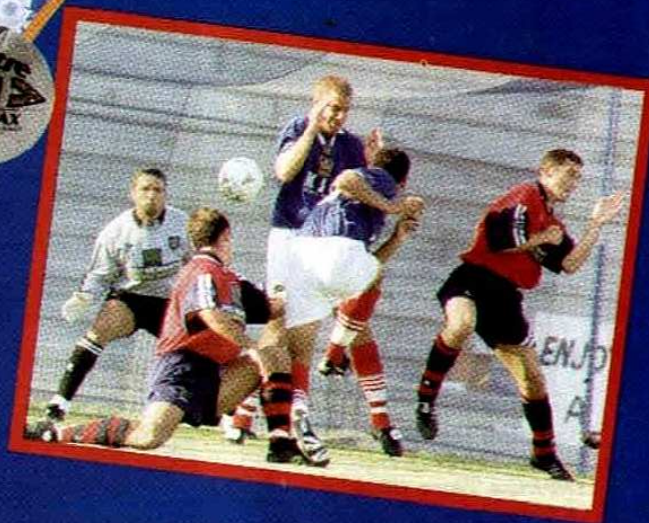
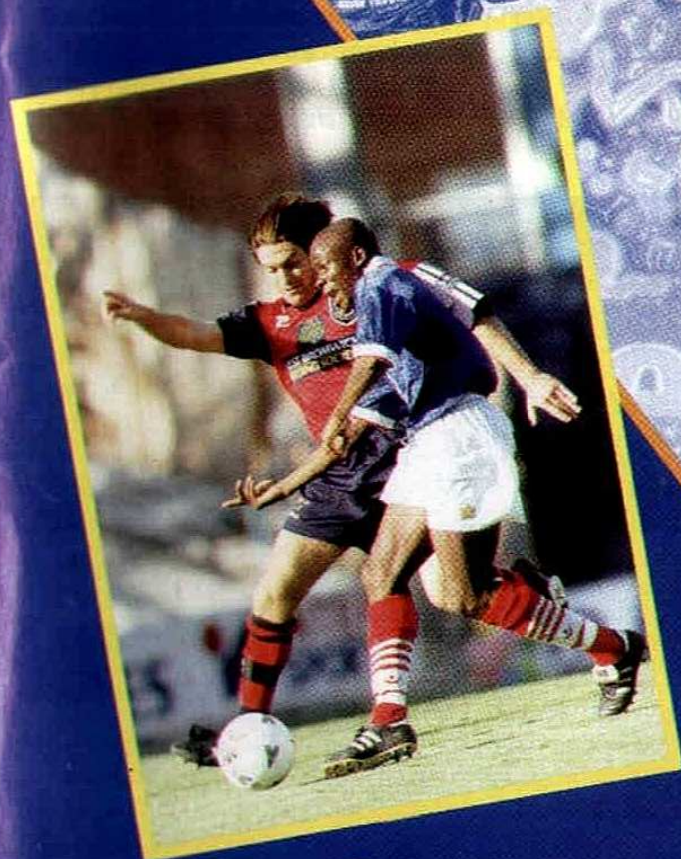
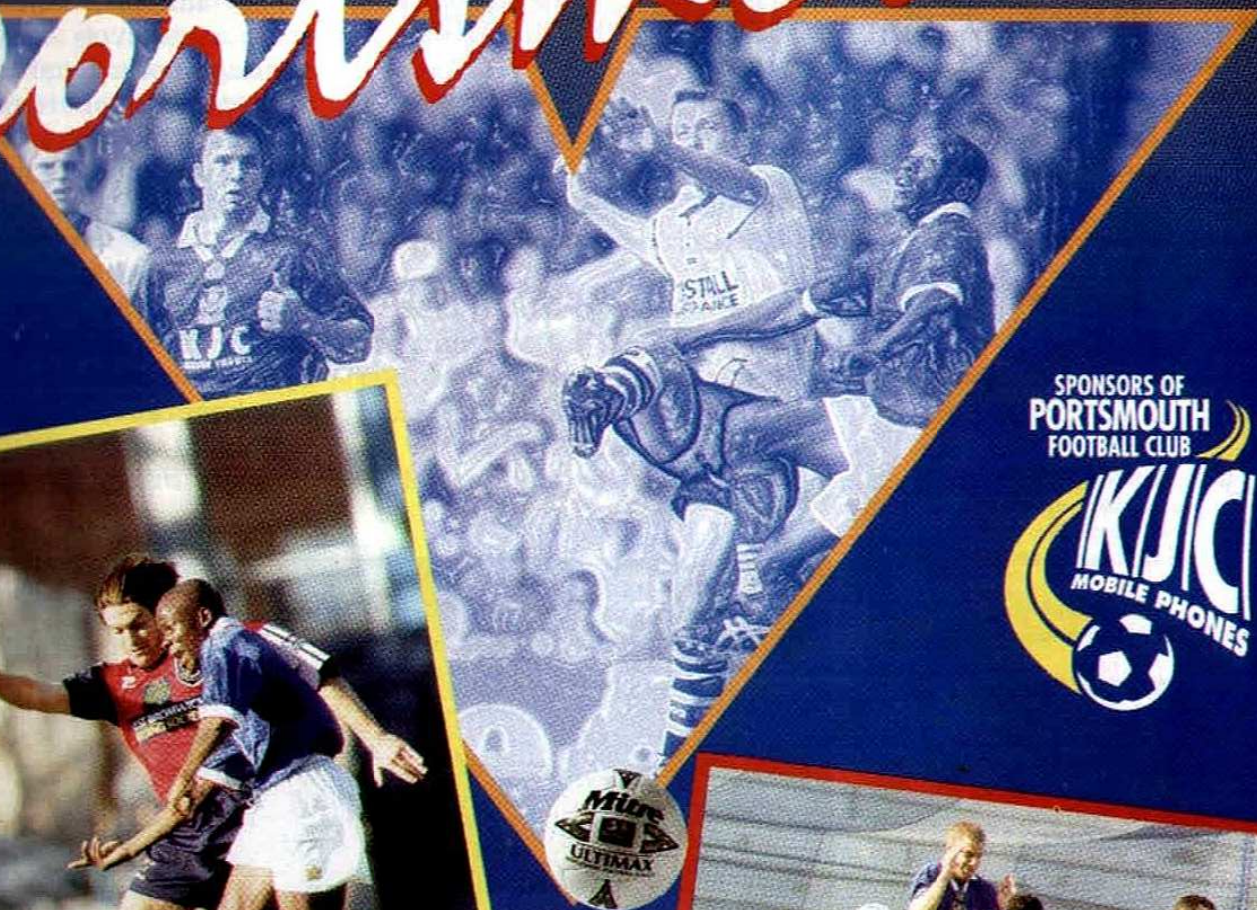




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Play up Pompey.

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from all over the country and hear some grass roots views on everything from footballing tactics to financial ambition.

Being a footballing man, as I've said before, I really enjoyed the experience and welcomed the chance to get to know the people who have supported this club through thick and thin.

I couldn't help but pick up on the optimism and enthusiasm of those at the meeting and when they say that is representative of their members' feelings, I am filled with hope that we're all pulling in the same direction.

Football fans are wonderful people in the main, whereas managers, players and yes, even chairmen, come and go. They stay with a club from start to finish. Anyone who does not respect that passion and loyalty - or abuses it - is a fool.

I like to think that is one thing I'm not.

I believe in answering questions - and even criticism - openly and to the best of my ability. I hope that those who attended the meeting felt as good about the whole experience as I did and believe that unity is the way ahead.

Slowly, but surely, we're on the right track here. It won't all happen overnight - but, believe me, it will happen.

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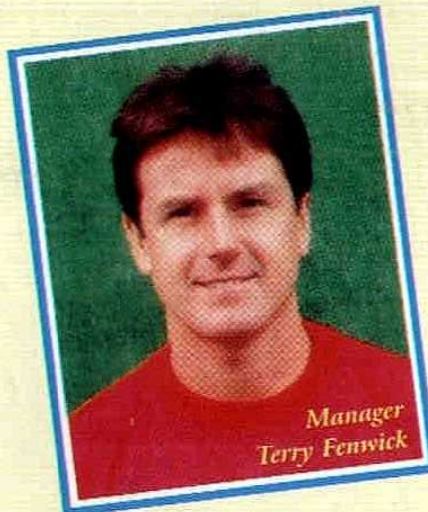
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I'm sure that Swindon will bring some lively support and although not a 'local derby' I'm sure the atmosphere generated will match the close rivalry that there is between the two sets of supporters.

The television cameras do seem to have had the 'Indian sign' over us in recent seasons but we have to break our duck by winning one of the televised matches soon - hopefully tonight.

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Ever since I came to the club I've heard from supporters how a new stand will make such a difference to the atmosphere and will attract stayaway fans back. Well, there it is, I issue my challenge here and now: 'Get behind this club and help push them into the next century.'

Speaking of supporters, I was absolutely delighted to attend a very special meeting here at the club before the West Brom game where I had a first-hand chance to exchange some frank opinions with a handful of Pompey fans.

Earlier in the season we invited all the supporters' clubs to elect delegates for a confederation that would unite them and provide a bigger and louder force both within the club and on a wider footing.

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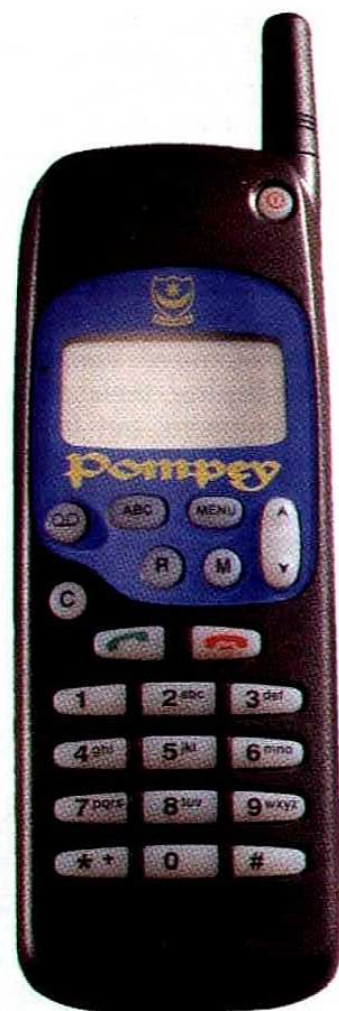
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Andy Thomson

Autograph

Andy ruefully looks back on his two bookings against Bradford which now means he misses the trip to Middlesbrough - "The first one was very disappointing. The referee said I kicked the ball away after we had conceded a freekick but I didn't hear the whistle and just cleared the ball automatically. I was shocked when he called me over."

For the second offence Andy feels it was very harsh - "There was just nothing in it, not enough for a booking. I made contact with the ball and I felt that the referee was looking to make an example of me after what had gone on before. He even told their player to get up and not feign an injury."

Andy was dismayed naturally - "Having just got back in the side it was the last thing I needed. Nobody wants to be out of the team and the manager has the luxury of a big squad to chop and change as he wishes. At least it's only a one-match ban so it could have been worse."

As a defender Andy is only too aware that the massive crackdown on tackling over the last couple of years has made things very hard for defenders. As he says - "I can see that the authorities are trying to make games more entertaining with more goals which is nice if you're a forward but there are so many grey areas. There are some tackles you can make with some referees and not with others. Two years ago a mistimed tackle might warrant a telling-off, now it's a booking every time. I think that if you win the ball then it ought to be a fair tackle. The common sense aspect has been taken out of refereeing and I have some sympathy for referees who are under great pressure to apply the rules strictly."

On his form Andy says - "I'm fairly pleased, I've coped well, it's not easy when you have been out of the side for a few weeks. However you play personally, it means nothing though, if the results are disappointing. My objective is obviously simply to play every week and take my chances when they come along."

Andy is anxious to play tonight - "It's always nice to play against your old club. I don't feel I have much to prove, after all it's two years since I left. Swindon have made a better start than people might have expected and I know people in the town are getting excited."

Andy has bought a house in Swindon with his fiancée Nikki. They have been engaged for 18 months now and have pencilled in a date to tie the knot in June 1999. What about the journey every day?

Andy says - "The travelling is fine, just under an hour a day and Macca, Fitz and I share the driving so it's no strain."

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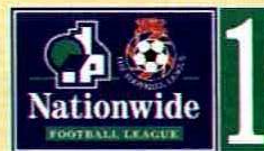
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Div One Review



It's transfer time in Div One!

Wolves boss mark McGhee has signed Crystal Palace's Scottish striker Dougie Freedman - who scored two goals in his first two games for the Molineux side. He wasn't cheap at £800,000 but McGhee seems to be pleased. "He's the sort of player we need. He's a handful and a pest for defenders." Moving north to Nottingham now and it looks like the comedy keeper Dave Beasant has earned himself a move to league leaders Forest. The 38 year-old Southampton man has kept seven clean sheets in nine matches and hasn't let in one goal in comical circumstances!! Boss Dave Bassett said: "Dave's done brilliantly, just like he always did with the crazy gang. There will be a small fee - probably a couple of antique photos of his Wimbledon days." Elsewhere, Birmingham have finally put Paul Devlin on the transfer list, ending months of speculation over his future at St Andrews. The 25 year old has turned down a £100,000 a year pay rise and if you are willing to pay a million, you can p.p.p.p.pick up a Paul. Ipswich are struggling but they have taken unusual steps in trying to refloat their season. They are hoping to sign Hai Ngoc Tran - who would become the first Vietnamese born player to play for a top English side. While everyone else seems to be signing anything that moves, Charlton manager Alan Curbishley has delivered a firm 'hands off' message to any clubs sniffing around his talent, especially 17 year old Scott Parker. He said "Scott's just one of half a dozen of our kids going off with different England sides. But if we are going to lose them before their professional years, we might as well close down our youth development programme now." And finally, remember all that trouble Norwich have had with selling their best players only to be left with a second rate team? Well a new chairman looked to have solved that problem, but things may start to go pear shaped again with Mike Walker admitting his top star might go, if the price is right. Talking about Darren Eadie, boss man Walker said: "Although the club is geared to keeping its best players, at the end of the day if someone offers a good fee for Eadie then he will go. I'm not prepared to put a fee on his head, but Lee Bradbury was sold for £3.5million and Eadie is at least as good as him."

Do you remember...

...Jason Dozzell? Surely you remember him - the strange surnamed Ipswich player who went to Tottenham seeking fame and fortune, but there have been more sightings of Lord Lucan that Dozzell in a Spurs shirt during his spell at White Hart Lane. But Jason's going back to his roots and no I don't mean he's gone down the hairdressers. He's turned down a trial with Birmingham for a week to week contract with Ipswich. Despite spending most of his time in the Spurs reserves, he seems baffled as to why teams think he's no good. "I was surprised a few more teams didn't come in for me. I wasn't interested in an trial. After all, I've played for Ipswich and Tottenham in the top flight and had over 500 league games. I don't need to prove what I am capable of - people should already know." Very confident fella isn't he. Shame that not too many other managers share his optimism. Jason seems happy enough with his current playing situation. "I was training on my own so I decided to ask Ipswich if I could train with them. I'm on a week by week deal and I would love to make a go of it."

It's a right old round-up!

More news from Division One now and who would be silly enough to sink £42m into trying to get Wolves into the Premiership? Step forward none other than their chairman 'union' Jack Hayward. He's rounded that figure up to a nice £50million now after paying off a rather large bank overdraft. He explains: "I know I said I would not be putting my hand in my pocket again, but I thought this was the best way to show people that I have no intention of turning my back on the club." He's spent over £9m but Trevor I sound like I've got a permanent cold Francis is having his spending curbed at St Andrews. The Birmingham boss has been told that no more money is available to him in his attempt at mission impossible - getting the Brummies out of Div One. Owner David Sullivan said: "Once the money Trevor has now has gone, it will be difficult to shell out more. If we stay in the First Division we will have to see what's available, but we can't go on spending year after year and not have a better team." Nice to see that Ipswich fans have retained their sense of humour, despite their lousy start to the season. Over 22,000 of them turned up to see their side beat Man United in the Coca Cola Cup the other week. And even their chairman David Sheepshanks will think the cup competition is great. He said: "The Coca Cola Cup offers a lot of clubs their best chance of glory and we intend to lobby UEFA until the victors are allowed back in Europe." And Charlton have financial glee all over their faces after announcing they made a profit of over £250,000 during their first year on the stock market. The previous year saw a loss of over a

million but their financial health has allowed the club to begin rebuilding the ground - with the capacity up to around 16,000. Chairman Richard Murray seemed to be the happiest of all. He said: "Last year we worked out of portable building. We have been running the club with our hands tied behind our backs."

Boy from Brazil has got Sheffield going

Middlesbrough's dealings with boys from Brazil must have put off most clubs from importing some samba soccer into their team. That's everyone apart from Sheffield United as the signing of Marcello dos Santos has seen the Blades cutting the First Division down to size. The £400,000 signing has appeared from the reserves to spark United into life and into a top of the table position. As with all Brazilian's he is talented and he isn't shy in letting everyone know this fact. "I came to England because I believe I can be a success with the type of football played here. I'm quite good in the air and with the crosses you get here I can do well. Sheffield offered me a chance so I came here and signed a three year contract. My ambition is to play in the Premier League with United." Once the 28 year-old Brazilian gets talking, it's plain to see he's not just here to fire the Blades up a division. In fact he could well be described as a Portuguese man of war - and the war is with the Portuguese national side who snubbed Santos. "I was born in Brazil but played in Portugal and my family are all Portuguese. I have a Portuguese passport and consider myself Portuguese but the national coach there would not consider me." Portugal's loss seems to have been Sheffield United's gain, and you can't seem to fault their Brazilian/Portuguese player. He said: "I want to show I can score goals here."

Cheer up Peter Reid

It's not been the greatest of times for the Wearsiders. Relegated from the Premiership last season and moving into a 40,000 all seated stadium designed to be graced by the highest level of football. Instead First Division football has stumbled into the Stadium of Light and it's glaringly obvious that the start to the season has not met expectation. Manager Peter Reid has been there, done that and got the T-shirt. Experience tells him he's under pressure but he knows how to handle it. "The pressure is no problem. It's part of a managers job and you don't expect accolades when you're having a run like we are. This is a big club and there are bound to be expectations but I would rather be manager here than one which hasn't got the potential this club has." The question you would have to ask is why does Reid feel any pressure at all. It's still relatively early days as far as the season is concerned. Yet Sunderland are sitting in mid table within striking distance of the play-offs. It couldn't be the fans jealousy of that team that play in black and white just down the road could it? I think it could well be. Peter Reid is still only full of praise for the fans despite their lack of patience. But he warns that if games can't be won, then he doesn't deserve the job. "We are only in October so there's a long way to go and the fans have been brilliant - we are all in this together. The word pressure is over used but if you can't win games at a big club like this you shouldn't be there. You either handle it or you get out altogether."

Charlton are on the mend-onca

It was a case of it's all gone quiet over there at the Valley last season. But now the London side are quietly going about their business and are nestling nicely at the top of the table. And due to the goals he is scoring, you would have to say that is partly down to the shrewd summer signing of Clive Mendonca. He's already scored nearly ten goals so far this season after his £700,000 move from Grimsby Town, he's absolutely delighted about it. "It's been going great for me since I came down here. I couldn't have dreamed for a better start. "I got 20 goals last year for Grimsby but we got relegated and I knew I had to move on. I was out of contact so I was in a decent position. A couple of clubs came in but Curbs was the first." By the sound of things, Charlton have been speculating to accumulate in their signings this season and it looks like they should be able to gain a play off place at the very least. "Alan said to me that two seasons ago Charlton got into the play-offs and he wanted another shot at it. The club had a bad season last time out but that often happens the year after you fail in the play-offs. They signed me and Matty Holmes in the summer for £1m and that is a lot of money for Charlton and it shows their ambition. As goal machines go, Clive is a much travelled one. Spells at Rotherham and Sheffield United preceded his five year stint at Grimsby. So will the Charlton fans be going bonkers over Mendonca's goals? The man himself seems to think so. "Goals are what I am about and I have a good record with all of my clubs. I'm getting good service and, with players like Mark Bright, Steve Jones and Bradley Allen waiting in the wings, there is a lot of competition for places here."

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Hello and welcome!

Looking back at the Bradford game at Fratton Park, I feel it was a question of stopping the rot and the boys felt that although we drew we would have liked to have won. However it was better than coming away with nothing after six straight defeats. Of course the referee didn't help - but I'd better not say anything more about that!

The mood in the dressing room afterwards was a lot more buoyant. After all, although we didn't take three points we at least put the brakes on a losing run. Anxious as we are for a win, we haven't lost our last two games - and let's face it, Bradford are up there at the moment and they're well-organised.

Relatively speaking, although we are at the bottom it's still early on and I think sometimes we have to gauge how the season is going to pan out around Christmas time - we are only at the end of October and there's a long way to go. It would be a different case if we had 10 games left and had to win six of them to stay up ...

We aren't going to panic and I hope you, the supporters, are with us on that and remain as positive as you have been over the past few weeks - patience is a virtue, after all.

At Huddersfield we felt we could go and get a very good result building on from the Bradford game. After taking the lead - as I'm sure the supporters who saw Sammy's goal will agree (he said later that time seemed to stand still as it went in!) - we felt that a turn of luck had finally come our way.

They had two or three good chances and Knightsie pulled off some great saves - and that's nothing against Flav. The manager is trying to use Knightsie's experience at the moment but with Flav still being so young, he will learn from this season and last year too.

We felt we defended very, very well as a solid unit. In recent weeks we have gone under but let's not forget, Huddersfield are in the same position as us and still looking for their first win.

The boys showed the same battling qualities we demonstrated in the West Brom game. We didn't have as many chances and big Russ especially - who by his own admission has not performed to the best of his ability lately - showed what a player he can be. And Awfs, in for Macca, did a very good job in the versatile midfield role.

Their goal just about sums up the way things have been going for us. It was one of those wonder strikes that happen every now and then and although Knightsie later said he felt he could have done better, I think he's being a bit hard on himself.

And speaking of hard going, on the journey back from Yorkshire the coach broke down twice and we spent more than an hour sitting in the hard shoulder on the motorway. Footballers being the superstitious lot that they are, some of the lads wondered if our bad luck had anything to do with the change of music on the journey. Normally I provide the CDs but as some of my stuff is a bit heavy, Sills put on one of his - Frank Sinatra!! As we all crooned away with Ol' Blue Eyes, the coach spluttered to a stop - I'll leave you to make your own judgment on that one!

One good thing to come out of the hanging around - and here goes my street cred! I learned to play crib. No offence, but I had always thought it was an old man's game and laughed at Awfs, Robbie Pethick and big Russ as they sat there shouting 'Fifteen, two ... fifteen four.' By the time we finished up, me and Tommo had got the hang of it and can't wait for our next away game now.

Anyway, back to Swindon tonight - one of my old clubs in the Premiership who have turned things round dramatically and are right up there at the moment. Make no mistake, we're in for a tough game. It's our first home game of the season televised live on Sky and we're hoping for a change in fortune. Steve McMahon has got his side pretty well together and we've got it all to do.

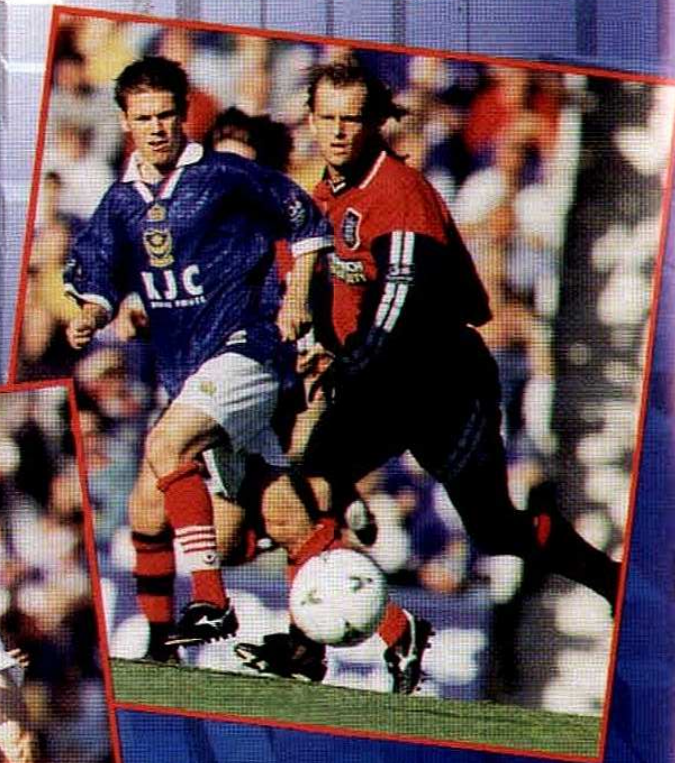
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All the best, The Whit

Captain's Comment



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DAVID WRIGHT

South East Counties League

Youngsters grounded by bug!

The youth team league game at Norwich was called off because the Pompey lads were hit by a mystery stomach bug. They were due to travel up to Norfolk on the Friday afternoon but Martin Hinshelwood was forced to get a postponement as several of his players went sick.

Team skipper David Wright came up trumps though, getting the nod for a Pompey match at Stockport. And he got a place on the bench! It just shows that a first team call up is always possible for any of the youngsters.

New date for Hammers visit.

The Southern Junior Floodlit Cup match against West Ham will now be played at Fratton Park next Tuesday 4th November 1997. The sides have already met this season in the league and fought out a cracking 1-1 draw. Try and get along to see the Pompey lads in action, they are going well this season. The winners will be away to Arsenal at Highbury in the next round.

Gunners out-gunned!

Pompey Youth 5 Arsenal Youth 1.

Saturday 11th October 1997.

What a performance! The youngsters out-gunned a physically strong Arsenal side to register yet another win and extent their unbeaten sequence in the league this season to six, writes Dave Kemp.

With the rain lashing down, Pompey went about their task and attacked from the start, with both Matt Groves and Nicky Wyatt having shots bootied off the line.

A goal just had to come - and did, after 20 minutes. Michael Nelson punted a ball from halfway into the area where David Wright helped it on to Wyatt. He turned inside and rolled a pass to Groves who slotted the chance home for his sixth goal in as many games.

Sadly, Groves was to play no further part and was taken to hospital, having broken his ankle. Substitute Luke Nightingale taking his place.

Wave after wave of attacking play deservedly brought a second Pompey goal. Lee Waterman got Steve Sargent charging along the line and his low cross was met by Wyatt whose flying header roared into the net for his seventh goal of the season.

As the second half started, Arsenal gifted a goal to Nightingale. A poor clearance only reached the lanky striker who confidently beat the advancing 'keeper to slam his shot into an empty net from just inside the area.

Then it quickly became four as Wright was upended in the box. He got to his feet and dispatched the penalty into the corner of the net.

Pompey fell to pieces in the next ten minutes in which time the visitors had three chances - but only took one of them, Danny Boetang heading in a corner.

Pompey pulled themselves together and with time running out, Aaron Cook leapt high to head a Wright corner into the roof of the net. Pompey: Tardif Waterman McDonald Nelson Cook Pettefer Sargent Wright Wyatt Groves and Goodban. Subs: Connolly Nightingale and Holbrook.

• Young Matt Groves will be out of action for three months with his broken ankle. He has already set himself a date early in the new year for his return. Read about his hopes on this page in the next programme.

Youth team in top three!

Pompey beat Cambridge.

Winning has become a habit of late for Martin Hinshelwood's team! They travelled up to Cambridge and after falling behind early on, turned the game around to grab all the points with two second half goals. Matt Goodban was back in the side following his injury and really played a full part in the victory. A full report will appear in the next programme.

Hampshire County Youth League.

Under 16 side racing up table

Pompey coach Shaun North's side has recovered from losing the opening game of the season by winning their last four games. It looks as though this side may be as useful as last terms kids, who went on to win the championship. North spoke recently of his hopes and this interview will appear on this page shortly.

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**FITZROY
SIMPSON**

With a little more fortune Pompey may have added to the scoreline while West Ham offered little threat throughout the 90 minutes. Hamilton Thorp was unlucky several times not to score, although he spent 13 minutes off the pitch having stitches put in a nasty gash over his left eye.

Pompey went ahead on 20 minutes when after being awarded a free kick.



**DANNY
HINSHELWOOD**

Fitzroy Simpson bent in a cross which Whitbread rose head and shoulders above his marker to head into the roof of the net.

After David Hillier limped out of the action - Nathan Jukes coming on, Durnin played a one-two with Fitzroy Simpson and hammered in

a low drive from the edge of the area which the 'keeper saved.

Early in the second half, Russell Perrett had a good opportunity, meeting another Fitzroy Simpson corner unchallenged but headed straight at the 'keeper.



HAMILTON THORP

Andy Cook went flying along the line before thumping in a cross shot which flashed wide.

Thorp was always involved in the action and almost opened his account with a header from a Danny Hinshelwood cross.

Finally, Pompey put the game out of reach with an excellent goal.

Fitzroy Simpson again got in a good cross which fell to Durnin. He brought the ball under control and noticing the 'keeper had strayed off his line, dropped a shot over him into the net.

After Jukes had rifled a ball just over from 25 yards, Robbie Simpson could well have made it three but his shot from close in hit the 'keeper.

Pompey: Knight Hinshelwood Cook Whitbread Perrett Awford Hillier Durnin Thorp Simpson(R) and Simpson(F). Subs: Rees Jukes and Thomson.

**IAN
McDONALD**

Ipswich Res 2 Pompey Res 2. Wednesday
22nd October 1997.

Pompey dragged themselves back into a match that looked like slipping away from them. At the interval, they were trailing by two goals and looked to be in for a hammering in the second period.

They really turned things around and in the end, thoroughly deserved to come away with a point after goals from Danny Hinshelwood and a penalty from Robbie Enes.

Ipswich billed the match as 'family football night' and as they went two goals up, the loudspeakers gave renditions of James Brown's 'I feel good'. Neil Gregory put his side ahead when allowed to dive in unchallenged to head past Aaron Flahavan. Just before the interval, Gregory got his second, running through an enormous gap in the visitors defence to drive home.

The game turned in Pompey's favour on 61 minutes when they pulled a goal back. After more good work by Robbie Enes, the ball reached Danny Hinshelwood out wide on the right. He moved forward to lash a drive into the net which brought just a jingle from the tannoy.

The game threatened to boil over and the referee was kept busy booking players from each side.

As it settled down again as a contest, Pompey broke and Hinshelwood crossed high into the area where central defender Chris Swailes climbed all over Robbie Simpson and the referee immediately awarded a penalty. Enes stepped up to calmly chip the spot kick into the corner of the net and was greeted with Pompey's second jingle of the evening - which must have been music to the ears of a side that battled away for a share of the spoils.

Afterwards, Coach Ian McDonald certainly had the feel good factor about the result and said 'We did very well to get back into the game and never gave up. I was delighted with most of our second half performance'.

Pompey Res: Flahavan Hinshelwood Cook(Aaron) Waterman Russell Rees Williams Enes Thorp Simpson and Jukes. Subs: Karimzadeh Thompson and Hawley.

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PETER JEFFS

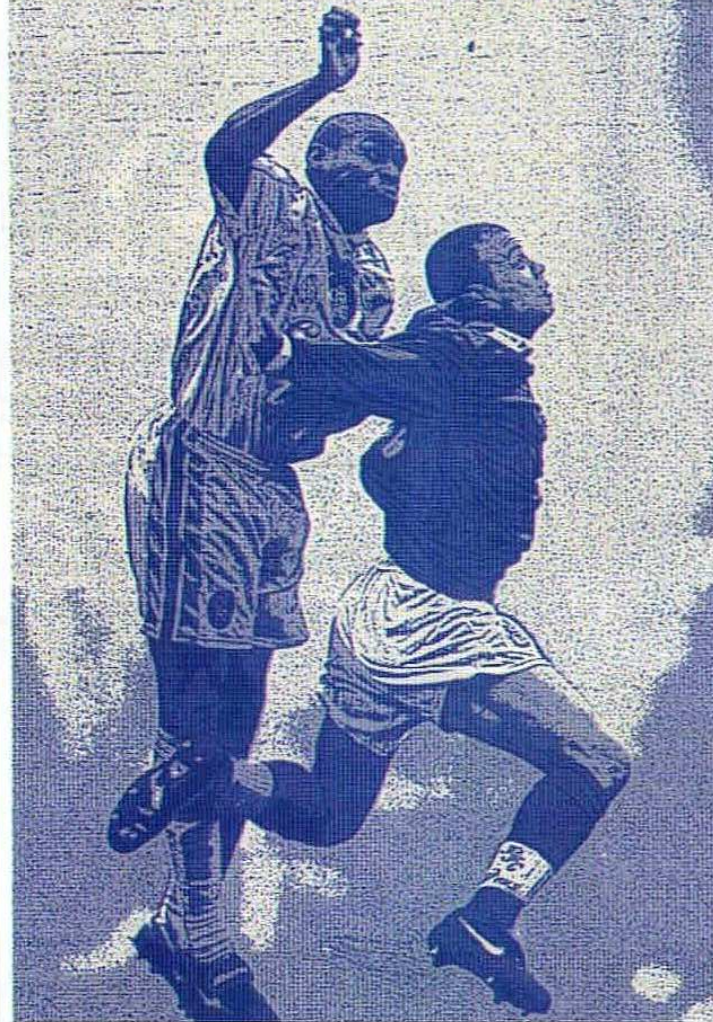
Hamilton Academicals are reported to have Scotland's most infamous fan who has been regularly banned mainly for his abuse of their own and opposing players. At present 'Fergie', as he is known, only watches games on an agreed game-to-game basis. One story of his deeds tells of him being stranded after an away match at Forfar and being picked up by the Accies team bus. It wasn't long before he was ejected from the bus at Arbroath after he had verbally attacked every player on board for their performances.

Auctions of football memorabilia are fetching record amounts with last year's total at Christie's reaching an unprecedented £265,000. Almost £100,000 of that came from the sale of the late Billy Wright's collection by his widow Joy of the Beverley Sisters. This year's sale was due to feature a shirt worn in the world's first international Scotland v England in 1872 and an FA Cup winner's medal from 1882 won by an Old Etonian.

'Play By Mail' games on the Internet are becoming increasingly popular and now a National Football Quiz League based on knowledge of the game is available to join. For a £1 a week there are cash prizes and all you have to do is apply for a series of three sets of 50 questions. Your answers will determine which league you start in and from then on you can be promoted or relegated depending on your results. Currently 100 people play in seven divisions and the competition is in its second year.

Disturbing news from a report in November's 'Total Football' magazine that wages in the English game continue to spiral, outstripping revenue. In 1995/96 wage costs increased by 23% against a 10% increase in revenue. In the Premier League it is reckoned that half of the income is spent on wages but in Division One that increases to 76%. In Division Three the position is even worse with several clubs showing their wage bill as in excess of total income. Opinion is that the riches of the Premier League are forcing up wages in the lower leagues and compelling the smaller clubs to pay more than they can afford.

Chelsea's new mega Megastore reports astonishing sales of 14,000 home shirts in the first two weeks. Zola was so popular that the store ran out of



the letter Z and was forced to make desperate calls to other club shops for supplies. Fortunately there is not much call for this letter to be used at other clubs. Customised scooters at £2500 are available as well as the usual club shop items of hot water bottles, bus pass holders, garters etc.

Diego Maradona is making headlines still in Argentina after testing positive for cocaine after playing for Boca Juniors against Argentinos Juniors at the end of August. Maradona faces a lifetime ban but his lawyers are now trying to convince a judge to order an investigation into whether the said urine sample came from Maradona or, as he alleges, another player. After the test results had been made known Maradona was to be seen on Argentinian TV protesting his innocence.

The November 'Goal' magazine reports on the liberal approach to Dutch hooligans employed by PSV Eindhoven with their official full-time Supporters Co-ordinators. Troublemakers are visited, accompanied to court, and helped with rehabilitation - all in an effort to build relationships with banned and convicted fans based on trust and to educate in positive behaviour and alternatives to violence.

The art of the sports commentator came into focus at a seminar at the recent Edinburgh Festival, entitled 'He opens his legs and shows his class' after a well known commentator's gaffe. Such exponents as Barry Davies, Clive Tyldesley, Archie MacPherson and Reg Gutteridge formed a panel to discuss their craft and its issues.

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ARMY



Dear Blue Army, POMPEY ON THE UP!

The Pompey staff here at Fratton Park have had the privilege of watching the new Fratton End KJC stand grow by the day and some of us took the opportunity to stand at the top before the roof went on and see the fantastic view. The impressive new stand towers above the pitch at a height of 18 metres. It seats 4,800 and as well as the usual facilities, it will also house the new Pompey Shop and a function room for 500 people. Another unique feature of the stand will be the seating design which incorporates the head and shoulders montage of Pompey hero Jimmy Dickinson. Portsmouth is only the second club in the country to feature such a design after Preston's, Tom Finney.



The 'young men' of Pompey, community coach Dutchy Holland, Rob, Sharon and Dave from the Blue Army office and community coach Phil.



TONIGHT'S MASCOTS

Luke Mansfield
age 12

Ryan Walters
age 7



MASCOT AVAILABILITY

If you would like more details on how to be a Pompey Mascot, please ring Joanne Foster on 01705 731204 ext 123

SWINDON JUNIOR ROBINS

Pompey welcomes 50 Junior Robins from Swindon Town and their two mascots today who are Andrew Stock and Sam Eddolls. Andrew is 12 years old and lives in Caterton, Oxon. He attends Caterton Community College, his hobbies include football and tennis and his favourite players are Chris Hey and Darren Bullock. Sam, also 12, lives in Clanfield, Oxon. He is a pupil at Burford School and enjoys football and golf. His favourite players are Chris Hay and Phillippe Cuervo.



POMPEY GOES GLOBAL



This month the Blue Army have launched their new membership package for Overseas Supporters (Adults £15, Juniors £8.) We've fast come to realise that the Pompey power is spread far and wide, with members in Australia and the Far East, USA and Canada, the Falklands, Saudi Arabia, India and Pakistan, Scandinavia, Germany, France and Spain.

The new overseas membership includes a free match-report-by-fax service after each match, which many of the existing members have already taken advantage of and think is a great benefit, especially for those that live in the more remote parts of the world.

If you have a friend or relative who you think would be interested in knowing more about the Blue Army Overseas, then let us know at the Membership Office and we'll be glad to send them an application form.

The view from the top of the stand looking behind at the Isle of Wight on the horizon.



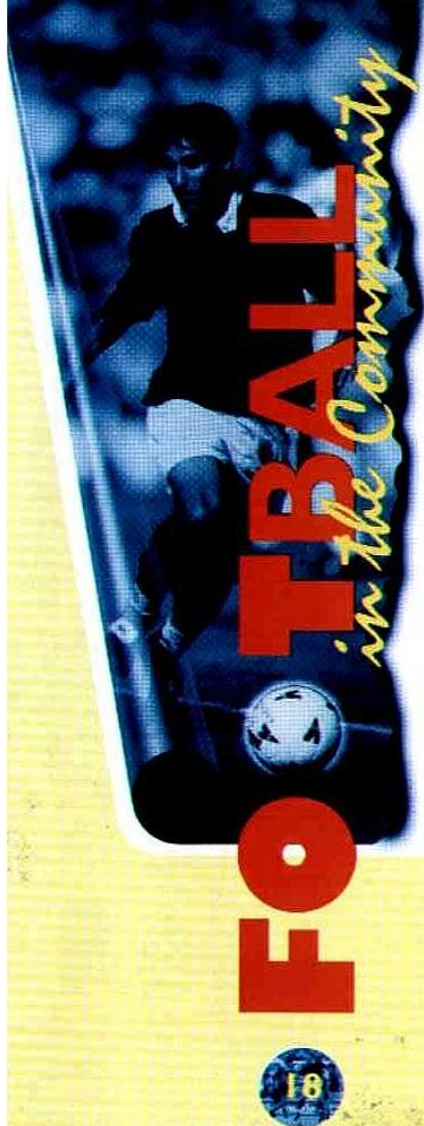
BIRTHDAY BLUES

Happy Blue Army Birthday today to 7 year old Anthony Cable from Copnor, from Mum & Dad and everybody at the Blue Army.
Happy Birthday also to: Luke Ellis (11) of Tring, Sarah Manning (13) of Winchester, Scott Wilson (10) of Littlehampton

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WELCOME TO...

All our guests here this evening are from our half term coaching programme. All the children that attended our courses during this weeks school holidays have received a Free Matchday ticket for tonight's game. We hope that all of you enjoyed your coaching course and learnt something and will enjoy tonight's game. Of course we want to hear you all cheering Pompey on throughout the match with those famous Pompey Chimes. Thank you all for coming and participating in our first live television appearance of the season.

PANINI DO IT AGAIN

Following the enormous success of last year's Panini Schools 6-a-Side Cup, Panini is once again sponsoring the competition for 1997/98. Over 1,500 primary and junior schools took part in last year's competition, and Panini aim to get over 2,000 schools involved this time round.

The Panini Schools 6-a-Side Cup is a fundamental part of the Football in The Community Programme, the nationwide initiative to involve young people in the positive benefits offered by the sport of football.

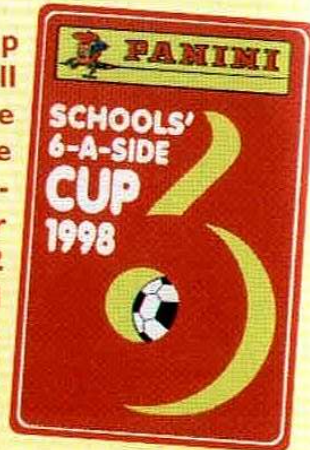
It is co-ordinated by all the Football in the Community Officers who are based at 90 clubs around England and Wales. The tournament will commence with local schools' participation in competitions involving up to 18,000 schools players nationwide. The local winners will enter into 8 Area Finals which will be held between 9th and 20th March 1998. The next stage will be one Northern and one Southern Regional Final in early April 1998. The Panini Schools 6-a-

Side Cup '98 will culminate in the opportunity for the 2 Grand Finalists to fulfill probably every

young boy's (and many girl's) dream of playing at the Final which will be held at Wembley.

With the launch of the Superplayers '98 sticker collection this October and in preparation for their Official World Cup sticker collection in 1998 Panini are thrilled to sponsor the competition again. The Panini Schools 6-a-Side Cup gives thousands of children the opportunity to enter into a tournament that is fun and offers fantastic prizes along the way.

Panini are delighted to be involved with the Football in the Community initiative for the second year running, it once again gives them the opportunity to do something for their most valued customers - the children!



Letters from children who attended our half term coaching programme

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A brief history

Origins

The Club was founded in 1881 by Reverend William Pitt as a result of a merger between two teams from the old and new areas of the Town. There were signs of success even in those early years as the Club won the Wiltshire Senior Cup from its inception in 1887 and for the next six years.

Giant killers

After a disappointing spell at the turn of the century Swindon Town improved drastically from 1908 to 1914, guided by Secretary / Manager Sam Allen. Inspired by such players as Harold Fleming and Jock Walker the team never finished lower than fourth in the Southern League. They were Champions twice and Runners-Up three times. In the 1909-10 season Crystal Palace, Tottenham and Manchester City were among the victims in Swindon's FA Cup run which eventually came to an end when they were beaten 2-0 in the semi-finals by Newcastle United - who went on to lift the Cup. The next season the Club won its first Championship but when they played Manchester United for the FA Charity Shield, they lost by an amazing 8-4 scoreline. In the 1911-12 campaign Swindon progressed to the semi-finals of the Cup again, seeing off the likes of Manchester United, Everton and West Ham before going down to the eventual winners Barnsley.

Hot shot Harry

David Hyman Morris moved from Swansea to Swindon for £110 in 1926 and what a bargain price that proved to be. Better known as Harry, he stole the show during the next seven years with a feast of goalscoring records which still stand to this day. Most goals in a League match, most goals in a season, most goals in a career - all these records still belong to Harry.

Mixed fortunes

Although the Second World War had a major affect on football, Swindon prospered financially as players were paid only appearance money, thus reducing the wage bill. After the war, things took a turn for the worse both on and off the field with inconsistent displays and money problems.

Golden years

The period surrounding the famous League Cup victory of 1969 was a golden time for the Club. Town were only denied promotion as Champions by goal difference but of course the highlight for the Swindon faithful was the visit to the Twin Towers of Wembley to see their side beat Arsenal 3-1 after extra time. The 1969/70 season brought more silverware as the Club won both the Anglo-Italian Cup Winners Cup and the Anglo-Italian Cup, beating AS Roma and Napoli respectively. Swindon also reached the sixth round of the FA Cup and finished fifth in the second division - the best position the Club had achieved to that point.

The Macari Years

In the early 1980's Swindon were languishing in the Fourth Division. Something had to be done and Lou Macari became the Club's new Manager. After a shaky start in the 1984/85 season (he was sacked for nine days before being reinstated), Macari's belief in fitness and the direct game paid off as Swindon were promoted as Champions with a record total of 102 points. Next season promotion was achieved again - by beating Gillingham in the play-offs.

Ups and Downs

In 1990 the team, now under the guidance of Ossie Ardiles, beat Sunderland at Wembley in the play-offs to gain promotion to the Premiership for the first time in the Club's history. But players and fans alike were devastated when the Football League decided the punishment for financial irregularities was to demote the team two divisions. This was later reduced to a drop of one league, back to Division One, while Sunderland took Town's place in the top flight. However in 1993, with Glenn Hoddle in charge, Swindon grabbed a place in the Premiership by beating Leicester City 4-3 in a nail-biting Play-Off Final at Wembley. This was followed by two disappointing seasons which resulted in relegation from the Premiership to Division Two.

The yo-yo effect, now clearly a feature of virtually every campaign returned in 1995/96 with the Club climbing back to the First Division as runaway Division Two Champions.



STEVE McMAHON
Manager

Did You Know?

In 1946 a little known 19-year-old Irishman from Glentoran - Richard Blanchflower guested for Swindon in a game at Reading. He later became known as Danny!

Town equalled their highest ever league place of fourth in the old Third Division South in 1957/58 but would have finished as runners up had they not conceded a last minute goal on the final day at Bournemouth. Fortunately the lapse was not costly as only champions were promoted.

During defender Colin Prophet's four year stay at Swindon, between 1974 and 1978, he twice went in goal following injury to the keeper. Both occasions were against Sheffield Wednesday - his old club!

Duncan Shearer notched 98 goals in four seasons at the County Ground but his first for the club came four months before he joined! In a 3-0 win at Huddersfield in February 1988 the third Swindon goal was accredited to Dave Bamber but Duncan actually knocked the ball into his own net.

Adrian Viveash became the first Swindon substitute to be substituted in a league game when manager Ossie Ardiles pulled him off after just 21 minutes against Middlesbrough in September 1990.

The Visitors Swindon Town

Away Team

MANAGER

STEVE MCMAHON

In his first full season as player-manager he led Swindon to the Second Division Championship in fine style making 21 appearances despite a series of injuries. As a player collected almost all the honours available for both Club and country. Began his career at Everton scoring 11 goals in 100 league games before a £175,000 transfer to Aston Villa. Kenny Dalglish then took him to Liverpool for £375,000 where he emerged as a midfield general of the highest quality bagging League and FA Cup winners medals galore during the glory years at Anfield. He also gained international recognition collecting 17 full England caps and being part of the 1990 World Cup squad. Christmas of 1991 saw Manchester City pay £900,000 for his services and he continued to perform at the highest level until taking over as Swindon manager in November 1994.

GOALKEEPER

FRASER DIGBY

Town's longest serving player celebrated his Testimonial Season in 1996/97 and to cap another marvellous campaign was voted Player of the Year. Served his apprenticeship at Manchester United and after a successful loan spell at the County Ground, signed for the Club in a £32,500 deal. This former England Under 21 international returned to United on loan in 1992/93 but his only senior appearance at Old Trafford was for Town during their season in the Premiership.

DEFENDERS

MARK SEAGRAVES

Mark was installed as Club Captain last season and played a leading role at the heart of the defence before injury brought a premature end to his season. A former Liverpool apprentice and England Youth international, Mark made his league debut while on

loan at Norwich City before signing for Manchester City. He then signed for Bolton Wanderers and made 180 appearances for the Trotters before coming to Swindon in a £100,000 deal in June 1995.

IAN CULVERHOUSE

After nine successful seasons at Norwich City, this cultured defender signed for Swindon in December 1994 for a tribunal set fee of £250,000. Was a member of the Norwich side who hit the headlines with their tremendous UEFA Cup win away at Bayern Munich. Began his career at Spurs before moving to Carrow Road.

GARY ELKINS

This left sided defender made over 100 appearances for Wimbledon in the Premiership before joining Swindon in September 1996 in a £100,000 transfer. Played for Fulham as a youngster and had a spell on loan at Exeter City. Joined the Dons in August 1990 for £20,000 where he gained a reputation as a tough-tackling full-back.

CRAIG TAYLOR

Younger brother of former Town favourite Shaun, Craig signed a three year contract last April after impressing during a trial period. Town paid non-league Dorchester Town £25,000 for his services and manager Steve McMahon believes Craig has the potential to be an even better player than his older brother.

MIDFIELDERS

DARREN BULLOCK

This tough tackling central midfielder signed a three and half year contract in February 1997 after a £400,000 move from Huddersfield Town. Scored 20 goals in 156 appearances for the Terriers and could be described as a late developer as he was only drafted into the full time professional game in November 1993 following a £55,000 step up from Nuneaton Borough.



Mark Seagraves



The Visitors Swindon Town

Town

Away Team

MARK WALTERS

On his day one of the most talented wingers around, Mark showed the skills which made him a hit at Aston Villa, Glasgow Rangers and Liverpool before a serious knee injury left him sidelined for the last few months of the season. Joined Swindon on a free transfer last Summer and once fully fit, this former England international could hold the key to a successful season for his side.

FORWARDS

WAYNE ALLISON

Top scorer for the past two seasons, "The Chief" has proved to be a valuable asset since his £475,000 move from local rivals Bristol City. A big, strong target man, Wayne served his apprenticeship with Halifax Town before playing for Watford and then making a name for himself at Bristol.

STEVE COWE

What he lacks in height he makes up for with his pace and skill on the ball. A livewire of a front man, Steve came to the Club initially on loan but was soon snapped up on a permanent basis from Aston Villa. Struck seven times last season in 32 starts.

CHRIS HAY

This pacy young striker was drafted in from Scottish giants Celtic a week before the new campaign for £330,000. A three year contract was agreed and Swindon believe they have got a bargain for a player who made more than 20 first team appearances for Celtic.

TY GOODEN

Signed by John Gorman in 1993 after being released by Wycombe Wanderers following a successful trial period. Made over 30 appearances during Swindon's Championship season but was hindered by injuries last term and played only a handful of games.

ALEX SMITH

Another former Evertonian, Alex joined Swindon in January 1996 and made 13 first team appearances as Swindon won the Second Division title. Struggled to find his form during the early part of last season but finally broke into the first team after Christmas.

KEVIN WATSON

Came through Tottenham's junior ranks and made 12 first team appearances under Terry Venables before being loaned out to Bristol City and Barnet. Joined Swindon on a free last Summer and made 18 starts in Division One.





Nationwide

Division One

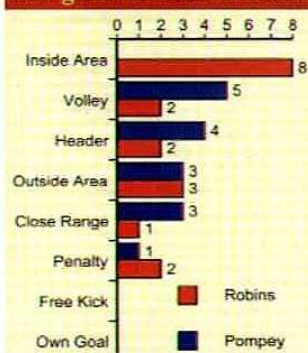
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Pompey v Robins

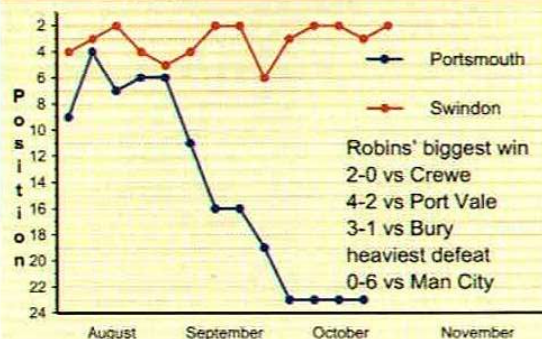


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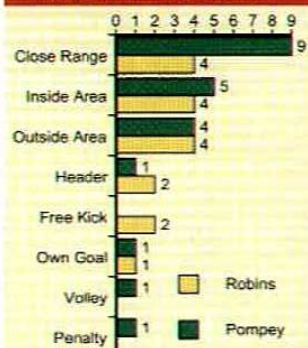
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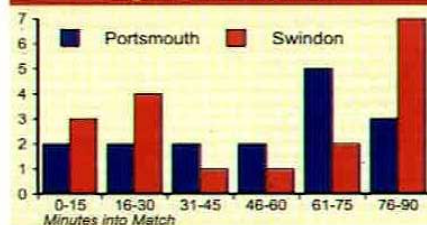
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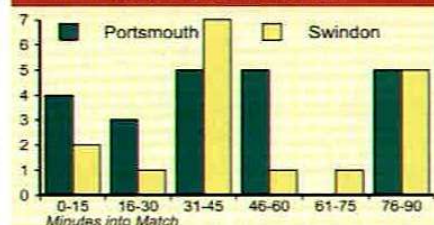
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Division 1 Stats Form Table

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Middlesbrough	4	1	1	13	7	13	65%	WWDLWW
Stockport	4	1	1	12	10	13	52%	WLDWWW
Sheff Utd	3	2	1	13	8	11	67%	LWDWDW
Reading	2	4	0	12	6	10	45%	DDDDWW
Swindon	3	1	2	9	12	10	41%	WDLWWL
West Brom	3	1	2	9	6	10	60%	WLWLWD
Stoke	3	1	2	8	7	10	62%	LWDWWL
Charlton	2	3	1	12	9	9	46%	DDDWWL
Crewe	2	3	1	7	6	9	46%	LDDDDW
Bradford	2	3	1	5	5	9	41%	WDDWDL
Tranmere	2	2	2	14	8	8	54%	DLDWLW
QPR	2	2	2	8	9	8	48%	WDDLLW
Sunderland	2	2	2	7	9	8	54%	WDWLDD
Oxford	2	2	2	6	8	8	55%	DLWLWD
Norwich	2	2	2	5	6	8	41%	LDDLWW
Port Vale	2	1	3	10	9	7	67%	LWDLLW
Ipswich	2	1	3	6	6	7	36%	WDLWLL
Wolves	2	1	3	6	7	7	52%	LWWLLD
Birmingham	1	3	2	3	4	6	49%	DDLWLD
Bury	1	1	4	7	13	4	64%	LDWLWL
Man City	1	1	4	7	6	4	51%	LDDLWL
Portsmouth	0	2	4	5	11	2	46%	DDLWWW
Huddersfield	0	2	4	4	14	2	58%	DLWWWL

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Bury	21	15	21	3	18	6	QPR	19	18	19	4	16	2
Charlton	24	27	18	3	16	3	Reading	21	16	24	4	24	11
Crewe	25	17	19	3	22	13	Sheff Utd	24	18	9	5	7	2
Huddersfield	28	8	25	1	24	21	Stockport	22	22	21	3	23	8
Ipswich	21	12	12	4	22	13	Stoke	21	15	14	4	19	6
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Middlesboro	25	20	12	1	17	5	Swindon	26	18	17	6	6	2
Norwich	22	9	19	3	24	10	Tranmere	20	19	20	2	21	3
Forest	26	21	10	8	8	1	West Brom	22	17	12	5	8	1
Oxford	25	18	23	5	21	3	Wolves	26	17	16	2	15	1

Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates

38,827 Sunderland v Man City 15-Aug

4,447 Crewe v Bury 2-Sep

Highest Aggregate Scores

Wolves 4-2 Bury 30-Aug

Oxford 2-4 Sheff Utd 20-Sep

Tranmere 6-0 Reading 20-Sep

Man City 6-0 Swindon 27-Sep

QPR 2-4 Charlton 4-Oct

Swindon 4-2 Port Vale 4-Oct

Reading 3-3 Crewe 11-Oct

Sheff Utd 5-1 Stockport 21-Oct

Reading 3-3 Forest 24-Oct

Biggest Home Win

Tranmere 6-0 Reading 20-Sep

Man City 6-0 Swindon 27-Sep

Biggest Away Win

Bradford 0-4 Sunderland 5-Sep

Norwich 0-4 Charlton 17-Sep

Consecutive Wins

Forest, QPR, Stockport 4

Games Unbeaten

Sheff Utd 10

Consecutive Defeats

Portsmouth 6

Games without a Win

Huddersfield 13

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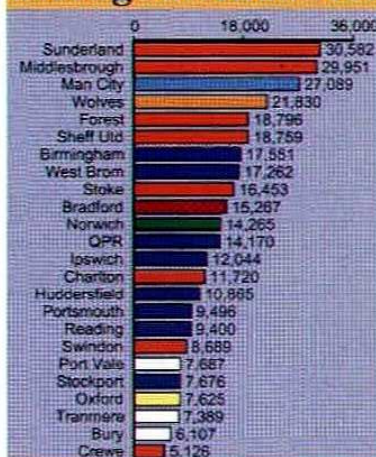
Games without a Win

Huddersfield 13

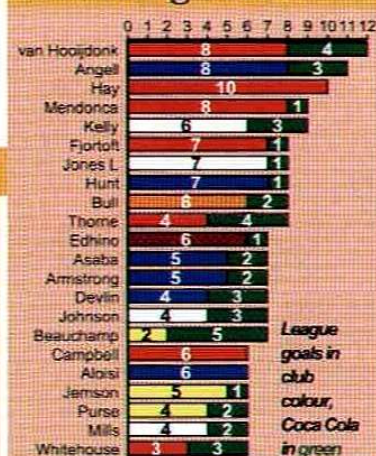
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average attendances



leading scorers



League goals in club colour, Coca Cola in green

Treatment Table



With the prospect of losing five first team players on international duty next week, it is doubly important we clear the treatment room to a minimum.

Thankfully, of the 6 that were inhabitants of last Sunday's clinic only Hamilton Thorp and probably Sven won't be available for tonight's encounter.

This means, 'fingers crossed' that David Hillier and Andy Turner got through the Monday night reserve game at Worthing without causing any damage to themselves!

Also that Andy Awford has recovered from a whack he took whilst commanding our midfield at Huddersfield Town last Saturday.

One of 'Awfs' ankles was badly swollen after the trip to Yorkshire, he usually recovers well from these sort of things, it's something for him to get through a game these days though as on quite a few occasions he's had to limp off this season.

I thought it foolish to mention which ankle it was, but both him and

Neil Sillett



CLUB PHYSIOTHERAPIST

myself know that at least he won't be doing too much kicking with it so that gives him a better chance of appearing on TV tonight.

Our 'Big Swede' is making giant strides now towards playing again - he is now running pain-free and kicking a ball but he's not quite there yet as it still bothers him when he jumps in at you with both feet! As we know, it's a major part of his game! But it shouldn't be long before he's charging round on full throttle and banging in goals again for the Super Blues!!

Muscle injuries constitute some 30% of football injuries. These range from complete rupture, where the muscle literally tears in two, to Haematomas, damage to the muscle tissue which results in a bruise.

The body possesses more than 300 clearly defined muscles whose weight constitutes about 40% of the total weight of the body.

Muscles can be divided into two main types - slow (type I or red) and fast (type II or white). Slow fibres derive their energy from Oxygen and are therefore aerobic type fibres. Fast fibres obtain their energy from Glycogen (a form of Glucose stored in the muscles) which is converted to energy without the need of Oxygen (anaerobically).

Fast fibres can be subdivided into types IIa and IIb. Type IIa have great strength lasting a fairly long time while type IIb have great strength only lasting a short time.

Everyone has both types of muscle fibre although the balance between slow and fast fibres varies from person to person. Similarly different muscles in the same person will vary in their composition.

Training can improve the recruitment of fibre types. A marathon runner will have more slow fibres and a sprinter more fast fibres.

When a muscle works the different fibre types are activated in sequence - type I followed by type IIa and finally type IIb.

Training results in the following effects:-

- 1) The ability of the muscle to produce energy increases (more Mitochondria are produced)
- 2) more energy can be stored in the muscle
- 3) more capillaries for blood transport are produced
- 4) muscular volume increases (hypertrophy)

Finally, remember that muscle weighs more than fat, so when exercising to lose weight it is possible to increase weight initially in the form of more muscle, even though the fat is coming off. So instead of trying to lose weight we should all try to change body composition and not rely solely on the scales as an indication of how fat we are.



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All of the hospitality packages have been revamped along with all of the lounges. The Club can now offer The Montgomery Suite, The Terry Venables Suite and The Jimmy Dickinson Suite, and of course Pompey Chimes Bar is still available as a matchday

package. Full details of our hospitality packages are available in our corporate brochure which can be obtained from the Box Office or Pompey Shop.

The new Fratton Stand will have the facility to cater for 400 people and will be the second

largest venue in Portsmouth to host dinner dances, balls, wedding receptions etc.

Andy Heron, the Club's newly appointed Bars & Function Manager, is available on 01705 731204 to explain in more detail what is available.



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Tony Brooker and Mike Holloway celebrated their 40th Birthdays in style with a surprise VIP day at Fratton Park. They are pictured being presented with Pompey ties and a Pompey cake by Andy Turner. Phone Elspeth or Sandra on 01705 731204 to arrange a VIP day for the fan in your life. Bookings are currently being taken for Christmas.



Pompey Mascots v West Bromwich Albion were 9 year old Simon Bushell and 6 year old Jack Eves.

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Craig Foster was voted Main Match Sponsor's Man of the Match against WBA.

Darren Jones of CPG Logistics presents Craig with his magnum of champagne.

On home matchdays, the new Fratton Stand facilities will be divided into two areas, one will be a restaurant, the other to be utilised as a Social Club for Blue Army members pre-match.

The Beer Bars around the ground are open for business

one and a half hours before kick-off, located near to the tea bars. They will give people the chance to enjoy a drink and help alleviate the rush of getting into the ground.

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	4.50pm - 5.15pm
Saturday (Reserves)	10.00am - 2.00pm
Saturday (Non-Matches)	10.00am - 12.00pm

Tickets for all matches are available from the ticket office in advance, by either in person, by postal application enclosing correct remittance and an S.A.E. or by telephoning our credit card hotline.

Anyone wishing to collect tickets on matchdays must do so 2 hours prior to kick-off from the ticket office.

MIDDLESBROUGH v PORTSMOUTH

Wednesday November 5 1997

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This match is all ticket for Portsmouth Supporters and tickets are available from the ticket office. Tickets will go on sale to season ticket holders on a one ticket per voucher basis, until Sat Oct 25 1997. Any remaining tickets will go on sale to Blue Army members on Mon Oct 27 1997 on production of Blue Army Passes, on a one per pass basis. In the event of any tickets remaining, after season ticket holders and Blue Army members, tickets will go on general sale on Thursday Oct 30 1997. Postal applications must be received by Wed Oct 29 1997 enclosing correct remittance, an S.A.E. and either voucher E or membership number.

BURY v PORTSMOUTH

Saturday November 8 1997

Kick-Off 3.00pm

This match is not all ticket for Portsmouth fans and all supporters can pay on the day. We have no tickets available from the ticket office.
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Saturday November 15 1997 Kick-Off 3.00pm

This match is not all ticket for Portsmouth fans. Tickets can, however, be purchased in advance from the Box Office.
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SEASON TICKETS 1997/98

Season tickets are still available for all areas of the ground and details can be obtained by phoning 01705 731204 ext 128. Please Note: Anyone wishing to change their location on the North Stand can do so during Monday-Fridays. We are unable to relocate Season tickets on Matchdays.



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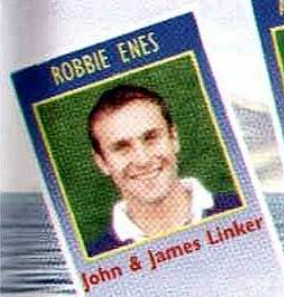
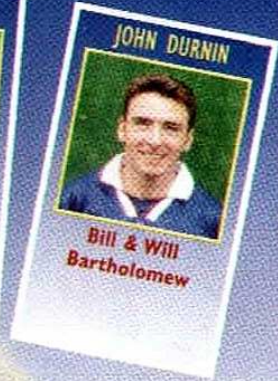
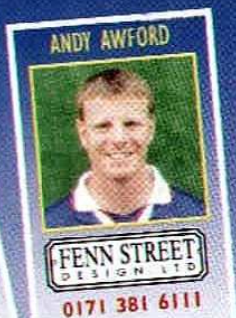
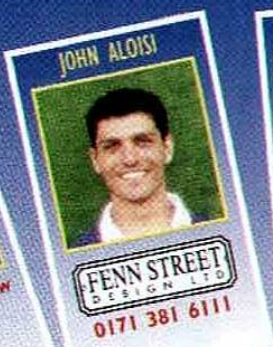
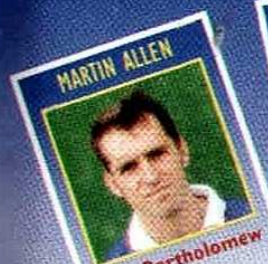
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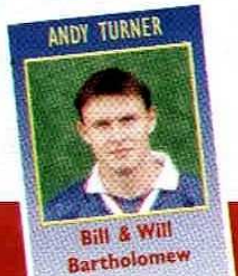
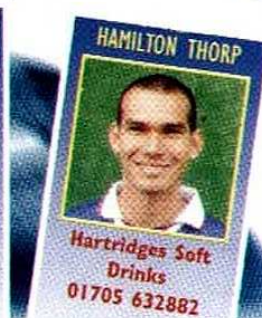
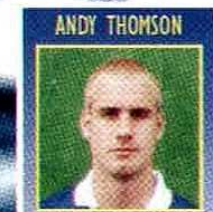
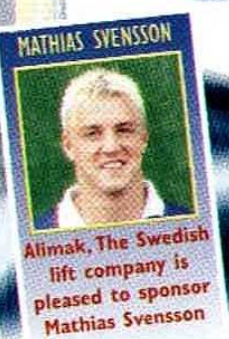
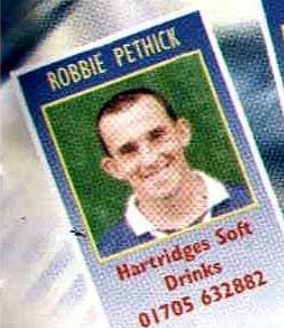
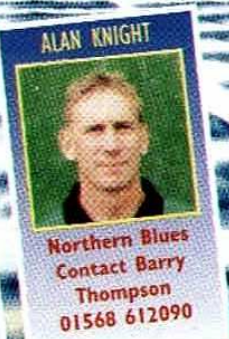
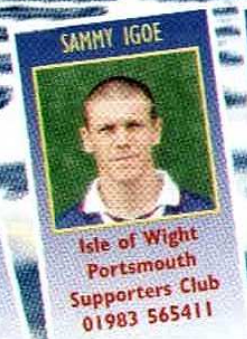
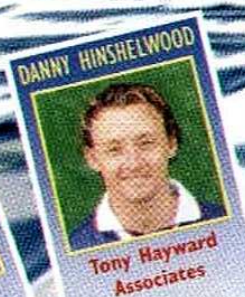
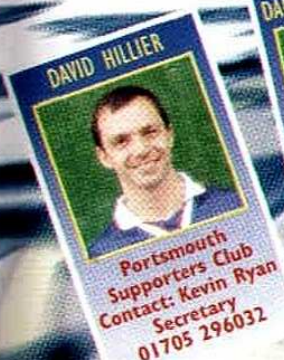


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Hi everyone!

Well, maybe these aren't our best times on the pitch - though there have been worse! But those working behind the scenes have to leave that side of things alone and focus on other issues and projects.

Tonight may well be a celebration as the new KJC Stand rises from the ashes of the legendary Fratton End. At the time of writing I don't know if that moment will be a reality just yet or be a couple of weeks off.

Whatever, it's a wonderfully welcome sight and the result of a lot of hard work and determination on the part of many people. It's also a testament to the hope and ambition here at the club and defies anyone to say nothing's happening!

Judging by the supporters who write in to me, the feeling is one of belief and being heard. Take the recent Confederation of Supporters Clubs meeting before the West Brom match two weeks ago, for example.

Fans from the north of England, the south-west, the midlands and London as well as Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight converged on Fratton Park for a face-to-face meeting with none other than our chairman, Terry Venables.

Once they'd recovered from the shock of finding themselves in the presence of the 'main man' - don't worry, I get it too! - everyone relaxed into a superb question and answer session that lasted for more than an hour.



How many chairmen spend that kind of time listening to the opinions of their club's fans?

The exercise only served to reiterate the improved flow of communication between supporters and the club basically, whatever you think, let us know!

On the fun front, I hope the new club mascot El Tel is bringing a smile to a few faces. Taking up from where poor dear Nelson the Dog left off - or was taken off, more likely - the cartoon likeness of our chairman recently made his debut at Fratton Park.

He's a cheery fella who readily made the young mascots at the West Brom match feel welcome. No doubt he'll be popping up here, there and everywhere as the El Tel cartoon and merchandising ventures grow. But remember - this is his home!

Finally, for an even bigger smile - if that's possible! - our Hallie did us proud last week. Invited by local television to take part in a special Saints v Pompey game of Subbuteo to celebrate its 50th birthday, the young Jamaican International took on Francis Benall - and won!

Both clubs may be a bit down in the dumps at the moment so it's nice to see them joining in a laugh together. Of course, it was the taking part that counted ... (go on, you Hallie!)

Take care,

Colleen Jordan

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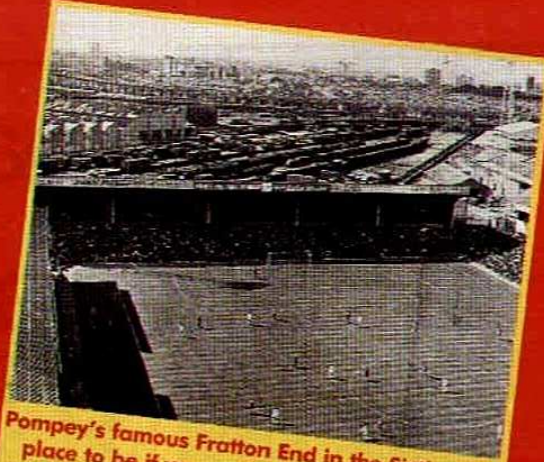
From the Past

The story of Pompey's Fratton End is best told in pictures, on a night when the famous west side of the 99 year old ground is re-opened fully this evening for the first time since May 1986. The famous two-tiered Fratton End terrace was built in 1956 replacing the original basic terrace which had been roofed in the 1930's. The appearance of the end was deceptive when the ground was in use, the terracing massive and holding 10,000 under cover. It was built of sandstone which led to its demise on the grounds of safety in 1986; down came the prefabricated concrete and its unusual two-tier design. Any Pompey supporter who stood there will tell you of the magnificent view seen from the terrace together with the atmosphere of the crowd, who when in full voice, intimidated the opposition to a trembling state. My first visit there was to the upper section towards the North Terrace end among a 35,038 crowd in December 1967 when I saw Pompey defeat Blackpool 3-1 to go top of Division Two. The view was excellent as I had a concrete wall to lean on. I later stood in other parts of the ground but returned to my regular perch with friends for every home game from the 1976-77 season until the 'keep out' notice went up. The noise, chants, songs, humour and sheer force of thousands of Pompey fans was a sight in itself and an experience passed through generations from father to son and daughter to enjoy. Tonight, although in sit-down mode, that experience can be re-lived and enjoyed again.

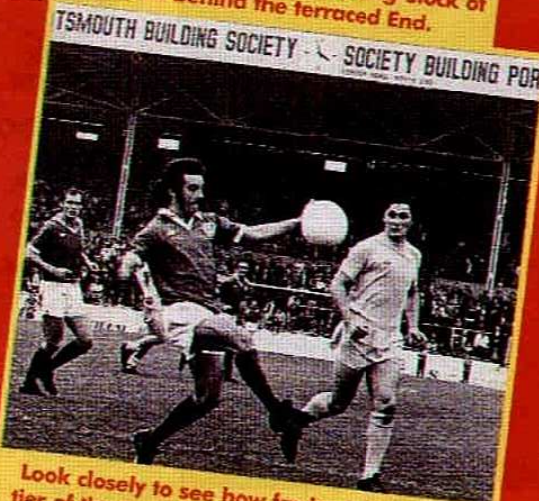


After the roof and upper tier had been removed, the lower tier was used for supporters for several seasons without cover. This led to the matchball often going out of play and retrieved by matchday helper Barry Harris who was confronted by a grass snake two years ago in picking up the ball on the Goods Yard waste-ground!

Pompey players pictured under the Portsmouth Building Society sign are Norman Piper with the ball, Mick Mellows and Paul Cahill in the background in a match versus Reading in September 1976.



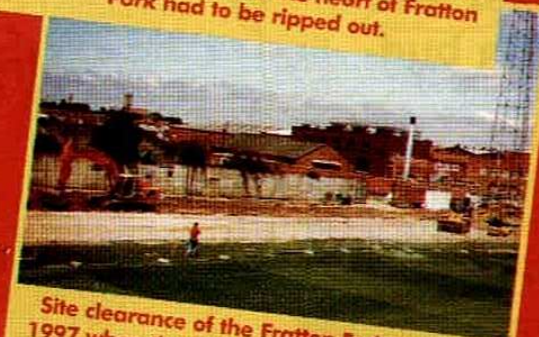
Pompey's famous Fratton End in the Sixties; the place to be if you were able to sing and get behind the team. Note the full rolling-stock of British Rail behind the terraced end.



Look closely to see how far back the upper tier of the terrace went. When full, the noise of the crowd was deafening. The centre-piece clock was once hit by the ball totally mis-fired by Paul Went when he took a penalty against Sheffield Wednesday



The sad scene in the summer of 1986 when safety regulations ruled the heart of Fratton Park had to be ripped out.



Site clearance of the Fratton End started in 1997 when the bulldozers arrived to remove the final lower tier of terracing.

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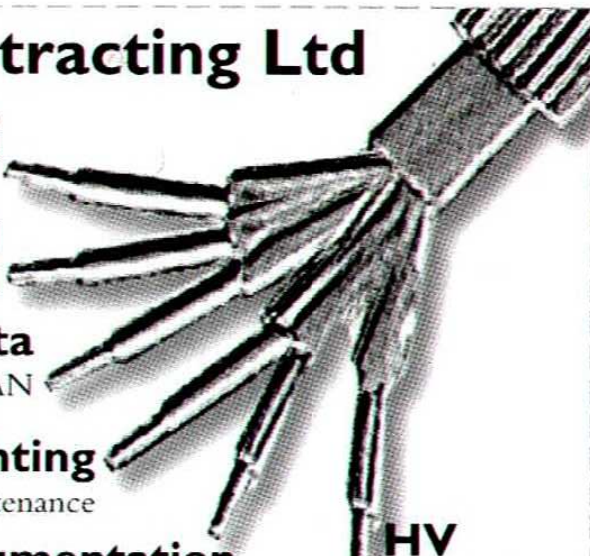
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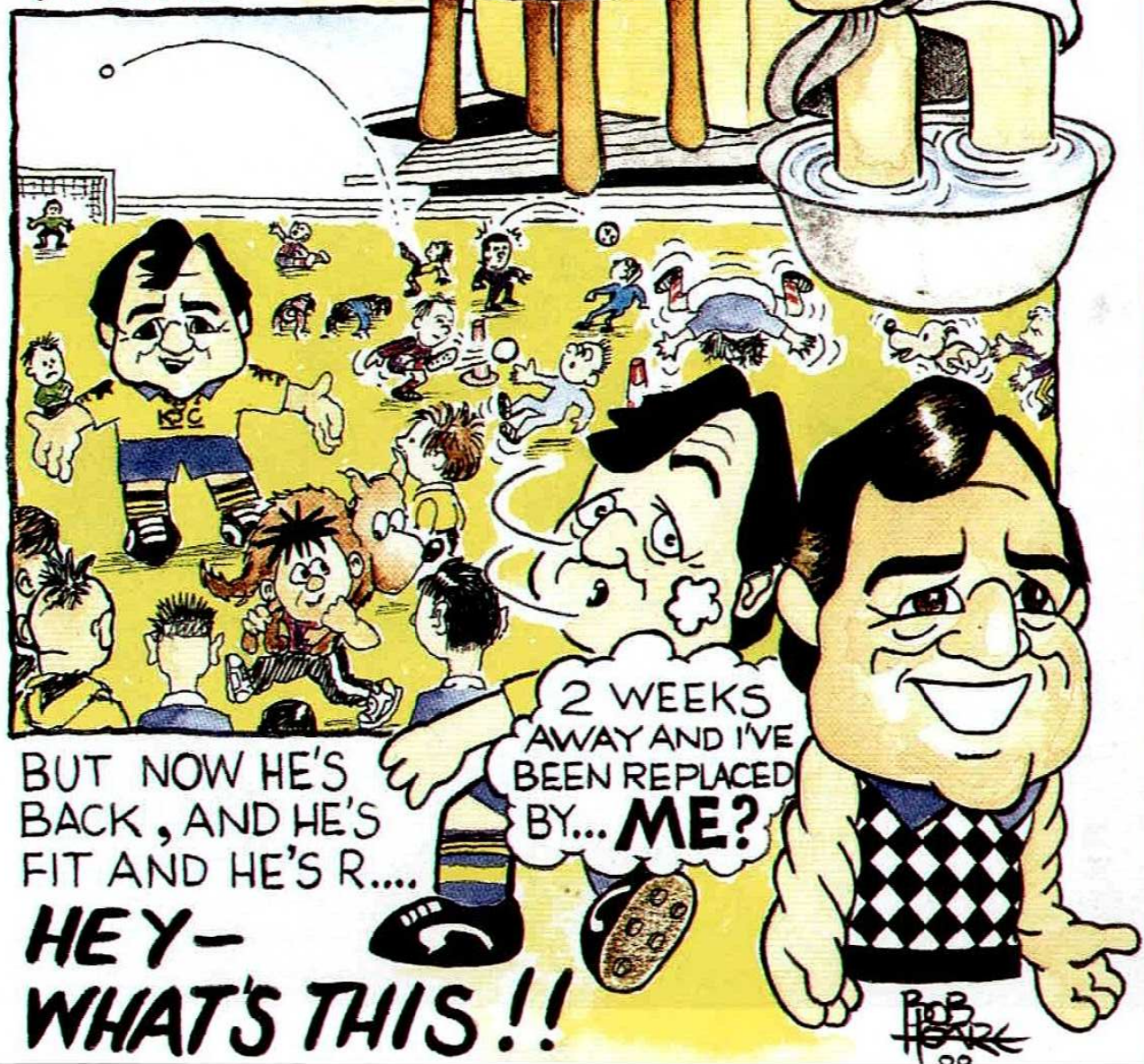
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2 WEEKS
AWAY AND I'VE
BEEN REPLACED
BY... **ME?**

Rob
Star

PFC Supporters Club

Anybody who thought that the confederation of Pompey supporters was just a gimmick were put firmly in their place at the recent meeting before the W.B.A. match. Terry Venables himself attended and for more than an hour talked to representatives of eight different supporters clubs. The message from him was clear "We are going through a tough time and need you more at the moment than we ever did." And the general response from gathered representatives was equally forthcoming: "We will support you through good, bad and indifferent". Mr. Venables presence showed just how seriously the supporters' views are regarded and fans were urged by him to put all their efforts into supporting their team while the match was in progress. Other more contentious issues "I am always happy to talk about at these sort of gatherings and after the game" he stressed.

On November 9th 1997 the National Football Confederation rolls into Fratton Park for its quarterly meeting. Made up of supporters clubs across England, these meetings are always quite lengthy

but hold quite a lot of clout in making general conditions better for supporters. The fact that Fratton Park is the venue obviously gives us the opportunity to show off the revamped ground and new facilities. It also gives proof of Pompey Supporters Club's further progression. The National Federation were so impressed with the input at only the second meeting we had attended that having never really given Pompey a thought before they were only to eager to come along.

It is nice to know that a midlands group is now attempting to set itself up as the latest Pompey branch. They are assured of any assistance available in helping them grow and prosper. Please write or leave a message for me at Fratton Park any time or contact Simon Cuddeford on 01926 420998.

Finally, I still have several numbers of unemployed Pompey fans who have contacted me wanting to take advantage of the free ticket scheme. Could I ask you to be patient as I am fitting you in very soon.

Many thanks Johnny Moore



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Is it me, or are you just the tiniest, taddiest, smallest bit concerned about the behaviour of some of our footballers. I'm not talking bungs and bribes, match fixing or throwing games. No, this isn't about nightclub brawls or sex scandals. It's a far more touchy subject than that...

I'm talking about bottom-patting, tousling of hair, embracing, cuddling, jumping on top of prostrate players, winking, removing clothes and other such unnecessary celebratory behaviour. I mean, there are innocent children watching!

In the good, old days players used to shake each other firmly by the hand. At the height of their delirium, they might have even succumbed to a manly slap on the shoulder and a 'Jolly good show' or 'Spiffing shot, old chap'. But as for this gratuitous bottom-patting... well! Nowadays, football matches are becoming like school discos, with more canoodling going on than on a late-night satellite channel. It could offend those of delicate sensibilities. At its best, it is a tad unsettling.

Football writer, Matt Nation agrees with me. He explains the effect one such incident had on his lady friend,

"My girlfriend once saw bottom-patting involving Tony Cascarino and Ian Dawes, both of whom possessed a backside which would have struggled to pass through the entrance to a bus depot without requiring the use of a crowbar and a generous helping of lubricant; her subsequent look of disgust had to be surgically removed."

You get my point? He feels the lowest that footballers have sunk in the course of their celebrations was a defining moment from 1981. I am well known to have the worst memory in Christendom, I can't even remember what I had for dinner yesterday. The fact that I can remember the incident as if it were yesterday is eloquent testament to the depth of the suffering... the scars run deep! I'll let Matt Nation describe the moment,

"Peter Withe and Billy Bonds squared up to each other during a televised match and then, in an act of Nobel Peace Prize-winning proportions, embraced and treated the crowd to a short, bastardised version of the Viennese Waltz. It was so embarrassing I had to apologise to myself for having watched it."

Of course it is better than footballers punching each other, but only just! Thankfully, I'm not alone in my distaste of this recent touchy-feely, cuddly culture. Readers of 'When Saturday Comes' magazine were asked to nominate their contenders for the category of 'Most Irritating Goal Celebration'. Their top ten makes interesting reading (if you can bear to remember such horrors!) so I'll repeat it in full:

- 1 Anything by Lee Sharpe.
- 2 Ryan Giggs and Paul Ince 1993-94
- 3 The aeroplane
- 4 The shirt over the head

5 Paul Merson's 'Pints of Lager'

6 The dying fly

7 Rocking the baby (Brazil 1994 World Cup)

8 Peter Beagrie's back flip

9 The Klinsman dive and slide

10 Pistol shooting

If there were a category for most stupid celebration, I know who'd win hands down (if you'll excuse the pun!) Remember the scene? It's the 1993 Coca-Cola Cup final, in front of a packed Wembley and millions of live television viewers. Tony Adams playfully tosses Arsenal team-mate and match winner Steve Morrow over his back. Unfortunately he forgot to catch him. One sharp crack and a squeal of agony later and the Ulsterman was lying on the Hallowed Turf with a shattered funny bone (ha, ha!) Morrow subsequently had a four-inch steel plate with eight screws inserted into his upper arm and was out of action for six months.

"When I came round," explained the forgiving Morrow, "I realised I'd missed climbing the steps at Wembley to get my medal. That upset me, along with the fact that I'd miss the FA Cup Final as well."

Silly Donkey!

Although I don't think that was quite the sort of incident he had in mind, Malcolm George, Assistant Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police and the most senior figure on the National Football Intelligence Unit, is also worried about the danger posed by some goal celebrations. Players such as Robbie Fowler and Ian Wright are especially under the microscope, as their excessive celebrations are accused of inciting some members of the crowd.

Pat Nevin doesn't agree.

"I think Ian Wright and Robbie Fowler are hilarious and they are just bringing back a bit of fun to the game. They say there are no characters in the game anymore, but there are and celebrating goals is when they demonstrate that."

John Barnwell, Chief Executive of the League Managers Association strikes a note of caution,

"They [the managers] are worried that someone will be hurt in the crowd or even a player. We don't want players to stop enjoying goals; we're just saying there is a limit to excessive behaviour."

I think it's more serious than he makes out. We should save players from themselves. Think of their poor children becoming the butt of playground jokes!

Think of the footballers' long term cover once their soccer life is over! How long would they last in the Real-World if they patted a colleague's bottom after a nifty bit of office filing or ruffled a workmate's hair for pulling a decent pint? Not long before the harassment suits started pouring in, at any rate!

So, lads, remember: less bottom fondling and more 'Jolly good show, old chap!'



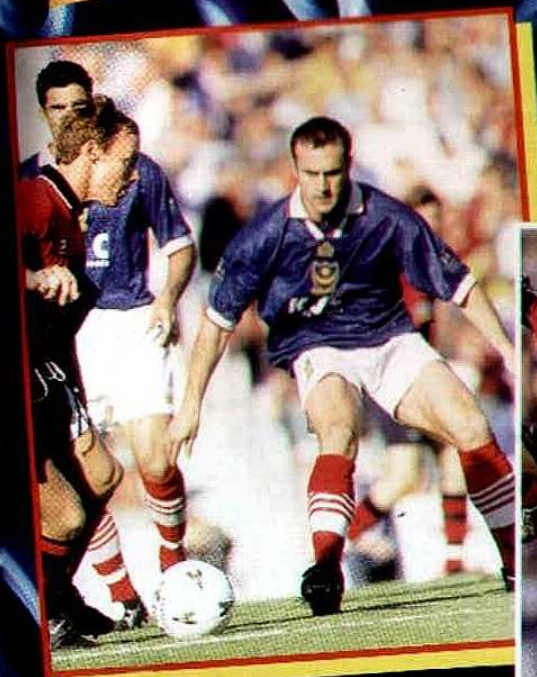


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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts Forest	13	5	1	1	14	6	3	2	1	7	4	27
Swindon	14	5	2	0	13	5	2	2	3	5	12	25
Middlesbrough	12	4	0	2	9	6	3	3	0	12	6	4
West Brom	13	4	1	1	7	3	3	2	2	10	9	24
Bradford	13	4	2	1	9	8	2	3	1	7	6	23
Charlton	13	3	2	1	12	9	3	2	2	15	9	22
Sheffield Utd	11	4	2	0	12	4	2	2	1	6	5	22
Stoke	13	3	1	2	9	8	3	2	2	6	6	21
Sunderland	13	3	2	2	11	7	3	0	3	8	10	20
QPR	13	4	1	1	9	5	2	2	3	9	14	20
Birmingham City	14	3	2	2	7	3	2	3	2	9	8	20
Stockport	14	4	3	0	13	6	1	1	5	9	15	19
Wolves	14	4	3	0	14	7	1	1	5	3	9	19
Port Vale	14	4	2	1	12	5	1	1	5	7	13	18
Crewe	14	1	2	4	8	11	3	1	3	9	9	15
Bury	14	2	4	1	7	7	1	2	4	8	14	15
Norwich	13	2	2	3	4	10	2	1	3	5	9	15
Oxford	14	3	1	3	9	9	1	1	5	9	14	15
Reading	14	2	2	3	13	13	1	3	3	11	14	14
Ipswich	12	3	1	1	8	5	0	4	3	5	8	14
Man City	13	2	3	2	11	6	1	1	4	6	10	13
Tranmere	13	3	1	2	12	8	0	2	5	7	12	12
POMPEY	13	2	2	3	11	12	0	2	4	5	10	10
Huddersfield	14	0	3	4	4	11	0	2	5	4	17	5

League Table up to 30/10/97

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES 1996-97

Appearances				Goals			
NL1	CCC	FAC	TOTAL	NL1	CCC	FAC	Total
2+1	0+0	0+0	2+1	Martin Allen	0	0	0
13+0	2+0	0+0	15+0	John Aloisi	6	0	6
4+3	1+0	0+0	5+2	Andy Awford	0	0	0
0+1	0+0	0+0	0+1	Jimmy Carter	0	0	0
1+0	0+0	0+0	1+0	Andy Cook	0	0	0
4+3	1+0	0+0	5+3	John Durmin	0	0	0
1+0	0+0	0+0	1+0	Robbie Enes	0	0	0
10+0	2+0	0+0	12+0	Aaron Flahavan	0	0	0
3+1	0+0	0+0	3+1	Craig Foster	1	0	1
9+0	1+0	0+0	10+0	Paul Hall	1	0	1
0+1	0+0	0+0	0+1	Paul Harries	0	0	0
9+0	2+0	0+0	11+0	David Hillier	0	1	1
12+0	1+0	0+0	13+0	Sammy Igoe	1	0	1
3+0	0+0	0+0	3+0	Alan Knight	0	0	0
5+2	2+0	0+0	7+2	Alan McLoughlin	2	0	2
10+0	1+0	0+0	11+0	Russell Perrett	1	0	1
12+1	1+1	0+0	13+2	Robbie Pethick	0	0	0
7+0	0+1	0+0	7+1	Lee Russell	0	0	0
6+1	1+0	0+0	7+1	Fitzroy Simpson	0	0	0
6+0	1+0	0+0	7+0	Mathias Svensson	3	1	4
7+0	2+0	0+0	9+0	Andy Thomson	0	0	0
0+7	1+1	0+0	1+8	Hamilton Thorp	0	1	1
5+3	0+1	0+0	5+4	Andy Turner	1	0	1
4+2	1+0	0+0	5+2	David Waterman	0	0	0
10+0	2+0	0+0	12+0	Adrian Whitbread	0	0	0

Statistics up to 30/10/97

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League App

Date	Opponent	Home or Away	Att	Scr	Pos
Sat Aug 9	Manchester City	A	30,474	2-2	10
Tue Aug 12	Peterborough United	A CCI(1st Leg)	3,613	2-2	-
Sat Aug 16	Port Vale	H	10,605	3-1	4
Sat Aug 23	Sheffield United	A	15,895	1-2	7
Tue Aug 26	Peterborough United	H CCI(2nd Leg)	6,395	1-2	-
Sat Aug 30	Oxford United	H	10,209	2-1	6
Tue Sep 2	Norwich City	H	10,577	1-1	8
Sat Sep 13	Crewe Alexandra	H	9,505	2-3	11
Sat Sep 20	Nottingham Forest	A	17,292	0-1	16
Wed Sep 24	Queens Park Rangers	A 7.45pm	12,620	0-1	16
Sat Sep 27	Reading	H	9,593	0-2	19
Sat Oct 4	Stockport County	A	7,824	1-3	23
Sat Oct 18	West Bromwich Albion	H	9,158	2-3	23
Tue Oct 21	Bradford City	H 7.45pm	6,827	1-1	23
Sat Oct 25	Huddersfield Town	A	8,985	1-1	23
Fri Oct 31	Swindon Town	H 7.45pm			
Wed Nov 5	Middlesbrough	A 7.45pm			
Sat Nov 8	Bury	A			
Sat Nov 15	Sunderland	H (F.A. Cup 1)			
Sat Nov 22	Wolverhampton	H			
Sat Nov 29	Birmingham City	A			
Sat Dec 6	Stoke City	H (F.A. Cup 2)			
Sat Dec 13	Ipswich Town	A			
Sat Dec 20	Charlton Athletic	H			
Fri Dec 26	Queens Park Rangers	H			
Tue Dec 30	Norwich City	A 7.45pm			
Sat Jan 3		(F.A. Cup 3)			
Sat Jan 10	Manchester City	H			
Sat Jan 17	Port Vale	A			
Sat Jan 24		(F.A. Cup 4)			
Tue Jan 27	Oxford United	A 7.45pm			
Sat Jan 31	Sheffield United	H			
Sat Feb 7	Nottingham Forest	H			
Sat Feb 14	Crewe Alexandra	A (F.A. Cup 5)			
Tue Feb 17	Stockport County	H 7.45pm			
Sat Feb 21	Reading	A			
Tue Feb 24	West Bromwich Albion	A			
Sat Feb 28	Tranmere Rovers	H			
Tue Mar 3	Bury	H 7.45pm			
Sat Mar 7	Swindon Town	A (F.A. Cup 6)			
Sat Mar 14	Middlesbrough	H			
Sat Mar 21	Sunderland	A			
Sat Mar 28	Wolverhampton	A			
Sat Apr 4	Birmingham City	H (F.A. Cup SF)			
Sat Apr 11	Stoke City	A			
Mon Apr 13	Ipswich Town	H			
Sat Apr 18	Charlton Athletic	A			
Sat Apr 25	Huddersfield Town	H			
Sun May 3	Bradford City	A			
Sat May 16		(F.A. Cup Final)			
TBA	Tranmere Rovers	A			

* First Subs

1997-98 GOALS AT FRATTON PARK LEAGUE ONLY

	MILTON END	FRATTON END
POMPEY FIRST HALF	4	0
POMPEY SECOND HALF	2	5
	MILTON END	FRATTON END
VISITORS FIRST HALF	1	4
VISITORS SECOND HALF	3	2

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Appearances and GOALS

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Knight	Waterman	Thomson	McLoughlin	Whitbread	Hillier	Hall(1)	Simpson	Aloisi(1)**	Svensson*	Igoe	Thorp**	Pethick*	Awford
Fahavan	Waterman	Thomson	McLoughlin	Whitbread	Hillier(1)	Durnin	Awford*	Aloisi	Thorp(1)	Igoe	Pethick*	Turner	Carter
Fahavan	Waterman	Thomson	Pethick	Whitbread	Hillier	Hall	Simpson	Aloisi(1)	Svensson(2)*	Igoe	Thorp*	Russell	Turner
Fahavan	Perrett(1)	Thomson	Pethick	Whitbread	Hillier	Hall	Russell	Aloisi	Svensson*	Igoe**	Thorp*	Turner**	Awford
Fahavan	Pethick	Thomson**	McLoughlin	Whitbread	Perrett	Hall	Simpson	Aloisi***	Svensson(1)*	Hillier	Thorp*	Russell**	Turner***
Fahavan	Pethick	Russell	McLoughlin	Whitbread	Perrett	Allen	Turner	Aloisi(1)*	Svensson(1)**	Igoe	Thorp**	Durnin*	Awford
Fahavan	Pethick	Russell	McLoughlin	Whitbread	Perrett	Allen	Turner(1)	Aloisi**	Svensson*	Igoe	Thorp**	Durnin*	Waterman
Fahavan	Pethick	Russell	McLoughlin**	Whitbread	Perrett	Hillier	Turner	Aloisi(2)	Svensson*	Igoe***	Durnin*	Waterman**	Allen***
Fahavan	Pethick	Russell	Hillier**	Whitbread*	Perrett	Hall	Turner	Aloisi	Durnin	Igoe	Foster**	Waterman*	Svensson
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Fahavan	Pethick	Cook	McLoughlin	Awford*	Perrett	Thomson	Hillier	Aloisi(1)	Durnin	Turner**	Carter*	Harries**	Wright
Fahavan	Pethick	Thomson	Enes*	Whitbread	Awford	Hall	Simpson**	Aloisi	Foster(1)	Igoe	McLoughlin(1)*	Thorp**	Russell
Knight	Pethick	Thomson	McLoughlin(1)p	Whitbread	Perrett	Hall	Simpson	Aloisi**	Foster	Igoe*	Awford*	Thorp**	Enes
Knight	Pethick	Thomson	Awford	Whitbread	Perrett	Hall	Simpson	Aloisi	Foster	Igoe(1)	Durnin	Russell	Enes

WEEKEND'S DIVISION ONE FIXTURE LIST

Bradford v West Brom
 Charlton v Ipswich
 Huddersfield v Stoke
 Norwich v Bury
 Notts Forest v Crewe
 Oxford v Man City
 Port Vale v Reading
 QPR v Birmingham
 Sheffield Utd v Tranmere
 Stockport v Sunderland
 Wolves v Middlesbrough

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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

POMPEY

Team

- 1 Alan Knight
- 2 Robbie Pethick 40-1
- 3 Andy Thomson 25-1
- 4 Alan McLoughlin 8-1
- 5 Adrian Whitbread 25-1
- 6 Russell Perret 33-1
- 7 Paul Hall 13-2
- 8 Fitzroy Simpson 14-1
- 9 John Aloisi 5-1
- 10 Craig Foster 12-1
- 11 Sammy Igoe 14-1
- 12
- 13
- 14

SWINDON

Team

- Fraser Digby 1
- 33-1 Brian Borrows 2
- 33-1 Ian Culverhouse 3
- 18-1 Darren Bullock 4
- 25-1 Craig Taylor 5
- 25-1 Chris Casper 6
- 12-1 Kevin Watson 7
- 8-1 Mark Walters 8
- 5-1 Chris Hay 9
- 7-1 Wayne Allison 10
- 12-1 Ty Gooden 11
- 12
- 13
- 14

Tonight's Referee

Paul Danson (39)
Carpenter/Builder
Married - 2 sons

Began refereeing in 1972/73 in Leicester, progressed through Leicestershire Senior League, Football Combination, Southern League, Panel Leagues, Football League Line to full Football League referee. Has been a Premier League referee for the past three seasons. Enjoys watching most sports and takes an active interest in the running of his sons' Sunday football team.

Tonight's Officials

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REFEREE'S ASSISTANTS: G. Beale, Taunton

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