

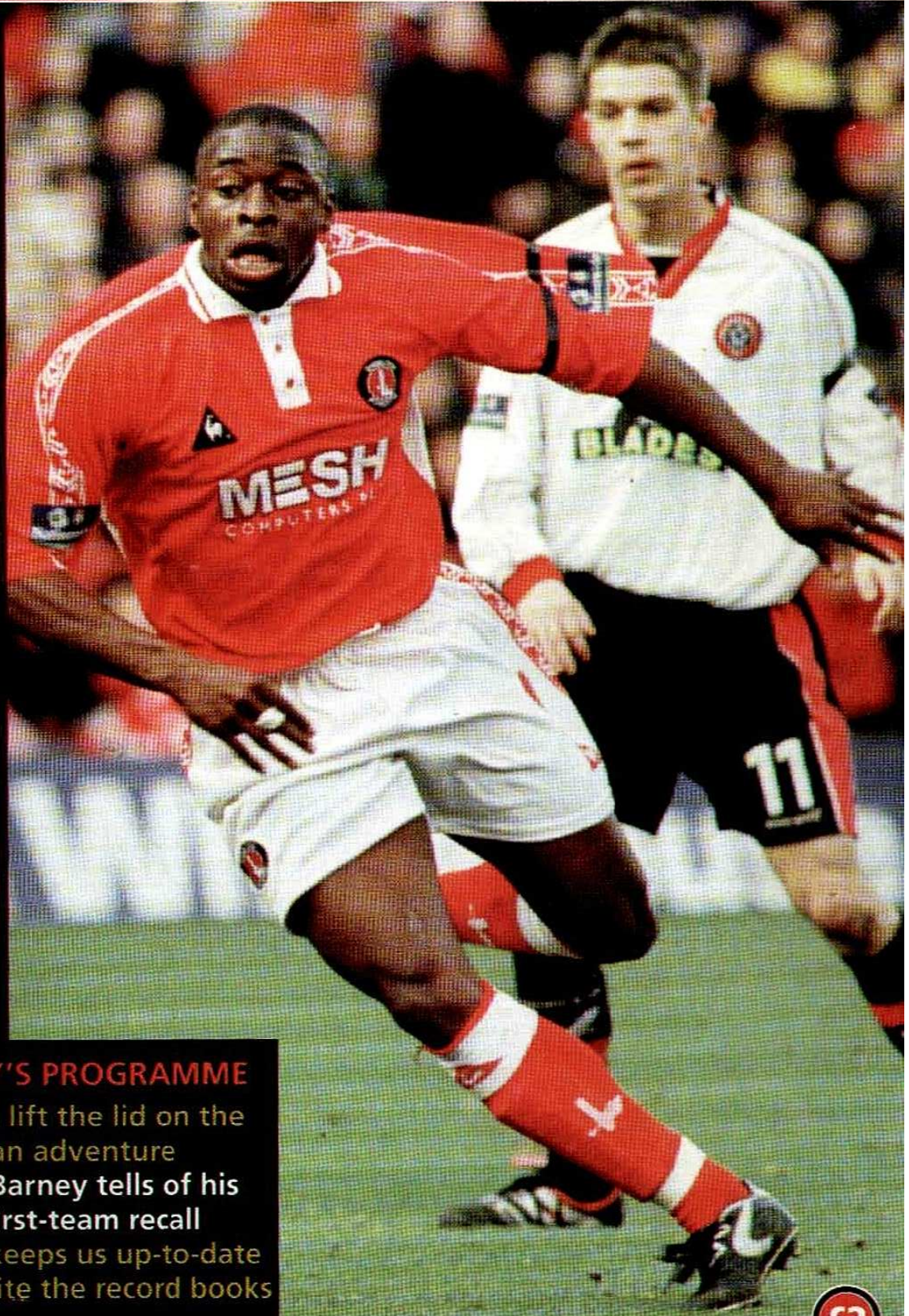
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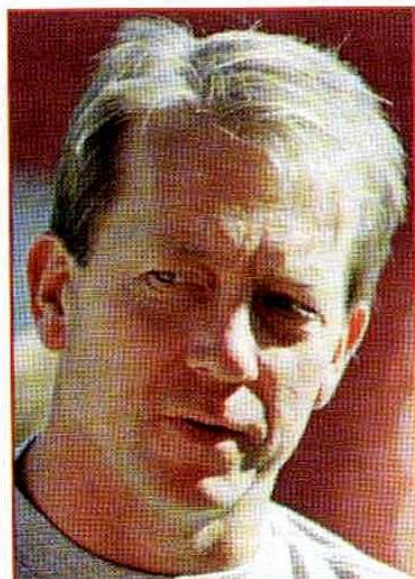


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ALAN CURBISHLEY

"We came off to hear that our nearest rivals hadn't picked up three points, so it made the journey home very enjoyable"



Today we welcome Jimmy Quinn and his Swindon side to The Valley.

The opposition come here needing the points as much as we do and on the back of a decent result in midweek, just as we have had a few results ourselves. So I'm sure we are in for a fiercely contested game.

Swindon have shown already in our two previous meetings this season that we've got a game on our hands. We are under no illusions about that and the players realise the importance of approaching the match with the right attitude.

Let's hope it is a decent game, but we pick up the points.

We've been on the road for the last two League games and have picked up two fantastic wins.

Going back to the home game against Sheffield United, it panned out as I thought it would, as a very tough and physical encounter.

United had shown championship form before coming to our ground and we knew that we had to match them in every department before we would be allowed to play.

John Robinson's goal was enough to secure the three points and I was

pleased it was John who finished it after he had been so disappointed up at Bolton in the Cup. It was also good to keep a clean sheet, as that will always give you a chance, and great credit goes to all those involved in our defensive display.

We then went up to Bolton again, with a little bit more knowledge about the Reebok pitch and the team we were playing against, because of the game two weeks earlier.

We started up there as we needed to and managed to give ourselves a chance. It was a very even game, a bit like the Sheffield one.

Sometimes during the season, especially in the run-in, games will be fiercely contested and quite even.

Dean Kiely made a great save from a deflection and within minutes we were up the other end and had scored through Martin Pringle.

I was especially pleased with Martin. It was a great run and a cool finish and something that he deserved and needed, as he has not been able to train properly for some weeks due to a niggling injury. But whenever he is called upon he is prepared to play for the cause.

Andy Hunt then rounded off a very similar situation off with a fine strike and two goals in a minute had finished the game. We came off to the news that our nearest rivals hadn't picked up three points, as in most previous weeks, so it made the journey home very enjoyable.

As soon as we got back to London we were preparing for the Walsall trip, which we knew would

be a difficult game and one that would require all the qualities we have shown this season if we were to get anything from it.

It was another long journey and overnight stay, but we prepared well and really dug deep after conceding a penalty early on.

We made hard work of it, but eventually came out 4-2 winners. I was absolutely delighted with this, because I was aware what a tricky game it could have been. But to once again hear that the results had gone for us was a big bonus.

John Robinson, who was doubtful before the game, produced two quality crosses for Andy Hunt to finish off and it was also nice to see Mark Kinsella weigh in with a couple of goals. I hope this pushes him on to pull out a few more before the season ends.

We had great support up at Walsall and I'd like to thank everyone who went up there. I'm sure the fans' journey home was enjoyable, too.

Today's game, as I said earlier, is going to be a tough one, so let's not approach it with any apprehension.

We need you to turn the noise up before and during the game and let Swindon know they are away from home.

You can play a major part in the run-in. So if you see any one of the boys need a lift, then give him one by singing his name.

Let's hope that we can all enjoy our Saturday evening because we have picked up three points and hopefully made another step towards the finishing line.



Addicks Update

The inside story of events at The Valley

New tribute to Jimmy Seed

A bust of Jimmy Seed, the Addicks' most successful manager ever, was due to be unveiled at The Valley at lunchtime today.

James Dutton, the grandson of Jimmy, has presented the club with the bronze bust of the former Charlton hero. It is on permanent loan and will be placed in a prominent position in the main reception area of the west stand.

The small unveiling ceremony included members of the 23-year boss's family from both sides of the Atlantic.

Gladys Dutton, Jimmy's daughter, was set to attend and Joe Seed, his mother and three other members of the American side of the family, have flown over from Illinois.

Joe is the grandson of Jimmy's brother Antony, who headed up Charlton's scouting system.

Forest talks

Negotiations are continuing behind the scenes about arrangements for our forthcoming trip to Nottingham Forest.

As exclusively revealed in the last issue of the Valley Review, the board has once again agreed to provide free coach travel to the away game, on April 8th.

Talks currently centre on the match tickets and chief executive Peter Varney is keen to hear from anyone who wishes to help sponsor these.

We will make a further announcement shortly, but in

fairness to those who rely on the programme as their main source of information about the club, we will ensure it does not take effect until after the next home game, against Grimsby on Wednesday week.

Bargain buy

As part of a major stock clearance, the Valley Superstore will have some fantastic bargains on offer over the next fortnight.

A special sale starts on Monday and runs until Friday, March 25th, with up to 25 per cent off selected items, including the first-team kit.

For this period only, the Superstore will open late until 8pm from Monday to Friday and on Sunday, March 19th, from noon-4pm, as well as the usual 10am-4pm on Saturday, March 18th, and until 10pm on the evening of the Grimsby match.

Eddie on the mend

Defender Eddie Youds has now had the plaster cast on his leg removed following surgery on the knee injury that he picked up at Huddersfield over the Christmas period.

He has now started on his lengthy rehabilitation programme.

Striker Clive Mendonca continues to make steady, if unspectacular, progress from his hamstring injury, while Mark McCammon has been recovering from an ankle injury sustained while on loan to Swindon.

Keith off list

Midfielder Keith Jones has come off the transfer list at his request.

Like Youds, the 34-year-old has been out of action due to injury since the game at Huddersfield.

With his contract expiring at the end of the season, Keith wants to stay at The Valley and has said he will fight for a first-team place and a new deal.

"I never wanted to leave in the first place," he said.

"But it was really frustrating not to get many games last year."

Chris gets a call

Defender Chris Powell has turned down a request to play for the Cayman Islands, who have a series of World Cup qualifying matches



Striker Andy Hunt receives his Nationwide Player of the Month award for January before the last home match



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coming up. Their FA have approached many British-based players over the past weeks, because their colony status means rules about qualification are more relaxed.

Chris said: "I have been there and it is a beautiful place, but Jamaica is my first love in that part of the world. It is not on my agenda at the moment as it would mean missing five or six Charlton games and I don't think that is something Curbs would be pleased about."

Youngsters staying

Three of Charlton's academy players have been offered one-year extensions to their scholarships.

They are Jason Brown, David Collis and Simon Ford.

However, academy director Mick Browne has released Ryan Pacey, Paul McCarthy, Joe Tambue and Chris Piper. All have played for the Addicks' U19 team this season.

Reserves triumph

The reserves briefly returned to the top of the FA Premier Reserve League on Monday night, displacing Southampton with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Leicester City at Filbert Street. However, Spurs beat Chelsea the following night to push the Addicks back down to second.

Tottenham currently have 36 points from 19 games, while Charlton and Derby both have 35

from 18, with the Addicks ahead of the Rams on goal difference.

The Saints are now fourth with a total of 33 points from the 19 matches they have played.

More parking

From today, supporters can make use of car-parking space at the Westminster Industrial Estate in Warspite Road on matchdays.

The site is located just behind the Million Hare pub and there is a walkway through to Woolwich Road, from where it is about a seven-minute walk to The Valley.

There will be stewards, supplied by the industrial estate, patrolling the car park during the match.

The price is fixed at £5 per vehicle, which is payable at the gate on entry.

The car park is open from noon-7pm on Saturdays and from 6-11pm for evening matches, with the capacity to take between 400 and 500 cars.

No change

Police have declined Sky TV's request to move our last home game of the season, against Ipswich Town, to Sunday April 30th, because they are already fully committed in the capital that day.

The match therefore goes ahead as originally scheduled, on Saturday, April 29th, at 3pm.

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Addicks Update

Rufus banned

Central defender Richard Rufus will miss next Sunday's game at Manchester City through suspension after picking up his tenth caution of the campaign at Bolton last week.

Five cautions no longer carry a ban at this stage of the season and ten will cease to do so on April 9th.

Committed Curbs

Alan Curbishley, along with Rochdale's Steve Parkin, has been voted on to the League Managers' Association committee.

Curbs said: "It is always an honour when you are invited to serve your fellow professionals. When you see the unstinting work people like Howard Wilkinson and David Pleat have given to the LMA, then it is a great example to follow.

"The organisation is looking to progress and have a stronger voice in the game and I feel privileged to be asked to take such an important part in the development."

LMA chief executive John Barnwell added: "They represent the younger end of the management spectrum and that not only gives the committee a new input, it will also give it greater continuity."

Academy play-offs

The academy's U17s have finished their regular season and now progress to the play-offs.

They will be up against either Reading or Millwall on March 18th. This game will be played away and they must get through three rounds to reach the two-leg final.

The U19s still have one league game to play, away to Crystal Palace. It was postponed last week and has been rearranged for this Monday, kicking off at 2pm at the National Sports Centre. They will start in the second round of their play-offs, away to Leicester or Coventry, on March 25th.

Stand evacuation

We would like to remind supporters in the west stand that it must be

cleared straight after the final whistle at today's game. The evacuation has to be completed as part of the stand's safety certificate and spectators who have lounge facilities will be able to access them via main reception once the drill has been completed.

We recognise the inconvenience that will be caused and, of course, apologise. But we are sure that everyone will understand the importance of the exercise.

Marathon runners

Plenty of Addicks are gearing themselves up for running in the London Marathon next month.

Among them will be Stephen Wickenden from Bromley, who is a season-ticket holder and Valley Gold member. Stephen starts his marathon season in Bungay on April 9th and intends to run in 13 this year.

He will be collecting for the special care baby unit at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup.

You can sponsor Stephen by calling him on 020-8466 9687.

Keith Darts off

Assistant manager Keith Peacock has signed up with Dartford FC for one night only. He is making a guest appearance at an evening of football chat and comedy, along with Gillingham manager Peter Taylor and former Addick Garry Nelson, the PFA's commercial executive.

It is being held at the Brands Hatch Thistle Hotel on Saturday, April 2nd, to mark our neighbours' impending return to the borough of Dartford, with the building of a new stadium at Stone Lodge. A table for ten costs £400 and more details are available from event organiser Gary Allen on 01322 402164.

Time to collect

Programmes Northwest holds its third annual fair at Highbury on Sunday, March 12th. It is being staged in the Observatory Suite and runs from 11am-2pm and admission is £1 for adults, under 16s free. Most League clubs will be covered and there will also be plenty of memorabilia for sale at the event.

The next Charlton programme fair is being held at The Valley on Sunday, April 16th and will run from 11am-2.30pm.



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Peter Varney

The Addicks chief executive writes ...

Reaching for Sky is not for money

As most of you will be aware, this is our penultimate Saturday home fixture. Three of our remaining five home matches – excluding the Grimsby and Ipswich fixtures – have been moved for live transmission on Sky television.

A number of supporters have written to me protesting on religious grounds about the switching of the Portsmouth game from Easter Saturday to Good Friday.

Agreeing to the change does give the team an extra day's rest before the Easter Monday match at Blackburn and this was the primary reason behind our decision to agree to the new date – not the television fee, as some people have suggested.

I am still looking to speak to companies or individuals who are interested in sponsoring the cost of match tickets for our away game at Nottingham Forest on April 8th.

If you are interested I do need to speak to you this week, so please call me at the club.

As you will be aware, the board of directors has once again agreed, to meet the cost of coach travel to the match, something that we have done in each of the last two seasons.

I would like to welcome the directors, players and officials of Swindon Town to The Valley today.

Swindon are facing a very

difficult financial situation and the very future of the Robins is in doubt. I know the current directors are doing everything they can to resolve the problems, but they will need the full support of the people of Wiltshire. I sincerely hope they overcome their difficulties.

Over the past two weeks academy director Mick Browne and I – together with Drivers Jonas, our project management team – have been working hard on our plans to

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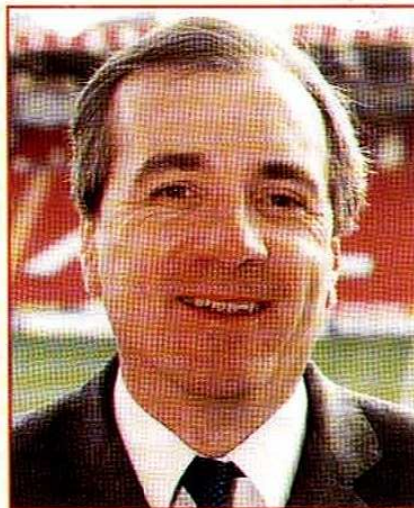
further develop the Sparrows Lane training complex to incorporate an indoor sports hall.

This is a requirement laid down by the FA with which we must comply if we are to obtain our full licence.

Around eight clubs have already complied and this is expected to rise to 15 in the next three months.

It is clear to me the sports hall must be built if we are to maintain our academy status, which is so vital to the future development of our young players.

Last week we sent four academy teams of various levels to play at Chelsea's complex at Cobham and all four won, which is a measure of the progress that Mick and his team have made in the past year.



There is no doubt we have some exciting players coming through in all age groups.

And with our link to Internazionale, the continued progress of the club on and off the pitch and our record of giving young players an opportunity to progress through to the first team, we can now offer a very attractive package to parents and boys alike.

The first team have done quite brilliantly to extend the winning sequence to 12 League games and such a run is a great credit to Alan, Keith, Mervyn and all the players.

It is absolutely vital that you, the supporters, do not become a little

complacent and drop the noise level, particularly here at The Valley.

No game in this division is easy and if things are not going our way it is at this time, more than ever, that we need you to get right behind the team, because it does make a vital difference.

Finally, I would like to make a personal plea. We have the opportunity to take 8,000 supporters to Selhurst Park on March 25th for the local derby against Crystal Palace.

It would be a tremendous boost to the team to take such huge support and this would turn the game into something of a home match. However, it is important that you get your tickets early or the allocation may be reduced.



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back – Barnes gets his chance

TERRY CORDWELL meets the right back whose patience has finally been rewarded with a return to the first team

Just weeks after Charlton full-back Anthony Barnes came to a mutual agreement with manager Alan Curbishley to go on the transfer list, his two-year wait to be in the starting 11 ironically arrived.

Barney's contract expires at the end of the season. But having filled in for knee-injury victim Greg Shields since the Addicks' clash with Stockport County on February 5th,

the defender admits his run in the team has given his situation a new complexion.

"Obviously, now that I'm back in the side things are a bit different," he said. "As fortune had it, I got my chance shortly after going on the transfer list, which wasn't the best piece of timing. But now I'm in I have to stay there as long as possible.

"Greg was playing well before his injury, so I know that it's going to be

tough to keep my place. And now that we are looking strong favourites to go up, Curbs will also be looking to buy people."

Although Barney's position in the team is far from secure, he revealed that at one stage it seemed as though the opportunity to restake his claim would not come at all.

"When I spoke to Curbs about my situation he told me he was pleased with the way I was training and that if the gap was there for me he'd stick me in.

"I have to say that at the time I couldn't see myself getting that chance, because it had been so long since I was last playing regularly.

"I knew my contract was up at the end of the season, so I started to think that if everything stayed as it was with me only a substitute or reserve player, I would have to start thinking about looking elsewhere.

"There was a stage when I was scoring a few good goals for the reserves and putting in some good performances and I still wasn't getting the chance.

"It plays on your mind that maybe the manager has lost faith in you or he doesn't rate the way you've been playing. The best thing you can do is to try not to dwell on it and keep doing your best."

"I'm not saying that just because I'm playing now everything is fine, but as a professional you have to do your best when you're called upon and that's what I'm trying to do."

Incredibly, the 27-year-old former Chelsea man had not been named in Charlton's first 11 since May 13th of the 1997/98 promotion year and, understandably, he was not the calmest cove in the Edgeley Park dressing room just over a month ago.

"It was very nerve-racking," admitted Anthony, a Lewisham-born player now based in Bromley.

"The fact that the team was playing well and on a good run meant that it wasn't as difficult as it might have been. But the other side to that coin is that I didn't want to be the player responsible for the run coming to an end.

"If we'd have lost that game, fingers would have half-pointed at me because I was the only change. We took a bit of a battering in the first half but came through strongly,



Right back in contention: Anthony Barnes

which was a relief."

Facing four top-ten teams in five comeback games, as well as an FA Cup quarter-final, wasn't the easiest of times for Barny to come back into the fray after 21 months in the wilderness.

He said: "It was big game after big game.

"There would have been less pressure on me if I'd come back into it when we were playing teams in the bottom half of the table, but the good part about playing top sides is the amount of defending you have to do.

"If I'm going to get my place back I have to show that I can do it against the stronger sides, so in that respect the difficult run was quite timely.

"It is also a massive confidence boost if you can do well against such teams. Having been out for so long, the games have been such baptisms of fire that it forces you to rediscover your sharpness more quickly.

"If I had to play against sides where we weren't really pushed to the limit, I think I'd have found it more difficult to get back my playing rhythm and adjust to the pace."

Adjust he did, but he admits that his lay-off from top-line football had its effects: "I did feel like I'd been out for a long while. I've been on the bench and come on as sub a few times over the last year, but it's nothing like starting.

"When you're out there warming up, it's the general pre-match preparations that you find quite hard. The natural focus that comes from playing regularly was quite difficult to find and at this level you have to be switched on from the first whistle. It's always in the back of your head that you've haven't been in this position for a while and you're always wary of how your body is going to react.

"My main priority was to defend well, because the team had been keeping quite a few clean sheets. I



Sitting it out: Barness gets the ball clear during the 2-0 away win against Bolton

wanted to settle myself in defensively first and anything I managed to achieve going forward, like setting anything up or scoring, would be a bonus."

On top of the frustrations constant reserve-team football brings, Barney explained how retaining motivation and peak fitness can be just as hard.

"Players outside the first team have to kid themselves into thinking they'll be called into the side before every game.

"You know that in reality you won't be unless there are injuries or suspensions, but if you don't keep yourself sharp and motivated all the time then it will be a shock to the system when you are called upon.

"It's particularly difficult when you've been in the reserves as long as I had, but that is what squads are for. They have to be relied on throughout the season and, when you come into the side as I have, you are expected to play at the level of the rest of the players and it's down to you to be 100 per cent."

Barness's desire to play regular first-team football is sharpened by his view that too long in the reserves can hinder your improvement as a player.

"You get stale playing in the

reserves for too long. You can't help getting accustomed to the pace of the football you're playing, as well as the calibre of opponent, so there's no real way of testing and bettering yourself.

"When you go back to the first-team everything is much quicker and there's so much more talent on the pitch that you feel a bit out of it."

His exceptional ability to strike and control the ball with either foot make up for him lacking half a yard of pace, but it has been on the left – rather than the right – where his best reserves displays have come.

Powerful hitting off both wings has seen him score some breathtaking goals in the reserves and the first-team down the years, usually as a result of dipping his left shoulder, cutting in from the left and letting fly with his slightly favoured right foot.

He explains how both positions have their virtues.

"In terms of attack, I prefer playing left-back because I like to come inside on to my right and get shots off. But that means when I'm defending a winger trying to get to the byline, I have to tackle with my left.

"When you go into the first-team your main job is to defend. I have to play safe and say that I would prefer right-back."

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ever ready to take the pitch

DARREN RISBY meets the couple whose business it is to sell programmes

Many people probably don't realise it, but a huge amount of organisation goes into ensuring that supporters get their copy of Valley Review on matchdays.

A team of sellers are strategically deployed around the ground by supervisors, with work on Saturdays starting for some at 8.30am.

The company that ensures everything goes as smoothly as possible is MCP Services – run by Alan and Elsie Beagles from their home in Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. The couple have been running the business for three years, but Alan's addiction to selling in the big-match atmosphere started 25 years ago.

At that time, Elsie was working in local government and one of Alan's friends sold programmes at Arsenal: "I went along one Boxing Day and was hooked straight away because of the adrenalin rush involved. Elsie and I spoke about it and we both decided to get involved," explained Alan.

"I worked for another programme-selling company until we decided to set

up our own firm. The business started off just as a bit of a hobby really and then we expanded into programmes.

"Now my old firm is in direct competition with us, but MCP Services is going from strength to strength."

Alan and Elsie also sell for Millwall and have secured the London Broncos' contract. And they provide cushions for people at events such as cricket matches, the Stella Artois tennis tournament and the Royal Tattoo.

Matchday at The Valley is a time of high tension after Alan has taken delivery of the programmes at his storeroom in the west stand.

"At Charlton, we operate with 22 staff selling and four supervisors. Everyone spends the afternoon rushing

around like lunatics," he said.

"Our matchday starts at around 8.30am, when we check to ensure all the programmes are there.

"Most of the sellers arrive at about noon, when they are allocated their batch of magazines and their pitches. And we have to ensure the inside sellers are in position well before kick-off."

A typical print run this season is 10,000 copies, although the number sold can vary dramatically, based on the opposition, the weather and even the time of day. Sales at big matches can be up to 20 per cent higher, even though the attendance is the same.

Deciding how many to print for a game is down to club communications manager Rick Everitt. Alan just has to handle the flack if things go wrong!

"If we run out people generally moan and tell us to print more, but for the vast majority of the matches we have more than enough," he said. "If there is a problem, we try to ensure that the home fans are catered for first.

"We spend a lot of time running from one side of the ground to the other, as some pitches sell quicker than others and this is something that cannot be predicted," he said. "We are always up against a deadline and battling to keep things under control.

"A lot of people stick to the habit of buying from the same seller. Many of the sellers hate changing from their normal pitch because people get used to their regulars."

Most of the time, fans will patiently wait their turn for a programme and Alan has only felt threatened once – a good few years back at an Arsenal-Spurs game: "The queue went all the way from Highbury back to the Tube station when a whisper went around that the programmes were about to run out and loads of people rushed my stall.

"I needed to jump into a garden to tell them to calm down. After a while, people settled down. That has been the only time I have felt vulnerable – the vast majority of football supporters are a great bunch. We hope we have a good relationship with our punters at The Valley. We don't get any real problems, not even from Millwall fans!

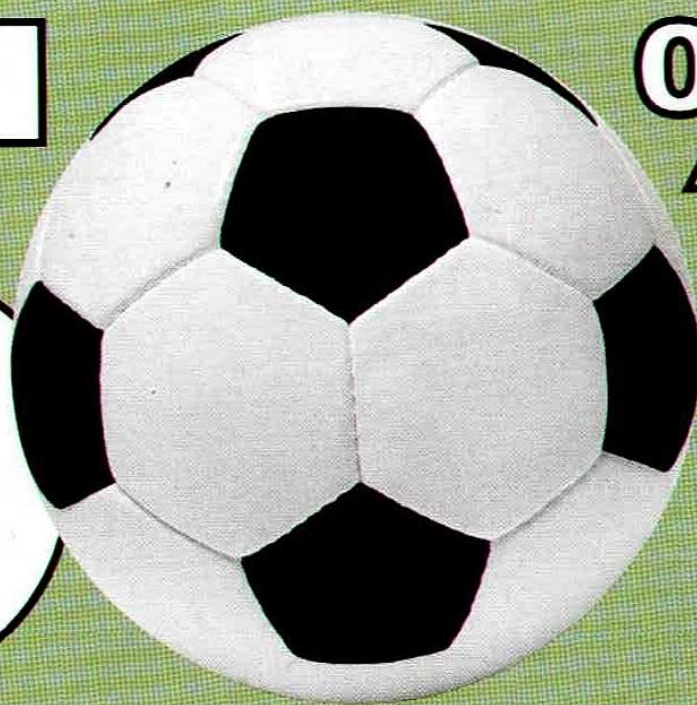
"I love the job and I wish I had found it years ago. There is nothing to match the atmosphere we get at Charlton on a matchday."



Patient Addicks queue for their copy of the Valley Review, the sale of which is organised by Alan and Elsie (above)

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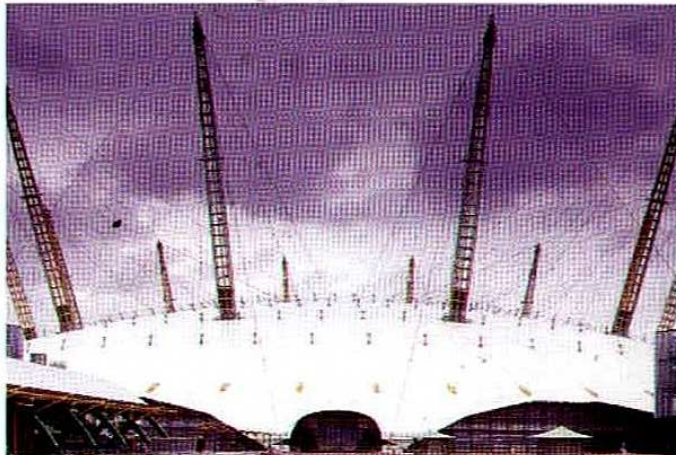


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THE VALLEY



Win does little to ease worries

The Valley is probably the last place Swindon Town want to come to at the moment – they are rooted to the basement of the First Division and the trap-door escape from relegation can only be slightly ajar.

The Robins' form makes miserable reading – before last Tuesday's 2-0 win at home to Huddersfield the West Country team had recorded only one win since October, when they beat Port Vale. Up to Tuesday they had secured only two points from their previous eight games.

They were knocked out the FA Cup by the Addicks and made an even more embarrassing exit from

the Worthington Cup than our own defeat against Bournemouth.

Swindon lost over two legs to Third Division whipping boys Orient in the first round.

Until recently, Town had an FA Cup winner in their side in the shape of winger Mark Walters, who left for Bristol Rovers in November, but another forward with pedigree is 24-year-old **Giuliano Grazioli**.

London-born of Italian parents, Grazioli started out at Stevenage and then joined Peterborough, playing up front with **Jimmy Quinn** during his spell with the Posh.

When Quinn joined Swindon as boss, one of the first things he did

was pick up his old team-mate on a free.

In a bid to find the goals to try to save Swindon's bacon this season, Quinn gave himself a squad number – 40, his age – and former Celtic man **Chris Hay**, 25, also pitches in with the goals.

Signed from Parkhead for £330,000 in 1997, Hay set a blazing pace with 13 goals in 18 games.

Despite niggling injuries, he managed another six in 18 games the following season and has put a few away this term.

Captain **Scott Leitch**, 30, is another of the Robins' Scots brigade.

He joined the club for a mere £15,000 from Hearts three years ago and has repaid that modest outlay many times over with his heart-on-sleeve approach to the game.

The Motherwell-born left-sided midfielder started out in football at Dunfermline, joining Hearts in 1993. Three years later, former Robins boss Steve McMahon took him on loan and saw enough to want to sign him up for good.

When Brian Borrows retired, McMahon gave Leitch the honour of captaining the Wiltshire side.

Andy Williams, 22, is a skilful winger who joined Town from Southampton for £65,000 earlier this season after an impressive loan spell with the club.

The Welshman has played a handful of games for his country, making an international bow at none other than Brazil's Maracana Stadium.

Two other players in Town's midfield are 26-year-old **Bobby Howe** and **Robin Hulbert**, 18.

Howe is an attacking midfielder signed from Nottingham Forest in January 1998.

The 5ft 7in player made just 17 appearances in seven years at the City Ground, but seems to have made rather more of a positive impression at Swindon.



Giuliano Grazioli

Addicks versus Robins statistics

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Year	Div	Home	Att	Away	Att
1921/22	3S	4-5	8,000	0-0	5,000
1922/23	3S	3-1	2,000	1-2	8,000
1923/24	3S	3-1	5,000	1-1	7,000
1924/25	3S	1-0	10,000	2-2	7,000
1925/26	3S	2-0	3,823	0-3	6,076
1926/27	3S	2-2	7,863	0-2	6,300
1927/28	3S	3-1	2,900	2-2	8,077
1928/29	3S	4-1	9,309	1-1	6,886
1933/34	3S	1-0	4,236	3-1	9,102
1934/35	3S	6-0	15,817	2-2	12,883
1963/64	2	2-2	12,396	2-2	19,344
1964/65	2	3-2	15,809	0-2	13,015
1969/70	2	1-1	14,955	0-5	20,454
1970/71	2	2-1	10,052	1-1	12,160
1971/72	2	3-1	7,448	1-2	15,492
1974/75	3	3-3	4,527	0-2	10,026
1980/81	3	0-0	6,495	3-0	5,909
1990/91	2(SP)	1-2	7,524	1-1	7,927
1991/92	2(UP)	0-0	5,398	2-1	7,591
1992/93	*1(UP)	2-0	6,742	2-2	8,980
1994/95	*1	1-0	9,420	1-0	9,905
1996/97	*1	2-0	10,583	0-1	9,719
1997/98	*1	3-0	13,789	1-0	8,831
1999/00	*1			2-1	6,515
Total			194,086		232,192
Average			8,439		9,675
Valley only			8,721		

*New First Division; SP = Selhurst Park; UP = Upton Park

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	23	15	6	2	52	23
Away	24	6	10	8	28	36
Total	47	21	16	10	80	59

FA Cup

Year	Rnd	Home	Att	Away	Att
1955/56	4	2-1	28,042		
1999/00	3	2-1	10,939		

League Cup

1994/95	2	1-4	5,372	3-1	5,063
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FACTS AND FIGURES

*First meetings: there has only been one 4-5 League scorline at The Valley and for that occasion you have to go back to Swindon's first visit to our headquarters on May 6th, 1922. Seven days earlier we had fought out a goalless draw at the County Ground and victory at The Valley in the final match of our first Football League season would have meant a mid-table finish. But it wasn't to be! In an extraordinary yo-yo contest, the Addicks twice held the lead and were 4-3 up before the Robins finished up with a two-goal salvo to win 5-4. The Robins did win at Selhurst Park in 1990/91, but haven't won a League match at The Valley since that 5-4 triumph 78 years ago. In fact, home and away, Charlton have only lost one of their last twelve League encounters with the Robins.

*Last Valley League meeting: Our pride had just been dented by a 5-2 drubbing by Nottingham Forest when Swindon made their last League visit to The Valley in front of the Sky cameras on Friday, November 28th, 1997. In the event, we won the match comfortably 3-0 with Keith Jones' striking early and Clive Mendonca following up with two more - the first from the penalty spot. *Highest wins: the Addicks made it 21 goals in four matches when they beat Swindon 6-0 at The Valley on Xmas Day 1934.

Harold Hobbs (2), Ralph Allen (3) and Frank Harris scoring the goals. The highest crowd (20,454) to watch a League match between our two clubs saw the Robins crush Charlton 5-0 at the County Ground on August 30th, 1969;



John Smith, Peter Noble (3) and Jack Burckett (og) scoring. *Most appearances against the Robins: pre-war full back Norman Smith tops the list of 218 players used against Swindon in 51 League and cup meetings with 15 appearances. Of the current squad, Shaun Newton (9), Steve Brown (8) and Richard Rufus (7) have played most times for the Addicks against the Robins.



*Most goals (Addicks): Ralph Allen (1934) 5. Current players, Mark Kinsella and Clive Mendonca - two apiece. *Most goals (Robins): Peter Noble (1969-72) 5. *Hat-tricks (Addicks): Wilson Lennox (3) April 30th, 1928 and Ralph Allen (3) December 25th, 1934 - both at The Valley. *Hat-tricks (Robins): Peter Noble (3) August 30th, 1969 at the County Ground; Jan Aage Fjortoft (3) in League Cup match at The Valley on September 27th, 1994. *Red cards (1): Colin Walsh (Addicks) double-booked at Upton Park on Nov 6th, 1991. *Yellow cards(36): Addicks 19, Robins 17.

Colin Cameron

Form guide

Swindon's

last ten results

(most recent first)

Huddersfield Town	H	2-0
Nottm Forest	A	1-3
Crewe Alexandra	H	0-1
Birmingham City	H	1-4
Blackburn Rovers	A	0-0
Grimsby Town	H	0-1
West Bromwich	A	1-1
Crystal Palace	H	2-4
Ipswich Town	A	0-3
QPR	H	0-1

Fan's eye view

Robins' son

Town supporter Craig Wright, from Beckenham, puts his finger on the Robins' pulse...

Favourite players

Right now that's like asking me who my favourite current tax man is, but I'll go for Chris Hay. He scored a goal for us last weekend - that's reason enough. Favourite all-time player is Mark Walters. Frustrating at times, but on his day you could see why he'd reached the heights as a Liverpool and Rangers player. The goals he scored were usually absolute crackers.

One of ours

Mick Flanagan. Every team needs a maverick and he seemed to fit that mould perfectly.

Prediction

You're top, we're bottom. So 2-0 to us sounds about right, doesn't it?

↓ VISITORS

At the back, three older heads – **Gareth Hall**, 29, **Alan Reeves**, 32, and **Mark Robinson**, 31 – provide a reassuring presence for 20-year-old **Sol Davis**.

A left-sided defender, Davis has come on leaps and bounds since making his League debut against



Central midfielder Lee Collins

Queens Park Rangers days after his 18th birthday.

Hall, a former Chelsea and Sunderland man, can play anywhere along the back line, just as he has done many times for Wales.

Forced out of the first-team picture at Wimbledon, Reeves provides grit, guile and experience at centre-back. A fine header of the ball, he complements the assured ground play of former WBA, Barnsley and Newcastle man Robinson, who can play centre-back, full-back or even sweeper.

Aussie **Frank Talia**, 27, vies with local lad **Steve Mildenhall**, 21 – a former YTS trainee – for goalkeeping duties.

Three to watch

Mark Robinson – age: 31; previous clubs: West Brom, Barnsley, Newcastle

In more than six years as a Town

utility man, Robbo has seen his fair share of highs and lows.

The Lancashire lad will be as frustrated as anyone about the club's current plight, but he's been there to enjoy the good times too, such as when Swindon won promotion from Division Two in 1996.

A good crosser of the ball who can play sweeper, in midfield or in the back-line, he entered professional football with West Bromwich Albion, playing just a couple of games before signing on a free for Barnsley.

He spent five seasons refining his defensive act at Oakwell and earned himself a dream move to Kevin Keegan's Newcastle in 1993.

Unfortunately things didn't quite work out for him, with the likes of John Beresford, Steve Watson and Steve Howey pegging him back in the first-team queue.

But a £600,000 move to Swindon a year later has seen him develop into one of the Wiltshire side's more consistent performers over the years.

Philippe Cuervo – age: 30; previous club: St Etienne

Frenchman Cuervo is in his third year with Swindon Town, having initially joined after impressing former boss Steve McMahon during a summer trial.

Enterprising and unpredictable – and possessing a loping running style that fools defenders into thinking he's going to be easy to tackle – this ball player roves anywhere up the right flank, and has also played 'dans l'hole' on occasion.

It's been a difficult season for all the Swindon players, but particularly so for those like Cuervo, whose job it is to spice things up despite the fact the Robins have had their backs to the wall for much of the time.

Town are probably down, but if the Frenchman can force his way into Quinn's first team for the rest of the season, he could be the man to provide the spark for an unlikely, but still possible, Houdini act.

Steve Cowe – age: 25; previous club: Aston Villa

Goals have been exceedingly hard to come by for Swindon this season, something that must frustrate boss and former super-striker Quinn.

One of the players given the fruitless task of finding the net has been pint-size marksman Steve Cowe, a

West Country lad who started his career off at Aston Villa.

Brave and willing, his lack of height has often been held against him in the past, but he finally seems to be getting the first-team opportunities his talents merit.

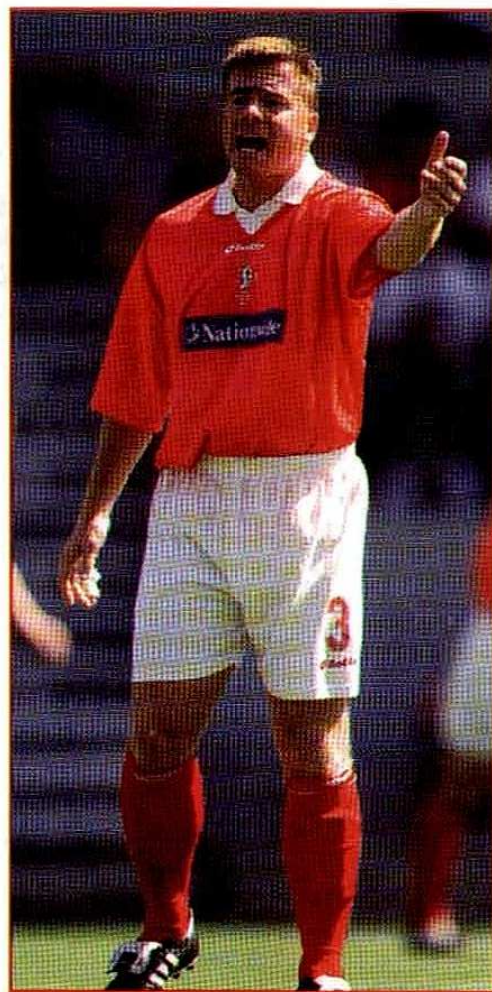
The 25-year-old arrived at the County Ground for £100,000 in 1996 but has so often been in the shadow of people like Chris Hay and the former Swindon player Wayne Allison.

Cowe is nimble and alert in the penalty area – harsher critics might say he's always Fresian in front of goal.

Ben Sharratt



SWINDON



Defender Gareth Hall

Meet the manager

Jimmy Quinn started his football career with Swindon, who grabbed him for £10,000 from Oswestry Town in 1981.

The tall but mobile target man looked a great prospect for the Robins, before his journeyman instincts saw him move on to a variety of other clubs.

But during his travels he did return for another stint at Swindon when Lou Macari was boss – scoring 30 goals in 64 appearances.

Quinn recently returned to Town again, this time as manager after Steve McMahon's departure but the club is now rooted to the bottom of the First Division and looking firm favourites for the drop.

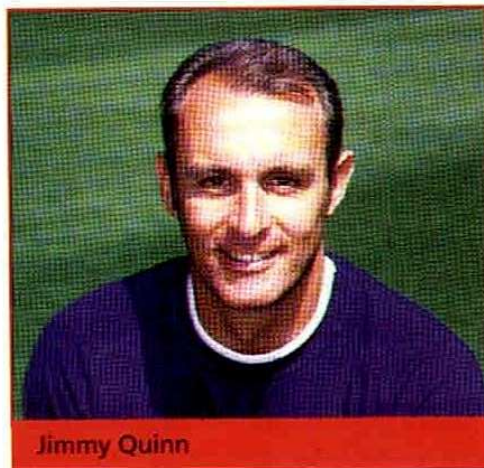
He has decided to pull on his shirt and shorts, too, remarkably returning to action at the ripe old age of 40 in a plucky attempt to get Swindon out of trouble.

The Belfast-born Northern Irishman, capped 48 times, notched many vital strikes in successful promotion campaigns at West Ham in 1990/91 and Reading in 1993/94.

He also bagged a sackful of goals for Blackburn Rovers, Leicester City, Bradford City, Bournemouth and Peterborough United. He entered management at Reading in 1994, as co-boss with Mick Gooding.

During a three-year reign in the Royals' hot seat, Quinn, Gooding and ambitious chairman John Madjeski experienced some giddy times, transforming the club's image from quaint Berkshire no-hopers into a real First Division force.

Terry Bullivant replaced Quinn



Jimmy Quinn

for the 1997/98 season, but Quinn was an obvious candidate for the top job at Swindon when McMahon's reign came to an end.

A threadbare squad and dwindling crowds are hardly the ideal ingredients for a recipe for success and it looks like Quinn may be unable to reverse the sorry state of affairs at the County Ground.

HUNT v HAY



The two strikers from the opposite ends of the table were both on target on Tuesday.

Swindon's Chris Hay hit home a last-minute spark in their 2-0 win at home to Huddersfield, while Andy Hunt banged in a brace in our marvellous 4-2 victory at Walsall.

Popular Swindon manager Jimmy Quinn said: "It was great to see the penalty hit the net and you can always rely on Chris Hay, as he's a cool customer from the spot."

Lee Collins had given the Robins an interval lead, in front of a crowd of only 4,701.

Hunt equalised in the 25th minute after Walsall had taken the lead with a penalty against the run of play, and then scored again eight minutes later.

Swindon's win failed to lift

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	Hunt	Hay
Minutes on pitch	2,629	2,096
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Shots on target	54	24
Shots off target	20	22
Blocked shots	10	11
Goal assists	5	1
Pass completion rate	66%	60%
Cross completion rate	29%	31%
Dribble completion	86%	71%
Tackles won	57%	38%
Fouls	55	30
Offside	46	11
Yellow cards	3	2
Red cards	0	0

them off the foot of the table however. They remain six points adrift of Port Vale.

Hay, 25, was signed from Celtic in 1997 for £330,000.

In that season he scored 13 goals in 18 games.



Chris Hay

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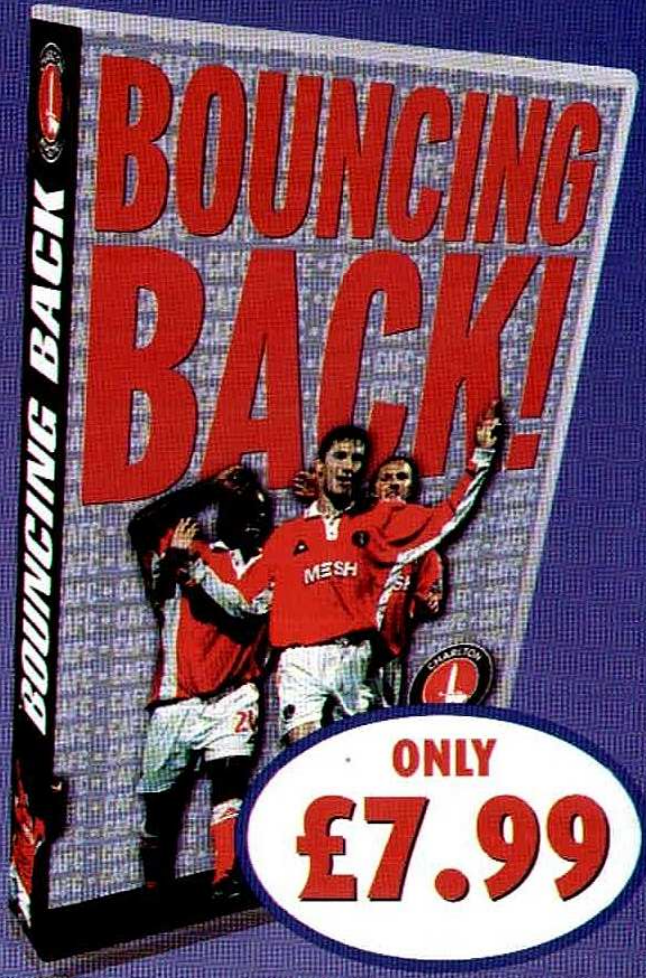


Paul Phillips, of Aggregate Industries, the company which has supplied the new surface now in place in front of the west stand at The Valley

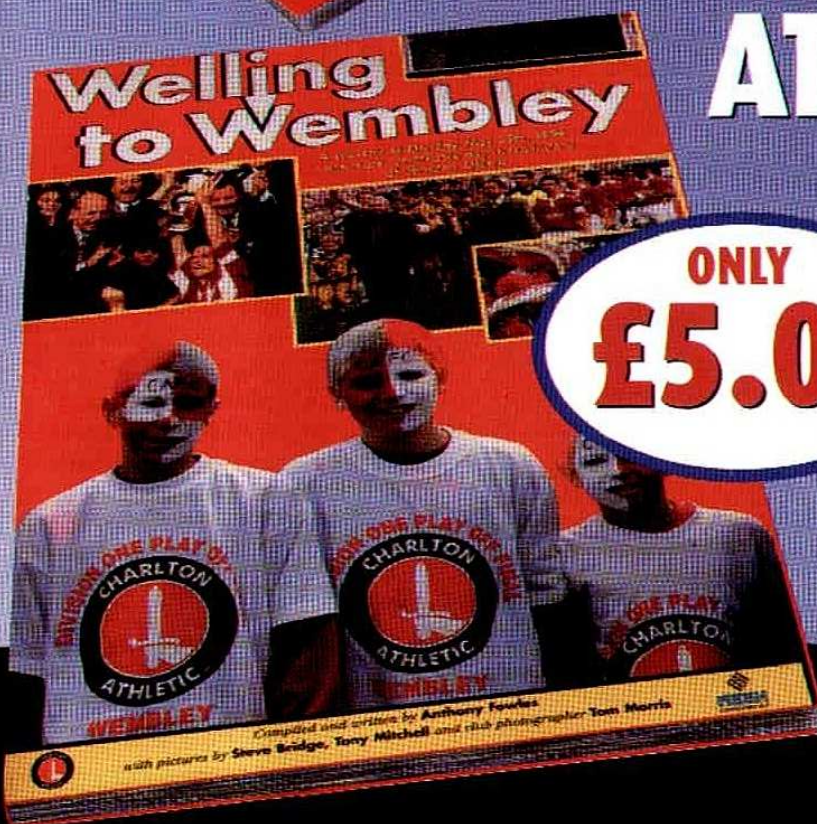
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DARREN RISBY talks to academy director Mick Browne after a fascinating and educational trip to Internazionale with four young players

Coaches at Charlton's youth academy are to focus on an Italian job following the club's successful trip to Milan.

Academy director Mick Browne was so impressed with the emphasis placed on the technical development of Internazionale's youngsters that new methods will be introduced at the Addicks' training ground.

The trip was organised as part of the club's pioneering link-up with the continental giants and to kick-start the academy side of the project.

The U15 players who went along with Mick and academy coach Carl Laraman were Stacy Long, Chris Nunn, Osei Sankofa and Alex Varney.

They worked with their Inter counterparts at the youth training ground and, although a touch introverted at first, soon settled in – especially during a 40-minute 11-a-

side practice match when they looked far from out of their depth.

It is now hoped all of Charlton's aspiring youngsters will benefit from the lessons learnt by the club's staff and players.

Mick was impressed with the Italians' emphasis on the technical side of the game – for long periods their teenagers were working on basic ball control and skills.

"In England, you would possibly find that youngsters do not want to spend so much time on this area of practice because they think they are better than that," explained Mick.

"But the Italians were completely focused on improving themselves in this area.

"Their technique is probably a bit ahead of ours but that has nothing to do with our quality of coaching. It is the emphasis that is

different and there is nothing mind-blowing about that.

"Players of all ages can work on making themselves technically better and that is something we will now focus on with our younger age groups.

"We must ensure our coaches are single-minded in their approach to this and concentrate on areas such as being comfortable on the ball and being able to use both feet equally well. In the last few months, we have trying to impress on our boys the advantages of using both feet.

"Sometimes young players are worried about using their weaker foot in case they make mistakes and look inadequate.

"This is something we have to overcome in this country and needs to be developed when players are aged around 11. Basically, there is no valid reason why they cannot be two-footed."

Mick also found the trip valuable because it was a great opportunity to look at the overall picture of Internazionale's youth development set-up.

Although their first team is packed with internationals, they are still convinced the way forward is to develop a first-rate youth system.

When the boys are aged 15 or 16, they are often sent out to feeder clubs for a few years and are then brought back with more experience

– the aim is to produce quality players and, at the same time, safeguard the club's investment.

"The first-team training camp was very nice, although three of the pitches at the youth ground were dirt – one with grass was set aside for games," Mick said.

"The surfaces created no problems as they were flat and soft – not like surfaces you get over here in the middle of the summer.

"The youth site itself wasn't that modern – the buildings were old



Addicks in the San Siro dug-out

Pictures: ALEX VARNEY

but all the facilities you would expect were there.”

Piero Ausilio, the director of Inter's youth section, added: “There is potential for both clubs to learn from each other because they have different footballing experiences.”

Mick stressed: “When you go somewhere different, it is all about putting new ideas into practice. The trip was also of cultural and social benefit for our lads, who were excellent ambassadors for the club.

“We are trying to recruit the best boys in London and if they think they might get the chance to train in Italy, it should help.

“There is the lure of going to a club like Arsenal or Chelsea but the reality is they have more chance of making progress with us and we can use the work with Inter to convince them to come here.

“This link-up with the Italians is great for Charlton, great for the boys and great for our academy.”



Mick Browne, Carl Laraman and the boys relax by Lake Como

No great calcio shock

For Chris Nunn, Stacy Long, Alex Varney and Osei Sankofa, the trip to Milan gave them their first opportunity to visit Italy.

The four trained for two and a half hours on three days, leaving them plenty of time to explore the area they were staying in.

Of course, no trip to Milan would be complete without going to the home of Internazionale – the San Siro stadium.

They were all amazed by the sheer size of the structure, sat in the dug-out and strolled on the hallowed turf – thanks to the club's groundsman from Burnley who granted them permission.

There was also time for a bit of city centre shopping, a trip in a cable car up a mountain and visits to a house owned by a member of the Versace family and Lake Como.

Pasta, supplemented with vegetables and some meat, formed the main part of their diet, and the language difference was not much of a problem – the teenagers got by with basic phrases for passing directions and other playing terms.

Here are some of the youngsters' views on the exchange visit.

Osei, on the training, said: “It was different to what we are used to. We spent a lot of time doing one thing and the coach, known as ‘The Prof’, would take a few of us to one side to work on our technique. People were told in no uncertain terms if they did something wrong.

“What we learnt was of great benefit but probably more important to attacking players – how to get that extra yard or create some more space.”

Alex, on the youth training facilities: “I didn't think they were as good as Sparrows Lane, although we did not get to see the first team's facilities, and some of the pitches were in a poor condition.

“They had accommodation there for 15 to 18-year-olds, where youngsters from all over Italy and different countries are based.”

Stacy, on the Italians' skills: “I would say that in an English team, there are one of two players who are very skilful and capable of carrying off those flash touches, but out there

it was every single player – they all had that ability. But we compared well to them and it was not noticeable that they were generally a year older than we were. We had an 11-a-side practice match and the four of us played together – we won!”

Chris, on their relationship with the Italians: “They were all very friendly, warmly shaking our hands and being welcoming. There was one boy who spoke English and he did a lot of translating, which was just as well because the coach spoke no English.

“For every training drill, we were doubled up with an Italian and that was good. As for girls, we didn't see any – just women!”

Osei, on the link with Internazionale: “The link is good for Charlton and could help to attract better players in our fight for more domestic honours.

“It was excellent for us to go over to Milan to learn something new and be the first to take part in an exchange. It all went smoothly, so there is no reason why it cannot happen again.”

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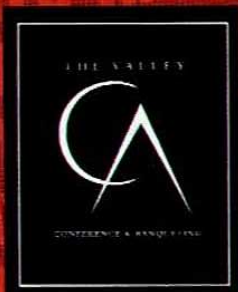


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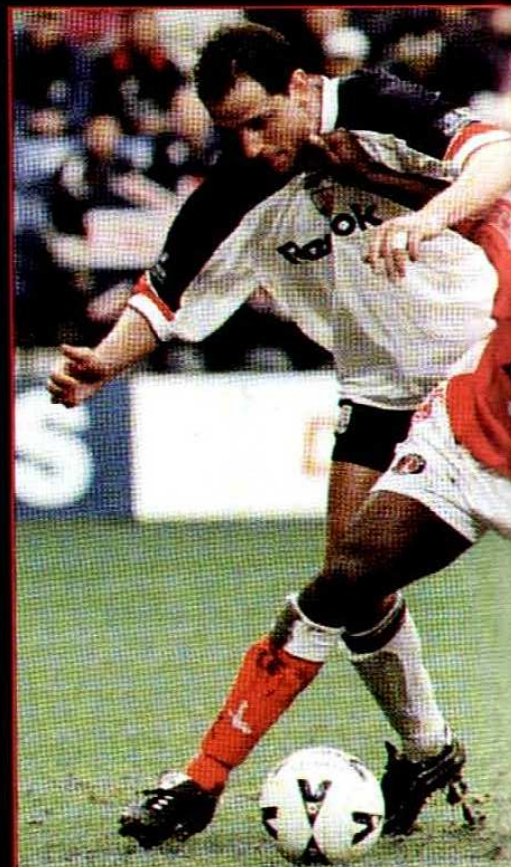
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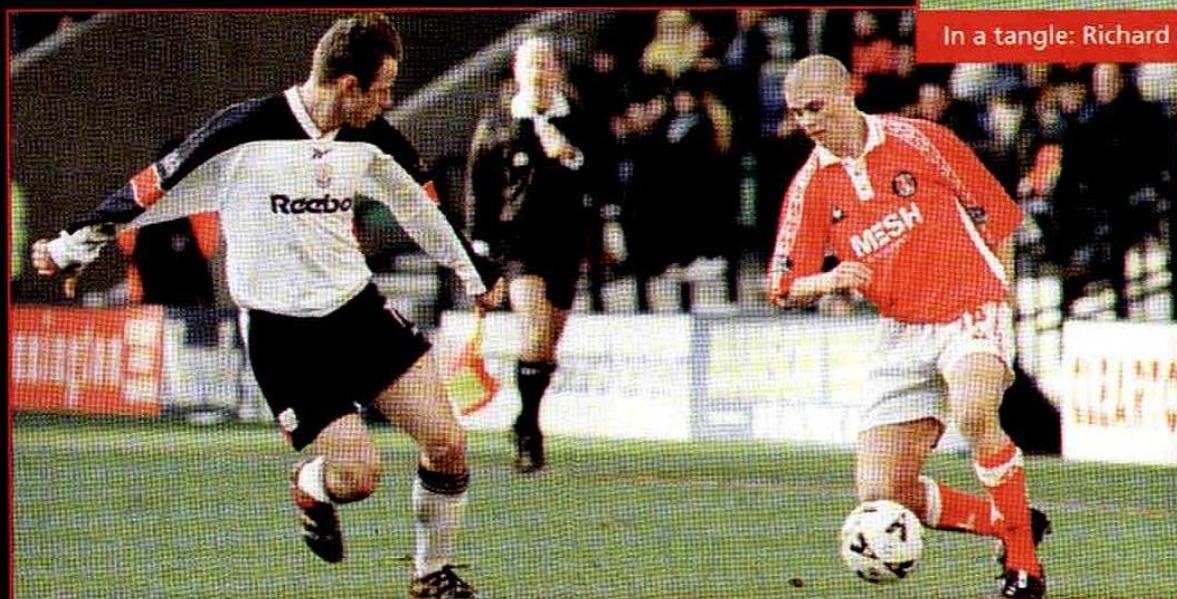
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Martin Pringle races through to put the Addicks one up



In a tangle: Richard Rufus shows his grit



Substitute Paul Konchesky, who replaced injured John Robinson, tries to outwit the Bolton defence



Top scorer Andy Hunt nets the clincher in the 81st minute...



determination



...and then shares his delight with some of the Charlton fans – and staff! – who made the long trip

Spotlight on the next generation

Browne's boys hit by the Blues

Charlton's U19s were denied their third win in succession when they lost riveting London derby 2-1 to a strong Chelsea side at Sparrows Lane a fortnight ago.

Two goals from forward Sam Parkin, the second arriving immediately after Charlton had equalised, proved enough to give the visitors all three points.

"I thought that after equalising we would go on and win the game," said coach Mick Browne.

"For the few seconds that the score stood at 1-1 I was very confident, but Danny Shittu will be the first to admit he gave his man a free header at the far post."

It was after an hour of high-class football from both sides that the young Addicks finally breached a stubborn Chelsea backline with an irresistible move that confirmed the fine form Browne's team had found.

David Hockley picked out Shittu in an unusually advanced position in the box. But instead of heading back across goal, the awesome defender controlled the ball on his chest, span away from his marker and fed substitute Danny Jeffery, who had crept around his

blind side. Marginally onside, Jeffery drilled a first-time pass across the six-yard box and Paul McCarthy was there to slide home at the far post.

"Paul's attitude was superb," said Browne. "We haven't been able to offer him a professional contract,

inside on to his left foot and belted a fierce shot that thudded against Paul Nicholls' bar. Charlton's football remained as slick as it had been from the first whistle.

The first half was an engrossing battle of technique and tactical supremacy, with both sides striving tirelessly to create the extra man in the final third. Right-back Dave Collis was deployed almost as a winger, overlapping his midfield players virtually at will, and Pierre Bolangi on the opposite side was almost as attack-minded.

But hard as they tried, Charlton



Chris Cerroni gets in a shot in the U17s' 4-2 win against Crystal Palace
Pictures: Steve Bridge

which underlined how mature his display was."

Desperately requiring a few minutes of consolidation, the home side instead contrived to quickly concede a corner that a lonely Parkin rose to head home.

After all of Charlton's efforts, you felt such a rapid response to their so-elating leveller would have ended the match as a contest there and then. You couldn't have been more wrong.

Six minutes later Jeffery cut

couldn't find the breakthrough and, considering their willingness to throw their own players forward, it was a wonder that Chelsea hadn't yet created a clear chance.

With three minutes of first-half injury time played, though, they carved out an opening and took it.

Ahead of desperate lunging tackles from Simon Ford and Shittu, Parkin managed to squeeze the ball home at the near post after an inventive one-two with impressive strike partner Mark Royal.



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Evans acrobatic against Palace

Collis had to clear off the line as early as the second minute after Knight had rounded Sam Turner, but Kemi Izzet made it one close shave each with a 25th-minute volley that just cleared the bar.

Leigh Hales then missed after Alex Martin had glanced on Izzet's free-kick, before Ford saw a fine header acrobatically palmed on to the bar following a Yohance Lewis free-kick. After the break, Lewis watched a sliced half-volley float wide, and Demetrious' shot was saved by Turner after Royal's flick.

Browne said: "It was an entertaining match and they were a good side, but on the amount of chances we created we shouldn't have lost. However, the performance is more important than the result and if you look at it that way it was pleasing."

The U17s were beaten 2-1 at Newcastle on February 26th but, as coach Andy Ritchie explained, the scoreline wasn't an accurate reflection of the match.

"For the first 20 minutes we were excellent," he said. "We knocked the ball about as well as we have done all season and created lots of chances.

"We should have taken the lead through Osei Sankofa, who missed from just outside the six-yard box. With a cleaner strike, it would have been 1-0."

The young Magpies went ahead

after 25 minutes when a bizarre mis-hit cross eluded everyone, including goalkeeper Jack Delo, and flew into the corner.

"That really deadened our spirits," said Ritchie. "It had been all us up until then, so for them to score a goal like that was hard to take."

However, Charlton managed to regain their composure and were level after an hour. Centre-back Kris Taylor, on a rare excursion forward, rose highest to nod home Adrian Deane's curling free-kick and once again Charlton were in control.

"After equalising we were dominant again," said Ritchie. "We just couldn't put the ball in the net.

"They then scored a good break-away goal and suddenly we were chasing the game again. But overall it was an encouraging trip for us."

Last Saturday, Ritchie's team hosted Crystal Palace, with Kevin George, Lewis, Chris Cerroni and an own goal giving Charlton a 4-2 win.

The cancellation of Saturday's U19 game meant Ritchie could take back all his players that Browne has been borrowing all season and field his strongest side.

"It was the first time I've been able to put out my first-choice 11," he said. "Results haven't been outstanding, but our main aim has been to blood the younger players. As soon as I fielded the first-year scholars we produced one of our most comfortable displays of the season."

Stepping back down to the U17s were Alex Martin, George, Lewis and Pierre Bolangi.

Terry Cordwell

Team check

Charlton U19 1 (McCarthy)

Chelsea U19 2: S Turner, Collis, Bolangi, Izzet (Jeffery 55), Shittu, Ford, Lewis, Hockley, Hales, McCarthy, Martin. Sub: Tambue, Evans, Brown (Gk). Booked: Bolangi.

Newcastle U17 2 Charlton U17 1

(Taylor): Delo, Sankofa, Nunn, M Turner, Taylor, Deane, Smith (Fuller 60), George, Varney (Long 65), Cerroni (St Luce 65), Gibbs.

Charlton U17 4 (og, George,

Lewis, Cerroni) Crystal Palace U17 2: Delo, Smith (M Turner 68), Lysski, Taylor, Bolangi, Lewis, Martin, Deane, George, Gibbs (Cerroni 75), Evans (St Luce 85). Sub: Fuller.

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Sat Aug 28	Birmingham C	0-1
Sat Sep 4	Millwall	2-1
Sat Sep 11	Arsenal	1-5
Sat Sep 18	Fulham	1-2
Sat Sep 25	Reading	3-1
Sat Oct 2	Ipswich Town	0-2
Sat Oct 16	West Ham Utd	2-1
Sat Oct 23	Tottenham H	1-1
Sat Oct 30	QPR	2-2
Sat Nov 6	Wimbledon	0-2
Sat Nov 13	Norwich City	2-0
Sat Nov 20	Watford	2-0
Tues Nov 23	West Ham (FAYC)	1-4
Sat Nov 27	Ipswich Town	5-2
Sat Dec 4	West Ham United	0-5
Sat Dec 11	Tottenham H	2-2
Sat Jan 22	Wimbledon	1-1
Sat Jan 29	QPR	1-1
Sat Feb 5	Norwich City	1-3
Sat Feb 12	Watford	4-2
Sat Feb 19	Southampton	2-1
Sat Feb 26	Chelsea	1-2
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Reserves

Even Stevens with the Spurs

Charlton's reserves moved a step closer to their third consecutive league title with a 2-1 win over Leicester at Filbert Street on Monday.

But the Addicks are caught up in a fierce tussle with Tottenham, Southampton and Derby at the top of the table and Spurs beat Chelsea 2-1 the following night to leapfrog Charlton again.

Apart from Simon Royce in the Addicks goal, Gary Stevens' victorious side was made up entirely of players aged 19 or below, compared to a Leicester team containing the experience of Andy Impey, Graham Fenton and the evergreen Ian Marshall.

It took two fine Scott Parker strikes to seal it for Charlton, the first arriving as early as the fifth minute. After some intricate build-up play, the young midfielder was neatly set up by Kevin Lisbie and finished superbly from 15 yards.

"It was an excellent finish from Scott," said Stevens.

"He disguised it superbly,

shaping to go for one corner and then kind of wrapping his foot over the ball to swing it in the opposite direction."

Leicester pulled it back to 1-1 after 25 minutes, when Graham Fenton took advantage of an over-confident ball out of defence from centre-back Danny Shittu.

But despite steady pressure, Charlton managed to get to the break with the scores locked at 1-1.

After the interval, the visitors managed to regain their composure and on 68 minutes Parker capped a flowing move involving Lisbie, Kevin James and himself with a strike that even eclipsed his first.

"If you consider Scott's position at the club – sitting in between the reserves and the first-team – you have to admire his attitude," said Stevens.

The coach also handed debuts to weekend U17 players Alex Martin, Dean Gibbs and Pierre Bolangi.

The latter replaced Leigh Hales after 57 minutes and was handed the unenviable task of looking after right-winger Impey, but proved he was up to the task.

"Pierre came on and didn't look the slightest bit out of his depth," said Gary. "He battled well, passed simply, and took up some good defensive positions."

Martin and Gibbs took the places of David Hockley and James after the two young pros had grafted tirelessly for the majority of the match.

"Kevin and David both worked extremely hard," said Stevens.

"With three at the back, they had to do a lot of tracking back and it got to the stage where they were almost cramping up."

Midfielder Kemi Izzet, playing in front of his brother Muzzi, also looked something like his old self.

"It was a very solid display from



Two goals and booking: Parker

Kemi," added Stevens.

"He's had a few games back from injury now and his sharpness looks to have returned completely."

Parker added a booking to his two goals with a rash tackle, and Hockley also earned a caution for an over-eager challenge.

"They aren't two players you would normally associate with putting the boot in," said Stevens.

"They weren't bad tackles, but it just shows how committed these young players are to the cause."

The previous midweek's home fixture with Crystal Palace was rained off and has now been rearranged for Park View Road on Tuesday, May 2nd, at 7pm. You can also see the reserves in action at Welling this coming Tuesday, when they take on Coventry (7pm), while the next away fixture is due to be against Wimbledon at Sutton United on Wednesday, March 29th (7.30pm).

For the information of anyone who is interested in following the reserves at what could be a decisive stage of their season, the match against Arsenal on April 26th is due to be at Highbury, with a 7pm start.

Charlton: Royce, Collis, Allman, Izzet, Shittu, Hockley (Martin 76), James (Gibbs 89), Parker, Lisbie, MacDonald, Hales (Bolangi 57). Subs: JS Turner, Taylor. Bookings: Hockley, Parker.

Terry Cordwell

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Wed Dec 8	Southampton	2-1
Wed Jan 5	Leicester City	5-1
Wed Jan 12	Watford	6-2
Tue Jan 25	Tottenham Hotspur	1-2
Wed Feb 2	West Ham United	2-2
Mon Feb 7	Chelsea	2-0
Wed Feb 16	Nottingham Forest	1-0
Mon Mar 6	Leicester City	2-1
Tue Mar 14	Coventry City	H
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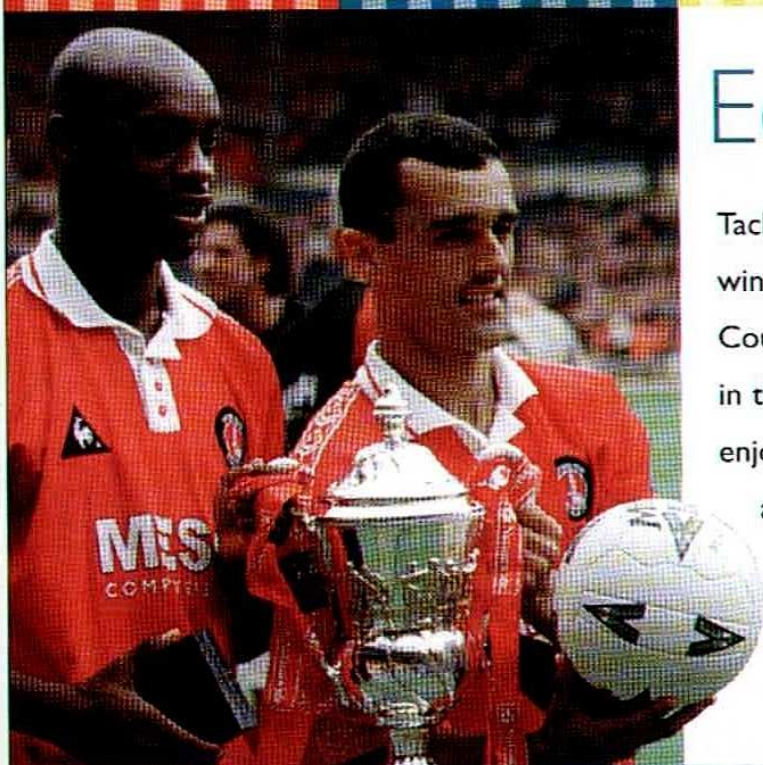
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• Jamie Cowdell, cousin of Covered End regulars Alan and Karen, and nephew of Alan, passed away on January 8th aged 22. He will be sorely missed by all his family and friends.

Birthdays

• Happy birthday to Ben Hughes from all the family.
• Happy 29th birthday to Tracy Porsley, from husband Stuart and all the family.
• Birthday greetings to Peter Grindley, love from all the family.
• Many happy returns to Rachel Turner, love Mum, Dad, Scott and James.
• Happy 40th birthday tomorrow to Chris Thompson, love from Maureen, Sophie and Josh.
• Happy birthday for March 4th to Dennis Owen, and a happy birthday for March 18th to Richard Lambert, a newly recruited supporter of CAFC, with much love from June and Jane.
• Lucy Jarvis is 10 today. Happy birthday and lots of love from Mum Dad, Dillon and everyone.
• Happy 40th birthday to Ros Atkins for March 13th, lots of love Caroline L, Siobhan, Caroline M, PJ, Finbar, Seamus and Johnny.
• Happy birthday to Anely Tutt, 13 on March 5th. Best wishes from Simon and Uncle James.
• Many happy returns to Simon Duke, who was 27 on March 8th, with much love from Sarah.
• Happy 12th birthday to Matthew Steel for February 25th, love Mum, Dad, Andrew and Daniel.
• Many happy returns for yesterday to Junior Red Sophie Morris from Mum and Dad.

• Belated birthday greetings to Sarah Sheppard, who celebrated her 22nd birthday on February 22nd, with love from Richard, family and friends.
• Happy ninth birthday to Joe Facer, love Mum, Dad and Stephanie.
• Birthday wishes for today to Steve Cragg, with love from Linda, Sarah and Matthew.
• Happy belated fifth birthday wishes to Matthew Vine, with all our love Daddy, Mummy and Adam.
• Happy birthday Adrian Worley, 15 on March 14th, love from Mum, Dad, Jeffrey, Stuart and Nicholas.
• Many happy returns to Frances Stone, who was one on March 6th, and a big hello to the Stone family in the upper west stand, from Sophie.
• Happy birthday to Rosalyn Atkins for March 13th, the big 40, love from Mum and all the family.
• Fossie, happy 40th birthday and thanks for all the match tickets, love Martin.
• Happy 70th birthday to Vi Spate on March 13th and a very special happy birthday to Tony Maskell, who was 72 on March 10th (62 years a Charlton supporter) from everyone at Maidstone CASC.
• Happy birthday to Mark Parker, from Maxine, Nikló, Daniel and Sophie.
• Many happy returns to Conor Williams, 11 on March 14th, love Nan and Grandad.
• Happy birthday to Ashley Williams, lots of love Dave, Fiona and Louise.
• Happy 17th birthday to Jayne Gray for March 14th, lots of love from all your family.
• Happy 40th birthday to Mick Ashley for March 9th.
• Happy ninth birthday to Liam Keogh for March 15th, with love from Mummy, Nanny, Grandad, Tracey, Darren, Jason, Fallon, Kieran, Karen and Tony.

• Belated best wishes to Bill Sutton, 80 on March 5th.
• Happy 70th birthday to Jim Baker, who has been converted to the winning team by his grandchildren, love and best wishes from all the family.
• Happy birthday to Eileen Ulph today from her family.
• Happy birthday today to grandad Ron Buck, love Alex and Ivan.
• Happy birthday tomorrow to Geoff Cockram.
• Birthday wishes to Peter Sweet from all the family.
• Many happy returns to Jemma Williams, 14.
• Wishing Robert Hemidge a happy 29th birthday on Wednesday, much love, Jacqu.

Welcome...

• ...to Ryan White on your first Charlton match at The Valley, love Daddy and Mummy.
• ...to Grandpa Gibson and grandchildren James and Alexandra. Cheer on the Addicks for us and thinking of you from France, love Mum and Dad.
• ...to Fred Page from Chicago, on holiday, sitting with brothers Stan and Bill. Enjoy the match, love from Bob and all the family.
• GOOD LUCK to Kelly Meade for her three productions of Oliver this week, love from Dad, Vicky, Abbey and all your other mates at Charlton.
• CONGRATULATIONS to Noelia and Darren on their engagement today. This is Noelia's first match at The Valley, all the way from Tampa. From all the family in the east stand.

Fax your messages to Jeanette Earl on 020-8858 0438, e-mail them to jeanette.earl@cafc.co.uk or post them to her at The Valley.

PERSONAL



Make it a double date!

CHRIS WARREN on the decision to delay the start of the Broncos' first Super League game back at The Valley

Last weekend at the Reebok Stadium reinforced to me just how passionate Charlton's supporters are.

I was fortunate enough to be among the crowd at Bolton to see the Addicks make it 11 straight wins.

Our lads were playing our first Super League match of the season up the road at Warrington the next day and it would have been nice to make it a double for The Valley, but it wasn't to be.

Our forwards made some bruising hits in the first-half and we looked the better side.

A key injury and a few dodgy decisions made our job very difficult and in the end we were well beaten 48-18 by a class outfit.

The countdown has begun for our first match at The Valley, on Sunday March 19th, and all efforts, both on and off the pitch, are focused on making this a successful and memorable day for all of us.

Our development work in the community has now clicked into top gear and all of our players are making regular appearances at local schools.

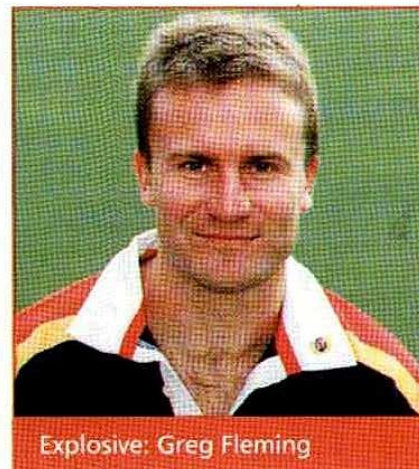
A number of promotions in the local press are aimed at attracting strong support for the opening game and, hopefully, once people experience the Broncos matchday atmosphere, they will want to come back.

We are all aware just how important your match next Sunday is and we wish you all the best against Manchester City.

If you're not out of breath from cheering after your big win, our guys would love to see you in the crowd at

The Valley when they take on the Giants. And to make it a bit easier for you to get here, we have decided to delay our kick-off to 4pm, instead of the usual 3pm start.

We have made this decision especially for Charlton fans, so hopefully you will be able to make it down here to show your support.



Explosive: Greg Fleming

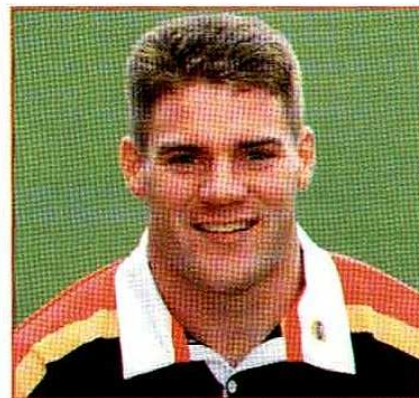
Meet the lads

A few of our players are keen Addicks fans and are at today's game. If you do get a chance to see some of our games this season, you'll get to meet them all. Here are just a few.

Greg Fleming was the club's leading try scorer last year and is one of the game's most explosive players.

He hits the line at speed, makes more line breaks than most, and also has the reputation of being a bit of a lad.

Mat Toshack is a utility player with enough speed to play out wide in the centres, but also comes with the strength and size to handle the bigger hits in the forwards.



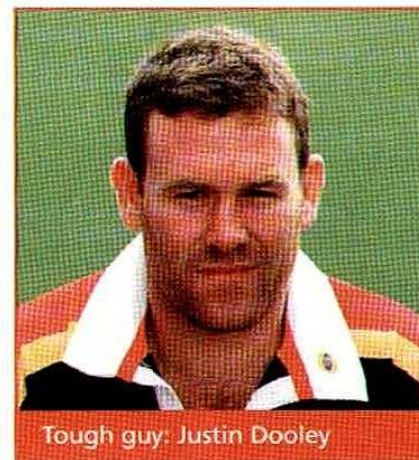
Converted: Mat Toshack

He will be first to admit, that before we moved to Charlton this year his favourite team were the Gunners. Happily, he's since changed his colours!

Anthony Seibold never lays down. He is a very durable and compact front-row forward, who is quite agile for his size and can pop a nice offload in traffic.

Off the pitch, Anthony is known for his hard-man physique and carries the nickname "Muscles".

Justin Dooley is as tough as they come. A gentleman off the pitch, but put him in a Broncos shirt and he'll gladly run through a brick wall. Last week against Warrington he clashed with one of the best front rowers in the world and made it look easy.



Tough guy: Justin Dooley

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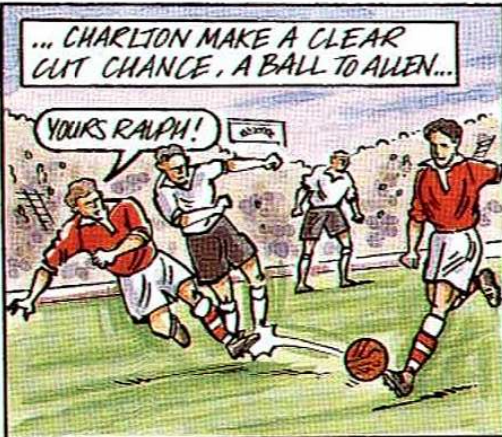
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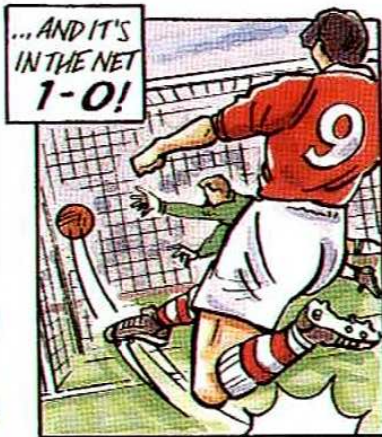
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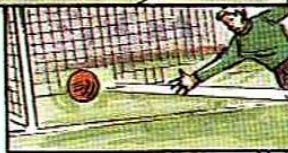
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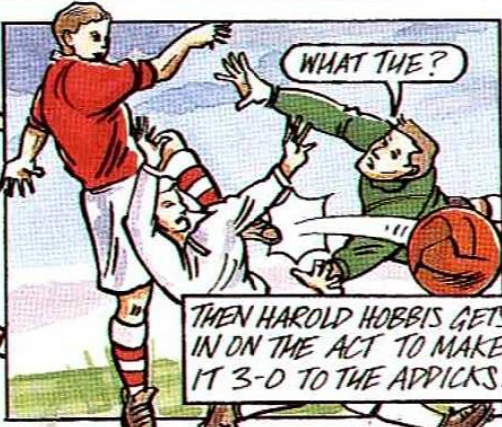
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CHARLTON GO STRAIGHT BACK ON THE ATTACK FROM KICK OFF! THE SWINDON DEFENCE ARE IN TATTERS AS ALLEN...

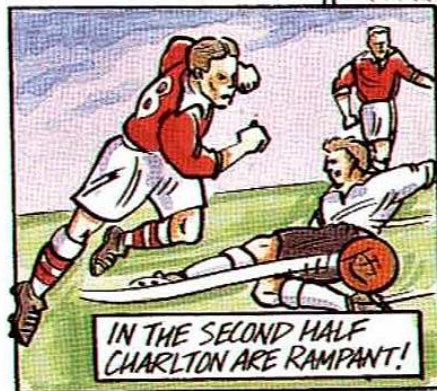


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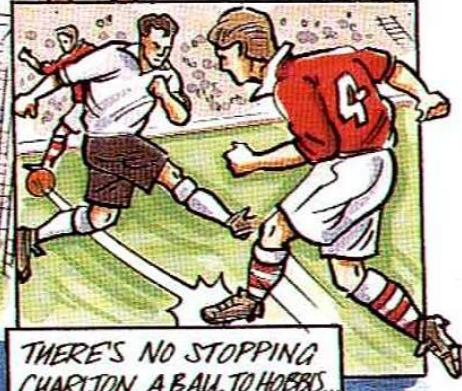
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IN THE SECOND HALF CHARLTON ARE RAMPANT!



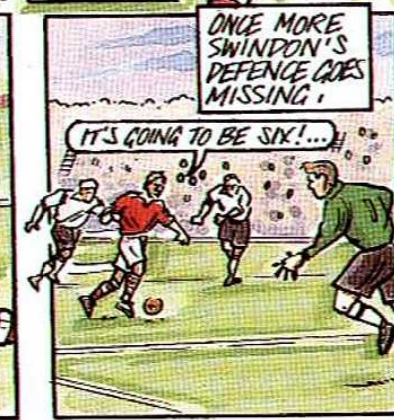
ALLEN HITS HIS HAT-TRICK.



THERE'S NO STOPPING CHARLTON, A BALL TO HOBBS...



... AND HAROLD SCORES THE FIFTH GOAL!



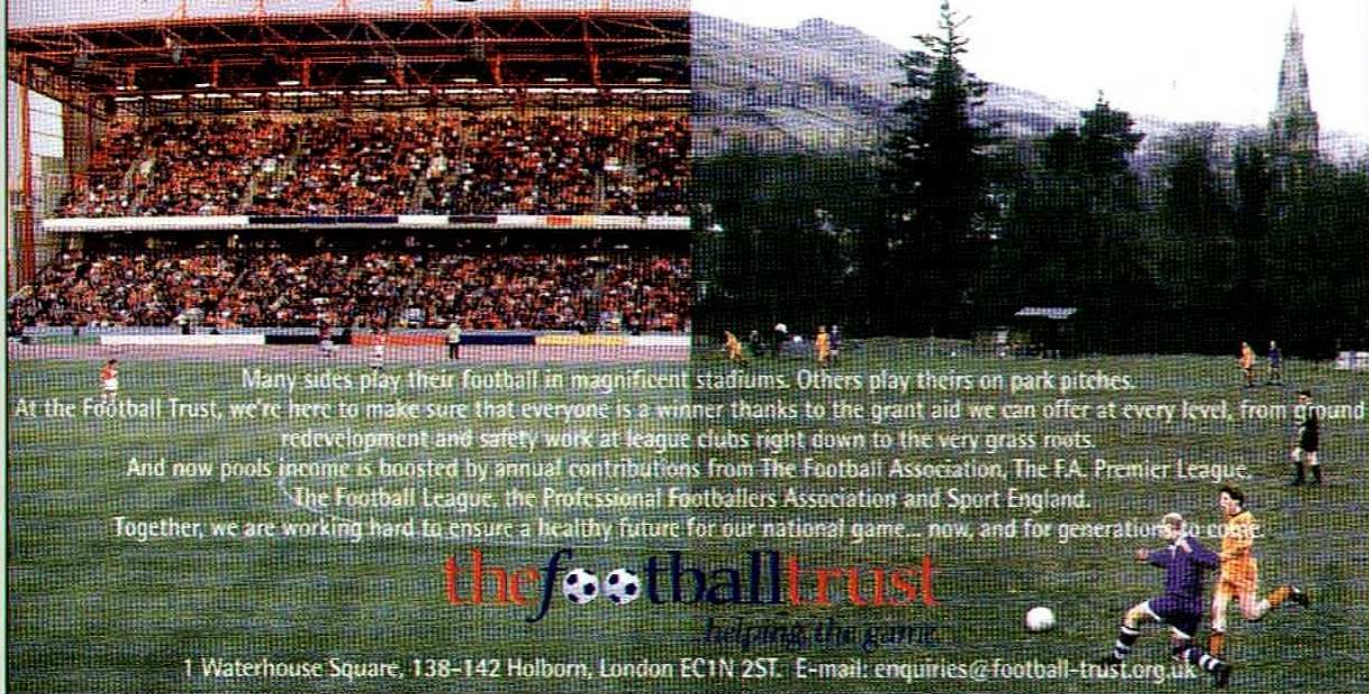
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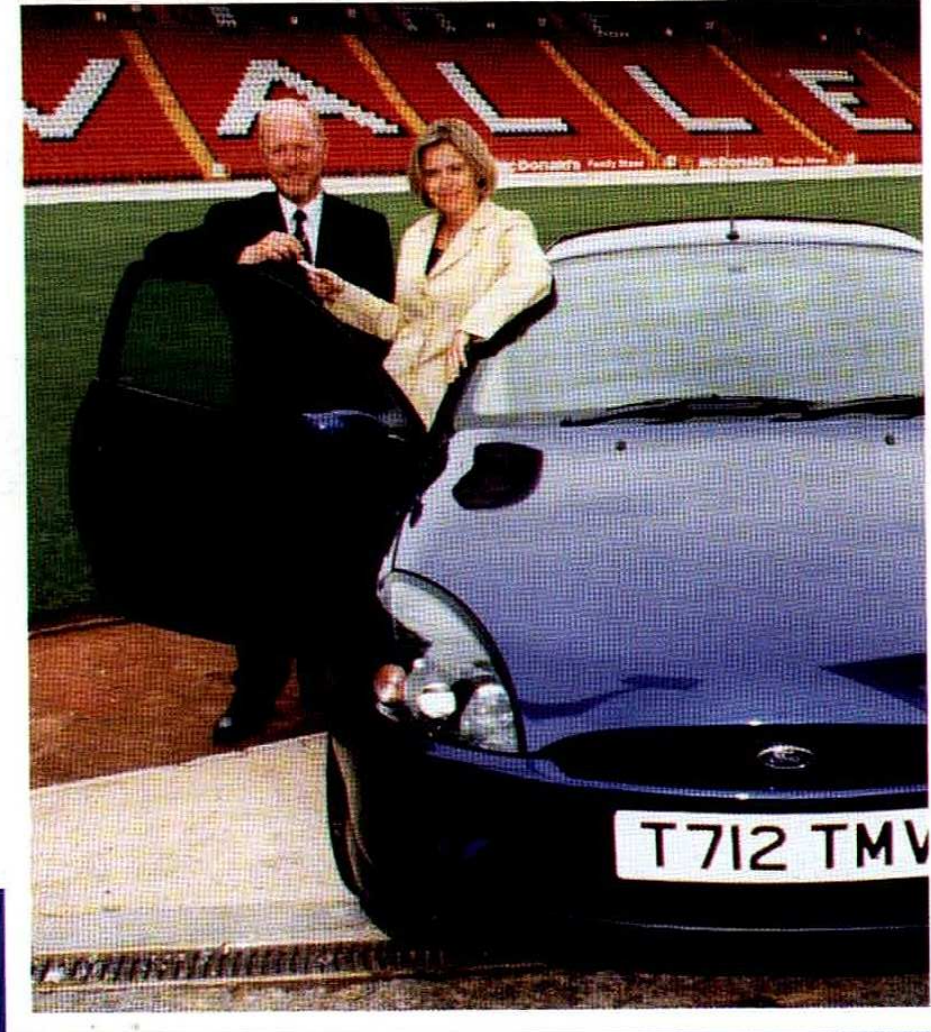
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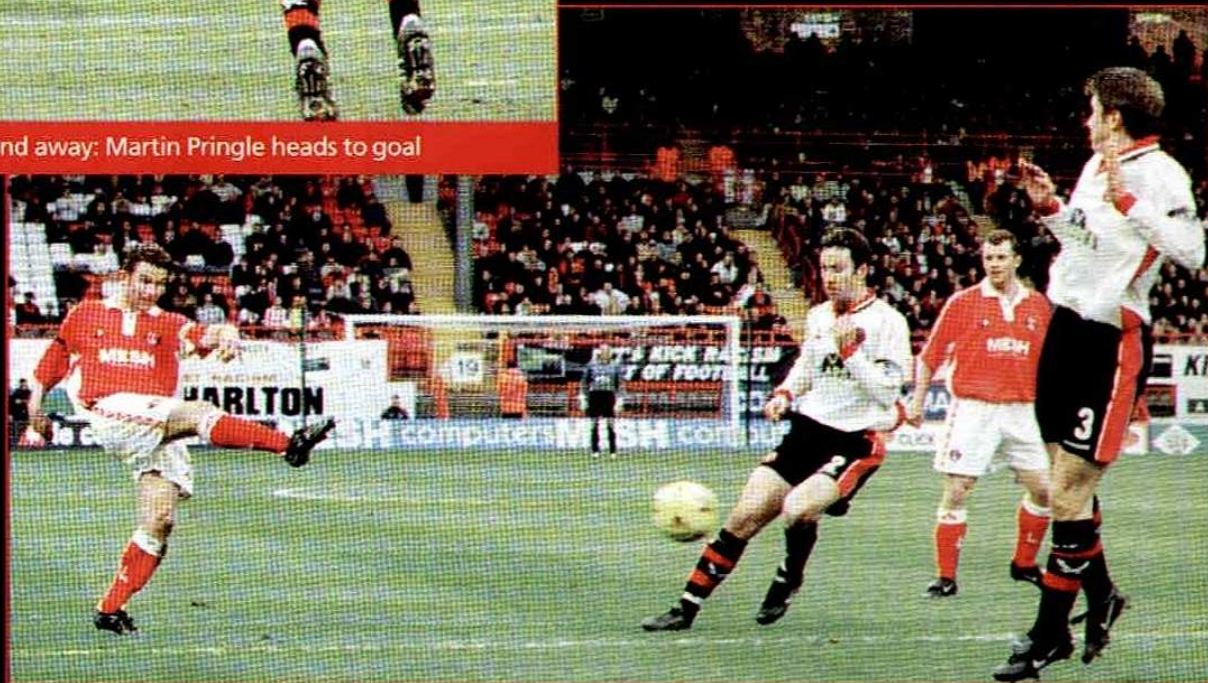
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Up and away: Martin Pringle heads to goal



Shaun Newton steams forward



Mark Kinsella launches an attack on goal from distance

Grass roots

Junior Reds, CARE Partnership and Charlton Ladies

Your chance to quiz the players

Another Junior Reds question-and-answer session with first-team stars is being planned for next month.

JR organiser Geraldine Clout said: "Our young supporters really enjoyed the session they had with the players during the half-term break.

"Unfortunately, due to a training session being switched to the afternoon, some of the players were unable to attend.

"But Paul Konchesky and Keith Jones did come along and a great time was had by all.

"Our thanks go to Paul and Keith, who expressed not only how

much they enjoyed the afternoon but also how interesting the questions put to them were.

"Due to this success, we are now going to arrange another afternoon in the Easter holidays with more players, so look out for the date and come along with your question."

Deserving cases

A number of letters have now been received at The Valley from parents who have nominated a Junior Red as deserving an honour.

The club is eager to hear about more youngsters who deserve some special recognition – perhaps he or she has got through a serious illness,



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difficult personal circumstances or has been particularly brave.

Ged said: "There must be more out there who deserve a special treat, so come on. Put pen to paper and write in to me."

A panel of players will consider the letters that are received and the most deserving cases will be invited into the dressing room before a future home match.

Honours for youngsters

Greenwich Council held its annual sports award ceremony at the Royal Naval College on January 21st.

Charlton were one of the event's sponsors and, as part of the sponsorship package, we are pleased to welcome the winners to today's match.

They included: disabled sportsperson of the year – Erol Mustafa; sports team of the year – Churchfield School football team; school sports team of the year – Wyborne Primary football team; sports coach of the year – Claire Hilton. Others were: junior sports team of the year – Blackheath Mini Rugby Club; junior sportswoman of the year – Tayla Hayes; junior sportsman of the year – Daniel Moore; sportsman of the year – Julius Francis; sportswoman of the year – Suzanna Hutchlings.

Travel news

The Junior Reds are running coach travel to the away matches against Crystal Palace on Saturday, March 25th, and Blackburn on Monday, April 24th.

Departure time for the visit to Selhurst Park is noon – the cost is £15 for adults and £10 for children.

The price for the trip to Ewood Park is also £10 for children but £20 for adults. Departure time is 7.30am.

Both games kick off at 3pm. To

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Spotlight on a Junior Red



Victoria Lodge

Name: Victoria Lodge
Born: July 14th, 1986
School: Sedghill
Favourite player:

Mark Kinsella

Which player would you most like to sign for Charlton?

Darren Cox (Cambridge YTS)

Most memorable game seen, and why: Wembley play-off final, because it was very exciting

What colours would you like Charlton's away kit to be? Green and black

Favourite pop group: Steps

Who would you most like to meet? Leonardo Di Caprio

Ambition on leaving school: To go to acting college

Spotlight on a Junior Red



Richard Vickery

Name: Richard Vickery
Born: Welling
School: Eastcote Primary
Favourite

player: Clive Mendonca

Which player would you most like to sign for Charlton? David Beckham

Most memorable game seen, and why: Play-off final, because of the atmosphere

What colours would you like Charlton's away kit to be? Blue and white

Favourite pop group: Boyzone

Who would you most like to meet? Clive Mendonca

Ambition on leaving school: To play for Charlton

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book a place with the travel club, call 020-8333 4000. There are no Junior Reds coaches going to Port Vale, because this is an evening match, nor to Forest, as the board are meeting the cost of the away travel.

Thank you

The Junior Reds would like to thank the London Broncos for putting on such a great party at The Valley and to Thompson, Heath and Bond for supplying the sweets given out by Floyd and Harvey.

Thanks also go to Simon, of Lambert Industrial Ltd, for helping with the supply and most of the cost of a garden bench for Charlton Park School. The seat is in memory of a pupil who died recently.

It's your birthday

Happy birthday to the following Junior Reds: Anya Aldred, Rebecca

Baker, Siobhana Bradish, Samuel Bridge, Kevin Bright, Stuart Brooks, Daniel Cook, Samuel Darbourne, Mark Dorman, Daniel Dray, Johnathon Foreman, Christopher Gooch and Kimberley Hadnett.

Also celebrating their big day are: Patrick Henderson, Lucy Jarvis, Heather Monk, Sophie Morris, Marianne Murphy, Sian Ougham, Joe Pearce, Charlie Perfitt, Robert Pollard, Daniel Rafferty, Steven Rudd, Charlotte Smith, Luke Smith, Mark Taylor, Warren Ward, Polly Westergaard, Cathrine White and Danielle Wood.

Hello to Buck

Buck, the London Broncos mascot, should be out and about today with Floyd and Harvey. So come on you Junior Reds, make lots of noise for the lads as the Addicks continue their push for promotion.

CAFC Ladies

Anything you can do...

A comfortable place at the top of Division One and 11 wins in a row sounds familiar.

That's also the enviable record of Charlton Ladies Reserves, which is why any superstitious person would be forgiven for dreading the day the Addicks lose their winning streak.

Reserves manager Cheryl Jeff said before Tuesday's win at Walsall: "Alan Curbishley and I share the same record at the moment.

"But as they play a day before us, I'm dreading a defeat in case it affects our run!"

Cheryl admits there is some way for her team to go.

"We have to play Fulham twice and Chelsea away, so there is still quite a bit of work to do.

"But confidence and team spirit is high and I must applaud the players' attitude.

"The reserve squad is much improved on last season and everyone has the ability to play at a higher level if needed.

"They all know what is expected of them, are committed to supporting each other and have worked hard to be at the top of the table.

"I am pleased for them and would love to see us win the league without losing a game."

Greater London Reserve League Division 1

	Pld	Pts
Charlton Res	11	33
Wimbledon 3rds	15	28
Fulham Res	10	23
Chelsea Res	9	20
Wembley Res	8	15
Tottenham Res	12	12
London WFC Res	10	7
Hampton Res	10	7
Watford Res	11	7
West Ham Res	13	5

(up to and including February 27th)

Charlton Ladies Reserves squad

Ardis, White, Bostwick, Distin, Lyons, E Carr, Payne, Rice, Rawle, Grieves, Whittington, Hards, Carr, Christie, Covington, McHale, Bird.

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Addicks chasing national record

Charlton are just three wins short of beating one of football's most spectacular and enduring records – the 14 successive League victories mark set many moons ago.

If we win today against Swindon, next weekend when we travel to Maine Road to face City and then against Grimsby in our next home match, we will have beaten the existing record.

It was first established by Manchester United more than 95 years ago, equalled the following season in 1905/06 by Bristol City and then again by Preston in 1950/51. All three were in the old Second Division.

Although this, the most successful spell in Charlton's long history, has essentially been a team effort, Andy Hunt deserves a special mention after plundering 11 goals in 12 matches. He has reached the 20 mark for the first time in his career and become only the 17th Charlton player to score that many in a season.

Apart from the successive wins record, there are a number of bests that have already been achieved – and are ongoing – and a few more that could go before this momentous campaign is over.

On Tuesday, the Addicks won their sixth consecutive away match in the League to beat the existing record established in 1934/35 under Jimmy Seed and equalled in 1995/96.

And at the same time, we extended our unbeaten away record to 11 matches – the previous best being seven. That was set in the following seasons: 1980/81, 1990/91 and 1995/96.

Our 11 away wins equal the best established in seasons 1980/81 and 1991/92. Now we need just two away points to improve on the 1991/92 points tally of 37.

Finally, if we avoid defeat today, another club record will be equalled – the 15-match unbeaten run achieved by Mike Bailey's 1980/81 promotion squad.

Rare hat-trick

Tranmere's Clint Hill completed an unusual, as well as unwelcome, treble in the Worthington Cup final at Wembley last month.

His 66th-minute dismissal was his fourth sending-off of the season and also meant he had received his marching orders in League, FA Cup and Worthington Cup matches.

Although five players were sent off in Tuesday's First Division matches, the number of dismissals is marginally down on recent weeks. When I last reported, I estimated there would be 117 dismissals. Now, based on the current state of play, the figure will be around the 112 mark for the season.

Tranmere and Bolton top the division's list of sendings-off in League and cup football with a massive 10 and nine respectively, while Crewe (no



Andy Todd

Connections

Of the current Charlton staff, Andy Todd, Carl Tiler and Mark McCammon all had loan spells with Swindon Town.

The full list of Charlton first-team players who had connections with the Robins in one capacity or another is: Tommy Dawson, Fred Ford, Jimmy Gauld, Paul Gilchrist, Jimmy Giles, Nigel Gray, Baden Herod, Arthur Horsfield, Albert Lindon, Mark McCammon, Alan McDonald, Garry Nelson, Gordon Pembery, Andy Petterson, Frank Peters, Dick Plumb, Roger Smart, Pat Terry, Carl Tiler, Andy Todd, Ray Treacy and Steve White.

dismissals) and Charlton (one) have been the most disciplined clubs.

What I also find remarkable is the fact that there have been no fewer than 10 occasions when First Division clubs have finished the game with only nine men on the field due to red cards.

The club to suffer most from indiscipline is Nottingham Forest, who have finished two short three times.

Kinsey report

Not long ago I reported the links between Charlton and the Kinsey family and their predecessors from day one, back in June 1905, to the present time. Now I've been informed that Peter Kinsey, younger brother of Brian, and wife Sandra – both west stand season-ticket holders – are the uncle and aunt of Manchester City's Plumstead-born midfielder Kevin Horlock.

For his part, Peter Kinsey played for Charlton Colts as an outside-right in 1964/65, 65/66 and 66/67.

Longest winning runs

		P	W	F	A	Pos
1904/05	Manchester Utd	14	14	43	7	3rd
1905/06	Bristol City	14	14	29	8	1st
1950/51	Preston North End	14	14	41	8	1st
1999/00	Charlton Athletic	12	12	27	7	1st



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Programme sales

Paul Ellis operates an old programme service, including current season home and away issues, from the CASC office. He is available at home matches and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6pm.

It seems hard to believe that the season has already reached this stage, but we have now arrived at our penultimate Saturday home game. Indeed, up until Monday it would have been our last.

Furthermore, given that the season is drawing to a – hopefully exciting – climax, it is time once again to announce details of our Player of the Year bash.

As with the last few years, this will take place in the Millennium Lounge at The Valley, with a meal being served before the presentations and a disco to round things off.

The date has been provisionally set for the evening of Saturday, April 15th – that's the day after the Huddersfield game – at a cost of £20 per person, with no concessions.

Please note, however, that there is a slight chance that it will be put back a week to Easter Saturday.

Given the phenomenal success of the team this season, we anticipate that demand for this event will be massive. We are therefore restricting attendance initially to CASC members only, with tickets allocated on a strictly first-come, first-served basis. Applications, in writing only, should be sent to CASC, The Valley, Floyd Road, London, SE7 8BL – not to the PO box address.

You should detail the number of tickets you require and give the name and membership number of all of those wishing to attend.

The correct remittance should be enclosed and all cheques or postal orders should be made payable to CASC. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, March 22nd, the night of the Grimsby game.

We apologise for the relative rush but, as we're sure you will appreciate, the somewhat changeable nature of our fixture list of late has been the

main cause. The most interesting aspect of the event will be who actually wins the main award, as this is the most open competition we have had for many a year.

Indeed, it is probably easier to work out who not to vote for, than select a possible list of candidates.

We will be taking your votes prior to the match the day before, so you have until then to make up your minds. Internet users will be able to cast their votes online.

As we said in the last programme, there is no train service to Manchester City, but we are still taking bookings for the coaches.

While the game a day later than initially scheduled, we would be grateful if you could still let us know by Thursday, at the latest, if you intend to travel.

Finally, a big welcome to The Valley today to our visitors from Swindon Town Supporters' Club, who are here as the guests of Sue Townsend and everyone from our Maidstone branch.

Our two organisations have forged close links over the past few months and it really is tremendous to see two rival sets of fans forming such a strong friendship.

Mind you, we gather that good relations may have been temporarily forgotten, albeit in a light-hearted fashion, because a football match between the two took place at the training ground this morning.

Since then, no doubt, every kick has been further dissected as the players who took part in this match, and their fans, were meeting up afterwards for lunch here in one of the hospitality lounges.

Well done to all concerned, and we hope a great day is had by both visitors and hosts alike.

*Ian Cartwright
(secretary)*

FOOTBALL

↓ IN THE COMMUNITY ↓

The One2One-sponsored Ability Counts programme for disabled footballers at Charlton Athletic was officially launched on February 29th.

The start of the scheme was held at Erith Sports Centre and attended by more than 80 children, who received a two-hour coaching session by community coaching staff including Bob Bolder, Matt Parrish and Dave Ridgeon.

The coaching was planned to be outside but unfortunately the weather had a say in that, so the session took place inside the sports centre. Although it was a little cramped, it was an enjoyable day for everyone involved.

Also in attendance were representatives from Bexley Council, Bexley SNAP (Special Needs Access to Provision), the English Federation of Disabled Sports and other club representatives, including chairman Martin Simons.

The programme has been co-ordinated nationally by the English Federation of Disability Sport (EFDS) with the aim to actively increase local football-playing opportunities for disabled people and improve the quality of coaching available to them.

One key factor has been to establish regular training sessions at football clubs throughout England, and that is where Charlton come in.

The Football in the Community scheme will run sessions each Wednesday in ten-week blocks at Erith Sports Centre.

Ability Counts @ Charlton will be available to children who live or

attend school in the Bexley borough. Time slots for these sessions will be 5.30-6.15pm for five to seven-year-olds, 6.15-7pm for those aged eight to 11 and 6.15-7pm at Crook Log Sports Centre in Bexleyheath for children aged 12 and over.

From each weekly session, players displaying good ability will be fed into more advanced coaching sessions and Charlton will eventually run teams for disabled players.

To ensure all our staff have adequate skills to run these sessions, around 20 of our coaches attended a training day at the end of last year which was specifically geared to disability football coaching.

This was run by the National Coaching Foundation in association with the EFDS.

The first session will be on Wednesday, March 15th, and people should be aware that there will be limited availability.

To book your place, contact the

sports centre direct up to seven days before the start date. Prices will be £23.50 to members of the centre and £31.50 to non-members.

Working in partnership with Charlton on this initiative are Bexley Council, Leisure Link and Bexley SNAP. Although this programme is initially only available to those in the borough of Bexley, we aim to expand into Greenwich, NW Kent and Sevenoaks.

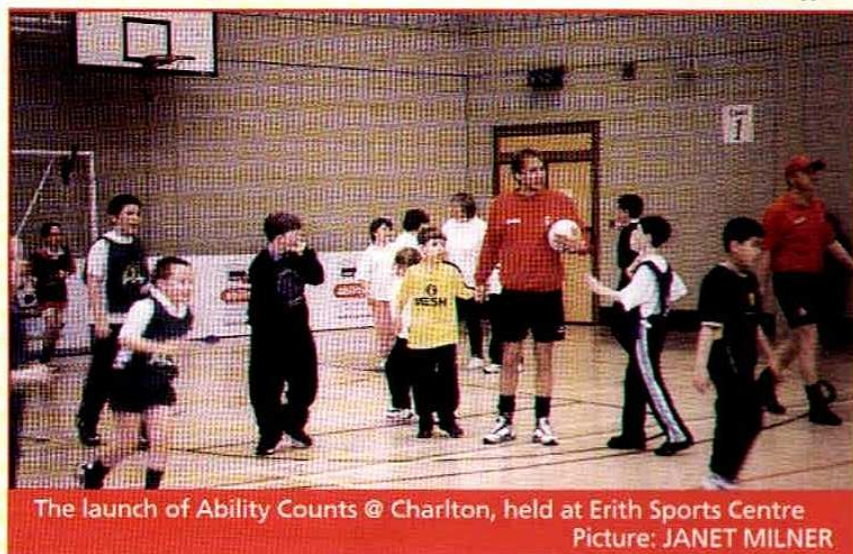
So, after several months of hard work that has involved many people, we are delighted the programme is now up and running.

The community scheme would like to thank the following for their efforts and hard work: Alan Milner, of Bexley Snap, the Charlton Athletic Disabled Supporters' Association and the National Association of Disabled Supporters; Steve Brunson, the club's community liaison officer; Tony Fitzsimmons, of EFDS; and Christine Turner, of Bexley Council.

For further information, contact Matt Parrish at the Football in the community scheme office on 020-8850 2866 or Steve Brunson at The Valley on 020-8333 4050.

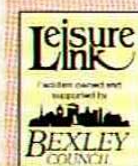
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Jane Playford



The launch of Ability Counts @ Charlton, held at Erith Sports Centre
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Sunday, March 19th, Manchester City (away) 1pm

We have 2,300 tickets for this televised top-of-the-table clash, price £12 adults and £7 concessions. They are currently on sale to all season-ticket, using voucher H. We had sold around half of these by Thursday this week and any remaining seats will go on general sale at 10am on Monday.



Friday, March 31st, Queens Park Rangers (h) 8pm

Tickets for this match, which has been brought forward for live coverage on Sky, went on general sale yesterday. They will be priced as normal – £15 adults, £10 seniors/U18s and £5 U16s.

Tuesday, April 4th, Port Vale (a) 7.45pm

We have yet to receive ticket information from Vale, but we anticipate that it will be pay on the night. There is ample room!



Wednesday, March 22nd, Grimsby Town (h) 8pm

Tickets for this match, which has been put back 24 hours to allow the team extra recovery time, are currently on general sale. They are priced as normal, at £15 adults, £10 seniors/U18s and £5 U16s. With the Mariners unlikely to be well supported here in midweek, there are a substantial number of tickets still available, mainly in the Jimmy Seed Stand.

Saturday, April 8th, Nottingham Forest (a) 3pm

Special arrangements will apply for this match, as the club is providing free travel. An announcement will be made shortly, but no tickets will be made available before our next home match against Grimsby Town and we ask you to refrain from calling the ticket office for news in the meantime.



Saturday, March 25th, Crystal Palace (away) 3pm

We had an initial 3,419 seats, priced at £20 adults and £12 concessions. However, Palace have cleared the Arthur Wait Stand of season-ticket holders to give us the whole stand if required. As of Thursday, we had sold 2,237 tickets and the remainder will go on general sale on Monday morning. We strongly advise you to purchase as soon as possible, as the segregation arrangements could change.



Friday, April 14th, Huddersfield Town (h) 8pm

Tickets go on general sale at 10am on Monday, March 20th. They are £15 adults, £10 seniors/U18s and £5 U16s. The ticket office is open 10am-6pm except Sundays and 10am-midday on non-match Saturdays when the first team is not at home. Call 020-8333 4010.

AWAY TRAVEL

Sunday, March 19th
MANCHESTER CITY

Address: Maine Road, Moss Side, Manchester, M14 7WN
Telephone: 0161 224 5000
Ground capacity: 31,500

COACH

Fare: £16 adults, £14 children.
5.00 *Ashford
5.30 *Canterbury
6.00 Bromley/*Maidstone
6.00 Charlton/*Medway
6.15 Well Hall/*Gravesend
6.30 Bexleyheath
6.45 Dartford

*a small surcharge will apply

There is no supporters' club train travel to this game.

CAR: from the M6 take the M56 and leave at J3. Then follow the A5103 to Manchester. Turn right at the crossroads after just under three miles into Claremount Road. Then take the right into Maine Road. Street parking around the ground is possible but police warn against it because of car crime. A better bet is one of the many impromptu car parks that spring up around the ground on matchdays, many at local schools.

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Saturday, March 25th
CRYSTAL PALACE

Address: Selhurst Park, SE25 6PU
Telephone: 020-8768 6000
Ground capacity: 26,500

COACH

Fare: £7 adults, £5 children.
11.00 *Ashford
11.30 *Canterbury
11.45 *Maidstone
12.00 *Medway
12.15 Dartford/*Gravesend
12.30 Bexleyheath
12.45 Well Hall
1.00 Bromley/Charlton

*a small surcharge will apply

TRAIN: There is no supporters' club train service to this game. The nearest rail station to Selhurst Park is Norwood Junction.



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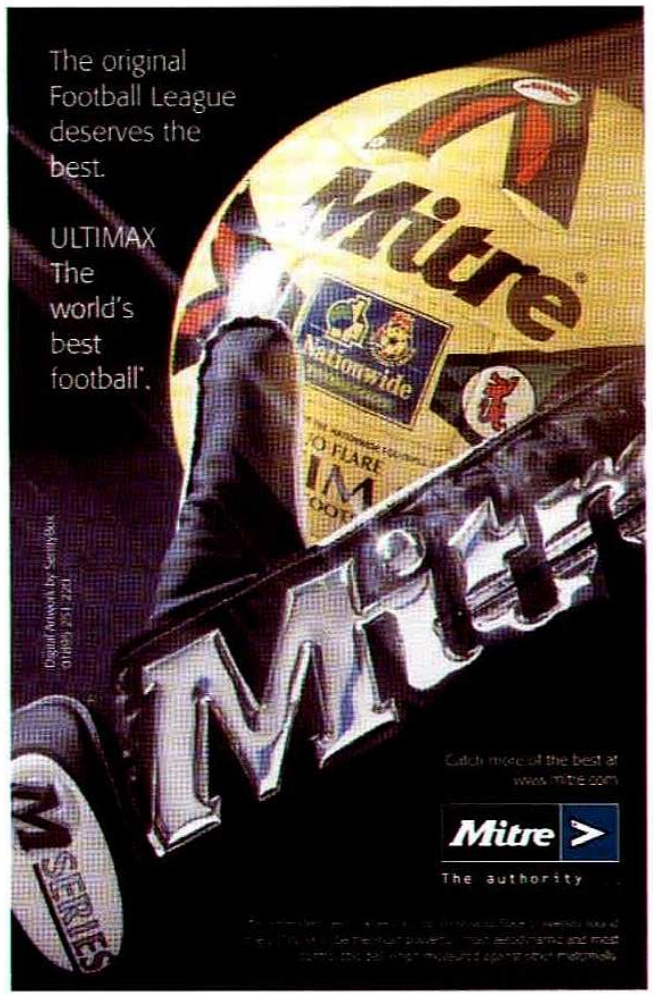
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Nationwide Division One



	P	HOME					AWAY					PTS	GD
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	34	13	2	2	29	11	11	3	3	36	20	77	34
IPSWICH TOWN	35	12	3	3	32	15	6	8	3	23	18	65	22
MANCHESTER CITY	34	12	1	4	36	15	7	6	4	18	15	64	24
BARNSELY	35	11	3	3	38	18	7	5	6	31	34	62	17
BIRMINGHAM CITY	35	12	4	2	31	14	5	5	7	23	23	60	17
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	35	12	3	2	37	14	4	5	9	15	24	56	14
FULHAM	35	10	5	3	22	10	4	8	5	14	18	55	8
WOLVERHAMPTON WDRS	35	10	4	3	32	16	4	6	8	15	23	52	8
BLACKBURN ROVERS	35	8	7	2	24	13	4	6	8	17	25	49	3
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	35	6	10	1	22	15	5	5	8	23	25	48	5
BOLTON WANDERERS	34	8	5	4	29	20	4	6	7	15	17	47	7
GRIMSBY TOWN	35	10	5	3	25	21	3	2	12	13	32	46	-15
NORWICH CITY	35	9	4	4	22	17	2	8	8	13	21	45	-3
SHEFFIELD UNITED	35	9	5	4	33	19	2	6	9	17	32	44	-1
STOCKPORT COUNTY	35	7	6	4	26	24	4	5	9	13	27	44	-12
TRANMERE ROVERS	34	8	5	3	27	18	4	2	12	17	33	43	-7
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	35	8	7	3	25	15	2	3	12	14	30	40	-6
CRYSTAL PALACE	35	6	9	3	27	18	3	3	11	18	36	39	-9
CREWE ALEXANDRA	35	7	5	6	20	19	3	3	11	15	26	38	-10
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	35	4	9	5	16	19	3	6	8	13	26	36	-16
WALSALL	35	5	5	8	18	24	3	5	9	19	32	34	-19
PORTSMOUTH	35	5	5	7	23	19	3	4	11	14	33	33	-15
PORT VALE	33	5	4	7	17	18	1	7	9	18	29	29	-12
SWINDON TOWN	35	3	6	9	17	30	1	5	11	8	29	23	-34

UP TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 9TH

ROLL CALL 1999/2000

APPEARANCES AND GOALS

TOTAL

	LEAGUE		CUP		CAFC CAREER	
	APP	GOALS	APP	GOALS	APP	GOALS
ANTHONY ALLMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0
STEVE BARBÉ	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANTHONY BARNES	6(2)	0	1	0	108(22)	5
STEVE BROWN	19(11)	2	6	0	187(36)	8
JON FORTUNE	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEIGH HALES	0	0	0	0	0	0
DAVID HOCKLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0
MATT HOLMES	0	0	0	0	11(8)	1
ANDY HUNT	31(1)	20	5	1	71(3)	28
KEMAL IZZET	0	0	0	0	0	0
SASA ILIC	1	0	0	0	44	0
KEVIN JAMES	0	0	0	0	0	0
KEITH JONES	16(1)	1	0(1)	0	155(21)	7
STEVE JONES	1(1)	0	0	0	33(27)	8
DEAN KIELY	33	0	6	0	39	0
MARK KINSELLA	26	3	3(3)	2	161(3)	21
PAUL KONCHESKY	5(1)	0	2(1)	0	11(4)	0
KEVIN LISBIE	0	0	0(1)	0	5(45)	2
CHARLIE MACDONALD	0(2)	0	1	1	1(2)	1
MARK MCCAMMON	1(3)	0	0(1)	0	1(4)	0
CLIVE MENDONCA	19	9	2(1)	0	89(7)	45
SHAUN NEWTON	29(1)	2	5(1)	1	210(48)	23
SCOTT PARKER	4(3)	0	1(2)	0	6(14)	0
CHRIS POWELL	29	0	4	0	75	0
MARTIN PRINGLE	12(17)	4	4	0	31(20)	7
JOHN ROBINSON	31(2)	7	5	1	272(18)	38
SIMON ROYCE	0	0	0	0	8	0
RICHARD RUFUS	33	5	5	0	231(3)	7
JOHN SALAKO	4(20)	2	2(2)	0	6(22)	2
GREG SHIELDS	21	2	5	0	26	2
GRAHAM STUART	22(3)	6	5	0	36(3)	9
MATHIAS SVENSSON	3(3)	0	0	0	3(3)	0
CARL TILER	0(4)	0	0(1)	0	28(5)	1
ANDY TODD	5(7)	0	3(1)	0	8(8)	0
SAM TURNER	0	0	0	0	0	0
EDDIE YOUDS	23	0	1(1)	0	60(2)	3
OWN GOAL		2				

DISCIPLINARY RECORD

CARDS

ANTHONY ALLMAN	4	0
VITALIJS ASTAFJEVS	1	0
STEVE BARBÉ	2	0
ANTHONY BARNES	0	0
AARON BARNETT	1	0
PIERRE BOLANGI	3	0
JASON BROWN	1	0
STEVE BROWN	6	0
DAVID COLLIS	2	0
ADRIAN DEANE	2	0
SIMON FORD	1	0
JON FORTUNE	2	0
DEAN GIBBS	2	0
EDWARD GYIMAH	1	0
LEIGH HALES	0	0
DAVID HOCKLEY	2	0
MATT HOLMES	0	0
ANDY HUNT	3	0
SASA ILIC	0	0
KEMAL IZZET	2	0
KEVIN JAMES	0	0
KEITH JONES	1	0
DEAN KIELY	0	0
MARK KINSELLA	6	0
PAUL KONCHESKY	3	0
YOHANCE LEWIS	0	0
KEVIN LISBIE	2	0
CHARLIE MACDONALD	2	0
MARK MCCAMMON	1	0
PAUL MCCARTHY	0	0
ALEX MARTIN	1	0
JAMIE MARTIN	0	1
CLIVE MENDONCA	1	0
SHAUN NEWTON	2	0
RYAN PACEY	0	0
SCOTT PARKER	3	0
CHRIS PIPER	1	1
CHRIS POWELL	1	0
MARTIN PRINGLE	3	0
JOHN ROBINSON	7	0
RICHARD RUFUS	10	0
JOHN SALAKO	1	0
GREG SHIELDS	1	0
RICHARD SMITH	0	0
GRAHAM STUART	2	1
JOE TAMBUE	3	0
KRIS TAYLOR	0	1
CARL TILER	1	0
ANDY TODD	4*	1*
MICHAEL TURNER	1	0
SAM TURNER	0	0
KEVIN WATSON	0	0
EDDIE YOUDS	8	0

*INCLUDES CARDS RECEIVED WITH BOLTON

Charlton Athletic 1999/2000



DATE	OPPONENTS	F A	ATT	POS						
SAT AUG 7	BARNSELY	3-1	19,086	1	KIELY	BROWN	POWELL	STUART	RUFUS	YOUNDS
SAT AUG 21	NORWICH CITY	1-0	19,639	4	KIELY	BROWN	POWELL	STUART	RUFUS	YOUNDS
SAT AUG 28	FULHAM	1-2+	15,154	9	KIELY	BROWN	POWELL	STUART	RUFUS	YOUNDS
SAT SEP 11	BOLTON WANDERERS	2-1	19,033	8	KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	STUART	RUFUS	YOUNDS
SAT SEP 18	SHEFFIELD UNITED	2-1	13,216	7	KIELY	SHIELDS	KONCHESKY	STUART	RUFUS	YOUNDS
SAT SEP 25	TRANMERE ROVERS	2-2	5,846	7	KIELY	SHIELDS	KONCHESKY	PARKER	RUFUS	YOUNDS
TUE SEP 28	STOCKPORT COUNTY	4-0	19,827	3	KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	PARKER	RUFUS	YOUNDS
SAT OCT 2	BIRMINGHAM CITY	1-0	19,740	1	KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	PARKER	RUFUS	YOUNDS
SAT OCT 16	PORTSMOUTH	2-0	14,812	1	KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	K JONES	RUFUS	YOUNDS
TUE OCT 19	IPSWICH TOWN	2-4	17,940	2	KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	K JONES	RUFUS	YOUNDS
SAT OCT 23	WEST BROM ALBION	0-0	19,331	3	KIELY	SHIELDS	KONCHESKY	K JONES	RUFUS	YOUNDS
TUE OCT 26	TRANMERE ROVERS	3-2	19,484	2	KIELY	SHIELDS	KONCHESKY	K JONES	RUFUS	YOUNDS
SAT OCT 30	BIRMINGHAM CITY	0-1	19,172	3	KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	K JONES	RUFUS	YOUNDS
TUE NOV 2	CREWE ALEXANDRA	2-0	4,747	2	KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	K JONES	BROWN	YOUNDS
SAT NOV 6	WALSALL	2-1	18,641	2	KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	K JONES	RUFUS	YOUNDS
FRI NOV 12	GRIMSBY TOWN	5-2+	6,849	2	ILIC	SHIELDS	POWELL	K JONES	RUFUS	YOUNDS
SAT NOV 20	MANCHESTER CITY	0-1	20,043	3	KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	K JONES	RUFUS	BROWN
TUE NOV 23	SWINDON TOWN	2-1	6,515	2	KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	K JONES	RUFUS	YOUNDS
SAT NOV 27	PORT VALE	2-2	19,233	3	KIELY	BROWN	POWELL	K JONES	RUFUS	YOUNDS
TUE NOV 30	BLACKBURN ROVERS	1-2	18,929	3	KIELY	BROWN	POWELL	K JONES	RUFUS	YOUNDS
SAT DEC 4	BARNSELY	1-1	14,553	3	KIELY	BROWN	POWELL	K JONES	RUFUS	YOUNDS
SAT DEC 18	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	0-0	14,709	4	KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	K JONES	RUFUS	YOUNDS
SUN DEC 26	CRYSTAL PALACE	2-1	20,043	3	KIELY	BROWN	POWELL	K JONES	RUFUS	YOUNDS
TUE DEC 28	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN*	2-1	17,415	3	KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	K JONES	RUFUS	YOUNDS
MON JAN 3	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	3-0	19,721	2	KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	STUART	RUFUS	BROWN
TUE JAN 11	WOLVERHAMPTON W	3-2	18,464	1	KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	STUART	RUFUS	BROWN
SAT JAN 15	CREWE ALEXANDRA	1-0	19,107	1	KIELY	SHIELDS	KONCHESKY	STUART	RUFUS	BROWN
SAT JAN 22	NORWICH CITY	3-0	15,642	1	KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	STUART	RUFUS	BROWN
SAT FEB 5	STOCKPORT COUNTY	3-1	8,185	1	KIELY	BARNES	POWELL	STUART	RUFUS	BROWN
SAT FEB 12	WOLVERHAMPTON W	2-0	20,043	1	KIELY	BARNES	POWELL	STUART	RUFUS	BROWN
TUE FEB 15	FULHAM	1-0	19,940	1	KIELY	BARNES	POWELL	STUART	RUFUS	BROWN
SAT FEB 26	SHEFFIELD UNITED	1-0	19,225	1	KIELY	BARNES	POWELL	STUART	RUFUS	BROWN
SAT MAR 4	BOLTON WANDERERS	2-0	13,788	1	KIELY	BARNES	POWELL	STUART	RUFUS	BROWN
TUE MAR 7	WALSALL (7.45PM)*	4-2	6,227	1	KIELY	BARNES	POWELL	STUART	RUFUS	BROWN
SAT MAR 11	SWINDON TOWN									
SUN MAR 19	MANCHESTER CITY (1PM)*									
WED MAR 22	GRIMSBY TOWN (8PM)									
SAT MAR 25	CRYSTAL PALACE									
FRI MAR 31	QUEENS PARK RANGERS (8PM)*									
TUE APR 4	PORT VALE (7.45)									
SAT APR 8	NOTTINGHAM FOREST									
FRI APR 14	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (8PM)*									
FRI APR 21	PORTSMOUTH (2PM)*									
MON APR 24	BLACKBURN ROVERS (3PM)									
SAT APR 29	IPSWICH TOWN									
SUN MAY 7	WEST BROMWICH ALBION									
FA CUP FIXTURES										
SAT DEC 11	SWINDON TOWN (R3)	2-1	10,907		KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	TODD	RUFUS	BROWN
SAT JAN 8	QUEENS PARK RANGERS (R4)	1-0	16,743		KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	STUART	TODD	BROWN
SAT JAN 29	COVENTRY CITY (R5)	3-2	23,400		KIELY	SHIELDS	POWELL	STUART	RUFUS	BROWN
SAT FEB 19	BOLTON WANDERERS (R6)	0-1	20,131		KIELY	BARNES	POWELL	STUART	RUFUS	BROWN
WORTHINGTON CUP FIXTURES										
TUE SEP 14	BOURNEMOUTH (R2L1)	0-0	10,324		KIELY	SHIELDS	KONCHESKY	STUART	RUFUS	BROWN
TUE SEP 21	BOURNEMOUTH (R2L2)	0-0*	4,369		KIELY	SHIELDS	KONCHESKY	STUART	RUFUS	YOUNDS

*AFTER EXTRA TIME; BOURNEMOUTH WON 3-1 ON PENALTIES

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NEWTON	KINSELLA	MENDONCA 1	PRINGLE	ROBINSON	PARKER	MCCAMMON	BROWN	SALAKO	ILIC
NEWTON	KINSELLA	MENDONCA	HUNT 2	ROBINSON	PARKER	PRINGLE	BROWN	SALAKO	ILIC
NEWTON	KINSELLA 1	MENDONCA 1	MCCAMMON	ROBINSON	BARNES	PRINGLE	FORTUNE	SALAKO	ILIC
NEWTON	KINSELLA	MENDONCA 1	HUNT 3	ROBINSON	BARNES	PRINGLE	BROWN	SALAKO	ILIC
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SALAKO	STUART	MENDONCA	HUNT	ROBINSON	BARNES	PRINGLE	PARKER	NEWTON	BROWN
STUART 1	KINSELLA	PRINGLE 1	HUNT	ROBINSON	BARNES	FORTUNE	PARKER	NEWTON	SALAKO
STUART 1	KINSELLA	PRINGLE	HUNT 1	ROBINSON	BARNES	MCCAMMON	SALAKO	NEWTON	BROWN
STUART	KINSELLA	MENDONCA 1	HUNT 1	ROBINSON	BARNES	PRINGLE	SALAKO	NEWTON	BROWN
STUART	KINSELLA	MENDONCA	HUNT	ROBINSON	BARNES	PRINGLE	TODD	NEWTON	SALAKO
NEWTON 1	KINSELLA	MENDONCA	HUNT	ROBINSON 1	TODD	PRINGLE	BROWN	SALAKO	ILIC
NEWTON	KINSELLA	MENDONCA 2	HUNT	ROBINSON	TODD	PRINGLE	STUART	SALAKO	ILIC
NEWTON 1	KINSELLA	MENDONCA	HUNT	ROBINSON	TODD	PRINGLE	STUART	SALAKO	ILIC
NEWTON	KINSELLA	MENDONCA	HUNT	SALAKO	TODD	PRINGLE	BARNES	PARKER	ILIC
NEWTON	PARKER	MENDONCA	HUNT	SALAKO	BARBE	PRINGLE	BARNES	ROBINSON	ILIC
NEWTON	KINSELLA	PRINGLE 1	HUNT	SALAKO 1	TODD	MACDONALD	STUART	ROBINSON	ILIC
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NEWTON	TODD	PRINGLE	HUNT 3	ROBINSON	KONCHESKY	MACDONALD	PARKER	SALAKO	ILIC
NEWTON	TODD	PRINGLE	HUNT 3	ROBINSON	KONCHESKY	SVENSSON	PARKER	SALAKO	ILIC
NEWTON	TODD	PRINGLE	HUNT	ROBINSON	KONCHESKY	SVENSSON	TILER	SALAKO	ILIC
NEWTON	TODD	PRINGLE	HUNT	ROBINSON 1	KONCHESKY	SVENSSON	TILER	SALAKO	ILIC
NEWTON	KINSELLA	SVENSSON	HUNT	ROBINSON 1	TODD	PRINGLE	TILER	SALAKO	ROYCE
NEWTON	KINSELLA	SVENSSON	HUNT 1	ROBINSON	BARBE	PRINGLE 1	TILER	KONCHESKY	ROYCE
NEWTON	KINSELLA 2	SVENSSON	HUNT 2	ROBINSON	SALAKO	PRINGLE	TILER	KONCHESKY	ROYCE

NEWTON	KINSELLA 2	MENDONCA	HUNT	SALAKO	K JONES	MCCAMMON	BARNES	YOUDS	ILIC
SALAKO	KINSELLA	MACDONALD 1	HUNT	ROBINSON	NEWTON	LISBIE	PARKER	RUFUS	ILIC
NEWTON 1	KINSELLA	PRINGLE	HUNT 1	ROBINSON 1	KONCHESKY	MACDONALD	TODD	SALAKO	ILIC
NEWTON	TODD	PRINGLE	HUNT	ROBINSON	KONCHESKY	KINSELLA	TILER	SALAKO	ILIC
NEWTON	PARKER	MENDONCA	PRINGLE	ROBINSON	KINSELLA	MCCAMMON	YOUDS	POWELL	ILIC
NEWTON	BROWN	HUNT	PRINGLE	ROBINSON	KINSELLA	MENDONCA	PARKER	BARNES	ILIC

TODAY'S OTHER NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE FIXTURES

- Barnsley v Manchester City
- Bolton Wanderers v Fulham
- Huddersfield Town v Walsall
- Norwich City v Crystal Palace
- Port Vale v Sheffield United
- Portsmouth v Nottingham Forest
- Queens Park Rangers v Gimsby Town
- Stockport County v West Bromwich Albion
- Tranmere Rovers v Birmingham City
- Wolverhampton Wanderers v Ipswich Town

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Mascots

Amy Wild

Amy, nine, comes from Weymouth in Dorset, where she attends Chickerell School. Her favourite player is Shaun

Newton. Amy plays in the Dorset County League for Weymouth Cougars, and is top scorer.



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Jack Clark

Jack, who is nine, lives in Sidcup, and is a pupil at Days Lane School. His favourite players are Clive Mendonca and Martin Pringle.

He recently broke his elbow, and after two operations and physiotherapy cannot wait to get back to his old football form and training at Charlton's advanced soccer school.



Robert Pollard

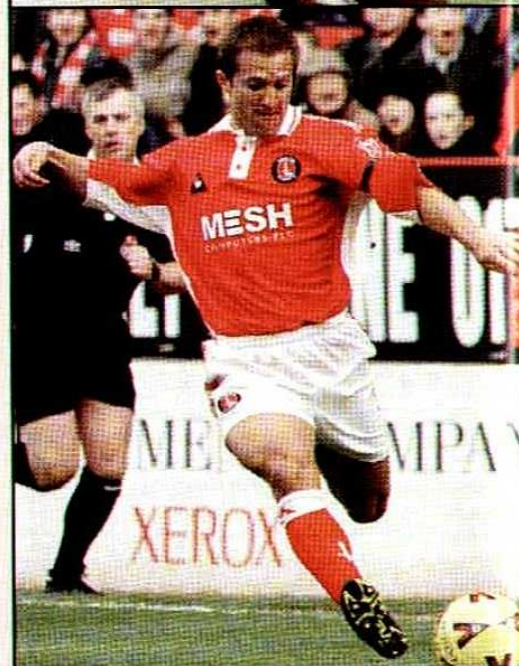
Robert is aged eight and comes from Catford, where he goes to Torridon School. His favourite player is Mark Kinsella. Robert has been watching Charlton since he was three months old.



Charlton Athletic

Manager: Alan Curbishley
Colours: red shirts, white shorts

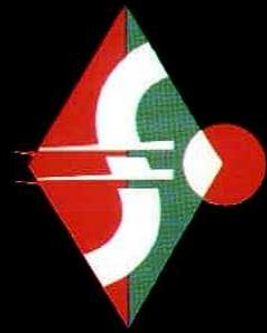
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- 8 *Mark Kinsella*
- 9 *Andy Hunt*
- 10 *Clive Mendonca*
- 11 *John Robinson*
- 12 *Steve Brown*
- 13 *Sasa Ilic*
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- 16 *Greg Shields*
- 17 *Scott Parker*
- 18 *Paul Konchesky*
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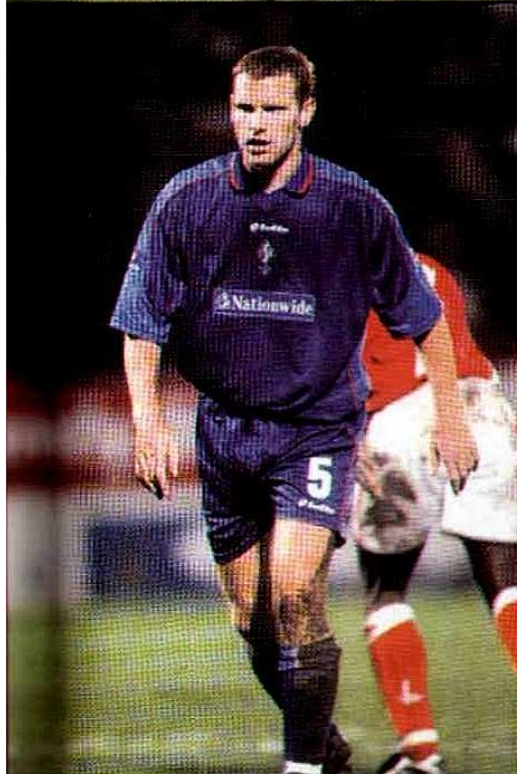
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Manager: Jimmy Quinn

Colours: dark blue and light blue



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- 1 *Frank Talia*
- 2 *Mark Robinson*
- 3 *Gareth Hall*
- 4 *Scott Leitch*
- 5 *Gareth Davies*
- 7 *Bobby Howe*
- 10 *Giuliano Grazioli*
- 12 *Alan Reeves*
- 15 *Chris Hay*
- 16 *Lee Collins*
- 17 *Steve Cowe*
- 18 *Steve Mildenhall*
- 19 *Adam Willis*
- 20 *Charlie Griffin*
- 21 *Sol Davis*
- 22 *Robin Hulbert*
- 23 *Philippe Cuervo*
- 24 *Sam Campagna*
- 25 *Frazer McHugh*
- 27 *Jamie Mills*
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- 29 *Alan Flanagan*
- 30 *Paul McAreavey*
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- 33 *Andy Williams*
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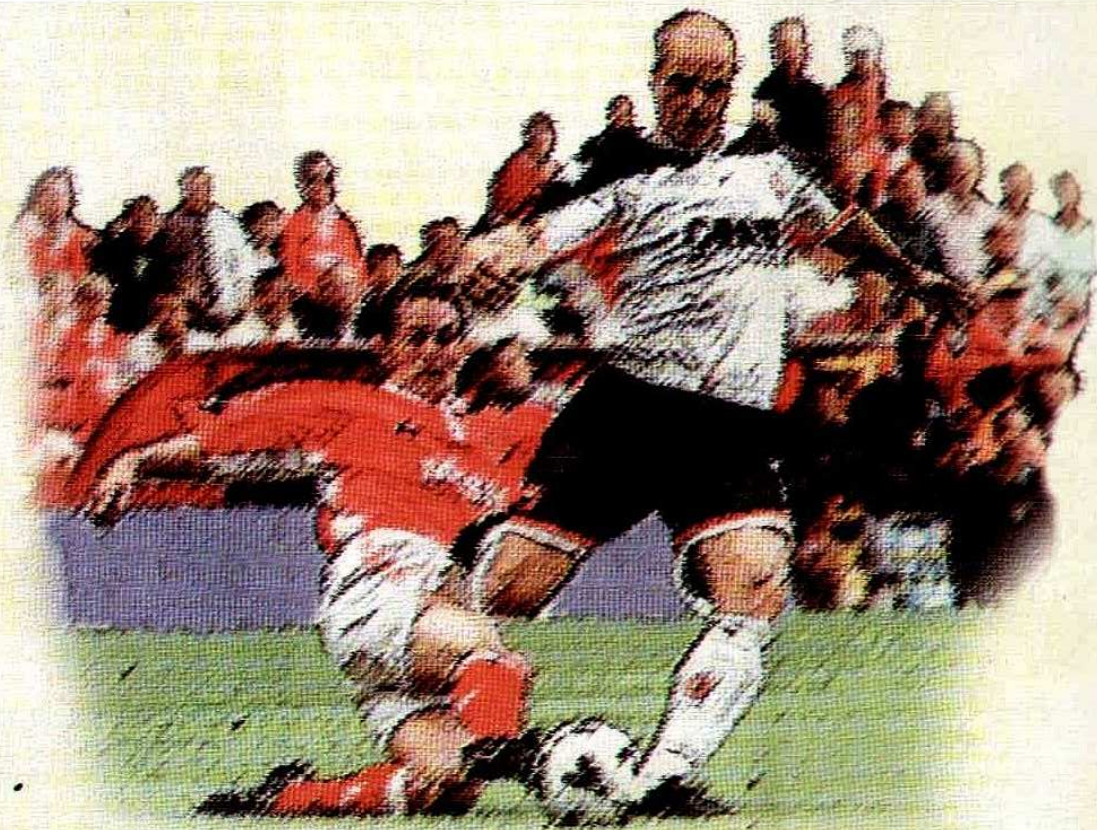
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M Postles (yellow flag)
K Torrance (red/yellow flag)

Fourth official:

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