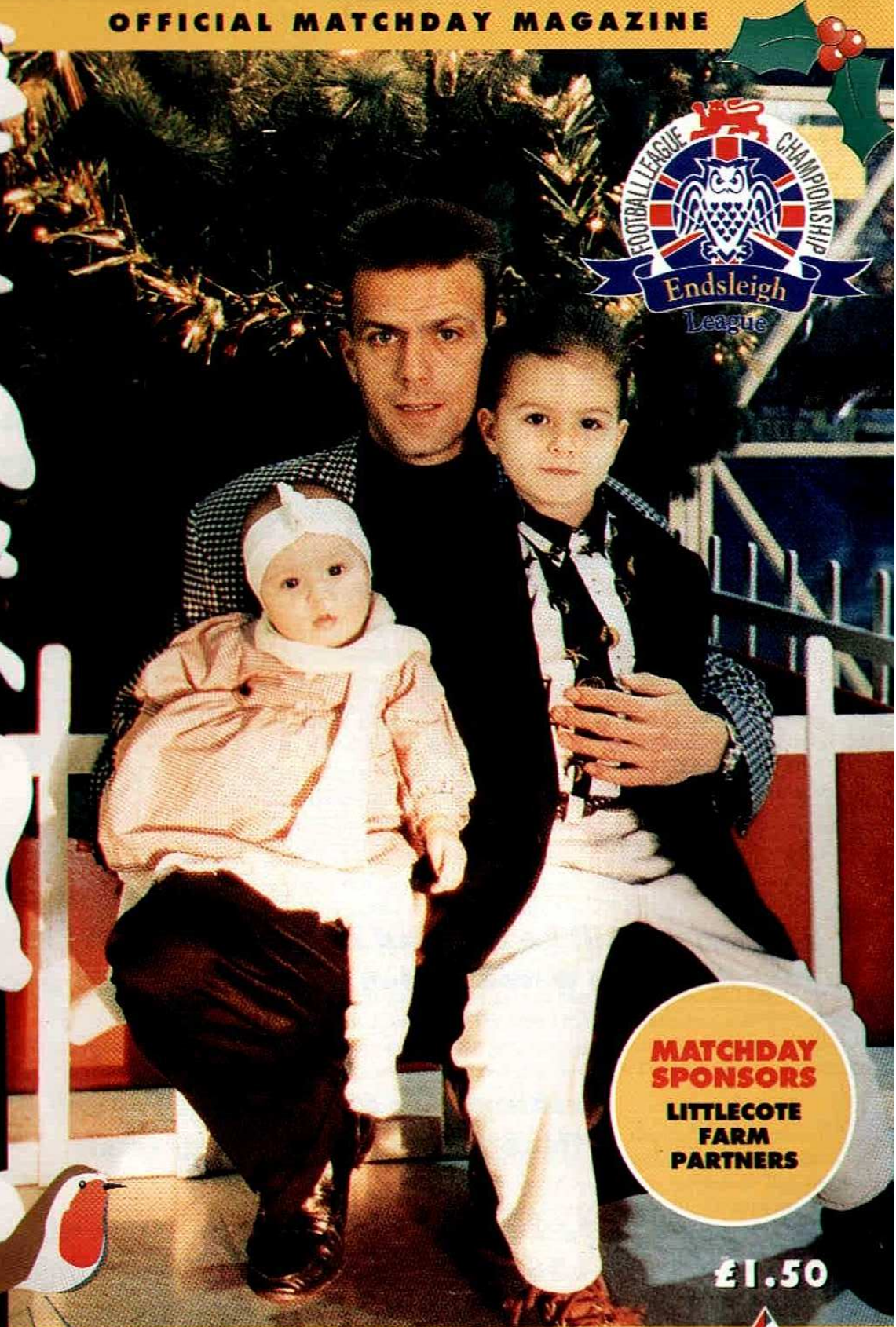




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FROM THE TOP *With* STEVE McMAHON



Welcome back to the County Ground. I hope you have all had a very enjoyable Christmas. Hopefully we picked up some points at Stoke City yesterday. I can't comment on that game of course but I can mention our previous trip to the Potteries. The 2-2 scoreline at Port Vale

on the face of it seems a good point but I was desperately disappointed we didn't take all three.

It has been a familiar story since I came here. The lads have grafted and done all the hard work then thrown everything away by letting in goals that should have been prevented.

Nine out of ten times if you score two goals away from home you should be a winner. Yet if you look at our record this season you will see that we scored twice at Tranmere, three times at Portsmouth and twice more at Bristol City, and still managed to lose all three games.

The lads know the score. They realise they let themselves down at Port Vale, that we had done enough to win the game, and they are naturally as disappointed as the rest of us.

I must say that Shaun Taylor made a great return after a long lay off. Shaun had not played since the end of October because of injury but he showed the sort of battling qualities we need from everybody. It was the first time I had seen him in a match and I was very impressed. He puts his head in where it matters and had the bonus of scoring a goal too. Ian Culverhouse also did very well at Port Vale.

The Boxing Day fixture at Stoke was the start of a hectic period for us on the field. The holiday programme can make or break some sides battling for honours or against relegation but we have to put it into perspective. There are still a load of games to play after Christmas; time to catch up and make your mark.

Stoke City yesterday, Sheffield United today and Oldham next Saturday. Not the easiest programme to end 1994 on but if we achieve what we are after from these three games it will be a psychological boost for everyone.

It will be nice to see "Harry" Bassett today and we welcome him and everyone from Sheffield United to the County Ground. His lads have been going well. They will be well organised and difficult to break down so we know that we are in for a tough battle.

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Endsleigh League

This evening we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Sheffield United Football Club to The County Ground for tonight's Endsleigh League encounter. On Saturday we see the Old Year out at Boundary Park where we meet Oldham Athletic kicking off at 3.00pm. Next Monday afternoon Sunderland arrive here in our first game of 1995 in Division 1 kicking off at 3.00pm. Tickets for this game are on sale now from the Advance Ticket Office. Kid-A-Quid in the Town Stand is in operation for this game whereby an adult can purchase up to two juvenile tickets for just £1 each. These tickets must be bought before the day of the game.

FA Cup

Season Cup holders are reminded that they have until 12 noon this Friday to claim their tickets for the F.A.Cup sponsored by Littlewoods Pools 3rd round tie against Marlow which is to be played at The County Ground on Saturday 7 January 1995 kicking off at 3.00pm. Voucher F has to be produced when booking. If this game results in a draw the replay is at Alfred Davis Ground, Marlow on Tuesday 17 January kicking off at 7.30pm.

Coca-Cola Cup

Millwall provide the opposition in our Coca-Cola Cup quarter final here at The County Ground on Wednesday 11 January kicking off at 7.45 pm. The tie is strictly all ticket with no sales on the day of the game. Again Season Ticket holders have until 12 noon this Friday to reserve their tickets. Cup Voucher G is required when booking for this game. Advance booking is essential.

Avon Insurance Combination

The Reserves return to action after the Christmas break in the Avon Insurance Combination here at The County Ground on Wednesday 4 January with Portsmouth the visitors kicking off at 7.30pm. The home game against Wimbledon scheduled for Wednesday 11 January will now be played on Monday 10th April 1995 due to our Coca-Cola Cup tie at The County Ground on the original date.

Opening Hours

The Advance Ticket Office at The County Ground will be open tomorrow and Thursday from 9.00am until 4.00pm and on Friday 30 December from 9.00am until 12 noon. The Office will be closed New Years Eve and New Years day reopening on Monday 2 January 1995 at 9.00am for the Sunderland game.

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SHEFFIELD UNITED

By JOHN NOLAN



Sheffield United, relegated in the final game of last season, have found the First Division a harder nut to crack than they would have hoped. After beating Watford easily enough (3-0) on the opening day the Blades surrendered no less than thirteen points in their next six First Division games.

A 3-1 home defeat inflicted in this period by Notts County was perhaps the most embarrassing episode in this period which wasn't ended until Aussie Carl Veart grabbed his first goals in English football to earn United three points from a 3-1 home win over Bolton Wanderers.

This was followed by a goalless draw at home to Sunderland then a 1-0 defeat at Reading before goals from Dane Whitehouse, from the penalty spot, and Nathan Blake, secured United's first away win of the season in the League, towards the end of September at Port Vale.

Centre-half Scott Marshall, on loan from Arsenal, was making a big impression but home fans were disappointed that George Graham was not interested in selling him. Meanwhile winger Franz Carr was off to Leicester City while Billy Mercer was recruited from Rotherham United in October, with Bobby Davison going the other way.

Further transfer transactions that month saw Huddersfield Town's Phil Starbuck signed on loan while Simon Tracey left Bramall Lane for Manchester City and Jamie Hoyland moved to Burnley on loan. Hoyland's transfer was made permanent in November.

A 5-1 win at Stockport in the Coca-Cola Cup sparked an encouraging seven match unbeaten sequence which included a 2-0 win over Oldham and goalless draws with Grimsby and Barnsley. But hopes that the Blades had at last found their cutting edge were quickly dispelled by four straight defeats by West Brom (1-0), Luton (1-2) and Millwall (1-2).

Fortunes have improved over the past two months however and since drawing 1-1 at Stoke at the beginning of November Sheffield United have picked up wins over Bristol City (3-0), Derby County (2-1), Cesena (AIC 4-1), Southend United (2-0), Luton (6-3) and West Bromwich Albion (2-0).

Just one defeat coming in this spell, 4-2 at Burnley.



Back row: Rob Scott, David Tuttle, Doug Hodgson, Jostein Flo, Alan Kelly, Billy Mercer, Mark Foran, Brian Gayle (Captain), Paul Beesley, Paul Rogers.

Middle row: Derek French (Physiotherapist), Tony Battersby, Roger Nilsen, Ash Fickling, Carl Veart, Simon Tracey, Glyn Hodges, Charlie Hartfield, Nathan Blake, Andy Scott, Geoff Taylor (Assistant Manager).

Front row: John Gannon, Kevin Gage, Mitch Ward, Dave Bassett (Manager), Dane Whitehouse, John Reed, Adrian Littlejohn.

PAUL BEESLEY - Central Defender. Was playing in the Northern Premier League before signing as a professional with near neighbours Wigan Athletic in September 1984. Made his League bow at Reading the following month, the first of 155 appearances before joining Leyton Orient in October 1989 for £175,000. The following summer Sheffield United paid £300,000 for his contract. A consistent performer. Born: Liverpool 21-7-65

NATHAN BLAKE - Striker. Exciting player signed from Cardiff City in February 1994 for £300,000. Arrived at Ninian Park in 1989-90 from Chelsea and while there gained Wales Under-21 recognition and since joining United has been elevated to the full International squad, winning his first cap against Norway.

JUSTEIN FLO - Striker. Big strong front runner who was a regular in Norway's World Cup Final team in the USA last summer, where he partnered Jan Aage Fjortoft. Arrived at Bramall Lane in August 1993, for an initial fee of £400,000 and finished the season as United's top scorer with 9 goals in the Premiership.

BRIAN GAYLE - Central Defender. Missed much of last season through injury. Was discovered as a 16-year-old by Wimbledon who loaned him to Tooting and Mitcham before giving him his League debut against Shrewsbury Town in March 1985. In July 1988 he moved to Manchester City for £325,000 and helped them win promotion to Division One. Dropped when Howard Kendall took over he joined Ipswich Town (£330,000) in January 1990 before David Bassett resigned him for Sheffield United in September 1991 for £750,000. Born: Kingston 6-3-65

CHARLES HARTFIELD - Midfield. Strong tackling left sided player who joined Arsenal as a trainee in 1988, having been on schoolboy terms with Aston Villa. After two years as a professional without a first team game he left Highbury on a free and was plunged straight into action by Dave Bassett at Crystal Palace in August 1991. Born: Lambeth 4-9-71

ADRIAN LITTEJOHN - Striker. Speedy front runner who graduated through the FA School of Excellence at Lilleshall but was later released by West Brom after serving as a trainee. Walsall picked him up and gave him his chance against Huddersfield Town (13-1-90) but after two years at Fellows Park he was given a free. Dave Bassett offered him a job but it wasn't until the 1992-93 season that he really came to the fore as Brian Dean's partner. Born: Wolverhampton 26-9-70

ROGER NILSEN - Defender. Norwegian International who played in the World Cup Finals in the States last summer. Can play left-back or as a central defender though his previous club, Viking Stavanger, with whom he won Norwegian Championship medals, often used him in midfield. Has scored several goals for his country, including a last-minute equaliser in a 2-2 draw with Sweden. Signed for the Blades in November 1993 and will eventually cost £500,000. Aged 24.



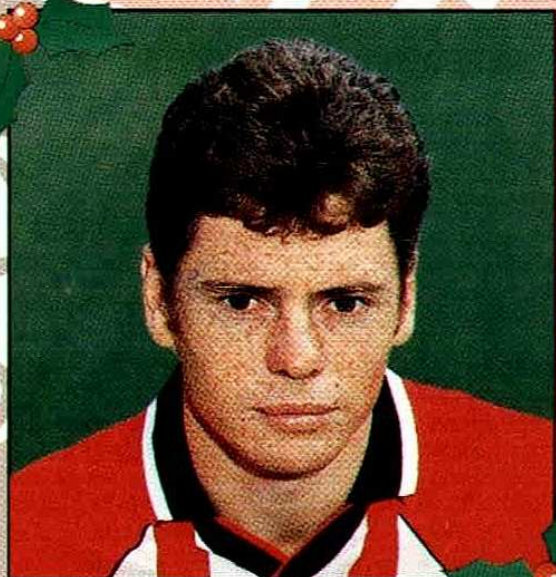
ANDY SCOTT

PAUL ROGERS - Midfield. Tireless grafter who made a late entry into League football at the age of 26. Paul, a stockbroker by profession, had played for nine years with Sutton United when Mr Bassett persuaded him to abandon his lucrative business and turn full-time pro with United. That was in January 1992, and Paul made his debut in midfield at Luton (22-2-92). Born: Portsmouth 21-3-65.

ANDY SCOTT - Forward/Defender. Signed from Sutton United for £50,000 in December 1992 as a winger he has the pace to unsettle defenders. Made his Premier League debut as a last minute substitute against Sheffield Wednesday in April 1993. Made 12 appearances last season playing at left-back in his later games. Born: Epsom 2-8-72.

DAVID TUTTLE - Central Defender. A product of the Tottenham Hotspur youth scheme he graduated to make his League debut at Chelsea (1-12-90) in a 3-2 defeat. Only given an occasional outing he made the news with a vital early goal against Hajduk Split in a ECWC tie but then saw his early chances blunted by a succession of injuries including a cracked shin picked up while playing on loan for Peterborough United. Joined Sheffield in the summer of 1993 for £350,000. Born: Reading 6-2-72.

CARL VEART - Striker. Dave Basset picked up this 24-year-old cobbler for £250,000 when United toured Australia in the summer of 1994. Scored against the Blades when they played Adelaide City and was a member of Australia's World Cup squad. Runs well off the ball but up till mid-December had scored only six goals.



CARL VEART

MITCH WARD - Right-Wing. Has been at Bramall Lane since his schoolboy days making the break into the senior side in September 1990 against Manchester City. Had a spell on loan with Crewe Alexandra to gain experience. Frustrated at not getting a regular place he asked for a transfer at the beginning of last season and though Cambridge United made an offer United refused. Drafted in as fullback during an injury crisis he performed with credit but hit the headlines last season when he came off the bench to score twice and forcing an FA Cup 6th Round replay tie with Blackburn into penalty shoot-out. Mitch duly ramming in the first spot-kick himself. Following that he was named Barclay's "Young Eagle of the Month". Born:Sheffield 19-6-70.

DANE WHITEHOUSE - Midfield. Seen by many as the brightest young prospect at Bramall Lane he, like Mitch Ward, has been at the club since his schoolboy days. Drafted into the team at Blackpool (15-10-88), he did not become a regular until 1991-92. Was out for five months with a cracked shinbone, making a surprise return at leftback in the FA Cup tie at Blackburn and continued in this role until after the semi-final at Wembley against the Owls. Then reverted to his normal left midfield position. Born:Sheffield 14-10-70.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

SWINDON TOWN v SHEFFIELD UNITED - HEAD TO HEAD

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1980/81	Away	0-3	L	Division 3
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1979/80	Away	1-2	L	Division 3
1970/71	Home	3-0	W	Division 2
1970/71	Away	1-3	L	Division 2
1969/70	Home	2-1	W	Division 2
1969/70	Away	2-1	W	Division 2

LEAGUE MEETINGS (14)

Swindon Town 6 Wins Sheffield United 7 Wins 1 Draw
Swindon Town 20 Goals Sheffield United 21 Goals
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Swindon Town at Home - Goals for 15 Goals Against 7

CUP GAMES (3)

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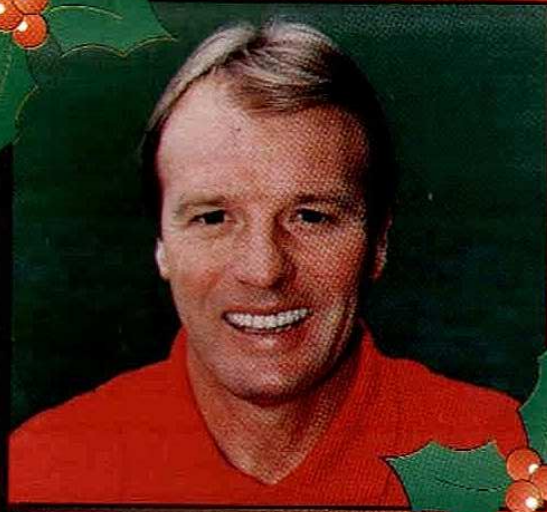
CUP MEETINGS (3)

Swindon Town 1 Win Sheffield United 1 Win 1 Draw
Swindon Town 3 Goals Sheffield United 3 Goals

OVERALL MEETINGS (17)

Swindon Town 7 Wins Sheffield United 8 Win 2 Draws
Swindon Town 23 Goals Sheffield United 24 Goals

THE MAN IN CHARGE



Manager **Dave Bassett**

David "Harry" Bassett is a bubbly character whose enthusiasm for the game is simply infectious. Now in his 14th season as a manager he can look back on a story of remarkable achievement.

As a grafting wing-half he collected 10 amateur caps for England and captained Walton and Hersham to a Wembley triumph over Slough Town in the 1973 FA Amateur Cup Final. The following year he transferred to Wimbledon, then in the Southern League, and helped them gain League status in 1977.

"Harry" played 35 times in their inaugural campaign in Division Four. It was a fitting finale for the lad who had been rejected by both Watford and Chelsea as a youngster.

He became manager Dario Gradi's assistant, running his own insurance agency at the same time. When Dario left Dave took up football management full-time guiding Wimbledon from the Fourth to the First Division of the Football League in an amazing four years.

After leading Wimbledon to sixth in the First Division in 1987 Dave quit. He was seen as the ideal replacement for Graham Taylor at Watford but it didn't work out and he left Vicarage Road after a few months.

In January 1988 he was appointed manager of Sheffield United. Relegation that season was quickly followed by successive promotions. Then last May, United were relegated once more and "Harry's" position has come under speculation. Yet he has displayed his loyalty to the cause turning down the opportunity to take charge of Leicester City.

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Goalkeeper **Alan Kelly**

When United were relegated last season Alan rejected a new contract stating a wish to move so that he could continue his career in the Premiership. A move was not forthcoming however after manager Dave Bassett slapped a £2.2 million price tag on his star keeper and in September 1994 Kelly signed a new three-year deal with Blades.

Was second choice to "Packie" Bonner in the Republic of Ireland World Cup squad in the USA in the summer and there were many who felt that Kelly had been in goal Jack Charlton's lads would have progressed even further.

Stands six-feet-two and was a bargain buy for United when they signed him from Preston for £150,000 in July 1992.

Alan's father had played goal for Drumcondra, Preston and the Irish Republic, and Alan followed in his footsteps when he joined the North End as a trainee in August 1984.

Made his Football League debut against Crewe in March 1986, holding his place until the end of that season. In the following campaign he shared the goalkeeping duties with David Brown helping them win promotion to Division Three.

Alan made 142 League appearances for Preston before moving to Sheffield as cover for Simon Tracey. Became the first ever substitute goalkeeper under new Premier League rules when he replaced Tracey for the last ten minutes of a game at Tottenham on 2 September 1992. While Tracey was out injured Alan performed so well Jack Charlton called him into the International squad.

Made his Republic of Ireland debut on 17 February 1993, as second-half substitute against Wales. Born: Preston 11/8/68





ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE

PREVIEW

Two games in two days as we tackle the most hectic period of the season, a time when good fortune can make a world of difference to a team's aspirations.

After two trips to the Potteries we find ourselves entertaining Sheffield United tonight in a game that is crucial to both clubs. The Blades were home to Middlesbrough yesterday in what must have been the First Division match of the day.

Wolverhampton Wanderers and Middlesbrough, the two favourites for the First Division title, have a day's grace before renewing their campaigns tomorrow evening. Boro, who had a mid-day kick-off at Bramall Lane, are at home to Notts County. Three certain points one would think but not so. Bryan Robson's charges have a notoriously bad record against opposition they are expected to wipe the floor with, as witness to their recent 2-1 home defeat by Southend United, so nobody on Teesside is counting the points just yet.

As for Wolves, their form has been so in and out of late they are difficult to judge. They had a testing trip to Oldham Athletic yesterday and will be pleased if they come away with anything. There is more pressure on them tomorrow for the prospective champions will be expected to see off visiting Charlton Athletic.

Tranmere Rovers are enjoying a good spell. Home to Derby County yesterday they had a tricky little assignment at Bolton this afternoon. The Wanderers tend to do better against strong opponents and could have made life hard for John Aldridge and company.

Two of this season's surprise challengers have been Grimsby Town and Reading. The Mariners, so strong at home, took on Oldham Athletic at Blundell Park this afternoon after a hard game at Barnsley yesterday. They will be satisfied with four points from the Christmas programme.

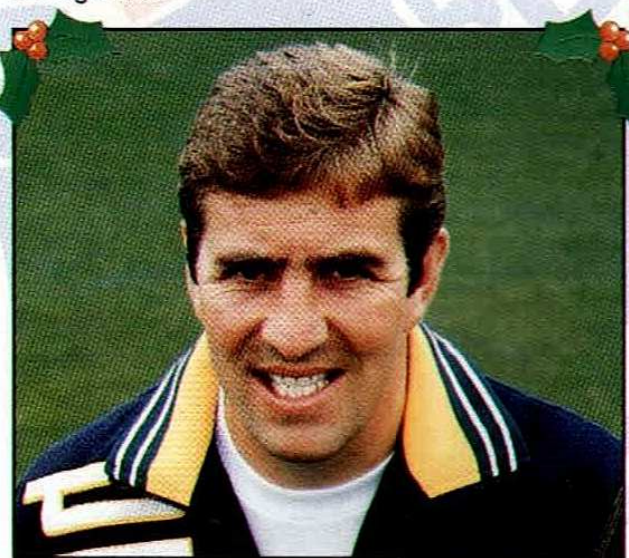
The speculation regarding Reading manager Mark McGhee's elevation to Leicester City had an unsettling effect on the fans but what of the players? The answer could be provided by the results of their home game with Luton yesterday and their visit to Port Vale today. Reading have the second best defence in the division, if goals against is the criteria, and this is in no small way down to Shaka Hislop, their six-foot-goalkeeper, who has now come under scrutiny from Manchester United and Newcastle United.

Hatters" in the wake of their topsy-turvy results, have probably fared best in the travelling stakes for Christmas. For after the short trip to Reading yesterday they play hosts to Sunderland, whose far outstrips their home form. J.Pollard is one of the linesmen for this game but our Jon insists it isn't him. We will check to see if he is out of breath when he gets here this evening for the only night kick-off in the First Division.

The Derby County vs Burnley clash at the Baseball Ground suggested a feast of football. The Lancashire side seem to have found their feet in the higher division after a shaky start to the season and could heap more problems on the Rams disappointing campaign.

It was high-noon kick-off for Watford against Portsmouth yesterday, and this afternoon the Hornets winged their way down to the New Den to try and sting the revitalised Lions. Millwall were at Notts County, where they have a good record, on Boxing Day, and don't be surprised if they collect all six points over the holiday.

Bristol City, back from yesterday's jaunt to West Brom, will be desperate to make home advantage pay over Stoke City while the Albion traipsed down to Southend where points are usually in short supply for visiting teams.



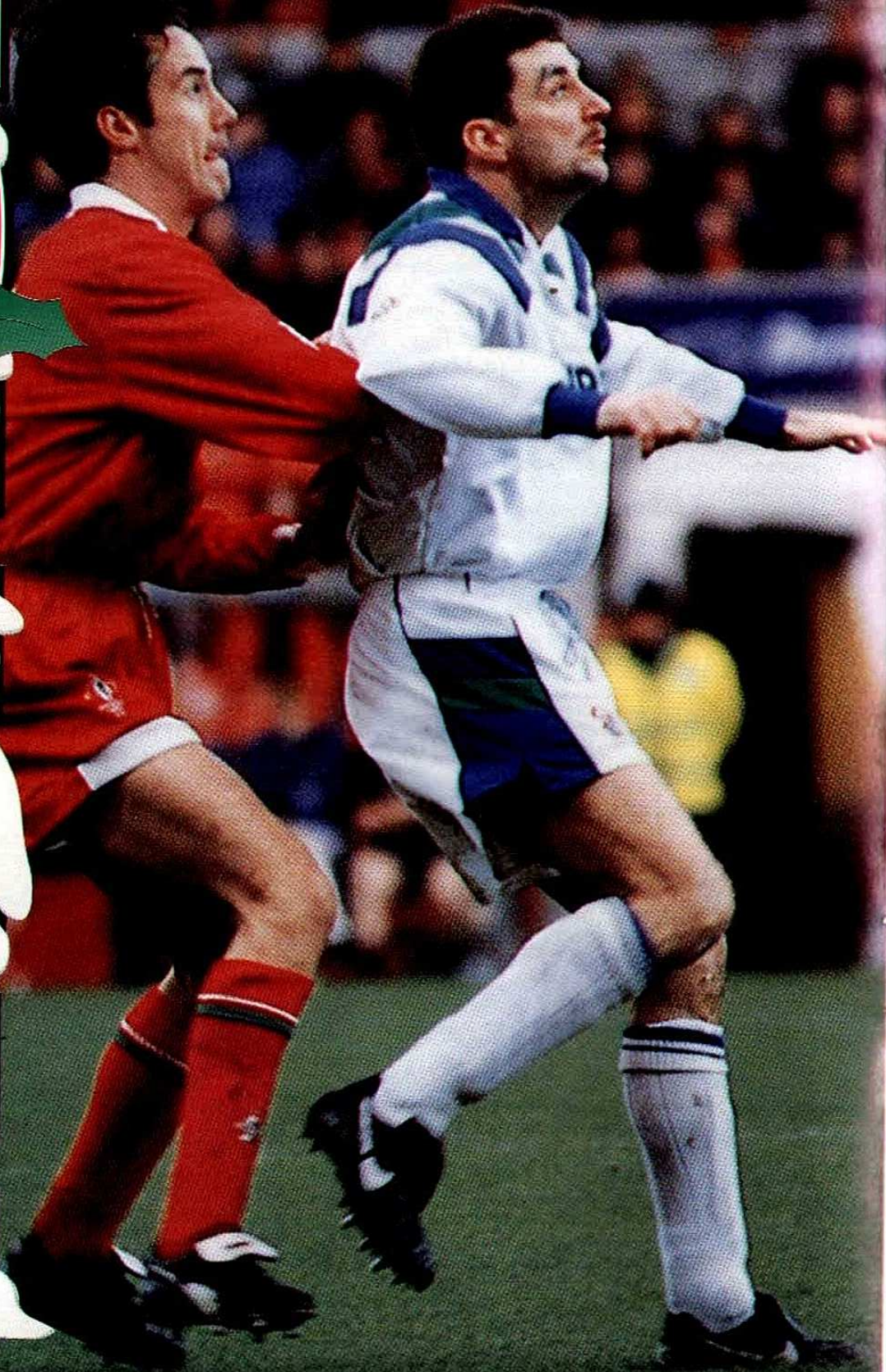
Mark McGhee - Departed to Leicester City.

The Hatters, or should they be dubbed "The Mad

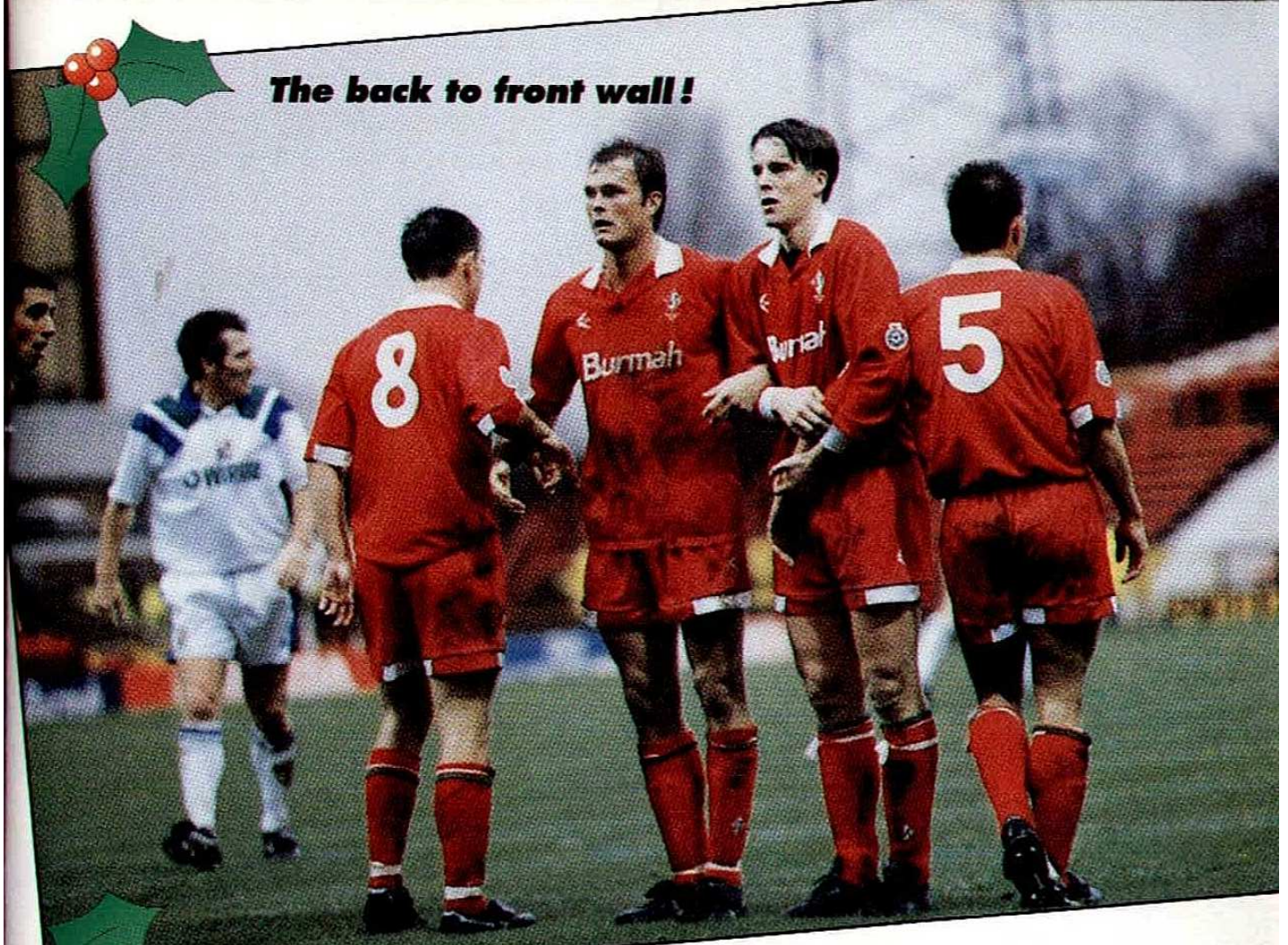
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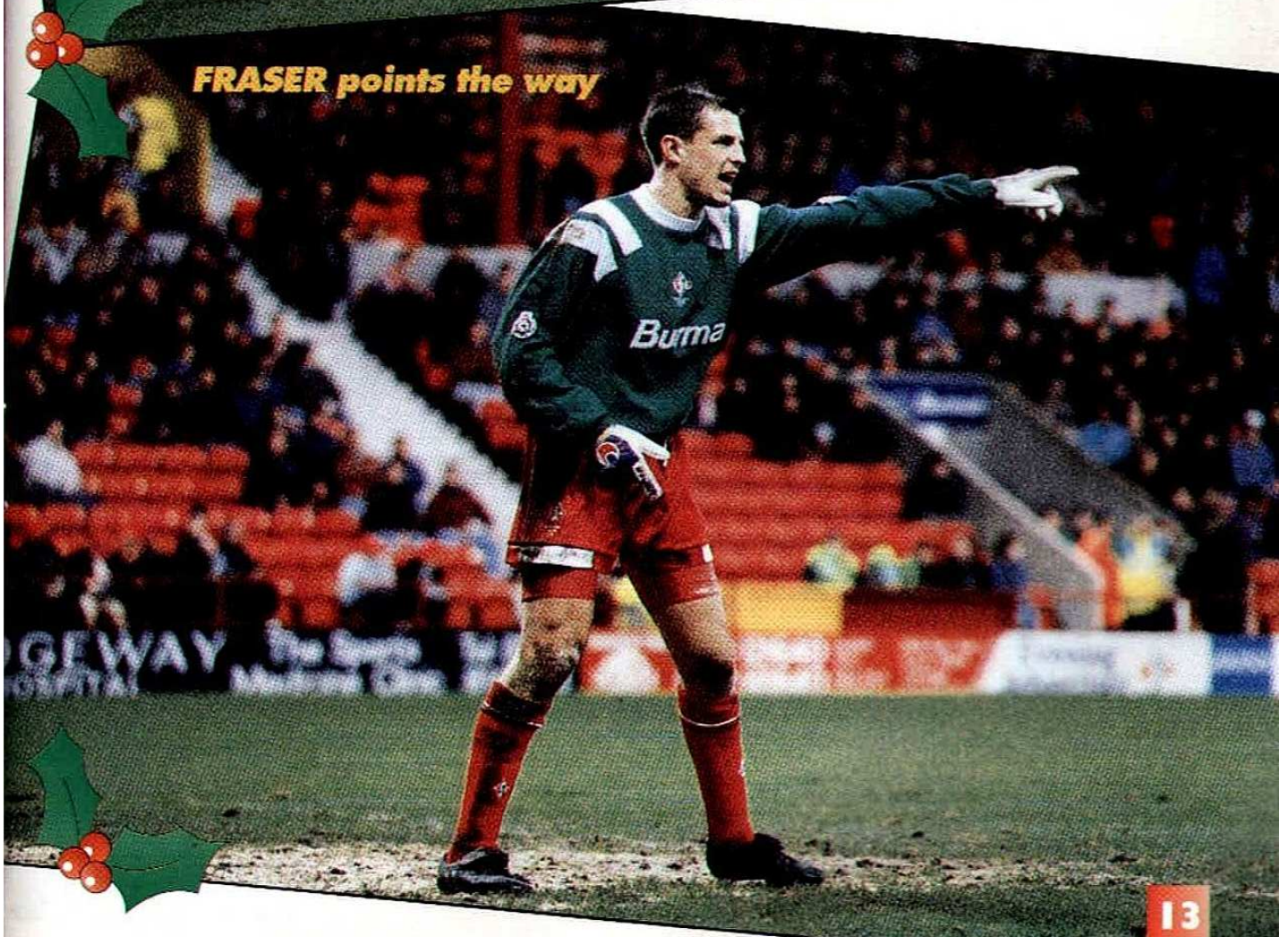
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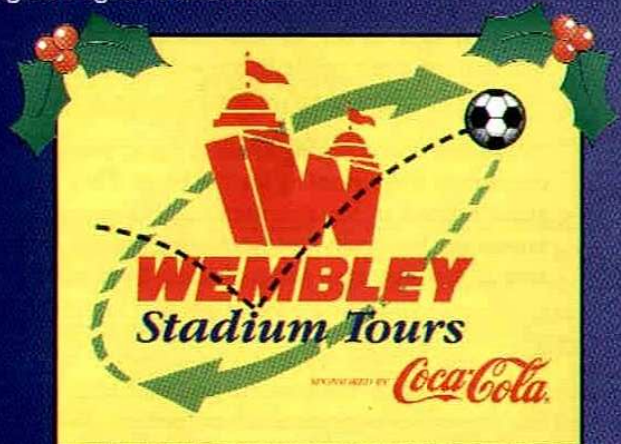
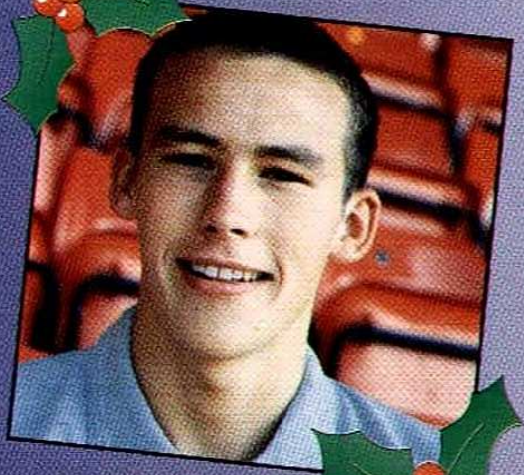
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AT HOME

At Christmas

With **STEVE**



Steve enjoying Christmas at home with wife Julie and sons Paul (9) & Stephen (10).

Christmas away from home has become quite common place for Town's new boss, who began his soccer career on the Everton side of Stanley Park when signing apprentice forms in December 1977. So this year has been nothing out of the ordinary.

"This is one of the busiest times of the year for football so it is business as usual as far as we are concerned," says Steve. "We get our Christmas and New Year rolled into one in the summer."

Seventeen years in the game, he knows what it is about though this year things are slightly different for the midfield dynamo whose appetite is second to none. For a start he says: "I won't be playing because of my suspension."

Any suggestions that Steve has timed it well to get time off for the festive season should be delivered out of the range of those mince-pies. It draws no ice with this wholly committed competitor who feels like that unfortunate turkey you had on Christmas Day...totally stuffed!

Only those who have the deepest passion for playing the game can appreciate the true agony of being prevented from taking the field when you are fit. It really hurts him

not to be playing against the Blades today. "I need to be out there," he pleads it is a cry from the heart.

Secondly, Steve, Liverpool born and bred, is sort of between homes at the moment. The McMahon family, which consists of wife Julie and sons Stephen and Paul, have always lived in the north-west and intend maintaining their roots there while branching out into rented accommodation in the Swindon area.

"We have been looking around," says Steve. "The main concern is the schooling for the boys. They are at a very good school at the moment so it is going to be a bit unsettling for them and we have to make the move as easy as possible so as not to disrupt their education.

"Stephen is ten-years-old and very keen on football but Paul, who is nine, wants to be a lawyer or a solicitor. Goodness knows where he got that idea from but he has shown no interest at all in football. Whatever they want to do they will get my full backing naturally. As long as they are happy I don't mind what they get into.

"Julie is another football widow of course but she doesn't mind. I was a footballer when I met her so she knew what she was letting herself in for. The family were at home in Southport for Christmas. I managed to get back there on Christmas Eve and spent the night with them. I was there for the opening of the presents in

STEVE McMAHON

By COLIN BENSON

the morning and everything on Christmas morning then it was into the car and back down to Swindon for training.

"It is very important to maintain as near normal schedule as possible over this period, particularly as we have a lot of games over a short spell. Three wins over the holiday could lift us right back into the race. So we had the lads in on Christmas Day.

"You try and treat it as just a normal football day but there is a different atmosphere working on Christmas Day as you can imagine. As you go to work everywhere is deserted - it is just like driving through a ghost town, but once out on the field the lads get down to work as normal.

"I don't make any strict orders about abstinence. There are countless astronomical temptations about but it is down to the players as individuals to look after themselves. They are professionals.

"I have never found it difficult to restrict my own consumption. As you get older you have to be more careful about what you eat so that you don't put on weight. I find there no real problem in keeping fit but what you can't retain, as the years roll on, is your speed. You are reminded of this as younger kids dash past you with energy to burn while you are trying to conserve yours."

Steve is really relishing his new role in management and can't wait for the kick-off against Sheffield United. "It has been very hectic," he smiles "but they are a good bunch around me. Jon Pollard and all in the office, Everyone on the switch-board and Michelle, have really helped to settle me in and put me right on the paper work. While Andy, Ross and John have been no less than marvellous and on the football side.

"The biggest difference is that you have to spend more time at the club. Where as a player I could go off in the afternoon for a game of golf I now have bits and pieces to sort out."

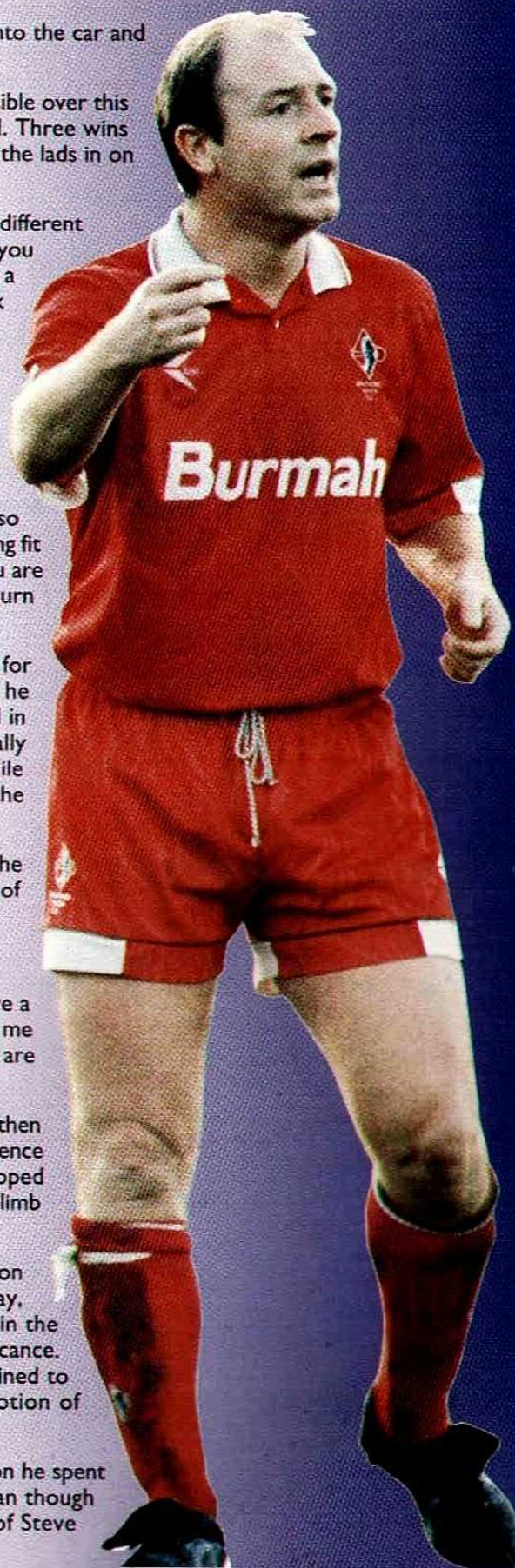
So what are his first impressions?

"I think you can tell from the signing of Ian Culverhouse. We have a lot of good quality players on the staff who have quite impressed me but we badly needed tightening up defensively and this is what we are trying to achieve.

"Our first concern is to get out of trouble. That achieved we can then look further ahead. But we need to restore some of the lost confidence in the side to get the best out of them individually. We have slipped down the table of late but there is no reason why we should not climb back just as quickly. The Play-Offs are still a positive reality."

It might not have been a giant step for mankind but Steve's decision to come straight into football management from the field of play, while still good enough for perhaps another couple of seasons in the Premiership, was a bold move and he is fully aware of the significance. But he has proved to be a winner on the park and is so determined to become a winner of it as well that he has not given up the notion of finishing his playing days at the highest level.

Christmas 1994 will probably be remembered as the festive season he spent living out of a suitcase. Not the ideal celebration for a family man though December has quite proved a significant month in the career of Steve McMahon.



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BENNING

Christmas is a time for goodwill to all men, and that of course includes referees who have come in for some justified stick this season. Be let's not be too hard on Mr Ian Hemley this evening, for like us he has had a busy holiday, having been in charge of the Bristol Rovers vs AFC Bournemouth Second Division game yesterday.

We are sure he will be given a better reception than that given to Mr H.F Baxter in a match on New Years Eve in 1932. On that occasion the "gentlemen" of Barking Town forgot their good manners to such an extent as to necessitate the police being called to provide a personal bodyguard for the unfortunate referee.

He had to be escorted to the railway station after the game, simply because he had awarded Barking's opponents a penalty from which they scored the equalising goal. For this he was awarded a right hook in the eye and a rather frightening experience in a maddened crowd.

At approximately the same time, yet hundreds of miles away, Mr H.Watson, a fellow sufferer in the cause of referees, was being attended by a doctor on the field of play as the result of a severe crack on the head delivered by a Scottish "sportsman".

At North Shields, also, there were lively scenes, culminating in the referee having to appeal to the senses of sportsmanship from a section of the crowd. While at Cardiff a 'plucky' Welshman, no doubt inspired by the fistic triumphs of his countryman, Jack Peterson, leaped the ropes and stuck one on the face of one of Reading's fullbacks.

Oh yes those carefree days, when referees really ran the gauntlet in pursuit of their sport, and on the Continent their lot was even more dangerous than here.

Mind you none can match the unique distinction set by Dutch referee C.I.Groothoff, who actually played in a match he was refereeing. It happened in the Olympic Games in Stockholm in a tie between England and Hungary.

England had scored and were allowed another perfectly good goal which the Hungarians protested against. They claimed the ball had been fisted into the net but that was not how Groothoff saw it and he pointed to the middle.

He was besieged by angry Hungarians who refused to restart the game. Mr Groothoff, an experienced official who refereed England fifteen times, realised firm action was to needed and pulled out his watch. He issued an ultimatum to the Hungarians. He would give them five seconds. If they did not resume, then he himself would restart the game.

The Dutchman counted the seconds off out loud like a

referee over a stricken boxer: "One-two-three-four-five." The Hungarians made no sign of operation. So Mr Groothoff addressed the ball and kicked it from the centre-spot with the side of his foot. Vivian Woodward pounced to collect and race off on one of his famous solo runs towards the Hungarian goal. At two down the Magyars had a hell of a job on, at three down they might as well walked off anyway.

As Woodward surged through the ranks a couple of half-backs decided enough was enough and lunged in to thwart his advance. The game was back on and Hungary were spared the indignity of losing the match by default.

One of the best stories regarding referees was told by Col.C.D. Crisp following Chelsea's tour of the South American Republics in 1929. The party were in the Argentine and had suffered badly from the referees.

Col.Crisp decided to accept an invitation to explain the rules to a gathering of Argentine officials, and just as the meeting was about to close, a man jumped up and shouted:

"How did I referee that match in the Boca Ground?"

Recognising the speaker as the referee the Colonel replied: "Rotten!"

"Why?" came the retort in a flash. When told that he did not appear to know the faintest thing about football, or the laws of the game, the excited referee responded:

"Well, if my team doesn't win I don't get paid!"

Expressing outright surprise and pointing out that the referee's were supposed to be impartial, Col.Crisp enquired what the going rate was for the matches.

"I get two hundred dollars and a box of cigars when we win."

"And how much did you get for the last game?" inquired the Colonel.

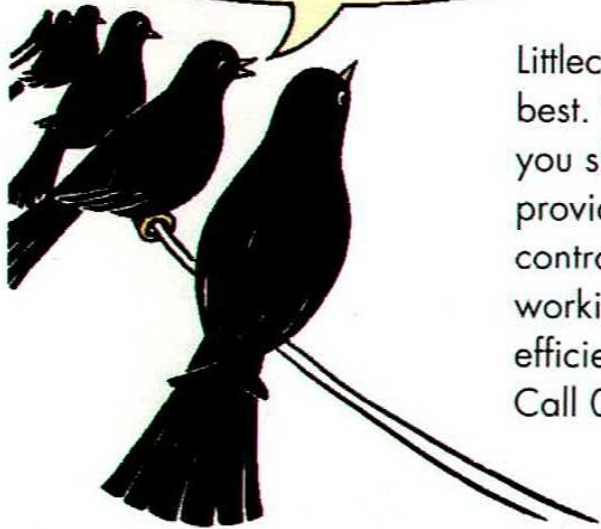
"Oh. I called the match a draw and received one hundred dollars and a box of cigars!"

When reminded that Chelsea were one up when play was abandoned the referee replied: "I always call it a draw when a game is unfinished."

There will be no cash or cigars for Mr Ian Hemley tonight win or lose or draw. But we hope he had a nice Christmas and we wish him a Happy and red and yellow cardless New Year!

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NEWS

With

Phil Alexander

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TODAY'S LUCKY MASCOTS



David McGregor aged six is from Okus in Swindon. He currently attends Lethbridge Infants and enjoys Tae-Kwon-Do, bike riding and swimming.



Matthew Eatwell is 10 and lives in Sparcells, Swindon and attends Salt Way Primary School. His hobbies include, football, karate (yellow belt), swimming and

playing on his keyboard. Matthew plays as a defender for Shaw Football Club and his favourite player is Ryan Gigg.



I would also like to welcome Sheffield United's away mascot Steven Spencer. Steven is aged 10 and from Highworth. He attends Southfield Junior School

and enjoys listening to music. Steven's favourite United player is Carl Veart.

Enjoy the day lads, and a Happy New Year.

JUNIOR ROBINS

Don't forget 'Party Night' to celebrate Christmas and New Year on Wednesday 4th January 1995 in the Swindon Town Supporters Club from 7.30 - 11.30pm. Tickets are £2.50 per family and are on sale from Justine in the Commercial Department located in the new Club Superstore. Please book tickets in advance to save disappointment on the night.

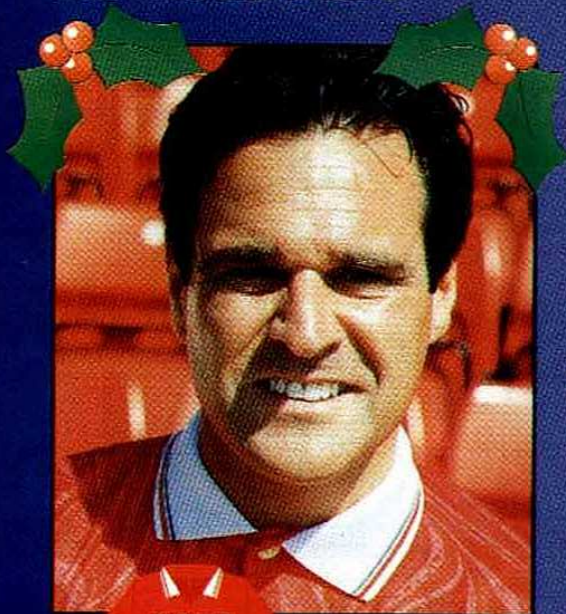
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

David Munks

By **PAUL PLOWMAN**

Just before Christmas 21 years ago, Swindon, bottom of the Second Division, signed an experience defender in Portsmouth's David Munks. He still lives on the outskirts of the city, although he was born and bred in Sheffield, and began his career at Bramall Lane.

David was snapped up by United straight from school, having represented both Sheffield and Yorkshire County schoolboys. He became an apprentice professional at seventeen, gained England Youth caps and, after getting a first team call-up on a club tour of New Zealand, made his First Division debut at just 18, on the opening day of 1965/66, against Aston Villa.

David was one of many to come 'through the ranks' at Bramall Lane and played in the old wing-half position. "There were a lot of home grown players in the side then" he recalls. "Len Badger, Bernard Shaw, Alan Woodward..." United beat Villa 1-0 and repeated the score-line four days later at Anfield, losing only one of their first thirteen League games. Goalkeeper Alan Hodgkinson, who had gained full England honours kept them out at the back, while Mick Jones knocked them in up front.

"I took a while to settle down here", he explained, "but Portsmouth was then a Second Division club with a First Division set-up. I don't think you could say the same now". David stayed at Fratton Park for four years, during

which time Pompey failed to finish above half-way in the League. Then Les Allen brought him to the County Ground on December 20, 1973.

David made his Town debut two days later in a 2-2 draw with Orient, playing in an unfamiliar midfield role. "In the middle of the park was not my best position", he admitted. "But when Danny Williams took over, I was in the back line again".

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Fortunes did not improve, however for either Swindon or David. The Town were relegated and David was not part of Danny's plans for 1974/75, when he made just four appearances before going into Fourth Division Exeter City on loan on New Years Eve. There he was able to pal up once again with his old Fratton Park colleague Nicky Jennings. Hartlepool were beaten 1-0 at St James's Park in David's first outing for City, the

only goal coming from John Templeman, who would later join Swindon.

David signed for Exeter after a two month loan period, but continued to live in Portsmouth, as he had done while with the Town. But his career in Devon lasted just 20 games before a knee injury brought it to a close at the age of 29. He briefly took up management, taking the reins at Southern League Waterlooville for two years.

David then went into leisure management and ran his own leisure centre at Bitterne near Southampton. Now 47, he has fourteen years of experience behind him. He maintains his links with the fame by coaching Beazer Homes Southern club Havant Town.



David Munks

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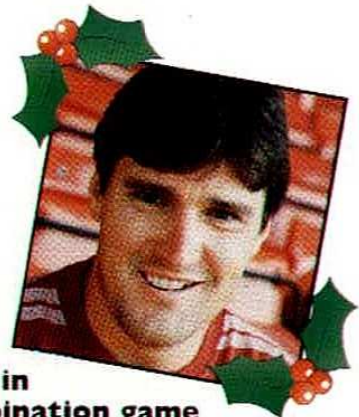
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RESERVES

REVIEW

With
Ross MacLaren



AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION DIVISION I

Tue 16 Aug	Crystal Palace	A	2-1
Wed 31 Aug	Watford	A	0-1
Sat 03 Sep	Arsenal	A	0-0
Wed 14 Sep	Norwich City	A	0-7
Wed 28 Sep	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	7-3
Mon 03 Oct	Bristol City	A	1-8
Mon 10 Oct	IPSWICH TOWN	H	1-1
Mon 17 Oct	Bristol Rovers	A	1-0
Mon 24 Oct	NORWICH CITY	H	2-2
Mon 31 Oct	LUTON TOWN	H	1-2
Wed 02 Nov	OXFORD UNITED	H	0-1
Fri 11 Nov	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	0-1
Wed 23 Nov	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	1-2
Wed 30 Nov	Luton Town	A	2-2
Wed 14 Dec	Ipswich Town	A	2-2
Tue 20 Dec	MILLWALL	H	
Mon 16 Jan	Portsmouth	A	
Wed 18 Jan	Q.P.R.	H	
Wed 25 Jan	WATFORD	H	
Wed 01 Feb	CHELSEA	H	
Tue 07 Feb	Q.P.R.	A	
Wed 15 Feb	Oxford United	A	
Wed 22 Feb	Wimbledon	A	
Mon 27 Feb	Chelsea	A	
Mon 06 Mar	Millwall	A	
Mon 13 Mar	Charlton Athletic	A	
Wed 15 Mar	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	
Tue 21 Mar	SOUTHAMPTON	H	
Wed 29 Mar	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	
Mon 03 Apr	PORTSMOUTH	H	
Mon 10 Apr	WIMBLEDON	H	
Wed 12 Apr	Southampton	A	
Tue 18 Apr	West Ham United	A	
Wed 26 Apr	ARSENAL	H	
Tue 02 May	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
Tue 09 May	WEST HAM UNITED	H	
TBA	BRISTOL CITY	H	
TBA	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	

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Not the start we wanted in our Avon Insurance Combination game against Ipswich Town at Bury St. Edmunds FC when we went one down after just four minutes through bad defending by Brian Kilcline who tried to back heel the ball inside our penalty box but was intercepted allowing the Town centre forward to put the ball into the bottom corner of the net.

We began to get our act together after a quarter of an hour and started to put some great balls in behind the Ipswich defence. From one of these we equalised when Ty Gobden took a free kick on the right and bent the ball to Andy Mutch who was there to head home over the keeper.

We were the better team as we went in for the half-time break and started the second half as we left off working hard all over the pitch, passing well.

We took the lead from the penalty spot after a foul on Andy Mutch was converted by Chris Hamon-his third goal in two games.

The lads worked so hard throughout the game and it was sad to see Ipswich take a share of the points three minutes into injury time just as we thought that we had recorded our first win since mid-October.

Result:

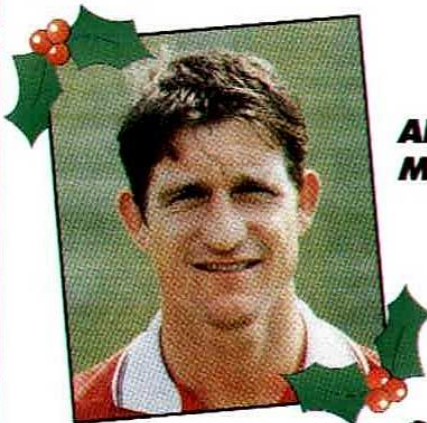
Avon Insurance Combination Ipswich Town 2 Swindon Town 2

Scorers: Mutch, Hamon

Team: Hammond, James, Worrall, Berkley, Kilcline, Murray, O'Sullivan, Gooden, Mutch, Ling, Hamon. **Subs:** Pitman, Laidlaw, Hamblin.

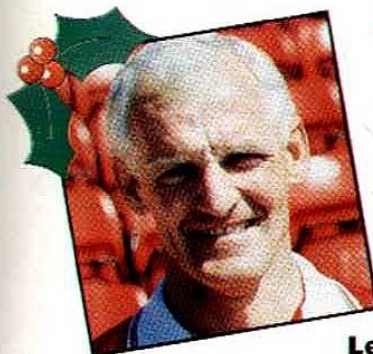
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION DIVISION I AS AT 18 DECEMBER 1994

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Southampton	18	11	2	5	43	28	38
Charlton Athletic	18	11	2	5	33	20	36
Queens Park Rangers	18	9	5	4	38	17	32
Norwich City	17	9	4	4	41	23	31
Crystal Palace	17	9	4	4	26	12	31
Tottenham Hotspur	17	8	4	5	32	19	28
Chelsea	16	7	8	3	33	20	27
West Ham United	17	8	2	7	27	22	26
Luton Town	18	7	3	8	27	31	24
Ipswich Town	17	5	8	4	29	27	23
Wimbledon	17	6	5	6	26	29	23
Watford	17	7	1	9	25	21	22
Millwall	17	8	4	7	21	28	22
Arsenal	18	4	7	7	23	33	19
Portsmouth	50	5	4	11	21	42	19
Bristol Rovers	17	5	3	9	19	47	18
Bristol City	18	4	3	7	19	33	17
Oxford United	18	4	4	10	24	35	16
Swindon Town	15	3	5	7	20	33	14
Brighton & Hove Albion	16	4	2	10	25	45	14



ANDY MUTCH





YOUTH TEAM

INFOCUS

With **John Trollope**

The South East Counties League game at local rivals Reading gave us one-nil victory although the scoreline did not reflect the balance of play.

We gained an early lead from one of the better moves we managed to put together. Scott Medcroft and Jamie Laidlaw combined to set Iain Harvey up to score his first goal of the season, hopefully setting us up for a good performance.

Without taking anything away from the players the overall performance was disappointing.

As in recent games we worked hard, keeping in shape which restricted Reading to very few clear-cut chances but we did not play the football we are capable of mainly due to not laying on the early or simple pass often enough.

Results always increase confidence but at this level the performance of the individual is very important.

We have put together a good run of results and climbed the League table steadily after a disappointing opening few games but it is the player's improvement which we look for.

Result:

**South East Counties League
Reading 0 Swindon Town 1**

Scorer: Harvey

Team: Hamblin, Jordan, Wimble, Holloway, Thorne, Thomas, Harvey, Medcroft, Fraser, Laidlaw, Pearce. **Subs:** Souter, Organ, Medcroft.



IAIN HARVEY

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Sat 13 Aug	Oxford United	A	2-3
Sat 20 Aug	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	5-2
Sat 27 Aug	Colchester United	A	2-3
Sat 03 Sep	WIMBLEDON	H	1-5
Sat 10 Sep	Brentford	A	3-1
Mon 12 Sep	Ipswich Town (S.J.F.C. 1)	A	1-0
Sat 17 Sep	Wimbledon (LC 1)	A	1-1
Sat 24 Sep	WIMBLEDON (LC 1R)	H	0-2
Sat 08 Oct	AFC Bournemouth	A	1-2
Sat 15 Oct	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	3-0
Tue 18 Oct	NOTTM. FOREST (MYC 1)	H	1-0
Sat 22 Oct	Wycombe Wanderers	A	1-0
Sat 29 Oct	BRENTFORD	H	3-0
Sat 05 Nov	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	9-0
Sat 12 Nov	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	2-2
Wed 16 Nov	BRISTOL CITY (S.J.F.C. 2)	H	3-1
Sat 19 Nov	LUTON TOWN	H	1-0
Sat 26 Nov	BRIGHTON & H.A.	H	1-0
Mon 28 Nov	Derby County (MYC 2)	A	0-2
Sat 03 Dec	Reading	A	1-0
Sat 10 Dec	SOUTHAMPTON	H	3-1
Tue 13 Dec	Portsmouth (FAYC2)	A	0-0
Sat 17 Dec	Southampton	A	0-1
Thu 22 Dec	PORTSMOUTH (FAYC2 R)	H	
Sat 31 Dec	OXFORD UNITED	H	
Wed 04 Jan	PORTSMOUTH (S.J.F.C. Q/F)	H	
Sat 07 Jan	Bristol Rovers	A	
Sat 14 Jan	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	
Sat 21 Jan	Wimbledon	A	
Sat 04 Feb	Bristol City	A	
Sat 18 Feb	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	
Sat 25 Feb	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
Sat 04 Mar	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	
Sat 25 Mar	Luton Town	A	
Sat 01 Apr	READING	H	
TBA	BRISTOL CITY	H	
TBA	Crystal Palace	A	

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SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 2 AS AT 10 DECEMBER 1994

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Oxford United	16	8	6	2	34	18	22
Swindon Town	15	10	1	4	38	19	21
Crystal Palace	12	9	2	1	32	12	20
Wimbledon	12	8	2	2	51	20	18
Bristol City	12	7	3	2	27	10	17
AFC Bournemouth	15	6	4	5	26	36	16
Brentford	15	5	4	6	20	22	14
Tottenham Hotspur	15	6	1	8	27	30	13
Southampton	15	5	4	6	20	23	13
Luton Town	14	6	0	8	30	22	12
Colchester United	13	4	4	5	18	29	12
Brighton & H.A.	13	4	3	6	25	37	11
Reading	15	4	2	9	16	35	10
Bristol Rovers	13	1	6	6	18	30	8
Wycombe Wanderers	15	0	3	12	15	54	3

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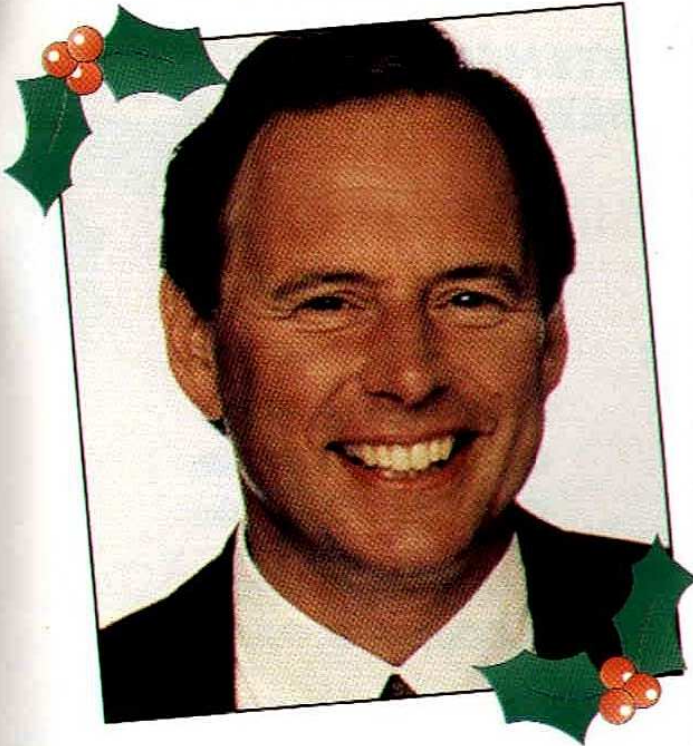
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MY VIEW

GOOD MORNING

TV PRESENTER NICK OWEN TALKS TO COLIN BENSON



I am a Luton Town supporter and have been since I saw my first game there as a young boy in 1958. It was Luton v Leeds I remember and it finished 1-1 with Allan Brown scoring for us. I have been smitten ever since.

Like Swindon Town we will never be a Manchester United chasing the major honours but I am proud to support my club and proud of the achievements they have undoubtedly made.

Our two clubs have a lot in common in fact. Like Swindon we beat Arsenal at Wembley to win the League Cup in 1988. We were back there again the following year, a tremendous effort that, and have been involved in the FA Cup semi-finals as well.

I am just a bit saddened though that under the present climate in the game the big clubs are getting bigger and the smaller clubs are getting less and less. It is not good for the development of the game.

The bottom of the pyramid is so important. It is the clubs in the Football League who develop many of the players for the Premiership clubs. They get their managers from us as well. Yet there is so much money being siphoned off by so few that the pyramid's foundations are in jeopardy of coming loose.

I can't see any immediate source for the smaller clubs either. I would like to see them get more money from the pools but in the end clubs have got to start exploiting their own commercial resources.

For a start to have a stadium stand empty for six days a week seems a great waste. Clubs need to become closer associated with the community at large - they need to develop facilities that people can use seven days a week. It is all about generating income and fostering good relations with the public.

We tried it at Luton with our synthetic pitch and it was a great financial success earning the club £250,000 a year. But plastic pitches were then outlawed and that source of revenue has been taken away. I understand why other clubs didn't like playing on it but we saw some very entertaining games on the artificial surface and it was ideal for a one-touch game.

In a perfect world someone would come up with an artificial pitch that has the same properties as a grass surface. In the meantime perhaps the answer is a grass pitch that can be wheeled in and out in sections. That would be great. It would help clubs like ours earn money outside football.

My club means a lot to me and I was really touched when they named one of their lounges after me. But we badly need new ground. We are told we are on the verge of getting a new site but then they have been talking about it in Luton since 1959.

But wherever it is it will be my team. As a student I used to hitch-hike to places like Hartlepool and Darlington to watch them play. I thrilled to the brilliance of players like Bruce Rioch, Malcolm McDonald and Paul Walsh. They gave me loads of pleasure. The main thing is nothing will divert me from supporting Luton Town.

I have lived through the depressions of relegation and failure but Luton is in the blood. There is no question of quitting. At times like those you just try and think of other things.

As I speak to you I am now just recovering from the shock of seeing us lose 6-3 at home to Sheffield United. We never settled but from three goals down fought back 3-4. Glynn Hodges was terrific for Sheffield who played some good football. You will have to watch for them tonight.

Nick Owen

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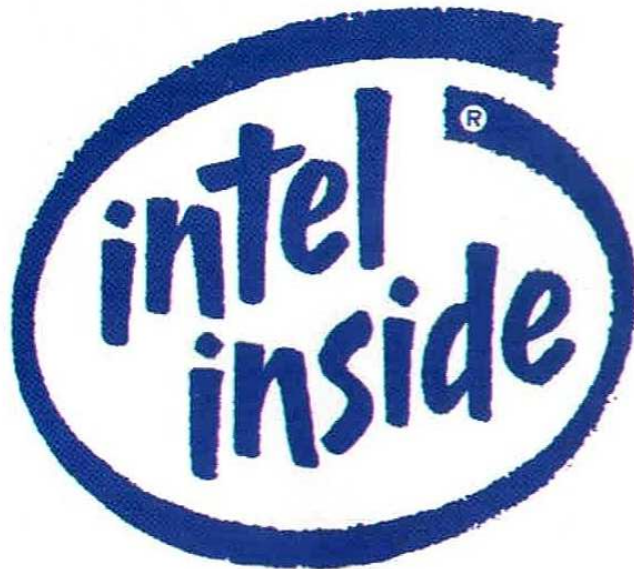
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ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE AS AT 21 DECEMBER 1994

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Middlesbrough	22	8	1	2	21	8	5	3	3	14	11	43
Wolverhampton W.	22	8	1	2	23	11	3	3	5	16	16	37
Bolton Wanderers	22	7	3	1	21	8	3	3	5	15	19	36
Tranmere Rovers	22	8	2	1	26	12	2	4	5	9	14	36
Reading	22	5	4	2	14	8	5	2	4	14	14	36
Barnsley	22	7	3	1	16	7	3	2	6	8	16	35
Sheffield United	22	7	2	2	19	8	2	4	5	14	15	33
Grimsby Town	22	6	4	1	18	9	2	5	4	14	18	33
Stoke City	22	6	2	3	20	10	3	4	4	6	15	33
Derby County	22	5	4	2	14	8	3	3	5	9	11	31
Southend United	22	7	1	3	14	8	2	3	6	9	25	31
Luton Town	22	2	3	6	14	18	6	3	2	17	12	30
Watford	22	5	5	1	14	9	2	4	5	8	15	30
Oldham Athletic	22	6	3	2	18	11	2	2	7	10	18	29
Millwall	22	5	4	2	19	12	2	3	6	9	16	28
Sunderland	22	2	6	3	10	10	4	4	3	14	10	28
Charlton Athletic	21	4	3	4	16	14	2	5	3	16	18	26
Port Vale	22	5	3	3	17	12	1	4	6	9	17	25
Swindon Town	22	2	5	3	12	14	1	1	8	12	23	24
Burnley	21	2	5	3	12	14	3	4	4	9	14	24
West Bromwich Alb.	22	6	2	2	12	8	0	4	8	7	22	24
Portsmouth	22	2	4	5	11	17	3	4	4	11	16	23
Bristol City	22	3	3	5	9	15	2	1	8	8	17	19
Notts County	22	3	4	4	13	15	1	2	8	8	17	18

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AS AT 21 DECEMBER 1994

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Joey Beauchamp	18(2)	1	8(1)	1	26(3)	2
Austin Berkley	0(2)	0	2(2)	0	2(4)	0
Paul Bodin	21	6	7	0	28	6
Ian Culverhouse	2	0	0	0	2	0
Fraser Digby	22	0	7(2)	0	29(2)	0
Terry Fenwick	2	0	0	0	2	0
Jan Aage Fjortoft	22	12	6(1)	7	28(1)	19
Ty Gooden	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0
Nicky Hammond	0(22)	0	2(7)	0	2(29)	0
Chris Harmon	0(2)	0	0(3)	1	0(5)	1
Kevin Horlock	16(6)	0	6(2)	0	22(8)	0
Stuart James	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
Brian Kilcline	6(3)	0	7(1)	0	13(4)	0
Martin Ling	16(3)	1	7(2)	0	23(5)	1
Ross MacLaren	3	0	1	0	4	0
Steve McMahon	2	0	0	0	2	0
Edwin Murray	0(1)	0	0(4)	0	0(5)	0
Andy Mutch	7(13)	0	5(3)	2	12(16)	2
Luc Nijholt	19	0	8	0	27	0
Wayne O'Sullivan	7(6)	0	5(1)	0	12(7)	0
Marcus Phillips	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
Mark Robinson	21	0	9	0	30	0
Keith Scott	19(3)	8	9	4	28(3)	12
Shaun Taylor	15	2	4	0	19	2
Carl Tiler	2	0	0	0	2	0
Andrew Thomson	18	0	8(1)	1	26(1)	1
Neil Webb	5(1)	0	0	0	5(1)	0
Adrian Whitbread	1	0	0	0	1	0
Steve White	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0

SWINDON TOWN FIXTURES 1994/95

DATE	OPPONENTS	FA
Sun 14 Aug	PORT VALE	H 2-0
Sat 20 Aug	Tranmere Rovers	A 2-3
Wed 24 Aug	ATALANTA A.I.C.(1)	H 0-2
Sat 27 Aug	WATFORD	H 1-0
Wed 31 Aug	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H 0-0
Sat 03 Sep	Notts County	A 1-0
Tue 06 Sep	Venezia A.I.C. (2)	A 0-1
Sun 11 Sep	DERBY COUNTY	H 1-1
Wed 14 Sep	READING	H 1-0
Sat 17 Sep	Charlton Athletic	A 0-1
Wed 21 Sep	CHARLTON ATH. (C.C.C. 2-1)	H 1-3
Sat 24 Sep	GRIMSBY TOWN	H 3-2
Tue 27 Sep	Charlton Athletic (C.C.C. 2-2)	A 4-1
Sat 01 Oct	Barnsley	A 1-2
Wed 05 Oct	LECCE A.I.C. (3)	H 3-1
Sat 08 Oct	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H 3-2
Sat 15 Oct	Portsmouth	A 3-4
Sat 22 Oct	SOUTHEND UNITED	H 2-2
Wed 26 Oct	Brighton & H.A. (C.C.C. 3)	A 1-1
Sat 29 Oct	Middlesbrough	A 1-3
Tue 01 Nov	Bolton Wanderers	A 0-3
Sat 05 Nov	MILLWALL	H 1-2
Wed 09 Nov	BRIGHTON & H.A.(C.C.C. 3R)	H 4-1
Tue 15 Nov	Ascoli A.I.C. (4)	A 1-3
Sun 20 Nov	Bristol City	A 2-3
Wed 23 Nov	BURNLEY	H 1-1
Sat 26 Nov	LUTON TOWN	H 1-2
Wed 30 Nov	DERBY COUNTY (C.C.C. 4)	H 2-1
Sat 03 Dec	Southend United	A 0-2
Sat 10 Dec	TRANMERE ROVERS	H 2-2
Sat 17 Dec	Port Vale	A 2-2
Mon 26 Dec	Stoke City	A
Tue 27 Dec	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H
Sat 31 Dec	Oldham Athletic	A
Mon 02 Jan	SUNDERLAND	H
Sat 07 Jan	MARLOW (FAC 3)	H
Wed 11 Jan	MILLWALL (C.C.C. Q/F)	H
Sun 15 Jan	MIDDLESBROUGH	H
Sat 21 Jan	Millwall	A
Sat 28 Jan	F.A.C. 4	A
Sat 04 Feb	Burnley	A
Sat 11 Feb	BOLTON WANDERERS	H
Sat 18 Feb	Luton Town	A
Wed 22 Feb	BRISTOL CITY	H
Sat 25 Feb	BARNSELY	H
Sat 04 Mar	Grimsby Town	A
Wed 08 Mar	NOTTS COUNTY	H
Sat 11 Mar	Watford	A
Sat 18 Mar	West Bromwich Albion	A
Wed 22 Mar	Derby County	A
Sat 25 Mar	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H
Sat 01 Apr	Reading	A
Sat 08 Apr	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H
Sat 15 Apr	Sheffield United	A
Mon 17 Apr	STOKE CITY	H
Sat 22 Apr	Sunderland	A
Sat 29 Apr	PORTSMOUTH	H
Sat 06 May	Wolverhampton W.	A

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8,482	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	FENWICK	FJORTOFT 2	MUTCH	HORLOCK	SCOTT o	BEAUCHAMP o	HAMMOND
5,167	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	THOMSON	LING	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	SCOTT	HORLOCK	WHITE o	MUTCH	HAMMOND
9,781	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING 1	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	SCOTT	O'SULLIVAN	HORLOCK	MUTCH	HAMMOND
11,555	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	SCOTT	O'SULLIVAN	HORLOCK o	MUTCH o	HAMMOND
6,537	DIGBY	ROBINSON	HORLOCK	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	SCOTT	O'SULLIVAN	MUTCH o	KILCLINE	HAMMOND
1,250	HAMMOND	ROBINSON	HORLOCK	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	THOMSON	LING	BEAUCHAMP	MUTCH	BERKLEY	O'SULLIVAN	HAMON o	MURRAY o	DIGBY o
9,043	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	LING	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	SCOTT	HORLOCK	MUTCH o	O'SULLIVAN o	HAMMOND
11,551	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	HORLOCK	SCOTT o 1	KILCLINE	HAMMOND
9,794	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	O'SULLIVAN	SCOTT	FJORTOFT	LING	HORLOCK	KILCLINE o	BERKLEY o	HAMMOND
4,932	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	KILCLINE	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT 1	BERKLEY o	MURRAY	HAMMOND
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4,932	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP 1	FJORTOFT 3	LING	SCOTT	HORLOCK	MUTCH o	HAMMOND
3,911	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR 1	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT	BERKLEY	MUTCH	HAMMOND
2,375	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	MUTCH 2	BERKLEY	SCOTT 1	FJORTOFT o	THOMSON	HAMMOND
14,446	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN 1	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	WEBB	BEAUCHAMP 1	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT 1	HORLOCK	MUTCH o	HAMMOND
10,610	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN 1	KILCLINE	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	WEBB	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 2	LING	SCOTT	HORLOCK o	MUTCH o	HAMMOND
9,909	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	WEBB	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 2	LING	SCOTT	HORLOCK o	MUTCH o	HAMMOND
11,382	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON 1	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT	KILCLINE	MUTCH	HAMMOND
17,328	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	LING	SCOTT	WEBB o	MUTCH o	HAMMOND
10,046	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	KILCLINE	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	WEBB	SCOTT	LING o	MUTCH o	HAMMOND
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7,654	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	McLAREN	THOMSON	TILER	O'SULLIVAN	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	MUTCH	SCOTT 1	HORLOCK o	HAMON	HAMMOND
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5,803	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	McMAHON	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT	LING	SCOTT	MUTCH	O'SULLIVAN	HAMMOND
8,803	DIGBY	ROBINSON	BODIN 1	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	CULVERHOUSE	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	McMAHON	SCOTT	MUTCH	LING	HAMMOND
7,747	DIGBY	CULVERHOUSE	BODIN	THOMSON	NIJHOLT	TAYLOR 1	HORLOCK	BEAUCHAMP	FJORTOFT 1	LING	SCOTT	MUTCH o	O'SULLIVAN	HAMMOND

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- 7 KEVIN HORLOCK
- 8 JOEY BEAUCHAMP
- 9 JAN AAGE FJORTOFT
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- 14
- 15 NICKY HAMMOND

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- 1 ALAN KELLY
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- 7 PAUL ROGERS
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- 11 ANDY SCOTT
- 12 NATHAN BLAKE
- 14 BILLY MERCER
- 15 DANE WHITEHOUSE

TEAM CHANGES



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