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## **FOOTBALL LEAGUE CLUBS BACK THE POOLS HELP US TO PRESERVE A VITAL SOURCE OF INCOME FOR FOOTBALL**

The Government has recently introduced to Parliament a Bill to establish a national lottery. Football Clubs are concerned at the impact a national lottery may have on the football pools, a major source of income for football.

The Football League presently receives £6.1 million each year from the Pools Promoters Association for the use of fixtures on the pools coupons. This money goes to the benefit of all Football League Clubs. The pools also generate income of £32 million each year for the Football Trust and the bulk of this goes to help Clubs carry out the major improvements required following the Taylor Report. It is vital for football that these monies continue to be ploughed back into the game.

To ensure that this happens we need to be certain that the pools companies are able to compete on equal terms with the national lottery. The Pool Promoters Association have put forward the following proposals which they hope will achieve this:-

1. If normal lottery tickets are to be available in shops, then pools coupons should also be allowed to be collected from shops.
2. Lotteries in other countries generally accumulate the jackpot from week to week if there is no outright winner. If the national lottery is to be permitted such freedom, then the pools should be allowed to carry forward from one week to another of their first dividend prize fund.
3. If the national lottery is to be advertised on television and radio, then the restrictions which presently prevent the pools from doing so should be lifted.
4. The Government should ensure that the tax treatment of the pools and the national lottery is fair and comparable - the percentage taken out in tax and in payments to good causes should be the same for pools as for the lottery.

***Swindon Town Football Club supports these proposals.***

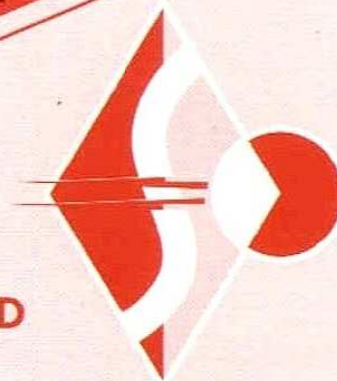
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is to write to your MP at the House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA and say that you believe the pools must be allowed to compete with the national lottery on fair and equal terms. If you wish, quote the four proposals given above.

OR you can visit your MP at one of the advice bureaux in your area and put football's case to him or her face-to-face.



# CLUB CALL



**WITH JON POLLARD**  
**SECRETARY**

## WELCOME

For this afternoon's Barclays League fixture we are pleased to welcome the players, officials and supporters of **Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club** to the County Ground.

## BARCLAYS LEAGUE

Our next game in the Barclays League is on Saturday 6 February 1993 when we meet Sunderland at Roker Park kicking off at 3.00pm.

The next League game here at the County Ground is in two weeks time on Saturday 13 February when we entertain Millwall with a 3.00pm kick off.

The home game with Bristol City here at the County Ground has been put back 24 hours and will now be played on Wednesday 24 March kicking off at 7.45pm. The game is not all ticket. The change has been brought about with the possibility of our game with Derby County at The Baseball Ground the previous weekend being switched to Sunday to accommodate live television transmission.

## NEWCASTLE ALL TICKET

As would be expected the home game with Newcastle United on Saturday 13 March is to be *all ticket*.

Initially terrace tickets will be on sale at the previous home game against Portsmouth on

Saturday 27 February at the turnstiles with seat tickets available from the Advance Ticket Office on the same day from 9.30am. No telephone bookings will be accepted until Monday 1 March.

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Next Tuesday evening the Reserves meet Wimbledon at Plough Lane in the Neville Ovenden Football Combination kicking off at 7.30pm.

We then have four consecutive home fixtures. Portsmouth are here on Wednesday 10 February followed on Monday 15 February by Charlton Athletic. Ipswich Town visit on Wednesday 24 February and Luton Town on Monday 1 March. All games kick off at 2.00pm.

## FA YOUTH CUP

This coming Monday evening the youth team travel to Ashton Gate for their FA Youth Cup 4th round tie against Bristol City. Kick off is at 7.30pm. If the game results in a draw the replay will be here at the County Ground next Wednesday 3 February also kicking off at 7.30pm.

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES

The Youth Team this morning were in action at Brentford in the South East Counties League.

Next Saturday they face

current League leaders Wimbledon at Wanborough kicking off at 11.00am.

## REDUCED SEASONS

Special reduced Season Ticket prices have been announced for the new North Stand Enclosure. Adults can guarantee their place for every remaining home Barclays League fixture for £60 with the juvenile and OAP price being set at £20. This will include a ticket for the still to be arranged game with Tranmere Rovers abandoned last month with the power failure.

Season Tickets are of course available elsewhere in the Stadium. Please contact the Ticket Office for details of prices.

## TOWN END NO SMOKING

Supporters using the Town End Family Enclosure are requested to respect the comfort of others by abiding by the No Smoking rule.

It has also been brought to our notice that supporters are interrupting the view of our younger supporters by standing in the seated area. This has a knock on effect whereby one person stands and everybody behind has to do likewise to see. While we do not want to do so, supporters who continue to smoke or stand in the Town End Stand will be ejected from the Stadium.

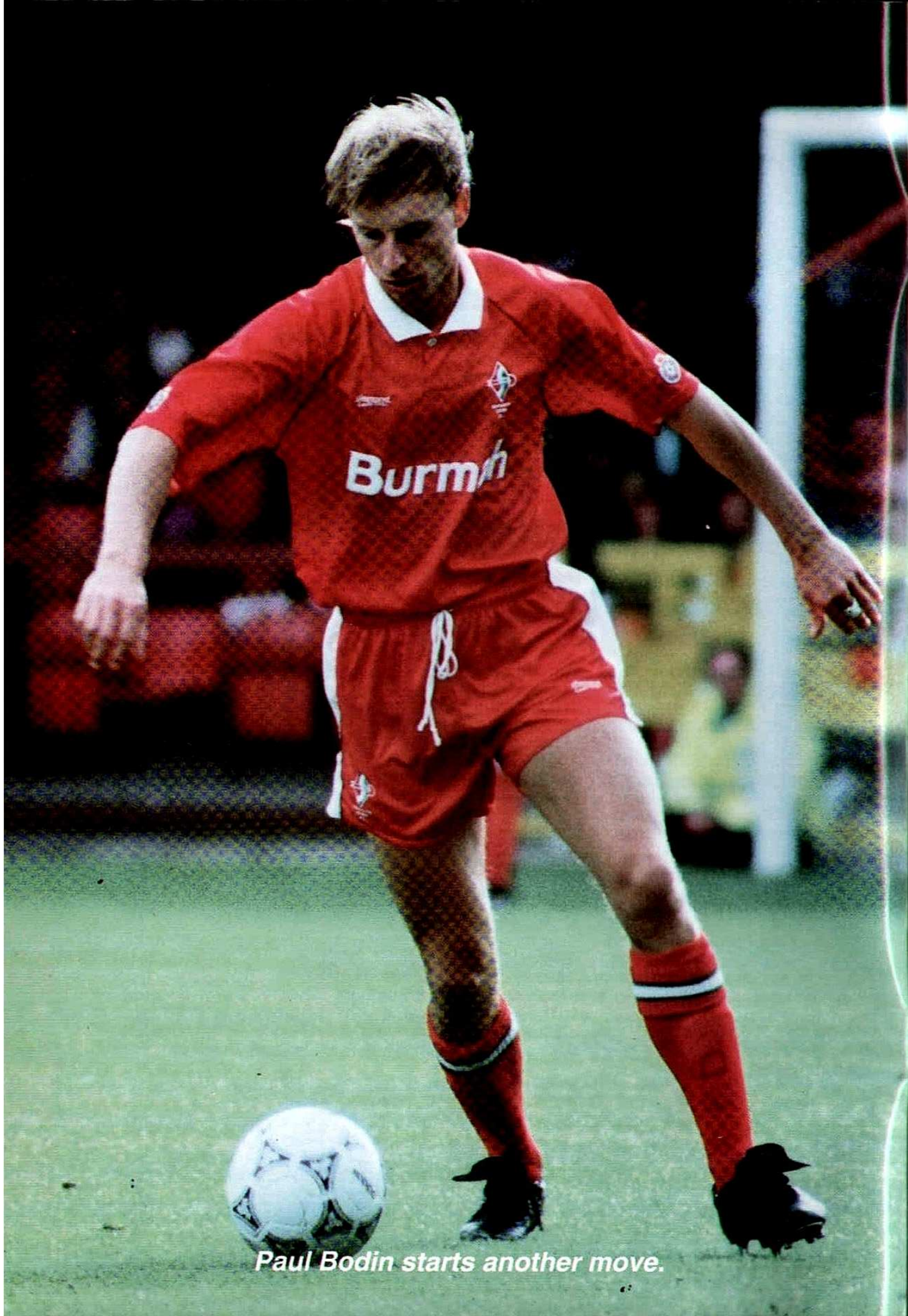
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*Paul Bodin starts another move.*





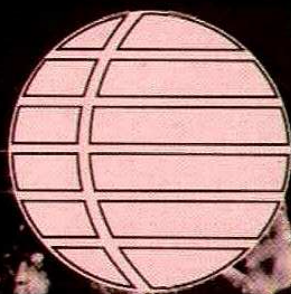


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# NEWS ON *one*

The F.A. Cup Fourth Round provided a few surprises for First Division clubs. Biggest upset was perhaps at Molineux where giant killers Bolton continued to progress with a 2-0 win over Wolves. Wolves manager Turner was not pleased with his forwards, including ex England player Steve Bull who squandered several chances "We had enough chances here to have won two matches. It is all very frustrating." Last seasons finalists Sunderland also went out losing to Premier side Sheffield Wednesday. The Wednesday winner was attributed to a mistake by keeper Tony Norman. Roker boss Malcolm Crosby says it was just one of those things "Tony is absolutely gutted. It was one of those crosses that he would have pulled out of the air no problem nine times out of ten. There is just nothing you can do about a mistake like that - and there was just no way back for us because it was so late on. Terry Butcher said the ball moved in the air, but Tony is big enough to concede that it was all down to him."

Barnsley provided perhaps the best result of the round with a convincing 4-1 win over West Ham at Oakwell. Man of the match was Barnsley striker Andy Rammell who hit a hat-trick. Following their midweek penalty success over Leicester and now after disposing of the Hammers,

Barnsley can look forward to a lucrative trip to Manchester City. Rammell was understandably delighted "What a match for me. I'm absolutely delighted. I didn't think I'd even play because I'd felt I'd had a bad match in the Cup replay against Leicester, but the Gaffer kept faith on me and I'm pleased about that and I think he must be too."

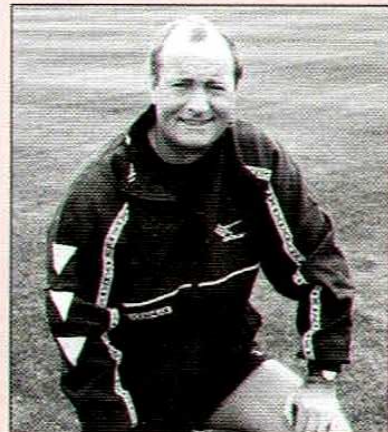
Derby County continued their impressive away form with a resounding 5-1 win at Luton. The Rams will have wished for an away draw in the Fifth Round having lost eight of eleven home games but are drawn to meet Bolton at the Baseball Ground.

Southend United lined up a Fifth Round clash with Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough following their 2-1 success at Huddersfield. United again had to rely on two goals from recent £100,000 signing Stan Collymore who joined the club from Crystal Palace. Collymore has hit eight goals since joining The Shrimpers last month and will be a great asset as the Club fight against relegation.

Of the reduced League programme played, Portsmouth moved into a strong position with a 1-0 home win over Brentford. Star man for Pompey was former Spurs player Guy Butters. Butters joined Pompey for £325,000 but has struggled to gain a regular first team slot. Saturdays game was in fact Butters first start of the season but despite reserve

team football he wants to stay at Fratton Park "With Kit Symons and Andy Awford in such great form this season there was no way I could just walk into the side. But I now like to think I did enough to stay in. I suppose could have asked for a transfer but I have not. I am just not the sort to go into the manager to rant and rave." Pompey will be keen to improve their away form as their promotion challenge has to date been based on good form at Fratton Park.

West Ham United striker Mike Small, who made a big impact during his first season at the club after joining them from Brighton has been ordered to rest by doctors who remain worried about his continued back problem. Small recently explained the problem "At first it seemed to be a muscle problem but now I've been told I have some kind of sciatica. I've tried to play through the pain but all I've done is to delay the healing process. All I can do now is rest."



Mel Machin - faith in Rammell.



# Wolverhampton Wanderers

Last week Molineux rang to the cheers of FA Cup excitement as Wolves did battle with giant-killers Bolton Wanderers in the Fourth Round. It was a big day which could have been even bigger had Bolton not tipped Liverpool out in that epic replay, but when the dust had settled the men from Molineux would most likely have willingly exchanged the Cup hype for a couple more wins in the League.

After gaining successive promotions in 1987 and 1988 Wolves are desperate to return to the big time in which the Club has such a glorious past.

Hopes were high last year but Wolves never really established themselves as serious contenders, eventually finishing 10th in the Second Division table.

This season optimism was fired by a solid start to the campaign when England striker **Steve Bull** emphasised his worth with goals in three of their first four victories over Brentford, Leicester City and Peterborough United. But Bull, and his much neglected partner **Andy Mutch**, have not been able to produce the consistency for which they are renowned and consequently the team's position has taken a dive.

Indeed, there was 'mutch' relief recently when **Mark Burke** and **Andy Mutch** scored in the last seven minutes of their derby clash with Birmingham City to retrieve what had seemed a lost cause with a 2-1 victory.

It ended a depressing run of six games without a win for

**Graham Turner's** side and eased some of the criticism levelled in his direction.

**Burke** had ignited the fightback in the 83rd minute when he whacked a spectacular 20-yarder into the Birmingham net. The home fans were still celebrating as **Andy Mutch** snatched his eighth goal of the season when he headed in **Robbie Dennison's** cross.

Scoring had not been a problem in the Wolves camp until this season, but **Andy's** header was only their 37th goal in 26 First Division matches and of the top ten sides only Charlton Athletic had scored less.

**Steve Bull** still tops the score chart of course with a dozen and **Darren Roberts**, a £20,000 purchase from Burton Albion, has also contributed. **Darren** made a sensational League debut with a hat-trick in the first half at Birmingham City (27-9-92), but the goal-flow that swept Wolves through Divisions Four and Three has just not been repeated at the higher level.

So these are still troublesome times for Mr Turner who strengthened his suspect defence by recruiting experience in the form of **Lawrie Madden** and **Derek Mountfield**; and enthusiasm in the shape of 29-year-old leftback **Paul Edwards**. Even so they have still conceded 32 goals!

One problem has been in goal where **Mike Stowell**, who was spotted first by Preston playing for Leyland Motors, had an outstanding start to the season. The former Everton custodian was injured and his place taken by **Paul Jones**, who joined Wolves from Kidderminster Harriers in July 1991. He made his League debut this season at 25; but has now been replaced by **Dave Beasant**.



Others to feature in the side this season include **Kevin Ashley**, a defender signed from Birmingham City for £500,000 in the summer of 1990; and **Paul Blades** - a former England Youth cap - who started his career with Derby County in 1982 (166 League app) and last season featured in the centre of Norwich City's defence.

Striker **Colin Taylor**, who has worked his way up through the ranks at Molineux, has also been given his chance. Yet another Liverpoolian, **Colin**, who has just turned 20, has made 18 League appearances for the club prior to the current campaign and 7 for Wigan on loan.

## WOLVES LEAGUE FORM GUIDE

Opponents	F	A	Scorers
Brentford	2	0	Bull, Dennison
Leicester City	3	0	Birch, Bull, Mutch
Swindon Town	2	2	Mutch, Downing
Oxford Utd	0	0	
Barnsley	1	0	Birch
Peterborough Utd	4	3	Mutch 2, Bull, Burke
Leicester City	0	0	
Watford	2	2	Bull 2
Birmingham City	4	0	Roberts 3, Downing
West Ham Utd	0	0	
Southend Utd	1	1	Mutch
Portsmouth	1	1	Birch
Millwall	0	2	
Derby County	0	2	
Sunderland	0	2	
Bristol Rovers	5	1	Edwards 2, Bull 2, Dennison
Notts County	2	2	Bull, Dennison
Charlton Athletic	2	1	Burke, Roberts
Grimsby Town	2	1	Burke, Mountfield
Cambridge Utd	1	1	Bull
Luton Town	1	2	Blades
Tranmere Rovers	0	3	
Newcastle Utd	1	2	Cook
Bristol City	0	0	
Watford	1	3	Mountfield





**Back Row:** Paul Cook, Mark Venus, Darren Roberts, Mike Stowell, Shane Westley, Paul Jones, Derek Mountfield, Darren Simkin, Lawrie Madden.  
**Middle Row:** Stephen Bull, Andy Mutch, Robbie Dennison, Mark Burke, Tim Steele, Mark Rankine, Tom Bennett, James Kelly.  
**Front Row:** Andy Thompson, Keith Downing, Gary Pendrey, Graham Turner (Manager), Paul Darby, Paul Birch, Kevin Ashley.

**Dave Beasant** - *Goalkeeper.* Former England international trying to re-establish himself after a disastrous period with Chelsea. Came to fame when he saved a penalty to help Wimbledon win the FA Cup Final over Liverpool in 1988. Spotted by Wimbledon playing for Edgware he went on to captain the Dons - making 340 League appearances. In June 1988 Newcastle United splashed out £800,000 for his services but he made but 20 League appearances before returning to London to join Chelsea. Lost his place in the Blues side following a disastrous game against Norwich City in September. Joined Grimsby on loan in October and arrived at Molineux on a similar agreement this month. Born: Willesden 20-3-59.

**Paul Birch** - *Midfield.* Developed through the youth ranks with Aston Villa - he was in their 1980 FA Cup winning side. Made his League debut against Sunderland in August

1983 and scored 16 goals in 173 appearances before moving to Wolves in January 1991. Born: West Bromich 6-11-62.

**Stephen Bull** - *Striker.* Although one of the England squad participating in the World Cup Finals in 1990 his international career seems to have come off the rails of late. "Bully", a £35,000 steal from West Brom in November 1986, continues to make scoring records however and this season became the Club's greatest-ever striker when he overhauled John Richards' long-standing haul of 192 goals. Born: Tipton 28-3-65.

**Mark Burke** - *Forward.* Another former Villa apprentice he made his League debut for them v Everton in April 1987. Played just six more times, in Division Two, the following season before joining Middlesbrough where he registered 6 goals in 57 League appearances.

Loan spells with Darlington and Ipswich preceded his move to Wolves in 1990-91. Born: Solihull 12-2-69.

**Paul Cook** - *Midfield.* Has been an almost permanent fixture in midfield since his £250,000 transfer from Norwich City in October 1989. Introduced to League football by Wigan in a Third Division game with Reading, in May 1985, he moved to Carrow Road four years later but only made six League appearances for the Canaries. Born: Liverpool 22-2-67.

**Robbie Dennison** - *Forward.* Plays wide on the left and is a good crosser. Capped 15 times by Northern Ireland he commenced this season with 28 goals in 206 League games for the Wolves having previously scored once in 16 League outings with West Brom. Joined Wolves in March 1987. Born: Banbridge, Co Down 30-4-63.



# WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS

**Keith Downing** - *Defender*. A free transfer capture from Notts County in 1987 Keith has since clocked up over 160 League appearances for the Wolves. Spotted playing for Oak Rovers County gave him his chance v Leeds United in August 1984 but in three years at Meadow Lane he was to add but 22 more League games to his record. Born: Oldbury 23-7-65.

**Paul Edwards** - *Fullback*. Signed from Coventry City in October 1992 Paul has slotted in nicely on the left hand side. Started his career with Crewe Alexandra making the first of his 86 League appearances at Hartlepool, in February 1988. Joined Coventry in 1990-91 and played 36 games in the old First Division. Was with Altrincham upon leaving school. Born: Birkenhead 25-12-63.

**Lawrie Madden** - *Defender*. There are few more experienced than this 37-year-old. A former amateur with Arsenal and graduate of Manchester University. Made his League debut for Mansfield v Stockport (1-4-75) and has since performed for Charlton Athletic (113 League app); Millwall (47); Sheffield Wednesday (212) and Leicester (3) on loan. Signed on a free transfer in September 1991 he has been a steadying influence at the heart of the Wolves defence - making 43 (1 goal) League appearances last season. Born: London 28-9-55.

**Derek Mountfield** - *Central Defender*. Another vastly experienced professional, Derek was the pivot upon which most of Everton's rivals crashed during their campaign days in the 80's. The former Tranmere apprentice, who made his League bow for Rovers at Peterborough in March 1981, proved a sound investment at £30,000 in 1983. At Goodison he won two championship medals; FA Cup and League Cup as well as gold in the ECWC before switching to Aston Villa in 1988, for £450,000. Capped by England at Under-21 and "B" levels. Born: Liverpool 2-11-62.

**Andy Mutch** - *Striker*. Live-wire attacker who was picked up for a song from Multipart League Southport in February 1986. Has formed a great partnership with Bull and is now close to netting his 100th goal in the Football League having started this season with 88 goals in 250 League appearances. Made his debut in a 0-0 draw with Rotherham (8-3-86). Won an England "B" cap v Switzerland in May 1989. Born: Liverpool 28-12-63.

**Mark Rankine** - *Midfield/Defence*. Now completing a year at Molineux - he joined Wolves from Doncaster for £70,000 in January 1992 - Mark has proved a versatile performer. Preferred in midfield he scored once, v Cambridge in April '92, last season in 15 League excursions. Was only 16 when he made his debut for Doncaster. Born: Doncaster 30-9-69.

**Mark Venus** - *Fullback*. Has lost his regular berth in the number three shirt this season but still very much involved. Signed in March 1988 for a big fee from Leicester City he has made 150 odd League appearances. Hartlepool was his first club - he came into the side at Bury (1-4-85); but was allowed to join Leicester on a free-transfer a couple of months later. Born: Hartlepool 6-4-67.

## THE MAN IN CHARGE



**Graham Turner** displayed outstanding qualities of leadership as a player though his career was restricted to the lower divisions.

He joined Wrexham as a junior in 1962 and three years later gained professional status. An England Youth International at 18 he made 77 League appearances for the Welsh club before moving to Chester City in January 1968.

Was to make over 200 appearances (218 in the League) before transferring to Shrewsbury Town in January 1973. His 13-year association with the Shrews was a colourful and happy one with dramatic giant-killing escapades in the FA Cup and promotion to Division Two providing the highlights.

Graham chalked up over 400 games for the club - 355 in the League - and in 1978 was installed as player-manager.

But his biggest break was yet to come. In July 1984 Graham was installed as manager of Aston Villa, but he failed to turn the club round and haunted by behind the scenes disharmony was sacked shortly after the start of his third season.

Another door opened in October 1986, however, when he was invited to take charge of Wolverhampton Wanderers - a big club wallowing in Division Four. In his first season he almost clinched promotion - defeat by Aldershot in the play-off final ending a gallant run.

Twelve months later Turner led Wolves to the Fourth Division Championship. A year on from that they were celebrating the Third Division title as well as the Sherpa Van Trophy.

A six-footer with clean sharp features Graham Turner, who was born at Ellesmere Port, Cheshire on 5th October 1947, is one of the game's great thinkers.

## TOWN vs WOLVES

### FULL LEAGUE RECORD

	Home		Away	
	F	A	F	A
1989-90	3	1	1	2
1990-91	1	0	2	1
1991-92	1	0	1	2
1992-93			2	2

### SUMMARY

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	3	3	0	0	5	1
Away	4	1	1	2	6	7
Totals	7	4	1	2	11	8



# Those were the days...



BY PAUL PLOWMAN

... looks back at previous connections with today's visitors

One of the most popular characters to don the red of Swindon either side of the last War was Billy Lucas, who was born 75 years ago this month. He was one of many who learned their trade at Molineux prior to coming to the County Ground. When Billy arrived in Wiltshire in May 1937, there were already three former 'Wolves' in Ted Vizard's playing pool.

Full-back Jack Smith - also a Welshman - spent four years at Molineux after signing from Merthyr Town in 1930. He went to Eastville to assist Bristol Rovers during 1934/35, but was soon on his way to Swindon. His stay was one of 122 consecutive appearances before he continued his journey eastwards, joining Chelsea for £3,000 in March 1938. Jack returned to Molineux as a guest during 1944/45, shortly before his playing career was ended when a bus ran over his foot. He remained with the club as a coach, but later took up management at Reading.

The two other former Molineux men came to Swindon during the summer of 1936. Both were Yorkshiremen. Winger Arthur Hetherington had spent seven years at Molineux, having been signed from Dalton United in 1928. Wolves sold him to Preston for around £3,000, but he cost the Town a fraction of that less than eighteen months later. Almost six feet tall, he was given the nickname 'Peg Leg'. He moved on to Watford shortly before the departure of Smith, in

February 1938. Goalkeeper Frank Wildman signed for Wolves in 1932, making an unhappy debut in a 5-1 defeat at Everton on Christmas Eve. He also made an intermediate stop before linking up with the Town, serving Reading for seventeen months. Frank stayed with Swindon until the club was forced to close down in 1940. He made guest appearances for Grimsby, Doncaster and Rotherham before rejoining the County Ground payroll in 1945. But he did not stay long, returning to Yorkshire to sign for Frickley Colliery in July 1946.

Billy Lucas joined Wolves at the age of seventeen, in 1935. He failed to make the League side at Molineux, but soon blossomed at the County Ground. On his home debut, he scored the opening goal in a 4-0 win over Crystal Palace and never looked back. Although he was soon without a club when the War intervened, he gained valuable experience guesting all over the country - for no less than seven clubs. In nineteen games for Blackburn Rovers, he scored 10 goals, an excellent return for an inside-forward. He netted 16 for the Town when League Football resumed in 1946/47. His brother Harry was also on the club's books at that time, but did not graduate beyond the reserve side.

In the 1947 close season, Swindon signed two ex-Wanderers. One was at Molineux during Billy's spell there. Winger Ted Maguire was in the Wolves side beaten in the

1939 Cup Final by Portsmouth. He stayed just one season at the County Ground before joining Halifax Town. The other was full-back Jack Preece. He made just two League appearances for Wolves, at the end of 1933/34 and served Bristol Rovers, Bradford City and Southport before the outbreak of War, during which he appeared over 150 times for Bristol City. He made only seven Third Division South appearances for the Town before joining Chippenham United as player-manager in 1948.

In March 1948, Lucas joined Swansea Town for £11,500 - a record fee for both clubs. He soon gained his first Welsh cap, but why he collected only seven altogether is something of a mystery. Billy made more than 200 appearances for the Swans before becoming player-manager at Newport in December 1953. It was the start of a long association with the club that his father, George Groves, played for back in their Southern League days. Billy did not hang up his boots until he was 40, in 1958. He then had three spells as team manager at Somerton Park and another as general manager.



Billy Lucas.



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with Janet Garrett

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## Monahans

We are also very happy to welcome back Monahans as our Match sponsor this afternoon. Monahans are a successful locally based firm of Chartered Accountants, with offices in Old Town, Cirencester and Chippenham who provide a full range of tax and accountancy services and are a member of the national UK 200 group of Chartered Accountants, an organisation that demands a high standard of quality and service to clients from its members. The Monahans party today includes seven of the partners, three of whom are season ticket holders at the County Ground.

## Clearplas

Clearplas Limited complete the sponsors for today's match whose party of four is led by Mr Peter Mills. This is the first time that we have received Clearplas at the County Ground but sincerely hope that it will be the first of many visits.

## Our Piano

As you may know we were recently very pleased to donate our old piano to the Chalet Special School, who are going to use it as part of their learning through music programme for this year. I would like to thank John Smart and his team from Smart Movers of Highworth who very kindly transported such a precious cargo down several flights of stairs to its new home in Queens Drive.

## Burmah Reward Card

One of the winners of the recent Burmah/STFC Reward Card and Comet promotion during the Swindon Town v Charlton Athletic game on the 16th January still has not yet claimed the prize of a satellite dish system. If the lucky winner is here today please will you contact me after the game or give me a ring during the next few days to claim your prize. The winning number is **0015 48 908**.



Some of the lucky winners who caught the special red footballs kicked into the crowd during the Swindon Town v Charlton Athletic match being presented with their prizes by Micky Hazard and Martin Ling.

## The County Room

The County Room is the latest hospitality function room available on match days or during the week for meetings. The County Room Matchday package comprises:-

- Champagne Reception
- 3 course meal with wine, coffee and mints
- Refreshments at half time
- Post match buffet in the Matchday Sponsors Lounge
- Seats for the game in the Sponsors Executive Box
- Complimentary programme
- A welcome in the programme

Please contact either myself Janet Garrett or my assistant Justine Phillips for an appointment to come and look for yourself.

## Something for the Ladies

*And of course the gentlemen!*

I am very pleased to announce that on March 1st 1993 we will be hosting a Gala Fashion Show in the Executive Concourse here at the County Ground. I think that I am right in suggesting that this is the first event to be held at the Club aimed mainly at the ladies for quite a long time and your support to make the evening a success would be really appreciated.

We are very lucky to have secured several fashion houses to show us their collections and there really will be something for everyone (even men)!

Tickets are on sale on a first come first served basis at £4.00 each inclusive of wine and refreshments. Reception 7.30pm, Fashion Show 8.00pm. Please contact me to further details on 0793 430430.

## Swindon Town v Birmingham City

May I take this opportunity to thank all of those volunteers who helped to make the pre-match entertainment such a success at this game. I have never seen people work so hard and so willingly as I saw on that day (in such a small space)! So to Dave, John, Kevin, Cliff, Jim, Olive, Cara, Mark, Dave, Beccy, Paul, Annie, Lauren, Vicky, Karen, Lewis, Paul, Gavin, Peter,

Isabel, Kenna, Eddie and the boys, Pete Lewis, and so many others THANK YOU! Lets do it all again sometime!

Also a big thank you to the local companies who supported this event among them Swindon Cable, Beatties, Events People and also Cadburys for donating the Time Out bars that were enjoyed by so many.

## Doing anything lunchtime?

Thursday February 11th The Executive Club is open for lunch. This is your chance to look around, meet friends and colleagues and enjoy a superb lunch with the players - all for £7.50! Call in, phone or write for tickets as soon as possible.

More than a thousand children from all parts of Wiltshire entered the competition organised by Haine & Smith Opticians to find today's lucky mascots. The successful candidates were drawn from entries received at 17 Haine & Smith practices. There was also an extra consolation competition at each practice, and seventeen under 16 year olds are now the proud owners of a football autographed by Glenn Hoddle.

So congratulations to our two lucky winners today and lets hope that this will be a day to remember.



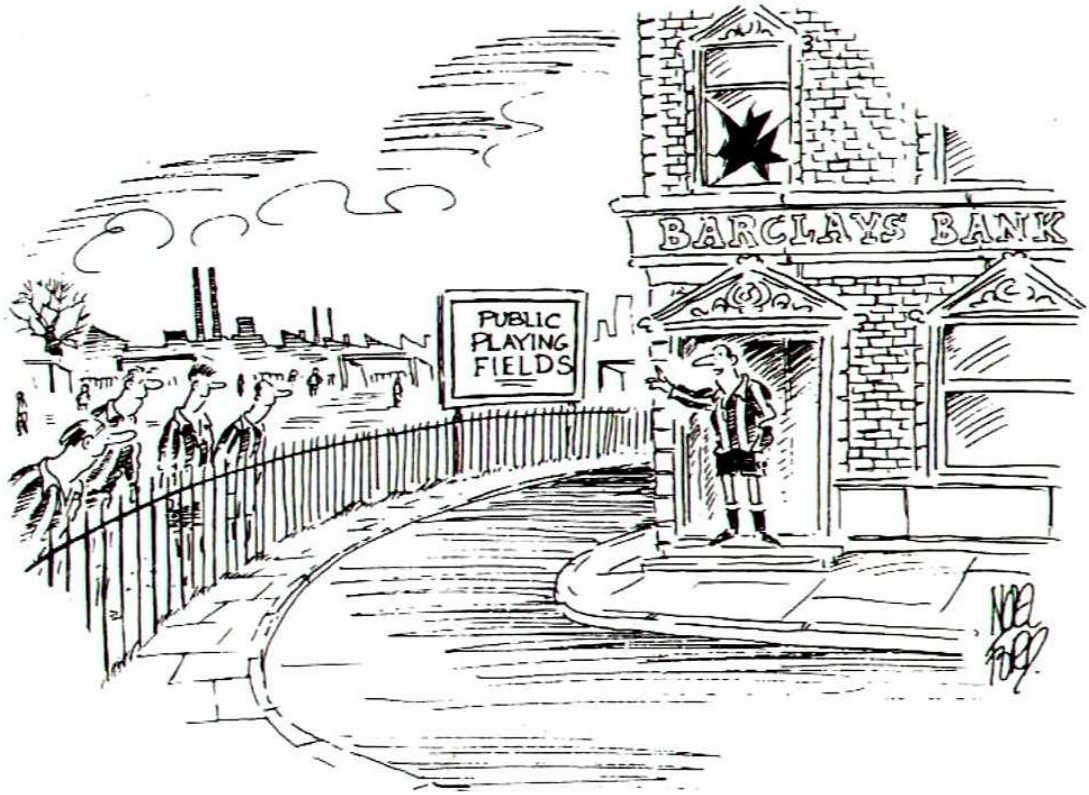
The first lucky competition winner is 10 year old Giovanni Gizzi from Old Walcot, Swindon. Giovanni attends the Holy Rood School in Swindon and in his spare time enjoys making things from Lego, playing football and looking after his pet hamster. His favourite players and Paul Gascoigne and Glenn Hoddle.



Our second winner is 14 year old Leigh Skinner from Melksham. Leigh attends Corsham School and loves the outdoor life. His main hobbies are windsurfing and belonging to the Army Cadets. His favourite team is Tottenham Hotspur but today he is making an exception for Swindon Town.

Haine & Smith also organised an inter-practice competition during their children's month in December, and representatives from the winning practice in Calne are at today's match. Haine & Smith enjoy close relations with Swindon Town, and their match day mascot competition has become a regular event.





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# STAR OF THE WEEK

## PLAYER PROFILE

### ANDREW THOMSON

## PLAYER PROFILE

With finances somewhat limited, Town's future heavily rests on the development of home-grown talent. Players like Andrew John Thomson, a local lad who first joined us on schoolboy forms and developed encouragingly to earn professional status at the end of last season.

"It was such a great feeling when they said yes and gave me a professional contract," says Andy, who as a schoolboy gained representative honours with the Town side; for Wiltshire and the West of England.

The 18-year-old claims he was always tall for his age and though he found his niche as a central defender he played one season for Kingsdown school in the centre of midfield. "I could get away with it at schoolboy level," he grins. "I couldn't here."

Even so one would agree that his control, touch and passing skills, are of a high order for a defender. He says: "I like to think of myself as a footballer. You have to be that at this club anyway."

The transformation from schoolboy part-timer to full time trainee is not always easy to adjust to and many youngsters find the strain of working at the game for six days a week very tough. Andy on the other hand loved it.

He reflects: "It was a very strange feeling coming here to work every day. It only sinks in gradually that you are on the bottom rung of a possible career as a player. I had only sat in the stands before. To be behind the scenes and see everything that goes on is brilliant.

"To be in a position to play football every day was even better. I found fitness no problem. Having worked

under John Trollope, who likes a run or two, the foundation was already laid."

His two years as an apprentice went well and Andy claims: "I was very lucky. In my second year I got quite a lot of games in the reserve side. It is a lot slower than the youth league as it happens so you do manage to develop your skills better at this level. In the youth team games are played at a hundred miles an hour. It is all very frantic."

Andy is perhaps unfortunate that he shadows the great Colin Calderwood, and the youngster sighs: "It's a tough act to follow. Both he and Shaun are not only brilliant players but so consistent."

When Colin was ruled out of the FA Cup third round tie at Queens Park Rangers the young hopefuls from the Stiffs must have felt a tingle of excitement in anticipation of a call-up. Was Andy disappointed then when the boss fielded striker David Mitchell as a stop-gap stopper?

"Not really," he admits candidly. "Edwin was on the bench that night and he could feel more upset than me. It would have been nice to have had the chance. Nerve-wracking but nice to pit your skills and wit against a striker like Ferdinand. But I think the manager went for experience.

"Hopefully I will get a first team opportunity before the end of the season. That is what every player in my position wants. The chance to see if you can cope with first-team football.

"The highlights for me so far was our pre-season trip to Holland. I played in two of the three games and scored a penalty in the final shoot-out. But I have a lot of work to do yet. I have to be patient and am always told that I

am too quiet on the field. So I'll have to start shouting a bit louder."

Is Andy happy with the way he is progressing this season?

"If you had asked me that a few weeks ago I'd have said yes. I was on a good run and happy with my game. But we played a friendly at Aldershot and I had an indifferent game to say the least. Then because the weather caused so many postponements I was unable to get that out of my system.

"We have not had the best of runs in the reserves either in terms of results. We are a very young side so this is to be expected. We did so well last season finishing sixth or seventh - the highest placed side from Division Two - which is the main thing."

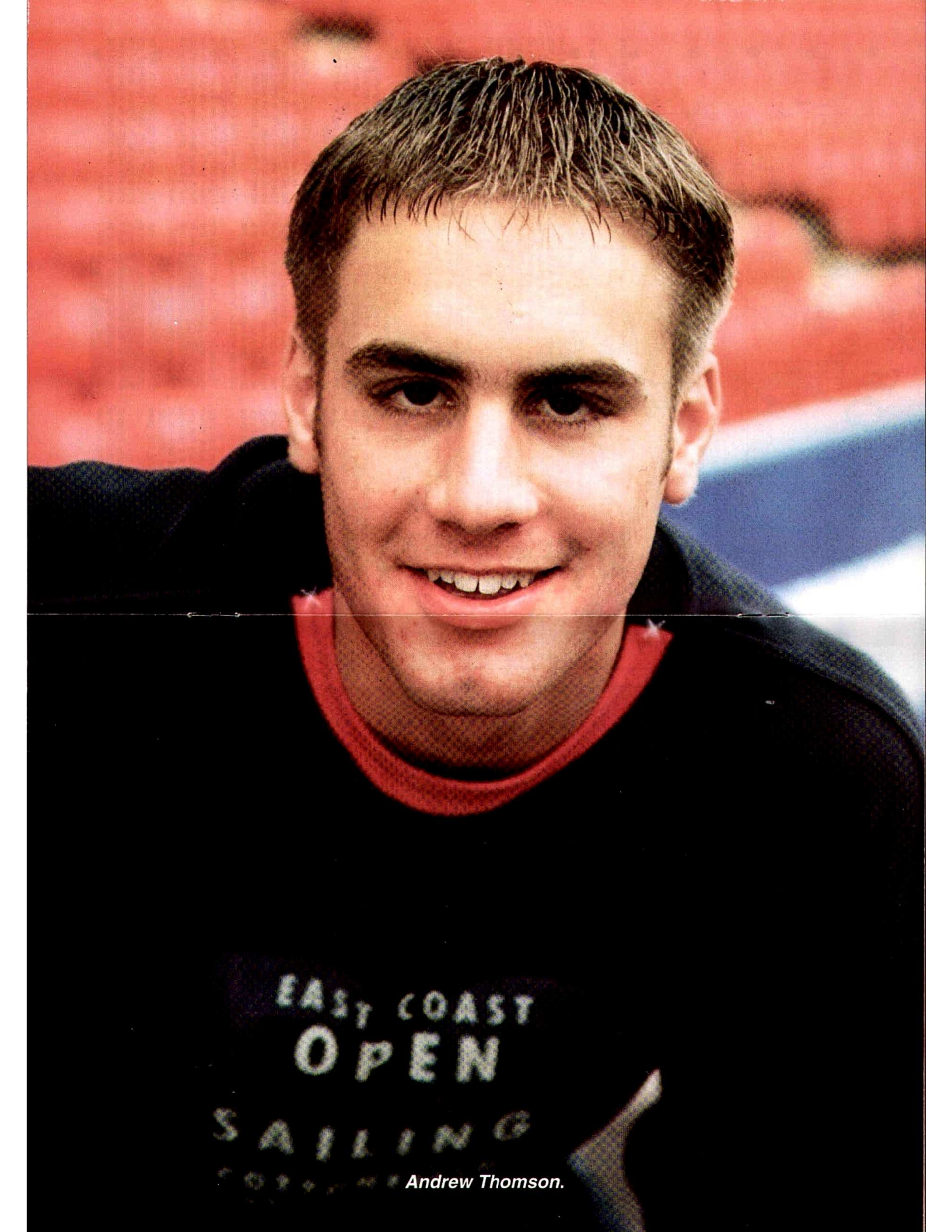
Though only at the beginning of his career Andy has played with some great players, Nestor Lorenzo, the Argentinean World Cup Final defender being the one who left the biggest impression.

Says Andy: "He was a one-off. A brilliant player. For a centre-back his skill was phenomenal, unbelievable. There was no point in trying to copy some of his skills. You would need to be world class to attempt them.

"Nestor was brilliant to watch but not very easy to play alongside. A little frightening at times because you never knew what he was going to try. But a great fellow always encouraging the young players and giving us support.

"As a local lad my dream is to play for the first team and represent my home town at the highest level. First priority though is to prove myself worth a new contract at the end of this season."





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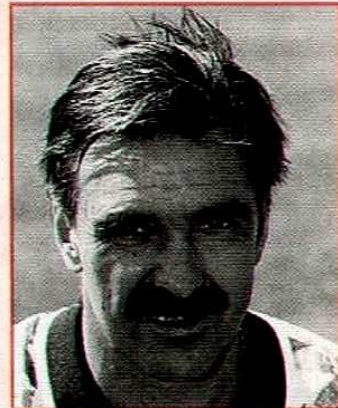
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# Gorman's GROOVE

WITH  
JOHN GORMAN



Our next four home matches are against teams near the top of the table so it is all in our own hands and we aim to get the results which will take us to the level we fully believe we should be at!

Starting with today's visitors Wolverhampton Wanderers. We welcome Graham Turner and Gary Pendrey along with all the players, officials and supporters from Molineux and we know this game should bring out the best in us.

We felt very disappointed when we drew 2-2 away at the beginning of the season with their late equalising goal.

Our last two home games have seen us only taking a share of the points in both and four points have slipped from our grasp. The weather in that period was absolutely terrible and although we played well it was a hindrance to us.

I have to say however unintentional Mark Lawrenson's comments on the state of the pitch was totally unfounded considering the atrocious day we had when the Birmingham

City game was played. Indeed we were very lucky that the game went ahead at all and only the good work of our groundsmen and the stadium staff enabled both games to go ahead that week.

Sure we would have liked a perfect pitch similar to when the season started in August but with the amount of rain in the West County has had in recent weeks we can only be pleased how well the pitch plays.

An old team mate of mine from my days at Carlisle United John Latham who has lived in South Africa for the past eleven years recommended and brought over three young players to have trials with us and so far they have settled in really well considering that they are used to 95° heat and dry pitches they've done really well. Possibly something may be worked out after we have made an assessment of them.

We also have USA International Mike Burns on trial for a month and if he turns out like John Harkes at Sheffield Wednesday it will be worth our while and his coming here.

There's lots of untouched talent in both of these Countries and with the contacts we have hopefully we can get some of that talent here for the future.

The injury scene is much improved with Ross MacLaren now fully fit and Micky Hazard and Nicky Hammond recovered from their strains. Only John Moncur is the main concern.

Darren Hall is back in training full time and coming on well and we now look forward to Dave Bennett and Norman McPhee getting back from their broken legs as soon as possible.



Darren Hall - Full training.



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# Home & Away

Millwall have powered their way to a top four place in the First Division under player-manager **Mick McCarthy**; and done it in a style that has prompted much praise. Consequently our impending show-down at the County Ground in a fortnight's time can quite rightly be billed as the First Division's match of the day.

The lads have more than a score to settle with the Lions who beat us 2-1 at the Den last September with two late goals after **Craig Maskell** had given us the lead.

It must be said that Millwall have improved since then, as their elevation up the First Division table so aptly suggests, but their strength is very much home based.

Unbeaten at the Den, where they have cracked in 32 goals in 12 League fixtures, the Lions have not been so fearsome away from home. Just three wins in 13 games - six of which have been drawn - suggests a more cautious strategy as indeed does their haul of just 11 goals away from home this season. Birmingham City (7) and Sunderland (9).

Still statistics can only highlight the past. To find out what is going to happen you need to be here. So make a date, and don't be late, for a footballing spectacle that promises to be a real thriller.

The Lions parade a host of stars like **Kasey Keller**, the American who is hoping to be the USA's goalkeeper in the next World Cup Finals...**Jamie Moralee** - signed from Crystal Palace and now the

new scoring sensation of Cold Blow Lane. **Phil Barber, Alex Rae, Ian Dawes** and **Kenny Cunningham**.

Before all this there is an extremely difficult trip to Sunderland next Saturday. This a real test of character for both sides.

The Rokerites boss, **Malcolm Crosby**, who has virtually been in charge for 13 months during which he has led the club to the FA Cup Final and saved them from relegation, claims that he's "still on trial."

And after their unfortunate FA Cup defeat at Sheffield Wednesday on Sunday, when a last minute gaff from goalkeeper **Tony Norman** cost them the game, last season's hero is now fighting for his job.

A big day on Wearside next Saturday and a big day here at The County Ground a week later for **Swindon Town v Millwall**...



*Craig Maskell - Scored at the Den.*



## COLIN'S CORNER

WITH COLIN CALDERWOOD

Slip ups in recent home games means this afternoon's match with Wolves is a very important one for us. We really need three points from this one to set us on a winning roll.

Why we should have failed against Birmingham City and Charlton I just don't know. But we have obviously got to pick up our home form if we are to achieve success at the end of the season.

It is strange. For until recently our record at The County Ground was almost perfect. Even so if we can win six of our nine remaining home fixtures it should be good enough to see us in contention for the play-offs.

Our programme has been somewhat fragmented of late with postponements and so on. The first break at Christmas was well recieved but there is nothing more frustrating than building your concentration up for a big game only to have it called off late because of the weather.

It is almost like a boxer who is out of range. Swinging and missing takes a lot out of them. We feel the same when a game is called off.

Hopefully there will be no such problems today for we are all really looking forward to this one. Our tussles with Wolves in the last few years have all been close encounters and with them sitting just below us in the table we can expect another keenly fought affair.

I had to do these notes in the hotel in Grimsby just before the game at Blundell Park and I have to tell you Ross was getting very excited about his return to the side. It is nearly a year since he played - ironically at Grimsby - and I just told him I hoped he would do better than last time!

Only joking.... Ross says he is looking slimmer... who's he trying to kid? He's never looked slim.



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# BENNO



With the race for promotion gaining momentum it is perhaps an opportune time to look at our current position in the Barclays

League Division One chase.

The goal of course is the Championship but failing that promotion to the Premier League would more than satisfy. This year only the top two teams in Division One will gain automatic promotion the third place will be achieved through the play-offs next May.

For the majority of contenders then the play-off route would seem the more realistic avenue as Newcastle United have lunged a massive 15 points lead over second place Tranmere Rovers and the chasing pack led by West Ham United and Millwall.

Yet it would be silly to hand Kevin Keegan the key to the Premier League door just yet. I recall a conversation I had with Middlesbrough boss Lennie Lawrence just over a year ago when he conceded that all the Second Division contenders were fighting for just one place - Blackburn Rovers, who had established a dominance similar to that of Newcastle this season, being already there in his opinion.

Lennie had forgotten this is 'a funny old game'. By the beginning of May, Ipswich Town had been crowned champions and Middlesbrough were promoted as runners-up. Blackburn Rovers did make it but only by a

controversial penalty win over Leicester City in a Play-Off Final they almost didn't make.

The morale of this story is of course: Don't count your magpies before they hatch.

There are still at least a dozen clubs with reasonable claims on one of those promotion places.

The introduction of three points for a win has proved one of the most progressive moves in modern football. It means that any side who can put a little winning run together can now make positive strides up the League ladder.

Town's cause has not been helped by postponements and failed floodlights. In last Sunday's First Division table we were seventh with 38 points from 24 games. But we had games in hand on all those above us apart from Tranmere Rovers.

To qualify for the play-offs we have to finish in a top six position. So at the moment we are well placed. Providing we can get the act together and turn the draws into victories Town should feature strongly in the final run in.

We could do with a few more goals however for this season, for the first time, goal difference in the Barclay's League has been replaced by goals scored to decide League positions where teams are level on points.

The change in the Regulations last summer was made to encourage attacking football. Goals conceded will only be taken into account if sides cannot be separated on points and goals scored.

As of last weekend Newcastle United had netted 51 goals with Tranmere on 48, but Rovers have earned most of theirs at home with

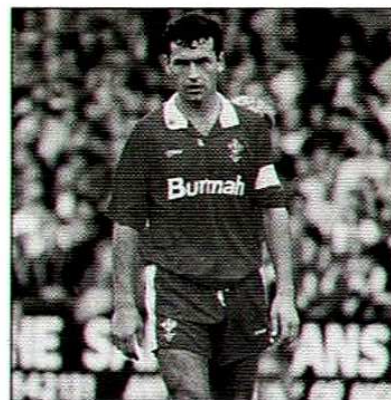
only 13 goals scored away and have not played as many away games as most of the contenders.

West Ham with 47 goals scored are well placed, as are Portsmouth with 45. Then comes Millwall and Town with 43 goals each. The Lions, like Tranmere, are not so prolific away from home having registered just 11 in 13 games. Their overall tally has certainly been bolstered by two rouge home wins over Notts County and Brentford which reaped them 12 goals.

So the stage is set for a rousing three months of League action. Let's hope Craig Maskell can rekindle the golden touch that made him one of the First Division's most prolific marksmen.

Finally, just a mention about last Tuesday, which not only featured our important First Division game at Grimsby but was the anniversary of two major historical dates. January 26th 1889 saw the last games on the League's first ever season. With only 12 competing clubs, the inaugural campaign - which was one by Preston North End - only lasted 22 games!

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Colin Calderwood - hoping to lead

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# INSIGHT

The movies have Michelle Pfeiffer. At the County Ground it is Michelle McDonald who steals the show; the dark slimline beauty bringing sanity and a reassuring confidence to the chaos.

Michelle is Secretary Jon Pollard's personal assistant and a key figure in the administration.

The Burger Queen, and this is not a reference to her surname but to her insatiable appetite for the meat filled bun, arrived at the club five-and-a-half years ago courtesy of the YTS...

Michelle recalls: "It was under what they called key training. Three of us were sent to be interviewed for the position of receptionist. I got the job.

"I knew nothing about football in fact I thought they only worked on a Saturday and that was it."

The former Headlands pupil was soon to realise what she had let herself in for. She says: "It was a rude awakening... I didn't even know who Lou Macari was when he came into the office - but I soon found out!

"I was only 16 and handling reception and the telephone. It was good fun. Then when Lisa left I took on more responsibilities and it has gone from there."

Only those who have worked on the administration side of a football club can really appreciate the value of a girl like Michelle. Jon Pollard wouldn't admit it publicly but off the record he thinks she's a treasure.

"I have to keep him in line," laughs Michelle, who amongst other things organises the hotel and travel arrangements - prepares players contracts and carries out the normal secretarial duties.

The highlight of any week for Michelle is match day. She says: "You get a real buzz. On a Saturday we come in at nine and go through the various routines such as allocating car parking lists; press passes and the distribution of programmes to the dressing rooms and Referee's room.

"About noon people drift in and the atmosphere gets exciting. I love it."

Michelle has served under three managers but literally saw more of Lou Macari. She says: "Lou used to come into the office nearly every day. He would lounge around and watch us work. He helped out too by answering the phone and so on.

with Colin Benson

"Sometimes he would wonder about in his little towel. One of the reasons he came in was to keep players out. He just didn't like players coming into the office. But he was a good laugh."

"Ossie was very difficult to understand at times. He was very quiet and his English was not that good. But he was such a nice man. Kept himself to himself.

"Glenn is also very quiet. He comes in and says good morning then we hardly see him again after he has collected his mail."

But what of boss, Jon Pollard?

"I like him," she says bashfully..."You have to know Jon to understand his sarcasm really. Behind it all he is okay."

If you think it is only the players who get the star parts then think again. Michelle was a director's wife in the popular TV series 'The Manageress' which was filmed at the County Ground. "Drinking watered down blackcurrant," she insists.

Maybe not a star part but then Miss Pfeiffer started in a small way. And fellas our Michelle is still "trying to find the right one," when it comes to romance. But don't ask her for a date on Friday. Like the players she has an early night before the big game.





*Michelle 'The Burger Queen' McDonald.*



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## Football in the Community

For this afternoon's visit of Wolverhampton Wanderers we are pleased to have Keith Morgan and everybody from Rodbourne Mannington here on one of our popular matchday visits along with our Saturday Team Club participants for the day who are West Harham Community Centre, Kennett Valley Junior F.C., Trowbridge Town F.C. U16's and Monmouth Lads Club.

We have a few places available on the Saturday Team Club at some of our remaining home League fixtures. Groups can spend a matchday here at The County Ground with us taking in a tour of the stadium, a coaching session, refreshments and enjoy the game with a free match programme. Further details are available from the Community Office.

### Schools Programme

Our successful schools programme continues with recent session involving Leigh, Malmesbury, Greenmeadow, Brookfield, Holy Family, Windmill Hill and Wanborough Schools.

The County Schools programme is also expanding and on a visit to Malmesbury we were joined by over 100 youngsters from Lea &

Garsden School, Malmesbury, Crudwell, Minety and Sherston at Filands Schools.

Next stop was Devizes where we had sessions with boys and girls from the following schools:- Rowde, St Josephs, Potterne, St Peters and Chirlow. Yesterday afternoon we visited Colin Fleetwood at Monkton Primary Farleigh School and we welcome them here today for a school's matchday visit.

We have been accompanied on our visits to these groups by Town trainees James Phillips and David Elsey.

Schools half term will soon be with us again and during the week from 15-19 February we will be running another two Soccer Schools. The first is at Greendown School, West Swindon in the mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Once again we thank Deputy Head Steve O'Sullivan for his help in providing the superb facilities which include astro-turf, grass pitches and in the event of bad weather the use of the school's gymnasium.

St Joseph's Lower School is the venue for the second Soccer School which is to be held from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. All soccer enthusiasts are welcome. Why not come

along and take the opportunity to make new friends and improve your skills and knowledge of the game.

Participants will all receive records of attendance and there are prizes for students who make special contributions during their week of activities.

Many Clubs in the Wiltshire area have benefited from our Soccer Schools and we are now looking to organise these for the summer months. We are taking bookings for the weeks from 19 July through to the end of August. If your Youth Club would like their own School please contact the Community Office.

Finally we would like to thank Tony Williams at Dorcan School for providing us with training facilities. Tony is our guest here this afternoon along with others from Dorcan.



Community Office Coaches & Town Trainees at last year's Soccer School.

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# Rowland's RESERVES

After missing over three weeks through postponements due to waterlogged pitches we finally returned to action with an away game with Watford at Vicarage Road.

We could have expected to have been a little rusty due to lack of match practice yet overall we performed well and could easily have had taken all three points.

As seems to be the case at the moment we started off well, playing some good football yet found ourselves a goal down after only eight minutes when Watford midfielder Richard Johnson hit a 'screamer' from outside the box to give the home side a lead they did not deserve.

We kept our heads and discipline despite this set-back and created several openings with Olisa Morah, Eddie Murray and Ross MacLaren all going close before we got the long awaited equaliser.

Ross MacLaren did all the spade work, winning a couple of challenges on the edge of the Watford area before setting up Shaun Close who lifted the ball over the 'keeper to level the scores.

Although we kept pressing, the winner didn't come but we can take heart from a fairly solid away performance.

Three days later we travelled to meet Chelsea at Kingstonian FC and despite going down by the odd goal this was surely one of our best performances of the season to date against a very strong and costly side. Our first half showing was particularly pleasing with everybody competing well and working together to deny Chelsea time and space and at the same time looking dangerous in attack.

Chelsea were restricted to a few first half chances and our defence looked solid and the midfield of MacLaren, Hunt and Marcus Phillips dictating for long periods.

We went in at half time a goal up scored by Chris Hamon with a back post header from Paul Hunt's corner and it was no more than we deserved.

After the break and with a half time 'rollicking' Chelsea hit us with an early goal, Tony Cascarino scoring past Kevin Phillips.

After some early pressure we settled down again and got Nicky Summerbee going down the right and were unlucky not to get on the end of his crosses.

With just under ten minutes remaining we



**ANDY ROWLAND**

again took the lead with a lovely show of football. Ross MacLaren sent Paul Hunt down and his cross was taken on by Shaun Close who calmly slipped the ball beyond Chelsea's new Russian goalkeeper Dmitri Kharine.

By this stage we thought that we had done enough to win the game but this was not to be. A quickly taken free kick by Craig Burley caught everyone napping and he shot into an empty net from 30 yards and then with almost the last kick of the game a high ball was pumped into our box and the ball was scrambled home leaving us thoroughly dejected.

We must now pick ourselves up and try to repeat this type of performance week in, week out without obviously giving away three goals in the process.

**Results:**

Neville Ovenden Football Combination

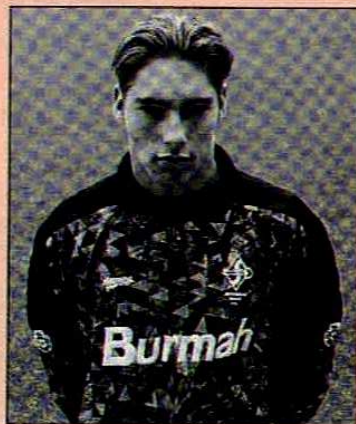
**Watford 1 Swindon Town 1**

Scorer: Close  
Team: Phillips K, Heffer, O'Sullivan, MacLaren, Thomson, Murray, Berkley, Middleton, Morah, Close, Hunt.  
Subs: Phillips M, Hamon.

Neville Ovenden Football Combination

**Chelsea 3 Swindon Town 2**

Scorers: Hamon, Close  
Team: Phillips K, Summerbee, O'Sullivan, MacLaren, Thomson, Murray, Phillips M, Middleton, Hamon, Close, Hunt. Subs: Heffer, Berkley.



*Kevin Phillips - Reserve outings at Watford and Chelsea.*

**NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION DIVISION ONE FIXTURES**

Wed Aug 19	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	2-0
Wed Aug 26	Portsmouth	A	1-3
Wed Sep 02	West Ham United	H	1-1
Fri Sep 11	Norwich City	A	3-5
Mon Sep 21	Millwall	A	0-1
Wed Sep 30	Wimbledon	H	0-1
Wed Oct 07	Fulham	A	0-3
Wed Oct 14	Millwall	H	1-3
Wed Oct 28	Tottenham Hotspur	H	2-1
Thur Nov 05	Crystal Palace	A	3-3
Mon Nov 09	Watford	H	1-1
Tue Nov 17	Queens Park Rangers	H	1-1
Mon Nov 23	Chippenham T. (WPS)	H	8-1
Wed Nov 25	Ipswich Town	A	1-3
Tue Dec 15	Norwich City	H	2-2
Tue Dec 22	Luton Town	A	2-1
Fri Jan 15	Watford	A	1-1
Mon Jan 18	Chelsea	A	2-3
Wed Jan 20	Oxford United	A	5-0
Wed Jan 27	Southampton	H	1-1
Tue Feb 02	Wimbledon	A	
Wed Feb 10	Portsmouth	H	
Mon Feb 15	Charlton Athletic	H	
Wed Feb 24	Ipswich Town	H	
Mon Mar 01	Luton Town	H	
Wed Mar 03	Bristol City	A	
Mon Mar 08	Bristol City	H	
Mon Mar 15	Fulham	H	
Wed Mar 17	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	
Sat Mar 27	Southampton	A	
Wed Mar 31	West Ham United	A	
Wed Apr 07	Oxford United	H	
Tue Apr 13	Chelsea	H	
Wed Apr 21	Charlton Athletic	A	
Sat Apr 24	Arsenal	A	
Wed Apr 28	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
Wed May 05	Crystal Palace	H	
T.B.A	Arsenal	H	
T.B.A	Queens Park Rangers	A	

All home matches will be played at The County Ground, Swindon with a 7.30pm kick-off until further notice.

**NEVILLE OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION DIVISION ONE**

**SEASON 1992/93**

**AS AT 23RD JANUARY 1993**

MILLWALL	19	12	4	3	41	19	40
CHELSEA	19	11	5	3	40	24	38
WIMBLEDON	19	10	5	4	32	17	35
IPSWICH TOWN	19	10	2	7	32	28	32
TOTTENHAM H.	19	8	7	4	40	18	31
CRYSTAL P.	18	8	6	4	37	26	30
ARSENAL	20	8	4	8	34	23	28
SOUTHAMPTON	18	7	6	5	28	23	27
WATFORD	21	6	9	6	30	36	27
OXFORD UTD	20	7	6	7	25	35	27
Q.P.R	15	7	5	3	25	14	26
WEST HAM	21	7	4	10	29	29	25
CHARLTON A.	19	7	4	8	23	29	25
BRIGHTON	20	7	3	10	23	44	24
NORWICH CITY	20	5	8	7	37	40	23
SWINDON TOWN	18	4	6	8	28	33	18
LUTON TOWN	18	4	5	9	18	30	17
BRISTOL CITY	19	3	7	9	22	32	16
PORTSMOUTH	18	4	4	10	24	41	16
FULHAM	20	3	4	13	14	40	13



# FOCUS on youth

After the Arsenal result in the FA Youth Cup and all the praise given to the players, the South East Counties League game at home to Colchester United showed us the other side of the coin and certainly brought the players feet back on the ground.

This performance was certainly no the standard we expect with too many of the lads not performing on the day resulting in a totally indifferent team performance.

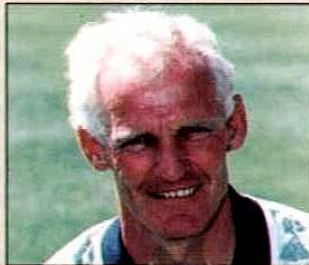
We had most of the possession in a goal-less first half but failed to make the most of this with few chances created lacking the ideas to break down the Colchester defence.

An early goal conceded in the second half was unfortunate and we really never looked capable of pulling the game around and another goal shortly before the end summed up our performance.

Our lesson must be to play in the right manner whatever the game, ground or opposition and not underestimate other teams.

The Allied Counties League fixtures have all been postponed in recent weeks because of the weather and this has not helped in our assessment of the Under 16 players who play in this team. Next year's trainees will be selected from these players.

As we have to make a decision on some of these boys within the next month or so hopefully we can play some of the outstanding games to come to this decision.



**JOHN TROLLOPE**

The U15's have managed to get a few games under their belts and are progressing quite well under the guidance of Andy Bish and Paul Weller with Adrian Riddiford making the arrangements and bringing in boys for assessment. We are always looking to improve the standard of lads coming through the ranks and now feel we have the set up to give boys every chance to prove their capabilities from the age of 9 through to 18+.

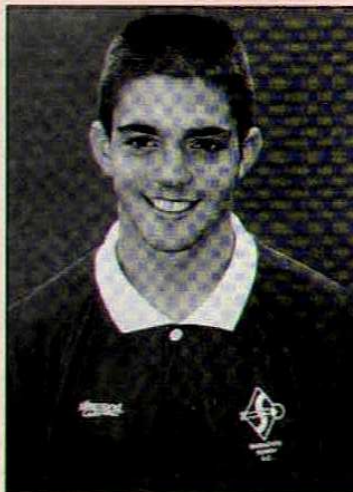
*Result:*

South East Counties League

**Swindon Town 0  
Colchester United 2**

*Team:* Phillips K, Pitman, Phillips J, Reeves, Eley, James, French, O'Driscoll, Luwero, Lane, Worrall.

*Subs:* Kearns, Fraser.



*Ben Worrall -  
Unable to breakthrough against  
Colchester.*

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES

Sat Aug 15	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	2-3
Sat Aug 22	Bristol Rovers	A	0-3
Mon Aug 24	Northampton Town (MYC P)	H	1-0
Sat Aug 29	Reading	H	4-1
Sat Sep 05	Colchester United	A	2-1
Sat Sep 12	Tottenham Hotspur	H	1-4
Tue Sep 15	Tottenham H. (SJFC 1)	A	0-4
Sat Sep 19	AFC Bournemouth (LC 1)	A	2-2
Sat Sep 26	AFC Bournemouth (LC1R)	H	0-3
Sat Oct 03	Brentford	H	0-3
Mon Oct 05	Oxford United (MYC 1)	A	2-2
Sat Oct 10	Oxford United	A	1-4
Sat Oct 17	Southampton	H	1-1
Mon Oct 19	Oxford United (MYC 1R)	H	3-0
Sat Oct 24	Oxford United	H	0-0
Sat Oct 31	Crystal Palace	H	1-0
Wed Nov 04	Oxford United (FAYC 1)	H	3-2
Sat Nov 07	Luton Town	H	1-3
Sat Nov 14	Wimbledon	A	0-3
Sat Nov 21	Bristol City	A	3-2
Sat Nov 28	Luton Town	A	1-4
Wed Dec 09	Southampton (FAYC 2)	H	1-0
Sat Dec 12	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	1-2
Mon Dec 14	Derby County (MYC 2)	A	3-2
Sat Jan 02	Reading	A	3-1
Tue Jan 05	Arsenal (FAYC 3)	H	5-2
Sat Jan 09	Colchester United	H	0-2
Sat Jan 30	Brentford	A	
Mon Feb 01	Bristol City (FAYC 4)	A	
Sat Feb 06	Wimbledon	H	
Sat Feb 13	Southampton	A	
Sat Feb 20	Crystal Palace	A	
Sat Feb 27	AFC Bournemouth	A	
Sat Mar 06	Bristol City	H	
Sat Mar 27	Bristol Rovers	H	
T.B.A	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
T.B.A	AFC Bournemouth	H	

All home South East Counties League games are played at The Allied Dunbar Training Centre, King Edward Place, Wanborough. Games kick off at 11.00 am.

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

23RD JANUARY 1993

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wimbledon	18	15	1	2	51	13	31
Brentford	17	10	5	2	31	16	25
Bristol City	16	10	1	5	36	23	21
Brighton	15	7	4	4	31	25	18
Luton Town	15	8	0	7	35	23	16
Southampton	16	5	6	5	17	20	16
Crystal Palace	17	7	1	9	25	24	15
Bournemouth	15	5	5	5	19	23	15
Tottenham H.	16	6	2	8	30	38	14
Colchester Utd	14	6	0	8	16	24	12
Bristol Rovers	16	4	4	8	23	38	12
Swindon Town	17	5	2	10	21	37	12
Reading	17	3	4	10	23	42	10
Oxford Utd	17	3	3	11	25	37	9

## ALLIED COUNTIES YOUTH LEAGUE FIXTURES

Mon Sep 21	Newbury Town	A	10-0
Mon Sep 28	Reading	H	3-1
Mon Oct 12	Kintbury Rangers	H	11-0
Tues Nov 17	Kintbury Rangers (LC1)	A	10-0
Tues Dec 15	Kintbury Rangers	A	3-0
Mon Jan 25	Hungerford Town	A	
T.B.A	Hungerford Town (LC2)	H	

All home Allied Counties Youth League fixtures are played at Swindon Supermarine F.C., South Marston. Games kick off at 7.30 pm.





# Robins Facts

## BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1992/93

AS AT 27TH JANUARY 1993.

P W D L F A W D L F A Pts

Newcastle U.	26	10	2	1	28	7	9	1	3	23	16	60
Tranmere R.	25	10	4	0	35	9	3	2	6	14	24	45
West Ham	25	7	2	2	25	10	6	4	4	22	15	45
Millwall	25	9	3	0	32	9	3	6	4	11	13	45
Portsmouth	26	10	1	1	25	3	2	6	6	20	27	43
Leicester C.	26	7	4	3	22	16	5	2	5	16	16	42
Swindon T.	25	7	4	2	26	17	3	4	5	18	23	38
Grimsby T.	26	7	3	3	22	17	4	1	8	16	18	37
Wolves	26	6	5	2	24	16	3	5	5	13	16	37
Charlton Ath.	26	5	7	2	18	12	3	4	5	13	15	35
Derby C.	25	3	0	8	17	22	7	4	3	23	13	34
Barnsley	25	7	2	4	16	10	3	2	7	16	19	34
Brentford	26	6	3	5	22	18	3	3	6	15	19	33
Watford	26	5	5	3	20	18	3	4	6	17	25	33
Peterboro'	23	2	7	4	17	19	6	1	3	15	13	32
Oxford Utd	25	4	6	3	20	13	2	6	4	16	21	30
Sunderland	24	5	3	4	18	16	3	3	6	9	20	30
Bristol City	25	5	4	4	18	18	2	2	8	12	30	27
Birmingham City	24	6	1	4	16	17	1	5	7	7	21	27
Notts C.	27	3	5	5	15	17	2	5	7	15	29	25
Cambridge Utd	26	5	3	5	17	19	0	7	6	13	28	25
Bristol R.	26	4	2	7	20	28	2	3	8	14	29	23
Southend U.	26	3	5	4	13	12	2	3	9	12	24	23
Luton T.	24	1	6	4	12	21	3	4	6	14	24	22

## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES 92/93

	League		Cup		Total	
	Apps	G	Apps	G	Apps	G
Austin Berkley	0(1)	0	1	1	1(1)	1
Paul Bodin	15(1)	2	4	0	19(1)	2
Colin Calderwood	22	1	5	0	27	1
Shaun Close	0(3)	0	1(1)	0	1(4)	0
Fraser Digby	12	0	3	0	15	0
Andy Gray	3	0	0	0	3	0
Nicky Hammond	13	0	3	0	16	0
Micky Hazard	24	2	5	0	29	2
Glenn Hoddle	24	1	4	1	28	2
Kevin Horlock	12(2)	1	3	0	15(2)	1
Paul Hunt	0(2)	0	1	0	1(2)	0
David Kerlake	23(1)	0	5	0	28(1)	0
Martin Ling	22(1)	2	6	1	28(1)	3
Marcus Phillips	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(2)	0
Ross MacLaren	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
Craig Maskell	25	18	5	2	30	20
David Mitchell	20(4)	4	5	4	25(4)	8
Eddie Murray	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0
John Moncur	10(3)	1	2	0	12(2)	1
Wayne O'Sullivan	0	0	1	0	1	0
Nicky Summerbee	16(7)	2	4(2)	1	20(9)	3
Shaun Taylor	25	7	5	1	30	8
Adrian Viveash	0(5)	0	1(2)	0	1(7)	0
Steve White	4(18)	1	1(4)	2	5(22)	3

## SWINDON TOWN FC FIXTURES 1992/93

Date	Opponents		F A	Att.
Sat Aug 15	Sunderland	H	1-0	11,375
Wed Aug 19	Bristol Rovers	A	4-3	6,150
Sat Aug 22	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	2-2	15,493
Sat Aug 29	Cambridge United	H	4-1	8,292
Tue Sep 01	Oxford United (A.I.C.)	A	3-1	4,066
Sat Sep 05	Millwall	A	1-2	8,091
Sat Sep 12	Bristol Rovers	H	2-2	10,006
Wed Sep 16	Brentford (A.I.C.)	H	1-2	3,189
Sun Sep 20	Oxford United	H	2-2	8,110
Wed Sep 23	Torquay Utd (C.C.C. 2-1)	A	6-0	3,560
Sat Sep 26	Charlton Athletic	A	0-2	6,742
Tue Sep 29	Grimsby Town	H	1-0	5,759
Sat Oct 03	Watford	H	3-1	7,723
Tue Oct 06	Torquay Utd (C.C.C. 2-2)	H	3-2	3,278
Sat Oct 10	Portsmouth	A	1-3	12,442
Sat Oct 17	Notts County	H	5-1	7,912
Sat Oct 24	West Ham United	A	1-0	17,842
Tue Oct 27	Oldham Athletic (C.C.C.3)	H	0-1	8,811
Sat Oct 31	Barnsley	H	1-0	7,784
Tue Nov 03	Brentford	H	0-2	7,988
Sun Nov 08	Newcastle United	A	0-0	28,091
Sat Nov 14	Southend United	H	3-2	7,777
Sat Nov 21	Bristol City	A	2-2	14,066
Sun Nov 29	Peterborough United	A	3-3	5,976
Sun Dec 06	Derby County	H	2-4	8,923
Sun Dec 20	Leicester City	A	2-4	15,088
Mon Jan 04	Q.P.R (FAC 3)	A	0-3	12,106
Sat Jan 09	Oxford United	A	1-0	9,146
Tue Jan 12	Birmingham City	H	0-0	14,398
Sat Jan 16	Charlton Athletic	H	2-2	8,980
Tue Jan 26	Grimsby Town	A	1-2	5,207
Sat Jan 30	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	-	-
Sat Feb 06	Sunderland	A	-	-
Sat Feb 13	Millwall	H	-	-
Sat Feb 20	Cambridge United	A	-	-
Sat Feb 27	Portsmouth	H	-	-
Sat Mar 06	Watford	A	-	-
Wed Mar 10	Southend United	A	-	-
Sat Mar 13	Newcastle United	H	-	-
Wed Mar 17	Luton Town	A	-	-
Sat Mar 20	Derby County	A	-	-
Wed Mar 24	Bristol City	H	-	-
Sat Mar 27	Brentford	A	-	-
Sat Apr 03	Peterborough United	H	-	-
Tue Apr 06	Tranmere Rovers	A	-	-
Sat Apr 10	Luton Town	H	-	-
Mon Apr 12	Birmingham City	A	-	-
Sat Apr 17	Leicester City	H	-	-
Sat Apr 24	Notts County	A	-	-
Tue Apr 27	Tranmere Rovers	H	-	-
Sat May 01	West Ham United	H	-	-
Sat May 08	Barnsley	A	-	-

FAC= F.A.Cup C.C.C.= Coca Cola Cup A.I.C.= Anglo Italian Competition  
Figure in bold= Goalscorer Figure in brackets= Number of player substituted.



# and Statistics



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	BODIN	HODDLE 1	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL	LING	MITCHELL	CLOSE (9)	VIVEASH
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DIGBY	SUMMERBEE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR 1	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL 1	KERSLAKE	MITCHELL	WHITE	LING
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR 1	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL 3	LING	MITCHELL	SUMMERBEE	CLOSE
DIGBY	O'SULLIVAN	BODIN	HUNT	CALDERWOOD	VIVEASH	SUMMERBEE 1	CLOSE	MASKELL 1	LING	BERKLEY 1	WHITE (9)	MURRAY
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL 1	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE (11)	SUMMERBEE
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DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR 1	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL 1	LING 1	MITCHELL 2	SUMMERBEE (8)	WHITE (4) 1
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL	LING	MITCHELL	SUMMERBEE (7)	WHITE (9)
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL 1	LING	MITCHELL	SUMMERBEE	WHITE
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR 1	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE	MASKELL 2	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE (11)	PHILLIPS M.
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE 1	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE	WHITE 1	LING	MITCHELL 1	CLOSE (10)	PHILLIPS M. (7)
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE	MASKELL	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE (7) 1	HORLOCK (3)
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK 1	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE 1	MASKELL	LING 1	MITCHELL 1	WHITE (9)	MONCUR (8) 1
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	MONCUR	MASKELL 1	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE (8)	VIVEASH
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HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE	MASKELL 2	LING 1	MITCHELL	WHITE	HUNT (7)
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE 1	MASKELL 1	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE (4)	HUNT
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR 2	HAZARD	SUMMERBEE	MASKELL 1	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE (4)	MONCUR
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD 1	SUMMERBEE	MASKELL 1	LING	MITCHELL	WHITE (11)	MONCUR (8)
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	HORLOCK	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD 1	MONCUR	MASKELL 1	LING	SUMMERBEE	WHITE (8)	BODIN (7)
HAMMOND	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	MITCHELL	TAYLOR	HAZARD	HORLOCK	MASKELL	LING	WHITE	SUMMERBEE(9)	MURAY (8)
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	GRAY	MASKELL 1	LING	WHITE	MITCHELL	HORLOCK
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	GRAY	MASKELL	HORLOCK	WHITE	MITCHELL	SUMMERBEE
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN	SUMMERBEE 1	CALDERWOOD 1	TAYLOR	HAZARD	GRAY	MASKELL	HORLOCK	WHITE	MITCHELL (9)	MacLAREN
DIGBY	KERSLAKE	BODIN 1	HODDLE	CALDERWOOD	TAYLOR	HAZARD	MacLAREN	MASKELL	LING	WHITE	MITCHELL (10)	SUMMERBEE (2)

## SAVE BART'S



## HOSPITAL

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# TODAY'S LINE UP



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**FORTHCOMING GAMES AT THE  
COUNTY GROUND:**

**Wednesday 10 February 1993  
Neville Ovenden Football  
Combination Division 1  
vs  
PORTSMOUTH  
Kick off 2.00pm**

**Saturday 13 February 1993  
Barclays League Division 1  
vs  
MILLWALL  
Kick off 3.00pm**

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TEAM CHANGES

- 1 FRASER DIGBY
- 2 DAVID KERSLAKE
- 3 PAUL BODIN
- 4 GLENN HODDLE
- 5 COLIN CALDERWOOD
- 6 SHAUN TAYLOR
- 7 MICKY HAZARD
- 8 ROSS MacLAREN
- 9 CRAIG MASKELL
- 10 MARTIN LING
- 11 STEVE WHITE

SUB: 12 DAVID MITCHELL 14 NICKY SUMMERBEE

Referee: W.K.Burge (Tonypany, Mid Glamorgan)  
Linesman (red/yellow flag): F.R.Martin (Cwmbran, Gwent)  
Linesman (yellow flag): A.J.Webb (Winnersh, Berkshire)  
Reserve Official: P.Davis (Pewsey, Wiltshire)

## WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS

TEAM CHANGES

- 1 DAVE BEASANT
- 2 MARK BURKE
- 3 PAUL EDWARDS
- 4 MARK RANKINE
- 5 DEREK MOUNTFIELD
- 6 LAWRIE MADDEN
- 7 KEITH DOWNING
- 8 PAUL COOK
- 9 STEVE BULL
- 10 ANDY MUTCH
- 11 ROBBIE DENNISON

SUB: 12 ANDY THOMPSON 14 DARREN ROBERTS

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