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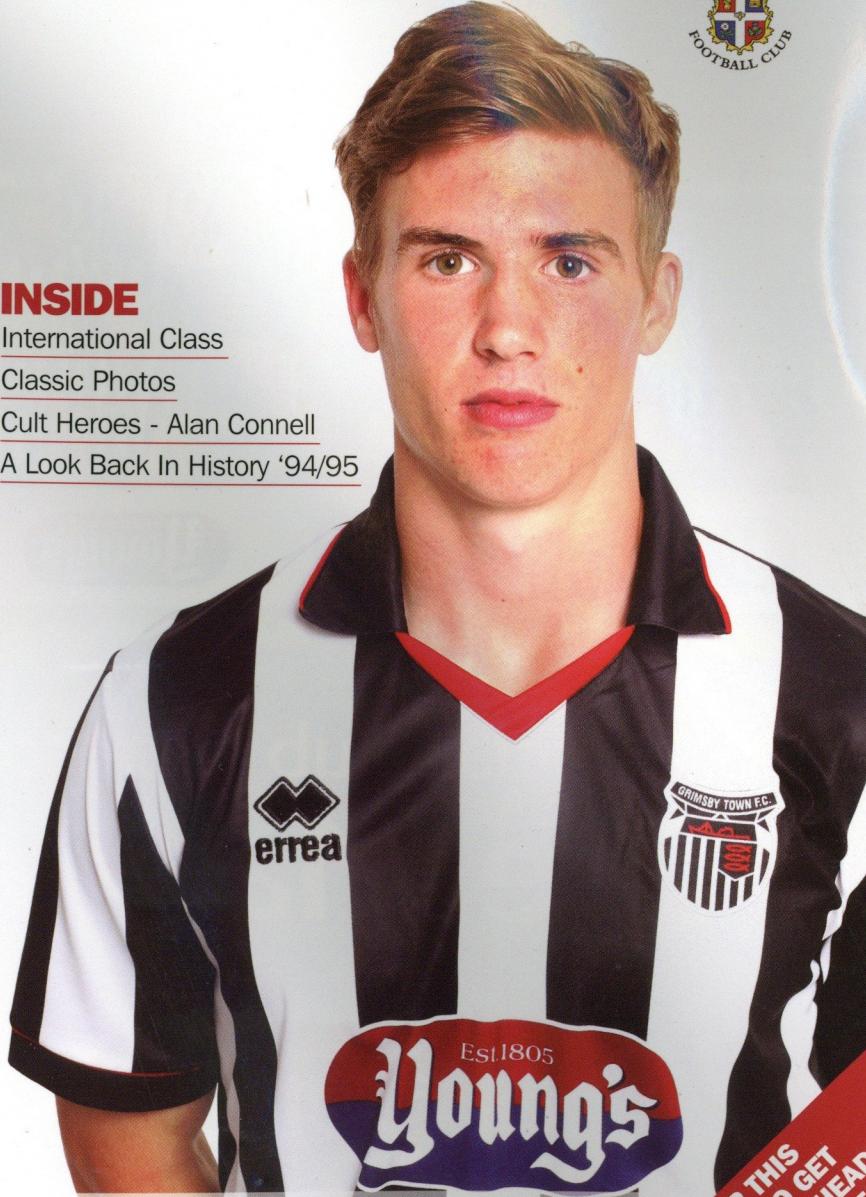
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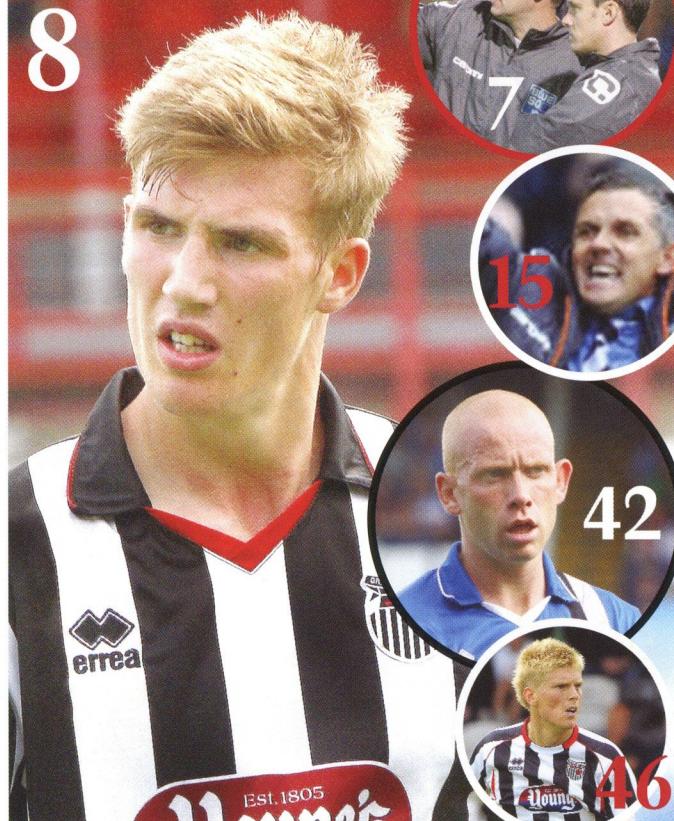


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The Managers

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Last weekend's trip to Kidderminster was a frustrating one for us. We need to start believing in ourselves a bit more and play with a little more bounce and swagger out there.



Good evening everyone and welcome to tonight's Blue Square Bet Premier clash with Luton Town here at Blundell Park.

A warm welcome goes to Paul Buckle and his Luton side. We hope you all have a safe journey home after the game.

Our last home outing saw us defeat the-then league leaders Forest Green Rovers thanks to Ponds' second half header.

We deserved the win over the course of the 90 minutes. The lads responded well to the challenge of meeting the league leaders and we stood toe-to-toe with them and it was an excellent performance all-round.

Last weekend's trip to Kidderminster was a frustrating one for us. We need to start believing in ourselves a bit more and play with a little more bounce and swagger out there.

The plus point for us was that we travelled way home and kept another clean sheet but we need that killer instinct in front of goal.

Joe will feel he should have scored when he hit the bar at the start of the second half and both Ponds and Frankie have had good chances.

We also felt there was a stonewall penalty for a foul on Aswad in the first half and both benches have shown their frustrations with the officials over the course of the 90 minutes.

People will say we should be beating the teams down the bottom of the division but there is no way any team in this division is just going to turn up and roll over and let you take the three points.

Tonight we welcome Luton Town to Blundell Park in front of the TV cameras and in recent seasons these games have been tight encounters and we can expect another stern test against a side who the bookies fancy as one of the frontrunners this season.

We have to keep one eye on our injury list because we have a couple of lads on the sidelines but by the same token, you can't just bring any player in, they have to be the right fit for the club and we also have a good squad in place already with cover in all positions.

A quick mention for our youth team who have performed excellently so far in the FA Youth Cup. They first defeated Pontefract Collieries here 9-1 earlier in the month and in the week travelled to Goole to come away with a fantastic 4-0 victory.

Before we go we would like to wish a warm welcome to our Match Sponsors **TRADITIONAL JOINERS & CARPENTERS LTD** and our Associate Match Sponsors **HARTWELL SUPER CENTRE** – many thanks for your support and we hope you enjoy the game.

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Park Life Angry at football

By Richard Lord

Think of a time when you were the angriest you've ever been at a football match," asked a wizened old man who used to sit next to me when I had a season ticket in the Pontoon. Talk about an open ended question to kick start a conversation! He was clearly an experienced campaigner and I knew at this point that I would have to come out with something quite spectacular to usurp whatever he was going to weigh in with.

I looked at his face in an attempt to determine his age. I didn't look for too long because it could have got weird. I narrowed my eyes and brought my right hand up to my chin to show that I was thinking about something and not admiring his ancient charm. If I knew how old he was, I could perhaps anticipate what he had in mind.

The trouble is, I've always been terrible at judging people's ages. I wasn't that good to begin with but I lost all confidence in any ability I might have had when I insulted my next-door neighbour by putting him down as a 40-year old. It turns out his more of a 28-year old and now he parks his car a little further across the entrance to my driveway.

Someone once told me you could work out the age of a Grimsby Town fan by counting the number of wrinkles they have on their forehead – a bit like counting the rings on a tree trunk. There's another theory that says Town fans swear more as they get older, but this is definitely rubbish. I once shared the top deck of a bus with two teenage lads wearing Town shirts. Their swearing was so regular and infectious that within two minutes of getting off the bus I was needlessly swearing myself during my order from the fish and chip shop.

It amuses me that each time there's a bad performance from the team it enrages a fan to such a degree that they can't wait to get home, log onto the internet and claim it as the worst display they've ever seen. While I always think it's yet another fan exaggerating for attention, it's always worth remembering that crap performances are in the eye of the beholder.

We each have our own reasons why one event made us angrier than another. Given the way the last decade has gone, it makes me wonder if North East Lincolnshire isn't just a permanent pit of anger.

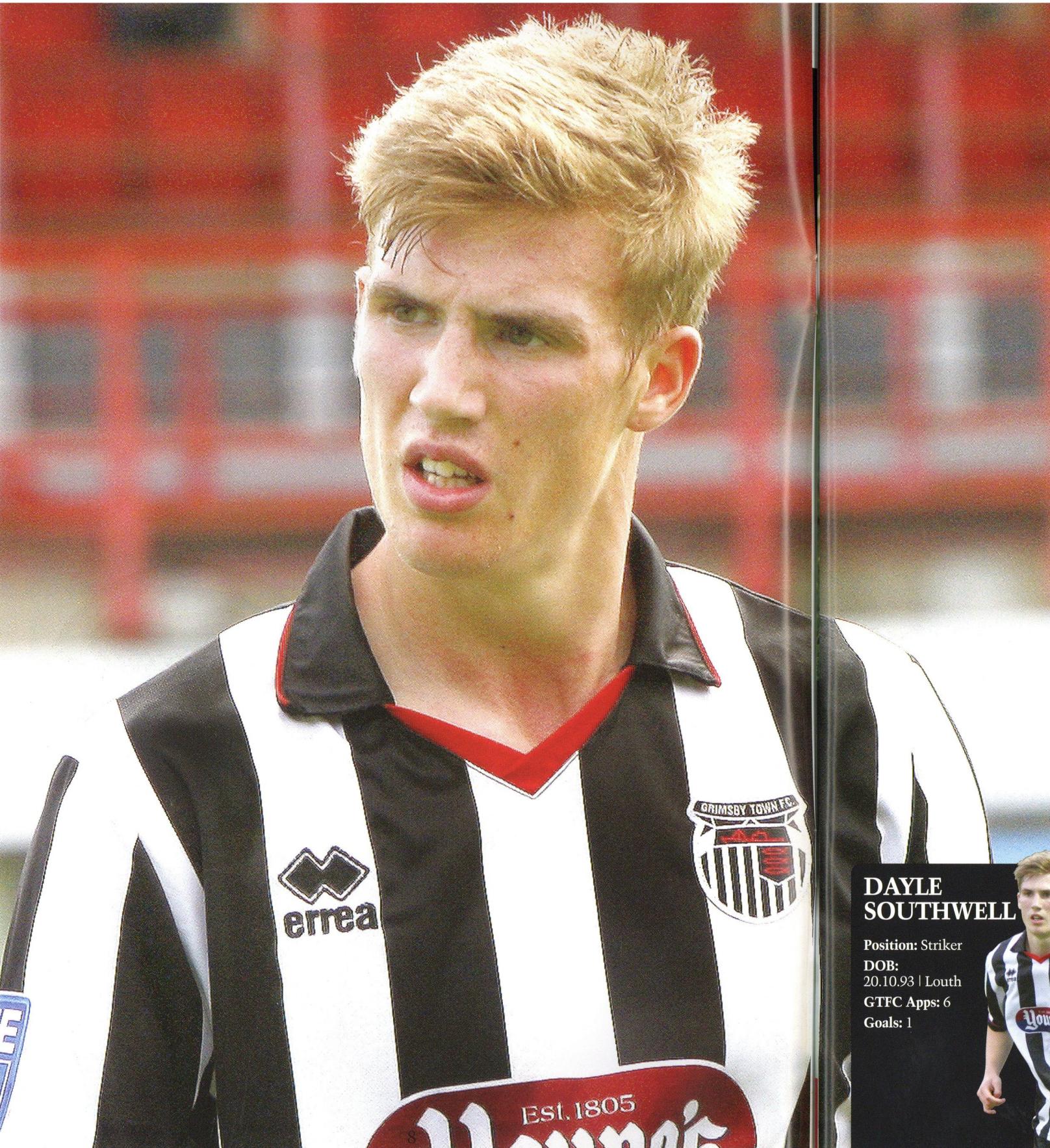
The angriest I ever got at a football match (for the record) was when Michael Ryan officiated a game between Town and Bradford at Blundell Park in February 2002. He was the referee who sent off Rob Taylor for kicking thin air and allowed Benito Carbone three minutes to celebrate with the Bradford fans after he scored direct from a free-kick that Ryan had moved forwards 10 yards because John McDermott mouthed off. I know, I know!

Having given up guessing the man's age and experience, I had decided that I was going to tell him about the day Michael Ryan tried to ruin my life. But before I could even begin my tale, he added: "I guarantee that it doesn't beat the anger you feel when you bite the inside of your mouth."

I thought about Michael Ryan – I even thought about Mark Clattenberg – and I thought about the last time I bit the inside of my mouth. And I realised that the wizened old man was dead right.

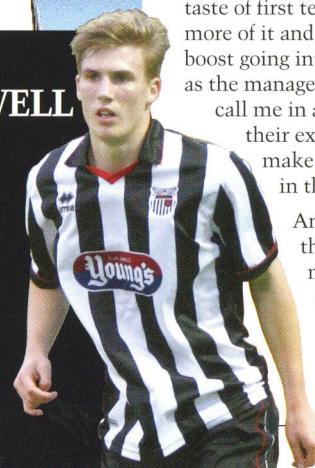
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DAYLE SOUTHWELL

Position: Striker
DOB: 20.10.93 | Louth
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Goals: 1



“With four senior strikers in the ranks as well, I thought I would be going out on loan early in the season really, like Sam (Mulready) did last season.”

Dayle Southwell

Young Grimsby Town striker Dayle Southwell is thoroughly enjoying his start to the 2012/13 season and is relishing the prospect of playing an even bigger part in the Mariners’ campaign going forward.

The only member of last season’s youth squad to earn a professional deal at Blundell Park, Dayle has quickly gone about establishing himself as an important member of Rob Scott and Paul Hurst’s squad, despite being just 18 years of age.

Of course the teenage forward is no stranger to first team action, having made his debut in a 2-0 win at Mansfield Town in April 2011.

He recalled: “It came as a real surprise to me when the managers called me and told me I would be travelling with the first team to Mansfield and it was an even bigger surprise when I got to play the last few minutes of the game. “You have to remember that I was just a first-year YT at the time and, even though that first year had gone well and I was scoring plenty of goals, I never expected to get the call-up at that stage.”

He continued: “Once you have had the taste of first team action, you want more of it and it certainly gave me a boost going into last season, especially as the managers took the time out to

call me in and talk to me about their expectations of me and make sure that I knew I was in their plans.”

And it didn’t take long for the Mariners’ youngster to make an impression last season, netting his first senior goal, a well-taken header, in the FA Cup Fourth Qualifying

Round victory over Ashington AFC at Blundell Park in October. It is a moment the 18-year-old remembers fondly.

“It was great to get back out with the first team and even better to net my first goal,” he stated.

“It was a dream come true for me and one I have dreamt of for a long time.

“I would say it is the best moment of my career so far; there is nothing better than scoring on your home pitch in front of your own fans.”

Whilst making fleeting appearances for the senior team, Dayle was also scoring regularly for the youth team but a number of factors combined to halt his momentum at the turn of the year.

He said: “I got injured towards the end of the year and then, when I returned, some of the youth team games were postponed.

“Then I was involved with the first team squad on a lot of Saturdays without getting a game, so it meant I went a long time without playing any football.

“When I got back into action I felt a bit rusty and I have to admit that I didn’t think I had done enough to earn a deal at the end of the season.”

But Dayle impressed in a 16-minute cameo on the final day of the campaign against Southport and was soon penning his first professional contract at Blundell Park. It was an opportunity he was determined to make the most of.



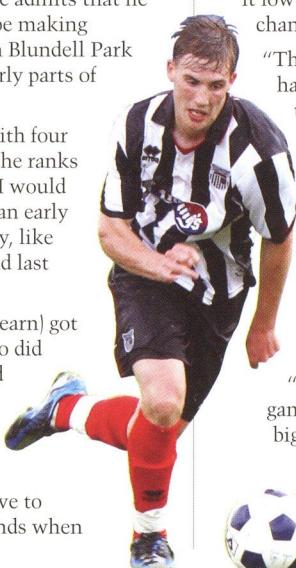
He declared: "I was delighted that the managers gave me the chance to prove myself and I went away for the summer determined to come back as fit as I have ever been."

"They (Rob Scott and Paul Hurst) have been excellent with me and spoken to me lots and give me some really good advice."

But with last season's 45-goal duo of Anthony Elding and Liam Hearn, as well as new signings Greg Pearson and Andy Cook in front of him, Dayle admits that he was expecting to be making inroads away from Blundell Park – at least in the early parts of the season.

He continued: "With four senior strikers in the ranks as well, I thought I would be going out on loan early in the season really, like Sam (Mulready) did last season."

"But first Liam (Hearn) got injured and then so did Greg (Pearson) and all of a sudden I found myself really in the picture and that is something you have to grab with both hands when it comes."



And Dayle did that in fine fashion by netting his first league goal in the 2-0 win at Hereford United earlier this month.

He said: "I came on very early and I was expecting the managers to wave Elds (Anthony Elding) on but they asked me to go out there and I had a chance straight away.

"I was a bit more prepared for the second one and I knew that if I could get a yard in front of the centre half, I could work the space and get a shot in and that if I kept it low it would have a great chance of going in.

"Thankfully that is what happened and it set us on the way for an excellent win."

In the following game at Barrow, Dayle was given his first full start for the club and he admits he found it hard on a night where substitute Elding rescued a point for Town with a brace.

"It was a tough, tough game. They were two really big centre halves who gave you nothing," he stated.

"They were hard to get around but thankfully Elds came on and we

got a point from a game where it looked like we would end up with nothing."

And Dayle reserved praise for the former Boston man, who he credits with being a big influence on his career.

He continued: "Elds is great to play alongside. He is always talking to you and advising you and even in training he takes you to one side and teaches you little things that help your game – you can't help but learn from a player like that."

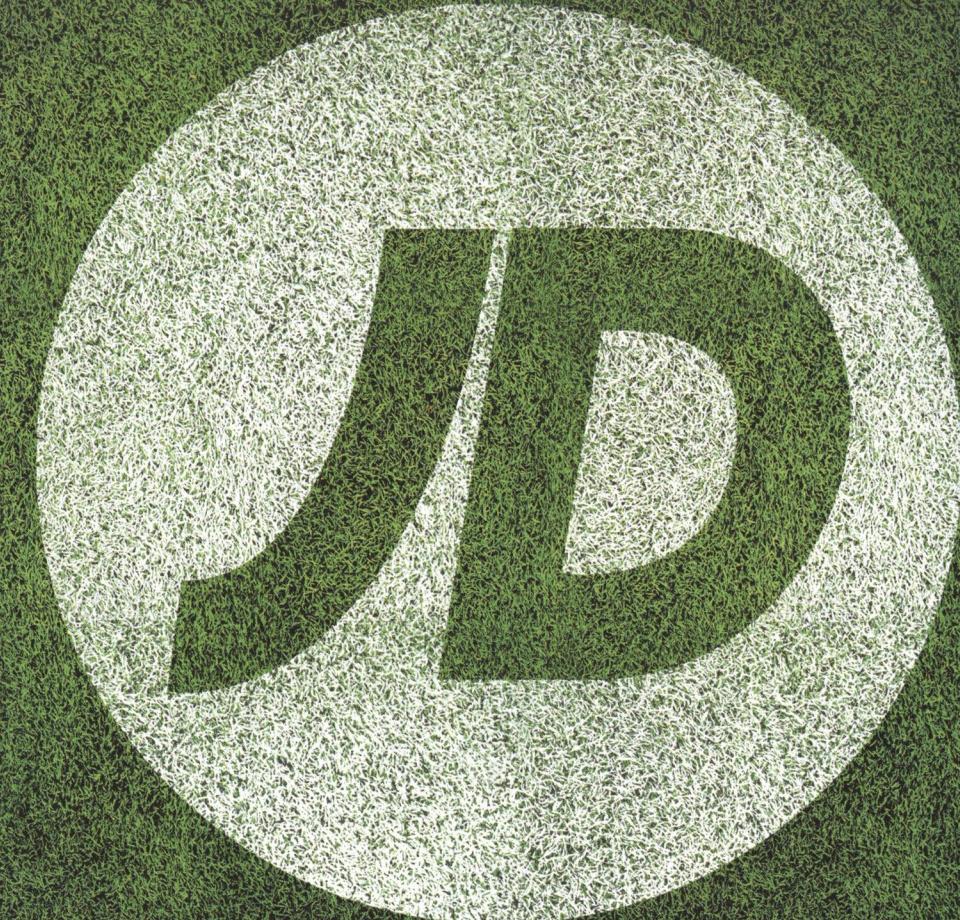
The club's reserve side returned to action last week, an opportunity that Dayle missed last season.

He elaborated: "I think I was at the level last season where I needed to be playing reserve football regularly and unfortunately we didn't have that option."

"The managers mentioned it to me and it would have been ideal when the youth games were off and I was an unused sub in the matchday 16."

"My focus is fully on the first team now though and hopefully that will continue for a long time."

"We have quietly gone about our business and we know that tonight will be tough but we are not conceding a lot, we just have to take our chances at the other end."



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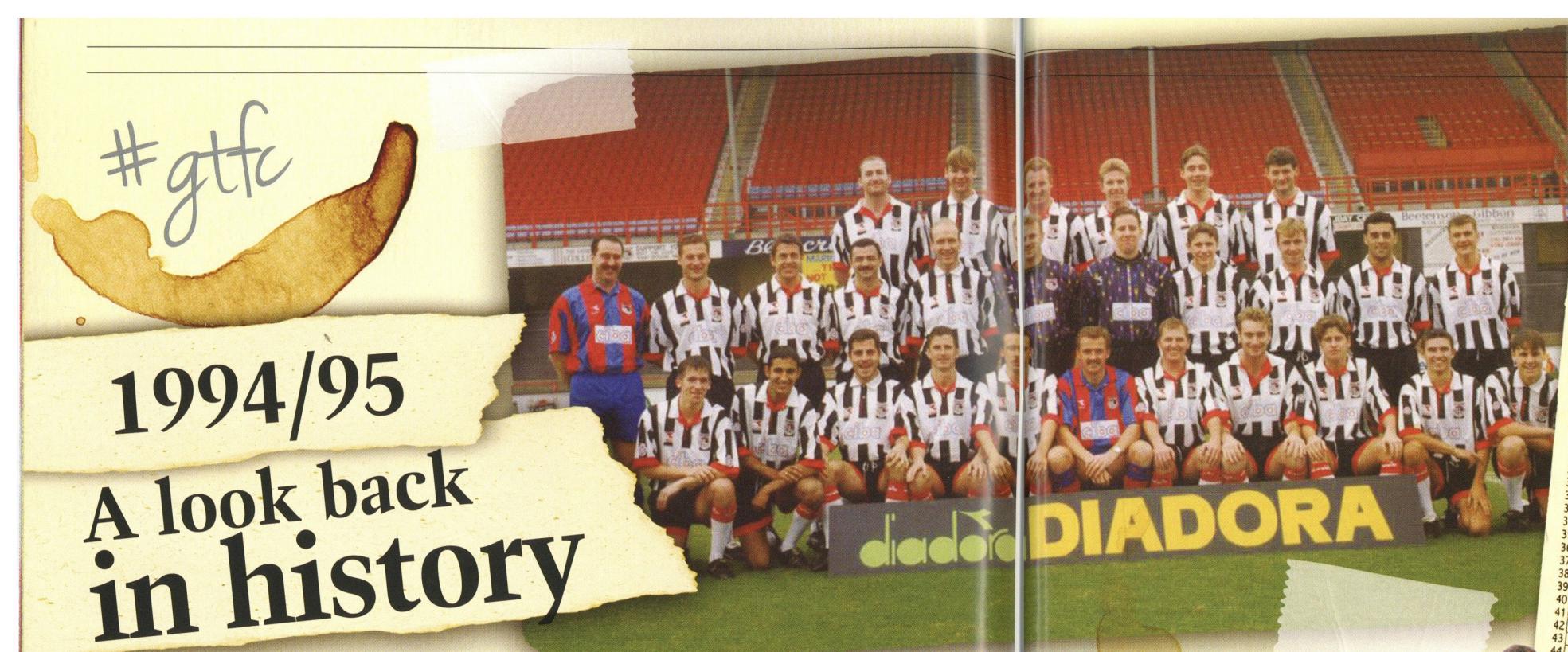
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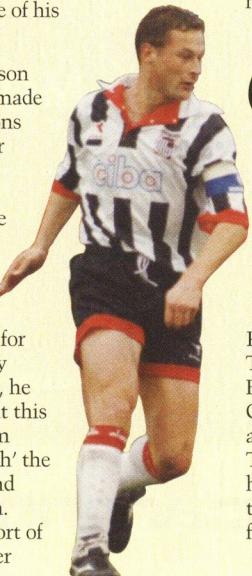


1994/95

A look back in history

Despite finishing just outside the Play Off positions, the 1994/95 season will be remembered as the year when Town's most successful manager of all time, Alan Buckley, left the club to take over at struggling West Bromwich Albion midway through the season, paving the way for former Nottingham Forest full back Brian Laws to land his first managerial role of his career.

During pre season Alan Buckley made no new additions to his squad for the start of the campaign but allowed reserve goalkeeper Rhys Wilmot to move to Crystal Palace for £80,000. Happy with his squad, he announced that this season his team could 'gatecrash' the Premiership and win promotion. With the support of Chairman Peter



Burneaux, a ground move was also very high on the agenda for Town as the implications of the recently published Taylor Report were to soon take effect.

Bolton Wanderers were the visitors to sun-kissed Blundell Park for the opening game of the season, a Clive Mendonca hat-trick earned Town a point in a 3-3 draw. Further draws away at Watford and Sunderland followed before the Mariners earned their first win at home to Tranmere

Rovers. Disappointment came when Town lost to Second Division Bradford City in the 1st Round of the Coca Cola Cup, although victories against Port Vale (4-1), Swindon Town (3-2) and Portsmouth (2-0) helped Buckley's side begin to assert themselves as one of the contenders for promotion.

On the 20th October news came through that Buckley, along with his backroom staff of Arthur Mann and Richard O'Kelly had accepted new jobs at West Brom, leaving the Mariners short of any coaching staff two days before the home tie with Middlesbrough. Peter Furneaux wasted no time in appointing Football in The Community Officer John Cockerill as Caretaker Manager, with senior players Paul Futcher and Graham Rodger asked to assist him until a permanent replacement could be found. The players responded well to their make-shift managerial team, only losing once in a seven game spell, however on the 20th November, Brian Law was appointed the new boss, with former Aston Villa defender Kenny Swain as his assistant. Cockerill was given a new job as Youth Team coach, which he was happy to accept.

Laws' first game in charge was a 2-1 win against Bristol City at Blundell Park, which saw Town move up to 4th in the table – at that point it seemed that Buckley's pre-season prediction of 'gatecrashing' the Premiership might happen. However a poor spell saw the Mariners slip down to 13th with Laws' apparent lack of coaching experience clear to see after comprehensive defeats to

- Oldham and Barnsley during the Christmas period.

The manager's first signings for the club were Mansfield Town goalkeeper Jason Pearcey, who was brought in to challenge number one Paul Crichton, young Sheffield United defender Ashley Fickling and the highly regarded Jamie Forrester from Leeds United's Academy. Leaving Blundell Park were Tony Rees and Paul Agnew, who both moved to the Hawthorns to team up with former manager Buckley. Also around this time Bill Carr became Town's new Chairman replacing Furneaux.

The new Town side played with a higher-tempo than under the previous manager and although the majority of players had been schooled in Buckley's own 'total football' style, they were now playing in a slightly more cavalier fashion, which many fans were said to have preferred. The 5-0 demolition of Luton and 3-1 victory against Sunderland on TV were the best examples of Laws' new approach. However, after a fairly inconsistent season the Mariners only finished 10th in the League.

The final home game of the season against Wolves was the last time that fans would be able to stand at Blundell Park. During the summer break seating was installed across the whole of the stadium, cutting the capacity to just short of 9,000.

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Sept	3	Derby County	1-2	Mendonca	1578
10	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	0-1			12027
13	PORT VALE	4-1	Woods, Mendonca(2), Gilbert	3970	
17	West Bromwich Albion	1-1	Shakespeare	3216	
24	Swindon Town	2-3	Woods, Groves	14496	
Oct	1	PORTSMOUTH	2-0	Mendonca(pen), Woods	8219
8	SHEFFIELD UNITED	0-0			4172
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21	STOKE CITY	2-0	Mendonca(2)	4615	
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2	DERBY COUNTY	1-1	Watson	8274	
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Goals is the order of the day for Luton Town boss Paul Buckle as he looks for his side to live up to their billing of pre-season favourites for the Blue Square Bet Premier title.

Defeat to York City in the Conference Play Off Final last season made it three times in three seasons that the Hatters have been defeated in the play-offs.

And with rivals Crawley Town and Fleetwood Town showing that the path to the Football League is best forged with plenty of attacking options, manager Buckle has followed suit and assembled a forward line that should be capable of firing the Hatters back into the league at the season's end.

Hinckley striker Andre Gray ended the 2011/12 season and his move to Kenilworth Road was made permanent for a bargain £30,000 in the summer. The club's pursuit of 35-goal hitman Jon Shaw finally came to an end when the player made the move south in the summer and the Hatters will be hoping he can continue the one-in-two goal ratio that saw him become such a success at Gateshead.

Another player who has had success at this level before is Scott Rendell and his capture was another coup for Buckle as he brings in a striker who has scored plenty of Conference goals before, most notably for Cambridge United and Crawley.

And that's not to forget last season's top scorer at Kenilworth Road, Stuart Fleetwood, who netted 16 in all competitions. The former Forest Green Rovers' man has already scored seven times in his eight outings and looks to be back to the form that earned him a move to Charlton Athletic in 2008.

Manager Buckle does not like to keep any cards up his sleeve either, preferring to start any three of his front men and overpower the opposition from the start. And the goals have flowed this season already; Cambridge, Ebbsfleet and most notably leaders Macclesfield Town,

who were hit for four at Kenilworth Road at the start of the month.

But the goals have dried up in the last two games. A heavy 3-0 reverse at a resurgent Alfreton was followed by a stalemate at home to Wrexham last Saturday but the Hatters are still firmly in the promotion mix and Buckle will be hoping that it stays that way for the remainder of the campaign as they try to avoid the exertions they have put in with late season runs to earn a play-off spot.

Elsewhere, the Hatters' squad is brimming with talent, even after Buckle, who joined the club at the start of April, opted to refresh the ranks in the summer.

It was no surprise to see stalwart Keith Keane snapped up by a league club after 17 years as man and boy at Kenilworth Road, whilst the duo of George Pilkington and Godfrey Poku departed for well-fancied Mansfield Town.

The departures of both Robbie Willmott and Aaron O'Connor both came as a surprise but Buckle has brought in several talented players, including experienced defender Ronnie Henry, who has previously won the division with Stevenage, and Gillingham midfielder Danny Spiller.

Highly-rated youngster Matt Robinson has joined from Leicester, whilst goalkeeper Dean Brill rejoins the club where he made his name and manager Buckle returned to former stomping ground Torquay to bring in athletic full back Lathaniel Rowe-Turner.

The Hatters' boss has also dipped into the loan market with the trio of Yaser Kasim (Brighton), Jake Robinson (Northampton) and Connor Essam (Gillingham) moving to Kenilworth Road.

And Buckle will be hoping that his side can be at that best to defeat a stingy Mariners' side in front of the TV cameras. Indeed this fixture has been one of Premier Sport TV's marquee fixtures and is shown live for the third time with both sides sharing



Focus on... The Gaffer

Former Bristol Rovers and Torquay boss Paul Buckle is the latest man charged with returning Luton Town to the Football League, having come agonisingly close to accomplishing that task within six weeks of his appointment last season.

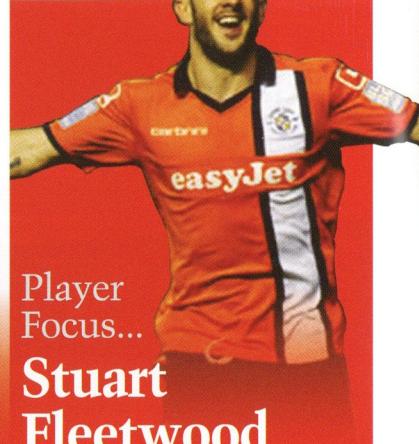
The 41-year-old took the reins at Kenilworth Road in early-April and a late season turnaround saw the Hatters force their way into the play-offs, where they were beaten by York City in the final.

Buckle, a midfielder with over 500 league appearances to his name, most notably with Brentford, Torquay, Colchester and four separate spells with Exeter, has gone about trimming the Luton squad and adding players who can bring the winning mentality back to Kenilworth Road.

And the former Grecian knows all about success in the Conference, having taken over at Torquay when they were relegated in 2007 and leading the club to two successive play-off appearances, the latter seeing the Plainmoor club beat Cambridge United 2-0 in the final to win promotion at the second attempt.

Although United struggled back in the Football League, their end of season form in 2009/10 saw them secure survival with a club record seven consecutive clean sheets, which included a thumping 3-0 win here at Blundell Park.

It was a sign of things to come and the following campaign the Gulls made it all the way to the League Two play-off final where they were edged out 1-0 by Stevenage. Buckle joined Bristol Rovers in the aftermath of that result but was given less than six months to turn the Pirates' fortunes around before his dismissal. Now at the Luton helm, Buckle is confident that with new signings such as Ronnie Henry and Jon Shaw at his disposal that he can bring league football back to Kenilworth Road.



Player Focus...

Stuart Fleetwood

Welsh under-21 international Stuart Fleetwood is one of the Blue Square Bet Premier's most lethal strikers and has been in scintillating form already this season, topping the Conference goalscoring charts with seven goals so far this term.

Having turned out earlier in his career for Cardiff City and Hereford United, where he won his representative honours for Wales, Fleetwood made his name with Forest Green Rovers during the 2007/08 season.

He caught the eye of several Football League clubs after goalscoring displays against Rotherham and Swindon in the Gloucestershire club's FA Cup run during that campaign and looked to be heading to either Charlton or Crewe but opted to stay at the New Lawn for the whole season, scoring 28 times as the club achieved their highest-ever league finish.

A move to the Addicks did materialise that summer but he was strangely not given his chance at the Valley, appearing for just eight minutes in a League Cup tie against former club Hereford, that coming two years after moving to South London.

The player did impress in loan spells at Cheltenham, Brighton and Exeter during this time before securing a move back to former club Hereford in July 2010. He scored 18 times to finish as the club's top scorer in 2010/11 before joining Luton in August 2011 and finishing as the Hatters' top scorer last season with 16 goals.

In The Ranks Luton Town



MARK TYLER

Position: Goalkeeper
DOB: 02.04.77
12/13 Apps: 9
Goals: 0



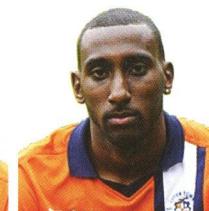
DEAN BRILL

Position: Goalkeeper
DOB: 04.10.90
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GREG TAYLOR

Position: Defender
DOB: 15.01.90
12/13 Apps: 8
Goals: 0



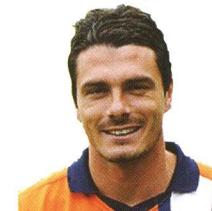
LATHANIEL ROWE-TURNER

Position: Defender
DOB: 12.11.89
12/13 Apps: 8
Goals: 0



JANOS KOVACS

Position: Defender
DOB: 11.09.85
12/13 Apps: 7
Goals: 1



RONNIE HENRY

Position: Defender
DOB: 02.01.84
12/13 Apps: 6
Goals: 0



DEAN BECKWITH

Position: Defender
DOB: 18.09.83
12/13 Apps: 5
Goals: 1



GARRY RICHARDS

Position: Defender
DOB: 11.06.86
12/13 Apps: 0
Goals: 0



ALEX LACEY

Position: Defender
DOB: 31.05.93
12/13 Apps: 0
Goals: 0



ADAM WATKINS

Position: Midfielder
DOB: 08.09.91
12/13 Apps: 5
Goals: 0



JJ O'DONNELL

Position: Midfielder
DOB: 29.10.91
12/13 Apps: 9
Goals: 1



ALEX LAWLESS

Position: Midfielder
DOB: 05.02.83
12/13 Apps: 9
Goals: 0



YASSER KASIM

Position: Midfielder
DOB: 16.05.91
12/13 Apps: 6
Goals: 0



JAKE HOWELLS

Position: Midfielder
DOB: 18.04.91
12/13 Apps: 8
Goals: 1



JAKE WOOLLEY

Position: Striker
DOB: 11.09.93
12/13 Apps: 3
Goals: 0



JON SHAW

Position: Striker
DOB: 10.11.83
12/13 Apps: 6
Goals: 1



SCOTT RENDELL

Position: Striker
DOB: 21.10.86
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ANDRE GRAY

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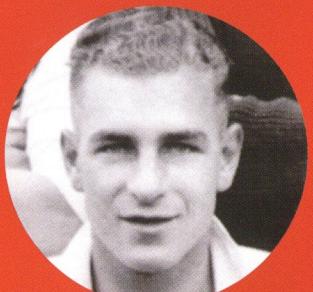
STUART FLEETWOOD

Position: Striker
DOB: 23.04.86
12/13 Apps: 9
Goals: 2



DAN WALKER

Position: Striker
DOB: 27.04.90
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Goals: 0

**40**

Ernie Simms netted 40 goals in the 1916/17 London Combination season, despite being wounded whilst serving in the First World War in Italy the previous year

1885

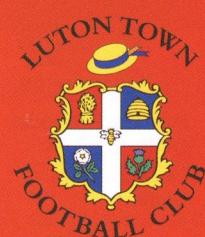
The year the Hatters were formed after the merger of two local clubs, Luton Town Wanderers and Excelsior

**10**

Joe Payne netted a Football League record 10 goals in a match against Bristol Rovers on 13 April 1936

1987

Former Mariners' assistant manager Brian Stein netted a late winner as Luton defeated Arsenal 3-2 to win the 1986/87 League Cup



Luton Town In Numbers

30

The number of points the Hatters were deducted by the FA and Football League in 2008/09 due to various financial irregularities

800

The building costs for the club's Dunstable Road ground, which they played in between 1897 and 1905

562

Luton's record transfer fee paid was for Danish star Lars Elstrup, who joined the Hatters from Odense BK in August 1989 for £850,000

**58**

Mal Donaghy won 58 caps for Northern Ireland during his time at Kenilworth Road, making him the Hatters' most capped player

**7**

The club achieved its highest-ever league position of seventh in Division One in 1987



Star Graduate... **BRUCE RIOCH**

Football historian **LEIGH EDWARDS** profiles one of Luton Town's finest-ever players

Powerful midfielder Bruce Rioch was capped 24 times by Scotland after leaving Luton Town.

Born in Aldershot, where his father was a regimental sergeant major, Bruce was raised in Luton and became an apprentice at Kenilworth Road. Rioch turned professional in September 1964 and made his League debut in Luton's 1-0 defeat at home to Southend United two months later. His first League goal came in the Hatters' 3-2 defeat at Bradford City in December 1965 and he soon attracted interest from bigger clubs with his pace, power and fierce shooting. He also had great competitiveness and a ruthless streak.

Bruce was Luton's leading marksman in 1966/67 and again in 1967/68 when he missed just two matches as the Hatters stormed to the Fourth Division title. Rioch was also an important figure as Luton narrowly failed to win promotion again in 1968-69, netting 47 goals in 149 League games before moving to Aston Villa for a then club record £100,000 in July 1969. His younger brother Neil, an England Youth international, followed him from Luton to Villa shortly afterwards.



“Bruce was Luton's leading marksman in 1966-67 and again in 1967-68 when he missed just two matches as the Hatters stormed to the Fourth Division title. **”**

Bruce played for Villa in the 1971 League Cup final and starred in their 1971-72 Third Division title triumph. Moving to Derby County for £200,000 in February 1974, he took over from the injured Henry Newton and helped Dave Mackay's side to finish third in the top-flight that season. Rioch was ever-present and leading marksman with 15 League goals in 1974-75 when Derby won the League Championship for the second time in four seasons.

Towards the end of that title campaign, he scored one of his most memorable goals with a surging run from near the half-way line against Newcastle United at St James' Park. The following season, he hit a thunderous free-kick in the FA Cup sixth round win at home to Newcastle, then scored four goals in Derby's remarkable 8-2 First Division victory over Spurs in October 1976.

Rioch could play for Scotland through parental qualification and made his international debut in their 1-0 victory over Portugal at Hampden Park in May 1975. He scored his first international goal to clinch Scotland's 2-2 draw with Wales four days later and went on to become the first English-born player ever to captain Scotland, leading them in the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina.

Sold to Everton for £180,000 in December 1976, Rioch returned to Derby a mere 11 months later but fell out with Tommy Docherty and Colin Addison and had loan spells at Birmingham City and Sheffield United. After that he played for Seattle Sounders, becoming Torquay United's player-coach in October 1980 and later their player-manager. He then took charge of Middlesbrough, managing them from the Third Division to First in consecutive seasons.

After a spell as Millwall's manager, he became Bolton Wanderers' boss in May 1992 and plotted two promotion successes, also leading them to the 1995 League Cup final. He spent a year as Arsenal's manager before the appointment of Arsene Wenger, signing Dennis Bergkamp and David Platt, then managed Norwich City, Wigan Athletic and Danish side Aalborg.

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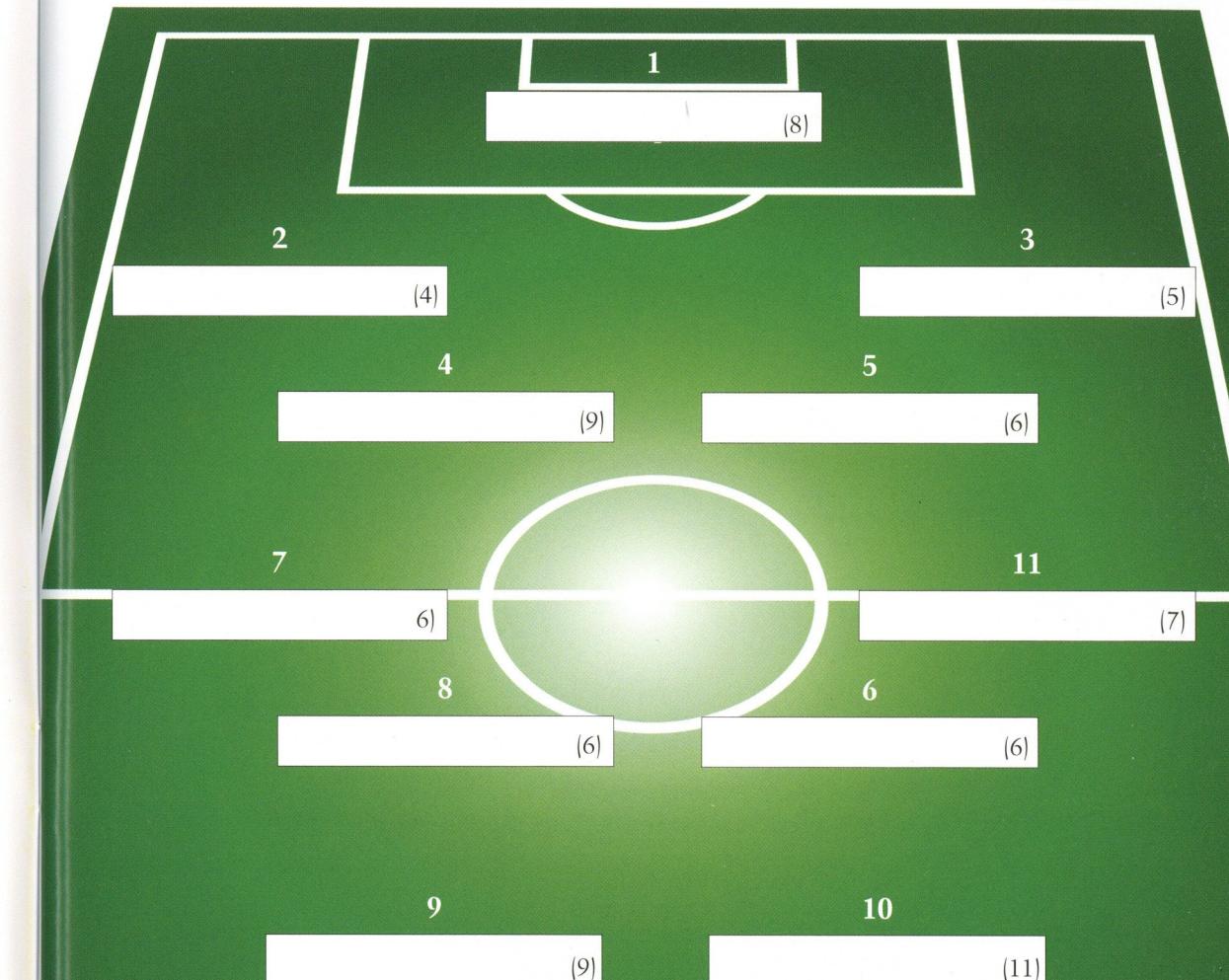


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6th January 1996
v Luton Town
FA Cup Third Round

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Answers: 1. Paul Crichton, 2. Brian Laws, 3. Gary Croft, 4. Peter Handyside, 5. Graham Rodger, 7. Gary Chilvers, 8. Jim Dobbin, 6. Paul Groves, 11. Wayne Bonnett, 9. Jamie Forrest, 10. Steve Livingstone

LUTON TOWN 3 GRIMSBY TOWN 2



10th February 1996



Jamie Forrester puts the Mariners into the lead against Luton Town at Kenilworth Road in a game perhaps better remembered for the infamous half time bust-up between former Grimsby manager Brian Laws and the eccentric Italian Ivano Bonetti. Despite leading 2-0, a second half collapse saw Town succumb to a 3-2 defeat only a month after annihilating the Hatters 7-1 in the 3rd Round of the FA Cup.

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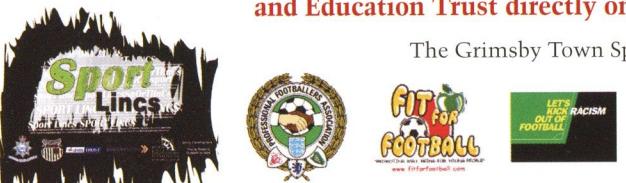
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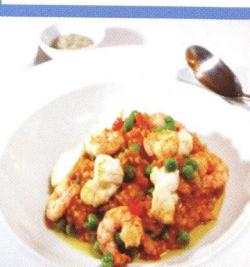
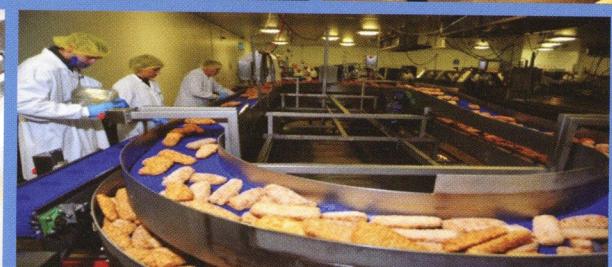
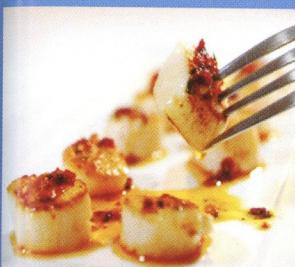
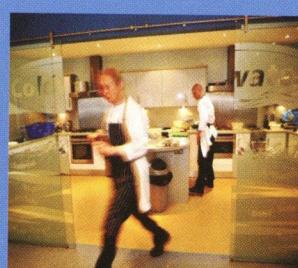
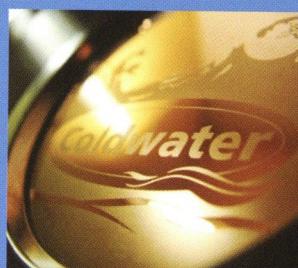
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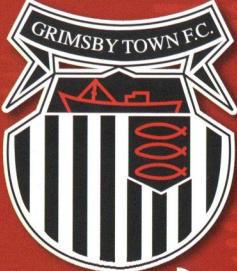


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Cameron Andrew Thompson



Nine year old Cameron's favourite player is Liam Hearn. He attends Great Coates Primary School and his main hobby is football. Cameron thinks that the Mariners will win 2-0 tonight.

Archie Rouse

Archie is 8 years old and his main hobby is also football. He goes to Signhills School and his favourite Town players are Liam Hearn and Joe Colbeck. Archie also thinks the game will finish 2-1 to Town.

Jacque Taylor-Vine



Jacque is 14 years old today and his hobbies are playing football, cricket and lego. He attends Healing School and his favourite Grimsby Town players are James McKeown, Liam Hearn and Anthony Elding. Jacque thinks it will be 2-1 to the Mariners tonight.

Lauchlan Tear

Lauchlan is 8 years old and he goes to Brocklesby Park Primary School.

Lauchlan classes football as his main hobby and his favourite Town players are Liam Hearn and Craig Disley. Lauchlan has predicted a 3-2 victory for the Mariners.

In The News

New Arrival at Blundell Park



Earlier this week the Mariners signed Crawley Town winger Scott Neilson on a three-month loan deal.

Neilson joined Crawley in August 2010 from Bradford City after Steve Evans had already had several approaches turned down. He made his debut against Cambridge United - for whom he had enjoyed a successful loan spell last season - and quickly established himself as a first-team regular until January 2011 when he broke a toe in his left foot during the warm-up before the return fixture against Cambridge. He regained his fitness and was in the squad again for the final five games of the season, as the Reds clinched promotion to

the Football League.

Neilson made 35 appearances for Crawley last season in League Two, making a real impact from the substitutes bench. He was recalled to the line-up for the final game of the season and scored the winning goal against Accrington Stanley to send the Reds into League 1.

Scott Neilson's Career to date:

Season	Team	Apps	Goals
2005-2006	Hertford Town	26	(4)
2006-2008	Ware	40	(23)
2008-2009	Cambridge City	48	(13)
2009-2010	Bradford City	24	(1)
2010	Crawley United (L)	14	(3)
2010-	Crawley Town	57	(8)

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England C arrived at the Geementelijk Stadion to the sounds of Pat Boone's Love Letters in the Sand – after this they'll be penning romantic verses of their own for the Russians.

If the coach driver's CD collection was questionable the Three Lions' performance was anything but.

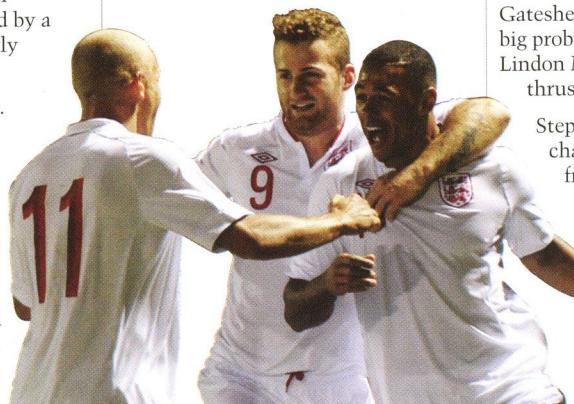
Paul Fairclough's young guns were immense and Andre Gray's winner fitting reward for their dominant display.

Now they must hold their breath. Returning from Brussels with three points was a must if England's International Challenge Trophy adventure is to continue into the semi-finals.

Before Belgium they were sat bottom of the group with just one point, gained against Italy in February. That was followed by a 4-0 defeat in Moscow in early June.

England have done their bit. Russia, who are already through, must do theirs by not losing the group's final game against Italy when they travel to Rome in November.

“We talked about all the emotions we wanted to feel after the game,” Fairclough said. “We wrote them down on a board.

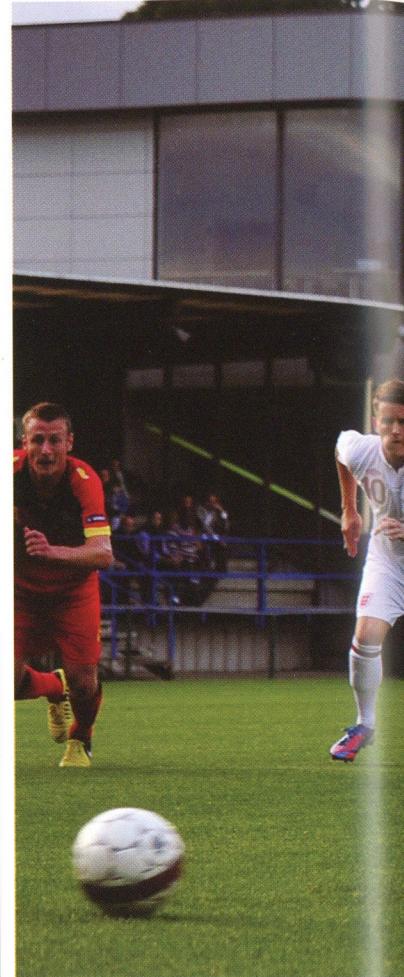


“The lads came up with all the words – feeling successful, feeling proud – and we needed to find out how we could go about feeling those emotions. They've gone out and done exactly what we've asked them to do.”

These results around Europe have become a trademark of this England team. Sometimes they don't get the credit they deserve.

Make no mistake, this was a very talented Belgium side drawn from the ever-increasing reservoir of young talent.

They are all under 21, but within that they still had a ball-playing midfielder on loan at Walsall from Premier League Stoke City, Florent Cuvelier, a Birmingham City centre-half, Brice Ntambwe, and Dorian Klonaridis, who Champions League



side Lille paid €800,000 for this summer. England's defence had him in their back pocket like loose change.

From the beginning their play was slick. They passed the ball with precision and suffocated Belgium to steal possession back quickly.

Gateshead's Josh Gillies was causing big problems up the right and Lindon Meikle provided energy and thrust on the left.

Stephen Brogan had a good chance and Meikle went close from a tantalising Gillies cross before England's opening was presented. James Vincent, the Kidderminster midfielder, turned cleverly in the box only to have his legs chopped



from under him by Arne Naudts.

Scott Spencer, a tireless worker up front all evening, stepped up for the penalty, waited for Theo Defour to commit himself early and stroked it the opposite way into the bottom right corner.

Spencer sent a curling effort past the post before Belgium drew level in fortunate circumstances.

Naudts collected the ball 25-yards out, took aim and hit a shot that was destined for Preston Edwards' arms only for a wicked deflection off Eddie Oshodi that diverted the ball into the goal.

It wasn't the only low point of the half for England. Forest Green Rovers midfielder Kieron Forbes had an unfortunate clash with teammate Jamie Turley. Play was held up for nine minutes while he was treated on the pitch and given

oxygen before being taken to hospital as a precaution.

When the game did restart, Brogan was denied by a fine save from the impressive Defour.

Fairclough felt his side had lost some of their fluency towards the end of the first-half and taken to the long ball too often.

That was corrected after the break and the introduction of Gray's pace gave the hosts another headache to deal with.

More top saves from Defour prevented Meikle and Spencer making the breakthrough while Vincent and Adam Watkins, on for Forbes, had chances flash wide.

For all of Belgium's neat play they could never hurt England. While his distribution was excellent, by and large Edwards was a spectator.

The back four of Turley, Oshodi, the particularly impressive Simon Ainge and Aswad Thomas always looked comfortable. Substitute Dylan De Belder got in behind once but his flicked header went wide.

Going forward England kept patient. It can be a virtue and so it proved. A quick free-kick was slipped into Spencer who sent a gorgeous flick around the corner for Gray to steam clear and slot home.

It could have been even more comfortable had Defour not pulled off an outrageous point blank save when Vincent looked nailed on to make it three.

Over to you Russia, with all England's love.

By Matt Badcock

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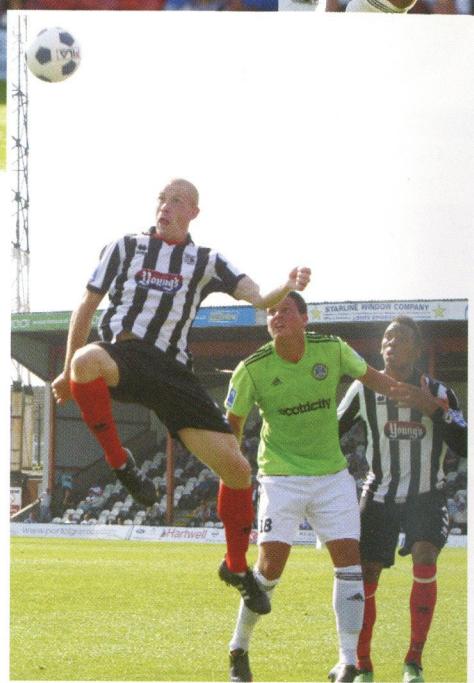
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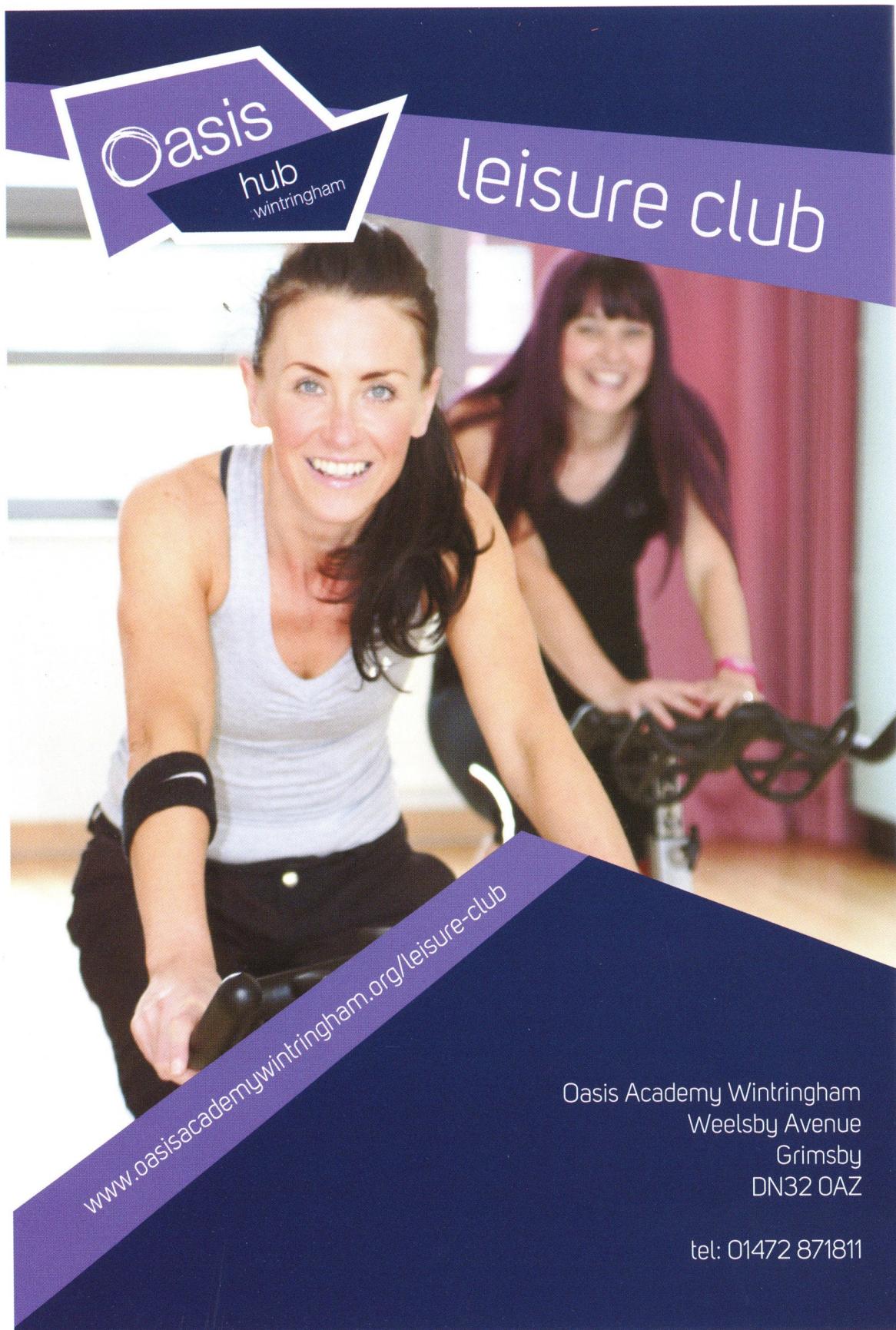
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Ebbsfleet v Barrow		2-1	0-0	2-2	3-1
Braintree v Stockport		2-2	2-1	2-1	2-2

2012/13 Season Points Total

Team Players:	17
Coaching Staff:	8
Club Staff:	13
Supporters:	13

The challenge has now begun to see who knows the most about football – the players, the coaches, the staff or the fans of GTFC.

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Would you like to pit your wits against the experts next time? Email jack@gtfc.co.uk to find out how.



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Social Media Interview

Derek Niven

So far what's your best moment in football?

Dwayne Samuels

“ I think it's got to be when I was at Chesterfield, we played Manchester City in the Carling Cup and beat them 2-1 at Saltergate – I score the winner. It was a dipping-volley from the edge of the box. ”

As a Scotsman, have you considered moving back North of the border before the end of your football career?

Rebecca Todd

“ No I can't see that happening. My wife's from Sheffield and I've got two kids, so we're definitely settled down here. ”

What did you take from your time with Bolton Wanderers in the Premier League?

Harry Kerr

“ Definitely playing with the players who were at Bolton at the time. Sam Allardyce had brought in people like Youri Djorkaeff and Jay-Jay Okocha – just getting to train with players of that quality day-in day-out was superb. It was a great experience to play with them for the reserves. ”

Was it hard to leave Chesterfield this summer after nearly ten years at the club?

Noel Furlong

“ Yes it was hard because I'd been there a long time and made a lot of friends. But ultimately it wasn't down to me; it was the manager (John Sheridan) who let me go. ”

Who has been the most 'vocal' manager you've played for in your career?

Rob Holt

“ 100% John Sheridan. During the week he's as quiet as can be, he wouldn't say much at all, but come the weekend he certainly said what he was thinking! ”

If you were marooned on a desert island with a fellow GTFC team mate, who would you prefer it to be and why?

Harry Cole

“ It would probably be Simon Ford because we have a car school going and we spend a lot of time together, going to and from training. He's a really chilled out guy so I reckon it would be him. ”



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In tonight's feature Chris Mills waxes lyrical about a Striker who caught the eye during a relatively drab season.

By Chris Mills

Say what you like about Neil Woods' reign as GTFC manager, but by god he knew a striker when he saw one (Before you say anything, Serge Mafoko was technically a winger). If Woodsy is remembered for one thing, let it be this, he was the man that signed Alan Connell - our first twenty goal-a-season striker since Clive Mendonca. And for that I will forever be thankful.

AC played forty two times for the Mariners, starting on all forty two occasions, scoring twenty five goals along the way and racking up countless assists. But they weren't just any old goals either; we paid witness to all sorts of wonderful long range efforts, pin point free kicks, cheeky flicks, sublime volleys and audacious lobs. Ok, there



were a few tap-ins now and again, but many will remember Connell for his quality instincts in front of goal.

My love for AC grew astonishingly fast. I'd never seen a Grimsby player with such a good first touch. I still haven't.

In fact, for a long time I'd barely seen a Grimsby player able to consistently pass to one of his own team mates. It was if I was dreaming. He was a breath of fresh air, I felt reinvigorated. In fact it was the strongest I'd ever felt about another man without it becoming awkward or in any way homosexual. I was even moved enough to get his name and number on the back of my shirt for that season, the first and now perhaps last time I'd

ALAN CONNELL FACTFILE

DOB: 05.02.83
POB: Enfield Town, England
POSITION: Striker
SEASONS: 1960/67
GTFC APPEARANCES: 46
GOALS: 25

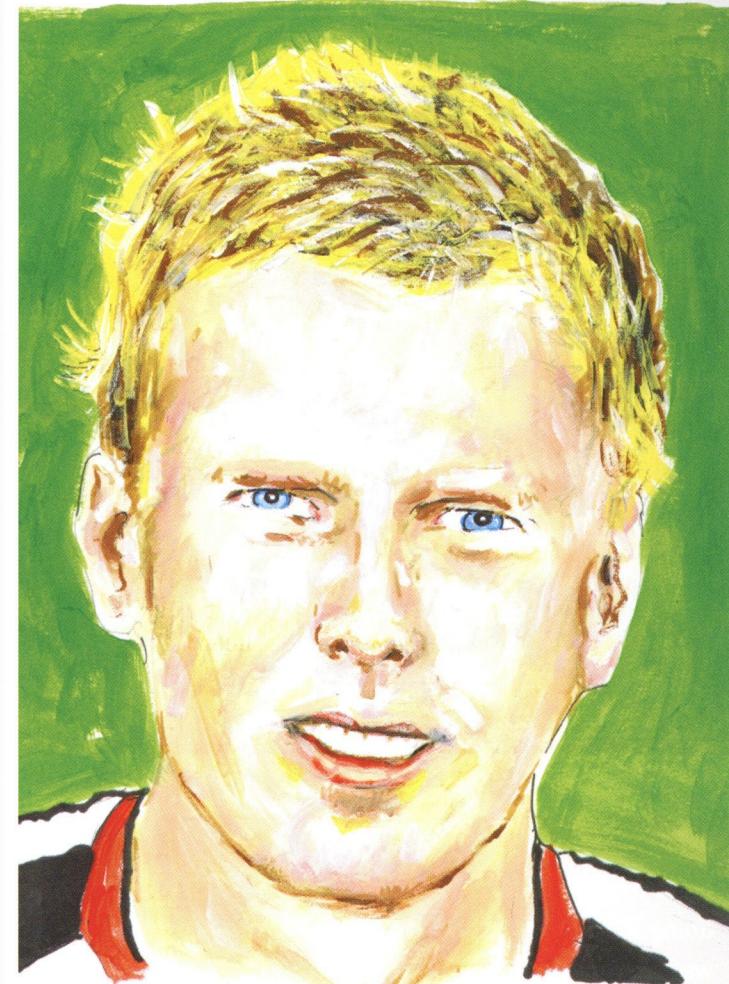
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2002-2005	Bournemouth
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2007-2008	Brentford
2008-2010	Bournemouth
2010-2011	Grimsby Town
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allowed myself to indulge in such an act.

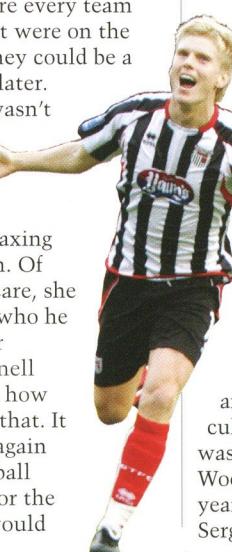
But what impressed me most about Connell was his knack of gliding and drifting into pockets of space outside of the opposition's box, just far enough that no self-respecting defender would dare follow but close enough to strike fear into a goalkeeper. With instant control and a stylish deft touch he was able to see and feel a through ball or an effort on goal before the rest of us had barely drawn breath. At any given moment his expert spacial awareness allowed him to know exactly where every team mate and opponent were on the pitch and where they could be a couple of seconds later. That's if the ball wasn't already in the net.

I found myself going home and waxing lyrical to my Mum. Of course she didn't care, she didn't even know who he was but I'd tell her anyway; how Connell had done this, and how Connell had done that. It was if I was a kid again learning how football should be played for the first time. Mum would



ALAN CONNELL

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half listen and then say something like "there must be other players on the pitch bar him".

There definitely wasn't.

Alan Connell was the one brief spark in

a long decade of darkness. But that's all it came to be, a spark, a beautiful blonde spark and maybe for the benefit of cult hero status that was all it was ever meant to be. If only Neil Woods had given him that three year contract in January and not Serge Mafoko.

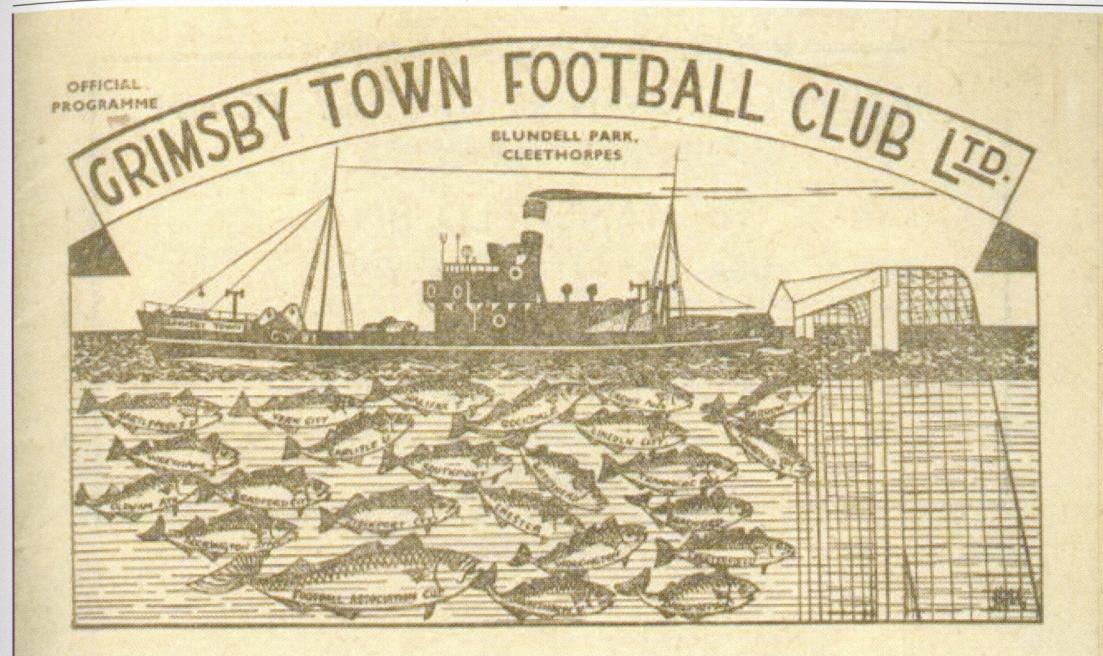
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Strange Tales of the Mariners Programme Protest - Part One

By Rob Briggs

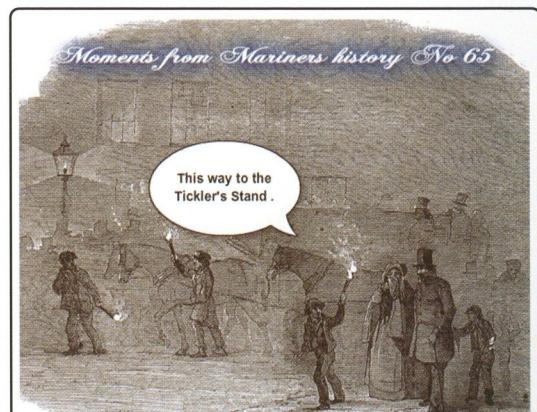
In the days before radio, TV and the internet, the printed word was king. And, when GTFC began issuing programmes on a regular basis in 1912, there was seemingly no official policy regarding content. The season was just a couple of months old when, in October 1912, the press headline 'Grimsby Football Sensation' brought the club's programme (and its failings) to a wider audience.

Director Mr Tong had joined the board in 1910 only to soon realise it was not a united one. After serving on the Finance Committee he had tendered his resignation at the 1912 AGM but his fellow directors had refused to accept it, unable (or unwilling) to repay his loan. This uneasy alliance reached new depths when, in the home programme versus Leicester, Mr Tong was indirectly attacked. 'A story is going the rounds about a certain Director' stated "The Mariner" regarding Town's recent trip to Wolves. 'When the players and directors presented themselves at the Railway Station they found him already in possession of the saloon, smoking in the comfiest corner. 'Tis said he had the outing at the club's expense. Want to know who it was? Ah - that would be telling!'

Mr Tong wrote a letter of defence to the press before the "Saturday Telegraph" gave its opinion. 'The club was ill-advised to make the matter public in their programme,' said the Editor. 'I expect to hear the club deny responsibility for the story, but I don't see how they can.'

The programme is the official organ of the club; it is promoted by the directors and the club takes all the receipts. Therefore it is reasonable to regard whatever appears as bearing the authority of the club.'

Neither GTFC nor the directors made any further comment on the matter, and a line was seemingly drawn under the episode. Mr Tong finally parted company prior to the Great War, but not before there was an even more sensational 'programme protest'...



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This edition of Theme Team focuses on those players that gained international recognition whilst playing for the Mariners.



Aidan Davison
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Right Back



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Centre Back



Chris Nicholl
Centre Back



Billy Andrews
Left Back



Jean-Paul Kalala
Midfielder



Jackie Bestall
Midfielder



Joe Waters
Midfielder



Johnny Scott
Midfielder



Keith Alexander
Keith Alexander



Pat Glover
Striker

AIDAN DAVISON

Signed from Bradford City in the summer of 1997, goalkeeper Aidan Davison made his third and final appearance for Northern Ireland just weeks into his Grimsby Town career. The big stopper was named as first choice for a 3-1 home defeat to Germany in August 1997, Oliver Bierhoff bagging a hat-trick for the visitors. The former Bolton man made over 100 league appearances for Town in two spells with the club, keeping a club record 35 clean sheets in the double Wembley season of 1997/98.

DAVID MULLIGAN

A loan signing from rivals Scunthorpe in August 2007, full-back David Mulligan made his Mariners' debut in a 2-1 away defeat at Shrewsbury on 1st September 2007. The Liverpool-born defender made six appearances for Town during this spell, which was eventually cut short so the player could turn out for his country, New Zealand, in a 2010 World Cup qualifier against Fiji, which the All-Whites won 2-0.

HARRY BETMEAD

One of the stalwarts of the Grimsby Town side of the 1930s, defender Harry Betmead played nearly 300 league games for the club in a 17-year spell as a Mariner, a figure that would no doubt have increased substantially, had it not been for the outbreak of World War II. Betmead was part of the famous Town backline that included Ginger Hall and Teddy Buck, a trio that was famed throughout the land. Harry turned down moves to some of the country's top clubs to remain on the East Coast and was rewarded with a solitary England cap in 1937, playing for the Three Lions in an 8-0 win over Finland in Helsinki.

CHRIS NICHOLL

A real coup when brought to the club as player/assistant manager by Dave Booth in 1983, Nicholl brought experience to a young Mariners' side and helped the club reach a post-war height of fifth in the old Second Division. The former Aston Villa star made 70 appearances for the Mariners in two seasons and also made the last of 51 outings for Northern Ireland during his time at Blundell Park, those coming in a 3-1 win over Australia and a 1-0 defeat in Turkey.

BILLY ANDREWS

Born in America, Billy Andrews wasn't a left-back by trade but his

most famous appearance for Northern Ireland came on the left-side of defence. The Kansas native was reported to be the first North American to play in the Football League, turning out for Oldham and Stockport, having earned international honours for Northern Ireland previous to this year, thanks to five years' residency in the country and a fabled spell with Glentoran. A second spell at Glentoran preceded a move to Blundell Park, where his career underwent a resurgence, playing 114 times in three seasons. And it was here that Billy starred as a late replacement for Ireland (as they were known) as they shocked England with a 2-1 victory on 15th February 1912.

JEAN-PAUL KALALA

A Russell Slade signing from Nice in the summer of 2005 and hit the headlines early in his Blundell Park career when he netted the shock winner as the Mariners dumped Premier League giants Tottenham out of the Carling Cup. Kalala had been selected for DR Congo's African Nations Cup campaign of 2004 and made one appearance for his country as a Mariner, a 2-2 draw against Tunisia in Paris in November 2005.

Jean-Paul was selected for DR Congo's 2006 African Nations Cup squad but did not make an appearance and this arguably hindered his progress at Blundell Park, although the player later returned for a loan spell in 2008.

JACKIE BESTALL

Perhaps the most legendary of all the players who have ever pulled on the black and white stripes, Jackie Bestall was the pocket dynamo that kept the greatest Grimsby Town side of them all, the Division One heroes of the 30s, ticking. What Bestall, all 5'3" of him, lacked in height he made up for in sheer heart, guts, determination and skill. Such was his impact on the club that the smallest road in

Grimsby and Cleethorpes was named after him. He played over 400 league games for the club in a 12-year spell and earned one England cap, when he was closing in on 35, as the Three Lions defeated Northern Ireland 2-1 at Goodison Park.

JOE WATERS

Bestall's modern day equivalent was midfielder Joe Waters, who first arrived at Blundell Park on loan from Leicester in 1976. The player had an immediate impact on the side and

Theme Team

struck up a real rapport with the fans but that wasn't shared by the club's Board, who felt that the £10,000 transfer fee was too much, until the Mariners' supporters contributed £2,000 of that fee. And what a bargain it proved to be as Waters became one of the key men of the great Town side of the late-70s and early-80s, playing 356 league games and scoring 65 times. He scored on his international debut for Eire, a 3-3 draw in Turkey in October 1977 but shockingly only earned one more cap, two years later against Northern Ireland.

JOHNNY SCOTT

One of the most skilled and cultured midfielders in the Mariners' history, Johnny Scott's place in the club's folklore is secured as the only serving Mariner to appear in a World Cup tournament. Those came for Northern Ireland in 1958, as the side defeated Czechoslovakia 2-1 but then lost 4-0 to France. Scott, a former Manchester United youngster, played over 250 times for the Mariners, scoring 54 times and was equally adept in the forward ranks or on the wing.

KEITH ALEXANDER

After winning promotion with the Mariners in 1990, there was no time for striker Keith Alexander to celebrate as he headed off to St Lucia to play two matches for the fledgling nation. The big frontman appeared for his country as they lost 2-0 to Barbados in a friendly on 13th May but they rebounded 14 days later to defeat Bermuda in a Caribbean Cup qualifying match by the same scoreline.

PAT GLOVER

Another great of the 1930s, Pat Glover is another Grimsby Town cap holder who is also a club record holder and also regarded as the Mariners' best-ever striker. The Welshman failed to make the grade at Swansea and moved east to Grimsby, where he settled quickly. Glover still holds the club's all-time scoring record, 180 goals in just 227 games, as well as the most goals for the club in a season when he netted 42 times in the 1933/34 season. Glover is also the Mariners' record cap holder with seven for Wales and his seven goals in those games mean he is also Town's record international goalscorer.



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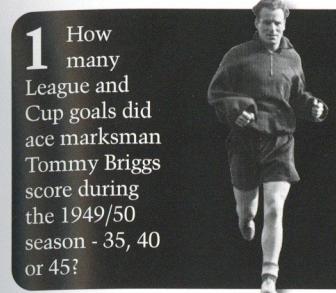
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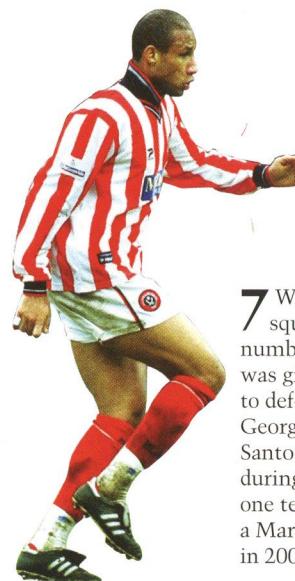


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1 How many League and Cup goals did ace marksman Tommy Briggs score during the 1949/50 season - 35, 40 or 45?



2 Forward Marc North joined Grimsby in 1987 for a £40,000 transfer fee - but from which club?



7 What squad number was given to defender Georges Santos during his one term as a Mariner in 2002/03?

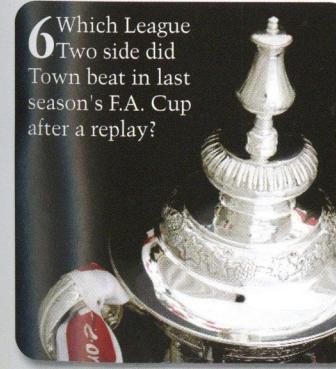


13 In which year was former club appearance holder Keith Jobling born: 1934, 1935 or 1936?

3 Who was Grimsby Town FC Chairman at the start of the new millennium?

4 In which year did the Mariners last play on Christmas Day, losing 1-2 to Sheffield United at Blundell Park?

5 Who in 1972 was awarded the first-ever GTFC 'Player of the Year' trophy?



6 Which League Two side did Town beat in last season's F.A. Cup after a replay?



9 Who scored more career goals for the Mariners - Mike Broally or Malcolm Partridge?

14 Which current Blue Square Premier club did Town play on the opening day three times between 1988 and 1991?

15 Who Am I? Can you identify the ex-Town player from the clues provided? Born in Taunton; Joined Grimsby from Peterborough United; Played over 200 times as a speedy winger; Hit a club record 25 goals for a winger in 1969/70.

Answers:

9. Broally 32, Partridge 27, 10. Manchester United (lost 1-2), 11. David Pleat, 12. Turkey, 13. 1934, 14. Cambridge United, 15. Stuart Bracco.

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In The Wings

Youth Team

**Grimsby Town 2
Burton Albion 0**

Grimsby Town's youth team kicked off the post-Robbie Stockdale era with an excellent 2-0 win over their Burton Albion counterparts at Cheapside on Saturday 8th September.

Both goals came in the second half from in-form frontman Rob Bryant (pictured) and interim Youth Team manager Adam Smith was pleased with the result.

He said: "It was a difficult week for the boys with Robbie leaving, but all things considered, they did very well.

"We spoke with the lads after the game and I think everyone was in agreement that our football on the day probably wasn't where we'd want it to be.

"We didn't have as much possession as we'd like and we didn't use it as well as we would have liked.

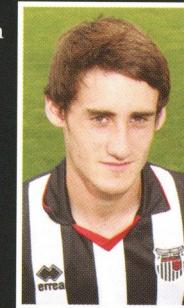
"The conditions were not great for either side, because it was really, really hot, but they dealt with that well.

"But, every single player who played a part put in a real shift and they got their reward."

And Smith is looking forward to taking over the reins of the youth team once more, a position he has held twice before, following Neil Woods' promotion to manager at Blundell Park and his subsequent departure from the club, when Stockdale assisted Dave Moore on first team duties.

He continued: "It's been a little while since I stepped up last time to take charge and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

"It's great to be working with the boys and the other coaches, they're a good group."



Reserves

The Mariners' reserve side returned to action after a break of 16 months with a 1-0 defeat at Gateshead on Tuesday 11th September.

The only goal of the game came from the home side's Michael Sweet, who struck 18 minutes from time to seal the victory for a Heed side who dominated large portions of the game.

Indeed the Mariners were indebted to an excellent performance from goalkeeper Greg Fleming, who kept the scores level for so long with a series of excellent saves.

The former Chesterfield custodian was called into action as early as the fourth minute when he used his legs to deny Sweet, after the Gateshead youngster had been played in by a Michael Roberts' pass.

Roberts and Lewis Galpin tried their luck in the opening stages but found Fleming in inspired form with Ryan McGorrigan and Lance McGlen spurning other excellent opportunities in an opening 45 minutes that saw the hosts register eleven shots on the Town goal.

It was much the same after the interval with Fleming making flying saves from Peter Ravenhill and James Marwood before Sweet finally broke the deadlock in the 72nd-minute. The Gateshead man latched onto a lofted pass from Roberts, before firing in from the right-hand edge of the penalty area.

Interim Youth Team Manager Adam Smith was pleased with the experience his young charges received.

He said: "We didn't particularly get to grips with the first-half and had a challenge after 30 minutes when Simon Ford and Jack Griffin clashed heads and had to come off to have stitches.

"Jack was able to continue but Fordy, unfortunately had to come off, and within a couple of minutes Andi Thanoj had to come off with a kick on the ankle.

"That really disrupted our plans – we were already a young side and full of youth on the bench. But it provided opportunities for some of the lads to get on quickly.

"In the second-half we started to play much better, we had a little more composed possession in the early stages and for all of Gateshead's attractive football they didn't cause us too many problems.

"They got their goal which was probably deserved and we couldn't really argue with the outcome."

Mariners: Fleming, Cuff, Morrall, Thanoj (Smith 38), Miller, Ford (Humble 30), Kerr, Griffin, Loughran, Bryant, Soares.

Subs not used: Ashton, Peers, Charlesworth

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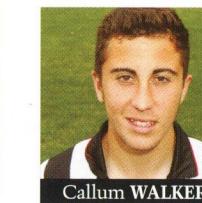
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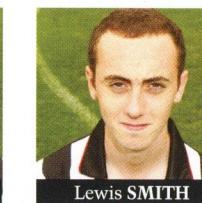
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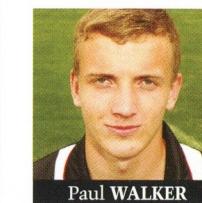
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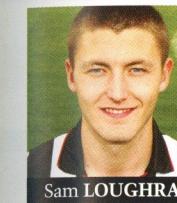
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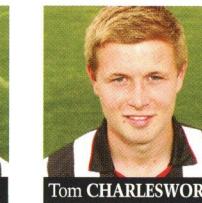
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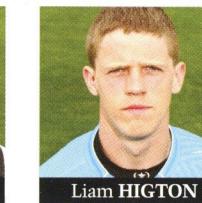
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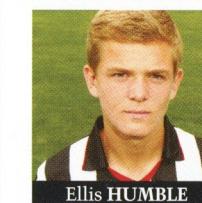
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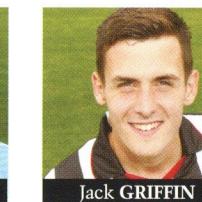
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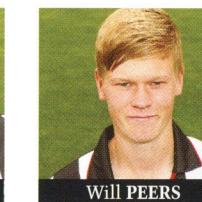
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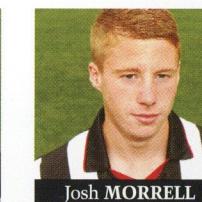
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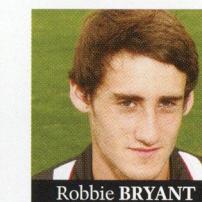
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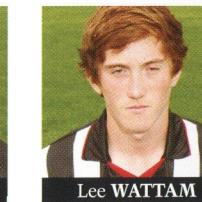
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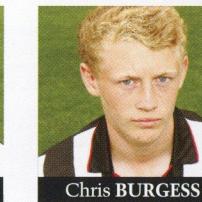
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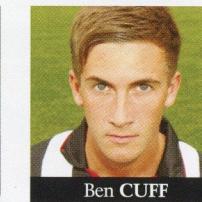
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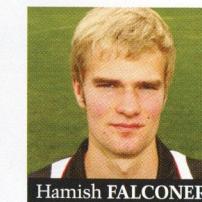
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August 2012

Sat 11	Southport	A	1-1	1743	1	14	McKeown	Wood	Thomas	S Pearson	Pond	Niven	Disley 1	Colb
Tue 14	Stockport County	H	1-2	3670	1	19	McKeown	Wood	Thomas	S Pearson	Pond 1	Niven	Disley	Colb
Sat 18	Nuneaton Town	H	0-0	3095	2	18	McKeown	Hatton	Thomas	S Pearson	Pond	Thanoj	Disley	Colb
Sat 25	Wrexham	A	0-0	3,127	3	17	McKeown	Hatton	Thomas	S Pearson	Pond	Niven	Disley	Colb
Mon 27	Mansfield Town	H	4-1	3,397	6	12	McKeown	Wood	Thomas	S Pearson	Pond	Niven	Disley	Colb

September 2012

Sat 01	Hereford United	A	2-0	2,059	9	11	McKeown	Wood	Thomas	S Pearson 1	Pond	Niven	Disley	Colb
Tue 04	Barrow	A	2-2	966	10	12	McKeown	Wood	Thomas	S Pearson	Pond	Niven	Disley	Colb
Sat 08	Forest Green	H	1-0	3,270	13	7	McKeown	Wood	Thomas	S Pearson	Pond 1	Niven	Disley	Colb
Sat 15	Kidderminster	A	0-0	1,811	14	9	McKeown	Wood	Thomas	S Pearson	Pond	Niven	Disley	Colb
Fri 21	Luton Town	H	19:45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tue 25	Gateshead	H	19:45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 29	Newport County	A	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

October 2012

Sat 06	Dartford	H	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tue 09	Alfreton Town	A	19:45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 13	AFC Telford United	A	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 27	Macclesfield	H	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

November 2012

Tue 06	Hyde	A	19:45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 10	Woking	H	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 17	Braintree Town	H	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

December 2012

Sat 01	Ebbsfleet United	H	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tue 04	Gateshead	A	19:45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 08	Tamworth	H	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fri 21	Wrexham	H	19:45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wed 26	Lincoln City	A	13:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 29	Mansfield	A	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

January 2013

Tue 01	Lincoln City	H	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 05	Hereford United	H	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 12	Nuneaton Town	A	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 19	Braintree Town	A	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tue 22	Hyde	H	19:45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 26	Cambridge United	A	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

February 2013

Sat 02	Alfreton Town	H	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 09	AFC Telford United	H	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Sat 16	Woking	A	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 23	Ebbsfleet United	H	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tue 26	Dartford	A	19:45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

March 2013

Sat 02	Macclesfield Town	A	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 09	Kidderminster	H	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 16	Cambridge United	H	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 23	Forest Green Rovers	A	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 30	Barrow	H	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

April 2013

Mon 01	Stockport County	A	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 06	Southport	H	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 13	Luton Town	A	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat 20	Newport County	H	15:00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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3	Forest Green	9	5	3	1	16	8	8
4	Wrexham	9	5	3	1	13	5	18
5	Luton Town	9	5	2	2	16	11	5
6	Dartford	9	5	0	4	16	11	5
7	Gateshead	9	4	3	2	14	10	4
8	Mansfield	9	5	0	4	17	18	-1
9	Grimsby	9	3	5	1	11	6	5
10	AFC Telford	9	3	4	2	15	11	4
11	Tamworth	9	4	1	4	13	12	1
12	Hereford	9	4	1	4	15	19	-4
13	Woking	9	4	0	5	17	18	-1
14	Southport	9	3	3	3	11	15	-4
15	Braintree	9	3	2	4	12	14	-5
16	Alfreton	9	3	2	4	13	18	-5
17	Cambridge	9	2	4	3	15	17	-2
18	Lincoln City	9	2	3	4	12	14	-2
19	Stockport Co	9	2	3	4	11	13	-2
20	Nuneaton	9	2	3	4	16	22	-6
21	Ebbsfleet	9	2	2	5	14	20	-6
22	Barrow	9	1	4	4	8	15	-7
23	Hyde	9	1	2	6	11	17	-6
24	Kidderminster	9	0	4	5	6	12	-6

Tomorrow's fixtures

Kick-off 15:00 unless stated

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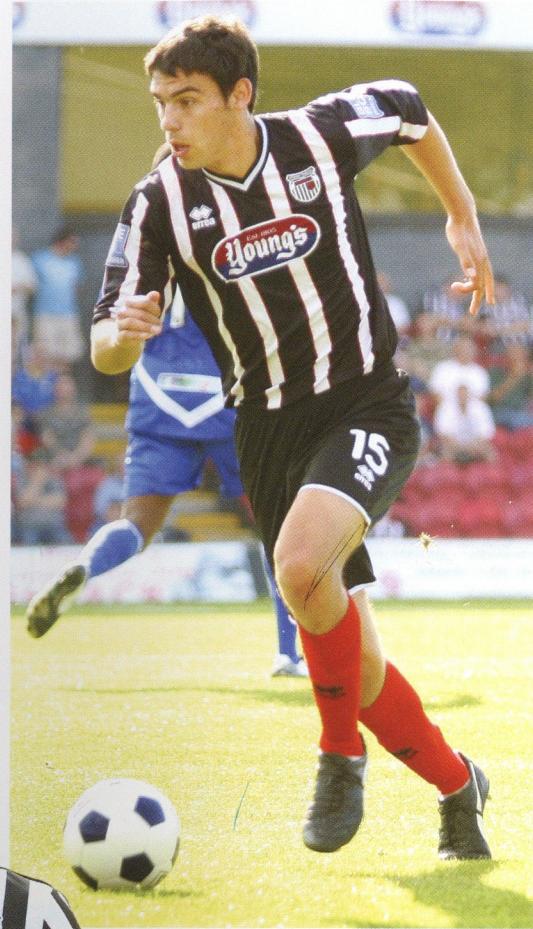
By Lee Jones

Strikers are judged on goals, wingers live off assists and keepers enjoy making any save – no matter how simple. But what gives defenders a reason to celebrate? Clean sheets of course. And as centre-half Nathan Pond admitted in the Telegraph recently, the Mariners' shut-out against Hereford gave him almost as much satisfaction as the win itself.

Well, in that case, the on-loan Fleetwood Town man and central defensive partner Shaun Pearson must be on a constant high at the moment. Saturday's 0-0 draw at Kidderminster brought the Mariners' fifth clean sheet of the season, and only Wrexham have a better defensive record in the Blue Square Bet Premier. Since Pond's arrival prior to the season's opener at Southport, he and Pearson have played every minute together, allowing Town's defence to be breached on just six occasions. Pretty impressive stuff. But does the burgeoning partnership have the potential to rival some of Town's legendary centre-back pairings?

The last time the Mariners achieved promotion, in 1997/98, Peter Handyside and Mark Lever were the solid base on which that success was built. Town conceded just 37 goals as they swept into the old Division One after victory in the play-offs. Earlier, the successive promotions of 89/90 and 90/91 were also underpinned by a miserly defence. Lever with Andy Tillson, and then Paul Futcher, were the rocks on which Alan Buckley built his side.

It was a similar story for the 78/79 and 79/80 promotion-winning teams, with Geoff Barker, Clive Wigginton and Dean Crombie insisting opposition attackers 'shall not pass'. While the Division Four champions of 71/72 had Wigginton, Graham Rathbone and Stewart Gray marshalling their no-nonsense backline. The system may have been slightly different, but you can even take that back to the days of Harry Betmead, Teddy Buck and Alec Hall in the 30s and 40s.

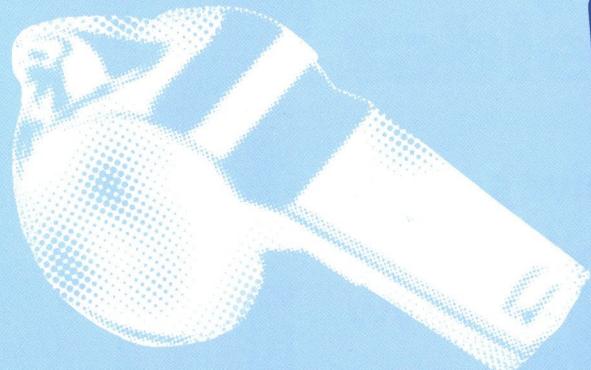


Each and every one of these centre-half partnerships had one key thing in common. They loved clean sheets and hated giving the opposition anything to cheer, even if the three points were already in the bag. That desire for shut-outs now appears to be a trait of both Pond and Pearson. They are centre-halves in the old-fashioned mould, putting their heads in where most of us would hesitate to dangle a boot and blocking shots with whatever part of the body is required. The only slight concern for this pairing could be Pond's scheduled return to Fleetwood in January when his current loan period ends. But if the Mariners can extend the defender's stay in Cleethorpes and go on to make a Football League return, we could certainly have another dynamic duo to add to the list.

Another clean sheet tonight against the Hatters and they will be well on the way.

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- 27** Andre Gray
- 28** Jake Woolley
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- 33** Dean Brill

Match Officials

Referee:
Mr P. Banks



Assistant Referee:
Mr A. Miller
Mr S. Campbell



Fourth Official:
Mr A. Tankard

Tomorrow's Fixtures

Telford v Mansfield
Alfreton v Kidderminster
Braintree v Stockport
Ebbsfleet v Barrow
Hereford v Cambridge
Hyde v Nuneaton
Macclesfield v Forest Green
Newport v Southport
Tamworth v Lincoln City
Woking v Gateshead
Wrexham v Dartford

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