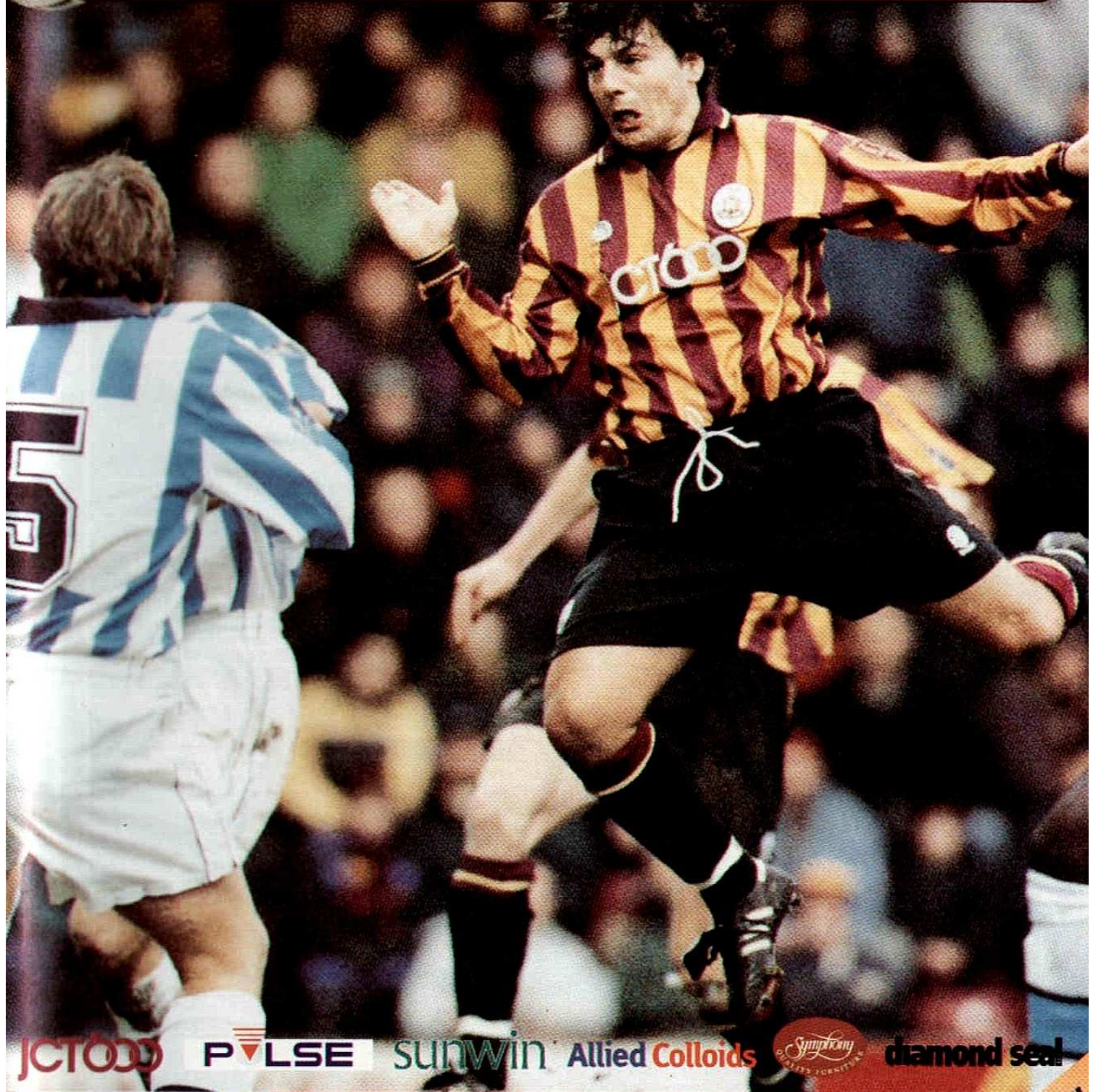


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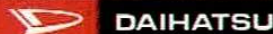
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# Paul JEWELL

## TEAM TALK



Recent weeks have certainly proved to be busy for me after the Chairman asked me to act in a caretaker role until such time as a new appointment as Manager is made. So far I have been in charge for two games and it does not matter whether I have two or twenty two more games to do, I consider it to have been a great honour to have been asked by the Chairman to run things in the interim period. Make no mistake about it, like most players nearing the end of their career, I would certainly relish the opportunity of being able to take the Manager's job on a permanent basis. But at the present time I am taking every day as it comes.

After the initial shock of Chris Kamara's departure almost three weeks ago, the players were naturally somewhat taken aback but in true professional style they knew that they had to get on with things and show nothing but one hundred per cent commitment at Stockport.

Commitment is what I asked for and commitment is what I got. We were down to just thirteen senior players for the game. I changed the system

and thanks to the effort put in by the players it worked. You can try out as many systems as you like but if the players don't perform they mean nothing. I thought that we would get the best out of Peter Beagrie by playing him in a free role and I also decided to play with a sweeper.

I felt proud and privileged to be in charge of the team at Stockport. It was probably the best day of my career and to be fair I felt no pressure at all.

Last week we found ourselves playing in front of the SKY cameras against a team who had received a 7-0 thrashing the week before. We went 1-0 up early on and we were in complete control until Stoke equalised with the penalty and their second goal right on the stroke of half-time gave them a lift. Our lads kept battling on in the second half and had opportunities to score through Edinho and Shaun Murray.

Again I had 100 per cent effort from the players and could not have asked for any more. I wasn't surprised at how well Stoke did having seen them unlucky to lose in their FA Cup game at West Brom earlier in the week.

Swindon are here this afternoon on the end of a few bad results so we will have to be careful to again show nothing but commitment and not be caught on the end of another backlash.

Finally many thanks to all the supporters and back room staff here at Valley Parade who have given me so much help and encouragement over the last few weeks.

Enjoy the game.



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After what seems to have been an eternity having gone a month without a home game, we now have two in quick succession with Reading here on Tuesday following today's visit by Swindon Town. Coincidentally both teams met at the County Ground last week.

One good thing about the long lay-off between these games is that we have not had to worry about the appalling weather we have been experiencing of late. The pitch has certainly taken a battering from the rain.

The excellent behaviour and loyalty shown by our travelling fans has again be borne out by reports received from Clubs we have played at since Christmas. We took 1826 fans to Sunderland's Stadium of Light where a new Nationwide Football League attendance of 40,055 was created. We were restricted to an allocation of just 1826 and could have sold three times as many but those who were lucky enough to get a ticket made so much vocal support and in Sunderland's words were 'exemplary'. At Maine Road, Manchester City have said "to describe the visiting supporters in one word - Excellent!".

The Football Trust in conjunction with McDonald's Restaurants Ltd has published the results of a national survey of facilities for supporters with disabilities at FA Premier League, Football League and Scottish Premier Division stadiums.



*With Shaun Harvey*

The research scheme was launched in February last year with the aim of highlighting those clubs who have provided the highest standards of facilities for their disabled supporters. The report assesses the nature and extend of facilities and highlights examples of good practice at professional clubs.

In conjunction with the survey the Football Trust has launched their 'National Guide to Disabled Football Supporters Facilities', a pocket size club-by-club guide to facilities.

Copies of the survey and national guide are available free of charge from: Philip French, The Football Trust, Walkden House, 10 Melton Street, London, NW1 2EB.

The Youth Team have progressed through to the Final of the Northern Intermediate League Cup competition after their emphatic 4-1 home victory over League leaders Newcastle United here at the Pulse Stadium at Valley Parade a fortnight ago and now meet the winners of last Tuesday's game between Leeds United and Darlington in the Final.

They were not so lucky in the 3rd round of the Times FA Youth Cup when they went out of the competition, losing 2-1 to Ipswich Town at Portman Road.

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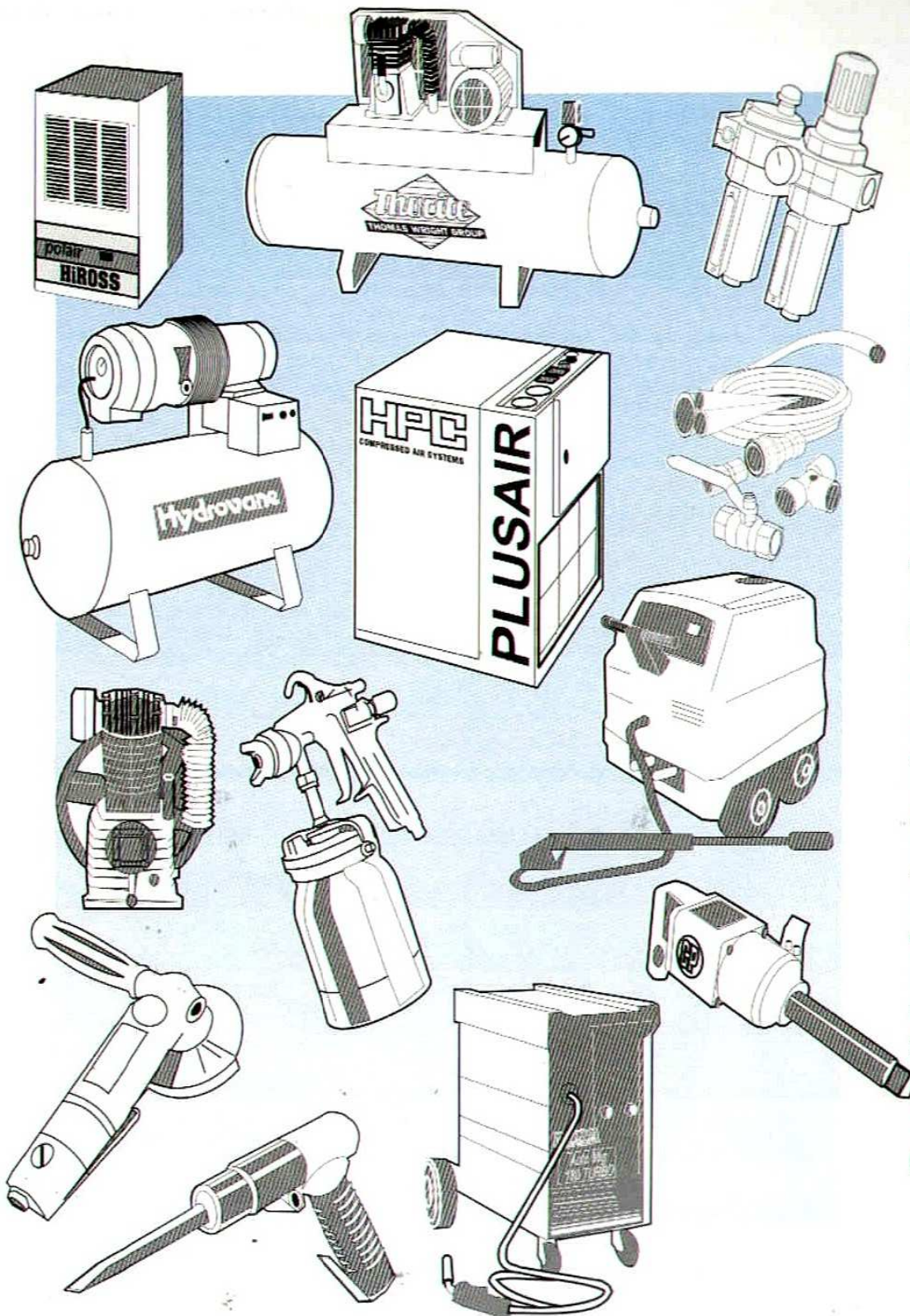


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# BOARDROOM

*A view from the*



*Geoffrey Rowley*  
**Chairman.**

**Welcome to Swindon Town.**  
Firstly I would like to publicly thank Swindon Town for agreeing so readily to the change of date for today's fixture. We were of course due to play each other on Tuesday 3rd March, 1998, but in view of both Clubs being knocked out of the FA Cup it seemed to make so much more sense to play today.

The last few weeks have been, for me, the most difficult that I have ever experienced in my 10 years as a Football League Chairman. I

cannot find words to express my thanks for the countless letters, telephone calls and faxes that I have received, particularly during the last 10 days or so, in support of the decision taken to sack Chris Kamara.

Without wishing to go over old ground, the decision was taken solely for football reasons. The Board felt (and still does) that Chris Kamara had taken the Club as far as he was able and that if we are to progress from here it has to be under another Manager.

David Mellor's extraordinary intervention into the debate has cast a huge slur on the Club and its supporters. The Supporters Club have responded magnificently and their action today in distributing red cards to the supporters as a way of sending a message to Mr. Mellor is to be applauded.

I would like to make the point that

the BBC have acted impeccably throughout this dispute and at all times have tried to defuse the situation which has arisen. Whilst I do not believe that Mr. Mellor is the voice of football, I freely acknowledge that the BBC have the absolute right to let Mr. Mellor host the programme (although I do not believe that he truly speaks for football supporters throughout the country).

The next 7 days will hopefully see the appointment of a new Manager. The Board conducted interviews on Thursday for the shortlist.

These notes are written prior to the interviews so frankly I do not know how the interviews went at this moment in time.

On Tuesday we play Reading and I look forward to seeing you then.

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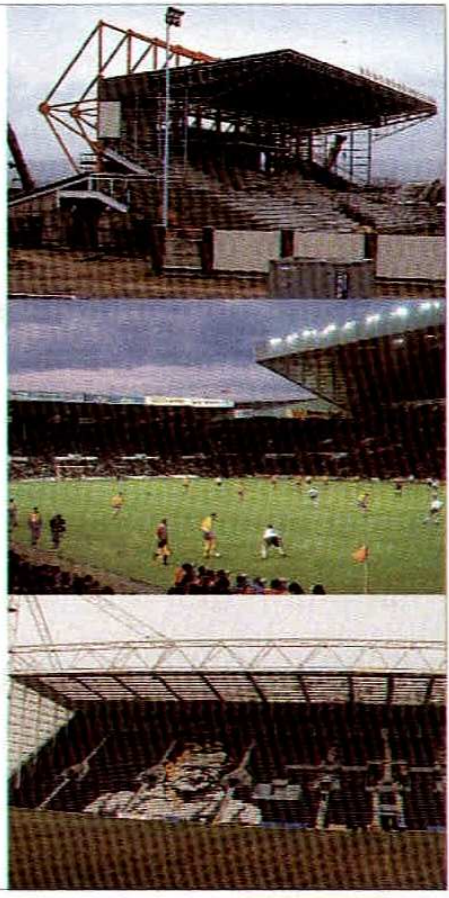
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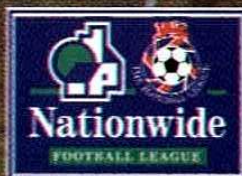
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**Middle Row (Left to Right)**

Alan McDonald, Mark Walters, Craig Taylor, Gary Elkins, Mark Robinson, Scott Leitch, Ian Culverhouse, Frederic Darras\*, Alex Finlayson.

**Second Front Row (Left to Right)**

Lee Collins, Peter Holcroft, Phil King, Darren Bullock, Wayne O'Sullivan\*, Ty Gooden, Steve Cowe.

**Front Row (Left to Right)**

Jason Drysdale, Jonathan Trigg\* (Physiotherapist), Ross MacLaren (Reserve Team Coach), Steve McMahon (Team Manager), Mike Walsh (1st Team Coach), Les O'Neill (Chief Scout), Alex Smith.

\* No longer with Club

## The Man In Charge

**STEVE McMAHON**



Born: Liverpool 20/08/61

Was appointed Manager at the County Ground following the departure of current England Number 2, John Gorman in November 1994 and following relegation led Swindon Town straight to the Division 2 Championship, making 21 appearances himself along the way. This he rates as the highlight of his career so far despite picking up almost all of the honours available for both Club and Country as a player.

He began his career at Everton making 100 League appearances at Goodison before a £175,000 move to join Aston Villa in May 1983.

Kenny Dalglish then took him to Liverpool for £375,000 where he emerged as a midfield general of the highest quality, bagging League and F.A. Cup winners medals during the glory years at Anfield.

He also achieved International recognition with 17 Full England caps and was a member of the 1990 World Cup squad in Italy.

In December 1991, Manchester City paid £900,000 to take him to Maine Road where he continued to perform at the highest level until taking over at Swindon Town.

Last season saw Steve McMahon's team struggle back in Division 1 but this season they have maintained a challenge for the Play-Off positions however three weeks ago they endured a shock exit from the F.A. Cup in a 2-1 home defeat by Stevenage Borough from the G.M. Vauxhall Conference followed by a 2-0 defeat at lowly Crewe Alexandra in front of the SKY Television cameras, and last Saturday a 2-0 home defeat to local rivals Reading.



## GOALKEEPERS

### FRASER DIGBY

Swindon Town's longest serving player by far, Fraser completed his tenth season at the County Ground last year which culminated in him being voted Player-of-the Year and having a Testimonial Match against Manchester United, the Club where he served his apprenticeship. After an initial period on loan at Swindon, Fraser was transferred from Old Trafford in a £32,500 deal in September 1986. The former England U21 International in fact returned to United on loan in 1992/93. He was displaced by Australian Frank Talia for a period last season but won back his place, which apart from injuries he has retained since.

Born: Sheffield 23/04/67

### FRANK TALIA

Frank was spotted playing for the Australian U21 team and following trials with several British clubs, eventually signed for Blackburn Rovers in August 1992. He failed to make any First Team appearances while at Ewood Park and was brought in on loan at the County Ground before eventually signing in November 1995 for a fee of £150,000. He was first choice keeper for a spell last season but lost his place following the home defeat by West Bromwich Albion. Frank has recently signed a new three year contract with the Robins.

Born: Melbourne, Australia. 20/07/72

### STEVE MILDENHALL

One of Swindon Town's home grown talents, Steve is a giant of a custodian standing at 6'5". Now in his second year as a professional at the County Ground, he was called upon to come on as an outfield substitute in the game at Tranmere Rovers last season, even though Manager Steve McMahon was himself on the bench! He made his full League debut in October 1997 in the 1-0 victory over Portsmouth at Fratton Park coming in at the last moment following injuries to Digby and Talia. Steve put on a brilliant display which was witnessed by the SKY cameras, saving everything Pompey shot at him. He too picked up a painful injury for his troubles!

Born: Swindon 13/05/78

## DEFENDERS

### BRIAN BORROWS

Spent 12 seasons with Coventry City, making in excess of 400 League appearances for the Sky Blues. Brian started off with Everton as an apprentice and made 27 appearances for the Goodison club before a £10,000 move to join Bolton Wanderers in March 1983. Two years later he was on the move again for the start of his lengthy period with Coventry. He had a successful two month spell on loan at Swindon earlier this season before the move was made permanent in November. Brian is

comfortable anywhere along the back line but is particularly effective as sweeper.

Born: Liverpool 20/12/60

### IAN CULVERHOUSE

Ian began his footballing career with Tottenham Hotspur as a trainee and having made just one senior appearance at White Hart Lane was transferred to Norwich City for a fee of £50,000 in October 1985. He spent nine successful seasons at Carrow Road and was a member of the Norwich City side who hit the footballing headlines with their tremendous UEFA Cup win at Bayern Munich. A Football League Tribunal set a fee of £250,000 when he was transferred to Swindon Town in December 1994 and having been an ever present in the Robin's Division 2 Championship season, did not enjoy such a commanding year last season in their return to Division 1 with injuries and suspension disrupting his progress.

Born: Bishops Cleeve 22/09/64

### JASON DRYSDALE

Jason is a former Newcastle United player who joined Swindon Town in March 1995 for a fee of £340,000. He began his career at Watford where he won an F A Youth Cup winners medal before moving to join the Magpies for £425,000 in August 1994. Last season was a disappointing one for Jason who was out through injury having been injured in a Coca-Cola Cup tie at Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Born: Bristol 17/11/70

### GARY ELKINS

Gary, a left sided defender made over 100 appearances for Wimbledon in the F A Carling Premiership before his £100,000 move to Swindon Town in September 1996. He was with Fulham as a youngster and had a spell on loan at Exeter City, joining the Dons for £20,000 in August 1990 where he gained a reputation as a tough tackling full back.

Born: Wallingford 04/05/66

### ALAN McDONALD

A Northern Ireland International, having made 53 appearances for his country, Alan joined Queens Park Rangers as an apprentice in March 1981 and in his 17 seasons at Loftus Road made in excess of 500 appearances, scoring seventeen goals for the West London club before his move to Swindon Town last summer in a two year deal.

Born: Belfast 12/10/63

### MARK ROBINSON

Mark was Swindon Town's most consistent performer last season missing only four of the Robin's 52 match programme. His only goal of the campaign came in August with a free-kick which secured an equaliser in the 1-1 draw with Port Vale. He started off at West Bromwich Albion as an apprentice before joining Barnsley on a free transfer in June 1987. Such was his form at Oakwell, Newcastle United secured his services for

£450,000 in March 1993 but having lost his place at St. James' Park though injury Swindon Town paid a then Club record fee of £600,000 for him in July 1994. 29 years old last November, Mark can play at full-back, central defence and has also been a successful sweeper.

Born: Rochdale 21/11/68

### MARK SEAGRAVES

Last season was an in and out one for the Swindon central defender. Following the departure of Shaun Taylor, his twin centre back to Bristol City, he formed a useful partnership with Ian Culverhouse but suffered an injury which kept him out of the side. However following a traumatic away 7-0 away defeat at Champions elect Bolton Wanderers and another defensive debacle at Oldham Athletic on Easter Monday, Mark was rested for the remainder of the 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 in September 1987. Bolton paid £100,000 for him three years later and he went on to make 150 appearances for the Trotters before joining Swindon for £100,000 in June 1995.

Born: Bootle 22/10/66

### CRAIG TAYLOR

24 years old today, Craig is the younger brother of former Swindon Town favourite Shaun - now at Bristol City. Craig signed a three year contract at the County Ground in April 1997 after having impressed during a trial period. Swindon paid non-League Dorchester Town £25,000 and despite a pre-season injury set-back he made a dream debut against Port Vale in October, scoring a wonder goal from 35 yards out. Strong in the air and determined when it comes to tackling, Craig has certainly carried on where brother Shaun left off.

Born: Plymouth 24/01/74

## MIDFIELDERS

### DARREN BULLOCK

A late developer in the game, Darren was drafted into full-time football in November 1993 following a £55,000 step-up from non-League Nuneaton Borough when he joined Huddersfield Town. A tough tackling midfielder, Darren made 127 League appearances for our near neighbours but following a series of events off the field, the then Terriers Manager Brian Horton sold him to Swindon in a cut price deal in February 1997 and he went on to score in his debut for the Robins against Birmingham City later that month.

Born: Worcester 12/02/69

### LEE COLLINS

Young Scottish midfielder joined Albion Rovers from Pollock in November 1993 and made 43 Scottish League appearances before he was snapped up by Swindon Town



for £15,000 in November 1995. Lee made three appearances for Town last season deputising for Kevin Watson but he missed a great deal of the campaign through injury. It looks as though another enforced lay-off is looming after Lee collected his ninth caution of the season in the defeat at Crewe a fortnight ago.



Born: Bellshill 03/02/74

#### PHILIPPE CUERVO

This gifted Frenchman impressed during a trial period at the County Ground and was quickly signed from Sochaux on a free transfer on a three year deal just before the start of this season. He was a revelation during the first two months of the season but then spent several months out with a hip problem.

Born: Ris-Orangis, France 13/08/69

#### TY GOODEN

Signed on a free transfer by former boss John Gorman from Wycombe Wanderers in September 1993, Ty had a mixed campaign last season playing in a variety of positions and being hampered by injury. His first appearance was in November when he displaced Gary Elkins and it was from this position that he scored his only goal of the season. However this season fortunes have changed and having regained full fitness he has been an ever present playing as either a wing-back or attacking midfielder.

Born: Canvey Island 23/10/72

#### SCOTT LEITCH

Following a successful loan period from Heart of Midlothian at the end of the 1995/96 season, Scott signed a two year contract with the Robins in July 1996 being transferred for a bargain fee of £15,000. He played in all but ten of the club's games last season only being missing through injury or suspension. His only goal of the campaign came early on in the 2-0 Coca-Cola Cup victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Born: Motherwell 06/10/69

#### MARK WALTERS

Released by Southampton in the summer of 1996, Mark was reunited with former Liverpool colleague Steve McMahon when he was signed on a free transfer at the County

Ground. It was as an apprentice at Aston Villa that Mark won his first silverware, an F A Youth Cup winners medal. Having made 168 League appearances for Villa he transferred north of the border to join Rangers for £500,000 in December 1987 and went on to win Scottish Premier League Championships in 1989,90 and 91 and well as Scottish League Cup winners medals in 1989 and 1991. In August 1991 a £1.25m move to Liverpool came his way and having made 82 appearances at Anfield, plus loan spells with Stoke City and Wolverhampton Wanderers he joined Southampton on a free in January 1996.



Born: Birmingham 02/06/64

#### KEVIN WATSON

After four years without a First Team game at White Hart Lane, Kevin was signed on a free transfer by Swindon Town in the summer of 1996. He scored his first ever goal in the Football League in a 3-1 victory at Southend United from 25 yards out. Kevin came through the Youth ranks at Spurs under Terry Venables before being loaned out to Bristol City and Barnet.

Born: Hackney 03/01/74

### FORWARDS

#### STEVE FINNEY

Swindon Town signed Steve from Manchester City on a free transfer in June 1995 and despite a brilliant start to his career at the County Ground, Steve has been unable to recapture his goalscoring form since suffering a broken leg in March 1996. He started last season as a striking partner for Wayne Allison, now at Huddersfield Town. However he soon lost his place and made only occasional appearances in the starting line-up behind Steve Cowe and Peter Thorne. A loan spell in November 1997 at Cambridge United seems to have worked as he has returned refreshed and hungry for goals and promptly scored three in as many games when he took over from Wayne Allison.

Born: Hexham 31/10/73

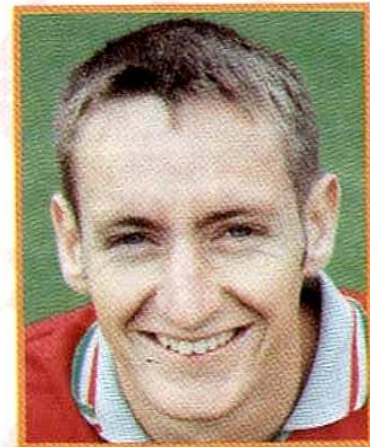
#### CHRIS HAY

Young pacy striker, Chris was drafted in from Scottish giants Celtic for £330,00 a week before the start of this season and soon paid off a chunk of his fee scoring 13 goals in 20 appearances prior to Christmas. Manager Steve McMahon had been watching the goalscoring ace for a year in Scotland as he was finding it hard to break into the Buoy's First Team on a regular basis. Unfortunately he soon fell foul of the English disciplinary system and has just returned from a spell out following suspension having collected five cautions.

Born: Glasgow 28/08/74

#### STEVE COWE

An energetic striker, Steve competed with Steve Finney and Peter Thorne for the second forward slot in partnership with Wayne Allison last season and participated in 38 of Swindon Town's League games during the season. Gloucester born, Steve was signed from Aston Villa for £100,000 in March 1996 and what he lacks in height, he more than makes up for with his pace and skill on the ball.



Born: Gloucester 29/09/74

#### BOBBY HOWE

Signed on a four year contract from Nottingham Forest where he was initially a trainee, for an appearance related fee of £30,000, Stephen 'Bobby' Howe made one appearance last season for Forest as substitute in their 4-2 Premiership defeat at Liverpool before being loaned out to Ipswich Town following their FA Cup exit, coincidentally at the City Ground.

Born: Annitsford 06/11/73.

#### GEORGE NDAH

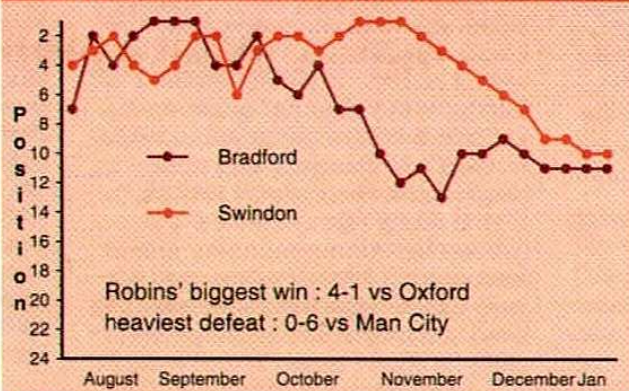
After the departure of Wayne Allison to Huddersfield Town, Steve McMahon moved quickly to find a replacement and was delighted to be able to pick up the lightening quick Ndah from Crystal Palace for whom he had made almost 100 appearances for a fee of £500,000 in November 1997. A former England Youth International, George scored a stunning goal on his debut in the 2-1 home defeat by Middlesbrough. He is the older brother of Barnet's Jamie.

Born: Dulwich 23/12/74

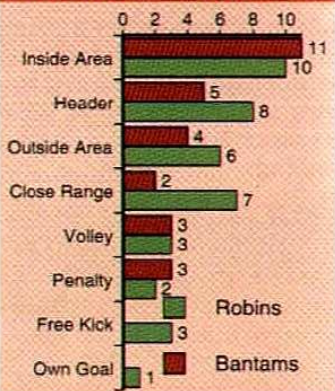




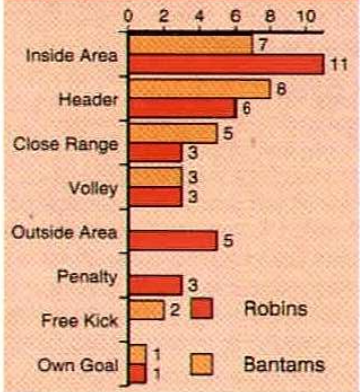
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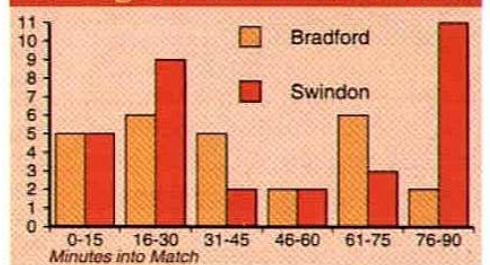
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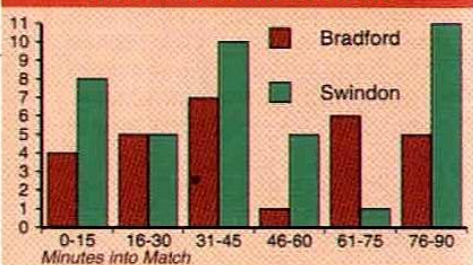
### goals - how scored



### when goals have been scored



### and when conceded



## Division 1 Stats

### Current Form Table

Index in the table below reflects the league position of the opposition in the 6 games. ie the higher the position, the higher the index.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Indx	Sequence
Sunderland	5	1	0	13	3	16	54%	WWDWWW
Charlton	5	0	1	11	6	15	53%	WWLWWW
Wolves	4	1	1	10	2	13	54%	LWWWWD
Crewe	4	1	1	7	4	13	46%	WWDWLW
Birmingham	3	3	0	11	2	12	37%	DWDWDW
Forest	4	0	2	11	7	12	51%	LWWWLW
Sheff Utd	3	2	1	12	9	11	64%	WLWDDW
Ipswich	3	2	1	8	3	11	54%	DDWLWW
Middlesbrough	3	1	2	9	7	10	44%	DLWWLW
Norwich	3	1	2	7	8	10	54%	WLWLWD
Stockport	3	0	3	10	8	9	53%	WLLWLW
Reading	2	3	1	6	7	9	61%	WDDWDL
Huddersfield	2	2	2	9	6	8	64%	DWDLWL
Oxford	2	1	3	8	10	7	54%	LLDLWW
Bradford	2	1	3	5	7	7	43%	LWDLWL
Man City	2	0	4	8	7	6	57%	LWLLWL
Stoke	1	3	2	5	13	6	57%	WLDDDL
QPR	1	3	2	4	7	6	31%	DDDLWL
Bury	0	4	2	3	5	4	48%	LDDDDL
Tranmere	0	4	2	1	5	4	49%	DDDDL
Port Vale	1	0	5	4	12	3	58%	WLLLLL
Portsmouth	1	0	5	4	12	3	40%	LLLWLL
West Brom	0	2	4	2	8	2	32%	LDDLLL
Swindon	0	1	5	2	12	1	56%	LLLLDL

players used includes those who have left the club

low and high position is taken after 4 games played

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Plyrs used	goals for	goals agt	clean sheets	low pos.	high pos.	Plyrs used	goals for	goals agt	clean sheets	low pos.	high pos.
Birmingham	21	32	19	13	14	Port Vale	22	29	38	5	20
Bradford	24	26	28	9	13	Portsmouth	25	30	44	2	24
Bury	27	24	35	5	24	QPR	23	30	40	7	13
Charlton	25	51	35	9	15	Reading	27	27	38	9	24
Crewe	27	31	40	7	23	Sheff Utd	34	43	29	9	7
Huddersfield	34	30	40	6	24	Stockport	24	45	37	7	23
Ipswich	29	30	27	8	22	Stoke	22	29	41	7	16
Man City	29	31	32	8	22	Sunderland	26	43	24	10	12
Middlesboro	30	44	24	8	13	Swindon	33	32	40	8	10
Norwich	28	27	39	6	17	Tranmere	22	28	34	8	22
Forest	26	45	25	12	5	West Brom	23	27	25	10	7
Oxford	25	32	42	9	22	Wolves	30	37	27	9	15

### Campaign Records

- Highest/Lowest Gates**  
40,055 Sunderland v Bradford 26-Dec  
4,176 Crewe v Swindon 11-Jan
- Highest Aggregate Scores**  
Forest 5-2 Charlton 22-Nov  
Crewe 2-5 Huddersfield 6-Dec  
Stoke 0-7 Birmingham 10-Jan
- Biggest Home Win**  
Tranmere 6-0 Reading 20-Sep  
Man City 6-0 Swindon 27-Sep
- Biggest Away Win**  
Stoke 0-7 Birmingham 10-Jan
- Consecutive Wins**  
Sunderland 5
- Games Unbeaten**  
Sunderland 16
- Consecutive Defeats**  
Port Vale 7
- Games without a Win**  
Huddersfield 14

### Current Sequences

- Consecutive Wins**  
Charlton, Crewe, Sunderland 2
- Games Unbeaten**  
Sunderland 16
- Consecutive Defeats**  
Swindon 4
- Games without a Win**  
Bury 11

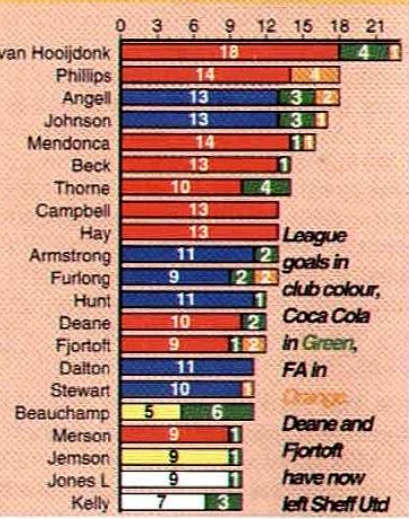
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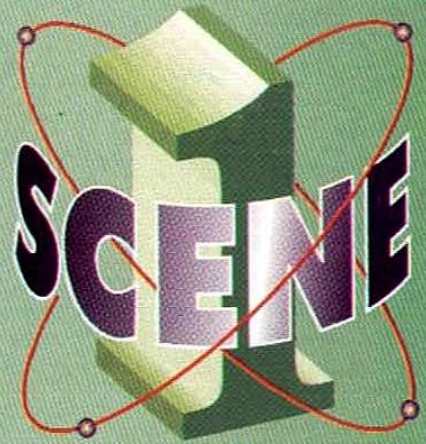
### average gates



### leading scorers







With this weekend having been set aside for the 4th round of the FA Cup, there is only one other game being played in the Nationwide Football League Division 1, that between Oxford United and Portsmouth at the Manor Ground, the game having been brought forward from next Tuesday evening.

There are thirteen FA Cup ties being played this afternoon, two more tomorrow and the final one on Monday evening, when the Sheffield Wednesday vs Blackburn Rovers game is shown live from Hillsborough on SKY Sports.

There are four all Division 1 ties being competed today. At St. Andrews Birmingham City take on Stockport County, Ipswich Town who overcame Bristol Rovers after a replay have Sheffield United at Portman Road, Wolverhampton Wanderers are at Charlton Athletic and Sunderland visit Tranmere Rovers who took care of Hereford United's aspirations at Edgar Street beating the non-Leagueurs 3-0.

Last week Blades Manager Nigel Spackman shrugged off the sale of strikers Brian Deane and Jan Aage Fjortoft following their 1-0 home victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers. The Bramall Lane fans were unhappy after Spackman was forced to sell Deane to Benfica and Fjortoft, who started his English footballing life at today's visitors Swindon Town to South Yorkshire rivals Barnsley. He said "It's a problem, but it has happened and we have to get on with it".

Huddersfield Town have Wimbledon at the Alfred McAlpine Stadium after their victory over Bournemouth at Dean Court in the last round. Town fans hoping to see a goal feast were disappointed last week when Huddersfield visited Birmingham City. With the Terriers

having scored five against Oxford United and Birmingham seven against Stoke the previous week, they would no doubt have been disappointed at the 0-0 scoreline at St. Andrews.


Other Division 1 teams who have progressed through to the 4th round today are Middlesbrough who entertain Arsenal at the Cellnet Riverside Stadium giving Paul Merson the opportunity of facing his ex-Gunners colleagues, West Bromwich Albion who have a Midlands derby against Aston Villa at Villa Park and hopefully Reading who had to take care of GM Vauxhall Conference side Cheltenham Town during the week in a 3rd round replay after the sides drew 1-1 at Whaddon Road. The winners of the game are at Cardiff City. Villa boss Brian Little will have to get his troops to rally round after their 5-0 thrashing by Blackburn Rovers in the Premiership last Saturday if they are to progress today.

The other Division 1 team hoping to make it into the next round is Manchester City who put paid to our interest in the competition. City are at home to West Ham United tomorrow afternoon, the game being shown live on ITV kicking off at 2.00pm. City are now just one place above the relegation zone following their 1-0 home defeat by Sunderland last week while the Hammers were losing their London derby against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane 1-0, Jurgen Klinsmann on target for Spurs. The Hammers will be hoping that they are not given such a run for their money as little Emley gave them in the last round with the Premiership side scraping through 2-1 at Upton Park.

SKY's other game is the David and Goliath clash between Conference outfit Stevenage Borough and Newcastle United which has a 4.30pm kick off tomorrow afternoon. There has of course been a great deal of exposure in the press about Newcastle's desire to have the game switched to St. James' Park on safety reasons. There are two sides to every story - is it not the magic of the Cup for non-League minnows to play host to footballing giants (and hopefully cause upsets)? But there again why was their game last year against Birmingham City switched from Broadhall Way to St Andrews without all this fuss?

The other ties see Grimsby Town at Leeds United, Derby County facing Coventry City at Highfield Road, Crystal Palace entertaining Leicester City, Walsall with a dream ticket playing Manchester United at Old Trafford and a Premiership basement teams clash between Tottenham Hotspur and Barnsley at White Hart Lane.



The 5th round draw is being made tomorrow afternoon at 4.00pm and is being transmitted live on ITV, SKY Sports and BBC Radio 5 LIVE.



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## Forthcoming Events

Friends of Bradford City are holding a race night at Eccleshill Football Club, Wrose on 14th March. First Race 8pm. Tickets price £3.50 (includes pie & pea supper). Tickets are available at the Ticket Office or Main Reception.

## Away Days

We are running our next Executive Away Days trip to Middlesbrough when we play at the Cellnet Riverside Stadium on Saturday 14 February 1998 and we are already well subscribed. We are offering travel to and from the game, a 3 course carvery lunch including wine and coffee at the Hospitality Inn, Middlesbrough, a Valentines Gift for all ladies travelling and match ticket for the game, all for just £60 per person inclusive of VAT.

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## Evening With The Players

Next Wednesday 28 January 1998 we are holding an evening with the Manager and the players. You can join them for an evening's entertainment in the Banqueting

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The Crown P.H. at Horton Bank Top are holding a Bradford City Quiz Evening this coming Monday, 26 January at 8.30pm. All proceeds are going to charity. The first prize is a meal for two at our Player's Evening next Wednesday. Why not go along and support this worthy event and you never know you could be the winner and enjoy a great evening here next week and meet the players.

## Christmas Draw

Many thanks to everybody who supported this season's Christmas Draw, both the prize sponsors and all who purchased tickets.

Congratulations go to Paul Hodgson of Eccleshill who was the lucky winner of our 1st prize which was a £2,000 voucher from Symphony to spend on a fitted bedroom, bathroom or kitchen.

A full list of winners was printed in the Telegraph & Argus on 5 January and is also available from the Ticket Office and Main Reception.

## Paul Jewell Testimonial Dinner

Paul Jewell's Testimonial Dinner is taking place at the Stakis Bradford Hotel next Sunday 1 February at 6.45pm for 7.30pm. Dress is black tie.

The speakers at the dinner are Bruce Grobbelaar and Arnie Martin. The cost of tickets for this great evening where you can show your appreciation for City's loyal servant is £35 per person, £350 per table of ten and £420 per table of 12. Bookings can be made via John Bedford on Bradford (01274) 593234.

## Pre Match Entertainment

Steve Long and the Bantam Belles will be entertaining you as normal this afternoon. In addition there are two surprise birthday presentations are half-time...are you one of them?

## Birthday Packages

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The birthday package for one gives a message on the scoreboard, a birthday greeting on the public address system by the matchday presenter, a birthday message in the programme, a football signed by the manager and players presented by a player and a commemorative photograph. The cost of this package is £25.

## Congratulations

Thomas Bruce. Happy 11th Birthday. Lots of love from Mum, Dad and James.

Stephen Brown. Happy 25th Birthday tomorrow. Lots of love from Mum, Dad and Andrew.

Stuart Henry. Happy 15th Birthday for 17 January. Love and best wishes from Mum, Dad and Jenny.

Andrew Searle. Happy 30th Birthday. Love Michelle and Happy Birthday Daddy. Love Conor.

To place a birthday greeting please contact the Commercial Department. The cost of £10 includes a mention in the programme, on the scoreboard and on the public address system.

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# Sponsor's Spotlight

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Lee Reilly

13 year old Lee Reilly lives in Fenby in Bradford and attends Tong Upper School. His favourite Bradford City players are John McGinlay and Peter Beagrie. As well as football, Lee likes playing on his computer and playing rounders.

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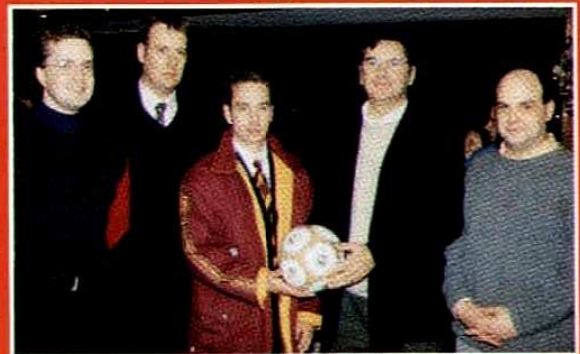


Henrietta Bantam makes a presentation of a cheque at the Branch P.H. at Shipley to the Guide Dog for the Blind Appeal following recent fundraising.



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Proceed through traffic lights at Forte Posthouse Hotel. Down hill and over first set of lights and right at the second set. (Sainsbury's is on the left). Go along West End Road and turn left into Portman Walk to Portman Road for the Stadium.

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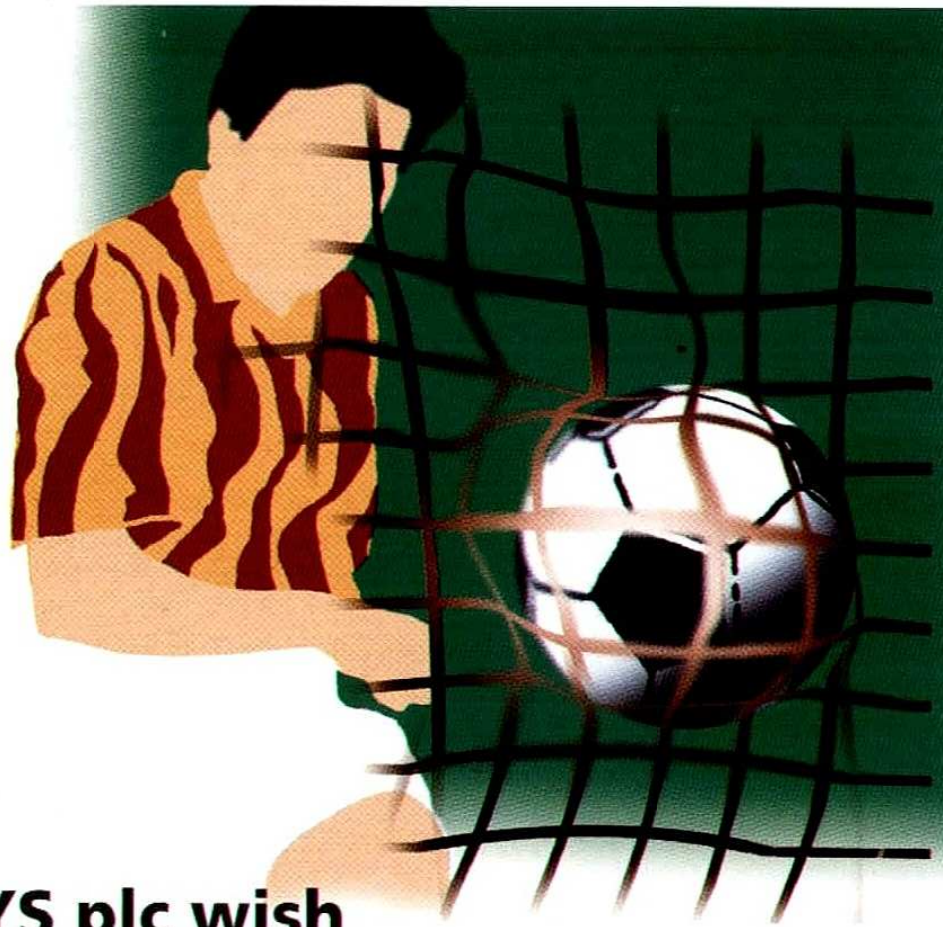


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This could be a case for Mulder and Scully....in this column in the weeks leading up to Christmas the subjects of managerial pressure and then football phone-ins were discussed. In the six weeks or so since they appeared both have become red-hot issues around these parts. The first caught many in the media by surprise, including myself if only because of the timing - midseason, mid-table, even midweek. Most Managers get the sack on a Monday morning statistics would show.

Once the shock waves had settled, the debate began with opinion seemingly pretty much divided. Perhaps some of those who feel that this was the right move to make have still been a bit distressed by the failure to appoint quickly in the aftermath. That certainly has caught the journos out again - these days we expect a nice quick follow-up move for one of the ever present host of currently unemployed Managers who tend to start hovering over Clubs with an imminent or immediate vacancy.

The delay should mean a thorough vetting process as far as the new incumbent is

concerned. That could be useful in itself. Oxford United went for a swift promotion for Malcolm Crosby once Denis Smith had decided it was time to go to West Brom. He lasted just five matches before opting to step down again, leaving the Club to start the search for a replacement all over again, with less time now to resurrect the season.

All sorts of names have popped up in the press over the last couple of weeks although I have to admit that at the present time I just have not got a clue as to who is coming in, which is unusual in this age of tip-offs and broad innuendo. Whatever the outcome, I hope the new guy is media-friendly as Chris Kamara was, so that means Kenny Dalglish and Howard Wilkinson need not apply, please! On top of that I hope that if Paul Jewell does not get the job, and a good result today would strengthen his case, then he will still find a role to play at the Club. Paul has given Bradford City great service, he is mad passionate about the game and really is a nice bloke.

As for phone-ins, well, it made for cracking listening last Saturday evening and it is not often that you can say that about '606'. More than that I should not really say, I might just find myself getting called up as a witness! Let us just hope that peace breaks out again soon and we can settle back into the business of talking about Saturday afternoon, not Saturday evening once more.

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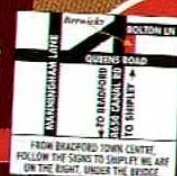


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# PETER BEAGRIE





The decision to sign for Bradford City earlier this season was an easy one for Peter knowing that changes at Maine Road could have meant him playing Reserve Team football.

Now nicely settled in here at the Pulse Stadium at Valley Parade, recently moving to Harrogate, is making life so much easier for the Beagrie family, Peter, wife Lynn and children Charlotte (6), Rebecca (5) and Sam (2).

The move to Bradford was made possible when Frank Clark was appointed Manager at Manchester City. Clark's system was to play with wing backs and Peter Beagrie did not fit in with this style of play. The plea to Clark to let him go for a minimal fee was much appreciated and has allowed Peter to rebuild his career and help Bradford City get off to a good start to the season and help retain a place towards the top of what is a very difficult division.

Peter's skills have made him a popular player with the fans at his previous clubs and have resulted in him being involved in two one million pound transfer deals.

Peter started his footballing career in Middlesbrough playing in senior League football on Teesside and working during the day in the carpet trade. He played in the North East Counties League as a sixteen year old and when he was eventually taken on as a professional he was able to compete with the men much easier and he even admits he missed the more tedious jobs younger players have to endure as part of their apprenticeship such as being a fag to professionals, cleaning the dressing rooms and players boots and being the general dog's body for professionals!

Peter has had playing experience with Middlesbrough, Sheffield United, Stoke City, Everton and Manchester City. He says that at clubs like Everton, everything is done for senior players right from the time they wake up until they get back to bed again at night. He says "I suppose it is like working for a bank or building society. The benefits are there for all the staff and Everton being a big club for a long number of years would be expected to compete with other large organisations for the signatures of the very best".

When Peter was playing at Stoke City he became a friend and playing colleague of Chris Kamara and admired his qualities as a player. Said Peter "Chris always gave one hundred and twenty per cent on the pitch and was a natural leader. It is no surprise that Chris, like Steve McMahon now boss at today's visitors Swindon Town, both grabbed their first managerial opportunities and made immediate impacts bringing initial success to their clubs".

One of Peter's likes away from football is that he enjoys shopping. Yes ladies, I repeat shopping! Agreed there are a fair few of us who do not, and indeed will not go around the shops. Not so for Mr. Beagrie. Peter says that he could not have moved to a better place than Harrogate to visit

some of the best retailers in the county. "I particularly enjoy the men's clothes shops and have great ambitions to take Eddie Youds and Craig Ramage round with me some day. You never know they might just realise the difference smart clothes might make to them!" [For Eddie's solicitor, I would point out that these are Peter's words, not mine!]

Another hobby for Peter is playing golf and he has a handicap of fourteen. Now settled in Harrogate he intends working on his handicap during the summer and reduce it as far as possible. "I was always spoilt for choice when I lived in Southport" admits Peter, "With a major Championship course like Birkdale on the door-step." Still the longer that Peter lives here in Yorkshire, he will quickly realise that we have some excellent courses around here as well. Peter says that he has already tried the new course at Rudding Park, a good test for his golfing skills.

Peter also has an interest in houses and enjoys visiting new housing developments with his wife and children, looking at the show houses and seeing what is new in the market place.

The United States of America has been the Beagrie's favourite holiday destination of late, having been there for the past three years - Florida and Disney being the favourite attractions. But they have a change planned for this year as they intend on going to Portugal once the season has finished.

When I asked Peter about his favourite food, he said that sea foods were his favourite, such as lobster and oysters. "There were several good seafood restaurants in Southport and we were spoilt for choice but sadly the one thing that Harrogate lacks is seafood restaurants" said Peter. "I am a big eater and lucky that I don't put on weight unlike some I can name - and will, Nigel Pepper, Chris Wilder and Craig Ramage!

Beags also enjoys watching television and names Only Fools and Horses as his favourite and like most of us was pleased at being able to watch a bumper edition at Christmas.

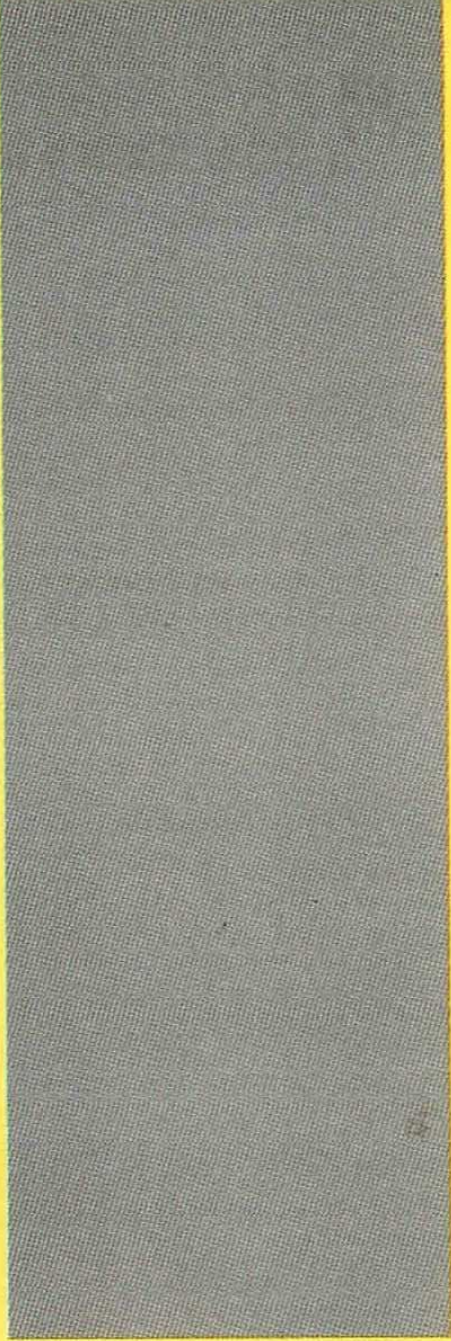
The future for Peter is not in management. "I want to be liked too much for that" he quips! "Although I would not mind being involved in coaching, especially with youngsters as I like going to schools and putting on sessions for up and coming youngsters.



Staying in the game which has so far brought him a good living should not be very difficult for a man of Peter's pedigree. Hopefully though that is a long way off and before that Peter will be able to help Bradford City to further glories.

Malcolm Scott

Associate Director & Reporter with BBC Radio-Leeds.





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# Captain's Log

Since we last spoke a great deal has happened here at the Club by way of games played, the departure of Chris Kamara and the diabolical accusations of a presenter on national radio.

I must start of course by wishing Chris Kamara every success in the future. When we were told that Chris had left the Club, I think it is quite safe to say that all the players were somewhat taken aback at the suddenness of it but we are professionals and have to knuckle down and get on with the job in hand. The Chairman has great ambitions for the Club and we are fully behind any decision he feels he has to make to ensure success. Paul Jewell has been put in temporary charge until a new appointment is made by the Board of Directors and Paul can rest assured that we will give our everything, nothing short of one hundred per cent commitment.

Another departure is that of Bryan Small who has returned to Bolton Wanderers after his one month's loan spell here with us. Again we wish him well in the future.

Since Christmas we have had that typical hard game against our local rivals Huddersfield Town which ended all square, the unfortunate departure from the F A Cup at the hands of Manchester City, a win at Stockport and defeat at Stoke last Friday. We now have two home games with six points to be won, a win today will leapfrog us over our visitors.



When Eddie Youds wrote this column prior to Christmas while I was off, he had a quick quiz which certainly kept the postman busy. The response was great so today I am having the first part of a cryptic quiz which should keep you guessing through the half-time break for the answers. The first five questions are listed here today with the next five at Tuesday's game with Reading. All you have to do is guess the name of the football teams in question, they are either English or Scottish professional clubs. I will give you an example - Always one hundred. The answer is of course Everton. Always - Ever, One Hundred - Ton.

Now for the first five: 1) Professor of rollers. 2) Hawaiian greeting. 3) What burglars do. 4) Newspaper, TV rental company, area. 5) Bigger than a duck pond.

Save your answers until after Tuesday when the next five will be published.



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*Wayne Fowler*

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# BANTAMS BANTER

A very eventful fortnight saw the departure of Chris Kamara from the Club, the disgraceful sensationalising questioning of BBC Radio 5 LIVE's David Mellor and the horrifying thought of Chairman Geoffrey Richmond quitting.

Tackling the managerial situation first of all leads me to thank Chris Kamara for his part in taking the Club to our current status. His dismissal was I am sure a decision not reached in haste and one taken for reasons maybe none of us have access to knowing.

Every Manager faces the sack at sometime, the exceptions are few and far between. Some last ten years, some two. Occasionally it is less but inevitably a change of face has to happen. Football is a results game and if they are not forthcoming then a Manager faces the chop.

Chris Kamara has done himself and the Club proud during his time but again results were not happening and there was an obvious breakdown somewhere which I am glad has come to an amicable conclusion.

The question regarding Chris Kamara's colour was raised by David Mellor on the 606 phone-in programme on BBC Radio 5 LIVE. He is clever enough not to overstep the mark but sufficiently devious enough to ask such a ludicrous question. I am sure that Mr. Richmond has covered this subject far

more eloquently in depth than I can but all I would like to say is that I never even gave Chris Kamara's colour a second thought and as far as Mr. Mellor is concerned his pompous and pontificating style is both ineffective, usually offensive and downright off-putting.

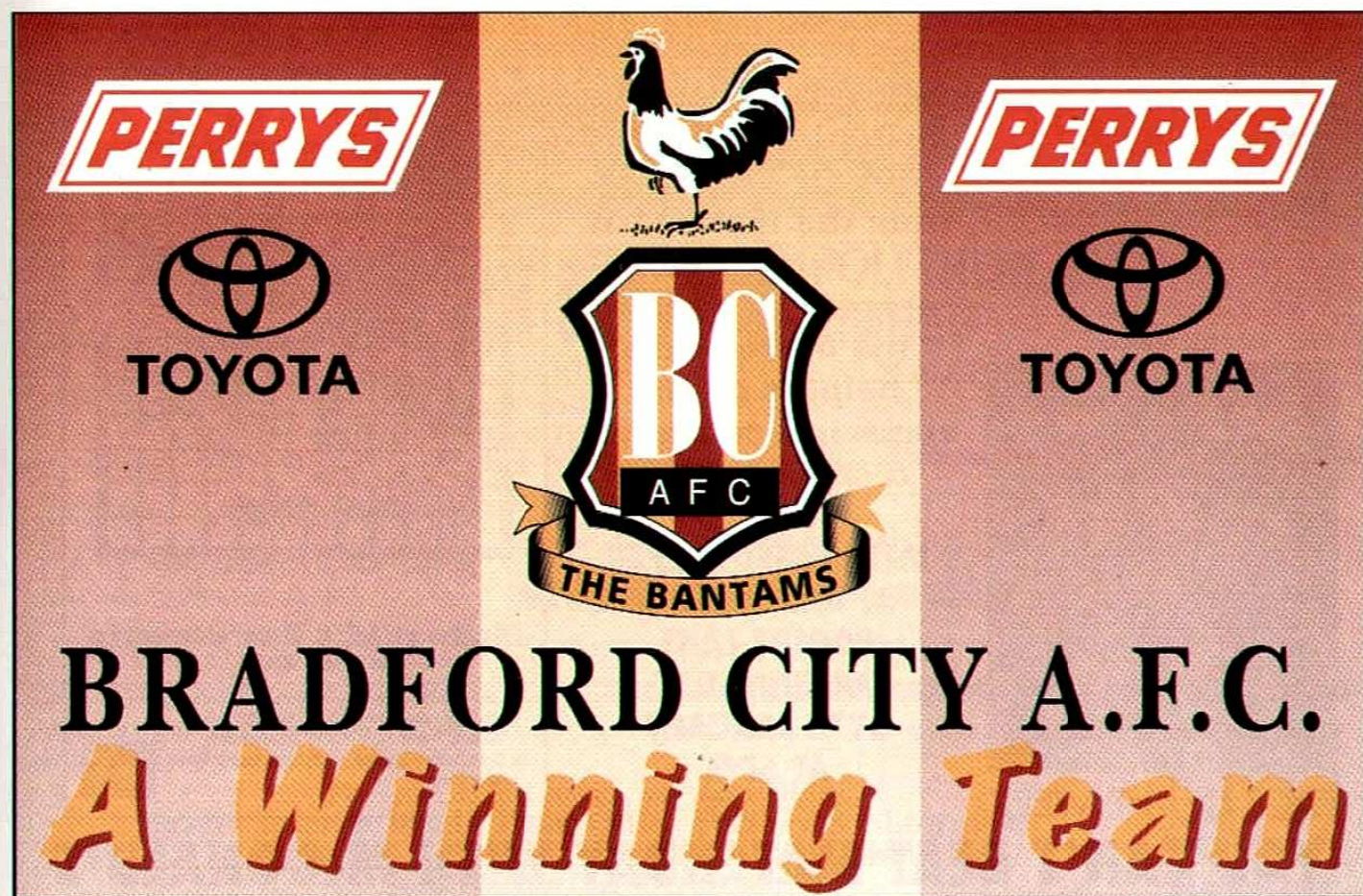
All this nonsense together with negative letters in the local press led Mr. Richmond to seriously consider quitting the Club.

The thought of such an event would throw the Club into total disarray and to achieve so much in such a short time to find it swept down the pan because of a mindless few would be shameful in the extreme.

Bradford City have never had such a leader who I am sure is feared by those who need to be fearful but respected throughout the game none the less. In such a tough environment as football is nowadays you need characters with the mental strength and astute business brain he possesses.

Bradford City are in the best hands ever and those who seek to be negative should take a long hard look at what has happened during the Chairman's four year reign.

KEVIN MITCHELL



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# SUPPORTERS CLUB

## SUPPORTERS CLUB

The Club are keen to recruit new committee members. We usually meet on the first Monday of each month at the Fountain Inn, Heaton Road, Heaton at 8.00pm. On Thursday 29 January the next round of the Inter Branch Quiz will be held at the Fountain Inn, Heaton at 8.00pm.

## QUEENSBURY BRANCH

For details of branch activities please contact either Stephen Adams on 01274 814189 or Paul Snowden on 01484 720779.

## FORUM

The Supporters Club Forum earlier this month was cancelled after the Club held one following the departure of Chris Kamara. The next one will be held shortly with full details given in the local press.

## CITY GENT MAGAZINE

The radio version of the magazine entitled 'Straight from the Bantams Beak' which is broadcast on Bradford Community Broadcasting has a new date and time. The programme is now on Saturdays only between 5.00pm and 6.00pm on Yorkshire

Cable's 104 FM. BCB's experiment giving us full live match commentary at the Nottingham Forest game before Christmas, following the Pulse's decision to pull the pull on their commentaries was a great success with former City keeper Peter Litchfield and CG editor David Pendleton taking the phone-in. City Gent #72 is currently on sale.

## FLORA LONDON MARATHON

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund are inviting anybody who is planning to run in the 1998 Flora London Marathon to support their appeal in memory of Bobby Moore. It will be five years since Bobby Moore died from cancer and the fund set up in his name is dedicated to raising cash. Further details can be obtained from Simon Poole on 0171 269 3412 (work) or e-mail bmf@icrf.icnet.uk

## LONDON SUPPORTERS FOOTBALL TEAM

On Sunday 7 December the City team lost 2-0 to Hibernian in the Association of Provincial Football Supporters Clubs in London (APFSCIL) League Division 2. In goal for Hibs was former Blue Peter presenter John Leslie. He also appeared in the Comic

Relief football team which toured Africa earlier this year. Not only was John a very good goalkeeper, he is also a very nice person to meet. Consequently the City lads failed to score!

The following week we went down 2-1 to Norwich City with Simon Scott scoring the Bradford City goal.

As always these hardy City followers are always keen to recruit any exiled fan who lives in the London area. Please contact Martin Hickey at work on 0171 735 8227 between 9.00am and 5.15pm.

## INTERNET BANTAMS

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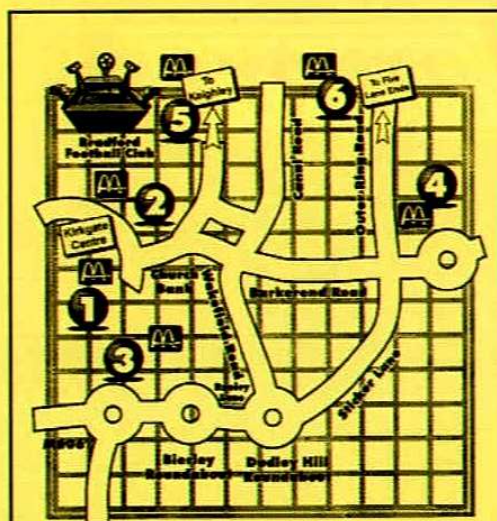


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## ENCOURAGING YOUTH

Bradford was one of the nineteen Cities that took part in the first National Shield Competition (now the English Schools FA Trophy) in the 1904/05 season. The other Yorkshire representatives were Leeds, Hull, Sheffield and York. Sheffield reached the Final where they lost to London in Llandudno.

The first recorded Inter-City fixture played by Bradford Boys took place at Valley Parade (then the home of Manningham RFC) on 8 March 1897. The opponents were Leeds Boys and the score ended in a 2-2 draw.

On 27 May 1916, Bradford Boys won the Schools Trophy for the first and only time in the history of the City, beating West Ham Boys 3-0 before a crowd of 7000 in the Final at Valley Parade. MAURICE WELLOCK, later a professional with Bradford City scored in every tie - including the Final.

Bradford Boys best post-war performance came in the 1960/61 season when they reached the quarter-final before losing 2-0

to Barnsley Boys after a 1-1 draw at Valley Parade.

Over the years the Bradford schoolboys side has provided the springboard for many aspiring youngsters to attract the attention of the City's two professional Clubs. Those who have made the grade with Bradford City include such memorable names as BRUCE STOWELL, BRUCE BANNISTER, IAN COOPER, JOE COOKE and GARRY WATSON, each of whom recorded over 200 appearances for the Club.

The first Schoolboy International match to be held in the West Riding was staged at Valley Parade on 5 May 1917. An England side including two local boys (C Haig and G Hollis) defeated Scotland 1-0.

## PACKING THEM IN

City's record attendance of 39,146 for an FA Cup 4th round tie against Burnley on 11 March 1911 is the longest standing record at any League ground.

City's first visit to The Shay for a Division 3 (North) game against Halifax Town on 27 September 1927 attracted a crowd of 20,000. This remains a record for a League

match on that ground. Halifax, including ex-City man DONALD DUCKETT were 2-1 winners.

Much more recently, City's game with Sunderland at their new Stadium of Light on Boxing Day 1997 attracted a new record for a Nationwide Football League fixture when 40,055 fans saw the Wearsiders record a 2-0 victory over us.

## ON THIS DAY

.....24 January 1970. City beat Bournemouth 8-1 at Valley Parade. This result stands as the record post-war League victory and also set a new Club record of 23 consecutive home League games without defeat. BOBBY HAM scored a hat trick whilst Bournemouth lost 17 year old goalkeeper RON TILSTED after he was injured making a first half save and centre half DAVID STOCKS took over in goal.

.....24 January 1974. A crowd of 9041 saw City defeat Exeter City 1-0 in only the second League game ever to be staged on a Sunday at Valley Parade.

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# David's Diary

with David Markham



Two home matches in four days gives Bradford City a great chance to climb the table and renew their Play-Off challenge.

City have struggled away from home with only one win in thirteen League and Cup matches but at home they have looked solid with only two defeats against Sunderland and Tranmere Rovers.

The top four teams, Nottingham Forest, Middlesbrough, Charlton Athletic and Sunderland have been so consistent that they look to be favourites to be occupying either the automatic promotion or Play-Off places. But who else will be in contention is anybody's guess.

Today's opponents Swindon Town were top of the table when City played them in November but they have slipped badly since then and after having been knocked out of the FA Cup by GM Vauxhall Conference side Stevenage Borough, they lost 2-0 at lowly placed Crewe Alexandra in a SKY TV match and 2-0 at home to Reading last Saturday.

They are now just one point and once place ahead of City which highlights the importance of today's match.

The match not only mark the first home game for a month but the first home fixture for caretaker-Manager Paul Jewell who has taken

temporary charge of the team following the dismissal of Chris Kamara.

Chris Kamara will have a special place in City's history after leading them into Division 1 through the Play-Off Final in that never to be forgotten day at Wembley and going a long way towards establishing them as a First Division Club. Now the task of taking City even further will pass to a new Manager.

However the job of guiding City through the next two home matches will be that of Paul Jewell. He made a tremendous start as his tactical changes worked like a dream in City's 2-1 win at Stockport County two weeks ago.

The side were also doing well at Stoke last Friday with John McGinlay giving them a 1-0 lead before Andrew O'Brien had the misfortune to handle the ball in his own penalty area and enable Stoke to equalise.

The goal put new confidence into a previously jittery Stoke side. They scored again shortly afterwards and always looked likely winners after that.

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**PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION 2  
SEASON 1997/98 FIXTURES**

	DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	Score
<b>AUG</b>	Mon 11	Lincoln City	H	1-2
	Wed 20	Rochdale	H	2-0
	Wed 27	Stockport County	H	4-1
<b>SEPT</b>	Wed 3	Sheffield United	A	2-0
	Wed 10	Wrexham	A	2-5
	Tues 16	Oldham Athletic(LCH)		5-1
	Tues 23	Rotherham United	H	1-4
<b>OCT</b>	Wed 1	Barnsley	A	1-1
	Wed 8	York City	A	1-1
	Tues 14	Blackpool	H	1-4
	Wed 22	Wrexham (LC)	A	0-3
<b>NOV</b>	Tues 11	Burnley	H	4-1
	Wed 26	Carlisle United	A	1-2
<b>DEC</b>	Wed 3	Burnley (LC)	H	1-4
	Wed 10	Rochdale	A	5-2
	Mon 15	Lincoln City	A	3-2
<b>FEB</b>	Wed 11	Stockport County	A	
	Tues 17	Barnsley	H	
	Wed 25	Shrewsbury Town	H	
<b>MAR</b>	Wed 4	Rotherham United	A	
	Tues 10	Carlisle United	H	
	Wed 18	Shrewsbury Town	A	
<b>APR</b>	Wed 8	Burnley	A	
	Tues 21	York City	H	
	Wed 29	Blackpool	A	
	TBA	Sheffield United	H	
	TBA	Wrexham	H	

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All home games are played at the Pulse Stadium at Valley Parade and kick off at 7.00pm unless stated.

**PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION 2  
AS AT 18TH JANUARY 1998**

DIVISION TWO:	PL	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Shrewsbury Town	12	8	3	1	24	12	27
Blackpool	14	8	3	3	29	22	27
Rotherham United	14	6	3	5	31	18	21
Burnley	11	6	2	3	24	13	20
York City	13	6	2	5	21	15	20
Bradford City	13	6	2	5	28	25	20
Barnsley	13	5	4	4	19	13	19
Sheffield United	14	6	1	7	29	29	19
Stockport County	13	5	3	5	20	22	18
Wrexham	12	4	1	7	21	22	13
Lincoln City	14	4	1	9	21	38	13
Carlisle United	13	3	2	8	13	31	11
Rochdale	12	2	3	7	11	31	9

**PONTIN'S  
LEAGUE**

# IN RESERVE



*Martin Hunter*



*Paul Jewell*

Our last game before Christmas was away at Lincoln City in the Pontin's League. This fixture is always difficult with the opposition being very direct and physical.

We again fielded a young side with only three senior professionals in the starting line up.

We started the game brightly and passed the ball extremely well and were unlucky not to score on three occasions.

Against the run play Lincoln scored from a long throw. However we quickly equalised from a well taken goal from Craig Ramage. This sent us in level at half time with the scored at 1-1.

The second half started with us in complete control. Our passing and support play was excellent and we scored our second goal early on from Robbie Blake. The Lincoln keeper then made four or five excellent saves to deny both Blake and Gareth Grant further goals.

We scored our third goal when Ian McLean netted after good approach work involving Grant and Blake. Lincoln pulled a goal back with ten minutes remaining and there were a few close calls late on in the game.

We deservedly won the game and were delighted with the performances of both the senior professionals and all the youngsters in the team. This will bode well for the future at the Club.

The Christmas and New Year holiday along with recent bad weather have meant a long lay-off for the Reserves and with this week's game against Wrexham at home snowed off, the Reserves will have gone eight weeks without a game.

**RESULT:**

Pontin's League Division 2

Lincoln City 2 Bradford City 3

Scorers: Blake, McLean, Ramage

Team: Prudhoe, Liburd, McLean, Ramage, Verity, Barley, Airdrie, Donaldson, Grant, Blake, Sepp.

Subs: Bolland, Stevenson, Nettleton.



# Focus on Youth



*Steve Smith*

December only saw us play two games, both in the Northern Intermediate League with our scheduled Times F A Youth Cup tie at Ipswich Town postponed due to a waterlogged pitch at Portman Road.

In the League game at home to Sheffield United we lost the services of Paul Bolland who was included in the First Team squad to travel to Nottingham Forest.



*Chris Hutchings*

The playing conditions at Apperley Bridge were very difficult due to a very strong wind blowing across the pitch. Playing with the wind in the first half we were able to create a few chances and Stewart Airdrie was unlucky having broken away only to see his attempts blocked on the line.

David Donaldson had a shot well saved and United themselves had a chance but Craig Bates in goal stood his ground and produced a good block from their striker's shot.

We scored what turned out to be the only goal of the game after twenty five minutes when Ian McLean went on a good run down the left flank and crossed to the far post for Gareth Grant to head home.

Moments later an identical effort saw Andrew Patterson head home but he was harshly adjudged to have fouled a defender.

In the second half against the wind Sheffield United started to put us under some pressure but we defended well and continued with a gritty performance which in view of the conditions we just about deserved to win.

The following week we had Bolland back but were without Andrew Patterson and Damien Lee due to injuries when we travelled to Sunderland. David Donaldson was drafted into the striker's role alongside Gareth Grant to form a new partnership.

In the first period we struggled to get going with several players not finishing the final touch. It was not until five minutes before the interval that we got the breakthrough when Donaldson picked the ball up outside the box and unleashed a terrific shot which flew into the top corner. Stewart Airdrie made it two right on the stroke of half time.

In the second period we started to look a lot more livelier and saw a couple of attempts go wide which could have put us three up and we were disappointed when Sunderland pulled a goal back on the hour heading past Bates.

We replied fairly quickly when Grant made up for earlier misses when he set up Donaldson to side foot the ball home to make the score 3-1. With quarter of an hour remaining Airdrie volleyed home to make it four and we wrapped things up right on time when Donaldson completed his hat-trick.

This was a much better performance and a well deserved victory.

**Result:**

Northern Intermediate League - Bradford City 1 Sheffield United 0

**Scorer:** Grant

**Team:** Bates, Nettleton, Stevenson, Donaldson, Verity, Bower, Patterson, Hamilton, Lee, Grant, McLean.

**Subs:** Barley, Airdrie, Smith.

Northern Intermediate League - Sunderland 1 Bradford City 5

**Scorers:** Donaldson (3), Airdrie, Grant

**Team:** Bates, Nettleton, Stevenson, Bolland, Verity, Bower, Airdrie, Hamilton, Grant, Donaldson, McLean.

**Subs:** Barley, Meehan, Smith

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE SEASON 1997/98 FIXTURES				
	DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	Score
<b>AUG</b>	Sat 9	Darlington	A	4-2
	Sat 16	Hartlepool United	A	1-6
	Sat 23	Hull City	A	2-0
	Sat 30	Middlesbrough	H	0-1
<b>SEP</b>	Fri 5	Rotherham Utd (LCI)	H	3-1
	Sat 13	Rotherham United	A	4-2
	Sat 20	Scunthorpe United	H	6-0
	Sat 27	Sheffield Wednesday	A	5-0
<b>OCT</b>	Sat 4	York City	H	3-2
	Sat 11	Doncaster Rovers (LC2)	A	3-1
	Fri 17	Barnsley	A	4-1
	Sat 25	Chesterfield	H	0-0
<b>NOV</b>	Sat 1	Doncaster Rovers	A	0-3
	Wed 5	Nuneaton B.(FAYC 1)	H	9-0
	Fri 14	Leeds United	A	4-0
	Tue 25	Scarborough(FAYC 2)H		2-1
<b>DEC</b>	Sat 29	Scarborough	A	3-0
	Dec 6	Sheffield United	H	1-0
	Sat 13	Sunderland	A	5-1
	<b>JAN</b>	Sat 10	Newcastle Utd (LC5F)	H
Wed 14		Ipswich Town (FAYC 3)	A	1-2
Sat 24		Middlesbrough	A	
Wed 28		Hartlepool United	H	
<b>FEB</b>	Sat 31	Rotherham United	H	
	Sat 7	Scunthorpe United	A	
	Sat 14	Sheffield Wed	H	
	Sat 21	York City	A	
<b>MAR</b>	Sat 28	Barnsley	H	
	Sat 7	Chesterfield	A	
	Wed 11	Darlington	H	
	Sat 14	Doncaster R	H	
<b>APR</b>	Sat 21	Huddersfield Town	A	
	Sat 28	Leeds United	H	
	Sat 11	Scarborough	H	
	Sat 18	Sheffield United	A	
<b>MAY</b>	Sat 2	Newcastle United	A	
	TBA	Huddersfield Town	H	
	TBA	Newcastle United	H	
	TBA	Sunderland	H	
TBA	Hull City	H		

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NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE 1997/8 up to and including 17th January 1998									
	PL	W	D	L	F	A	P	T	S
Newcastle United	15	12	1	2	47	18	37		
Middlesbrough	18	10	5	3	29	17	35		
Bradford City	15	11	1	3	42	18	34		
Sheffield United	19	11	1	7	44	30	34		
Sheffield Wednesday	17	10	3	4	29	25	33		
Leeds United	18	9	2	7	35	26	29		
York City	19	7	4	8	27	27	25		
Scarborough	18	6	7	5	24	30	25		
Doncaster Rovers	16	6	4	6	29	34	22		
Sunderland	17	5	6	6	23	32	21		
Hull City	14	5	4	5	23	16	19		
Hartlepool United	16	6	1	9	23	23	19		
Scunthorpe United	19	5	4	10	26	42	19		
Huddersfield Town	18	3	9	6	23	27	18		
Barnsley	18	5	3	10	24	38	18		
Rotherham United	17	4	5	8	28	31	17		
Chesterfield	14	3	4	7	16	28	13		
Darlington	20	2	4	14	36	66	10		



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# James Hunter

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I wrote earlier in the season about how precarious football management is and recent events at Valley Parade have proved that.

The Club said that it felt that Chris Kamara had done all he could for Bradford City and that it was time for a change.

Chris is a good Manager and I am sure that he will have little difficulty in finding another Club but Geoffrey Richmond has set out his stall for Bradford City now - and I think that this should send out a positive message to the fans.

By sacking Chris when City stood in 11th place, the Chairman has demonstrated that in his opinion a midtable position in Division 1 is not good enough and he is prepared to bring in a new boss to make a sustained push for Premier League status.

Whoever the new Manager might be he will have quite a hard act to follow. Chris achieved promotion in his first season in charge at Valley Parade after taking over when City were in 13th place in Division 2.

I don't think anyone can seriously expect the new man to have quite such a dramatic impact, although of course it would be wonderful if he did, but the brave decision to dismiss a Manager who had achieved so much in a relatively short space of time shows that the Club is not prepared to tread water.

Further from home, referee Stephen Dunn reopened an interesting debate this month when he blew the whistle for full-time a split-second before Wimbledon defender Marcus Gayle's header crossed the line.

The goal - which would have sunk Wrexham in the FA Cup 3rd round was not given and the game went to a replay in which you might argue justice was done when the Dons won 3-2.

The last time this controversy occurred was when the now retired referee Clive Thomas blew for full-time in an almost identical incident in the 1978 World Cup match between Sweden and Argentina, an incident which long since passed into football folklore.

Perhaps FIFA should introduce a ruling that the ball must be out of play before the whistle is blown.

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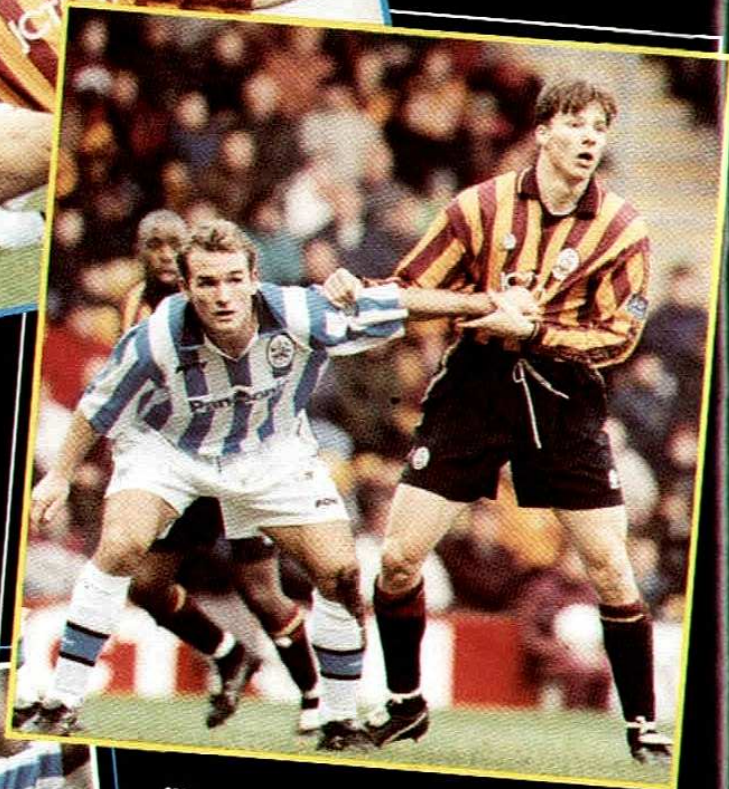
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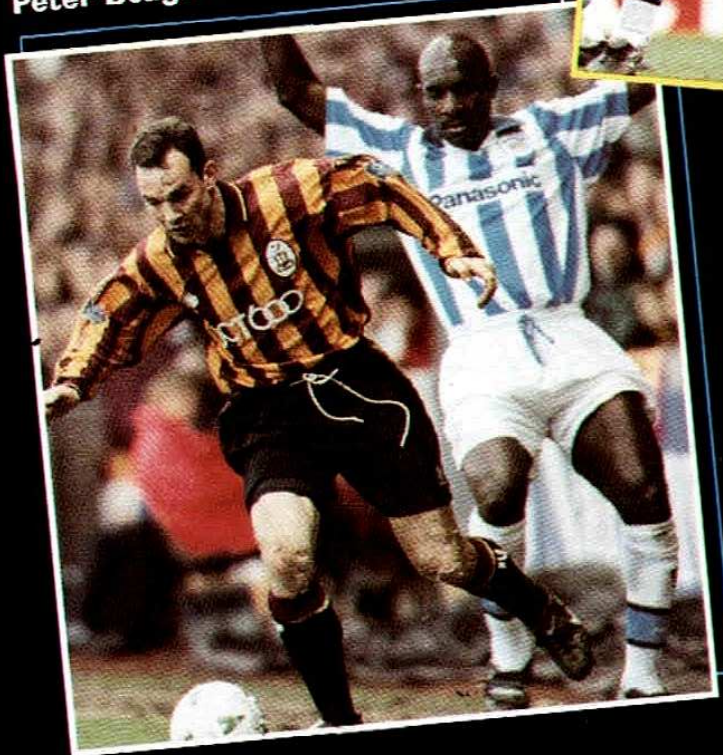
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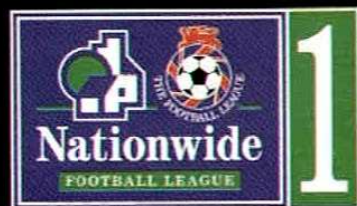
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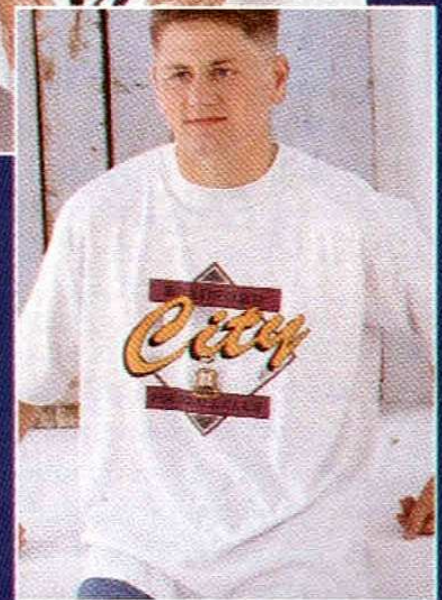
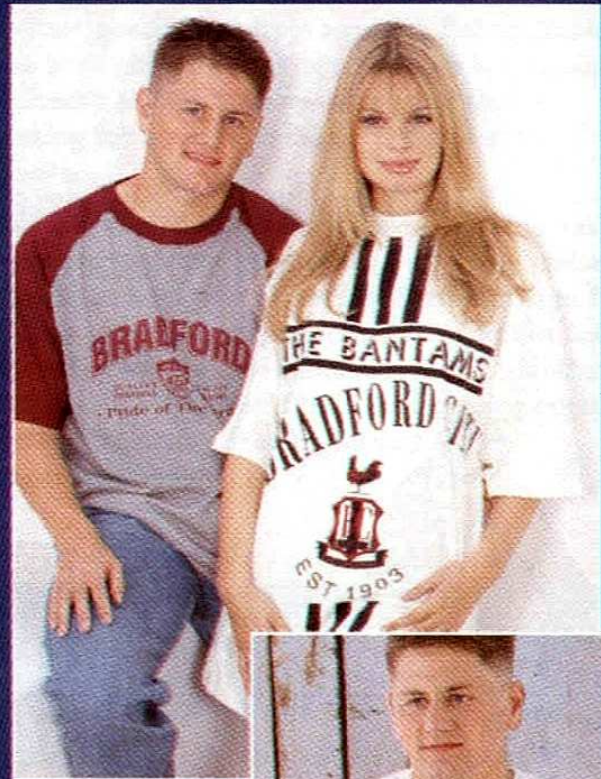


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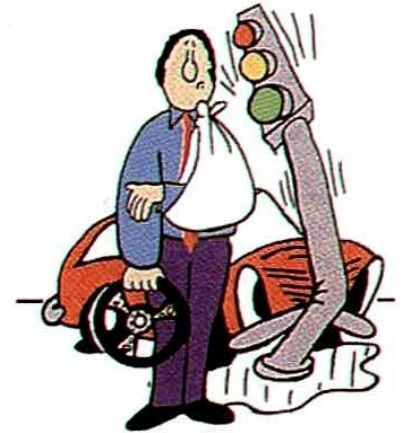
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Whilst the treatment room is fairly quiet at the moment due to the return to training of one or two long term injuries and being fortunate not to pick up any fresh problems over the last two or three matches. We were hoping that Darren Moore and Craig Ramage would have played in the Reserves on Monday, but the snow but paid to that.

Darren has unfortunately been troubled with hamstring tendonitis for the last month and obviously he has been missed for First Team selection.

Craig has had trouble with a knee injury since the Sunderland game on Boxing Day and due to the fact that he had a cruciate reconstruction similar to Paul Gascoigne and Alan Shearer this can make

his recovery time a little slower than usual.

Unfortunately John Dreyer is taking some time to recover from a foot injury and is still some three to four weeks away from a return. Robert Zabica has been given permission to step up his training following his cartilage operation and also is looking for a return in the next two to three weeks.

As I am sure you are aware Gordon Watson has returned back to light training this month and now starts the hard task of getting fit to return to full training. Gordon met specialist Steve Bollen last Thursday and can add some non contact football training to his general fitness and running regime which is obviously showing Gordon some encouragement.



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# Statistics 19

## FIRST TEAM PLAYER APPEARANCES 97/98

PLAYER NAME:	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	A	G	A	G	A	G
Peter Beagrie	22(2)	0	3	0	25(2)	0
Robbie Blake	3(10)	3	1(2)	0	4(12)	3
Paul Bolland	0(2)	0	0	0	0(2)	0
Lawrence Davies	0	0	0	0	0	0
David Donaldson	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Dreyer	15(2)	0	2	0	17(2)	0
Edinho	21(3)	6	2	1	23(3)	7
Wayne Jacobs	18	1	3	0	21	1
George Kulsar	14(3)	1	0	0	14(3)	1
Jamie Lawrence	20(5)	1	3	0	23(5)	1
John McGinlay	10(2)	3	0(1)	0	10(3)	3
Ian McLean	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craig Midgley	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
Darren Moore	14	0	0	0	14	0
Shaun Murray	22(4)	0	3	0	25(4)	0
Andrew O'Brien	6(2)	0	1	0	7(2)	0
John O'Kane	7	0	0	0	7	0
Nigel Pepper	17(1)	3	3	0	20(1)	3
Mark Prudhoe	5	0	1	0	6	0
Craig Ramage	9(5)	0	0(1)	0	9(6)	0
Dennis Sepp	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bryan Small	5	0	0	0	5	0
Robert Steiner	19(4)	7	3	1	22(4)	8
Ole Bjorn Sundgot	0(6)	0	0(1)	0	0(7)	0
Gary Walsh	19	0	1	0	20	0
Gordon Watson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Wilder	19(4)	0	3	0	22(4)	0
Eddie Youds	27	0	3	0	30	0
Robert Zabica	3	0	1	0	4	0

## NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE AS AT 19 JANUARY 1998

DIVISION ONE:	PL	HOME					AWAY					PTS
		W	D	L	A	W	D	L	A			
Nottingham Forest	27	11	2	1	32	13	5	4	4	13	12	54
Middlesbrough	27	8	3	2	24	9	7	4	3	20	15	52
Charlton Athletic	27	10	2	1	29	13	5	3	6	22	22	50
Sunderland	26	7	4	2	23	10	7	3	3	20	14	49
Sheffield United	27	10	3	0	26	10	3	7	4	17	19	49
Wolverhampton Wvs	27	9	4	0	27	11	4	2	8	10	16	45
West Bromwich Albion	27	8	2	4	14	10	4	4	5	13	15	42
Stockport County	27	8	4	1	28	13	4	1	9	17	24	41
Birmingham City	27	5	5	3	12	7	5	5	4	20	12	40
Swindon Town	27	8	3	3	23	14	3	2	8	9	26	38
Bradford City	27	6	5	2	14	12	3	5	6	12	16	37
Norwich City	27	6	4	4	14	17	4	2	7	13	22	36
Queens Park Rangers	27	6	6	2	16	11	2	3	8	14	29	33
Reading	27	5	4	5	19	20	3	5	5	8	18	33
Ipswich Town	26	4	4	4	13	12	3	7	4	17	15	32
Stoke City	27	5	3	5	17	22	3	5	6	12	19	32
Crewe Alexandra	27	4	2	8	15	23	5	2	6	16	17	31
Port Vale	27	5	4	5	16	14	3	1	9	13	24	29
Huddersfield Town	27	4	3	6	16	17	3	4	7	14	23	28
Oxford United	27	5	4	4	17	14	2	2	10	15	28	27
Manchester City	27	4	3	7	18	15	3	3	7	13	17	27
Tranmere Rovers	26	5	4	4	18	14	1	4	8	10	20	26
Bury	27	3	7	4	12	14	1	6	6	12	21	25
Portsmouth	26	5	2	7	20	25	1	3	8	10	19	23

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 All Home Saturday Fixtures Kick Off at 3pm  
 Home Sunday & Bank Holiday Fixtures Kick Off as advertised  
 Home Midweek Fixtures Kick Off at 7.45pm

Date	OPPONENTS	H/A	Score	Att.	Lge Pos	11	12
<b>AUG</b> Sat 09	Stockport County	H	2-1	14312	8	Prudhoe	Wilder
Tue 12	Huddersfield Town (CCC 1-1)	A	1-2	8720		Prudhoe	Wilder
Fri 15	Stoke City	H	0-0	13823	7	Prudhoe	Wilder
Sat 23	Ipswich Town	H	2-1*	13913	4	Prudhoe	Wilder
Tue 26	Huddersfield Town (CCC 1-2)	H	1-1	8065		Zabica	Wilder
Sat 30	Reading	A	3-0	7163	2	Zabica	Wilder
<b>SEP</b> Tue 02	Huddersfield Town	A	2-1	13159	1	Zabica	Wilder
Fri 05	Sunderland	H	0-4	16484	3	Zabica	Wilder
Sat 13	Middlesbrough	H	2-2	17767	1	Prudhoe	Wilder
Sun 21	Charlton Athletic	A	1-4	11583	4	Prudhoe	Wilder
Sat 27	Oxford United	A	0-0	6468	4	Walsh	Wilder
<b>OCT</b> Sat 04	Wolverhampton W	H	2-0	15236	2	Walsh	Wilder
Sat 18	Port Vale	A	0-0	7748	5	Walsh	Dreyer
Tue 21	Portsmouth	A	1-1	6827	6	Walsh	Wilder
Sat 25	Crewe Alexandra	H	1-0	15333	4	Walsh	Wilder
<b>NOV</b> Sat 01	West Bromwich Albion	H	0-0	16212	7	Walsh	O'Kane
Tue 04	Birmingham City	A	0-0	14522	7	Walsh	O'Kane
Sat 08	Swindon Town	A	0-1	10029	10	Walsh	O'Kane
Sat 15	Tranmere Rovers	H	0-1	16494	12	Walsh	Wilder
Tue 18	Sheffield United	H	1-1	16127	11	Walsh	Wilder
Sat 22	Manchester City	A	0-1	29746	13	Walsh	Dreyer
Sat 29	Norwich City	H	2-1	16637	10	Walsh	Dreyer
<b>DEC</b> Sat 06	Nottingham Forest	A	2-2	17943	10	Walsh	Dreyer
Sat 13	Bury	H	1-0	15812	10	Walsh	Wilder
Sun 21	Queens Park Rangers	A	0-1	8853	10	Walsh	Wilder
Fri 26	Sunderland	A	0-2	40055	10	Walsh	Ramage
Sun 28	Huddersfield Town	H	1-1	17842	11	Walsh	Wilder
<b>JAN</b> Sat 03	Manchester City (FAC 3)	A	0-2	23686		Walsh	Wilder
Sat 10	Stockport County	A	2-1	8460	11	Prudhoe	Wilder
Fri 16	Stoke City	A	1-2	10459	11	Walsh	Wilder
Sat 24	Swindon Town	H					
Tue 27	Reading	H					
Sat 31	Ipswich Town	A					
<b>FEB</b> Sat 07	Charlton Athletic	H					
Sat 14	Middlesbrough	A					
Wed 18	Wolverhampton W.	A					
Sat 21	Oxford United	H					
Tue 24	Port Vale	H					
Sat 28	Sheffield United	A					
<b>MAR</b> Sat 07	West Bromwich Albion	A					
Sat 14	Birmingham City	H					
Sat 21	Tranmere Rovers	A					
Sat 28	Manchester City	H					
<b>APR</b> Sat 04	Norwich City	A					
Sat 11	Nottingham Forest	H					
Mon 13	Bury	A					
Sat 18	Queens Park Rangers	H					
Sat 25	Crewe Alexandra	A					
<b>MAY</b> Sun 03	Portsmouth	H					



# 97-98

**Next Game at The Pulse Stadium at Valley Parade**  
**NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1**  
 versus **READING**  
 Tuesday 27th January 1998 - Kick Off: 7.45pm.

13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14
Jacobs	Kulcsar	Youds	Dreyer	Lawrence	Pepper	Blake	<b>Edinho 1</b>	Murray	<b>Steiner +1</b>	Sundgot	Beagrie +
Jacobs	Beagrie	Youds	Dreyer	Lawrence	Pepper	<b>Steiner 1</b>	Edinho	Murray	Blake +	O'Brien	Ramage
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Jacobs	Beagrie	Youds	Dreyer	<b>Lawrence 1</b>	<b>Pepper 2</b>	Steiner	Edinho	Murray	Blake +	Kulcsar +	Ramage +
Jacobs	Beagrie	Youds	Dreyer	Lawrence	Pepper	Steiner	<b>Edinho 1</b>	Murray	<b>Blake +1</b>	Kulcsar +	Ramage +
Jacobs	Beagrie	Youds	Dreyer	Lawrence	Pepper	Steiner	Edinho	Murray	Blake +	Kulcsar +	Ramage +
Jacobs	Beagrie	Youds	Dreyer	Lawrence	Ramage	<b>Steiner 1</b>	<b>Edinho 1</b>	Murray	Blake	Sundgot	Pepper
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Jacobs	Beagrie	Youds	Moore	Kulcsar	Ramage	Steiner	Edinho	Murray	O'Brien	Sundgot +	Dreyer +
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O'Kane	Kulcsar	Youds	Moore	Lawrence	McGinlay	Pepper	Edinho	Beagrie	Steiner +	O'Brien +	Murray +
O'Kane	Kulcsar	Youds	Moore	Lawrence	Pepper	<b>Steiner 2</b>	McGinlay	Murray	Blake	O'Brien	Beagrie
O'Brien	Kulcsar	Youds	Moore	Lawrence	<b>Pepper 1</b>	<b>Steiner 1</b>	McGinlay	Murray	Edinho +	Wilder +	Beagrie +
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Jacobs	Murray	Youds	O'Brien	Lawrence	Pepper	Steiner	Blake	Beagrie	McGinlay +	Prudhoe	Midgley +
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