN	G HEGLEY
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																					
SAT 7 OLDHAM	L6-0	20	30	13,007	DAVISON	CROWE	BARNARD	CRANE	EDWARDS	JEVONS (46)	GROVES (46)	DAWS	CAMPBELL	THORPE	BOULDING	FORD (46)	ANDERSON (46)	HAMILTON	ROWAN	ONUORA	T LEAKE
SAT 14 BRIGHTON	W2-1	20	33	3,673	DAVISON	CROWE	FORD	CRANE	BARNARD	CAMPBELL	COLDICOTT	HAMILTON(46)	DAWS	ANDERSON	MANSARAM	JEVONS(67)	RANKIN	SOAMES(86)	YOUNG	HOCKLESS	R PEARSON
TUE 17 BRISTOL CITY	L1-2	20	33	5,272	DAVISON	CROWE	CRANE	FORD	YOUNG	CAMPBELL	DAWS	COLDICOTT	HAMILTON(53)	ANDERSON	JEVONS(54)	MANSARAM	SOAMES(84)	RANKIN	EDWARDS	HOCKLESS	M JONES
SAT 21 COLCHESTER	L2-0	20	33	2,922	DAVISON	EDWARDS	FORD	HAMILTON	CRANE	DAWS	CAMPBELL(74)	BARNARD	THORPE(68)	ANDERSON	RANKIN	PARKER	JEVONS(74)	YOUNG	MANSARAM(68)	HOCKLESS	M FLETCHER
TUE 24 LUTON																					
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WED 17 SWINDON TOWN																					
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**Nationwide League Division Two Table**  
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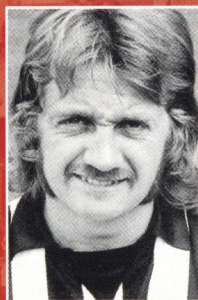
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
1 Bristol City	32	11	4	1	28	8	7	6	3	19	15	24	64
2 Plymouth	32	11	4	1	40	11	7	5	4	27	20	36	63
3 QPR	32	12	4	0	35	7	4	7	5	21	23	26	59
4 Swindon	32	9	4	3	31	17	6	5	5	21	22	13	54
5 Brighton	32	11	3	2	29	10	3	4	9	17	25	11	49
6 Luton	30	11	3	2	32	15	2	7	5	16	25	8	49
7 Port Vale	31	11	3	2	34	21	3	3	9	15	23	5	48
8 Barnsley	32	6	9	1	21	12	6	3	7	19	23	5	48
9 Wrexham	31	6	5	5	17	12	8	0	7	19	19	5	47
10 Hartlepool	31	6	7	2	22	9	5	4	7	24	29	8	44
11 Bournemouth	31	8	5	2	22	15	3	5	8	12	21	-2	43
12 Sheff Wed	32	4	8	4	18	17	6	4	6	19	23	-3	42
13 Tranmere	31	8	6	2	24	14	1	8	6	13	27	-4	41
14 Colchester	30	7	6	2	19	13	4	2	9	12	24	-6	41
15 Blackpool	31	6	2	7	19	18	5	5	6	19	26	-6	40
16 Rushden & D	31	7	4	4	31	21	4	2	10	19	30	-1	39
17 Oldham	32	7	4	5	26	18	1	9	6	21	29	0	37
18 Brentford	32	6	3	7	23	27	3	4	9	11	24	-17	34
19 Chesterfield	32	6	6	4	24	19	2	4	10	7	29	-17	34
20 Grimsby	31	5	4	6	22	18	3	5	8	12	36	-20	33
21 Peterborough	32	2	6	8	21	25	4	6	6	15	20	-9	30
22 Stockport	32	2	6	8	20	29	3	7	6	21	28	-16	28
23 Notts County	32	4	5	7	22	21	3	2	11	12	33	-20	28
24 Wycombe	32	4	4	8	21	25	0	8	8	11	27	-20	24



# On this day

24 FEBRUARY V LUTON TOWN

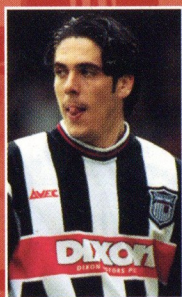
**1951** - The Mariners remain unbeaten in February thanks to a 3-1 home win over Second Division rivals Barnsley. Veteran forward Billy Cairns maintains his good form with his fourth goal in three games, aided by Laurie MacKenzie (penalty) and winger Stan Lloyd. Also in Division Two, LUTON TOWN lose 0-1 at Champions-elect Preston.



**1968** - Relegation-threatened Grimsby achieve their first success at Blundell Park since the previous October with a 3-2 score versus Bristol Rovers. Gary Moore, future England manager, Graham Taylor and Dave Boylen are all on target in front of a lowly 3,512 Third Division crowd. LUTON TOWN meanwhile edge

nearer the Fourth Division title following a 4-2 victory over Lincoln City.

**1976** - Mike Czuczman's 40th minute penalty at Division Three strugglers Halifax is not enough as Grimsby lose 1-2, the Shaymen's winner also being a spot-kick in the second half. Defender Martin Young makes his first appearance of the year after injury, otherwise Tommy Casey's side is a settled one, with Harry Wainman in goal. In Division Two, LUTON TOWN lose 0-3 at Plymouth Argyle.



**1998** - Substitute Daryl Clare keeps Grimsby on course for the Second Division play offs with the only goal at home to Blackpool - Town's second win in a week over the Seaside following their Auto

Windscreens Shield meeting. Alan Buckley's men were now unbeaten in six league games. In the same division, LUTON TOWN draw 1-1 with Wigan at Kenilworth Road.

## 24 February 1923 Grimsby Town 7 Ashington 4

Centre half Fred Hilton's Grimsby debut turned out to be a memorable one, though there had been nothing beforehand to suggest such a goal feast in this Third North bottom-of-the-table clash. Leading 2-0 at one stage, it was 3-3 at half time, with the remaining goals on a heavy pitch occurring in the last 15 minutes. Jim Miller (2) and Bill Kettle added to Jimmy Carmichael's four goals - the best being a fierce free kick from 30 yards.

**GRIMSBY:** SMITH, STEVENSON, AFFLECK, COUPLAND, HILTON, BRADFORD, KETTLE, MILLER, CARMICHAEL, McKENNA, LAWS

## Grimsby Town's first-class record on 24 FEBRUARY is as follows

P: 19 W: 9 D: 2 L: 8

Yet to be beaten on this day at Blundell Park, the Mariners positive record also includes four wins of their travels. Both draws have occurred against ex-league

clubs (Bradford Park Avenue and Aldershot) whilst in 2001, Stuart Campbell hit his first Town goal in a 1-3 defeat at Nottingham Forest.



## 24 FEBRUARY 1940 FOOTBALLER DENIS LAW BORN

A Manchester United legend, Denis Law burst onto the football stage as a goalscoring 16 year old with Huddersfield Town. After big-money moves to Manchester City and Torino, he joined Manchester United in 1962, helping Matt Busby's side to both

League and F.A. Cup success. In April 1974, his late back-heeled goal for Manchester City in the Manchester 'derby' relegated old club United to the Second Division.

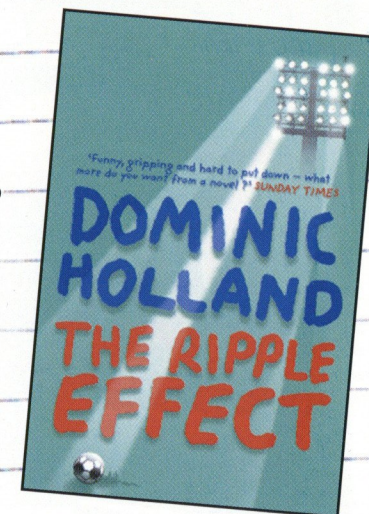
# The Ripple Effect

by Dominic Holland

Reviewed by Helen Kirk

You've probably read, or at least seen, all the books and novels about football among the star players, the big money, the massive crowds, the glitz and the glamour. Well, this book isn't! This novel is about the real world of football in the lower divisions - though perhaps 'real' gives you the wrong impression! It has everything from corrupt councillors, chinless wonders who haven't a clue what football is about, down to the genuine dyed-in-the-wool football fans who turn up for every game, no matter what. Once Middleton Edwardian

FC have lost, again, one of it's most loyal fans is so distraught that he deliberately puts little or no jam in his bakery's doughnuts. Next day, a traffic cop who has been on a diet, and looking forward to his treat of a jammy doughnut, buys one of the jamless confectionaries. Somewhat miffed that he has missed out on the jam, he in turn books a passing lorry - driven by a wheel-clamper. The wheel-clamper, in a fit of pique then clamps an £80,000 Porsche even though it's parked completely legally. The Porsche belongs to a soccer superstar, dining out with a companion who doesn't happen to be his wife, and kicks the wheel clamp, breaking his foot in the process ... and his team have just been drawn to play Middleton Edwardians ...



And that's just the beginning! The novel will be in the shops later this week.

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## SPORTSMANS DINNER MONDAY 1st MARCH 2004 at the WINTER GARDENS

Grimsby Town's next after-dinner speaker is the former England manager Graham Taylor.

Taylor's contribution to the game is something that few managers are ever likely to emulate and he will always be remembered as the man who made Watford FC, and he will no doubt be sharing with you his thoughts on his relationship with pop legend Elton John.

The club are offering fans, friends, and everyone who enjoys a first-class night out, the opportunity to meet and hear the great man first hand, with Graham making himself available for signing autographs and chatting with guests in a one to one.

The dinner takes place at the Winter Gardens

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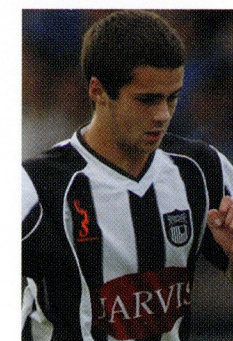
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Wed 27 Aug	W3-0	YORK CITY
Wed 10 Sept	W2-1	Doncaster Rovers
Wed 17 Sept	W3-0	Sheffield United (Cup)
Thu 25 Sept	W3-0	Newcastle United
Wed 8 Oct	D1-1	SCUNTHORPE UNITED
Wed 22 Oct	L 2-1	Hartlepool United
Wed 29 Oct	W 5-2	SCUNTHORPE UNITED (CUP)
Wed 5 Nov	W 6-0	DARLINGTON
Wed 10 Dec	L1-3	BOSTON UNITED
Mon 15 Dec	L0-2	Notts County
Wed 14 Jan	W2-1	NEWCASTLE UNITED
Wed 28 Jan	TBA	Scunthorpe United
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Wed 10 Mar		Pontins QF Wrexham
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Wed 24 Mar		NOTTS COUNTY
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### Darlington Reserves v Grimsby Town Reserves

Grimsby Town's reserve side travelled to play Darlington at the impressive new Reynolds Arena on Wednesday 11th February.

In their first league match since beating Newcastle back in January, The Mariners second string secured a point with a



GRAHAM HOCKLESS

2-2 draw, thanks to two Jonathan Rowan penalties.

Stacy Coldicott also played his first match in a Town shirt almost a year after breaking his leg at Burnley. Along with Des Hamilton and Graham Hockless, Stacy played an impressive part in the match – staking claims for places in the first team squad for the match against Brighton.

Grimsby Town caretaker manager Graham Rodger said; "The game at Darlington was the first time we'd played for a

while so it was good for the lads to get back out there. It was a good workout for them.

The stadium (The recently opened Reynolds Arena) was fantastic and it had a lovely pitch – a great playing surface. It was a very even match between two honest, hard working teams. I would say that a draw was a fair result." On Coldicott's return, Graham said; "Stacy played 45 minutes at Darlington and came through very well. It was pleasing to see him back, It made my mind up there and then that he would play some part against Brighton." The Reserve team's next opponents will be Hartlepool United, when we welcome them to Blundell Park on Wednesday 3rd March. Town are currently third in the Pontins Holiday league, one point behind Scunthorpe United and ten points adrift of runaway leaders – their next opponents, Hartlepool.

# And Youth...



### Grimsby Town Youth Side v Lincoln City Youth Side

The Mariners Youth side lost 1-0 to Lincoln City on Saturday 14th February in a hard fought contest. But despite the loss, Youth team coach Neil Woods was "extremely pleased" with his team's performance. He said; "Although we lost to Lincoln, the application and attitude of the team was terrific.

We played some very good football - it was very pleasing to watch. We created a few chances but it was just one of those days when that little bit of luck deserted us. It was disappointing to lose like that after we'd played so well. We were just unlucky that's all. There was very little to pick between the two sides, and if anything we actually had

the upper hand for most of the game."

Neil continued; "It was a massive improvement from the players, and I'm sure that if we keep playing like that, the goals will come and results will go our way. Of course it's always disappointing to lose, but if we play like that and lose then I can accept that. I couldn't have asked for any more from the players."

The Youth side travel to play Port Vale on Saturday 21st February. Lets hope Neil's side can take their good form a step further and return home with all the points.





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## MENTION CONTROVERSY AND MANCHESTER UNITED ARE NEVER FAR AWAY. RECENTLY THIS HAS EXTENDED TO TRANSFERS AND EVEN TO HORSE RACING.

However this column is concerned with the laws of the game and the match against Southampton raised not one but two talking points. The one that has attracted the most attention is the third goal scored for United by Ruud Van Nistelrooy. It was finished from an offside position and therefore should not have counted. I'll come back to that, but the other big talking point came in the moments leading up to the goal. Southampton defender Fabrice Fernandes was adjudged to have handled the ball giving the home side a free kick on the edge of the penalty area. This decision caused a storm of controversy but not because there was any doubt about the offence. The defender raised his arms in the air and even if the ball appeared to strike his arm, rather than ball to hand, Fernandes had made a clear attempt to stop the ball. To commit the offence the player had jumped in the air and in doing so made it extremely difficult for the officials to decide whether the offence was committed in the penalty area or just outside. I have to say that from the camera angle it looked inside but for a start this angle was not looking straight down the line and the officials weren't that well placed either. Great pressure fell on the shoulders of the Assistant and one can only guess what happened when Referee Graham Barber went over to consult him. I suspect that the referee asked whether the assistant thought the offence was committed in the penalty area or not. I equally suspect that the reply was that it was impossible for the assistant to tell. He did not have the benefit of feet on the

ground or the luxury of a view down the line. The result was that unless one of the officials could be 100% certain that it was a penalty then it had to be given as a free kick. One suspects that had the penalty been given there would have been cries of "How could he have seen that!" What happened next has caused much debate and has highlighted how the offside law has been tweaked without being altered. The crucial change is that previously when a player was committing an offence, if by being in an offside position, he was seeking to gain an advantage. He should then be penalised. It is that word 'seeking' that made the difference. FIFA have now decreed that, since their meeting in October, a player shall only be penalised if he actually gains an advantage and not just if he is seeking to gain an advantage. Perhaps the problem is that in the fresh interpretation, we have been given plenty of examples of players moving back from an offside position. This is typified by Thierry Henry. But where a player is in the goal area, as was Van Nistelrooy, then players have still been penalised. Gordon Strachan claims that we might as well forget off-side completely as the new interpretation muddies the waters rather than makes it easier for players, referees and assistants to implement. For the poor old assistant, he or she must not just look for the attacker who is forward of the last defender but must now adjust vision for the player running through from an offside position. This is as well as looking to see whether the player who is offside actually touches

the ball or interferes with play by blocking the view of the goalkeeper or other defender. It is a receipt for disaster. Of course what it does do is make it a very risky business for defences to play the offside game. In that respect it is a refreshing change. Many in the game have been concerned by Law 11 being used as a spoiling technique rather than as just another law. Sure teams may put a lone striker way up field in the basis that he is off side but not gaining an advantage. Not only is that a waste of a player but defences will know that he cannot receive the ball. Where the next problem occurs is in the important next phase of play. That was what happened in Van Nistelrooy's case. Personally that is to me an irrelevance. Once that phase of play has gone then defenders should adjust their marking as a matter of course. The result is that we will probably see more goals but you can rest assured that there will be just as many arguments to keep this columnist busy.



# "Referee!"



# LUTON TOWN

**DAVID BAYLISS** - Signed in November 2001, Bayliss soon became a regular in Luton Division Three promotion campaign of 2001/02 but injuries have severely hampered his progress with the Hatters since then. After missing a large chunk of the 2002/03 season with a shoulder injury he forced his way back into the side at the start of the current campaign but a ruptured Achilles tendon sustained at Charlton in the Worthington Cup back in September.

**ROBERT BECKWITH** - Quietly learning his trade in the Luton youth team, the teenager became the seventh goalkeeper Luton used last season when a crippling run of injuries force his early promotion to the league side. He did well in four appearances at the end of the season and in the summer found that at eighteen he was the most senior keeper on the books after the two senior keepers left.

**EMMERSON BOYCE** - One of the many to come through from Luton's schools and youth development programme, the defender was signed as a YTS boy in the summer of 1995, and made the breakthrough to the League squad at the age of nineteen midway through the 1999/2000 season after occasional appearances following a debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999. He became a regular at right back, with a liking to attack on the overlap, and signed a new contract in the summer of 2002.

**DEAN BRILL** - Another young player of whom big things are expected. Last season in the first year of his scholarship he represented the club's Under-17's, Under-19's and reserves before stepping up to first team level at the start of the current campaign. A tall, commanding goalkeeper standing at six foot three, Brill is a great organiser whose voice will always be heard throughout a game. His handling and concentration are exceptional, and he is highly regarded by members of the coaching staff at the club.

**AHMET BRKOVIC** - Believing a move would be good for his career, the Croatian midfielder refused new terms at Leyton Orient in the summer of 2001, to join Luton on a Bosman free transfer. Orient had signed him on a free from HNK Dubrovnik in the autumn of 1999. He was bitterly disappointed when Orient failed in the play-offs to win promotion to the Second Division, and decided he might have a better chance if he joined Luton.

**CHRIS COYNE** - The centre-half was playing for Perth Soccer Club when he was selected for the Australian

Under-17 squad for the 1994 youth World Cup, and came to the notice of Harry Redknapp, then manager of West Ham. Coyne signed for the Hammers as a teenager, but Premiership chances were few and far between, and after loan spells at Brentford and Southend, Coyne went to Dundee. A £50,000 cheque persuaded the Scottish Premier League club to let the defender move to Kenilworth Road in September 2001 and Coyne rapidly became a crowd favourite in the promotion run that followed.

**DEAN CROWE** - The striker was signed on loan from Stoke City in September 2001 when an injury crisis decimated the Hatters squad. He made an immediate impact, scoring on his debut at Plymouth, and was soon signed on a permanent deal.

**SOL DAVIS** - It was a huge disappointment to Swindon Town, and a coup for Luton, when the highly-rated defender decided to leave the County Ground after his contract expired at the end of the 2001/02 season. Swindon boss Andy King failed in attempts to persuade him to sign a new deal, and Luton manager swooped for the tough-tackling left back. Davis had joined Swindon as a trainee in the summer of 1998, and made rapid progress through the youth and reserve teams to become a regular in the Nationwide League.

**KEVIN FOLEY** - Great things are expected of this cultured youngster, who was promoted to the first team squad at the start of this season, despite still being eligible for youth football. He has been brought through the junior ranks at Kenilworth Road and in pre-season games was thrown into the first team because of injuries to other defenders.

**ADRIAN FORBES** - After considerable First Division experience, and with an England youth cap to his credit, Forbes was a surprise inclusion on Norwich City's list of players available for transfer in the summer of 2001 after having been at Carrow Road for four years, starting as a trainee. Luton were delighted to pay £75,000 for a right winger to add width to his attacking formation. Forbes is noted for his ability to run at and past defenders, either to deliver crosses from out wide, or to cut in and have a crack at goal. But last season was a nightmare for him: he suffered cruciate ligament damage in a pre-season friendly, and missed all but the final six weeks of the campaign.

**IAN HILLIER** - No-one was more surprised than the Welsh Under-21 international himself when he made his

league debut for Luton in the second game of the 2001/02 season. The day before he was training with Spurs, where he was captain of the reserves, but a crop of injuries at Kenilworth Road led to Luton taking the young right back on loan and Hillier settled in so quickly that Luton soon decided to buy him for a bargain £30,000 fee and he became a regular squad member.

**PETER HOLMES** - A two-footed midfielder, he came to Luton as one of the then manager Ricky Hill's first signings. Holmes arrived from Sheffield Wednesday with a good pedigree, he is a product of the FA's School Of Excellence, from the same year as Michael Owen. He found first team opportunities limited when he first arrived due to a midfield that boasted new signings of the calibre of Nicholls, Valois, Forbes, Hughes and Brkovic however he was still to make an important contribution in his first season.

**STEVE HOWARD** - Rarely can £50,000 have been better spent in football than the fee Luton paid Northampton on deadline day in March 2001 to prise the bustling striker away from the Cobblers. He has been Luton's leading marksman in each of the past two seasons and is a huge favourite at Kenilworth Road.

**PAUL HUGHES** - A promising career that began at Chelsea was cruelly interrupted after the gifted midfielder earned the admiration of, among others, Glenn Hoddle, the former England boss. Hughes worked his way up at Stamford Bridge from trainee to Premiership, learning his trade under Hoddle's management, and gained experience on loan to Stockport, Norwich and Crewe. When Hoddle became manager of Southampton he soon recruited Hughes, but a serious groin injury put the midfielder out of football for nine months. Stuart Gray succeeded Hoddle as caretaker boss, and listed Hughes, who joined Luton at the start of the 2001/02 season.

**MORTEN HYLDGAARD** - The 6' 6" stopper arrived at the Hatters in January 2004 on a free transfer from Scottish Premier League side Hibernian. He began his career with Danish First Division side Ikast before a £200,000 move to Coventry City followed. He appeared just over thirty times for the club in a four-and-a-half year stay at Highfield Road. During that time he also had loan spells with Swanthrope United and Grimsby before he made the switch north of the border during the close season.

**MICHAEL LEARY** - Another graduate from Luton's youth set-up, Leary signed his a professional contract in the

summer of 2002 after serving his apprenticeship with the club. After a string of impressive performances in the youth and reserve teams the former trainee has found himself promoted to the first team squad this season.

**LEE MANSELL** - The young midfielder has made a permanent breakthrough into Luton's first team this season, after making a dramatic surprise debut. Because of injury absences, he had to make the transition straight from the youth squad to the first team in January 2001.

**ALAN NEILSON** - Experience and versatility has made Neilson a valuable member of Luton's squad, and he has filled any role asked of him with dependable consistency - anywhere in the back four, or in midfield. The former Welsh international was signed from Grimsby in 2002 as part of a cost-cutting exercise. His international career began with appearances for Wales at youth and Under-21 level, followed by five full caps, and he enjoyed a good career in the Premiership, with his first club Newcastle and then with Southampton and Fulham. The German-born defender has been forced to spend a long spell on the sidelines in recent months, with a niggling calf injury preventing him from being involved.

**KEVIN NICHOLLS** - The tough-tackling midfielder began his career as a trainee at Charlton and quickly made an impact after skipping England youth teams at under-18, under-19 and under-20 levels. Surprisingly, Wigan decided to put him on the transfer list in the summer of 2001, for a bargain fee of £150,000, and Luton snapped him up. Charlton had sold him for £250,000 to Wigan in the summer of 1999. The move to Luton suited Nicholls and the Hatters alike. He quickly became team captain, and his huge enthusiasm and ferocious tackling soon made him a big favourite with Luton fans.

**PARYS OKAI** - Small, but very quick, the young midfielder kicked off this season with high hopes that it will be the start of a successful senior career. At Kenilworth Road since he was a schoolboy, he began the campaign with only one brief first team appearance behind him, as a substitute in the LDV Vans Trophy at Woking, an experience he will be hoping to add to this season.

**RUSS PERRETT** - Having helped Cardiff City win promotion to the Second Division in May 2001, the big central defender was the victim of a huge recruitment drive at Ninian Park and Perrett knew

his first team future at Cardiff might be limited. He accepted an offer to join Luton, and won promotion from Division Three with the Hatters twelve months later.

**STEVE ROBINSON** - Looking to add experience to a young midfield department, Luton snapped up a man who had earned respect wherever he played. They paid £50,000 to Preston North End in the summer of 2002 for a player who had been capped five times by Northern Ireland. He had made his name at Bournemouth after joining the Cherries on a free transfer from Spurs, where he had been a trainee. He hit 60 goals in 286 appearances for Bournemouth, an enviable strike rate from midfield, and Preston paid £375,000 for him. But he failed to make the same impact in two years at Deepdale, and jumped at the chance to get his career moving again when Luton came in for him.

**ENOCH SHOWUNMI** - Joined the Hatters on the eve of their trip to Notts County in September 2003. The big striker was handed the number sixteen shirt after impressing on trial with the club. He appeared in pre-season friendlies but the club were unable to give him a contract because of a transfer embargo until they received special dispensation from the Football League following an injury to Kevin Nicholls, which ruled the skipper out for over four months. The London-born forward has joined the club fresh from non-league football with Willesden Constantine - the same side that nurtured the early years of Barry Hayles career - after completing university.

**MATTHEW SPRING** - There was relief all round when the competitive midfielder accepted a new contract at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2002. Spring has been at Luton since he was a schoolboy, and was a driving force in the side which reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997. After a league debut when still only seventeen, he soon became a regular in Luton's Second Division team.

## Factfile

**FOUNDED:** In April 1885, two leading local clubs named Wanderers and Excelsior met at Luton Town Hall and agreed to amalgamate to form Luton Town FC.

## Manager MIKE NEWELL

Mike Newell was appointed as the Hatters boss in the summer of 2003, returning to the club he had previously served as a player in the mid-eighties.

Newell has been in football for more than 20 years, beginning as a striker at Crewe before joining Wigan. After three years at Springfield Park he moved to Luton for £80,000 in January 1986. He was recruited as a replacement for Mick Harford, who was on the injured list. Luton were then in the old First Division, now the Premiership, and Newell flourished at top level, with 19 goals in 68 matches for the Hatters.

He racked up a succession of big money transfers after that: £350,000 to Leicester, £1.1million to Everton, £1.1 million to Blackburn, where he won a Premiership winner's medal, and £900,000 to Birmingham. West Ham, Bradford, Aberdeen, Crewe again, and Blackpool were also grateful for his goal-scoring abilities before he moved into coaching at Tranmere.

In total Newell played over five-hundred league games for fourteen clubs in a nineteen-year professional career that saw him compete at every level, he also gained international recognition at England's Under-21 and 'B' team level.

In November 2002 he was given his first job as a manager, at Hartlepool. He guided them to promotion a few months later, but surprisingly his contract was not renewed. But Luton fans hadn't forgotten him, and gave him a huge welcome back when he took charge for the first time. It was a nice occasion: on the final day of the previous season, Newell's last game in charge of Hartlepool was at Rushden, where a draw meant that Rushden were Division Three champions, and Hartlepool runners-up. And the first day of this season saw Luton meet Rushden - and run out 3-1 winners, to set the young manager's record straight.

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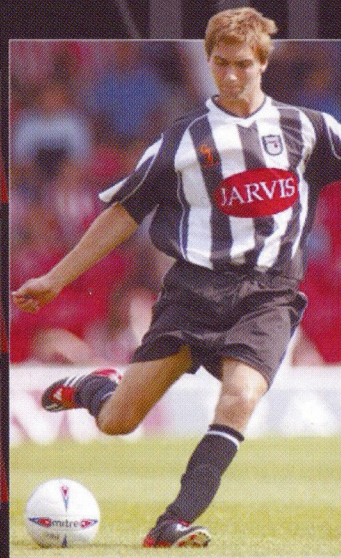


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# Behind the transfer window

BY JONATHAN BYRNE

It's become an annual event, one that people worldwide dread every year. Getting up at the crack of dawn just to get the best bargains, buying a load of things you don't really want, just because they are going cheap. No, it's not the January sales but the reopening of the transfer window.

Since its introduction at the beginning of the 2002/03 season managers have winced at the mere mention of the words "transfer window". FIFA believed it would aid the development of younger players by preventing clubs using a quick fix of a new signing to plug gaps in the team. Instead it appears to have done the opposite as clubs embark on a 31-day, (or 33, if you count this year's farcical extension), period of panic and pandemonium not seen since the last health scare. Of course Nationwide clubs are not restricted by the transfer window system and are free to do business when they please but this does not mean that it does not have an effect. The transfer restrictions gather momentum before settling themselves snugly in the heart of many lower league clubs. Caretaker manager Graham Rodger explained the problems facing a team like The Mariners: "Just because we can do business when we want doesn't mean we don't feel the impact." Pointing to previous loan captures such as Marlon Broomes, Andy Todd and Martin Pringle, Rodger warned that these types of signings might become a thing of the past. "It's becoming increasingly difficult to attract loan signings because clubs are reluctant to let them go because of depleted squads due to injury and suspension. The types of players we have signed in the previous two seasons will find themselves held in reserve in case



their club needs them."

Nationwide teams may also find it hard to cash in on their star players, (the recent transfer of Jon Stead (pictured) from Huddersfield to Blackburn being a rare example in recent times) because the bigger clubs are only able to sign them at specified times. For a club that has made a tidy profit with young players like Andy Tillson, Gary Croft and John Oster, it has been a long time since Town had a big money sale.

"It's another thing that is in danger of becoming a thing of the past," continued Rodger, "You find a decent player, and there are plenty of them in the leagues, and you know that the big teams can't come in for him until January, so of course you continue playing him. Anything can happen then - a loss of form or a serious injury and you are right back to square one." Of course this year's January

transfer window didn't live up to its billing - despite months of build up. Managers became cagey as to who they are after or who is up for grabs and the tabloids feature more rumours than a Fleetwood Mac reunion. Even worse was the schoolyard squabble that erupted at the top of the Premiership. More akin to an episode of *Playschool*, with Floella Benjamin presenting the latest happenings behind the transfer window. Fulham's Louis Saha expresses his desire to play with the "bigger boys" at Old Trafford only for his manager Chris Coleman to vehemently deny the move - two weeks later Saha is a Manchester United player in a £12.6 million transfer. Meanwhile over at the Valley Charlton chairman Martin Simons urges Roman Abramovich to "go away" and leave Scott Parker alone, two weeks later the midfielder is sold to Chelsea for £10 million.

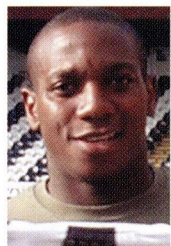
The only real surprises during January occurred in North London as Spurs and Arsenal swooped for Jermain Defoe and Jose Antonio Reyes respectively, but whilst it's all well and good the big guns splashing their cash about, what about the Nationwide clubs? Some may correctly point out that over £10 million found its way down the leagues in January but when you point out that over 75% of that went to West Ham it doesn't leave much to spread around. Despite being around for just over 18 months the transfer window has caused much controversy and heartache but like so many other recent changes within the game it appears as if it will be around for a long time to come so it's just up to us to grit our teeth and get on with it.

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**Arsenal to Colchester, to Bradford, to Birmingham, to Bolton, to Barnsley and now to Grimsby - which means he has to speak to Richard Lord.....**

# Isaiah Rankin **Rejoice in our Lord**



It's always nice if you can score on your debut. It took Isaiah Rankin just under five minutes to register his first goal for Grimsby Town after joining on a month's loan

from Barnsley. And despite being just 25-years old, Rankin brings a wealth of experience to the current Mariners squad.

His career began at Arsenal where he played alongside Jason Crowe in the same youth team. His footballing career started "the usual way," he said. "I was playing in the Sunday Leagues - and I was actually at Spurs when some scouts spotted me and then I joined Arsenal."

Rankin admitted that when he was younger, he didn't give a career in football any serious consideration. "I didn't think about it too much when I was younger," he began. "A lot of people are there to remind you that football can sometimes bring a lot of disappointment, and a lot of people don't make it."

"I was working hard at Arsenal but I wasn't going to get a chance in the first team, so an opportunity to join Colchester came about. I went there for three months and they gave me my first league start." Rankin scored five goals in 11 appearances at Layer Road; two of them came in a 4-4 draw at Brighton when both teams

were in the third division. "Two days later I made a sub appearance for Arsenal," said Rankin. It was his one and only appearance for the Gunners, and it came in the game against rivals Spurs at White Hart Lane, which Arsenal drew 1-1. In the summer of 1998, Bradford City paid £1.3m to bring the highly rated Rankin to Valley Parade. Paul Jewell was moulding a squad capable of pushing for promotion to the Premiership, and paid big money and high wages in a gamble that would ultimately pay off. Rankin featured 30 times that season and scored five times, and the club finished second to achieve an automatic promotion spot.

"I just wanted to play football, and so the move to Bradford was ideal," he said. "We won promotion in my first season there but I picked up a couple of injuries and they held me back. Initially I wasn't aware of the price Bradford paid for me, but I was only 19 and when I discovered how much they had paid, there was always the pressure of that fee hanging over my head. It affected me. I was living away from home for the first time and I was still very young. I had to do a lot of things for myself and the injuries didn't help."

"We had got to the Premiership but Paul Jewell felt it was best if I went out on loan. That's when I joined Birmingham, where I tried to get my fitness back." Before his loan move to

St Andrews, Rankin had made appearances for Bradford at Anfield and Stamford Bridge, in which Bradford lost both games. Rankin managed to force his way back into the side towards the end of the season after his loan deal at Birmingham had expired. He appeared in another 4-4 draw, this time it was against Derby County, before wins against Sunderland and Liverpool - on the last day - secured Bradford's survival at the expense of Wimbledon.

The next season proved to be just as frustrating as the one that had just passed. Despite scoring a goal in the 3-1 win against Atlantas in the UEFA Intertoto Cup, Rankin was farmed out to Bolton for three months, where he scored two goals. "Again, I wasn't getting in the first team," he said. "I signed for Barnsley in the season they stayed up, as I wasn't going to get another chance at Bradford. The chance was there, and Nigel Spackman signed me." However, early the next season, Spackman was sacked following a poor opening to the season. "He tried to put across his own ideas in training, but it was just one of those things," said Rankin. "It was a weird situation. I was playing for a manager who hadn't signed me and it turned out to be a very disappointing season." Barnsley, under the stewardship of Steve Parkin and Tony Ford, found their

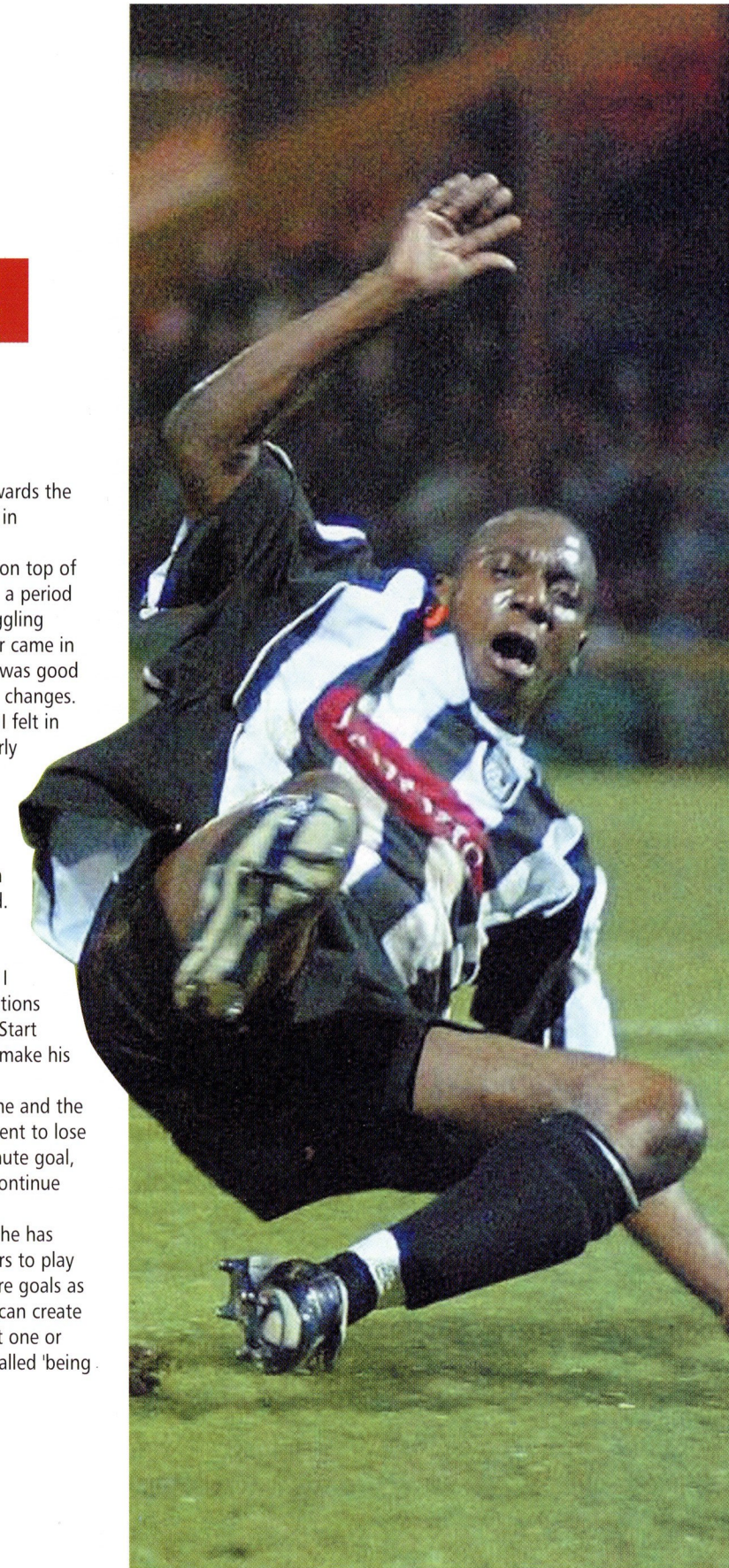
form too early and dropped off towards the end of the campaign, which ended in relegation to the second division.

"There would be a time when I felt on top of my game, then I would go through a period where I would pick up a load of niggling injuries," he said. "The new manager came in and explained things to me, which was good of him, and he said there would be changes. It's just the way it goes sometimes. I felt in good form, and I'd scored a few early this season. I just wanted to carry on playing first team football."

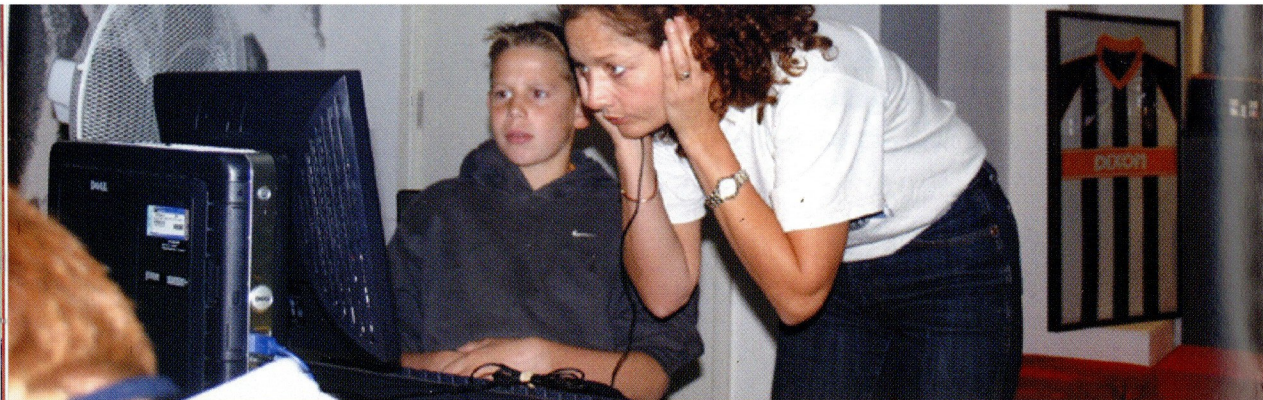
As Michael Boulding moved one way, Rankin moved the other. "I think my move had a lot to do with Boulding going to Barnsley," he said. "I was asked whether I wanted to come here as Grimsby had lost a striker. It was for a month's loan so I spoke to the manager about my options and whether I would start games." Start them, he has, and he was quick to make his mark.

"Obviously it was a good start for me and the team. It was a bit of a disappointment to lose last Tuesday, especially to a last minute goal, but I feel good and I just want to continue playing games."

The London-born forward revealed he has played wide on the right, but prefers to play as a striker. "I like to think I can score goals as well as create them." Let's hope he can create a few more tonight, and maybe get one or two for himself as well. Or is that called 'being greedy'?







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As I write this it is half term, and what a great time of the school year that is. Because most of our projects are linked to schools it provides the staff at the centre the opportunity to take a holiday. However it also a time when you can catch up on all the things you have



been putting to one side. This is not a favourite pastime of mine. However in the next week we will, hopefully, be appointing the assistant centre manager. We have had a great deal of interest in the post so with luck the right person will be at interview and say all the right things.

Anyway I hope that we are in the start of a 14 match unbeaten run and the crowds are swelling to capacity.

Hope you all enjoy the game.  
Oliver Cowling

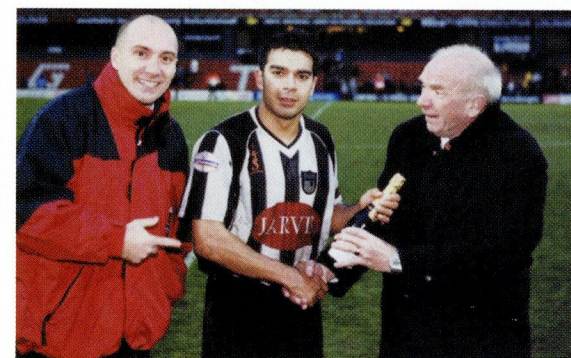
# Worth a Mention



## MIGHTY'S 'JUNIORS ONLY' ZONE

Hello to all the Mighty Mariners young fans, as well as those from Luton Town. It was nice to see James Hall pick up his new bicycle before the Brighton game. Many thanks must go to the Grimsby Town Supporters Trust for that. I hope all you young Mariners took full advantage of the 'Kids go Free' offer at the Bristol City match. I thought that the lads

played really well in the last two home games, it was just a pity we couldn't pick up the points against Bristol City as well. Remember that the Club Shop Sale is still on, so if you want to take advantage of the latest offers get yourself down there. Thanks for your support tonight. Make sure you get right behind the lads and keep up the noise throughout the game.



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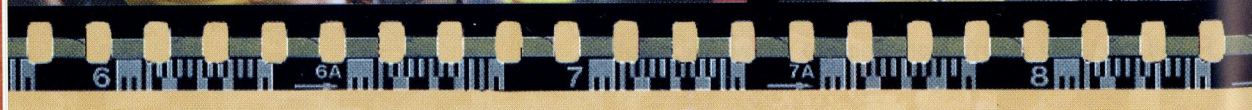
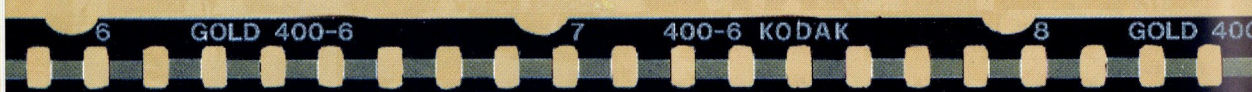






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### Comebacks - Games won by teams who were trailing

Bournemouth 4	Barnsley 2	Brighton 1	Tranmere 1
Port Vale 4	Bristol City 2	Grimsby 1	Colchester 0
Blackpool 3	Chesterfield 2	Oldham 1	Notts County 0
Luton 3	Swindon 2	Peterborough 1	QPR 0
Rushden 3	Hartlepool 1	Plymouth 1	Sheff Wed 0
Wrexham 3	Brentford 1	Stockport 1	Wycombe 0

### Throwaways - Games lost by teams who were in the lead

Peterborough 3	Blackpool 2	Wrexham 1	Stockport 1
Grimsby 3	Brentford 2	Bournemouth 1	Tranmere 1
Oldham 3	Luton 2	Barnsley 1	Brighton 0
QPR 3	Port Vale 2	Colchester 1	Bristol City 0
Rushden 3	Sheff Wed 2	Hartlepool 1	Chesterfield 0
Wycombe 2	Swindon 2	Notts County 1	Plymouth 0

### Nationwide Division 2 2003-2004 Season - The Stats So Far

Highest Attendance	25,296	Sheff Wed v Chesterfield
Lowest Attendance	2,897	Colchester v Oldham
Average Gate	7,319	
Aggregate Attendance	2,678,732	
Biggest Home Win	Hartlepool 8-1 Grimsby	
Biggest Away Win	Port Vale 1-5 Plymouth	
Biggest Aggregate Score	Bournemouth 6-3 Luton, Hartlepool 8-1 Grimsby	
Total Games	366	
Home Wins	163 (45%)	due to print deadlines, stats don't include weekend's games
Away Wins	92 (25%)	
Draws	111 (30%)	
1-1 Draws	47 (13%)	
0-0 Draws	29 (8%)	
Winning Sequence	Bristol City	10
Unbeaten Sequence	QPR, Bristol City	11
Losing Sequence	Chesterfield	6
Winless Sequence	Wycombe, Chesterfield, Peterborough	13
Total Yellow Cards	1,145	
Total Red Cards	90	
Current Winning Sequence	Bristol City	10
Current Unbeaten Sequence	Bristol City	11
Current Losing Sequence	Brighton, Notts County, Peterborough, ...	
Current Winless Sequence	Rushden	2
	Colchester	8

### Use Your Head! - Goals Scored & Conceded from Headers

Scored	All Gls	%	Conceded	All Gls	%
Plymouth 22	65	33.8	Brentford 19	47	40.4
Bristol City 15	46	32.6	Luton 14	39	35.9
Bournemouth 11	34	32.4	Barnsley 11	35	31.4
Brentford 10	33	30.3	Sheff Wed 11	39	28.2
Chesterfield 9	31	29.0	QPR 8	29	27.6
Rushden 14	49	28.6	Wrexham 8	30	26.7
Sheff Wed 10	35	28.6	Bristol City 6	23	26.1
Tranmere 10	36	27.8	Brighton 9	35	25.7
Wrexham 10	36	27.8	Colchester 9	37	24.3
Swindon 13	50	26.0	Hartlepool 9	37	24.3
Luton 11	44	25.0	Blackpool 10	43	23.3
Grimsby 8	34	23.5	Stockport 12	53	22.6
Stockport 9	40	22.5	Rushden 11	49	22.4
Port Vale 10	48	20.8	Chesterfield 10	46	21.7
Colchester 6	29	20.7	Oldham 10	46	21.7
QPR 10	55	18.2	Wycombe 11	52	21.2
Barnsley 7	40	17.5	Peterborough 9	44	20.5
Oldham 8	46	17.4	Tranmere 8	40	20.0
Peterborough 6	35	17.1	Bournemouth 6	33	18.2
Wycombe 5	32	15.6	Plymouth 5	30	16.7
Notts County 4	30	13.3	Swindon 6	39	15.4
Hartlepool 5	45	11.1	Port Vale 6	42	14.3
Blackpool 4	37	10.8	Notts County 7	53	13.2
Brighton 4	43	9.3	Grimsby 6	52	11.5

### Set Piece Power - Goals Scored & Conceded from Free Kicks

Scored	All For	%	Conc.	All Agt	%
Stockport 9	40	22.5	Bristol City 7	23	30.4
Wycombe 6	32	18.8	Peterborough 8	44	18.2
QPR 9	55	16.4	Bournemouth 6	33	18.2
Hartlepool 7	45	15.6	Stockport 9	53	17.0
Plymouth 10	65	15.4	Colchester 6	37	16.2
Barnsley 6	40	15.0	Tranmere 6	40	15.0
Bournemouth 5	34	14.7	Grimsby 6	52	11.5
Peterborough 5	35	14.3	Wycombe 6	52	11.5
Sheff Wed 5	35	14.3	Barnsley 4	35	11.4
Port Vale 6	48	12.5	Brighton 4	35	11.4
Brentford 4	33	12.1	Chesterfield 5	46	10.9
Swindon 6	50	12.0	Oldham 5	46	10.9
Luton 5	44	11.4	Hartlepool 4	37	10.8
Blackpool 4	37	10.8	Brentford 5	47	10.6
Colchester 3	29	10.3	Luton 4	39	10.3
Notts County 3	30	10.0	Sheff Wed 4	39	10.3
Chesterfield 3	31	9.7	Swindon 4	39	10.3
Brighton 4	43	9.3	Rushden 5	49	10.2
Bristol City 4	46	8.7	Plymouth 3	30	10.0
Wrexham 3	36	8.3	Wrexham 3	30	10.0
Rushden 4	49	8.2	Blackpool 4	43	9.3
Oldham 3	46	6.5	Notts County 4	53	7.5
Grimsby 2	34	5.9	Port Vale 3	42	7.1
Tranmere 1	36	2.8	QPR 2	29	6.9

### Goals Scored & Conceded from Corners as % of all corners for & agt.

Scored	Corn For	%	Conc.	Corn Agt	%
Bristol City 9	182	4.95	Wycombe 10	158	6.33
Rushden 7	142	4.93	Brentford 11	254	4.33
Port Vale 7	143	4.90	Chesterfield 8	201	3.98
Brentford 8	173	4.62	Bristol City 5	130	3.85
Plymouth 9	200	4.50	Oldham 6	157	3.82
Tranmere 7	165	4.24	Bournemouth 5	152	3.29
Hartlepool 5	136	3.68	Plymouth 5	176	2.84
Brighton 6	182	3.30	Port Vale 5	185	2.70
Chesterfield 4	140	2.86	QPR 4	154	2.60
Sheff Wed 4	153	2.61	Colchester 4	158	2.53
Luton 4	155	2.58	Sheff Wed 4	159	2.52
Oldham 5	198	2.53	Barnsley 4	160	2.50
Wrexham 5	202	2.48	Rushden 5	205	2.44
Grimsby 4	167	2.40	Luton 4	165	2.42
Blackpool 3	133	2.26	Blackpool 4	170	2.35
QPR 4	178	2.25	Wrexham 4	174	2.30
Stockport 4	178	2.25	Stockport 4	185	2.16
Colchester 3	155	1.94	Hartlepool 3	149	2.01
Swindon 3	191	1.57	Notts County 3	154	1.95
Barnsley 2	156	1.28	Brighton 3	155	1.94
Bournemouth 2	180	1.11	Grimsby 4	207	1.93
Wycombe 1	169	0.59	Tranmere 2	163	1.23
Peterborough 1	188	0.53	Peterborough 1	148	0.68
Notts County 1	209	0.48	Swindon 0	156	0.00

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# Mariners



## Form Guide:

Won:	1
Drawn:	1
Lost:	4
Scored:	5
Conc:	17
Points:	4
Goal Diff:	-12
Last 6:	DLWL
Last 5 Home:	DDLWL
Last 5 Away:	DDLWL
Miscellaneous	
Players Used:	29
Clean Sheets:	9
Failed to Score:	10

### The Guys to Watch

Headed goals	Onuora	3
Long range shots	Anderson	3
Inside 6 yards	Boulding, Onuora	2
Shots from 6-18 yards	Boulding	8
Volleyed shots	4 players	1
Penalties	Anderson	1
Scored 1st Goal in match	Boulding	4
Most goals in last 10	Boulding	3
Points gained from goals	Boulding	10.83



### Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	221
Goals conceded	52
On target/goals scored	4.25
Division 2 rating	15

### Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	166
Goals scored	34
On target / goals	4.88
Division 2 Rating	17

### Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	3
Points won	2
Goals Against, last 10	9
Points lost	3

### Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	12.50
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	12
Average Offsides per game	3.90
Div 2 Rating	16

### Swings

WON when behind	1
DRAWN when behind	4
LOST when ahead	3
DRAWN when ahead	2
WON 2 down	0
WON 1 down	1
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	3
DRAWN 2+ down	0
DRAWN 1 down	4
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	2

### Margins

WON BY:	LOST BY:
1 Goal	3
2 Goals	4
3 Goals	0
4 Goals	1
5+ Goals	0

### Attendances

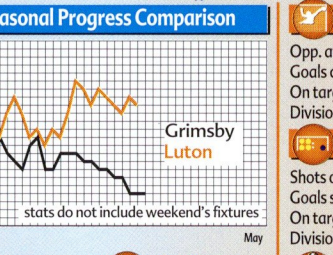
Aggregate	68,572
Highest	6,172
Lowest	3,535
Average	4,571

### Where Goals

8 Close Range	8
20 Inside Area	32
6 Outside Area	4

### How Goals

20 Shots	25
8 Headers	11
4 Volleys	3
1 Penalties	2
1 Free Kicks	0
0 Own Goals	2



### Set Piece Goals

CORNERS:	
Scored from C	4
Conceded from C	4
FREE KICKS:	
Scored from FK	2
Conceded from FK	6

### Cards

34	5
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### Margins

WON BY:	LOST BY:
1 Goal	6
2 Goals	6
3 Goals	0
4 Goals	0
5+ Goals	0

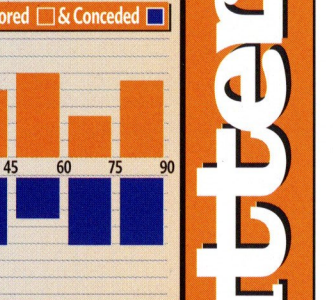


### Attendances

Aggregate	91,131
Highest	8,339
Lowest	5,002
Average	6,075

### The Guys to Watch

Headed goals	Howard, Perrett	2
Long range shots	Forbes, Robinson	1
Inside 6 yards	Perrett	2
Shots from 6-18 yards	Forbes	6
Volleyed shots	Robinson, Boyce	1
Penalties	Nicholls	2
Scored 1st Goal in match	Howard, Forbes	3
Most goals in last 10	5 players	1
Points gained from goals	Howard	8



### Goalkeeping

Opp. attempts on target	160
Goals conceded	39
On target/goals scored	4.10
Division 2 rating	17

### Goalscoring Strike Rate

Shots on target	175
Goals scored	44
On target / goals	3.98
Division 2 Rating	9

### Goals in last 10 mins

Goals For, last 10	5
Points won	1
Goals Against, last 10	7
Points lost	8

### Fouls & Offsides

Average fouls per game	13.14
Div 2 Rating (1=least, 24=most)	20
Average Offsides per game	4.48
Div 2 Rating	23

### Swings

WON when behind	3
DRAWN when behind	4
LOST when ahead	2
DRAWN when ahead	5
WON 2 down	1
WON 1 down	2
LOST 2 up	0
LOST 1 up	2
DRAWN 2+ down	0
DRAWN 1 down	4
DRAWN 2+ up	0
DRAWN 1 up	5

### Margins

WON BY:	LOST BY:
1 Goal	3
2 Goals	6
3 Goals	0
4 Goals	0
5+ Goals	0

### Attendances

Aggregate	91,131
Highest	8,339
Lowest	5,002
Average	6,075



# Hatters



## Form Guide:

Won:	3
Drawn:	3
Lost:	0
Scored:	9
Conc:	4
Points:	12
Goal Diff:	5
Last 6:	WDDWWD
Last 5 Home:	LWDWW
Last 5 Away:	DWDDD
Miscellaneous	
Players Used:	33
Clean Sheets:	8
Failed to Score:	5

# News on Two

## ANDREW SMITH TAKES A LOOK AT THE LATEST GOINGS ON AROUND THE LEAGUE.

Arthur Gnohere has completed his move from Burnley to QPR, putting pen to paper on a two-and-a-half-year contract at Loftus Road. The French centre-back has been a target for the R's since a successful loan spell with the club earlier in the season. Rangers boss Ian Holloway stepped up his interest in Gnohere after Dan Shittu suffered a serious knee injury, but initial negotiations about personal terms proved unsuccessful. However, a fan has now come forward to fund the move. Chief executive David Davies said: "The funds have been provided by a fan and without his involvement this deal could not have taken place. I cannot stress enough how grateful everyone at the club is for this remarkable act of generosity." Twenty-five-year-old Gnohere played 92 times for the Clarets following his free transfer move from Caen in August 2001 and made seven appearances for the R's during his one-month loan spell earlier in the campaign.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE chairman Paul Stapleton has blasted rumours linking manager Paul Sturrock with a move to Southampton. Sturrock missed Tuesday's defeat at Tranmere Rovers, prompting renewed speculation that he is about to be unveiled as the new Southampton boss. Stapleton insists though that the Scot missed the trip to Prenton Park because of ill health and that the Pilgrims have not received a single enquiry about him. "I wish people would stop these rumours," said Stapleton. "They are driving us all mad. We're in a great position and we don't want anything to muck it up. He's staying with us. I thought all these rumours had died down. I wish people would leave it alone. As far as I'm aware

Southampton have appointed a manager to the end of the season - Steve Wigley - and, according to the stories last week, Glenn Hoddle is going to take over for next season. Rest assured, health permitting, Paul Sturrock will be in our dugout on Saturday, for the rest of the season and hopefully next year in Division One. That's our aim."

BARNSELY chairman Peter Ridsdale has confirmed that the club hope to sign Southampton defender Garry Monk on a permanent basis. The 24-year-old has been on loan at Oakwell since November and has established himself as a regular in Gudjon Thordarson's side, prompting Ridsdale to speak to Southampton about a permanent deal. Ridsdale said: "I've been in talks with Southampton and the player's agent and we are in a position where I am hopeful of the player signing before the weekend. I am planning to talk again to Southampton chairman Rupert Lowe, but as I say I'm very hopeful." Monk has made just nine Premiership appearances during almost eight years with the Saints and has previously been loaned out to Torquay United, Stockport County, Oxford United and Sheffield Wednesday.

West Brom wing-back Adam Chambers is poised to join SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY on loan. The 23-year-old will train with the Owls before completing the formalities of his move ahead of today's game with Rushden & Diamonds and manager Chris Turner is looking forward to having him on board. "He's got a lot of energy and will get forward and back," said Turner. "He's tenacious in midfield, will get his foot in and is decent on the ball. He played in the Premiership for West Brom last season and has a bit of

experience for a youngster." Chambers made 13 Premiership appearances for the Baggies last season, but has featured just twice in the current campaign.

NOTTS COUNTY boss Gary Mills has handed a trial to Mickael Antoine-Curier as he looks to strengthen his strike force. Mills gave the Frenchman a chance to impress in a midweek behind-closed-doors practice match, as he seeks a replacement for Andy Parkinson, who has been recalled from his loan spell by Sheffield United. Former Preston North End and Nottingham Forest forward Antoine-Curier is currently without a club, having already turned out for Oldham, Kidderminster, Rochdale and Sheffield Wednesday this season. Mills has also been linked with a loan move for Dele Adebola, who is currently on the transfer list at Coventry City.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC's caretaker boss John Sheridan has admitted he is happy to stay at the club, even if he fails to secure the manager's job full-time. Sheridan said: "I've made it clear I want the job, but I still want to be here if that isn't the case. I like the club, I like the people and I like the supporters. Whatever happens, there's no particular reason I would want to work anywhere else." In the two months Sheridan has been in charge, he has seen his side record three wins, four draws and three defeats. "I've been honoured to get this chance as manager," he added. "Having done the job for a few weeks, I've really got a buzz for it. I'm new to all of this, but I know a bit about football and can hopefully pass on what I've learned during 23 years in the game."

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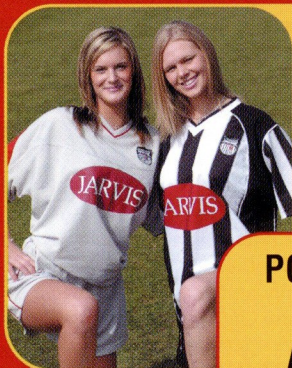
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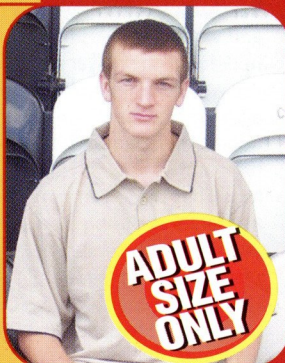
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GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO THE CROOK REPORT. I'M DICK CROOK AND AS I'M SURE YOU'LL REMEMBER I USED TO BE ONE OF THE BIGGEST NAMES IN SPORTS JOURNALISM BEFORE I BECAME DISILLUSIONED WITH THE CYNICISM OF FLEET STREET AND DECIDED TO ESCAPE THE RAT RACE (AND, ACCORDING TO MY SOURCES, SOME MASSIVE BAR BILLS - ED.)

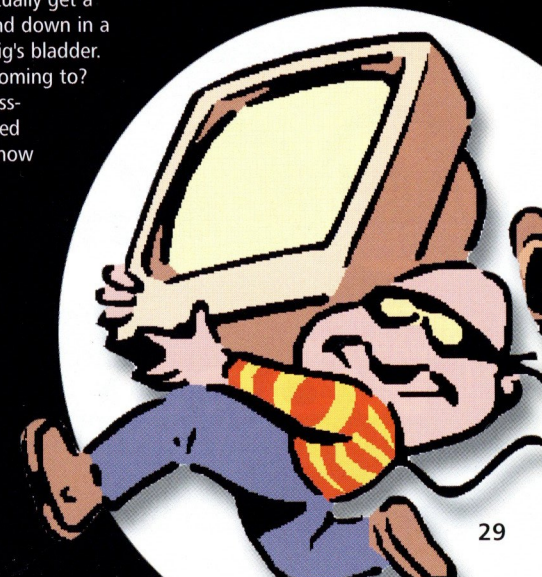
As I'm sure you'll all agree, the last couple of weeks here at Blundell Park have been nothing short of traumatic for all concerned, what with the departure of a number of well-known faces from the club. At the time of writing this, a decision has yet to be made and there has been much speculation around the town regarding the appointment of a new manager. To be honest it's all been quite unsettling. So tonight I would like to put an end to it once and for all by stating categorically that despite being in possession of both superb man-management skills and a footballing brain to rival that of the late Bill Shankly, I have not applied for the vacant position of Grimsby Town manager, although obviously if approached by the Board, I could be persuaded to listen to whatever overtures they might make. Incidentally I did apply for the job back in 1994 after Alan Buckley left for West Brom. Unfortunately that bloke who's now slumming it down the road at Glanford Park pipped me to the post. Apparently the Board were most

impressed by some of my visionary ideas, but sadly weren't prepared to accommodate my radical plans to maintain team morale through the installation of optics in the home dugout and by celebrating victory with the finest champagne, even after a defeat. I have to say that I think they were wrong and a little short-sighted, but it is perhaps understandable as in those days sports psychology was about as acceptable in the game of professional football as witchcraft and women in the boardroom. Of course the catalyst that eventually caused all this conjecture regarding the managerial hot seat at Blundell Park was that unfortunate 6-0 thrashing at Boundary Park. I must admit I had high hopes for the day, but they were quickly dashed when I discovered that whilst admission was free, the bars weren't. So much for Lancashire hospitality. Worse was to follow when just as I was settling down for a quick ten-minute nap in the press box before the game, I was rudely awakened by a terrible wailing sound coming from the pitch. What in hell could that banshee-like shrieking be, I wondered? Had David Nielsen come over from Denmark to join in the celebrations? Perhaps it was a herd of bitter and twisted Scunthorpe United fans bemoaning their lot in life? Or worse still, had Wrighty's pack of sawn-off delinquents managed to violate the hallowed turf of Boundary Park? The answer to my inner turmoil was in fact none of the above, but something much worse. Bagpipes. I mean you'd think you'd be safe in your own country, but no. It seems that in Lancashire there are sick, misguided individuals, with no Scottish blood in them whatsoever, who actually get a kick out of parading up and down in a skirt and blowing into a pig's bladder. Just what is this country coming to? Inevitably though that cross-dressing freak Wrighty loved every minute of it, and is now

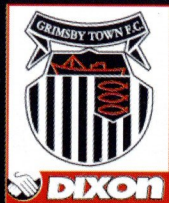
talking about getting a set of the flipping things himself. I told him it would be over my dead body, but he just smiled and drifted off into his own little dream world. As I believe I mentioned in the Brighton programme, my aforementioned feckless researcher decided to take the youngest in a seemingly endless line of juvenile terrorists to his first away game that Sunday. Whilst common thinking seems to be that many of the Grimsby faithful left at half-time on account of their team being 5-0 down, I can't help but think that the presence of not one but two of Wrighty's potentially lethal progeny in an enclosed space, may have had a major bearing on their decision to depart. I for one was pleased not to be in the same stand as them, particularly as the youngest one had attacked me outside the ground before the game. He claimed it was his toy crocodile that had bitten me on the backside, but closer examination of the teeth marks in my full-length bathroom mirror later that evening revealed that they were indeed human. If I'd had my way, Wrighty Junior would have been fitted with a muzzle by now, but having had a sneak preview of this column, it seems Graham Rodger has other ideas. Apparently he wants the little bugger to work alongside Stacy Coldicott and teach the rest of the squad the fine art of yard dogging. So, as it seems there's no justice in the world, I'm off down the Exchange now to find consolation at Thanks For The Mammary Night, but rest assured I will be back next time, battered backside or no, to keep you abreast of all the latest news from Blundell Park.

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# In the



# Community

**GOOD EVENING EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO BLUNDELL PARK.  
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## HALF TERM COURSES

The February half term courses last week were a great success. In all, around 200 children took part. Hopefully they enjoyed the new format, which included a "Soccer Skills Challenge" on the final day of the course as well as the chance to vote for "Most Valuable Player". There were also new trophies and medals for the prize winners, which made the courses that little bit more special. In addition to these new ideas, all the young footballers went home with a prize bag which included a GTFC T-shirt signed by a GTFC player, a framed squad photo and a voucher entitling them to free tickets for the Bournemouth match on March 13th.

We will shortly be announcing our dates for the Easter holidays; there will be fun everywhere throughout the area. Also, we will continue our fantastic prize bag give-away with a new prize that all football fans would love to have!

## MATCHDAY TOURNAMENT

Prior to the Brighton game on 14th Feb, we had the latest in the matchday tournament. As usual, the match was played in very wet conditions. Clee Community and Welholme worked very hard and produced

and entertaining hard fought game, but the score at full time was 1-1. Both teams get a point meaning Clee Community consolidate their position at the top of the table with five points from their three matches.

The next date in the matchday tournament is on the 28th of February when we play Barnsley. Healing Hotspurs will play Caistor Crusaders.

## MEET THE PLAYERS

Tonight we welcome more of our prize winners from recent courses who are here as our guests for the match. They will also get the opportunity of

meeting some of the Town players and getting autographs, having photographs taken and so on. We think this is an excellent way for the young fans to meet their heroes and for the players to meet some of their fans. At our last event of this kind we had Mike Edwards and Chris Boulder amongst others come in to meet their fans.

Anyway, that's about all for now. Enjoy the game.

Gary Childs and Matthew Franklin



Matt Cook, the Sponsorship Manager of Nationwide, is presenting Louise Smith of Grimsby Ladies with their kit kindly donated by the Nationwide Supporters of Tomorrow. Also in the picture are Gary Childs, the Community Programme Officer, and as usual Mighty Mariner getting in on the action.



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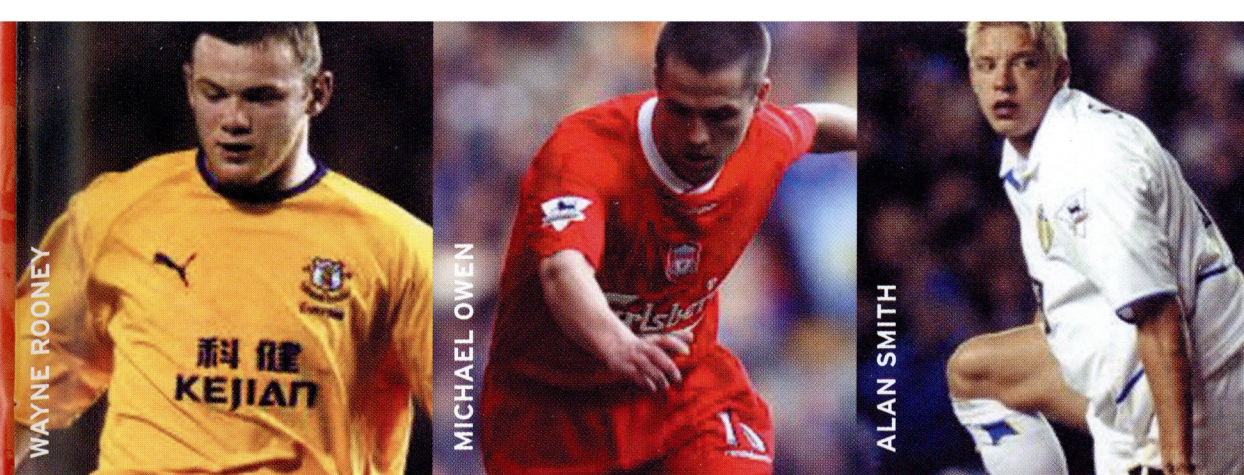
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## The Rumour Mill

**TONI PARKER TAKES A LOOK AT SOME OF THE RUMOURS DOING THE ROUNDS...AND SOME OF THEM ARE EVEN BELIEVABLE.**

Well here it is the bit you all look forward to every time Town play at home, the rumour mill is back to give you all the transfer gossip and strange goings on in football that you just can't get anywhere else. Now that Valentines Day is out of the way you can get back to going to the pub for a few pints and watching the footy with your mates, instead of having to go shopping just because they say you have to spend the day with them because it's a special day! What could be more special than watching the football together? Who knows? That's enough about Valentines Day lets get back to the thing we all love FOOTBALL!!!

Now from what I have found out this week it looks like we could be in for a really active summer with regards to transfers. It seems that almost every player that's got talent in the Premiership is set to move. That's if you believe everything you read! So the question is where do I start? Well I thought this week I would look at the English players that are set to up sticks in the summer. As we have Euro 2004 coming up I thought it would be good to see just who is wanted from our squad of talent!!

We all know that Manchester United are the biggest club in the world and have more talent than many clubs could even wish for so who could they be possibly chasing in the summer to bring to the Theatre of Dreams? Well rumour has it that Everton and England Striker Wayne Rooney could be on his

way there. One of England's brightest young talents is said to have been a target of Fergies for a while and he feels that the competition in Portugal will mature him as a player and he will be a perfect addition to his squad. So as Rooney comes Butt could be going the exact opposite way. Everton are reportedly putting in a bid of £6m for the England midfielder. Talking of clubs with big squads, Chelsea are another team set to extend their team to another 55 players before the new season begins in August. They are also looking at United target Wayne Rooney, and Liverpool striker Michael Owen. This is one transfer I just can't quite see happening though. I mean would you want to go and do nothing but sit on a bench all season, apart from maybe three games? I know I wouldn't. Do you think that Abramovich and Ranieri haven't quite realised that you only need 11 players to start and then a few substitutions, it's not like an England friendly you know with unlimited subs!! Leeds United are a team that are in a lot of trouble this season both on and off the pitch. The club need money quickly and are losing players quicker than it took Jordan to get down to her bikini in the Jungle (well ok almost) and Alan Smith is almost a dead cert to be leaving in the summer. He is another player who has had so much speculation with regards to where he is going. This week Middlesbrough are said to be interested in him for an

undisclosed fee. Other English players set to be on the move are Heskey, he is said to be on his way to Newcastle and Sheringham looks set to another player heading to Everton, a replacement for Rooney perhaps who knows??? Well now that's the transfers put to bed lets take a trip to India for possibly one of the funniest match fixing stories I have ever read. Could you really see this happening in this country? Promotion chasing sides Curtorim Gym and Wilfred Leisure have been suspended from the Indian second division along with rivals Dona Paula Sports Club and Sangolda Lightning for fixing the results of their matches. In the games Curtorim v Sangolda and Wilfred V Paula Sports there was a staggering 116 goals scored. Curtorim and Dona Sports were both level on points at the top of the league but Curtorim were seven points clear on goal difference. Now when the two teams at the top played their opponents results of the matches were unbelievable. Curtorim won 66-1 and Dona Sports 55-1. The leagues officials some how noticed that something was wrong and with immediate effect suspended all four teams for a year and are looking to ban them permanently. How funny is that? Mind you I bet they are fans of Dream Team as I am sure things like that happen all the time on there and go unnoticed...



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FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS FOCUSES ON LINKS WITH OUR OPPONENTS...

## LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST LUTON TOWN

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Home	16	7	5	4	32	16
Away	17	5	5	7	25	36
Total	33	12	10	11	57	52

Goals by Michael Boulding and Iain Anderson gave Grimsby Town a 2-1 Second Division victory at Luton Town on 23rd August 2003. Rory Allen scored to give Luton a 1-0 win on their last League visit to Blundell Park in April 1998. The Mariners' last League win at home to Luton was 5-0 in February 1995 with two goals by Tommy Watson plus others from Jim Dobbin, Dave Gilbert and Neil Woods.



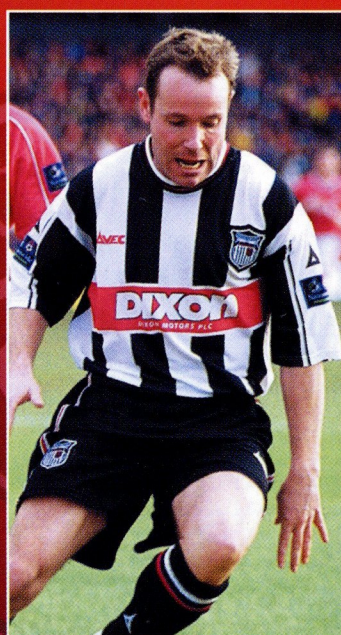
### CUP HERO

Former Luton Town central defender Graham Rodger was an influential figure as Grimsby

Town reached the FA Cup fifth round in 1992-93. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Coventry City for £190,000 in July 1989, the England U-21 international featured in successive relegation battles and scored twice in 28 League games for Luton prior to joining Grimsby for £130,000 in January 1992. He helped the Mariners to regain First Division status at the first attempt in 1997-98 and scored 11 times in 146 League outings until retiring in June 1998. Recently appointed Grimsby's caretaker-manager.

### WEMBLEY WINNER

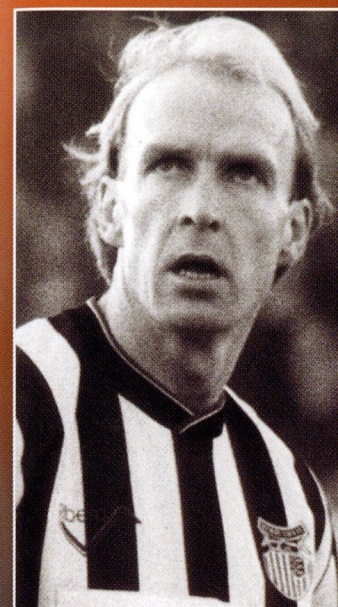
Ex-Luton Town winger Kingsley Black scored in Grimsby Town's 1998 Auto Windscreens Shield final triumph. Signing professional for Luton in July 1986, the Northern Ireland international featured in their 1988 Littlewoods Cup final success and was a Wembley finalist again the following season. He netted 26 goals in 127 First Division games for the Hatters before being sold to Nottingham Forest for £1,500,000 in September 1991. Joining Grimsby for £25,000 in July 1996, he also appeared in the 1997-98 play-off final success and scored eight times



in 141 League outings before moving to Lincoln City in July 2001.

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Former Luton Town central defender Paul Futcher was twice voted 'Player of the Year' at Grimsby Town. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Chester in a joint £100,000 deal with his twin brother Ron in June 1974, the England U-21 international gained top-flight experience and scored once in 131 League games for Luton



before being sold to Manchester City for £350,000 in June 1978. He joined Grimsby from Halifax Town for £10,000 in January 1991 and helped to clinch promotion that season, making 132 League appearances before leaving to manage Darlington in March 1995.

### IRISH INTERNATIONAL

Former Luton Town central defender Chris Nicholl gained the last two of his 51 Northern Ireland caps while at Grimsby Town. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Halifax Town for £30,000 in August 1969, he featured prominently in Luton's 1969-70 promotion campaign and netted six goals in 97 League games before being sold to Aston Villa for £90,000 in March 1972. He joined Grimsby as player-coach from Southampton in August 1983 and made 70 Second Division appearances while at Blundell Park before returning to Southampton as manager in August 1985.

### LEADING MARKSMAN

One-time Luton Town centre-

forward Rod Green was Grimsby Town's leading marksman in 1966-67. Moving to Blundell Park from Gillingham in August 1965, he scored as Grimsby took eventual finalists West Ham to a League Cup fifth round replay in 1965-66 and netted 20 goals in 65 Third Division outings prior to joining Charlton Athletic in exchange for Matt Tees in February 1967. He joined Luton for £7,000 in August 1967 and featured in their 1967-68 Fourth Division title campaign, scoring three times in 11 League games before being sold to Watford for £3,000 in August 1968.

### TITLE TRIUMPH

Former Grimsby Town inside-forward Keith Allen starred in Luton Town's 1967-68 Fourth Division title triumph. Moving to Blundell Park from Portsmouth in May 1964, he scored on his League debut to clinch Grimsby's 1-1 draw at home to Reading ten months later and made six consecutive Third Division appearances as Matt Tees' understudy prior to joining Stockport County for £1,000 in June 1965. He joined Luton in exchange for Derek Kevan in March 1967 and also featured in their 1969-70 promotion campaign, netting 36 goals in 137 League games before moving to Plymouth Argyle in July 1970.

### TWO SPELLS

Ex-Luton Town centre-forward Matt Tees had two spells at Grimsby Town. Initially moving to Blundell Park from Airdrie in July 1963, he was Grimsby's leading marksman in 1965-66 and joined Charlton Athletic in February 1967. He moved to Luton in August 1969 and was a key figure in their 1969-70 promotion success and netted

13 goals in 35 League outings before returning to Grimsby in November 1970. Top scorer in the 1971-72 Fourth Division title triumph, he scored 93 times in 196 League games overall for the Mariners prior to joining Boston United in July 1973.

### SCOTTISH STAR

One-time Grimsby Town inside-forward Mike Cullen gained Scottish international recognition while at Luton Town. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in August 1949, he featured in Luton's 1954-55 promotion campaign and netted 16 goals in 112 League games prior to joining Grimsby in April 1958. He starred in the Mariners' 1961-62 promotion success and scored 35 times in 178 League outings before moving to Derby County in December 1962. The likes of Tony Knights, Alan Neilson, Marc North, Mick Saxby and Colin Tinsley have also played for both clubs, while Lennie Lawrence has managed both.





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## How is that New Year Resolution?

BY DUANE MELLOR, ACCREDITED SPORTS DIETICIAN

IT IS MID-FEBRUARY; THE WEATHER IS COLD AND DULL, SUMMER IS A LONG WAY A WAY, CHRISTMAS IS DONE AND DUSTED AND THE DECORATIONS PUT AWAY FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

This is the time of year, when many of us wish that we could just hibernate and wake up on a warm summers morning with a trim waist and a healthier bank balance. Unfortunately, there is very little that I can do or can say to help in terms of improving the weather or your finances. When it comes to dietary tips, there I can help you with ideas by the bucket load.

So, is eating healthily becoming a bit of a drag? If so, then we need to look at why. For many of us, when we try to turn over a new leaf, we tend to try to avoid the foods we deem as bad for us? This tends to lead to cravings, and then we can tend to feel that we want the forbidden food even more than when we were eating it regularly. This of course can vary from person to person, as some of us can go cold turkey and are fine, whilst for others this strategy is

doomed to fail. For those of us who have quit smoking, by just stopping, think the same is true with eating. Unfortunately we cannot stop eating, as we are programmed to not starve, and the hungrier we get, the more we want higher fat and sugary foods. So, my first tip for eating success is to eat more often. That is correct, it does not mean that you need to eat more, it has been scientifically proven, that eating less food but as smaller more frequent meals, helps to control the hormones and urges that make us want to eat. The simple "little and often rule" has been shown to be true.

The next step is to forget dieting; this is because for many of us, we see dieting as a quick fix, to get in shape for the summer or because we are told to for the sake of our health. However to make truly meaningful changes, the whole of your lifestyle needs to be looked

at. Simply put, to make one huge change for a week will have far less impact on your health and life than a number of small changes maintained over the years. Eating healthily, means not viewing foods as being good or bad, just thinking in a balanced diet you can afford to eat more of some foods, e.g. fruit and vegetables than you can of others e.g. chocolates and cakes. Again put simply, "a little of what you fancy, does you good".

Remember, eating healthily is something that you should enjoy; it should not be a chore or a challenge. If your aim is to lose weight or be a little bit healthier, perceive try to visualise yourself achieving that goal, and enjoy doing it for yourself. If you have any other questions about food or this column please e-mail us at [food@gtfc.co.uk](mailto:food@gtfc.co.uk)



# Swanny & Dave

NO GENUINE TOWN FAN COULD DENY THAT RECENT WEEKS HAVE PROVEN TO BE DIFFICULT ONES FOR THE MIGHTY MARINERS.

This was put firmly into perspective by the untimely loss of a man who will always be remembered with gratitude & affection by the Town faithful as the chairman who presided over 2 Wembley wins in 5 weeks. Bill Carr who died a week ago on Friday, was a loyal & hard-working servant of the club as board member & Chairman for a number of years. The esteem in which he was held & the quality of the club & its supporters were encapsulated perfectly by the immaculately observed minutes silence in his memory before the Brighton game.

For the match itself Town hoisted the "Jolly Rodger" for the first time and following the departure of Mick Boulding, who went west to Barnsley, loan debutante Isaiah Rankin soon had

the seagulls in his sights with a crisply-taken early opener. We're hoping that Isaiah will be a Messiah and even a scruffy equaliser couldn't sink Town's ship when super-sub Phil (he's scouse but no mouse) bravely went in when it hurts to bundle the ball (and keeper) into the net for a deserved and gusty win. Were we pleased? Can we remember Saturday night? Did we have a hangover? Yes, no and who cares! No doubt we deserved all 3 points in a game which saw the welcome return in the middle of "yard dog" Stacy Coldicott. Having shot down the seagulls of Brighton could we repeat the feat again against the Robins of Bristol City the following Tuesday? A team on a 9 match winning streak? An early concession from a set-piece woke Town up and couldn't quench their re-

discovered spirit & willingness to scrap for every ball and deserved spot-kick by Ando gave us hope for another emotional victory against the division form team. How different it might have been if Camby's well placed drive had not come back off the post after a glance off the keepers glove (close but no Bud story) but a hotly disputed free-kick dashed our hopes. Town who have had 2 players sent off this season for "professional foul" committed far outside the box were left to wonder how Bristol managed to finish with 11 men. Tonight we welcome the hatters of Luton against whom Town are looking to "do the double" after a fine away win earlier in the season. Now that would really make Grezzer, "A Jolly Rodger" UTM

## Cod Psychology

ARE YOU A DEDICATED FOLLOWER OF FASHION? IF YOU'RE A REGULAR VISITOR TO BLUNDELL PARK, SIMON WILSON RECKONS YOU ARE.

Grimsby has never been deemed fashionable, let alone worthy, by anyone in the media who considers their opinion to be actually worth something (which tends to be most of them). This, as you, my fellow Town fans will concur, includes our beloved football club. When Town dispense one of their occasional 'shocks', the press delve deep to drag up the same old clichés. Big-spending Fulham, high-flying Birmingham, and, more recently, promotion-chasing QPR have all been defeated by what you would believe is the world's most unstylish team.

Likewise, when Town sign a player from a supposedly 'higher', and therefore instantly more trendy, club - either on loan or permanently - the word "unfashionable" is seemingly uttered with a snooty look down the nose. It's as if that player is leaving known civilisation to join some wayward backwater, like that madman Columbus as he sailed west to discover a new route to India.

Do you want to know a little secret? Town might be fashionable after all. Filling up one of those empty Saturdays we have endured recently thanks to the overly-wet weather and our non-involvement in the FA Cup, I endured a walk through what is (I am told) one of the more chic areas of Leeds. Let's face it: Leeds is hardly the Milan of Britain despite every Tom, Dick and Harriet declaring it to be "cool" every time the city features in the

clothes and housing programmes that litter our nation's television schedules. For starters, being cool is such an 80s word. I digress: being a chilly day I was wearing a hand-knitted black and white striped scarf. Yes, you might laugh. It's very warm, so soft, and clearly shows I support a team that plays in black and white. And have you tried getting hold of a plain black and white scarf? Impossible. Or so I thought. 15 minutes into my amble I had seen three other people black and white scarves. And all on girls. Three girls wearing black and white scarves in the middle of trendy Leeds. What were the chances of that? And, for a fleeting moment, I considered the odds of them being Town fans who had nothing better to do on a day off than kick their heels. By the end of two hours in town I had seen six scarves. Could it be a new trend? Back home, I sought verification of this. And on the H&M website I find it. Lo and behold, I am told that one of the trends for spring 2004 is (and I quote) "black and white". Dar-ling! And what is this I see before my eyes? Black and white stripes! Sweetie! All of a sudden it's as if Roy Cropper was considered to be a fashionista. Of course fashion and - unless you're a man of timeless fashion like Tony Butcher - the contents of people's wardrobes moves on. But for the moment, enjoy supporting a team that are fashionable, if only in what they wear. Well, until someone tells me the fashion is horizontal

black and white stripes rather vertical black and whites stripes. For further information on Mariners-related fashion why not have a look at the legendary (and quite fashionable) Cod Almighty T-shirts available from [www.codalmighty.com/tshirts](http://www.codalmighty.com/tshirts). Or visit the Campaign For Red Stockings at [www.codalmighty.com/camred](http://www.codalmighty.com/camred). And there's always the club shop you know.



## Out of the League

THE STORY OF GRIMSBY TOWNS 1910-11 SEASON

GRIMSBY'S F.A. CUP TIE AT BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE SIDE CREWE ALEXANDRA LOOKED A TOUGH ONE, FOR ALEX HAD DEFEATED FIRST DIVISION BRISTOL CITY AWAY IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND.

### PART 16: PROGRESS ON ALL FRONTS

The Mariners though were to prove fortunate from the start, for in their initial attack, the Crewe captain handled the ball from Jim Hobson's cross, and Harry Leonard made no mistake from the penalty spot. However, such was the power of his kick that the keeper broke a finger in trying to save, and while he played on in pain, Town took full advantage of his predicament. Archie Hubbard established a 2-1 interval lead from a rebound, before the same player then

headed home early in the second half. Jimmy Gordon got the fourth goal on 65 minutes courtesy of the keeper's error, when Harry Springthorpe later wrapping up a 5-1 victory. Before the match, street vendors had been offering Grimsby Town 'funeral cards' for sale; at the final whistle they were reportedly doing a brisk trade in Crewe to the travelling Town fans! One week later (11th February) the Mariners experienced something of a Midland League rarity at Rotherham County - a 0-0 draw. A disappointing game was notable only for the first outing in three years of forward Chris Young (then assisting Cleethorpes Town) in place of the suspended

Leonard, though the result took Grimsby to within three points of leaders Sheffield Wednesday Reserves. Young's striking talents were evident in the next ML fixture at Leeds City Reserves, the Mariners claiming a 3-0 win. A Hobson cross enabled the local born player to head the opening goal, while near time, Young got his second with a low drive, with Springthorpe's tap-in (from Young's assist) sandwiched inbetween. The forgotten marksman had done enough for inclusion in Grimsby's next F.A. Cup tie - a tough trip to Division One side, Bradford City.

## Tales from the Park

by Jim Connor





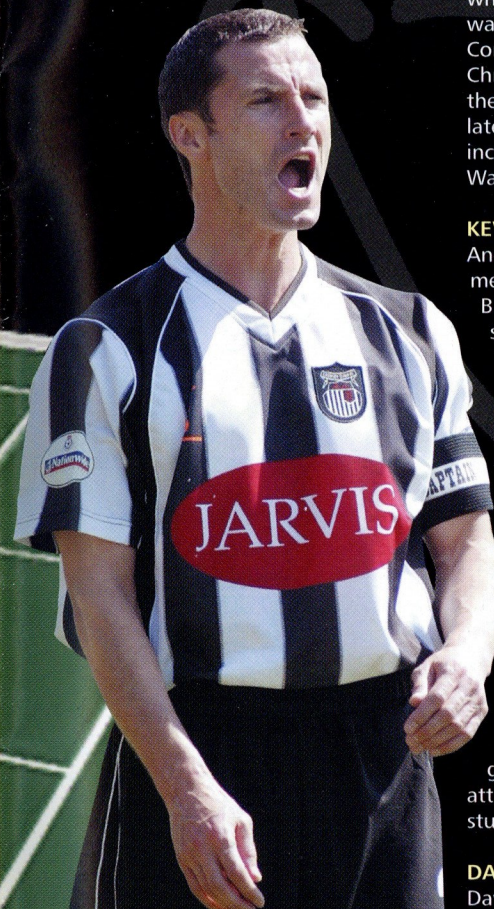
# My all time gtfc XI

Dave Otter has been an avid Town supporter for over 38 years. Dave is a leading member of the Grimsby Town Supporters Trust ([www.gtst.net](http://www.gtst.net)) and also works as a psychiatric nurse.



## NIGEL BATCH

'Batchy' was ever present between the sticks at Blundell Park throughout the seventies and eighties and was a massive influence in the 1980/81 promotion winning season. Nigel had a great report with Grimsby supporters and will always be held with high respect among long time Mariners fans.



his hazy attacking runs even though he was playing left back and chipped in with his fair share of goals. He ever had the honour of scoring the most goals in the clubs 1980/1981 Division Three championship winning team.

## CHRIS NICHOL

Known as a no nonsense centre back who got the job done, Chris Nichol was as solid as they came. Commanding the Town defence, Chris has an ultra successful run in the heart of the Grimsby defence. He later went into management which included a run at First Division Walsall.

## KEVIN MOORE

Another in the line of Moore family members who pulled on the famous Black and White shirt, Kevin was a sold defender who didn't take any prisoners. He made over 400 appearances in an 11-year period run at Blundell Park, which included a long stint as club captain.

## JOE WALTERS

Joe Walters will always thought as one of the most well rounded midfielders to grace Blundell Park. The Irish international joined the Mariners in 1976 when supporters helped raise the fee for him after an ultra successful loan spell. Joe was notorious for getting forward and helping out in attack but didn't also mind getting stuck in when he was needed.

## DAVE BOYLEN

Dave Boylen is Grimsby Town through and through. Even though he was small in size, Dave always gave his 110% in the centre of Town midfield and is still a huge favourite amongst Town fans. Having made 384 appearances for the club, Dave still is a massive Town supporter and can be seen regularly at Blundell Park getting the fans geed up before kick off.

## STUART BRACE

Stuart Brace was a tricky winger who liked to take players on and leave defenders for dead. Stuart was a massive favourite amongst town

fans in the seventies who were dazzled by his skills and pace. Brace was a part of Lawrie McMenemy's famous championship winning side and was held with high regard by the big man.

## IVANO BONETTI

When Ivano Bonetti arrived at Blundell Park on trial from Italian side Torino, no one would have predicted what Town had stumbled across. The tricky Italian instantly became a favourite amongst Town fans who did everything they could to raise the cash to keep Ivano at Blundell Park. He will go down as one of the most skilful players to grace Blundell Park and his solo goal against West Brom will rate amongst the best ever seen.

## KEVIN DRINKELL

Kevin Drinkell was another product of Town's successful youth system, he burst onto the scene at the tender age of 16. Drinkell was a natural goal scorer and scored goals consistently for the Mariners over a period of over 9 years. Left the club to join Norwich City and later Glasgow Rangers where he was a huge favourite with the Ibrox faithful.

## MATT TEES

One of the most prolific strikers to put on a black and white shirt, Matt Tees has a starring role in Lawrie McMenemy's championship winning side. Matt was a striker known for being full of energy and being able to get up for headers despite his size. Matt in his time at Blundell Park scored 109 goals and was leading goal scorer 2 years in a row.

## MANAGER: ALAN BUCKLEY

The man who had been credited as the man who turned around Grimsby Town, Alan Buckley joined the Mariners in 1988 and immediately turned around Grimsby's flagging fortunes. In two spells at the club, he would go on to lead the Mariners through three promotions, two trips to Wembley and constantly kept the Mariners afloat in Division One.

## JOHN MCDERMOTT

A loyal club servant for over 17 years, 'Macca' has seen and done it all at Blundell Park over that period, seeing the team win 3 promotions, numerous successful cup runs and two momentous trips to Wembley. He also has the honour of being the club record appearance holder chalking well over 500 appearances for the Mariners. Bobby Cumming Cumming joined the Mariners in 1974 and spent nearly 10 years at Blundell Park. He was notorious for



# Famous Programmes from Classic Games

A SERIES BY THE EDITOR OF PROGRAMME MONTHLY & FOOTBALL COLLECTABLE MAGAZINE IN WHICH FAMOUS MATCHES ARE REMEMBERED BY THEIR PROGRAMMES, WHICH REMAIN POPULAR WITH MODERN COLLECTORS.

**The Corinthians 0  
West Ham United 2**  
(Pollard, Watson)

**FA Cup Third Round,  
Saturday 14th January 1933,  
at The Crystal Palace**

## The Match

In the last programme, we featured a programme from the FA Cup tie played between The Corinthians and Newcastle United in 1927. The great Amateur Club, formed in 1882, had sought to rekindle former glories by toppling that season's League Champions. The following season, 1927/28, Corinthians were to suffer an FA Cup shock of their own – losing 2-1 at New Brighton in the Third Round. In the following season, they restored something of their

reputation with a resounding 5-0 victory at Norwich, before losing 3-0 at West Ham in the Fourth Round.

Third Round defeats at the hands of Millwall (after three games), Port Vale and Sheffield United took the Corinthians' Cup record to 1932/33, when they were drawn at home to West Ham United. The Second Division side enjoyed a comfortable 2-0 victory.

That was the last season of Corinthians' exemption until the third round or equivalent of the FA Cup. From 1934/35 until the outbreak of the Second World War, they entered the competition at the first round, and suffered successive defeats to Watford, Reading, Bristol Rovers, and, in consecutive seasons, Southend United. Their

powers had clearly waned.

In 1939, they merged with another grand old Amateur Club, The Casuals, and in post-war years the combined club joined the FA Cup in its qualifying rounds. There were two isolated reminders of formerly glories. In 1965-66, the first round proper was reached, where Watford administered a 5-1 trouncing, but in 1983-84, Corinthian-Casuals drew 0-0 with Bristol City at Dulwich Hamlet's old Champion Hill ground, itself evocative of the great days of Amateur football. City won the replay 4-0 at Ashton Gate.,

## The Programme

The club colours of blue and white were retained for programme purposes, although the front cover design was far more modern than that of the 1926/27 programme against Newcastle, when the surrounding advert was for fountain pens. By 1933, a jocular sketch accompanied an advert which exhorted sportsmen to "Eat More Fruit ... and keep fit." The style of the programme was that used by Corinthians for other fixtures, although additional pages were added because of the special nature of the Cup tie, and of course the reputation and high

standing of the visiting team. This programme would certainly sell for more than £100 at auction or on offers lists today. By 1967-68 season, Corinthian Casuals were languishing near the bottom of the Isthmian League Senior Section, and for the visit of Hitchin Town on 30th March 1968, they issued their normal 8 page programme, priced 6d. This was pre-printed in brown on pink paper, and overprinted in black by duplicator. Club Notes were on page 3 along with a list of the club's office bearers, and the Notes were continued onto the following page, with news of forthcoming

fixtures and the Easter Tour of the Channel Islands. Teams were opposite, listed awkwardly in two columns per team. A full page was devoted to an up to date League table. The remainder of this brief and, frankly, over-priced programme comprised adverts – for Stuart Surridge footballs, the suppliers of Webber footballs, a firm of Legal printers and Shell Petrol on the back page. Corinthian-Casuals programmes of the last 40 years can be picked up from dealers' catalogues and at programme fairs for little more than £1



# The Questions Get Worse

"NICK DAWS WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SWAP PLACES WITH LORD BROCKETT IN THE JUNGLE. I WONDER WHY?"

## Nick Daws

Who in your opinion has been / is the greatest ever footballer?  
Pele, purely for his performance in "Escape to Victory"

Would you rather win the FA Cup or gain promotion?  
Win the F. A. Cup.... I've already had two promotions.

If there was a sports-only quiz amongst the players at GTFC who would your money be on to win?  
Someone with too much time on their hands.

Which daily newspaper do you read?  
The Sun

Who is the most famous person that you have ever met?  
George Best

Who is your sporting hero (not football)?  
As a child I loved watching 'Hurricane Higgins' play snooker.

What are your interior design skills like?  
Average, although I could emulsion a room in 1 hour but would need 3 to clean up the mess.

If you could ask Pele any question at all, what would it be?  
"Does Viagra really work?"

What, in your opinion, has been the greatest ever line or scene from a TV drama/comedy or film?  
Waynes World....The Bohemian Rhapsody scene

Who did you go as at the last fancy dress party you attended?  
Austin Powers!

Can you speak a foreign language?  
A little Russian.

Would you rather watch a rugby league match, a golf tournament, or race meeting?  
Being brought up in Salford and Wigan, it would have to be Rugby League.

Who has been the best foreign player to grace the Premiership?  
Gianfranco Zola, just ahead of Marco Boogers who was at West Ham United.

If you could be someone else for a day, who would it be?  
Two weeks ago it would have to be Lord Brockett.....he was getting away with murder in the jungle with Jordan, Kerry and Alex.

Have you kept a programme from the first ever match of your professional career?  
Mum and Dad will have, along with the other 500 or so.

If you could play a match as part of any team from history, which side would you choose?  
The Man City side that beat Man Utd 5-1 at Maine Road in 1989.

Which sporting occasion would you not watch, even if you were paid to do so?  
The first 25 miles of the London Marathon.

What would be your preferred playing kit?  
Man City's red and black stripped away kit.

If you had to appear on 'Mastermind', what would be your specialist subject?  
"Nuclear Physics"

Who is the biggest comedian at the Club?  
Aidan Davison

Who does it most for you ... Jordan, Jennifer Aniston or Christina Aguilera?  
Probably Jennifer Anniston

What has been the best birthday present you ever had?  
My golf clubs!

If they made a film of your life, who would you want to play you?  
George Clooney...although I've heard his grey hair is highlighted.

Are women difficult to please?  
"Is the Pope a Catholic?"

What has been the greatest ever winning goal scored at Wembley, apart from Wayne Burnett's and Kevin Donovan's of course?  
Nat Lofthouse smashing the Man Utd goalkeeper into the back of the net back in the 1950's.

Do you always wear the same brand of boots for matches, or do you chop and change from season to season?  
Always the same.

Which one of your former team-mates has gone on to play at the highest level?  
Dean Kiely as he has gone on to play for Charlton and for the Republic of Ireland.

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# Macca

**CLUB CAPTAIN JOHN MCDERMOTT  
WRITES EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE  
MARINER MATCHDAY MAGAZINE.**

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to Grimsby Town Football Club. Tonight we face stern opposition in the form of Luton Town. May I pass on our best wishes to everybody connected with our opponents this evening. Firstly, I'd like to say that I'm making good progress in my recovery from the hernia operation I had just over two weeks ago. When you come back from these type of injuries, you have to spend a lot of time strengthening the lower abdominal area to prevent the injury coming back again. Not only have I been working on my cardio-vascular fitness but the physio has given me plenty of excersises to build up the muscle around my lower stomach. This is all core-stability work and should help me to play again fairly soon.

I thought the lads were really unlucky against Bristol City. They gave it their all and we need more of this for the remainder of the season. Before we were awarded a penalty, I was sure we should have been given another one. That said, I was pleased to see Iain Anderson tuck his penalty away so well. We looked sharp all over the pitch and managed to give Bristol a real fight. They had been the form team of the league coming into the game but overall we matched them and were very disappointed not to at least get a point. Stuart Campbell was really unfortunate not to have given us the lead in the second-half. After some good build up play between Stuart and Darren Mansaram, his low shot was pushed onto the post by the Bristol keeper. Their winner, I felt should have been disallowed. Just before the ball was put in the net, one of their strikers attempted a bicycle kick that should have been penalised for dangerous play. Unfortunately some vital decisions seem to be going against us of late.

If you look at the Colchester game, at half-time you felt that the game was there for the taking. Again events transpire against us and Darren Barnard had a free-kick disallowed. Straightaway Colchester took advantage of their slice of luck and went down the other end and opened the scoring. Jevo had a great opportunity to level things up but as he was bearing down on goal the ball took a wicked bobble and Phil's shot went just wide.

We now need to bounce straight back and get a result here tonight. If we can show the same desire that we have shown over the last few games then I know that we are capable of taking the points this evening. If Alan Neilsen is in the Luton squad tonight, I'd just like to wish him all the best. He was a decent player when he was here on loan and he was good to have in the dressing room. Once again your support has been tremendous and as I've said many times before it really does make a difference. With the atmosphere that you create it gives the players a big boost.

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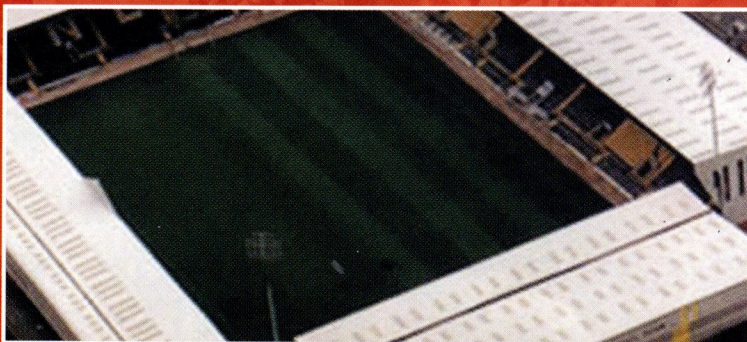
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# Home & Away



Our next away travels take us to Meadow Lane in order to tackle Notts County. They are currently below us in the league so will be looking to narrow that gap when we meet. The Magpies have just added to their squad by signing Stefan Oakes from Walsall. Back in October we beat Notts County 2-0 at home, with goals from Michael Boulding. I'm sure we'd settle for the same scoreline in the return fixture.

#### General Info:

County, Meadow Lane,  
Nottingham, NG2 3HJ  
Main Tel No: 0115-952-9000 Ticket  
Office: & nbsp: 0115-955-7210

#### Ticket Prices/Information:

Away Fans: Kop Stand: Adults £14,  
Children (15 & Under) £3,

Youths (16-18) £7, OAP's £8.

#### Away Supporters Facilities:

Away fans are housed in the large Kop End, housing around 5,400 supporters. This is a newish stand with excellent facilities.

#### How To Get There:

**By Road:** Leave the M1 at Junction 26 and take the A610 towards Nottingham and then signs for Melton Mowbray. Turn left before the River Trent in to Meadow Lane.

#### Train:

The ground is ten minutes walk from Nottingham railway station. As you come out of the main station entrance, turn left and then left again. Follow the road down to London Road and then turn right. The ground is about a 1/4 of a mile

down the dual carriageway on the left.

#### Parking:

You can park at the Cattle Market (opposite the away end £2) or in the club car park (opposite the club offices in Meadow Lane £2.50). Otherwise there is plenty of street parking.

#### Around The Ground:

On the main London Road, just across from the hump back bridge over the canal, is the newly refurbished and renamed Globe. A comfortable open-plan pub with good food and 5 ever-changing real ales (children can use the upstairs room). Just the other side of Trent Bridge (although mercifully facing away from that rusting monstrosity with a red tree painted on the side!) is the Southbank, the Globe's sister pub. It also serves excellent food and has sport on the numerous televisions; three real ales are offered here including one from the tiny local Mallards brewery. Just across from the front of the station down Queensbridge Road is the "Vat and Fiddle" situated next door to the Castle Rock micro-brewery. It offers ten real ales and hot and cold food. Children are welcome.



Barnsley are the next visitors to Blundell Park on the 28th February. They have just dropped outside the play-off zone after only winning one game in their last ten up to their fixture with Wycombe on the 21st February.

## Visiting Cleethorpes Next...

As we all know their squad contains several ex-Mariners with Michael Boulding being one of their latest acquisitions. Peter Handyside and Tony Gallimore are also vital members of the Tykes squad. Tony has been sidelined recently with a knee injury while Pete has just got back to fitness after an ankle knock.

Barnsley have undergone what you may call a 'Nordic Revolution' in the last few years, so let's hope they don't enjoy the bracing north-east wind too much when they visit Blundell Park

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TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2004 KICK-OFF 7.45PM

AIDAN DAVISON	1	✓	✓	1	MORTEN HYLDGAARD
JOHN MCDERMOTT	2		X	3	ALAN NEILSON
DARREN BARNARD	3	✓		4	MATTHEW SPRING
SIMON FORD	4	✓		5	RUSSELL PERRETT
TONY CRANE	5	✓		7	ADRIAN FORBES
STUART CAMPBELL	8	✓	✓	8	KEVIN NICHOLLS
DARREN MANSARAM	10	✓	✓	11	STEVE ROBINSON
STACEY COLDICOTT	11	✓	✓	12	CHRIS COYNE
PHIL JEVONS	12	S	✓	16	ENOCH SHOWUNMI
ANDREW PETTINGER	13		✓	17	EMMERSON BOYCE
CHRIS BOLDER	14		S	18	AHMET BRKOVIC
JONATHAN ROWAN	15		✓	19	STEVEN HOWARD
GREG YOUNG	16	X	S	21	PAUL HUGHES
KIRK WHEELER	17			22	DAVID BAYLISS
GRAHAM HOCKLESS	18			23	IAN HILLIER
IAIN WARD	19		✓	24	SOL DAVIS
DES HAMILTON	20		✓	27	PETER HOLMES
IAIN ANDERSON	21	✓		31	CURTIS DAVIES
PAUL GROVES	22			32	LEE MANSELL
WES PARKER	23	X	X	33	DEAN BRILL
DAVID SOAMES	24	S		34	DEAN CROWE
MIKE EDWARDS	25			36	DAVID DEENEY
JASON CROWE	26		✓	37	KEITH KEANE
ASHLEY HILDRED	28		✓	38	MICHAEL LEARY
GIOVANNI CARCHEDI	29		X	39	STEPHEN O'LEARY
BRADLEY HUGHES	30			41	KEVIN FOLEY
LIAM NIMMO	31			43	MATTHEW JUDGE
NICHOLAS DAWS	32	✓		44	PARY OKAI
LEE THORPE	33	S		45	LEON BARNETT
ISAIAH RANKIN	34	✓		47	ROB BECKWITH
IFFY ONUORA	39				
WILL MCILVEEN	44				
Amstrong		✓			

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Results	H-T	F-T
Grimsby Town	0	3
Luton Town	1	2

### Grimsby Scorers

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FORD	

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